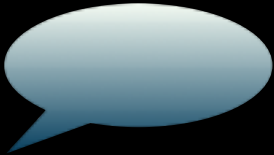




RETIREEES' NEWSLETTER

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Retirement/Benefits:

***For medical, dental, & vision ask for Monica**

***For all other retiree issues ask for Denise**

Email: Countybenefits@stlouiscountymo.gov

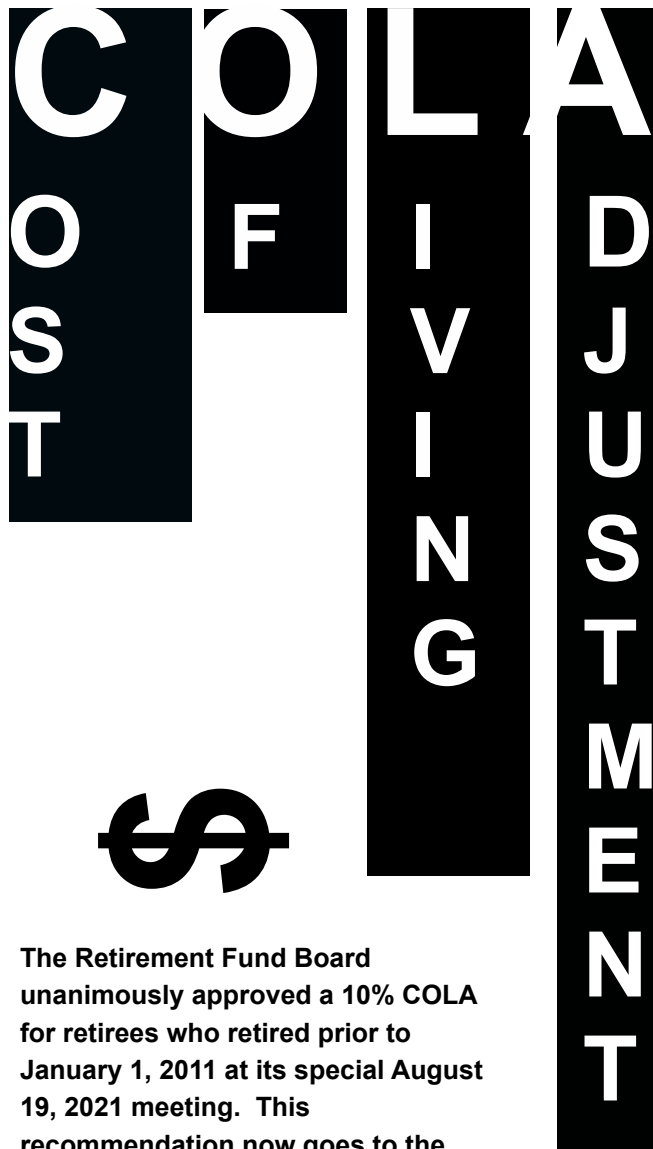
314-615-5180

M-F 8:30am-5:00 pm

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Newsletter submissions,
 questions, comments:
 % Rosemary Wilson
 Retiree & Volunteer Reporter
 314-997-3474
wilsonrosemary@me.com

Reviewed by
 Susan Daniels
 Personnel/HR Director
 St. Louis County



The Retirement Fund Board unanimously approved a 10% COLA for retirees who retired prior to January 1, 2011 at its special August 19, 2021 meeting. This recommendation now goes to the County Executive and if he approves, it goes to the County Council for final approval.

An Ancient Zen Tale for 2021

Once upon a time as a man was walking through the forest, he saw a tiger peering out at him from the underbrush. As the man turned to run, he heard the tiger spring out after him to give chase.

Barely ahead of the tiger, running for his life, our hero came to the edge of a steep cliff. Clinging onto a strong vine, the man climbed over the cliff edge just as the tiger was about to pounce.

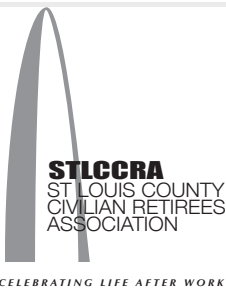
Hanging over the side of the cliff, with the hungry tiger pacing above him, the man looked down and was dismayed to see another tiger, stalking the ravine far below. Just then a tiny mouse darted out from a crack in the cliff face above him and begin to gnaw on the vine.

At that precise moment, the man notice a patch of wild strawberries growing from a clump of earth near where he dangled. Reaching out he plucked one. It was plump and perfectly ripe; warmed by the sunshine.

He popped the strawberry into his mouth. It was perfectly delicious.



Photo compliments unsplash.com



(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"

2021 DUES

2020 Members

will pay **no** 2021 dues.
New members 2021 will pay \$12. See below for Treasurer contact info.

NO MEETINGS OR EVENTS SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME (Not forever. Just for now.)

CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR UPDATES

www.STLCCRA.com

***2020 Members—No additional dues for 2021.**

New Member dues \$12/year

c/o Delores Clayton, Treas. PH 314-385-3324
E mail: deelo65@sbcglobal.net

Association Information:

c/o President, Marian McCreary

Telephone: 314-291-1867

Email: mmccre8814@aol.com

Website: www.STLCCRA.com

NEWS

STLCCRA Annual Winter Wonderland Project

See Page 4.

COLA Information

(Cost of Living Adjustment)

Marian McCreary, President STLCCRA

The last COLA for retirees was in 2005.

For several years a handful of retirees from both the Civilian and Retired Police Associations have independently worked to secure a COLA for St. Louis County retirees by attending the Retirement Fund Board meetings, shared recommendations, and written to both the Board and other County officials.

At its special meeting on August 19, 2021 the Retirement Board took the first step towards a COLA.It voted unanimously for a COLA that will cost \$1.9 million for a 10% COLA for current retirees and beneficiaries who retired prior to January 1, 2011. This motion was reconfirmed by the Board at its regular August 26, 2021 meeting.

This recommendation has been sent to the St. Louis County Executive for review and recommendation. If the County Executive approves, the COLA recommendation would then be sent to the St. Louis County Council for its approval.

If the COLA is finally approved, its implementation date would probably be January 1, 2022.



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."

MEETING:

Thurs., December 2, 2021 1 pm
7th Precinct - West County
232 Vance Road, 63088

Saturday, January 29, 2022

Installation Lunch Noon
Royal Orleans Banquet Center
2801 Telegraph Rd, 63125
RSVP Jerry 314-422 7117 by
January 21, 2022

\$10/member & guest

\$20 each additional guest

Membership dues \$15/year

c/o Deborah Arington, Treas.

Phone: 314-423-9978

E mail: deboraharington1953@gmail.com

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E mail: mrm194917@gmail.com

c/o Secretary, Jerry Hawkins

E mail: skyhawk591@charter.net

Are you familiar with the St. Louis County Parks Foundation?

The St. Louis County Parks Foundation was created in 2015 to address the decline in facilities in the 71 parks and 12,700 acres within the St. Louis County Park system. Its mission is to support and promote the facilities, programs, capital improvements and resources of the St. Louis County Parks through innovative capital improvements. Some of the already completed projects include placing of play equipment/pods on family trails in Spanish Lake, Creve Coeur, and Jefferson Barracks, fountains in Spanish Lake Park and Faust Park, Children's Garden and much more. Future projects include placement of an historic African American School House at Faust Park, improvements to the playground at Queeny Park and improvements to Kinloch Park. More of the Foundation's accomplishments can be seen on their website, stlouiscountyparksfoundation.org

Currently, the St. Louis County Parks Foundation is entirely volunteer supported and many opportunities to help are always available. Areas of assistance needed include help with special fundraising events such as Winter Wonderland, St. Louis Art Fair and other exciting new events; assisting with grant applications; researching fundraising opportunities; computer graphics for park projects, marketing promotions and social media.

Anyone interested in being a part of this exciting and rewarding effort to ensure the St. Louis County Parks will stay beautiful, recreational, educational, and accessible to all for years to come contact Ginny McCook at vash348@aol.com

For more information on who we are, go to www.stlouiscountyparksfoundation.org

St. Louis County's New Website Address (URL)
www.stlouiscountymo.gov

Help Needed at Winter Wonderland.....

The St. Louis County Civilian Retirees Association (STLCCRA) has applied again with the County Parks Department to work one evening for Winter Wonderland between Thanksgiving and Christmas. We split the evening into two shifts of volunteers 5-7:30 PM and 7:30-10 PM. We need a total of 6-10 volunteers for each shift and we have about 12 volunteers so far so we could use just a few more. If interested in working, please contact Marian McCreary, President via email: mmccre8814@aol.com or 314-291-1867

Bethany Coverson, Linda	RETIREES JUNE, 2021
Boeger, Jeff	Parks	
Caruso, David	Parks	
Eilermann, Mary	Police	
English, Cynthia	Health	
Gall, Anna	Administration	
Gulledge, Kevin	Justice Services	
Heine, Robert	Spirit Airport	
Howe, William	Police	
Melies, Scott	Police	
Parker, Hank	Family Court	
Roberson, Rick	Police	
Springhart, John	Public Works	
Vaughn, George	Police	
Wilson, John	Police	
Wilson, Siti	Public Works	
Baker, Marcus	Family Court RETIREES JULY, 2021
Brown, Maurice	Sheriff's Office	
Brown-Potts, Cathy	Revenue	
Carter, Alicia	Court en Banc	
Colombini, John	Police	
Crayton, Michael	Family Court	
Downing, Margaret	Public Works	
Fowler, June	Planning	
Fox, Robert	County Counselor	
Graf, Joseph	Transportation	
Grant, Caron	Health	
Keim, Danny	Police	
Lackey, Odie	Public Works	
Langhammer, Kim	Board of Elections	
Levin, Linda	County Counselor	
McCartney, Michael	Police	
Murphy, Thomas		
Nolen, Bernice	Revenue	
Palazzola, Karen	Revenue	
Slaughter, Michael	Police	
Smith, Susan	Health	
Wegman, Chris	Police	
Wright, Michael	Police	
Zinselmeier, Theodore	Police RETIREES AUGUST 2021
Bradley, John	Police	Reddick, John Police
Clemons, Derrick	Justice Services	Reuter, Patricia Administration
Conyers, Terry	Board of Elections	Seltzer, Brian Family Court
Donnelly, Teresa	Health	Trentham, Dawn Police
Howard, Rodgers	Administration	Trentham, Stephen Police
Humiston, James	Transportation	Williams, Warren Sheriff's Office
Kelley, O'Neil, Barbara	Family Court	
Neske, Paul	Police	

INFORMATION SUBMITTED BY STL COUNTY RETIREMENT & BENEFITS OFFICE. LIST INCLUDES INDIVIDUALS THAT HAD A VESTED BENEFIT BUT HAD LEFT COUNTY EMPLOYMENT PREVIOUSLY.

Deceased Retirees

ADDITION:

Brian, Don	Police	03/18/2021
Barnett, Jack	Transportation	06/22/2021

CORRECTION:

Gonzalez, Efren	Family Court	05/19/2021
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Terrill, Arnett		06/02/2021
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Dulle, Francis		06/10/2021
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Davis, John	Revenue	06/14/2021
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Johnson, Dolores	County Executive	06/18/2021
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Erby, Hazel	County Executive	07/02/2021
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Thompson, Betty	County Executive	07/12/2021
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Schneider, Ruth	Revenue	07/22/2021
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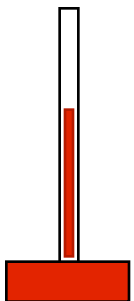
Ekern, Mary	Revenue	07/24/2021
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Guelker, Jane	Health	07/29/2021
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**INFORMATION SUBMITTED BY STL COUNTY RETIREMENT
AND BENEFITS OFFICE**

COLA BAROMETER

(COLA=Cost of Living Adjustment)



>St. Louis County Retirement Fund Balance on:

7/31/2021=**\$933,069,123**

>Funded Ratio on 6/30/2021=**83.7%**

NOTE: RSMo Section 105.684.1 specifies that a Missouri public employee retirement plan must have a minimum funded ratio of 80% to grant COLA with funded ratio not less than 75% in the plan after implementation of the COLA.

NOTE: St Louis County is a Charter County and as such has option to NOT follow the letter of this law in the matter of a COLA with its retirement plan.

Quote

Let us be grateful to the people who make us happy ; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom.

Marcel Proust

Everything About Disaster Preparedness
[Ready.gov/plan](https://www.ready.gov/plan)

Some Google Search Tips

- >Use quotes to locate specific info
Example: "potato soup recipe"
- >Use hyphen to exclude words (horse vs car)
Example: Mustang-cars
- >Find sites similar to other sites
Example: related:amazon.com
- >Use a colon for content on a certain website
Example: Stan Musial site:mlb.com

Graphics: freedigitalphotos.net

Fiscal data furnished by STL County Retirement & Benefits Office

