

# Roadside Review

A Quarterly Newsletter of the  
Missouri Department of Transportation's  
Adopt-A-Highway Program

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## Adopt-A-Highway Rules & Regulations Get a Makeover

New rules and regulations are designed to make the Adopt-A-Highway program better than ever before! The simplified updates, clarifications and changes aid in making the program easier to follow, safer and more successful. They went into effect Aug. 30.

The revisions include the following:

- **Raised the minimum member age to 10 years old for safety reasons.**
- **Added a requirement to notify MoDOT for disposal of filled litter bags as soon as possible after the clean-up activity.**
- **Removed a requirement to provide prior notice before a program activity.**
- **Clarified several eligibility requirements.**
- **Removed participant form reporting.**

The Adopt-A-Highway program, which began in 1987, now includes more than 3,700



adopters with more than 5,200 miles adopted. Every year, adopters save MoDOT \$1 million in litter cleanup and beautification costs through their efforts. Every area kept litter-free by adopters allows MoDOT to devote resources to other much-needed tasks. "Our goal is to see the program continue to grow and expand as it reaches its 20th year," said Stacy Armstrong, Adopt-A-Highway coordinator. "Updating the rules and regulations will make the program easier

and safer for current adopters and hopefully attract new adopters."

For the complete list of rules, visit [www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/current/7csr/7c10-14.pdf](http://www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/current/7csr/7c10-14.pdf). ■

**Take the litter pledge and do your part to keep Missouri litter free.**

**Litter Pledge:**

**I promise to do my part  
To make and keep  
Missouri litter free.**

**I promise to keep my house,  
My yard and my town  
Clean and free of trash.**

**I will throw my trash away and pick  
Up trash when I see it.**

**I will tell my family and friends  
About No MOre Trash!**

## ADOPTER SPOTLIGHT

### Happy-Go-Lucky 4-H Club Happy to Clean Missouri Roads

The Happy-Go-Lucky 4-H Club has been happily cleaning up two miles of Route D in Monroe County since 1989. This January, the club will celebrate its 52nd anniversary, making it the oldest 4-H club in the county and one of the oldest in the state. In fact, some members are 2nd or 3rd generation members- their parents and grandparents were a part of the club.

"Most people who live in this area grew up here and stay here to raise their own fami-

lies," said Rhonda Johnson, club leader. "Some families have even been here for more than a 100 years. It's important to us to take care of where we live and we are happy to pick up trash and keep our roadsides clean."

In 1989, the club leader, Karen Conley, encouraged 4-H clubs across the county to get involved in the Adopt-A-Highway program to keep their area clean and to educate the youth. During one of the



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# State Fair Wrap-up

Thousands of Missourians attended this year's state fair for concerts, to eat their favorite fair foods and to visit the MoDOT Highway Gardens. The fair ran from Aug. 10-20 and was chock full of events and activities to please all fairgoers.



Kids sort trash during the No MORE Trash! Survivor game at the state fair.

At the Gardens, No MORE Trash! day was a huge success as kids crowded to take the litter pledge (see front page) and vied to be the No MORE! Trash survivor. Prizes were awarded to three lucky winners of the Survivor game.

More than 650 kids participated in one of two scavenger hunts for a chance at winning a new helmet and bike, donated by Ravine

Street Bicycle in Fulton. This year's lucky winner, Peyton Dodson, was presented with his prize at his elementary school.

In addition to participating in several contests, fairgoers learned about the new booster seat and work zone safety laws, traffic safety and the 50-year anniversary of the interstate through new displays and computer games in the Highway Gardens Exposition Center. ■



Twila Tanner, MoDOT employee and star of Survivor: Vanuatu helps lead the No MORE Trash! Survivor game at the fair.

## Making Missouri Bridges Safe & Sound

A new MoDOT initiative, the Safe & Sound Bridge Improvement Plan, will have Missouri's 800 worst bridges repaired or replaced by 2012. To fix such a large number of bridges in a short period of time, MoDOT will award a single contract to design and build the bridge upgrades and continue to maintain the bridges for the next 25 years.

Missouri's highway system has more than 10,000 bridges, many of which are in poor condition. By late this year, a MoDOT team plans to evaluate all the bridges and compile a list of the 800 bridges that need the most improvement/repairs.

"This is an extremely innovative program we're attempting – I don't know of any other transportation department in the nation tackling their bridges so aggressively," said MoDOT Director Pete Rahn. "Rather than improving only a handful each year while the rest con-

tinue to wear down, we need to do something dramatic to get them in good shape quickly."

The Safe & Sound project is expected to cost between \$400 and \$600 million, which will be financed by existing federal bridge replacement funds.

"By the end of this year we'll have all of Missouri's busiest highways in good condition through the Smooth Roads Initiative," said Director Pete Rahn. "Now it's time to start on our bridges."

For more information on MoDOT's bridge plan, visit [www.modot.org](http://www.modot.org). ■



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2 clean-ups, Conley relates how they found a fast food sack full of syringes, which led the club to participate in an educational program put on by the NEMO Drug Task Force. This program teaches about meth labs and other dangerous substances club members could come across during a clean up.

The Happy-Go-Lucky club cleans up five times a year and each of the 30 members participate at least once a year. One club member, a former MoDOT employee,

ensures the volunteers wear orange vests during litter collections and follow the safety guidelines.

"The only thing we don't pick up is dead animals," Johnson jokes. "Otherwise, we are happy to help clean up litter in our area because it's our home and we'd probably do it anyway, it's just nice to have a sign and a structured program."

#### Proper disposal of syringes and dead animals:

1. DON'T TOUCH!
2. Notify MoDOT as soon as possible for disposal.

# New Laws to Save Lives

Aug. 28, 2006, marked a banner day for highway safety. Two major pieces of legislation came into effect, one changing penalties for breaking laws in work zones and the other requiring more young children to be secured in booster seats. The details of the new laws are laid out below.

## New Work Zone Law:

- Increases penalties for killing or injuring a highway worker to a fine of up to \$10,000 and possible loss of license. New signs will be posted reminding drivers of the new fine.
- Increases the fine for a second speeding or passing violation in a work zone up to \$300 and increases the fine for a second moving violation to up to \$75.
- Makes a crime of endangerment of a highway worker and aggravated endangerment of a highway worker.
- Changes the definition of work zone to include incident removal and revises the definition of worker to include motorist assist personnel.

### Hit a Worker

**\$10,000 Fine  
Lose Your License**

*New sign informs motorists about the penalties for hitting a worker.*

Other standing fines include \$250 fine for speeding/passing in a work zone and a \$35 fine for speeding in work zones on city, county and state roads even if a worker isn't present.



*At the state fair, one girl is measured to determine if she should ride in a booster seat.*

## New Booster Seat Law:

Requires your child to be in a booster seat if they are **4 through 7 years old, unless they are 80 pounds or 4'9" tall before their 8th birthday.** However, booster seats are available for children who weigh up to 100 pounds.

In 2003-2005, 26 children 4 through 7 years old were killed and 308 were seriously injured in vehicle crashes. In known cases, only 12 percent of those injured were in a child restraint device. Research shows that when a child graduates to a safety belt too soon, they are much more likely to suffer serious, disabling injuries in a crash due to "safety belt syndrome." The new booster seat law aims to reduce the occurrence of "safety belt syndrome" and keep children safer in a crash.

Visit [www.modot.org](http://www.modot.org) for more information. ■

MoDOT ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

*Litter Cleanup*



**5,260 MILES**

**3,748 ADOPTERS**

## SAFETY TIP

Winter months mean fewer day light hours. Never pick up trash after dark. Pedestrians should always wear reflective clothing and carry a flashlight after dark. Don't assume a vehicle will stop for you - the driver may not be paying attention or see you.

## June 2006

Adams Sunday School and Friends  
Apostolic Pentecostal Church of Elsberry  
Boeing Employees For Environmental Protection (BEEP)  
Boy Scout Troop 38, First Presbyterian Church, Mexico  
BTH Neighborhood Betterment Association  
Cooperative Home Care  
Dedicated to Sheila Huffman  
Diamond High School Wildcat Football  
Don Boulware and Family  
Evans Scholars  
Imperial License Office Imperial Grove  
In Loving Honor of Vernon Eugene Lipsey, By Loving Family  
In Loving Memory of Robbie Nash #23  
In Loving Memory of Teresa D. Brisbin "T.C."  
Lake Saint Louis Sailing Club Junior Sailors  
Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church "Highlonesome"  
Point Fifteen  
Raintree Chiropractic Center  
Stacy & Christina, In Loving Memory of Karen E. Sanders  
Stoutland Baptist Church  
Terra & Friends  
The Manning Family, In Loving Memory of John L. Slick Manning

## July 2006

Chads Coalition For Mental Health  
Court Alternative Program, Inc.  
In Loving Memory of Dominic A. Hernandez, My Son  
In Loving Memory of Larry Keefer – Keefer's Flowers  
In Loving Memory, Cody Shaw Prewitt  
In Loving of Wilda M. Duddy  
In Memory of Dean Waters and Beck McGuire  
James Trip  
Koshkonong FFA Chapter  
Madison C-3 National Honor Society  
Mt. Zion (Cuba) Free Will Baptist Church  
Nebo Baptist Church  
P.I.F. To Nature, S & S Lefler  
Pamida-867 Employees  
Red Realty, Respect, Experience, Dedication  
Scott City Women's Club  
SHS Lay Warrior Volleyball  
St. Charles Gator Football, Players Family & Fans  
The Barry Family & The Windmill Golf Course  
Touchstone Title, Brian Thies  
USS Liberty Veterans

## August 2006

Best Buy, Brentwood  
Forrest Fortner, American Family Insurance  
Friends of Faith  
Harrisonville Sunrise Lions Club  
Honoring Murphy Farm & Family, Buck, Jim & Pat  
In Honor of Milton "Bud" & Dorothy Ziegler  
In Loving Memory of George Wilkerson  
In Loving Memory of our Dad "Lumpy" Michael Driskill  
In Loving Memory of David D. Weinmann  
In Loving Memory of Nickolous Rauch, The Rauch Family  
In Loving Memory of Stephanie M. Van Alst  
In Loving Memory of Stevie Friend  
In Memory of Gina J. Dugan  
In Memory of Jeff Staley, Collins & Hermann  
Korean War Veterans, Chapter 281, Rolla  
Lecy "Chia" Fowler  
Master Gardeners  
Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Cape Cubs, Pathfinder Club  
St. Clement of Rome, Knights of Columbus, Council No. 13604

## September 2006

American Hometown Realty, Greenwood, MO

Century 21 Lake Realty

College of Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources Stuco

Comfort Inn Kansas City

Depot Inn-Amtrak La Plata

First Christian Church – Christian Action Team

Francis Jelinek

Full Tilt Riders, St. Robert Waynesville Chapter

Glamm Salon and Day Spa

In Loving Memory of Adam Lee Ashin-hurst

In Loving Memory of Clarence Nash and Kevin Anderson

In Loving Memory, Dana Lyn Fredenburg, Mother-Sister-Friend

In Loving Memory of George Wesley (West) Jenkins

In Loving Memory of Jerry Distler

In Loving Memory of Kyla Ann Dowell

In Loving Memory of L CPL Leon B. Deraps, by his Family

In Loving Memory of Pamela Gail Wilkinson

In Loving Memory of Patty McCune Moudy

In Loving Memory of Vernon Rector

In Memory of Arleen Seiler

Independence Eastview Lions Club

Karen Koelzer, The Avon Lady, Indep. Sales Rep.

Knights of Columbus, Council 5067, St. Joseph, MO

Lottie's Rustic Retreat

Meyer's Quick Shop

Mike Reed and Wesley Reed

Miller Lions Club

Monroe County Coonhunters Club

Our Loving Mommy Deann Hatala-Pratt, Kevin Trinity Ronald

Pack 21 Cub Scouts, Lake Ozark

Ryan Lawn and Tree, Kansas

Teren's S.T.A.R.S., In Loving Memory of Teren Ann Burford

The Family of Linda Griffin

The Family of Arnold "Boss Hogg" Griffin

Tim & Anna Strickel Echo & Breeze Dunton

University of Phoenix, In Kansas City

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# Thank You New Adopters!

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## TALKIN' TRASH

# Now you CAN get involved

Compete with other students across the state for cash prizes by decorating a trash can! The "Yes, you CAN make Missouri litter-free" trash can decorating contest, sponsored by the Missouri departments of Conservation and Transportation, allows students to be creative while learning the importance of litter prevention. The contest aims to raise awareness about Missouri's litter-prevention program and discourage littering among kindergarten through eighth-grade students.

Schools must decorate a 33-gallon or larger trash can in a prominent area of the school and include the No MORE Trash! logo along with an anti-litter message. The competition categories are grades K-2, 3-5 and 6-8 and schools are encouraged to submit one entry in each category. A grand-prize winning school, selected from all categories, will be awarded \$500 and a trophy. One entry from each category will be selected to receive a \$100 award.

Entries must be submitted by Jan. 27, 2007, and will be judged based on creativity, adherence

to the contest rules and effective use of theme and logo.

In 2005-2006, 30 entries were submitted and the winners are as follows:

#### Grand prize winner

- Savannah Middle School with their four-wheeled trash collection vehicle and slogan, "No MORE Trash!, So We Won't Crash!"

#### First place winners

- Northeast Nodaway Elementary in Parnell with their Oscar the Grouch "Feed Me Trash" design.
- Yeatman-Liddel Middle School in St. Louis with a colorful "trashed" trash can.
- William Yates Elementary students in Blue Springs with a collage of Missouri wildlife and landscape clippings.

*For more information or to download an entry form, visit [www.nomoretrash.org](http://www.nomoretrash.org).* ■