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## Foundation Formed to Improve Key Elements of East St. Louis

The Emma L. Wilson King Foundation, a non-profit civic and educational foundation, has been formed for the purpose of improving key elements of East St. Louis such as public parks, gardens, buildings, neighborhood organizations; and providing educational enhancements to both young and old through schools and community centers.

The foundation's first goal is to provide \$100,000 to be used for the restoration of the Kenneth Hall-Jones Park Fountain at Jones Park Lagoon, perhaps the largest fountain with a lily pond system in the metropolitan St. Louis area. The fountain will be renamed the Emma L. Wilson King Memorial Fountain.

A public information session to discuss the foundation and fountain restoration will be held Saturday, April 23 from 2 - 4:30 PM at the East St. Louis Public Library, 5300 State Street. Representatives from the University of Illinois School of Landscape Architecture will present four renderings of the fountain designed by students of the School at the session. One of the four will ultimately be chosen to be incorporated into the project.

The foundation was formed through the efforts of the children of the late Emma L. Wilson King, a longtime resident of East St. Louis. For more information about the foundation and its mission and goals, visit

[www.emmalkingfoundation.org](http://www.emmalkingfoundation.org)

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### IN THE NEWS

#### *Annual Celebrity Golf Tournament to Fund the Jones Park Fountain Restoration*

EAST ST. LOUIS, IL, (SWI-News.com), September 3,

2007 - The **Emma L. Wilson King**

**Foundation** is sponsoring its third annual celebrity golf tournament on Saturday, **September 15th**, at the Grand Marais Golf Course in Frank Holten State Park in East St. Louis. Funds raised from the golf tournament will go toward the restoration of the

Municipal Fountain at Jones Park. See [East St. Louis](#).



#### *Illinois Governor Blagojevich Signs FY08 Budget, Minus \$500 in Legislative Add-Ons*

SPRINGFIELD, IL, (SWI-News.com), August 26, 2007 - **Governor Rod R. Blagojevich** has signed the state's Fiscal Year 2008 budget, and exercised his veto authority to remove nearly \$500 million in 'pork' projects and other spending the state cannot afford from the operating budget approved August 10 by the General Assembly. With the Governor's vetoes and reductions, general revenue spending in the FY08 budget reflects a 5.9 percent increase over FY07.

In an announcement, the Governor said, "As I said when the legislature passed this budget - it leaves a lot of important business unfinished. While I'm pleased that we're making a record investment in education, families across the state are still being priced out of health coverage and don't have a way to see a doctor when they need to. A budget should reflect the priorities of the people who elected us to make their lives better."

"That's why I'm removing almost \$500 million in special pet projects and other spending that we simply can't afford. And at the same time, we're preparing new rules and administrative changes that will give half-a-million Illinoisans access to healthcare. 250,000 women in Illinois will be able to get screened and treated for breast and cervical cancer. These changes improve the budget that lawmakers sent me. But there's more to be done. I look forward to working with them on a capital bill to provide funding for mass transit, and aging infrastructure like roads and bridges," said Gov. Blagojevich.

#### *Illinois Department of Revenue Warns Businesses About Tax ID Website Rip-Off*

SPRINGFIELD, IL, (SWI-News.com), August 19, 2007 - In a letter to the state's top business associations, Department of Revenue Director **Brian Hamer** warned businesses today about websites that charge money to connect users to services the IDOR offers for free.

"Unfortunately, misinformation can run rampant on the Internet, and businesses can be scammed into paying unnecessary fees," said Director Hamer. "We want to make sure that anyone that chooses to do business in Illinois knows that they can find all necessary tax forms at [tax.illinois.gov](#) free of charge and can call our toll free lines with any questions they may have." Businesses can use the website's e-filing capabilities to register electronically. In addition, the IDOR website features an automated Q&A system which answers a wide variety of business questions. For more information, businesses can call the business hotline at 217-524-4772.



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EAST ST. LOUIS, IL (SWI News.com) September 1, 2007 - The Municipal Fountain in Kenneth Hall-Jones Park in East St. Louis is one of the oldest and largest with a lily pond system in the southern Illinois area. Over the years, it has lost its grandeur and eventually was drained and closed, becoming another lost asset to the community.

Several years ago, the Emma L. Wilson King Foundation was formed to assist in the revitalization of East St. Louis, beginning with the restoration of the fountain, located near the Jackie Joyner-Kersey Center.

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The Foundation is sponsoring its third annual celebrity golf tournament on Saturday, September 15th at the Grand Marais Golf Course in Frank Holten State Park in East St. Louis. Funds raised from the golf tournament will go toward the restoration of the Municipal Fountain at Jones Park.

Guests are invited to join celebrities including former St. Louis Cardinals player Dick Allen and Ted Savage, Art Smith of the Harlem Magicians, former basketball star Marques Haynes and former football pro Dana Howard along with other celebrity guests in the tournament.

The entry fee is \$100. Sign-up begins at 12:30 p.m. A silent auction will be held during the tournament and prizes for the top four teams will be awarded. To help out, one can purchase a brick, make a donation or enter the celebrity golf tournament. The design that will be used for this project was created by a Landscape Architect student from the University of Illinois.

Corporate sponsorship and advertising are also available. For more information or to sign up contact David King at 866-766-1991.

#### Archived Stories:

[East St. Louis Welcomes Re-Opening of Casino Queen](#)  
[East St. Louis School District, City and Casino Queen Partner for Progress to Beautify the City](#)  
[East St. Louis Post Office Renamed in Honor of Choreographer Katherine M. Dunham](#)





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## LAST WEEK'S DIRT

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### LATEST FROM LAND ONLINE

- Todd Johnson, FASLA, Discusses the 2006 ASLA Professional Awards

- ASLA Hosts Meeting to Map Environmentally Sensitive Areas Along Gulf Coast

- *New Public Relations Guide now on the COW*

- *Primer on Doing Work for the Federal Government Overseas*

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### LATEST FROM ASLA

- ASLA 2006 Awards Call For Entries Released

- ASLA Releases Call for Entries for Medals, Firm Award, and Community Service Award

- ASLA and Lady

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## Martha Schwartz, ASLA, Gets Her Irish On

Dublin, Ireland's Docklands Development Authority has unveiled ambitious plans for a new Grand Canal Square, which will instantly become one of the largest paved public spaces in the city. The new square is designed by **Martha Schwartz, ASLA**, and features, according to *Archiseek*, "a striking composition of a red 'carpet' extending from an adjoining theatre into and over the dock crossed by a lush green 'carpet' of paving with lawns and vegetation. The red 'carpet' will be made of bright red resin-glass paving covered with red glowing angled light sticks. The green 'carpet' of polygon-shaped planters will offer ample seating and will connect the new hotel to the office development across the square." Writing in *The Times* of London, Shane O'Toole proclaims that Schwartz's designs "stand out like psychedelic peacocks," adding that the new space is simply "unlike anything we have seen."

## AIA Honors 22 Architecture/Interior Architecture Projects

Our good friends over at the American Institute of Architects have released their 2006 AIA Honor Awards for Architecture and Interior Architecture. The *Architecture prizes* have honor projects ranging from a small chapel in Minnesota to the mammoth Washington, D.C., Convention Center. On the *interior side*, all honorees were dealing with existing spaces, which in many instances needed to be transformed for a new use.

## Reopening a Fountain in East St. Louis

In an undermaintained park, fountains are usually the first casualty. Such was the case in Kenneth Hall-Jones Park, where the lagoon fountain, although largely intact, has been allowed to fall into disrepair. That is, according to the *Belleville News Democrat*, until a local foundation, the Emma L. Wilson King Foundation—named after a woman who deeply admired the park, and its fountain—stepped in to raise the \$300,000 to repair it. The story gets even better—a design by **Alec Cashman, Student ASLA**, from the University of Illinois has been selected for the area around the fountain.

## California Lets the Sunshine In

After months of wrangling, the California Utilities Commission has passed a measure directing utilities to spend nearly \$3 billion over 11 years to encourage both businesses and residential customers to install enough rooftop solar panels to generate 3,000 megawatts of electricity, *The Los Angeles Times* reports. The measure would create enough power to serve 2.2 million homes and eliminate the need for six modern power plants. Here comes the sun, do, do, do, do...

ASLA has released its 2006 call for entries for its professional and student awards program.

### Deadlines for Professional Awards:

Entry forms and payment: Friday, February 10, 2006

Submission binders:

Friday, February 24, 2006

### Deadline for Student Awards:

Entry forms and payment: Friday, May 19, 2006

Submission binders:

Friday, June 2, 2006