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Fate of streetcars? Ask 603 voters

That's how many people applied to vote in this summer's mail-in election that will decide whether to set up a downtown transit district. A later step: a vote on a tax.

By LYNN HORSLEY
The Kansas City Star

It's now up to about 600 downtown residents to decide whether Kansas City takes the next step in making streetcars a reality.

As of Tuesday night's deadline, 603 people had applied to vote in a

special election this summer seeking approval for a proposed downtown streetcar district.

If everyone votes, that would constitute just over 10 percent of the 5,900 registered voters on the Kansas City election board's rolls for the proposed district. About

3,400 of the eligible voters have participated in the last two elections and are considered "active" voters.

"I obviously wish the numbers were higher," said David Johnson, a streetcar advocate who used social media and held a dozen meetings in downtown residential buildings to get the word out about the special election. "Everyone who cared was allowed to

participate in the process."

Councilman Russ Johnson, the City Council's primary spokesman for the streetcar project, agreed.

"You can't compel people to vote," he said.

The upcoming mail-in election will ask voters living within the boundaries whether Kansas City

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STATE LINE COMPETITION | Lenexa firm mulls move to KC

BORDER WAR FOR BUSINESS HEATS UP

More than 1,000 jobs are the prize, and Freightquote is pondering sites in both Missouri and Kansas.

By KEVIN COLLISON
The Kansas City Star

Freightquote, a fast-growing, online shipping provider in Lenexa, is seeking space to expand, and with more than 1,000 employees locally it could be the biggest prize yet in the cross-border economic war that's flared recently within the metropolitan area.

An official at Freightquote confirmed Wednesday the firm is looking at sites in Kansas and Missouri. Kansas City economic development officials are pushing 30.5 acres south of St. Joseph Medical Center near the intersection of Interstate 435 and State Line Road.



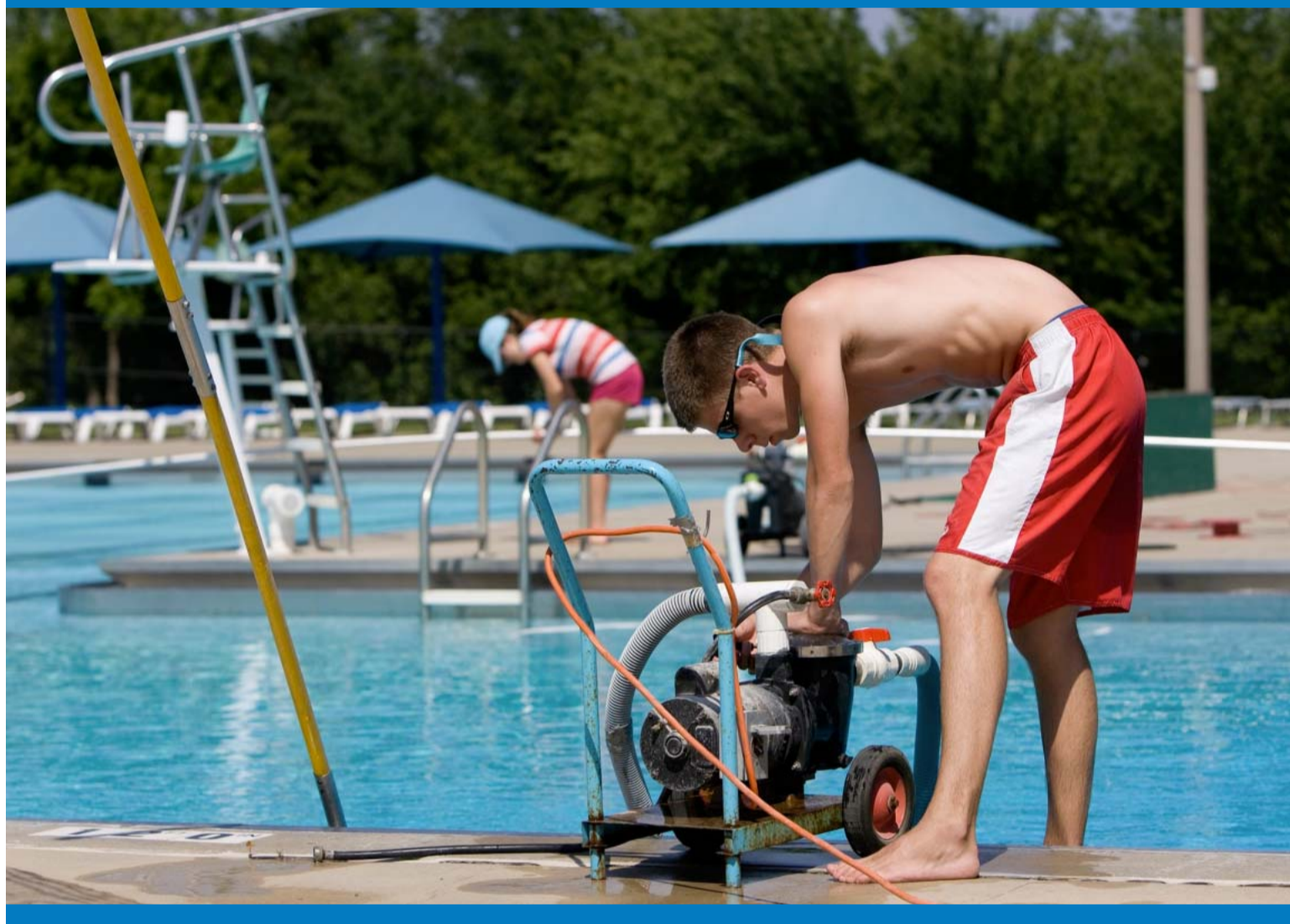
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"We continue to have discussions with both Kansas and Missouri and are fully evaluating both proposals; there are several viable options that will work well for Freightquote in both states," Matthew R. Druten, chief financial officer of Freightquote, said in a statement.

The potential Freightquote move would be the biggest in terms of sheer employment in a string of cross-border relocations that kicked off in ear-

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GET READY TO JUMP INTO SUMMER



Summer means fun, and work. Lifeguard Matt Brill (foreground) started a pool vacuum while head lifeguard Amelia Hoedl (back) tried to clear debris from the bottom of the pool on Wednesday at Ad Astra Pool, 83rd Street and Maurer Road in Lenexa. The pool will open for the season at noon on Saturday.

TAMMY LJUNGBLAD | THE STAR

The (belated) buck stops here

Former newsboy finally is repaid the money he says he was owed by President Truman.

By BRIAN BURNES
The Kansas City Star

Harry Truman paid off his last debt Wednesday.

The former president — actually, longtime Truman impersonator Niel Johnson — handed \$56.63 to Truman's former paperboy, who said he never was paid for about six months worth of newspapers delivered to Truman's Independence home in 1947.

"Honesty was one of my policies," Johnson told George Lund.

The account was settled, with interest, before a large crowd at the Tallgrass Creek retirement community in Overland Park, where Lund, 80, now lives.

Before the ceremony, Lund said he wasn't sure he wanted the debt to be paid. It had always made for such a great story.

"And I thought that if I ever got paid, I wouldn't be able to



JILL TOYOSHIBA | THE KANSAS CITY STAR

A stand-in for the real Harry S. Truman — presidential impersonator Niel Johnson — on Wednesday paid George Lund (right) money he says he's been owed since 1947.

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tell the story again," said Lund, a retired architect.

The story surfaced a year ago. After attending a Truman continuing education program at his retirement community, Lund mentioned that Truman still owed him from his news-

paper route. In 1947 Lund, then 15, delivered The Independence Examiner to Truman's door for about six months.

Lund then handed off the route to a successor, saying if Truman ever made good on the approximately \$7.50 owed, he wanted it.

But he never got it.

The story suggested a slight-

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Check out our guide to KC's All-Star summer, featuring concerts, movies, musicals, art shows ... and baseball.



BUSINESS

The uproar over Facebook continues as regulators question handling of the IPO and investors file suit. | **A11**

Four more KC schools are OK'd for sale

Slow process to sell dozens of vacated properties gets a boost with new deals approved by school board.

By JOE ROBERTSON
The Kansas City Star

Four more down. Twenty-three to go.

The sale agreements on vacant Kansas City schools might not qualify as a land rush yet, but new deals approved by the school board Wednesday night continue what developers and neighborhoods hope is a change in momentum.

After all, the languishing behemoth of West High School, Switzer Elementary and Switzer Annex, after years of wrangling, has an approved buyer.

"It's taken a lot of time to get to this point where the district is willing to dispose of property," said developer Tony Salazar. "The stars are aligned. Now it's up to the execution."

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