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GOLF TOURNAMENT SETS RECORD ATTENDANCE, TWO YEARS IN A ROW



For the second year in a row, SITE's annual golf tournament attracted the maximum number of golfers possible! Three hundred golfers turned out on an extremely hot and humid Monday at Norwood Hills Country Club to play in SITE's 39th Annual Golf Tournament.

Despite the large number of golfers and hot-humid conditions, everyone enjoyed the course and, better yet, the chance to meet with old friends they had not seen since last year's event. Many reported saying how SITE's golf tournament was one of the best they play in, year in and year out. As always at the end of a day of golf, participants were treated to a steak dinner.

This year's tournament charity was Got Your Six Support Dogs, a non-for-profit organization that trains dogs for service with veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and other conditions. Charity Executive Director Nicole Lanahand and her support dog, Ricon, gave a demonstration after dinner of the dogs' training and their positive impact on the veterans they help.

SITE members again showed their generosity, collecting \$2,350 for the charity as part of the largest fifty/fifty raffle the association has ever conducted.

Next year will be the 40th Anniversary of SITE's golf tournament, making it one of the longest running golf tournaments not only in the construction industry, but in all of St. Louis outside of events sponsored by the U.S. Golf Association and the PGA.

The winning teams and photos are shown on page 7.

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SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Join SITE at **11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 11**, for a lunchtime General Membership Meeting at Spazio Westport. Hear how St. Charles County is succeeding from Craig Frahm, Interim Executive Director and Chief Financial Officer of the St. Charles County Economic Development Council. Craig will explain how St. Charles County markets itself to outside corporations and companies thinking about locating in St. Charles County. He may provide some insight on new developments still on the drawing board for the county. The cost is \$25 per person to attend. To make a reservation, email leah@sitestl.org

YES Networking Event



Over 25 Young Executives of SITE members met in July to beat the heat at Rosalita's Cantina in Des Peres. The group has various networking opportunities throughout the year, and having one during the summer months provides a little break from all the hard work during the busy season. "The YES group had a great turnout for the event, with plenty of project managers and suppliers. This group meshes really well, and it's great to see them building such strong relationships this early in their careers. We're happy to

provide the group with a nice venue in a good location" mentioned Chris West (NB West Contracting), who chairs the YES group. The event was held at no cost for the members, with drinks and appetizers provided. The YES group will be hosting its annual clay bird shoot in October to help raise funds to pay for the educational and networking events provided to its members. If you have staff members from 21-40 years of age that would benefit from joining this group, please contact Rhonda Arnold at SITE's office. YES membership is \$25 annually.

Terry's Tidbits **Executive Director**

The rain finally has stopped, and the flooding has subsided. It is about time! As the records will show, this continues to be one of the wettest years as well as one of the longest times for the Mississippi River to be at or above flood stage.

While the weather hampered construction work in the area up until now, (remember the flood photo from the last newsletter), activity has really picked up. Manhours are up for all the trades used by SITE contractors, and it would appear 2019 will be another good year for construction contractors.

That is good news for the whole economy.

Our sympathies go out to the family of Glenn Schuman. Glenn was the driving force behind Gold Star Paving for many years. For those who don't know, Gold Star paved a number of the subdivision streets in St. Charles County during the height of residential construction in the county. His office was on the north service road of Interstate Highway 70, just past the Foristell exit.

Along with his family, Glenn's passion in life was duck hunting. He owned a club along the Mississippi River flyway and was well-known to the Ducks Unlimited members in Missouri and the Midwest. In addition to children and grandchildren, Glenn is survived by his sister, Jean Aubuchon of Aubuchon Concrete Company.

SITE staff was also saddened by the sudden death of Lydia Byrne, daughter of Bob Byrne of Byrne & Jones Construction. Lydia was killed in an accident the weekend of July 27. Please keep Bob and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

We joined Governor Parson and ASA members for the signing into law of Senate Bill 167. The bill requires private owners building on public grounds to obtain bonds to ensure payments are made for labor and materials on the job sites.

Why, you may ask, is this required? Because the private construction is taking place on public property, contractors at whatever level have no lien rights on public property. Thus, to ensure payment is secured for workers and the materials needed in



constructing the improvement, a bond is secured.

The law will become effective August 28, 2019. Our thanks to Senator Sandy Crawford, R-Bolivar, and our own Representative Aaron Griesheimer for shepherding the bill to passage.

Kudos to Missouri's Congressional delegation and MoDOT for securing an \$81 million federal grant from the Highway Administration to, among other things, start the work on replacing the Interstate 70 Rocheport Bridge spanning the Missouri River in mid-Missouri. Though the construction site is outside of the general area where SITE contractors work, we may see a few members secure some work on the project.

This is only starting money for the estimated \$238 million project and falls more than \$90 million short of what MoDOT had requested. Along with the Rocheport Bridge project, the grant would also fund the construction of a truck lane on I-70 at Minelo Hill in Montgomery County.

Perhaps the bigger benefit of securing this grant is the release of \$301 million in bonds the state of Missouri will issue for other bridge work throughout the state. The legislature approved highway measure SCR 14 this past session, authorizing the issuance of the bonds, but only if the state secured a grant for the Rocheport Bridge project. It was kind of an awkward way to write the legislation, but was needed in order to get some conservative legislators to approve some type of highway funding coming on the heels of the Proposition D gas tax increase defeat last November.

At least some road and bridge work can start this year and next until we figure out how voters want to fund transportation in Missouri.

Hope everyone who attended the golf tournament this year had a great time. Turnout again reached our maximum number, 300 golfers. Thanks to everyone who supported the event.

Legislative Report

By Chris Davis
Director of Government Affairs



Missouri Awarded Critical \$81 Million Federal Grant for Rocheport Bridge

On Tuesday, July 23, MoDOT announced that Missouri had been awarded an \$81 million U.S. Department of Transportation grant for construction of a new I-70 bridge over the Missouri River at Rocheport. The \$240 million bridge construction project will be paid for by a combination of local, state, and federal funds—the exact funding details are still being worked out. It is estimated that MoDOT needs approximately \$50 million in additional funds to fully finance the bridge construction. MoDOT officials said the grant will enable them to begin the environmental assessment and design for the new bridge, with construction likely to begin in 2021.



The plan is to replace the existing four-lane structure with a six-lane bridge built just to the south of the current location, as well as reconstruct the Route BB interchange east of the bridge. The existing bridge, built in 1960, will continue to be used during construction.

“The Rocheport bridge has long been in need of repair, and we’re thrilled that we now have the funds to complete this critical project and trigger our bold transportation plan,” Gov. Mike Parson said in a statement. “Transportation drives our economy, and replacing the bridge is a major step toward maintaining our highway system and ensuring we have the framework for access and ex-

pansion in the future.”

The INFRA Grant will also Trigger \$301 Million in State Bonding.

The INFRA Grant also triggers a \$301 million bonding program for small, rural bridges throughout Missouri. The legislature approved the Governor’s small bridge construction initiative this May. However, Senate conservatives included provisions in SCR 14 requiring the program be contingent upon the successful application for the federal INFRA Grant. The bonding, approved by the General Assembly this year, will be repaid out of the general revenue over a seven-year period. It’s predicted to cost about \$46 million per year. The program included an additional \$50 million allocated from the general revenue to “jump-start” the projects. About 215 bridges across the state will either be repaired or replaced with the bonding funds. Proponents of the plan noted this will free up the \$301 million that was already committed to these bridge projects in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program to enable other high-priority transportation needs across the state.

SITE was instrumental in the legislative approval of the rural bridge program.

“[It’s] a very exciting and important day for my district and our state. I can’t say enough about the tremendous effort Senator [Roy] Blunt put in to help make this happen. It wouldn’t have been possible without his advocacy and his influence,” Senate Majority Floor Leader Caleb Rowden. (R-Columbia), said.

“The impact is multiplied with \$300 million in state bonding for our roads and bridges,” said Republican House Speaker Elijah Haahr. “This is a huge win for all Missourians and a bold investment in our state’s future.”

MSD Setting Its Own Prevailing Wage Rate

SITE contractors working on Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD) projects may have received a letter from the sewer district recently requesting information on the wages paid to their employees. This is part of the process the sewer district is undertaking to establish its own prevailing wage rate for work contracted out by MSD.



“MSD took this action as a safeguard in the event the state of Missouri ever eliminated the state law on this topic,” said SITE Executive Director Terry Briggs. “Most of the work done by contractors for MSD is and has been performed by signatory contractors.” MSD is seeking data regarding hours worked/wages paid on commercial, industrial or public works projects within the City of St. Louis or St. Louis County from the period between January 1, 2019, and June 30, 2019, in order to establish the prevailing wage rates for MSD Wage Order 01-20, which will go into effect on January 1, 2020.

MSD is establishing its prevailing wage rate according to how the state law used to be written; that is the wage and benefit package based on the greatest number of hours submitted becomes

the prevailing wage on MSD projects. This past year, the Missouri legislature amended the prevailing wage law by establishing a “blended” wage rate. Under current law, all wage/benefit packages submitted to the state under its survey are totaled, and the average becomes the wage/benefit package that must be paid.

Both the state and MSD require a minimum of 1,000 hours of work performed by journeymen to establish a prevailing wage rate. Unlike the state of Missouri, MSD will not have a minimum prevailing wage rate tied to MERIC wage data. MSD instead will rely on the collective bargaining agreement covering the occupational title performing the work, such as a Laborer.

MSD also plans to conduct semi-annual prevailing wage surveys on work performed in its service area. The prevailing wage rate could change after six months depending on the data received by the sewer district.

Wage/hour information may be submitted using the MSD Contractor’s Wage Survey, which can be found on the district’s website at <https://www.stlmsd.com/msd-work/msd-prevailing-wage-program>, or emailed to PrevailingWageMSD@stlmsd.com. Contractors are encouraged to get their information in as quickly as possible because the deadline for submission is soon.

Questions regarding the MSD Prevailing Wage Program may be directed to PrevailingWageMSD@stlmsd.com or by contacting Marie Collins at 314-768-6316.

WAGE DETERMINATION SCHEDULE¹		
Action Item	Wage Order Effective Date	
	January 1st Each Year (on or about)	July 1st Each Year (on or about)
Hours/Wage Data Collection Period	January 1 st – June 30 th	July 1 st – December 31 st
Last Day Data Accepted	July 31 st	January 31 st
Filing of Initial Determination	October 1 st	April 1 st
30 Day Comment Period	October 15 th - November 15 th	April 15 th - May 15 th
Resolution of Objections	November 15 th – December 15 th	May 15 th – June 15 th

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C Flight

Score: 69 Jeremy Bennett
Perri Pryor
Roger Pryor
Adam McBride



West Course closest to the pin winner Bill Vondera

West Course

Closest to the pin (4)	Bill Vondera
Closest to the pin (7)	Skip Stone
Closest to the pin (10)	Matt Hicks
Closest to the pin (12)	Steve Madras
Longest Drive 64 & Under	Kevin Betley
Longest Drive 65 & Over	David Bangert



East Course closest to the pin winner Sean Strader

East Course

Closest to the pin (8)	Sean Strader
Closest to the pin (10)	Mark Allaria
Closest to the pin (13)	Scott Harris
Closest to the pin (15)	Kevin Powers
Longest Drive 64 & Under	Sam Wiles
Longest Drive 65 & Over	Mike Mabrey
Ladies Longest Drive	Julie Fernandez

Thanks to all of our tournament sponsors!

Parson Signs Senate Bill 167

SITE Improvement Association joined with ASA this legislative session to advance protections for sub-contractors in Missouri. SB 167 was approved and signed into law by Governor Parson on Thursday, July 11. The legislation was sponsored by Senator Sandy Crawford, R-Buffero, and handled by Representative Aaron Griesheimer, R-Washington. The ASA/SITE initiative requires that a general or prime contractor obtain a surety bond when performing work on private development construction projects on publicly owned land.

SB 167 is a legislative remedy to the 2016 Missouri Supreme Court decision *Brentwood Glass Co. v Pals Glass Services, Inc.*, in which the court reinforced that, as a matter of public policy, Missouri prohibits the attachment of a mechanic's lien on the land, buildings, or improvements owned by a public entity. However, the court also ruled in this decision that it is clear that both the Mechanic's Lien Law and the Public Works Construction Bond Law exist to protect the subcontractor for labor, supplies, and materials provided in the improvements to land, and that those protections need to be upheld, liberally. The court ruled that the appropriate remedy in the *Brentwood Glass* case should have been an appropriate surety bond by the contractor for the aggrieved subcontractor.

This new law rectifies this loophole and reinforces that a contract for public works includes private development on publicly owned land and therefore mandates that a contractor provide a bond to ensure proper payment and protections to subcontractors providing labor, supplies and materials for the improvements to that land.

The legislation closes a loophole in the law where subcontractors do not maintain lien rights. Therefore, it was essential to provide payment protections for subcontractors in these rare circumstances. This new law could be particularly helpful when St. Louis constructs a new Major League Soccer stadium. The expected stadium project is projected to be downtown on land owned by a public entity, but will be a privately owned stadium.

SITE worked extensively with ASA, AGC of Missouri, the insurance industry, and other stakeholders to ensure a viable legislative solution was accomplished. SITE was fortunate to be invited by Senator Crawford, Representative Griesheimer, and Governor Parson to participate in the final step and attend the bill signing on Thursday.





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COMMON GROUND ALLIANCE FORMING IN EASTERN MISSOURI

Group Fosters Working With Contractors and Underground Utility Owners

How many times have you, as a contractor, been delayed because the location of underground facilities have not been marked? Or if they were located, were the markings correct? These examples are just a few of the issues SITE contractors, along with representatives of various underground facility owners, have discussed in quarterly meetings for the past two years at SITE's office.

Now, the group is ready to formalize its existence by creating the Eastern Missouri Common Ground Alliance. The group's mission, as stated in its articles of incorporation, is "to promote public safety and prevent damage to underground infrastructure."



SITE Executive Director Terry Briggs said the creation of the group grew out of the frustration contractors and utilities were having with underground facility locates. "SITE contractors were calling the office asking what could be done about getting the utilities to timely locate their underground structures, as Missouri law says they must," said Briggs. "SITE organized meetings of contractors, utility representatives and the underground facility locating services (like USIC) to voice concerns and develop a plan of action to address them."

Utility representatives themselves often have the same concerns as the contractors because many of them have infrastructure upgrades to their systems requiring excavation. This year in particular, with the wet weather delaying many jobs and the amount of work, the locate crews have simply not kept up with the demand, resulting in delays or,

worse, excavation done without proper locates.

"Time is money to contractors, as well as utility companies," said Briggs. "When a crew is idled because of no marking or mismarks, the delay is costly."

The Eastern Missouri Common Ground Alliance will assist all parties, the owners and contractors, with best practices to use in the industry. Data will be collected, reviewed and shared with all parties on the causes of mismarks and delays and what can be done to help eliminate these issues. The intent of the alliance will be to foster a shared sense of responsibility among all parties involved in excavation and underground utilities.

"This is really a public safety issue," said Briggs. "If a gas line is accidentally struck, it can and has resulted in explosions causing deaths and injuries. Likewise, if an electric line to a traffic signal is accidentally cut, and the signal is knocked out of service, accidents can and do occur."

The Missouri Underground Facility Safety and Damage Prevention Act, passed in the 1980s, requires anyone—contractors, utility companies and even private citizens—starting excavation to contact the Missouri notification center, better known as One Call, before beginning to dig. One Call does not go out and locate the underground facilities. Rather, One Call notifies the underground facility owners who potentially have structures in the area where the excavation is proposed so they can mark the location of their structures. Once the area is marked, the excavation can begin.

Some underground facilities owners contract out the marking of their structures to locating companies, such as USIC and Heath. At times, these locating companies get swamped by the volume of requests, resulting in delays or no markings. This in turn causes problems for excavators.

The Eastern Missouri Common Ground Alliance hopes to formalize its status by the end of this year. There is already a common ground alliance group for the entire state, with most of its meetings scheduled in central Missouri.

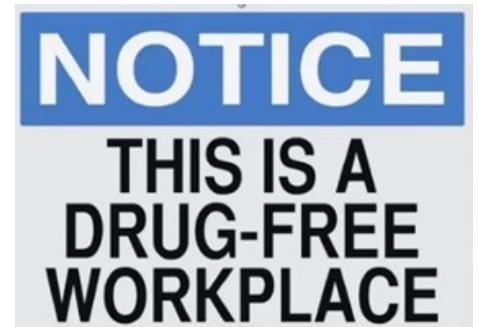
Labor Update

By Jeremy Bennett
Director of Labor Relations & Safety

Drug Testing

After a recent review of the union drug testing plans, both labor and management agree the drug testing component of the collective bargaining agreement is being underutilized by contractors. Another tool for contractors to use will be added September 1, 2019, which will allow companies to drug test a prospective laborer apprentice before having them register with the apprenticeship program, which was not covered by the drug testing fund before. A separate chain of custody form will be sent out to companies for any pre-apprentices they would like to have drug tested.

I encourage contractors to utilize the drug testing program since they currently contribute to it. The drug testing consortium has drug testing satellite sites scattered throughout the region, which makes it convenient to collect samples. The liability of having employees under the influence on jobsites is a huge weight on the contractor's shoulders. The drug testing program assists to make sure that employees are aware of the possibility of being drug tested in a number of different scenarios including randomly.



Cement Masons Joint Apprenticeship Committee Hires New Coordinator

The Cement Masons Joint Apprenticeship Committee hired a new instructor/coordinator in July. Scott Downs was named instructor after a number of applicants interviewed for the position. We believe Mr. Downs is the right person to steer the program in the best direction. He has nearly 20 years of Cement Mason experience in flat work, site work, restoration and waterproofing. Scott graduated from the 527 apprenticeship program in his youth and understands how to mentor the younger generation, serving as a foreman and overseeing apprentices in his previous position. The committee is excited for this new chapter of the program, which has been averaging 20 apprentices for the past few years, and the hope is to double that number. SITE members who are signatory to the Cement Masons Agreement will be asked to participate in a session that will advise on ways to rebuild the current program. Information on that session will be forthcoming.

Current Pension Funding Percentage Updates:

Operating Engineers Local 513: 74% funded
Cement Masons Local 527: 89% funded
St. Louis Laborers: 97% funded
St. Charles/Outstate Laborers: 96% funded

Current Man-Power Reports:

Operating Engineers Local 513: 95% members are employed
Cement Masons Local 527: 99% members are employed
St. Louis Laborers: 97% members are employed
St. Charles/Outstate Laborers: 95% members are employed





From the Safety Side



SITE TO Offer Prep Course for Safety Trained Supervisor Construction Exam

SITE's Safety Committee has researched a trend across the country that has elevated contractors to a new level when executing safe practices on their jobsites—encouraging key employees to obtain a Safety Trained Supervisor Construction (STSC) Certification. The STSC is intended for leaders at all levels of an organization because all employees have responsibilities for a safe work environment. This certification is intended for executives, directors, managers, supervisors, superintendents, and employees. These individuals may not have safety as a primary duty, but their knowledge of safety practices ensures safer and healthier worksites, and their competency strengthens the foundation of safety in the organization. The STSC sets standard baseline knowledge across the organization.



STSC candidates:

- Are leaders at any level.
- Have safety responsibilities that are part of other work duties.
- Have safety responsibilities that are adjunct, collateral, or ancillary to their job duties. Their main job duties are in a craft or trade, a technical specialty, supervision, management, or leadership.
- Safety tasks often include monitoring for job hazards, helping ensure regulatory compliance, training employees in safety practices, performing safety documentation tasks, coordinating corrections for identified safety hazards within or among work groups, and communicating with safety specialists or management.
- Must have 30 hours of safety, health, and environmental training.
- Must have two years supervisory experience or four years work experience related to construction (work experience must be a minimum part-time [18 hrs/week] to qualify).
- Must pass the STSC examination.
- Retain your certification.

The Safety Committee recommended the SAF Board to organize a private prep course for SITE members. SITE Advancement Foundation's Board of Trustees sees this certification as a proactive step in creating a safer culture on jobsites and is offering to subsidize half of the course costs for anyone wishing to take the exam prep course. The prep course will be offered at SITE's training facility on Friday, October 25, 2019. This course will be limited size. Further details will be sent out via email.

SITE-OSHA Partnership Expanding

SITE's OSHA Partnership Group is continuing to expand with its most recent addition, DJM Ecological. The group now consists 14 members: Millstone Weber, Concrete Strategies, TraMar Contracting, Karrenbrock Excavating, Kelpie Contracting, Budrovich Excavating, N.B. West Contracting, Thomas Industrial Coatings, Premier Demolition, Hoette Concrete Construction, Collins and Hermann, Drilling Service Company and Plattin Creek Excavating. The partnership meets with OSHA reps on a quarterly basis to discuss safety in the workplace. If your company would like more info on the partnership, please contact Jeremy Bennett at SITE's office.





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Wed., Sept. 11 **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - LUNCH**
Spazio Westport

Thur., Oct. 10 **YES CLAYBIRD SHOOT**
Black Hawk Valley Hunting Club

Wed., Nov. 13 **NETWORKING EVENT**
Location to be determined

Thur., Dec. 5 **HOLIDAY HAPPY HOUR**
Bogey Hills Country Club

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