



Connections

ST. JOSEPH
Chamber of Commerce

The President's Perspective

It's Cold Down There

You may have recently heard the news from Jefferson City, the Missouri Legislature passed a bipartisan transportation funding bill for the first time in 25 years. Hell has indeed frozen over! After many failed attempts over the years, state politicians, both Democrats and Republicans, and a statewide coalition of various constituencies including the Chamber came together to pass the historic legislation. The approved transportation bill, Senate Bill 262, will increase the current 17 cent a gallon gas tax by 2.5 cents a year until it reaches 29.5 cents per gallon in 2025. This would put Missouri at about the current nationwide average once fully implemented.

You may ask why is the Chamber supportive of such an increase? The simple answer is the State must invest in its transportation system to support business and to grow the economy. Missouri has not properly funded transportation maintenance and improvements for years and it shows, not only to those of us who live here, but to those considering moving a business to the state and making an investment. From an economic development point of view, Missouri's transportation system had been a negative when it comes to recruiting new business.

The transportation bill will provide \$500 million annually to road and bridge improvements across the State. Not only that, but the ongoing construction is also estimated to create 17,000 new jobs. For a community like St. Joseph, the investment in the State's infrastructure has even more meaning. We are a community that makes things, which is underscored by our rank as the #3 exporter in Missouri. When you make things, you have to get them to customers. To efficiently and effectively do this you must have a modern, well-maintained transportation infrastructure.



R. Patt Lilly
President & CEO

So, after many years of working with legislators, writing letters of support, attending meetings and speaking in favor of additional transportation funding it has happened. The State will be better for it and our community will be better for it. Hades on the other hand is likely to remain frozen for some time to come.

NEW MEMBERS

The following businesses and individuals have been approved for membership in the St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce:

Ultra Clean Midwest Electro Polish LLC
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Metal Fabricators

University of Missouri - Kansas City
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5108 Cherry St. Ste 418
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pmba
Education

Euler Family Dental
Dr. Andrew Euler
2401 Frederick Ave. (06)
(816) 279-0514
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Dentists

Need help recruiting or retaining talent?



Uncommon Life is here to make recruiting employees to work and live in St. Joseph easier. The St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce has incorporated the Made with Uncommon Character brand to highlight why St. Joseph is a unique place...and why your recruits should call it home. This includes tools for you as a recruiter or human resources specialist to use when hiring and getting new hires acclimated to the community.

Tours -- Gift Baskets -- Welcomes -- Website

To see tools: uncommonlife.saintjoseph.com/hr

Share the website for potential residents: uncommonlife.info



Did you know...

- The Chamber is a non-profit with a majority of our budget funded by dues, sponsorships and advertisements
- The Total Resource Campaign (TRC) is your chance to market your business B2B with Chamber resources

Be a Champion of Commerce! Promote your business and invest in the Chamber! Contact Natalie at redmond@saintjoseph.com for more info on **WEB, PRINT, EVENT & VOLUNTEER** options.

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June Calendar

For more information, call 816/232-4461. **CREDIT CARD RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE ONLINE**, www.saintjoseph.com

All members, employees and guests are invited to attend events. Call the Chamber for any dietary needs. Reservations must be cancelled 24 hours in advance to avoid charges.

- 1, 8, 15, 22** **Business SUCCESSION Webinar Series**
In partnership with MWSU Center for Entrepreneurship
The goal of "Business SUCCESSION: Business Opportunities – Buy, Sell & Succeed" is to reach business owners who want to transition out of their business now or in the near future. The first three webinars will focus on business sellers and the last event will be in person for potential buyers and will include lunch and tours of businesses that are for sale. The June 22 event for buyers will be held at the Chamber.
Tuesdays, June 1, 8, 15 & 22
10 a.m. except for the 22nd, which is at 11:30 a.m. in person
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- 2** **Public Affairs Coffee**
Presented by Farmers State Bank
This Public Affairs Coffee will feature a legislative roundup from our local Senators and Representatives from what happened in the Jefferson City session. Public Affairs Coffee events feature issues involving social, economic, governmental, legislative and corporate activities that are of concern to Chamber members and the business community. Light breakfast served. \$25 for general public.
Wednesday, June 2
7:30 a.m., \$15
Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center
1201 N. Woodbine Road
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- 2/16, 10/24** **Circle of Influence**
Circle of Influence is a leads group composed of small business professionals looking to exchange direct client referrals and leads. The group also provides a forum for the discussion of issues which businesses commonly encounter. Only one member per profession/speciality in each group is allowed. Cost is \$100 to join. There are two groups, one that meets the first and third Wednesdays and another that meets the second and fourth Thursdays. Contact Natalie Redmond for more information, redmond@saintjoseph.com or (816) 364-4107. Meetings held at Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center, 1201 Woodbine.
June 2 & 16 and June 10 & 24
11:30 a.m. to 1p.m., Guests Free
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- 2** **THANK YOU & NEW RESIDENT EVENT**
 Presented by BMS Logistics
2020 was a rough year to be in HR or to be new to town. At this event we'll thank our hard working HR heroes and welcome new residents with food, drinks and prizes. Uncommon Life Talent Recruitment is presented by Altec Industries.
Wednesday, June 2
5 to 7 p.m., Free
Room 108
722 Felix St.
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- 8** **Lunch & Learn Seminar**
Presented by Butchart Flowers Inc. & Greenhouse
"Everyone Communicates, Few Connect"
In a world where success is increasingly dependent upon collaboration, you must learn to connect with people. Come learn from Corrie Sponseller, a John Maxwell Leadership Coach.
Lunch by Longboards Wraps & Bowls
Tuesday, June 8
\$10, lunch included
11:30 a.m. to 1p.m.
In person or virtual
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- 10** **DIPLOMATS CLUB Breakfast**
Presented by CLA
The Diplomats Club is a fun group that provides opportunities to promote your business and serve as a link between the Chamber and the community. Join them for their monthly meeting!
Thursday, June 10
7:15 a.m., \$7
Breakfast provided
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701 N. Noyes
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- 10** **Parties on the Parkway**
Presented by Nodaway Valley Bank
It's Parties on the Parkway time! Bring your lawn chairs and spread out along the Parkway while listening to some great local music. The band will be The Trace, which will perform Southern Rock and more.
Thursday, June 10
5 to 8 p.m., Free
SW Parkway and 28th St.
Rain Date June 17
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- 19** **101st Annual Banquet**
Presented by Commerce Bank
Join us for a very special outdoor Annual Banquet with a Kentucky Derby theme. Get out your big hats and seersucker suits and don't miss out on the biggest Chamber event of the year! Doors open at 6 p.m., with program at 7 p.m.
Saturday, June 19
6 p.m., \$50 or \$60 after June 14
Dinner provided
MWSU Spratt Stadium
4525 Downs Drive.
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- 24** **BUSINESS after HOURS**
Presented by Altec Industries, Inc.
Bring your business cards & meet your next client at this monthly event. Food and drinks provided.
Thursday, June 24
Free
The Tiger's Den
519 Felix St.
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- 28** **Women's Leadership Group**
Presented by Human Resource Management Association of Northwest Missouri
Co-sponsored with Northwest Missouri State University's Small Business Development Center, each month has a different featured topic for women business owners, managers and employees.
Monday, June 28
In person or virtual
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