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# Briefings



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### Announcements

#### East-West Gateway's Public Officials Directory Updated for 2017

The latest version of the [Public Officials Directory is now available online](#) at the [East-West Gateway website](#). This bi-state reference guide contains contact information for key municipal and county elected officials and personnel for the city of St. Louis and seven counties in the St. Louis metropolitan area as well as state and federal elected officials, fire/ambulance districts, school districts and regional organizations. You can submit updates at any time throughout the year by email to [pod@ewgateway.org](mailto:pod@ewgateway.org).

#### Brown School Offering Community Management Course Series

Offered by Washington University's Brown School of Social Work, the [Affordable Housing and Mixed Income Community Management course series](#) provides key skills and knowledge for successfully managing property and services. The courses are taught by NeighborWorks America training professionals and participants who complete series are eligible to qualify as an Asset Management Specialist. The first course in the three-part series is scheduled for Aug. 14-18. For more information, contact Barbara Levin at [blevin@wustl.edu](mailto:blevin@wustl.edu) or 314-935-6661.

#### Provide Your Input, Take our Local Government Training Survey

East-West Gateway Council of Governments, the Municipal League of Metro St. Louis and the Southwestern Illinois Council of Mayors are seeking to better understand the training and professional development needs of local governments in the St. Louis region. As part of this effort, we have developed a short online survey designed for elected officials and municipal staff. It takes less than 10 minutes to complete, and your participation helps ensure there are relevant training/development programs available in the region.

[Click here to take the Local Government Training and Professional Development Survey](#)

The survey will remain open until July 31. If you have any questions, contact Frank Johnson at 314-421-4224 or [frank@ewgateway.org](mailto:frank@ewgateway.org).

#### TIP And Air Quality Conformity Open Houses Scheduled for July

East-West Gateway is seeking public input on the region's FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Air Quality Conformity Determination documents, which are available on the [East-West Gateway website](#). The public comment period runs June 30 through August 3. East-West Gateway will hold a series of open houses during the month of July at different locations throughout the region to gather feedback and answer questions. The remaining open houses are listed below.

- **Thursday, July 13, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.** — Pacific City Hall, 300 Hoven Dr., Pacific, MO 63069
- **Tuesday, July 18, noon to 1 p.m.** — Online chat in cooperation with the St. Louis Post Dispatch. Access at [ewgateway.org](http://ewgateway.org).
- **Wednesday, July 19, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.** — Maryland Heights Community Center, 2300 McKelvey Rd., Maryland Heights, MO 63043
- **Thursday, July 20, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.** — O'Fallon City Hall, 100 N. Main St., O'Fallon, MO 63366

All facilities are accessible. To request accommodations, contact Roz Rodgers at least 48 hours prior to the meeting at (314) 421-4220 or [titlevi@ewgateway.org](mailto:titlevi@ewgateway.org).

#### RFP/RFQ Notifications

- **University Square Community Development Corporation** — [North Hanley Redevelopment](#)
- **East-West Gateway** — [Kimmswick Great Streets Project](#)



### Upcoming Events

#### Ongoing

#### NIMS Training for Elected Officials and Municipal Staff

This free three-hour training from the St. Louis Area Regional Response System (STARRS) will give an overview of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) specifically designed for elected officials and municipal staff. Multiple dates and locations are available, including an upcoming session at The Lodge in Des Peres on Aug. 10.

#### July 15

#### CAM Art and the City — Perspective: Urban Strategies

1 p.m. | Contemporary Art Museum, St Louis

Part of the Contemporary Art Museum's (CAM) Take 5 adult education series, the program will feature staff from Urban Strategies sharing their perspective on community and neighborhood revitalization.

#### July 19

#### APBP Webinar: Putting Data to Work for Better Planning and Evaluation

2 to 3 p.m. | Great Rivers Greenway, University City

This webinar hosted by the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals' (APBP) will discuss case studies on the Courtney Campbell Causeway Trail in Florida and the Anacostia River Trail in Washington, D.C. If planning to attend, RSVP to Angelica Gutierrez at [agutierrez@qrgstl.org](mailto:agutierrez@qrgstl.org).

#### July 20

#### Webinar: Crash Course on Federal TOD Financing Programs

Noon to 1 p.m. | Online

This free webinar from [Smart Growth America](#) will provide answers to common questions about the details of the various federal programs available to help municipal leaders, real estate developers and transit agency staff create more transit-oriented development (TOD) near transit stations.

**July 25**

### **[Climate Science Webinar: Drought and Urban Forests](#)**

1 to 2:30 p.m. | Online

With recent droughts causing stress and mortality in urban forests, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Office of Sustainability and Climate is hosting a webinar about urban forest health in the face of a changing climate.

**July 26-29**

### **[National Urban League's Save Our Cities Annual Conference](#)**

The America's Center, St. Louis

The National Urban League's annual conference will bring together political, business and community leaders to discuss the pressing issues facing African Americans and solutions to address these challenges.

## Events and Conferences Further Out

**Aug. 1**

[Solarize Madison County Power Hour](#)

**Aug. 6-8**

[Missouri Public Transit Association Annual Conference](#)

**Aug. 9-11**

[Missouri Recycling Association Annual Conference](#)

**Aug. 31-Sept. 1**

[IEDC Training: Economic Development for Local and Elected Officials](#)

**Sept. 12-14**

[Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative Annual Meeting](#)

**Oct. 6-7**

[Public Interest Design Institute](#)

**Oct. 18-20**

[APA State Conference: Planning in Reality](#)

**Nov. 1-3**

[Missouri Reentry Conference: Supporting Offender and Employer Workforce Needs](#)

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## **Headlines**

**National News**

### **["We Want Our Own Facebook Page"](#)**

As part of its "I Have to Ask You" series, ELGL guest columnist Jennifer Davies addresses one of the most common requests she receives as a social media manager for the City of Las Vegas and outlines the factors the city considers before rolling out new accounts.

**Missouri/Illinois News**

### **[Illinois' New Budget is "Not an Overnight Fix" for Metro East Schools](#)**

Several years of prorated and delayed state aid have forced K-12 school districts in St. Clair and Madison counties to cut staff, increase class sizes, take on debt and deplete cash reserves. And, like the state's finances, it's going to take time for districts to bounce back.

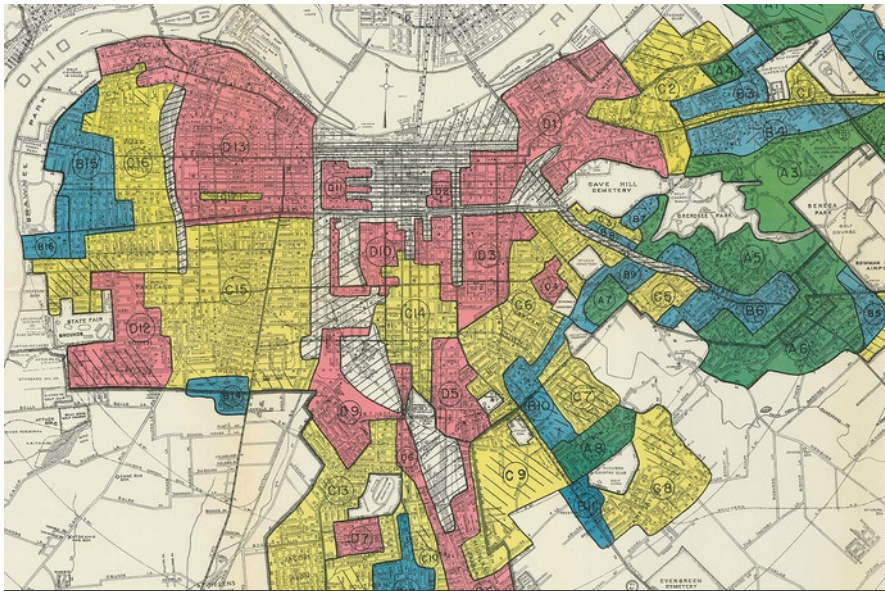
**Regional News**

### **[As More Drones Take to St. Louis Skies, Rules Evolving Among Local Governments](#)**

With drone models for private film, photography and hobbyist use becoming increasingly popular, the region's municipalities are trying to impose limits, citing safety and privacy concerns. The result is a patchwork of laws.

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## **Online Resources**



### Civic Analytics Network Map of the Month: Redlining Louisville

As part of its new Map of the Month series, Harvard's Civic Analytics Network is highlighting [a map produced by the Louisville Metro Government](#) that seeks to spread understanding and awareness of how the discriminatory lending practices of the 1930s continue to have an impact today. The interactive map combines data from multiple sources, including historical data, to create a compelling, effective tool for exploring the effects of redlining on housing development and the way it significantly disadvantaged minority neighborhoods.

## Latest Jobs

### Administration and Finance

#### City Administrator/City Clerk

City of Hillsboro | \$45,000 to \$55,000

### Planning

#### Transportation Planner

East-West Gateway | \$36,756

### Public Works and Transportation

#### Wastewater Operator

City of Wentzville | \$30,566

#### Street Maintenance Worker

City of Lake Saint Louis | \$15.36

#### Custodian

City of O'Fallon, MO | \$14.04 to \$14.95

### Community and Economic Development

#### Community Development Specialist

St. Louis County | \$40,539 to \$64,854

#### Community Development Loan Specialist

St. Louis County | \$40,539 to \$64,854

### Parks and Recreation

#### Grant Coordinator

Metro East Park and Recreation District | \$45,000 to \$55,000

#### Facilities Coordinator

Town and Country | \$39,390

[Complete Job Listings](#)

## Grants

### Municipal Park Grants

Application Deadline: July 21 for planning grants, Aug. 25 for construction grants

The Municipal Park Grant Commission of St. Louis County is now accepting applications for its 2017 grant round. The grants are available to municipalities within St. Louis County to acquire, develop or substantially renovate recreation facilities and to introduce or provide recreational programs. This year, applications must be submitted online. The due date for construction grant applications is Friday, Aug. 25. In addition to the construction grants, a new round of quarterly planning grants are also available. Planning grant applications are due by July 21. If you have questions about either of the grant applications, contact the Municipal League of Metro St. Louis office by phone at 314-726-4747 or by email at [staff@stlmuni.org](mailto:staff@stlmuni.org).

### USDA — Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training

Application Deadline: July 24

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development is seeking applications for technical assistance and training grants to support the development of essential community facilities in rural areas. Technical assistance providers can use the grants to assist communities with identifying and planning for long-term community facility's needs, identify resources

to finance community facilities, conduct feasibility studies, prepare applications for financial assistance, hire or expand the services of specialized personnel, and retain consultants. The maximum grant amount available is \$150,000.

### **NPS — Historic Preservation Grants for Underrepresented Communities**

Application Deadline: July 31

This program supports the survey, inventory, and designation of historic properties that are associated with communities currently underrepresented in the National Register of Historic Places and among National Historic Landmarks. The National Park Service (NPS) encourages the development of public-private partnerships and robust community engagement leading to projects that will serve as models for communities nationwide. Grant requests must be at a minimum \$15,000 and the maximum request is \$50,000.

### **PeopleForBikes — Community Grant Programs**

Application Deadline: Oct. 13

The PeopleForBikes Community Grant Program supports bicycle infrastructure projects and targeted advocacy initiatives that make it easier and safer for people of all ages and abilities to ride. PeopleForBikes accepts grant applications from nonprofit organizations with a focus on bicycling, active transportation, or community development, from city or county agencies or departments, and from state or federal agencies working locally. Requests must support a specific project or program; the program does not grant funds for general operating costs.

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## Quotes

*"Some say my lunch is boring & cheap. I say it's stable & frugal :)."*

—Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker in a post on Instagram. Walker is known for posting photos of his lunch on social media, which typically consists of two ham and cheese sandwiches.

Source: [Instagram](#)



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