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### **GOVERNOR PARSON SIGNS SB 262 INTO LAW**

Governor Mike Parson on Tuesday, July 13, 2021, signed into law SB 262, increasing the motor fuel tax in Missouri to 29.5 cents by 2025. SITE participated in the bill signing event, here in St. Louis, and was extensively involved in the legislative efforts to increase the much needed funding for road and bridge construction in Missouri. The legislation incrementally increases the gas tax by 2.5 cents annually beginning on October 1 of this year, with the funds earmarked for road and bridge repairs. Subsequent increases are effective on July 1 each year, beginning in 2022, with the final increase taking effect July 1,

2025. The Missouri House of Representatives approved the legislation in the final week of session in May.

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# CONGRATULATIONS TO FRED M. LUTH & SONS!

Fred M. Luth & Sons, Inc. completed its 100<sup>th</sup> year in business in 2020. In conjunction with the centennial anniversary, Michael Luth was named president of the firm.

Mike is the fourth generation of the Luth family to lead the sewer and water construction company. He has 25 years of experience with the company, holds a B.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois, and an M.B.A. from St. Louis University, and is a registered Professional Engineer.



Fred M. Luth & Sons values its employees and the business partners who have contributed to the longevity of the family-owned business.

#### **CONDOLENCES**

SITE offers its deepest sympathies to the families of Gene Glosier (Pipeworks Utilities) and Harry Fabick (Fabick CAT). Both Gene and Harry passed away earlier this year.

#### **MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES**

The 2021-2022 SITE Membership Directory is being mailed to all member companies. Should you need additional copies of the

Membership Directory, please contact Leah at SITE's office.

SITE's Membership Directory is a quick and easy way to find contact information about members, as well as other helpful information.

You can also find a digital version of the Membership Directory on SITE's website, www.sitestl.org, under the Directory tab. This version is updated as new members are added and if there are changes to contact information.



# WELCOME SITE'S NEWEST MEMBERS



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#### **Archview Services**

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# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COLUMN

#### **JEREMY BENNETT**

The coronavirus resurgence did not rob another golf tournament from SITE members, and what a day it was for the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual! Low 80s, partly cloudy and a little humidity made play very enjoyable for the 340 golfers, volunteers and dinner guests. It was nice to see so many familiar faces again and the camaraderie amongst competitors, friends and family! SITE is very fortunate to have so many wonderful men and women active in the organization!

Norwood Hills Country Club, which is hosting the Ascension Charity Classic September 6-12, threw numerous curveballs at SITE's staff, including tee box adjustments and cart path only on the west course, but for good reason as the course looked and played beautifully.

I would like to recognize the golf committee, volunteers, sponsors and SITE's staff, especially Rhonda and Leah, for all their hard work organizing the event. The golf tournament does not run itself and actually takes months of preparation to be executed properly. Again, thank you all!

Thank you to MoDOT and Governor Parson for including SITE in the Highway Funding Senate Bill 262 signing ceremony at Millstone Weber's I-270 project. SITE President Mike Steiniger, Chris Davis and I attended on behalf the organization. SITE and other industry partners can FINALLY say, "WE DID IT!" After all, this was the top priority communicated by SITE's Board for 2021. While we understand user fee increases are not popular, it is necessary to invest in our roads and bridges. Infrastructure is such a critical component to attracting and retaining businesses and

spurring construction along the way. No matter what division of SITE you are in, each and every one of our members will benefit from the passage of Senate Bill 262.



In late July, SITE held an appreciation lunch for all of SITE's appointed trustees and committee members on the various Taft Hartley multiemployer pension plans, health/welfare funds, training funds and training committees. SITE has nearly 20 appointed representatives who give hours of their time and energy to the industry by making sure the participants in each plan are benefitting from the fringe contributions made on an hourly basis. Again, thank you for serving!

On a sad note, Peter Demarea (Tarlton Corporation) passed away from COVID complications on August 14. I served with Pete on the Cement Masons Pension and health/welfare funds and always appreciated his perspective as a trustee. Pete will be dearly missed, and we extend our sincerest sympathies to his family and to Tarlton.

SITE is seeing a strong uptick in hours and every indication shows a busy fall ahead of us. We hope everyone is staying safe and look forward to seeing everyone at our 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration in September.

# LEGISLATIVE REPORT

#### BY CHRIS DAVIS

SB 262 includes a rebate program, modeled after a South Carolina law, that enables Missouri motorists to apply annually for a refund of the increased tax through the Department of Revenue.

Once fully phased in, the tax increase is expected to generate about \$375 million additionally per year for state highways and an additional \$138 million per year for city and county transportation needs. The total infusion is expected to generate approximately \$500 million annually in road and bridge construction, across Missouri.

In addition to the gas tax provisions, SB 262 also includes an increase in fees for alternative fuel decals, the establishment of the Electric Vehicle Task Force under the Department of Revenue, and an increase of 10 years in the maximum age of motor vehicles required to have recorded odometer readings in certain instances.

It is SITE's and industry partners' belief that Americans For Prosperity (AFP) have dropped efforts to overturn the legislative effort. A week after the legislation passed, AFP had filed a referendum petition to have the legislation repealed via a statewide vote. However, it now appears that efforts to collect the nearly 110,000 signatures necessary to place the referendum on the statewide ballot have been abandoned.





# SITE FORMS MSD GREENBOOK COMMITTEE

SITE has formed a working group committee that has been reviewing and recommending improvements to the Standard Construction Specifications of Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD), commonly known as the "Greenbook." The small group of four contractor representatives met extensively in late 2020 and made specific recommendations for change to MSD. The district has made substantial changes and commented on SITE's recommendations, and combined them into the document. SITE's committee is currently reconvening on a weekly basis and again reviewing the new document. The committee is reaching out to other contractor and supplier members of SITE, as appropriate, for additional comments and feedback.

The Committee aggressively plans to provide the additional feedback to MSD by Labor Day, prior to convening a joint meeting with MSD to review and debate all proposed changes to the construction specifications document.

The opportunity for SITE contractors to provide critical input into the construction standards and specifications that govern your businesses is a tremendous benefit. SITE is grateful that MSD would not only allow but proactively seek input from SITE. A huge SITE "thank you" to Jennifer Bouquet of J&J Boring, Inc.; Kris Bates of Bates Utility Company, Inc.; Mike Luth of Fred M. Luth and Sons, Inc.; and Travis Jarrels of SAK Construction for their time and expertise.

### WE TRY TO MAKE FINDING PROJECTS EZ

As a contractor, finding construction projects to bid can be a lot of work, especially if you search numerous websites, newspapers and online planrooms. We know because we do it every week.

SITE operates a <u>free</u> online database called EZ BIDS. Users can easily find and search through more than 100 bid opportunities from local cities, counties, sewer districts, school districts and much more.

Members can also search for projects based on demographical areas or the work their company performs. Plus, we send weekly email notifications with planholder lists and new project listings. How easy is that!

Contact Aaron at SITE's office aaron@sitestl.org if you need to become a registered user or do not receive our weekly email notices.





### **CONTRACTOR MEMBERS**

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Baxter Farms & Nurseries

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Adam Guthrie

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| All Star Concrete Pumping                                      | Keith Dennis                | (636) 475-9539                   |  |
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| Cherokee Hauling, LLC  | Mike Tallis                 | (314) 393-7112                   |  |
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| Drainscapes  | Casey Graves                | (314) 892-9888                   |  |
| Drilling Service Company                                       | Sean Jackson                | (314) 291-1111                   |  |
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| Fick Supply Service, Inc.                                      | Dave Fick                   | (314) 560-0146                   |  |
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#### MAKE SITE WORK FOR YOU

### 40TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT AND DINNER

After COVID-19 canceled SITE's Annual Golf Tournament and Dinner in 2020, the 40th Annual Tournament was finally held on Monday, Aug 16. For the third straight tournament, registrations reached the maximum number of golfers possible, 300! Golfers and volunteers were treated to ideal weather conditions at Norwood Hills Country Club on the day of the tournament.

While it was another sellout year for golfers, it was also a record year for sponsorships! A huge thank you to all of the sponsors of the golf tournament.



The 2020 golf tournament was just one SITE event impacted by COVID-19. SITE's efforts to surprise former Executive Director Terry Briggs with a retirement party were thwarted by COVID. Given Terry enjoyed coordinating and participating in the tournament each year, it was only fitting to recognize him at there. Terry was recognized before the large golf crowd by SITE's current Executive Director, Jeremy Bennett, and St. Louis County Executive Sam Page. St. Louis County issued a proclamation to Mr. Briggs naming August 16<sup>th</sup> as "Terry Briggs Day" and celebrated the accomplishments of Terry throughout his career at SITE Improvement Association. We wish Terry the best in his retirement.



SITEPAC seized an opportunity to conduct a Bourbon Raffle at the tournament and successfully raised \$3,700. Attendees could purchase up to \$100 in raffle tickets for chances to win a variety of 11 different bourbon bottles. (It is unlawful for an individual to make, or for SITEPAC to receive, greater than a \$100 anonymous cash contribution.) Ultimately, Steve Groene of Tramar Contracting, Inc. held the winning ticket and claimed the bourbon collection, with a suggested retail value of \$525. Congratulations, Steve.



# West Course Winners:

#### Closest to the pin #4

Adam Guthrie

#### Closest to the pin #7

Dave Schatz

#### Closest to the pin #10

Steve Schaller

#### Closest to the pin #12

Spencer Mason

#### Longest drive 64 & younger

Bill George

(pictured below)

#### Longest drive 65 & over

Mike Jerome



# Flight Winners:



## A Flight Winners Score: 53

Pictured: Andy Jones, Jason Frede, Adam Guthrie and Andy Francis



### B Flight Winners

Score: 64

Pictured: Tony Palumbo, Rich Unverferth

and Todd Basler

Not pictured: Tim Bussen



#### C Flight Winners Score: 68

Pictured: Stephen Milne, Chris Davis, and

Tom Milne

Not pictured: Adam Haarmann

# **East Course Winners:**

#### Closest to the pin #8

Greg Bangert

#### Closest to the pin #10

Dan Christian

#### Closest to the pin #13

Tony Soukenik

#### Closest to the pin #15

Tanner Alexander (pictured below)

#### Longest drive 64 & younger

Kyle Mensing

#### Longest drive 65 & over

Mike Clark

#### Ladies longest drive

Julie Fernandez





# UPCOMING TUNE IN TUESDAY WEBINAR

"Components of a Successful Fleet"

When: Tuesday, August 24, 2021

**Presented by:** Lisa Lamons of Concrete Strategies, LLC

August 24

Description: As construction contractors, we are faced with managing a fleet of vehicles, trucks, CDL drivers, non CDL drivers, and maintenance of our vehicles, all while navigating through the unfamiliar world of DOT and FMCSA. They have their own special rules and regulations that we must comply with as we try to manage employees who are mainly construction-minded individuals. Navigating wrongly could lead to violations and audits that could result in your fleet being shut down; inhibiting our production in the field. This webinar will be a high level overview of how to structure your successful fleet.

## INTERESTED IN SEEING YOUR WEBINAR POSTED HERE?

SITE is looking for interested members, both associate and contractor, to host educational webinars. Are you interested in hosting a Tune In Tuesday webinar? Contact Aaron at aaron@sitestl.org or find more details at www.sitestl.org. This is a great opportunity to get in front of SITE's members and educate them on topics relative to their business while maintaining social distancing. It will also provide members a chance to get a better understanding of the services each company/firm provides.

#### SITE BOARD ELECTIONS

Interested in becoming a member of SITE's board of directors? The process starts in September when those interested in serving on the board either seek someone to nominate them or nominate themselves. Following the receipt of nominations, a ballot is drafted and sent to contractors in each of the construction divisions, with voting in October.

Each of SITE's seven construction divisions-- Asphalt Paving, Concrete, Earthmoving, Highway and Bridge, Landscaping, Sewer/Utility and Specialty-have two representatives on the board of directors. The terms of office are two years, with a limit of three consecutive terms (six years). Terms are staggered so that one seat is voted upon each year.

Only companies within the contractor division are allowed to vote for the candidate representing their division. For example, concrete contractors vote only for the director in the concrete division. Each company in good standing and having paid in full their membership dues is allowed one vote in the election. If a tie occurs, a second ballot is mailed to contractors for another vote.

The Associate Division is handled much the same way, except Associate Division directors are limited to only two terms. A nominating committee, consisting of the association president, immediate past president and other association division director not standing for election, develops the ballot based on nominations submitted. If no nominees are submitted, the committee recruits candidates to seek the office.

Directors elected this year begin serving on the board January 2022.

Watch for more details emailed from SITE staff in September!

### NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

SITE Improvement Association held a new member orientation on Thursday, July 15. The new members learned about the SITE staff, history of SITE and its role in the industry, contractor divisions and associate members, the structure of the Executive Officers and Board of Directors, how SITE is funded, services offered through SITE and how to get involved. The lunch was well attended. Mr. Steiniger presented the new members with their SITE membership plaque. SITE received an email from a new member who attended who said, "It was nice to put faces with all the past correspondence. I wanted to thank you guys for offering the new member orientation. I felt it was very beneficial to meet the staff, see the office and learn more about SITE. I also thought it was super impressive that Mike Steiniger was present for today's meeting. It showed me how much pride everyone who is super involved has in SITE. Lunch was much appreciated as well"...



Tony Coco with Archview Services



Mike Tallis with Cherokee Hauling



Joe Wayman with Cogent Analytics



Mike Kitchen with Don Brown Chevrolet



Mark Wheeler with MW Drone Photography



Allan Akowicz with Pacific GeoSource



Steve Polk and Marianne Pott with Stormwater STL



### **CELEBRATE 55 YEARS OF SITE WITH A BANG!**

Register for an explosive time and celebrate with SITE at its 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party as Sky Wars Exclusive VIPs at The Village of Innsbrook Fireworks Field on Saturday, September 25. Registration closes Tuesday, August 31.

Cost is \$125 per person. This event is for those 21 and over. Price includes VIP parking, premium open bar, appetizers, buffet dinner with desserts, and the best seats in the house for the nation's largest fireworks competition.



To register, visit www.sitestl.org and look for the 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary under the Events tab. For questions about this event, contact Rhonda by email at rhonda@sitestl.org or at SITE's office by calling (314) 966-2590. **No reservations will be accepted after Tuesday, August 31.** 

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## LABOR REPORT

#### BY JEREMY BENNETT

#### PENSION FUNDING

With positive investment returns hitting double digits and funding improvement plans in place, many pension funds have bounced back with their funding levels. Pension fund trustees, which in-



clude equal labor and management, are looking at dropping the assumed rate of returns on these funds. What does that mean? It means if the current assumed rate of return is 7.5 percent, and the fund is having trouble hitting that rate of return each year, it may be wise to lower the rate of return once pension levels rise due to big returns from the markets. In future years when returns are lower than the assumed rate of return, it is a softer blow on the funded percentage.

These are big decisions being made by labor and management. While all trustees would love to see these funds 140 percent+ funded, it does take time with the ebbs and flows of investment returns.

# CURRENT PENSION FUNDING PERCENTAGE UPDATES

Operating Engineers Local 513: 84 percent funded Cement Masons Local 527: 89 percent funded St. Louis Laborers: 101 percent funded

St. Charles/Outstate Laborers: 99 percent funded

#### LABOR MANAGEMENT

# MEETING WITH OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL 513

Mid-July, SITE hosted its annual Labor-Management Meeting with Local 513 to discuss industry concerns successes and help resolve any current issues; - which at the forefront was manpower. With more than 30 contractors and 8 union reps present, it was a very lively but productive meeting. Contractors are concerned with the lack of qualified Operators with the uptick in work. Work hours reported are indicating an uphill trend in hours as 2021 carries into September. The discussion circled back to permitted employees and preapprentices, who can help support the workload. Contractors also discussed diversity ordinances and how the Local 513 program could try different tactics to increase minority participation in the training program. Should any contractor have any questions regarding the pre-apprentice or permit employee application, please contact Jeremy Bennett at SITE's office.

# CURRENT MAN-POWER REPORTS



Operating Engineers Local 513: 97 percent members are employed.

Cement Masons Local 527: 99 percent members are employed.

St. Louis Laborers: 97 percent members are employed.

St. Charles/Outstate Laborers: 96 percent members are employed.

# COVID VACCINATIONS



As COVID cases continue to rise in Missouri, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) are urging the public to get the vaccination. Many health experts agree the best way to decrease your risk is by getting the vaccine. If your employees wish to receive the vaccination, the Department of Labor and OSHA are urging employers to grant them paid time off for all employees. Businesses with fewer than 500 employees may be eligible for tax credits under the American Rescue Plan if they provide paid time off for employees who decide to receive the vaccine and to recover from any potential side effects from the vaccine.

Get the facts about COVID-19 vaccines and find a vaccine near you at **MOStopsCovid.com**.



# FROM THE SAFETY SIDE

#### **EXCESSIVE ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION**

The 2021 impaired driving national enforcement mobilization "*Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over*" goes into effect across the country from August 18 to September 6, 2021. One of the deadliest and most often committed - yet preventable - of crimes (impaired driving), has become a serious safety epidemic in our country. Unfortunately, the construction industry has a very high rate of heavy alcohol use among workers.

Therefore, it's important to talk to your employees about the dangers of not just impaired driving, but also excessive drinking. According to the CDC, "Excessive drinking includes binge drinking, heavy drinking, and any drinking by pregnant women or people younger than age 21. Binge drinking, the most common form of excessive drinking, is defined as consuming (4 or more drinks during a single occasion for women) and (5 or more drinks during a single occasion for men)." Alcohol and other drugs disrupt coordination and judgment, increasing a worker's risk of being involved in a variety of accidents. Workers don't have to use the substances at work to be at an increased risk, though. Hangovers from substance abuse can increase fatigue and decrease focus.

There are also long-term health risks associated with heavy alcohol consumption. Over time, excessive alcohol use can lead to the development of chronic diseases and other serious problems including high blood pressure, heart disease, stroke, liver disease, and many other issues. Recently, I was informed a family friend



was diagnosed with Cirrhosis. If you've never heard of it, Cirrhosis is a late stage of scarring (fibrosis) of the liver caused by many forms of liver diseases and chronic alcoholism. Sadly, Cirrhosis is non-reversable and can cause an individual to be more susceptible to other illnesses.

If an employee asks for resources, there are a few treatment clinics in our area.

- Alcoholics Anonymous STL, 14 Sunnen Dr Ste 144, St. Louis, MO 63143 (314) 647-3677
- TriCounty Intergroup, St. Charles County (636) 970-0013



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### **2021 UPCOMING EVENTS**

Saturday, Sept. 25 SITE's 55th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Innsbrook - Skywars Challenge

Thursday, Oct. 7 CLAY BIRD SHOOT

Black Hawk Valley

Thursday, Oct. 28 **JOINT LUNCH WITH APWA** 

Orlando's - Maryland Heights

Thursday, Dec. 9 HOLIDAY HAPPY HOUR

Bogey Hills Country Club

Visit sitestl.org for more upcoming events