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**AT THE SCHOOLHOUSE!**

**A WESTERN TRIVIA**  
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Saturday  
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SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2025

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# BRENTWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Alumni Panel Prepares Students for Postsecondary Pathways



Brentwood High School recently welcomed back seven graduates from the Class of 2024 for an alumni panel discussing their first semester of college. The event gave current juniors and seniors an inside look at postsecondary life, covering topics such as academic expectations, time management, and building connections on campus.



The Class of 2024 submitted 216 applications to 104 institutions nationwide and earned more than \$1.6 million in scholarships. Students selected 22 different schools to continue their education, including Florida State University, Missouri University of Science and Technology, and Washington University in St. Louis.

Among the panelists was Cora Urhahn, who joined the discussion via Zoom from Germany, where she is participating in the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange program. This prestigious scholarship provides students with a fully immersive cultural experience, including living with a host family, attending a German high school, and engaging in language instruction. Participants also have opportunities to meet with U.S. and German government representatives and join a vibrant alumni network.

"Hearing directly from our alumni helps students see what's possible beyond high school," said Emily Diaz, BHS college and career advisor. "Their experiences reinforce the value of preparation and adaptability, whether they're navigating coursework, finding campus resources, or making connections that will shape their future."

## Brentwood High School Assistant Principal Announces Retirement



After three decades in public education, Brentwood High School Assistant Principal and Athletic Director Dr. Stephen Ayotte will retire at the end of the 2024-25 school year.

"Dr. Ayotte has been an incredible colleague and partner in building a positive and inclusive culture at Brentwood High School," said Dr. Edward Johnson, Brentwood High School principal. "His unwavering commitment to servant leadership has profoundly impacted our students, leaving a legacy of care, compassion, and excellence that will not be forgotten."

Dr. Ayotte began his career as a certified public accountant and auditor before transitioning to education. In 1995, he joined Parkway South High School as a business education teacher, where he also coached football and track and field. Six years later, he became the career and technical education curriculum coordinator for the Rockwood School District.

After a decade in Rockwood's central office, Dr. Ayotte moved into leadership roles at Confluence Academies, including assistant

principal and director of secondary education. In 2013, he assumed his current role at Brentwood High School. Dr. Ayotte and his wife, Stefanie, relocated to the Brentwood community to ensure their three children could attend and graduate from Brentwood High School.

"My family and I are incredibly grateful to the Brentwood School District for all it has done for us," said Dr. Ayotte. "We could not have been more pleased with everyone we have met and all our experiences here. You may look for greener pastures elsewhere, but you will never find a place as special as Brentwood."

Details about the hiring process will be announced in the coming weeks.

## Brentwood Chili Cook-Off Serves Up Flavor and Community Spirit



Brentwood's annual Chili Cook-Off brought the heat on Jan. 24, as students, staff and families gathered for a night of friendly competition, flavorful fun and community support. With 23 homemade chili recipes on the menu, attendees sampled and voted for their favorites, making this year's event one to remember.

After all the votes were counted, Kim Gearhart's "Chili Contender" claimed



the Golden Spoon award for an unprecedented third consecutive year.

"It's incredible to see how this event continues to grow and bring our community together," said Anne Bosche, Brentwood Middle School counselor and National Junior Honor Society sponsor. "Our students work hard to make it a success, and the impact goes beyond just a fun night—it's about supporting a cause that matters."

That cause, chosen by students, was Gateway 180 Homeless Services, which will receive the \$1,100 raised at the event to further its mission of ending homelessness.

The National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society played a leading role in organizing the cook-off, with support from teachers and administrators, kitchen and custodial staff, and dedicated volunteers.

Thank you to everyone who participated, contributed a dish or helped make the event a success. Visit the Brentwood School District Facebook page to see more photos from the event.

## Three Candidates File for Brentwood Board of Education

Three candidates have filed for the two available three-year terms on the Brentwood School District Board of Education. In order

of their filing, this year's school board candidates are:

• Katie Clark • Ryan C. Flynn • Clayton Zak

As elected representatives of the residents of the Brentwood School District, the seven-member Board of Education serves as the governing body for the community's public school system. The school board sets district policies, selects and evaluates the superintendent of schools, adopts the annual budget, and determines the yearly tax rates. Board members serve three-year overlapping terms with two or three members elected each year.

The district will host a School Board Candidate Forum on Monday, March 3, at 6:30 p.m. in the Brentwood High School Lecture Hall (2221 High School Dr.). The forum will be moderated by the League of Women Voters.

The forum is an excellent opportunity for residents to hear directly from the candidates about their goals, priorities and vision for the district. Community members are encouraged to submit questions for the candidates in advance online at [brentwoodmoschools.org/forum](http://brentwoodmoschools.org/forum), or in person at the event. The League of Women Voters will collect and moderate all questions to ensure a fair and informative discussion.

The election is scheduled for Tuesday, April 8.

## Mark Twain and McGrath Crown Spelling Bee Champs

Both Mark Twain and McGrath elementary schools recently held their annual spelling bee competitions, celebrating the exceptional spelling skills and perseverance of their students.

Mark Twain fifth grader Aadi B. demonstrated remarkable focus and determination, securing his third consecutive spelling bee championship after an impressive 26-round competition. The competition concluded with his championship word, "vial," cementing his place as a three-time champion.

At McGrath, fifth grader Aidan T. showcased his linguistic talent by claiming his second straight spelling bee title. The 13-round contest concluded with his championship word, "dysfunctional," solidifying his reputation as a top speller.

"Our annual spelling bees provide a unique opportunity for students to build confidence, expand their vocabulary and celebrate academic achievement," said Stacey Taylor, English language arts curriculum coordinator. "It's exciting to watch our students challenge themselves, rise to the occasion and showcase their impressive spelling skills."

## Explore the Brentwood School District Strategic Dashboard

The Brentwood School District is excited to introduce its 2024-29 Strategic Dashboard, an interactive online platform that complements our 2024-29 Strategic Platform and offers a transparent view of our district's progress. Think of it as a districtwide report card, providing key insights into our strategic priorities:

- **Student Success:** Maximize student learning, growth and achievement.
- **School Culture:** Nurture a kind and respectful environment for all.
- **Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility:** Assure a sense of dignity and belonging for all.
- **Unified Community Engagement:** Connect our community to achieve shared goals.

The Strategic Dashboard is a dynamic tool for tracking progress toward these priorities, including performance metrics and com-



parisons to state and national benchmarks. Updated three times per school year, it provides timely and relevant data to help guide our efforts.

"Our Strategic Dashboard reflects our commitment to transparency and accountability as we work toward the priorities and objectives outlined in our new strategic plan," said Dr. Amy Zielinski, superintendent of schools. "We invite our community to explore the data, celebrate our progress, and stay engaged in our shared journey toward continuous improvement and student success."

The dashboard is available at [brentwoodmoschools.org/dashboard](http://brentwoodmoschools.org/dashboard), under the Our Work drop-down menu on our district website and in the Quick Links section of district and school homepages.

## School Resource Officer Named Brentwood Police Officer of the Year

Brentwood School Resource Officer Amir Habibovic has been named the City of Brentwood Police Officer of the Year, recognizing his exceptional dedication, community engagement and contributions to both the Brentwood School District and the broader community.

Officer Habibovic, affectionately known as "Officer Habi" among students and staff, has gone above and beyond in his role as SRO, fostering meaningful relationships with students while enhancing school safety. His leadership in organizing engaging and educational events has strengthened the connection between law enforcement and the Brentwood community.



Throughout 2024, Officer Habibovic organized several initiatives, including:

- **Career Day Demonstration** – Showcased crime scene processing for Brentwood Middle School students.
- **Internet Safety Seminar** – Provided critical online safety information to students in the Brentwood School District and St. Mary Magdalen.
- **Hot Chocolate with Habi** – Hosted informal gatherings at Brentwood Middle and High School to foster positive interactions with students.
- **Senior Citizen Identity Theft Seminar** – Educated residents about scams and fraud prevention.
- **Ride-With-A-Cop Program** – Partnered with Officer TJ Lachenicht and K-9 Officer Redbull to escort students to school in a memorable experience.

Officer Habibovic also became an International Police Mountain Bike Association certified bicycle instructor, training two new officers for bicycle patrol duties. Beyond his school responsibilities, he served as a detective during the summer months, investigating cases including burglary, auto theft and fraud. His diligent work led to multiple case resolutions and charges issued.

"Officer Habi has become an integral part of our school community, building strong relationships with students while ensuring their safety and well-being," said Dr. Amy Zielinski, superintendent of schools. "His dedication goes beyond law enforcement—he is a mentor, a role model and a true asset to our district and community."

## 30,000+ MISSOURI CHILDREN TO LEARN ESSENTIAL ORAL HEALTH HABITS THROUGH DELTA DENTAL OF MISSOURI'S LAND OF SMILES® PROGRAM

Program Has Taught 1.2 Million Kids How to Proactively Combat Tooth Decay Since 2002



With tooth decay remaining the leading chronic disease affecting children and 29% of Missouri third graders having untreated cavities, establishing essential oral health habits at an early age has never been more vital. Delta Dental of Missouri, the state's leading dental benefits provider and a non-profit organization, is tackling this issue through its popular Land of Smiles® dental education program, teaching kindergarten through third-grade students essential oral health habits. Since 2002, this free, interactive program – featuring superhero Captain Super Grin® and his sidekick – has impacted 1.2 million kids across 113 Missouri counties through in-person and virtual elementary school performances. This winter and spring, an additional 30,000+ kids at 150+ schools statewide will participate, including those most recently at Mark Twain Elementary School in Brentwood.

The Land of Smiles® experience follows Captain Super Grin® as he defeats his nemesis, Caz CavitySM, with help from Terri Tooth FairySM and ToothpickSM. Students learn the importance of brushing teeth twice a day, flossing, using mouthwash, eating healthy foods and visiting the dentist regularly. The program includes an oral health curriculum that adheres to National and Missouri Health Education Standards, and

offers engaging, age-appropriate materials in English and Spanish. In addition, participating students receive free “smile bags” with a toothbrush, toothpaste and dental floss. Caregivers can also access an important educational program recap video at <https://www.landofsmilesmo.org/parent-caregiver-information>.

“Students show an average of 34% improvement in good oral health behavior and knowledge after seeing a performance, according to our pre- and post-show survey results,” said Stacy Harris, supervisor of community outreach at Delta Dental of Missouri. “This is a very positive outcome as good dental habits developed at a young age lead to lifelong healthy smiles.”

Offered at no cost by Delta Dental of Missouri, the program reaches many high-need schools, where more than 40% have at least 70% of students enrolled in free and reduced lunch programs. Educators can request an in-person or virtual show by emailing [Schools@NationalTheatre.com](mailto:Schools@NationalTheatre.com) or visiting [www.LandofSmilesMO.org](http://www.LandofSmilesMO.org).

1 National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research

2 <https://health.mo.gov/living/families/oralhealth/pdf/missouri-state-totals.pdf>

### About Delta Dental of Missouri

Delta Dental of Missouri is the state's leading dental benefits provider and a 501(c)(4) non-profit organization. It provides more than 2.37 million members with access to affordable, high-quality dental care through group plans tailored to meet the needs of organizations of all sizes, from large corporations to small businesses with two or more employees. Delta Dental of Missouri also created the Missouri Dental Care Resource Guide to help individuals access information about low-cost and free dental care options in their area—available online at [www.DeltaDentalMO.com/ResourceGuide1](http://www.DeltaDentalMO.com/ResourceGuide1). To learn more about the company, visit [www.DeltaDentalMO.com](http://www.DeltaDentalMO.com).

## Child Care Aware of Missouri Releases 2025 Child Care Report

Child Care Aware of Missouri (CCAMO) recently released its “Child Care Landscape in Missouri” report which examines the region's child care system from 2020 to 2024.

The up-to-date report explores how Missouri's child care system has been significantly shaped by the long-term effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Various challenges addressed include an increase in child care deserts, child care affordability, limited resource accessibility, and the expiration of federally funded programs like the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Founded in 1999, CCAMO is a statewide nonprofit organization that focuses on comprehensive early childhood education and its impact on families, child care professionals, businesses, and communities. CCAMO holds exclusive statewide licenses for Show Me Child Care Resources, a web-based portal providing more than 2,000 resources for child care educators and business owners, as well as T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood Missouri Scholarship Program, which has awarded more than 2,600 scholarships across Missouri since its inception.

CCAMO's report provides researched solutions and actionable recommendations such as expanding affordable care access with a focus on rural and underserved areas; investing in workforce retention through better wages and benefits; sustaining public funding to stabilize and grow the sector; and promoting innovative child care models to meet diverse family needs.

“Our detailed analysis depicts numerous barriers in Missouri's child care infrastructure since the pandemic,” said CCAMO CEO Robin Phillips. “We have addressed these issues – from workforce development resources to policy recommendations – to assist our region in its quest for quality answers to our current child care climate.”

Child Care Aware of Missouri's services include workforce development, child care business supports, advocacy and policy work, and its new Child Care Keeps Missouri Working, a regional campaign offering concierge solutions to businesses undergoing employee recruitment and retention challenges due to the overwhelming shortage of quality child care options. For more information, call (314) 535-1458 or visit [www.mochildcareaware.org](http://www.mochildcareaware.org).



## Bridging the Gap: Preparing for College and Funding an Education

By: West Community Credit Union

As high school seniors prepare to take their next big step toward college, the excitement of new opportunities often comes with the challenge of figuring out how to pay for it.

Between tuition, books, housing, and other expenses, the cost of higher education can feel overwhelming. But with careful planning and a proactive approach, students and families can bridge the gap between scholarships, grants, and loans to make college more affordable.

### Scholarships and Grants

Start your search early and cast a wide net. Look for opportunities through your high school, community organizations, and local businesses. We're thrilled to support local students through our annual scholarship program. This year, we're awarding five \$1,500 scholarships to eligible high school seniors. Applications are open now, so don't miss this chance to ease the financial burden of college.

### Federal and Private Student Loans

Federal loans typically offer lower interest rates and more flexible repayment plans than private loans, so they should be your first stop. If additional funding is needed, private loans can help fill the gap—but be sure to compare terms and interest rates carefully.

### Explore work-study programs

Many colleges offer work-study programs that allow students to earn money while gaining valuable experience. These programs can help cover everyday expenses and reduce the amount you need to borrow.

### Budget wisely and plan ahead

Creating a budget for college expenses can help you avoid unnecessary debt. Consider costs like textbooks, transportation, and living expenses, and look for ways to save, such as buying used books or living off-campus. Every dollar saved is one less dollar you'll need to borrow.

Preparing for college is an exciting time, but it's important to plan ahead and explore all of your options for funding your education. For more information about scholarships or private student loans, contact Member Services with West Community Credit Union at 636.720.2495 or visit us online at [westcommunitycu.org](http://westcommunitycu.org).

## West Community Credit Union Scholarships Available!

West Community Credit Union is accepting applications for their annual scholarship program. Apply today to be a recipient of one of the \$1,500 college scholarships we will be awarding to FIVE 2025 high school graduates. Applicants must simply meet the following qualifications:

- Be a graduating high school senior
- Plan to attend an accredited college, university, career, or trade school
- Parent and/or recipient must be a member of West Community Credit Union

Applications are available at [www.westcommunitycu.org](http://www.westcommunitycu.org) and are due March 18, 2025. For more information, visit online or stop by a local branch.

### About West Community Credit Union

West Community Credit Union is a full-service, not-for-profit financial cooperative serving more than 32,400 members and businesses in St. Louis City, St. Louis County, St. Charles County and Boone County. The credit union has offices in O'Fallon, Brentwood, Kirkwood, Lake Saint Louis, Florissant, St. Peters and Columbia, MO. For more information on banking products and services, call (636) 720-2400 or visit [www.westcommunitycu.org](http://www.westcommunitycu.org).

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## SAINT LOUIS ZOO WILL HOLD JOB FAIR THIS WINTER

The Saint Louis Zoo will host a job fair from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Feb. 15, in The Living World building located at the Zoo's North Entrance on Government Drive in Forest Park.

The Zoo is seeking applicants interested in part-time work at the Zoo with immediate availability starting as early as the beginning of March. Energetic, responsible and service-oriented individuals with day and night availability are needed for part-time positions, including catering and food service personnel, attraction operators, education interpreters, security beats, retail and parking lot attendants and more.

Flexible weekday and weekend positions are available for ages 15 (work permit required at time of hire) and up. The job fair will include information on employment, plus an opportunity to interview with possible same-day job offers, pending successful completion of pre-employment paperwork process.

The Zoo offers competitive hourly wages, free employee parking and an ideal working environment. Positions start at \$14 per hour. Many weekday positions start at \$15.50, based on availability, experience or the ability to serve alcohol.

Advance registration to attend the job fair is not needed. Dress for the fair is business casual. All successful candidates will be required to submit to a criminal background check and a drug test.

For more information, email [jrussell@stlzoo.org](mailto:jrussell@stlzoo.org) or visit [stlzoo.org/employment](http://stlzoo.org/employment).

## Adopt A Saint Louis Zoo California Sea Lion For Valentine's Day

It's love at first splash! Adopt a California sea lion from the Saint Louis Zoo for a heart-felt Valentine's Day gift that makes waves. Your gift will help support the care and feeding of the Zoo's animals for a full year.

The special Valentine's Day adoption package includes a California sea lion plush toy (while supplies last) and greeting card from you, personalized adoption certificate, color photo with animal facts, car decal, name on the Zoo Parents Donor Wall and Zoo website for one year, and an invitation to the Zoo Parents Picnic.

This adoption is \$60 when purchased online and includes shipping and handling for locations within the contiguous United States. Save \$10 when you purchase your adoption package on-site at the Zoo and take it home with you that day. Discount not available on shipped orders.

To adopt a sea lion, order online at [stlzoo.org/valentine](http://stlzoo.org/valentine), or call (314) 646-4771 (option 2) from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Orders also are available at the Welcome Desk at the Zoo's North Entrance from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. See [stlzoo.org/hours](http://stlzoo.org/hours) for complete list of hours and visit information.

Each adoption is personally packaged by Saint Louis Zoo staff. The Zoo will mail orders within 14 to 21 business days of receipt. Due to delays in postal processing, orders for delivery should be made as early as possible. Take-home purchases are available at the Zoo through 4 p.m. on Feb. 14. Supplies are limited.

## NEW BOOK NOW AVAILABLE: LINCOLN AND DOUGLAS

Reedy Press is pleased to announce the re-release of its newest young adult novel, Lincoln and Douglas, by Jan Jacobi.

Abraham Lincoln saw himself as the tortoise in a hopeless race against Stephen Douglas, the charismatic hare. Lincoln was perpetually in Douglas's shadow. They'd been friends and colleagues since they first met in the Illinois legislature in 1835.

Douglas became the boy wonder of American politics while Lincoln failed in his one term in the House of Representatives. In 1849, believing his political career to be over, Lincoln returned to Springfield to resume his law practice. Douglas became prominent in the US Senate.

This is where the story begins in Jan Jacobi's third book, Lincoln and Douglas. In the 1850s, Lincoln and Douglas became bitter rivals as they took different positions on the slavery issue that was tearing the country apart. Their rivalry became more intense when Lincoln challenged Douglas in the senate election of 1858. Although Lincoln lost, he forged on to challenge Douglas once again as an underdog candidate for the presidency in 1860. In Lincoln and Douglas, Lincoln shows the courage, determination, and self-understanding that will ultimately make him a great president.

Lincoln and Douglas is available wherever books are sold.

Lincoln and Douglas by Jan Jacobi, ISBN: 9781681065816, softcover, 5.5 x 8.5, 320 pages, \$18.00

## "LIFE OF THE MARDI" NEW FREAK SHAKE DEBUTS AT SODA FOUNTAIN

This Mardi Gras season you can be the "LIFE OF THE MARDI" with Soda Fountain's new and delicious seasonal Freak Shake.

"Life of the Mardi" is available now through March 4 at the retro diner restaurant at St. Louis Union Station.

This season's overstuffed shake is a nod to the classic Mardi Gras Hurricane cocktail with fruit punch-flavored ice cream served in a sprinkled-rim glass, topped with a heaping slice of King Cake, a candy necklace, a Mardi Gras mask, two party blowers, whipped cream and a cherry.

This shake is all-ages approved (non-alcoholic) but adults have the option of adding a shot of Cruzan Spiced Rum for \$5. "Life of the Mardi" is priced at \$18.

"Life of the Mardi" joins a menu of classic Freak Shakes and diner delights such as smash burgers, hot dogs, chili, sandwiches, fries, onion rings and a full list of ice cream treats.

St. Louis Union Station is a family entertainment destination located at 201 S. 18th Street, St. Louis, MO 63103. It is home to the St. Louis Aquarium, 200-foot-tall St. Louis Wheel and additional attractions and restaurants. The St. Louis Union Station Hotel is a Curio Collection by Hilton. Opened in 1894, Union Station was once the biggest and busiest train terminal in the nation. Learn more at [www.stlouisunionstation.com](http://www.stlouisunionstation.com). Facebook: @stlunionstation; Instagram: @unionstationstl.

## Neighborhood Eyes

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



### Brentwood Police Department

#### Calls for Service Report

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

## DECEMBER 2024

CFS for Person Crime	
Murder / Manslaughter	0
Sex & Sexual Assaults CFS	1
Robbery /Car-Jack	0
Assaults /Kidnapping	4
Peace Dist -Domestic- Misc	36
Calls for Mental Health	5

CFS for Property Crime	
Arson/Bombing/Burning	0
Burglary - Residential	0
Burglary - Business	0
Destruction of Property	4
Frauds & ID Theft	14
Larceny - Shoplifting	62
Larceny - From Vehicle	2
Stolen Vehicles	4
Trespassing	13

Weapons Related	
Utilized/Taken	4
Recovered	0

Auto Accidents	
	77

Patrols	
Building & Business Check	181
Schools & Foot	78
Parks - Misc	33
Parking violation	11

Notable CFS	
Alarm Calls	48
Animal Related	7
Assist FD & etc ..	100
Check Welfare/Notification	17
Contact Another Agency	24
Motor Assist	12
Police Community Relations	4
FLOCK/LPR/RADAR-FTY	5
Solicitors	0
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	32
Traffic Control/Details	12
Traffic Stops	117
Vacation Checks/Close Watch	12
<b>ARREST</b>	
Prisoner Conveyance	6
Adults	21
Juvenile	2
<b>ARREST TYPE</b>	
FTA/Fugitive	5
Original Non-Traffic	20
Original Traffic	0

Miscellaneous CFS	
	178

Minus Arrest/Types/Weapons	-52
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<b>Total Calls For Service</b>	<b>1099</b>
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#### Calls for Service Report

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## 1-20-25 - 1-26-25

CFS for Person Crime	
Murder / Manslaughter	0
Sex & Sexual Assaults CFS	0
Robbery /Car-Jack	0
Assaults /Kidnapping	0
Peace Dist -Domestic- Misc	10
Calls for Mental Health	1

CFS for Property Crime	
Arson/Bombing/Burning	0
Burglary - Residential	1
Burglary - Business	0
Destruction of Property	1
Frauds & ID Theft	7
Larceny - Shoplifting	12
Larceny - From Vehicle	0
Stolen Vehicles	1
Trespassing	4

Weapons Related	
Utilized/Taken	0
Recovered	1

Auto Accidents	
	10

Patrols	
Building & Business Check	37
Schools & Foot	22
Parks - Misc	10
Parking violation	3

Notable CFS	
Alarm Calls	9
Animal Related	1
Assist FD & etc ..	24
Check Welfare/Notification	12
Contact Another Agency	17
Motor Assist	4
Police Community Relations	0
FLOCK/LPR/RADAR-FTY	0
Solicitors	0
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	4
Traffic Control/Details	8
Traffic Stops	51
Vacation Checks/Close Watch	4

ARREST	
Prisoner Conveyance	0
Adults	3
Juvenile	0

ARREST TYPE	
FTA/Fugitive	1
Original Non-Traffic	2
Original Traffic	0

Miscellaneous CFS	
	32

Minus Arrest/Types/Weapons	-7
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<b>Total Calls For Service</b>	<b>285</b>
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Whether you're on a date night, celebrating Galentine's, planning an office outing or enjoying a friends or family party, these Valentine's events and activities offer something to warm everyone's heart during February.

#### VIOLET'S -- A NEW VALENTINE'S MONTH COCKTAIL POP UP

It's a beautifully decorated and darkly romantic spot for a date night, girlfriend's getaway or group gathering. Violet's is the new Valentine's cocktail and dinner pop-up experience at St. Louis Union Station. With a menu of eight specialty cocktails featuring everyone's favorite spirits, Violet's has taken over the Train Shed restaurant space for the entire month of February. No reservations are needed. Violet's opens daily at 11 a.m. Learn more at [www.trainshed-stl.com](http://www.trainshed-stl.com).

#### LOVE BITES AT THE ST. LOUIS AQUARIUM

Now through February 28: Get over that breakup! Wouldn't you like to symbolically feed your ex to a hungry animal? You can get back at that not-so-special someone in your life while supporting education and conservation through a donation to the St. Louis Aquarium Foundation. It's easy. Pick your feeder -- a superworm, a veggie or a cricket -- name it after your ex and one of the Aquarium's ambassador animals will devour it. Go to [stlaquariumfoundation.org/events](http://stlaquariumfoundation.org/events) to see the Love Bites video and sign up. You'll get a digital Valentine and a video of the feeding that you can forward to your ex and your supportive friends and family.

#### FISH KISSES! DIVE INTO VALENTINE'S DAY AT THE ST. LOUIS AQUARIUM

February 14: Is your relationship going swimmingly? Then celebrate Valentine's Day on Friday, February 14 with a night at the St. Louis Aquarium. The Valentine's night event is just a \$10 add-on to your Aquarium ticket. In addition to enjoying the animals and exhibits at the most interactive Aquarium in the country, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. you can enjoy these special activities:

Take a Scavenger Hunt through the Aquarium to find fascinating facts about the animals' mating and courtship behaviors.

Get a Free Digital Photo. Snap a picture with an exclusive Valentine's Day Aquarium background, perfect for sharing the love on social media.

Pose for a Shark Twain Photo Op. Meet the Aquarium's handsomely toothy mascot at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. for a unique image that will make a real splash.

Pucker up at the Fish Kissing Booth. Let the friendly Doctor Fish give you sweet fish kisses as you dip your hands into their habitat.

Build your own Bouquet. Create a beautiful flower-filled posey for your loved one, adding a sweet personal touch to the day.

Taste the love at the A-B Sampling Stations. Enjoy delicious samples from Anheuser-Busch, elevating the evening with tasty refreshments inside the Aquarium.

Play in Selfie Express for free. As a special treat, guests who purchase the Aquarium add-on ticket will receive free admission to visit Selfie Express. Capture even more memorable moments in this train station-themed photo illusion attraction.

Learn more and get tickets at [www.stlouis-aquarium.com](http://www.stlouis-aquarium.com).

#### FEBRUARY DATE NIGHTS AT THE ST. LOUIS WHEEL

February 1 - 28: In addition to being Valentine's Day, February 14 is National Ferris Wheel Day to honor the birthday of the inventor of the beloved amusement ride. To celebrate the month of love, the St. Louis Wheel at Union Station is offering a Date Night Package. This package includes two tickets to ride The St. Louis Wheel, two drinks from the Wheel Park's Anheuser-Busch drink container which offers draft beer, Cut Water cocktails, soda, or non-alcoholic hot chocolate, and two custom 6 x 8 souvenir photos. Get all the details at [www.thestlouiswheel.com](http://www.thestlouiswheel.com).

#### CLOWNVIS & TUNNEL OF LOVE AT CITY MUSEUM

Friday, Feb 14: Clownvis, the Elvis-impersonating clown, performs love songs at City Museum. Make sure you pass through the Tunnel of Love light display for a photo op. This loved-up event is \$20 for City Museum members and \$30 for non-members which includes Valentine craft projects and tarot card readings. More info and tickets at [citymuseum.org](http://citymuseum.org).

#### CHOCOLATES & BEER - TOGETHER FOREVER

Friday, Feb 14: Treat your Valentine to a Chocolate & Beer Pairing with Bissinger's Chocolates at 4 Hands Brewery & Tasting Room. Enjoy a flight of four City Wide Beers (one being N/A) with four Bissinger's Chocolates selected to enhance the experience.

APA is paired with Dark Chocolate Vanilla Butter Caramel

Light is paired with Milk Sea Salt Caramel Stout is paired with Dark Italian Espresso Truffle

N/A is paired with Peanut Butter Smoothie Details at [4handsbrewery.com](http://4handsbrewery.com).

#### LOVE-LY VALENTINE'S BRUNCH BUFFET AT SQWIRES

Saturday Feb. 15 at 11am: This impressive Valentine's Brunch Buffet at SqWires Restaurant & Market in Lafayette Square includes breakfast and brunch stations with omelets, smoked salmon, salads, sweets, carved meats, and more. A full bar with bottomless Mimosas & loaded Bloody Mary's will be available. Guests also can pre-order a box of chocolate-covered strawberries for their loves; orders must be placed by February 11. The brunch price is \$42 for adults and \$18 for kids 12 and younger. Tickets at [www.exploretock.com/sqwires](http://www.exploretock.com/sqwires).

#### THE RECEPTION - AN ELEVATED FOOD AND IMPROV EXPERIENCE

Friday, February 14 & Saturday, February 15 at 7 p.m.: Tenacious Eats and the Improv Shop present "The Reception" at Work & Leisure. This is not your typical dinner and a show. Guests will get a front row seat to a dysfunctional family wedding in this interactive comedy dinner, and dance away with some family secrets. Elevated wedding fare by Chef Liz Schuster of Tenacious Eats and an open bar add to the fun. A DJ and Fete photo booth are part of the action. All inclusive tickets are \$125 at [workandleisurestl.com](http://workandleisurestl.com).

#### LOVE IN THE LOOP - VALENTINE'S KARAOKE AT BLUEBERRY HILL & WEDDINGS AT MAGIC MINI GOLF

Friday, February 14 from 7-11 p.m: Drown your sorrows or toast to new love - it's breakup songs or love songs ONLY at Valentine's Karaoke in the Duck Room at Blueberry Hill. This event is free for adults 21 and over. Details at [blueberryhill.com](http://blueberryhill.com)

While you're in The Loop, say "I Do" at Magic Mini Golf where everyone on staff is ordained. Take advantage of the stage and screens to make this a truly special night to tie the knot or renew your vows. Cap it off with a spin on the indoor Ferris wheel or a round of St. Louis-inspired mini golf. Newlyweds and long-time partners can check in for a honeymoon and make a reservation for Valentine's dinner at the Moonrise Hotel across the street from Magic Mini Golf. Learn more at [www.magicminigolf.com](http://www.magicminigolf.com).

#### WORKING WOMEN'S SHOW ON VALENTINE'S WEEKEND

February 14, 15 & 16: Grab the gals for a Valentine's weekend visit to one of the top shopping and entertainment experiences in STL. The Working Women's Show returns to the St. Charles Convention Center with special guests the Walton Sisters from the beloved TV show, The Waltons. More information is available at [www.wwsonline.com](http://www.wwsonline.com).

#### BE MINE AT CLEMENTINE'S

February 1-28: Indulge in sweets for your sweet with Clementine's Ice Cream's Valentine's flavors: White Chocolate Cherry, Love Handles, Passionfruit Almond Tryst and Cinfu Bunz. Eight locations to choose from. To find one near you, visit [www.clementinescreamery.com](http://www.clementinescreamery.com).

#### LOVE AT THE CHESHIRE HOTEL

All month: Book the Love Story package at the Cheshire, located on the edge of Forest Park near attractions including the Art Museum and the Zoo. The charming English-themed hotel will include chocolate-covered strawberries and champagne in your room, an English breakfast, late check out and a pair of embroidered robes to take home.



#### Citizens for Modern Transit's FREE Try & Ride Program is Available to New Transit Riders

Taking MetroLink or MetroBus even a day or two a week saves commuters money on gas, maintenance and parking – it also helps them stay active and reduce stress. Citizens for Modern Transit (CMT), in partnership with St. Clair County Transit District, has therefore launched a new initiative encouraging area commuters to consider taking transit in the new year. The goal of the "Make Transit Your Ride in 2025" campaign is to connect with those new to the safe, integrated public transit system and show them how they can take advantage of CMT's FREE Try & Ride program that provides personalized route information, helpful resources and complimentary transit tickets. Registration is available at [www.CMT-STL.org](http://www.CMT-STL.org).

"Transit is a great consideration for those looking to save money, increase exercise and reduce stress in the new year," said Kimberly Cella, executive director of Citizens for Modern Transit. "Research shows transit users can save more than \$13,000 per year just by using public transit. They can also increase steps by walking to and from transit centers and reduce stress by sitting back, relaxing and enjoying the ride instead of navigating roadways and fighting traffic congestion."

CMT's FREE Try & Ride program was developed to help those who are new to public transportation test and learn the transit system. It helps first-time users determine exactly how to get to where they need to go using MetroLink, MetroBus or a combination of the two, provides tips for using the system and a free monthly pass. The program requires riders to commit to utilizing the bus or train for one additional month at their own expense, for a total of two months.

CMT's Try & Ride program has been credited with helping more than 7,000 workday and school commuters learn how to successfully navigate public transit. To learn more about the "Make Transit Your Ride in 2025" campaign or to register for the program, visit [www.CMT-STL.org](http://www.CMT-STL.org).

To learn more, visit [www.CMT-STL.org](http://www.CMT-STL.org) or follow the organization on Facebook, X, Instagram or LinkedIn.

## Serengeti Steve and his reptile friends visits Saint Mary Magdalen



## Michele Goad Announces Candidacy for Brentwood Ward 2 Alderman



I, Michele Goad, am announcing my candidacy for Brentwood Ward 2 Alderman in the April 8, 2025, election. I moved to Brentwood in 2018 looking for a place to live, and I found a wonderful community. I would be honored to serve the people of Ward 2 as one of their Aldermen.

In recent years we, the citizens of Brentwood, have made several big decisions to invest in the long-term health and vibrancy of our community (i.e., Brentwood Bound in 2019; Library Expansion in 2024). Moving forward, we need to leverage these investments and align our various lifecycle replacement needs with new initiatives that will continue to make Brentwood a community for all to thrive. Three opportunities as I see for us in the near future are to:

- Revisit the Brentwood Comprehensive Plan. Brentwood completed its last comprehensive plan in April 2018. In light of the completion of Brentwood Bound, new flood maps, the library vacating existing space, and the Mt. Calvary land purchase, I believe it is time to step back and take a holistic view of the upcoming needs of the city as well as what we want Brentwood to be 10 years from now. I want to make sure residents are engaged in sharing their vision for Brentwood's future, and I would like to see how we can get to that future in an incremental and financially responsible way.

- Develop a long-term plan to address the Black Creek flooding. While Black Creek's waters routinely rise and fall, flooding following two large storms in 2022 and 2024 has had a major impact on residents, businesses, and trails. While the city has repaired or is repairing damaged areas, we should explore options to help prevent future damage particularly if these options can be environmentally friendly.

- Continue to maintain strong financial profile balancing near term investments within a larger term plan to be able to weather any future seen or unforeseen needs. Brentwood's current outstanding obligations/debt, while key for reinvestment and flood mitigation, will mean we need a steady and clearly mapped out plan for investment in the near term and reserves to handle any unplanned surprises.

A little about myself, I have been active in the community serving with the Rotary Club of St. Louis in multiple positions over the last 12 years including volunteering on numerous done in a day projects, being a volunteer leadership academy counselor, and serving in various leadership positions. In May 2024 I was appointed to the Brentwood Board of Adjustments where I have gotten to see first-hand how to find compromises between neighbors and the city's existing policies and regulations. Professionally, I am a Sr. Manager in academic medicine/healthcare with 13 years experience following 4 years in consulting. I have a master's degree in business administration (MBA) and a graduate certificate in public finance.

If elected as your Ward 2 Alderman, I am confident I can help Brentwood continue to be a wonderful place to live and an advocate for the people of Ward 2.

If you have any questions or would like to share the issues that are important to you, please reach out via email to me at [goad4brentwood@gmail.com](mailto:goad4brentwood@gmail.com).

Regards,  
Michele Goad

## Adam Moss Announces Candidacy for Brentwood Ward 2 Alderman



My Fellow Residents of Ward 2,

I hope this message finds you well. My name is Adam Moss, and I am excited to announce my candidacy for Alderman of Ward 2 in Brentwood, Missouri. I am running because I believe in the power of community. I am also deeply committed to representing our shared values, addressing our challenges, and building a bright future for our ward and city.

As a long-time resident of Brentwood, I have had the privilege of experiencing firsthand the unique character and strong sense of connection that define our community. I believe my background as a Human Resources professional, my experiences as an involved parent in our state-leading school system, and my love for this community have equipped me with the skills and insights needed to effectively serve as your Alderman.

- If elected, I will focus on the issues that matter most to our residents including:
- Maintaining and improving our infrastructure
- Continuing the cohesive vision of Brentwood Bound to the Brentwood Blvd. corridor
- Ensuring fiscal responsibility
- Supporting local businesses
- Enhancing public safety, promoting Brentwood as a community of choice in St. Louis County.

I am committed to listening to your concerns, fostering open communication, and working collaboratively to find practical solutions.

I am eager to meet with as many of you as possible in the coming weeks to hear your thoughts and ideas for Ward 2. Your voices and perspectives will be at the heart of my work as Alderman. Together, we can ensure that Brentwood remains a vibrant, inclusive, and thriving community for generations to come.

Thank you for your consideration and support. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me by phone at 314-328-4359, by email at [Adam4Alderman@gmail.com](mailto:Adam4Alderman@gmail.com), or go to <https://adam4alderman.my.canva.site/adam-for-alderman> for more information about my campaign. I look forward to earning your trust and your vote in the upcoming election.

Warm regards,  
Adam Moss  
Candidate for Alderman, Ward 2  
Brentwood, Missouri  
314-328-4359



# ADOPTION EVENT

## Brentwood PetSmart Saturday, February 15th 10am - 1pm

Supported by a grant from:







### For Adoption Information, call 314.645.4610



**MARLEY**  
FEMALE, SPAYED, 12 weeks

Marley is an adorable and sweet puppy who loves pets and cuddles. She's always ready to play and bring joy to those around her. Marley's affectionate and playful nature makes her the perfect companion!



**PEACHES**  
FEMALE, SPAYED, 10 months

Peaches is a gentle and sweet cat who enjoys a calm and cozy environment. She loves receiving pets and will happily soak up attention from her favorite people. With her affectionate nature, she's sure to be a wonderful companion!



**VALENTINE**  
FEMALE, SPAYED, 5

Valentine is a gentle and reserved cat who may need some time to build her confidence and trust new people. Once she feels safe, she can be very sweet and enjoys pets. However, she also appreciates her own space and would thrive in a patient home!

## Chiala Watkins-Reed Selected for Missouri Leadership Class

Nonprofit leader to join an elite group of women dedicated to driving positive change across Missouri.



Chiala Watkins-Reed, Chief of Workforce Development at Child Care Aware of Missouri (CCAMO), has been selected to join the Greater Missouri Leadership Challenge Class of 2025. This prestigious honor places her in a class among 33 distinguished women leaders dedicated to making a positive impact in their communities and professions.

The program will address critical issues facing Missouri and provide opportunities for participants to engage with thought leaders and collaborate with inspiring peers. The curriculum includes sessions on governmental and political processes, education, urban issues, diversity and race relations, rural development, and global perspectives. More than 1,300 women have participated in this transformative challenge class since its inception.

Originally established in 1982 by Texas Governor Ann Richards and sponsored by Southwestern Bell Corporation, the Greater Missouri Leadership Foundation was created to prepare women for leadership roles within the state. The foundation has since grown to include more than 1,200 alumnae from diverse backgrounds across both rural and urban areas, all committed to professional development and community engagement.

“I am deeply honored to be appointed to this esteemed leadership class,” said Watkins-Reed. “This opportunity will not only enhance my understanding of our state’s pressing needs but also empower me to collaborate with fellow leaders to drive meaningful change in our communities.”

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

## Animals Aglow lantern festival returns to Saint Louis Zoo with new displays

The Chinese lantern festival, Animals Aglow presented by Wells Fargo, will return to illuminate the Saint Louis Zoo for its second year running this spring with dozens of new, towering lanterns and light displays.

Animals Aglow celebrates the culture, art, and beauty of traditional lantern festivals celebrated in China for centuries. During the nighttime festival’s first year in 2024, more than 131,000 guests bought tickets to enjoy larger-than-life lanterns in the shape of plants, wildlife and mythical creatures.

Animals Aglow is returning with nearly all-new lanterns this year. Guests will enjoy more than 60 glowing displays, nightly cultural performances and specialty food and beverage available for purchase.

This year’s festival celebrates wildlife from three regions—Africa, South America and The Arctic—and will feature a section dedicated to traditional Chinese lanterns and folklore.

Displays this year include:

- A nearly 100-foot-long tunnel made up of traditional Chinese lanterns
- A towering interactive beehive lantern topped with giant hummingbirds
- Lanterns depicting the 12 Chinese Zodiac signs
- Interactive displays including glowing xylophones, light-up see-saws and a “starry night” walk-through tunnel in the style of Vincent Van Gogh.
- Tickets go on sale online today, Jan. 29, at [stlzoo.org/animalsaglow](http://stlzoo.org/animalsaglow).

“Animals Aglow gives the Zoo a new way to connect our community to the incredible diversity of life on this planet,” said Michael Macek, Saint Louis Zoo Director. “Its first year was an incredible success, so we are thrilled for the festival to return with so much new to see.”

Animals Aglow is created in partnership with Tianyu Arts & Culture, Inc., an international event design and manufacturing company headquartered in Zigong, Sichuan, China. Artisans with Tianyu make the lanterns by hand by weaving thousands of LED lights over metal frames before covering them in colorful silks.

Animals Aglow will be open 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays from March 12 to May 11, 2025.

The festival will include two Sensory-Friendly Nights (March 23 and April 9) that will feature a smaller attendance capacity and accommodations for people with sensory sensitivities.

Tickets can be purchased online at [stlzoo.org/animalsaglow](http://stlzoo.org/animalsaglow). Prices range from \$16.95 to \$23.95.

Tickets to Animals Aglow includes admission to nightly Chinese cultural performances.

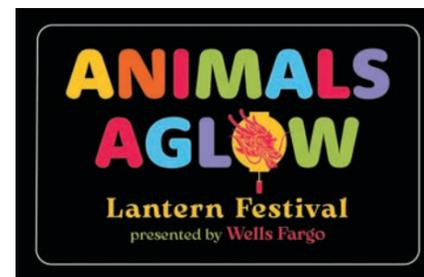
The event will feature traditional hand-crafts and Asian food specials for purchase. Guests can also ride the Emerson Zooline Railroad, experience the Mary Ann Lee Conservation Carousel or try the Wild Explorer Virtual Reality Experience during Animals Aglow (separate fees).

Note: Animals will not be viewable, and no animal buildings will be open during this event.

For more information, visit [stlzoo.org/animalsaglow](http://stlzoo.org/animalsaglow). Groups of 15 or more may receive a discount rate on tickets when purchased and paid for in advance.

Parking is free on both Zoo parking lots during the event. Lots are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. The Zoo will close to the public at 5 p.m. Doors reopen at 6:30 p.m. for the event.

Animals Aglow is sponsored by Wells Fargo, Washington University in St. Louis and Mid America Chevy Dealers.



# Wespine Study Center



## Forming Your Family in Virtuous Use of Technology

A Parent Workshop

### The Focal Point Concert Hall

### February 15, 2025

### 10 AM - 2 PM

### 6 Speakers

(Follow QR Link for Topics and to Register)

### Keynote:

## Dr. Johann D’Souza







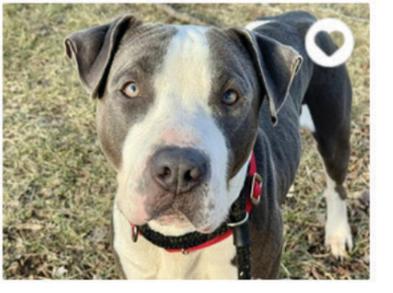
**BAXTER**  
MALE, NEUTERED, 2

Meet Baxter! He’s an affectionate and gentle guy with a playful side that will melt your heart. He enjoys relaxing car rides and loves spending time with his people. Come meet him today!



**ARTEMIS**  
FEMALE, SPAYED, 5 months

Artemis is a sweetheart and a beauty! She can lean toward the shy side when it comes to making new friends, but with a little time she warms up to a lovely little companion. She enjoys treats, catnip, and taking little catnaps.



**PERCY**  
MALE, NEUTERED, 5

Percy is a tender-hearted boy looking for a home where he can come into his own! He’s done well making new dog friends in shelter but can take some time to adjust to new situations and needs a little encouragement from his humans. Meet Percy today!



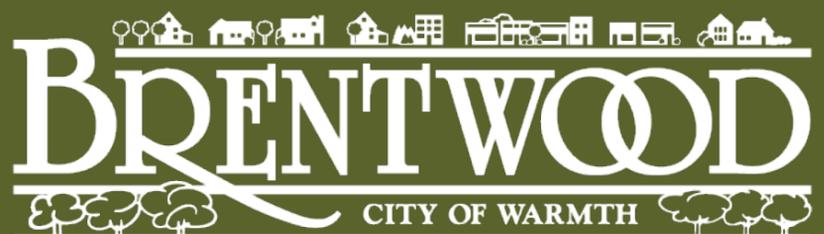
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# Choose how to connect with the City of Brentwood.

*Hello, Brentwood Community Member!*

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## Pediatric mental health facility can move forward after Webster Groves vote

Plans for a pediatric mental health hospital in Webster Groves can



move forward after the St. Louis suburb's city council Tuesday evening approved zoning and permitting changes to the proposed site.

St. Louis Children's Hospital and the behavioral health provider KVC needed the council's approval before building the complex, which includes a planned 77-bed inpatient hospital and an outpatient facility.

The council unanimously approved zoning changes to the property at Gore Avenue and Rock Hill Road. The ordinance also grants two conditional use permits for the property.

"Their unanimous vote, along with the community's voice of support throughout this process, will enable us to provide care for kids who so desperately need it," representatives from KVC and Children's wrote in a joint statement. "We will continue to encourage and engage in conversations and discussions with neighbors to share more about the project and how we can be the best partners to the community."

The council passed the measure with an added amendment to limit the use of the facility to what was contained in the operators' initial application. Mayor Laura Arnold said the amendment was added in response to residents' concerns about KVC and Children's expanding the hospital in the future to include an emergency room or other additions.

Children's Hospital, which is part of the BJC health system, and KVC, which operates pediatric residential care properties in the Midwest, announced plans to build the facility last year. KVC already runs a school on the property for children and teenagers with behavioral and emotional issues. It bought the land in 2023 from the organization Great Circle.

Some residents in north Webster Groves objected to the plans to build the hospital, expressing concerns about safety, traffic and a lack of transparency about the planning process.

Some have argued that the site, which is surrounded by residential plots, is the wrong place for a health care facility.

Officials at Children's have said that its Kingshighway hospital has only 14 inpatient beds available for children and teens with mental health emergencies and that the unit is consistently full.

"It's the easiest vote I've had to take," council member David Franklin said during the meeting. "I look forward to a partnership with BJC in our community and demonstrating to the county writ large that Webster Groves cares not only about its own citizens but the citizens of its region."

Detractors and supporters had packed previous public hearings regarding the development. Health care providers have supported the bill, saying that the region needs more pediatric mental health treatment capacity.

Several council members on Tuesday said they appreciated that many Webster Groves residents became involved in the debate.

"People get introduced to city government in different ways, and it's so important that people can be involved at the local level," said council member Emily Hixson Shepherd. "I love the idea of being involved with this and then transferring that into further engagement at the community and local level."

Arnold said she knows that some people will be unhappy with the final decision. The council will keep residents' concerns in mind as the project moves forward, she said.

"It's our responsibility to make sure we work with BJC, KVC, Children's Hospital and the neighbors to make sure that everyone is happy with this project when it's completed and it's operating," Arnold said.

*reprint from STL NPR*

### CITY OF BRENTWOOD, MISSOURI

#### PRELIMINARY COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

FUNDS	GENERAL	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	STORM WATER AND PARK IMPROVEMENTS	SEWER IMPROVEMENTS
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Taxes	\$ 12,453,616	\$ 3,125,613	\$ 3,689,160	\$ 3,657,916	
Licenses and Permits	\$ 2,186,093	-			
Intergovernmental	\$ 88,355	20,000		3,308,032	
Charges for Services	\$ 480,679	-		1,390,514	
Fines and Forfeitures	\$ 169,537	-			
Investment Income	\$ 422,564	131,929	143,801	95,930	
Assessments	\$ -				139,910
Miscellaneous	\$ 239,869	161,670		112,412	
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>16,040,713</b>	<b>3,439,212</b>	<b>3,832,961</b>	<b>8,564,803</b>	<b>139,910</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
Current:					
Administration	1,290,194				
Police	4,779,137				
Fire	3,215,379				
Street	1,560,831				
Sanitation	834,361				
Planning & Development	695,907				
Storm Water, Parks and Recreation	-			3,861,653	
Community Services	203,448				
Legislative	116,281				
Judicial	214,172				
Municipal Operations	4,384,164				
Library	-				
Sewer Lateral	-				119,219
Capital Outlay	-	5,493,872		6,187,079	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>17,293,875</b>	<b>5,493,872</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,048,732</b>	<b>119,219</b>
Transfer in (out)		1,687,961	(3,850,809)	2,162,848	-
Debt Service:					
Principal retirement	-	680,000	1,195,000	860,590	
Interest and fiscal charges	-	143,700	1,356,922	1,602,230	
<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>823,700</b>	<b>2,551,922</b>	<b>2,462,820</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>17,293,875</b>	<b>6,317,571</b>	<b>2,551,922</b>	<b>12,511,552</b>	<b>119,219</b>
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES	(1,253,162)	(1,190,399)	(2,569,770)	(1,783,901)	20,690
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES(USES)	-	-	-	-	-
FUND BALANCES JANUARY 1, 2024	10,583,692	4,478,288	5,334,710	3,179,216	217,288
<b>FUND BALANCES DECEMBER 31, 2024</b>	<b>\$ 9,330,530</b>	<b>\$ 3,287,889</b>	<b>\$ 2,764,940</b>	<b>\$ 1,395,315</b>	<b>\$ 237,978</b>

#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT PAYABLE

ISSUE	2017 C.O.P. ADVANCED 2009 REFUNDING	2018 C.O.P. MANCHESTER RENEWAL PROJECT	2019 C.O.P. MANCHESTER RENEWAL PROJECT	PARKS & REC C.O.P. 2014	PARKS & REC REAL ESTATE LOAN 2023
INTEREST RATES	2.00-3.50%	3.00-4.00%	3.50%	2.00-3.50%	5.49%
ORIGINAL AMOUNT OF ISSUE	\$ 5,105,000	\$ 43,390,000	\$ 41,770,000	\$ 5,070,000	\$ 1,500,000
BALANCE OUTSTANDING AT JANUARY 1, 2024	4,970,000	41,700,000	37,935,000	570,000	1,430,171
ISSUED DURING YEAR	-	-	-	-	-
RETIRED DURING YEAR	(680,000)	(815,000)	(1,195,000)	(570,000)	(45,590)
BALANCE OUTSTANDING AT DECEMBER 31, 2024	\$ 4,290,000	\$ 40,885,000	\$ 36,740,000	\$ -	\$ 1,384,581

I, Michelle DePew, Finance Director, City of Brentwood, Missouri certify the above statements are true and in agreement with records on file, DECEMBER 31, 2024.

*Michelle DePew*

Michelle DePew, Finance Director



Do you have an old cell phone that you just don't know what to do with? Donate it to the APA!

Your old cell phone can help the APA raise funds that will go directly to the animals in our care. Drop yours off at our shelter today, or have a used cell phone drive at your school, business or place of worship and get even more used phones for the APA.

There's no phone that's too old for us!

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

TEACH A KID THE TRUTH ABOUT DRUGS AND WE DON'T JUST HAVE A SMARTER KID.

WE HAVE A BRIGHTER FUTURE.

Let's get to our children before the drug dealers do.

Let's tell them about the incredible low after the fleeting high.

Let's make sure their birthday candles have higher numbers.



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## Public Safety Announcement from the Brentwood Police Department

We are aware of claims circulating on social media about a shooting that allegedly took place in Brentwood Forest yesterday. These claims are false. There was no shooting in Brentwood Forest.

Additionally, the location referenced in these reports does not exist in Brentwood. Based on our information, we believe the incident in question actually occurred in St. Louis City.

As always, we encourage residents to rely on verified sources for accurate information. If you have any concerns, please contact the Brentwood Police Department.

### Orchid Show

February 1, 2025 - March 9, 2025

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Missouri Botanical Garden > Jack C. Taylor Visitor Center > Emerson Conservatory

Share this event

The annual Orchid Show is your once-a-year opportunity to see hundreds of these blooming plants on public display. For most of the year, the Garden's permanent orchid collection lives in greenhouses, where they are cared for by horticulture staff.

The Garden's vast orchid collection includes well over 5,000 individual plants representing nearly 700 unique kinds of orchids. Nearly one in ten orchids in the collection is threatened or endangered. Different species bloom at different times, so the Orchid Show is constantly changing as new orchids come into bloom and are brought out on display.

While viewing the Orchid Show, you can also enjoy the new, permanent living collections that surround the orchids in the new Emerson Conservatory. These plantings include species from Mediterranean climates around the world, such as California, South Africa, Western Australia, Chile, and the Mediterranean itself.

The Orchid Show is open February 1-March 9 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is included with Garden admission.

### ONE NIGHT OF QUEEN

Back by popular demand ONE NIGHT OF QUEEN returns to The Factory at The District on Saturday, March 15 at 8 p.m. (doors open at 7 p.m.) Tickets are \$89.50, \$59.50 and \$49.50. Tickets go on sale to the public this Friday, January 17 at 10 a.m. and can be purchased online at Ticketmaster.com and TheFactorySTL.com.

Gary Mullen & The Works make a triumphant return to St. Louis with their world-renowned One Night of Queen live concert performance. Featuring Gary Mullen on vocals, David Brockett on guitar, Billy Moffat on bass, Malcolm Gentles on keyboards and Jon Halliwell on drums, the multi-talented band pays tribute to the stage theatrics, showmanship, and music of Rock & Roll Hall of Fame inductees: Queen. Audiences can expect to hear all the classic hits such as "Bohemian Rhapsody," "We Will Rock You" and "Somebody to Love."

In 2000, Gary Mullen won the Granada TV program "Stars in Their Eyes" with his performance as Queen's lead singer Freddie Mercury. Mullen's embodiment of Freddie Mercury resulted in him gaining 864,838 votes in the show's Live Grand Final. The number of fans who voted for Mullen was more than double that of the runner-up, thus setting an all-time record for votes in the history of the program. For over two decades, Gary Mullen & The Works have performed more than 2,500 live shows to sold-out audiences in over 20 countries around the globe. They WILL rock you! For more information, visit [www.garymullenandtheworks.com](http://www.garymullenandtheworks.com).

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](http://www.thefactorystl.com) or [www.stevelitmanpresents.com](http://www.stevelitmanpresents.com).

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## Crescent Roll King Cake



### INGREDIENTS:

- 6 ounces cream cheese, softened, divided
- 2 cups powdered sugar, divided
- Finely grated zest of 1 lemon
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- Pinch salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 (8-ounce) cans refrigerated crescent roll dough
- 1 pecan half
- 1 tablespoon milk, as needed
- Food coloring, as needed
- Colored sanding sugar for decorating

### DIRECTIONS:

- Preheat the oven to 350°F.
- Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

#### Make the filling:

In a medium bowl, combine 4 ounces of the cream cheese with 1 cup of powdered sugar, plus lemon zest, cinnamon, salt, and vanilla. Beat with a wooden spoon or electric hand mixer until creamy. Set aside.

Pop open the cans of crescent roll dough and separate it into triangles. Arrange them in a circle on the baking sheet, overlapping slightly. Spread the filling evenly in a ring, leaving a 3 1/2-inch circle in the center and 3-inch border at the edges.

Lay the pecan on the filling. Fold the inner points in like a pinwheel, then fold in the outer points so they overlap. You should wind up with a ring. (Don't worry if it's a little sloppy. The cake will look better once it's baked.)



Bake until golden brown, about 30 min.

#### Make the icing:

In a medium bowl, beat the remaining 2 ounces of cream cheese together with the remaining 1 cup of powdered sugar. Add the milk to make it thin enough to drizzle, but not so thin that it's soupy. Divide between three bowls and tint one green, one purple, and one yellow.

When the cake is completely cool, drizzle or spread it with icing and sprinkle with enough sugar to make it sparkly. The cake will keep, tightly covered, at room temperature for 3 days.



# RESTAURANT REVIEWS



## A West County Dining Tradition!

"Massa's, of course" "The Old House" emblazoned at the top of their menu defines this Classic Italian restaurant in Bridgeton, MO. I have enjoyed dining there since the mid 1970's.

Massa's exemplifies the idea of an old fashioned Italian supper club. It is small, cramped, dark and decorated with abstract art work and art deco chandeliers. I love it, but some feel it is a bit crowded. Relax and enjoy, you will become a "regular" like most of those around you.

We met our friends Casey Van Allen and his wife Stephanie, and Ken Kensey and his wife Robin. As a party of six, we were concerned that they don't take reservations, but one cocktail at the bar, and we were quickly seated. I will say that after 7pm seating appears to open up with little or no wait.

We started with the obligatory toasted ravioli and garlic cheese bread. Both of these items were perfect examples of St. Louis favorites. I also ordered a small house salad with their creamy Italian house dressing and grated cheese. I highly recommend this as an accompaniment to your dinner.



Our friends ordered Chicken Bianco, chicken breasts with mushrooms in a white wine sauce, and Cajun Pasta, penne pasta with red

peppers and a spicy light red sauce. They were completely satisfied with their meals.

Sue and I ordered the Gamberi, linguine with sea clams, shrimp, scallops, mussels, fresh mushrooms, and tomatoes in a light seafood sauce. This was a gourmet seafood feast with a slightly spicy, clear seafood sauce. I went face-down in this platter of goodness and could not finish it all. We took home enough for another complete meal for both of us.



All of the meals were larger than expected servings. You definitely get your money's worth at Massa's. None of us had room for a dessert of Fazio's cheese cake or tiramisu.

Massa's menu offers a number of fish, chicken and steak items, appetizers, St. Louis style pizza, children's items and a gluten free menu. You may order take out at (314) 739-3894.

Massa's offers a step back in time to an old-fashioned Italian restaurant with a casual atmosphere. The service was good but not overbearing. Massa's will soon become a regular destination for you, and your friends and family.

Massa's in Bridgeton is located at 4120 N Lindbergh Blvd, Bridgeton, Missouri. This is south of I-70 and north of the St. Charles Rock Road, directly across from the Crown Plaza Hotel. Lindbergh is a divided highway, so you can only enter Massa's from north bound Lindbergh. Their parking lot may be crowded during early dining, but there is plenty of well lit street parking available.

Massa's also has larger, more modern restaurants in Ballwin, St. Charles, and Winghaven. For more information check out their website, [www.stlmassas.com](http://www.stlmassas.com).

*Massa's offers a step back in time to an old-fashioned Italian restaurant with a casual atmosphere.*

## The Professional Firefighters of Brentwood MO Retirement breakfast for Steve "Pops" Brown



Steve has faithfully served the citizens of the City of Brentwood, MO and surrounding communities for 29 years!! Steve's deep knowledge of the city, and professionalism will be greatly missed!

Steve had a gift of providing the crew with laughter on a daily basis, providing relief from whatever they may have encountered during the shift!

We wish Steve the best in his next chapter of life!!! Enjoy your promotion to retiree Pops, you deserve it!!!

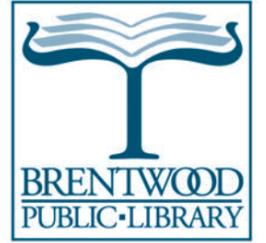
A big thanks to the surrounding agencies that showed up to wish Steve the best in his retirement.





# Brentwood Public Library

8765 Eulalie Avenue, Brentwood, Missouri  
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*Brentwood* BOOK CLUB

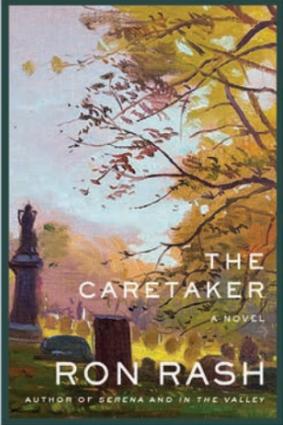
**Tuesday, March 4 at 6:30 p.m.**

"With pulsing drama from the outset, *The Caretaker* can be hard to put down from one chapter to the next. Rash's touch depicting the early 1950s in Appalachia also makes turning pages a pleasure."  
 -The Associated Press

Ask for a copy at the circulation desk.

Newcomers are always welcome and no registration is required.

Held at the Brentwood Community Center (2505 S. Brentwood Blvd)




## children's yoga

Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.

Children's Yoga is presented by Complete Harmony Yoga for Youth.

Bring a yoga mat or towel.

Classes are great for children ages 3-5, but open to children of all ages.

Free. No registration required.

BRENTWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY & CRAFTIBILITY FOUNDATION PRESENTS

## CRAFTIBILITY

Friday, February 14 at 10 a.m.

**WHAT IS IT?**  
 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.



**FREE**

**WHERE?**  
 Brentwood Community Center - Room C  
 2505 S Brentwood Blvd, Brentwood, MO

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**  
 Ask staff how!

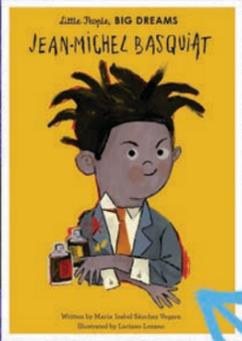
## Mini Masters Art Class

Each class, we will learn about a different artist through a story and craft.

**Saturday, February 15 at 10am**

This month's artist is:

**BASQUIAT**



Children and families can join for a story time and then make their own painting -- just like Basquiat!

Best for ages 5 and up, but open to all children.

## STORY TIME WITH LEXI!



**FEBRUARY 26 AT 9:30 AM.**

**KIDS AND FAMILIES.**

## Toddler Story Time



**Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.**

30-minutes of songs, stories, and bubbles. Ideal for children 0 to 6 years.

Free. No registration required.

**The Brentwood Fire Department visited Brentwood Park for hands-on ice rescue training.**



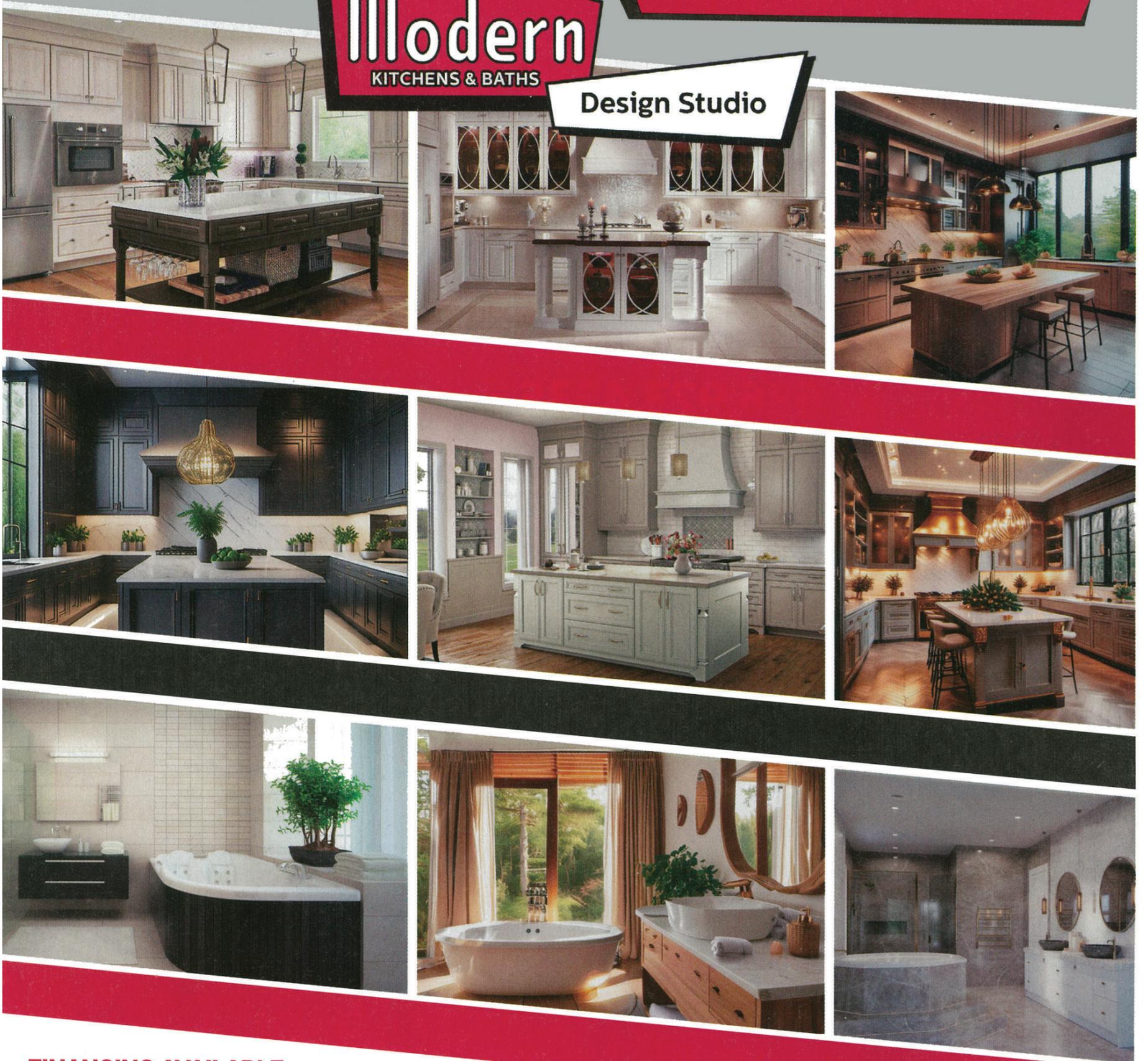
While the ice may appear thick enough for skating in some spots, certain areas, such as near the fountain, have much thinner ice. Please stay off the ice and stick to designated paths. If you're actually looking to go ice skating, stick to the rinks! We have a great indoor ice rink just down the road from our park.

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# Brentwood Board of Aldermen Minutes

Partial Minutes, Tuesday, January 21, 2025 BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

Roll Call – All Members were Present  
 Alderman Plufka – Present  
 Alderwoman Tice – Present  
 Alderman Wegge – Present  
 Alderwoman Sims – Present  
 Alderman Lochmoeller – Present  
 Alderman Gould – Present  
 Alderwoman Harter – Present  
 Alderman Erger – Present

Other staff present include: Phillip Boyd (City Attorney/Legal Counsel), Joe Spiess (Police Chief), Jason Simpson (Police Major), Angela Hawkins (Police Major), Ronnie Cottrell (Fire Chief), Eric Gruenenfelder (Parks Director), Whitney Kelly (Planning and Development Director), Michelle Boyer (Communications Manager), Michelle DePew (Finance Director), Tangula Bell (Human Resources Manager), Dan Gummshheimer (Public Works Director – online), Bola Akande (City Administrator), Kelle Silvey (Deputy City Clerk).

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, APPOINTMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS & RECOGNITIONS**  
**Police Department Recognitions**

Chief Spiess recognized the following individuals:  
 Sgt. Tim Mueller – Chief Spiess read the Bio available in Boarddocs and recognized his promotion to Sergeant.

Cpl. Stephen Ortinau - Chief Spiess read the Bio available in Boarddocs and recognized his promotion to Corporal.

Amer Habibovic - Chief Spiess read the Bio available in Boarddocs and recognized Habi as the officer of the year. He noted it was great to have him here in Brentwood and noted how happy the school is to have him as well.

Michelle Boyer took pictures of the group.

**MAYOR AND ALDERMEN REPORTS**

Mayor David Dimmitt – Noted we weathered the winter snowstorm, and he is proud of



Mayor David Dimmitt

Ward 1



Alderwoman Nancy Parker Tice



Alderman David Plufka

Ward 2



Alderwoman Sunny Sims



Alderman Brandon Wegge



Municipal Judge Patrick Dignam

Ward 3



Alderman Jeff Gould



Alderman Steve Lochmoeller

Ward 4



Alderwoman Sharon Harter



Alderman Sullivan Erger

the hard work and effort of the crews (Public Works and Parks staff). He stated they are a true testament to the level of service we receive.

The mayor stated that St. Louis County is taking up the issue of a county-wide use tax, and there will be a reading on it at their meeting tonight. A decision will be made whether to place it on the April to get this on the ballot. If it passes it generates about \$65M, about \$500,000 of which would come to Brentwood.

The mayor then offered shout-out Congratulations to former employee Kyle Allen on the Ohio Buckeyes Win!

**Standing Committees Reports**

Warrant Lists - Operating Funds and Expenditures from the 2019 Series Certificates of Participation Proceeds (COP)

Approval of Meeting Minutes from December 16, 2024

Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 6, 2025.

Resolution No. 1531 - Intergovernmental Agreement with A-Cities-Coalition for Legislative Services

- A Resolution Approving An Agreement With The Rhoads Company, LLC For Legis-

lative Services.

Resolution No. 1532- Gamble & Schlemeier Governmental Consultants - A Resolution Approving An Agreement With Gamble & Schlemeier Governmental Consultants For Legislative Services.

Motion made by Alderman Lochmoeller and seconded by Alderwoman Tice to approve the Consent Agenda. Roll Call:

- Alderman Plufka – Yes
- Alderwoman Tice – Yes
- Alderman Wegge – Yes
- Alderwoman Sims – Yes
- Alderman Lochmoeller – Yes
- Alderman Gould – Yes
- Alderwoman Harter – Yes
- Alderman Erger – Yes

Motion carried by a vote of 8 (Yes) to 0 (No).

**OLD BUSINESS**

Bill No. 6539 - An Ordinance Of The City Of Brentwood, Missouri, Authorizing The Mayor To Enter Into And Execute The Attached User Agreement For Subscriber Radios With St. Louis County Emergency Communications Commission; And Providing For The Effective Date Of This Ordinance. - Second Reading.

Phillip Boyd did the second reading of the Bill.

Motion was made by Alderman Plufka and seconded by Alderman Gould to Perfect the Bill into Ordinance form. Roll call:

- Alderman Plufka – Yes
- Alderwoman Tice – Yes
- Alderman Wegge – Yes
- Alderwoman Sims – Yes
- Alderman Lochmoeller – Yes
- Alderman Gould – Yes
- Alderwoman Harter – Yes
- Alderman Erger – Yes

By a vote of 8 (Yes) to 0 (No), Bill No. 6539 will become Ordinance No. 5167

**NEW BUSINESS**

Bill No. 6540 - An Ordinance Approving an Agreement with Diligent Corporation for Diligent Community Package, a Community Platform, Committee Manager and Committees and Policy Publisher. First and Second Reading.

Phillip Boyd did the first reading of the Bill.

Kelle Silvey explained the new platform, the migration of information and implementation of the new interface, noting that the process is scheduled to take about 90 days starting in March if approved. The additional cost is \$2,000 more per year than the current contract. (From \$12K to \$14K)

Motion was made by Alderman Wegge and seconded by Alderman Plufka to have a second reading of the Bill.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Phillip Boyd did the second reading of the Bill.

Motion was made by Alderman Plufka and seconded by Alderman Gould to Perfect the Bill into Ordinance form. Roll call:

- Alderman Plufka – Yes
- Alderwoman Tice – Yes
- Alderman Wegge – Yes

Alderwoman Sims – Yes  
 Alderman Lochmoeller – Yes  
 Alderman Gould – Yes  
 Alderwoman Harter – Yes  
 Alderman Erger – Yes  
 By a vote of 8 (Yes) to 0 (No), Bill No. 6540 will become Ordinance No. 5168

Discussion: The City of Brentwood, Missouri, is seeking an innovative partner to redevelop the site on Brentwood Boulevard that currently consists of city hall, a branch post office and four adjacent lots to the east. The city would like to reimagine its civic center, expand its capacity to house the police department, replace the outdated post office facility, and reinvigorate the area by a creative marriage of civic and retail activity in a mixed-use development. Visionary developers are invited to submit proposals addressed to Brentwood City Administrator, 2348 South Brentwood Blvd., Brentwood, MO. 63144 through March 31, 2025.

The Mayor read the noted information. Alderman Plufka shared additional comments, noting that this is a way to perhaps start the process with a developer who may have good ideas. He noted there is no cost for us to prepare an RFQ, we are not committing any money, but just looking to see if there is a developer interested.

Motion was made by Alderman Plufka and seconded by Alderwoman Tice to direct staff to do an RFQ consistent with the language to develop the area.

Discussion:  
 Alderwoman Harter asked if the school has an interest in this project. The Mayor responded he has not heard any more from them, so he is not sure.

Alderman Gould stated he thought it was OK to put feelers out there for the project but does not suggest the relocation of the Police Department. He prefers retail space over moving the Police.

Alderman Plufka responded that maybe it could be a sub-station for Police, but did not want to overdirect the project, but instead offer wide parameters.

Alderwoman Tice asked if we had seen this combination elsewhere? Alderman Plufka responded that he had not, but noted the City of Kirkwood has something similar, although with a bigger footprint of space. Our scale may not be enticing but he wants to try and see.

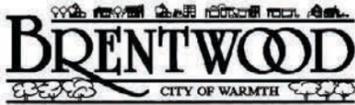
Alderman Wegge noted he is in favor of this, not precluding anything with the school, but wants to make sure that we are clear in our communications and to word this so there is no misunderstanding of intention.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**ADJOURN**

Adjournment – The regular meeting moved to closed session at 7:25PM

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



## 2025 Holiday Trash Schedule

Holiday	Date	Change
Live Christmas Tree Recycling	January 8, 15, 22, 29; February 5	Tree pickup on Wednesdays 7:00 am - 2:00 pm
MLK Day	Monday, January 20	Regular services (Monday-Friday)
Presidents' Day	Monday, February 17	Regular services (Monday-Friday)
Confluence Trash Bash Event	Around early April	Special event - see below
Memorial Day	Monday, May 26	Regular services (Monday-Friday)
Juneteenth	Thursday, June 19	Regular services (Monday-Friday)
Independence Day	Friday, July 4	No trash service. Pickup resumes one day after regular schedule (Sat)
Labor Day	Monday, September 1	Regular services (Monday-Friday)
Veterans' Day Observed	Tuesday, November 11	Regular services (Monday-Friday)
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 27	No trash service. Pickup resumes one day after regular schedule (Fri-Sat)
Christmas Day	Thursday, December 25, 2025	No trash service. Pickup resumes one day after regular schedule (Fri-Sat)

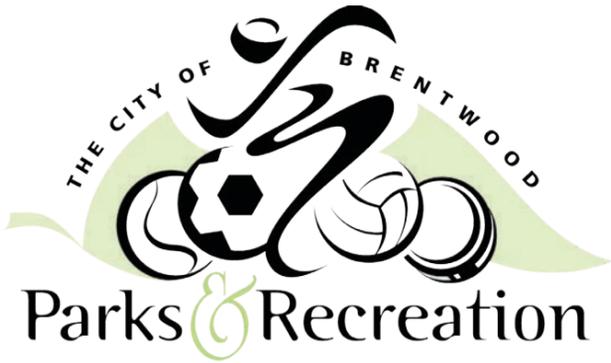
**Basic trash, recycling, and yard waste services are provided to Brentwood residents free of charge.**

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](http://www.brentwoodmo.org). To schedule a large item pickup and investigate fee schedule, call 314.962.4800.

**Christmas Tree Recycling** - The City of Brentwood will pick up and recycle once-live Christmas trees, on Wednesdays in January. Please remove all lights and ornaments before placing tree by the curb. The latest possible date for collection will be February 5, 2025 in case of inclement weather events in January 2025 causing delays.

**Confluence Trash Bash 2025 Event** - This free community event is open to Brentwood residents of all ages with multiple cleanup sites located at MSD sponsored sites. All you need to do is wear old clothes and volunteer to help remove trash in and near creeks and streams. The Public Works Department in conjunction with Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD) and other event sponsors are promoting watershed awareness and pollution prevention of waterways. For more information, go to [www.openspacestl.org](http://www.openspacestl.org) to volunteer. A second event occurs in October 2025.

**Department of Public Works**  
 8330 Manchester Road  
 Brentwood, MO 63144  
 314.963.8642



**MAGIC Travelers Trips**

Enjoy popular attractions each month. Travel fees and admission tickets are included in the fee listed. The cost of lunch is at your own expense. Walking requirements and accessibility vary. Pre-registration for events is required.

**Activity Number: 373002  
Eagle Watching in Pere Marquette & Lunch at Pere Marquette Lodge**

Travel to Pere Marquette State Park where an informative program about bald eagles is presented. Participants will learn to distinguish between immature and mature bald eagles, what eagles eat, why they spend winter months in the area, and much more. There will be a video presentation and program followed by an observational drive to view the wintering bald eagles. Please be sure to dress warmly and bring binoculars! Following the observational drive, we will head to lunch at the Pere Marquette Lodge before heading back to the Brentwood Community Center.

Date: Friday, February 28 Time: 7:30AM-3PM Price: R/NR \$30

**Pottery Hollow & Lunch at Billy G's**

Pick out a scrumptious option from the wonderful variety of lunch offerings by Billy G's. Following lunch, head to Pottery Hollow and pick out a fun piece of ceramic pottery to paint. Piece of pottery of your choice and lunch are not included in trip pricing. Your creation will be available for pick up on February 27 at the Brentwood Community Center.

Date: Wednesday, February 19 Time: 11AM-3:30PM Price: R/NR \$25

**Pulitzer Arts Foundation & Lunch at the Fountain on Locust**

Step back in time to savor a yummy lunch served at the Fountain on Locust. Once your appetite has been kept at bay, head to the Pulitzer Arts Foundation to view the contemporary art on display. Learn about various medias of art including sculptures and paintings in this unique museum.

Date: Thursday, March 13 Time: 10:30AM-3:30PM Price: R/NR \$30

**River City Casino & Lunch at Café Telegraph Smoke Shack**

Feeling lucky? Place your bets on some fun games at the River City Casino while socializing with friends. After collecting your winnings, head to Café Telegraph Smoke Shack for a great lunch. Following lunch we will depart for the Brentwood Community Center.

Date: Friday, March 28 Time: 10AM-3PM Price: R/NR \$25

*For more information or to register for one of our trips, call us at 314-963-6722*



**Community Egg Hunt**

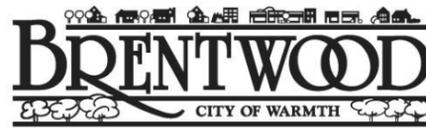
Join us for a FREE community egg hunt! There are 10,000 eggs to be found and plenty of candy and prizes to discover! Coffee and other sweet treats will be available for purchase.

Dates: Saturday, April 12

Time: 10AM

Location: Brentwood Park

Price: Free



**CITY OF BRENTWOOD  
2348 SOUTH BRENTWOOD BOULEVARD  
ELECTION DAY – TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2025**

**THE FOLLOWING CANDIDATES HAVE FILED FOR THE APRIL 8, 2025 ELECTION  
(FILING DATE CLOSED ON DECEMBER 31, 2024)**

**MAYOR – TWO (2) YEAR TERM**

DAVID DIMMITT 9104 PINE AVE.

**MUNICIPAL JUDGE - TWO (2) YEAR TERM**

PATRICK DIGNAM 9405 SONORA AVE.

**ALDERPERSONS - TWO (2) YEAR TERM:**

**WARD 1**

DAVID PLUFKA 3 MIDDLESEX DR.

**WARD 2**

MICHELE GOAD 8407 EULALIE AVE.

ADAM MOSS 8762 BRENTWOOD PL.

**WARD 3**

STEVE LOCHMOELLER 8831 MADGE AVE.

**WARD 4**

SHARON HARTER 9133 NORTH SWAN CIRCLE

**BRENTWOOD CITY OF WARMTH**

**2025 Election Candidates**

 Mayor David Dimmitt Incumbent 2-Year Term	 Municipal Judge Patrick Dignam Incumbent 2-Year Term	 Alderman - Ward 1 David Plufka Incumbent 2-Year Term	
 Alderman - Ward 2 Adam Moss 2-Year Term	 Alderman - Ward 2 Michele Goad 2-Year Term	 Alderman - Ward 3 Steve Lochmoeller Incumbent 2-Year Term	 Alderwomen - Ward 4 Sharon Harter Incumbent 2-Year Term

**Election Day - Tuesday, April 8, 2025**

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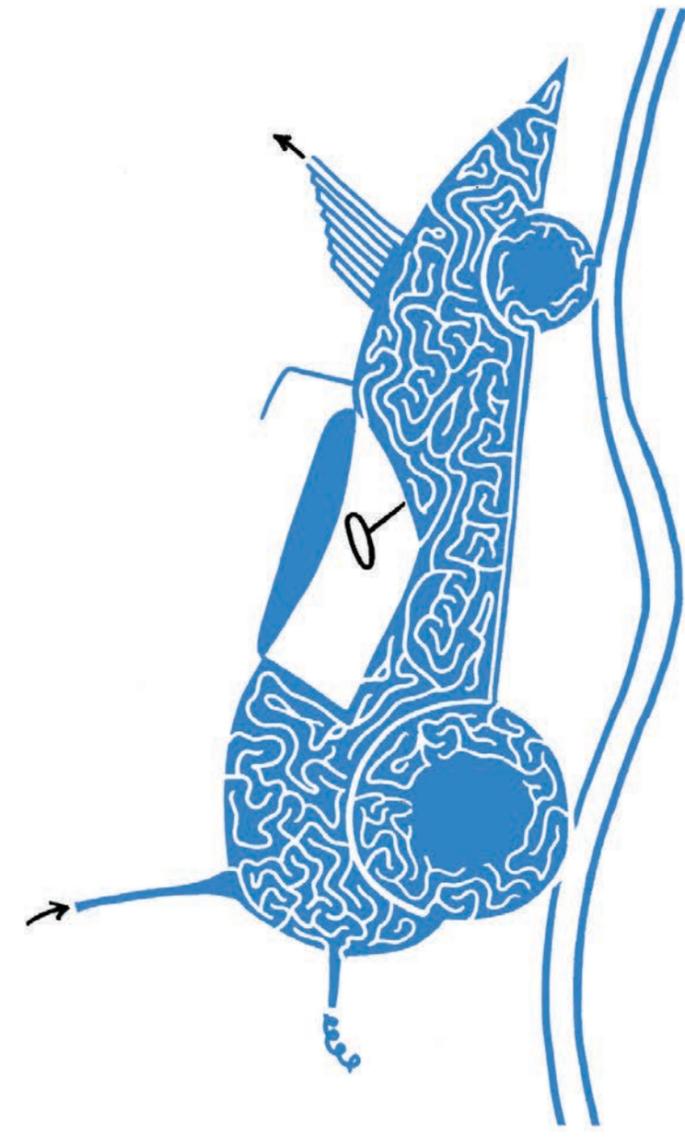
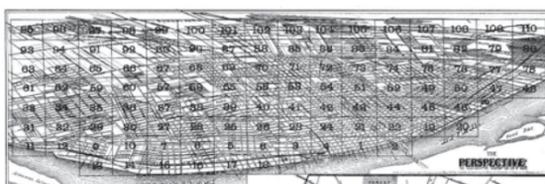
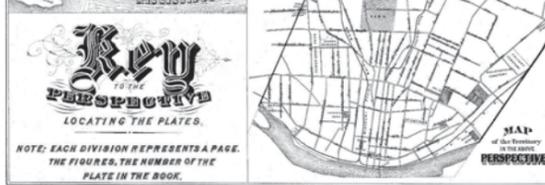


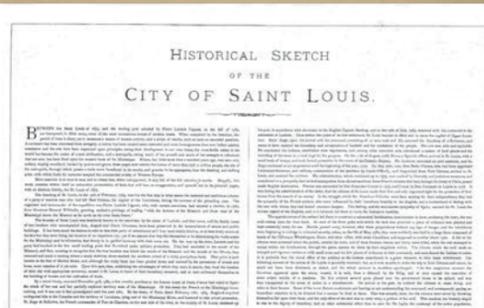
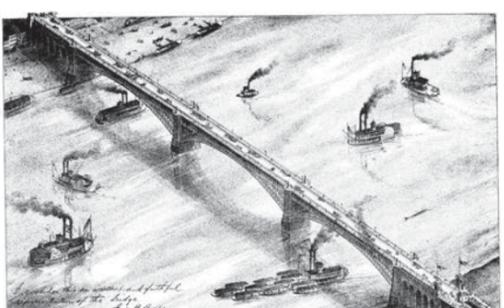

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**Can You Go Far... Inside This Car?**


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

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

**PICTORIAL ST. LOUIS: The Great Metropolis of the Mississippi Valley A Topographical Survey, Drawn From Perspective 1875.**  
Illustrations by Camille N. Dry and designed & edited by Rich. J. Compton.

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

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

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

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

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

## Mosaics Fine Art Festival Seeks Artists for 30th Annual Event

Artists must apply for the juried outdoor festival by the April 1 deadline.



Mosaics Fine Art Festival recently opened the application process for its 30th annual event to be held Fri., Sept. 12 through Sun., Sept. 14. Only 100 artists will be invited to showcase and sell their wares at this exclusive juried event. The application deadline is April 1, and notification of acceptance will take place May 18.

The family-friendly event, which is free and open to the public, will be held along several blocks of North Main St. in Historic St. Charles, Mo. where more than 30 restaurants and over 75 shops are located.

A distinguished panel of jurors will select artists based upon their original work in a variety of media categories including clay, drawing, glass, leather, metal, pastel, oil/acrylic, photography, printmaking, sculpture, watercolor, and wood. A total of \$5,000 will be awarded to the top nine artists.

Mosaics Fine Art Festival features live musical entertainment, a Children's Village area for hands-on art experiences, the Mary Hediger Memorial Art Shop for Kids where children ages 14 and younger can buy professional artwork, and the Joyce Rosen Founder's Scholarship art display where emerging high school artists showcase their work. The Artists for Adoption Pet Pavilion is open to families interested in adopting pets from Stray Paws Adoptables.

The Mosaics Fine Art Festival is a nonprofit organization that showcases local and regional artists while educating the community's children and adults in how art can enhance their lives. The festival features a wide array of artwork produced by a mix of emerging, mid-career, and established artists in all media. Artists can apply before the April 1 deadline at <https://www.zapplication.org/event-info.php?ID=12904>.

For more information, call (314) 406-2067 or visit <http://www.stcharlesmosaics.org>.

## Reminder from Brentwood Police Department: Leash Your Dog

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

# St. Louis District Dairy Council

## Nourishing Your Gut: The Power of Cultured Dairy



Your gut is home to trillions of tiny microorganisms, like bacteria, that play an important role in overall health, influencing digestion, immunity and even mood. This community of microorganisms is called your gut microbiome. Maintaining a balanced microbiome requires a diet rich in probiotics — live bacteria and yeasts that support gut health.

"Cultured dairy foods, like yogurt and kefir, are excellent sources of probiotics, making them powerful allies for gut health," said Maggie Nosis, nutrition educator and registered dietitian with St. Louis District Dairy Council.

Yogurt, a versatile and widely available dairy food, is made by fermenting milk with specific bacterial cultures. These live and active cultures, such as *Lactobacillus* and *Bifidobacterium*, replenish the gut with healthy bacteria. Yogurt is also packed with essential nutrients like calcium, which support strong bones, and B vitamins, which are crucial for energy production and brain health. Recently, a qualified health claim was approved for yogurt: Eating at least two cups (3 servings) of yogurt per week reduces the risk of Type 2 diabetes, according to limited scientific research.

Kefir, another cultured dairy food, takes probiotic benefits to the next level. This tangy and tart drinkable dairy option is made by fermenting milk with kefir grains, a combination of bacteria and yeast. "Kefir contains more probiotics than yogurt, offering a diverse variety of gut-friendly microbes,"

Nosis said. Kefir may help improve lactose digestion, making it a great option for individuals with mild lactose intolerance. It also contains protein, calcium and magnesium, all essential nutrients for maintaining a healthy and balanced diet.

In addition to improving gut health, cultured dairy foods provide a host of other nutritional benefits. Dairy foods are excellent sources of high-quality protein, which supports muscle growth and repair. Protein also contributes to satiety, which reduces appetite and prevents overeating. Dairy also contains potassium, which helps regulate blood pressure, and phosphorus, which is essential for cell function and bone health.

Incorporating yogurt and kefir into your routine can be as easy as enjoying a yogurt parfait for breakfast or blending kefir into a smoothie. These nutrient-dense options not only support a healthy gut microbiome but also contribute to overall well-being. Whether you're focused on improving digestion, boosting immunity or enhancing nutrient intake, cultured dairy products are a delicious and accessible way to prioritize your health.

Visit [www.stldairyCouncil.org](http://www.stldairyCouncil.org) to find more information on the health benefits of dairy. You may also contact Maggie Nosis at 314-835-9668 or [mcimarolli@stldairyCouncil.org](mailto:mcimarolli@stldairyCouncil.org). Follow St. Louis District Dairy Council on Facebook and Instagram at [STLDairyCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/STLDairyCouncil).

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



## Kefir Ranch Dip

Looking for a tasty and healthy way to enjoy your vegetables or add flavor to your meals? Made with probiotic-rich kefir, this kefir ranch dip supports gut health while delivering a tangy, herby punch. Whether you're using it as a dip for fresh veggies, a spread for sandwiches or a salad dressing, your gut will thank you!

### Ingredients:

1/2 cup plain kefir  
1/8 cup mayonnaise  
1/8 cup plain yogurt  
1 tsp. garlic powder  
1 tsp. onion powder  
1 tsp. dried dill  
Salt and pepper to taste

### Instructions:

Mix all ingredients in a bowl until smooth. Use as a dip for veggies, a salad dressing, a sauce for meats or as a sandwich spread.



## 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.

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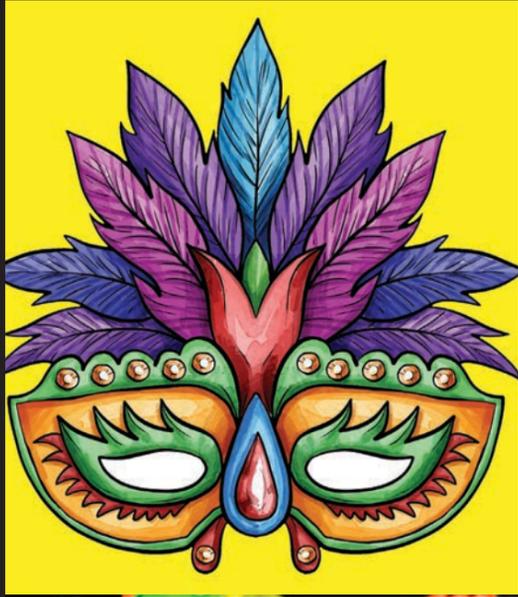
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# Rock Hill Public Library of St. Louis, MO

### Winter Reading Club

There is still time to sign up for the Winter Reading Club at Rock Hill Public Library until February 22, 2025. Sign up at the circulation desk this month and receive a Bingo card. Complete 5 squares in a row (vertical, horizontal, diagonal), bring that card back, enter one of the Grand Prize drawings, and pick out a hot chocolate bomb or a stuffed Sloth (your choice). Yes, a delicious hot chocolate bomb with your first Bingo. Yay and Yum! Or a cuddly, stuffed Sloth! (Only one bomb or Sloth per person).

You can however have multiple Bingos and receive multiple entries per Bingo for each Grand Prize drawing. Drawings will take place on February 24.

### Blind Date with a Book

Calling all book lovers! Break free from judging a book by its cover and embark on a Blind Date with a Book throughout the month of February. You never know what hidden gem you might uncover! Don't miss out on this exciting reading adventure! Who knows, you might even discover your new favorite read!

### Winter Film Series

2025 continues on a cozy note at Rock Hill Public Library! Join us for our love-themed movie screenings from 1-3 PM this month. Come relax, unwind, and enjoy the show! Popcorn and refreshments included.

### February's Reel Love: Movies

#### We Love include:

Love & Mercy (February 11) (PG-13). In the 60s, Beach Boys leader Brian Wilson struggles with emerging psychosis as he attempts to craft his avant-garde pop masterpiece. In the 80s, he's a broken, confused man under the 24-hour watch of shady therapist, Dr. Eugene Landy. The title comes from Wilson's 1988 song of the same name. It stars Paul Dano and John Cusack as the young and older Wilson, respectively, with Elizabeth Banks as his second wife Melinda Ledbetter and Paul Giamatti as his psychologist Dr. Eugene Landy.

Love, Weddings & Other Disasters (February 25) (PG-13). A fussy celebrity caterer, a blind woman, a tour-bus guide and an inexperienced wedding planner search for love. It stars Diane Keaton, Jeremy Irons, Maggie Grace, Diego Boneta and Andrew Bachelor.

### RHPL Mystery Book Club

Get ready for a night of suspense and excitement at the Rock Hill Public Library's Mystery Book Club on February 19 at 5:30 PM! We'll be diving into "Happiness Falls" by Angie Kim.

### And the winner is....

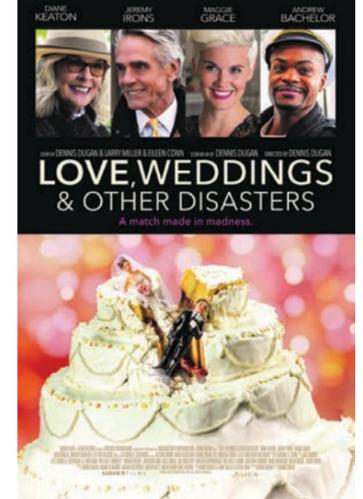
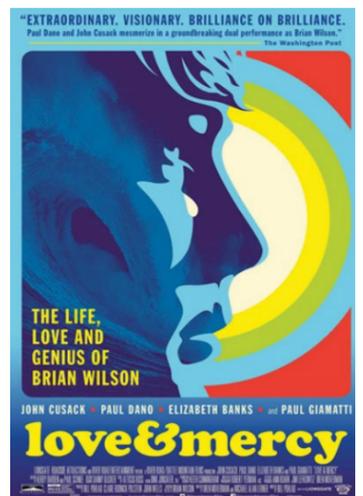
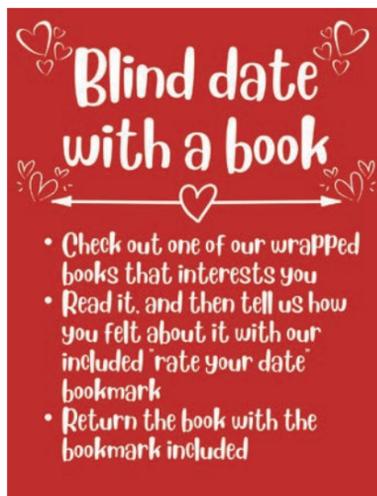
Ready, set, puzzle! Thanks to all of the teams that participated in our first annual Rock Hill Public Library's Puzzle Race on February 1, 2025. A big round of applause for the top three teams in our Puzzle Race - Puzzle Goblins, Border Patrol, and Ninja Turtles! Special thank you to A' mis Italian Restaurant for \$20 gift certificate and Puzzle Warehouse for puzzles.

### RHPL Community Exhibits

Share your collections with us! Whether it's Legos, coins, photos or something we haven't thought of! We'll display it in our case for a month for the Rock Hill community to see.

### Library Closings

The Rock Hill Public Library will be closed on Monday, February 17 for President's Day. In 1968, President's Day was adapted to honor both George Washington & Abraham Lincoln (February 12) and moved to the third Monday in February. The library will reopen on Tuesday, February 18 at 10:00 AM.



## Brentwood School Resource Officer Habibovic and Officer Dominguez spread some warmth and smiles by bringing hot chocolate to Brentwood students during "Cocoa with a Cop."



This special event was a great way to connect with students and share some kindness on a chilly day. Thank you to our officers for building strong relationships and making a positive impact in our community!



This month, the Webster Groves Fire Department was awarded a Class 2 Fire Department designation, which is the second highest rating a Fire Department can receive! Out of approximately 38,195 departments, only 5.2% of Fire Departments in the USA are designated as Class 2! Congratulations WGFD! Visit the link below to learn more! <https://www.webstergrovesmo.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1169>

### Brentwood High School welcomes back Class of 2024 alumni panel discussing their first semester of college



Brentwood High School recently welcomed back seven graduates from the Class of 2024 for an alumni panel discussing their first semester of college. The event gave current juniors and seniors an inside look at postsecondary life, covering topics such as academic expectations, time management, and building connections on campus.

The Class of 2024 submitted 216 applications to 104 institutions nationwide and earned more than \$1.6 million in scholarships. Students selected 22 different schools to continue their education, including Florida State University, Missouri University of Science and Technology, and Washington University in St. Louis.

Among the panelists was Cora Urhahn, who joined the discussion via Zoom from Germany, where she is participating in the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange program. This prestigious scholarship provides students with a fully immersive cultural experience, including living with a host family, attending a German high school, and engaging in language instruction. Participants also have opportunities to meet with U.S. and German government representatives and join a vibrant alumni network.

“Hearing directly from our alumni helps students see what’s possible beyond high school,” said Emily Diaz, BHS college and career advisor. “Their experiences reinforce the value of preparation and adaptability, whether they’re navigating coursework, finding campus resources, or making connections that will shape their future.”

### The Trainwreck and George Hansford were very blessed to have been awarded the Missouri Restaurant Association’s Restaurateur of the year in the STL regional chapter



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### Celebrate Susan B. Anthony’s 205th Birthday with a Time-Traveling Experience in St. Louis!

January 6, 2025– Step back in time and welcome into the future Susan B. Anthony, the legendary 19th-century women’s rights pioneer, as she “time-travels” to Creve Coeur to celebrate her 205th birthday! Join this one-of-a-kind event on **February 15, 2025**, at 2 p.m. at the Center for Spiritual Living, 12875 Fee Fee Road.

Presented by **Rebecca Now**, founder of Voices of American HERstory (VOAH), this innovative and interactive production brings Anthony to life through a thought-provoking interview on the “Rebecca-Now-and-Then” talk show. Through wit, wisdom, and historical insights, Anthony will share her extraordinary journey fighting for women’s suffrage, wage equality, and broader social reforms—a story as inspiring today as it was in the 1800s. Tickets are available now—don’t miss your chance to meet history in person! Tickets are available: <http://gca5.2.vu/1>

#### What to Expect

- **A Revolutionary Talk Show:** Created by Rebecca Now, “Rebecca-Now-and-Then” bridges past and present by hosting “interviews” with trailblazing women from history. Past guests have included Ida B. Wells, Sojourner Truth, and Josephine Pearson. Upcoming interviews feature Lydia Maria Child, Bessie Coleman, Harriet Tubman, and more.

- **Award-Winning Content:** Now is the acclaimed author of *Borrowed Courage: Bringing Monumental Women of the 19th Century to Life*. The book celebrates the stories of Anthony and other trailblazers, connecting their legacies to modern-day reenactors.

- **Educational and Inspiring:** This event is part of VOAH’s mission to bring women’s history to life. The non-profit combines live and virtual performances, interactive discussions, and educational resources to spotlight the pivotal events leading to the 19th Amendment—and beyond.

#### About Voices of American HERstory (VOAH)

VOAH is a dynamic educational arts initiative dedicated to honoring and amplifying women’s history. Through compelling storytelling, historical reenactments, and modern-day connections, VOAH inspires audiences of all ages to recognize the vital contributions of women in shaping our world.

Celebrate Susan B. Anthony’s enduring legacy and be part of this unforgettable journey through time. For tickets visit: <http://gca5.2.vu/1> For more information visit: <https://voicesofamericanherstory.com/>

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## BLACK HISTORY MONTH & BEYOND AT CITY MUSEUM

February brings amazing arts and activities for everyone to the weird and wonderful City Museum.

“Blessed by the Ancestors” is a captivating art exhibit that celebrates the rich artistic talent of Black artists hailing from St. Louis. The exhibition is included with City Museum admission and is open now through April 30 in celebration of Black History Month and beyond.

Curated by artist Brock Seals, this collection includes paintings, sculptures, mixed media pieces, and other forms of visual art that reflect the unique perspectives and experiences of the featured artists. Visitors to the exhibit can expect to encounter a vibrant tapestry of storytelling through art, each piece contributing to a larger narrative that pays homage to the ancestry that has shaped and inspired the artists.

### FEBRUARY EVENTS AT CITY MUSEUM

City Museum’s City Nights series kicks off a little early this year, just in time for Valentine’s Day. Pass through the Tunnel of Love and dance to the musical stylings of St. Louis’s own Clownvis Presley for a special set of love songs, February 14 from 7 to 11 p.m. Bop, jitterbug, and shimmy with DJ Dot Matrix, and make your favorite people a Valentine. 21+ event. \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members.

Love is in the air. Meet your new best friend at City Museum’s Puppy Love adoption event on February 15 from noon til 3 p.m. in partnership with Stray Rescue of St. Louis. Whether you’re looking to add a furry friend to your family or simply want to make a difference, this special event is the perfect opportunity to give a loving puppy a fur-ever home. This event is included in City Museum admission.

Presidents Day weekend, City Museum will be open extended hours: Thurs, Feb. 13: 10 am–5 pm; Fri, Feb. 14: 10 am–9 pm; Sat, Feb. 15: 10 am–9 pm; Sun, Feb. 16: 10 am - 9 pm and Mon, Feb. 17: 10 am–5 pm.

Spindles In The City Painting Party, February 25, 5 - 9 p.m. City Museum visitors have seen the uniquely colorful spinning posts along the rails of the main staircase, mezzanine, and second floor. According to City Museum lore, those iconic spindles were conveyor belt rollers from when the building was an International Shoe Company warehouse. To give the spindles some TLC, the Regional Arts Commission of St. Louis has recruited local artists to re-paint the spindles, and guests are invited to get in on the painting fun.

Must be 21+ with valid ID. A portion of the ticket proceeds will go to support The Regional Arts Commission of St. Louis. \$20 for spectators and \$30 for painters. Art supplies are included.

Housed in an old shoe factory in Downtown St. Louis, City Museum is an ever-evolving, always-thrilling, artist-built playground full of weirdly wonderful spaces to explore. This iconic St. Louis attraction is considered one of the great public spaces and a must-see for visitors. City Museum is located at 750 N. 16th St., St. Louis, MO 63103; 314-231-2489; www.citymuseum.org; @citymuseum. City Museum opens at 10 a.m., Thursdays through Sundays and select holidays. Closing hours vary.

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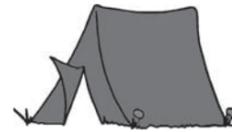
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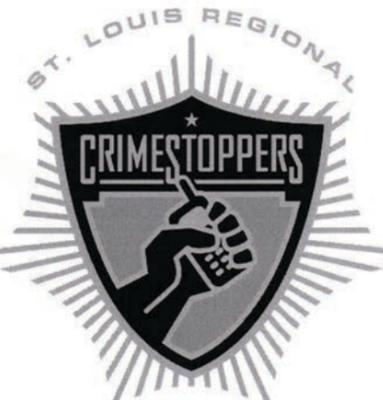
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# TRAVEL



## Dept. of Energy – Weldon Spring Site

By Sue McCarthy

The Weldon Spring Site is located about 30 miles west of St. Louis, MO in St. Charles County. The site consists of the former Chemical Plant and the Quarry. Both sites are accessible from Missouri State Route 94.

### WHAT IS IT?

During the early 1940s the U.S. Government acquired 17,232 acres in rural St. Charles County to establish the Weldon Spring Ordnance Works. 576 residents were displaced from the towns of Hamburg, Howell and Toonerville. From 1941 to 1945, the U.S. Army manufactured TNT and DNT at the Ordnance Works Site. With four TNT production lines. These lines resulted in contamination of soil, sediments, groundwater and some off-site springs.

Following the manufacturing of large amounts of explosives, and decontamination of the facility by the U.S. Army, 205 acres were transferred to the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) in 1956 for the construction of the Weldon Spring Uranium Feed Materials Plant, now called the Weldon Spring Chemical Plant. An additional 14.88 acres were transferred to AEC in 1964.

The plant converted processed uranium ore concentrates to pure uranium, intermediate compounds and uranium metal. Waste byproducts were also processed, called raffinate. The raffinate was stored in four pits located on the Chemical Plant property. Uranium-processing operations resulted in radiological contamination of similar locations previously contaminated by the former U.S. Army operations.

The Quarry was mined for limestone aggregate used in the construction of the Ordnance Works. It was also used by the U.S. Army for burning wastes from explosives manufacturing and disposal of TNT-contaminated rubble during Ordnance Works operations. These activities resulted in nitroaromatic contamination of the soil and groundwater at the Quarry. In 1960, the U.S. Army transferred the Quarry to AEC, which used it from 1963 to 1969 as a disposal area for uranium and thorium residues (both drummed and uncontained) from the former chemical plant.

Uranium-processing operations stopped in 1966, and December 31, 1967, AEC returned the facility to the U.S. Army for use as a defoliant-production plant. The U.S. Army disposed of the equipment. The defoliant project was cancelled before any defoliant was manufactured and the U.S. Army transferred 50.65 acres of land encompassing the pits back to AEC while retaining the Chemical Plant.

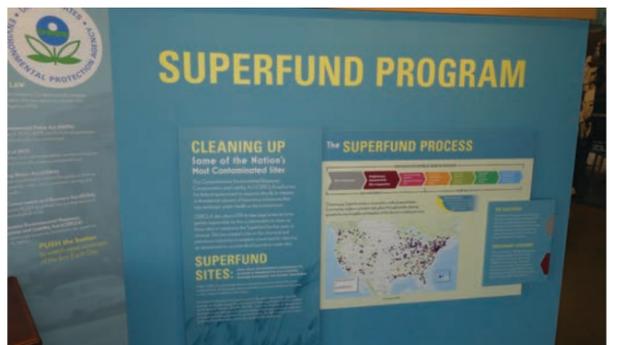
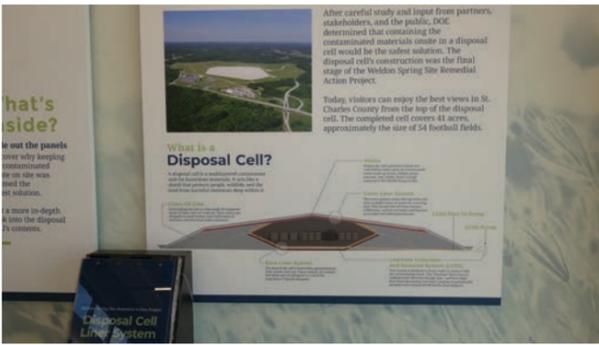
The EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) placed the Quarry and the Chemical Plant areas on the CERCLA National Priorities List in 1987 and 1989. The site was divided into four units (Chemical Plant, Quarry Bulk Waste, Quarry Residuals and Groundwater).

In 2001, the site's disposal cell on a 41-acre engineered structure designed to contain the site's waste resulting from the cleanup. The disposal site looks like a giant pillow. It contains a tightly sealed layer above and below and disposed of the waste between 3 and 45 feet. A soil cushion and a geomembrane layer sewn to the bottom liner encapsulates the waste. There are hiking trails and 150-acre native prairie grasses, flowering plants and wildlife.

The new interpretive center opened in 2021. Visitors are welcome seven days a week and there is no cost. We watched a film about the site and how it came to be. The facility features four classrooms that seat 40 people, a 4,500 square-foot exhibit gallery.

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