

# Action on the Street

There is power in numbers when addressing issues. More than likely, there is at least one group that is working to address the pressing issue or problem you are dealing with in your community.

Neighborhood Associations are a space to work on neighborhood specific issues.

🖥️ Find and learn about your neighborhood on websites for City of St. Louis and St. Louis County.

Governmental, Private, and Public/Private partnerships advance issues directly in your community. Here are some examples:

**Enhancing public safety and violence prevention:**

- / Freedom Community Center
- / St. Louis Area Violence
- / Prevention Commission
- / St. Louis City Office of Violence Prevention

**Supporting LGBTQ+ equal rights:**

- / Metro Trans Umbrella Group
- / PFLAG
- / PROMO
- / Shades Project
- / St. Louis Queer+ Support Helpline

**Improving affordable housing:**

- / Action STL
- / Homes for All St. Louis
- / St. Louis City Affordable Housing Commission
- / Trans Housing Initiative St. Louis

**Addressing vacancies:**

- / St. Louis Vacancy Collaborative

**Improving streets and mobility:**

- / Community Mobility Committee
- / Transform 314

What are other organizations advancing issues that are important to you?

Share those with us by emailing [programs@camstl.org](mailto:programs@camstl.org) or by leaving a note on the comment board in the Transform Your Hood exhibition.

Transform Your Hood is organized in partnership with Speak Up St. Louis's Quinton Ward, Designer and Co-Founder/Host; Transform314's Kelly McGowan, Founder and Executive Director, and Stephon "Phonzz" White, Designer; and Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis's Michelle Dezember, Director of Learning and Engagement, and Miriam Ruiz, Education Manager.



# Transform Your Hood.

## From the Ballot to Your Block

Transform Your Hood is a multifaceted, nonpartisan campaign that aims to activate how we creatively express our values through civic engagement. Developed as a partnership between Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis, Speak Up St. Louis, and Transform314, this initiative will grow over the course of the exhibition season.

In addition to the participatory exhibition, this initiative also includes a series of offsite, pop-up voter registration events and a poster design competition, culminating in a town-hall event on **August 2 from 5–9 p.m.** This event will include a DJ set and panel discussion, as well as the announcement of the winner of the poster design competition. This winner receives a cash prize and the opportunity for their drawing to be turned into a poster that will be distributed to encourage voting efforts around the 2024 presidential election. Volunteers will be available at the Transform Your Hood Town Hall to help eligible individuals register to vote in Missouri and Illinois.

We invite you to continue exploring how you can play a role in civic engagement with information about city, state, and federal positions up for election this year, as well as what other actions can be taken beyond the ballot box on a grassroots level.

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# Voting in Elections

Elections are events in which we choose the people who serve in certain governmental positions, as well as make important changes and additions to laws.

Before we begin, let's unpack some terms:

**Ballot:**

This is the tool a voter uses to mark their vote. It can be used in paper or electronic form.

**General Election:**

This is the “championship match.” Candidates from different parties compete to win an elected office. Any registered voter can vote in a general election, and for any candidate you'd like, regardless of any political party affiliation.

**Municipal:**

Another word for “local,” used to describe a city or town and its local government

**Polling Place:**

Where you go to vote (if registered)

**Primary Election:**

This is an “election before the election.” In primary elections, you decide which candidate will be your party's nominee for the general election. You must be registered with a political party to vote in a primary election.


**Proposition:**

A law, issue, or topic included on a ballot for voters to determine, usually by saying “yes” or “no.” Propositions are often also on the ballot of general and primary elections, and can be referred to as a “ballot measure.”


To vote, you may have to do some homework:

 Visit the Missouri Secretary of State's elections website to:

- / Check to see if you are registered to vote
- / Register to vote
- / Request an absentee ballot
- / Find your polling place

 Visit [vote.org](https://www.vote.org) for further information, including to get election reminders or to get a reminder on your 18th birthday to register to vote if you're currently under voting age!



 Use the camera on your phone to scan the QR code to visit the exhibition page for resources referenced wherever you see this icon.

[camstl.org/transform-your-hood](https://camstl.org/transform-your-hood)

## Major 2024 Election Dates in Missouri:

April 2 is General Municipal Election Day

August 6 is Primary Election Day

November 5 is General Election Day

This year, elections will determine the following positions, amongst other important decisions:

**St. Louis City:**

- / City Treasurer
- / Circuit Attorney
- / Sherriff
- / Alderpersons

**State of Missouri:**

- / Governor
- / Lieutenant Governor
- / Attorney General
- / Secretary of State
- / State Treasurer
- / State Auditor
- / Missouri Senate
- / Missouri House of Representatives
- / Missouri Supreme Court


**St. Louis County:**

- / Alderpersons for various cities, towns, and villages
- / County Council positions
- / School Board positions

**Federal Government:**

- / President
- / United States Representatives
- / United States Senators

There are organizations that provide informational forums as elections get closer, so you can learn about candidates for positions such as school board candidates and more.

 Check out the League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization that encourages the informed and active participation in government.