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MML and IML Emphasize Green Efforts By Lin Goetz, IMGA Marketing Manager

The Missouri Municipal League Conference and the Illinois Municipal League annual conferences are over with lots of great information. Both organizations have an index to the individual presentations on their web sites, many with power point presentations you can click on as well.

Sustainability and many city “green” programs were weaved through both conferences, obviously a hot topic these days. I will highlight some of the presentations for you with some brief information. You can go to the respective web site and get a copy of the presentation or most often, go to the specific municipality and get additional information on their web site: [for those of you that might not have access, please call our office and we can mail you information based on your interest.]

Incentivizing Municipal Codes for Sustainable Practices, **St. Charles, MO**: Going green can include saving the kind of green that fold. St. Charles has changed their outlook on how building and permitting is done with the City. Their primary incentive types for participating include: site efficiencies such as setback alternatives, parking space alternatives, etc., and expedited permit process including monetary relief.

A tour was given of **St. Peter, MO** [state of the art] recycling center. Several of this community’s green programs include: more efficient lighting in city buildings, city vehicles are filled with nitrogen for fuel efficiency, energy packets were delivered to residents containing educational materials and CFL light bulbs—to name a few.

The City of **Rock Island, IL** created a “Green Team” in 2007. This team researches and promotes practices that reduce the City’s carbon footprint, minimize the environmental impact of City operations and make the City more sustainable. They removed paper towel dispensers and replaced them with high efficiency hand dryers. In 2009, the city fleet fuel consumption was 8% below 2008 and the 2010 is 10% below 2008. In 2008, the City purchased hybrid Civics and Escapes and saved about \$76,000 in fuel costs over the 10 year life of the cars. In 2009, the City adopted a “No-Mow Grass Policy.” When a building is demolished, the contractor will use no-mow or low-mow grass seed. The length of the grass varies from 4-7 inches and will need to be mowed once a year.

There are several presentations on the Illinois website for wind presentations and the community of **Normal** gave a presentation on their green efforts as well. Normal has some innovative information regarding their “ROUNDABOUT” which is a dynamic space/park that symbolized their commitment to environmental awareness.

Sierra Club’s Cool Cities Initiative was the starting point for several communities in their green planning. Cool Cities are cities that have made a commitment to stopping global warming by signing the US Mayor’s Climate Protection Agreement. See the website for more information.

Several communities also have developed local “Sustainable Teams” such as Rock Island and Springfield, IL. Both teams are composed of volunteer professionals from local businesses. Visit their web sites for detailed information.

Next year, the Missouri conference will be in Kansas City, the Illinois remains at the Chicago Hilton.



Fulton, MO Council Members Steve Moore and John Pautz at the MML Conference.

Western Illinois University

IMGA is pleased to announce that effective October 1, 2010 Western Illinois University began purchasing gas from the agency. Western Illinois University (WIU) is located in Macomb, Illinois and is currently comprised of four colleges and 44 academic departments and schools.

WIU has signed a three year contract with the agency. We look forward to serving them!



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Louisville, Illinois
Milford, Illinois
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Perryville, Missouri
Pinckneyville, Illinois
Pittsfield, Illinois
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Pleasant Hill, Illinois
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OQ Training Program Continues with Pipeline Repair

The 2010/2011 training season will continue in January as classes on Pipeline Repair will be offered at both our Auburn and Pinckneyville locations. All sessions will begin at 8:30 and offer both classroom and hands-on training.

The APGA SIF covered tasks for Pipeline Repair are:

- 0201 Visual Inspection of Installed Pipe and Components for Mechanical Damage
- 0681 Joining of Plastic Pipe—Stab Fittings
- 0711 Joining of Pipe—Compression Couplings
- 0991 Coating Application and Repair—Brushed or Rolled
- 1011 External Coating Application and Repair— Wrapped
- 1041 Install Mechanical Clamps and Sleeves—Bolted
- 1141 Squeeze Off Plastic Pipe

Training brochures will be mailed out soon and include more detailed information. Be on the lookout so you can mark your calendar!



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