



City of Champions

December 2021

THE CITY OF EAST ST. LOUIS IMPLEMENTS COVID SAFETY PLAN TO PROTECT RESIDENTS AND EMPLOYEES

In an effort to protect residents and employees from COVID, the City has implemented a policy with its staff that requires a choice of regular testing or vaccination to ensure public health in City Hall and other departments. "By following the vaccine protocols which were set forth by the State of Illinois, we are taking every precaution to safeguard our staff and residents," said Carlos Mayfield, City Manager.

East St. Louis officials in partnership with Walgreens also hosted open COVID vaccinations at its Annual Halloween Celebration, The Kids Spooky Party. Catholic Urban Programs also hosted a COVID Vaccination Event on November 10, 2021.

The following locations also provide vaccinations in East St. Louis:

Clyde C Jordan Senior Center

6755 State Street East St. Louis, IL 62203
Walk-ins available every Thursday
8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.



Carlos Mayfield, City Manager

East Side Health District

638 North 20th Street
E. St. Louis, IL 62205
Walk-ins available
Monday - Wednesday and Friday
8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

East St. Louis Sr. High School

4901 State Street
E. St. Louis, IL 62205
(618) 482-4562

Walgreens

2510 State Street
E. St. Louis, IL 62205
(618) 875-5085

SIHF Healthcare

2001 State Street
E. St. Louis, IL 62205
(618) 271-9191



Mayor's Moment

Last year was an extraordinarily challenging time for the City of East St. Louis, yet I have never been more honored to call myself a Champion!

Multiple residents went above and beyond to ensure their neighbors and friends were cared for during the pandemic. Champions also took charge of their health and registered to receive the vaccine when it became available earlier this year. As we approach the holiday season, I encourage you to continue to follow COVID-19 protocols and to contact East Side Health District at 618-874-4713 to receive the vaccine.

I'm excited to announce that our 3rd annual Christmas Extravaganza will be on December 18th from 10 AM - 2 PM. Kids of all ages are invited to join us at 301 River Park Drive, East St. Louis, IL 62201 (City Hall) to collect their gift, enjoy delicious hot chocolate, and meet Santa! Once again, thank you for having a heart of a champion and for granting me the opportunity to serve the great City of East St. Louis. I pray that God continues to bless you and your family this holiday season.

Sincerely,

Robert Eastern III

Robert Eastern III
Mayor, City of East St. Louis

LIGHTING A NEW PATH

EAST ST. LOUIS HAS BEEN AWARDED 1 MILLION DOLLARS FOR NEW STREET LIGHTS

Technology is changing daily — our phones, our TV's, our computers — the means in which we communicate is an everchanging phenomena. The same is true about the way that our downtowns and our city centers are now communicating with us — their residents, their business owners, and their customers.

East St. Louis is one of the first cities in Illinois to plan and initiate a smart city system. The new lights will be installed by the fall of 2022 and will feature Wi-Fi access points, back-to-back 180-degree cameras, synchronized 360-degree sound systems, switched power receptacles and LED banners for communicating everything from parking, wayfinding, emergency alerts, public service announcements, news and advertisements. RGBA notification provides visual cues combined with a 360-degree speaker to give pedestrians and motorists vital information in critical situations. East St. Louis is moving in a new direction and city officials are grateful for the hard work that led to this exciting new development!

EAST ST. LOUIS ANNOUNCES TWO NEW GRANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES FROM THE A.R.P.A FUNDS

BUSINESS ECONOMIC REDEVELOPMENT GRANT & BUSINESS ECONOMIC RECOVERY GRANT

Program Description: To provide small businesses who are independent entities with economic recovery due to losses from the Pandemic.

Who is Eligible? Business Owners who are incorporated as for-profit proprietorships, partnerships, or corporations and were operable prior to March 2020 (and still in operation) in the City of East Saint Louis.

Application Process:

Applications are available to any Licensed Business / Property Owner, who is located within the City of East St Louis, and has a demonstrated loss that impacted a redevelopment project.

- (1) Owners can obtain an application from the Office of Economic and Community Development.
- (2) The Application Packet will contain all items and information the applicant **must** complete and return to the Office of Economic and Community Development.
- (3) Upon receipt of the application and other supporting materials, staff, in partnership with the ARP Oversight Panel, will make a final determination on recommendation for the approval of the application.

Application Timeline:

Applications will be accepted for a period of six (6) weeks from Friday, December 3, 2021 to Friday, January 14, 2022. There will be a 45-day review period. Business Owners can expect to receive an approval or denial letter on or after February 23, 2022.

Questions? Contact the Community and Economic Development Department 618-482-6659

ARNOLD TUTSON OPENS RESCUE CUTS AND STYLES BARBER SALON TO REVITALIZE THE COMMUNITY



Location: 1751 Baugh Ave. East St. Louis, IL 62205

Arnold “Mr. TJ” Tutson, Jr. recently opened Rescue Cuts and Styles Barber Salon to transform, impact, and empower one life at a time. Born and raised in East St. Louis, Tutson opened a business in his hometown to build and support the community. While serving in the military, Tutson got the opportunity to see the world and enlarge his vision from outside of his humble beginnings. After returning home, Tutson began working to open his barber salon with his longtime friend, Eunolia Williams, also known as “Coco the Stylist.”

“Growing up in East St. Louis, everything I learned was from the streets of East St. Louis, but when I went to the military, I saw the world,” he said. “I was able to see what was outside of the 89 blocks of East St. Louis, so it’s like now I have to share that knowledge with people, especially the next generation because I know how they feel. When I was their age, I saw life in one way.”

As a way of giving back to the community he loves, Tutson has also created a nonprofit called Haircuts for the Homeless, where he has provided over 250 free haircuts to the community. Tutson has also implemented reading, voucher, and apprenticeship programs for East St. Louis residents.



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START YOUR NEXT CAREER WITH THE CITY OF EAST ST. LOUIS

The City of East St. Louis Office of Employment Service is accepting applications to establish an eligibility list for position(s) for Probationary Fireman & Police Officers. Applicants must apply online at www.cesl.us.

After completing the application, additional documents must be submitted to the City of East St. Louis Office of Employment Service Department, 301 River Park Drive, East St. Louis, IL, 62201

For questions, please contact Monica Grandberry, via email, at mgrandbe@cesl.us

EAST ST. LOUIS WELCOMES OAK STREET HEALTH TO THE COMMUNITY

Founded in 2012, Oak Street Health is a network of value- based primary care centers for adults on Medicare. Oak Street Health currently operates more than 100 centers across 15 states. To learn more about Oak Street Health's proven approach to care, visit oakstreethealth.com.

On September 28, Oak Street Health opened its newest primary healthcare facility for adults on Medicare on 2420 State Street in East St. Louis, Illinois. The new state-of-the- art facility features experienced primary care doctors specializing in gerontology and internal medicine and nurse practitioners.

"We are very excited to welcome Oak Street Health to our community. Their healthcare services will prove to be very valuable to our senior population in the coming months"

- Mayor Robert Eastern III.

PROBATIONARY POLICE OFFICERS

Starting Salary
\$46,647

PROBATIONARY FIREMAN

Starting Salary
\$41,112



Charles Hawkins, Outreach Director, and Charlotte Turovsky, Regional Vice President of Oak Street Health

The Oak Street Health team will help East St. Louis senior residents develop an individualized health care plan. The location also features laboratory services, free on-site transportation and a heating and cooling center that is open to the community.

EAST ST. LOUIS HOSTS ITS ANNUAL HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION

On October 31, the City of East St. Louis hosted its celebration of Halloween for hundreds of area youths and their families. This event was very successful thanks in part to our community partners and sponsors including Walgreens, the East St. Louis Panhellenic Council and Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America. The Mayor's office was converted into a spooktacular haunted house for the occasion, featuring "monsters," a "hunted" graveyard, and Michael Myers (Councilman Ryan Cason)!



ADOPT-A-STREET IN EAST ST. LOUIS



Special thanks to our Adoptees!

Lincoln Class of 1984

The Preston Family

*Touchette Regional Hospital:
Bicycle Food Mission*

The City of East St. Louis is currently seeking residents, community groups, business owners, schools, churches and service clubs to participate in our Adopt-A-Street Program.

The purpose of this program is to increase the public's awareness of the environmental needs of East St. Louis streets and provide volunteer community support for anti-litter programs. Adopt-A-Street is a collaborative effort between the Public Works Department and our citizens. Both groups will work together to improve the environment of our community and maintain attractive roads.

Interested parties should be able to commit to adopting a half-mile of an approved City street, participation in the program for one full year, conduct cleanups of the adopted street segment three times per calendar year from spring to early fall. For more information contact, Sarah Joshway at (618) 482-6600, ext. 1601, or sjoshway@cesl.us

EAST ST. LOUIS OFFICIALS CLEAR THE WAY FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE KATHERINE DUNHAM HOMES



Kathrine Dunham was an American dancer, choreographer, author, educator, anthropologist, and social activist. She had one of the most successful dance careers in African American and European theater of the 20th Century. In 1964, Dunham moved to East St. Louis, serving as an artist-in-residence for Southern Illinois University- Edwardsville.

Three years later, she opened the Performing Arts Training Center in East St. Louis to use arts to combat poverty and urban unrest. The three homes to be renovated formerly housed Dunham's residence, a Performing Arts Training Center, and a residence for visiting artists. R3 Development and the Katherine Dunham Museum Board of Directors have hosted four clean-up initiatives to restore the homes.

City staff members have been present to help the clean-ups. Mayor Eastern, City Council, and Shanel Clayborne, the Community and Economic Development director played a significant role in ensuring that the historic homes were removed from the St. Clair County auction list to move the project into the next stage of development. Lorenzo Savage, Board President of the Katherine Dunham Museum and Publisher of I Am East St. Louis Magazine, plans to use the homes for after-school programs and a bed-and-breakfast for visiting artists. The estimated cost to fully restore the homes is \$600,000, and the Katherine Dunham Museum is currently raising funds to support the renovations. The City of East St. Louis looks forward to future collaboration opportunities with this project!

PHENOMENAL STUDENT MAKES HER MARK IN COSTA RICA

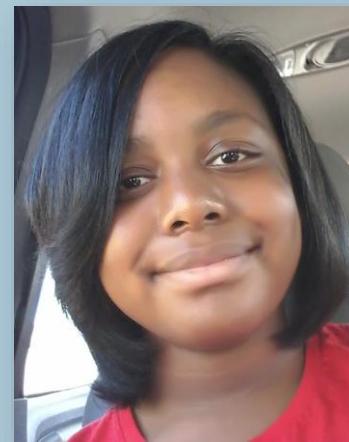
Taliyah Williams is a fantastic student at Charter High School. She is currently the top Spanish student in the foreign language program at Go! International, an organization, founded in East St. Louis by Seth Hamilton to create locally-led self-sustainability in impoverished communities through education, entrepreneurship, and athletics.

In 2019, Taliyah traveled to Panama, where she taught Korean classes in Spanish to 600 students and currently teaches Spanish classes to younger students at her school. Additionally, she has received a \$5,000 scholarship to study abroad for a semester in Costa Rica in the fall of 2022 through AFS-USA.

More information about the Go! International organization, can be found at www.go-int.org.

“Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we’ve been waiting for. We are the change that we seek..”

— Former President Barack H. Obama



Taliyah Williams

AFS-USA is an organization that provides opportunities for intercultural exchange that develop the global competence needed to create a more just and peaceful world.

Taliyah will be the first student from East St. Louis to be accepted to the semester program in AFS' 70+ year history. We are very proud of her for her talent and how she uses it to serve others in her community and around the world!



EAST ST. LOUIS HOSTS THEIR INAUGURAL TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

The City of East St. Louis hosted our Inaugural Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday, December 3, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. on 363 East Broadway, East St. Louis, Illinois, directly across the street from C Hall. The event also featured raffle prizes, vendors, free hot chocolate, a visit from Santa and do-it-yourself ornament decorating activity for the kids. Attending residents were also entered into a

raffle contest to win a free Roof Repair from Nathaniel Roofing, a one-night hotel stay or two bicycles. In addition, the East St. Louis Senior High School Choir also performed Christmas songs at the event. Mayor Robert Eastern III and City Manager, Carlos Mayfield, brought greetings to the residents and also spearheaded the successful event. The Inaugural Tree Lighting Ceremony was sponsored by the **City of East St. Louis, Howard Hughes Consulting, Clayco, Ameren Harambee International and R.I.T.E. Plan.**



PUBLIC HEARING NOTICES:

December 21, 2021
11 AM | Council Chambers
301 River Park Dive, ESL
62201
Redevelopment zoning for
the Illinois State Police
Head Quarters.

December 28, 2021
10 AM | Council Chambers
301 River Park Drive, ESL
62201
Annual Budget

Questions? 618-482-6812

Upcoming Events

- Mayor's Toy Giveaway on December 18, 2021
- Public Hearings December 21, 22, 28

Let's keep in touch

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www.instagram.com/cityofestl



MAYOR ROBERT EASTERN III
PRESENTS

THE 3RD ANNUAL

Christmas extravaganza

December 18, 2021

10 AM - 2 PM

**301 River Park Drive
East St. Louis, IL 62201**

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP

12 PM - 4 PM

MONDAY **FRIDAY**

IN THE MAYOR'S OFFICE

A FREE TOY FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES!

CHILD MUST BE PRESENT TO RECEIVE A GIFT
LIMITED ONE TOY PER CHILD

