



SAINT LOUIS COUNTY
Missouri

RETIREE NEWSLETTER

SILVER HAired LEGISLATURE

By Rosemary Wilson, Retiree

For me it was a question from a St. Louis County retiree about some issues the SHL (e.g. Silver Haired Legislature) that she belonged to was going to advocate for this fall with the Missouri legislature that introduced me to this group I had previously never heard about.

The Missouri Silver Haired Legislature has the distinction of being the very first organization of its

kind in the United States. In 1973, a small group of senior citizens met with the President Pro Tem of the Senate, William Cason, to discuss and form a group whose specific purpose was to advocate for issues impacting older adults. Throughout the years, SHL has served as a legitimate voice for older adults, to support legislation to improve the lives of Missourians. The SHL is also currently located Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Texas, West Virginia. This is not an all-inclusive list of the 24 states with a SHL. Annually in May, the SHL has a formal election at local Missouri Area Agencies on Aging to choose 30 senators and 120 representatives (3 senators and 12 representatives from each of the 10 area agencies) 60 years of age and older. SHL is a non-partisan non-profit advocacy organization not supported by or affiliated with any political party or special interest group. The SHL since its founding has spoken directly with Missouri legislators about the needs of Missouri seniors. Some 60 bills and resolutions designed to meet these needs have been enacted in the state. SHL works with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. There are 10 SHL volunteer delegations in Missouri all of which work thru Area Agencies on Aging. In St. Louis County the agency title is Aging Ahead (agingahead.org; Phone 636-207-4206).

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**ST. LOUIS COUNTY
RETIREE TOTALS**
AS OF 8/22/2024
CIVILIANS: 3,156 POLICE: 641
**Includes Survivor Annuitants*

SILVER HAired LEGISLATURE continued...



Annually the delegates solicit feedback from their communities to develop five legislative priorities for the following year and then advocate with Missouri state senators and representatives during the legislative session.

The SHL meets for two days annually in the fall where the five bills having the highest priority are selected by debate and vote for advocacy the upcoming year.

The top 2024 advocacy issues in Missouri are:

- 1) Increase funding to provide additional transportation services and options for seniors
- 2) Increase accessibility to public buildings for any individual with disabilities or mobility issues
- 3) Require specialized dementia training in each and every long-term care facility that accepts dementia patients
- 4) Increase the Medicaid personal needs allowance from 50 to 100 dollars per month
- 5) Require money recovered from MO health net (Medicaid) be returned to the MO health net program instead of the general fund

Funding Proposals in Missouri for 2024:

~ Provide additional funding for the Missouri Hearing Aid Distribution Program

~ Restore funding for the out-of-pocket cost of prescription drugs for eligible Medicare beneficiaries

For further information on the SHL in your state, contact your local Area Agency on Aging.

(www.eldercare.acl.gov or 1-800-677-1116).

Aging Ahead is the Area on Aging serving St. Louis County, St. Charles County, Franklin County, and Jefferson County.

For these four counties you can email info@aginghead.org or call 636-207-0847.

ST. LOUIS COUNTY POLICE RETIREE JERRY HAWKINS AWARDED



On May 20th, Jerry flew his flying club's airplane as pilot in command after his 80th birthday in February. By doing this, he was able to join the U.F.O. (United Flying Octogenarians) Club, which is for 80 year old, and above, pilots.

He was recruited to this club through the FAA records, and actually there are only about 1800 members/pilots in this club, worldwide.

Jerry is the Secretary for the St. Louis County Police Retirees Association.

St Louis County Civilian Retirees



ANNUAL PICNIC
June 3, 2024
11 am-2 pm
Faust Park
Pavilion
Chesterfield MO



The St. Louis County Civilian Retirees Association is a non-profit organization incorporated 1/30/2006, Charter #N00713612

MISSION: *“To promote the well-being, enhance the quality of life & encourage the full potential of St. Louis County retirees by promoting socialization while supplying helpful information on issues & matters important to civilian retirees”*

ANNUAL MEETING

Monday, October 7, 2024,
10:00 AM

Thornhill Branch,
St. Louis County Library
12863 Willowyck Dr,
St. Louis, MO 63146

Speaker: Rebecca Smail
HR Manager, St. Louis County
Retirement Services



STLCCRA
ST LOUIS COUNTY
CIVILIAN RETIREES
ASSOCIATION

CELEBRATING LIFE AFTER WORK

www.stlccra.org

IS YOUR CONTACT INFO UP-TO-DATE?

Members should always keep their contact information up-to-date with the association and the County Retirement Office. This includes your phone, address, and/or email address. Please notify our President, Marian McCreary at mmccre8814@aol.com or 314-291-1867 and the Retirement Office at 314-615-5180 of any changes or updates as soon as possible. Not yet a member or have questions? Contact Marian via email or phone listed above for assistance.

St Louis County Police Retirees Association

OUR MISSION:

“We stand as an advocate and protector of rights of the retired Police Officers and Civilian employees of the St. Louis County Police Department.”

“We shall maintain communications with St. Louis County Government and the Police Department to insure retired employees receive all benefits earned during their career protecting the citizens of St. Louis County.”

“We support, recognize, and honor all who chose law enforcement with St. Louis County Police Department.”

Contact Information

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Jerry Hawkins, Secretary
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MEETING & PARTY

Thursday, December 5, 2024,
at 1:00 PM

Hellen Fitzgerald's Pub & Grill
3650 Lindbergh Blvd, 63127
RSVP Required to Confirm Event
Jerry Hawkins, Secretary
via Phone 314-422-7117
Email: skyhawk591@charter.net

The Retirement Board: New Members Added

Our St. Louis County Retirement Board of Trustees consist of seven members. These members include three members appointed by the County Executive and are confirmed by the County Council who are current participants in the retirement plans, one of which must be a commissioned police officer with the other two being civilian employees in different departments. The remaining four members will be from the general public who are not county employees are appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Council. The Board elects its own Chair and Vice-Chair and delegates to them their respective duties. The Plan participant and general public members, except those appointed to fill unexpired terms, each serve terms of three years, or until their successors are appointed and approved. Vacancies occurring on the Board are filled for unexpired terms in the same manner as they were originally filled. Those members pictured below recently joined the Board and shared some information with us so that our retirees could get to know a little more about them outside of their names. Meeting dates and times are available on page 7.



Paul Hampel is a St. Louis County native and serves as Regional Relations Manager for the County Executive's Office. Before coming to work for St. Louis County government in 2015, Paul was a longtime reporter at the St. Louis Post-Dispatch where he covered a variety of beats, including government, cops, and courts. He is a graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia. His interests include yoga, hiking, and collecting vinyl records and old books.

In his role as First Vice President and Wealth Management Advisor at Merrill Lynch, Bank of America, Shariq Mansuri has extensive experience in portfolio and wealth management consulting for corporations, pension and retirement plans, endowments, and ultra-high net worth individuals. Shariq also serves as President of Greenstone Investments (since 2005) and Moonlight Partners (since 2008). He has also taught Finance as Adjunct Professor at Webster University. Shariq earned a Bachelor of Systems Science & Electrical Engineering and a Master's in Business Administration, both from Washington University. He lives in St Louis County with his wife and is a golf enthusiast.



Mr. Tony Waskiewicz is a mission-driven leader, skilled investor and institutional investment expert with over 30 years of industry experience, including nearly 20 years of experience serving in the capacity as Chief Investment Officer for Mercy Health. During his tenure, Tony was named AI-CIO Healthcare CIO of the Year (2018), Institutional Investor Healthcare Chief Investment Officer of the Year (2014), and was listed on Trusted Insight's Top 30 Healthcare CIO list. He has built industry recognized investment programs while overseeing multi-asset class reserve, foundation and pension portfolios.

At the conclusion of his tenure at Mercy, Mr. Waskiewicz was ranked #31 on AI-CIO's Power 100 CIO list. In 2020, Tony launched Investment Office Resources, LLC (IOR), a specialty resourcing platform supporting internal investment offices. He earned his MBA with a concentration in Finance, from the Sellinger School of Business Management-Loyola College and BS degree in Business Administration from Washington & Lee University.



Peggy "Pepe" Finn is the owner, Chairperson of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Stern Brothers, a Woman Owned Investment Banking Firm. Ms. Finn is a seasoned executive with a broad range of experience and civic commitment. Ms. Finn has worked in the securities industry for decades having been both a retail stockbroker and a municipal investment banker. A former securities broker for Merrill Lynch and municipal investment banker for Boatman's Bank (now Bank of America), she has been a member of the Missouri Bar since 1987. Ms. Finn is actively engaged in the St. Louis community. In 2011, Ms. Finn was recognized by the St. Louis Business Journal as one of the 25 most influential women. In 2024 Ms. Finn was named to the St. Louis Titan 100, an annual recognition of the region's top CEOs.

~ NEWLY RETIRED ~

JULY, 2024

NAME	DEPARTMENT
Bruemmer, Dean	Justice Services
Carter, Susan	Family Court
Craig, Mark	Police
Deidrick, Steven	Police
Erby, Angela	Human Services
Holloway, Mark	Transportation
Ogar, Vincent	Transportation
Powers, Julie	Planning
Price, Christine	Justice Services
Reifschneider, Michael	Police Department
Tibbs, William	Public Works
Upton, Riki	Justice Services
Wilkerson, Terry	Police
Williams, Andrew	Transportation
Wurdack, Jeanne	Parks and Recreation

AUGUST, 2024

NAME	DEPARTMENT
Allen, Ronald	Sheriff's Office
Bauer, Lisa	Parks and Recreation
Carroll, Sheila	Public Health
Cunningham, Timothy	Police
Divine, Vanessa	Public Health
Ellison, Michael	Police
Estes, Vilenia	Records Preservation
Falk, Christopher	Public Works
Geldmacher III, Fred	Public Works
Goode, Diana	Police
Henke, Linda	Public Health
Johnson, Deborah	Public Works
Koenen, Deborah	Police
Lloyd, Kirk	Police
McClanahan, Jessie	Family Court
Mundel, Ellen	Administration
Roberts, Michael	IT
Van Buren, Trenton	Police Department

NEED HELP?

St. Louis County Customer Service,
Call 311

COVID-19 Test Expiration Dates

Full list of FDA-authorized COVID-19 test extended expiration dates at:

www.fda.gov/covidtestdates

1-800-232-0233

* INFORMATION TO REPORT *

Please notify a member of the Retirement Services team of the following at your earliest convenience.

-CHANGE OF ADDRESS-

-RETIREE PASSING-

-SURVIVOR ANNUITANT PASSING-

-NEW ACCOUNT FOR CHECK DEPOSITS-



Retirement Services Benefits Office

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Connor Crowe

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WANT TO HEAR MORE FROM THE RETIREMENT OFFICE STAFF VIA EMAIL?

Send your name and email address with the subject **RETIREMENT INFO** to:

CountyHR@stlouiscountymo.gov

RECENTLY DECEASED RETIREES

RETIREE NAME	DEPARTMENT	DATE PASSED
GENE OVERALL	SHERIFF'S OFFICE	8/21/2023
JAMES ALBRECHT	POLICE	11/4/2023
RICHARD STUMPF	POLICE	4/9/2024
STEPHEN ADAMS	PARKS	4/9/2024
DAVID KNEIB	POLICE	4/28/2024
LAWRENCE BYRD	HUMAN SERVICES	4/30/2024
EUGENE WESTERMEYER	POLICE	4/30/2024
HANK PARKER	FAMILY COURT	5/1/2024
CARL TEBEAU	SHERIFF'S OFFICE	5/10/2024
LOYD SPURGEON	PLANNING	5/19/2024
DONNA ABBENHAUS	ASSESSMENT	6/1/2024
DEBRA KAIMAN	POLICE, IT	6/14/2024
GUY MCROBERTS	PUBLIC HEALTH	6/30/2024
JOHN MERCURIO	PUBLIC WORKS	7/3/2024
SALVADOR PAEZ	PUBLIC HEALTH	7/6/2024
LEONARD REINHARDT	POLICE	7/13/2024
VAL KRAUSE	POLICE	8/12/2024

QUOTE

“Be sure about what you want from life and doubly sure of what you have to give in return”

Napoleon Hill

HAVE AN ARTICLE TO SHARE, QUESTIONS, OR COMMENTS?

If so, please contact Retiree & Volunteer Reporter, Rosemary Wilson by telephone at 314-997-3474 or via email at wilsonrosemary@me.com.

Automobile Driver Assistance Technologies Explained

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)
 What you should know about driver assistance technologies when buying your next vehicle.

<https://www.nhtsa.gov>

RETIREMENT BOARD MEETINGS

Dates below, details of time, location, & link available here:

<https://stlouiscountymo.gov/st-louis-county-public-notice/>

September						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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29	30					

October						
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27	28	29	30	31		

November						
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December						
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29	30	31				

Board Members & Terms

Retirement Board	Position	Confirmation	Term Expiration
1	Finn, Pepe	General Public	6/18/2024
2	Hampel, Paul	CIV Participant	9/19/2023
3	Lohr, Gerald	PD Participant	4/17/2018
4	Mansuri, Shariq	General Public	3/19/2024
5	Paterson, Jody	CIV Participant	7/15/2022
6	Waskewicz, Anthony	General Public	4/18/2023
7	Wilkins, Milton	General Public	8/21/2007

Your State's Lost & Found: Unclaimed Property

Go to the state Treasurer's Office for online database.
 One in ten Missourians have unclaimed property and in an average amount of \$300.

For Missouri go to: www.showmemoney.com
 For Illinois go to: www.icash.illinoistreasurer.gov

PLAN FUNDING STATUS



St. Louis County
 Retirement Fund Balance on
 June 30, 2024 :
 \$860,117,779