



# Old Jamestown Association

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## Spring General Meeting

Thursday May 6, 2021 7:00 pm

**ZOOM MEETING**

### What's New

#### New website

[oldjamestownassociation.org](http://oldjamestownassociation.org)

#### Online payments

Renew your membership by credit card with CheddarUp. Visit the "Join" page on our new website.

- \$10 per person per year
- \$15 per household per year

#### OJA General Meetings online

View live or watch on YouTube  
More information on Page 3.

#### District Clean-Up Day May 15

St. Louis County Council District 4

#### Give 200 for Missouri's 200!

Volunteer 200 community service hours for Missouri's Bicentennial. Visit <https://showmeservice.org/>



#### Find Us on Facebook

[www.facebook.com/OldJamestownAssociation](http://www.facebook.com/OldJamestownAssociation)

#### Next OJA General Meeting

In the Fall 2021 our meetings will return to in-person and will be recorded for online viewing.



OLD JAMESTOWN ASSOCIATION

Grounded in History...built by Community

#### LETTER FROM OJA PRESIDENT

ELLEN LUTZOW

As I reflect on our last year I am torn between sadness for our losses and uplifted by our accomplishments on so many levels. We at Old Jamestown Association have weathered this time and, I think, we are stronger for having faced the challenges we did and in a way that was supportive of our community. We have much work to do... but we have taken some important first steps in this last year.

Like many non-profits we are struggling during these times. But that was true for OJA before the virus hit our community. That reality has forced us to address some topics and ask difficult questions about the organization.

We have had to consider our organization's purpose in serving this community and how to best address the needs of all of our members and area residents while recognizing our real limitations in budget and volunteer support. While our past strength has been our work in researching the rich cultural heritage and history of Old Jamestown, we are striving to make OJA more timely and effective in its communications about current topics of interest to our community. As an example we are updating our social media for a broader appeal and reach. We cannot remain viable without some change but we ask for your feedback.

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*LETTER FROM OJA PRESIDENT CONTINUED...*

We have used Zoom to host our Fall General Meeting and we plan the same for the Spring General Meeting. We have recorded events like this and made that available on YouTube. We look forward to making greater use of tools like Zoom or similar to broaden our community reach and the ease of staying connected with our community that works for all of our members and residents.

We have targeted improving the safety of our community through greater interaction with our police and in particular our Neighborhood Policing Officer. To that end we sought a recent special meeting with St. Louis County Police. We hope this is the beginning for on-going and regular dialog with Precinct 1 and its leadership. We plan to host similar opportunities to connect the OJA community to the resources that service our area.

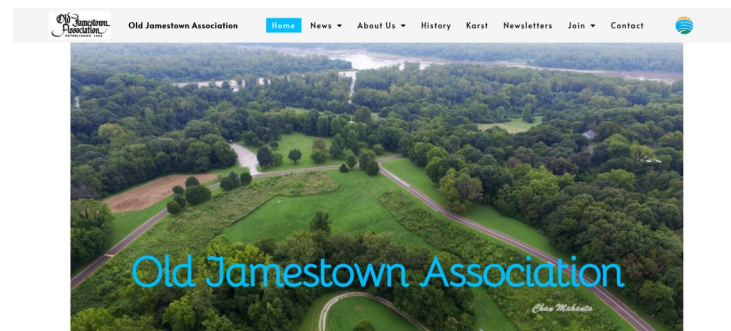
Looking at our social media presence, we have updated our webpage. Take a look at our enhanced features and functions including easier access to our past newsletters and historical research, acceptance of on-line payments for membership and overall greater ease of use. Our past efforts were in need of a "facelift" and we think our new web look is a first step to enhance our communications strategies with our community.

Likewise, we are evaluating our Facebook and email to better reach our members and area residents with more timely communications on a variety of topics of interest to Old Jamestown. The pandemic has

heightened our awareness of the need to communicate effectively and factually with our members and residents.

We believe that this should be a conversation and we are hopeful you will share your thoughts with us on our recent changes. Please share your feedback on steps we have taken or areas where we need to improve or change. If it is time to renew your membership, please consider doing so. We can only continue to be here with your support.

*Ellen Lutzow, President  
Old Jamestown Association*



## Citizen of the Year Award 2021

Each year, Old Jamestown Association names someone Citizen of the Year for outstanding service to our community. Last year, when Covid-19 restrictions and precautions cancelled our Spring General Membership Meeting, we made no award. However, this year the members of the Board of Directors have decided that, rather than name one particular person our Citizen of the Year, we would show special recognition to an entire group of individuals in our community who have provided a necessary and invaluable service to thousands:

### **Our Health Care Workers!**

Most of us faced lifestyle changes last year, and, sadly, some of us suffered personal losses to Covid-19. Our nurses, doctors, hospital orderlies and aides, technicians, EMTs and volunteers have worked long hours in appalling conditions to provide care for the many citizens of our area who contracted this virus. They have risked their own lives and safety to do this, often having to give up time for their own families. Without their tireless efforts, the suffering and deaths would have been far greater. From their frontline confrontation with those afflicted to their astonishing efficiency at inoculating us against the virus, they have been wonderful. We owe them our thanks, our respect, and our admiration. No single plaque can begin to recognize and reward them for their work. They deserve the recognition and gratitude of all of us in the Old Jamestown Area, and we can all take a moment to thank them when we encounter them in person.

To that end, we, the Board of Directors of the Old Jamestown Association, would like to thank them and name them our Citizens of the Year for 2021.

*Jim Leighninger, OJA Board Member  
Old Jamestown Association*

### Spring General Meeting ZOOM Instructions



Old Jamestown Association  
**ZOOM General Meeting Invitation**  
Thursday, **May 6, 2021** at 7:00 pm

Join the meeting  
from the ZOOM app:

Meeting ID number:  
**859 5533 6770**

Meeting Password:  
**63034**

Call in to the meeting:  
**1-312-626-6799**

or  
Join the meeting from a browser:



#### Using ZOOM

By now you've probably heard of ZOOM. With ZOOM, you can watch, listen to and talk in meetings from the comfort of your own home. Join ZOOM on your device whether your device is a desktop computer, laptop computer, tablet/iPad, cell phone or home phone.



Here's how:

1. First, you do NOT need a ZOOM account; however, downloading the ZOOM app on your device does seem to work better for many people. Go to

**<https://zoom.us/download>**

2. If you don't want to download the app, the ZOOM invitation provides an

internet link to type into a browser, such as Safari, Firefox, Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge (Internet Explorer), or the Google icon on your cell phone or tablet. ***If we have your email address, we will email the ZOOM invitation to you, and then you can copy and paste the internet link into your browser.***

3. You can call in to a ZOOM meeting. The ZOOM invitation provides a phone number for you to call.

4. ZOOM meetings have a Meeting ID number and a password. Those numbers will be in the ZOOM invitation, which is in the far left column. Hope to see you!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85955336770?pwd=dTVMeE1ETFRNaEJpbWdST2NjSWprdz09>

### Featured Speakers

*Neighborhood Policing Officer*  
*St. Louis County Councilwoman*  
*St. Louis County Assessor*

***Jason Kapayou***  
***Shalonda Webb***  
***Jake Zimmerman***

Submit questions now for Officer Kapayou and Councilwoman Webb to  
**[oldjamestownassociation@gmail.com](mailto:oldjamestownassociation@gmail.com)**

Submit questions now for Mr. Zimmerman to  
**[assessor@stlouisco.com](mailto:assessor@stlouisco.com)** with "OJA" in the subject line

The meeting will be recorded and available for later viewing on YouTube. Go to **[www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)**



Type in Old Jamestown Association in the search box near the top of the page.

**Old Jamestown General Meetings are open to everyone!**  
**Please invite family, friends and neighbors to tune in!**

***In-person meetings will resume Fall 2021 featuring a new History Presentation.***

## **2021 REASSESSMENT:**

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In 2021, the Assessor is required by law to reassess all real property and personal property in St. Louis County. Property owners are encouraged to check their preliminary values online, when they are available (see below). Preliminary values are subject to change.

### **REASSESSMENT RESOURCES:**

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#### **Check Preliminary Property Values Online:**

Residential Property: 2021 preliminary values are available online now at the “Real Estate Information” link, below or at <http://revenue.stlouisco.com/ias/>

Commercial Property: 2021 preliminary values will be available online in mid-April.

#### **Early Review:**

**If you own the single-family home you live in, you may have an opportunity to have your issue resolved without the need for a formal appeal.**

Step 1: Review the **preliminary** value of your home online (see above).

Step 2: If you disagree, you can submit documents and photos showing the characteristics and conditions that impact that value of your home. Materials can be submitted two ways:

Online: [assessor@stlouisco.com](mailto:assessor@stlouisco.com)  
U.S. Mail: Office of the Assessor  
County Administration Building  
41 South Central Avenue – 3rd Floor  
Clayton, MO 63105

Step 3: A real estate appraiser will review the materials you submit, and other information. If the appraiser finds that the preliminary value needs to be changed, the appraiser will contact you and try to resolve the matter. If you and the appraiser agree to a different value, both will confirm that agreement in writing, electronically, and the home value will be revised accordingly. If you and the appraiser cannot agree, or if the preliminary review is not completed, you can appeal to the Board of Equalization beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Early Review will be on a “first come, first served” basis.

#### **Change of Assessment & Projected Tax Liability Notices:**

All **residential** property owners will also receive a Change of Assessment Notice in the mail even if their value has not changed. **Residential** property owners should expect to receive the Change of Assessment Notice beginning mid-May. **Commercial** property owners should expect to receive a Change of Assessment Notice by mid-June.

#### **Contact the Assessor’s Office:**

Property owners who need assistance or have questions can contact the Assessor’s Office (information above).

## Community Announcements



### Christian Hospital Foundation Golf Outing set for May 17!

Christian Hospital Foundation is hosting their tenth annual Golf Outing on Monday, May 17, 2021 at Norwood Hills Country Club. The day includes breakfast, shotgun start, on-course refreshments and games, with an awards reception with cocktails immediately after play.

This event will help the Foundation continue in its mission to provide service, compassionate care and clinical excellence to directly improve the health and wellness of our community. Proceeds support efforts such as patient care, advancing medicine and technology, community benefit programs, community health access, staff education and new hospital facilities and equipment.

Sponsorships available. Cost for a foursome is \$1,000 or individual play is \$250.

#### Honorary Co-Chairs

Michael Claiborne, Broadcaster, KMOX/St. Louis Cardinals Radio Network  
Michael Holmes, Founder and Chair, Rx Outreach, Inc.



Monday, May 17, 2021

Registration/brunch at 9:00 am.  
Shotgun start at 10:00 am.

Norwood Hills Country Club  
1 Norwood Hills Country Club Dr  
St. Louis, MO 63121

<https://www.christianhospital.org/golf>

### Become a Community Health Champion. Earn \$200!

PrepareSTL and the COVID-19 Regional Response Team want to hire 300 people to engage Black residents and other communities of color about the COVID-19 vaccines so they can make an informed choice.

The campaign is called the Community Health Champion (CHC) Peer-to-Peer Outreach Program. It is based on the premise that one of the most effective forms of communication is word-of-mouth, particularly when it's peer-to-peer and involves people who are trusted. The goal of the outreach program is to conduct 600 community conversations with nearly 6,000 people in St. Louis City, St. Louis County and East St. Louis, Illinois. To achieve this goal, PrepareSTL and the Regional Response Team needs to hire 300 people to become CHCs. For their time and service, each CHC will be given a \$200 stipend.

CHCs will be responsible for hosting two "Living Well in the Era of COVID" conversations, with no more than 10 people each, via Zoom. To prepare for the conversations, CHCs will be trained on the basic information about COVID-19 vaccines and on how to conduct the meetings. However, they will have support available during their conversations. Vaccine education experts will be on hand to answer questions. Community Health Workers will also be available to answer questions about needed healthcare and social service supports. Last but not least, there will also be technology support.

To serve as CHCs, PrepareSTL is seeking community members who possess any of the following characteristics, though participants DO NOT have to possess these attributes to join the team:

- Are 18-30 years old
- Live and/or work in North St. Louis City or County or the Metro East
- Have health conditions that make you vulnerable to COVID-19
- Are active in a faith community
- Work in early childhood education
- Participate in grassroots/community groups
- Are foreign born and speak English

<https://www.preparestl.com/>



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*PrepareSTL is looking for 300 people to conduct two "Living Well in the Era of COVID" community conversations on Zoom with people living in St. Louis City, St. Louis County or East St. Louis.*

*You will help community members make informed decisions about whether or not to get vaccinated. And, you will be trained and paid \$200.*

**Those interested in becoming a CHC can visit:**

**[tinyurl.com/PrepareSTL](https://www.preparestl.com/)**

**or email:**

**[PrepareSTL@gmail.com](mailto:PrepareSTL@gmail.com)**

## Pallottine Renewal Center / Retreat and Conference Center

### New Ropes Course Coming Soon!

Pallottine Renewal Center is launching a new project on our campus. We will be building a challenging outdoor personal development and team building activity course (low ropes course) that can be used for leadership development. We recognize the value of nature and the healing powers of our 83-acre campus, most especially as we all emerge from the isolation of the pandemic.

This inclusive ropes course will appeal to both adults and youth in our community.

Team building, trust, communication, leadership skills, watching out for others, pushing limits and enhancing confidence ... the list of benefits is endless.

**Notably there will be two stations accessible for those with ability needs, making this an even more valuable and unique course in St. Louis.**

Our society needs sacred safe places where diversity is celebrated, everyone is welcome, and meaningful life changing transformation can occur. Pallottine Renewal Center is that place for our region.

Much of the funding for this exciting new program is in place but contributions are needed. Your generous contribution supports and sustains our profound mission and ministry.

Please visit us at <https://pallottinerenewal.org/donate/ropes-course/>

## Overheard ...



# FEMA

## COVID-19 Funeral Assistance



The COVID-19 pandemic has brought overwhelming grief to many families. At FEMA, our mission is to help people before, during and after disasters. We are dedicated to helping ease some of the financial stress and burden caused by the virus.

Under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, FEMA is providing financial assistance for COVID-19 related funeral expenses incurred after January 20, 2020.

Who is Eligible?

To be eligible for funeral assistance, you must meet these conditions:

- The death must have occurred in the United States, including the U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia.
- The death certificate must indicate the death was attributed to COVID-19.
- The applicant must be a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien who incurred funeral expenses after January 20, 2020.
- There is no requirement for the deceased person to have been a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien.

If you had COVID-19 funeral expenses, we encourage you to keep and gather documentation. Types of information should include:

- **An official death certificate** that attributes the death directly or indirectly to COVID-19 and shows that the death occurred in the United States, including the U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia.
- **Funeral expenses documents** (receipts, funeral home contract, etc.) that includes the applicant's name, the deceased person's name, the amount of funeral expenses, and the dates the funeral expenses happened.
- **Proof of funds received from other sources** specifically for use toward funeral costs. We are not able to duplicate benefits received from burial or funeral insurance, financial assistance received from voluntary agencies, government agencies, or other sources.



**Fraud Alert: We have received reports of scammers reaching out to people offering to register them for funeral assistance. FEMA has not sent any such notifications and we do not contact people before they register for assistance.**

### How to Apply

COVID-19 Funeral Assistance  
Phone Line Number

Applications begin on  
**April 12, 2021**

**844-684-6333**  
TTY: **800-462-7585**

**Hours of Operation:**  
Monday - Friday  
9 am to 9 pm Eastern Time  
(8 am to 8 pm Central)

Call this dedicated toll-free phone number to get a COVID-19 Funeral Assistance application completed with help from FEMA's representatives. Multilingual services will be available.

<https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance>

Get answers to frequently asked questions about the application process on our Funeral Assistance FAQ page.

## Old Jamestown Association Election of Officers

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The constitution of the Old Jamestown Association provides for the executive board to be comprised of 9 directors. Three directors will be elected each year to serve 3 year terms.

The executive board elects officers and conducts the business of the Association. The current directors are Wayne Chambers, Barb Doner and Patty Murray, whose terms expire in 2023; Jim Leighninger, Ellen Lutzow, and Manmillan Singh, whose terms expire in 2022.

Jeff Ackerman, Chan Mahanta and Darrell Ditto, whose terms expire in 2021 have all been nominated to serve another 3 year term, which expires in 2024.

The election will be held at the May business meeting, which will be a Zoom meeting this year.

The constitution provides for candidates to be nominated in the following manner:

- 1) By a nominating committee appointed by the president and approved by the executive board, or
- 2) By a petition signed by ten members. Nominations by petition must be received at the Association's business address, P.O. Box 2223, Florissant, MO 63032 by 4:30pm of the day prior to the annual business meeting to be placed on the written ballot, or
- 3) By nomination from the floor at the annual business meeting.



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**We look forward to seeing you on May 6 at 7 pm!**

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