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# 41ST ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT AND DINNER

"You couldn't ask for better weather" was the phrase most heard at SITE's Annual Golf Tournament, held on Monday, August 15. It's rare for temperatures to be in the low eighties in the middle of August in St. Louis, but that is exactly what golfers were treated to along with clouds and low humidity.

SITE sold out Norwood Hills Country Club with the largest and best construction industry golf tournament in the area. This was the 41st year of the members-only tournament, and the 26th year it's been held at Norwood Hills Country Club. Golfers and dinner guests were treated to cocktails on the patio followed by the always anticipated delicious filets served at dinner.

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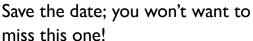
### **OCTOBER 27 SITE/APWA MEETING**





SITE and the American Public Works Association (APWA) are joining together to host a general membership meeting luncheon on Thursday, October 27, 2022, at Orlando's, 2050 Dorsett Village Plaza, Maryland

Heights, MO 63043. The guest speaker is the Lambert Airport Director, Rhonda Hamm-Niebruegge. She will share the history of Lambert Airport along with what's happening at the airport and future plans/ideas.





### **MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES**

The 2022-2023 SITE Membership Directory has been mailed to all



#### 2022-2023 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

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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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# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COLUMN

### **JEREMY BENNETT**

What a day it was for the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Golf Tournament! Low eighties, nice breeze, mostly cloudy and low humidity made play very enjoyable for the 330 golfers, volunteers and dinner guests. The weather was the best we've had during the tournament since I started 10 years ago. The course conditions were wonderful, and the pace of play was excellent for a sold-out tournament. But what really makes this the largest and BEST construction industry golf tournament are our members. The golf, sponsorships, charitable contributions, bourbon raffle, volunteers, and great memories are because of YOU. Thank you all again for such a great tournament.

I would like to give a well-earned shout-out to the golf committee, volunteers, sponsors and SITE's staff for all their hard work organizing the event. The golf tournament takes months of preparation to execute properly, and everyone involved did a wonderful job. They also did a great job picking out a Cardinal red polo attendance gift. I hope our members are sporting those red golf polos at some upcoming Cardinal playoff games!

Thank you to all of SITE's members who participated in the Membership Needs Assessment that was sent out electronically over the summer. The assessment will be presented to our Board Members at their upcoming September Fall Board meeting where planning discussions take place for 2023. A number of issues will be addressed during the meeting, including labor contracts expiring, 2023 legislation, bylaw changes, upcoming training, M/WBE functions and other SITE initiatives.

In early August, SITE hosted a meeting for the Eastern Missouri Common Ground Alliance, a group of utility owners and SITE member contractors who work together to better the underground utility excavation industry through safety and best working practices. The group was made aware that with the increase of construction work and lack of workers in the utility locating industry, there will be delayed response times to one-call tickets. The utility owners mentioned that utility locates can be completed quicker if contractors use the polygon features on the One Call website or white mark areas where contractors plan to dig so utility locators are marking dig sites versus entire parcels. Contractors mentioned that they are concerned with the quality of the locates and an increasing number of no responses or incorrect locates, which are slowing down work. SITE is asking our members to clearly indicate on sites where excavation is planned to help speed up locates so locators can move to other job sites quickly. This is not how the law was written or even intended, but with worker shortages and increased ticket volumes, the industry needs to work together as best they can.

I hope all our members have time to enjoy the fruits of your hard work this upcoming Labor Day. Construction companies and suppliers to the industry have been grinding away trying to get supplies in on time, equipment when and where it's needed, and labor to make it all happen. Take some time this upcoming holiday to appreciate all the hard work completed during these frustrating post-COVID times. You deserve it!



# LEGISLATIVE REPORT

### BY AARON GRIESHEIMER

Five states held primary elections on August 2-Arizona, Kansas, Michigan, Washington, and of
course Missouri. All eyes were on the hotly contested race for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated
by Senator Roy Blunt. There were a total of 21 different candidates. In the end, Missouri Attorney
General Eric Schmitt was the victor, defeating Congresswoman Vicki Hartzler and scandal-ridden former Missouri Governor Eric Greitens. He will face
Democrat Trudy Busch Valentine in the November
General Election.

Eric Schmitt	45.7%
Vicky Hartzler	22.1%
Eric Greitens	18.9%
Billy Long	5%



At the state level, 17 of the 34 Missouri State Senate seats were up for re-election. Around the St. Louis metropolitan area, it was a battle between conservative caucus-aligned candidates and institutional republican candidates. What is the conservative caucus? It's safe to say the conservative caucus is a far-right political group founded in 2018. The Senate conservative caucus is a five-member group of elected officials who have been involved in an escalating war with Republican leadership due to their



political priorities. The group is not afraid to filibuster members of their own party or add partisan amendments to bipartisan bills that potentially "kill" legislation. The group has also attempted to eliminate Senate Bill 262 (gas tax).

Starting in St. Charles County, John Wiemann squared off against Nick Schroer for Senator Bob Onder's seat (District 2). Despite both serving in the Missouri House together, the main difference between the two is Wiemann ran as the "commonsense conservative," and Schroer pledged his allegiance to the conservative caucus. Nick Schroer was the ultimate victor in the race.

Nick Schroer	<b>57.6</b> %
John Wiemann	42.4%

In District 26, five different candidates ran for the open seat being vacated by Senator Dave Schatz. However, it was really a juggernaut between political newcomer Ben Brown, small businessman Bob Jones, and current state representative Nate Tate. With the votes being split between the moderate candidates, Ben Brown was able to win a majority of the conservative base.

Ben Brown	39%
Bob Jones	27.9%
Nate Tate	26.7%

In District 22, which is entirely in northern Jefferson County, it was a similar situation. Jeff Roorda, former state representative and current business manager for the St. Louis Police Officers Association, was a former Democrat who flipped political parties. Dan Shaul, state representative and current Executive Director for the Missouri Grocers Asso-



ciation, also ran as a moderate, pro-business candidate. Mary Elizabeth Coleman, state representative, ran as the sole female and pledged support to the conservative caucus. Coleman was able to maneuver to the right of her opponents and took home the victory.

Mary Elizabeth Coleman 34.9% 24% leff Roorda Dan Shaul 23.3%

When the dust settled, it was clear the conservative caucus candidates had a good night. In all, the group picked up four new members in the Missouri Senate. Plus, a Republican incumbent, Bill White of Joplin, was defeated by a candidate who vowed to align with the caucus too. If all seats remain in control of the party that currently holds them, the new breakdown of the Senate after the primaries will likely be a nine-member conservative caucus, 15 senators aligned with Republican leadership and 10 Demo-

Recently, the group announced they planned to completely disband. However, many political enthusiasts believe it's nothing more than an attempt by its followers to appear less threatening heading into leadership races. It's expected next year will be much like this year filled with political tension and filibusters. For the sake of the good of the people, let's hope otherwise.

## **MANAGEMENT SEMINARS**

Jan. 27 - Feb. 3, 2023

"Increase the Value of your **Business: Strategies for** Growth, Ownership Succession and Shareholder Liquidity"

SITE's Management Seminars committee is excited to announce that they selected Lee Lloyd to speak at the 2023 Management Seminars at Secrets Riviera Cancun Resort & Spa.

Lee will guide members on best practices to increase the value of your businesses through growth strategies, ownership succession and shareholder liquidity. This two-day seminar will enlighten emerging leaders and seasoned owners on different strategies to make the most out of their business today, during succession, transfers, mergers and exits.

The seminar will be held on both Sat., Jan. 28, and Sun., Jan. 29, with both sessions running 8:00-10:00 a.m. each day.





Reservations will be accepted now through September 14. Don't miss your chance to lock in early and avoid late registration penalties. Visit sitestl.org for more information and the registration form. Contact Rhonda with any questions.

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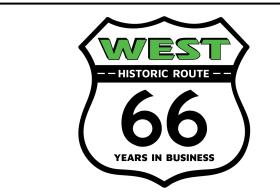














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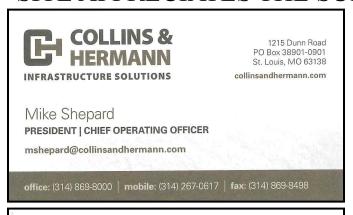
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management of native plant communities.



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With their success at last year's tournament, SITEPAC brought back the Bourbon Raffle with the addition of some Irish whiskeys not available to purchase in the U.S. The raffle was once again a hot ticket, earning SITEPAC just over \$3,000. Greg Bangert of Gateway Dredging & Contracting was the lucky winner of 11 bottles of bourbon and whiskey valued over \$600. Cheers, Greg!

This tournament and other SITE events are known for being first class, and it's all made possible through our generous sponsors. Your support keeps the golf tournament costs in check and allows for quicker play with no cash games on the course. Even SITE's Travel Agent kicked in a three night stay at the all-inclusive Secrets Wild Orchid in Montego Bay, Jamaica for two. SITE auctioned off the trip with the proceeds benefiting the Mighty Oakes Heart Foundation. The \$3,700 winning bid will support families of children born with congenital heart defects.



Last but not least, a special THANK YOU to all the amazing volunteers who helped the day of the tournament.





















# COMMUNITY RELATIONS

SITE has had a busy summer connecting, investing in our community, and supporting local efforts that endeavor to elevate the construction industry in the St. Louis Region.



### Yeah, I Built That

targeted high school students and counselors and community career programs to shift the narrative about careers in the trades and highlight the vast opportunities that trade careers can offer.

Uncorked was a fundraising dinner to support North County Incorporated's efforts to improve the quality of life for our North County community.





The Invenergy Networking Event brought together Invenergy and the Grain Belt Express to forge new contractor/ supplier relationships and to learn about the massive \$6 billion transmission line project.



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

BLACK HAWK VALLEY
HUNTING CLUB

\$660/FOURSOME \$42/PERSON DINNER ONLY

> SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

**3 BONUS CHALLENGES** 







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# MISS AUGUSTA RIVER CRUISE



Welcome aboard the Miss Augusta, Missouri's newest luxury yacht! This 105-foot yacht features levels where you can relax in air-conditioned climate-controlled salons or bask in the sun from the third-level sundeck. Who would not like to network and cruise on a yacht all at the same time? Here's your chance! SITE has scheduled a two-hour networking cruise on the Mississippi River aboard the Miss Augusta on **Saturday, September 10.** 

Additional event details can be found at www.sitestl.org. Register online by August 26. Cost to attend is \$130 per person. Hor d'oeuvres and cocktails will be provided the entire cruise. Reservations will be limited to four people or two couples per member company. After August 26, all available space will be open to any member company, regardless of previous reservations. No reservations will be accepted after September 2. Any questions, please call SITE's office.

### **NEW LOCATION FOR BOARDING & PARKING**

Boarding and Parking is at Yacht Club of St. Louis - 105 Lake Village Dr., St. Charles, MO 63301

Boarding - 11:30 a.m. at St. Louis Yacht Club Departure from dock - 12:00 p.m. Return to dock around 2:00 p.m.

### 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 2023.

Watch for more details emailed from SITE staff in September!



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### **Asphalt Paving Division**

### **Earthmoving Division**

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### WASHINGTON TOWN AND COUNTRY FAIR

It was hot and humid, but that didn't stop kids from attending the 2022 Washington Town & Country Fair. The event ran from August 3 to August 7. SITE Improvement Association once again sponsored the "Mini Excavator Challenge," where kids had the opportunity to operate a real mini excavator!

While the event was fun, the goal was to introduce kids to construction. Kids had a blast trying to pick up a piece of 4x4 wood and drop it into a 55-gallon drum. It was such a popular attraction, kids lined up all afternoon. We especially want to thank Ballmann Earthworks, LLC for donating their mini excavator for the event.





### SITE OSHA PARTNERSHIP SIGNS NEW AGREEMENT

On July 29, SITE Improvement Association and the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupation Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) signed a new five-year agreement. An official signing ceremony was held to solidify the alliance. Attendees included Bill McDonald, OSHA Area Director; Maryanne Heuer Martin, OSHA Compliance Assistance Specialist; Brandon Flinn, Business Manager/Secretary Treasurer of the Missouri-Kansas Laborers' District Council; Dan Bottoms, Administrator of the Training School for the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 513; Kevin Keenoy, SITE Vice-President; and our contractor partners were all on hand to pledge their support.

The SITE-OSHA Partnership is a coalition of 13-contractors including: Budrovich Excavating & Contracting, Collins and Herman, Inc., Concrete Strategies, LLC, DJM Ecological Services, Drilling Services Company, Karrenbrock Excavating, Kelpe Contracting, Millstone Weber LLC, N.B. West Contracting, PCX LLC, Premier Demolition, Thomas Industrial Coatings, and Tramar Contracting. This program is completely voluntary, and meetings are held once each quarter. Participants must conduct jobsite safety inspections, log training

hours, report jobsite incidents, and many other safety-related measures.

While the program was ultimately created to reduce injuries and fatalities, it also serves as a resource to help contractors save on their insurance. If your company is interested in participating in the SITE-OSHA partnership, contact Aaron Griesheimer at aaron@sitestl.org for more information.





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# ST. LOUIS BUILDING TRADES EMPLOYMENT

The Saint Louis Building Trades recently reported the following percentages of their members who are gainfully employed:

100% Operators 100% Plumbers & Pipefitters

100% Laborers 100% Electricians

100% Cement Masons 100% Sheet Metal Workers

100% Teamsters 100% Carpenters

100% Iron Workers 100% Sprinkler Fitters

100% Insulators 100% Painters

100% Brick Layers 100% Boiler Makers

This essentially means that all union members are employed, and most union locals have travelers in from out of town working in the area. This is the first time in the last 10 years I have seen reports like this. The manpower section below is being repeated from the last newsletter issue because many contractors are reaching out for guidance on how to recruit workers. At this time, most unions will put new employees on a permit but for up-to-date changes, contact the local union halls.

### **MANPOWER ISSUES**

Manpower issues will be plaguing the St. Louis construction industry for the foreseeable future. What can you do? Recently the Laborers Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee and Joint Apprenticeship Training Fund agreed to address the apprentice-to-journeyman ratio. This is a delicate balance, because the group has to be mindful of training capacity at the laborers training school. This amendment below was agreed to by all parties.

Any employer signatory to the Laborers Agreement can hire apprentices on a 3 (journeyman)-1 (apprentice) ratio. As an example this means that companywide if you employ 10 journeyman laborers, you may employ 3 apprentices. This is a temporary change from the collective bargaining agreement, which restricts the number of apprentices per company. There has not been an end date discussed.

Other manpower tips; You can hire an operator pre-apprentice to work at your company while the pre-apprentice waits for the 513 operators training school to open for enrollment. The waiting period for an operator pre-apprentice after registering at the school may be 8-14 months. During that waiting period, the pre-apprentice can work for the company at 1st level apprentice scale. If contractors are interested, there must be less than 5 percent apprentices on the out-of-work list at the hall and the employer must call the 513 operators hall to get approval to onboard a pre-apprentice.

# B.U.D. (BUILDING UNION DIVERSITY)

SITE's Director of Communication and Community Relations, Burnea Lester, partnered with Clayco's Director of Field Diversity, Inclusion and Culture, Dan Lester, on August 1, in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion training for B.U.D.'s pre-apprentice program.

The training focused on best practices for up-andcoming trade professionals navigating a field-culture environment. Receiving and giving feedback, emotional intelligence, and mental health were just a few topics addressed.



# FROM THE SAFETY SIDE

SITE members should be aware, OSHA recently sent out a public notice regarding newly updated regulations related to "noise." While this may seem silly, hazardous noise is actually one of the most common occupational hazards in American workplaces. In fact, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC)/National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) estimates that 22 million workers in the U.S. are exposed to hazardous noise that contributes to accidents and injuries. Plus, OSHA requires employers to implement a hearing conservation program when noise exposure is at or above 85 decibels averaged over eight working hours

To adequately protect workers, OSHA recommends companies conduct a workplace hazard analysis. In other words, walk around the jobsite to identify any potential "hazardous noise" levels. If you need to raise your voice to speak to someone 3 feet away, noise levels might be over 85 decibels. A sound level meter or other similar devices can be used to help monitor and identify any harmful noise levels on the jobsite too. Once the dangers have been identified, be sure and write down your findings to show OSHA you conducted a jobsite inspection.

If your findings conclude the decibels are at a high or dangerous level, the employer should try to limit the amount of time a person spends near that noise source. However, construction workers don't have that luxury and must work near heavy equipment so limited exposure is nearly impossible.

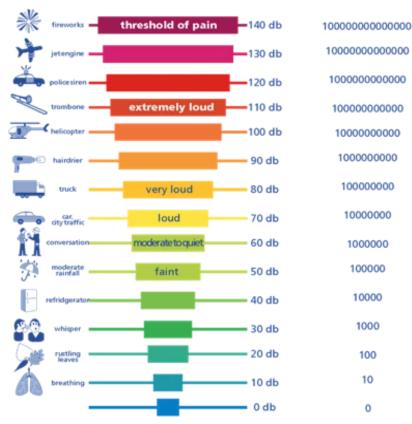
Therefore under 29 CFR 1926.101, OSHA requires employers to provide hearing protection that has been individually fitted (or determined to fit) by a competent person to help reduce noise levels whenever it is not feasible to eliminate worker exposure to noise. In other words, an employer must provide hearing protection for their employees if the jobsite exposes them to harmful noise levels.

The choice of hearing protection depends on several different factors including the level of noise, comfort, and the suitability of the hearing protector for both the worker and the environment. Most importantly, the hearing protector should reduce the Noise Reduction Rating (NRR) for the wearer of the hearing protective device.

Here is a list of different types of hearing protection devices to choose from.

- · Earplugs have the highest NRR (up to 33 dB) and are inexpensive. Plugs must be inserted properly!
- · Earmuffs form air-tight seal over the ear, NRR up to 30 dB; less effective when using eyewear.
- · Canal Caps lower NRR; use pressure from a headband to hold the earplugs in place.

So be sure to monitor the decibel levels during your jobsite inspections. If levels are too high, fit your employees with the proper hearing protection for their safety. If you don't, any excuses given to OSHA will likely fall on deaf ears.





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Sat., September 10 MISS AUGUSTA RIVER CRUISE

Yacht Club of St. Louis

Thurs., October 6 CLAY BIRD SHOOT

Black Hawk Valley

Thurs., October 27 SITE/APWA JOINT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Orlando's

Wed., November 2 MWBE Networking Event

Schlafly Tap Room

Thurs., December 1 HOLIDAY HAPPY HOUR

Bogey Hills Country Club

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