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# WHICH WAY TO THE BEACH?



Saint Mary Magdalen JK4 grabbed their sunglasses, beach hats and flip-flops as they 'headed to the beach!' Theme Week offers a fun adventure each day for the children!

#### **Brentwood Easter Egg Hunt**







Feeling extra thankful for our wonderful volunteers who helped make this year's Brentwood Parks & Recreation egg hunt a success! Interested in volunteering? Email us at parks@brentwoodmo.org to learn about upcoming volunteer opportunities.

#### **Serving Up Culinary Creativity!**







Brentwood High School Foods 2 students took their learning to the next level with a hands-on food truck competition! After researching and developing business plans, students brought their culinary concepts to life designing cardboard food trucks, crafting creative menus, and preparing a featured item to serve to a panel of guest judges.

Check out these mouthwatering moments from this fun and flavorful day!

#### **West Community Credit Union Promotes Nicole Brown**



Nicole Brown began her career with the credit union as a branch manager and has been instrumental in driving initiatives that enhance member services.

"I take great pride in mentoring my colleagues and guiding our members towards achieving their financial goals. This blend of collaboration and service has been central to my

Congratulations, Nicole!

#### **Brentwood Swearing-In Ceremony**





We bid a heartfelt farewell to Alderman Brandon Wegge, who faithfully served Ward 2 for the past eight years. We thank him for his dedication and commitment to the Brentwood community.

We also had the honor of swearing in our newly elected and re-elected officials:

#### **Re-elected Incumbents**

- Mayor David Dimmitt
- Municipal Judge Patrick Dignam
- Alderman Dave Plufka Ward 1
- Alderman Steve Lochmoeller Ward 3
- Alderwoman Sharon Harter Ward 4

#### **Newly Elected**

• Alderwoman Michele Goad – Ward 2

Congratulations to all—we look forward to the continued work ahead!

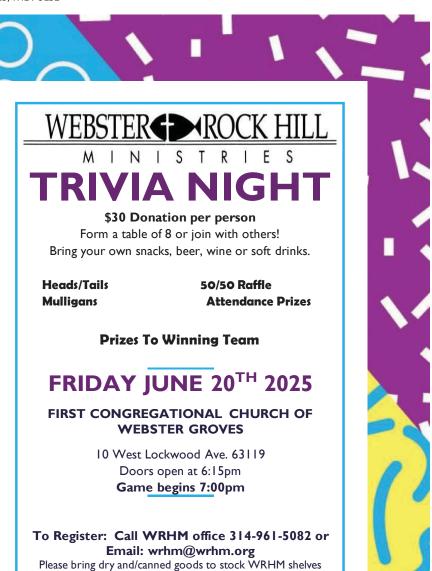
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#### **Mosaics Fine Art Festival Holds 30th Annual Event**

More than 100 juried artists from throughout the country will participate in the St. Charles fair.



The 30th annual Mosaics Fine Art Festival will be held on Fri., Sept. 12 from 4 to 9 p.m., Sat., Sept. 13 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sun., Sept. 14 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The free family-friendly event will be held along several blocks of North Main St. in Historic St. Charles, Mo. where more than 30 restaurants and over 75 shops are located.

The three-day festival includes over 100 juried artists from more than 15 states exhibiting and selling their artwork. Media categories include clay, drawing, glass, leather, metal, pastel, oil/acrylic, photography, printmaking, sculpture, watercolor, and wood. A total of \$5,000

will be awarded to the top nine artists.

The Children's Village area will feature hands-on art experiences for children to create their own make-and-take art masterpieces. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sat. and Sun. Mary Hediger's Memorial Art Shop for Kids is a kids-only gallery where children ages 14 and younger can buy professional artwork. Designed to foster art appreciation at a young age, all pieces are donated by participating festival artists and can be purchased for a nominal fee.

The H. Robert Pank Memorial Music Stage will showcase a variety of performing artists throughout the weekend. The Artists for Adoption Pet Pavilion, located at the north end of the festival, will be open to families interested in adopting pets from Stray Paws Adoptables.

The Joyce Rosen Founder's Scholarship art display will include select high school students' works of art. Scholarships will be presented in memory of Joyce Rosen, the original festival founder and a longtime supporter of St. Louis artists and events.

The nonprofit Mosaics Fine Art Festival showcases local and regional artists while educating the community about how art can enhance their lives. The festival features a diverse range of artwork from emerging, mid-career, and established artists across all media. For more information, call (314) 406-2067 or visit http://www.stcharlesmosaics.org.

# WEBSTER ROCK HILL M | N | S | T | R | E | S

#### **TRIVIA NIGHT**

When: Friday June 20th, 2025, Doors open at 6:15pm

Trivia starts at 7pm

**Where:** First Congregational Church of Webster Groves 10 West Lockwood Ave. Webster Groves, 63119

**Who:** WRHM is a multi-program assistance center that helps those in need in the Webster Groves, Rock Hill, and surrounding communities

Register a table of 8 for \$240 or (\$30/person) by calling the WRHM at 314-961-5082 or email: <a href="wrhm@wrhm.org.">wrhm@wrhm.org.</a> Prepayment is required for reservation of table

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#### WRHM TRIVIA NIGHT ROUND SPONSORSHIP FORM

Webster Rock Hill Ministries is a local social service organization that seeks to provide emergency assistance to people in need, create new life options for those in need, and improve our community by breaking down barriers and promoting understanding between people.

The Ministries provides a variety of programs, including a food pantry, summer free lunch for children, assistance to elderly neighbors who would like help staying in their homes, school supplies for students, and emergency utility assistance among other things. It is a vital resource in our community.

Please support Webster Rock Hill Ministries by sponsoring a round of trivia at our annual Trivia Night on June 20th, 2025 at the First Congregational Church of webster Groves.

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# Brentwood's Magic Lunch and Dinner Club

Every month, join our group for a fun and delicious lunch outing in the St. Louis area. The destinations are subject to change and pre-registration is required. Each participant is responsible for paying for his or her own lunch. Make sure you register early, spots are limited!

Time: Lunches 10:30AM - 1:00PM,

Dinner 3:00 - 6:00PM

Location: Brentwood Community Center

Price: R/NR \$12

Activity Number: lunch 563000, dinner 563001

Friday, June 20, Fleur STL

Tuesday, July 8, The Cabin at Judy Creek

Friday, August 15, BEAST Craft BBQ Company

#### **Magic Travelers Trips**

#### Long Row Lavender Farm and Lunch at The Tattooed Dog

Experience the charm of this family-owned lavender farm in Wright City, Missouri. Stroll through fragrant lavender rows and browse the on-site gift shop, where you'll find handmade goods crafted right on the farm. After exploring, unwind at the cozy café, where you can enjoy freshly made desserts, coffee, tea, and refreshing lavender lemonade. Then, head over to The Tattooed Dog in Wentzville for lunch, where they serve upscale dive bar favorites, from juicy burgers to crisp salads.

Date: Friday, May 16

\*\*additional Date: Wednesday, May 28

Time: 10:00AM – 3:30PM

Price: R/NR \$25

#### Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site and Lunch at The Barn

Join us for a visit to this National Historic Site right in our own backyard! Begin by watching an orientation film highlighting Ulysses S. Grant's pivotal military service during the Civil War and his two terms as President. Then, take a guided tour of White Haven Home, where Ulysses and Julia Grant lived and fell in love. Afterward, explore the park's museum, located in a historic horse stable, before stopping by the gift shop. To round out the day, we'll head to The Barn in Crestwood for a delicious meal before concluding our adventure.

Date: Friday, May 30

Time: 9:00AM – 3:00PM

Price: R/NR \$25

#### Tour of The Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis and Lunch at Bowood by Niche

Join us on a guided tour of the 'Rome of the West,' where you'll explore the stunning Cathedral Basilica and its accompanying museum. The hour-long tour offers an indepth look at the symbolism behind the cathedral's architecture and the rich history that surrounds it. After the tour, treat yourself to a delightful lunch at Bowood by Niche.

Date: Friday, June 6

Time: 9:30AM – 3:30PM

Price: R/NR \$25

# SOPHIA M. SACHS BUTTERFLY HOUSE NOMINATED FOR BEST BUTTERFLY GARDEN

The Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House is getting some national recognition, and the St. Louis community can do its part to highlight this beloved, local treasure.

USA TODAY announced this week that the Butterfly House has been nominated as a nominee for Best Butterfly Garden in the United States. This nomination comes from a panel of editors and subject matter experts who evaluated butterfly gardens across the country.

The Butterfly House is proud of the hard work, dedication and passion our staff and volunteers contribute each day to create an immersive and educational experience for visitors young and old. We are thrilled to have these efforts recognized on a national scale.

Voting for the USATODAY 10Best is open now. Fans of the Butterfly House can cast their vote until 10:59 p.m. CST on May 12. Visit 10best.usa.today.com to vote.

The top 10 winners, as ranked by USA TODAY 10BEST readers, will be announced on Wednesday, May 21st at 11 a.m. CST.

The mission of the Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House is "to foster a greater understanding of plant and animal relationships in the environment in order to promote the conservation and restoration of natural habitats." The Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House is a division of the Missouri Botanical, located in Faust Park.

# THE OZARK MOUNTAIN DAREDEVILS

Sunday, October 19 at 7:30 PM The Factory at The District

Legendary musicians The Ozark Mountain Daredevils (OMD) with special guest WET WILLIE featuring JIMMY HALL will rock the stage at The Factory at The District on Sunday, October 19. Show time is 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.). This year marks the farewell tour for OMD. Tickets are \$89.50, \$79.50, \$59.50, \$49.50, \$39.50. Tickets go on sale to the public this Friday, May 2 at 10 a.m. and can be purchased online at Ticketmaster and TheFactorySTL.com.

One of country rock's more inventive exponents, OMD was 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."

Producing 16 albums and selling over 3 million records are a testament to the enduring commitment to their craft. In essence, their legacy endures not only through their timeless melodies but also through their embodiment of the American spirit and their unwavering dedication to crafting music that speaks to the soul. They remain a cherished chapter in the story of American rock, leaving an enduring legacy that transcends time and genre. This year marks their retirement from touring. For more information, visit www. ozarkdaredevils.com.

Jimmy Hall first gained popularity as the lead vocalist, saxophonist, and harmonica player for the band Wet Willie. His unique brand of R&B-infused rock 'n' roll and onstage swagger propelled the group's signature song "Keep on Smilin" to the Top 10 on the Billboard singles chart in 1974.

Located at 17105 North Outer 40 Road, just off Interstate 64/40 at the Boone's Crossing exit, The Factory at The District is the newest addition to the vibrant entertainment scene in St. Louis, and offers complimentary, well-lit parking for all events. For more information, visit www.thefactorystl.com

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#### Child Care Aware of Missouri Earns Accreditation

Nonprofit achieves Better Business Bureau Accredited Charity Seal Holder status for 11th consecutive year.

Child Care Aware of Missouri (CCA-MO) has been recognized as an Accredited Charity Seal Holder by the Better Business Bureau (BBB) for the 11th consecutive year. This distinction follows a rigorous evaluation process, confirming the nonprofit's adherence to BBB's Standards for Charity Accountability.

The BBB standards ensure that organizations demonstrate proper governance



and oversight, a method to measure organizational performance and effectiveness, sound financial stewardship and practices, and complete and accurate fundraising and information materials. These benchmarks are designed to provide donors with confidence in supporting trustworthy charities.

Michelle Corey, BBB president and CEO said, "By meeting BBB Standards for Charity Accountability and displaying BBB's seal, it gives donors the confidence needed to support Child Care Aware of Missouri's mission. Charities that meet these best practices go above and beyond legal requirements, putting them in an elite group."

The BBB Wise Giving Alliance, along with its predecessor organizations, has been evaluating charities for over a century, helping donors make informed decisions by verifying the integrity of organizations soliciting public support. The Alliance is a member of Charity Monitoring Worldwide (CMW), the global network of charity monitoring organizations.

"We are proud to have met all 20 BBB Charity Standards for over a decade," said Robin Phillips, CEO of Child Care Aware of Missouri. "This accreditation reflects our unwavering commitment to trustworthy practices throughout our 25 years of service. It reinforces confidence in our mission to improve access to quality child care and early education across Missouri."

Founded in 1999, CCAMO is a statewide nonprofit that focuses on a comprehensive early childhood education experience through impactful programs and partnerships. The organization's services include workforce development, child care business supports, advocacy and policy work, and its new Child Care Keeps Missouri Working, a regional campaign offering concierge solutions to businesses undergoing employee recruitment and retention challenges due to the overwhelming shortage of quality child care options. For more information, call (314) 535-1458 or visit www.mochildcareaware.org.

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# The St. Louis County Greek Festival Returns for Memorial Day Weekend



Opa! The St. Louis County Greek Festival returns to Town & Country with live music, traditional folk dancing, church tours, a vendor market and deli-

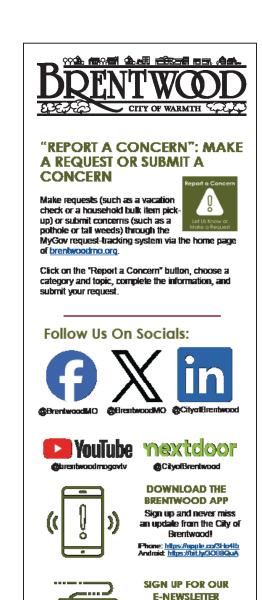
cious, authentic Greek cuisine at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church located at 1755 Des Peres Road.

Admission is free along with free shuttles to and from the event. Handicap accessible parking is available in the church parking lot. This is a cashless venue.

The annual festival takes place over the Memorial Day Weekend, May 23-26. Hours are Friday, Saturday & Sunday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Monday, May 26 from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Guests can choose from a wide variety of menu options such as lamb shank, dolmades, gyro plates, patistio, souvlaki sandwiches, baklava, spanokopita, and frappes. New items have been added, a complete menu can be found here: Menu — St. Louis County Greek Fest (stlgreekfest.com)

This year's event is once again credit/debit card ONLY. Cash will not be accepted. Service animals are permitted in all areas of the festival that are open to the public. Pets are permitted and must be leashed. For more information or to download the ultimate Greek Fest playlist on Spotify, visit www. stlgreekfest.com. Follow on social media @ stlouiscountygreekfest



#### Clementine's Ice Cream Celebrates 10 Year Anniversary

Special Offers, Contests, New Birthday Cake Flavor & Vinyl Record Launch

Cheers to 10 years! Clementine's has been serving up the best ice cream in America for a decade. To celebrate this momentous occasion, a limited-edition vinyl record filled with original songs about ice cream written and recorded by St. Louis artists will launch May 13.

"Songs About Ice Cream: Tasty Trax on Wax" will be available for purchase at all Clementine's location (excluding Kirkwood) as well as www.clementinescreamery.com. Vinyl enthusiasts can attend a listening party on Tuesday, May 13 at the Southampton location (4715 Macklind) at 6 p.m. where records will be available for purchase. The event is free and open to the public. The vinyl costs \$30 and a limited number of Clementine's-branded Crosley record players will also be available for purchase for \$110 (vinyl/turntable bundle is \$119).

In addition to the vinyl release, Clementine's is launching a new Birthday Cake Flavor to commemorate the milestone. Available May 6, this festive treat features rich birthday cake ice cream with fluffy vanilla cake bites glazed in luscious white chocolate ganache and finished with colorful sprinkles.

A weeklong series of events and specials will take place May 12-17 and all Loyalty Members will earn double points with every purchase!

Monday, May 12 – guests can enjoy a free waffle cone or waffle bowl upgrade with ice cream purchase.

Tuesday, May 13 – vinyl record release party at Southampton location at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, May 14 - Cocktail & Ice Cream Pairing at Cleveland-Heath in Edwardsville, IL.

Thursday, May 15 – Pint of the Month Club card scavenger hunt at all eight parlors.

Saturday, May 17 – guests can enjoy 10 cent ice cream cones all day long at each location (while supplies last).

Clementine's will also receive a Mayor's Proclamation declaring May 17th Clementine's Ice Cream Day in St. Louis! "I am so thankful to the city of St. Louis for allowing me to follow my dream," said Tamara Keefe, owner of Clementine's Ice Cream. "We look forward to seeing what the next 10 years bring!"

Guests are invited to visit any of the eight ice cream shops located at 1637 S. 18th Street in historic Lafayette Square, 730 DeMun in Clayton, 4715 Macklind in the Southampton neighborhood, 140 W. Argonne Drive in Kirkwood, 13426 Clayton Road in Town & Country, The Meadows Shopping Center in Lake St. Louis, 308 N. Euclid in the Central West End and the newest shop at Trace on the Parkway in Edwardsville, IL. Expansion into Kansas City has already been announced for later this year.

As Missouri's only micro-creamery, all of the dairy used in Clementine's creations is from local, grass-fed, pasture-raised, hormone and RBST-free cows. Clementine's combines their all-natural proprietary dairy base with the finest handpicked ingredients to churn up a decadent 16-18% butterfat ice cream.

#### **Neighborhood Eyes**

Receive weekly news from

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



#### **Brentwood Police Department**

**Calls for Service Report** 

\*Note: CFS Do Not Always Become Written Police Reports

#### **APRIL 2025**

Murder / Manslaughter	0
Sex & Sexual Assaults CFS	3
Robbery /Car-Jack	0
Assaults /Kidnapping	1
Peace Dist -Domestic- Misc	35
Calls for Mental Health	4
CFS for Property Crime	
Arson/Bombing/Burning	0
Burglary - Residential	1
Burglary - Business	0
Destruction of Property	4
Frauds & ID Theft	10
Larceny - Shoplifting	66
Larceny - From Vehicle	4
Stolen Vehicles	2
Trespassing	30
Weapons Related	
Utilized/Taken	1
Recovered	1
Auto Accidents	57
Patrols	
	115
Building & Business Check	110

57

72

14

**CFS for Person Crime** 

Schools & Foot

Parking violation

Parks - Misc

Notable CFS	
Alarm Calls	42
Animal Related	11
Assist FD & etc	78
Check Welfare/Notification	33
Contact Another Agency	64
Motor Assist	17
Police Community Relations	3
FLOCK/LPR/RADAR-FTY	5
Solicitors	2
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	36
Traffic Control/Details	25
Traffic Stops	215
Vacation Checks/Close Watch	0
ARREST	
Prisoner Conveyance	27
Adults	32
Juvenile	0
ARREST TYPE	
FTA/Fugitive	18
Original Non-Traffic	21
	0

Miscellaneous CFS	82
Minus Arrest/Types/Weapons	-73
Total Calls For Service	1115



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**Calls for Service Report** 

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4-7-25 - 4-13-25

CFS for Person Crime	
Murder / Manslaughter	0
Sex & Sexual Assaults CFS	3
Robbery /Car-Jack	0
Assaults /Kidnapping	0
Peace Dist -Domestic- Misc	10
Calls for Mental Health	0
CFS for Property Crime	
Arson/Bombing/Burning	0
Burglary - Residential	0
Burglary - Business	0
Destruction of Property	1
Frauds & ID Theft	3
Larceny - Shoplifting	12
Larceny - From Vehicle	0
Stolen Vehicles	0
Trespassing	7
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Weapons Related	
Utilized/Taken	0
Recovered	0
Auto Accidents	13

**Patrols** 

Schools & Foot

Parking violation

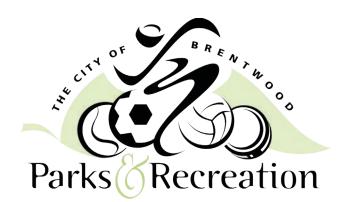
Parks - Misc

**Building & Business Check** 

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Notable CFS	
Alarm Calls	13
Animal Related	2
Assist FD & etc	21
Check Welfare/Notification	9
Contact Another Agency	12
Motor Assist	5
Police Community Relations	1
FLOCK/LPR/RADAR-FTY	1
Solicitors	1
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	10
Traffic Control/Details	8
Traffic Stops	51
Vacation Checks/Close Watch	0
ARREST	
Prisoner Conveyance	7
Adults	4
Juvenile	0
ARREST TYPE	
FTA/Fugitive	0
Original Non-Traffic	4
Original Traffic	0

Miscellaneous CFS	21
Minus Arrest/Types/Weapons	-8
	005
Total Calls For Service	285





This class combines the joy of reading with the excitement of crafting, allowing children to express themselves creatively while learning from Adam Wallace's delightful stories. It's a perfect blend of literature, art, and bonding time, where children can engage in both imaginative play and hands-on creativity with their parents by their side. This is an adultchild class. Only the child needs to register.

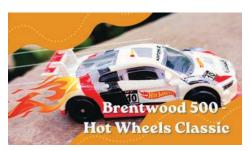
Week 1: How to Catch a Unicorn Week 2: How to Catch a Dragon Week 3: How to Catch a Dinosaur

Date: Saturdays, June 14, 21 and 28

Time: 10:00 – 11:00 AM

Location: Brentwood Community Center

Ages: 3-5 with an adult Price: R \$30/NR \$45 Activity Number: 545105



The Hot Wheels Track Builders Challenge is the perfect blend of creativity, friendly competition, and pure fun. By providing kids with the opportunity to design their own tracks, race their cars, and enjoy some friendly competition. This action-packed night you won't want to miss! Kids bring creativity and Brentwood Parks and Recreation will supply the cars and tracks. Parents are welcome to come back at 7:15pm to see the competition.

Date: Wednesday, June 18 Time: 6:00 - 8:00PM Location: Brentwood Community Center Ages: 5-11 Price: R \$35/NR \$42

Activity Number: 545108



Breakfast with Bluey in Brentwood is sure to be a hit with families looking for a fun, interactive experience. By combining the charm of Bluey with fun crafts, breakfast, and plenty of photo ops, the event will be a hit with both kids and adults. It's a perfect opportunity for families to bond, enjoy breakfast from Chik-Fil-A and make lasting memories, all while spending time with their favorite blue pup! Fee is per person. Adults and children need to register.

Date: Saturday, June 28 Time: 9:00 - 10:00AM

Location: Brentwood Community Center

Ages: 2 and up

Price: R \$10/NR \$15 per person Activity Number: 545109



This parent-child cooking class offers a great combination of learning, bonding, and creating delicious snacks and treats! It's an opportunity for children to explore their tastes, understand how different foods are made, and get hands-on in the kitchen, all while having fun with their parent by their side. Each week will feature new recipes, and the kids will leave with both a dish to share and the knowledge to recreate it at home! Only the child needs to register.

Week 1: Sweet and Savory Week 2: Tropical Treats Week 3: Breakfast for Dinner Week 4: Lunches for all

Date: Saturdays, July 12, 19, 26 and Au-

Time: 10:00 - 11:15AM

Location: Brentwood Community Center

Ages: 3-5 with an adult Price: R \$45/NR \$55 Activity Number: 545106



This July, the Brentwood Community Center is offering a unique opportunity for children to recycle their stuffed animals! A Terracycle Zero Waste Box will be placed in the lobby throughout the month, allowing families to drop off old or unwanted stuffed animals for repurpose. Instead of sending them to the landfill, these stuffed animals will be given a new life through Terracycle's recycling program. Help us make a difference by participating in this eco-friendly initiative! The box will be collected at the end of the month, so don't miss out on this chance to recycle responsibly.

Date: Full month of July Time: 8:00AM - 8:00PM

Location: Brentwood Community Center Lobby Ages: All Ages Price: Free



Join us at the Brentwood Community Center for fun-filled games of Meat Bingo! It's just like regular bingo, but with a tasty twist-win a delicious cut of meat as your prize! Enjoy beverages while you play, with cuts of meat generously donated by Trader Joe's up for grabs.

Date: Thursday, June 5, 6 - 7:30PM Location: Brentwood Community Center

Price: R \$25/NR \$30 Activity Number: 553001



Kick off your summer with a hands-on grilling class! Whether you're a beginner or just looking for some expert tips, this event is perfect for you. Join us in Brentwood Park, where you'll learn the best grilling techniques, temperatures, and tricks for cooking different types of meat, all sponsored by Trader Joe's. After the demonstration, relax and enjoy the delicious dishes with friends, along with light refreshments.

Date: Wednesday, May 21, 6 - 7:30PM Location: Brentwood Park & Pavilion

Age: 18+

Price: R \$25/NR \$30 Activity Number: 553000



The Summer Beats Concert series takes place on the West Community Credit Union Event Lawn in Brentwood Park.

Enjoy free concerts this summer with us in Brentwood Park! Entertainment is free, food & alcohol trucks will be at your own expense.

All Summer Beats performances will take place 7:00-9:00 PM

#### **JUNE 13 - The Yard Darts**

Food and Alcohol Trucks: Taste-D-Burger & Tipsy Pony Bar

The Yard Darts bring a fresh twist to a wide range of music, spanning from past to present, with a focus on rock hits from every decade. Their unique musical style and flair set them apart, making them far from your average cover band.

#### **JULY 11 - Turning Point**

Food and Alcohol Trucks: Takozz & Chillax Mobile

Turning Point specializes in rock, pop, dance, and metal anthems from the '70s to today. With their diverse range of genres and song selections, they guarantee fun for

#### **AUGUST 8 - Hollywood 5**

Food and Alcohol Trucks: Picture Perfect Panini & Sip Mobile Bar

sponsored by Hoffman Brothers

Hollywood 5 is a high-energy live band that spans current pop to classic rock, offering a range of upbeat music styles. This fivepiece band excels at delivering an electrifying and enthusiastic performance.



Mark H.X. Glenshaw is an award-winning naturalist who has closely observed and documented the lives of Great Horned Owls in Forest Park in St. Louis, Missouri since December 2005. Mark has learned many of the owls' hunting perches and observed and documented many predatory attempts as well as seen the owls feed themselves and their many owlets. His talk, "Forest Park Owls: Hunting and Feeding", will cover these hunting and feeding behaviors and uses many of his photos and videos to illustrate these amazing behaviors of these beautiful birds.

Date: Wednesday, June 18, 6 – 7:30PM Location: Brentwood Community Center

Age: 18+

Price: R \$20/ NR \$30 Activity Number: 553020



For Adoption Information, call 314.645.4610



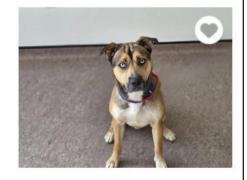
BEYONCE FEMALE, SPAYED, 1 yr 3 mo

Meet Beyonce, a playful and adorable dog who's always ready for fun! She loves her toys, enjoys a good game of fetch, and never says no to belly rubs. With her sweet personality and love for pets, she'll brighten any home with joy and laughter.



STELLA **FEMALE, SPAYED, 3** 

Stella is a sweet and affectionate cat who loves attention and gentle pets. She enjoys cuddling up with her favorite people and soaking in all the love. With her adorable personality, she's sure to make a wonderful companion.



#### PAOLO MALE, NEUTERED, 1 yr 2 mo

Paolo is an energetic and affectionate dog who loves to explore! He's always ready for a fun adventure outdoors, yet enjoys his quiet moments at home. His playful energy and gentle demeanor make him a great companion.

# BRENTWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT

#### District Honors Teacher and Support Staff of the Year









The Brentwood School District is excited to recognize Rachel Beard-Curran and Vann Jackson as its top honorees for the 2024-25 school year.

Beard-Curran, a preschool teacher at the Brentwood Early Childhood Center, has been named the 2025 Teacher of the Year. Jackson, a custodian serving both Brentwood High School and Brentwood Middle School, has been selected as the 2025 Support Staff Person of the Year.

Both individuals were recognized during surprise announcements last month, joined by students, colleagues and family members in celebration of their contributions.

"These awards honor two individuals who truly exemplify our district's values," said Dr. Amy Zielinski, superintendent of schools. "Their dedication, care and unwavering commitment to our students and schools reflect the very best of Brentwood."

#### **Scholar Bowl Competes** in the National Tournament



Last year (2024) was the best Brentwood's Scholar Bowl team had ever done, winning districts and making it past the quarterfinals of the state tournament. But this year, the team has already achieved both of those milestones. Plus, this past weekend, the team competed in the NAQT 2025 Small School Nationals held in Chicago!

For those unfamiliar, Scholar Bowl is an academic competition where teams of students compete and answer questions from a wide range of topics like literature, history, science, current events, and more. It's a teambased competition that uses a buzzer, kinda similar to Jeopardy.

"Questions start off simple, so that the people who are newer to Scholar Bowl are able to answer, then they begin to get more difficult," said Ms. Musterman, BHS's Scholar Bowl coach. Ms. Musterman began coaching in 2018, making this her 7th season coaching for BHS.

Not only has this year's team won districts again this year, but this past Tuesday, April 22, the team traveled to Bloomfield, Missouri, to compete in the state quarterfinal rounds, where they pulled off a 2-game win against Bloomfield. This win means that the team will get to compete in the MSHSAA state tournament in Columbia on Friday, May 9th.

In addition to the state tournament, this year the Scholar Bowl team qualified for a separate national tournament, the NAQT Small School Nationals, which was held in Chicago this past weekend, April 25-27.

At the NAQT Small School Nationals, the team played 10 full games on Saturday, April 26. They had multiple close games and a very tough draw, playing four teams that made it multiple game rounds into the double-elimination finals bracket, also competing with the tournament winner!

Scholar Bowl students work hard during practice, but also by paying attention to what they are learning in school, for they never know what will come up as a question in a competition. "In practice, Ms. Musterman helps us study subjects and gives us guides to study; she's also very encouraging in games," said sophomore Odyss Morgan.

The team has obviously been doing great as a team, but they've also earned accolades as individuals. This year, Juniors Alex Tung and Rohan Dixit placed third and fourth as All-District scorers.

Another shout out to Alex Tung; at the nationals tournament, he placed 33rd individually out of 520 students in the public school division, and 5th place individually in the state of Missouri! Congratulations to Alex!

"I am very proud of all the players. This was a fast-paced, high-caliber tournament like nothing we have played before, and they put in a great fight against all the teams," said Ms. Musterman. "They work really hard."

Congratulations to the Scholar Bowl team and good luck as they compete in the state tournament on May 9.

Brentwood High School sophomore Triniti Willis researched and wrote this story for the school's Advanced Print and Broadcast Journalism course. The article originally appeared on The Nest, Brentwood High School's online student newspaper, which can be found at brentwoodeaglesnews.com.

#### Project Lead The Way Lab Brings Neuroscience to Life



Brentwood Middle School eighth graders recently participated in a brain anatomy lab as part of their Project Lead The Way (PLTW) Medical Detectives course. The hands-on experience provided students with an opportunity to explore the nervous system in greater depth, reinforcing classroom learning through real-world application.

During the lab, students examined both the external and internal structures of the brain, identifying major regions such as the cerebrum, cerebellum, brainstem, thalamus and hypothalamus. The guided exploration allowed students to visualize how these parts interact to control movement, thought and bodily functions.

This lab is a key component of the PLTW Medical Detectives curriculum, which introduces middle schoolers to foundational concepts in biomedical science and develops critical thinking, collaboration and problem-solving skills.

#### Director of Early Childhood Education Announces Retirement

After nearly three decades in education, Brentwood School District Director of Early Childhood Education Kristin Clemons will retire at the end of the 2024-25 school year.



"Kristin's unwavering commitment to early childhood education has shaped the lives of countless children and families," said Dr. Amy Zielinski, superintendent of schools. "Her vision, care and leadership have helped make the Brentwood Early Childhood Center one of the best in the region. We are grateful for the impact she has had on our community."

Clemons began her career in 1997 and has served in a variety of roles, including

classroom teacher, parent educator, early childhood special education coordinator, professor and early childhood education director. She joined Brentwood in 2020 and quickly became a vital part of the district's leadership team.

Under her guidance, the Brentwood Early Childhood Center navigated the COVID-19 pandemic, expanded programming and opened a new state-of-the-art facility designed to meet the evolving needs of young learners.

"Brentwood has been my work home since July of 2020," said Clemons. "It has been an honor to serve children and families during what I believe is the most critical time for learning—early childhood. BECC is a special place, and I'm grateful for every day I spent here."

Clemons and her husband are parents to five children in a blended foster, adoptive and biological family. After retiring from public education, she will begin a new chapter as dean at a university-model classical school where her youngest daughter will attend.

"I will miss you all dearly and have treasured every moment we've shared," Clemons added. "BECC is an incredible preschool, made exceptional by the Brentwood community and its unwavering dedication to children. I will look back on these years with deep gratitude and affection."

#### Senior Citizens Brunch Celebrates Community Connections









Brentwood's annual Senior Citizens Brunch brought generations together last month for a heartwarming morning of music, conversation and community spirit.

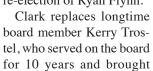
The event featured student performances by the McGrath Elementary School kindergarten singers, the Brentwood Middle School choir and the Brentwood High School jazz band. Guests also enjoyed a breakfast buffet and received district updates from Superintendent Dr. Amy Zielinski and Board of Education President Lindsay Spencer.

"Community support is the foundation of everything we do," said Dr. Zielinski. "Events like this remind us just how connected we are—and how powerful those connections can be for our students, our schools and our future."

Student volunteers from BMS and BHS helped welcome guests, serve food and guide visitors, creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere for all.

#### Board of Education Reorganizes, Welcomes New Member

The Brentwood School District Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 15, to certify the results of the April 2025 election and conduct its annual reorganization. The board welcomed Katie Clark as its newest member and recognized the re-election of Ryan Flynn.



steady leadership to key district initiatives. Trostel administered the oath of office to both Clark and Flynn at the meeting.

The board also elected new officers for the year ahead:

Lindsay Spencer, President Ryan Flynn, Vice President Katherine Spal, Secretary Ryan Dodson, Treasurer Keith Rabenberg, Director Mark Cicero, Director Katie Clark, Director

The board thanked Trostel for her decade of dedicated service, highlighting her role in the successful passage of Propositions B and E, which brought significant improvements to all five Brentwood schools through



construction and renovation projects. Superintendent Dr. Amy Zielinski recognized Trostel's thoughtful leadership, deep commitment to students, and lasting impact on the district.

"Kerry serves with heart, vision and a deep love for our community," said Dr. Zielinski. "Her legacy will be felt for generations."

As elected representatives of the residents of the Brentwood School District, the seven-member Board of Education serves as the governing body for the community's public school system. The school board sets district policies, selects and evaluates the superintendent of schools, adopts the annual budget, and determines the annual tax rates.

Board members serve three-year overlapping terms, with two or three members elected each year. These individuals, who receive no salary, are committed and engaged citizens who devote countless hours working on behalf of students and the educational interests of the Brentwood community.

#### Serving Up Culinary Creativity at Brentwood High School

Brentwood High School Foods 2 students recently showcased their culinary skills and business savvy through a hands-on food truck competition. As part of the project, students spent time researching the food truck industry and developing detailed business plans, including a name, theme, and sample menu.

After finalizing their concepts, students constructed cardboard food trucks, designed custom menus, and prepared one featured item to serve to a panel of guest judges. Entries were evaluated based on truck design, menu creativity, and overall taste.

The competition provided a fun, real-world learning experience that blended culinary arts, marketing, and presentation skills—all served up with a side of teamwork and innovation.

See photos on front page.



The Brentwood High School Class of 2026 recently explored both Ranken Technical College and Maryville University, gaining valuable insight into technical education and four-year college opportunities.







Students didn't just tour the campuses—they learned how to approach college visits, ask thoughtful questions, observe campus culture, and consider what makes a school the right fit. Their curiosity and respectful presence earned high praise from both institutions.

This experience marked an important step as our students continue building pathways for future success!



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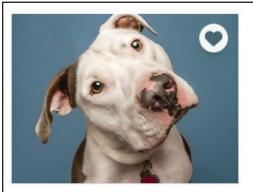
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Happy National Teacher Appreciation Week! Brentwood teachers inspire, challenge and empower our students to reach their full potential. Their passion for teaching and learning is unmatched, and their impact is immeasurable.

Thank you, Brentwood teachers, for your unwavering dedication, boundless enthusiasm and relentless pursuit of excellence!



One more big round of applause for our spectacular, show-stopping skaters! This past weekend, the Brentwood Ice Rink came alive as skaters of all ages and skill levels took to the ice to showcase their talent, passion, and hard work. Thank you to everyone who participated, supported, and helped make the event such a memorable success!



#### Brentwood Board Honored for Leadership in Flood Mitigation and Parks Development

At the 2025 Missouri Parks and Recreation Association Conference, the Brentwood Board of Aldermen was recognized with the Public Official Achievement Award for their dedication to improving Brentwood's parks and addressing the city's long-standing flooding challenges.

Through the Brentwood Bound Plan, the Board took bold steps to transform Brentwood Park into a thriving community space while implementing critical flood mitigation solutions. As the award application stated, their efforts "not only addressed flooding challenges but also redefined Brentwood as a model for recreation and sustainability in the St. Louis region."



This well-deserved honor reflects the Board's vision, collaboration, and commitment to creating a more resilient and vibrant Brentwood. Congratulations to the Brentwood Board of Aldermen on this outstanding achievement!

#### SAVE THE DATES: RESIDENTIAL PAPER SHREDDING 2025

May 3, Aug. 2, Nov 1 9 am - Noon Brentwood Recreation Complex

#### **ELECTRONICS RECYCLING 2025**

May 10, Aug. 9, Dec. 13 8 am - Noon Brentwood Recreation Complex We remind our residents there is a leash law in place for the safety of our residents and our pets, and we will be enforcing the law if we are alerted to additional violations. Please be respectful of your neighbors and of other pets – make certain you leash your dog on walks or while otherwise unsecured.

### Brentwood Park Receives Award for Outstanding Design

Brentwood Park has been recognized with a Merit Award in the Design: Built category at this year's annual awards event. Designed by Planning Design Studio, the project was praised by the awards jury for its innovative approach to park planning and stormwater management.

The jury highlighted the park's "stacking programming to not only provide a park and active transportation connection but to solve stormwater issues and give residents and park users a nice spot for respite."

This award celebrates the careful engagement, analysis, and planning that shaped Brentwood Park. The Constructed Projects category honors built projects that maintain their original vision through the complexities of planning, construction, and implementation. Recognitions like this underscore the lasting impact of thoughtful landscape architecture on our community.

Congratulations to Planning Design Studio on this well-deserved honor!

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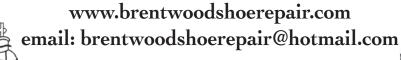
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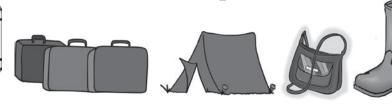
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#### BOARDS, COMMITTEES, & COMMISSIONS OPENINGS

#### Sustainability Commission Resident-at-large | Meets 4th Monday of every month at 6 PM

Established to foster policies and prorgams that will create energy conservation, environmental improvement and sustainability of resources in the City of Brentwood.

#### **Redevelopment Corporation**

Resident-at-large | Meets Annually
The Brentwood Redevelopment Corporation

consists of 9 members: 4 aldermen, 5 residents with one from the School Board. The Committee will act as a facilitator, following state law to properly acquire property.

#### Architectural Review Board Resident-at-large | Meets 3rd Thursday of the month as needed for applications

Established to review applications for residential building permits and those applications directed by the Planning and Development Department or the Planning and Zoning Commission, to ensure compliance with architectural standards and compatibility of design with existing structures in the City. \*Must be an architect

#### **Board of Adjustment**

Resident-at-large | Meets as needed on 4th Thursday of the month at 6 PM

Play a key role in reviewing zoning variances and land use appeals, ensuring consistency with the Ordinances and interpret the provisions of the Zoning Regulations in such a way as to carry out its intent and purpose.

#### ICC Building Code Board of Appeals

Resident-at-large | Meets as needed

Hears appeals for modifications to the requirements of building codes \*Members must be qualified by experience and training to hear appeals (architect, engineer, contractor)

Interested? Contact Kelle Silvey, Deputy City Clerk, at ksilvey@brentwoodmo.org to learn more!

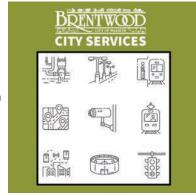


#### Brentwood Essential City Services for Residents

The City of Brentwood is committed to providing services that enhance safety, convenience, and quality of life for our residents. Here are some of the valuable resources available to you:

**Speed Humps** – Brentwood installs speed humps in residential areas to help calm traffic and improve neighborhood safety. Requests can be made through the Public Works Department.

**Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Detectors** – The Brentwood Fire Department provides free smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to residents in need. Contact us to schedule an installation!



**Pothole Repairs & Infrastructure Issues** – Report potholes, sidewalk damage, damaged street signs, and other infrastructure issues online at Brentwood's Public Reporting System, MyGov at <a href="https://public.mygov.us/brentwood\_mo/templates?module=rm.">https://public.mygov.us/brentwood\_mo/templates?module=rm.</a>

**Bulk Item Pickup** – Need to dispose of large items like mattresses or furniture? Residents can schedule a bulk item pickup through our sanitation services. For details, fees, and scheduling information call 314.962.4800.

**Sewer Lateral Repair Program** – Homeowners experiencing sewer lateral issues may qualify for financial assistance with repairs through Brentwood's Sewer Lateral Repair Program. Learn more and apply at <a href="https://brentwoodmo.org/1665/Sewer-Lateral-Repair-Program">https://brentwoodmo.org/1665/Sewer-Lateral-Repair-Program</a>.

**CodeRED Emergency Notification System** – Stay informed about emergencies, weather alerts, and critical community updates via phone, email, or text. Sign up at <a href="https://brentwoodmo.org/389/CodeRED">https://brentwoodmo.org/389/CodeRED</a> or call 314.963.6710. You can also download the CodeRED Mobile Alert app for real-time, location-specific alerts.

**Knox HomeBox Loan Program** – Residents with a temporary special need or physical disability can borrow a Knox HomeBox for up to 90 days, allowing emergency responders to access their home quickly if needed. Visit <a href="https://brentwoodmo.org/1340/Knox-HomeBox-Loan-Program">https://brentwoodmo.org/1340/Knox-HomeBox-Loan-Program</a> or call 314.963.8612 for more information.

**MAGIC Bus** – This free service helps Brentwood residents age 60 and older or adults with disabilities get to destinations within Brentwood and surrounding communities. Call 314.963.8685 to learn more.

**Medication Disposal** – A medication disposal drop box is available in the Brentwood Police Department lobby Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 4 PM, for the safe disposal of unused medications.

**Notary Services** – Need a document notarized? Brentwood City Hall has a notary available Monday - Friday from 8 AM - 4:30 PM.

**Medical Training Collaboration** – Brentwood's police and fire departments work together to ensure rapid, high-quality emergency medical response through continuous training and collaboration.

Brentwood is committed to providing exceptional services that make our community a safe, welcoming place to live. Learn more about these and other services at <a href="mailto:BrentwoodMO.org">BrentwoodMO.org</a>.



#### **Money Management Conversations** Worth Having with Your Teen

By: West Community Credit Union

Most teenagers probably won't leap at the prospect of learning about personal finance on their own. That's why it's important to take the time to teach them smart money management from the jump. To get the conversation started, here are some topics worth discussing to help your teen foster a successful future.

#### Set financial goals together

Putting away money every month requires discipline and is a great skill to practice at an early age by regularly stashing away some cash for a future goal. Crunch the numbers with your child to determine how much needs to be saved each month to hit their savings goal by a certain date.

#### Sign them up for a Teen Checking account

There is no better way to learn than by doing, so bring your teen down to the credit union to open their very own checking account. Teen Checking is the perfect way for kids, 13-17 to learn how to save and spend, and it has all the tools needed to securely manage money, plus the parental guidance and controls to help you monitor their transactions.

#### Protect and manage their account together

Go over the features of Mobile Banking together so they know how to securely manage their accounts from their phone. Be aware of and use the custom real-time account alerts and debit card controls available to the both of you. You can:

#### Set debit card spending limits.

- Choose real-time account alerts for logins, transfer activity, and balance.
- Control their debit card with purchase alerts, merchant limits, and card lock/unlock
- Easily set up one-time or automatic transfers for allowance, school functions, apps, gaming, etc.

#### Preach the importance of financial security

Kids need to understand early how to keep their accounts safe and secure. Make sure they understand that people can use what they post on social media against them. Share personal stories of people you know that have had their identity stolen. Tell them not to share information about where they bank, or post pictures that contain debit or credit card information online. And inform them that their financial institution will NEVER ask for account details over text or email.

Start a successful financial future today! For more information about Teen Checking or to open an account for your 13 to 17 year old kid(s), contact Member Services with West Community Credit Union at 636.720.2495 or visit us online at westcommunitycu.org.

#### Child Care Aware of Missouri **Promotes Beth Ann Lang to Deputy CEO**

Lang brings more than 30 years of early childhood education experience to her new role.

Child Care Aware of Missouri (CCAMO) recently announced the promotion of Beth Ann Lang to Deputy CEO. In this new capacity, Lang will assist in overseeing all programs and services administered by CCA-MO and help position the organization for sustainable growth through strategic planning.

Lang has been with CCAMO for 24 years where she has provided oversight and guidance on projects related to Early Childhood Workforce. She has served as the organization's Chief Program Officer since 2017. When she joined CCAMO in 2001, Lang was the inaugural Director of the TEACH Early Childhood Missouri Scholarship, a statewide program

aimed at increasing the quality of child care through education, compensation, and commitment. Among her notable achievements are launching the TEACH Early Childhood Missouri CDA Project in 2019 and supporting St. Louis County legislation to fund WAGE\$, a salary supplement program for child care educators.

"Beth Ann's promotion reflects her unwavering dedication, leadership and the significant impact she has made at every level of our organization," said CCAMO CEO Robin Phillips. "Her vision and expertise have been instrumental in advancing our mission and cultivating a strong, dynamic team prepared for the future. I am excited to work even more closely with Beth Ann in this expanded role, which will not only enhance the quality of our services but also allow us to deepen our relationships and partnerships across Missouri.'

Founded in 1999, CCAMO is a statewide nonprofit that focuses on a comprehensive early childhood education experience through impactful programs and partnerships. The organization's services include workforce development, child care business supports, advocacy and policy work, and its new Child Care Keeps Missouri Working, a regional campaign offering concierge solutions to businesses undergoing employee recruitment and retention challenges due to the overwhelming shortage of quality child care options. For more information, call (314) 535-1458 or visit www.mochildcareaware.org.

#### Should You Get a Veteran ID Card?



The VA is offering a free Military ID Card as a way to give all honorably discharged veterans proof of service regardless of era or time in service as ordered by Congress.

A valid ID card is proof of service that may be required to receive special benefits from private firms as a "Thank you for your service". Perks like free meals, parking spots and discounts at many retailers. Accept a bit of gratitude when it's offered as it's nice getting respect for your service to your country. It's easy to apply, log on to VETS.GOV and create an account. Then scan and upload your DD-214 form and your photograph. It's that easy and you've earned it.



#### RAISIN' THE ROOF A BENEFIT FOR THE HISTORIC 1816 JOSEPH SAPPINGTON HOUSE

It's time to raise the roof at the Sappington-Lubbock Log House. The building, an important part of St. Louis County's early history, is being reconstructed on the grounds of Historic Sappington Park.

To help fund the project, the Sappington House Foundation is hosting a dinner event filled with food, drink and fascinating information about the house, its era and its importance to St. Louis. .

The dinner will be held on Saturday, May 31 fro 6 to 9 p.m. at 1015 S. Sappington Rd., St. Louis, MO 63126.

During the evening, guests will enjoy an 1816-themed garden buffet along with beer, wine and a signature cocktail by Judgement Tree Spirits. The Mound City Slickers will set the stage with music and dancers will demonstrate the foot-tapping styles of the day. Fascinating on-

All-inclusive tickets are \$100 per person or \$175 per couple. VIP tickets are available for \$200 per person and include reserved flower garden seating, Sappington House membership and commemorative gifts.

site demonstrations will explore the log house's construction and artisans and reenactors will

represent skills of the era. Museum tours and a silent auction will add to the celebration.

Built by Joseph Sappington in 1816, the home's restoration was started by its last owners, Jim and Charlotte Lubbock. Reconstruction is underway and when completed, the home will serve as an education center and event venue on the Sappington House grounds.

"Too many buildings from St. Louis's past have been lost," said the event's honorary chair, St. Louis Post-Dispatch Weatherbird cartoonist Dan Martin. "Now is the time to come together to safeguard this historic structure as it becomes a useful and vibrant venue for our community."

The Sappington House is open Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and the third Saturday of each month from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, visit www.historicsappingtonhouses.org.

#### **Beau Monde Dip**



34 cup sour cream

- 34 cup mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon minced onion
- 1 teaspoon Beau Monde TM seasoning
- 1 teaspoon dried dill weed
- 1 teaspoon dried parsley

In a small mixing bowl, combine sour cream, mayonnaise, onion, Beau Monde seasoning, dill, and dried parsley. Chill before serving.

Scoop out the center of a bread bowl and serve the dip inside with cut up bread, potato chips or veggies for dipping.

#### **Mexican Chip Dip**



2 (11 ounce) cans corn with red and green peppers (such as Green Giant® Mexicorn®), drained

- ½ cup sour cream
- ½ cup mayonnaise
- $2\ {\rm tablespoons}\ {\rm shredded}\ {\rm extra-sharp}\ {\rm Cheddar}\ {\rm cheese},$  or to taste
- 1 teaspoon grated onion, or to taste

Stir corn, sour cream, mayonnaise, Cheddar cheese, and onion together until evenly mixed.

Scoop out the center of a bread bowl and serve the dip inside with cut up bread, potato chips or veggies for dipping.

#### **Cream Cheese Fruit Dip**



1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened

- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract

Beat cream cheese in a stand mixer until whipped; add brown sugar and vanilla. Continue beating until dip is well mixed.







# OPEN HOUSE

Welcome, neighbors!

### Thursday, May 15 from 5-7pm

### RSVP at kvcmo.org/webster

You're invited to our upcoming open house! This event is a time to explore our campus, meet our teams and have your questions answered. We're grateful for your support in helping children and their families thrive. We're committed to being good neighbors and to ensuring that our partnership on the Webster Groves campus results in the delivery of the safest care for both kids and neighbors.

#### At our open house, you can:

- Tour the Webster Groves campus
- Enjoy refreshments
- Meet the teams from KVC Missouri and St. Louis Children's Hospital
- Discover what's ahead for our new Children's Mental Wellness Campus
- Tours start at 5:15 p.m. and depart every 15 minutes. Last tour starts at 6:30 p.m.

Join us! The event is for business and community leaders as well as neighbors. KVC Missouri is a nonprofit organization committed to helping children and families thrive. St. Louis

Children's Hospital is a world-renowned pediatric hospital and is the oldest pediatric hospital west of the Mississippi River.

#### Mental Health Awareness Month: Building a Brighter Future for Children

May is Mental Health Awareness Month, a time to reflect on the importance of mental health and wellbeing. For children, mental health has become an increasingly critical issue. In today's complex world, more children across the country, and right here in our region, are experiencing depression, anxiety and other trauma-related conditions than ever before.

In fact, one in six youth aged 6-17 experiences a mental health disorder each year. Alarmingly, suicide is now the second leading cause of death for children aged 10 to 14. These statistics highlight an urgent need for support and services tailored to the unique needs of young people.

Our children are resilient, but they can't face these challenges alone. That's why organizations like St. Louis Children's Hospital and KVC Missouri are dedicated to being part of the solution. Together, we aim to enhance services and ensure that children have access to the care they deserve.





Howdy partners! JK4's Theme Week at Saint Mary Magdalen continued with Western Day! JK4 sported their cowboy/cowgirl hats, boots and bandannas to enjoy the day!

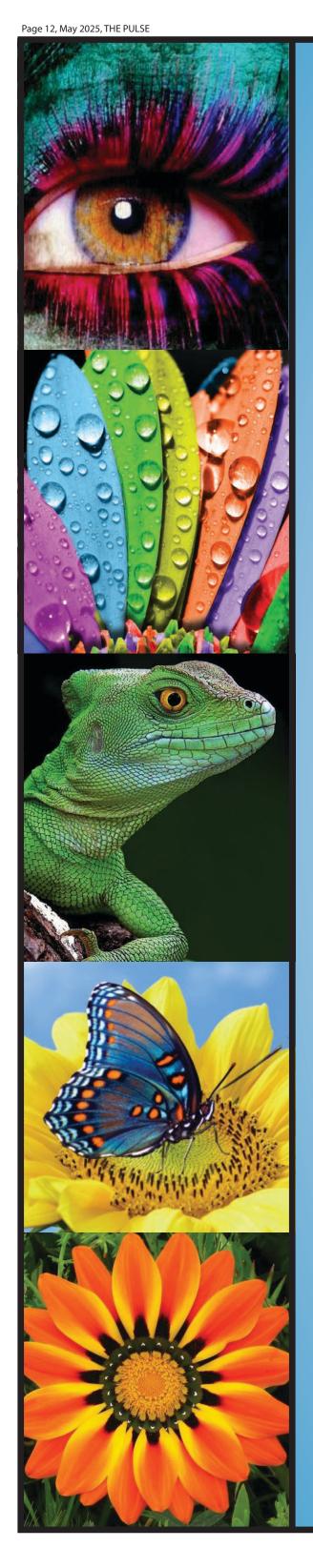








Field Day at McGrath Elementary is always a favorite! Kindness and good sportsmanship were on full display. Thank you to all the teachers and parents who made the day perfect, especially Coach Limb, for organizing the event.

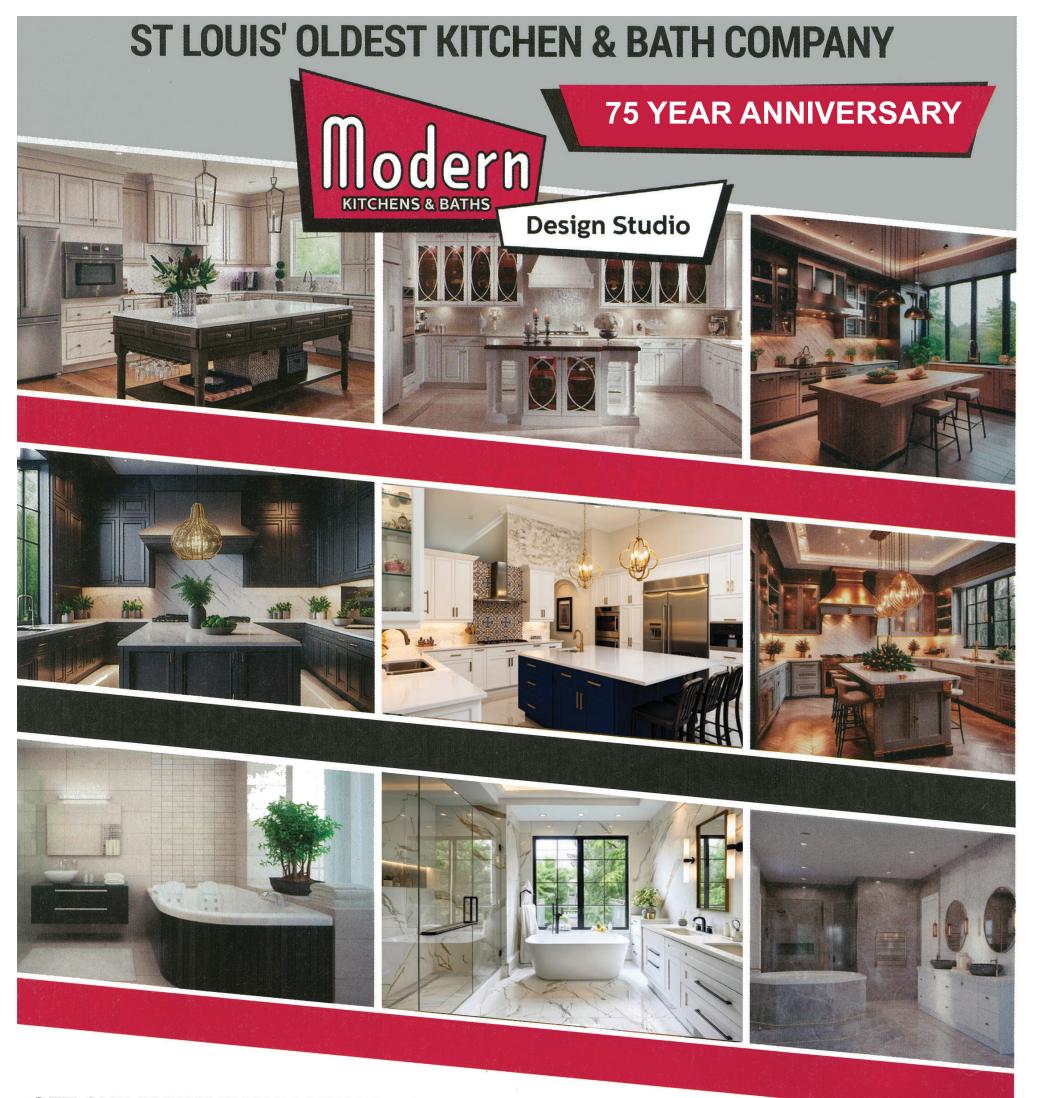


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### **Brentwood Board of Aldermen Minutes**

PARTIAL BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, Monday, March 17, 2025

#### **ROLL CALL**

Roll Call - Seven Members were present: Alderman Plufka – Present Alderwoman Tice - Present Alderman Wegge – Absent Alderwoman Sims - Present Alderman Lochmoeller – Present Alderman Gould – Present Alderwoman Harter - Present Alderman Erger – Present

Staff members present included: Eric Gruenenfelder (Asst. City Administrator), Jim Hetlage (City Attorney), Ronnie Cottrell (Fire Chief), Dan Gummersheimer (Director of Public Works - virtual), Tangula Bell (Human Resources Manager), Joe Spiess (Police Chief), Angie Hawkins (Police Major), Whitney Kelly (Planning and Development Director), Bola Akande (City Administrator), Kelle Silvey (Deputy City Clerk).

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS, APPOINTMENTS, **PROCLAMATIONS & RECOGNITIONS**

Police Department - Badge Pinning Ceremony- New Police Officer and Life Saving Award Chief Cottrell called Citizens Makina Plamer and Trevor Moss to the podium, reading the synopsis (available in BoardDocs) stating they fought against the cold and dangerous conditions to rescue a child who had fallen into the water at Brentwood Park. They were both presented with the Live Saving Award and congratulated by all members.

Major Hawkins noted that a "hero" is someone who voluntarily puts their life on the line for someone else. She noted that we were proud of their honor and character and stated that the City Thanks them for their act of heroism.

Pictures were taken

Chief Spiess then noted we have two new officers, Drew Mahanna and Aladin Husidic. Lieutenant Bowersox read their Bios (available in BoardDocs) and the members welcomed them to Brentwood. Pictures were taken.

#### **MAYOR AND ALDERMEN REPORTS**

Mayor David Dimmitt – No Report

Alderman David Plufka - Ward 1 - Stated that the Public Safety meeting would be March

Alderwoman Nancy Parker Tice - Ward 1 – No Report

Alderman Brandon Wegge - Ward 2 - Absent Alderwoman Sunny Sims - Ward 2 - No

Alderman Steve Lochmoeller - Ward 3 -Stated the Ward 3 Meeting would be Tuesday, March 25th at the Recreational Center.

Alderman Jeff Gould - Ward 3 – Stated that the Communications meeting for March and been cancelled and they would pick back up in April with additional members.

Alderwoman Sharon Harter - Ward 4 - No

Alderman Sully Erger - Ward 4 - No Report

#### **CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

Request for Overnight Construction Hours for Home Depot at 1603 S Hanley Road

Whitney Kelly presented the information stating that they are overlaying the parking lot at Home Depot and they would like overnight hours to avoid customer disruption. They would do the part of the lot nearest the hotel during the day, and have reached out to the Hotel Administration receiving no response to date.

Motion was made by Alderman Lochmoeller and seconded by Alderwoman sims to approve the request for special hours.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA Standing Committees Reports**

Warrant Lists - Operating Funds and Ex-



Mayor



Ward 1

Ward 3

Alderwoman Nancy Parker Tice



David Plufka



Ward 2

Ward 4

Alderwoman Sunny Sims



Alderman Brandon Wegge



Sharon Harter



Sullivan Erger



**David Dimmitt** 

Municipal Judge Patrick Dignam

penditures from the 2019 Series Certificates



Jeff Gould

Alderman Steve Lochmoeller

of Participation Proceeds (COP) Approval of Meeting Minutes from March Resolution No. 1537. A Resolution Of The City Of Brentwood Authorizing A Local Match For Funding From The Hazard Mitigation

Grant Program And Authorizing A Local Match Motion was made by Alderman Plufka and seconded by Alderwoman Sims to approve the consent agenda. Roll call:

Alderman Plufka – Yes Alderwoman Tice - Yes Alderwoman Sims - Yes

Alderman Lochmoeller – Yes Alderman Gould - Yes Alderwoman Harter - Yes Alderman Erger - Yes Motion carried by a vote of 7 (yes) to 0 (no).

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Bill No. 6549- Sales Agreement Missouri Department of Transportation - An Ordinance Of The City Of Brentwood, Missouri, Approving A Sales Agreement With The Missouri Highways And Transportation Commission; Authorizing Certain Other Actions In Connection Therewith; Providing For The Effective Date Of This Ordinance; And Containing A Severability Clause.- First and Second Reading

The City Attorney did the first reading of the Bill.

The City Administrator presented the information stating there were three properties that were purchased by MoDOT for the City of Brentwood for the Manchester Road pedestrian tunnel project and a portion of the trail. Upon the completion of the project, the agreement was that the city would reimburse MODOT and the parcels would be transferred to the city.

On the warrant list was 10% of the value of these properties totaling \$9,744. This is the first step for the Board to approve, it then goes back to MoDOT for approval and then we will pay the balance of the purchase price for the four properties.

Motion was made by Alderman Lochmoeller and seconded by Alderwoman Tice to have a second reading of the Bill.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

City Attorney Hetlage read the Bill.

Motion was made by Alderman Gould and seconded by Alderman Plufka to perfect Bill into Ordinance form. Roll Call:

Alderman Plufka – Yes Alderwoman Tice Yes Alderwoman Sims – Yes

Alderman Lochmoeller – Yes Alderman Gould – Yes Alderwoman Harter – Yes Alderman Erger – Yes

By a vote of 7 (yes) to 0 (no), Bill No. 6549 will become Ordinance No. 5176.

#### **ADJOURN**

Adjournment

The Mayor noted there was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 7:13PM

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





At our Monthly Coffee with the Mayor, we had the pleasure of welcoming a new Brentwood resident — and a fellow public servant! Lyndie Beaton, former mayor of Manistee, Michigan, joined us.

We're so glad to have her in the City of Warmth — and we loved the thoughtful gift she brought for Mayor Dimmitt: a fabulous "Mayor" sash!



**National Day of Prayer** 

On May 1, people from Brentwood came to City Hall for the National Day of Prayer. Thank you to everyone who joined us to pray and reflect together for our community and our country.



Congratulations to Lt. Josh Bowersox on his recent graduation from the Missouri Police Chiefs' Command College!

Lt. Bowersox, a 19-year veteran of the Brentwood Police Department, completed this intensive six-week leadership program on April 11. The Command College equips current and future law enforcement leaders with the advanced training needed to serve at the command level.

We're proud of Lt. Bowersox for his commitment to professional growth and for representing the Brentwood Police Department with excellence!

# Missouri Botanical Garden announces latest Museum exhibition - Smelling the Bouquet: Plants and Scents in the Garden

Stephen and Peter Sachs Museum highlights the diversity of scents in plants

A rose by any other name may still smell as sweet, but without roses and other plants, we might not have the perfumes and popular sweet-smelling products we use today.

A new interdisciplinary exhibition at the Stephen and Peter Sachs Museum at the Missouri Botanical Garden explores the botanical, cultural, and olfactive history of the spectrum of scents created by plants – from floral to stinky.

"Remarkably, despite being integral to our daily lives, scents are overlooked in importance in many ways. Plants contribute so many smells that are so familiar to us, from the flowers and trees we enjoy, the foods and beverages we eat and drink, as well as the perfumes and incense we may use," Sachs Museum Curator Nezka Pfeifer said. "The world of museums and scientific research has been focused on scent in recent years with opportunities to learn more about which pollinators are attracted by which plants' smells, but also how artists and olfactory experts interpret the meaningful presence of smells in human culture. This exhibition is unique in that it focuses exclusively on the intersections between plants and the scents they create through the unique smells of plants in the Garden's collections, including some endangered and not usually found in perfumery. These fragrances inspire us every day and they have important stories to tell us through their scents."

Smelling the Bouquet: Plants and Scents in the Garden will examine how those scents considered desirable to humans are used to create perfume, incense, and other smells and flavorings. The exhibition will include interactive scent stations featuring the scents of plants in live Garden collections, contemporary scientific research, and olfactory art.

This exhibition is now open and will be open through March 31, 2026. The Sachs Museum is open 11:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. daily and is included with regular Garden admission.

Engaging visitor opportunities, including a performance series and "sniff 'n learn" programs are planned throughout the exhibition's run to provide unique opportunities for visitors to connect with the exhibition. All the art and scent commissions, performance series, and sniff 'n learns are sponsored by Nancy Ridenour.

#### **About the Exhibition**

Smelling the Bouquet will explore many aspects of plants and scents, including diverse uses like perfume, incense, and other scent-based cultural practice. The exhibition will also explore active Garden research projects. The exhibition will include sniffing stations featuring dozens of plant scents and compounds, cultural scent objects, and Garden Herbarium specimens. Visitors can also engage with the fragrant plants depicted in the Museum's iconic botanical ceiling mural with a unique activity guide developed by olfactory experts.

St. Louis-area perfumers Shawn Maher and Weston Adam have created several interpretive fragrances of special and fragrant plants in the Garden's conservatories and gardens ranging from the rare and endangered to the famously stinky. A special olfactory artwork commission in the exhibition is by olfactory artist Dr. Gayil Nalls who has created a 2025 edition of her World Sensorium. This olfactory artwork is a perfect dovetail of the primordial relationship humans have with plants and their scents. Around the world, each country holds different iconic aromatic plants to have special meanings in their cultures. They are used daily for medicine, rituals, and cultural practices. Through a global survey, these plants were identified and their essential oils were formulated into a one-world scent based on each country's population percentage. They form the foundation of World Sensorium.

#### **Performance Series**

Complementing the exhibition, the Sachs Museum Performance Series series will present dancers, singers, and poets who have created special programs that intersect with scents commissioned from the exhibition's perfumers. Each set of two performances takes place at 11 a.m and 1 p.m. on Saturdays, when the Garden offers free admission till noon to St. Louis City and County citizens with proof of residency. All performances take place at the Sachs Museum and are about 30-45 minutes in duration. The lineup for the performance series is:

July 19, 2025: Saias: Dance and Scents with Charis Railey and Amara Arts

September 27, 2025: Musical Scents: Voices in the Garden with Benedetta Orsi and St. Louis Women's Chorale

October 11, 2025: Poetry and Scents with Devin Johnston In addition to the series, a short documentary and discussion will take place at 6 p.m. on Thursday, August 21 in Farr Auditorium in the Garden's Jack C. Taylor Visitor Center. This will take place during the Garden's extended Thursday evening hours and will be included with regular admission.

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You may also drop your phones off at the Pulse Newspaper/Gene-Del Printing office at 9019 Manchester, Brentwood, MO 63144. Hours are 8am-5pm, Monday through Friday. We also have a mail slot that you can put them in that is located on our door.

# 2025 AIR QUALITY FORECASTING SEASON KICKS OFF AS LATEST "STATE OF THE AIR" REPORT REVEALS UNFAVORABLE RESULTS

Despite drop in high ozone days over the past 30 years of forecasting, region back among 25 most polluted U.S. cities

As daily air quality forecasting makes its return for the 2025 season, the American Lung Association's latest "State of the Air" report finds that even after decades of successful efforts to reduce sources of air pollution, 46% of Americans – 156.1 million individuals – are living in places that received failing grades for unhealthy levels of ozone or particle pollution. This is nearly 25 million more people breathing unhealthy air compared to the years covered in last year's report (2020-2022), and more than in any other "State of the Air" report in the last 10 years. The data reinforces the need to protect our local communities from the continued risks to public health resulting from a combination of factors, including extreme heat, drought, wildfire smoke and more.

Looking back at the "State of the Air" data from almost 30 years ago, when the average number of high ozone days in the St. Louis region approached 50 in the summers of 1996-1998, the drop to just 10.5 high ozone days in the most recent report is a sign of progress. But that progress is tainted by the fact that, for the first time in nine years, the St. Louis region ranked among the top 25 most ozone-polluted U.S. cities, coming in at number 21 on the list for high ozone days out of 228 metropolitan areas. The region also ranked 17th on the list for most polluted cities by annual particle pollution, which is up 13 spots from the previous year. Additionally, St. Louis was reported among the top two cities with the largest change in rank, worsening from 30th to 21st for the topmost ozone-polluted U.S. cities, falling second only to Tulsa, Okla., which moved from 31st on the list to 19th worst overall

The most up-to-date report findings have added to the extensive evidence that a changing climate is making it harder to protect this hard-fought progress on air quality and human health. Increases in high ozone days and spikes in particle pollution related to extreme heat, drought and wildfires are putting millions of people at risk and adding challenges to the work that states and cities are doing across the nation to clean up air pollution. And after several years of reporting that the worst of the nation's air quality problems were increasingly concentrated in western states, "State of the Air" 2025 finds the geographic distribution of air pollution shifting back East.

"For 30 years, the St. Louis Regional Clean Air Partnership has been encouraging voluntary steps to reduce emissions in order to protect lung health, but the latest air quality data makes it clear our region remains a long way from achieving truly healthy air," said Susannah Fuchs, Director of Healthy Air Solutions for the American Lung Association in Missouri. "As we approach summer when poor air quality becomes more frequent, we urge residents and businesses to renew their commitment to the individual and collective efforts that are essential to improving air quality and protecting public health, especially for children, older adults and those with respiratory conditions who are most at risk. Continued vigilance and community participation are key to ensuring cleaner air and healthier outcomes for everyone in the region."

According to the 2025 "State of the Air" report, exposure

Air Quality Index (AQI) Values	Levels of Health Concern	Colors
When the AQI is in this range:	air quality conditions are:	as symbolized by this color
0 to 50	Good	Green
51 to 100	Moderate	Yellow
101 to 150	Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups	Orange
151 to 200	Unhealthy	Red
201 to 300	Very Unhealthy	Purple
301 to 500	Hazardous	Maroon

to unhealthy levels of ozone air pollution continues to make breathing difficult for more people living in the U.S. than any other single pollutant. For the three years covered in this year's report (2021-2023), 37% of the population – some 125.2 million people – were exposed to levels of ozone that put their health at risk. This is an increase of 24.6 million people over last year's figure, and includes tens of millions of infants and children, people aged 65 or older and others whose conditions make them especially vulnerable to health harm from air pollution. Nationwide, nearly five times as many counties' ozone levels worsened as improved. Nine states saw the number of unhealthy days for ozone get worse in every one of their counties monitored for this pollutant, including all 23 monitored counties in Illinois and all 17 in Missouri. This encompasses the combined eight counties on both sides of the Mississippi River that fall into the designated non-attainment area in the bi-state region.

Despite the widespread worsening in parts of the country, the list of the worst 25 cities for ozone pollution in "State of the Air" report and their order of ranking remains relatively stable compared with last year's report. In one other small piece of good news, none of the cities on the list reported a worst-ever average number of days of ozone smog, which is created in part from sources like vehicle exhaust.

As it marks its 30th year, the Clean Air Partnership is renewing its commitment to increasing awareness of regional air quality issues and encouraging activities to reduce air pollution emissions. Area residents can visit CleanAir-St-Louis.com to sign up to receive color-coded, daily air quality forecasts via their email inboxes or text through the Environmental Protection Agency's EnviroFlash air quality alert system to stay informed about ozone pollution levels in the region and how those levels can affect their health. This is especially crucial on orange or red unhealthy air quality days when individuals should plan to alter their outdoor activities to minimize exposure to polluted air. While on the site, people can also access a wealth of air quality information and tips to do their share for cleaner air all summer long.

Additional air quality information and the daily forecast can be accessed by liking the Clean Air Partnership on Facebook, or by following the organization on X (formerly Twitter) @ gatewaycleanair. To access the full American Lung Association 2025 "State of the Air" report, visit Lung.org.



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#### **Brentwood Officially Receives Missouri Blue Shield Designation**

Brentwood has officially received Missouri Blue Shield designation from the Missouri Department of Public Safety. This prestigious honor recognizes Missouri communities that demonstrate a steadfast commitment to enhancing public safety and supporting law enforcement.

The Missouri Blue Shield Program, created by Governor Kehoe in January 2025 through Executive Order 25-03, recognizes local governments that make significant efforts to reduce crime, foster law enforcement collaboration, and build strong community partnerships for public safety.







"Public safety is the foundation of a thriving community and state. It affects everything from families feeling secure to businesses having the confidence to invest and grow," said Governor Kehoe. "We designed the Missouri Blue Shield Program to recognize communities that go above and beyond in creating a place where people want to live, work, and build their futures. A Missouri Blue Shield designation is a testament to the hard work and dedication of local governments across Missouri who are leading the way in making public safety a priority."

"The Department of Public Safety is proud to work alongside communities like Brentwood, that have shown exceptional dedication to enhancing public safety," said Mark James, Director of the Missouri Department of Public Safety (DPS). "This program is about fostering collaboration between local law enforcement agencies and the communities they serve. Our goal is to support these efforts, providing resources and guidance to help communities build sustainable, long-term solutions for crime reduction and public safety."

"The Brentwood Police Department greatly appreciates the support we receive from our elected officials and citizens. Being accepted as a Blue Shield city reaffirms the cities commitment to the men and women in our department and the value they place on public safety in our community," said Colonel Joseph L. Spiess, Jr., Brentwood Chief of Police. "We look forward to growing together in Governor Kehoe's program of community support for law enforcement."

#### **Eligibility and Program Details**

Communities are eligible for a Missouri Blue Shield designation based on their dedication to reducing crime, making substantial investments in public safety, and developing strong collaboration with law enforcement agencies and community stakeholders. Each participating community's commitment will be reviewed annually to ensure continued alignment with the program's goals.

#### **Participation Incentives**

Communities that earn a Missouri Blue Shield designation will receive grant funding for law enforcement training and equipment as part of Governor Kehoe's Recommended Budget for the State Fiscal Year 2026. Communities will also be featured on Governor Kehoe's social media pages as well as the DPS website to highlight their participation in the program.

#### About Brentwood, Missouri

Brentwood earned a Missouri Blue Shield designation due to its exceptional commitment to public safety. Through a focus on fair officer compensation, the addition of a school resource officer program in collaboration with Brentwood School District and a retail detective who works closely with area businesses to address theft, the community has demonstrated a strong and ongoing commitment to protecting its residents. This designation affirms Brentwood's effort to create a safer, more secure environment for all who live and work here.

#### **CITY MUSEUM'S CITY NIGHTS PARTIES**

After-Hours Art, Music, Food & Drinks

Each party is held after hours from 7 to 11 p.m. and includes general admission to City Museum so guests can play all day and party at night. Cocktails, brews and food are for sale at the parties and each event is filled with activities, music and fun. Sample new 4 Hands Brewing products, including City Museum Hard Seltzer at each party. Tickets are \$30. Members save \$5.

#### CITY NIGHTS: UNDERGROUND Friday, May 16

DJs Girl Bluntd and Nadir56K set the mood as guests watch artists spray paint live. Get inspired by the surreal playground of City Museum

#### CITY NIGHTS: PRIDE DRAG SHOW Friday, June 13

Celebrate Pride Month at City Museum with the opening of 'Bubble Unit," an art show curated by Cranky Yellow showcasing local artists from the LGBTQ community. Have a cocktail and sing along to showtunes played on the 1924 Wurlitzer Theater Organ in the caves. At 9 pm it's time for Enter Mayhem, a one-night-only drag concert delivering a full-throttle performance of Lady Gaga's latest album. With sounds by DJTABER and immersive design, this isn't just a show — it's a statement of our Pride.

#### CITY NIGHTS: YACHT ROCK

Friday, August 1

Ahoy there! Grab your captain's hat and come down to City Museum for a live band playing favorite Yacht Rock tunes. Singing along is encouraged.

#### CITY NIGHTS: OKTOBERFEST Friday, September 5

St. Louis knows its beer and the band Übercool is here to get the German-themed party started. Grab your dirndl or lederhosen and kick off the Oktoberfest season at City Museum.



# INSIDE BASEBALL

By Rob Rains of StLSportsPage.com

# How Kyle Leahy turned dark times and sleepless nights in the minors into major-league success with the Cardinals



There were days, and sleepless nights, not that long ago when Kyle Leahy wondered if his baseball career was going to end in the minor leagues.

He was struggling back in 2021, often going home to an apartment he shared with teammates in Springfield following another poor performance. Getting through those nights often was harder for Leahy than when he was getting hit hard during a game.

"There were definitely some dark times, some sleepless nights, some times when I wondered," Leahy said. "As bad as some of the results were, as bad as some of those games were, it wasn't the results on the field that kept me up at night even though it did add to it ... The late nights get later when you are not pitching well.

"What was really driving me crazy was knowing that I wasn't getting everything out of myself and that there was more in the tank. I wasn't showing my best self to the world, to the game, to my teammates, to my coaches, to everybody."

It didn't help Leahy that his apartment wasn't an inviting source of comfort either.

"There were squirrels and raccoons and who knows what else living in our walls," Leahy said. "It was not luxury living."

While waking up after those long nights offered the promise of a new day, of another game, of a fresh start, for Leahy, it often only produced more stress.

"There were days where the last place I wanted to be was at the baseball field, which is crazy," he said. "But at the same time, deep down, I knew I still wanted to go to the field. I knew there was more there. I knew that wasn't how I was going to end my career.

"What's so frustrating sometimes is you bust your butt as hard as you can and you still don't get the results on the field. That's a dark feeling when you've given it your all and there's nothing to show for it."

In the back of his mind, despite his struggles, Leahy's dream of playing in the major leagues was as alive as it had been when he first started playing the game as a young boy growing up in Colorado.

"Until they told me it was over I wasn't going to believe it was," Leahy said. "There's always some fight left in you."

Did Leahy really think back during those dark days that four years later he would be one of the Cardinals' most effective relievers?

"The weird thing is I would have been like, 'Yeah, I can do that'," Leahy said. "At the same time, I would have been like, 'I don't know how I'm going to get there.' I just always hoped I could get it out of myself. But trust me, there were some dark times when I didn't know how."

The story of how Leahy rose from that dark place to get to where he is today, enjoying success in the major leagues, is a testament to his own determination and the help he received from others in the Cardinals' organization.

It started with a look in the mirror.

"What I've always said to myself is I just need the chance," Leahy said. "I've always been fighting uphill. I just need that chance. I might not figure it out right away but I will give everything I can to figure it out.

"I had to believe in myself. You have to start there. Nobody else is going to believe in you if you don't believe in yourself."

#### How a Cardinals' scout found Leahy

One of the first people in the Cardinals' organization who was attracted to Leahy was Mauricio Rubio, who in 2018 was the area scout covering Arizona, Utah, New Mexico and Colorado.

Early that spring, Rubio had identified a pitcher on the Colorado-Mesa team that he wanted to see. It wasn't Leahy.

"They had another righthander on the team who was popping up a little bit," said Rubio. He made plans to go see that pitcher, JR McDermott, in a doubleheader when Mesa was on a trip to California.

McDermott was supposed to start game one, and Leahy was the scheduled starter for the second game. For a reason Rubio didn't know, the two were switched, and Leahy started the first game.

"He was 88 to 91 and there were some signs that the slider was in there," Rubio said. "He was big and physical and had some arm speed. I thought he probably was going to be able to throw harder."

Intrigued by what he saw, Rubio made plans to go see Colorado-Mesa, a Division II school, again later in the year, when they played at Colorado School of Mines. This time he specifically was going to watch Leahy.



"He was touched up a little bit in the first inning because of an infield single and a bunt single," Rubio said. "I think he gave up four runs but then he was on cruise control."

Rubio liked Leahy enough to recommend him for the draft and the Cardinals selected him in the 17th round. McDermott went undrafted.

Rubio credits Leahy for helping in his own development as a scout even though Leahy didn't know that happened.

"One of the things I learned from him that helped my development was that his fastball was pretty hard to see," Rubio said. "I did weigh that, but not as much as I should have."

Rubio also was reminded that scouting a player sometimes includes looking for abilities that are not as easy to see while watching a game.

"Makeup becomes very important," Rubio said. "I think a lot of times the evaluation becomes a little constricted. Teams go to a game and see sort of the same thing. A contributing factor has to be how you weigh a person's work ethic and how you weigh a person's competitiveness. Clearly Kyle's was at the top of the scale.

"His college coach, Chris Hanks, always brought up how hard of a worker he was, how studious he was. He's incredibly quiet. But if you've ever watched a duck go across a pond, the top half of the duck is completely calm with not a lot going on. If you look underneath the water, that's where the real work is happening. The flippers are going.

"That's kind of how Kyle is. It's easy to misread his quietness. He likes mountain biking, hiking, skiing. He's intensely competitive and competes against himself often. Can you improve on your last time? He was great for me to learn from."

Leahy was sent to Johnson City to begin his pro career in rookie ball, and moved up to the low Class A levels in 2019. Just as his career really was getting started, however, he and all other minor leaguers found themselves with no place to play in 2020 when the minor league seasons were cancelled because of the pandemic.

"I just got a year older basically in terms of my career," Leahy said. "It was not ideal to lose a year of development. I built a mound in my backyard and had a high school kid who came and caught me. I threw the whole summer and worked on everything I could but I didn't get any game reps, so that was tough."

When the minor league teams resumed operations in 2021, Leahy – who was about to turn 24 – was assigned to Double A Springfield.

He didn't know how long of a season it was going to be.

#### "The arm was always there"

Jose Leger was the Springfield manager in 2021, and he liked Leahy's raw talent.

"The arm was always there," said Leger, now the organization's assistant field and roving baserunning coordinator. "The mechanical quality of the pitches were there. Throwing strikes was never an issue for him."

What was a problem was how many of his pitches were getting hit. Night after night, Leger and pitching coach Darwin Marrero watched Leahy struggle.

"It's hard to ignore the fact he was getting hit around so many times, day after day," Leger said. "It was really tough for him. We felt for him."

Many of those nights, Ivan Herrera was catching Leahy.

"He always had good pitches, it was just a matter of learning how to use them," Her-

As was the case with the team's staff and other teammates, Herrera said it was tough watching Leahy endure that season.

"Everybody is going to struggle in this game," Herrera said. "When you struggle is when you have to choose what kind of player and person you want to be. He chose to get better. He was grinding. He never gave up."

By the time that year was over, the numbers were pretty ugly – an 0-8 record with an 8.20 ERA. In 86 2/3 innings, Leahy allowed 130 hits and walked another 44 batters and hit three more – meaning he was averaging more than two baserunners per inning.

"He didn't pitch with confidence," Leger said. "You could tell."

Said Leahy, "It's hard to have confidence when you are really struggling but I think for me I've always just leaned on your training and trusted that. Anytime something went bad I Just said, 'I've got to go back to the drawing board and rebuild and figure out how to get better.'

"I definitely took my lumps. It was definitely a struggle. I tried to get bigger, faster, stronger, throw harder, make nastier pitches. That's where I started and it grew a little from there."



Leahy also grew mentally – from conversations with Brian Alazzawi, the organization's mental skills and well-being coordinator.

"Brian has always been a big help with a bunch of us," Leahy said. "That's where trusting your training kind of comes from. He always says you are going to be way more confident in yourself regardless of results if you believe in everything you've been doing and everything you've been training for.

"Having somebody reiterate those things to you gives you a different perspective."

Alazzawi is a retired Navy Seal who started working for the Cardinals in 2020 following a recommendation from Paul Goldschmidt, who he met years earlier when Goldschmidt and some teammates on the Diamondbacks visited the Seals in San Diego.

"What sets Kyle apart is he finally started to understand that it's not about the outcome," Alazzawi said. "It's about process. He was like, 'If I'm not seeing the results or not feeling the way I'm supposed to feel, it's a failure.' My conversations with Kyle have been that he should look at failure as an opportunity to grow; see mistakes as a way to continue to refine.

"Kyle kind of took it on himself to dig in and challenge his behaviors, the attitude ... I can't help but think back about how miserable he was at times about where he was in his career."

Leger saw Leahy begin to change when he returned to Springfield for the 2022 season.

"Darwin Marrero always believed in him and was an advocate of what he saw in Kyle," Leger said. "He always said, 'There's more there; he can be good.' He was right.

"His preparation changed. His mentality changed. We started seeing something then. It took about a year and a half to start believing more in himself. It took a little bit of success for him to start seeing he had more in the tank and become a better pitcher."

#### "A different demeanor"

Leahy's improvement picked up in 2023 to the point where he was promoted to make his major-league debut. He rode the 1-55 shuttle between Memphis and St. Louis throughout much of 2024, but logged enough time with the Cardinals to come to the realization that he could pitch, and succeed, at the major-league level.

He was determined to take the next step in his career – remaining on the roster – this season.

"We had great conversations this spring," Alazzawi said. "He went into this spring with the mindset that the job was already his. A lot of guys have the mindset that they are fighting for a job. I think one thing that set Kyle apart this spring was that he wasn't fighting to get it, he was fighting to keep it.

"I think there's a difference in that mentality; go out and do what he knows how to do."

Leahy did not allow a run in 11 spring training innings, spread across seven games, issuing only one walk and striking out 13. He made the opening day roster.

Already this season Leahy has had a streak of nine consecutive innings, over seven games, without allowing a hit. In his nine games he has worked 13 innings, allowing three runs on four hits. He has walked three and struck out 13 of the 46 batters he has faced.

# **Brentwood Public Library**

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#### MOSAIC CLASS FOR CHILDREN

TUESDAY, JUNE 10
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BOTH @ 2:00 P.M.

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# MINI MASTERS ART CLASS:

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**MONDAY, MAY 19 AT 6 PM** 

Children and parents can enjoy a

This event includes a story,

language activity, and a craft.

story time told in both English and

MONDAY, JUNE 9 AT 6PM



# FRIDAY, JUNE 6 AT 10AM Children and families can join for a story time and then make their own pointing -- just like Yavoil

MINI MASTERS ART CLASS:

est for ages 5 and up,





Series of 5 classes focused on bookmaking, sketching, printing, and collage.

Week 1: Intro Bookmaking
May 28
Week 2: Gel Plate Monoprinting
June 4
Week 3: Rubber Stamp Carving
June 11
Week 4: Collage

June Week 5: Creative freesty

All classes are from 6 - 7:30 p.m. Ages 18+ only, please.

Free. Registration required.



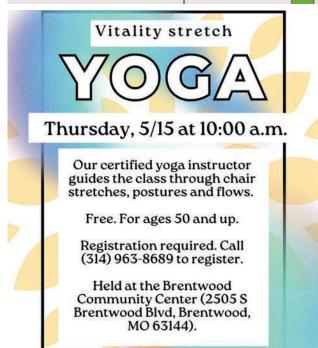
Learn how to make a pom pom charm at this hands-on class.

Tuesday, 5/20 at 6pm Saturday, 5/24 at 2pm

AGES 18+ ONLY, PLEASE.
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#### A Statement from the Brentwood Library Board of Trustees regarding Cutting of Funds for the Institute of Museum and Library Services

As many of you know, there has been a series of funding cuts by federal and state agencies. We are now starting to feel the effects of those cuts here at your Brentwood Public Library. On March 14, 2025, President Trump signed an executive order to eliminate the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). This federal agency is responsible for distributing congressionally appropriated funds to state libraries.

Your Brentwood Public Library Board of Trustees, along with libraries throughout Missouri and the nation, strongly opposes this decision. This action could have serious financial consequences for your Brentwood Library and an even more serious impact on rural and smaller libraries. IMLS funding is crucial for a variety of services and resources in our local libraries: resource sharing, technology updates, digital preservation, staff training, and other programs.

In Brentwood, we have already felt the effect: a previously approved grant of \$1,600 for our summer reading program has been canceled. We WILL find the funds for our popular summer reading program, but the cut will have an impact on other areas. We have also lost \$3,175 in grant funds for migrating our old system to the new Missouri Evergreen Consortium catalog. It appears that we will be losing funds for delivering books and resources between the Missouri Library Consortium and the larger Missouri Evergreen Consortium. These are just three examples of how the funding cuts will specifically affect your Brentwood library. As we prepare for our exciting new library in 2026, we are very cost-conscious in our everyday operations and these cuts present new challenges.

We urge lawmakers and the public to advocate for continued IMLS funding to ensure that we can achieve our mission statement here at the Brentwood Public Library: "to provide a place for the community to come together to connect, learn, and grow; to encourage enjoyment of reading and lifelong learning; to provide free and open access and expression; and to promote knowledge, history, and culture." Thank you for your support.

#### What can you do to help?

- Call or send a message to your Senators and Representative urging them to overturn this order and restore and protect IMLS funding.
- Write a letter to the editor in your local newspaper explaining why IMLS is important to your community and the impact of federal dollars.
- Share your story for the American Library Association's story collection about the impact of federal funding on your community.
- Become a supporter of your library, the Missouri Library Association, and the American Library Association.

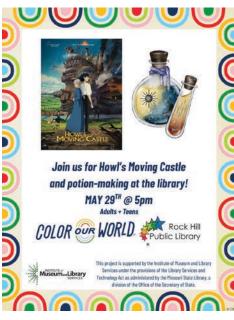


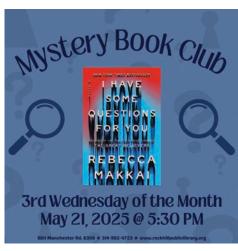












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#### INSIDE BASEBALL

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It's safe to say Leahy's confidence level is a lot higher now than it was four years ago.

"There were definitely people within the organization who always believed in me, otherwise I wouldn't be here," Leahy said. "Baseball is a weird game. At every level you learn a different part of it and you adjust and hopefully you get here.

"Maybe when it's all said and done it will be more enjoyable to have gone through that (his struggles). I think all of those struggles have formed sort of a relentless pursuit of the impossible perfection. I may have had a few good outings right now and had some success, but it's not like I didn't give up zero runs. I didn't strike everybody out. There's always room for improvement.

"Had I not had those struggles and learned how to pick myself up after getting knocked down, and being a good self-evaluator about what I need to improve on ... now I know when things get off how to get past it."

Leahy knows the people who stuck by him during the struggles are as happy for his success as he is – if not more.

"A lot of guys have an easier path to the bigs, but some have a little bit of a rougher path," Leger said. "That was his case. He's one of the stories that makes you proud. He's a good example for others in the organization and the industry that if you go out there and give your best, you never know, it may happen."

Added Rubio, "It's been impressive. I'm proud of the kid."

So is Alazzawi.

"I'm super proud of him and I hope he is proud of himself," Alazzawi said. "I'm confident he will continue to do the work. There's definitely a different demeanor about him. I would say he's more confident, more capable in how he presents himself. He's not the kind of guy who is going to beat his chest, but I think being around him, you feel an energy about him."

One thing is definitely different about the Leahy of 2025 compared to who he was four years ago. These days – everyday – he can't wait to get to the ballpark.

"Hopefully when it's all said and done I can look back and say I wouldn't change it for the world," Leahy said. "I think I'm on the right trajectory to be able to say that one day but I still have a lot more that I want to accomplish."

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Save the date! Food Outeacher "A Tasteful Affair" will take place on October 12, 2025. This year's event will take place at a NEW location - the The Ritz-Carlton, St. Louis. We hope to see you there!

A Tasteful Affair

Sunday, October 12, 2025

2-5 PM

The Ritz Carlton, St. Louis



#### St. Louis District Dairy Council

#### Feta, yogurt & gains: Dairy boosts flavor and function of Mediterranean Diet

May is National Mediterranean Diet Month youtu.be/MedDiet. — a time to celebrate the foods of this healthful eating pattern, including fruits, vegetables, whole grains, legumes, fish, nuts and healthy oils. Dairy foods also play a crucial role in the Mediterranean diet. Dairy provides essential nutrients, such as calcium, vitamin D, protein, B vitamins, phosphorus and potassium. By pairing dairy with other food groups like fruits, vegetables, whole grains and legumes, this eating pattern provides fiber as well. This combination of fresh, flavorful and nutrient-dense foods makes the Mediterranean diet a tastv. sustainable option for many individuals.

Milk, feta cheese and Greek yogurt add unique flavors to many Mediterranean-style dishes. Greek salad topped with feta cheese offers a fresh flavorful side for any meal. Serving grilled chicken with a Greek yogurt tzatziki sauce, a tangy herb-filled topping, adds a refreshing touch to a classic Mediterranean meal. Enjoying a glass of low-fat milk with a spinach and feta omelet helps to create an energizing breakfast.

"Adding dairy to meals and snacks can help maintain bone health, repair and build muscle, and extend energy sources," said Maggie Nosic, registered dietitian and nutrition educator with St. Louis District Dairy Council. "The Mediterranean Diet has additional benefits, including decreasing blood pressure, cholesterol and weight, all important factors in heart health."

#### A Celebration of Culture

In addition to nutrient-dense foods, the Mediterranean diet also focuses on physical activity. In fact, this eating pattern emphasizes enjoying food and physical fitness in social settings. Family, community and the enjoyment of life are all important to Mediterranean culture. These values create a positive mindset around this eating plan, allowing individuals to enjoy their food and this lifestyle.

"This month acknowledges the Mediterranean diet and highlights the nutritious foods it is centered on," Nosic said. "By including dairy foods along with fruits, vegetables, whole grains, legumes, fish and healthy oils, an individual is taking a step towards a healthier lifestyle."

St. Louis District Dairy Council recently collaborated with Southwest Dairy Farmers on a video series called Diets and Dairy. To learn more about dairy's place in the Mediterranean Diet, head over to @STLDairyCouncil on YouTube or the video can be found at https://

For additional information on the health benefits of dairy, go to www.stldairycouncil. org. Contact Maggie Nosic at (314) 835-9668 or MCimarolli@STLDairyCouncil.org for any questions. Follow St. Louis District Dairy Council on Facebook and Instagram at STL-DairyCouncil.

The St. Louis District Dairy Council (SLD- and consumers.

DC) is a nonprofit nutrition education organization funded by local dairy farmers. Since 1932, SLDDC has served 131 counties in central/ southern Illinois and eastern Missouri as the go-to educational resource and advocate for the role of dairy foods as part of a healthful diet. As the Nutrition Education People, we are proud to spread knowledge to local communities, bridging the gap between local dairy farmers

#### **Greek Yogurt Chicken and Vegetables**

Experience the flavors of the Mediterranean with this Greek yogurt chicken and vegetables sheet pan recipe. Prepare in advance and enjoy an easy clean up with this one-pan recipe.

Yield: 4 - 6 servings

Prep Time: Marinade: 2 hours or overnight; 15 minutes sheet pan prep

#### **Ingredients:**

Greek Yogurt Marinade:

1 cup plain Greek yogurt 1 tsp. lemon zest

½ cup lemon juice

3 Tbsp. olive oil

3 tsp. minced garlic

½ tsp. onion powder

1 tsp. ground cumin 1 tsp. dried oregano

1 tsp. paprika

½ cup parsley flakes

1 tsp. salt ½ tsp. black pepper

1 ½ lbs. skinless boneless chicken breasts or thighs



#### **Sheet Pan Ingredients:**

1 medium zucchini, halved lengthwise and sliced

1 yellow bell pepper, chopped

½ large onion, thinly sliced

1 pint of cherry tomatoes

½ cup kalamata olives, pitted

¼ cup feta cheese

2 Tbsp. parsley flakes



#### **Directions:**

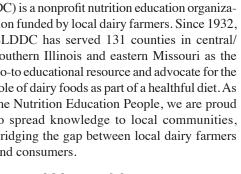
Place all Greek yogurt marinade ingredients, except chicken, into a large bowl. Whisk until

Add chicken to the bowl and cover with marinade. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap and

When ready to cook, preheat oven to 425° F.

Add zucchini, peppers, onion and tomatoes to the sheet pan. Drizzle with olive oil and toss

Remove chicken from the refrigerator and place on the sheet pan with the vegetables.



**Brentwood Firefighters** 

**Training Day** 





The Professional Firefighters of Brentwood MO spent a day training on EMS skills and fireground operations.

The morning started off with our Stryker rep assisting us with placing new LIFEPAK 35's in service. These top of the line monitors are equipped with a state of the art user interface that allows our Firefighter's to provide an even higher level of care to our citizens.

We finished the day off at West County EMS & Fire Protection District where crews from neighboring departments trained on fire attack, ground ladders, searching for victims, and a mayday medical scenario.

place in the refrigerator for 2 hours, or overnight if preparing early.

to coat, leaving spaces on the pan for the chicken.

Bake for 30 minutes. Remove from the oven and sprinkle with olives, feta cheese, and parsley. Place back into the oven and bake for an additional 10 – 15 minutes, or until the chicken is golden brown on top and the vegetables are cooked through.

Remove from the oven and enjoy!

#### Saint Mary Magdalen 8th graders spent an exciting time at the Du Bois Center, enjoying team-building activities, learning experiences, and plenty of fun!









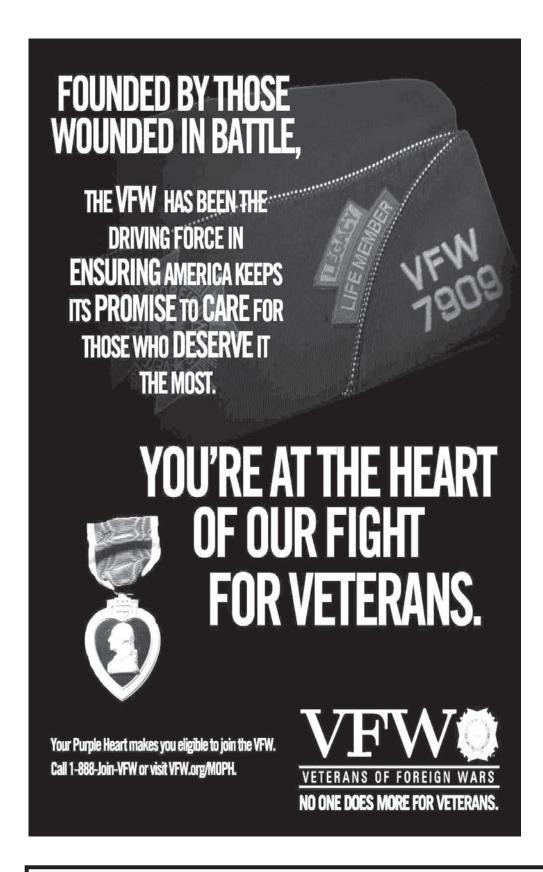


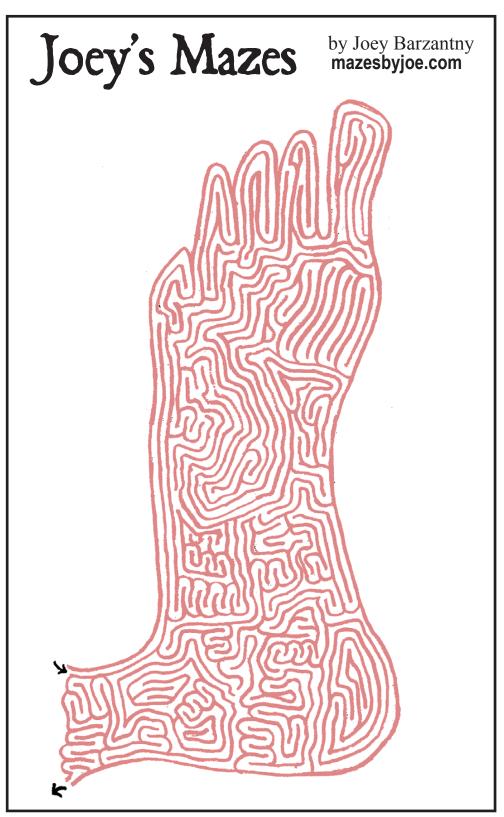


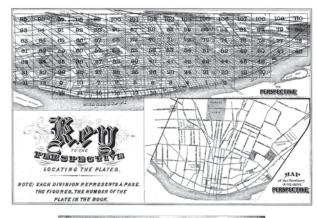




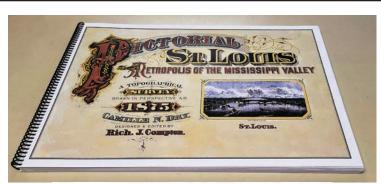


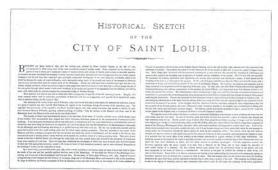


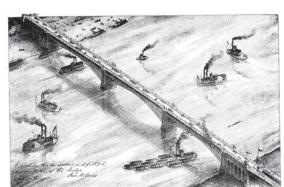














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PICTORIAL ST. LOUIS: The Great Metropolis of the Mississippi Valley A Topographical Survey, Drawn From Perspective 1875.

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.

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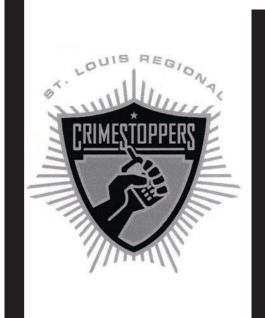
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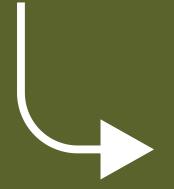
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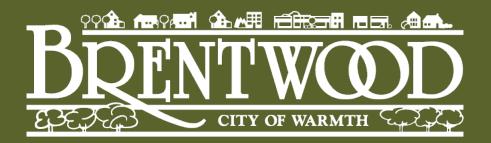
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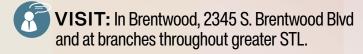


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