



St. Louis Chapter Newsletter



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Chapter Meeting - April 10

Join us on Monday, April 10th for the monthly chapter lunch and presentation.

Topic: Building a Safety Culture - Getting the "Buy-In"

Speaker: Sharida Mitchell

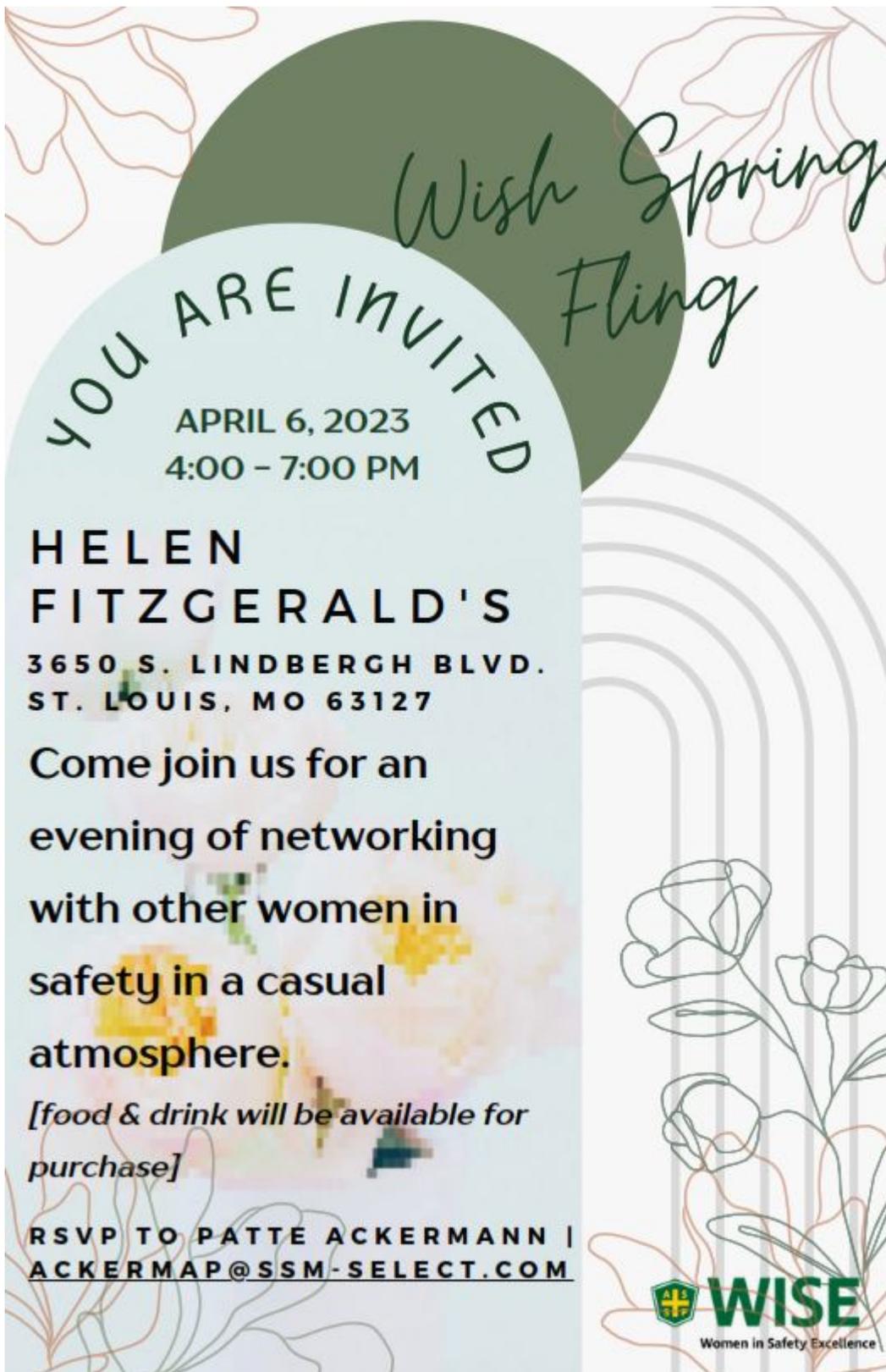
Sharida is the Territory Account Manager for Mallory Safety & Supply

Where: Syberg's, 2430 Old Dorsett Rd, Maryland Heights, MO 63043

When: Registration @11, Lunch @11:30, Presentation @12

Register for Meeting: <https://stl.assp.org/events/april-lunch-meeting/>

WISH Spring Fling - April 6



To RSVP or to be added to the WISH / WISE email list, contact ackemap@ssm-select.com

Future Chapter Meeting
Monday, May 8th, 2023

Topic: Neck and Shoulder Syndrome in the Workplace

Speaker: Dr. Hobbs, St. Louis Orthopedic and Sports Medicine
Speaker: Dr. Minges, Onyx Spine Institute

Where: Syberg's, 2430 Old Dorsett Rd, Maryland Heights, MO 63043

When: Registration @11, Lunch @11:30, Presentation @12

Register for Meeting:

<https://stl.assp.org/events/may-lunch-meeting-neck-shoulder-syndrome-in-the-workplace/>

Join Us on LinkedIn

The ASSP St. Louis Chapter has a LinkedIn Group and is available for public search!

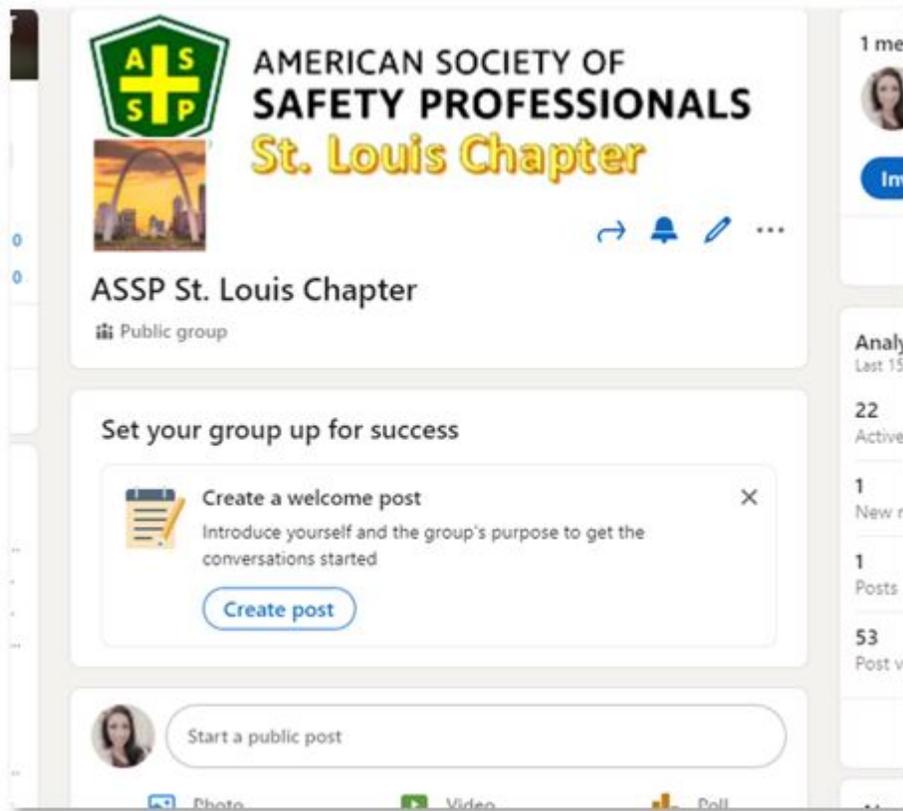
Join us here: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/14209287/>

Special thanks to ASSP Member Emily Felton for stepping up and volunteering to be the Social Media Chair, and to get this group going. We can't do anything without our volunteers! Thanks, Emily!!

You can support Emily and our local chapter by using this site to:

- Share safety trends and relevant articles
- Post job openings
- Let others know if you're looking for a position
- Recognize local groups or individuals supporting safety
- Ask questions of your peers

We look forward to this being an interactive page. Please join and please invite others!



Scholarship Golf Tournament - June 9



RESERVATIONS

FRIDAY - JUNE 9, 2023

7:30 am – Registration

8:00 am – Shotgun Start

1:30 pm – Lunch and Awards

St. Peter's Golf Course
200 Salt Lick Road
St. Peters, MO 63376
Phone: (636) 397-2227

Please complete the attached
Registration Form promptly to
guarantee your reservation.

Payment can be made online at:

<http://stl.assp.org/>

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION EARLY!!!

Limited to 144 PAID golfers!

\$150 per person - \$600 for a team of four

PAYMENT is due in FULL by May 28, 2023

**ALL PLAYERS will be entered
into a drawing for prizes.
Additional tickets may be
purchased on event day.**

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- 1) Co-host for refreshments & meal for \$200
- 2) Sponsor ONE golf hole for \$150
- 3) Sponsor TWO golf holes for \$200
(One on the front 9 and one on the back 9)
- 4) Corporate Level Sponsor - Includes
a golf foursome with mulligans, skins,
two hole signs, a large banner displayed
at registration, lunch and awards
ceremony for \$1,000
- 5) Donate raffle and "goodie bag" items
Call Janola Rigsby at (314) 267-2624

**All beverage and meal sponsors will be listed
on a banner at registration and awards ceremony**

Register: <https://stl.assp.org/events/2023-assp-scholarship-golf-tournament-fundraiser/>

Full Flyer: <https://stl.assp.org/2023/03/ASSP-Golf-Tournament-06.09.23.pdf>

Safety Professional of the Year Award

The ASSP Chapter Safety Professional of the Year (SPY) award is an honor acknowledging the dedication and outstanding contributions of a member to the St. Louis ASSP Chapter. Ricky Reams, Vice President of Safety at Murphy Company was nominated and selected to win this year's prestigious award.

Just a few of his contributions to the safety community include:

- Past President (ASSP)
- Golf Chair (ASSP)
- Board Member (ASSP)
- Contributor to all board meetings and integral to helping to achieve Platinum Status for ASSP
- Mentor to many in the safety and entire St. Louis community
- Frequent volunteer speaker to Safety Council, SL3, AGC and SIBA
- Frequent volunteer for varied organizations and activities
- Volunteer mentor to a local robotics group who reached out to ASSP

Ricky's tireless, thoughtful and enthusiastic dedication to the ASSP is clear to all who encounter. We were so proud to present Ricky Reams with the 2023 SPY Award at our annual member appreciation night this year.



[alendar of Events](#)

Take a look at what's coming up! Mark your calendar now.



ASSP ST. LOUIS CHAPTER EVENTS 2023



Sybergs on Dorsett (unless otherwise stated)

Networking: 11:00-11:30 - Lunch: 11:30-12:00

Announcements & Speaker: 12:00-1:00



Sharida Mitchell - Territory Account Manager
Mallory Safety & Supply

Monthly Meeting - April 10th, 2023 11:00 am to 1 pm

Building a Safety Culture - Getting the "Buy-In"



Dr. Hobbs, (L) St. Louis Orthopedic and Sports Medicine
Dr. Minges (R) Orthopedic Spine Surgery - Joint Presentation

Monthly Meeting - May 8th, 11:00 am to 1 pm

"Neck/Shoulder Syndrome in the Workplace"



Annual Golf Tournament - June 9th, 2023 - 7 am to 3 pm

St. Peters Golf Club, 200 Salt Lick Rd, Saint Peters, Missouri 63376



Chris Archer, Attorney at Law - Archer & Lassa, LLC.

Monthly Meeting - July 10th, 2023 - 11:00 am to 1 pm

"Is this compensable?" Test your knowledge and judgement on real fact patterns decided recently by the courts.



AB Tour!!! - No Meeting! - August 10th, 2023 - 3 PM to 5 PM

Happy Hour w/Food & Beer - 5 PM to 7 PM

Must Register - \$20.00/person (non-refundable)



Stacie Zellin, Community Education Coordinator
Prevent+Ed

Monthly Meeting - September 11th, 2023 - 11:00 am to 1 pm

"Navigating Conversations around Substance Use"



In honor of Fire Prevention Month the City of St. Louis Fire Department will be here

Monthly Meeting - October 9th, 2023 - 11:00 am to 1 pm

"Fire prevention at work and at home"



Mike Toledo, Electrical Services Specialist
Guarantee Electric

Monthly Meeting - November 13th, 2023 - 11:00 am to 1 pm

"Electrical Safety is not just for Electricians"



Maryanne Heuer Martin, CSP. Compliance Assistance Specialist (L)

Bill McDonald, Area Director, OSHA - St. Louis Area Office (R)

Monthly Meeting - December 11th, 2023 - 11:00 am to 1 pm

Annual OSHA Update



<https://stl.assp.org/event/>



Always find the latest events at <https://stl.assp.org/>

The Mid Missouri section provides networking and training opportunities for the professionals working in and around Jefferson City and Columbia.

Mid-Mo has a lot of exciting meetings planned for this year, to be held at D. Rowe's Restaurant in Columbia, MO:

- April 19th, **OSHA Updates:** Presented by Maryanne Heuer Martin, MS CSP CHST, Compliance Assistance Specialist, OSHA - St. Louis Area Office. There will also be a short segment on the topic of **Workers' Compensation Fraud & Noncompliance:** Presented by Anthony Ferrell, Chief Administrator of the Missouri Dept of Labor & Industrial Relations
- May 17th, **Suicide Prevention & Mental Health** Presented by Matt Cowell, Director of Safety at Emery Sapp & Sons, Inc (Rescheduled from January)

If you are interested in participating in these meetings or joining the Mid-MO mailing list, please reach out to [Paul Krewson](mailto:Paul.Krewson@midmo.org) or opt-in here: <https://mailchi.mp/b33f8ed3f931/assp-midmo>

Golf Carts, On and Off the Course)

~Bill Kincaid, P.E., CSP, CIT

Under my city's current laws, golf carts can be used on those public roads which have speed limits of 25 mph or less. They can't be used on sidewalks. The operator must be insured and have a valid driver's license. The vehicle must be equipped with front and rear lights. Operators and all passengers must wear seat belts. A permit sticker will be provided by police after a one-time mandatory inspection.

The more libertarian among our populace likely tossed their 12-year-olds the keys the moment they heard golf carts were "legal" for street use, but the details of our city's law make sense whether people obey it or not. There are some bad things which can happen when golf carts are used, and big liability exposures for whoever owns the cart involved.

It's common to see individuals purchase their own golf carts for use around their homes and resort properties. Owning a golf cart for use around the neighborhood sounds like a fun idea. There are also many golf carts rented out on golf courses and resorts, perhaps included with condo rentals, and owned by companies for use on their properties. I see them being driven inside manufacturing plants and even inside malls and airports.

I know some parents who let their middle-schoolers drive golf carts, thinking it's good, harmless practice for the future when the kids are older and will need to learn to drive a car. I'm not so sure the kids will learn much. One of the kids I know crashed into a tree at the bottom of a ravine with a couple of her little friends in her parent's cart some years ago. She's in college now, and currently has her driver's license suspended for an egregious speeding violation. It's her second suspension. Her parents have spent thousands on lawyers trying to reinstate her driving privilege. Maybe the golf cart crash should have been a learning experience for the parents as well as the daughter.

There's a reason the minimum age for a driver's license is 16 (rather than, say, 10). Kids don't have fully developed brains and often make poor decisions. Do we want those childish decisions to be tested in a half-ton moving vehicle, with real-life consequences? Simply being tall enough to reach the pedals is not much of a qualification.

In the workplace, the OSHA powered industrial truck rules don't apply to golf carts, but that doesn't mean "anything goes". For workplace use of carts, the PIT rules can serve as a model for what to do at least. We should exercise tight control over who gets to drive any kind of company vehicle and make sure those who do are well qualified and known to be safe drivers.

Golf carts are handy for getting around cleanly and quietly, indoors and out, but like everything else we might do, we just need to do it right. There are opportunities to misuse any golf cart, and perhaps to incur some liabilities for the owners of the cart. At risk of taking some of the fun out of happily driving around in a golf cart, let's list some of the possible adverse scenarios which could result in liability claims:

- Driver hits a pedestrian.
- Driver turns too fast/runs over a curb and flips the cart, and someone riding in it incurs disabling, life-changing injury – it's surprisingly easy to turn one over when the ground isn't level.
- Child driving golf cart wrecks it and in the process injures two other children riding in it.
- Intoxicated person takes the cart out on the public road and is involved in an MVA.
- Driver routinely leaves the keys in the cart and later finds it has been stolen.
- Driver damages someone's property with the cart.

If we buy our own golf cart for use around the neighborhood, maybe taking it onto the local golf course to save on rental costs, we should get adequate insurance for the cart. If we're going to lend or rent a golf cart to someone, employee or otherwise, then we need the proper insurance coverage and a waiver which covers rules for operation.

I can think of a few rules to cover in the waiver along with the usual hold-harmless material:

1. Drivers are expected to have a valid driver's license. There may not be a legal requirement for a license for strictly off-road use, but a driver's license shows the driver has passed a minimum standard for operating a motor vehicle, which is at least something. For non-industrial use, consider a 16 year old might be a little young to be responsible for the control of a golf cart.
2. If a cart has been "tagged out" or if there is any indication there is something mechanically wrong with it, do not use it until it is fixed.
3. The person who has been given custody of the cart is responsible to ensure the rules for the cart are followed, and the cart is only used by qualified drivers.
4. The cart is to be used only in the designated areas specific to the cart, which depends very much on the circumstances of ownership. For example, if it's a golf course, then the cart must stay on the course property, and not take a detour down the road shoulder to the corner store for beer. If it's in a plant, some areas may be off limits, such as paint spraying areas. There won't be "golf carts keep out" signs so drivers need to know this before they take a cart.
5. Safe operation and careful driving are expectations.
6. The total load capacity of the cart must not be exceeded.
7. No driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
8. Posted traffic signs for speed limits, stop, yield and so on must be obeyed even while operating on private property (such as plant roads and parking lots).
9. The cart is not to be driven on pedestrian sidewalks. It's okay to cross a sidewalk with caution. (This rule is an option – college campuses, for one, are easily crossed by a golf cart using sidewalks, but the time to do this is during classes when there are hardly any students out walking. If driving on a sidewalk, assume a slow speed when passing by pedestrians.)
10. Sound the horn at blind corners and intersections. This applies even when there are no pedestrians to be seen.
11. If the cart has seat belts, everyone in the cart must use them. If it doesn't have seat belts, then seat belts should be professionally installed by a golf cart service shop, and everyone in the cart must use them.
12. Drivers are expected to park the cart in a safe area where it won't obstruct pedestrians or work operations and remove the key when leaving it unattended.

Now, a moment for the insurance. Typical auto insurance coverage stays a country mile away from golf carts so the people who drive the cart have no coverage from their car insurance. A lot of insurance carriers offer golf cart liability policies, kind of like the coverage we would get for a motorcycle. These policies are very reasonably priced because they take into consideration the low-traffic places golf carts are typically used in, and the limited distances they travel. Some states have personal injury laws which for some reason have led to carriers not insuring carts in those states – at least how I read it – so what coverage plans you have available to buy depends on where you and the golf cart reside.

To sum up specialized golf cart insurance coverage:

1. You don't have golf cart insurance until you buy it, and
2. You need it.

Golf carts are handy little vehicles to own, rent or borrow. It's not hard to drive one, not hard to get in trouble with one, and - here's the good news - not hard to do it right. As usual, it's look before you leap.

Take some time to prepare and protect yourself from common golf cart liabilities.

~Bill

Safety and Health Conference - Oct 11th - Save the Date

Be sure to take note of the NEW VENUE for this event!

SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday
October 11, 2023

20th ANNUAL
GREATER ST. LOUIS
SAFETY AND HEALTH CONFERENCE

EXCITED TO PRESENT OUR NEW CONFERENCE VENUE

THE CROSSING AT CHESTERFIELD
114 EATHERTON ROAD
CHESTERFIELD, MO 63005

MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!

<https://www.stlsafety.org/>

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