

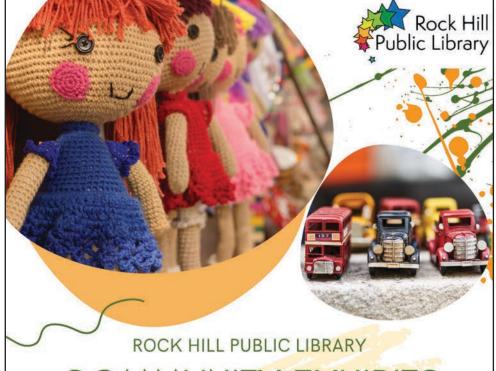
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September 15-16 Brentwood Sports Complex

We are seeking craft and food vendors to participate in this two-day festival to celebrate the community of Brentwood.

Contact Cheryl Riley for more information: CRiley@BrentwoodMO.org (314) 963-8690



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COOL ENTERTAINMENT ON STAGE FOR HOT SUMMER FUN AT WESTPORT PLAYHOUSE



Rockin' Chair returns Friday, July 14 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and going fast! Fans will delight in an evening full of music from Laurel Canyon. Hear favorite songs by Jackson Browne, Poco, Loggins and Messina, Crosby Stills and Nash, Little Feat, Linda Ronstadt and The Eagles. Learn more about the band at rockinchairstl.com.

Michael-LIVE is a new show developed specifically for the Westport Playhouse featuring two of the most dynamic Michael Jackson tribute artists in the country. Corey Melton and Dylan Knight bring a fantastic theatrical tribute to the stage complete with live band, digital multimedia effects and a dance



crew. Tickets are \$39.50 and performances are Friday, July 21 and Saturday, July 22 at 2 p.m. & 7 p.m. Experience the hits spanning the career of the greatest icon of all time - the one and only King of Pop.

About Westport Playhouse

Westport Playhouse is back, hosting plays, musicals, films, comedy, private events and much more. Enhanced with a new 40-foot video screen backdrop, upgraded lighting and a new sound system, Westport Playhouse is located at 635 Westport Plaza, St. Louis, MO 63146. www.westportplay.com.

Conflux Co-Learning Hosts Fall Workshop

Conflux Co-Learning, the nation's first co-learning space that exclusively serves manufacturers and distributors, will hold its fall workshop on Wed., Sept. 6 from 8 to 10 a.m. at Conflux's headquarters located at 8221 Minnesota Ave. Keynote speaker Justine Froelker will focus on teaching the tools

and techniques needed to lead with courage while highlighting the impact it creates on one's personal and professional life. The workshop is free and open to the public.

Justine Froelker is a licensed professional counselor with more than 20 years of experience in traditional mental health and personal and professional development. She provides training nationally on topics including leadership, mental health, preventing



and coping with burnout, resilience, and courageous com-

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munication. Froelker, a St. Louisan who is the best-selling author of 11 books, has been certified in the work of Dr. Brené Brown for the past nine years.

"Justine brings a wide range of practical ways to inspire courage and leadership into your daily life," said Conflux Co-Learning's Chairman of the Board Brandon Dempsey. "We look forward to having Justine educate both our clients and the general public so they can create lasting changes at home and at work."

Conflux Co-Learning is a membership-based nonprofit organization that creates content, connections, and space so manufacturing and distribution leaders can navigate and grow in a rapidly changing industry. For more information, call (314) 754-8712 or visit www.confluxcolearning.com.

Reservations for the workshop are required for the free workshop. To register, visit https://www.eventbrite.com/e/con-flux-workshop-with-justine-froelker-tickets-651015283237.

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Truman State University Spring 2023 Graduation List

07/01/23

Truman State University has released the names of students who graduated during spring commencement ceremonies that are from Brentwood, May 13.

Students who graduated with honors will have that distinction noted by their names. Cum laude recognizes those who earned a grade point average between 3.50-3.74. Magna cum laude is for graduates with a grade point average between 3.75-3.89. Summa cum laude honors graduates with a grade point average above 3.9.

Master's degree recipients will have that distinction noted by their names.

The list is organized by state and hometown. Hometowns are based upon the permanent address given to the University by the student. Students who have requested a directory hold on their information are not included on the list. Any questions regarding student eligibility for inclusion on the list can be directed to the Registrar's Office at (660) 785-4143.

Founded in 1867, Truman is Missouri's public liberal arts and sciences university. Truman has the highest graduation rate among the state's public colleges and universities. U.S. News & World Report has rated Truman as the No. 1 public university in the Midwest region for 26 consecutive years, and Washington Monthly recognized Truman as the No. 7 master's university in the nation.

Brentwood:

Max Etheridge Meghan Haug Summa Cum Laude

BOXERS MICHAEL & LEON SPINKS INDUCTED INTO THE ST. LOUIS WALK OF FAME

St. Louis natives Michael & Leon Spinks were inducted into the St. Louis Walk of Fame on Monday, June 26 in the Delmar Loop. Michael was on hand to accept the award. Leon passed away in 2021.



"We're excited to add the Spinks brothers to the St. Louis Walk of Fame," said Founder Joe Edwards. "They are known around the world for their accomplishments and they have made St. Louis proud."

ABOUT MICHAEL & LEON SPINKS

St. Louis-born boxers Michael and Leon Spinks made history in 1976 as the first brothers to win Olympic gold medals in the same year. They later became the first brothers to win the World Heavyweight Championship as pros. In 1981 Michael won the WBA light heavyweight title and in 1983 began his reign as the undisputed world light heavyweight champion. He moved up to the heavyweight class in 1985 and won the world heavyweight championship. Powered by his "Spinks Jinx" dynamite right hand, he won 31 of 32 fights, 21 by knockout. Leon Spinks, in just his 8th pro fight, became the undisputed heavyweight champion of the world in 1978. His defeat of Muhammad Ali for the crown was one of the most monumental upsets in boxing history.

PUBLIC RELEASE

<u>The Brentwood School District</u> announced its revised free and reduced price policy for school children unable to pay the full price of meals served in schools under the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program.

Local education officials have adop	ted the following famil	v-size income criteria for	determining eligibility:

Household	Maximum	Household	Income	Maximum	Household Ir	ncome
Size	Eligible for Free Meals		Eligible for Reduced Price Meals			
	Annually	Monthly	Weekly	Annually	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$18,954	\$1,580	\$365	\$26,973	\$2,248	\$519
2	25,636	2,137	493	36,482	3,041	702
3	32,318	2,694	622	45,991	3,833	885
4	39,000	3,250	750	55,500	4,625	1,068
5	45,682	3,807	879	65,009	5,418	1,251
6	52,364	4,364	1,007	74,518	6,210	1,434
7	59,046	4,921	1,136	84,027	7,003	1,616
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Children from families whose current income is at or below those shown are eligible for free or reduced price meals. Applications are available at the school office. To apply, fill out a Free and Reduced Price School Meals Family Application and return it to the school. The information provided on the application is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility. Applications may be submitted any time during the school year. A complete application is required as a condition of eligibility. A complete application includes: (1) household income from all sources or Food Stamp/TANF case number, (2) names of all household members, and (3) the signature and last four digits of social security number or indication of no social security number of adult household member signing the application. School officials may verify current income or other information provided on the application at any time during the school year.

Foster children may be eligible regardless of the income of the household with whom they reside. Households with children who are eligible under the foster, Head Start, homeless, migrant, or runaway programs should contact the school for assistance in receiving meal benefits. Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) participants may be eligible for free or reduced price meals.

Children who are members of households currently certified as receiving Food Stamps, TANF or FDPIR are eligible for free meals. To complete an application, the household must provide the names of the children, a statement that the household receives the qualifying benefits, the Food Stamps/TANF/FDPIR case number, and the signature of the adult household member making application. When known by the school that members of a household are receiving assistance from Food Stamps, TANF or FDPIR, households will be notified of their children's eligibility for free school meals. If any children in the household were not listed on the eligibility notice or not listed on the application, the household should contact the school to have benefits extended to all children in the household.

If a family member becomes unemployed or if family size changes, the family should contact the school to file a new application. Such changes may make the children of the family eligible for these benefits.

Under the provisions of the policy, the **Building Principal's Secretary** will review the applications and determine eligibility. If a parent is dissatisfied with the ruling of the determining official, they may wish to discuss the decision with the hearing official on an informal basis or he/she may make a request either orally or in writing to the **Dr. Alex Tripamer (314-962-4507, <u>atripamer@brentwoodmoschools.org</u>)**. Hearing procedures are outlined in the policy. A complete copy of the policy is on file in each school and in the central office where any interested party may review it.

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More information is available at www.stlouiswalkoffame.org. The St. Louis Walk of Fame book is available at Blueberry Hill in The Loop. 1. mail:

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An Open Letter to the Citizens of Brentwood Regarding the Manchester Corridor Proposed Master Development Plan

My Fellow Citizens,

I am writing to share information regarding the Proposed Master Development Agreement between the City of Brentwood and Green Street Development Group, LLC ("Green Street"). In September 2022, the Brentwood Board of Alderman selected Green Street as the preferred developer of the Manchester Corridor. Green Street was the only respondent to a Request for Proposal issued by the City in January 2021. The proposal is for the redevelopment of property adjacent to Manchester Road between Brentwood Blvd. and Hanley.

In September 2021, Green Street proposed a \$425M project in three (3) phases to build mixed use, retail, and multi-family housing. As an incentive to the developer and to offset the costs of public infrastructure, the developer proposed a 90% tax abatement for 10 years and the creating of a Community Improvement District (CID) which would levy a 1% sales tax for 20 years to pay for improvements. In total the developer proposed \$45.35M in incentives; \$29.8M in tax abatements and \$15.5M from the CID, or about 10.67% of the total project cost.

On July 5, 2023, Green Street presented its Proposed Master Development Agreement (PMDA) to the Board of Aldermen. As Mayor Dimmitt said at the meeting, the PMDA is a contract binding on both the City and the developer. The September proposal was just that; a proposal. In any event, the only major change to the proposal was to the incentives! The developer is still proposing a \$425M development constructed in three (3) phases, however, in this version (the only version that counts), the incentives to the developer have increased dramatically. In the deal that Brentwood has negotiated with Green Street, the developer will receive \$58.33M in tax abatements and at least an additional \$31+M in sales taxes and special assessments. The total incentive that will be given to Green Street under the PMDA is \$89.3M or approximately 21% of the total project cost. Even PGAV, who has never met an incentive they did not like, says that "the incentive request is still within the standard range in this region." You tell me, are we at the high end or the low end of the range?

In 2018, the Brentwood Board of Alderman issued Certificates of Participation, essentially bonds, in the amount of about \$40M. We borrowed this money because without doing so, we would not have been able to purchase the property and hire the engineers to contain Deer Creek. It was this investment that made redevelopment of this area possible. At the time I had conversations with many of our current aldermen about the fact that this project had already had significant public support. Every one of us, me included, said that when it came time for redevelopment, we would have to draw a hard line and insist that the developers bear more of their own costs since the taxpayers are still paying off the flood control measures and will be for quite some time. In my opinion we haven't done that. If this measure is passed, the taxpayers will pay more than 20% of the cost of this project. If this is a hard line, I can't imagine what we would do if we were desperate!

That's my final point. Our Mayor and Board of Alderman are acting as if Brentwood is desperate to re-develop the Manchester Corridor. I support redevelopment of the area, but NOT at any cost! Mr. Joel Oliver of Green Street said tonight that it is a tough time for developers. Perhaps tough times for developers are not the best times to negotiate long term redevelopment agreements? Mayor Dimmitt said that he is rushing this plan through the Board of Alderman so that Alderman Shelton and Alderwoman O'Neil could vote on it. I can personally vouch for Alderwoman O'Neil's work on this project over the last 6 years, but I think a project that will take 20+ years to finish and cost taxpayers more than \$100M when it is all said and done deserves more scrutiny than a typical measure. Unless, of course, your mind is made up and you are just trying to get to the vote. Please ask your representatives why the taxpayers need to give the benefits of a \$40M investment AND additional incentives of almost \$90M so the developer can be sure to make <u>at least</u> an 18% Internal Rate of Return on their investment. — Christopher A. Thornton, July 5, 2023

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BRENTWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Rising Sophomore Selected for College Prep Program

Brentwood High School student Alex Tung is one of 50 rising high school sophomores admitted to the 10th cohort of the Washington University in St. Louis College Prep Program, a multi-



year initiative that prepares high-achieving students for college.

As a College Prep scholar, Tung will spend three summers studying in Washington University laboratories and studios, attending classes led by university faculty and learning the skills needed to thrive in college. He will also have the opportunity to attend university cultural events and meet with university experts to navigate the college application process.

The College Prep Program was established in 2014 to prepare scholars for success at a college or university that best matches their interests and needs. Graduates of the program leave ready to excel, both academically and socially, with the program continuing to provide scholars with programming opportunities, college visits and ongoing individualized support.

College Prep graduates have gone on to attend some of the top schools in the nation, including Harvard, Yale and Georgetown universities. This year's graduating scholars earned more than \$4.6 million in scholarships and were accepted to approximately 70 colleges and universities.

Program Spotlight: The Catalyst

The Catalyst is an innovative, advanced, entrepreneurial approach to education that allows high school students to find their passions, develop their skills



and explore postsecondary pathways.

Students from Brentwood, Clayton, Ladue and University City are fully immersed in a professional culture, solving real-world problems and connecting with industry professionals, all while receiving high school credit.

The Catalyst is an example of how business, community and education can work together to create personalized learning experiences that educate the workforce of

Mark Twain Renovation Project Update







Mark Twain Elementary School renovations are officially underway. The initial work has focused on exterior excavation and interior demolition, accompanied by the installation of a new stormwater drainage system under Thompson Field. Temporary utilities have also been established to maintain uninterrupted service throughout the duration of the project.

"We are pleased with the progress our contractors have made since taking over the site on June 5," said Andrew Hartnett, director of facilities. "The weather has been extremely cooperative, which has helped our excavation and drainage work stay on schedule."

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.

Food Service Workers Needed for 2023-24



The Brentwood School District is hiring food service workers for the 2023-24 school year. No experience is necessary. Job benefits include:

No nights and weekends Paid sick days and holidays Free shift meals Career growth opportunities Starting pay: \$14.00 per hour

Prepare and serve delicious, nutritious meals and make a difference in the lives of our students and staff. Contact Lauren Steffens, director of food service, at 573-579-6375 or lsteffens@brentwoodmoschools.org



Staff Spotlight: Tracy Russo

Tracy Russo has been serving students, staff and families as a school nurse for 16 years, including the last seven years at BMS

and BHS. She is a registered nurse with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Vanderbilt University.

Russo is responsible for the health and wellness needs of more than 450 students and staff each



day. She administers medications, treats minor injuries and serves as a resource for health-related issues and health education. Her clinic is known as a safe place where students and staff can get the help and support they need, from basic first aid to a quick snack between classes.

"Tracy's care, compassion and expertise have made a positive impact on student learning, growth and achievement at BMS and BHS," said Dr. Alex Tripamer, assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction. "She is an invaluable resource for our school community."

In addition to her duties as a school nurse, Russo has worked with high school students to help them create a mental health awareness club. She coordinates the district's annual flu shot clinic and was recognized by her colleagues as Brentwood's Support Staff Person of the Year in 2022.

When she is not in the clinic, Russo enjoys antique auctions and spending time with her two grandchildren.

Brentwood High School Senior Earns \$1,000 STEM Scholarship

Brentwood High School senior Jazelyn Herrera was recently recognized during the Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry's STEM Signing Day for her commitment to pursuing a STEM career pathway in postsecondary education and beyond.

Herrera was one of 32 high school seniors from across the state to earn a \$1,000 scholarship from the chamber for studying a STEM - science, technology, engineering and mathematics - field at an in-state two- or four-year college or technical school. Herrera plans to study nursing at Missouri State University.

"Building a world-class STEM workforce is critical to the future of Missouri's economy," said Daniel P. Mehan, president and chief ex-

ecutive officer of the Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry. "STEM Signing Day is a great opportunity to let these young people know how much Missouri values their contributions and that there are outstanding career opportunities right here in Missouri when they are ready to enter the workforce."

The Missouri Chamber Foundation launched STEM Signing Day in 2019 to raise awareness of STEM pathways for students beyond high school. The program is sponsored by the Boeing Company and funded by members of the Missouri business community.



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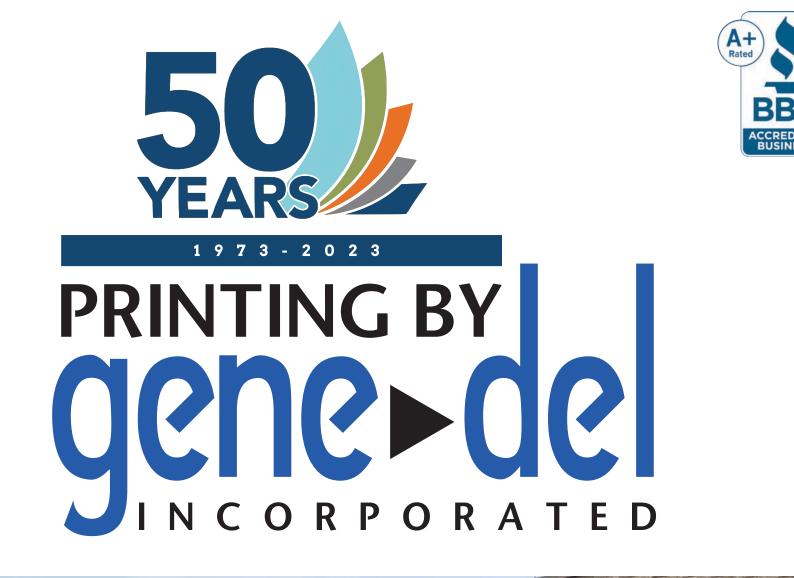
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By Kevin McCarthy

Unique Dining on St. Charles' Historic Main Street

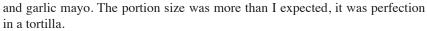


In 2020 Tiara & Terrence Curry opened The Wine Cafe. They survived the Covid era, and are waiting to welcome you to their unique dining experience on historic Main Street in Saint Charles.

This small restaurant in the middle of all of the specialty shops is a true breath of fresh air as opposed to kitsch! They definitely offer a fresh dining experience with their friendly, fun service and great food and drinks.

They don't waste their efforts on fancy decorations and accessories. They concentrate on good service, great food and an ambiance that makes you feel right at home, and being part of the family. It is really something special.

We stopped by for lunch and I had the Grilled Philly Steak Wrap; steak, green pepper, mozzarella cheese,



Sue had the Grilled Chicken Avocado sandwich; chicken, avocado, tomato, Swiss cheese, garlic aioli, on toasted sourdough. The portions were larger than expected, and an absolute winner. They also have a large selection of charcuterie boards, soups, salads and more.

We had to try the Apple Pie Pizza, a pizza dough dusted with cinnamon, a scoop of French vanilla ice cream, whipped cream, drizzled with caramel sauce. You can't leave the Wine Cafe without trying this dessert. It is "over the top" great!

Wines include a wide selection of vintages from Missouri, France, Italy, New Zealand, South Africa, California, and more. They offer Wine Tasting, and Wine Flights, beers and classic cocktails. Their cocktail selection range from classic cocktails to some exotic blends that will entice everyone to try something.

One of the things we look forward to is the Sunday Brunch. Beat the crowds and enjoy, starting at 10am to 3pm. The Brunch Board includes pastries, Belgium waffles, sausage, bacon, crackers, cheese & fresh fruit. They offer Breakfast Sandwiches, Breakfast Quesadillas served with fresh fruit, French Toast, Chicken & Waffles, Shrimp & Grits, and more. Brunch cocktails include Unlimited Mimosas, Peach Bellinis, Bloody Mary's, Expresso Martinis, and more.

They have a small patio with umbrella covered tables where you can watch the people strolling Main street.

They also have a retail selection of wines, and accessories for purchase.

The Wine Cafe is located at 703 S Main St. St. Charles, MO 63301. They are closed Monday and Tuesday. They are open noon to 6pm Wednesday and Thursday, noon to 8pm Friday and Saturday and 10am to 3pm, Sunday. For more information call 636-410-8002.

Summer Reading Fun Continues at Rock Hill Public Library

If you haven't signed up for Summer Reading, no worries. You can still register at Rock Hill Public Library and win prizes now until August 5. Open to all ages! And it's free!

Congratulations to everyone who fin-







Cheshire Inn Steak Butter

The Cheshire Inn's steak butter was a unique blend, flavored with grated onion and horseradish. It was served at the restaurant and could also be purchased for home use in a porcelain crock.

Source: St. Louis Post-Dispatch, February 7, 1998



Yield: 20 servings

Ingredients

2 Tbsp prepared horseradish

1/2 cup grated onion

2 cups (4 sticks) margarine or butter, softened

2 Tbsp chopped parsley

2 Tbsp Worcestershire sauce

1/4 Tbsp Tabasco sauce

Preparation

Stir ingredients together until smooth. Serve with steak.



94th Aero Squadron **Beer Cheese Soup**

The 94th Aero Squadron specialized in American cuisine. Dinner was served with a choice of soup, including the 94th's Beer Cheese Soup, salad and bread.

Source: St. Louis Post-Dispatch, January 25, 1997

Yield: 10 (1-cup) servings

Ingredients

6 cups milk, divided

1/2 to 3/4 tsp Tabasco sauce

3 Tbsp Worcestershire sauce (94th used Lea & Perkins brand)

1 1/2 strips bacon, coarsely chopped



ished Summer Reading early and won St. Louis Cardinals tickets. Let's GO Cards!!! Be sure to mark your calendars for these upcoming Summer Reading events:

Get Outside with Alpine Shop on July 13 (Hiking in Missouri) and August 10 (Outdoor First Aid) at 5PM at Rock Hill Public Library (9811 Manchester Road). Perry Whitaker of Alpine Shop will share knowledge and information about the great outdoors.

Dance and sing with Babaloo on August 2, 2023 at 5:30 PM at Oakhaven Park. Babaloo is a one-man musical comedy act for kids. Be prepared to dance, sing, bean-bag-bop, beat-box, burst bubbles, bucket-drum, and bunches more! Everyone participates, and everybody has a great time! While you are there, grab a bite or two from the Hacienda Food Truck.

Summer is a time to unwind and relax for parents and kids alike. Check out these events and others at https://www. rockhillpubliclibrary.org/ for more ideas to help make the rest of this summer full of fun, creativity and learning.

Avie and Esme Nakamura



Nora Tubbs



Oliver Strohmeyer

1/3 cup onion, coarsely chopped

2 Tbsp chicken bouillon granules

4 1/2 Tbsp cornstarch

1 (16-oz) jar Cheez Whiz

1 (12-oz) can beer

Preparation

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Combine 5 2/3 cups milk, Tabasco and Worcestershire sauces in a large pot. Stir to combine well.

In a heavy skillet, saute bacon until crisp; pour off half the fat. Add onion; stir and cook until wilted. Add chicken bouillon and cook, stirring 3 or 4 minutes. Add bacon mixture to milk mixture and heat over medium heat.

When milk begins to steam (at about 180 degrees), combine cornstarch and reserved 1/3 cup milk, stirring until smooth. Stir mixture into hot milk mixture and cook, stirring frequently, until soup thickens. Add Cheez Whiz, stirring almost constantly. Stir in beer, including the foam.

Strain through a metal mesh strainer into a large bowl. If necessary, reheat soup.

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Cardinals scouts have tales to tell about life on the road – from a lost wallet and a stuck elevator to a tractor delay and more

By Rob Rains

Spend enough time on the road – as the scouts for the Cardinals and all major-league teams do – and you are bound to have a story or two to tell.

It's happened this spring to Randy Flores, the Cardinals' assistant general manager and scouting director. It's also happened to Matt Slater, their special assistant for player procurement – and area scouts such as Mauricio Rubio.

As the Cardinals' staff prepared for next month's amateur draft, their scouts crisscrossed the country to try to watch and evaluate players from the high school, junior college and college ranks as they look to find not only a can't miss first-round prospect, but also those players who will be day three draft selections who someday might find their way to the major leagues.

Discovering that talent is what drives anybody in the scouting arena, and realizing that in pursuit of that goal there will be trials and challenges, is just a part of the job they have to accept.

For Flores, Slater and the Cardinals' three national crosscheckers (Jamal Strong, Aaron Looper and Zach Mortimer), their stories often involve missed or canceled flights as they typically will move from watching one prospect to checking out another prospect the following day, sometimes in a different part of the country.

"I call us the 4 a.m. ers," Slater said. "Usually we are getting up at 4 a.m. every day in the spring to get on a flight to go somewhere to see another prospect. It's a horrible part of the job. You learn to sleep on an airplane."

All that time on a plane this spring caused Slater to develop sciatica. When he had to go to Japan for the World Baseball Classic, he was told to get out of his seat every 20 minutes to stretch during the 13-hour flight. That came after he limped through Arizona, Texas and Louisiana to attend tournaments at the start of the college season.

For area scouts, such as Rubio, who is responsible for seven Midwest states from the Dakotas and Nebraska east to Wisconsin and Illinois from his home near Chicago, their time on the road is usually spent behind the wheel of a car. For Rubio, that created an unexpected delay this spring.

"I was coming back from Quincy, Ill., and sometimes you have to take country roads with no idea what the speed limit is," Rubio said. "I was just kind of wandering around trusting that my GPS was good because my internet was coming in and out. go see a high school prospect near Chicago. That happened to be the day a giant dust storm caused accidents on Interstate 55 that involved nearly 100 vehicles.

"I was eight cars behind the pileup," Slater said. "I saw it and thought, 'What is all that brown stuff in the sky?' The next thing I know everyone is slamming on their brakes. Luckily nobody hit me, but the police wouldn't let us get out of our cars and there was nowhere to move the cars.

"We were literally stuck there for six hours. It was ugly. Finally the police had us drive up next to all of the smashed cars and cut across to the other side of the highway so I could turn around and come back to St. Louis."

A lost wallet

For Flores, his worst travel story of the spring happened to be when he couldn't get on an airplane – because he lost his wallet. As it turned out, it was the first of two times he lost it this spring.

"Every year I lose something," Flores said. "I'm absent-minded and I lose something, but it always finds its way back. One year I left my scout book at an airport but somebody brought it back to me. Another year I left my phone in a taxi. It came back to me.

"Every time I find the stuff I tell the scouts, 'Look, I have a life-long rabbit's foot around my neck.' It's another signal that we are going to have a good draft."

Flores wasn't so sure of that when he lost his wallet, for the first time, in March. He had a rare day at home and was taking his five-year-old son, Hawkins, to Shake Shack for dinner.

"I was supposed to fly out the next morning and in the hustle and bustle of piggyback rides, the bags of food and chasing him around, somehow I lost my wallet," Flores said. "I woke up the next day and I couldn't find it. I looked everywhere in the house and the car and couldn't find it."

Flores had to cancel his flight. He went back to Shake Shack and nobody had turned it in. Flores said he travels with a small wallet – using rubber bands wrapped around his ID, his credit cards and some money.

"I thought it might have fallen out of my pocket in the parking lot, but they said street sweepers sweep up everything every night," Flores said. "If it was there, they said it was just gone."

The local police station offered no help.

After the game, back at his hotel, Flores could not find his wallet. It wasn't in the room.

"It has to be here," Flores kept saying to himself. "I was going crazy. There's no way I lost it again. I didn't have it on me at the game. It has to be in the room, but I can't find it.



"Out of desperation I go back to the parking lot where I parked originally and my wallet was there, lying on the concrete, where it had fallen out of my pocket."

It took Flores a couple of weeks before he came clean to his scouts and told them the story of the second lost wallet.

"I didn't want to admit right away that I had lost it again," Flores said. "Ultimately I shared with the scouts that it's meant to be that we will have a great draft, times two."

A stuck car, and a stuck elevator

Slater has been scouting for 32 years, the last 17 with the Cardinals after first working for the Brewers, Orioles and Dodgers. He believes that part of a scout's success comes from the relationships he builds through the job – and it isn't always with the specific player he went to watch.

He also was at a game at LSU once which was played in a steady rain. He had parked in a grass field, and when the game was over and he got back to his car, he found it was stuck in the mud.

"I can't get out of the field at all," Slater said. "Then some nice LSU fans noticed what had happened and they knocked on my window. They hooked up some cables from their red Jeep to my rental car and pulled me out of the mud. A month later I hosted them at a game at Busch Stadium."

Another time, Slater was at a game at Florida State, where his daughter is on the track and cross country team. In between games of a doubleheader, she took him and her brother on a tour of the school's athletic facilities.

"I had left my bag with my radar gun and

dianapolis, but the team would not be taking batting practice. Slater's flight landed about five hours before the game.

"His high school was about an hour and a half south of Indianapolis but since I didn't have anything else to do I decided to drive to his high school," Slater said. "Sure enough when I got there he was standing in the parking lot. He walked over and introduced himself. Then he said, 'Why don't you come with me to the back fields to watch me hit with my coach?' I watched him hit, met his coach and talked for over an hour.

"Then I drove up to the game after that wonderful afternoon and walked to the field and there were 50 scouts there for the game. None of them had gone to his high school to see him earlier.

"You develop relationships with players that you end up not getting, as well as players in other organizations that you met during the draft process. Often you end up staying in touch with them."

That trip to Indianapolis was more enjoyable for Slater than a trip there in 2022 – a day after he underwent reconstructive surgery on his elbow. He had to spend nearly



a month scouting and traveling with a heavy brace on his elbow.

Slater also is involved in the international scouting world, spending a lot of time in Latin America, Japan and the Far East. One trip to Japan a few years ago is now paying dividends for the Cardinals.

"I was there and went to see a college game between Team USA and Team Japan in a really rural stadium south of Hiroshima," Slater said. "I made it to Iwauni, the small city, and the train station was maybe a mile and a half from the stadium but I had no idea how to walk there. I asked a person walking on the steeet, showing them a picture of the stadium, and they told me to come with them, walked me to their car and drove me to the stadium. Alec Burleson was on that U.S. team, and I saw him hit a home run."

This spring, Slater was in Colombia evaluating international free agents with international crosschecker Joe Almaraz. They went to check into their hotel, riding the elevator to the lobby on the fifth floor.



"I saw up ahead that there was a row of cars that was just stopped or pulling off. I had no idea where I was. I got about three cars away and I saw what the obstruction was – a large farming tractor was crawling along about five miles per hour. I got stuck behind him for about 40 minutes. I usually pass the time driving by listening to a lot of podcasts but they weren't working. Sometimes you just sort of have to accept your fate. There wasn't a heck of a lot I could do."

Slater had much the same feeling on May 1, when he decided to drive from St. Louis to

Flores gave up, spent the rest of the day getting a new driver's license and rebooking a flight. But he soon found out his troubles weren't over.

"I go to the car rental place and they won't let me drive away with the car because I don't have a credit card that matches the ID – because it's a new ID," Flores said. "I don't have the credit card because it's a new credit card. I wind up having to Uber and bum rides with scouts. It went on for about 10 days."

Back home, packing for another trip, Flores reached into his closet for a pair of shoes – and there inside one of the shoes was his wallet. It had apparently fallen out of the pocket in his pants and landed in the shoe, hidden from his view.

Happy and pleased with the sign that the Cardinals would now have a great draft, Flores headed back out on the road. When his travels soon took him to a game at LSU, he realized he didn't have his wallet – again.

"I had to have left it in the hotel room as I was rushing to the game," Flores said. "I had to beg my way into the stadium because the game was about to start. I didn't have time to go back to my hotel." everything at my seat and when I got back there for the second game, it was gone," Slater said. "Then a family I had been talking with came up and said they noticed I had left my bag, so they had taken it up to the press box. I walked up there and found it. That nice family was looking out for me."

Later, Slater hosted that family for a game at Busch as well.

Sometimes, a relationship develops that won't really have a tangible benefit until years later. Slater once scouted Adam Wainwright when he pitched in high school, then years later Wainwright was traded to the Cardinals. The Cardinals scouted Matthew Liberatore in high school before he was drafted by Tampa Bay, then later acquired him in another trade.

Slater remembered those stories this spring when he flew into Indianapolis to go see a high school outfielder, Max Clark. Clark is now generally considered one of the top five players in this draft class, so he will be off the board before the Cardinals make their first-round selection.

The Cardinals' area scout told Slater the game was going to be near the airport in In-

"I tried to tell the lady at the desk in my bad Spanish that something was wrong with the elevator, but she said it was fine," Slater said. "I went over and pushed the button and it wasn't coming. I told her again something was wrong. I finally got on it, with a stranger who only spoke Spanish and sure enough the elevator gets stuck between floors.

"We didn't move for several minutes. We were pushing the button and sounding the alarm. I was very scared. Finally the door got close to the fifth floor, but still wasn't level with the floor. I climbed up and got out of there. I took the stairs the rest of the time we were there."

If the Cardinals one day sign a player that Slater saw while on that trip, the story of being stuck in an elevator could become more



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INSIDE BASEBALL cont'd.

memorable. He did take a photo later that day with their top scout from Venezuela, Jose Gonzales, to remember the day.

Even if another player he saw on the trip becomes a star with another team, it will be something Slater won't forget – like the time he, John Mozeliak, Moises Rodriguez and others made a trip to the Dominican Republic when the Cardinals were trying to sign international free agent Luis Robert.

"Bill DeWitt and Mo really went out on a limb to make an offer that we've never made before to an amateur player," Slater said. "It was an extremely large offer. We did everything we could to get him."

Before the Cardinals met with Robert and his agent, they had three videos prepared, including one of then-Cardinal Aledmys Diaz talking to Roberts about the organization and the city. The videos were loaded on an Ipad.

Mozeliak had the idea that at the end of the presentation to tell Robert that he could keep the Ipad.

"The next day I got a call from the agent who said, 'That was very classy of you guys to give Luis the Ipad, but he wants the password," Slater said. "I told him there wasn't a password, we had taken it off."

It turned out Robert wanted the password to download games that were on the Ipad – and wanted to charge them to Slater's credit card.

Slater told the agent, "We're not paying for him to download games on the Ipad ... maybe that's why we didn't get him. We didn't pay for the games he wanted."

Robert later signed with the White Sox.

It might not seem now like that was a successful trip, but one day in the future, who knows? That's how the scouting business often goes.

"The key to traveling so much is to stay connected with your family," Slater said. "I try to speak to my family multiple times a day when I am on the road. The support of the wives and family while you are gone is very important."

So too is learning some tricks of the road. Veteran scout and former Rockies GM Bob Gebhard spent some time working for the Cardinals, and Slater will never forget what Gebhard did.

"He smoked cigars and when he got into a rental car and was checking out of the airport, he always said to the agent, 'The car smells like smoke." Slater said. When the agent offered to get him another car, Gebhard always turned it down and said, "It's OK, just mark it down on my record that the car smells like smoke."

Gehbard would then pull out of the parking lot, not having to worry about what would happen when he turned the rental car back in – smelling like smoke.

Follow Rob Rains on Twitter

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MICHAEL LIVE!

It's the ultimate live MJ show featuring two of the most dynamic Michael Jackson tribute artists in the industry. Corey Melton and Dylan Knight bring an amazing live band, digital multimedia, spectacular singing, a dance crew, and a fantastic stage show to the stage at Westport Playhouse. Audiences will experience the hits spanning the career of the greatest musical icon of all time -- the one and only King of Pop. Video Link Here.

Four shows, Friday July 21 at 2 p.m. or 7 p.m. and Saturday, July 22 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

TERMINALLY HIP

Join Terminally Hip for an afternoon of a cappella music. Terminally Hip is a jazz a cappella quartet featuring singers who have more than 50 years of performance experience amongst them. Singing favorite tunes from classics to contemporary and even some songs that may surprise everyone, the afternoon is sure to delight.

Sunday, July 30 at 2 p.m.

ROCKIN' CHAIR

Rockin' Chair returns to The Westport Playhouse on July 14 for an evening of music from Laurel Canyon. The group will play songs by Jackson Browne, Poco, Loggins and Messina, Crosby Stills and Nash, Little Feat, Linda Ronstadt and The Eagles.

Friday, July 14 at 7 p.m. Tickets are limited. Westport Playhouse is located at 635 Westport Plaza, St. Louis, MO 63146. www. westportplay.com.

HOME SWEET HOME DID YOU KNOW WE ARE OPEN ON THE FIRST

SATURDAY OF THE MONTH? You asked and we answered. Donors have been asking for a weekend option for donating household items to our warehouse, and we finally figured out a way to make it happen!

To accommodate Saturday donation drop-offs, we are open on the FIRST SATURDAY of every month. Stop by on Saturday, June 4, 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!

Donations can be dropped off at our loading dock at 290 Hanley Industrial Court, Brentwood, MO 63144.

Xavier Riddle and the Secret Museum: The Exhibit Now Open at the Magic House Who's that kid who can travel through time? You are!

Follow the adventures of three friends as they travel back in time to learn from real-life inspirational heroes when they were kids. Sneak through the diorama to the Secret Museum and unlock your next destination with the help of hologram power! Join young adventurer Xavier Riddle, little sister Yadina, and best friend Brad, as they unravel the secrets of world-famous heroes from the past and help you learn to be a hero of the present!

Xavier Riddle and The Secret Museum is based on the highly acclaimed children's book series by Brad Meltzer and Chris Eliopoulos, named Ordinary People Change the World.

Xavier Riddle and the Secret Museum: The Exhibit is made possible by the generous support Crawford Taylor Foundation and will remain at The Magic House through August 20, 2023 before beginning a national tour of children's museums.

Xavier Riddle And the Secret Museum: The Exhibit is included with regular Museum admission. Plan your visit today!

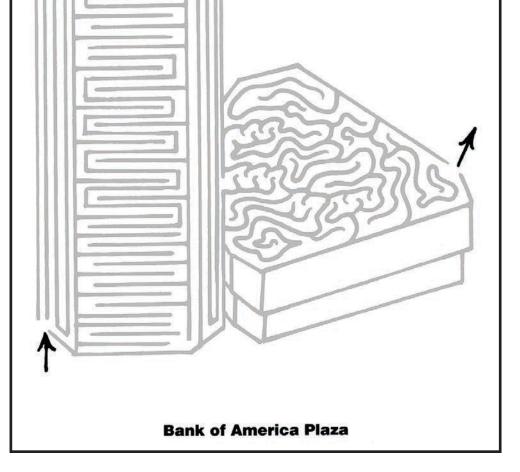
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Summer Reading Club continues through July 31

Sign up for the Summer Reading Club at richmondheightslibrary.org/SRC23

July 8 Rusty Pliers | Families | 2 PM - 3 PM

America's favorite hillbilly comedy ventriloquist and magician!

July 12 Mid-Day Movies: Viva Las Vegas | Adults | 1:00 - 4:00 PM

Enjoy the classic Elvis Presley film, keep cool, and enjoy soda and popcorn

July 12 Science: Microscopes Grades 3+ I 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Examine fur, fibers and fossils with microscopes and stereoscopes

July 12 Adult Book Group | 16+I | 7 PM - 8:00 PM

Down the River unto the Sea by Walter Mosley

July 14 Make a Quilted Heart Teens I 2:00 - 3:00 PM

Learn hand sewing skills and make a heart to participate in the "I Found a Quilted Heart" online project

July 14 Adult Book Group I 16+ I 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Djinn Patrol on the Purple Line, Deepa Anappara. A trio of school kids in India search for their missing classmate. 2021 Edgar Award.

July 15 Author Event: Checkmatin' Life Teens I 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Join St. Louis educator and chess master J. Prince as he presents his latest novel for teens. Signed copies are available for purchase!

July 15 Virtual Authors Live! Presents Charles Soulel Adults | 7:00 PM

Connect with the author of The Endless Vessel

July 18 Simple Sewing: Puppets 6+ I10:00- 11:00 AM

Learn basic hand sewing techniques making a hand puppet

July 18 The Artful Adult | Adults | 6:30 - 8:00 PM Learn to eco-print on fabric and paper. All materials provided.

July 18 Family Craft Kit: Eco-Printing I Families Register by July 11 for pickup beginning July 18

July 19 Pete the Cat Party! Ages 3 - 7 yrs. I 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Help Pete find his missing cupcakes and make a Pete the Cat puppet!

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June 20 Virtual Authors Live! nPresents psychologist Ethan Kross | Adults | noon

Connect with the author of Chatter: the Voice in Our Head, Why It Matters, and How to Harness It

July 24 Teen Activity Kits Teens | DIY Beach-theme Photo Frame

Register by July 17 for pickup beginning July 24

July 25 Virtual Authors Live! Presents Erika Sanchez | adults | 3:00 PM

Connect with the author of Crying in the Bathroom:a Memoir

July 25 Clue Escape Room

Gr. 1-5 | 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM An original escape room based on the game of CLUE!

July 25 Life-sized CLUE Teens I 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

The most fun you'll ever have playing CLUE!

July 26 Little Scientist Ages 3-6 | 10:00 - 11:00 AM

Explore states of matter with vapor, water, ice and dry ice

July 28 End of Summer Pool Party! | Families | 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Ticketed event. Celebrate the end of summer with fellow readers at Maplewood Family Aquatic Center! Open to anyone who has logged their summer reading. See a librarian for your ticket beginning July 17

July 29 Author Event: Humans of St. Louis 16+ I 2:00 - 3:00 PM

First-person stories and portraits featuring people and places throughout St. Louis. Copies available for purchase

Storytime Schedule: Every Monday at 10:00 AM, Every Thursday at 4:00 PM

Register for Library events: on our site at richmondheightslibrary.org/events by calling 314-645-6202 in person at the Library

REPORT FROM GEORGE CLEMENTS, Brentwood Alumni Association Board President

The reconstruction of our school buildings is now in the third phase. Mark Twain elementary school is closed for a complete remodel for the school year of 2023 thru 2024. All of the students will be transferred temporarily to the newly built and remodeled McGrath School.

Our Scholarship committee has awarded seven scholarships this year in the amount of \$5,000 each.

Eloise Ayotte: FOSSETT FOUNDATION SCHOLAR, Jazelyn (Jazzy) Herrera,

Ian McAllister: BRENTWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH SCHOLAR, Nicholas Moomey, Andrew Moran, Nicholas (Nick) Moran, Amelia Van Uum.

Also, our Board of Directors has added a new member to the board, **John Manestar '82**, who has recently retired as a Sergeant at the St. Louis County Police department with over 30 years of experience.

The 2023 *3rd Weekend in September* celebration will be held on Friday, September 15, 2023, beginning at 4:00 pm. through 7:00 pm. at Brentwood High School. Enjoy tours of the newly remodeled High School and view commemorative bricks in the new inner courtyard. Snacks and soft drinks will be available for purchase.

Hope to see you in September. George Clements '57 President, Brentwood Alumni Association

BRENTWOOD HIGH ENTERS NEW FOOTBALL PARTNERSHIP WITH CLAYTON HIGH

The Brentwood and Clayton School Districts formed a high school football partnership for the 2023 - 2024 school year. It is called a "cooperative sponsorship," but is actually a merger of the football programs from each high school. This was a solution for a sport that has seen a decline in participation in recent years.

Both Brentwood and Clayton High Schools and their athletic departments will manage and plan all football related activities. Players will wear blue and orange uniforms with both schools on their jerseys and wear a custom helmet with new logo.

Dr. Stephen Ayotte is the BHS Athletic Director.



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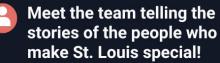
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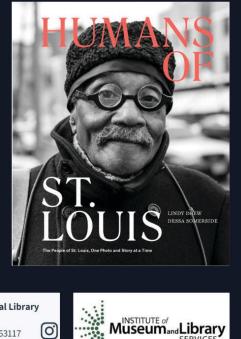
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When the economy & market seem volatile, focus on financial basics: Savings

By: West Community Credit Union

No matter what is happening on the outside, your financial future is all about the basics: reduce spending, save more and know that time is on your side. If your financial house is in order, you'll be in better shape five months AND five years from now, regardless of how things seem in the short term.

When it comes to spending power, inflation means that things cost more and that your money becomes less valuable. When a period of high inflation hits - like right now — you may want to consider changing up the way you handle your finances to help protect the value of your cash.

And deposit rates are rising! Passive savings accounts are perfect for people who don't want to take any market or investment risks with their money and save it for a future date. There are several ways to build up your money, and most savings accounts have easy access or are for a fixed term. Find out which accounts are right for you:

Individual Retirement Account (IRA)

An IRA works similar to a 401k in that you are investing money and letting that money grow until retirement. These earnings are tax-deferred until withdrawals begin at age 59 1/2 or later. An early withdrawal will result in a penalty.

Roth IRAs vs. Traditional IRAs

A Traditional IRA allows you to save for retirement with tax-deferred earnings and the possibility of tax-deductible contributions. Years later, when you withdraw money from your IRA during retirement, the amount of your withdrawal is counted as taxable income. Once you reach age 70 1/2, however, you must remove a minimum amount from this IRA each year.

A Roth IRA is the other way around: With a Roth IRA, you contribute "after tax" money so you don't get a tax break up front. However, the money in the Roth IRA grows tax deferred and the earnings could potentially be withdrawn tax free after age 59 1/2. Like a traditional IRA, your investment earnings from a Roth IRA aren't taxed while your money grows, but unlike a traditional IRA, you'll pay no taxes on your investment earnings at all if you've had your Roth IRA for at least five years. Unfortunately, not everyone qualifies for a Roth IRA like if you are single, making over \$112,000.

Certificates of Deposits (CDs)

CDS are a time deposit that grows interest over a locked term ranging from 6-60 months. There is a \$500 minimum opening deposit, and while it is possible to withdraw funds early, usually a penalty will incur. They generally have more return than a Money Market, but the money is tied up in the term.



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Money Markets

Money Market accounts are like a checking account with limited withdrawals. These liquid assets earn interest daily on tiered balances with a \$2,500 minimum. Unlike CDs, this account is more flexible and allows you to withdraw up to three times a month without penalty which makes them great for emergency funds.

Health savings accounts (HSA)

A health savings account is a handy way to save for medical expenses and reduce your taxable income. But not everyone can - or should - sign up for the kind of health insurance plan required to open an HSA.

Don't let threats of recessions and inflation scare you into snap financial decisions. Talk to your financial advisor about your options. If you are interested in setting some money aside for the future or have any questions, check out West Community Credit Union's deposit rates or contact to Member Services at 636.720.2495 or visit us online at westcommunitycu.org.

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What's Trending in the Ice Cream Case?

It is no secret that consumers love ice cream. In fact, 87% of Americans have ice cream in the freezer right now! Because milk is the main ingredient in ice cream, this refreshing dairy food contains calcium, high-quality protein and other essential vitamins and minerals.

"Although these nutrients are less concentrated in ice cream than in milk, yogurt and cheese, they still make ice cream a nutritious option when compared to other dessert items," said Maggie Cimarolli, a registered dietitian and St. Louis District Dairy Council nutrition educator.

Celebrate July Ice Cream month by checking out these trends in local grocery stores or ice cream shops.

Creative Flavor Combinations and Mash-ups

Ice cream is a treat, so added indulgence in the form of layers, textures, toppings and fillings is a welcomed addition for many. A quick stroll down the ice cream aisle will highlight a variety of candy bar and dessert mash-ups in addition to these interesting flavors: caramel pound cake, Mexican-style hot chocolate, matcha green tea, campfire peanut butter cup and summer berry cake pop. Try a new flavor each week with these endless options.

Health-Conscious Options

The ice cream case has been evolving to meet dietary concerns and needs. Low carbohydrate, fat-free, no-sugar-added and lactose-free options are available at many grocery stores. To assist those counting calories, manufacturers usually print calorie content on the front of the package.

Craft and Small Batch

Craft or small-batch ice cream offers an exclusive feel and look to entice consumers to try the product. Seasonal flavors or limited-edition treats that coincide with a special event or trend only stick around for a certain time, so you have to get it before it is gone! Manufacturers enjoy creating a variety of flavors, tweaking the recipe as needed and catering to customer feedback.

Ice Cream Novelties

The food industry is increasing its options for in-home snacking. Ice cream novelties are more convenient for a small snack straight out of the box because of their single-serve packaging. Handheld snacks are no longer just ice cream bars; innovations in shape, size and portability are making snacking on ice cream easier than ever.

Rather than fussing over what to eat for dessert, just bring out the ice cream. It is simple to serve, making it the perfect treat for families, parties and other events, especially in July.

For more information on the health benefits of dairy or facts about ice cream, visit www. stldairycouncil.org or contact Maggie Cimarolli with St. Louis District Dairy Council at (314)-835-9668, or e-mail MCimarolli@STLDairyCouncil.org.

About the St. Louis District Dairy Council

The St. Louis District Dairy Council (SLDDC) is a nonprofit nutrition education or-















ganization 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 communications, and we take pride in delivering engaging programs throughout the communities we serve.

Strawberries and Cream Roll Up

This viral ice cream innovation has recently taken over social media. You will be surprisingly delighted with the flavor combination and crunchy texture. This kid-friendly recipe may in fact be a new favorite summer treat!



Ingredients

1 strawberry Fruit Roll - Up 1 scoop vanilla ice cream

Directions

Unroll Fruit Roll - Up (discard plastic) on a small plate. Spread vanilla ice cream across the center and roll up. Enjoy!

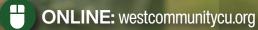




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ZEKE MALE, NEUTERED, 11 months

Meet the courageous Zeke! An avid outdoorsman, Zeke is ready for any quest, exploit or adventure you can dream up! *serious inquiries only*



ADELAIDE FEMALE, SPAYED, 1 yr 6 mo

Adelaide is a petite girl who would fit in with any type of home. She likes her treats and walks nicely on leash. Kind and calm; you'll want to meet this sweet dog. Don't miss meeting ADELAIDE!



CECIL MALE, NEUTERED, 2

Meet Cecil! He is a handsome fella who loves nothing more than sitting next to and hanging out with his favorite humans. He knows "sit" and "paw" and is sure to steal your heart the moment you meet him!



LADY RAINICORN FEMALE, SPAYED, 2

Lady Rainicorn is a sweet girl who is looking forward to meeting you.



KIKI FEMALE, SPAYED, 6

Kiki is on the market! This little beauty is ready to put her self out there and find her forever home!



TINY MALE, NEUTERED, 3

Hello there! We would like to introduce you to Tiny, an adorable white and orange male, three-yearold kitty who is eagerly awaiting his forever home. With his irresistible

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Two Brentwood High School student-athletes earned all-state honors at this year's MSHSAA Class 2 Track and Field Championships! Sophomore Nija Hayes finished sixth in the triple jump, while freshman Kensi Curd earned seventh place in the 1600-meter run. Congrats, Nija and Kensi!

JAMMIN' AT THE ZOO For two Friday nights, July 21 and August 18

The Saint Louis Zoo Young Professionals invite you to Jammin' at the Zoo— a 21-and-older event of the summer at the Saint Louis Zoo. From 6 to 10:30 p.m. on Friday, July 21 and Friday, August 18, enjoy an evening with live music and wine and beer tastings, featuring over 50 selections of wines, specialty canned cocktails and beers from local, St. Louis breweries. Proceeds will benefit the Zoo and its conservation efforts both at the Zoo and around the world. On July 21, enjoy live music



by DJ Stazi, DJ Franco, and Groovethang. The music for August 18 is DJ Biko, DJ SheBeatz, and Dirty Muggs.

Admission includes wine and beer sampling from 6 to 8 p.m. and guests will receive a free light-up tasting glass, while supplies last. Wine, beer, soda and specialty drinks also will be available for purchase. Food will be available for purchase at a variety of Zoo venues. Outside alcoholic beverages, coolers, picnic tables and blankets will not be permitted at the event.

Guests will be able to walk through the Holekamp Aqua Tunnel at Judy and Jerry Kent Family Sea Lion Sound and Stingrays at Caribbean Cove presented by SSM Health until 8 p.m. Admission to these attractions is included with event admission.

Admission to Jammin' at the Zoo is \$35 for Zoo members and \$45 for non-members. Buy advance tickets online at stlzoo.org/jammin. Based on availability, tickets may be purchased online the night of the event. Free parking is available in both Zoo parking lots. Jammin' at the Zoo is a 21-and-up only event and held rain or shine, except for severe storms.

New program at the Brentwood Community Center, In Step Dance!





charm and playful personality, Tiny is sure to steal your heart in no time.



JOANN FEMALE, SPAYED, 6

YAYA FEMALE, SPAYED, 11 weeks

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 home-less pets, a low-cost veterinary clinic, lost-and-found assistance, humane education classes, and Domestic Violence Pet Assistance.

In Step Dance provides age and developmentally-appropriate classes to all students. They currently offer ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop, contemporary, and preschool classes, along with a mommy-and-me option. There is a class for every age, all the way from 2-18 years old! You can register for classes through In Step Dance at the link below: https://dancestudio-pro.com/online/instepdancepro

HOT DOG! CITY MUSEUM CELEBRATES JULY

Who let the dogs out at City Museum? The Ready Go Dog Show crazy canine athletes love what they do and wow the crowd with their natural ability to fly through the air. The 25-minute show features world-class Frisbee dogs and the Big Air Box Jump, ending with a meet and greet for fans to get up close and personal with the four-legged stars of the show. July Fest snacks for purchase include sliders, hotdogs, and cheeseburgers along with ice cream, wine slushies, and more summer refreshers. A live DJ adds to the fun from 4 to 7 p.m. The Ready Go Dog Show takes place on the City Museum Rooftop. Get tickets online and save with combo packages.

CITY NIGHTS: ALICE IN WONDERLAND

July 21 - 7 - 11 p.m.

Follow City Museum down the rabbit hole as the Rooftop is set aglow with neon mushrooms and dizzying adventures that only City Museum can provide.

Expect immersive projections, Alice-themed installations, music and food and drinks, including 4Hands 1220 Spirits sampling. This is a 21+ event. A separate City Nights ticket is needed to attend.

NEW HOT DOGS DEBUT AT CITY MUSEUM

A new all-American treat is now on the menu at City Museum this summer Gourmet Hot Dogs are available at the attraction's food outlets. And for dessert? Ice Cream Nachos.

ABOUT CITY MUSEUM

Explore the unexpected. City Museum is a hundred-yearold 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.

City Museum is located at 750 N. 16th St., St. Louis, MO 63103. City Museum is open seven days a week, Mondays through Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m., and Sundays from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. www.citymuseum.org; 314-231-2489; @ citymuseum



We are excited to announce that this year's theme is, "Picture Perfect After 30 Years." This year's Saint Louis Art Fair is special because we're celebrating 30 years on the streets of downtown Clayton, Missouri. Join us this September 8, 9, and 10 for great art, music, food, fun, and did we mention, ART?

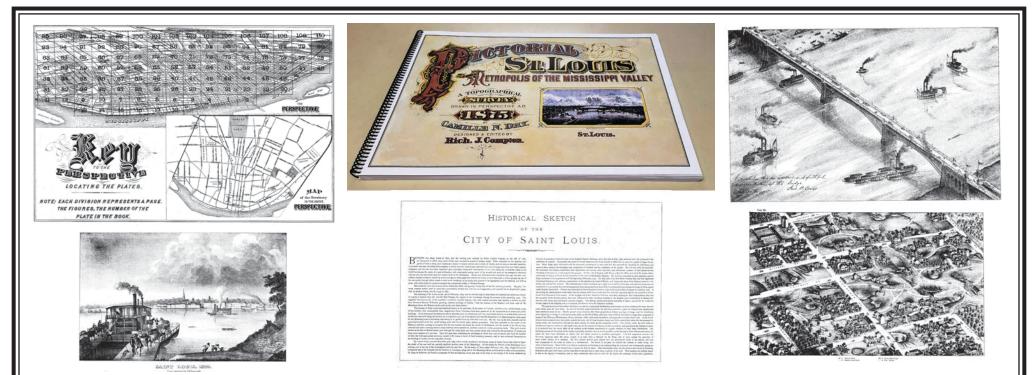
We are dedicated to improving the Saint Louis Art Fair every year with help from our volunteers, artists, sponsors, and visitors (like you)!

What will be new? The Art Fair will feature many new artists, a special Community Art Project, food trucks, live art experiences, new show hours on Saturday, a recycling program, and so much more! There is always something new to see and do at the annual Saint Louis Art Fair!



We are seeking volunteers for the weekend of the 2023 Saint Louis Art Fair in downtown Clayton, September 8-10th. This could be your chance to participate in one of the nation's TOP art fairs! You could volunteer in one or more of these areas:

Artist relations General fair setup Creative Castle (the kid's area!) Landscaping Merchandise sales And more!



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

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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

Ward 1

Ward 3

PARTIAL BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, Monday, May 1, 2023

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM with the pledge immediately following. Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL Roll Call – All members were present.

Additional people present at the meeting included: Eric Gruenenfelder (Director of Parks and Recreation), Dan Gummersheimer (Director of Public Works), Whitney Kelly (Director of Planning and Development), Joe Spiess (Police Chief), Ronnie Cottrell (Fire Chief), Bola Akande (City Administrator), Kevin O'Keefe (City Attorney), and Kelle Silvey (Deputy City Clerk).



Mayor David Dimmitt



Municipal Judge Patrick Dignam

ANNOUNCEMENTS, APPOINTMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS & RECOGNITIONS Fire Department - Badge Pinning Ceremony

Chief Cottrell read the Bio for Andrew (AJ) Smith and introduced AJ's wife, Sarah, and daughter Emerson. (Bio available in BoardDocs) AJ recited the Oath of office as presented by the City Administrator, and AJ's wife pinned his badge. He was welcomed by all the Board Members and individuals present.

Missouri Local Government Week May 7-13, 2023

Mayor Dimmitt read the Proclamation (available in BoardDocs) and declared May 7 - 13, 2023 Missouri Local Government Week.

Committee Appointments and Reappointments

Mayor Dimmitt noted there were no changes to current committee appointments, and will renew, reaffirm and reappoint all those that are currently serving on the committees. He encouraged anyone who is interested in serving on a committee to reach out and share intentions, as there are a few positions available.

Election of the Mayor Pro Temp

Motion was made by Alderman Gould and seconded by Alderwoman Sims to nominate/ appoint Alderman Plufka for position of Mayor Pro Temp.

Motion carried by acclamation.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing for Text Amendment to Section 400.1320(C) and Section 400.1330(C) to allow for adult day care centers for the elderly and persons with disabilities that offer daytime programing for adults with development disabilities and respite for families who have a person with disabilities living at home, in conjunction with or without a group home, as a conditional use on lots of not less than one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) acre, for the A and B Single-Family Residential Districts. Mayor Dimmitt read the public begring notice and gavel opened the bearing

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The Planning Director shared that this Ordinance would allow L'Arche to operate an adult daycare and group home if determined. This project is allowed in residential district if it meets requirement of the $\frac{1}{2}$ acre lot. She noted that Planning and Zoning approved this by a vote of 8 Yes to 0 No.

Paula Kilcoyne, Executive Director of L'Arche St Louis (non-profit by State of MO) made a short power point presentation (available in BoardDocs) stating that they will use the two properties (9445 & 9441 Litzsinger Rd) to support citizens with developmental and intellectual disabilities. The 9445 Litzsinger property will be used for the leadership team of 10 people to provide individualized programming. She noted that the plan for 9441 Litzsinger would be to tear down and build a group home for four people. This would be the first permanent life-long home in Brentwood.

Citizen Kara Kareger, 9418 Tilles Dr., was given an opportunity to speak on this project. She stated she lives behind the building and has concerns for the additional amount of activity and traffic this may generate at this intersection of McKnight and Litzsinger.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT Brentwood Bound Update

Craig Schluter (Navigate Building Solutions) gave the report (available in BoardDocs) and noted only soft costs, since the last Board meeting.

He also shared they have been doing some Risk tracking – and noted that the general op-



Alderwoman Nancy Parker Tice



Alderman Alderman Jeff Gould Steve Lochmoeller

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David Plufka



Ward 4



Alderwoman

Sunny Sims

Kathy O'Neill



Alderman Brandon Wegge





Alderman Jack Shelton

agreement with Clayton and Richmond Heights and does not address the lease which is still being negotiated. The Commission would be governed by a Board of Directors, preferably (3) - one member from each city, who will be empowered by agreement and bylaws to review and enter into the lease. Presumably the representative selected for our city would report back to this Board before entering into the lease agreement.

Open issues in the lease to address: 1) The ability to terminate the lease if the cost of construction is more than anticipated or if one city decides to withdraw from Commission.

Mr. Jones proposed making the first 18 months a period of due diligence whereas buyers can terminate the contract while sorting through any issues. They seemed receptive to the idea but would get back to us on that.

The Right of First Refusal. Bob Jones added this to the lease draft, but the landlord is not willing to do this. They would consider the Right of First Offer before they would go public with the sale.

If Right of First Offer is considered, there would need to be a provision for what happens to the improvements that are paid for and erected at the property by the commission; this is regarding whether items would have to be removed or remain in place.

Alderwoman Sims asked to clarify what happens if we move forward with the bylaws and intergovernmental agreement and then do not build the facility or move forward after that.

Mr. Jones stated that once the commission is formed it could be dissolved, but it could be that the commission may continue to provide training opportunities even if land is not leased. The agency (Commission) formed is separate and apart from the lease.

Alderwoman Sims asked for confirmation that moving forward with intergovernmental agreement in no way approves the lease, as there is still work to be done on that. City Attorney confirmed this statement. In addition to this, in the lease under Section 14 re: subordination provisions, she finds this written statement problematic.

Mr. Jones agreed this is a valid concern without the Right of First Refusal clause, but stated it is typical to subordinate a lease to existing financing. But Alderwoman Sims stated that future financing was more her concern, and that this needs to be vetted. Mr. Jones stated he would bring this to the negotiating team.

Mayor Dimmitt asked if the Board of Aldermen would be able to approve the lease or not. Mr. Jones responded, "No, not directly, as the commission makes the decision as it is set up." The Mayor then asked if it was a unanimous decision of the commission or if it was two out of three members needed to make final decision. Mr. Jones stated it could be two out of three and does not require unanimity.

Alderman Plufka restated that the bylaws bind the member communities to the lease agreement, and if one member representative for a community is out voted, they are still bound by the lease.

Alderman Wegge uncomfortable with wording, as it is not precise, and while he supports the idea, there are too many ways this could go sideways. One example is if we don't move forward to build, we are still required to pay property taxes on a property not in Brentwood.

Alderwoman Sims stated she was inclined to wait on the vote to bring negotiations on the lease to a conclusion (the way we need it), and to retain the influence at this point. Since the lease is not fully vetted, we should be smart about this.

Mayor Dimmit asked if there was a way to change the formation – so the vote could be unanimous or so the Board of Aldermen must have approval before the commission votes. He noted that the discomfort is that it is uncommon to authorize others to bind the city to an agreement.

erator's equipment and heavy machinery union may strike. The contract ended on Sunday, April 30th and there is no agreement yet.

If they strike, others will not cross the picket line – this includes Castle, KCI, Plocher, Keeley, Landscapers, etc. As of now, there is just a work stoppage, but a strike will have some impact to the Brentwood Bound project. Craig will continue to update the Board on the situation.

OLD BUSINESS

Bill No. 6456 - An Ordinance authorizing an Intergovernmental agreement with the cities of Clayton and Richmond Heights to create a commission for fire department training services. Second Reading

City Attorney did a second Reading of the Bill.

Chief Cottrell shared that there was a meeting earlier today with Attorney Robert "Bob" Jones (Curtis, Heinz, Garrett, & O'Keefe Law) and the attorney for the lease, and that the documents/agreement are not yet complete. Questions have been addressed, but the agreement is not formal yet.

The City Attorney noted that while Bob Jones is handling the formation of documents and preparing the lease, the issue is to form the commission and the terms of membership for the intergovernmental agreement, not the lease package.

Alderwoman Tice questioned whether voting to join the collaboration is a commitment of capital monies for this project. Chief Cottrell shared that capital costs will be phased in and will go to the Ways and Means Committee during budgeting process. He noted that Property Taxes and Management Fees addressed at the first reading can be accounted for out of this year's current budget.

Alderwoman Sims asked for confirmation that voting 'yes' tonight is not for the lease but is just for the commission and intergovernmental agreement. Mayor added that in addition, what control or say would the Board have regarding the terms of the lease if any.

Bob Jones stated that the Bill tonight is an authorization to enter into an intergovernmental

Alderman Gould agreed stating that the Commission's board is not elected to represent the citizens of each community like the Aldermen are, and asked if the bylaws could be re-written, or if this was too much bureaucracy.

Chief Cottrell noted that in some of their intergovernmental agreements, a unanimous decision is required. So that does exist.

Alderman Plufka would agree to enter into commission if bylaws could reflect that members would have to vote unanimously on lease contracts or equipment, or if new items must be taken back to Boards for approval.

City Attorney O'Keefe shared that in Section 4.17 of the bylaws, members can resign at any time no notice.

Mayor stated this conflicts with what the commission (intergovernmental agreement) states, which requires a one year notice and is obligated for costs. This is inconsistent with the bylaws.

Mr. Jones agreed that the one-year notice is in the intergovernmental agreement, but stated that the bylaws are adopted by the Board of the Commission, and have not yet been adopted and would have to be reconciled.

Motion was made by Alderman Lochmoeller and seconded by Alderwoman O'Neill to Table this Bill and bring back to the May 15th Board meeting to address all concerns.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Bill No. 6457.1: An Ordinance Amending Section 400.1880 Of The Brentwood City Code Regarding Outdoor Lighting To Limit The Correlated Color Temperature (CCT) To 3000K CCT LED. Second Reading

The City Attorney gave a second Reading of the Bill. He then noted that the Bill incorporates the amendments orally made at the last meeting and is not needed to amend again.

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Motion was made by Alderman Plufka and seconded by Alderman Wegge to Perfect Bill # 6457.1 into Ordinance form. Roll Call: By vote of 8 (Yes) to 0 (No) Bill #6457.1 will become Ordinance#5088

NEW BUSINESS

Bill No. 6459 - An Ordinance Amending Section 400.1320(C) and Section 400.1330(C) Regarding Conditional Use of Property in the A and B Single-Family Zoning Districts for Adult Day Care Services. First and Second Reading

The City Attorney gave a first Reading of the Bill.

Director Kelly was available to answer questions. She indicated this should be First Reading only.

Alderman Plufka asked if the density for the proposed business is less dense than what has been there in the past. Paula Kilcoyne (Executive Director) said yes, because it was a children's home prior with more kids than this adult home. She estimated 23-25 spaces in the lot, but that only low teens in number of spaces to be used as members are picked up and there is not a drop off like there is at a school. Little traffic.

Alderwoman Tice stated this is a great addition to the City of Brentwood and she strongly supports this, as it makes the community richer and more diverse. She noted this is just a text amendment for zoning change and that the conditional use permit will come after review from Planning and Zoning,

Alderman Gould echoed Alderwoman Tice's comments regarding acceptance and inclusion. He asked how many residential lots in the city are over the half acre lot size. Director Kelly state there were not many.

Alderman Plufka asked if separating the readings and deciding at next meeting hindered their progress in any way. The Executive Director stated it would not be a problem.

Bill No. 6460 - An Ordinance Amending Section 235.170 To Clarify Those Items That Should And Should Not Be Composted In Residential Facilities. First and Second Reading

The City Attorney gave a first Reading of the Bill.

Director Kelly noted this was brought forward by the Sustainability Commission to help clarify what can and can't be composted and clarify the language in the ordinance for the residential setting.

Alderman Wegge noted that we have been composting here for two years and that residents have to agree to participate in a training program and this is to help make ordinance consistent with training.

Motion was made by Alderman Wegge and seconded by Alderman Gould for a second reading of the Bill. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

The City Attorney did a second Reading of the Bill.

Motion was made by Alderman Wegge and seconded by Alderman Plufka to Perfect Bill #6460 into Ordinance form. Roll call:

Alderman Plufka – Yes Alderwoman Tice – Yes Alderwoman Sims – Yes Alderman Wegge – Yes

Alderman Gould – Yes Alderman Lochmoeller – Yes Alderwoman O'Neill - Yes Alderman Shelton – Yes

By vote of 8 (Yes) to 0 (No) Bill #6460 will become Ordinance #5089.

ADJOURN

Adjournment

The Mayor stated there was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 8:07PM This 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

06-12-23 to 06-18-23

CFS for Person Crime	
Murder / Manslaughter	0
Sex & Sexual Assaults CFS	0
Robbery /Car-Jack	0
Assaults	0
Peace Dist -Domestic- Misc	3
Calls for Mental Health	1

CFS for Property Crime	
Arson/Bombing/Burning	0
Burglary - Residential	1
Burglary - Business	0
Destruction of Property	1
Frauds & ID Theft	0
Larceny - Shoplifting	10
Larceny - From Vehicle	4
Stolen Vehicles	2
Trespassing	2

Weapons Related	
Utilized/Taken	1
Recovered	0

Auto Accidents	15
Patrols	
Building & Business Check	64
Schools	0
Parks - Misc	181

Notable CFS	
Alarm Calls	10
Animal Related	6
Assist FD & etc	22
Check Welfare/Notification	3
Contact Another Agency	20
Motor Assist	0
Police Community Relations	0
FLOCK/LPR/RADAR-FTY	4
Solicitors	1
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	15
Traffic Control/Details	7
Traffic Stops	20
Vacation Checks/Close Watch	0
Fireworks	0
ARREST	
Prisoner Conveyance	1
Adults	4
Juvenile	0
ARREST TYPE	
FTA/Fugitive	1
Original Non-Traffic	3
Original Traffic	0

Miscellaneous CFS	15
Minus Arrest/Types/Weapons	-9
Total Calls For Service	408



Brentwood Police Department

Calls for Service Report

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Monday, July 17 at 6:00 p.m.

at the Brentwood Community Center (2505 S Brentwood Blvd, Brentwood, MO)

Open to kids and families. Free. No registration required.



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Sex & Sexual Assaults CFS	3
Robbery /Car-Jack	0
Assaults	2
Peace Disturbance & Domestic	34
Calls for Mental Health	10

CFS for Property Crime	
Arson/Bombing/Burning	0
Burglary - Residential	4
Burglary - Business	1
Destruction of Property	7
Frauds & ID Theft	8
Larceny - Shoplifting	72
Larceny - From Vehicle	5
Stolen Vehicles	1
Trespassing	23

Weapons Related	
Utilized/Stolen	6
Recovered	2

Auto Accidents 67	Auto Accidents	67
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Patrols	
Building & Business Check	470
Schools	177
Parks - Misc	294

Alarm Calls	49
Animal Related	12
Assist FD & etc	102
Check Welfare/Notification	34
Contact Another Agency	68
Motor Assist	17
Police Community Relations	11
FLOCK/LPR/RADAR-FTY	6
Solicitors	6
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	94
Traffic Control/Details	58
Traffic Stops	88
Vacation Checks/Close Watch	11
Fireworks	0
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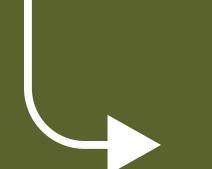
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Minus Arrest-Types-Weapon	-54
Total Calls For Service	1857

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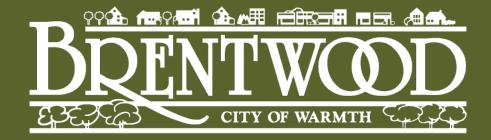
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City of Brentwood News July 2023

Brentwood City Administrator Bola Akande Elected President of the Missouri City/County **Management Association**

Bola Akande, City Administrator for the City of Brentwood, is the new president of the Missouri City/ County Management Association (MCMA). She was elected to the one-year term during MCMA's 61st Annual Spring Conference in Lake Ozark in early May.

MCMA is the professional association of appointed local government administrators in cities and counties.

MCMA members share a common commitment to responsible and responsive government, ethical behavior in the public interest, and professional development to enhance their abilities to effectively serve their communities and citizens.

MCMA is the Missouri affiliate of the International City/ County Management Association (ICMA).

Akande has served as Brentwood's City Administrator since August 2011 and has more than three decades of experience in the public sector. She has held administrative and leadership positions in the cities of Richmond Heights, Mo.; The Woodlands, Texas; Flower Mound, Texas; and Oklahoma City.

She has served on the MCMA board of directors since 2019. "As we look to the future, we face many challenges and opportunities," Akande said to the MCMA Spring Conference attendees. "Our cities and towns are constantly evolving, and we must adapt to meet the changing needs of our communities. We must also continue to work together to address the complex issues facing our society, such as a labor shortage, our legislators in Jefferson City and their many attempts to defund sales tax and property tax, plus climate change, social justice, and economic inequality. I am confident that by working together and sharing our collective knowledge and expertise, we can rise to these challenges and make a positive impact on the lives of the people we serve."

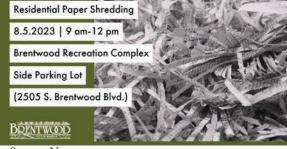
Akande, a Nigerian-born, naturalized U.S. citizen, earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Southwest Baptist University and a master's degree in public administration from the University of Oklahoma.

Home Safety Seminar: July 12

Home Safety Seminar



Residential Paper Shredding Saturday, August 5



9 am – Noon

Brentwood Recreation Complex - Side Parking Lot Dispose of residential personal/confidential paperwork, which will be shredded by Secure Document Destruction.

Maximum 5 boxes of documents per household. If you have a larger quantity of items to be shredded or if you are a business, please make arrangements for your shredding directly with Secure Document Destruction.

Questions about what to shred? Call 314.795.0004.

Electronics Recycling Event: August 12



Drop off your old, unwanted electronics at our next electronics recycling event: Saturday, August 12 8 am – Noon

Brentwood Recreation Complex Parking Lot This event is open to Brentwood residents and non-residents.

To learn more about what can be recycled and see the list of fees for some items, visit: https://mrcrecycling.net/ electronics-recycling-events/

Join the 2023 Brentwood Days Parade and Celebrate Our Community



Participate in the 2023

Meet the Firefighters Event with Brentwood Library

Wow! What an amazing turn out for our Meet the Firefighters event! It was so nice to see so much love and support from our community. Thanks for your patience as the firefighters were called out to do a job right before our eyes. You have to admit -- it was pretty exciting! We love the Brentwood Fire Department!





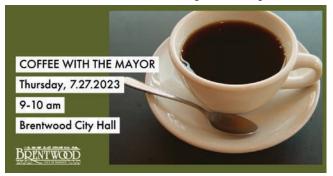


7.12.2023 | 6-8 pm **Brentwood Recreation Complex** 2505 S. Brentwood Blvd.



Hosted by the Brentwood Police Department. Learn about physical home security, situational awareness, drug abuse recognition, phishing and phone scams, fraud, identity theft, and firearms safety.

Coffee with the Mayor: July 27



Join Mayor Dimmitt for coffee, donuts and conversation at Coffee with the Mayor on Thursday, July 27, 9-10 am at Brentwood City Hall (2348 S. Brentwood Blvd.).

The City of Brentwood invites local groups, organizations and businesses to be part of the 2023 Brentwood Days Parade on Saturday, Sept. 16, at 2 pm.

Participation in the parade is free. Find the parade application at www.brentwoodmo.org/BrentwoodDays or call the Brentwood City Hall, 314.962.4800, for more information.

Board of Aldermen and Committee Meetings Available on YouTube

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Combine breath and movement through basic yoga flow that will improve your mental and physical well-being. Every pose can be modified for any skill level for participants to get the most out of their practice, all while infusing a little fun and laughter in each practice. Participants should bring their own yoga mat. In case of inclement weather, class will be held at Brentwood Park Pavilion.

Dates: Mondays, June 5-26, July 10-31, Aug. 14-28

Times: 6-7pm Location: Brentwood Park

Price: Res. \$25/Non-Res. \$30



Santa called and he's coming back to Brentwood! Come rock around the Christmas Tree in July, decorate some cookies, have a snowball fight, and get your picture taken with Santa. Wear your ugliest swimsuit there will be an ugly swimsuit contest! This is a parent-child event you don't want to miss!

Dates: Sunday, July 23 Time: 12-2pm Location: Brentwood Park Pavilion, 2924 Brazeau Ave., Brentwood Ages: 5-10 Price: Res. \$10/Non-Res. \$15 Activity Number: 845110

Upcoming Events



Calling all Artists, Scientists and aspiring Chefs - this week is for you! Each day make a masterpiece and learn a little bit of science. Participants will Ice Skate on Tuesday and Thursday and lunch will be provided on Wednesday and Friday. An informational email will be sent out the week before camp.

This camp is hosted by Brentwood Parks and Recreation. Before and after care available.

Dates: Monday, July 17 - Friday, July 21 Time: 9am-3pm Ages: 5-10 Price: Res. \$225/Non-Res. \$235 Activity Number: 845102



The Brentwood Public Library and Brentwood Parks and Recreation present this free foam party! Cool-off and have fun playing in gallons of foam! Foam Gone Bananas will be churning out the foam and fun music. This event is open to children and families.

Dates: Monday, July 17 Time: 6pm Location: Brentwood Community Center Price: Free, no registration required



Brentwood Public Library



From the earliest flying machines to the first rocket flights, this week-long, hands-on program will give children a bird's eye view of the history and science of flight. Your child will build many different flying devices and explore the science of aerodynamics and flight with the help of Newton's laws. We don't stop there, though, because we're heading out of the atmosphere with a look at rockets and our Galactic neighborhood!

This camp is hosted by Mad Science. Before and after care available.

Monday, August 7 - Friday, August 11 Time: 9am-3pm Ages: 5-10 Price: Res. \$285/Non-Res. \$300 Activity Number: 845103



Brentwood Family ampout Saturday, August 5

Enjoy a night of camping and views from your own backyard. Set up your tent and build your fire. Post pictures of your family's campsite and use #2023BrentwoodFamilyCampout. Each registered family will receive a box full of camping supplies including; games, s'more kits, chex mix, hotdogs, and buns for 4 people. Supply boxes will be available for pick up Aug. 3 and 4 from 8am - 5pm at the Brentwood Community Center.

Dates: Saturday, Aug. 5 Time: 6pm Location: Your backyard! Price: Res. \$25/Non-Res. \$30 Activity Number: 845112

Graphite Lab Develops Mr. Run and Jump Retro Game for Atari

Action platformer release is the first new 2600 cartridge launch since 1990.



Independent video game developer Graphite Lab recently announced it developed a brand-new video game - the 2D action platformer Mr. Run and Jump – for the once popular Atari 2600 console created in 1977. According to Atari, this marks the first 2600 Video Computer System (VCS) cartridge launch for a new title since 1990.

Graphite Lab's developer John Mikula created the nostalgic Mr. Run and Jump for the 2600 hardware. Graphite Lab also developed a modernized version of the game that will launch soon on Windows PC via Steam and Epic, Nintendo Switch, PlayStation 4/5, Xbox One and Series XIS, and Atari VCS.

Mr. Run and Jump focuses on a man searching for his dog before he wanders too far away. The Atari 2600 cartridge features 80 screens of platforming action across six distinct worlds, five enemy types with their own attack patterns and personalities, and a scoring system that starts with 25,000 points. The score decreases by one for each second that elapses, and colliding with an enemy decreases the score by 100.

Each Mr. Run and Jump cartridge comes sealed in a high-quality box along with a 2600 game and an instruction manual. Cartridges are manufactured from all new parts and materials, with beveled edges to prevent pin damage, strong gold-plated connectors, and identical power draw to the originals. The limited-edition cartridge created in the U.S. costs \$60 and will be available for purchase on July 31 via www.atari.com.

"Mr. Run and Jump makes our second launch of a new IP with Atari," said Matt Raithel, Graphite Lab Owner and Studio Director. "Our last game, Kombinera, was a critical success and ranked among the top 50 highest rated games on PlayStation last year." Raithel added that Mikula developed Mr. Run and Jump as "a hobby project over recent years, and Atari loved the idea so much that it wanted to publish both the collectible 2600 console and newer version available in the near future."

For more information, visit www.mrrunandjump.com.

Brentwood Book Club

Tuesday, August 1 at 6:30 p.m.

For August, we will be reading Dear America: Notes of an Undocumented Citizen by Jose Antonio Vargas. Ask for a copy at the circulation desk. Newcomers are always welcome and no registration is required. We will be meeting at the Brentwood Rec Center, 2505 S.



Brentwood Blvd, 63144.

Read with Murphy, a CHAMP Assistance Dog

Wednesday, August 2 at 3:30 p.m.

Children can practice their reading with Murphy, an assistance dog from CHAMP. Murphy loves to listen to you read and he never judges. Come meet Murphy!

Craftibility Inclusion Class

Friday, August 11 at 10:00 a.m.

This event will be held at the Brentwood Parks and Recreation Center (2505 South Brentwood Blvd. Brentwood, MO 63144 – Room C).

Craftibility Foundation's mission is to teach youth to be comfortable around adults with special needs through arts and crafts. For children 16 months through 6 years old. The class consists of a story, songs, and a craft based on the book. Children are assisted by volunteers from Easter Seals of Midwest. The children will take home their projects. FREE. Dress to be messy. Call the Brentwood Public Library at 314-963-8630 to register.

Adult Craft: Lemon Printing on Tea Towels

Thursday, August 24 at 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, August 26 at 2:00 p.m. Learn how to make a printed tea towel using a lemon and some paint. Registration required. Call the library at 314-963-8630 to register. 18+ only.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover Story Time

Monday, August 28 at 6:00 p.m.

Bring a stuffed animal to leave overnight at the library! All stuffed animals will enjoy a stuffed animal sleepover. Children and families can enjoy a story time, songs, and a craft before dropping off their stuffed friends. Stuffed animals can be picked up the following day. A photo book of the stuffed animals activities will be provided upon pick up.





Call 314-963-8630 to register brentwoodlibrarymo.org









iy, August 28 - 6:00 p.m

Kathleen "Kitty" Ratcliffe Honored with Internaitonal Award

Event celebrated Ratcliffe's exceptional leadership and contributions to the tourism industry

Explore St. Louis, the official destination marketing organization responsible for promoting places and events in the St. Louis region, is pleased to announce that Kathleen "Kitty" Ratcliffe, President, Explore St. Louis and America's Center Convention Complex, was lauded by colleagues from around the world at the 2023 Meeting Professionals International (MPI) President's Dinner on June 14, 2023, at Tulum Riviera Maya for her exceptional leadership and contributions to the convention and tourism industry.

"This is a full-circle moment for me. MPI was one of the first organizations I joined when starting in the meeting and event industry. Throughout the years, they have provided me with incredible leadership opportunities. Now we are working together to showcase St. Louis during MPI WEC in 2025 which will be held at the enhanced and expanded America's Center," said Ratcliffe. "I'm grateful for our work together through the years to advance our industry. It is very meaningful to receive this honor from MPI."

Characteristics considered by MPI when selecting Kitty Ratcliffe as the 12th annual honoree, include:

• Strong engagement and support of MPI throughout their career, both at Chapter and International level

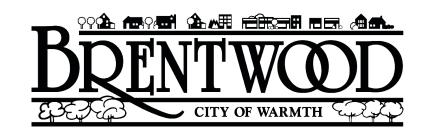
• History of volunteer service with MPI and other non-profit organizations

• History of driving innovation and change in the business events industry

• Visibility across the industry

• Personal traits, such as leadership, integrity, and trusted role model

"It's a thrill to recognize Kitty Ratcliffe as our 2023 MPI President's Dinner Honoree," said Paul Van Deventer, President & CEO of MPI. "Kitty has long been a champion for this industry and MPI, serving as a passionate volunteer, advocate for sustainability, leader, and mentor. As we look to the future, we are excited to partner with Explore St. Louis for WEC in 2025 and look forward to the amazing experiences the city has to offer."



Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Aldermen of the City of Brentwood at Brentwood City Hall, 2348 S. Brentwood Blvd., Brentwood, MO 63144-2097 will hold a Public Hearing on **August 21, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.** on:

Text amendments to Section 400 Division 7 - Stormwater Management, Grading and Erosion Control and 500 - Article XVII – Infill Development Stormwater Management of the City's Code of Ordinances on the proposed modifications to the City of Brentwood's Stormwater Infill Development Ordinance and permitting process.

This meeting is open to the public. As provided in the Zoning Regulations of Brentwood Missouri, the above items will be discussed and considered by the Planning and Zoning Commission for recommendation to the Board of Aldermen and all persons interested in said matter will have an opportunity to be heard. Please contact the City of Brentwood for any changes to the meeting schedule.

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About Lydia's House

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2 Days in Houma, LA By Sue McCarthy

After having lunch in St. Charles, LA we headed east on RT10E to Houma LA (pronounced Home Ah) where we stayed for one night before heading north back to our home in St. Charles, MO. Houma is in the heart of Bayou Country; 45 minutes SW of New Orleans and located in 2,500 sq. mi. of wetlands, swamps and bayous.

Houma has been called "The Heart of America's Wetlands", the Venice of America" and Louisiana's Bayou Country."

If you are looking for things to do:

Visit the Southdown pink Plantation, Museum and Gift Shop. The "pink" color comes from the bricks manufactured from clay dug on the property. The clay is called "blackjack" and it turns "pinkish/orange" when baked. The owner Mr. Minor had 150 slaves and they built the giant kiln. The clay is under 3 feet of topsoil and runs about 5 feet down. A 90-minute tour is \$8.00 for children 5-13 and \$17.00 for adults. The plantation is more than 10,000 sq. ft. of brick and cypress and is on 4.6 acres.

The Southdown Plantation was founded in 1828 by Stephen Minor, former secretary to the Spanish Governor of Louisiana. The land had been a Spanish land grant and was later owned by famous brothers, Jim and Rezin Bowie (of Alamo fame.) The crop was indigo and sugar cane. Terrebonne Parish was one of the nation's top sugar can producing and processing centers. In 1974 the property was listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The area was settled by the French, Spanish, English, Italian and West Caribbeans.

Legends are about werewolves, swamp monsters, faith healers, pirates and voodoo priestesses and indians.

Live Cajun authentic dancehalls are a great way to end an evening at the Terrebonne Folklife Cultural Center.

If you have more time take a charter fishing boat to the wildlife refuge. You can find coastal, brackish, deep sea and freswater fishing available.



JRAVEL

By Sue McCarthy



Southdown Pink Plantation

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OZARK MOUNTAIN DAREDEVILS WITH SPECIAL GUEST PAT LISTON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 at 7 PM AT THE FACTORY



Legendary musicians Ozark Mountain Daredevils with special guest Pat Liston take the stage at The Factory at The District on Sunday, September 10. Show time is 7 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.). Tickets are \$89.50, \$59.50, \$49.50, \$39.50. Tickets go on sale to the public this Friday, June 16 at 10 a.m. and can be purchased online at Ticketmaster and TheFactorySTL.com.

One of country rock's more inventive exponents, The Ozark Mountain Daredevils were formed in 1971 by the songwriting team of John Dillon, Randle Chowning, Larry Lee, and Steve Cash, with Michael "Supe" Granda and Buddy Brayfield completing the line-up.

The group was originally based in Springfield, Missouri. Their acclaimed 1973 debut album, recorded in London under the direction of producer Glyn Johns, contained the U.S. Top 30 single "If You Wanna Get to Heaven," while a second success, "Jackie Blue," came from the band's follow-up collection, "It'll Shine When It Shines." A 1978 release, "It's Alive," fulfilled the band's obligation to A&M Records and two years later they made their debut on CBS Records with new members Buddy Emmons and Rune Walle as part of the line-up. Following a brief hiatus, OMD were reactivated in the late 1980s by Dillon, Cash and Granda, with Steve Canaday (drums/guitar/vocals) and D. Clinton Thompson (guitar). The resulting album, "Modern History," found OMD with a new lease on life. The band carried on into the millennium with a new line-up featuring Dillon, Cash, Granda, Ron Gremp (drums) and Bill Brown (guitar/vocals). In 1997 the group recorded and released their first album in many years titled "13." In 2000, an effort was begun to reissue all of their works. "Time Warp: The Very Best Of The Ozark Mountain Daredevils," is a 21 track compilation from all of the A&M studio albums. Following that was a concentrated effort by New Era Productions to accomplish the long-awaited reissue of their individual A&M albums "It'll Shine When It Shines," "The Car Over The Lake Album," "Men From Earth," "It's Alive" and "Don't Look Down." The CBS (Columbia) self-titled album "Ozark Mountain Daredevils" was released in November 2005, thus completing the reissue series of A&M and CBS recordings. For more information, visit www.ozarkdaredevils.com. Pat Liston first gained widespread recognition as one of the founding members of Mama's Pride. An acoustic collision of impassioned songwriting and stimulating music with a voice that is sultry, stirring, and soulful all at once, Liston has an ability to express his thoughts, emotions, and desires in a way that most do not possess, then put it to music. Liston continues to release new songs as a solo artist as well as a collaboration with his brother, Danny. That album simply titled The Liston Brothers was recorded in Memphis and released in 2018 as a throwback to their youth. For more information, visit www.patliston.com. For more information, visit www.thefactorystl.com or www.stevelitmanpresents.com.

St. Louis Area Diaper Bank Experiences Increased Diaper Need

Research recently released by the National Diaper Bank Network (NDBN) reports that 47% of U.S. families with young children struggle to afford diapers. At a local lev-



el, the St. Louis Area Diaper Bank reveals it has seen a 25% increase in diaper distribution – approximately 300,000 diapers each year – since 2020.

St. Louis Area Diaper Bank is a member of the NDBN and its sister organization Alliance for Period Supplies, a nationwide nonprofit dedicated to eliminating diaper need and "period poverty" in America. This year the St. Louis Area Diaper Bank – through a network of 70 community organizations, educational and health partners serving low-income families – will distribute 4.1 million diapers to more than 70,000 families in the St. Louis region. Last year the nonprofit distributed 3.3 million diapers in St. Louis.

The NDBN Diaper Check 2023: Diaper Insecurity among U.S. Children and Families is a nationally representative study commissioned by the NDBN. Major findings include:

 \cdot A significant increase of 14 percentage points in diaper need since the first study was conducted in 2010.

• Diaper need intersects with food insecurity, and 28% of respondents who reported diaper need said they skipped meals so they could afford more diapers.

 \cdot 70% of the respondents reported they were stressed or anxious about their responsibilities as a parent or caregiver. 53% said they felt judged because they could not afford diapers.

• One in four (25%) of parents and caregivers with diaper need reported having to miss work or school because they did not have enough diapers to drop their child off at childcare. They also reported missing an average of 5.1 workdays in the past 30 days, which represents a loss of \$296 per month for a parent earning the federal minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour.

"This national study solidifies what we are feeling firsthand in our community," said St. Louis Area Diaper Bank Executive Director Muriel Smith. "It's time



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Courtyard Marriott 142 Library Dr. Houma, LA 985-223-8996 www.courtyard.com/MSYHO to realize that we are in a public health crisis, one that causes harm to our children and their families. We as a nation must do better to support those who need our help."

Founded in 2014, the St. Louis Area Diaper Bank provides diaper and period supply access to the region's low-income families, as well as raises community awareness about the causes and consequences of diaper need and period poverty. For more information, call (314) 624-0888.





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