

THE COUNTY CONNECTION

A newsletter written by and for employees of St. Louis County Government
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Can't get enough of The County Connection?

Every issue, there are some submission materials that don't make it to the final printed copy.

Here is that material from the Fall Issue.

Enjoy!

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Department Notes

POLICE

On June 8, Police Officer **CHAD LOUIS**, Valley Park Detail, West County Precinct, was a recipient of a 2005 John J. McAtee Police Recognition Award. He was nominated by Jayde Rohr, of BJC Behavioral Health, for going beyond the call of duty in assisting an individual with mental illness. Officer Louis worked with a BJC client to help him keep his housing arrangements and to keep his home from being condemned. He also assisted the client in accessing mental health services.

On February 11, Legal Advocates for Abused Women hosted an Open House to Honor Police Officers for Outstanding Service to Battered Women and Children. During the program, Captain **JON BELMAR**, Affton Precinct, received the Law Enforcement Special Recognition Award because his "commitment and leadership have positively impacted the lives of battered women and children, strengthened partnerships between law enforcement and victim advocates, inspired action and perseverance in others and made St. Louis a better place for all of us."

During the same program, Detectives **SCOTT RUSSELL** and **RICHARD O'BRIEN**, Family Crime Unit, were presented with the Law Enforcement Distinguished Service Award because they "exemplify how effective law enforcement can truly make a difference in the life of one woman."

On February 23, the 2005 Missouri Geographic Information Systems Conference presented the "Outstanding Contributions to GIS Award" to the St. Louis County Police & REJIS. Only one agency was selected for this award by the Missouri GIS Committee and, according to the Award Chair, "The competition this conference was extremely strong." At the ceremony they congratulated Sergeant **MARK DOUGHERTY**, **PAUL TRUDD**

and **TOBY STANERSON** as well as REJIS and the St. Louis County Police Department for the development and implementation of the "MapMATRIX" project.

On February 27, Police Officer **ANN GEEN**, South County Precinct, was presented with the Mehlville School District Community Kindness Role Model Award by the Mehlville School District and BJC HealthCare School Outreach & Youth Development. This award recognizes "the role of adults who build assets in youth. This award is an opportunity to celebrate the importance of adults who shape the lives of young people in our community."

Recently, the Greenville County Sheriff's Office in Greenville, South Carolina wrote to thank Lieutenant **KEVIN LAWSON** for the assistance of the Crime Scene Unit into a criminal investigation they were conducting where a homicide suspect vehicle was located in Saint Louis County. They wrote, "We wanted to thank you again for your assistance and the professionalism of the personnel assigned to you in your crime scene. The time and effort spent by your people in processing the pick up truck for us was greatly appreciated. Due to their efforts, we have been able to eliminate (although temporarily) him as a suspect, and focus our investigation on the two main suspects in this homicide. Again our thanks to Detectives **WALSH, DERICKSON, SCOGNAMIGLO**, and yourself. If y'all are ever in need of anything in South Carolina, or just passing through, please do not hesitate to call upon us."

On May 18, Police Officer **DON HUTSON**, South County Precinct, was presented with the Optimist International Law Enforcement Award for distinguished and dedicated service advancing the respect for law by the Mehlville Optimist Club.

Police Officer **MICHAEL FUMAGALI**, Affton Precinct, was awarded a Distinguished Service Citation on May 6 in recognition of his actions on October 5, 2004, wherein he responded to an apartment fire located at 4120 Grasso Avenue and rescued several of the residents.

Police Officer **RONALD BUECHELE**, MetroLink Unit, was awarded a Meritorious Service Citation on May 6 in recognition of his actions on April 3, wherein he was able to aid an off-duty officer who had been seriously injured while working a fixed post detail at the ramp to the Savvis Center MetroLink platform after a Nelly concert.

Police Officer **DON HUTSON**, South County Precinct, was awarded with the Department's Purple Heart Award on May 6 for an injury he sustained in effecting an arrest. Officer Hutson seriously injured his foot, but was able to return to duty.

HUMAN SERVICES

Russian Visitors Tour Lakeside Center - For the second year running a group of 10 Russian visitors toured the Department of Human Services Lakeside Center in July. Hailing from various parts of Russia, these young men and women came to the United States under a program called Open World – the first and only exchange program administered by the legislative branch of the U.S. Government. The program brings emerging Russian leaders to the U.S. to learn the inner workings of American civil society. Locally, Bob Hoffman of Friendship Force Missouri facilitated the visit.

As none of the visitors spoke English, two interpreters accompanied them to facilitate communications. Last year, Lakeside had a resident that spoke fluent Russian; and the visitors greatly appreciated her presence. This year Lakeside had no Russian-speaking youth, so the Lakeside youth guide had to work through the interpreter. Despite the language barriers, the visitors and Lakeside staff and residents quickly grew comfortable with one-another. The common language of nods, smiles and other expressions put all present on an even footing.

The visitors were impressed with the amount of thought, passion, and funding support devoted to helping young people at Lakeside. They noted that nothing in Russia even comes close to what Lakeside does. One visitor commented to Bob Hoffman that "They heal; we punish."

Before leaving, the visitors presented their young Lakeside tour guide with mementos from their homeland. Lakeside looks forward to future Russian visits under this program. They are truly a win-win for all involved.

HIGHWAYS & TRAFFIC

Public Works' Problem Properties Unit was featured in a July 17 St. Louis Post-Dispatch article. The photo illustrated article focused on a typically gritty 'git 'er done' day in the work life of the Unit's **BOB ROBINSON** and **JOHN THRO**. Thro and Robinson tackle especially nettlesome property maintenance cases cited by the Department's Neighborhood Preservation Program, to which the Problem Properties section is attached.

More PROMOTIONS

Norm Campbell (Police) - Lieutenant
Stan Fuller (Police) - Sergeant
Nicholas Hill (Police) – Public Safety Dispatcher II
Mason Keller (Police) - Sergeant
Dawn Neuman (Police) - Public Safety Dispatcher II
Terry Roberds (Police) - Major
Jim Schneider (Police) - Lieutenant
Larry Stulce (Police) - Captain
Tim Tanner (Police) - Lieutenant
Melissa Webb (Police) - Sergeant
John Wheeler (Police) - Sergeant
Valerie Yanko (Police) - Police Aide

More NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to **DONNA AUBUCHON** (Rev) and husband Les AuBuchon upon the birth of their grandson Chase Patrick on August 21.

CHAD DEAKIN (Police) and wife Jeri had twins, Logan Thomas and Payton Elaine, born March 7.

JOE GOFORTH (Police) and wife Kathy had a baby girl, Summer Jessica, born May 6.

Congratulations to **TIM LEE** (Rev) and wife upon the birth of their grandson Timothy Lewis McDonald on July 30.

JOE MARCINKIEWICZ (Police) and wife Tammi, had a baby girl, Alyssa Marie, born March 20.

Congratulations to **LORAIN MILLER** (Cty Cncl) upon the birth of her first grandson Myles Thomas O'Brien, 7 lbs., 10 oz., 21 inches, on February 16.

LUIS PEREZ (Police) and wife Jackie had a baby boy, Miguel Luis, born April 28.

Congratulations to **SUZANNE PRATL** (Cty Cncl) upon the birth of her second grandson Spencer Jolley Richeda, 9 lbs, 21.5 inches, on February 7.

STEVE RINGHOFER (Police) and wife Stephanie, had a baby boy, Alexander Steven, born May 23.

MICHAEL WARREN (Police) and wife Kelly had a baby girl, Annabelle Josephine, born February 26.

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Mystery Caller Winners



Barbara Jacobs (Fam Ct)



Betsy Mattern (Admin)



Bill Braun (DOH)



Dennis Jobe (PW) & Patti Erwin (PW)



Justice Services Alternative Community Service Auto Attendant: Bobby Williams (JS), Dean Bruemmer (JS), Dwayne Petty (JS), Jerry Tabak (JS), Steve Stiffelman (JS), Kym Graham (JS), Sharon Howard (JS), County Executive Charlie A. Dooley



Revenue Business Accounts Auto Attendant: Karen Leahy (Rev), County Executive Charlie A. Dooley



Cassandra Pabon (DOH), Jane Williams (DOH), Sue Means (DOH), Mary Ann Tyra (DOH), Kimberly Leonard (DOH), County Executive Charlie A. Dooley



Jan Rotramel (Pub Admin), Clara Worsham (Pub Admin), Randy Wall (Pub Admin), Linda Dockery (Pub Admin), Linda Griffie (Pub Admin)



County Executive Charlie A. Dooley, Joan Gilmer (Jud Admin), Yvonne Anderson (Jud Admin), Constance Jackson (Jud Admin), Paul Fox (Jud Admin)

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Lynne Murphy (DOH), Sarah Columbo (DOH), County Executive Charlie A. Dooley



Revenue Personal Property 24 hour line Auto Attendant: Tim Lee (Rev), Volker Gruss (Rev), County Executive Charlie A. Dooley, Ron Phillips (Rev) & Lynn Fuchs (Rev)



County Executive Charlie A. Dooley & Mike Grace (Admin)



Terry Morgan (Police) & County Executive Charlie A. Dooley



Robert Trittler (Police), Mason Keller (Police), Tom Fitch (Police), County Executive Charlie A. Dooley



Pat Aitken (BOE) & Dan Sigler (BOE)