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**CITY OF EAST ST. LOUIS**



# **PROGRESS AS PROMISED**

## **BASIC SERVICES BRIGHTER FUTURE**



**PICTURED LEFT-RIGHT**

**COUNCILMAN RYAN CASON, COUNCILWOMAN JO ANNE PARKS, MAYOR  
CHARLES POWELL III, COUNCILMAN LAVONDO PULLEY AND COUNCILMAN  
COURTNEY HOFFMAN**



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# City Hall Improvements







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## East St. Louis Surveillance Command Center Under Construction



**Investing In Our Staff,  
Equipment and Facilities**







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# The New Public Works Facility





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# Partnering for Success Reclaiming and Preserving Our Downtown





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# New Pop Myles Aquatic Center/Swimming Pool Under Construction





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# Commercial and Residential Development Under Construction Mt. Sinai-Winstanley





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# City Wide Storm Water and Sewer Infrastructure Improvements





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# 17th Street Surface Water Improvements





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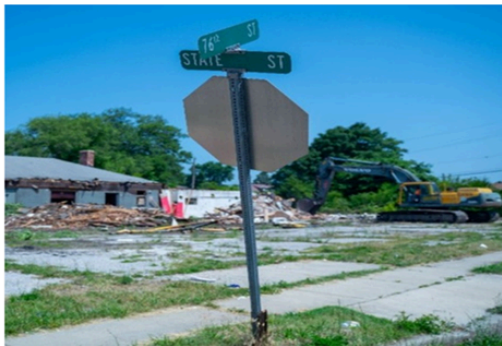
# Preserving Miles Davis Home







# Unprecedented Infrastructure Improvements





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# Lincoln Park New Tennis Courts





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# East St. Louis Senior High School New Tennis Courts Under Construction





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# New Police and Public Safety Center Coming Soon





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## East Side Health District Partnership



## Public Participation Meetings





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# Illinois Department Of Natural Resources Partnership





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## Partnership with Core Engineers to Address Flooding Concerns





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# ISP Headquarters Coming Soon Patrol, Investigations, Communications and SWAT Resources





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# 10 Million Raised to Support Capital Buildout of Innovation Center with a 10 Million State Match. Transforming 70 Acres of Post-Industrial Land

2024  
Highlights



## PARTNERS IN COLLABORATION



Illinois Extension  
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN



THE POWER OF COLLABORATION



## Expanding Opportunities in East St. Louis



Wyvetter School of Excellence students visit UIUC



JJK Foundation students visit T-REX St. Louis



UIUC Traveling Science Center Visits JJK Foundation



East St. Louis Sr. HS culinary students visit JJK FAN



The JJK FAN collectively offers field trips, college tours, after-school programming, career exposure and internship opportunities to JJK Foundation, East St. Louis schools, and Lansdowne UP Rise Up Youth. With each year, we expand our reach and impact. Highlights from 2024 include:

- 43 East St. Louis eighth-grade students traveled to the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign for an all-day campus visit.
- District 189 Culinary students spend the day at JJK FAN learning about agriculture, technology and food innovation.
- Various community partners provided hands-on activities for over 300 students throughout the year.
- A dozen fieldtrips to agriculture, plant science, bioscience and technology facilities where youth engage with world-class scientists and food system professionals in hands-on activities.

"Thank you for this amazing experience for our students. We are grateful for everything you have done and continue to do for the students of East St. Louis School District 189."

Klm Jones-Riley, District 189

## Fostering pride: Veggie Creations

*Our Danforth Center educator provides hands-on plant science programs at Wyvetter Young School of Excellence. K-8 students engage in interactive plant science activities. Toward the end of the year, students prepped, cooked, and sampled collards grown at the JJK FAN.*

*One student was so excited about her culinary creation she immediately called her family, recited her recipe asking if they can cook it at home!*

*JJK FAN is connecting students to the importance of plants in their environment and day-to-day lives.*

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# Food, Agriculture and Nutrition Innovation Center Under Construction







### Ag Tech Summer Camp: A Collective Approach



USDA's Ag Tech Summer Camp has united over 50 students for the past three years from two very different Illinois communities to take a deep dive into all things corn. Students from East St. Louis and Waterloo focused on a research question about corn and the impacts of climate change, presented their findings to scientists at the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center. This allowed students to compare results from urban and rural communities while gaining hands-on experience in the world of research. For three weeks, students explored plant science and STEAM careers in a collective effort among JJK FAN partners led by the Danforth Center in collaboration with Illinois Extension and the Jackie Joyner-Kersee Foundation.

*"I thought this was really cool. I've never thought of really doing this kind of stuff [agriculture] before coming here."  
-Jaden*

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CREATING CONNECTION THROUGH SCIENCE AND FOOD SECURITY





The Value of Career Exposure: Intern Snapshot



Left to right: Zhakeya, Tarell and Kareemah working at the Danforth Center

*"My favorite part was leaf sampling with Mr. Antonio. I liked being able to make precise cuts of the leaves we needed for the sample. It was very interesting having to dunk the leaves of the collard greens in liquid nitrogen to freeze the cells."*

Intern, Zhakeya Hawkins



Lunch with Danforth Center President Dr. Jim Carrington and postdoc researcher Antonio Brazelton



Interns meeting with CoBank professionals telling them about their work on collard research

JJK FAN, in partnership with the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center and funded by Boeing, offers summer internships to East St. Louis high school students, introducing them to careers in agriculture and food systems. Interns gain hands-on experience in labs, research and fieldwork while working with more than 20 professionals representing ag-tech, biosciences, and support professions like finance. To remove barriers, JJK FAN provides wrap-around services such as transportation, financial literacy training, academic check-ins, post-secondary and scholarship support, and more.

**Special thanks to Boeing for making this program possible!!**

*When asked on a scale of 1-10, with 1 being the least and 10 being the best, how well did they enjoy the work they were doing...*

*Interns answered  
9.3 out of 10*

Where are they now...

**Zhakeya** earned two credentials in the BCSI Lab Credentialing Program, and is now studying data science at Kentucky State while applying for the Danforth Center's undergraduate internship program for summer 2025.

**Kareemah**, inspired by UIUC landscape architecture professor Kelly Lemon, is exploring post-secondary options in that field of study. She is a Youth Advisory Member for a USDA Regional Leadership Advocacy Team.

**Tarell** is in his senior year of high school while working for R3 Development with a new appreciation for the role construction plays in agriculture. He is working with our staff on post-secondary pursuits.





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# New Housing Development Coming Soon



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# SIHCF New Urgent Care Center Open





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# Senior Home Repair Program 96 Homes Approved



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# 50/50 Home Repair Program Assisting Homeowners with Needed Improvements 35 Homes Approved

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## 50/50 HOME REHAB GRANT

**PROGRAM OPENS:**  
**OCTOBER 14, 2024 AT 8:30 AM**  
**PROGRAM CLOSSES:**  
**NOVEMBER 14, 2024 AT 4:00 PM**

**PROGRAM PURPOSE:**

GRANT TO FUND 50% OF PROJECT TO BE USED  
FOR HOME REPAIRS. FUNDS PROVIDED PARTIALLY  
OR IN WHOLE BY ARPA

**ELIGIBILITY:**

EAST ST. LOUIS HOMEOWNER WHOSE PRIMARY  
RESIDENCE IS IN A QUALIFIED CENSUS TRACT

**SUPPORT:**

STAFF AVAILABLE TO ASSIST WITH QUESTIONS

**ARPA PROGRAM MANAGERS:**

TADARRELL QUALLS: 618-482-6775

MONYKA JONES: 618-482-6776

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# Downtown Spivey Redevelopment Project in the Works



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# Lansdowne Park Homes





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# Local, County, State and Federal Officials Attended City Manager Retreat





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# Building Partnerships– EV Charging Station Coming Soon To East St. Louis



Community  
Transportation  
Electrification Plan



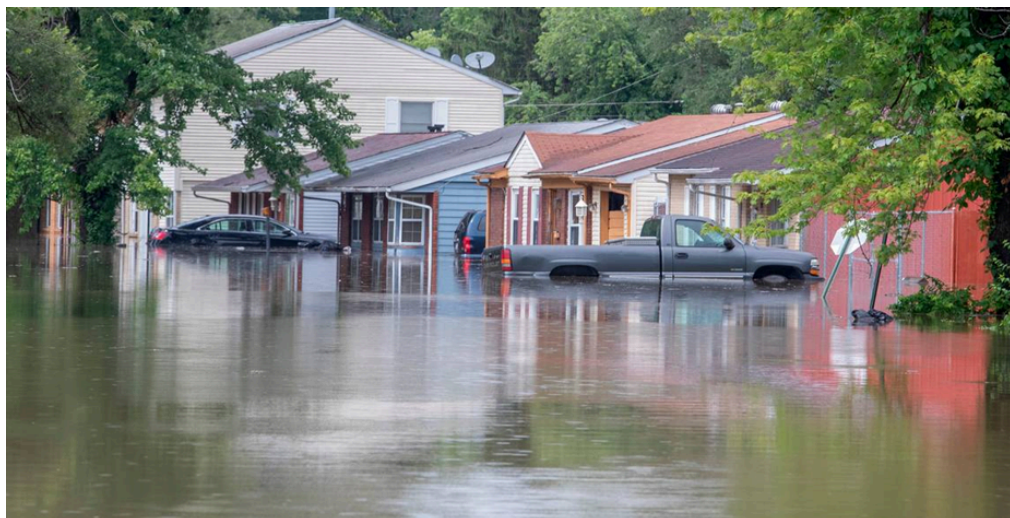
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## **\$89.5 Million in Flood Relief Moves Forward in St. Clair County after Trump Stops Freeze. East St. Louis Will Receive Share of Funds.**



## **City Manager Secures Grant for \$2.6 Million Dollars to Buyout Nearly 40 Flood Damaged East St. Louis Properties**





## Joni's House Coming Soon



**Joni's House will serve East St. Louis through day programs for adults with disabilities, and after-school programs for school-age children with disabilities.**



## Joni's House Coming Soon



**Landsdowne UP one of the largest private landowners in East St. Louis, donated land. This is a significant gift to the more than 3,000 local residents living with disability.**







# Recognizing City Hall Staff





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# Holiday Spirit at City Hall







# Food Drive





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# City Wide Clean UP





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# Pep Rally with Guest Speaker Congresswoman Jasmine Crockett





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# Installation of New Sewer Pumps



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# Investing In Youth Development







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# BUSINESS ASSISTANCE GRANT

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# BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANT

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# COMMUNITY OUTREACH MEETING

**EMBRACE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

DR. REGINA PARNELL, PROGRAM MANAGER  
POLICE CHIEF KENDALL PERRY

**TOPIC:**  
"BUILDING A STRONGER COLLABORATION WITH DCFS"

**SPEAKER: BARBARA TRAYLOR**

**DATE: DECEMBER 11, 2024**  
**TIME: 11AM-1PM**

**LOCATION:**  
EAST ST. LOUIS CITY HALL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2ND FLOOR  
301 RIVERPARK DRIVE, EAST ST. LOUIS, IL 62201

**CHARLES POWELL, III, MAYOR**      **ROBERT BETTS, CITY MANAGER**

## WEAR ORANGE DAY

Join us for a day of awareness and action. Wear orange to show your support for gun violence prevention. We'll be at the City Hall, 301 Riverpark Drive, East St. Louis, IL 62201, on Wednesday, October 23rd, from 10am to 2pm. Free orange shirts and informational materials will be available. Let's make a difference together!



**National Gun Violence Awareness Day!**

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**THE CITY OF EAST SAINT LOUIS**

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2024**

POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2024 | 5PM - 7PM**  
**8206 STATE STREET EAST SAINT LOUIS, IL 62205**

A FREE FAMILY EVENT FOR EAST SAINT LOUIS RESIDENTS

FREE FOOD  
LIVE DJ  
SCHOOL SUPPLIES

FUN EVENTS FOR FAMILIES  
FREE DEMOS  
FREE RESOURCES

Community Life Line  
Ameren ILLINOIS  
INDIANA METRO EAST  
ST. LOUIS  
ST. LOUIS  
MEOC  
Organizing Coalition  
St. Louis

East St. Louis City Hall  
PRESENTS ITS ANNUAL

**TRUNK OR TREAT PARTY**

**Thursday, October 31st**  
**5:30 - 7:00pm**  
**301 River Park Dr.**  
**East St. Louis, IL 62201**

**SEE YOU THERE!**

IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO DISTRIBUTE CANDY  
YOU ARE VERY WELCOME TO DO SO.  
PLEASE CALL LESLIE OR MONICA @ 618-482-6620.

CHARLES R. POWELL III, Mayor  
ROBERT BETTS, City Manager

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ROBERT BETTS, CITY MANAGER

**A FREE EVENT FOR ENTIRE FAMILY**

**TAKE PHOTOS WITH SANTA**

**THIRD ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY**  
**"A WINTER WONDERLAND"**

**JOIN US ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2024**

**301 RIVER PARK DRIVE, EAST ST. LOUIS, IL 62201**

**5:00 PM-8:00 PM**  
**TREE LIGHTING AT 6:18 PM**

**MUSIC BY DJ YUNG T 618**

**FOOD TRUCKS  
SMORES  
HOT COCOA**

**GIFT GIVEAWAY**

**HOSTED BY 100.3 THE BEAT'S OWN YOMP CEO**

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