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A Grand Time at the
Brentwood Centennial Gala!
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Helping others at the Holidays

As our school Thanksgiving celebrations wind down, we realize how blessed and lucky we are to have food on our tables. As a way of helping others, the Saint Mary Magdalen Catholic School collected canned goods and non-perishable items to benefit the Saint Vincent de Paul Food Pantry located in the lower level of the Church. The students lined the front of the Church with bags and baskets full of food donations. During Mass, Father Jack Siefert, Pastor, reminded the students that they had done a great deed for others. He said, "While you will never know where this food will go and whose lives it will touch, you will make someone happy and that makes God happy." Helping others was always a priority of Jesus. As we educate our students it is always a focus to help others less fortunate than we are and to be more like Jesus in our lives. This generous outpouring of food and non-perishable items certainly makes us "Alive in Christ"!



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Parishes Partner to Serve Homebound Seniors



On Thanksgiving Day, St. Vincent de Paul parish in St. Louis city served Thanksgiving meals to people in South City. In addition to meals served on-site, they deliver hundreds of meals to homebound senior citizens. This year, those receiving these meals got a little extra: some cheer, blessings, and Thanksgiving jokes courtesy of the families at St. Mary Magdalen parish in Brentwood.

On Sunday, November 10, the community of St. Mary Magdalen gathered after Mass to decorate 400 food trays with messages of love, hope, and thanksgiving. More than 80 parishioners of all ages spent about an hour sharing their thoughts and blessings with those who will spend the holiday alone. The designs included psalms, traditional greetings, pictures, jokes, and even a cartoon turkey exclaiming, “Eat more beef!”

St. Mary Magdalen has been partnering with community agencies to complete parish-wide service projects for more than a year now. This is the first time the parish is partnering with another parish to help those in need; Sunday’s successful program means there will be more partnerships to come.

City of Brentwood Update - December, 2019

Responsible Recycling

Residents can help sustain single-stream recycling services in Brentwood by knowing what to put in the recycling bin and what to leave out of the recycling bin.

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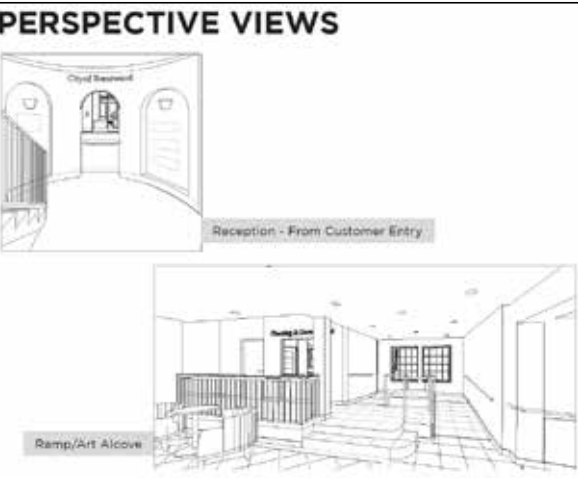
- Paper
 - Flattened Cardboard
 - Plastic Bottles and Containers
 - Glass Bottles and Jars
 - Metal Food and Beverage Cans
 - Food and Beverage Cartons
- Keep these items loose (not bagged), clean and dry. Place these in your recycling container; do NOT place recyclable items in a trash bag or plastic bag.

DO NOT Add to the Recycling Bin:

- Plastic Bags and Film
- Styrofoam
- Sharps and Needles
- Food Waste
- One-Time-Use Disposables (such as plastic straws and utensils)
- Batteries
- Household Hazardous Waste
- Yard Waste

City Hall Closed for Renovations

Brentwood City Hall is closed to the public for several months while undergoing a partial renovation. City Hall staff have been temporarily relocated to other City buildings. Board and Committee meetings will be held at new locations until City Hall is reopened in early 2020.



The Planning & Development department has relocated to the Firehouse (8756 Eulalie Avenue).

The Court office has relocated to the Public Works building (8330 Manchester Road).

Board of Aldermen, Public Works Committee, Public Safety Committee and Ways & Means Committee will meet at Brentwood School District Conference Center (1201 Hanley Industrial Drive), unless otherwise noted, during the renovation project.

Planning & Zoning Commission, Architectural Review Board, Board of Adjustment and Site Plan Review Subcommittee meetings will be held at the Brentwood Recreation



Yard Waste Reminder

Yard waste containers, bags OR cans - should not weigh more than 50 pounds. If you can’t lift it, our trash collectors can’t.

Complex (2505 S. Brentwood Blvd.), unless otherwise noted, during the renovation project.

The main City phone number (314.962.4800) and department and staff phone extensions will remain operational.

Renovations inside the building focus on improving the customer service experience as well as security on the first floor. Renovations also include accessibility improvements to entrances, including ramps, handrails and parking. This construction work is included in the City’s fiscal year 2019 and 2020 budgets.

Please watch for updates on the City website (www.brentwoodmo.org), the City’s Facebook page (facebook.com/BrentwoodMO), and Nextdoor.com. Thank you for your understanding as we work on improving your City Hall!

Brentwood Celebrates a Century with 100+ Events in 2019

We’ve reached the final month of our year-long Centennial celebration! We hope you’ve joined us at some of our 100 events this year. Join us for the last few weeks of Centennial events. Learn more at www.brentwoodmo.org/centennial and www.brentwood100.org

Board of Aldermen and Committee Meetings Available on YouTube

Watch Board of Aldermen and committee meetings on YouTube and subscribe to the City’s YouTube channel. Click on the YouTube icon on the home page of www.brentwoodmo.org or go to <http://www.youtube.com/c/brentwoodmogovtv>.

Brentwood Police Department Coordinating “Neighborhood Eyes” Camera Program

Brentwood Police Department’s “Neighborhood Eyes Program” is an opportunity for Brentwood residents and business owners with security cameras around their homes or businesses to let the police know where these cameras are located. If security camera footage may help in a police investigation, the Police Department would contact the resident or business owner to request to view footage.

The Police Department does not have the capacity to remotely access the video systems. This voluntary program is simply a way to know where cameras are positioned in Brentwood in the event the police need to seek help during an investigation. To register or learn more, contact Tom Bottini, tbottini@brentwoodmo.org or 314.963.8615.



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THE POLAR EXPRESS TRAIN RIDE HEADS FOR THE NORTH POLE FROM ST. LOUIS UNION STATION

TRAINS RUN DAILY THROUGH DECEMBER 30
AT 4:30, 6:00, 7:15 and Select Dates at 8:30 P.M.

St. Louis Union Station has been transformed into the region’s top holiday destination with Polar Express trains, family attractions, whimsical dining, light and music shows and a new Winter Market underway for the 2019 season.

The Polar Express Train Ride’s magical story of a boy’s search for the meaning of Christmas comes to life from now through December 30, 2019 when real trains departs St. Louis Union Station for a round-trip journey to the North Pole.

Set to the motion picture soundtrack, the train ride will transport passengers into the magic of the beloved holiday classic as they are whisked away on THE POLAR EXPRESS™ . Once onboard, hot chocolate and cookies are served by dancing and singing chefs as passengers read along with the children’s book, The Polar Express, by Chris Van Allsburg.

Santa and his helpers greet passengers at the North Pole, board the train, and give each child the first gift of Christmas -- a silver sleigh bell. On the way back to Union Station, chefs lead passengers in singing Christmas carols.

Trains depart St. Louis Union Station at 4:30, 6:00 and 7:15 p.m. Trains also will run at 8:30 p.m. on selected dates.

Seating classes have changed from previous years. This year four different classes of seating are offered:

Coach Family: Seating facing each other, beginning at \$35 on select days.

Coach: Forward facing seating, beginning at \$40.

Deluxe: Seats facing each other with a commemorative Polar Express Mug starting at \$55.

First Class: Table Top Seating sold in groups of four with a commemorative Polar Express mug, starting at \$60.

More information about dates, fares and excursion times is available by calling 314-942-6942, or by visiting www.STLPolarExpressRide.com. Families are encouraged to wear their holiday pajamas for the ride.

ROOM PACKAGES AT THE ST. LOUIS UNION STATION HOTEL

Guests can save 20 percent on their Polar Express Train Ride tickets when they purchase a hotel package at the St. Louis Union Station Hotel, a Curio Collection by Hilton. The hotel package includes four tickets on The Polar Express Train Ride and deluxe accommodations or an exclusive holiday-decorated suite with special turn-down service for the complete seasonal experience.

NEW IN 2019 - RIDE THE TRAIN & RIDE THE ST. LOUIS WHEEL

All Polar Express riders are invited to take a spin on the new St. Louis Wheel for only \$10. The 200-foot-tall observation wheel will be open daily from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. for views of the glittering downtown lights. Guests can show their Polar Express Golden Ticket at the Wheel to receive the discounted rate. Additional activities on site include a whimsical carousel and an 18-hole mini-golf course at the Wheel plaza and the St. Louis Ropes Course and A-Maze-Ing Discoveries Mirror Maze inside Union Station.

In addition to the train and Wheel, St. Louis Union Station will continue its popular holiday fire and light show set to Christmas music on the train shed lake during the Polar Express Train Ride season. The Polar Express movie will be shown in the Wheel plaza every Friday and Saturday night during the season.

Polar passengers can get a head start on their holiday shopping at The Winter Market at the Wheel, which offers a holiday shopping experience on Saturdays and Sundays from noon until 10 p.m. on the plaza near the Union Station lake.

MAGICAL MEALS CHARACTER DINNERS

St. Louis Union Station also is hosting a series of magical holiday dinners in the beautiful Grand Hall of the historic train station during the Polar Express season. Featuring 3-D light shows projected on the ceiling and visits with Santa’s elves and holiday characters, the dinner sessions are available on selected days when the Polar Express Train Ride is in operation. Dinners are served buffet style with separate adult and children’s selections priced between \$25 and \$32. Children ages two and under are complimentary. An elaborate holiday dessert buffet accompanies the dinners. Reservations for the 5:45 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. dinners may be purchased online at www.STLPolarExpressRide.com. Tip: Select dates for the Magical Meal first, then purchase train tickets for the same date.

St. Louis Union Station is located at 1820 Market Street in downtown St. Louis. Parking is available in the Union Station lot at 18th and Clark for just \$5 for all Polar Express ticket holders.

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The St. Louis Aquarium at Union Station will open on Christmas Day, December 25, 2019.

Special Christmas Day hours will be from noon until 6 p.m.

“We are thrilled to be able to invite the public into our new home for the holidays,” said Tami Brown, executive director of the St. Louis Aquarium at Union Station. “This is a great way to start a new family tradition by experiencing the wonders of aquatic life at the aquarium.”

General admission tickets are \$25 for adults and \$18 for children ages 3 to 13. Children under the age of three are free. Tickets will allow access to all of the Aquarium’s galleries, exhibits and interactive experiences. The St. Louis Aquarium at Union Station will offer timed ticketing that will allow guests to avoid waiting in line. A limited number of same-day passes also will be available for purchase every day on site.

More information about Annual Passes and Combo Tickets that include admission to Union Station’s other attractions -- the St. Louis Wheel, Carousel, Mini-Golf, Ropes Course and A-Maze-Ing Discoveries Mirror Maze -- is available online at <https://www.stlouisaquarium.com/tickets>. St. Louis Union Station gift cards also can be purchased and loaded with any amount at the Aquarium’s retail store. Gift cards can be used for admission to any of the attractions at Union Station or in any retail location.

The Aquarium will be open for extended holiday season hours from December 26 through January 4, 2020 from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. daily. Beginning January 5, the Aquarium will be open regular hours from 10 a.m until 6 p.m., Sunday through Thursday and 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

The St. Louis Aquarium at Union Station is the centerpiece of a \$187 million family entertainment complex in downtown St. Louis. The Aquarium and other attractions -- including the 200-foot St. Louis Wheel observation wheel -- are housed at the 500,000-square-foot National Historic Landmark train shed at Union Station, which originally opened in 1894 as the biggest and busiest train terminal in the nation.

The 120,000-square-foot aquarium covers two stories and includes environments filled with more than a million gallons of water. The aquarium will include one-of-a-kind exhibits featuring more than 13,000 aquatic animals from fresh water and marine environments around the world. It will bring together state-of-the-art technology, animal care, education and conservation with the excitement of aquatic creatures.

Visitors will enter the Aquarium via a 3-D virtual reality train ride that honors the history of St. Louis Union Station’s railroad past. The multimedia train delivers guests to an area that explores the confluence of the Mississippi and Missouri rivers. They will learn about the fish that inhabit the great rivers of America and explore the Global Rivers area to see fresh water species from around the world. Playful otters -- named Sawyer, Finn and Thatcher -- piranhas and doctor fish are just some of the highlights.

Lord Stanley, the rare blue lobster named for the NHL’s Stanley Cup and St. Louis Blues’ championship, will live in his own habitat with a hockey theme.

The Shark Canyon exhibit will offer views of 60 sharks and rays in a 250,000-gallon environment with acrylic J-walls that arch high over the heads of visitors. Divers will interact with guests from inside the exhibit. The Deep section will take visitors on a journey through the depths of the world’s oceans to meet the animals that live there, including Jellyfish and a Giant Pacific Octopus.

The second floor also will include a variety of interactive exhibits and touch tanks to create a hands-on and hands-wet experience.

“Visitors will leave the St. Louis Aquarium at Union Station with wet hands and a greater understanding of the planet’s rivers, oceans and aquatic life,” said Brown. “They will be able to feed turtles and stingrays and interact with invertebrate animals in our touch tanks. Our staff also will have a variety of other animals such as sloths and birds to explore with the guests.”

More than 1 million visitors are expected annually.

Opening along with the Aquarium is the St, Louis Aquarium Foundation’s Conservation and Education Center (CEC). The Foundation is the Aquarium’s non-profit partner, working to provide access to the Aquarium to underserved students and communities and to offer educational programs and field trip opportunities. The Foundation is also an advocate for water stewardship. The CEC is filled with hands-on exhibits and an art installation created from recycled plastic water bottles.



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Alderman Leahy Seeks Reelection

Alderman Leahy announces that he will be seeking re-election to Alderman for Ward 3 in the upcoming election on April 7, 2020.

Alderman Leahy has consistently worked to serve the residents of Brentwood and Ward 3. He has co-hosted the Ward 3 meetings that take place monthly to improve communication with the residents. These informal gatherings offer the residents the opportunity to bring forward issues, questions, and concerns to Alderman Leahy and to learn what is happening within their community. Discussions have included trash hauling, city budget, police patrols, neighborhood upkeep, Hanley Road TDD, Brentwood Rec Center, comprehensive plan, employee compensation, Brentwood Bound, Manchester Road Redevelopment and the Project Clear MSD construction along Russell Avenue.

Over the years Andy has served on the Public Safety, Ways and Means, Public Works and Waste Committees as well as the 353 Commission. He has completed the Brentwood Citizen's Police Academy, CERT, Emergency Management and NIMS trainings. He has worked with the Brentwood National Night Out Against Crime Committee for the past twenty years.

Alderman Leahy is an active member of St. Mary Magdalen Church and worked with the Boy Scouts of America for 46 years. He resides at 2833 Manderly Drive with his wife Susan. You may contact him at 314-962-2318 or via email at leahyag@sbcglobal.net.

In the coming years, the Manchester Road Corridor and Brentwood Bound will impact our community. Alderman Leahy has been involved with the developments and watching to help keep the 80 million dollar investment on track and on budget. His voice reflects the conservative spending perspective. Please speak up, share and support this major investment in our future.

Andy thanks the residents of Ward 3 for the privilege of serving as your alderman over the past years. Those wishing to show their support during the election may contact Alderman Leahy for yard signs for the month of March.



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How to Avoid the Busy Holiday Scamming Season

By: West Community Credit Union

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

Antisocial media

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

Pandora's inbox

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

Apps are far from immune

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

Gifts that keep on giving ... to criminals

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

Tips to avoid holiday scams

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

Scammers may be smart, but you can still outsmart them. A little foreknowledge and caution go a long way toward ensuring you'll enjoy a safe and memorable holiday season. For more information about the credit monitoring, contact Member Services with West Community Credit Union at 636.720.2495 or visit us online at westcommunitycu.org.



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Trailblazers November Event

The Father/son Club called the Trailblazers met for their third session on Sunday, November 17th. Several fathers started the club last year to help encourage friendship among fathers of younger boys as well as help them increase their promotion of virtuous habits for their sons. At this Trailblazer event, both fathers and sons heard about the virtue of gratitude, especially how to express thanks more often to friends and family. The competitive activity afterwards was an epic game of Capture the Flag at Kirkwood Park. The third session ended with snacks and conversation for the entire group back at Wespine. If you want to learn more about upcoming activities (December will feature a huge Christmas caroling event at a local nursing home), please visit the Wespine website at wespine.org.



BLOOD DRIVE

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Kids Rock Cancer

Kids Rock Cancer was featured at the 3rd Annual “Eat And Treat” presented by First Community on October 19 at Chesterfield Amphitheater. The John Rizzuto Show and 105.7 The Point Listeners have generously supported Maryville University’s Kids Rock Cancer and raised over \$18,000 for the program this year.

About Kids Rock Cancer: Kids Rock Cancer, now celebrating its 10th year, is an innovative Maryville University program that helps families successfully cope with the challenges of a cancer diagnosis through the power of music therapy. The program provides a certified music therapist to help teens, young adults, and siblings (ages 5 and up) children, use music and songwriting as a vehicle for expressing their feelings.

Here’s how it works: A KRC board-certified music therapist meets with the child and family for one or two sessions, typically around 2 hours. The therapist creates a safe space, working together to identify ideas/themes that can be turned into lyrics and they create an original tune. The child sings the special melody into a microphone and “stars” in the song they have written, with background instrumentation provided by guitar, keyboard and computer software all independently chosen by the child. When finished, the child receives this CD recording as a cherished legacy to share with family and friends.

The therapeutic songwriting and thoughtful recording process provides a positive distraction from physical and emotional pain while releasing a sense of accomplishment and pride, and feelings of happiness and optimism. Kids Rock Cancer helps children, teens, young adults and siblings (ages 5 and up) affected by cancer/blood disorders at St. Louis Children’s hospitals, special camps, and other locations throughout the area. For information, please visit kidsrockcancer.org.



(left to right) KRC Music Therapist - Cara Stern Sudbrock, MTBC
Rock star - Aiyuana Glen (sickle cell, age 11)



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Brentwood Board of Aldermen Minutes

PARTIAL MINUTES OF THE CITY OF BRENTWOOD
BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2019
7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor David Dimmitt called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Dimmitt.
2. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor David Dimmitt, Alderman Thomas Kramer, Alderman Andy Leahy, Alderman Steve Lochmoeller, Alderwoman Kathy O’Neill, Alderwoman Nancy Parker Tice, Alderwoman Sunny Sims, Alderman David Plufka, Alderman Brandon Wegge

A quorum was present and Mayor Dimmitt presided.

Staff: City Administrator Bola Akande, City Attorney Kevin O’Keefe, Parks and Recreation Director Eric Gruenenfelder, Planning and Development Director Lisa Koerkenmeier, Finance Director Karen Shaw, Deputy City Clerk Shelly Todd, Public Works Director Dan Gummersheimer, Police Chief Joe Spiess, Fire Chief Terry Kurten

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS, APPOINTMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

Mayor Dimmitt recommended appointed Keith Slusser for the City Treasurer.

Motion to appoint Keith Slusser as the City Treasurer.
Motion by Alderman David Plufka, second by Alderman Andy Leahy.
Final Resolution: Motion Passed
Yea: Alderman Thomas Kramer, Alderman Andy Leahy, Alderman Steve Lochmoeller, Alderwoman Kathy O’Neill, Alderwoman Nancy Parker Tice, Alderman David Plufka, Alderwoman Sunny Sims, Alderman Brandon Wegge

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ed Wright, resident of 20 Stratford Lane and Vice President of the Brentwood Century Foundation invited all to the Party of the Century on Saturday, November 9th.

Sallie Westenbarger resident of 2626 Bremerton Road advised the Board that she lives on the dividing line. The west side of this road is Rock Hill they are enforcing twenty (20) miles per hour and Brentwood’s posted speed limit is twenty-five (25) miles per hour.

Andy Truss resident of 2825 Brazeau Ave. stated his property at 8722 Suburban Tracks was on the agenda for condemnation and has since been taken off. Asked why it was removed and why it even got that that point.

City Attorney O’Keefe advised Mr. Truss to contact his attorney.

7. MAYOR AND ALDERMEN REPORTS

Alderman Wegge invited Eric Schneider, Director of Business Development from StraightUp Solar to provide a presentation summary of how other cities handle solar terms of permitting. Also, the state of the solar power and basic economics and also have asked to allocate funds in the current budget to allocate funds and start estimating what it would cost to put solar panels on the Recreation Center. There’s a program called Grow Solar which would be a zero-cost opportunity for the City to start advocating for.

Eric Schneider, provided information on the permitting process, criteria and an overview of the program.

8. CITY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

City Administrator Akande provided the Brentwood Bound Project update. Construction costs total spent to date \$0. Soft costs total spent since the last BOA meeting is \$123,291.50. Total spent to date is \$2,951,158.98. For property acquisitions total spent to date is \$8,374,939.09. Contingency funds set aside for unexpected or unforeseen costs is \$10,322,216.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution No 1183 - A Resolution Authorizing An Agreement With Otto Environmental Systems For Recycling Carts

Motion to approve the consent agenda 9A. Standing Committees Reports, 9B. Warrant Lists, 9C. Minutes of September 3, 2019, 9D. Minutes of September 11, 2019, 9E. Minutes of September 16, 2019, 9F. Minutes of October 1, 2019, 9G. Minute of October 7, 2019, 9H. Resolution No. 1183

Motion by Alderwoman Nancy Parker Tice, second by Alderwoman Sunny Sims.
Final Resolution: Motion Passed
Yea: Alderman Thomas Kramer, Alderman Andy Leahy, Alderman Steve Lochmoeller, Alderwoman Kathy O’Neill, Alderwoman Nancy Parker Tice, Alderman David Plufka, Alderwoman Sunny Sims, Alderman Brandon Wegge



Mayor
David Dimmitt



Municipal Judge
Patrick Dignam

Ward 1



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Nancy Parker Tice



Alderman
Andy Leahy



Alderman
David Plufka



Alderman
Steve Lochmoeller

Ward 2



Alderwoman
Sunny Sims



Alderwoman
Kathy O’Neill



Alderman
Brandon Wegge

Ward 4



Alderman
Tom Kramer

10. OLD BUSINESS

A. Bill No. 6258 - An Ordinance Amending Chapter 500 of the Code of Ordinances Of The City Of Brentwood And Adopting New Building, Residential, Electrical, Mechanical, Plumbing, Existing Building, Fuel, Gas, Energy Conservation, Property Maintenance And Fire Codes (2nd Reading)

City Attorney O’Keefe read Bill No. 6258 by title only for the second time and final passage.

Motion by Alderman Andy Leahy to perfect Bill No. 6258. Second by Alderman David Plufka.
Final Resolution: Motion Passed
Yea: Alderman Thomas Kramer, Alderman Andy Leahy, Alderman Steve Lochmoeller, Alderwoman Kathy O’Neill, Alderwoman Nancy Parker Tice, Alderman David Plufka, Alderwoman Sunny Sims, Alderman Brandon Wegge

Bill No. 6258 passes and upon signature of the Mayor becomes Ordinance No. 4899.
B. Bill No. 6259 An Ordinance Granting A Conditional Use Permit To Stephen Wallace For A Fitness Gym At 8500 Manchester Road (2nd Reading)

City Attorney O’Keefe read Bill No. 6259 by title only for the second time and final passage.

Motion by Alderman Andy Leahy to perfect Bill No. 6259 as revised from the October 7, 2019 Board of Aldermen Meeting. Second by Alderman Steve Lochmoeller.
Final Resolution: Motion Passed
Yea: Alderman Thomas Kramer, Alderman Andy Leahy, Alderman Steve Lochmoeller, Alderwoman Kathy O’Neill, Alderwoman Nancy Parker Tice, Alderman David Plufka, Alderwoman Sunny Sims, Alderman Brandon Wegge

Bill No. 6259 passes and upon signature of the Mayor becomes Ordinance No. 4900.

C. Sewer Lateral Program

Public Works Director Dan Gummersheimer provided an overview of the sewer lateral program.

Motion by Alderman Steve Lochmoeller to approve Resolution No 1084.3. Second by Alderman Brandon Wegge.
Final Resolution: Motion Passed
Yea: Alderman Thomas Kramer, Alderman Andy Leahy, Alderman Steve Lochmoeller, Alderwoman Kathy O’Neill, Alderwoman Nancy Parker Tice, Alderman David Plufka, Alderwoman Sunny Sims, Alderman Brandon Wegge

14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Alderwoman Kathy O’Neill to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 PM. Seconded by Alderwoman Nancy Parker Tice.
Approved by voice vote.

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



Christmas in Verse Holiday Poetry

By Ann Brubaker Greenleaf Wirtz

Poetry is on my mind this year, as I am drawn to its rhythm and rhyme and compendium of thought. For experience and emotion flow line after line, until memory comes to rest in the final verse, a sense of peace settling the heart.

Filling a spiral notebook with writings that included poetry began in the early days at Avery School and continued through those middle years at Plymouth. My journal entries peaked during the ever exciting, but typical teen years at Webster Groves Senior High (1963-1966). Deep satisfaction came from searching for words that succinctly conveyed the joy and the angst of teenage life. Now, over a half century later, writing poetry has become even more meaningful, perhaps because there are more life experiences to contemplate and share, and more time to do so.

In honor of this glorious Christmas season, always glorious despite the challenges, because the glory rests in that Bethlehem manger, I offer some of the poetry that will be included in an upcoming book, *Our Lives in Verse*. May my simple, poetic musings bring a smile, a sigh, and a joyful memory that you, too, cherish.

Treasured Keepsakes

Christmas and nostalgia are ever entwined.

As the decorations for table and tree are unpacked,
memories tumble out.

The who, the where, the when, the how
each item came to be,
that treasured keepsake
I long each year to see.

There’s the Santa face
my mother hand made,
still sequined with sparkle ...
though a half-century old ...
her love for me is the story that’s told.

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

And always the books
are handled with care,
their stories old and reaching back
to a time I contemplate with awe,
their simple message a timeless draw.

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

Our Lives in Tuneful Memory

At Christmas time,
Our thoughts harken back
To the olden days,
Our own days ...
If enough decades have
Sufficiently passed ...
When we recall those
Childhood, teen, and early married years.
So young we were,
The effects of time and challenge
Not yet seen or felt.

Our contemplation comes
Wrapped in melody,
A memory chord with lyric and harmony
That transport us back
To that long ago time and place.
With each Christmas carol message,
An early telling of the Christ Child,
Born in that lowly, Bethlehem stable,
Our hearts remember and respond.

Can we hear or sing
Silent Night or O Holy Night
Without a glistening tear in our eye,
Or a poignant catch in our throat?
Can we hear or sing
O Come, All Ye Faithful or Joy to the World
Without a filling of His Light?

These songs of Christmas
Evoke memories of
Choir programs, of
Caroling in the neighborhood ...
Hot chocolate and cookies an after treat ...
Of hymns sung congregationally,
Candles held high at a Christmas Eve service.

Truly, for each a story is
Written and woven with
The ups and downs of every life.
Thus, to encourage and express our hearts,
There is music to bless
And faith to restore ...
Faith in God,
His hand of mercy evident upon our days,
If we but look to Him.

Christmas Tomorrow
Yes, the busy days are drawing down,
The end of many trips to town;
The gifts are chosen and under the tree,
Some for you and some for me.

For family far away this year,
Packages sent early draw us near;
Filled with gifts to bring great joy,
Pictures and clothes and delightful toys.

Throughout the home Christmas shines holy and bright,
With candles, and holly, and colorful lights
That adorn the tree and cast a glow
Upon the nativity nestled below.

Ornaments speak to that moment so clear,
When purchased or received from someone dear;
A twinkling Santa face, hand-made by my mother
Is a treasure to me, one like no other.

December has now too quickly passed,
Can we slow down the days and make them last?
My eyes feast upon each tender scene,
Drawing in the beauty of what it means.

For soon this month will see its end,
As the New Year celebrations send
Us forth into another year,
With memories to cherish and hold so near.

My prayer for the family and friends I love,
Grateful, I am, to the Lord above,
Who gives me hope and guides my way,
His blessings upon their every day.

A Christmas Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank you for the wonder and glory of Christmas. This season livens our senses and warms our hearts as we see the treasured beauty that speaks to this holiday alone, as we hear the melodies that uplift with holy thought, and as we share the bounty of Your love with others. We ask Your mercy and blessing to bring comfort where loss is fresh, where challenge is great, where need is evident. May we be Your instruments of compassion in a world that is desperate for Your touch.

In the wonder and glory of the name of Jesus, I pray. Amen.

SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR Great Rivers and Routes

The following special events are submitted to you for distribution to the public. The Great Rivers and Routes Tourism Bureau is a destination marketing organization serving Madison, Macoupin, Montgomery, Jersey, Greene, and Calhoun counties in Illinois. We make every effort to ensure the information provided below is accurate and timely. For additional information beyond that provided, please contact the event coordinators at the numbers supplied with each calendar entry.

December

Edwardsville’s 7th Annual Downtown in December Winter Market will feature artisan wares, baked goods, crafters, locally grown items, unique boutique gifts and products from members of the community and the surrounding area.

Warm-up with complimentary hot chocolate and let the kiddos enjoy free craft activities and caroling!

The Winter Market will be located on the side of the Madison County Court House building.

Bethalto Christmas Village

Dec. 14, 15, 21 & 22, 5 pm to 8 pm

Bethalto Central Park
213 N. Prairie St.
Bethalto, IL 62010
(618) 377-8051

Celebrate Christmas with a stroll through Central Park in Bethalto, with decorated, lighted Christmas-themed cottages, live music, great food, a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus, holiday vendors and crafters, a live nativity scene, children’s craft area, petting zoo, barrel car rides and more! In the true spirit of the holiday, the 75 live trees used to provide a beautiful backdrop at the event will be given to families in need afterwards.

Bethalto Christmas Village is a free, family-fun event designed to share the Spirit of Christmas throughout the community and region. Created for all ages, by all ages, Bethalto Christmas Village embodies the cooperation of residents, businesses, churches, civic organizations and village officials to create an amazing Christmas experience! There will be musical entertainment from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. each night.

For more information, call (618) 377-8051.

A Twisted Christmas Carol

Dec. 12, 13, and 14, 7:30 pm to 10 pm
Dec. 8 and 15, 2 pm to 5 pm

Alton Little Theater
2450 N. Henry St.
Alton, IL 62002
(618) 462-3205

Allow the cast of the Alton Little Theater to put you in the holiday mood with a production of “A Twisted Christmas Carol”, a new comedy written by Phil Olson and directed by Lee Cox. The most unusual Christmas Eve BBQ you’ll ever dream about. Even Charles Dickens would laugh!

Not looking forward to the holidays? Neither was Texas barbecue joint owner Buford Johnson and after arguing with his wife, he mentions that he is skipping Christmas all together! After storming out, Buford jumps in his pickup not paying attention to the storm ahead. A twister picks him up and send Buford into a coma. He is then visited in his dreams by a friend that represents the ghost of Christmas past, present and future. This Texas style “Christmas Carol” will sure to have you laughing and celebrating what is most important to you. Admission is \$20 for adults and \$12 for children under the age of 18.

Holiday Festival at Pere Marquette Lodge

Sunday, Dec. 8, 11 am to 3 pm
Pere Marquette Lodge & Conference Center
13653 Lodge Blvd.Grafton, IL 62037
(618) 786-2331

Help Pere Marquette Lodge spread holiday cheer like never before with their Holiday Festival!

Sip hot chocolate, gaze at the lodge’s wondrous Christmas tree, introduce the kids to Santa C., enjoy live music, sip locally made wines and more! You will also get the chance to cross off your last minute Christmas shopping with over 30 different vendor booths.

We will have all sorts of decorations, fun and the best holiday cheer in town!

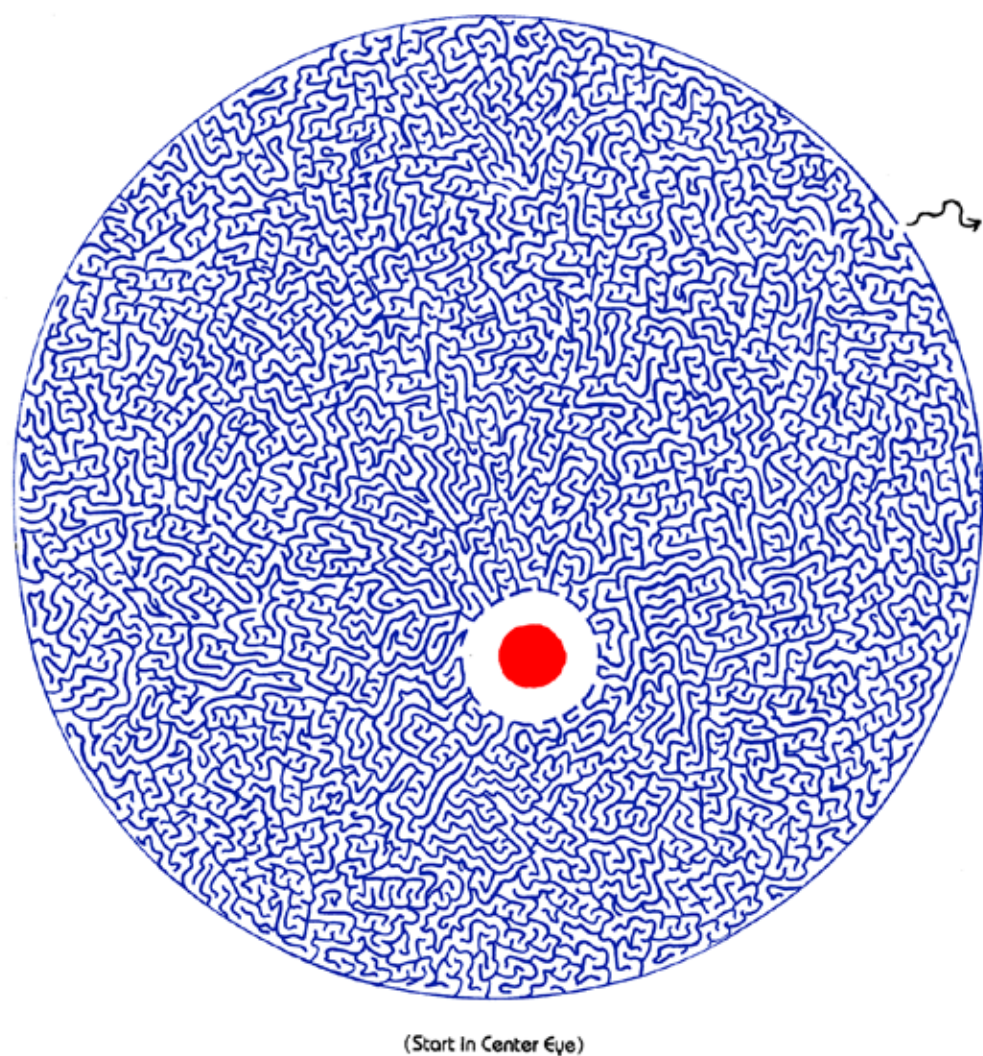


Joey's Mazes

by Joey Barzantny

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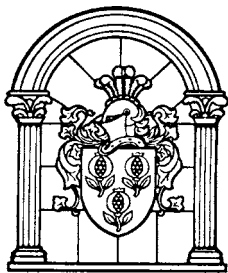
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Dennis Shrewsbury

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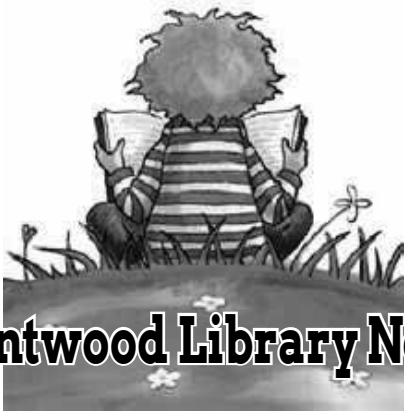


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Brentwood Library News

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www.brentwoodlibrarymo.org circulation@bplmo.org

December and January News

All Library events are free and open to the public.
Please note the following changes to hours for Holidays:
Closed Tuesday, December 24th & Wednesday, December 25 (Christmas Holiday).
Closing early at noon on Tuesday, December 31st (New Year's Eve) & closed Wednesday, January 1st
Closed Monday, January 20th (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)
All dates subject to change. Visit brentwoodlibrarymo.org for more events.

Kids' and Teen Programs:

Baby and Toddler Storytime

Tuesdays | 9:30 a.m.
Please join us for stories, songs, and rhymes. For children ages birth-3.

Preschool Storytime

Tuesdays | 10:30 a.m.
Join us for stories, songs, and rhymes from 10:30-11 a.m. For children ages 3-5.

Children's Yoga

Thursdays | 9:30 a.m.
Yoga session for children and their caregivers. Presented by Complete Harmony Yoga. Recommended for ages 6 years and under, but open to children of all ages. Please bring a yoga mat.

Do Good Things Club

Mondays | 3:15-4:30 p.m.
A club where you decide how we can change the world. Each month, we'll discuss how we can improve our community through planning and projects. This club is whatever we make it, and is a great way to meet new friends and change the world! Ages 11-17. No club meeting on January 20 due to holiday closure.

Arts and Crafts Club

Tuesdays | 3:15-4:30 p.m.
Arts & Crafts Club is a weekly opportunity for kids to create in an unstructured, social setting. Have fun and make new things! Ages 11-17. No meeting on December 24 or 31 due to holiday closure.

Paws for Reading

Thursday, December 26 | 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, January 23 | 6:00 p.m.
Dogs make the best listeners! Read your favorite book to dogs from Support Dogs, Inc. This event is free and open to children and families.

Fun with Science: LEGO Ice Excavation Experiment

Saturday, January 4 | 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Oh no! Your favorite LEGO characters have been frozen in ice blocks, and we need your help to get them out. Use your noggin and experiment with various ways of melting and chipping through the ice to free our friends. Recommended for ages 8 and under, but open to all ages of children and caregivers.

Family Craft: Snowman Thumbprint Art

Friday, January 24 | 3:30 p.m.
Have fun making a colorful work of snowman art with just paint and your thumbprint. Dress to be messy. Recommended for ages 8 and under, but open to children of all ages and their caregivers.

Adult Programs:

Walking Club

Thursdays at 12 p.m. | December- January
Join us any Thursday for a 30-45 min walk through the neighborhood. We start from the library; please bring appropriate footwear and clothes. Weather dependent; please check our website or call 314-963-8630. No registration required. Pups and strollers welcome.

Let's Get Crafty

Fridays | 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Calling all crafters! Have any projects you want to work on? Join other crafters as they work on their projects, too.

Scrabble! Night

December 5 & 19, January 2 & 16
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
The Scrabble Club meets on the first and third Thursday of the month. Games begin at 5:30 p.m. and generally conclude around 7 p.m. All interested players are welcome to attend. No reservation required.

Adult Craft

Thursday, December 12 | 10:00 a.m. – Painted Ornament

Wednesday, January 8 | 6:00 p.m. – Tissue Flowers
Thursday, January 9 | 10:00 a.m. – Tissue Flowers
Limit of 10 people to a craft session. Registration required, please call 314-963-8630 or email circulation@bplmo.org.

Just For Fun: Shorts

Friday, January 17 | 6:30 p.m. – Series in January
A mixer for book worms! For December, our theme is short stories, and for January, start a new series or continue a series in which you have already become immersed. Pick any book related to our monthly theme and join us at our after-hours social mixer to eat, drink, and meet other readers. Beverages are generously provided by Earthbound Beer. Food will be provided from an area restaurant. Valid ID required, please.

Brentwood Book Club

Tuesday, December 10 | 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, January 14 | 6:30 p.m.
In December, we'll read Educated by Tara Westover. Ask for a copy at the circulation desk.
In January, come prepared to talk about your favorite books of 2019 and what you would like to read in 2020. We'll meet at a local area restaurant. The Library will provide appetizers; participants can purchase additional food and drinks, if they wish. Meeting place TBD. Newcomers are always welcome and no registration is required.

Cookie Exchange

Saturday, December 14 | 2:00 p.m.
Sample and share cookies of all kinds at this festive cookie exchange party. We will swap cookies, share recipes, and sample cookies. You are welcome to bring cookies and a recipe to share, but not required.

Tuesday, December 17 | 6:00 p.m.

Holiday Craft and Hot Chocolate

Create a holiday candle holder or vase while sipping hot chocolate with marshmallows. Registration required; space is limited. Register with circulation@bplmo.org or by calling 314-963-8630.

Adult Book Bingo

Friday, December 27 | 2:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 25 | 2:00 p.m.
Come play Bingo and win books for prizes! Registration required. Call 314-963-8630 or email circulation@bplmo.org to register.

Healthy Kitchen

Wednesday, January 15 | 2:00 p.m.
Join us for a free monthly class to discuss nutrition, healthy living, meal planning, and to share recipes. Then, enjoy a cooking demonstration by nutritionist Leslie Bertsch of the University of Missouri Extension. All supplies provided. Registration required. Please call 314-963-8630 or email jhynes@bplmo.org.

Cookbook Club

Tuesday, January 28 | 6:30 p.m.
Get together with other home cooks and try new recipes or share old favorites. Each month we will pick a theme and members can bring a recipe and a dish to share at our potluck. For January, just bring a favorite recipe to share, and we'll brainstorm for 2020. Need inspiration? We have plenty of cookbooks at the library! Newcomers are welcome and no registration is necessary.

Special Event: All Ages

Winter Reading Club
Open to children and adults! Grab a reading punch card today from the Brentwood Public Library. Read for 20 hours and be entered in a raffle for a prize! Return your completed punch card to the Library by January 31, 2020. Prizes have been generously provided by West Community Credit Union.

Winter Open House

Wednesday, December 18 | 3:30-7:00 p.m.
Drop into the library between 3:30-7:00 p.m. to decorate a holiday craft and card. Seasonal snacks will be served. Open to all ages -- adults and children.

Missouri Botanical Garden
“Garden Glow” is a MUST-SEE!
OPEN NOW THROUGH
JANUARY 9



KACEY - ID#A070457

Age: 1 year old
Color: Tricolor
Sex: Spayed Female
Weight: 55.80 lbs
First Day at APAMO: Nov 09, 2019

Shelter Staff made the following comments about this animal:

KACEY IS A PLAYFUL GAL! SHE IS LOOKING FOR AN ACTIVE FAMILY TO CALL HER OWN. SHE IS HOUSEBROKEN AND LOVES TO PLAY. KACEY WOULD LOVE TO FIND A HOME WHERE SHE CAN GO ON LONG WALKS AND GET LOTS OF TREATS!

For more information about this animal, call: Animal Protective Association of Missouri at (314) 645-4610



WASHINGTON - ID#A045890

Age: 4 years old
Color: White and Black
Sex: Neutered Male
Weight: 12.00 lbs
First Day at APAMO: Nov 22, 2019

Shelter Staff made the following comments about this animal:

MR. WASHINGTON IS A HANDSOME BLACK AND WHITE MAN. HE LOVES TO SLEEP IN COVERED BEDS AND IS LOOKING FOR HIS FOREVER HOME.

To Adopt

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

Research has shown that living with animals provides certain health benefits. The interaction can help lower blood pressure and lessen anxiety. Stroking a cat helps to relieve stress. Walking a dog is good exercise. Stay healthy....adopt a pet.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS
(Public Notice of Filing)

The Brentwood School District encourages qualified persons interested in running for a position on the School Board to file to be a candidate in the April 7, 2020 election. There are three positions available with three-year terms.

Interested persons may file at the superintendent's offices located at 1201 Hanley Industrial Court, Brentwood, Missouri. In accordance with the law, candidates may file by certified mail if they are unable to file the declaration of candidacy and other necessary paperwork in person due to a physical disability or because they are members of the U.S. Armed Forces on active duty. For more information, contact Kate Hastings, secretary to the Board of Education, at 314-962-4507.

Filing will begin on December 17, 2019, at 8:00 a.m. and will continue during the district's regular business hours, which are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Except for the first and last day of filing, filing will not occur on the days that the school district's central offices are closed due to inclement weather. Filing will also not occur on the following holidays and breaks when the school district's central offices are closed: December 24, 2019; December 25, 2019; January 1, 2020; and January 20, 2020. A December schedule of office hours will be posted by December 16, 2019. Filing will end on January 21, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Brentwood School District

December 2019 News

Brian Nikodym Named Exemplary Teacher

Brian Nikodym is one of 76 exemplary teachers and educational leaders nationwide who was recognized by Project Lead The Way (PLTW) at its national conference this week. Mr. Nikodym was honored for demonstrating a strong record of work that aligns with PLTW strategic goals:

- Delivering an inspiring and empowering students experience with a commitment to student needs, success implementing PLTW above and beyond his/her peers, and by inspiring students to apply learning beyond the classroom.
 - Expanding access to PLTW programs by promoting PLTW in the school and community.
 - Transforming teaching by demonstrating leadership within the classroom, school, or district, using innovative methods to engage students in activity-, project-, problem-based learning, and actively pursuing professional and personal development.
- “We are incredibly proud of Brian and all his work on behalf of Brentwood students,” said Superintendent Brian Lane. “This achievement reflects on his hard work and reaffirms our commitment to offering exceptional learning experiences for students.



Project Lead The Way (PLTW) is a nonprofit organization that provides a transformative learning experience for PreK-12 students and teachers across the U.S. PLTW empowers students to develop in-demand, transportable knowledge and skills through pathways in computer science, engineering, and biomedical science. PLTW’s teacher training and resources support teachers as they engage their students in real-world learning. More than 12,200 elementary, middle, and high schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia offer PLTW programs.

E-Recycle Drive January 6 - 17

Brentwood Middle School Sustainability and Beautification Group will host an “E-Recycle Drive” in January. The drive will be an opportunity for members of the Brentwood community to safely recycle electronic devices such as desktop CPUs, LCD display laptops, notebook computers, networking equipment, speakers, CD/DVD drives, hard drives, scanners, floppy drives, printers, cell phones, and more!

Due to the nature of these items, they can sometimes cost money to properly recycle or otherwise end up in a landfill. More information about what is and is not accepted will be posted on our website and social media pages, including dropoff times and location. In the meantime, please set aside any electronic devices for an easy and convenient way to recycle!

BHS Art Students Place in United Way Art Contest

Five Brentwood High School students have placed in the top 40 in the “100 Neediest Cases” art competition hosted by United Way and St. Louis Post Dispatch. The contest is designed to help raise awareness for real life scenarios faced by St. Louis families. “We are very proud of the work our students put into this competition,” explained Mr. Tim Rempel, Art Education Specialist for the Brentwood School District. “Judging was based on content, originality, and interpretation of subject matter and design. Judges were comprised of local artists and instructors. I am so proud of our students to have 5 of our 6 participants to be selected in the top 40! There are hundreds of student participants and our students did a fine job of representing our community with distinction. Congratulations to them all!”

For placing in the contest, the students will have their work published in the St. Louis Post Dispatch.



Junior Morgan Nelson - 14th Place



Senior Storm Baricko - 26th Place



Senior Contessa Smith - 10th Place



Above: Senior Jonathan Danfort - 11th Place
Left: Zoe Berken - 38th Place

Brentwood Student Food Drives Help Area Families

Students throughout the district took on a leadership role this holiday season to collect food and other items for families in need this holiday season. At Brentwood Middle and High School, students teamed up and collected food that provided meals for at least 29 families in the community! McGrath and Mark Twain Elementary schools each saw their own successful food drives as well. At the elementary level, students exceeded their original collection goal and collected nearly 1,000 items for the community!



“We are so grateful for the opportunity to give back,” said Superintendent Brian Lane. “This really is a great example of our students’ leadership and ability to build community outside of the classroom.”

Early Childhood Registration Opens in January

In January, Brentwood families will have the opportunity to register their Pre-K aged children for the Brentwood Early Childhood program. Registration will open for current families on January 22nd and all Brentwood families on January 23rd. A few days before enrollment opens, registration documents and information will be shared on the Early Childhood Center website: ecc.brentwoodmoschools.org.

The Brentwood School District’s Early Childhood Center offers a developmental/constructivist program designed to meet the educational needs of the young child, ages 2 years to kindergarten. This program offers the following unique opportunities:

- Project Construct, an Early Childhood Curriculum approved by the Missouri Department of Education. Our curriculum is enhanced through the constructivist philosophy.
 - Goals are set according to the Missouri Early Learning Standards. These directly flow into the standards which are used by all Missouri Public Schools to guide education from kindergarten through 12th grade.
 - Experienced, certified early childhood teachers guide learning through current research and best practice.
 - On-site nurse
 - Through our partnership with Special School District we offer a variety of early intervention services/resources.
- Additionally, the Early Childhood Experiences include:
- Group Meetings where we strengthen language and social skills, have shared literature experiences and come together as a community of learners.

- Small Group Focus for center time, which may include:
 - + Books/Language
 - + Writing
 - + Art
 - + Math and Science
 - + Block/Construction
 - + Dramatic Play
 - + Sensory Experimentation
- Whole Group Music and Movement which enhances body awareness, phonetic processing and math concepts.
- Large Muscle Development through play experiences in our fenced-in playground and our large multi-purpose room. We also have motor labs that are collaborated through our partnership with SSD with Physical and Occupational Therapists.
- Sensory Exploration in our project room, kitchen and our sensory children’s garden.
- Digital Documentation through which we connect the children’s learning to parents and home.

To learn more about the program, please visit the Brentwood Early Childhood website at ecc.brentwoodmoschools.org or call us at 314-262-8521.



BRENTWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT

From our family to yours, we wish you a warm, happy, and safe holiday season and a Happy New Year!

Thank You!

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BRENTWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT

February is Kindergarten Registration Month! Join us for Open House on Monday, February 10th, 2020.

If your child will be five years old by July 31, 2020, they will be eligible to start kindergarten this coming August at Mark Twain or McGrath Elementary. Please pass this information along to your friends and neighbors. It is helpful for the school district to get an early idea of how many kindergarteners will start this fall.

The registration packet can be downloaded at www.brentwoodmoschools.org or simply call your child's school for more information. Parents/Guardians must have a valid driver's license or state-issued photo ID, as well as one current document from LIST A and two current documents from LIST B to enroll a student:

LIST A <i>One required</i>	LIST B <i>Two required</i>
Mortgage Statement	Unpaid Utility Bill
Property Deed	Credit Card or Bank Statement
Real Estate Tax Bill	Voter Registration Card
Homeowner's Policy	Personal Property Tax Invoice/Receipt
Signed Residential Lease Agreement <i>*(must be updated annually)*</i>	Paycheck Stub
<i>Please note: It is your responsibility to provide the school office with a copy of your lease annually.</i>	Insurance Statement
	IRS Tax Statement
	Social Services, Social Security, or other legal documents issued by local, state, or federal courts

Kindergarten Open House
Monday, February 10, 2019

Mark Twain: 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM • McGrath: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

We encourage you to attend our Kindergarten Open House to meet our staff members, tour the school, and interact with other parents. Please bring your questions too; we will be happy to answer them! Open House dates are listed below. You can also make an appointment for a tour by calling your child's school.

Mark Twain Elementary 8636 Litzinger Road 314-962-0613 Registration Open House Monday, February 10, 2019 • 3:30 - 5:30 PM	McGrath Elementary 2350 St. Clair Avenue 314-962-6824 Registration Open House Monday, February 10, 2019 • 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
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Welcome to
Kindergarten!

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A Grand Time at the Brentwood Centennial Gala



It was a packed Xavier Grand Ballroom on Saturday, November 9th, for the Brentwood Centennial Gala. This was the last major event during this centennial year sponsored by the Brentwood Century Foundation, and it was a good one. Toni Bowman chaired the Gala committee and was very happy with how it turned out. “We’ve been working on this for months and tonight was the culmination of a lot of hard work by a lot of great people. It was a beautiful room, and everyone seemed to have fun.”

Many in the crowd dressed in the style of 1919 to add an extra nostalgic touch to the evening. Suffragettes, flappers, baseball players, gangsters, dandies, and all sorts of characters from the past populated the room. Everyone looked great as the evening’s festivities began. Some had arrived by special trolley rented for the evening.

Dan Fitzgerald, president of the Century Foundation, served as MC for the evening and welcomed the crowd which included former mayors, aldermen, city employees, and both long and short time Brentwood residents. Reverend Will Hanke from Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Foundation board member and organizer of the Community Service weekend earlier in the year, gave the blessing. After a delicious buffet dinner, the formal program began.

It started with a viewing of the documentary BRENTWOOD: A 100 YEAR JOURNEY produced by Brentwood resident Dan Duffy. Narrated by Brentwood’s “velvet voice”, Jim Doyle, this 14 minute video shows some of the history of Brentwood and the developments and strengths of our city over the years. It’s a beautiful reminder of what makes Brentwood special. It can be seen on the Foundation web site at Brentwood100.org.

Dan Fitzgerald then showed some slides of Brentwood’s past and told stories of Brentwood’s famous and infamous residents and businesses. Dan is also president of the Brentwood Historical Society and had much to share with the attentive audience. “The churches, the schools, the businesses, but most of all the people are what makes Brentwood so great.” Dan commented. “Look how many of you have lived in Brentwood for so long. People just keep coming back.” Dan polled the crowd for 50, 60, and 70 year residents. The longevity winner was Wilma Nowell, who has lived in Brentwood for 83 years. Dan also recognized Gene-Del Printing and West Community Credit Union for their major roles in the year-long celebration by the Century Foundation.

Next, long time resident Ed Wright, Jr. made a few comments about what Brentwood has always meant to his family, especially his dad who grew up in the town and was mayor for 13 years. Ed then read a poem he had written for this occasion: MY HOME POEM. (A copy of the poem is in this issue of THE PULSE.) “I got a little emotional while reading it.” Ed said. “It came right from my heart and the crowd seemed to like it.”

The formal part of the program ended with a toast to Brentwood led by current Mayor David Dimmitt. “It’s an honor to be here and help salute our city of warmth. Let us toast to the next 100 years of warmth.” As fluted/engraved souvenir glasses filled with specially labeled Brentwood bubbly clinked, there were smiles all around... plus a few tears.

The Galaxy Band played till 11 pm with the dancing led by the fun-loving crew from West Community Credit Union. Many people also took this time to view the various displays of Brentwood memorabilia, or catch up with Brentwood friends in laughter-filled conversations.

The Brentwood Century Foundation would like to thank all those who participated in any of our events during the year: from the January trivia night through community service and baseball games and the race to the courthouse and art shows. “We couldn’t have been so successful without an active board of directors and group of volunteers.” Dan stated. “It’s been an exhausting but fruitful year for Brentwood.”

We do have some souvenir glasses, t shirts, Brentwood books, commemorative coins, and other souvenirs from the year’s celebration available for sale online. Please go to Brentwood100.org for more information.

Photos by Ed Wright Jr. and Keith Dodel



My Home Poem

*On the Occasion of Brentwood’s Centennial
by Ed Wright, Jr. November 9, 2019*

I wanted to write of this town I call home
but it’s hard to put it all down in a poem.
There just doesn’t seem to be a way
to tell the story of every day.
The story of a place where I have grown,
A place where I’ve never felt alone.

Yes, I grew up in Brentwood town
And still today that’s where I’m found.
I walked through all of Frazier’s halls
And shopped at the Square before there were malls.

Our first home was on Moritz Avenue.
I was too young to have but a memory or two.
Then somehow, we moved across the street
And a Kleisley’s chocolate coke was a special treat.

In first grade, the family moved to York Drive
and that’s where my memories came alive.
Walking to Frazier and then Brentwood High
I loved my schools being so nearby

Our gang played ball in Audubon Park
Starting out in the morning, not ending till dark.
In the “little woods”, we’d play at soldier
Not knowing what lay ahead when older.

Riding my bike all around town
Pedaling up hills and coasting down.
To Brentwood Park for a Khoury League game,
Then a stop at Carl’s of root beer fame.

On to the high school and changes galore
when those 4 guys from England made us yell for more.
Our football team garnered win after win
But the star quarterback? He was just my friend.
And the defensive end who opponents thought cruel?

He was just a fun guy when we walked to school.
My friend who in Hollywood movies starred,
was a really good shot back in my back yard.
High school taught us a lot in our little town.
Hope they never tear that great building down.

We learned about life as we matured.
We learned of the struggles that many endured.
We learned of “that area” where Target now stands,
Full of good Brentwood people with hopes and with plans.

A spiritual current that’s still strong today
offered many safe places for people to pray.
One church was a place where we kids had a ball
As we danced at the Teen Town in Pronko Youth Hall.

The weeks before school, families packed Brentwood Square
Seeking new first day outfits from The Children’s Fair.
School supplies from Ben Franklin, or aspirins from Deerings
You could get what you needed as school days were nearing.

Greasy burgers from Oxies were always a winner
Or some Buckingham’s chicken for a great Sunday dinner.
Dessert was found with considerable ease
Just stop in on Brentwood and taste Velvet Freeze.

McDonalds on Manchester? What a Friday night
(But if Blue Devils showed up, expect a small fight.)
The Brentwood Theater was a hoppin’ place
Whether Disney or EXORCIST appealed to your taste.

If collecting rocks was your avocation,
Mr. York’s Sign shop was your favorite location.
If 7-10 splits confounded your brain,
you’d spend Friday night at the Brentwood Lanes.

When winter came and snow piles were mounting,
our streets were the best cleared in all of the county.
And the brave firefighters or the cop on the beat,
was probably someone who lived up the street.

When my BHS classmates and I get together,
we chat about grandkids, doctors and weather
but we always end up by our last round of beer
agreeing how lucky we were to live here.
To grow up in Brentwood and walk all around
to know all your neighbors, to know your hometown

I’ve lived other places but always come back
to a town where my dad walked the old Dinky track.
To a town that has given and continues to give,
‘cause to us Brentwood’s always the WRIGHT place to live.

ARMENIA’S FIRST-EVER BREEDING CENTER FOR ENDANGERED REPTILES OPENS WITH SUPPORT FROM THE SAINT LOUIS ZOO

Reptiles and amphibians on the brink of extinction in Armenia are getting some critical assistance with the creation of the country’s first-ever conservation breeding center for these species — and the Saint Louis Zoo WildCare Institute was instrumental in its establishment.

The new Armenian Conservation Breeding Center, located in one of the world’s top biodiversity hotspots of Caucasus and near the Armenian capital of Yerevan, celebrated its grand opening and official dedication on September 16, 2019. Herpetology staff members from the Saint Louis Zoo, along with partner conservation organizations in the U.S. and Armenia, were on hand for the dedication of the facility.

“This is a huge step for Armenia’s reptile and amphibian conservation. Species that are often overlooked are getting much needed attention,” said Mark Wanner, Director of the Saint Louis Zoo WildCare Institute Center for Conservation in Western Asia and Zoological Manager of Herpetology and Aquatics at the Saint Louis Zoo.

The Saint Louis Zoo has supported conservation and research in Armenia for over 15 years and is a recognized leader for its husbandry and breeding of the Armenian viper at the Charles H. Hoessle Herpetarium at the Zoo. The WildCare Institute and other conservation organizations contributed support through scientific expertise, as well as money to help build and operate this important breeding center.

“The center will focus on breeding vipers and reintroducing them into native habitats until populations are stable. Data from our research indicates that some populations of vipers in Armenia have declined to a point where human intervention, like this ex-situ breeding center, is necessary to prevent the species from going extinct. Through capacity building, strong collaborations, field research and education, we hope to help our Armenian partners self-sustain their conservation goals and protect these amazing animals into the future,” said Wanner.

Two renowned Armenian herpetologists, Aram Aghasyan, Ph.D., and his son, Levon Aghasyan, Ph.D., oversee the breeding center. Dr. Levon Aghasyan, director of the breeding center, spent eight months in St. Louis in 2015 and 2016 learning proper husbandry and propagation methods for vipers at the Charles H. Hoessle Herpetarium at the Zoo.

“Aram and Levon are pioneers in Armenian herpetology and have made brilliant strides in saving Armenian wildlife,” said Wanner.

About the Breeding Center

The Armenian Conservation Breeding Center is currently housing 28 mountain vipers from three species in conservation need — the Armenian viper, Armenian steppe viper and Darevsky’s viper. Future plans call for housing all 11 Armenian reptile and amphibian species that appear on the International Union for Conservation of Nature Red List of Threatened Species.

Researchers brought the group of snakes into the center from field sites where viper populations have declined in recent years due to habitat loss, livestock grazing and human persecution. Offspring born at the center will be raised by care staff to increase survivability in the wild and then released to their native habitat.

The 1,200-square-foot, three-story facility — a renovated dwelling built in the foothills of Mt. Aragats — takes advantage of the natural weather patterns for heating and cooling the building. The underground reptile and amphibian room cools naturally during the winter season, creating a hibernaculum where the animals go into brumation, or a hibernation-like state with periods of wakefulness. A hibernaculum is a key tool for breeding high-elevation mountain vipers. The facility also includes meeting rooms, offices, and bedrooms for visiting researchers and scientists. An outdoor area has several habitats for endangered tortoises and additional space for other priority species in the future.

Capacity Building and the Future of the Breeding Center

The building is not open to the public at this time, but in the long-range plans, it could serve as an educational facility for people to visit and learn about wildlife, according to Wanner.

In the near future, the breeding center hopes to invite college biology students to study and possibly help with animal care. In 2020 Saint Louis Zoo veterinary and herpetology staff will develop and execute a reptile and amphibian workshop in Armenia focusing on treatment, disease, parasitology, pathology and minor surgery. This training will provide the breeding center with an in-country trained veterinary group to help with any medical needs that might arise.

For more information, visit stlzoo.org.



“UP ON THE ROOFTOP” Holiday Pop Up at Three Sixty December 1 - 31, 2019

Get your holiday on this year at the most scenic seasonal pop up bar in St. Louis.

Three Sixty at the top of the Hilton at the Ballpark is debuting its holiday happening -- “Up On The Rooftop” -- on December 1, 2019. The popup cocktail experience will remain open through December 31.

Go “Up On The Rooftop” as 360 hosts the highest and best seasonal pop up bar of the holidays. Step into the 360 snow globe creation 400 feet over the St. Louis skyline with great views of the glowing Gateway Arch and downtown lights at the top of the Hilton at the Ballpark.

Enjoy special seasonal cocktails, created by Three Sixty’s master mixologist Kyle Mathis, guaranteed to warm your Christmas stockings. Bring your friends to share small bites and pose with glittering holiday decor.

There is no cover charge before 10 p.m. “Up On The Rooftop” will be open December 1 – 31, 2019. Three Sixty is located at 1 S. Broadway in downtown St. Louis; 314.241.8439; 360rooftop@360-stl.com.

Three Sixty’s “Up On The Rooftop” specialty cocktails, served in creative mugs, include:

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POTATO EXHIBIT OPENS AT GARDEN’S SACHS MUSEUM

The latest exhibit at the Missouri Botanical Garden’s Sachs Museum, “Potato (Solanum tuberosum): Apple of the Earth,” has opened.

In addition to being a favorite holiday side dish, the potato is the most important non-cereal food crop in the world and is a significant part of the diet of more than 1.5 billion people. The exhibition at the Stephen and Peter Sachs Museum highlights botany, history and contemporary art focused on this underestimated tuber around the globe.

“It has such an interesting story,” Sachs Museum Curator Nezka Pfeifer said. “It’s gone from being an American plant to being ubiquitous around the world.”

Its story continues today as the potato’s pervasiveness ties it to global issues including climate change, food insecurity and food sovereignty.

The Sachs Museum show includes 40 specimens from the Garden’s herbarium representing a variety of potato species found in different parts of the world. The exhibit will also showcase tools used for farming and cooking potatoes, including antique agriculture tools and more than 100 potato mashers from many different countries. Other items, like Mr. And Mrs. Potato Head, highlight the potato’s role in pop culture.

The South and Lower Level Galleries feature work from contemporary artists Seamus O. Hames, Dornith Doherty, and Corina Kennedy. Each artist has interpreted the unique story of this food crop in their artworks, especially the historic impact of the late potato blight that devastated the potato crop in Ireland in the mid-19th century.

“Potato (Solanum tuberosum): Apple of the Earth” will be on display through March 17. A visit to the Stephen and Peter Sachs Museum is included with Garden admission. The museum is open daily from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Danna McKittrick Adds Hannah Mudd as Associate

Danna McKittrick, P.C. has announced that Hannah E. Mudd has joined the firm as an associate attorney on the transaction team.

As a member of the team, Mudd advises clients on a variety of corporate and business transactions including entrepreneurial, real estate, banking, employment, and corporate formation and governance matters.

Her background includes experience in an array of areas from regulatory compliance, foreclosures, contract analysis and drafting, and employment matters to business formation with start-ups. Mudd advises her clients proactively to address and minimize risk while working strategically to reach the best outcomes for her clients.

Mudd earned her Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Missouri School of Law in 2018. She graduated with a B.A. in history and political science from Saint Mary’s College in Indiana in 2014.

Mudd volunteers for a variety of organizations in St. Louis and is an active member of the Saint Mary’s Alumnae St Louis Club, the Missouri History Museum, and the Missouri Botanical Garden.

About Danna McKittrick: Located in St. Louis, Mo., Danna McKittrick, P.C. delivers legal representation to businesses (emerging to national), insurers, government-related entities, and individuals throughout the Midwest. www.dannamckittrick.com.



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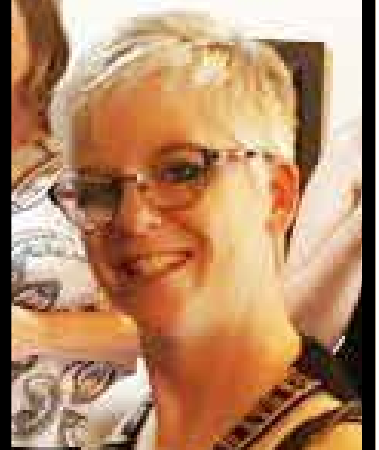
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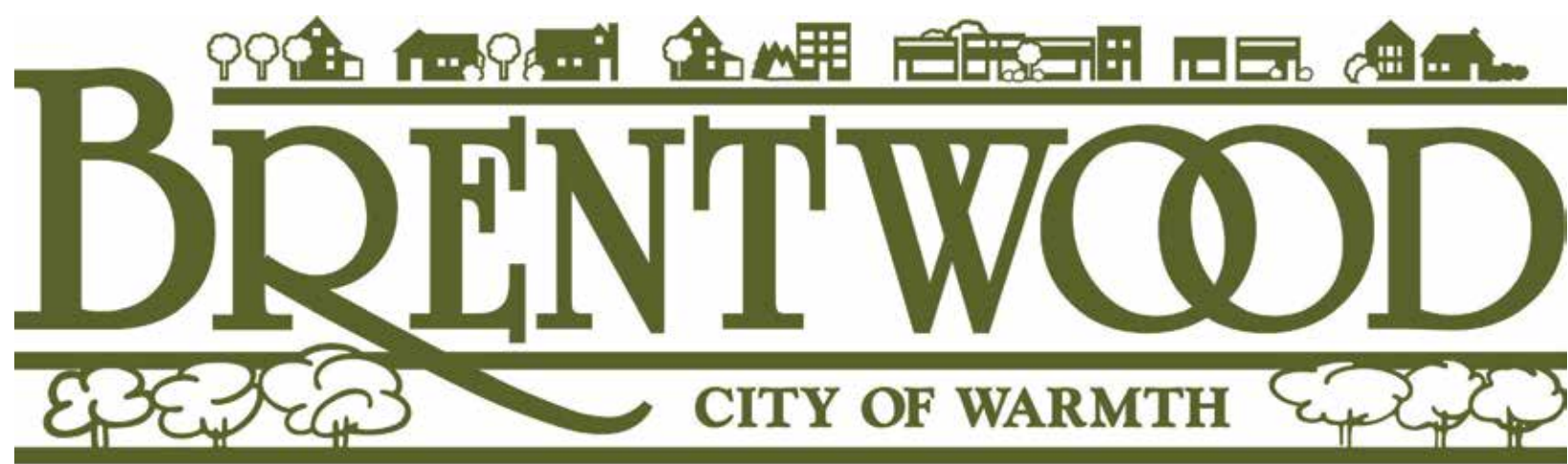
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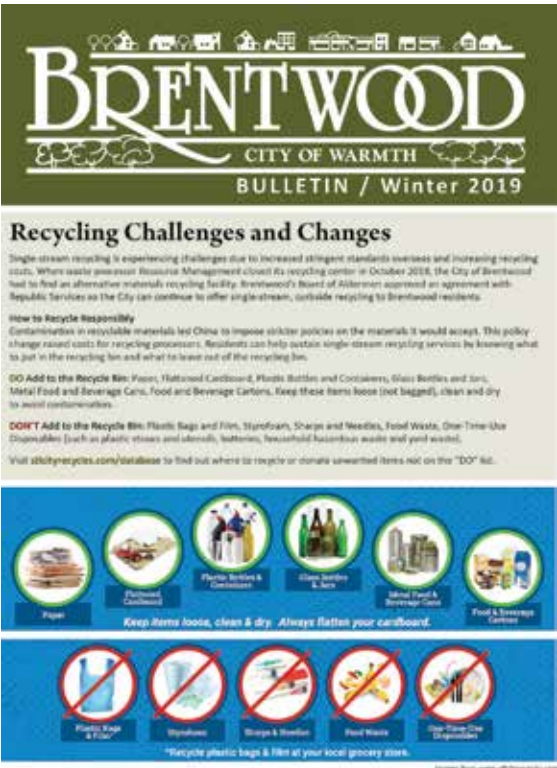
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Saturday, December 14
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10:00am - 1:00pm
FREE EVENT (donations to APA encouraged)

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Come celebrate the date of Brentwood's incorporation with a Winter Carnival at the Recreation Complex. We'll have plenty of winter activities, including carriage rides, throughout the evening that will include skating and plenty of food and prizes.

Sunday, December 15
Brentwood Recreation Complex
2:00 - 6:00pm
FREE EVENT

Call 314.963.8689 for more information.



Wear your ugliest sweater for a free skate rental at the public skating session. We'll have judges on-hand for an ugly sweater contest and set up a photo station for you to capture the memories!

Saturday, December 21
Brentwood Ice Rink
1:30 - 3:00pm
Residents: \$3/person
Non-Residents: \$4/person
Skate rental: \$2/pair

Call 314.963.8680 for more information.



Celebrate the end of the year, and the final day of Brentwood's Centennial, at the ice rink where the Centennial Celebration kicked off one year ago.

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Brentwood Fire Department Collecting Toys for Tots

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Fables

Last month my article left off with a visit to Reims and this month’s article and photos will give you a “taste of NE France.”

This area is very historic with canals, locks, cathedrals, Champagne Cellars/Houses and beautiful scenery. We were escorted down the idyllic canal by a bevy of swans waiting for the passengers to toss tidbits of crusty bread. We can’t forget the wineries along the banks waiting for us to sample.

We had time to enjoy the scenery and stop by some of the towns along the Marne. Deck chairs were set out for relaxing and feeling the warmth of the sun’s rays. The people we floated past were so friendly and the children were excited and waved. We had lunch outside on the deck with colorful umbrellas shielding us from too much sun. Our boat, the Ramonde, glided silently along the Marne. Total capacity for the Raymonde is 22 passengers and there is a handicap accessible room available on the main deck. The boat anchors at night.

During the day there are many things to do ... or do nothing at all. There are books to read or look up info on your destination. Bicycles are available to use along the path beside the boat. You can get off at one lock and ride to the next lock. If you are more adventuresome you can just walk along the path, the boat only moves about 3 mph.

Stops are made at several river towns with time to shop or sightsee. In Chateau-Thierry one of the passengers from our boat bought a beautiful blue and white bolt of material to make pillows back in her home in Australia. We walked up the hill to a castle and took part in a Falconry show. Along the path was a permanent exhibit of Aesop’s Fables drawings by famous French poet Jean de la Fontaine, 17th century. As a child I loved the Fables that were meant to “teach truths in a simple way,” as in the Lion and the Mouse.” “Little friends may prove great friends.”

We visited the “birthplace of Champagne” in Hautvillers and at the top of the hill we visited the battlefield at Chateau-Thierry. There is a statue of a plane and monument honoring those with the Resistance.

A favorite place we went to was by shuttle to the village of Meaux “Home of Brie Cheese.” We had a demonstration from the “Confrerie du brie de meaux” and how the cheese is made. There is a museum on the history. We had time to walk through the Meaux Cathedral and stop by the Meaux Tourism Office.

A drive through the countryside took us to a tasting of Champagne Demiére and a tour through the wine cellar. If you see vinyards with a rose bush at the beginning of the row, that is a way to let them know how healthy the bush is. Pests will attack the roses first.

The scenic route back to the Ramonde was the same route used by the Tour de France.

We also traveled on the famous road where the Champagne Houses are.

Once back at the Ramonde we were greeted with a nice refresing cocktail and served by our Purser Joanna. Dinner was served inside and the following morning we departed for Paris and our return home. So far, we have cruised on three of the luxury barge cruises: the Bordeaux region, the Burgundy region and the Champagne region.

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More locations to come. If you are interested in collecting phones for Lydia’s House through a drive at your business, faith community or school, please contact Lisa Weingarth at (314) 771-4411 ext. 101 or lweingarth@lydiashouse.org.

About Lydia’s House

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

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Civic & Church Organizations

Brentwood Optimist Club

2nd & 4th Monday, 6:00 p.m.
Goff-Moll Post 101, 2721 Collier
Mary Meers, President

Goff-Moll Post 101

3rd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
The American Legion, 2721 Collier Ave.
Brentwood, MO 63144, 961-3263
Halls for Rent

Maplewood Lions Club

1st & 3rd Tues., 7:00 p.m. Meeting
Meet at Branch Outreach Resource Center
2150 Yale Ave., Maplewood MO 63143
Lion Judy Yingling, President
Phone: 314-550-0093

Brentwood Congregational United Church of Christ

2400 South Brentwood Blvd.
Telephone No. 314 962-9966
Sunday Services – 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study – 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School – 10:30 a.m.
www.brentwood-congregational.org

Brentwood Lions Club

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Richmond Heights City Hall, Telle Tire, Richmond Living Place.

GLENDALE

Bopp Chapel, Laurie’s Shoes.

**CELEBRATE RAJA'S
"GOLDEN BIRTHDAY" —
HE TURNS 27 ON DEC. 27!**



The Saint Louis Zoo's bull Asian elephant, Raja (pronounced RAH zhä), will celebrate his "golden birthday" when he turns 27 on Dec. 27 this year. A golden birthday (also known as "grand birthday" or "lucky birthday") occurs once in a lifetime when one turns the age of their birth day.

Raja will receive special presents to stomp open at his annual birthday party at 11 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 27, at River's Edge in the Zoo, weather permitting. Visitors are invited to sing "Happy Birthday" and cheer for Raja. After the celebration, visitors can sign a super-sized birthday card and learn more about the elephants and elephant conservation through keeper chats, activities and biofacts until 1 p.m. at Lakeside Cafe. Birthday cupcakes and hot chocolate will be available for purchase.

Born on Dec. 27, 1992, Raja was the first Asian elephant born at the Zoo. He is the father of three female calves at the Zoo — Maliha, 13, Jade, 12, and Priya, 6 — and another calf due in summer 2020 to mother Rani.

"We all look forward to celebrating Raja's golden birthday with the entire St. Louis community this year," said Katie Pilgram-Kloppe, Acting Curator of River's Edge, Saint Louis Zoo. "It's a privilege to care for these amazing animals and to see how Raja inspires our guests to care about elephants in the wild."

For the party, zookeepers and volunteers have constructed birthday presents filled with some of the elephants' favorite things, including cereal, peanuts, bananas and popcorn. Large trees will be provided for the elephants to push over and encourage natural browsing. Other elephants from the family also may be celebrating with treats of their own in River's Edge.

From 10:30 to 11 a.m. (weather permitting), visitors can meet a keeper and watch animal training demonstrations at the elephant habitats. The Zoo's three-generation Asian elephant family is thriving under the excellent care provided by a highly-trained professional animal care team.

For more information, visit stlzoo.org/raja. Admission to the Zoo and Raja's birthday is free. The Zoo is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, except on days of U.S. Bank Wild Lights when it closes to the public at 4 p.m. For a complete list of hours and information on Wild Lights, visit stlzoo.org/wildlights.

**Operation Food Search Offers Winter
Break Meals to Students**

Operation Food Search (OFS), a non-profit hunger relief organization, will provide afterschool meals during winter break at select St. Louis Public Library and St. Louis County Library (SLCL) locations. The afterschool meals program is an Aug. through May continuous service available to those 18 years of age and younger.

According to OFS, due to school being closed, children can go without 10 to 15 meals a week during winter break. This accounts for school breakfast and lunch plus an afternoon meal if students are involved in afterschool activities.

This will be the first year OFS' nutrition education team will provide cooking demonstrations, as well as distribute recipe cards, for the students and families at St. Louis County Libraries. All nutrition education activities will occur on the dates listed below from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. except for the Weber Road branch, which will take place from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Participating library branches include the following:

Mon., Dec. 16 at Prairie Commons branch located at 915 Utz Ln. in Hazelwood, Mo.

Tues., Dec. 17 at Lewis and Clark branch located at 9909 Lewis and Clark Blvd. in St. Louis, Mo.

Wed., Dec. 18 at Rock Road branch located at 10267 St. Charles Rock Rd. in St. Ann, Mo.

Thurs., Dec. 19 at Natural Bridge branch located at 7606 Natural Bridge Rd. in St. Louis, Mo.

Tues., Jan. 7 at Florissant Valley branch located at 195 New Florissant Rd. S. in Florissant, Mo.

Wed., Jan. 8 at Jamestown Bluffs branch located at 4153 N. Highway 67 in Florissant, Mo.

Thurs., Jan. 9 at Weber Road branch located at 4444 Weber Road in St. Louis, Mo.



RESTAURANT REVIEWS

Italian In The Valley

The "Hill" is known worldwide as the place in St. Louis to find great Italian cuisine. But, Open Table has said that Filippo's Italian Kitchen and Bar in the Chesterfield Valley is one of St. Louis' top 10 restaurants overall! Filippo's is very highly rated by Trip Adviser, Yelp and many other online restaurant guides.



Sue and Kevin with Joe San Filippo

Filippo's has a rich pedigree dating back to 1976 when Franco's opened their doors in Cahokia. Franco's was a small family operation where you may find members of the St. Louis symphony in their tuxedos sitting next to a truck driver and his family enjoying delicious home made Italian food.

This is where I first met Franco's teenage son, Joe. As their reputation grew, they opened a white linen restaurant in Belleville. Unfortunately Franco passed from Cancer and that operation closed shortly after.

In the mean time, The Drury Hotel organization had offered the family an opportunity to expand into their hotel next to the Dome. Joe said he would like to do that, and J.F. Sanfilippo's opened in 1991. After twenty-seven years, Joe and his family closed J.F. San Filippo's to continue the family tradition serving St. Louis amazing Italian food at a reasonable price with their newest restaurant, Filippo's Italian Kitchen and Bar in the Chesterfield Valley.

It had been a while since we had visited Filippo's, so we dined there for our anniversary. We arrived 15 minute before our reservation and I was surprised that there was no one at the greeting station in the entryway. The restaurant was less than half filled, and a waitress was chatting with a table of customers. She glanced at us a couple of times and after about five minutes came to us and asked if she could help us. I said we had reservations and she simply said follow me. We were seated and served a plate of olive oil and balsamic vinegar for bread dipping and were eventually brought a basket of wonderful home made bread. Mama Concetta is a master baker.

We started with an order of Calamari Fritti, perfectly bat-



Calamari

tered and lightly fried. Served with a side of red sauce. Although the menu said it came with red sauce and lemon, we had no lemon. Still it was very tasty.

I had Chicken Limone, two chicken breasts served with a lemon butter sauce and fresh mushrooms. I could have had a pasta side dish, but I decided to have roasted vegetables. Again everything was perfect.



House Salad

Sue ordered the Vitello Filippo, vela cutlets with a cabernet sauce and fresh mushrooms. She also decided upon the vegetables. Again, perfection.

All main course items come with a Filippo Insalata, a house salad that includes mixed greens, artichoke hearts, tomato, red onion, pimento, parmesan and mozzarella topped off with a homemade Italian style dressing. It was spot on.



Pricing is very reasonable considering the portion sizes. We both took home enough for another dinner the next day!

In the interest of journalism, we split a piece of lemoncello cake. WOW, exceptional flavor without being too sweet and melt in your mouth texture. Don't pass on this one.

The wine list is more than comprehensive, there is a large selection of many wines in all price points as well as many "by the glass" options. Unlike many restaurants, the by the glass wines are a larger than average pour, so enjoy.

Filippo's décor reminds me of a modern bistro restaurant. Open ceilings, dual level seating, a separate bar area, a few TV's for major sporting events and videos of Italian country side. Colorful European posters and art work hang on the walls. There is also a small area near the front where live musicians perform later in the evening.

While you are there, you will usually meet Joe, his brother Paul and his wife and their son, his sister Connie and perhaps Mama Concetta. After all, Filippo's is still very much a family restaurant.

To learn more go to www.filippოსstl.us There you can see their menu and learn more about this wonderful dining venue.

Filippo's opens at 4:00pm, Monday through Saturday and is closed on Sunday. They are located at 120 Chesterfield Valley Drive. Phone 636-536-6833 for reservations.






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