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Announcements

Local Governments Honored for Excellence with 2017 MUNI Awards

The [Municipal League of Metro St. Louis](#) announced the winners of its 2017 MUNI Awards during a ceremony at its May 31st meeting. The following cities and individuals were recognized for their accomplishment:

- **Citizen Engagement** — Presented to the City of Crestwood for its "Christmas in Crestwood" program.
- **Collaboration** — Presented to the St. Louis Area Insurance Trust (SLAIT) for creating a local insurance pool.
- **Policy Initiative** — Presented to the city of Maryland Heights for operational and staffing assessments of its police department.
- **Public Safety** — Presented to the city of Vinita Park for the creation of the North County Police Cooperative.
- **Sustainability** — Presented to the city of Creve Coeur for their efforts to promote environmental consciousness.
- **Buzz Westfall Award for Excellence in Local Government** — Presented to Florissant Mayor Tom Schneider for his lifetime of services and in particular his leadership in last year's efforts to retain the out-of-state auto sales tax.

Municipal Park Grant Commission Now Accepting Applications for 2017

The Municipal Park Grant Commission now has Round 18 applications [available on its website](#). This year, applications must be submitted online. Municipal Park Grant applications are available to municipalities within St. Louis County to acquire, develop or substantially renovate recreation facilities and to introduce or provide recreational programs. 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.

Forest Park Great Streets Public Meeting Set for June 21

East-West Gateway Council of Governments, the City of St. Louis Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry, and the nonprofit conservancy Forest Park Forever have announced the first of two public meetings to introduce to the community the Forest Park Great Streets study and gain public input. Information gathered at the meeting will be factored into the decisions and recommendations for this study. The open house-style meeting will be held from 5:45 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 21, at the Missouri History Museum's Grand Hall, located at 5700 Lindell Blvd., Saint Louis, MO 63112. [Learn more >](#)

Trailnet Seeking Public Input on Master Planning Process

Last November, Trailnet launched a vision for a network of onstreet protected bikeways and sidewalks. As part of their master planning process, the organization is asking the public to take a [brief survey](#) to help them design a network that works for everyone in the St. Louis region. For more information, visit Trailnet.org or email advocacy@trailnet.org.

RFP/RFQ Notifications

- **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 West County EMS Station #2 on June 22.

June 19-23

St. Louis Summer Transportation Institute for High School Students

Students attending the five-day institute offered by Saint Louis University will learn about land, air, and water transportation and engineering in a fun, inspiring environment. The program curriculum will consist of class lectures, hands-on activities and design competitions, lectures by guest speakers, and field trips to transportation facilities.

June 20-22

Sustainability Institute for Educators

This three-day institute at MICDS in St. Louis will focus on food and our schools with a mix of special guest speakers, tools and resources, and hands-on experiences. Topics will include changing the cafeteria landscape, food waste and sustainable disposal, wellness and nutrition, schoolyard gardens, and food policy and laws.

June 21

Forest Park Great Streets Public Meeting

5:45 to 8:30 p.m. | Missouri History Museum

Help shape the recommendations for the Forest Park Great Streets study by providing your input at this open-house style public meeting. The team leading the study will introduce the project, provide an update on the process, and facilitate a dialogue with citizens about issues and challenges regarding accessibility and mobility in and around the Park.

[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 using data collection programs in proactive ways and to understand user experiences. The webinar is free and open to the public. If planning to attend, RSVP to Angelica Gutierrez at agutierrez@argstl.org.

June 22

Municipal Officials Training Academy: Parliamentary Procedure

Noon to 1:15 p.m. | Online or in-person at Frontenac City Hall

The Municipal Officials Training Academy is offering a webinar with an in-person attendance option discussing how parliamentary procedure can be leveraged by governmental bodies for fair and efficient decision making.

June 28

Sustainable Neighborhood Academy: History of Neighborhood Planning in St. Louis

6:30 p.m. | Julia Davis Library, St. Louis

Offered by the St. Louis Association of Community Organizations (SLACO), the Sustainable Neighborhood Academy is an ongoing series of issue-based seminars designed to educate and challenge participants to rethink the neighborhood of the future.

Events and Conferences Further Out

July 11

[Building the Smart City Workshop](#)

July 25

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

July 26-29

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

August 6-8

[Missouri Public Transit Association Annual Conference](#)

August 9-11

[Missouri Recycling Association Annual Conference](#)

August 31-September 1

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

Headlines

National News

Population Growth Shifts to Suburban America

A review of the latest Census data from Governing magazine finds that, in metro areas with at least a half million residents, urban counties containing large cities lost 232,000 total residents via domestic migration.

How to Survive a Retail Meltdown

There's a new name for the half-vacant shopping centers that are starting to blight cities across the country: greyfields. To fend off such decline, Citylab suggests cities ease land use restrictions, rethink their economic incentives and empower small, locally owned businesses.

Missouri/Illinois News

Suggested Reforms for Missouri Department of Corrections Slow to Take Hold

The department has been rocked by lawsuits and allegations from current and former correction officers describing widespread harassment, intimidation and retaliation. A new director appointed by Gov. Eric Greitens earlier this year says she is working hard to get rid of the department's "bad actors."

Regional News

Krewson, Stenger Back Latest Push for City-County Coordination

The two regional leaders have come together to back the creation of a task force which will come up with a proposal to coordinate city and county functions and eliminate duplication.

Board of Aldermen to Discuss Charter City Survey, Future of Home Rule in Wentzville

The city-wide survey found that 55 percent of the 127 respondents were in favor of the municipality further exploring a Home Rule Charter. Missouri law allows cities with a population of at least 5,000 to adopt the charter form of government, which have fewer limitations compared to statutory cities.

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Citizen Jane: The Battle for the City

This recently released documentary examines the impact of activist and author Jane Jacobs, one of the seminal figures in urban planning. The film focuses on the reaction to the ideas put forward by Jacobs in her 1960 book "The Death and Life of Great American Cities," her battles with New York City's Robert Moses, and how her thinking and writing is still relevant to urban life today.

Latest Jobs

Administration and Finance

[Village Administrator](#)

Village of Swansea | Salary DOQ

[Accounting Specialist](#)

Village of Swansea | Salary DOQ

[Administrative Assistant](#)

City of St. Charles | \$37,280 to \$52,192

[President](#)

Northside Community Housing, Inc. | Salary DOQ

[Finance Director](#)

City of Hazelwood | \$96,511 to \$117,267

Public Works and Transportation

[Public Works Crew](#)

Village of Swansea

Public Safety

[Police Dispatcher](#)

City of O'Fallon, MO | \$20.54 to \$25.57

Code Enforcement

[Code Enforcement Officer](#)

City of St. Charles | \$49,172 to \$68,841

Community and Economic Development

[Community and Economic Development Director](#)

City of Washington | Salary DOQ

Planning

[Building Official](#)

City of Brentwood | \$69,200.68 to \$95,789

[Planning Intern](#)

City of Chesterfield | \$12/hour

[Transportation Planner](#)

East-West Gateway | \$36,756

Other

[Municipal Affairs Coordinator](#)

Beyond Housing | Salary DOQ

[Complete Job Listings](#)

Grants

[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.

[NRPA — Meet Me at the Park Play Space Grants](#)

Application Deadline: June 23

Thanks to a grant from Disney, the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) is expanding the Meet Me at the Park program and providing additional communities with increased access to play spaces in local parks for children and families across the U.S. As part of this program, park and recreation agencies are invited to share their best ideas on increasing access to play spaces for children and families. Agencies with the most innovative and impactful project ideas will receive grants to build their projects.

Quotes

"Can I pay in installments?"

—Kieran Healy, Orange County resident

Source: [Man Gets \\$100 Million Orange Water and Sewer Authority Bill](#)



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