

FINAL ISSUE...FAREWELL AND THANK YOU.

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the pulse newspaper



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Your Neighborhood Newspaper Since 1977

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WE'RE SADDENED TO SAY
GOODBYE AFTER 48 YEARS

This will be The Pulse Newspapers final edition. It was born in 1977 at the request of Art Oppenheim, then Mayor of Brentwood. Art approached our father, Gene Dodel to begin publishing a local newspaper. Gene wanted The Pulse newspaper to always be the “Good News Newspaper,” nothing negative

We began chronicling the life around Brentwood and the surrounding communities with the first edition in April 1977. We have published over 575 monthly issues over these 48 years, and it’s been an honor to have celebrated life with our readers with local stories of our residents, schools, churches, city government and service organizations.

To reach this day, the final edition of The Pulse newspaper, is agonizing. All that will be left are the stories we have told. Thank you for the memories made over these past 48 years, and we hope you remember our efforts fondly. A big thank you to our wonderful advertisers that kept it going. We couldn’t have done it without you!

Gene-Del Printing continues it’s growth. For over 50 years we have provided quality printed products to our loyal clientele, and will carry on that tradition in the years to follow.



Santa is making his way through Brentwood once again. Join us for this beloved holiday tradition as the Brentwood Fire Department escorts Santa through our neighborhoods, spreading holiday cheer.

Friday, December 12
Wards 1 & 4

Saturday, December 13
Wards 2 & 3

Parades will begin at 5 PM each night.
Bundle up, step outside, and wave as Santa and our firefighters make their way down your street.



Rock Hill House Decorating Contest

Rock Hill residents are invited to enter the annual Holiday House Decorating Contest! You may enter your own house or a neighbor’s. Submit a photo with your name, address, and phone number to: knieman@rockhillmo.net

The winner will receive a Holiday House Winner Yard Sign and Holiday basket with free day passes to Lava Island. (Opening soon.)

The deadline to submit a photo is Sunday, Dec. 14.

THANK YOU!

For nearly five decades, The Pulse has been a cherished part of the Brentwood community. Since its first publication in 1977, it has been more than just a newspaper. It has been a storyteller, a connector, and a reliable source of hometown news for Brentwood and the surrounding areas. Through its pages, residents have celebrated milestones, learned about important city initiatives, and stayed informed about the people and events that make Brentwood special.

As we mark the final issue of The Pulse, we take this moment to honor the legacy of Gene-Del Printing’s founders, Gene and Delores Dodel, and the journey they began in 1973. We also reflect on the important role The Pulse has played in shaping and strengthening our community. Its absence will be deeply felt. For generations, The Pulse has provided a sense of continuity and connection that will be missed as we turn the page to a new chapter.

On behalf of the City of Brentwood, I extend heartfelt gratitude to the entire Pulse team, and loyal readers who supported it throughout its remarkable run. Your dedication made local journalism possible and enriched our community in countless ways.

Though its final edition signals the end of an era, the legacy of The Pulse will continue to live on in the stories, history, and spirit it helped preserve. And Gene-Del Printing will continue on as a valued Brentwood business!

From all of us here in Brentwood, thank you for the many years of service that The Pulse devoted to our community.

Sincerely,
Mayor David Dimmitt



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The Reason for the Season

By
Ann Brubaker Greenleaf Wirtz

Treasured Keepsakes
(From Our Lives in Verse, Everyday Poetry)

Christmas and nostalgia are ever entwined, for as the decorations for tree and table are unpacked, memories tumble out with the who, where, when, and how each item came to be, those treasured keepsakes we long each year to see.

Caressing the Santa face
my mother handmade,
still sequined with sparkle,
o’er a half-century old,
her love for me is the story that’s told.



And placed about are
the candles and plates,
the ribbon and holly,
the wreath upon the door;
it’s Christmas galore!

Treasured books are unpacked
and handled with care,
their stories old and reaching back
to a time we contemplate with awe,
their simple message a timeless draw.

The nativity set completes most décor,
Mary and Joseph with
Baby Jesus, so tender,
lovingly arranged in a lowly stall,
they tell the reason for it all.



That wondrous reason (our redemption, joy, and peace) begins with the birth of a Baby, beautifully told in Luke 2:8-20 (NKJV):

8 Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. 10 Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. 11 For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.”

13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

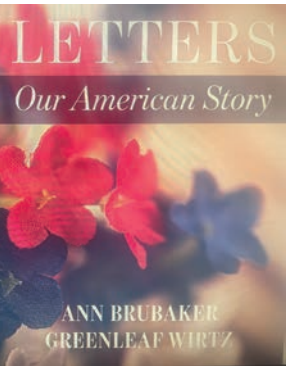
14 “Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!”

15 So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, “Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us.” 16 And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. 17 Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this

Child. 18 And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds. 19 But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart. 20 Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.

This is my fifteenth successive year and story for The Pulse. This wonderful newspaper with the devoted staff has blessed my life with their kindness in printing my nostalgic Christmas story year after year. Thank you! I’ll never forget you!

In honor of America’s 250th Anniversary, my latest book, *Letters: Our American Story* has just been released, and what a writing adventure it has been. Included are memories about life in Webster Groves in the 1950s and 1960s, the high school years, and the well-known television program *Sixteen in Webster Groves*. For more information: www.anngreenleafwirtz.com.



May Christmas 2025 be a joy-filled and blessed celebration, and may 2026 draw you closer to “The Reason for the Season,” our Eternal Hope.

Editor’s Note: Ann - thank you so much for sharing your Christmas stories with us year after year. I know our readers will miss seeing them and I will miss you, my friend.

Joyce

Child Care Aware of Missouri Welcomes Director of Resource and Referral

Kimberly Paige brings decades of experience to nonprofit’s newly funded position.

Child Care Aware of Missouri (CCAMO) recently hired Kimberly Paige as its Director of Early Childhood Resource and Referral. In this new leadership role, Paige will oversee CCAMO’s statewide child care resource and referral services, strengthening connections among families, child care providers, and community partners. Her work will help ensure that Missourians have access to information and support they need to find and maintain quality child care.



The newly created position is funded through a contract with the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), Office of Childhood. The partnership provides a dedicated focus on serving families with young children who need help accessing care and related support. As part of her role, Paige will represent CCAMO and serve the Missouri Childhood Resource and Referral (MCRR) Center, which offers crucial child care subsidy navigation for parents going to school or taking a job and connects families to essential resources across the state including locating child care.

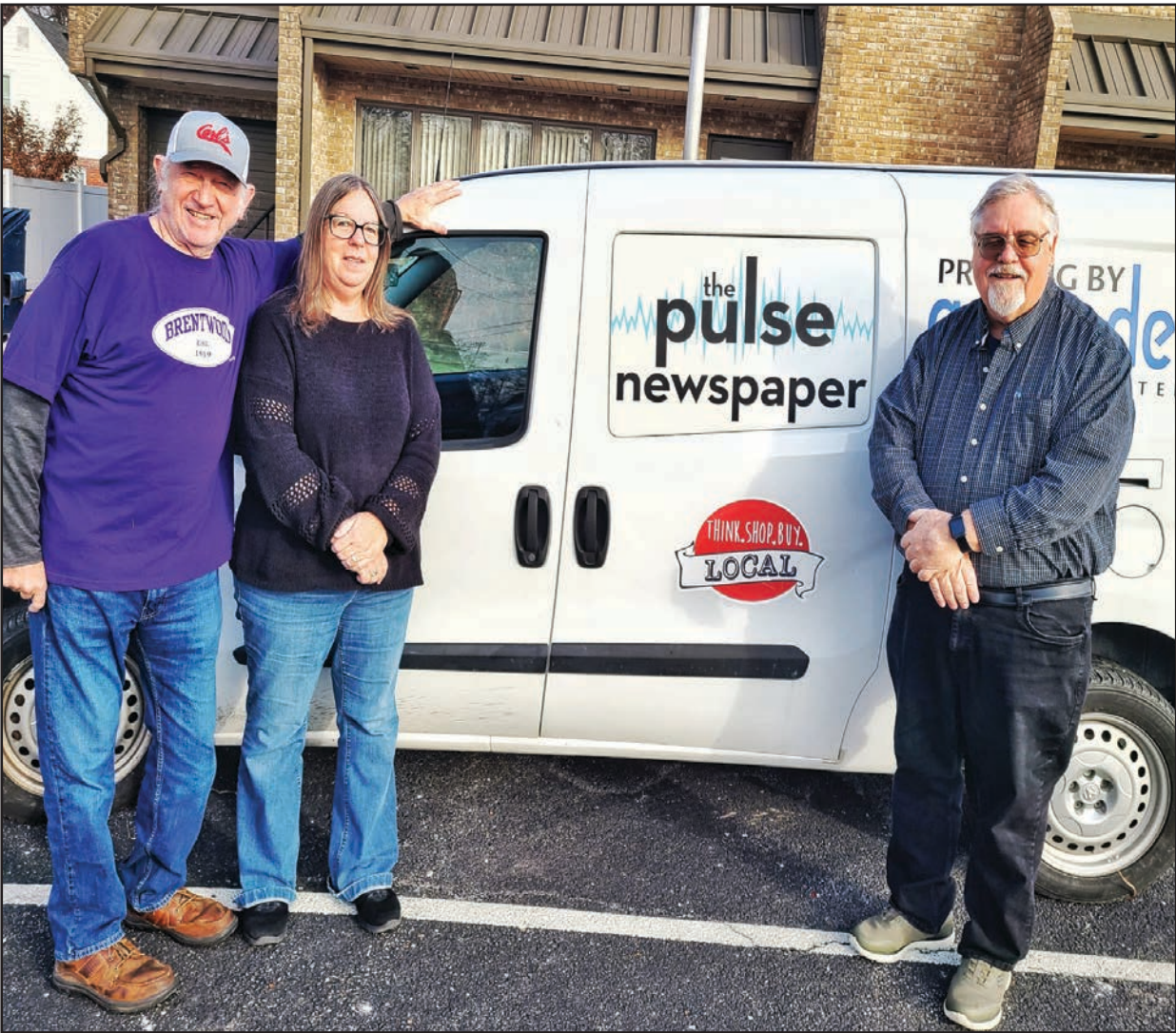
Paige has nearly 30 years of professional experience in program coordination, community engagement, and public service. Prior to joining CCAMO, she held leadership roles with the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, the St. Louis County Department of Public Health, and Beyond Housing. She earned a Doctor of Public Administration in Law and Public Policy from Walden University, along with Master of Science degrees in Healthcare Management and Criminal Justice and a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice from Lindenwood University.

“Kimberly’s experience in community engagement and public administration makes her an exceptional fit for this role and our organization,” said Robin Phillips, CEO of Child Care Aware of Missouri. “Her leadership will enable us to enhance our statewide resource and referral services, reduce barriers for working families, and help our partners deliver high-quality child care solutions in our communities.”

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 resource and referral, workforce development, child care business supports, advocacy and policy work, and administering Missouri’s first statewide child care cost share model, Child Care Works, which is powered by TOOTRiS. For more information, call (314) 535-1458 or visit www.mochildcareaware.org.

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Thank you to Ed Wright and family for all that you do for Brentwood and for being so kind to the Pulse and Gene-Del Printing all these years! We love you!

Thanks to the entire Dodel family
for 48 years of the PULSE!
You’ve been a community landmark!
We’ll all miss you.



The Ed Wright family

BLACK VIOLIN
Full Circle Tour
Saturday, February 7, 2026
at 8 PM

GRAMMY®-nominated duo Black Violin will return to St. Louis on Saturday, February 7, 2026 to The Factory at The District. Show time is 8 p.m. (doors open at 7 p.m.) Tickets go on sale this Friday, September 5 at 10 a.m. and can be purchased online at www.ticketmaster.com and TheFactorySTL.com.

Step into Black Violin’s Full Circle Tour, where GRAMMY-nominated duo Wil Baptiste and Kev Marcus redefine the possibilities of music by merging classical depth with hip-hop’s pulse. This tour captures the essence of returning to where it all began—transformed and reimagined.

Each powerful performance invites audiences to reflect on their own journeys, discovering that even as we evolve, we’re often drawn back to our roots with renewed purpose.

From high school orchestra classmates to groundbreaking artists, Black Violin’s path reflects resilience, creativity, and the courage to challenge expectations. With their Black Violin Foundation reaching over 100,000 students each year, they’re building a legacy that transcends the stage, inspiring a new generation to dream boldly. Join them for an unforgettable night that celebrates growth, music, and the beauty of coming full circle.

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 or www.stevelitmanpresents.com.

VITAMIN STRING QUARTET
The Music of Billie Eilish,
Bridgerton, and Beyond

Vitamin String Quartet returns to St. Louis performing live in concert at The Sheldon on Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets go on sale September 10 at 10 a.m. online at MetroTix.com or by calling MetroTix at 314-534-1111. Tickets are also available one hour before show time at The Sheldon box office.

Vitamin String Quartet (VSQ) is one of the most popular string ensembles in the world.

Erasing the boundaries between classical, dance, hip-hop and pop, VSQ performs spellbinding renditions of everything from Billie Eilish to BTS, Taylor Swift to The Weeknd, and Danny Elfman to Daft Punk. Praised by the likes of BuzzFeed, The New York Times, Consequence of Sound, Nerdist and more, VSQ has garnered over 2 billion streams and numerous Billboard chartings since its inception. VSQ can also be heard in numerous hit shows, including Netflix’s “Bridgerton”, HBO’s “Westworld,” and ABC’s “Modern Family.”

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



4 Hands + Peacemaker
Kirkwood Debut
Cocktails and Claws
Holiday Pop-Up Runs through
December 31

Downtown Kirkwood is getting a dazzling new holiday pop-up as Cocktails and Claws opens today at 4 Hands + Peacemaker. Located at 150 W. Argonne, guests will enjoy festive decor, specialty cocktails and menu items made perfect for sharing. No reservations or tickets are required. Cocktails and Claws is open seven days a week for lunch and dinner: Monday-Thursday from 10 am-11 pm; Friday-Saturday from 10 am-midnight and Sunday from 11 am-9 pm.

Guests can choose from a shareable menu of crab claws, crab cakes, deviled eggs, pigs in a blanket, Swedish meatballs and a turtle brownie sundae for dessert. Peacemaker’s regular menu is also available.

Festively garnished cocktails include The Partridge, Frostbite, Resting Grinch Face, Max on the Rocks, Sugar & Spice and Midnight Noel. (Drink descriptions in graphic below.)

4 Hands Brewing Company is also raising a glass and giving back to their community this holiday season. The brewery will donate a percentage of sales of its Kirkwood Lager to support Kirkwood Firefighters Community Outreach, a nonprofit dedicated to health, safety and emergency preparedness. For more information, visit www.4handsbrewery.com and follow on social media: Facebook and Instagram.

IT’S HOLIDAY POP UP TIME!
UP ON THE ROOFTOP AT
BOTH 360 WESTPORT &
360 DOWNTOWN

St. Louis’ top seasonal pop-up experiences are now open at both 360 Westport and 360 Downtown.

No reservations are required to enjoy the open seating at these Insta-worthy spaces with extreme holiday decor, new cocktails and delicious food. Groups of 10 or more may make arrangements to accommodate their needs.

UP ON THE ROOFTOP
AT 360 WESTPORT

Step into a highly-decorated sky-high snow globe and enjoy seasonal cocktails in the glittering holiday atmosphere. The whimsical seasonal cocktail pop-up experience offers delicious seasonal drinks and its menu of sharable small plates, entrees and desserts.

Up On The Rooftop at 360 Westport is open daily with hours 4 to 11 pm Sundays and Mondays; 4 pm to midnight, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays; 4 pm to 1 am, Fridays and Saturdays. This is a 21+ experience.

For more information, www.360-stl.com/westport or 314-683-2337. Follow on social media @360westport. 360 Westport is located at 111 Westport Plaza, St. Louis, MO 63146 in the Gold Tower. For group bookings of 10 or more, contact Darcie Hawkins at dhawkins@westportsocial-stl.co

More information is available at www.360-stl.com. Follow on social media @360rooftopbar. Group bookings for 10+ accepted. Contact Amber Brda at abrda@360-stl.com.



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Brentwood Police Department

Calls for Service Report

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

11-17-25 - 11-23-25

CFS for Person Crime	
Murder / Manslaughter	0
Sex & Sexual Assaults CFS	0
Robbery /Car-Jack	0
Assaults /Kidnapping	0
Peace Dist -Domestic- Misc	17
Calls for Mental Health	2

CFS for Property Crime	
Arson/Bombing/Burning	0
Burglary - Residential	0
Burglary - Business	0
Destruction of Property	1
Frauds & ID Theft	1
Larceny - Shoplifting	3
Larceny - From Vehicle	1
Stolen Vehicles/ Rec Vehs	1
Trespassing	2

Weapons Related	
Utilized/Taken	0
Recovered	0

Auto Accidents	15
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Patrols	
Building & Business Check	41
Schools & Foot	67
Parks - Misc	46
Parking violation	3

Notable CFS	
Alarm Calls	7
Animal Related	3
Assist FD & etc ..	26
Check Welfare/Notification	9
Contact Another Agency	8
Motor Assist	2
Police Community Relations	0
FLOCK/LPR/RADAR-FTY	1
Solicitors	0
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	6
Traffic Control/Details	12
Traffic Stops	62
Vacation Checks/Close Watch	0

ARREST	
Prisoner Conveyance	3
Adults	2
Juvenile	0

ARREST TYPE	
FTA/Fugitive	1
Original Non-Traffic	1
Original Traffic	0

Miscellaneous CFS	23
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Minus Arrest/Types/Weapons	-4
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Total Calls For Service	362
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Brentwood Police Department

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NOVEMBER 2025

CFS for Person Crime	
Murder / Manslaughter	0
Sex & Sexual Assaults CFS	0
Robbery /Car-Jack	0
Assaults /Kidnapping	3
Peace Dist -Domestic- Misc	44
Calls for Mental Health	5

CFS for Property Crime	
Arson/Bombing/Burning	0
Burglary - Residential	0
Burglary - Business	1
Destruction of Property	5
Frauds & ID Theft	7
Larceny - Shoplifting	32
Larceny - From Vehicle	5
Stolen Vehicles	1
Trespassing	13

Weapons Related	
Utilized/Taken	1
Recovered	1

Auto Accidents	72
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Patrols	
Building & Business Check	187
Schools & Foot	333
Parks - Misc	142
Parking violation	11

Notable CFS	
Alarm Calls	32
Animal Related	8
Assist FD & etc ..	101
Check Welfare/Notification	26
Contact Another Agency	44
Motor Assist	9
Police Community Relations	2
FLOCK/LPR/RADAR-FTY	9
Solicitors	7
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	35
Traffic Control/Details	51
Traffic Stops	171
Vacation Checks/Close Watch	1
Fireworks	0
ARREST	
Prisoner Conveyance	14
Adults	23
Juvenile	2
ARREST TYPE	
FTA/Fugitive	14
Original Non-Traffic	11
Original Traffic	1

Miscellaneous CFS	122
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Minus Arrest/Types/Weapons	-53
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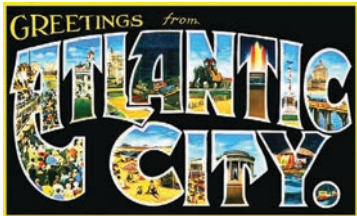
Total Calls For Service	1493
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MISSION STATEMENT
The Missouri Senior Cameo Club is a non profit organization sponsoring an annual pageant for senior women which fosters their talent development, charitable giving, community service, and personal growth.



Missouri Senior Cameo Club

November 2025



Travelin' with the Queen
by Gloria Jean (Vann)

Look! Up in the sky—it is a bird? No, it's me on a plane headed to Atlantic City, New Jersey to compete in the Ms Senior America 2025 Pageant..

Floyd and Denise Russo-Caiazzo are an inspiring couple, and the staff treated us like royalty. At each event, Floyd and Denise generously gave us gifts.

I appreciate the privilege of having spent a week in Atlantic City alongside a distinguished group of women, gathered to honor the

contestant selected as Ms. Senior America 2025/26. Although I didn't win the national title, I am proud to have been named one of the Top 12 Finalists.

During my time there, I heard many things—both good and bad—and witnessed plenty as well. However, I went to Atlantic City with a specific goal: to make our Missouri Senior Cameo Club proud.

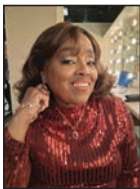
After I returned home, my mission continued.

I had the wonderful opportunity to travel to Plattsburgh, Missouri, to provide music at Oakridge Nursing Home. This experience was incredibly meaningful to me as I

wanted to honor the memory of my mom and her youngest sister, as well as pay tribute to a dear friend of the family who often brought our aunt to St. Louis to visit our mom.

We sang hymns and gospel songs, and I also shared a little bit of music from Aretha Franklin, Frank Sinatra, Nancy Wilson, and Patti LaBelle alongside Judy Garland. Of course, we also enjoyed "Dancing in the Streets!"

I was delighted to be a part of the 2025 Walk to End Alzheimer's at



Darla Behlmann, 2024 Ms. Missouri Senior and Gloria Jean Vann, 2025 Ms. Missouri Senior.

Once again the Walk to End Alzheimer's was a huge success. Chaired by Karin Krakover, the team from the Missouri Senior Cameo Club raised \$1,873.87 for Alzheimer's research and treatment. Ms. Missouri Senior, Gloria Jean Vann sang the national anthem and participated in the flower ceremony to honor the memory of her mother and several family members of our club team that passed from this disease. Overall, the St. Louis Walk raised more than \$1 million. Donations are still being accepted.



Representing Team Cameo members were (front row l-r): Karen Kaye, Karin Krakover (chair), Gloria Jean Vann, Darla Behlmann, Marcene Toekman, and Judith Dyer (second row r-l): Roxanne Dickens, Nancy Pittman, and Linda Tiedt.

Gloria Jean Vann continued

Chesterfield Amphitheater and share my rendition of the National Anthem.

Congressman Wesley Bell's office had been trying to arrange a meeting with me since the Ms Missouri Senior America Pageant in April to present me with a commendation letter. This unexpected recognition was overwhelming.

I attended the Urban League's Clergy Leadership Informational Briefing, titled "Pulpit to Porches," hosted by James Clark. I was also invited to sing at the closing of the meeting.

October will end with David and me taking a trip to Richardson, TX to support our National Queen, Dee Ann Meece, Ms Senior America 2025/2026, as she crowns her successor during their State Pageant for Ms Texas Senior America 2026.



United States Congressman Wesley Bell (D-MO) recognized Ms. Missouri Senior 2025, Gloria Jean Vann, for her work representing senior women.



Safe Trade Location at Brentwood Police Department
Need a safe place to meet for an online purchase or exchange? The Brentwood Police Department, located at 272 Hanley Industrial Court, is a designated Safe Trade location. This well-lit, secure area is available to the public for safe, in-person transactions arranged online. Learn more at SafeTradeStations.com.



Join us for a sweet family tradition — each registration includes all the supplies needed to build and decorate one gingerbread house per family. Only one person per family needs to register. Fee is per family.
Date: Wednesday, December 10
Time: 5:30 – 7:00PM
Location: Brentwood Community Center
Ages: All ages
Price: R \$30/NR \$35



Have you ever seen or heard an owl in your neighborhood and wanted to learn more? Award-winning naturalist Mark H.X. Glenshaw, known as “The Owl Man,” has studied Great Horned Owls in Forest Park since 2005 and helps people all over the St. Louis area find owls. In his talk, he’ll share how to spot and safely observe local owls, what to listen for, and why research and collaboration matter.
Date: Thursday, December 11
Time: 6:30 – 8:00PM
Location: Brentwood Community Center
Age: 18+
Price: R \$20/NR \$30
For Brentwood residents only



Ready to unleash your creativity in Minecraft? Join our Minecraft Club to build amazing structures, tackle fun challenges, and connect with fellow builders. Spark your imagination, sharpen your skills, and bring your blocky dreams to life! Taught by the Recreation Academy.
Wednesdays January 14 – February 18
Time: 5:30 – 6:30PM
Location: Brentwood Community Center
Ages: 9-12
Price: R \$230/NR \$250 for 6 weeks
Activity Number: 745308



Brentwood residents only
Santa will be making special house visits to kids around Brentwood! Visits are 15 minutes long with a maximum of 8 children per household. Pre-registration required. Spots are limited and will go fast.
Date: Fridays, December 12 and 19 and Saturdays December 13 and 20
Time: 4:30 – 8:00PM (Fridays Only) and 1:00 – 6:00PM (Saturdays)
Ages: All ages Price: \$35 Residents only
Activity Number: 645321



Students dive into a hands-on STEM lesson, then build moving models with LEGO® Technic bricks using Bricks 4 Kidz proprietary plans. Each class sparks creativity, problem-solving, and engineering skills—with ALL NEW models! Every student takes home a custom mini figure.
Mondays, January 5 – February 9 (No class January 19)
Time: 5:30 – 6:30PM
Location: Brentwood Community Center
Ages: 5-8
Price: R \$68/NR \$85
Activity Number: 745301

Calling all new and experienced archers! This after-school club blends archery skills with fun games like Charades, Castle Defense, team competitions, and RC car targets. Each session includes a high-energy warm-up and exciting new activities—perfect for building focus, skill, and fun!
Tuesdays, January 13 – February 17
Time: 5:30 – 6:30PM
Location: Brentwood Community Center
Ages: 9-12
Price: R \$165/NR \$180 for 6 weeks
Activity Number: 745309



Brentwood Parks and Recreation has opened programming registration for the new year. Get ready for returning favorites like our Community Egg Hunt and Wine and Whiskey Walk or try something new like Breakfast with Louie from the St. Louis Blues! Register now for January-April 2026 events and plan ahead this holiday season at brentwoodmo.org/parks or by giving us a call at the Brentwood Community Center at 314-963-8689.



Do you have a natural leader? This program helps kids build teamwork and leadership skills during No School Days. Participants assist with organizing games, leading activities, and managing projects while practicing decision-making, collaboration, and communication. A positive, cooperative attitude is required. B-LIT participants support only the No School Day program, not trips. Each registered leader receives a T-shirt. Participants must register for all 3 days.
Feb 13, Mar 13 and Apr 17
Time: 8:30AM – 4:30PM
Location: Brentwood Community Center
Ages: 9-12
Price: R \$175/NR \$195 for all 3 days
Activity Number: 745310



Brentwood Parks & Recreation Wreath Making Program



What a delight it was to watch these crafters-in-the-making create their own custom holiday wreaths! Thank you to everyone who joined us for this new program — we can’t wait to welcome you back for more exciting programs in 2026.



COLE
FEMALE, SPAYED, 2

Cole takes her job very seriously - she's constantly making biscuits day and night! She loves affection and will let you know it, especially if you talk to her. This young lady is looking for someone to give all the love to!



OREO
MALE, NEUTERED, 1 yr 6 mo

Oreo is an affectionate cat who loves chin scratches. He can be a little cautious at first, but once he feels safe, he enjoys exploring his surroundings and showing off his playful side. He's a sweet boy ready for a loving home!



EOWYN
FEMALE, SPAYED, 4

Eowyn is an independent cat who appreciates having her own space. She's still learning to trust people, but she enjoys gentle pets once she feels safe. She may need a little time to get comfortable, but with kindness, she will come around



MUFASA
MALE, NEUTERED, 4

Mufasa is an outgoing kitty who loves attention and people. He has lived with children, cats, and dogs. Mufasa is a vocal guy who will tell you exactly how hes feeling whenever you'll lend an ear.

For Adoption Information, call 314.645.4610

BRENTWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT

A Message from Superintendent Dr. Amy Zielinski

Dear Brentwood Community,

As we near the end of our first semester, I want to share my gratitude for the incredible support of our community. This fall has been filled with remarkable accomplishments across our schools, including earning “Accredited with Distinction” in the latest Annual Performance Reports — the highest designation awarded by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education! This recognition reflects the hard work of our students, the dedication of our staff and the strong partnerships we share with our families and community.



I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to The Pulse Newspaper for helping keep Brentwood informed and for celebrating the many successes in our classrooms, on our stages and fields, and throughout our district. Your commitment to sharing the good news of our students and staff has meant so much to our community!

With The Pulse no longer in production after this issue, we are exploring new ways to reach every household and ensure our community continues to stay connected to all of the wonderful things happening in our schools. We remain committed to keeping you informed, engaged and proud of the exceptional work taking place across our district.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support — it truly makes all the difference!

Sincerely,
Dr. Amy Zielinski
Superintendent of Schools

Brentwood Earns Top Accreditation Status in Missouri’s Annual Performance Report



The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has released its 2024-25 Annual Performance Reports (APRs), and the Brentwood School District once again ranks among Missouri’s highest-performing districts — earning the state’s top accreditation status.



The district achieved a three-year composite score of 95.8%, qualifying it as Accredited with Distinction (above 95%). Brentwood is one of only three K-12 districts in Missouri to earn this honor and the only district in the St. Louis region to achieve this distinction. In addition, Brentwood’s single-year score for 2024-25 was 95.4%, ranking among the top



10 of more than 500 school districts scored statewide and third in the region.

“Our three-year score of 95.8% places us among the top districts in Missouri,” said Dr. Amy Zielinski, superintendent of schools. “This achievement reflects the hard work of our students, the dedication of our educators, and the support of our families and community. It represents years of growth, collaboration and a shared commitment to helping every student thrive — academically, socially and emotionally.”



The APR measures how districts and schools are progressing toward the standards and indicators outlined in the sixth version of the Missouri School Improvement Program (MSIP 6). These indicators include student growth, academic performance on state assessments in English language arts, mathematics, science and social studies, as well as graduation rates, college and career readiness, and other benchmarks aligned with each district’s continuous improvement plan.

Brentwood students continue to meet or exceed state expectations across multiple academic areas, and the district has demonstrated consistent growth in both performance and continuous-improvement measures. The 95.4% single-year score highlights Brentwood’s academic excellence, while the 95.8% composite score underscores sustained achievement over time.

“As we celebrate this milestone, we also recognize that our success is built on daily effort and continuous improvement,” Dr. Zielinski added. “Accreditation with distinction is a reflection of our collective work, and we’ll continue to refine our practices, innovate in our classrooms and create meaningful learning experiences that prepare our students for future success.”

MSIP 6 is Missouri’s system for reviewing and accrediting school districts. The program sets expectations for both school practices and student outcomes, with the goal of preparing all graduates for success in college, career and life.

Brentwood High School Senior Named Outstanding Student Leader

Brentwood High School senior Kelsea Hansard has been honored as an Outstanding Student Leader by the St. Louis County Department of Human Services. This prestigious award recognizes students for their community service, leadership, citizenship, personal character and extracurricular involvement.

As part of the recognition, Hansard joined fellow honorees for a one-day leadership conference hosted by the St. Louis County Department of Human Services in partnership with Washington University in St. Louis. The conference gave students the opportunity to work closely with university professionals and explore key issues facing the St. Louis region.



“Kelsea is the kind of student who makes our school better just by being part of it,” said Dr. Edward Johnson, Brentwood High School principal. “Her leadership, kindness and commitment to community service make her a true role model, and we’re excited to see the meaningful impact she will continue to make in Brentwood and beyond.”

Established in 1976, the St. Louis County Outstanding Student Leadership Program recognizes high school seniors who make exemplary contributions to their schools and communities. One senior from each county high school is selected to participate in the program each year.

Brentwood Middle School Recognized as a 2025 Missouri Green School

Brentwood Middle School has been recognized as a 2025 Missouri Green School for its commitment to sustainability, student wellness and environmental education. The statewide program honored 33 schools for their efforts to create healthier learning environments and reduce environmental impact.

BMS earned recognition at the Sprout level, which celebrates schools that have engaged administrators, begun tracking sustainability efforts and set measurable goals to advance green and healthy practices.



Through initiatives such as recycling programs, outdoor learning experiences and student-led sustainability projects, BMS continues to empower students to take an active role in caring for the environment. These efforts are supported by the school’s Green Team, led by teachers Sarah Pfeifer and Emily Williamson, who guide students in developing meaningful ways to make a positive impact on their school and community.

“We see Missouri Green Schools as an opportunity that takes learning beyond the classroom,” said Pfeifer and Williamson. “By tackling real-world sustainability projects, our students are building leadership skills, a strong sense of community responsibility and becoming innovative problem-solvers.”

Missouri Green Schools is a state-level recognition and support program co-managed by the Missouri Gateway Green Building Council and the Missouri Environmental Education Association. The program assists schools in improving the health and wellness of students and staff, lowering environmental impact and incorporating sustainability into academics and daily operations.

“Schools in Missouri Green Schools infuse sustainability into their academic programming, organizational culture and physical building and grounds,” said Deborah Rogers Curtis, program co-manager. “We are thrilled at the progress each school has made and look forward to working with more schools across Missouri.”

BECC Educator Earns Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award



Brentwood Early Childhood Center preschool teacher Rachel Beard-Curran has been named a 2025 Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award honoree, joining 106 educators across the St. Louis region recognized for their outstanding commitment to students and school communities.

Established in 1989, the Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award celebrates educators

selected by their school administrators for demonstrating exceptional dedication to student learning, leadership in their schools and meaningful contributions to the broader community. Honorees are chosen for their ability to inspire, support and empower students while fostering positive, engaging learning environments.

Beard-Curran, now in her 14th year at the Brentwood Early Childhood Center, is known for creating a warm, student-centered classroom where curiosity, creativity and connection flourish. Her work with Brentwood’s youngest learners reflects the values and vision of BECC and the district as a whole.

“Rachel’s passion for early childhood education shines through in everything she does,” said Beth Clay, Brentwood’s director of early childhood education. “She builds strong relationships with students and families, encourages children to explore and express themselves, and creates a classroom environment where every child feels seen, supported and valued. We’re incredibly proud to see her receive this well-deserved honor.”

Brentwood Shines at State Cross Country Championships



The Brentwood High School girls cross country team closed out an exceptional season with a strong performance at the MSH-SAA Class 2 State Championships, finishing eighth overall against some of the toughest competition in Missouri.

Senior Kensington Curd and junior Charlie Butler led the way for the Eagles, both earning all-state honors by placing in the top 30. Curd finished third overall, while Butler placed 25th out of nearly 200 runners.

This year’s meet also marked an important milestone for Curd, who earned all-state recognition for the fourth consecutive year, including a state championship title as a sophomore. Her commitment, leadership and competitive spirit have set a high bar and left a lasting impact on Brentwood’s cross country program.

Discover, Create and Explore at Brentwood’s First-Ever STEM Fest

The Brentwood School District will host its first STEM Fest on Thursday, Feb. 5, 2026, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Brentwood Middle and High School commons and large gym. This free, family-friendly event is open to all children and families in the Brentwood community, from pre-K through high school.



STEM Fest is designed to spark curiosity, strengthen science and math foundations, and inspire students to become problem-solvers and future innovators. Families will have the opportunity to explore hands-on learning experiences and engaging experiments that bring science, technology, engineering and math to life.

The event will feature a range of stations, including coding, science and math investigation, and demonstrations that show how STEM connects to various content areas. Regional STEM partners will also provide additional exhibits that showcase real-world applications and career pathways.

STEM Fest reflects the district’s commitment to expanding access to meaningful STEM learning and opening doors of discovery for every learner in our community.


Making a Difference Together

Thanks to the generosity of our students, staff and families, this year’s Brentwood High School Student Council Food Drive collected more than 2,000 food and personal care items to support 21 families in our community.

Our Student Council and National Junior Honor Society volunteers sorted, packed and prepared the donation boxes, each including a case of mac and cheese, a “Thanksgiving in a Box” filled with nonperishable holiday items and gift cards for fresh foods.

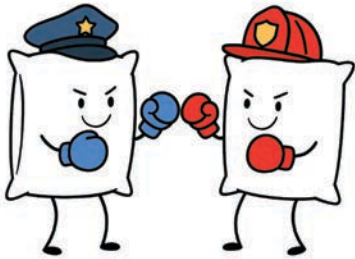
Thank you, Brentwood, for once again showing the power of compassion and community!





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A donation drive to support our local furniture bank

**Brentwood Police vs. Firefighters
Pillow Fight Returns This December!**

The friendly rivalry is back! The Brentwood Police and Fire Departments are going head-to-head in the annual Pillow Fight!

All month long, from December 1–31, community members can drop off brand-new pillows at either department to support their favorite team—or, more importantly, to support families in need. The fire department is accepting donations at 8756 Eulalie Ave, Brentwood, MO 63144, and the police department is collecting at 272 Hanley Industrial Ct, Brentwood, MO 63144.

This year, all the collected pillows will go to Home Sweet Home, our local furniture bank, which partners with families to furnish homes with beds and essentials, creating spaces where stability, comfort, and dignity can grow.

So grab a pillow, choose your champion, and help the Brentwood Police and Fire Departments make a difference in the community—one pillow at a time!

Saint Mary Magdalen students spent the last two weeks collecting non-perishable food to help stock the StMM Food Pantry.

Their generosity will directly support families in our community who are in need. We’re so proud of their hearts for service and the difference they’re making right here at home!



Find the Perfect Holiday Gift at the Saint Louis Zoo

Zoo Gift Shops & Holiday Zootique

Treetop Shop in The Living World at the Zoo’s North Entrance is decked out for the holidays from Nov. 7 through Dec. 24 during Zoo hours and on nights of Wild Lights presented by Commerce Bank. The gift shop offers animal-related clothing, plush animals, toys, books, home décor, a selection of fair trade and sustainable gifts and many items only available at the Saint Louis Zoo. Numerous wildlife and nature-themed ornaments adorn trees throughout the store.

From 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 7, shop Holiday Zootique in Treetop Shop and receive 10% discount on purchases for all guests (an additional 10% for Zoo members). Enjoy complimentary gift-wrapping, plus coffee and sweet snacks in the daytime, and hors d’oeuvres, wine and beer samples (for adults 21 and older only) in the evening, while supplies last. Receive a free reusable bag with a \$25 purchase and a free two-piece package of fudge from the Zoo’s Candy Crossing shop with a \$100 purchase.

Zoo Parents Holiday Adoption



Adopt a cheetah from the Zoo for someone on your gift list. The proud Zoo Parent will receive a 12-inch cheetah plush toy (while supplies last) with a 2025 commemorative tag, personalized adoption certificate, color photo with animal facts, and more. The holiday adoption is \$60 and includes shipping and handling to anywhere in the contiguous United States. Save if you order by Nov. 17 or when you purchase and pick up the package at Zoo Welcome Desks by 1 p.m. on Dec. 24. Discounts cannot be combined. Please allow as much time as possible when placing your order. Orders will be mailed within 14-21 business days of receipt. Place orders by Dec. 5 for estimated delivery by Dec. 24. Proceeds go directly toward the care and feeding of the animals. Order adoptions online at stlzoo.org/adopt; by phone at (314) 646-4771, option 2; or in person at Zoo Welcome Desks.

Holiday Gift Membership

A Saint Louis Zoo gift membership is a gift that gives all year long. An \$80 Explorer-level membership includes \$5 parking per visit for one year, 20 member tickets redeemable for Emerson Zooline Railroad, Sea Lion Show presented by Together Credit Union, and the new Henry A. Jubel Foundation Destination Discovery (opening in 2026) as well as Zoo discounts, digital stlzoo member magazine, e-newsletters and more. Other membership levels with more benefits are available. The holiday gift membership includes a collectible 2025 ornament featuring Asian elephant calf Jet (while supplies last). Order memberships online at stlzoo.org/holidaymembership; by phone at (314) 646-4771 (option 2), or in person at Zoo Welcome Desks by 1 p.m. on Dec. 24. Please allow as much time as possible when placing your order. Orders will be mailed within 14-21 business days of receipt. Place orders by Dec. 5 for estimated delivery by Dec. 24.

Exclusive Saint Louis Zoo Ornament

Collect the 2025 limited-edition Saint Louis Zoo holiday ornament featuring a baby Asian elephant from the Mary Ann Lee Conservation Carousel. The glass ornament is sold for \$22. Ornaments may be purchased from Nov. 7 to Dec. 24 (while supplies last) at Zoo gift shops, online at stlzoo.org/holiday, or by phone at (314) 646-4779.



Zoo Gift Cards

Not sure what to give a Zoo fan? Let them choose with a Zoo Gift Card! Gift cards can be redeemed for souvenirs and merchandise at Zoo gift shops, food and drinks, Adventure Passes, behind-the-scenes tours, year-long memberships, admission to rides and attractions, and more (some exceptions apply). Gift cards can be purchased in any amount up to \$500 (\$5 minimum) at the Welcome Desks and Rentals Desks at both Zoo entrances and at all Zoo gift shops, or by calling (314) 646-4779. More information is available at stlzoo.org/giftcard.

Zoo Animal Wish List

Treat the animals at the Zoo by sending them something they can sniff, stomp, chew or chase! Keepers create stimulating environments for animals through the use of enrichment. They introduce new foods, smells and other “toys” to provide the animals opportunities to engage in natural behaviors. Visit stlzoo.org/wishlist for their keeper-approved wish list.



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St. Louis Classic Rock HALL OF FAME Inducts 12 Honorees

The St. Louis Classic Rock Preservation Society (SLCRPS) has proudly inducted 12 new honorees into the St. Louis Classic Rock HALL OF FAME.

The mission of the St. Louis Classic Rock Preservation Society is to preserve, promote and honor St. Louis’ unique classic rock heritage and its place in music and pop culture history.

The event was hosted by SLCRPS board member and Hall of Fame inductee, Ron Stevens, joining him in making the introductions were Hall of Fame inductees, Joy Grdnic, Ted Habeck and Greg Hagglund.

The SOLD-OUT event was highlighted by the 12 inductees, including;

LOCAL ARTISTS
The Aardvarks

Accepting on behalf of the band, members Jean Burman and Mike Newman

NOTABLE: Jean & Mike formed The Aardvarks in 1964 with Mike Wee and Skip Daley.

The Guise

Accepting on behalf of the band, Mike Krenski

NOTABLE: Mike Krenski wrote the Bob Kuban hit song, “The Cheater.”

Jake Jones

Accepting on behalf of the band, Don “Barney” River and Mike Krenski

NOTABLE: Keyboardist, Phil Jost (1950-2021), among his many credits, wrote “She’s My Baby” for Fast Times at Ridgemont High.

VENUES/INSTITUTIONS
Streetside Records

Accepting on behalf of the popular local chain, three past store managers

NOTABLE: Their first store opened in 1971 in the Delmar Loop and the last one closed in 2013 in Columbia, MO.

Stages (Granite City, IL.)

Accepting on behalf of Stages, owner Bill Benjamin

NOTABLE: Stages hosted top local and national bands throughout the 1980s.

Stonehenge (Lebanon, IL.)

Accepting on behalf of Stonehenge, owner/manager, Gerry Geoppo

NOTABLE: Gerry was still in his 20s when he managed the Stonehenge nightclub in Lebanon, IL, along with Ricco’s in Belleville and Granite City.

OUTSIDE INFLUENCES
The JD Blackfoot Band

Accepting on behalf of the band, George Mobley, John Duran, Steve Ghiloni, Kay Harris

NOTABLE: JD (inducted in 2016) came in with his band to personally induct them.

The Charlie Daniels Band

Accepting on behalf of the band, former KSHE dj and Program Director, Ted Habeck

NOTABLE: Charlie Daniels played for free for an estimated audience of 80,000 fans in St. Louis Forest Park in 1975.

LOCAL DJ

Joe “Mama” Mason

Accepting on his own behalf

NOTABLE: In addition to becoming a popular radio personality on KSHE-FM and KSD-FM, Joe Mason directed TV episodes that appeared on CNN, ABC Family, VH-1, Discovery, and The Travel Channel.

EXECUTIVE

Wayne Meisenholder,
Capital Records

92-year-old Wayne Meisenholder personally accepted his Hall of Fame award.

NOTABLE: Several Capital acts, including Sammy Hagar, broke nationally out of St. Louis through the efforts of Wayne Meisenholder.

ST. LOUIS POP CULTURE

Rocky Horror Picture Show at the Varsity & Tivoli Theaters

Accepting on behalf of the Varsity, Paul Piccione

NOTABLE: Paul’s father, Pete Piccione was one of the first theater owners in the nation to begin screening The Rocky Horror Picture Show at midnight on weekends in March 1976, It ran almost every weekend for over a decade.

THE JERRY M. COOK AWARD
Ralph Morse (1951-2025)

Accepting on behalf of Ralph, his nephew Nathan James

NOTABLE: This award goes to the individual or individuals who consistently exemplify the mission of the St. Louis Classic Rock Preservation Society.

The St. Louis Classic Rock Hall of Fame is presented and curated by The St. Louis Classic Rock Preservation Society, a 501(c) (3) charitable organization now in its 15th year, hosting several events a year to raise funds for local St. Louis charities.

Boots the Brentwood Elf on the Shelf is BACK in the City of Warmth!

Our favorite holiday elf has officially returned and is kicking off the season with a stop at Brentwood City Hall. Keep an eye out—Boots will be popping up around town all month long!



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START THE NEW YEAR WITH NEW LINE THEATRE, WHEN BROADWAY MEETS ST. LOUIS RHYTHM, PASSION, AND STYLE!

New Line Theatre continues its 34th season of exciting, relevant, adult musical theatre in January, with the much anticipated sequel to last season’s very successful Broadway Noir concert at the world-famous Sheldon Concert Hall.

The sequel, BROADWAY NOIR DEUX!, features a cast of all local actors of color, sharing with you a powerhouse celebration of Broadway musicals through the lens of their own lives, staking their claim to this most American art form, and reminding us that the Broadway musical belongs to all of us.

Conceived and curated again by New Line Theatre’s Associate Artistic Director Chris Moore, this night of reimagined theatre songs fuses heart, artistry, pride, and unapologetic emotion, with powerful, personal takes on iconic Broadway songs like “Love is an Open Door” (Frozen), “As If We Never Said Goodbye” (Sunset Blvd.), “Maybe This Time” (Cabaret), “Don’t Rain on My Parade” (Funny Girl), “If I Loved You” (Carousel), “Johanna” (Sweeney Todd), “Michael in the Bathroom” (Be More Chill), and lots more.

New Line’s cast includes Charmian Aaron, De-Rance Blaylock, Jabari Boykin, DeAnté Bryant, Kenya Devine, Sharee Jones, Kimmie Kidd-Booker, Ronmal Mottley, Victoria Pines, Aliegha Ramos, Corinna Redford, Adrian L. Rice, Hali Russell, Areanna Shears, Shawanda Smith, and Aaron Tucker. Ten of the sixteen actors return from last season’s Broadway Noir.

The evening is directed by Chris Moore, with the assistance of Sharee Jones, and with music direction by Jermaine Manor.

From intimate ballads to full company numbers, BROADWAY NOIR DEUX! invites you to experience the beauty, resilience, and brilliance of Black and Brown artistry -- when Broadway meets St. Louis rhythm, passion, and style.

Single tickets for the show are on sale now.

The Sheldon Concert Hall is fully accessible. There are lighted parking lots nearby, and there is also street parking. There is no dress code and there are refreshments available in the lobby, including alcohol. New Line has previously performed at the Sheldon in 2000, 2003, 2006, 2009, 2016, and 2025. This will mark New Line’s seventh concert at this historic venue.

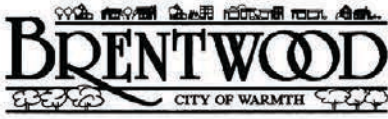
About New Line Theatre

New Line Theatre is a professional company dedicated to involving the people of the St. Louis region in the exploration and creation of daring, provocative, socially and politically relevant works of musical theatre. New Line was created in 1991 at the vanguard of a new wave of nonprofit musical theatre just starting to take hold across the country.

New Line has given birth to several world premiere musicals over the years and has brought back to life several shows that were not well served by their original New York productions.

Altogether, New Line has produced 101 musicals since 1991, and the company has been given its own entry in the Cambridge Guide to American Theatre and the annual Theater World. New Line receives funding from the Regional Arts Commission, and support from the Kranzberg Arts Foundation and the Grand Center Arts District. The Missouri Arts Council no longer funds our company due to issues over our diversity and our content.

For other information, visit New Line Theatre’s full-service website at www.newlinetheatre.com. All programs are subject to change.



2025 Holiday Trash Schedule

Holiday	Date	Change
Christmas Day	Thursday, December 25, 2025	No trash service. Pickup resumes one day after regular schedule (Fri-Sat)

Basic trash, recycling, and yard waste services are provided to Brentwood residents free of charge.

Large item pickup is available for an additional fee. Please see Household Pickup Information located in under Government > Departments > Public Works on www.brentwoodmo.org. To schedule a large item pickup and investigate fee schedule, call 314.962.4800.

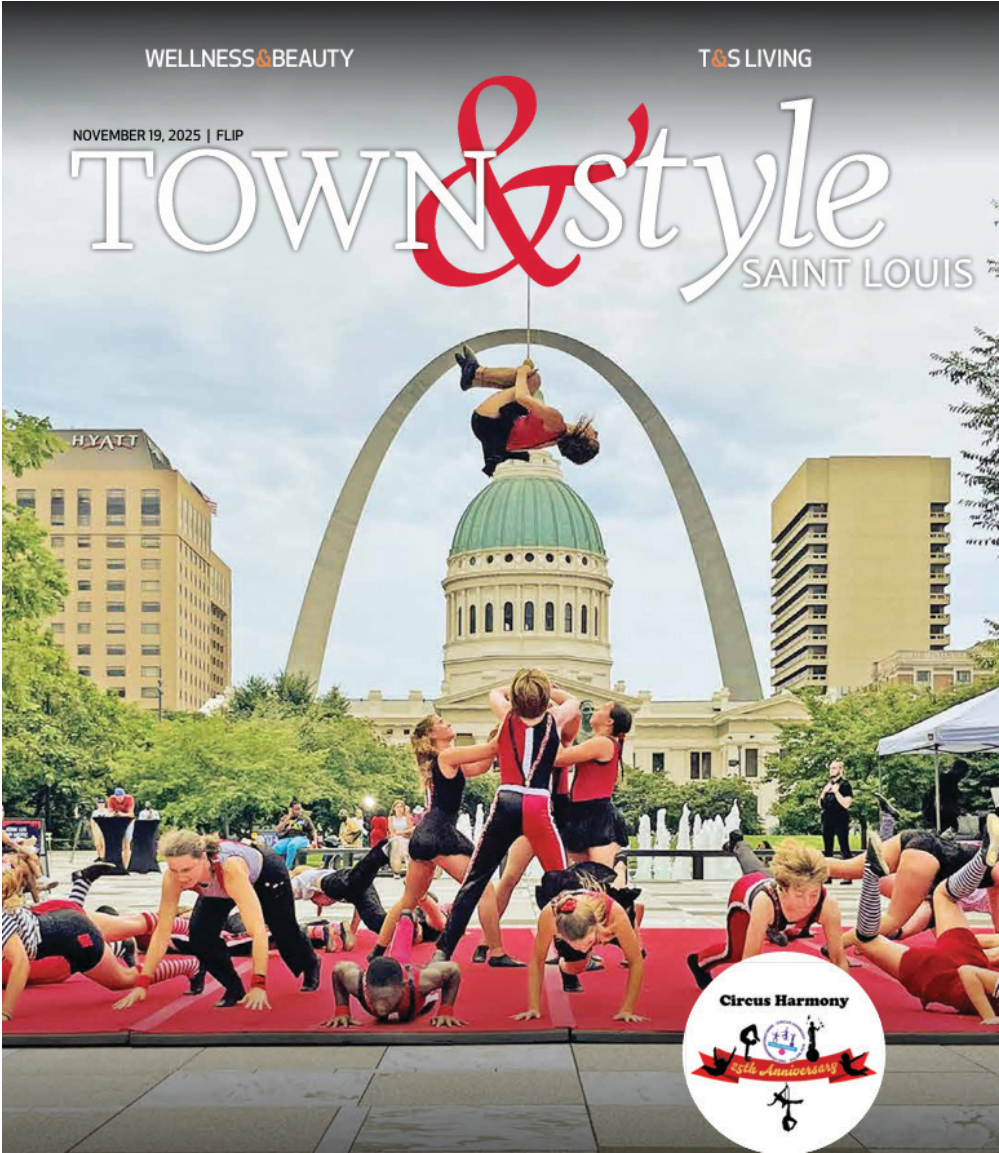
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Hot off the Press!

Circus Harmony is featured in the latest edition of Town & Style magazine! Pick up a FREE copy at grocery stores and businesses around St. Louis

Down Syndrome Association Pop-Up Shops

Michael and Willie, pictured here, are part of the DSA’s employment program where they help create the items you see on the table.



The DSA is invited into organizations where we set up a pop up shop usually about 2-3 hrs. and sell coffee that has been bagged and labeled by Michael, Willie, along with more of our amazing friends with Down syndrome.

Our mission is to serve, support, and celebrate individuals with Ds and their families, through every stage of life.

In the picture, you will see the outstanding products created by our friends, like the painted cups & pocket hugs. We are so proud of this employment program.

For more information, visit <https://dsagsl.org> or call 314-961-2504.

SIX STAR PASTRY CHEFS TEAM UP WITH CLEMENTINE’S ICE CREAM FOR INAUGURAL HOLIDAY COOKIE EXCHANGE COLLECTION



The Holiday Cookie Exchange Collection chefs with Tamara Keefe, owner of Clementine’s Ice Cream

Clementine’s Ice Cream is taking the popular holiday cookie exchange to a whole new level with its first-ever Holiday Cookie Exchange Ice Cream Collection, a collaboration with six acclaimed pastry chefs from around the country: Abi Balingit, Anna Gordon, Fany Gerson, Justine Doiron, Megan Garrelts, and St. Louis’s own Reine Keis. Together, they’ve transformed signature cookie recipes into nostalgic, limited-edition ice creams that reimagine the warmth and creativity of the holiday cookie exchange through the lens of pastry craftsmanship.

The collection launched on November 4 in all parlors and are available to ship nationwide on Goldbelly.

The ice cream collection takes inspiration from the Midwest holiday tradition of a “cookie exchange,” a gathering where family and friends each bake a batch of cookies and swap with each other. From Abi Balingit’s Filipino-inspired pandan polvoron to Fany Gerson’s Mexican-Jewish Chipotle Cherry Rugelach, each recipe transforms a personal memory into a scoopable holiday indulgence.

Holiday Cookies Exchange Collection:



• Abi Balingit (James Beard Emerging Voice Winner, 2024): Abi’s Pandan Polvoron Raspberry Cheesecake Cookie is a rich cream cheese ice cream that cradles crumbles of buttery pandan polvoron cookies, and is swirled with a bright raspberry ribbon for a tangy finish.

• Anna Gordon (Owner/

er/Pastry Chef of The Good Batch): Anna’s Cranberry Vanilla Linzer is a silky vanilla ice cream studded with chunks of her signature brown butter cookies that are crispy-edged, chewy-centered, and deeply toasty, ribboned with a tart cranberry-vanilla swirl.



spicy-sweet kick, honoring her signature balance of tradition and surprise.

• Justine Doiron (Author of Justine Cooks): Justine’s Sticky Toffee Pudding is velvety butterscotch ice cream folded with tender pieces of pear cake, echoing the warm, nostalgic flavors of the classic dessert with a comforting and seasonal twist.

• Megan Garrelts (Co-Founder/ Pastry Chef of Rye, James Beard Semifinalist for Outstanding Pastry

Chef): Megan’s Nana’s 7 Layer Bar is a brown butter ice cream that’s nutty, toasty, and golden, folded with generous pieces of chewy-crunchy bar and rippled with silky butterscotch sauce. “Recipe sharing and collaboration with chefs

and home bakers is part of the connection we all share through our love of sweet things,” said Garrelts. “No one in this generation—or any before us—can claim to have invented the first cake, cookie, or ice cream. What we do have is the ability to pass down methods and flavor combinations... Clementine’s Ice Cream is a perfect example of this spirit, with its remarkable library of classic and new flavors that celebrate the Midwest and showcase ice creams people have truly come to love.”



• Reine Keis (Owner/Pastry Chef, Award-winning plant-based SweetArt): Reine’s Thick Mints is an ultra-creamy malted non-dairy ice cream, packed with chunks of thick mint cookies, creating a crisp, chocolate-dipped, and refreshingly cool flavor profile.

Flavor Temptress of Clementine’s Ice Cream, Tamara Keefe, shared the inspiration behind this collection: “When I first moved into

the Lafayette Square neighborhood in St. Louis, my neighbors invited me to a holiday cookie exchange. I had never even heard of one before, but I instantly fell in love with the idea of trading sweets. It became such a joyful way to try new cookies, make friends in a new city, and spend the holidays surrounded by friendly faces rather than alone. It reminded me how food can open doors, build community, and turn a city into a home.”



Guests are invited to visit any of the nine 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, Trace on the Parkway in Edwardsville, IL and inside the Chicken n Pickle in St. Charles, MO. A new parlor just opened in Prairie Village, KS as well.

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. Visit Clementine’s for more information or to order pints online via Goldbelly. Follow Clementine’s on Facebook and Instagram for the latest scoop!



“Lock It or Lose It”
The Brentwood Police Department reminds residents to lock their vehicles, even if nothing of value is in sight.

Remembering Chris and Lilly 2025 Brentwood Blood Drive



This year hosting makes 10 years of collecting blood to help others and remembering Chris Leahy and helping Lilly LaMartina.

We began this effort when the two were diagnosed with cancer and sought treatment. Lilly beat her diagnosis and is now five years cancer free. Chris fought for 22 months and help medicine by participating in six medical trials across America to test new treatments and drugs but finally succumbed to the cancer. During that time, we did three major drives and have provided more than 300 pints of blood to let the two of them that they were not alone in their battles. Since Chris’s passing we have held a remembering blood Drive each year at the end of January.

This year’s drive will be Friday January 23rd at the Brentwood Rec center from 2 pm to 7 pm. You can sign-up on the Red Cross web site at www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results zipSponsor=BWParksRec. We are aiming to collect 120 to 130 pints. If your blood type is O, A-, B- then you would be eligible to sign up for a Power Red donation which is a special donation and takes a little longer than an hour of your time to complete and counts double for collection. Each pint donation can be used to help as many as three other people in need. So please check your social schedule, invite your family, friends and neighbors and sign-up.

With the support of the Fenton Culver’s restaurant, we will again reward are donors with a “give a pint get a pint” coupons. For a pint of blood Culver’s will give you a free pint of custard of your choosing. So besides helping others in need, feeling good about yourself, now you can chill with a pint of your flavor; what more would you like?

PLEASE CHECK YOUR SOCIAL SCHEDULE AND-FIND TIME TO JOIN US ON THIS DRIVE.

CHRISTOPHER CROSS
SUNDAY, MARCH 1 AT 7:30 PM
THE FACTORY AT THE DISTRICT

Steve Litman presents is delighted to announce that five-time Grammy Award winner CHRISTOPHER CROSS will be live in concert at The Factory on Sunday, March 1 at 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.)

Tickets can be purchased online at Ticketmaster and TheFactorySTL.com.



Christopher Cross burst onto the music scene with his 1980 self-titled debut album, winning five Grammy Awards, including—for the first time in Grammy history—the “Big Four” most prestigious awards: Record of the Year (for the single “Sailing”), Album of the Year, Song of the Year (also “Sailing”), and Best New Artist.

In a career spanning more than four decades, Cross has sold over 10 million albums. His music has garnered five Grammys, an Oscar, a Golden Globe, an Emmy nomination and five Top 10 singles. Within a year of the first album’s release, Cross joined music royalty Burt Bacharach to write “Arthur’s Theme,” for the movie Arthur, which won an Academy Award for Best Song. With his 1983 release, “Another Page,” Cross was again in the Top 10 with the singles “All Right” and “Think of Laura.” His song, “Swept Away,” composed for the hit television series, “Growing Pains,” was nominated for an Emmy. Cross started his own label and, since 2007, has released 8 albums of new material, including A Christopher Cross Christmas and The Café Carlyle Sessions, jazz treatments of hits and favorites born out of a residency at the famous Hotel Carlyle in New York City.

For more information, visit www.thefactorystl.com

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St. Louis Student Named UCM Homecoming Royalty



From left, Hannah Stevens of Sigma Kappa Sorority, Danniell Casey of Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity and Emily Keck of Alpha Sigma Alpha Sorority were named UCM’s 2025 Homecoming royalty winners.

The University of Central Missouri (UCM) brought Hollywood to Warrensburg as it celebrated 2025 Homecoming, themed “Lights, Camera, Central,” with a weeklong celebration Oct. 20-25.

Throughout the week, 40 UCM student organizations participated in various events, such as a bowling tournament in the Elliott Student Union, decorating spirit arches, and performing choreographed cheers at the pep rally in the Jerry M. Hughes Athletics Center. UCM students also gave back to the Warrensburg community, donating at the Homecoming blood drive, collecting more than 2,200 nonperishable food items for the Campus Cupboard and providing nearly 270 hours of community service.

The UCM Alumni Foundation also hosted the annual Distinguished Alumni Awards, which have recognized outstanding UCM graduates since 1978.

After the Homecoming parade through downtown Warrensburg, the top 10 royalty candidates were introduced during halftime of the Mules Football game against the Emporia State Hornets at Audrey J. Walton Stadium. Danniell Casey of Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity, Emily Keck of Alpha Sigma Alpha Sorority and Hannah Stevens of Sigma Kappa Sorority were named the 2025 royalty winners.

The top 10 royalty candidates included:

Emma Allen, a senior from Warrensburg, Missouri, majoring in Biology - Pre-Vet and minoring in Chemistry and Business Administration, represented Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority.

Danniell Casey, a senior from Vienna, Missouri, majoring in Business Management, represented Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity.

Trey Countryman, a junior from Shelbina, Missouri, majoring in Aviation - Professional Pilot, represented Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity.

Ethan Crandall, a senior from Center Valley, Pennsylvania, majoring in Communications with an emphasis in Sports Communication and Corporate Communication, represented Delta Chi Fraternity.

Jordyn Dalton, a senior from Independence, Missouri, majoring in Nursing, represented Alpha Phi Sorority.

Andrew Jaeger, a senior from Warrensburg, Missouri, majoring in Marketing, represented Alpha Kappa Lambda Fraternity.

Emily Keck, a junior from St. Louis, Missouri, majoring in Agriculture with an emphasis in Horticulture, represented Alpha Sigma Alpha Sorority.

Madison Morgan, a senior from Ozark, Missouri, majoring in Kinesiology - Pre-Athletic Training, represented Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority.

Jenna Speich, a junior from Syracuse, New York, majoring in Airport Management, represented Gamma Phi Beta Sorority.

Hannah Stevens, a junior from Warrenton, Missouri, majoring in Nursing, represented Sigma Kappa Sorority.



Great Holiday Gifts For Kids (& Teens) To Help Them Learn Financial Responsibility

By: West Community Credit Union

Has the amount of toys that your kids have acquired overwhelmed your home? If you’re looking to downsize this holiday season without looking like a Grinch, we’ve got the perfect gifting list for you! This year, give the gift that keeps on giving: money savvy.

Since most of us focus on spending rather than saving or investing during the holiday season, you won’t find most of these gift ideas in a toy catalog. The best part is that you can do any of these at any time (no matter how behind on shopping you are!)

Kids Saving Account

Helping a child open their first savings account is one of life’s financial milestones. If they receive money as gifts from relatives, take them into the credit union to deposit it into their own account. Kid membership has other perks too, like a free piggy bank at account opening and earning prizes at every transaction to encourage saving. They also earn interest on every penny!

Teen Checking

When your kid is ready for more financial independence, our free Teen Checking Account, designed for kids as young as 13, is the perfect way to develop smart saving and spending skills. It has all the tools needed to securely manage money, like digital banking, and a debit card, plus parental guidance opportunities to foster a successful financial future.

A 529 Plan

Given the rapidly rising costs of a college education, getting started on saving for it with a tax-advantaged 529 plan is a smart way to start the new year. These plans work similarly to other investment plans such as 401Ks and IRAs in that your contributions are invested in mutual funds or other investment products. Ask relatives to contribute to their future instead of adding clutter to your home.

Experience Gifts

This doesn’t necessarily mean you have to have the experiences all planned out because maybe you want them to help decide what experiences they want to have as part of their gift. By starting an “experience piggy bank”, you’re saying that “this money you’re getting for Christmas is for us to do something fun together next year. What do you want to do?”

Charitable Giving

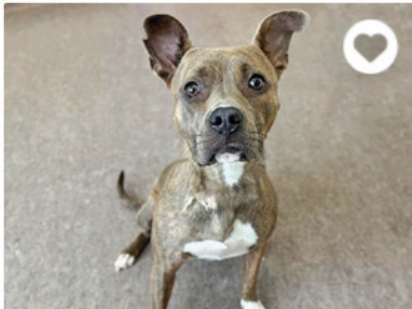
Teaching those in your life how important it is to give back is a gift for those in need, as well as a gift for the giver’s heart. What would the holidays be without sharing with those less fortunate? Give them a specified amount to give and then let them choose who they want to give to as part of their gift.

Pro Tip: Parents who are going to give gifts of money this Christmas should consider breaking your gifts into several parts. For instance, if you’re going to give someone \$15, give three \$5 bills. This helps facilitate the idea that you want your child to be able to spend some, donate some and then save some for later.

The holidays can be an opportune time to instill financial values in children and grandchildren. Wish lists and gift shopping can help them distinguish between needs and wants. Donations and volunteering introduce them to the concept of giving.

If you want to set your kids up for financial success, contact Member Services with West Community Credit Union at 636.720.2495 or visit us online at westcommunitycu.org.

For Adoption Information, call 314.645.4610



REMI
FEMALE, SPAYED, 1 yr 3 mo

Remi is a sweet, affectionate dog who would love to join you on all your adventures. She enjoys being close to her people, and cuddles are one of her favorite things. Remi has lived with children and would make a wonderful companion for a family!



ISABELLA
FEMALE, SPAYED, 1 yr 7 mo

Isabella is a sweet, gentle pup who loves cuddles, exploring, and playing with other dogs. She’s crate-trained, learning quickly, and full of joy despite hip dysplasia. Friendly, loyal, and affectionate, she’ll thrive in a calm, loving home.



RANDY
MALE, NEUTERED, 3

Randy is a sweet, gentle soul with a love for snacks, naps, and strolls! He’s great with other dogs, adores his people, and charms everyone with his calm nature. Crate and potty trained, Randy’s ready to be your loyal sidekick and cozy cuddle buddy.



HEATHROW
MALE, NEUTERED, 2

Heathrow is a sweet dog with a gentle heart. His affectionate nature makes him a comforting companion, bringing joy and warmth wherever he goes.



Brentwood Board of Aldermen Minutes

CITY OF BRENTWOOD, MISSOURI PARTIAL BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES, OCTOBER 20, 2025

Mayor David Dimmitt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at Brentwood City Hall, 2348 S. Brentwood Blvd, Brentwood, MO 63144. He immediately led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:
Alderman David Plufka – Present
Alderwoman Nancy Parker Tice – (Via Zoom)
Alderwoman Michele Goad – Absent
Alderwoman Sunny Sims – Present
Alderman Steve Lochmoeller – Present
Alderman Jeff Gould – Present
Alderwoman Sharon Harter – Present
Alderman Sullivan Erger – Present
Mayor David Dimmitt – Present
A quorum was declared. Also present were: City Administrator Bola Akande, Communications Manager Michelle Boyer, Planning Director Whitney Kelly, Fire Chief Ronald Cottrell, City Attorney Jim Hetlage, Public Works Director Dan Gummersheimer and City Clerk Octavia Pitman.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, APPOINTMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND RECOGNITIONS

Fire Department Promotions – Lieutenant Darren Chaves
Chief Cottrell announced the promotion of Lt. Chaves.

Presentation of Life Saving Award
Chief Cottrell also presented the lifesaving award to Ms. Renee McBroom for her efforts on Sunday, August 24th, of quick action to provide CPR to an individual at the Brentwood Sports Complex while awaiting the arrival of Brentwood Fire units. The citizen was successfully resuscitated and in attendance for the presentation.

The responding crew also received Certificates of Excellence:
Firefighter/Paramedic Nick Simon
Firefighter/Paramedic Evan Johnson
Firefighter/Paramedic Kathryn St. George
Firefighter/Paramedic Seth Carey
Lieutenant Marcus Herman
Captain David Niemeyer

CITIZEN COMMENTS
Clayton Keeney, 2654 Dorothy, addressed concerns regarding the construction and reuse of the parking lot on Manchester. He noted the wrong materials may have been used, it causes flooding during hard rains and washes down stone dust, gravel, debris, etc. And, that the City owned property is not well maintained.

Warrant Lists
Operating Budget Expenditures - \$316,699.47
Revised 2019 Certificates of Participation Proceeds (COP) - \$0 Overall Total - \$316,699.47

Approval of Meeting Minutes Regular Meeting 10/6/25
Resolution No. 1568 – A Resolution To Hold The General Municipal Election On Tuesday, April 7, 2026, In The City Of Brentwood Missouri For The Election Of One Alderman From Each Ward
A motion was made by Alderman Plufka and seconded by Alderman Lochmoeller to approve the consent agenda. **ROLL CALL:** Alderman Plufka – aye; Alderwoman Tice – aye; Alderwoman Goad – absent; Alderman Lochmoeller – aye; Alderwoman Sims – aye; Alderman Gould – aye; Alderwoman Harter – aye; Alderman Erger – aye; **MOTION PASSED.**

OLD BUSINESS
Bill No. 6576 – An Ordinance Amending Sections 400.020 And 400.2100 Of The Code Of Ordinances Regarding Definitions And



Mayor
David Dimmitt



Alderwoman
Nancy Parker Tice



Alderman
David Plufka



Municipal Judge
Patrick Dignam



Alderman
Jeff Gould



Alderman
Steve Lochmoeller



Alderwoman
Sunny Sims



Aldermwoman
Michele Goad



Alderwoman
Sharon Harter



Alderman
Sullivan Erger

Permitted Accessory Use And Structures To Clarify Language Regarding Solar Energy Systems – 2nd Reading
Attorney Hetlage provided the title only reading of Bill No. 6576. A motion was made by Alderman Plufka and seconded by Alderman Lochmoeller to perfect Bill No. 6576 into ordinance form. **ROLL CALL:** Alderman Plufka – aye; Alderwoman Tice – aye; Alderwoman Goad – absent; Alderman Lochmoeller – aye; Alderwoman Sims – aye; Alderman Gould – aye; Alderwoman Harter – aye; Alderman Erger – aye; **MOTION CARRIED.** (Now Becomes Ordinance #5201)

NEW BUSINESS
Bill No. 6577 – An Ordinance Enacting

Emergency Measures To Extend The Continued Use Of Temporary Parking Lots For Brentwood Park
Attorney Hetlage provided the title only reading of Bill No. 6577. The existing permit for the temporary parking lots on Manchester Road will expire on October 28, 2025. A time extension of 180 days is requested which will revise the permit expiration date to April 26, 2026. Council noted citizen concerns and Alderman Lochmoeller made a motion to amend Bill No. 6577 to extend the agreement 90 days, to address the issues. Motion was seconded by Alderman Gould. Unanimous vote in favor taken; **MOTION PASSED.**
Attorney Hetlage provided the title only reading of amended Bill No. 6577. The Board

also requested that the bill is separated by the two lots when it comes back for approval. A motion was made by Alderman Plufka and seconded by Alderman Gould to perfect Bill No. 6576 into ordinance form. **ROLL CALL:** Alderman Plufka – aye; Alderwoman Tice – aye; Alderwoman Goad – absent; Alderman Lochmoeller – aye; Alderwoman Sims – aye; Alderman Gould – aye; Alderwoman Harter – aye; Alderman Erger – aye; **MOTION CARRIED.** (Now Becomes Ordinance #5201)
ADJOURNMENT
Having no further business, the closed meeting adjourned at 6:23 pm.
Approved on the 3rd day of November, 2025.



MAYORS FOR MEALS



Donate through
December 23 at
Brentwood City
Hall or scan
the QR code.

Fire Department Holiday Toy Drive

The Brentwood Fire Department’s annual toy drive benefiting Toys for Tots is underway. A donation box is available in the lobby of the fire department for anyone wishing to contribute new, unwrapped toys.

The department will also host its Fill the Ambulance Drive at the Brentwood Target on Saturday, December 13, from 9 AM to 12 PM. All donations collected will help bring holiday cheer to children in need.





TOY DRIVE

Brentwood Fire Department collecting new, unwrapped toys for Toys for Tots.

Now through December 13
BRENTWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT
8756 Eulalie Ave.



Get Ready for Epic Family Fun: Monster Jam® is Returning to St. Louis!

Nothing compares to the one and only Monster Jam® at The Dome at America’s Center on January 17-18, 2026.

Become a fan for life with an ultimate day of family fun. Get ready to cheer, scream, and be amazed as massive Monster Jam trucks and world champion drivers take over your hometown, St. Louis, for a weekend packed with stunts, smiles, and jaw-dropping skills. With awesome trucks, amazing stunts, big air, and action-packed excitement, it’s the definition of fun for everyone!

This isn’t just any event – it’s unexpected, unscripted, and unforgettable, where 12,000-pound trucks stand on two wheels and fly through the air in competitions of speed and skill. It’s all happening at Monster Jam, where your outside voice is allowed, and every big moment comes with an even bigger smile!

Get Your Tickets Before They’re Gone!
Tickets are on sale now at Ticketmaster.com.

Feel the Thrill of Full-Throttle Fun

Get ready for big-time entertainment as St. Louis roars to life with gravity-defying stunts, heart-pounding races, and plenty of big air! The world’s best drivers tear up the dirt as they battle for the Event Championship in three competitions: Racing, Skills, and everyone’s favorite, Freestyle, where Monster Jam trucks defy the laws of physics and do the impossible. Fans will be right in the middle of the action, helping to crown the Event Champion as they get to score the drivers in real time based on their skills, stunts, and saves.

Start the Fun Early at the Monster Jam Pit Party®

The day of fun starts at the Monster Jam Pit Party® on Saturday and Sunday - your first stop for smiles, selfies with the trucks, high-fives and autographs from drivers, and family-friendly activities. It’s the perfect way to start a day of adrenaline-charged fun, plus get an insider’s look at how these 12,000-pound trucks are built to stand up to the competition. The Monster Jam Pit Party - where the fun begins.

Don’t Miss the Monster Jam Trackside Experience

There’s no better way to get ready for the action than Monster Jam Trackside, happening about an hour before the event. It’s packed with driver interviews, pit crew sneak peeks, and epic giveaways that’ll get everyone pumped up before the action begins. Then, watch as the opening ceremonies set the stage for one-of-a-kind fun for the whole family

Meet the Superstars of Monster Jam!

These aren’t just any drivers - they’re world-class male and female athletes who have mastered controlling these 12,000-pound beasts. Whether pulling off insane backflips, nailing vertical 2-wheel tricks, or tearing up the track in all-out racing, these drivers are ready to wow fans with the most mind-blowing live motorsports action around.

The competition is fierce as 12 top drivers battle it out for the Stadium Championship Series East title and a coveted spot in the Monster Jam World Finals® in Salt Lake City, Utah, on July 4th weekend. You’ll be on the edge of your seat watching the world’s most popular trucks and drivers like Adam Anderson in the legendary Grave Digger®; the 6-ton unicorn with a bold attitude, Sparkle Smash® driven by Jamie Sullivan; reigning Monster Jam World Finals 2 Wheel Skills champion Tristan England behind the wheel of JCB DIGatron®; and more tear up the dirt. You can’t get this kind of wow just anywhere!

Saturday, January 17, 2026

Event Time – 5:00 PM
Pit Party open from 12:30 - 3:30 PM (Event Ticket & Pit Party Pass required for entry)

Sunday, January 18, 2026

Event Time – 3:00 PM
Pit Party open from 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM (Event Ticket & Pit Party Pass required for entry)

TRUCK LINEUP:

Grave Digger® driven by Adam Anderson; Sparkle Smash® driven by Jamie Sullivan; JCB DIGatron® driven by Tristan England; Lucas Stabilizer® driven by Cynthia Gauthier; ThunderROARus® driven by Colt Stephens; TBD driven by Camden Murphy; Megalodon® driven by Kevin Crocker; El Toro Loco® driven by Joe Foley; Avenger driven by Jim Koehler; Mayhem driven by Chris Koehler; Jester driven by Matt Pagliarulo; and Excaliber driven by Mike Pagliarulo

**Truck and driver line-up subject to change

Visit MonsterJam.com for more detailed information about the St. Louis Monster Jam event.

For more info about a Monster Jam event near you, follow Monster Jam on our social media channels: Facebook, X, Instagram and TikTok. Subscribe to the Monster Jam YouTube Channel at <http://www.youtube.com/MonsterJam>

Misterioso! at City Museum

Misterioso is the title of Circus Flora’s upcoming, annual, full-length show! In music, the word ‘misterioso’ is an Italian term that means to play in a mysterious way, creating a feeling of intrigue. This story of somersaulting sleuths solving a wild whodunit will be directed by Artist-In-Residence, Susan Voyticky.

Susan Voyticky is a celebrated circus artist, choreographer, and director known for her dynamic performances and innovative creations. She graduated from Stanford University with a degree in Science, Technology, and Society and learned physical theater at the renowned Ecole Jacques Lecoq. She has trained and performed around the world with companies including New Pickle Circus and Universoul Circus. Susan blends acrobatic, equilibristic, and aerial arts with dance, music, and storytelling into immersive theatrical experiences.

Artist in Residence and Guest Director Susan Voyticky

In Susan’s words, “As the Artist-in-Residence and guest director, I want to showcase the incredibly talented youth of Circus Harmony and keep these blossoming artists invested in a process that is both fun and demanding. Ideally our journey together will inspire the artists and our audience to the great, small and absurd mysteries that happen throughout our lives. My goal is to assist these young artists in creating a show that combines my love of physical storytelling and a lifelong passion for circus.”

Misterioso will be presented every Saturday and Sunday in February at City Museum. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased online soon. See you there and don’t forget to wear your trench coat and fedora!



An Experience is the Best Gift!

At Circus Harmony, we believe that the gift of experience is wonderful because it includes the memories afterwards! You can give a certificate good for a circus class – there are classes for all ages and abilities in an array of circus arts – or arrange your own private class for family and friends! Circus Harmony also has a variety of other gifts including:

- a plush version of their canine mascot, Miss Maple
- delicious Defy Gravity coffee and coffee mugs
- gorgeous circus garden mobile stakes
- tank tops, t-shirts, and sweatshirts in all colors and sizes
- circus props like juggling equipment and spinning plates
- the award-winning book, Watch Out for Flying Kids, about Circus Harmony’s Peace Through Pyramids partnership with the Jewish/Arab Galilee Circus in Israel!

Go to <https://circusharmony.org/support/circus-harmony-gift-guide/> or email manager@circusharmony.org to order. Gifts can be mailed or picked up at City Museum. Please allow 2-3 weeks for shipping.

Purchase of any of these joy-filled circus options support the work of Circus Harmony to help young people defy gravity, soar with confidence, and leap over social barriers, all at the same time!

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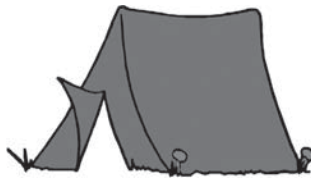
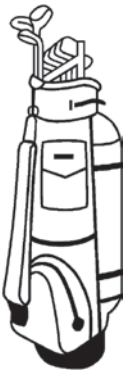
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LEGAL NOTICE FOR APRIL GENERAL ELECTION

LEGAL NOTICE

In compliance with RSMo Sec. 115.127 (5), notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of the City of Brentwood, St. Louis County, Missouri, that the annual election of officers of the City of Brentwood, Missouri, shall be held on the **7th day of April 2026**, in conformity with RSMo Sec. 79.030. At said election, there shall be elected:

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

All candidates desiring their names to be placed on the official ballot in the aforesaid election are hereby notified to file their declaration of candidacy in person with the City Clerk of Brentwood, Missouri, at the Brentwood City Hall, 2348 S. Brentwood Blvd., Brentwood MO 63144. **The filing hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 9, 2025, through Tuesday, December 30, 2025.** The office of the City Clerk will not be open on Saturdays and Sundays, or those days designated a holiday by the City of Brentwood.

All qualified candidates are required to provide to the City Clerk, at the time of filing, proof of identity or such candidate must be recognizable to the City Clerk.

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

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

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

Persons who, after filing their names as candidates, wish to withdraw as such candidate, must file their notice of withdrawal with the City Clerk in the City Clerk's office no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 30, 2025.

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

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

All candidates must file the declaration of candidacy in person in the City Clerk’s office. Filing will occur at the Brentwood City Hall. This building opens at 8:00 a.m. **For this purpose, a line for filing may be formed outside the main entrance to Brentwood City Hall on Brentwood Blvd. Then at 8:00 a.m., all persons may proceed to the receptionist’s desk at that time.** The forms, or notices used, shall be made available on November 18, 2025, at 8:00 am by the City Clerk at Brentwood City Hall. Each day thereafter the forms will be available from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, Monday – Friday.

Vacant Property Registration

Did you know? The City of Brentwood requires owners of vacant properties to register them annually. This helps ensure properties are monitored, maintained, and don’t become a nuisance. Learn more and register online: <https://www.brentwoodmo.org/2699/Vacant-Property-Registration>.

Safe Trade Location at Brentwood Police Department

Need a safe place to meet for an online purchase or exchange? The Brentwood Police Department, located at 272 Hanley Industrial Court, is a designated Safe Trade location. This well-lit, secure area is available to the public for safe, in-person transactions arranged online. Learn more at [SafeTradeStations.com](https://www.SafeTradeStations.com).



Annual Santa Parade

Santa is making his way through Brentwood once again. Join us for this beloved holiday tradition as the Brentwood Fire Department escorts Santa through our neighborhoods, spreading holiday cheer. Bundle up, step outside, and wave as Santa and our firefighters make their way down your street.



Community Holiday Party & Christmas Tree Lighting

Santa is coming to Brentwood! Brentwood Parks and Recreation has received a very special call — the Jolly Ole’ Man himself is bringing his sleigh filled with joy and holiday spirit. Join us for: Brentwood Park filled with holiday lights, reindeer, wagon rides, caroling, photo opportunities, juggling show, face painting, light appetizers, hot chocolate with Trader Joe’s, and other fun holiday surprises! Please note: This is a RESIDENTS ONLY event. Saturday, December 6 from 5:00-7:00PM at the Brentwood Park Event Pavilion



Brentwood Early Childhood Center “Fancy Feast”

Last week, the Brentwood Early Childhood Center rolled out the red carpet for its annual Fancy Feast! Our youngest learners took the lead by making decorations, setting the tables and helping prepare tasty treats, while Brentwood Middle School students supported behind the scenes to ensure every detail was just right.

Dressed in their finest attire, students and staff shared delicious dishes and delightful moments together. It was a wonderful celebration of creativity, community and the connections that make BECC a place where everyone belongs!



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brentwoodlibrarymo.org

Brentwood BOOK CLUB

Help us celebrate the **2026** book picks with a *Party!*

When: Monday, December 8th at 6:30 p.m. Join the Brentwood Book Club at A'Amis. We'll celebrate a successful 2025 and announce which books we'll be reading throughout 2026.

Where: A'Amis Pizza (8624 Manchester Rd, Webster Groves, MO) New members are always welcome!



Brentwood Public Library | brentwoodlibrarymo.org | 314-963-8630

KIDS CRAFT: BOOK ORNAMENT

Monday, December 15 at 6:15 pm

Children and families can make a holiday ornament with tiny books inside.

Best for kids ages 8 and up. Free. No RSVP required.

SOPHISTICATED AWARDS 2025
DESIGN | ARCHITECTURE | BUILDING

WINNER
Arcturis for their Brentwood Public Library project




Category: Unbuilt Commissioned Projects | **ARCTURIS** | Brentwood Public Library

Toddler Story Time

Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.

30-minutes of songs, stories, and movement.
Best for ages 5 and younger.
No registration required.




Children's Yoga

Children and families can join for 30-minutes of stories, movement, and mindfulness.

Class is led by Complete Harmony Yoga for Youth.

Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.

Best for children ages 5 and younger.



This month's theme: *Winter time*

CRAFTiBILITY

Friday, December 12 at 10 a.m.

A fun, **FREE** arts and storytime event for preschool age children and their caregivers! Adults from **EasterSeals of Midwest** will assist toddlers with a themed project.

Registration required. Call 314-963-8630 or our online calendar at BrentwoodLibraryMO.org.

LOCATED AT: Brentwood Community Center (2505 S Brentwood Blvd)

the art journal CREATIVE

Wednesday, December 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Invite a friend, relax, and enjoy an open art journaling session. Bring your ongoing art project, or start a new one with us.

We provide all the supplies, and an instructor will be available to inspire your creativity.

Adults only (18+). **FREE.** No RSVP necessary. Just come and go as you please.

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STORY TIME WITH LEXI!



WEDNESDAY, DEC. 17 AT 9:30 A.M.

Lexi is a therapy dog from C.R.A.A.P.S. who loves encouraging children to read.

Join us for 20-minutes of stories, songs, and movement with Lexi.

ADULT CRAFT: WATERCOLOR TREE GARLAND



REGISTER FOR ONE OF THREE DATES:

SATURDAY, 12/6 AT 2PM
WEDNESDAY, 12/10 AT 10AM
TUESDAY, 12/16 AT 6PM

Make a festive tree garland with watercolor paints at this hands-on class.

Ages 18+ only, please. RSVP required.

Register through our online calendar of events at brentwoodlibrarymo.org.

8765 Eulalie Ave.
Brentwood, MO
brentwoodlibrarymo.org

Cookie Christmas Tree



- Ingredients
- Cookie Balls
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
 - 1/3 cup butter, melted
 - 1 tablespoon milk
 - 2 teaspoons vanilla
 - 1 egg
 - 6 oz cream cheese, softened
 - 2 1/4 cups Gold Medal™ All Purpose Flour
 - 1/2 cup chopped pistachio nuts
 - 1 teaspoon baking powder
 - 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt

- Coating and Decorations
- 3 cups green candy melts (from two 12-oz bags)
 - 1 square vanilla flavored candy-coating (from 14-oz package)
 - 1 teaspoon red, white and green candy sprinkles
 - 1 bar (1.55 oz) milk chocolate candy
 - 1 large yellow gumdrop

Instructions

Heat oven to 350°F. In large bowl, beat sugar, butter, milk, vanilla, egg and 2 ounces of the cream cheese with electric mixer on medium speed 1 to 2 minutes or until well mixed. Stir in flour, pistachio nuts, baking powder, baking soda and salt until well mixed.

On large ungreased cookie sheets, drop dough by tabelspoonfuls 2 inches apart.

Bake 9 to 11 minutes or until edges are set. Cool 2 minutes; remove from cookie sheets to cooling racks. Cool completely, about 30 minutes.

Line large cookie sheets with waxed paper. In food processor bowl with metal blade, place one-third of the cookies. Cover; process to fine crumbs. Remove and set aside; continue to process remaining cookies to fine crumbs. Place all of cookie crumbs in food processor. Add remaining 4 ounces of the cream cheese. Process 3 to 4 minutes or until well mixed and can be pressed together. Roll rounded tablesoonfuls of cookie mixture into 40 (1 1/4-inch) balls; place on cookie sheets. Cover loosely and refrigerate 15 minutes. or until firm.

In medium bowl, microwave green candy melts uncovered on High 1 to 2 minutes; stir. Continue microwaving and stirring every 15 seconds until melts are softened and can be stirred smooth.

Remove one-fourth of the cookie balls from refrigerator. Using 2 forks, dip and roll cookie balls, one at a time, in green candy melts, shaking off excess melt. Place balls on waxed paper-lined cookie sheets. Continue with remaining candy melt and cookie balls. Let stand 15 minutes or until candy is set.

On serving tray, arrange 21 of the balls into a triangle shape, starting with 6 balls as the base of the triangle. Continue arranging descending rows until all balls have been used. Arrange another 10 balls in a second layer on top of balls on platter, starting with 4 balls as the base of the triangle and arranging descending rows until all 10 balls have been used. Reserve remaining balls for another use.

In small microwavable bowl, microwave vanilla-flavored candy coating uncovered on High 30 to 60 seconds, stirring once, or until coating is softened and can be stirred smooth. Spoon melted candy coating into a 1-quart resealable food storage bag. Cut a tiny corner from bag. Pipe onto balls for garland. Immediately sprinkle white coating with sprinkles.

Break candy bar into 4 equal pieces of 3 squares each. Stack and pace at base of tree to resemble tree trunk. Flatten gumdrop to 1/4-inch thickness. Using 1 1/4-inch star cookie cutter or paring knife, cut star from gumdrop. Insert one end of a toothpick into bottom edge of star. Press other end of toothpick into top ball of tree. Cover loosely and refrigerate until serving time.

HISTORIC LINNEAN HOUSE REOPENS AT MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN

Linnean House is the oldest greenhouse west of the Mississippi



The historic Linnean House is once again open to the public at the Missouri Botanical Garden.

The Linnean House was closed from May through this fall as it underwent extensive renovation to restore the greenhouse to its original purpose as an orangerie. Built in 1882, the Linnean House is the oldest continuously operating greenhouse west of the Mississippi.

“The Linnean House now represents the use of orangeries in 1882, when it was first built,” said Andrew Wyatt, the Garden’s Senior Vice President of Horticulture and Living Collections. “By then, orangeries had expanded from their original 16th-century purpose of growing tropical fruits. They became showcases for broader plant diversity, with a mix of rare and interesting species.”

Notable upgrades include new trellises added to the north wall that will allow for a display of climbing plants without harming the historic brick. New botanical wall panels create a stunning artistic element, showcasing plants with historical connections to orangeries and examples of species important to the Garden work, displayed in the style of Victorian ironwork. Custom Wardian cases display unique artifacts that tell the story of botanical collecting in both 1882 and the modern era.

Plants remain the focal point of the Linnean House. Displays highlight the Garden’s historic collections, rare and important species, and seasonal beauty.

“Many of the plants recently displayed in the Linnean House returned after the renovation,” Wyatt said. “You will also see examples of the species depicted in the botanical art panels. We, of course, have citrus, pineapple, and bananas represented which are all linked to the history of orangeries. You’ll also see the botanical source of tea, the camellia.”

Right now, seasonal displays include a variety of chrysanthemums. In November, those will be replaced with poinsettias.

The Linnean House renovations were part of the Gateway to the Garden project. The Garden is working with Michael Vergason Landscape Architects (MVLA) on the project, the same designers behind the landscapes surrounding the Jack C. Taylor Visitor Center. Arbolope Studio serves as the lead local contractor for the project.

Photo by Nathan Kwarta, Missouri Botanical Garden.

MEET & EAT WITH SANTA IN ST. LOUIS DELICIOUS WAYS TO VISIT WITH THE JOLLY OLD ELF FOR THE HOLIDAYS IN 2025

Meet and eat with Santa Claus at a variety of happy holiday events during the 2025 Christmas season in St. Louis.



Breakfast with Santa at SqWires: December 13

SqWires Restaurant & Market in Lafayette Square will host its popular Breakfast with Santa event twice this year on Dec. 13 at 10 am. Tickets are required. \$32 per person and \$18 for kids under 12.

Families will enjoy a breakfast buffet, hot cocoa bar, cookie decorating, a holiday craft and free photo ops with Santa (bring your own camera). Prize will be awarded for Best Family PJs! Reserve tickets at www.sqwires.com

Ice Cream with Santa at Clementine’s at five parlors: Various dates

Clementine’s will host Ice Cream with Santa at five locations this year from 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm: Edwardsville location on December 9 (6185 Bennett Drive);

CWE location on December 10 (308 N. Euclid); Lake St. Louis location on December 11 (20 Meadows Circle Drive): South Hampton location on December 16 (4715 Macklind): Town & Country location on December 18 (13426 Clayton Road). Advance reservations are required for \$15 per child. Guests will enjoy a holiday scoop, free photo ops, and Mrs. Claus will join Jolly Old St. Nick at the Edwardsville, Lake St. Louis and Town & Country locations, too! Reserve your spot at Ice Cream with Santa Reservations (2025)



Pancakes With Santa at Union Station (201 S. 18th St. Downtown) at 8:30 and 10 a.m. on select dates



Santa Claus is hosting Pancakes With Santa weekends in the beautiful Grand Hall at St. Louis Union Station. Everyone will meet the Jolly Old Elf as they enjoy Santa-face pancakes with whipped cream and strawberries. The holiday light show will run on the Grand Hall ceiling during the event. Pancakes With Santa is held on Saturdays

and Sundays during the holiday season Dec. 20 & 21 and again on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 22, 23 and 24. Tickets are available at www.stlpolarexpressride.com.

WILD LIGHTS PRESENTED BY COMMERCE BANK Festive fun begins Friday, Nov. 28 at Saint Louis Zoo

Escape to a wild wonderland of holiday cheer at Wild Lights presented by Commerce Bank at the Saint Louis Zoo! Spectacular holiday displays and festive family fun await, including:

- Pictures with Santa (NEW!)
- The Holiday Market (NEW!)
- Themed lights displays
- Sweet winter treats (hot chocolate, fried vanilla ice cream, turkey dinner in a cone, warm cinnamon rolls, and more!)
- Nightly roaming entertainment (conditions and weather permitting)
- Free craft stations and activities for the kids

Ticket purchase includes admission to the 4D theater featuring “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer 4D” and unlimited rides on Mary Ann Lee Conservation Carousel. Attendees will enjoy access to the Holekamp Aqua Tunnel at Judy and Jerry Kent Family Sea Lion Sound, Penguin & Puffin Coast and Bayer Insectarium. These are the only animal exhibits open during the event.

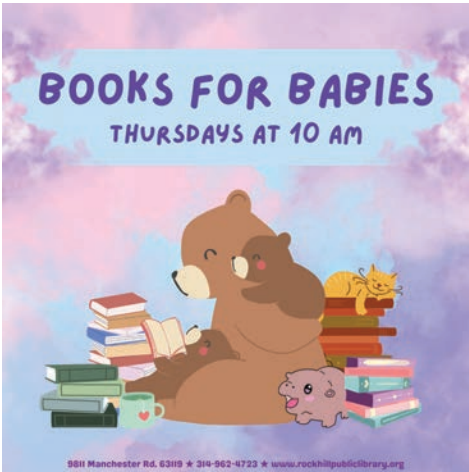
DATES & ADMISSION:

Wild Lights takes place 5-8:30 p.m. on the following dates:

- Monday, Dec. 8 — Sensory-Friendly Night for guests with sensory sensitivities, \$12/members, \$15/non-members
- Nightly, Dec. 10–23, \$15/members, \$18/non-members
- Friday–Sunday, Dec. 26–28, \$12/members, \$15/non-members

The Zoo closes to the public at 4 p.m. Doors reopen at 5 p.m. for the event. Exit and re-entry with a valid event ticket is required. Parking is free on both Zoo parking lots during the event. Lots are filled on a first-come, first-served basis and may reach capacity.





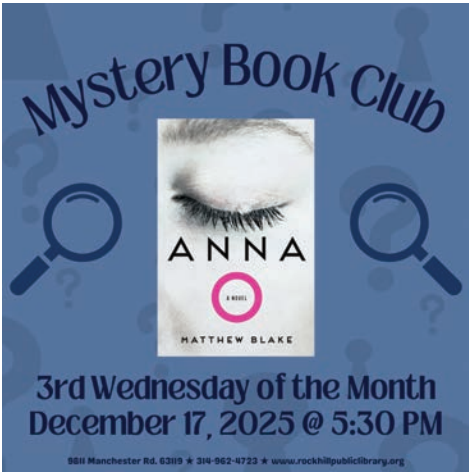
Books for Babies

Hey caregivers and little ones aged 0-3, it's time for Books for Babies at the Rock Hill Public Library on Thursdays at 10 AM! It's a fun and interactive way to introduce your little one to the magic of storytelling.



STEAM Club

Ready to learn all about gravity and have a blast with our gravity maze activity? Next Saturday, December 13, we're exploring the mysteries of gravity with our gravity maze activity at STEAM Club. Don't miss out on the fun, see you at 11 AM!



Mystery Book Club

Anna Ogilvy was a budding twenty-five-year-old writer with a bright future. Then, one night, she stabbed two people to death with no apparent motive—and hasn't woken up since. Dubbed "Sleeping Beauty" by the tabloids, Anna's condition is a rare psychosomatic disorder known to neurologists as "resignation syndrome."

Dr. Benedict Prince is a forensic psychologist and an expert in the field of sleep-related homicides. His methods are the last hope of solving the infamous "Anna O" case and waking Anna up so she can stand trial. But he must be careful treating such a high-profile suspect—he's got career secrets and a complicated personal life of his own.

As Anna shows the first signs of stirring, Benedict must determine what really happened and whether Anna should be held responsible for her crimes.

Only Anna knows the truth about that night, but only Benedict knows how to discover it. And they're both in danger from what they find out.

Get ready for a night of suspense, excitement & holiday cheer at the Rock Hill Public Library's Mystery Book Club on December 17 at 5:30 PM at Ami's Italian Restaurant (9824 Manchester Rd) ! We'll be diving into "Anna O" by Matthew Blake and celebrating the holidays.

The library will be **CLOSED**
Wednesday, December 24th
and Thursday, December 25th for Christmas.

We will reopen Friday, December 26th at NOON.



Holiday Library Closings

Rock Hill Public Library will be closed on Wednesday, December 24 and Thursday, December 25 for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We will reopen on Friday, December 26, 2025 at Noon.

The library will also be closed for New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, December 31, 2025 and January 1, 2026. We will reopen on Friday, January 2, 2026 at Noon. Happy Holidays!!!

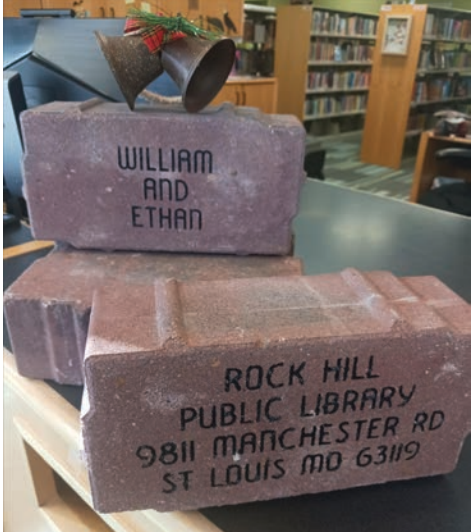


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Wednesday, December 31st
& Thursday, January 1, 2026
for New Year's.



RHPL Puzzle Race

Teamwork makes the dream work at our third RHPL Puzzle Race event! Big thanks to all the teams, Chuck's Hot Chicken Rock Hill, and Ravensburger Puzzles for making it a memorable day on Saturday, November 15. Huge congratulations to our winning team, Puzzle Me!



Buy-A-Brick for the Holidays

What a great holiday gift! Help us continue to pave the way to a brighter future for the Rock Hill Public Library with a special holiday gift of a personalized brick! Get yours for the holidays or give as a gift. Click here, and visit [http:// www.rockhillpubliclibrary.org/donate/](http://www.rockhillpubliclibrary.org/donate/).



RHPL Holiday Open House

Save the Date!! Get ready to celebrate the holidays at the Rock Hill Public Library on December 18, 2025! Watch a couple holiday classics and enjoy crafts, refreshments, and community connections at our annual holiday gathering at 4:00 PM.



Laumeier Sculpture Park Presents Holiday Pop-Up Shop Featuring 50+ Local Artisans



Laumeier Sculpture Park invites the community to shop local this season at its annual Holiday Pop-Up Shop, taking place on Saturday, December 6 and Saturday, December 13, from 10:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. More than 50 local artisans and makers will showcase their work across the two-weekend event, with each Saturday featuring a new lineup. Visitors can browse unique, handcrafted gifts; enjoy food and beverages from local food trucks; and warm up around outdoor fire pits—all within the festive atmosphere of the Park.

Guests are also invited to participate in a holiday raffle benefiting Laumeier, with a chance to win a one-of-a-kind gift basket filled with items from Laumeier and participating artisans.

The Holiday Pop-Up Shop is free and open to the public. For a full list of participating artisans and food vendors, visit: www.laumeiersculpturepark.org/holiday-popup.

When: Saturday, December 6 and Saturday, December 13, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Where: Laumeier Sculpture Park, 12580 Rott Road, St. Louis, Missouri.

Admission: Free and open to the public

Parking: Laumeier parking lots will be open, though spaces may fill up quickly as the Park will be open normal hours for visitors. Additional event parking will be located in the corporate office building lot directly north of Rott Road at the corner of Rott and Geyer Roads. Please DO NOT park in the Mercy Technology Services lot northwest of the main park entrance or the Peace Haven Association lot next to the main park entrance.

West Community Credit Union Makes and Donates Mats



Before the holiday weekend, we made a special delivery to our community partner, AmeriCorps St. Louis! These mats have proven useful in disaster relief, for the unhoused, and for those needing temporary sleeping arrangements.

We would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to everyone who donated the plastic bags used for our mat-making efforts and to our staff for their time and weaving skills.

Together we are proving that small actions can lead to big impact!

Rock Hill Library Puzzle Race

Our third Puzzle Race at the Rock Hill Public Library was a huge success all thanks to our incredible teams (Puzzle Me, Jiggy Sawdust, Team Duncan, Puzzle Posse, Team Cupcake and The Falcons)! Huge congratulations to our winner, Puzzle Me! You rocked it!

And a special shoutout to Chuck’s Hot Chicken Rock Hill for their generous \$50 Grand Prize and @ravensburger_puzzles for the fantastic 500 piece puzzles!



St. Louis District Dairy Council



Say cheese this holiday season

Nothing says the holidays are here quite like a table decked out with good cheer and a platter of cheese. From velvety brie tucked under cranberry chutney to aged cheddar cubes ready to spear with a toothpick, cheese has earned its spot as a true holiday classic.

“Cheese is one of those foods that brings people together,” said Maggie Nasic, nutrition educator and registered dietitian with St. Louis District Dairy Council. “It’s comforting, versatile, and it just feels special during the holidays.”

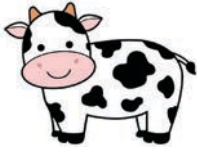
But beyond its indulgent reputation, cheese also packs a surprising punch of nutrition. “Cheese is often thought of as a treat, but it provides key nutrients we need for good health,” Nasic said. “It’s an excellent source of high-quality protein; calcium, which supports strong bones; and important vitamins, such as B12 and vitamin A.”

For many, cheese is more than a flavor enhancer for their favorite dishes, it is also nutritious and satisfying. The balance of protein and fat helps keep people full longer, which can make navigating the other holiday dishes on the buffet a little easier. When paired with fruit, veggies or whole grain crackers, it makes for a balanced and festive addition to dishes and snacks during the holiday season.

Hosts love cheese for its endless holiday possibilities. A simple wedge can be dressed up with a drizzle of honey and a sprinkle of nuts, baked into bubbly casseroles or set out on colorful cheese boards that double as table décor. It can star on appetizer platters, melt into cozy soups, or even elevate desserts when paired with honey or dark chocolate. So, as the carols play and glasses clink, don’t forget to raise a toast to cheese whether it’s creamy, crumbly or melted. Cheese is the perfect addition to meals and will make the holidays a little brighter and healthier. “After all, the holidays wouldn’t be complete without a little cheese,” Nasic said

Visit www.stldairycouncil.org for nutritional handouts on cheese, the Pleasing Pairings with Cheese guide, recipes and more. You may also contact Maggie Nasic at 314-835-9668 or email at mcimarolli@stldairycouncil.org. Follow St. Louis District Dairy Council on Facebook and Instagram at [STLDAirycouncil](https://www.facebook.com/STLDAirycouncil).

St. Louis District Dairy Council, a nonprofit nutrition education organization funded by local dairy farmers, serves 131 counties in central/southern Illinois and eastern Missouri.



“Cheese is one of those foods that brings people together”



Holiday Cheese Ball

Looking for a new cheesy recipe? Add some pizzazz and a punch of cheesy nutrition to your holiday spread with this delicious cheese ball recipe!

Prep Time: 20 minutes

Ingredients

- 12 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 2 Tablespoons sour cream
- 1 ½ cups shredded sharp cheddar, divided
- 1 Tablespoon smoked paprika
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- 8 slices cooked bacon, minced, divided
- ¼ cup pecans, chopped, divided
- 4 green onions, chopped fine, divided
- ¼ cup chopped parsley, divided

Instructions

Place softened cream cheese, sour cream, smoked paprika, garlic powder, salt and pepper into a medium-sized mixing bowl. Use a spatula to mix spices into the cream cheese and sour cream.

Add half the cheddar, half the bacon, half the chopped pecans, half the chopped onions, and half of the parsley to the bowl. Mix into the cream cheese, making sure the ingredients are evenly distributed. Use the spatula to press the cheese mixture into a loose ball. Set aside.

Place the remaining ingredients – bacon, cheddar, pecans, parsley and green onions – on a large piece of plastic wrap spread on the kitchen counter. Use your fingers to toss the ingredients so they are well mixed.

Place the cheese ball onto the plastic wrap. Roll the ball into the loose ingredient mixture, pressing the ingredients onto the surface with your hands while forming a more even looking cheese ball. (There will be extra loose ingredients. Save for another use, such as a topping for a green salad.)

Serve immediately or wrap tightly in plastic wrap and store in the refrigerator for up to 4 days.

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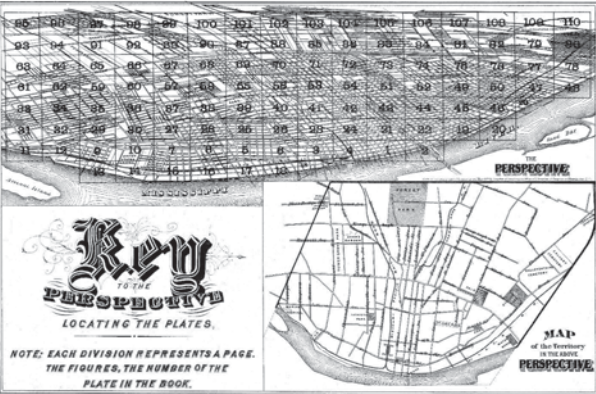
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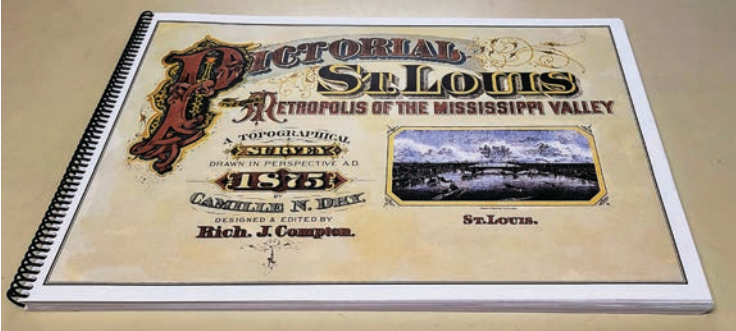



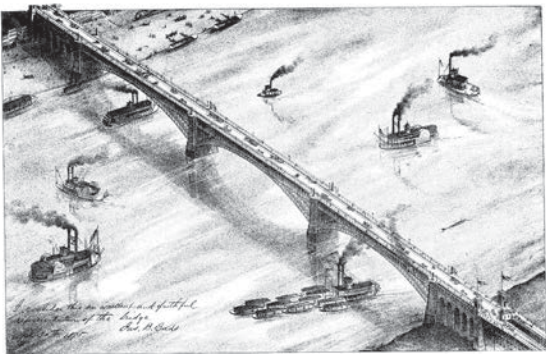
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Pictorial St. Louis A Topographical Survey Drawn in Perspective A.D. 1875

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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.

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



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For decades, The Pulse has been a trusted source of connection and community in Brentwood, and we've been honored to be a part of that journey. Your dedication to keeping our neighbors informed and engaged has made a lasting impact, and we truly appreciate the service you've provided to our city of warmth. It's been a privilege for us to share in your mission and support the stories that matter most to Brentwood.

While this chapter is closing, we wish Gene-Del Printing continued success and all good things in the future. Thank you for everything you've done to strengthen Brentwood and for inviting us to be part of the journey. "Top of the morning to ya!"

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