

Newsletter | SMTS CONNECTIONS

August 2022

Did you know that SMTS will be turning 50 in 2023???

SMTS started a service with just 3 vans and began serving the needs of elderly and handicapped residents in Southeast Missouri. Their service has grown to a fleet of 200 vehicles serving a 21 county area.

In the beginning SMTS was located in a room off a local Café and later moved upstairs over the Café, where it remained until February 1985 (12 years). SMTS moved to yet another old Café building located on South Mine LaMotte in September of 1985 renting all the time until they were able to buy the building in 1991. In late 1997 SMTS was able to successfully negotiate the trade of the building on South Mine LaMotte and purchase a building located at 704 East Hwy 72. After a few years SMTS had grown and needed more room to accommodate additional vehicles and staff. Once again the search was on for funding and property. With the aid of a Federal Earmark SMTS was able to purchase a building which was a combination office and garage owned by an electric cooperative when the Coop built a new and larger facility at a different location. Also fortunately for SMTS, the building was located at 700 East Hwy 72, next door to where we were located. In July 2004 the move was made to our current location.

You can read the whole story on our
website ridesmts.org

PHELPS COUNTY

Is it true? Is there a deviated fixed route heading to Phelps County?

SMTS partnered with Meramec Regional Planning Commission to conduct a route feasibility study.

Based on the study results, there is an overwhelming need for additional public transit services.

Additional information coming in Spring 2023!



Photo from Selfie Day

Meet the Main Office Staff!

LACI FRANCIS



Data Entry Clerk

A little about Laci!
She just started with SMTS
Favorite Color:

Green

Favorite Holiday:
Christmas

Favorite Food:
Steak

If you could be immortal for one day what would you do?
Skydive all the time!



Missouri Trivia

MISSOURI WAS THE FIRST STATE TO FLY WHAT ANIMAL??

Find out the answer from
the next newsletter!

life hacks

Being surrounded by the color yellow will help you stay focused. Yellow decreases the production of melatonin, the hormone that makes you sleepy.

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1000LifeHacks.com

Upcoming Events:

1. New Employee Training - Fredericktown
a. August 18 9:00- 2:00
2. Driver Training 9-11 Aug 23 - Fredericktown
3. Driver Training 9-11 Aug 24 - Salem
4. Driver Training 9-11 Aug 25 - Poplar Bluff



WHAT'S GOING ON WITH OUR PARTNERS!

RTAP

RTAP (Rural Transportation Assistance Program) just had Rural Transportation Day on July 16th. What is RTAP, you ask? The 1974 National Mass Transportation Assistance Act created an annual formula grant program. Since 1979 UMTA—renamed Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in 1991—has provided formula funding to states under the Section 5311 Non-Urbanized Transit Program to establish and maintain transit systems in communities with populations under 50,000. Then in 1987 RTAP was formed. They provide so many things to rural transportation along with training and resources to build a foundation to be successful in rural transportation. This years theme was what does rural transportation mean to you?? So what does rural transportation mean to you? They are having a photo contest to finish off Rural Transit Day. Stay tuned for the pictures that we get submitted and see if we win!



Winner of the
drawing is
Dylan
Vogelsang



Source: RTAP Website



If you have anything interesting that you would like to add to next months issue please submit to tori@ridesmts.org for review!

COORDINATOR OF THE MONTH! Ann Stevens!



Area Supervisor!
 St. Francois County
 Since 2012

Favorite Color:
 Pink

Favorite Dessert:
 Chocolate Chip
 Cookies

**Favorite Part of the
Job?**

Everything!
 St. Francois Co
 employees are such a
 close knit family and the
 riders are great!