

Great Game Huddle Notes

October 29, 2019

Angie Crews introduced today's huddle about the November's 5th Ballot Education with guest speaker Tom Dancey and United Way Campaign special guest speaker, Stephanie Appleby, Executive Director of NAMI.

1/8 – Cent Transportation Sales Tax

- First approved by voters in 1996
- Funded approximately \$102 million to fund transportation system improvement
- Tax estimated to generate approximately \$22 million in the first four year.
- Surveys went out to the community to see what they would like done.
- Improvement programs
 1. Major street resurfacing/rehabilitation
 2. Traffic Flow & Safety
 3. Walkability
 4. Cost-share / Economic Development Projects
 5. Bridge Repair & Replacement
- Completed has promised
 - Battlefield & 65
 - Glenstone & Independence
 - Grand Street

United Way Agency

Stephanie Applebee from National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) SWMO

- Everyone who works there has mental illness.
- Stephanie's experience
 - Stephanie is not only a professional, but she also has personal experience with mental illness. She was diagnosed with anxiety, panic disorder and agoraphobia and was homebound for 14 years of her life.
 - Knowing how mental illness and stigma can impact someone so strongly, Stephanie has now dedicated her life fighting for those with mental health issues.
 - There are multiple forms of treatment (medication, therapy, church, etc.) a combination of many can see the most lasting results.
- Volunteered at NAMI to find "Tribe". She was hired as Market and Media Manger and is now the Executive Director of NAMI.
- 33 support groups all free
- Peer mentors funded by State Department of Mental Health
- Age group is mostly teenagers
- It is ok to ask someone "Are you feeling suicidal?"