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PILLOW FIGHT!



Join in for a competition between the fire departments and the police departments of Brentwood and Maplewood to benefit













From December 1st to December 31st, drop off a NEW pillow at either the fire department or police department in either Brentwood or Maplewood, and you will help a family in need get a good night's sleep!

Let's see which department can collect the most pillows!

NEW PILLOWS ONLY, PLEASE!

Brentwood Parks & Recreation No School Day Activities







What a great No School Day with Brentwood Parks and Recreation! We got to take a field trip to a pumpkin patch AND go trick or treating around Brentwood!

We are excited for more No School Days coming on Dec. 21 & 22.

Santa Visit at Rock Hill Fire Department





There's nothing better than curling up with a good book at St. Mary Magdalen





West Community Credit Union Staff Volunteering at Little Bit Foundaiton



Some of the West Community Credit Union staff spending the afternoon volunteering down at the Little Bit Foundation. This organization helps make sure kids in the St Louis area have confidence and essentials to be successful students.



BRENTWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Making a Difference Together

Students, staff and families from BHS, BMS, Mark Twain West and McGrath combined to collect more than 2,500 food and personal care items as part of this year's Brentwood High School Student Council Food Drive! More than 30 Student Council and National Junior Honor Society members sorted, bagged and organized the items for donation to 18 families in our community.

"We have always been able to count on the Brent-wood community to support our local families in need," said Amelia Spencer, BHS Student Council president. "Thank you for helping us spread the giving spirit this holiday season."

Thank you, Brentwood community, for continuing to support your neighbors in need. Moments like this remind us how fortunate we are to be part of such an incredible community!











McGrath Educator Earns Excellence in Teaching Award



McGrath Elementary School third grade teacher Lindsey Piazza was one of 99 local educators to be honored with the 2023 Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award.

This annual award recognizes St. Louis area educators for their accomplishments and dedication to their students and the teaching profession.

"Dedicated and passionate teachers have a profound, long-lasting impact on their students," said Akberet Boykin Farr, vice president of human resources for Emerson. "Their unwavering commitment to ignite students' passion for learning and empower them to overcome challenges in and out of the classroom is commendable."

Piazza believes students learn best when they are engaged in authentic, interactive and personalized learning experiences. She provides opportunities for her third graders to work together to solve real-world problems, and encourages them to celebrate growth and achievement at all levels. She recognizes the importance of building strong relationships, which has translated into both academic and social-emotional success in her classroom.

"My favorite things about teaching are the connections I make with students and the impact I can have on students," said Piazza. "Just seeing that spark that you can put into their eyes and into their minds is an amazing feeling."

Piazza has been serving third grade students and families at McGrath since 2018. Earlier this year, she was named Brentwood School District Teacher of the Year and one of 34 regional honorees in the Missouri Teacher of the Year program.

"Lindsey inspires students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn," said Dr. Alex Tripamer, assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction. "Her relationships with students are exceptional, and she is constantly finding new ways to reach them."

The Excellence in Teaching Awards program began in 1989 and is sponsored by Emerson, the global technology and

software company headquartered in St. Louis. Each year, the program recognizes educators in the St. Louis metropolitan area - from kindergarten teachers to college professors - who are examples of excellence in the education field.

BECC Enrollment for 2024-25 School Year

Brentwood Early Childhood Center enrollment for the 2024-25 school year opens soon! New this year, we are introducing a rolling enrollment process for our current BECC families. Enrollment packets will be sent home with your student the week of



winter break and will also be available online by Wednesday, Dec. 20. All packets received from our current families by Thursday, Jan. 25 will receive priority placement.

Families that are new to BECC are invited to our in-person enrollment event on Tuesday, Jan. 30 from 5:30-7 p.m. Enrollment packets will be available during the event and on our website at ecc.brentwoodmoschools.org/enrollment. Our brand new, state-of-the-art early childhood center is located at 2350 St. Clair Ave., Suite B. We are excited to announce that our Parents as Teachers team will be joining us at the event with fun activities planned for your family!

BECC offers a developmental and constructivist program designed to meet the educational needs of young children. This program offers the following unique opportunities:

- We follow the Project Construct curriculum, an early childhood education curriculum approved by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.
- We set goals according to the Missouri Early Learning Standards. These directly flow into the standards that are used by all Missouri public schools to guide education in grades K-12.
- We have experienced, certified early childhood education teachers who guide learning through current research and best practices
- We have an on-site school nurse available every day.
- We partner with the Special School District of St. Louis County to offer a variety of early intervention services and
- We offer free and reduced-price tuition preschool options for families in need of assistance. Please contact Kristin Clemons, director of early childhood education, for more information.

To learn more about our early childhood education program, please visit the BECC website at ecc.brentwoodmoschools. org or call us at 314-262-8521.

BHS Info Night Showcases Dynamic Educational Offerings









The event, which drew an enthusiastic crowd, provided a platform for students and their families to interact with the school's experienced teachers and staff. Attendees were guided through the school's future-ready learning spaces, which are designed to support innovative instruction and collaborative learning. They also had a chance to engage with student ambassadors, gaining insights into everyday student life and school spirit.

Brentwood High School

recently played host to an

engaging open house event

that left attendees buzzing

with excitement. Prospective

high school students and

their families were treated

to a firsthand look at the

personalized academics and

extracurricular opportunities

available within the Brent-

wood community.

"We were thrilled to have such an incredible turnout at

our Info Night," said Dr. Ed Johnson, BHS principal. "It was exciting to witness the enthusiasm and curiosity among students and families as they explored our educational offerings and engaged with our staff and students."

The goal of BHS Info Night is to showcase Brentwood High School's commitment to preparing all students for success, regardless of their postsecondary plans. From individualized academic programs to a diverse range of extracurricular activities, the event highlights how BHS supports learning, growth and achievement for all students.

Mark Twain Renovation Project Update

Mark Twain Elementary School renovations continue to move forward as scheduled. Cement masons have enclosed the second floor of the new two-story addition and the existing breezeway with concrete blocks, and ironworkers are in the process of installing steel trusses and support beams to reinforce the new roofing materials.

Rough-in electrical, mechanical and plumbing installation is underway, which includes new service lines in the restrooms, as well as new ductwork and conduit in the ceilings. Crews have also started rough-in steel framing in the new addition and installing new exterior windows in the existing buildings.

"Our contractors are working diligently to enclose critical areas of the project before the winter weather sets in," said Andy Hartnett, director of facilities. "Having these





areas under roof creates the working conditions they need to keep things on track and transition from rough-in to finish work."

We will continue to keep you updated throughout the project as we work to create safe, accessible and future-ready learning spaces at Mark Twain.

Stay Connected on Social Media



The Brentwood School District is buzzing with exciting news, events and accomplishments, and we want YOU to stay in the loop. Connect with us on our official social media channels for the latest updates from our

exceptional schools.

Whether it's outstanding student achievements, upcoming events or behind-the-scenes glimpses, our Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube channels have it all! Simply search for us on your favorite platforms and hit that 'Follow' button.

Engaging with our posts - including likes, comments and shares - helps spread the word far and wide. Your interaction amplifies our reach, allowing us to connect with more families and friends across Brentwood and beyond.

So, the next time you see our posts in your feed, don't just keep scrolling. Show us some love and support by engaging with our content, and let's build an even stronger, more connected school community together!

Election Information for Board of Education Candidates



Filing for two 3-year terms on the Brentwood School District Board of Education opens Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2023 at 8 a.m. and closes Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2023 at 5 p.m. Interested Brentwood residents who are United States citizens,

24 years of age or older and have resided in the district and Missouri one year preceding the election are eligible for candidacy.

Candidates may file in person at the Brentwood School District Administrative Office (1201 Hanley Industrial Ct.) during the district's regular business hours, which are Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Candidates may file by certified

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Election Information for Board of Education Candidates

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mail if they are unable to file in person due to physical disability or are members of the U.S. Armed Forces on active duty.

With the exception of Tuesday, Dec. 5 and Tuesday, Dec. 26, filing will not occur on the days when the district is closed for inclement weather, winter break or health-related reasons. Please see the dates and times below for a complete list of candidate filing availability.

- Tuesday, Dec. 5; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (First Day to File)
- Wednesday-Friday, Dec. 6-8; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Monday, Dec. 11; 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Tuesday-Friday, Dec. 12-15; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Monday-Wednesday, Dec. 18-20; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 21; 8-11 a.m.
- Closed Friday, Dec. 22 (Winter Break)
- Closed Monday, Dec. 25 (Winter Break)
- Tuesday, Dec. 26; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Last Day to File)

The ballot order of candidates will be determined by filing order. Candidates must observe any infectious disease procedures in effect at the time of filing.

Under provisions of Missouri Statute Section 115.124, if the number of candidates who file is equal to the number of positions to be filled by the election, no election will be held. However, if the number of candidates filing exceeds the number of positions at any time, the election will be held Tuesday, April 2, 2024.

Please contact Kate Hastings at 314-962-4507 or khastings@brentwoodmoschools.org if you have any questions about the candidate filing process.

HOLIDAY SEASON CHEER ON TAP AT CITY WINERY

City Winery's Winter Wine Experience is now underway for the holidays. Enjoy two wine flights while dining and take home a bottle of retail wine valued up to \$35 and a bonus amuse glass set all for just \$45. The Winter Wine Experience must be enjoyed by March 31, 2024.

City Winery St. Louis offers private dining space for office parties, client entertainment or friends and family gatherings. Menus designed to pair perfectly with wines will delight guests and set the table for a wonderful year end celebration.

Music fans on your gift list? Tickets to these holiday shows are on sale now:

Jake Shimabukuro Holidays In Hawaii December 12 7:30 p.m.

Kenny Lattimore's Christmas & Love December 22 7 & 10:30 p.m.

Drag 'N The CIty: The Brunch Before Christmas December 23 12 p.m.

New Year's Eve With The Hamiltones Aka The Ton3s 12-31-2023

7 p.m.

Newly announced shows at City Winery go on sale to the public at 3 p.m Fridays each week, Vinofile Plus members get early access to tickets on Wednesdays. Newly announced shows include:

ANTHONY DAVID 1-9-2024

JIMMY GRIFFIN SOLO 1-19-2024

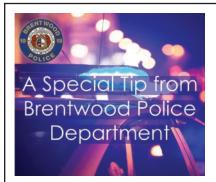
CREED BRATTON 1-24-2024

DANIELLE NICOLE 2-8-2024

MAMMA MIA BRUNCH 2-17-2024

BRIAN POSEHN 2-24-2024

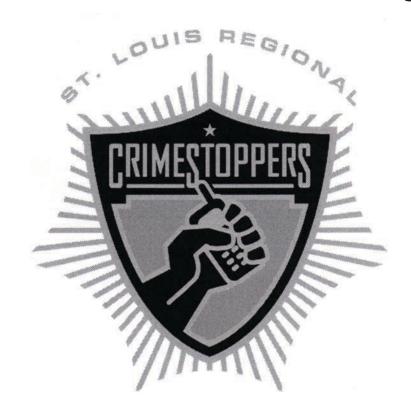
For more information visit, www.citywinery.com/stlouis and follow on social media @citywinerystl.



A Tip from Brentwood PD This Holiday Season

Tis the season, and thieves are looking for anything and everything they can get their hands on, especially Holiday/Christmas cards in hopes they will contain cash, checks or gift cards. If you plan to send cash, checks, or anything with monetary value through the mail, plan to put the original card envelope and its contents inside a generic envelope that does not resemble the shape or color of a holiday greeting card, such as a manila envelope. Sure, it may not look festive, but it's worth the extra peace of mind that your gift will end up in your loved one's hands! Be safe and Happy Holidays!

St. Louis Regional CrimeStoppers Tip Hotline 866-371-TIPS (8477) www.stlrcs.org



CRIMESTOPPERS WILL PAY UP TO \$1000 FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO A FELONY ARREST

- Location of Wanted Felons
- Location of Missing Persons
- Information on any Past, Present, or Future Crime that leads to a Felony Arrest.

"UP ON THE ROOFTOP" Holiday Cocktail Pop Up at 360 Through December 30, 2023

Three Sixty at the top of the St. Louis Hilton at the Ballpark is debuting its annual holiday happening, "Up On The Rooftop." The popup experience is open and will continue through December 30.

Step into the 360 snow globe perched 400 feet over the St. Louis skyline with extreme holiday decor inside and great views of the glowing Gateway Arch and downtown holiday lights. The venue overlooks Busch Stadium to the south, the Riverfront and Arch to the east and Kiener Plaza to the north.

Enjoy special seasonal cocktails -- both hot and not -- guaranteed to warm your Christmas stockings. Bring your friends to share small bites or a full dinner and pose with the glittering, over-the-top holiday decor.

Guests can celebrate inside 360 or outside on the wraparound patios with warm fire pits and 360-degree views of downtown St. Louis. The restaurant's full menu of elevated dining is available until 10 p.m. daily.

There is no cover charge at 360 before 10 p.m. and no reservations are accepted for this first-come, first-served holiday experience. "Up On The Rooftop" will be open through December 30, 2023. Three-Sixty is open at 4 p.m. daily until 1 a.m. Mondays through Thursdays, until 2 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and until midnight on Sundays. More information is available at www.360-stl.com. Follow on social media @360rooftopbar.

Three Sixty is located at 1 S. Broadway in downtown St. Louis at the top of the St. Louis Hilton at the Ballpark.

Three Sixty's 2023 "Up On The Rooftop" specialty cocktails, include:

Nutcracker Hot Toddy

Seasick Crocodile

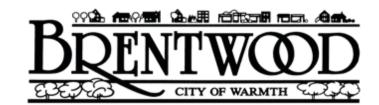
Sleigh, Girl!

Gingerbread Zombie

Noggy & Nice

Polar Espresso Martini





LEGAL NOTICE FOR APRIL GENERAL ELECTION

LEGAL NOTICE

In compliance with RSMo Sec. 115.127 (5), notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of the City of Brentwood, St. Louis County, Missouri, that the annual election of officers of the City of Brentwood, Missouri, shall be held on the **2nd day of April 2024**, in conformity with RSMo Sec. 79.030. At said election, there shall be elected:

- 1. A member of the Board of Aldermen from Ward 1 for the full term of two (2) years.
- 2. A member of the Board of Aldermen from Ward 2 for the full term of two (2) years.
- 3. A member of the Board of Aldermen from Ward 3 for the full term of two (2) years.
- 4. A member of the Board of Aldermen from Ward 4 for the remaining one-year term of two (2) years.
- 5. A member of the Board of Aldermen from Ward 4 for the full term of two (2) years.

All candidates desiring their names on the official ballot in the election aforesaid are hereby notified to file their names in person with the Deputy City Clerk of Brentwood, Missouri, at the Brentwood City Hall, 2348 S. Brentwood Blvd., Brentwood MO 63144. The filing hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, **December 5, 2023,** through Tuesday, **December 26, 2023.** The office of the Deputy City Clerk will not be open on Saturdays and Sundays or those days designated a holiday by the City of Brentwood.

All qualified candidates are hereby notified of the statutory requirement to provide to the Deputy City Clerk, at the time of filing, proof of identity such as social security card, Missouri driver's license, or must be recognizable to the Deputy City Clerk.

Candidates must have filed the required Campaign Finance Disclosure reports, and the Financial Disclosure Statement for Political Subdivisions (Ethics) for any prior elections before they can file as a candidate for another office.

All candidates' names shall appear in the same form in which the candidate is registered to vote except that, when certified by the candidate as a necessary means of identification, the following may be allowed:

- 1. Commonly used nicknames
- 2. Commonly used abbreviations
- 3. Parenthetical reference to married names

Persons who, after filing their names as candidates, wish to withdraw as such candidate, must file their notice of withdrawal with the City Clerk in the City Clerk's office no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 26, 2023.

The filing fee for each elective office shall be \$5.00 payable by check or cash. In case of withdrawal of a candidate, there shall be no refund of filing fee. All filing fees shall be paid to the Deputy City Clerk at the time of filing. Provided however, if a candidate files a sworn affidavit with the City Clerk/Administrator stating he/she is financially unable to pay the filing fee, the candidate shall not be required to pay the fee.

The Deputy City Clerk shall be responsible for the oversight of the filing of candidates and shall clearly designate where candidates shall form a line to effectuate such filings and determine the order of such filings; except that, in the case of candidates who file a declaration of candidacy with the City prior to 5:00 P.M. on the first day for filing, the Deputy City Clerk shall determine by random drawing the order in which such candidates' names shall appear on the ballot. Any drawing conducted pursuant to this Section shall be conducted so that each candidate, or candidate's representative if the candidate filed under Subsection 2 of Section 115.355.2 of the Missouri Revised Statutes, may draw a number at random at the time of filing. If such drawing is conducted, the number drawn shall be recorded with the candidate's declaration of candidacy. If such drawing is conducted, the names of candidates filing on the first day of filing for each office on each ballot shall be listed in ascending order of the numbers so drawn.

All candidates must file in person in the Deputy City Clerk's office. Filing will occur at the Brentwood City Hall. This building opens at 8:00 a.m. For this purpose, a line for filing may be formed outside the main entrance to Brentwood City Hall on Brentwood Blvd. Then at 8:00 a.m., all persons may proceed to the receptionist's desk at that time. The forms, or notices used, shall be made available on December 5, 2023, at 8:00 am by the Deputy City Clerk at the Brentwood City Hall. Each day thereafter the forms will be available from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, Monday – Friday.

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To accommodate Saturday donation drop-offs, we are open on the FIRST SAT-URDAY of every month. Stop by between 9am and 12pm, and drop off your linens, dressers, or kitchen tables. If you can fit it on a truck or a van - we can take it. We will have two movers available to help you unload your vehicle and volunteers to help sort all donations coming in!





RESTAURANT KEVIEW

By Kevin McCarthy

All That, And A Bag Of Chips





Sabor K-Tracho, is an out of the way Hunduran restaurant in Maryland Heights, MO. It sits in a small strip mall at 2288 McKelvey Rd.

We went for lunch and were pleasantly surprised. The menu ranges from a number of appetizers, soups, full meal entrees, a kids menu and desserts. They also have a full bar service and beautiful murals on the walls.

Honduran food has some similarities to Mexican food, but much different presentations and spicing.

Sue ordered Tacos Hondurenos from the appetizer menu, They are rolled flour tortillas with a pork stuffing and deep fried. They were served with fried plantain chips and shredded



cabbage with pickled onions along with a red sauce and a creamy sauce. This appetizer was large enough to be a full meal.

I ordered the Zambo Preparado appetizer. It was shredded chicken, ground beef, pickled onions, peppers and potatoes served over chili-citrus plantain



chips and shredded cheese. It was literally all that and a bag of chips. Think Frito pie at your school lunch. It was a totally delicious mess! Again, this could have been a complete meal. We also ordered the Chuleta Normal, from the entree menu.

It was a huge grilled pork steak with a perfect char and very tender. It was served with fried banana chips and the shredded cabbage with pickled onions etc. It was so large we brought at least half of it home.



The service was excellent, the ambiance took us south of the border, and the price was more than reasonable. All of the above with a cup of excellent coffee came to a total of

Large portions, good food and low price makes Sabor K-Tracho a top choice of ours.

They are open 10am to 8pm Sunday through Thursday, and 10am to 9pm Friday and Saturday. Phone (314) 787-7440

SCUBA CLAUS DIVES WITH THE FISHES: SELECT DATES NOW THROUGH DECEMBER 24

Santa's got a waterproof list of all the good boys and girls and he's diving in Shark Canyon at the St. Louis Aquarium at Union Station during the festive season. The dive show and most unusual Santa visit and photo opportunity in St. Louis is included with general admission. Kids can tell Scuba Claus and his elf about their Christmas wishes and families are welcome to take pictures with the diving Santa.

A special dive mask lets the chatty elf communicate with visitors on the following dates:.

Saturday 12/16, Sunday 12/17 Saturday 12/23, Sunday 12/24

This season the Aquarium is open daily (except for Christmas) from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays, and until 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. The Aquarium will operate with extended hours until 8 p.m.between December 26 and December 30.

Tickets and more information: www.stlouisaquarium.com; social media: @aquariumstl.







Ingredients

- 1 ½ (8 ounce) packages cream cheese, softened
- 1 (2.5 ounce) package thinly sliced smoked beef, chopped
- 1 (2.25 ounce) can pimento-stuffed green olives, chopped
- 1 small Vidalia or other sweet onion, minced
- 2 dashes Worcestershire sauce, or to taste
- 1 cup chopped walnuts

Mix the cream cheese, beef, olives, onion, and Worcestershire sauce together in a bowl until evenly blended. Keeping the mixture in the bowl, scrape it into a semi-ball shape. Cover, and refrigerate until firm, at least 2 hours.

Place a large sheet of waxed paper on a flat surface. Sprinkle with walnuts. Roll the cheese ball in the walnuts until completely covered. Transfer the cheese ball to a serving plate, or rewrap with waxed paper and refrigerate until needed.

Snowman Cheeseball



Ingredients

- 2 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese, softened
- 1 (8-ounce) package shredded pepper Jack cheese

1 tablespoon salt-free Cajun seasoning, such as T-Don's Cajun Goods No Salt All Purpose Blend

- 1 (1-ounce) packet ranch dressing mix
- 10 whole peppercorns
- 1 baby carrot
- 1 jalapeno pepper with stem
- crackers for serving

Mix cream cheese, pepper Jack cheese, Cajun seasoning, and ranch dressing mix together in a large bowl; divide mixture to form one small cheese ball for the head and one larger cheese ball for the body. Wrap and chill in the refrigerator for 4 hours or up to overnight before serving.

Place larger cheese ball on a serving plate for body. Place smaller cheese ball on top for head. Slice the tip off baby carrot; press into cheese ball for nose. Use whole peppercorns for mouth, eyes, and buttons. Cut the top, with stem, from a jalapeno, and place on top for a hat. Serve





DELTA DENTAL OF MISSOURI'S LAND OF SMILES® SHOW TEACHES MAPLEWOOD-RICHMOND HEIGHTS EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER STUDENTS GOOD HABITS FOR HEALTHY TEETH

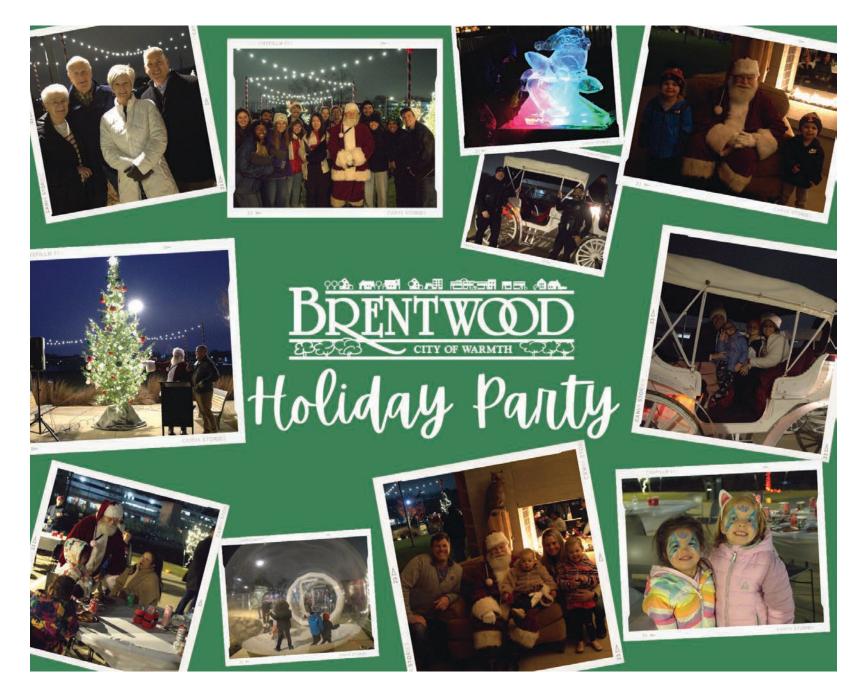
Delta Dental of Missouri's popular Land of Smiles® dental education program is on the road this fall, taking the crusade for healthy teeth to 23,000 youngsters at more than 100 schools across the state in the coming weeks. The cast of dynamic superhero characters made their most recent stop in Maplewood for a performance at Maplewood-Richmond Heights Early Childhood Center, teaching good dental health habits to 500 students in kindergarten through third grade.

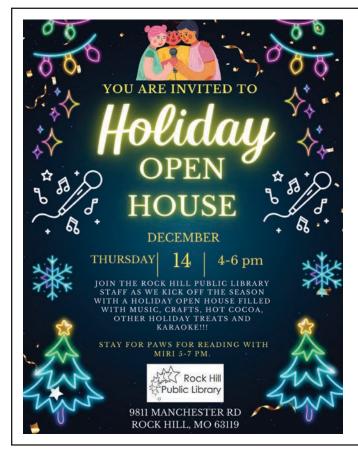


The Land of Smiles® experience follows superhero Captain Super GrinSM, as he defeats his nemesis, Caz CavitySM, with help from his sidekicks Terri Tooth FairySM and ToothpickSM. Students learn the

importance of brushing teeth twice a day, flossing, using mountwash, eating heatury roots and visiting the dentist regularly. The program includes an oral health curriculum that adheres to National Health Education Standards, as well as standards for Missouri. It contains engaging, age-appropriate materials to make learning about dental health entertaining for kids and includes activity sheets, which are also available in Spanish. Delta Dental of Missouri also offers free "smile bags" to schools for students who participate in the program. Each bag includes a toothbrush, toothpaste and dental floss to help students practice the good oral health habits they learn. Newly created short videos, which recap important oral health tips that the program teaches children in schools, are now available for caregivers and can be found at https://www.landofsmilesmo.org/parent-caregiver-information.

Thank you to all who joined us for the City of Brentwood Holiday Party this weekend! We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did! A special thank you to all who helped make this event so special! Happy Holidays!





RHPL Holiday Open House

Jingle bells, jingle bells. Jingle all the way to our Holiday Open House! Come celebrate the holiday season with us at Rock Hill Public Library on December 14 from 4-6 PM and read a book to our favorite furry friend, Miri, from 5-7PM. And wait for it! There is also Karaoke. Pick your favorite holiday tunes and sing a song or two. You are invited!!!

#METALLICAGIVESBACK THROUGHOUT NORTH AMERICA



We want to thank all of you who made the North American run of the M72 World Tour so memorable! Not only did you share fifteen awesome nights with us, but you also helped us give back to eighteen charitable organizations doing critical work.

If you've been following along with All Within My Hands, you know we donate a portion of all ticket sales back into the communities visited during each tour stop. In partnership with local promoters, the Foundation has been working diligently to find organizations that align with the AWMH mission and actively put funds to use to better the lives of people in need. Curious where the money has gone while the M72 World Tour made its way through North America?

EAST RUTHERFORD

\$20k to City Harvest, \$20k to the Community Foodbank of New Jersey & \$30k to Strengthen Our Sisters

MONTRÉAL

CA\$53.5k to La Tablée des Chefs & CA\$53.5k to Shelter Movers

ARLINGTON

\$35k to the Tarrant Area Food Bank & \$35k to the Center for Transforming Lives

LOS ANGELES

\$20k the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank, \$20k Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County & \$30k the Los Angeles House of Ruth

PHOENIX

\$35k to St. Mary's Food Bank & \$35k to Sojourner Center

INDIO

\$40k to the Galilee Center

ST. LOUIS

\$35k to the St. Louis Area Foodbank & \$35k to The Women's Safe House

DETROIT

\$35k to Gleaners Food Bank & \$35k to Alternatives For Girls

THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES

\$180k to The Farmlink Project

And a special shout out to all the members of the Metallica Family who spent time volunteering at food banks in Texas, California, Arizona, Missouri, and Michigan! Each food bank that hosted an official volunteer event welcomed 20-60 fans. In total, our volunteers packed a combined 141,616 lbs of food. That equates to 118,013 meals! There are so many ways to give back, and donating your time and energy is one of the most valuable things you can do. Thank you so much for helping us combat hunger!

Clementine's Holiday Flavors Announced for the Winter Months

Ice Cream with Santa on December 12 & 19 at Select Locations

Clementine's Ice Cream is feeling festive! New flavors have been unveiled that satisfy every sweet tooth this holiday season, brand new gifts have arrived in the scoop



shops, and even Santa Claus himself is paying a visit to the Town & Country and Southampton locations.

Holiday flavors are in shops now including Candy Cane Lane with crushed peppermint candies and dark chocolate flake; Brown Butter Brownie, a dark chocolate brownie batter ice cream with housemade chocolate brownies folded in; Red Velvet Cupcake made with tangy cream cheese ice cream featuring a red velvet cupcake with gooey French chocolate center hidden inside; and the return of the popular Vegan Sugar Cookie with sprinkles.

Clementine's Hanukkah-inspired ice cream flavors aim to capture the essence of traditional dishes in a frozen, indulgent treat. Sweet Noodle Kugle is a cream cheese custard with toasted cinnamon, baked egg noodles and plump currants. Sour Cream Apple Latke is a sweet cream ice cream with homemade potato latke and a ribbon of sweetened baked apple.

Back by popular demand is Ice Cream with Santa! Jolly old St. Nick will be visiting good boys and girls on Tuesday, December 12 at our Town & Country location, and on Tuesday, December 19 at our Southampton location from 4:30pm-7:30pm. Advance reservations are required as seating is limited. Tickets are \$15 per child which includes a scoop of ice cream and a visit with Santa Claus. Parents are encouraged to bring their own camera for a photo. Reservations can be made now online at Clementines.

Saint Mary Magdalen Princess Party





Friday evening was such a fun evening for these little princesses. Mrs.Temporiti and Mrs.Wehrmann hosted an auction sign-up princess party! The girls enjoyed dinner, a movie, got their nails painted and finished with a dance party! They all had a ball!

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Cookie Decorating Event

Monday, December 11 at 6:00 p.m.

Children and families are welcome to come decorate some holiday cookies. This event is free to attend but registration is required.

Paint Night 4 Kids

Monday, December 18 at 6:00 p.m.

Children and families can paint with a variety of supplies at this fun social event. No registration required.



'Tis the season to get blitzed, and Budweiser Brew House at Ballpark Village has a holiday pop-up bar that yule love.

The unforgettable experience includes brilliant décor, spruced-up photo ops, festive food, cheerful cocktails and themed events such as Naughty and Nice Singles Jingles and an ugly sweater party.



Outrageous décor, Christmas costumes, themed menus and holiday tunes - this is LIT, a seasonal pop-up experience at Molly's in Soulard.

As you embrace the festive atmosphere, enjoy one of the 12 drinks of LITmas, including Partridge in a Pear Tree (Bombay Sapphire Gin, fresh pear purée, St-Germain elderflower liqueur, lemon and a Champagne float), Melted Snowman (Licor 43, Disaronno, RumChata and cream) and Mistletoe Kiss (Deep Eddy Lemon Vodka, rosemary simple syrup and white cranberry juice).

If you're looking for an elf-size drink – in other words, a full-size shot - try Gingerbread Man with Bird Dog Gingerbread Flavored Whiskey and RumChata or Caramel Apple with Licor 43, DeKuyper Sour Apple Pucker and Smirnoff Kissed Caramel.

For food, order a variety of small bites, from Cajun shrimp dip to fried crab cakes and cheesy polenta bites to bacon-jalapeño Rangoon.

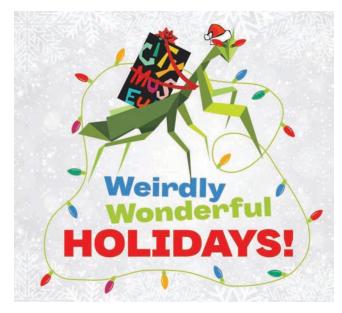


Brentwood PD always appreciates treats from our residents. Last week, Matthew Tkachuk, professional hockey player for the Florida Panthers and Brentwood resident, sent us cupcakes from Baked by Melissa! He sends us tasty treats every year and they are always appreciated! Thank you Matthew!





Some of STMM's young runners packed tennis shoes for Sneakers 4 Good yesterday after school. The RRRM Club collected new and gently worn sneakers for the most worthwhile organization.



CITY MUSEUM WEIRDLY WONDERFUL HOLIDAYS

Visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus Hands-On Crafts & Beautful Lights Holiday Cocktails for the Grownups

It's the most weirdly wonderful time of the year and a magically offbeat celebration is just what you'd expect from City Museum.

Weirdly Wonderful Holidays is a whole month of winter season fun from Thanksgiving through New Year's.

TWINKLING LIGHTS & PHOTO OPS

Bedecked with larger-than-life light displays outside on the MonstroCity playground and inside throughout the building, City Museum is decorated to dazzle holiday visitors. Step into a winter wonderland of joy and delight as City Museum transforms into a festive paradise.

Holiday-themed photo op spots are found around the museum. Guests can put their faces into photo props, walk through a lighted archway and be mesmerized by the breathtaking display of holiday lights on City Museum's historic façade. Every evening, the museum comes alive with a captivating dance of lights, filling the air with the spirit of the season,

SANTA'S ST. LOUIS HEADQUARTERS

Santa hasn't forgotten City Museum. He's looking for all the good girls and boys and is ready to chat with everyone. Santa will perform magic in a show called "A Magical Holiday Experience" and he'll meet with kids in his Toy Shop on City Museum's fourth floor. His jolly laughter and warm heart will make this a memory to cherish. Gather 'round as Mrs. Claus spins tales of holiday cheer and tradition. Her soothing voice and captivating stories will transport kids of all ages to a world of magic and imagination filled with the warmth of the season.

CRAFTY FUN

ArtCity is ready with special crafts, including a cookie decorating activity at the Overflow Café on the 4th floor. The 4th floor is the place to go for more hands- on and one-on-one holiday experiences.

FOOD & DRINK

Three special bars: The Chalet at Cabin Inn, The North Pole Bar, and the Holly Jolly Café on the Rooftop are ready for holiday fun. Warm up your winter with specialty cocktails in a fun realm of frosty delights and savor the taste



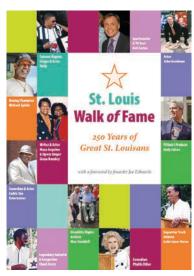
of the season at these pop-up experiences nestled within City Museum's Weirdly Wonderful Holidays event. Embrace the chill and unwind in the company of friends and family with an exquisite range of specialty cocktails. The patio is open for S'mores and hot drinks.

ABOUT CITY MUSEUM

Explore the unexpected. City Museum is a 100-year-old warehouse in downtown St. Louis in which artists have repurposed the pieces of old cities to build miles of tunnels, slides, climbers, bridges, and castles. There are secret passages and grand galleries. Playgrounds and ball pits. A circus and a train. A rooftop school bus and a Ferris wheel. City Museum is an ever-evolving, always-thrilling, artist-built playground.

WHEN YOU VISIT

City Museum is located at 750 N. 16th St., St. Louis, MO 63103. The attraction is open Wednesdays through Sundays at 10 a.m. and will be open every day December 13 - 24, closed on Christmas Day and open daily through holiday break from December 26 - 31. For more information, visit www.citymuseum.org; 314-231-2489; @citymuseum.



New St. Louis Walk of Fame Book Now Available

St. Louis Walk of Fame: 250 Years of Great St. Louisans

The brand new St. Louis Walk of Fame book highlighting over 170 inductees including 27 new inductees is now available for purchase just in time for the holidays.

The St. Louis Walk of Fame honors great St. Louisans with brass stars and bronze biographies in the sidewalks of the Delmar Loop. This coffee table book, St. Louis Walk of Fame: 250 Years of Great St. Louisans, spotlights photos and concise, insightful biographies of 173 inductees as well as photos from induction ceremonies over the years, visual guides to the Delmar Loop, and interesting breakdowns of the inductees by field of achievement, year of election, birthday, and sidewalk location.

The book features 27 of the newest inductees including actor Jon Hamm, boxers Michael and Leon Spinks, TV host and producer Andy Cohen, football star Kurt Warner, Temptations vocalist Dennis Edwards, writer Jonathan Franzen, actor Jenifer Lewis, NASA mission controller Gene Kranz, musicians the Isley Brothers, and bowler Pete Weber.

St. Louis Walk of Fame nonprofit founder Joe Edwards says, "We donate a copy of our book to every middle and high school library in the region as part of our mission to cultivate children's pride in the St. Louis community and showcase role models that inspire career paths."

St. Louis enthusiast and business owner Joe Edwards founded the non-profit St. Louis Walk of Fame in 1988 with the goal of drawing attention to great St. Louisans who have had a major influence on our culture on a national or international level. The Walk of Fame consists of brass stars and bronze plaques embedded in the sidewalks of the vibrant Delmar Loop neighborhood. Each star features the name of an honoree and the accompanying plaque contains a biography putting their achievements and connection to the city into perspective making this Walk enjoyable and educational.

Since 1972, when Joe opened Blueberry Hill Restaurant & Music Club in the Delmar Loop, his creative vision and cooperative leadership have helped guide the area to become one of the most vibrant restaurant, shopping and arts and entertainment districts in the United States. It was designated "One of the 10 Great Streets in America" by the American Planning Association.

This high-quality book is available for purchase for \$29.95 at Blueberry Hill Restaurant & Music Club, Subterranean Books, the Moonrise Hotel gift shop, and in Blueberry Hill's online store at BlueberryHill.com. For more information on the Walk of Fame, visit www.stlouiswalkoffame.org.

Steve Litman Presents AN EVENING WITH PETER SAGAL

An Evening with Peter Sagal takes the stage at The Sheldon Concert Hall on Friday, March 15, 2024. Show time is 8 p.m. Tickets are \$99.50, \$69.50 and \$59.50, and go on sale December 1 at 10 a.m. online at MetroTix or by calling MetroTix at 314-534-1111. Tickets are also available one hour before show time at The Sheldon box office.

Podcast host, playwright, author and screenwriter Peter Sagal can trace his big break back to 1997 when he got a call from a friend telling him about a new show at NPR looking for "funny people who read a lot of newspapers." He auditioned and appeared as a panelist on the first broadcast of Wait, Wait... Don't Tell Me! in January of 1998, and moved with his family to Chicago to become the host in May, alongside the original judge and scorekeeper, Carl Kasell. In the two decades since, he has traveled the country with the show, playing in venues such as the Pritzker Pavilion at Millennium Park, Red Rocks, Tanglewood, the San Francisco War Memorial Opera House, and Carnegie Hall. He's interviewed two Presidents, a number of Nobel Prize winners, astronauts and rocket scientists, musicians Elvis Costello, Yo Yo Ma, and Ice Cube, actors Tom Hanks and Scarlett Johansson, and many others. Wait, Wait has grown from 50,000 weekly listeners on nine stations at its launch to over five million listeners on more than 700 stations, making it the most-listened-to hour in public radio. This, however, has not gone

In 2008, he accepted a Peabody Award on behalf of the panelists, crew, and producers of this show. He's also won the Kurt Vonnegut Award for Humor from the Kurt Vonnegut Library. He's the author of The Book of Vice: Naughty Things and How To Do Them and The Incomplete Book of Running, a memoir about the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing and other adventures while running long distances. He's contributed essays to Opera News, Saveur, Finesse, The New York Times Magazine, and was the "Road Scholar" columnist for Runner's World.

As a playwright, his work has been produced or commissioned by the Long Wharf Theater, Seattle Rep, Actor's Theater of Louisville, Florida Stage, and many others here and abroad, and he's won awards from the Lannan Foundation, the Eugene O'Neill Theater Center, and fellowships from the Camargo and Jerome Foundations. His screenwriting career began and pretty much ended with Dirty Dancing 2: Havana Nights, which he wrote without meaning to.

On TV, Peter has made appearances on Late Night with Jimmy Fallon and other shows, and hosted Constitution USA with Peter Sagal for PBS and National Geographic Explorer for the NatGeo Channel. He also appears on a narrowly popular podcast, Nerdette Recaps Game of Thrones with Peter Sagal, because he is a giant nerd.

Located at 3648 Washington Boulevard in the heart of the Grand Center Arts District, The Sheldon Concert Hall provides a wide range of music, visual arts and educational programs of the highest quality, diversity and educational impact, hosting more than 350 events each year. For more information, visit www.thesheldon.org or www.stevelitmanpresents.com.

Neighborhood Eyes

Neighborhood Eyes is a program for Brentwood residents who have surveillance systems for home protection. If you have cameras on your property, you may have valuable video that could aid in the investigation of a crime in your neighborhood. Find out how to sign up and help your police department solve crime on your block by visiting brentwoodmo.org

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- Someone is in harm's way and immediate assistance from a first responder is necessary.

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- \bullet If you or someone you know wants to be a firefighter / paramedic.
- If you would like help installing a smoke or carbon monoxide detector within your residence.

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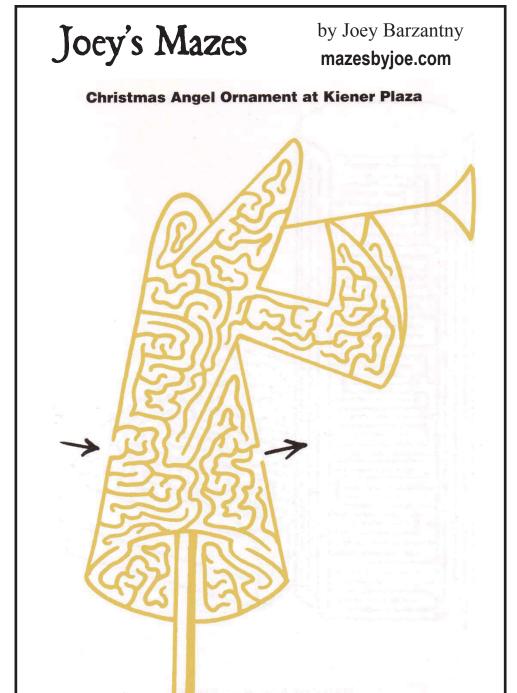
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*Note: CFS Do Not Always Become Written Police Reports

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Murder / Manslaughter	0
Sex & Sexual Assaults CFS	0
Robbery /Car-Jack	1
Assaults	5
Peace Dist -Domestic- Misc	43
Calls for Mental Health	10
CFS for Property Crime	
Arson/Bombing/Burning	0
Burglary - Residential	1
Burglary - Business	1
Destruction of Property	11
Frauds & ID Theft	10
Larceny - Shoplifting	47
Larceny - From Vehicle	8
Stolen Vehicles	4
Trespassing	14
Weapons Related	
Utilized/Taken	3
Recovered	1
Auto Accidents	80
Patrols	

Building & Business Check

Schools Parks - Misc

CFS for Person Crime

Notable CFS	
Alarm Calls	45
Animal Related	4
Assist FD & etc	108
Check Welfare/Notification	22
Contact Another Agency	76
Motor Assist	18
Police Community Relations	4
FLOCK/LPR/RADAR-FTY	13
Solicitors	3
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	74
Traffic Control/Details	28
Traffic Stops	139
Vacation Checks/Close Watch	4
Fireworks	0
ARREST	
Prisoner Conveyance	4
Adults	26
Juvenile	1
ARREST TYPE	
FTA/Fugitive	4
Original Non-Traffic	22
Original Traffic	2

Miscellaneous CFS	103
Minus Arrest/Types/Weapons	-59
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Adult Hockey 2024 Winter Brentwood Hockey Leagues

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Summer 2023 Novice League Champions: Nordiques

Brentwood Parks and Recreation offers adult hockey leagues for all levels of play throughout the year. The winter season will consist of a 10 week league for all sections. Teams will be awarded playoff positions based on points for the season. The top 4 teams from each league will qualify for playoffs. Advanced and Intermediate leagues will hold playoffs in April with the combination of points from fall and winter used to determine playoff seeding.

Saturday, Novice League

Team - \$2300

Sunday, Intermediate League

Team - \$2300

Thursday, Advanced League

Team - \$2300

Each player must be at least 18 years of age to play in the Brentwood Hockey League. All players must have current USA Hockey Membership.

All games are played at the Brentwood Ice Arena, located at 2505 S. Brentwood Boulevard. Returning teams will be given priority payment time periods for upcoming seasons. See policies for details.

Winter: Teams that played the previous fall session will have priority until December 15. Open enrollment will follow beginning December 16.

Registration Deadline: Thursday, December 28. (Advanced & Intermediate)

Friday, February 2 (Novice)

Impress Santa with your Baking Know-How



This secret ingredient makes legend-dairy holiday cookies

Roll up your sleeves and get ready to make the most delicious cookies. You will impress your family and friends, as well as Santa, by incorporating this secret ingredient — nonfat dry milk. This dairy pantry staple delivers the flavor and protein of milk without the extra liquid.

When incorporated into cookie dough, nonfat dry milk boosts the overall flavor of the other ingredients. Nonfat dry milk, in particular, intensifies the flavor of chocolate. The dry milk also contributes protein to cookie dough. This protein enhances the texture and chewiness of the cookies.

"Nonfat dry milk is an economical baking ingredient that heightens the flavors of all the other ingredients," said Maggie Cimarolli, nutrition educator and registered dietitian with St. Louis District Dairy Council. "A tablespoon or two of nonfat dry milk will turn an ordinary cookie recipe into an extraordinary one. It is an essential baking ingredient."

What is nonfat dry milk?

Nonfat dry milk is simply milk with the moisture and fat removed. Any type of milk can be dried, including whole, reduced-fat, low-fat, fat-free and buttermilk. However, the most common dry milk is nonfat dry milk, which has the lowest fat content. Like fluid milk, dry milk is also fortified with vitamin A and vitamin D.

Nonfat dry milk is the most shelf stable due to its lack of fat. Nonfat dry milk will keep for about one year when kept in a cool, dry storage area. When baking, a recipe may call for either the powdered form of dry milk or the reconstituted version. To reconstitute dry milk, simply add cold water. This pantry staple can save the day if you unexpectedly run out of fluid milk and do not have time to go to the store.

Nonfat dry milk boosts nutrition of baked goods

Because nonfat dry milk is made from fluid milk, it offers the same nutrition. A ¼ cup of dry milk is equal to 1 cup of fluid milk. This serving size of dry milk delivers the same 13 essential nutrients as fluid milk. Notably, dry milk is a source of protein, calcium, vitamin D, potassium, phosphorus and vitamin B12. Dry milk works well in baking and batter recipes, as well as in oatmeal, creamy casseroles and soups.

"Nonfat dry milk is a recipe addition that you can feel good about," Cimarolli said. "Dry milk increases the nutrition profile of anything it is added to. It is an easy way to add more calcium, potassium and vitamin D to foods. Most Americans do not consume enough of these three nutrients on a regular basis."

Milk: The perfect cookie accompaniment

Of course, once the cookies are baked and ready to eat, you need the perfect drink. Choose a glass of cold milk to pair with these tender cookies, or, even better, consider warming up chocolate milk in place of traditional hot cocoa.

"When you choose milk of any kind to accompany your cookies, you are choosing a nutritious drink that provides body-building nutrients," Cimarolli said.

For more information on dairy's benefits, visit www.stl-dairycouncil.org or contact Maggie Cimarolli at 314-835-9668 or mcimarolli@stldairycouncil.org. Follow St. Louis District Dairy Council on Facebook and Instagram at STLDairyCouncil.



Cherry Chocolate Cookies

This holiday-worthy cookie recipe features a secret ingredient — nonfat dry milk! This ingredient is a game-changer. You will find that it makes the cookies more flavorful and chewier. This economical addition boosts both quality and nutrition.

Yield: 36 cookies

Ingredients

- 2 ¼ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon nonfat dry milk
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup unsalted butter, softened
- 34 cup granulated sugar
- 3/4 cup brown sugar, packed
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 large eggs
- 1 package (11.5 ounces) semi-sweet chocolate chunks
- 1 package (5 ounces) dried cherries

Instructions

Preheat the oven to 375°F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

In a small bowl, combine flour, nonfat dry milk, baking soda and salt. Set aside.

In a large mixing bowl, beat the butter, granulated sugar, brown sugar and vanilla extract until creamy.

Add eggs, one at a time. Beat well after each addition. Slowly beat in flour mixture until well combined.

Stir in chocolate chunks and dried cherries.

Drop rounded portions of dough onto the baking sheet. Each cookie should be about 2 tablespoons of dough.

Bake for 9-11 minutes or until golden brown. Cool the cookies on the baking sheet for 2 minutes. Transfer cookies to wire racks to cool completely.

To make ahead: Portion dough and place on the prepared baking sheet. Cover with plastic wrap and freeze the cookie dough for several hours or overnight. Remove frozen cookies from the baking sheet and place in a freezer bag or container. Return to freezer for storage for up to 8 weeks. When ready to bake cookies, preheat oven and prepare baking sheet as listed in recipe. Allow cookie dough to defrost for 10 minutes prior to baking.



The St. Louis District Dairy Council (SLDDC) is a nonprofit nutrition education organization funded by local dairy farmers. Since 1932, SLDDC has served 131 counties in central/southern Illinois and eastern Missouri as the go-to educational resource and advocate for the role of dairy foods as part of a healthful diet. As The Nutrition Education People, we are proud to spread knowledge to local communities, bridging the gap between local dairy farmers and consumers. The staff is comprised of professionals with experience in nutrition, food service management, education and communication, and we take pride in delivering engaging programs throughout the communities we serve.



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How to Avoid the Busy Holiday Scamming Season

By: West Community Credit Union

You're not the only one joyfully anticipating the holiday season. Cyber criminals are all aflutter, too, as they look forward to ripping off innocent shoppers like you. Here are some of the most common ways these thieves operate:

Antisocial media

Beware those enticing ads that turn up on Facebook and other social media sites offering vouchers, gift cards and deep discounts, as well as the online surveys these ads often link to. These offers are often only empty promises designed to steal your personal information.

Pandora's inbox

It may be a mystery to you how cyber thieves got your private email address, but it's chillingly clear they're up to no good. Your inbox may fill up with all kinds of legitimate- looking product offers and delivery notices this holiday season, but clicking on links of bogus ones or entering personal information on the linked sites can provide criminals with the opportunity to steal your identity.

Apps are far from immune

With mobile apps available for just about everything, it's a sad sign of the times that certain free mobile apps (often disguised as games) have been specifically designed to steal personal information from your phone. This is a particularly scary development since many people use their phones to secure their cars and homes. For this reason, only install apps from familiar companies and, at the very least, find a third-party review from a trusted site if you're interested in an app from an unfamiliar source.

Gifts that keep on giving ... to criminals

A spirit of generosity is traditional at holiday time, but if you're not careful, your donations may never make it to the needy. Fake charities that skillfully tug at your heartstrings abound at this time of year, just waiting for you to willingly give your hard-earned cash to scammers. Before donating, be sure to check out charities thoroughly, to make sure that they're not only legitimate, but also that they allocate the bulk of funds toward their causes rather than "administrative costs."

Tips to avoid holiday scams

- Only shop online with reputable businesses you trust, using secure websites with an address that begins with https
- Don't shop or bank over public Wi-Fi.
- Protect your credit card privacy by covering your account number with your hand when shopping in public.
- Don't respond to suspicious unsolicited calls or emails. Only open email attachments from senders you trust, and contact businesses only through their official websites, phone numbers or email addresses.
- Monitor your credit to catch fraud at its earliest stages. By activating alerts in Mobile Banking's Credit Score features, you can protect yourself from identity theft. Monitoring your credit report makes it easy to put protective measures in place and help catch and stop fraud before it's too late.

Scammers may be smart, but you can still outsmart them. A little foreknowledge and caution go a long way toward ensuring you'll enjoy a safe and memorable holiday season.

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Brace yourself for an exclusive opportunity to hear a from-stage conversation with none other than the renowned John Goodman, a colossal figure in the world of entertainment. Get ready to be captivated by his insights, anecdotes, and a special glimpse at the behind-the-scenes of his illustrious career.



Topping off the evening, we will be joined by The Lovettes and their show-stopping salute to the female icons and girl groups of the 40s, 50s, and 60s, that promises to add a unique and toe-tapping twist to our festive celebration.

But the magic doesn't stop there! Ignite the evening as you step into a holiday wonderland within our breathtaking venue adorned with twinkling lights, picturesque vignettes, and enchanting photo opportunities, offering an immersive holiday-themed experience.

Get into the holiday vibe! Join our raffle for a chance to win fantastic prizes from our community partners. Keep the momentum around the thrill of winning and stay tuned for details on an upcoming silent auction next week.

This holiday season, remember your involvement goes beyond a festive evening; it directly supports the Rally for The Rep campaign and the enduring legacy of arts and culture in St. Louis.

Get ready to experience in an unforgettable evening and be a part of the future of The Rep. And stay tuned for more riveting announcements in the days ahead as we unveil additional special guests who will be joining us!

See you at the theatre,

The Rep

Missouri's winter eagle watching is spectacular. If you can't make it to one of our many Eagle Days events, browse our best-places list for locations to enjoy eagle-viewing on your own. From late December through early February, watch for eagles perched in large trees along the water's edge. Get out early in the morning to see the eagles flying and fishing.



Best places for winter eagle viewing

Lake of the Ozarks at Bagnell Dam Access, east of Bagnell Eagle Bluffs Conservation Area on Route K, southwest of Columbia Lock & Dam 24 at Clarksville

Lock & Dam 25 east of Winfield

Mingo National Wildlife Refuge northwest of Puxico

Old Chain of Rocks Bridge south of I-270, off of Riverview Drive, St. Louis

Riverlands Migratory Bird Sanctuary east of West Alton

Schell-Osage Conservation Area north of El Dorado Springs

Smithville Lake north of Kansas City

Loess Bluffs National Wildlife Refuge south of Mound City

Swan Lake National Wildlife Refuge south of Sumner

Table Rock Lake and Shepherd of the Hills Fish Hatchery southwest of Branson

Truman Reservoir west of Warsaw



2023 Holiday Trash Schedule

HolidayDateChangeChristmas DayMonday, December 25No trash service. Pickup resumes one day after regular schedule (Tues-Sat)

City of Brentwood provides basic trash, recycling and yard waste services to Brentwood residents free of charge.

Household Bulk Item Pickup: Pickup of large household items is available for an additional fee. See **Household Bulk Item Pickup** at https://www.brentwoodmo.org/ > City Government > Departments > Public Works. *To schedule a large item pickup, call* 314.962.4800.

A Gingerbread Memory By

Ann Brubaker Greenleaf Wirtz

(Ann grew up in Webster Groves. She attended Lockwood and Avery Schools,

Plymouth Jr. HS, and graduated from WGHS in 1966.

She has been writing an annual Christmas story for The Pulse since 2011.)

There's something romantic about gingerbread, and how it comes into its own in the fall and winter seasons. It is a delicious cool-weather dessert, its primary flavor the result of ginger combined with molasses, or treacle, a very similar yet slightly sweeter product used in Great Britain. Topped with whipped cream or warm lemon sauce, it's a dessert to savor on a brisk day.

Gingerbread, however, takes on a renowned persona in December. This classic yet simple dough is used to create delightful houses and structures and is shaped into a variety of items. It is especially used to make gingerbread men and women, decorated, eaten, or hung on a Christmas tree. December and gingerbread go together like the Star and the Manger.

My own personal gingerbread memory falls into the dessert category. Mom baked her classic gingerbread in a square, glass cake pan, her warm and comforting after-dinner sweet usually topped with her homemade lemon sauce. It was one of my favorite desserts growing up. The scent of ginger and cinnamon in the air when I came home from school brought a smile of anticipation for the evening meal. Her dessert was delicious with the warm sauce, but I'm a whipped cream fan, too, because cream enhances everything, from coffee to pumpkin pie, to gingerbread and creamy soup.

Gingerbread has a long history, dating back to 2400 BC in Greece with the first known recipe, according to *Making Gingerbread Houses* by Rhonda Massingham Hart. Recipes are recorded in China in the 10th century, and many gingerbread versions existed throughout Europe in the Middle Ages.

Queen Elizabeth I (1533-1603) is given credit for envisioning gingerbread shapes and figures gilded with gold leaf to represent the highly esteemed individuals paying visit to her court. Decorated cookies, cut to resemble birds, animals, and seasonal flowers, along with the kings and queens, became popular at Medieval fairs held throughout England, Northern Europe, and Germany. Some gatherings became known as Gingerbread Fairs, with the ginger cookies identified as *fairings* (thehistorykitchen.com).

Even Shakespeare gave homage to this comforting treat in his 1598 play, Love's Labor's Lost, Act 5, Scene1, "An I had but one penny in the world, thou shouldst have it to buy gingerbread..." (smithsonianmagazine.com).

In the 16th century, Germany began what has become the enormously popular tradition of making clever and elaborate gingerbread houses for the holidays. This practice was enhanced with the December 20, 1812, publication of what became known as Grimm's Fairy Tales by The Brothers Grimm, Jacob and Wilhelm (historytoday.com).

Their 86 original fairy tales included a very old story, *Hansel and Gretel*, originally a Baltic tale from the early 1300s when a severe famine occurred. The brother and sister, who are abandoned by their parents because of a famine, come upon a house deep in the forest owned by a witch and made entirely of sweet breads or gingerbread, cakes, and treats. Taken captive, the clever children in the end rescue themselves from the witch's evil plan to cook them for her dinner.

The classic tale *The Gingerbread Boy* has a main character looking exactly like the gingerbread cookie made and loved by all. The story was first published in 1875 in an issue of St. Nicholas Magazine, a monthly American publication started in 1873 by Charles Scribner's Sons and written for children ages five to eighteen (The Baldwin Library, UF Digital Collection).

America has another claim to gingerbread fame. The 1784 recipe made by Mary Ball Washington, the mother of our first president, was a favorite dessert



enjoyed by her famous son, George. Mary served her gingerbread to the Marquis de Lafayette when he visited her home in Fredericksburg, Virginia. Her special recipe was later called Lafayette Gingerbread (mountvernon.org).

Ah, gingerbread, its uniqueness the stuff of stories and legends, the spice of culinary fame, the backbone of intricate houses, and the ingredient for creative accomplishment. It is both humble and extravagant, a bearer of joy and comfort, a memory maker, simply a food that brings people together.

As you enjoy this lovely Christmas season, I offer a recipe of delicious and easy-to-make gingerbread cookies to savor and share with others. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Ann's Soft Gingerbread Drop Cookies

2 cups flour

1 cup light brown sugar, tightly packed

1 teaspoon baking powder

1 teaspoon ginger

½ cup butter, softened

1 egg, beaten

2 tablespoons milk ¼ cup molasses

34 cup Craisins

Mix dry ingredients together.

Combine butter, egg, milk, molasses.

Add dry ingredients to the butter mixture and mix well.

Add Craisins.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Lightly grease a baking sheet or use parchment paper.

Using a teaspoon, drop dough into mounds on the prepared sheet.

Bake for 9 - 10 minutes or until done.

Ann Brubaker Greenleaf Wirtz is the author of *Our Lives in Verse*, *Everyday Poetry*, which is now available as an audiobook. Her poetry has received high acclaim. Find her books on Amazon, Barnes & Noble or through her website:

www.anngreenleafwirtz.com.

Our Lives in Verse, Everyday Poetry Book Reviews:

Sabatino Russo

5.0 out of 5 stars an entrancing collection of poetry

Reviewed in Canada on April 16, 2023

"Our Lives in Verse, Everyday Poetry" is an entrancing collection of poetry that captures the joy and magic of daily life. Boasting an organized structure, melodic verse, and faith-inspired themes - this book will leave you inspired and grateful - making this an essential purchase for poetry enthusiasts and those looking for moments of happiness in ordinary situations. Highly recommended!

queen bee

5.0 out of 5 stars Contemplative prose Reviewed in the United States on June 17, 2023

I read the book and listened to the audible version. With a soothing, relaxed voice, Ann reads her own poetry with warmth and genuineness, which comes from her very depth of who she is. Each season she writes about paints a picture in my mind, of beautiful flowers, holiday activities, seasonal food, love of God, and family traditions. I could only feel good and positive as the words played out, bringing back nostalgic memories of my own Midwest childhood. Ann truly is a Pollyanna in a crazy world. Recommend for everyone.

A Record 31 States Speed into St. Louis for 7th Annual Gateway Dirt Nationals

Annual event brings over 15,000 attendees to the Dome at America's Center

The ever-popular Gateway Dirt Nationals is back! The only indoor stock car race featuring Super Late Models and Open Wheel Modifieds, the St. Louis Gateway Dirt Nationals feature the largest indoor oval dirt track in America, with a semi-banked 1/5-mile dirt surface.

Thursday, December 14, 2023 Pits Open: 11:00 am – 12:00 am Doors Open to the Dome: 2:00 pm Event: 3:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Friday, December 15, 2023 Pits Open: 11:00 am – 12:00 am Doors Open to the Dome: 2:00 pm Event: 3:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Saturday, December 16, 2023 Pits Open: 11:00 am – ~11:30 pm Doors Open to the Dome: 2:00 pm Event: 3:00 pm – 10:00 pm

The Dome at America's Center, 901 N Broadway St, St. Louis, MO 63101

Two entrances: Convention Plaza & 7th Street - and Cole Street & N Broadway

Explore St. Louis is the driving force behind St. Louis' \$5.9 billion convention and tourism industry, the official destination marketing organization of St. Louis City and County, and operator of the America's Center Convention Complex and The Dome. www.ExploreStLouis.com

GIVE A LIFELINE...Donate Your Old Cell Phone

Cell Phones for Safe Homes program raises funds through phones

Drop off your used cell phones at the Gene-Del Printing/Pulse Newspaper office to be recycled through Lydia's House "Cell Phones for Safe Homes" fundraiser.

For each phone collected, our recycling partner will make a cash donation of up to \$100 to Lydia's House.

If you'd like to donate your phone, stop by this location:

• Gene-Del Printing (9019 Manchester Rd.)

If you are interested in collecting phones for Lydia's House through a drive at your business, faith community or school, please contact Ellie Lorenz at (314) 771-4411 ext. 116 or elorenz@lydiashouse.org.

About Lydia's House

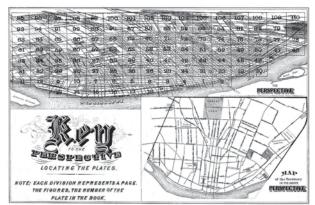
Lydia's House works in faith to end domestic violence by being a place of healing and a voice of hope for abused women and their children. Our program provides up to two years of transitional housing and critical support services to survivors of domestic violence.

Web: www.lydiashouse.org Email: info@lydiashouse.org Connect: Find us on Facebook, Follow us on Twitter

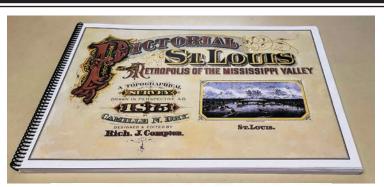
Reminder from Brentwood Police Department: Leash Your Dog

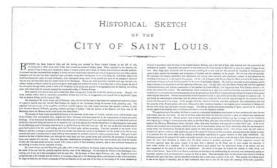
We remind our residents there is a leash law in place for the safety of our residents and our pets, and we will be enforcing the law if we are alerted to additional violations. Please be respectful of your neighbors and of other pets – make certain you leash your dog on walks or while otherwise unsecured.















Pictorial St. Louis A Topographical Survey Drawn in Perspective A.D. 1875

This is a reprint of the 1971 version of the original book. The book was painstakingly scanned from the original in my collection. Each page is reproduced in high resolution and coil bound so the pages lay flat while viewing. Printed on 12" x 18" high quality acid free paper. A nice edition to your historical book collection. Perfect coffee table book as people are attracted by the cover art.

PICTORIAL ST. LOUIS: The Great Metropolis of the Mississippi Valley A Topographical Survey, Drawn From Perspective 1875.

Illustrations by Camille N. Dry and designed & edited by Rich. J. Compton.

Over 220 pages of illustrations and descriptions of life in St. Louis in the late 1800's. The preliminary drawings for this work were made early in the spring of 1874. After a careful consideration of the subject, it was determined to locate the point of view so that the city would be seen from the southeast, believing that to be the most advantageous in all respects. Accordingly, the point of site was established on the Illinois side of the river, looking to the northwest, and at sufficient altitude to overlook the roofs of ordinary houses into the streets.

A careful perspective, which required a surface of three hundred square feet, was then erected from a correct survey of the city, extending northward from Arsenal Island to the Water Works, a distance of about ten miles, on the river front; and from the Insane Asylum on the southwest to the Cemeteries on the northwest.

Every foot of the vast territory within these limits has been carefully examined and topographically drawn in perspective, by Mr. C. N. Dry and his assistants, and the faithfulness and accuracy with which this work has been done an examination of the pages will attest. Absolute truth and accuracy in the representation of the territory has been the standard and in no cases have additions or alterations been made unless the same were actually in course of construction. In a few cases, important public and private edifices that are not yet finished are shown completed, and as they will appear when done.

All the buildings within the limits of the survey in July, 1875, are shown; and a very large number of those executed or commenced since that date have been also introduced, the pages having been constantly corrected up to the last possible moment before publication.

This book is available from Gene-Del Printing for \$75.00. Please call Keith at 314.962.4750 or email him at keith@genedel.com. You may also stop by our office at 9019 Manchester, 63144 in Brentwood to view the book.

Brentwood Board of Aldermen Minutes

PARTIAL BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, Monday, October 16, 2023

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF AL-LEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Roll Call – Seven (7) Members present Alderman Plufka - Absent Alderwoman Tice - Present Alderman Wegge - Present Alderwoman Sims - Present Alderman Gould - Present Alderman Lochmoeller - Present Alderwoman Harter – Present Alderman Erger - Present

Other staff members present for the meeting included: Joe Spiess (Police Chief), Jason Simpson (Police Major), Ronnie Cottrell (Fire Chief), Kevin O'Keefe (City Attorney), Whitney Kelly (Planning and Development Director), Dan Gummersheimer (Public Works Director), Michelle DePew (Finance Director), Bola Akande (City Administrator), and Kelle Silvey (Deputy City Clerk).

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

2024 Annual budget for the South Hanley Road Community Improvement District

The City Administrator shared that this is a housekeeping item. We are required to receive this information, and in compliance, present the information. No action is necessary.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No.1473- A Resolution amending the Brentwood Police Departments general order regarding pursuits of vehicles to include a tactical pursuit policy.

Chief Spiess presented the information. He noted that the act of running from a police officer is a felony fleeing, and we need to make a policy change, as we are seeing much more cars that won't stop. He noted this item was taken to the Public Safety Committee, who forwarded to the Board for approval. He noted this is dangerous, but the scales have tipped and they will do extensive training with a commander in charge.

They want to protect the citizens and they feel this will help. It mirrors the policy of ST. Louis County. It is a safer detail, structured and organized around a crime pattern.

Mayor Dimmitt stated that many residents were supportive of this, and that it most likely happens in the early morning hours. The Chief agreed.

Alderwoman Tice inquired about the logistics of how this works and if other municipalities get involved. The Chief stated that yes, they can assist with neighboring communities, and has talked to neighboring Chiefs about this. He stated that this was also presented to the insurance carrier (SLAIT) and they were comfortable with this policy, and that St. Charles County has been successful in doing this.

Alderman Lochmoeller inquired if getting a hit on a Flock camera could be eligible for this tactic. The Chief stated they can do it if detail can be set up, and that Flock cameras play a big part.

Alderman Wegge asked if this policy change is consistent with CALEA and the processes they recommend. The Chief stated that it was.

Motion was made by Alderman Lochmoeller and seconded by Alderwoman Tice to approve Resolution #1473.

Alderman Gould asked about teams that are set aside for training, and if we will start immediately.

Chief Spiess responded that Officer Figgs is trained and will start training others. It will most likely be 30 days before this is complete and teams are confident.



Mayor David Dimmitt



Ward 1

Ward

Alderwoman Nancy Parker Tice

Alderman

Jeff Gould



Alderman David Plufka



Ward 2

Ward 4

Alderwoman Sunny Sims



Alderman Brandon Wegge



Alderwoman Sharon Harter



Alderman Sullivan Erger

Motion carried by a vote of 7 (Yes) to 0 (No).

Municipal Judge

Patrick Dignam

Resolution No. 1474 - A Resolution approving an Agreement with St. Louis County for placement of License Plate Recognition Camera

Chief Spiess noted that they have 6 cameras running and they have been struggling to get this 7th camera up and operating via St. Louis County, but we have what is now required.

Motion was made by Alderman Gould and seconded by Alderwoman Sims to approve Resolution #1474. Roll call:

Motion carried by a vote of 7 (Yes) to 0 (No).

Bill No. 6476- Russell Ave STP 5577 (638)- Bid Results for Pedestrian Improvements First and Second Reading

The City Attorney did the first reading of the Bill.

The Public Works Director presented the information stating they opened three (3) bids on September 28th and have awarded the job to the lowest and most responsive bidder, which was Gershenson Construction, pending MoDOT concurrence and bid approval.

It was noted there were 4 alternates included in the bid as well. The Public Works Committee requested these be brought before the full Board for discussion. The Director presented the alternates, stating we could afford to do some of the alternates (#1, #3, #4 - #2 is expensive) if interested.

Alderman Gould asked if our Parks Dept. could do the landscape alternate. The Director noted this is an enhancement to what our Parks Dept. can do.

Alderman Gould also wanted to ensure that the signs will meet branding guidelines for down the road, which the Director stated it could be reviewed and done at later time.

Alderman Wegge understands the need to do sign now in regards to economy of scale, since work is being and contractor is mobilized as we schedule work on park entrance.

Motion was made by Alderman Wegge and seconded by Alderwoman Tice to authorize staff to move forward with consideration of bid alternates #3 and #4 within the scope of the contract. Alderwoman Tice asked what and where is sign design-the material used and how it is oriented. The Director stated he was not certain of footprint and would get details from Parks Director. The City Administrator stated the bid includes the sign material and installation, and it is lit up on both sides.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Motion was then made by Alderman Gould and seconded by Alderwoman Sims to do a second reading of Bill #6476.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

The City Attorney did a second reading of Bill #6476.

Motion was made by Alderman Gould and seconded by Alderwoman Tice to prefect Bill

#6476 into Ordinance form.

Alderwoman Tice asked if staff could come and share information on placement of sign, etc. The City Administrator stated that this would be included in the weekly report.

Alderman

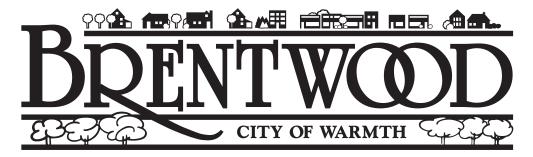
Steve Lochmoeller

By a vote of 7 (Yes) to 0 (No), Bill #6476 will become Ordinance #5105.

ADJOURN

The Mayor stated that there was no further business to discuss, and the meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM.

The meeting was livestreamed on YouTube and recorded. The recording will be made available on the City's YouTube channel.





Brentwood Police Department

Calls for Service Report

*Note: CFS Do Not Always Become Written Police Reports

11-13-23 TO 11-19-23

CFS for Person Crime	
Murder / Manslaughter	0
Sex & Sexual Assaults CFS	0
Robbery /Car-Jack	0
Assaults	3
Peace Dist -Domestic- Misc	9
Calls for Mental Health	2

CFS for Property Crime	
Arson/Bombing/Burning	0
Burglary - Residential	0
Burglary - Business	0
Destruction of Property	3
Frauds & ID Theft	1
Larceny - Shoplifting	11
Larceny - From Vehicle	0
Stolen Vehicles	1
Trespassing	5
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Weapons Related	
Utilized/Taken	0
Recovered	0

Auto Accidents

Parks - Misc

16

Patrols	
Building & Business Check	170
Schools	44

Notable CFS	
Alarm Calls	6
Animal Related	0
Assist FD & etc	28
Check Welfare/Notification	3
Contact Another Agency	15
Motor Assist	8
Police Community Relations	0
FLOCK/LPR/RADAR-FTY	3
Solicitors	1
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	15
Traffic Control/Details	7
Traffic Stops	33
Vacation Checks/Close Watch	2
Fireworks	0
ARREST	
Prisoner Conveyance	0
Adults	6
Juvenile	0
ARREST TYPE	
FTA/Fugitive	1
Original Non-Traffic	5
Original Traffic	1

Miscellaneous CFS	24
Minus Arrest/Types/Weapons	-13
Total Calls For Service	470





Brentwood resident and talented singer, Cheri Shear, who once sang in Gaslight Square, performed the National Anthem at the 2023 Veteran's Day celebration. This year the City of Brentwood and Richmond Heights celebrated together at The Heights. Cheri is pictured above during her performance and with Mayor Dimmitt.

National Special Education Day was observed recently!





Brentwood special education professionals are committed to meeting the needs of all students. From our outstanding teachers and paraprofessionals, to the experienced specialists and collaborative partners from the Special School District of St. Louis County, these remarkable individuals provide essential services that pave the way for student learning, growth and achievement.

Thank you, Brentwood special education professionals!

Brentwood Early Childhood Center Fancy Feast









Last week, the Brentwood Early Childhood Center rolled out the red carpet for a spectacular Fancy Feast! Our youngest learners handled all of the details, including making decorations, setting tables and preparing tasty treats.

Students and staff also dressed to impress in their fanciest attire, sharing delicious food and delightful moments with their friends. It was a heartwarming celebration of unity, creativity and the relationships that make BECC feel like one big, happy family!

Breihan Malecek Petersen & James

Excellence in Real Estate



Apex Restaurant & Market Solutions Partners with Moii Coffee

Saint Louis University student Firaol Ahmed created his Ethiopian coffee company in 2022



Apex Restaurant & Market Solutions has recently partnered with Moii Coffee to serve its freshly roasted Ethiopian coffee. Apex is the largest independently owned corporate food service company based in Missouri with offices in St. Louis and Kansas City

Founded in 2022 by owner and Saint Louis University sophomore Firaol Ahmed,

Moii Coffee uses coffee beans from his family's farm and local farms located in Ethiopia. All the coffee is roasted at commercial roastery First Crack Coffee located at 2204 S. Vandeventer Ave. in St. Louis.

"This is a significant milestone for us. I'm thankful for the chance to partner with Apex, and witnessing their unwavering commitment to excellence is truly inspiring for our company, as we share the same dedication to delivering exceptional coffee," said Moii Coffee owner Firaol Ahmed. He added that "our coffee comes from my family's farm, and in 2021, we won the Ethiopian Cup of Excellence. This achievement reflects our family's nearly century-long history as coffee farmers."

Apex has more than 270 micro markets located in office and manufacturing facilities across Missouri including St. Louis, Kansas City, Sedalia, and Columbia. These convenient self-checkout markets offer employees a wide selection of healthy food and quality beverage options. Approximately 10% of Apex's micro markets are hybrid facilities, which feature a chef-prepared hot food component available for purchase. Apex also offers Elite Cuisine, its flagship culinary experience that handles all corporate dining and catering services.

"Firaol operates a one-person company that specializes in importing, roasting, packaging, and selling coffee from three areas of Ethiopia, including the Harrar region where he was born and raised," said Apex Restaurant & Market Solutions CEO Jim Schweppe. "Firaol's entrepreneurial success story aligns with our company's commitment to excellence in a continuously evolving work environment. We are excited to bring Moii Coffee's high-quality and exceptional tasting coffee to our clients."

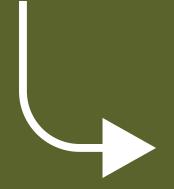
For more information about Apex Restaurant & Market Solutions, call (866) 607-4400 and visit www.apexrefresh.com.

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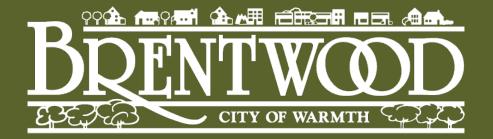
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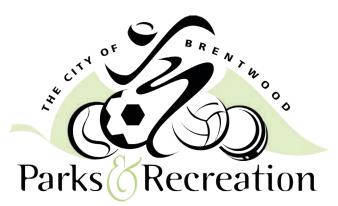
The City of Brentwood provides information and connects with the community through a variety of communication channels. Choose the tools you prefer to use to find City of Brentwood updates, news, events and more. Choose how you wish to stay connected and informed.

Connect with City of Brentwood's communication thannels here











It's that time of year again! Write your letter to Santa this holiday season and then drop off a self-addressed, stamped envelope at our North Pole Mailbox located in front of the Brentwood Community Center. Drop off your letter to receive a special note from Santa Claus himself!

Dates: Monday, Nov. 27-Friday, Dec. 15 Location: Brentwood Community Center Price: Free



Santa will be making special house visits to kids around Brentwood! Visits are 15 minutes long with a maximum of 8 children per household. Pre-registration required, spots are limited and will go fast. *Brentwood residents only*

Dates:

Friday, Dec. 15: 5-8pm Saturday, Dec. 16: 3-8pm Price: Res. \$25/household



Are you looking for a new appetizer for your holiday events? Trader Joe's and Across the Board 314 are partnering with Brentwood Parks and Recreation to help you create some new, delicious hors d'oeuvres for your holiday events.

Date: Thursday, Dec. 14 Time: 6:30-7:30pm

Location: Brentwood Community Center

Ages: 21+

Price: Res. \$20/Non-Res. \$25



Looking for activities for your New Year's Eve Party? Don't worry, Brentwood Parks and Recreation has your party covered! Pre-ordered boxes will be filled with party favors, noise makers, activities and treats. Great for ages 4-10. Boxes will be available for pick up at Brentwood Community Center, 2505 S. Brentwood Blvd.

Dates: Wednesday, Dec. 27 – Friday, Dec. 29

Time: 8am-5pm

Location: Brentwood Community Center

Price: Res. \$25/Non-Res. \$35 Activity Number: 945109





BOWLI MALE, NEUTERED, 2

Meet Bowli! This lovable hound will steal your heart with his wagging tail and big brown eyes. Whether it's cuddling on the couch or playing fetch, Bowli is up for it all! Ask the front desk how you can meet Bowli today!



CONSTANCE FEMALE, SPAYED, 1 yr 4 mo

Constance is a friendly, energetic, and playful dog with nothing but love and kisses to give! She has lived with other big dogs before and would do amazing in a home with a brother and sister to play with!



KODA

MALE, NEUTERED, 11 months

Koda is a spunky boy who is patiently

waiting for his new home. Koda has

enjoyed playing with other dogs in

the shelter, and hanging out with his

human friends. This sweet boy is very

likely housetrained, and crate trained.

POBLANO MALE, NEUTERED, 12 weeks

We'd like to introduce you to a charming little feline named Poblano. This precious kitten is not just any cat; he is a shy, gentle soul looking for a loving forever home to call his own.



LOKIE MALE, NEUTERED, 1 yr 1 mo

Hello there, future pet parent! Are you searching for a loving, loyal, and intelligent companion to brighten your life? Look no further than Lokie, a bundle of joy just waiting to find a forever home.



JALAPENO FEMALE, SPAYED, 12 weeks

Jalepeno is a shy kitten at first, but once she feels safe, her playful and curious side emerges. She enjoys exploring new spaces, investigating toys, and watching the world go by from a cozy corner.



JACK MALE, NEUTERED, 4

To Adopt

These pets and many others are available at the Animal Protective Association (APA) at 1705 S. Hanley (63144). Shelter adoption hours are 10am-5pm Monday-Saturday. The APA provides shelter and care for homeless pets, a low-cost veterinary clinic, lost-and-found assistance, humane education classes, and Domestic Violence Pet Assistance.



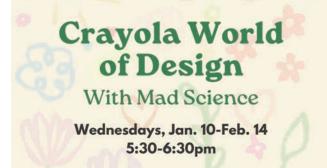
Drop off the kids and have a night out! Children will have the opportunity to eat dinner, watch movies, play games, and go ice skating. Each night has a unique theme.

Dates: Fridays, Dec. 1, Jan. 12, Feb. 9, March 1, April 5 Time: 5:30-9:30pm

Ages: 5-10

Location: Brentwood Community Center Price: Res. \$25/Non-Res. \$30

Activity Number: 945100, 145100



Take a journey to the farthest reaches of the imagination while learning the rainforest, Mars, and a futuristic city! Use the design thinking process to solve real-world problems in these different environments. Experiment with Crayola® products and many art techniques like sculpting, collage, and mixed media. Discover design careers like graphic design, fashion design, urban design, and board game design.

Dates: Wednesdays, Jan. 10-Feb. 14

Time: 5:30-6:30pm

Ages: 6-10

Location: Brentwood Community Center

Price: Res. \$100/Non-Res. \$125 for 6 weeks Activity Number: 145106

Satch/Vai U.S. Tour JOE SATRIANI & STEVE VAI TUESDAY, APRIL 30 at 8 PM

Steve Litman Presents is thrilled to announce the Satch/Vai U.S. Tour will make a stop in St. Louis. The two guitar legends will perform at The Factory at The District on Tuesday, April 30, 2024. Show time is 8 p.m. (doors open at 7 p.m.). Tickets are \$124.50, \$79.50, \$69.50, and \$49.50. Tickets go on sale to the public this Friday, Decem-



ber 1 at 10 a.m. and can be purchased online at Ticketmaster and TheFactory.

"I'm so looking forward to sharing the stage with Steve again," said Joe Satriani. "Every time we play together it takes me back to when we were teenagers, eating and breathing music every second of the day, pushing, challenging and helping each other to be the best we could be. I guess we've never stopped!"

"Touring with Joe is always a pleasure and an honor," exclaimed Steve Vai. "He is my favorite guitarist to jam with, and now we have another opportunity to take it to the stage. I feel as though we are both at the top of our game and that the show will be a powerful celebration of the coolest instrument in the world, the electric guitar!" The official Satch-Vai U.S. tour kicks off March 22 and runs through May 8, 2024.

Joe Satriani is the world's most commercially successful solo guitar performer, with six gold and platinum discs to his credit (including one more gold award for the debut album by his band Chickenfoot), and sales in excess of 10 million copies. Since September 18, 1970 (the day his idol Jimi Hendrix passed away), Satriani has dedicated himself to the artistry of the instrument. While still a teenager in his hometown of Westbury, New York, he taught guitar to another budding six-string hopeful, Steve Vai. A few years later, Satriani moved to San Francisco and played guitar in a popular new wave band, The Squares, and briefly joined The Greg Kihn Band before the release of "Not Of This Earth". As a live performer, Satriani has toured the world with each new release (his last concert tour for 2013's "Unstoppable Momentum" saw the guitarist touch down in 32 countries). In 1993, he joined Deep Purple as a temporary replacement for Ritchie Blackmore during a Japanese tour. In 1996, Satriani founded the multi-guitarist traveling experience called G3, which has seen him share stages with Vai, Eric Johnson, Yngwie Malmsteen, Robert Fripp, among others. And starting in 2009, Satriani traversed the globe again as a member of Chickenfoot. The all-star band (which also includes singer Sammy Hagar, former Van Halen bassist Michael Anthony and Red Hot Chili Peppers drummer Chad Smith) has issued two albums.

After more than 30 years, Steve Vai continues to use unbridled guitar virtuosity and soulful artistry to explore the spectrum of human emotion. Vai has awed fans of all genres with his exceptional guitar skills and musicianship for decades. At age 12, he started taking guitar lessons from Joe Satriani. At 18, he began his professional music career transcribing for, and then playing with, the legendary Frank Zappa. More than three decades, over 15 million in album sales, and three GRAMMY Awards later, Vai has proven himself, in his own right, to be one of music's true originals. Vai's work has been recognized with a long list of awards and honors, including over 15 from Guitar Player magazine alone. His career accomplishments have earned him honorary doctorates from Berklee College of Music and Musicians Institute.

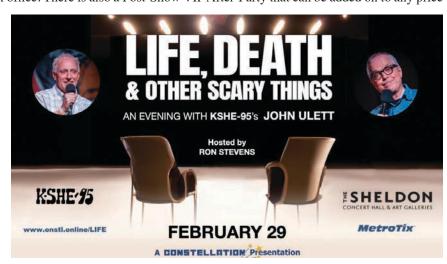
For more information, visit www.thefactorystl.com or www.stevelitmanpresents.com.

LIFE, DEATH & OTHER SCARY THINGS AN EVENING WITH KSHE 95's JOHN ULETT

KSHE95 Welcomes "Life, Death & Other Scary Things," An Evening with KSHE 95's John Ulett on stage at The Sheldon Concert Hall on Thursday, February 29, 2024. Show time is 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$49.50, \$45.50, \$34.50 and \$18.50, and go on sale Friday, December 8 at 10 a.m. online at MetroTix or by calling MetroTix at 314-534-1111. Tickets are also available one hour before show time at The Sheldon box office. There is also a Post-Show VIP After-Party that can be added on to any price

level for \$25. Each VIP ticket will entitle the holder to ONE glass of wine, beer or soft drink, plus a meet-and-greet with John Ulett and other VIP Special Guests.

Generations of music and sports fans grew up with John Ulett, one of the most recognizable voices in St. Louis. You heard him every morning on your way to work on KSHE 95 and you heard him at every St. Louis Cardinals home game. As a kid, you probably even laughed with Professor U-Man on Saturday mornings on "Cardinals Kids." Who doesn't know John Ulett, right? Well, none of us. He's made sure of that. Off-microphone and off-camera, John has always been a rather private person ... until now.



John Ulett will appear in front of a live audience at the beautiful Sheldon Concert Hall for an evening of introspective conversation that will reveal the John Ulett you never met. The evening will open with the very funny Joy "In The Morning" Grdnic and her wacky slide presentation. The show will be filled with deep conversation amid light-hearted fun and peppered with several celebrity appearances sure to surprise and delight the audience of U-Man fans. From the world of rock music, local media personalities and sports stars, John has made many friends who are more than eager to "roast" him for the sake of a fun time. The evening will be hosted, appropriately, by Ron Stevens, the very man who hired John at KSHE back when U-Man was just 19 years old. Ron feels an obligation to leave no stone unturned in this unique evening of getting to REALLY know the man who so many St. Louisans love so much. His desire is to give the audience more than just an evening's entertainment, but also a better understanding of the man who charmed so many generations of this city.

Constellation is a joint venture of St. Louis based producers Ron Stevens and Greg Hagglund.

Located at 3648 Washington Boulevard in the heart of the Grand Center Arts District, The Sheldon Concert Hall provides a wide range of music, visual arts and educational programs of the highest quality, diversity and educational impact, hosting more than 350 events each year. For more information, visit www.thesheldon.org or www.kshe95.com.



P!NK – Summer Carnival 2024 coming to St. Louis in August

Special guests include Sheryl Crow, The Script and KidCutUp

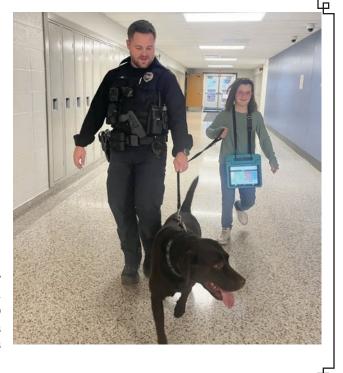
Explore St. Louis is thrilled to announce that P!nk will be kicking off the Summer Carnival 2024 tour from St. Louis at The Dome at America's Center on Saturday, August 10, 2024. Tickets will be on sale beginning Monday, December 11.

We love celebrating with our residents! For his 5th birthday, Matthew wanted to see the police station! He got a tour of our facility, met detectives, sat in a police car, used the siren, and met our canine Redbull! He also met our inflatable canine, Chase! Thank you to Matthew and his dad for the delicious Kolaches and a really fun visit! Happy Birthday from the Brentwood Police Department!





Recently, School Resource Officer, "Officer Habi," partnered with the Brentwood Starbucks to treat Brentwood schools to some tasty beverages! Officer TJ and K9 Redbull even came by to get in on the fun! Special thanks to our friends at the Brentwood Starbucks for helping us spoil our schools!



New Logo for Saint Mary Magdalen



We love our new sweatshirts at Saint Mary Magdalen with our new logo! They look amazing and are so comfy! Thanks, Three Monkeys Apparel

Brentwood Community Blood Drive

Please participate in our Community Blood Drive on Friday January 26, 2024, from 2 pm to 7 pm at the Brentwood Rec Center.

This drive is made possible with the cooperation of: American Red Cross, The City of Brentwood & the Brentwood Parks & Recreation Department and all the donors

Six years ago, my son fought MML (Multiple Melanoma Leukemia) and during his 22 months of battling he needed transfusions to help him fight off infections. Because others donated blood and platelets, we had extra TIME with our son. This drive honors him and helps to makes blood supplies available for others that have such a need. It will make you feel good about yourself, and it will mean the world to someone in need.

We are asking for donors to sign up online at redcrossblood.org sponsor code: BWParksRec

The average adult has eight to 12 pints of blood in their body. Making a blood donation uses about 1 pint, after which your body has an amazing capacity to replace all the cells and fluids that have been lost. Your body will replace the blood volume (plasma) within 48 hours. It will take four to eight weeks for your body to completely replace the red blood cells you donated.

Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. It is essential for surgeries, cancer treatment, chronic illnesses, and traumatic injuries. Whether a patient receives whole blood, red cells, platelets or plasma, this lifesaving care starts with one person making a generous donation. 1 donation can potentially save up to 3 lives. Blood and platelets cannot be manufactured; they can only come from volunteer donors. Nearly 21 million blood products are transfused each year. Platelets, critical for cancer patients, must be transfused within 5 days of donation. The Red Cross holds about 500 blood drives every day. January 22 is our day to help their effort.

Facts About Blood Needs

Approximately 36,000 units of red blood cells are needed every day in the U.S.

Nearly 7,000 units of platelets and 10,000 units of plasma are needed daily in the U.S.

disease each year. Sickle cell patients can require blood transfusions throughout their lives.

Nearly 21 million blood components are transfused each year in the U.S.

The average red blood cell transfusion is approximately 3 units.

The blood type most often requested by hospitals is type O.

Sickle cell disease affects 90,000 to 100,000 people in the U.S. About 1,000 babies are born with the

According to the American Cancer Society, more than 1.8 million people are expected to be diagnosed with cancer in 2020. Many of them will need blood, sometimes daily, during their chemotherapy

treatment.

A single car accident victim can require as many as 100 units of blood.



Blood Supply Statistics

The Red Cross provides about 40% of our nation's blood and blood components, all from generous volunteer donors. But supply can't always meet demand because only about 3% of age-eligible people donate blood yearly. Each new donor helps us meet patient needs.

Each year, an estimated 6.8 million people in the U.S. donate blood.

13.6 million units of whole blood and red blood cells are collected in the U.S. in a year.

About 45% of people in the U.S. have Group O (positive or negative) blood; the proportion is higher among Hispanics (57%) and African Americans (51%).

Type O negative red cells can be given to patients of all blood types. Because only 7% of people in the U.S. are type O negative, it's always in great demand and often in short supply.

Type AB positive plasma can be transfused to patients of all blood types. Since only 3% of people in the U.S. have AB positive blood, this plasma is usually in short supply.

Red blood cells must be used within 42 days (or less).

Platelets must be used within just 5 days.

Please check your social schedule and seriously consider joining our efforts to help others. Feel free to invite a friend to join you.

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Drop off your used cell phones at the Gene-Del Printing/Pulse Newspaper office to be recycled through Lydia's House "Cell Phones for Safe Homes" fundraiser.

For each phone collected, our recycling partner will make a cash donation of up to \$100 to Lydia's House.

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Lydia's House works in faith to end domestic violence by being a place of healing and a voice of hope for abused women and their children. Our program provides up to two years of transitional housing and critical support services to survivors of domestic violence.

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TRAVEL

By Sue McCarthy

TWO DAYS IN HOT SPRINGS, AR

Bathhouse Row is a row of buildings that has stood the test of time with fires and rebuiling.

I started my tour in the beautiful lobby where there was an enormus gingerbread house.

The 3-story Victorian Gingerbread house is over 8 ft. tall. It is made up with 300 pounds of candy and over 250 pounds of frosting. Visions



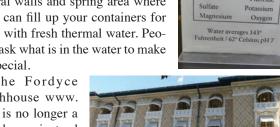
of sugar plums danced in my head. It will be displayed through New Year's Eve. Call for information at 501-623-7771.

The Arlington Resort & Spa Thermal Bathhouse & Spa Historic Hotel and Largest in AR A Tradition since 1875



The current Arlington was built in 1924 and has hosted several baseball greats including Babe Ruth and Joe DiMaggio. Throughout town you will find murals of other baseball players too. Other notables staying there were: Theodore

Roosevelt, Andrew Carnegie, Bat Masterson and F.W. Woolworth. As you enter town there are two large mural walls and spring area where you can fill up your containers for free with fresh thermal water. People ask what is in the water to make it special.



The Fordyce Bathhouse www. nps is no longer a bathhouse instead now it houses the Visitors Center.

We had lunch at Bubba Lu's Bodacious Burgers and I

cious Burgers and Dogs, then we strolled by the Fat Bottomed Girls Cupcake Shoppe.

We ate breakfast for free daily at our hotel...EMBASSY SUITES where they also served munchies at a happy hour. Things To Do included window shopping at It's All About

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Buy- A- Brick for the Holidays

We have exciting news! You might have heard that Rock Hill Public Library has been awarded a MSD Project Clear Rainscaping Grant to help us install a permeable paver patio behind the library, which we will use for programs and additional library space.

Well, the patio is finished! We cannot wait to have programs and events out there! Thanks so much to Gabe and Ryan from SLF Landscaping and the amazing opportunity MSD Project Clear provided with its grant, as well as the many folks who have supported the project with their donations to the Buy-A-Brick fundraiser!

The brick engraving will happen when there is a stretch of warmer weather, and we will definitely update when we can have an opening reception to celebrate and view the engravings.

It is not too late to buy your brick! They make great gifts for the holidays.

Visit http://www.rockhillpubliclibrary.org/donate/ to get one today.







Holiday Movies

Season's Greetings!! Love movies?!! Join us every second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 1-3 PM for our Winter Film Series event at Rock Hill Public Library (9811 Manchester Rd)!

Popcorn and refreshments included. (PG-13). Upcoming movies include holiday favorites Last Christmas (December 12) and New Year's Eve (December 26).

