

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent me to heal the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed” Luke 4:18



- **Financial Empowerment Workshop** – Planning is underway for our upcoming Financial Empowerment Workshop. West Side will be partnering with our own Tiffany Charles’ chapter of **Alpha Kappa Alpha** to present this workshop. Please find below some of the information that is currently underway:

Date: April 22, 2023

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Location: Dunn Road Campus

- Increasing Your Income
- Protecting Your Assets
- Building Economic Wealth
- How to Negotiate Your Salary
- Entrepreneurship
- Power of Attorney/Guardianship



AKA Day at the Capitol – Our own Melanie Davis attended AKA day at the Capitol and sat in on a house vote. Voters are being encouraged to get more involved with exercising your rights to write your congress.

Don’t just talk about it, be about it.



- The 2023 Election calendar can be found at <https://www.sos.mo.gov/elections/calendar>
- The city of [St. Louis, Missouri](#), is holding general elections for the *Board of Aldermen* on April 4, 2023. All 14 seats on the board and the seat of the president of the board are up for election. Nonpartisan primaries were held on [March 7, 2023](#), and the top two candidates in each primary advanced to a general election.
- The 2023 election will be the first to take place under a new ward system that reduced the number of seats on the board from 28 to 14. The reduction in board size was part of Proposition R, a charter amendment passed by voters in 2012 that took effect on Jan. 1, 2022. In accordance with Proposition R, the board passed new ward maps in 2021.^[1]
- Fourteen incumbents, including the board president, advanced from the primaries and are running in the general election. Four other incumbents ran for re-election, but did not advance from the primaries.
- West Side MBC, on Page Avenue, lies in the 10th aldermanic ward. These are the candidates running for Ward 10 on April 4th.
 - **Emmett Coleman:** Information on Emmett Coleman can be found at <https://www.colemanforexcellence.com/>
 - **Shameem Clark Hubbard:** Information on Shameem Clark can be found at https://ballotpedia.org/Shameem_Clark_Hubbard



Second Amendment Sanity: Dr. Page joined the Mayor of St. Louis and the Jackson County Executive in hailing a federal judge’s ruling last week that struck down Missouri’s so-called “Second Amendment Preservation Act (SAPA).” The reckless law that state GOP legislators passed almost unanimously in 2021 kept authorities throughout the state from cooperating with federal gun investigations and slowed efforts to crack down on gun violence. U.S. District Judge Brian Wimes ruled that the law was “unconstitutional in its entirety,” adding, “While purporting to protect citizens, SAPA exposes citizens to greater harm by interfering with the Federal Government’s ability to enforce lawfully enacted firearms regulations designed by Congress for the purpose of protecting citizens within the limits of the Constitution.” St. Louis County, the City of St. Louis and Jackson County had filed the first lawsuit challenging the act in 2021. The Justice Department followed with its own suit against the law in 2022, which Judge Wimes addressed in his ruling.



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Dr. Page, St. Louis City Mayor Tishaura Jones, and Jackson County Executive Frank White Jr. issued a joint statement on the ruling: “Year after year, Jefferson City politicians have continued to pass dangerous bills that make it more difficult to prevent gun violence in our communities. (The Second Amendment Preservation Act) makes it harder for police to do their jobs and strips away critical tools we need to protect our neighborhoods.”

Missouri’s Republican Attorney General Andrew Bailey has filed a notice to appeal Judge Wimes’ ruling. Attorneys for St. Louis County, Jackson County and the City of St. Louis asked the court to stop any action on their lawsuit until Bailey’s appeal is resolved.

Election Judges Needed: The St. Louis County Election Board is accepting applications for Election Judges for the April 4, 2023, General Municipal Election. Election judges play a pivotal role in making it possible for citizens to rightfully “exercise the franchise” on Election Day. A typical County election may have approximately 65% of voters casting ballots at over 200 polling places. Election judges help set up the voting equipment at the polling location, manage the voting process, and secure the ballots for collection at the Election Board. Pay for the service is \$280. (High school students interested in helping and learning about our process may receive a stipend of \$170 or earn 16 community service hours.) For more information, contact election board staff member Jim McHugh at 314-615-1858, or at jmchugh@stlouiscountymo.gov.

BLACK HISTORY & BEYOND

- **African Queens**

Below, we highlight 8 dope African queens who were fierce in their own right and whose shoulders we proudly stand on today. For more information on the queens below, go to: <https://www.ebony.com/7-african-queens-history/>

- Nefertiti of Ancient Egypt. ...
- Amina of Zaria. ...
- Yaa Asantewaa of the Ashanti Empire. ...
- Kandake Amanirenas of the Kingdom of Kush. ...
- Ana Nzinga of Mbande Ndogo. ...
- Nandi of the Zulu Kingdom.

Upcoming EVENTS

- **Environmental Justice/Racism Forum (tbd)**
 - Lead Issues
 - Water Issues
 - Land fields
- **Retirement/Retirement Planning**
- **Special Needs Individuals (Planning Ahead)**