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## Brentwood First Responders Participate in Pillow Drive



The Brentwood Police and Fire Departments are collecting pillows for Home Sweet Home.

Drop-off locations are the Brentwood Police Department lobby, 272 Hanley Industrial Court and the Brentwood Fire Department Lobby, 8756 Eulalie Ave.

Collection times are December 1-21, 24/7.

### NEW PILLOWS ONLY!

For more information, email organizer Major Angela Hawkins of the Brentwood Police Department at [ahawkins@brentwoodmo.org](mailto:ahawkins@brentwoodmo.org).

### Why Home Sweet Home?

In order to effectively address homelessness in America and impact a long-term solution to this problem, people transitioning out of homelessness need help with stability. At Home Sweet Home, we believe part of that stability comes from establishing a first home stocked with the necessities for everyday life. Part of maintaining a home is usability and affordability. We can help make taking the first step to stable home life comfortable and accessible. For more information: [home-sweethomestl.org](http://home-sweethomestl.org), 314-448-9838

## 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. Brentwood High School Student Council had the most successful food drive yet, collecting over 400 bags of food for area families.

"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."

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**Deadline for next issue is January 4**



# TRAVEL

by  
Sue  
McCarthy

This has been an unusual travel year for Kevin and Sue, hosts of the Travel Planners Radio and Media Show. We decided if we couldn't travel due to the pandemic at least we could read travel brochures, books and Conde Nast Travel and Travel and Leisure magazines.

In 20-21 we hope to visit Greece, France, Indonesia, Portugal, Dubai, Egypt. We still have not been to Hawaii to experience our 50th state. We finally made it to our 49th state when we traveled to Oregon.

There are still many states we want to visit next year. Last year we traveled on a Luxury Barge Cruise, (THE ROSA) in southern France and this year plan on a Mississippi River Cruise, a Great Lakes Cruise and a Snake River Cruise. The cruise industry has been hurt real bad from the Coronavirus.

We will include several road and hiking trips after Kevin gets his knee surgery. We will attend the Travel and Adventure Show at Chicago's Rosemont Center. We will visit booths and showcases from travel 250+ companies. The event will take place February 13 - 14. Thousands of travel enthusiasts will be searching for their next years vacation.

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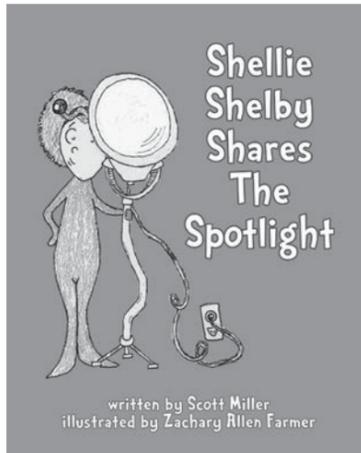
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## NEW ILLUSTRATED MUSICAL THEATRE STORYBOOK FOR ALL AGES FROM THE NEW LINERS!

Longtime New Line Theatre actor and illustrator Zachary Allen Farmer teams up with New Line artistic director and writer Scott Miller for SHELLIE SHELBY SHARES THE SPOTLIGHT, a delightful story of a young woman discovering for the first time the incredible magic and power of musical theatre, as she embarks on a wild adventure through the treacherous social jungle of her first high school musical.



When Shellie gets cast in the school show, she can't believe her luck, but her best friend, poor tone-deaf JoJo McQuill, isn't so lucky. Can Shellie successfully navigate the drama club mean girls, her crazy philosopher-teacher, music rehearsals, killer choreography, and Tech Week, without losing her mind and her best friend in the process?

SHELLIE SHELBY is appropriate for tweens, teens, and adults, though it may not be appropriate for younger children. There are references to marijuana, but no other "adult content."

Just before the pandemic hit, Miller published his latest book of analysis *Idiots, Heathers, and Squips: The New Golden Age of the Musical Theatre*. After the theatres were shut down, he returned to writing, and he soon released a short story anthology, *Night of the Living Show Tunes: 13 Tales of the Weird*. And then for something completely different, he followed that up with the new songbook, *Broadway Musical Christmas Carols*, and just last month, he released *The ABC's of Broadway Musicals: A Civilian's Guide*, a fun, short, easy-to-read introduction to the art form.

Zachary Allen Farmer is a professional actor, singer, and illustrator. He has appeared onstage with New Line Theatre in dozens of shows, including as Barry in the American regional premiere of *High Fidelity* in 2008 and again in 2012; as Charles Bukowski in *Bukowsical*; as Sheriff Karnopp in the 2009 world premiere of *Love Kills*; and as Albin in *La Cage aux Folles*. He also appeared as Edna in *Hairspray* with The Black Rep and Washington University, and in several independent films, including the feature film *Four Color Eulogy*. He has written a number of radio plays and co-written several comic books.

Scott Miller is a musical theatre director, composer, lyricist, bookwriter, historian, consultant, self-proclaimed fanboy, and the founder and artistic director of New Line Theatre, the alternative musical theatre company in St. Louis, founded in 1991. He has a degree in music and musical theatre from Harvard University. He has written eleven musicals, two plays, more than a dozen books about musical theatre, and he also writes the *Bad Boy of Musical Theatre* blog. For fifteen years, he co-hosted the radio show *Break a Leg: Theatre in St. Louis and Beyond* on KDHX, and now he hosts the theatre podcast *Stage Grok*, available on iTunes. Miller's Amazon Author Page, with all his books, is here. He has written a number of musical theatre analysis collections, as well as the books *Strike Up the Band: A New History of Musical Theatre*; and *It's a Musical!: 400 Questions to Ponder, Discuss, and Fight About*.

### About New Line Theatre

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

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

Altogether, New Line has produced 90 musicals since 1991, and the company has been given its own entry in the *Cambridge Guide to American Theatre* and the annual *Theater World*. New Line receives funding from the Missouri Arts Council, a state agency, and the Regional Arts Commission.

For other information, visit New Line Theatre's full-service website at [www.newlinetheatre.com](http://www.newlinetheatre.com). All programs are subject to change.

New Line hopes to return to our stage in fall 2021 for our long-delayed 30th season, but we can't produce musicals until the world is safe again. So we'll keep an eye on the situation and let you know when we know. Meanwhile, keep an eye on our social media pages for online performances from the New Liners!

## The Rep Creates a New Holiday Tradition with "Cooking, Carols and Cocktails" 4-episode web series features local musicians and restaurants

The Repertory Theatre of St. Louis celebrates the season with "Cooking, Carols and Cocktails," a four-episode web series showcasing food, music and community. Join beloved local personalities, tour some of St. Louis' favorite restaurants, take a cooking class, toss in a coordinating cocktail and experience the best music The Lou has to offer – all from the comfort of your home.

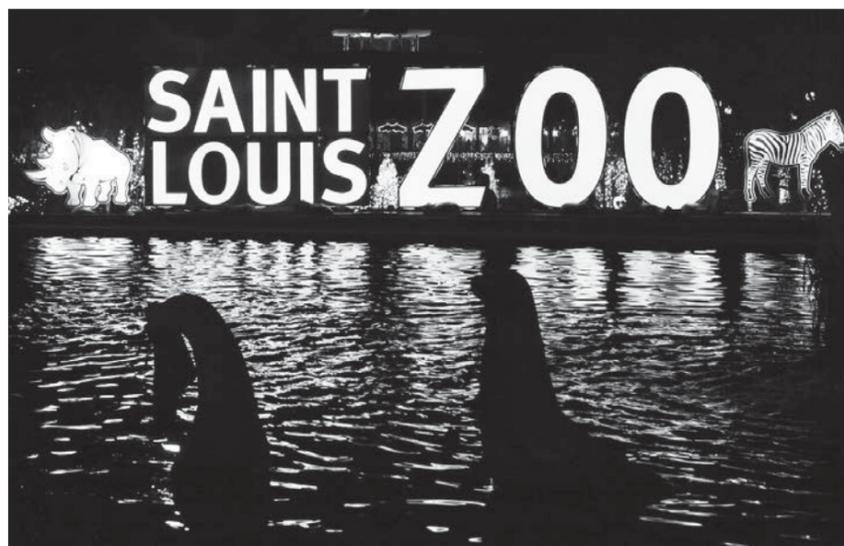
"The opportunity to learn from the most talented culinary artists in St. Louis while enjoying an in-home concert by brilliant musical powerhouses is the perfect way to celebrate the holiday season," said The Rep's Augustin Family Artistic Director Hana S. Sharif. "We are thrilled to have created these bold, vibrant, virtual experiences that are quintessentially St. Louis."

The four-episode web series features cooking lessons from the chefs of Turn at the .Zack in Midtown, kicking off the series with a brunch of panettone French toast, sausage and biscuits; Barcelona Tapas in Clayton, who will craft the perfect paella; Cathy's Kitchen in Ferguson, spicing things up with seafood jambalaya and sweet and spicy chicken and Perfectly Pastry in Dutchtown, baking a St. Louis favorite: gooey butter cake. And Heather Sharpe joins each episode as veteran mixologist, with beverage sponsor Big O Ginger Liqueur.

Interspersed with the gastronomy lessons, an amazing lineup of musical performances will be featured in each episode, including Fresh Heir's high-energy soul, funk and hip-hop blend; dynamic jazz from award-winning vocalist Joe Mancuso; rising soulful pop star Paige Alyssa and world-renowned, multicultural, genre-busting vocalist Tonina, who was named one of NPR's favorite new artists of 2018. Songs will include traditional holiday favorites as well as some of the musicians' top originals.

These culinary and musical tours, with support from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, will be guided by Pascal, host of "The Pascal Show;" Karl Schmitz, founder of HOMS clothing brand; musical artist Tonina and Emmy-winning TV and radio personality Julie Tristan. St. Louis-based production company Once Films takes the lead behind the camera.

Tickets are \$15 per episode or \$50 for the four-show series. Purchase online now at [repstl.org](http://repstl.org) or call The Rep Box Office at 314-968-4925. Rep subscribers may utilize their Flex Passes for the series. For more information, visit [repstl.org](http://repstl.org).



### U.S. BANK WILD LIGHTS AT THE SAINT LOUIS ZOO

Wild Lights is open from 5 to 8:30 p.m. on the following select dates:

Nightly, Dec. 9-23  
Nightly, Dec. 26-Jan. 2

#### Tickets & Hours

Timed-ticket reservations are required and must be purchased in advance online at [stlzoo.org/wildlights](http://stlzoo.org/wildlights). Tickets are not available at the door. High demand is expected and popular dates may sell out quickly. Capacity is limited to allow for good social distancing.

#### Ticket prices are:

Monday-Thursday: \$9.95/members, \$10.95/non-members (ages 2+)  
Friday-Sunday: \$11.95/members, \$12.95/non-members (ages 2+)  
Free for children under age 2

Free parking is available on both Zoo parking lots during the event. The Zoo closes to the public at 4 p.m. Doors reopen at 5 p.m. for the event. Proceeds from the event help the Zoo provide the highest quality care for its animals.

#### Safety

The traditional Wild Lights experience has been modified and the Zoo has implemented enhanced protocols and procedures to help ensure safety and health of Zoo guests, staff and animals. All guests ages 9 and up, as well as all Zoo staff, are required to wear masks/face coverings — which must cover nose and mouth — while at the Zoo. See [stlzoo.org/wildlights](http://stlzoo.org/wildlights) for up-to-date details prior to your visit.

#### Holiday Lights & Activities

Be enchanted by whimsical animal-themed displays throughout the Zoo, including Starry Safari, Sparkling Savanna, Jungle Bell Rock and more.

Romantics can stroll through the Zoo to the Lovebirds Lookout area overlooking the lake for a beautiful view of Wild Lights.

Visit with the cool birds at Penguin & Puffin Coast. (Please note that this is the only animal exhibit open at night during the event. All other animal attractions are closed.) Look for holiday carolers and other strolling live performances on weekend nights. Climb aboard your favorite animal on the Mary Ann Lee Conservation Carousel. These attractions are free with event admission and operate weather permitting.

#### Food & Shopping

Roast your own campfire s'mores (available for purchase) at one of the fire pits. Enjoy dinner, snacks, hot chocolate, holiday drinks and more, available at food locations throughout the Zoo.

Shop for a variety of unique gifts at Zoo gift shops and receive a 10% discount on any purchase; Zoo members receive a 20% discount.

#### More Information

For more information, visit [stlzoo.org/wildlights](http://stlzoo.org/wildlights). Follow the Zoo and post photos of the event using hashtags #StlZoo and #USBankWildLights on [facebook.com/stlzoo](https://www.facebook.com/stlzoo), [instagram.com/stlzoo](https://www.instagram.com/stlzoo), [twitter.com/stlzoo](https://twitter.com/stlzoo).

## Why You Should Avoid Opening a Retail Store Credit Card Just for the One-Time Discount (Hint: It Could Hurt Your Credit Score)

By: West Community Credit Union

Store credit cards can be very enticing because they offer immediate value, typically in the form of a one-time discount or bonus cashback, but it can do more harm than good. Here are some things to consider before signing up:

### First Comes the Credit Pull

When you apply for any credit card, your credit report is pulled by lenders so that they can check your creditworthiness. Unfortunately, this impacts your credit score negatively by a few points. By spacing out your credit applications, you'll assure that your credit score won't take a serious hit. But many pulls in a short time frame can definitely bring your score way down. And it could be worse for your score if you apply and are denied.

### Lowers Your Credit Utilization

How much of your credit limit you use has a major influence on your credit scores. The only thing that matters more is paying on time. The credit limits on retail cards that you use only at one store or chain are typically about 10% of those on comparable general-use credit cards, so in order to keep your credit utilization low, it's suggested to pay your bill before the issuer reports the balance to the credit bureaus.

### High Interest Rates and Undesirable Terms.

While the average interest rate for an American credit card is around 15%, those for retail credit cards are usually upwards of 20% to 30%, and some cards can be even higher than this. Not only are rates high on this card, but they are variable and at the whim of the lender. This means you could start with what you think is a decent rate that is only increased a couple months later. It's definitely not something you want to maintain a balance on and with interest rates like this, it won't be long before your "discount" is canceled out by interest charges and your so-called bargain turns into a nightmare.

### Approval Can Decrease Your Credit History.

The "length of credit history" means how long any given account has been reported open. Generally, the longer an account has been open and active, the better it is for the credit score. Credit History calculates the average of how long all your accounts have been open. That average age of accounts is your "credit age." Opening a new account often causes the average age of your credit accounts to decrease.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** If you already have a store card? Don't close it — that also would hurt your average age of accounts. Better to use it lightly and pay on time. Both actions have a positive effect on your credit scores.

### But Oh the Temptation.

You may sign up for a store credit card for savings, but if it leads you to spend more than you intended — either on the day you sign up, or subsequently — is it worth it? If you can't keep an eye on your purchases as closely with a store credit card as you can without one, you might be better off without. As always, opening a credit card should not be done on impulse. Review all the factors carefully before deciding whether or not it's worthwhile; don't let your sales associate pressure you. After all, would you make any other important financial decisions in a busy check-out line?

### The Bottom Line

There's no right or wrong answer when it comes to store credit cards. If it's a bad idea for you to sign up for another card, making it a retail-issued card just makes it worse. On top of potentially hurting your credit score, retail cards have usability issues. They might only be good only at one store or retail chain, usually have high interest rates and typically have less robust security alerts than traditional cards.

You might be better off using a traditional credit card, especially if you have a rewards card that offers cash back on every purchase, not just the initial one. For more information about credit cards and how they affect your credit score, contact Member Services with West Community Credit Union at 636.720.2495 or visit us online at westcommunitycu.org.



## Metro Theater Company and The Repertory Theatre of St. Louis Support Young Voices with #ENOUGH: Plays to End Gun Violence

Watch seven short plays produced around the country for free Dec. 14-20

The Repertory Theatre of St. Louis and Metro Theater Company are proud to present #ENOUGH: Plays to End Gun Violence — a yearlong theatre initiative that encourages teens to confront gun violence by creating new works of theatre, culminating in simultaneous staged readings across the country on Dec. 14.

"#ENOUGH brilliantly weaves together art and activism," said Julia Flood, Artistic Director for Metro Theater Company. "When we give young people a voice, we all learn. When we let young people lead, we all benefit. When we empower young people, we all win."

The public launch of #ENOUGH will be held on the eight-year anniversary of the 2012 Sandy Hook shooting, in which 20 young children and six adults were shot and killed at a Newtown, Conn. elementary school. Metro Theater Company and The Rep will host a pre-show discussion about the impact of gun violence with representatives from CureViolence St. Louis, the Institute for Public Health at Washington University and the St. Louis Public School System.

"Our children know far too much about gun violence," said The Rep's Augustin Family Artistic Director Hana S. Sharif. "#ENOUGH gives young people an outlet to express their fears and their hopes and to dream of a better future and take positive action to manifest it. The Rep is thrilled to amplify their voices and make these beautiful plays accessible to all communities."

The mission of #ENOUGH, a sponsored project of the non-profit arts service organization Fractured Atlas, is to promote playwriting as a tool for self-expression and social change and provide a platform for America's playwrights of tomorrow to discover and develop their voices today. Michael Cotey, #ENOUGH founder and producer, launched the project in 2019, inspired by the young people who took to the streets (and continue to do so) to manifest the change they wanted to see in the world.

#ENOUGH is making this collection of 10-minute plays available for free to any theatre, school, college or community organization to produce a reading on December 14. Educators can visit the #ENOUGH website to find a wealth of resources on involving their students in the 2020 readings, as well as creating and submitting plays for next year's festival.

#ENOUGH: Plays to End Gun Violence is viewable at any time between December 14 and 20 for free on the streaming platform Broadway on Demand (BOD), which can be accessed from metroplays.org or repstl.org.

A pre-show discussion, hosted by Metro Theater Company and The Rep, will provide context for the plays to be performed and highlight some of St. Louis' vital service organizations and mental health professionals, including CureViolence St. Louis (a program of Employment Connection), the Institute for Public Health at Washington University and the St. Louis Public School System.

Educators can visit #ENOUGH's website, Facebook, Instagram or Twitter accounts or contact them via enoughplays@gmail.com.

## Wednesday Club Poetry Contest

The 95th Wednesday Club of St. Louis Original Poetry Contest is underway and goes until February 1, 2021. Adults over 18 living within a 50-mile radius of St. Louis are eligible.

Prizes are \$500, \$300 and \$150. For details go to www.wednesdayclubstlouis.org

## West Community Credit Union Announces Assistant Branch Manager

West Community Credit Union recently hired Keren Baca as the Assistant Branch Manager of the Brentwood location.

With over 14 years of experience in local banking, Baca has a strong knowledge of the financial service industry with a passion for compliance. In her new role, Baca will assist with the direction and administration of branch operations while overseeing the provision of a full range of financial services to members. She will also promote branch business development and cultivate business opportunities in her local market. "We're excited Keren has joined our organization and to have the operational experience she brings with her," said Kathy Gahr, Vice President of Member Experience. "The skillset she possesses will be valuable to our team." Baca joined the West Community team in October.

Brentwood School District Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Modified Cash Basis All Government Funds For the Year Ended June 30, 2020					
	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Fund	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Revenues</b>					
Local Sources	\$ 15,430,729.23	\$ 254,691.49	\$ 1,528,842.10	\$ 3,284,668.67	\$ 20,498,931.49
County Sources	118,100.75	11,562.43	36,252.69	19,479.78	185,395.65
State Sources	66,944.85	342,069.79	-	-	409,014.64
Federal Sources	94,111.03	-	-	-	94,111.03
Total Revenues	15,709,885.86	608,323.71	1,565,094.79	3,304,148.45	21,187,452.81
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Regular Instruction	840,036.12	7,006,313.86	-	154,904.64	8,001,254.62
Attendance	80,627.16	-	-	-	80,627.16
Guidance	86,343.83	434,473.52	-	-	520,817.35
Health, Psych Speech & Audio	274,246.48	-	-	-	274,246.48
Improvement of Instruction	313,157.87	143,389.33	-	-	456,547.20
Professional Development	1,348.63	-	-	-	1,348.63
Media Services	23,990.31	214,581.03	-	-	238,571.34
Board of Education Services	84,512.41	-	-	-	84,512.41
Executive Administration	628,507.47	532,858.42	-	380,625.05	1,541,990.94
Building Level Administration	534,973.86	815,138.07	-	732,278.48	2,082,390.41
Business Central Services	348,179.05	-	-	-	348,179.05
Operation of Plant	2,111,253.00	-	-	1,026,555.34	3,137,808.34
Security Services	44,929.72	-	-	-	44,929.72
Pupil Transportation	67,333.27	-	-	-	67,333.27
Food Service	307,602.86	-	-	126,136.95	433,739.81
Central Office Support Services	192,003.47	-	-	1,635.99	193,639.46
Other Supporting Services	4,503.50	-	-	-	4,503.50
Community Services	522,262.20	311,488.31	-	-	833,750.51
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	13,007,447.58	13,007,447.58
<b>Debt Service:</b>					
Principal	-	-	820,000.00	460,000.00	1,280,000.00
Interest and Charges	-	-	606,538.78	119,499.91	726,038.69
Total Expenditures	6,465,811.21	9,458,242.54	1,426,538.78	16,009,083.94	33,359,676.47
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	9,244,074.65	(8,849,918.83)	138,556.01	(12,704,935.49)	(12,172,223.66)
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>					
Transfers	(9,685,914.79)	9,685,914.79	-	-	-
Sale of Bonds	-	-	-	6,575,000.00	6,575,000.00
Net Insurance Recovery	-	-	-	-	-
Sale of School Buses	-	-	-	-	-
Sale of Other Property	-	-	-	4,149.67	4,149.67
Refunding Bonds	-	-	-	-	-
Tuition From Other Districts	50,734.18	-	-	-	50,734.18
Area Voc Fees from Other LEAS	-	-	-	-	-
Contracted Educational Services	347,068.65	-	-	-	347,068.65
Trans From Other LEAS Non-Handi	428.10	-	-	-	428.10
Trans From Other LEAS for Handi	-	-	-	-	-
Trans From Other LEAS for ECSE Handi	-	-	-	-	-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(9,287,683.86)	9,685,914.79	-	6,579,149.67	6,977,380.60
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES</b>	(43,609.21)	835,995.96	138,556.01	(6,125,785.82)	(5,194,843.06)
Fund Balances July 1, 2019	8,020,779.04	2,712,784.14	1,223,300.38	15,014,308.38	26,971,171.94
Fund Balances June 30, 2020	\$ 7,977,169.83	\$ 3,548,780.10	\$ 1,361,856.39	\$ 8,888,522.56	\$ 21,776,328.88

The above statement was prepared from the information included in the final audit for fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, prepared by Daniel Jones & Associates, P.C. Certified Public Accountants 3510 Jeffco Blvd. Ste. 200, Arnold, MO 63010

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For more information, email organizer Major Angela Hawkins of the Brentwood Police Department at [ahawkins@brentwoodmo.org](mailto:ahawkins@brentwoodmo.org).



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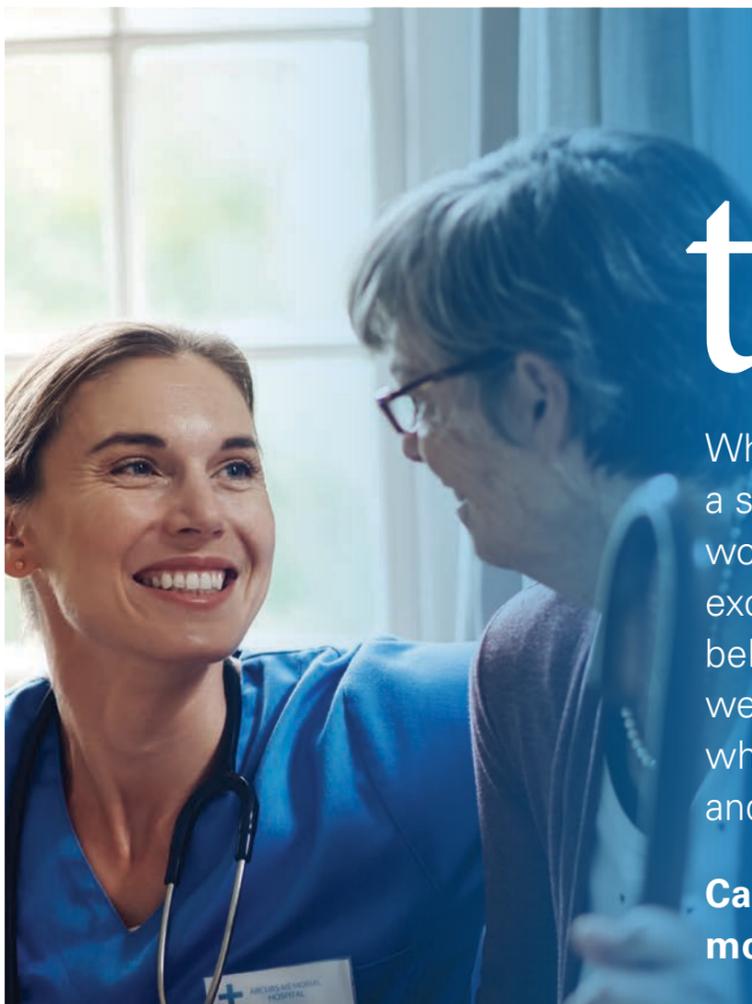
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## Missouri Botanical Garden Garden Glow



While much will be different about the 2020 holiday season, visitors can still enjoy a winter walk through the Missouri Botanical Garden at Garden Glow, a favorite seasonal tradition for many St. Louisans.

The Garden's eighth annual Garden Glow presented by Wells Fargo Advisors runs nightly through January 2. The event features more than 1 million lights, photo opportunities, food, drinks, music, traditional favorites and new experiences. Hours vary by date. Advanced tickets are required and capacity is greatly reduced to allow for ample social distancing. Visit [mobot.org/glow](http://mobot.org/glow) for more information.

To ensure the health and safety of all, additional protocols are in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Those include:

- All employees and visitors will be required to wear face coverings. Cloth face coverings must cover the nose and mouth are required for everyone age 9 and older per the City of St. Louis and CDC guidelines. Face shields do not qualify as appropriate face coverings.

- All staff working on Garden grounds must pass health and temperature screenings prior to working the event.

- All interactive and high-touch points are being modified to reduce interaction.

- Visitors will enter and exit through separate buildings. All paths are one-way.

- Additional hand sanitizing stations will be placed throughout the Garden, including all point-of-sale locations and strategically around Garden grounds.

- Frequency and intensity of cleaning and disinfecting all high-touch surfaces is increased per CDC and EPA guidelines.

- Visitors displaying any of the following symptoms before visiting should stay home: coughing, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell. Refunds and exchanges during this period will be honored without penalty.

- Plexiglass has been installed at the sales counters to protect staff and visitors. All payments are cashless; no signature is required for credit card transactions.

Ticket prices vary by date and range from \$3 to \$20. Family Nights, which include \$3 children's tickets, are Wednesday nights through Dec. 9. For more information, visit [mobot.org/glow](http://mobot.org/glow).

## Free Valentine Love Notes



As a gift to our readers, The Pulse will print **FREE** love notes in our February issue.

Deadline is February 3

You may email your love notes to [pulse@genedel.com](mailto:pulse@genedel.com) or mail to Pulse Newspaper, 9019 Manchester, Brentwood, MO 63144

Love notes must be 25 words or less.



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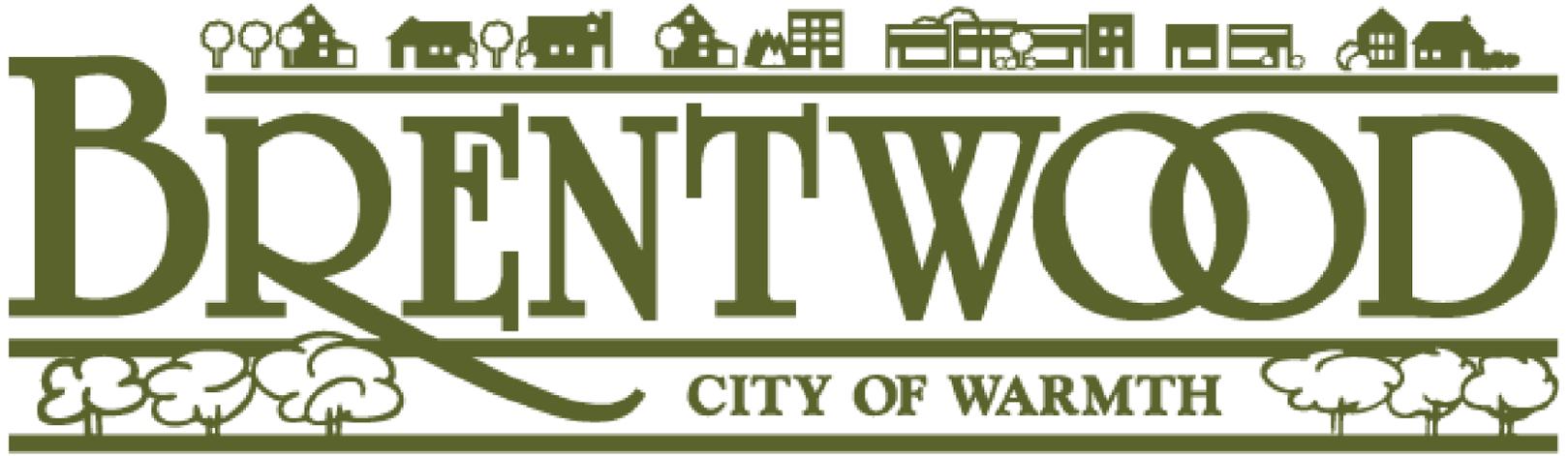
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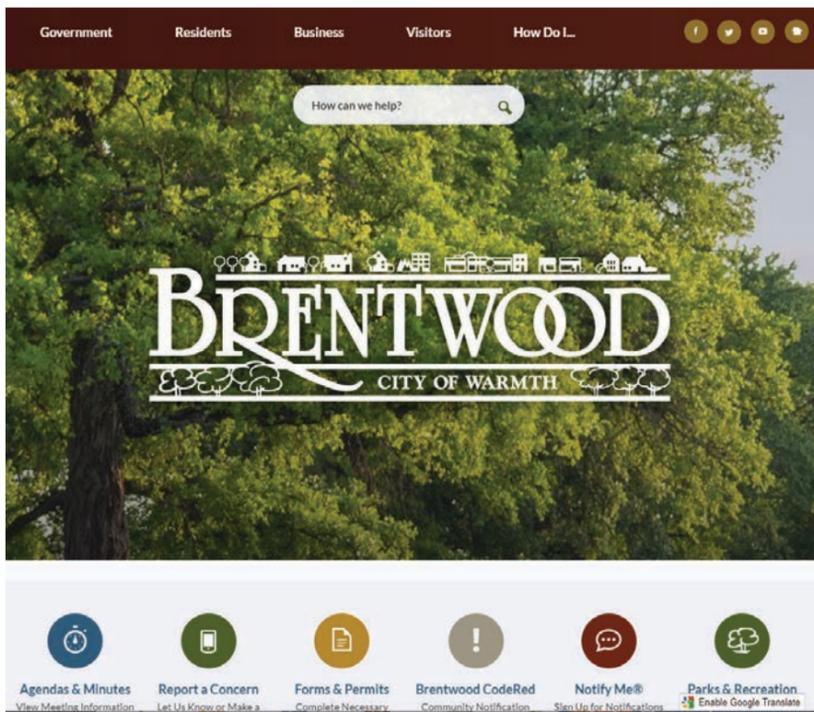


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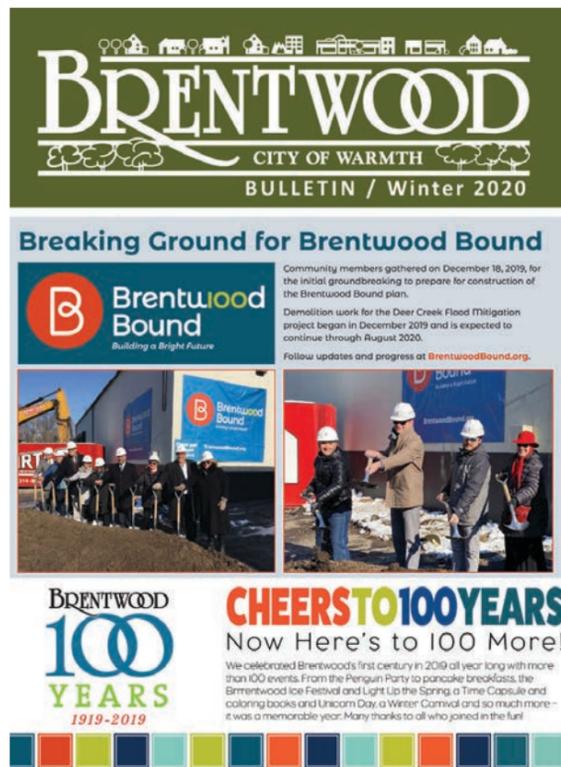
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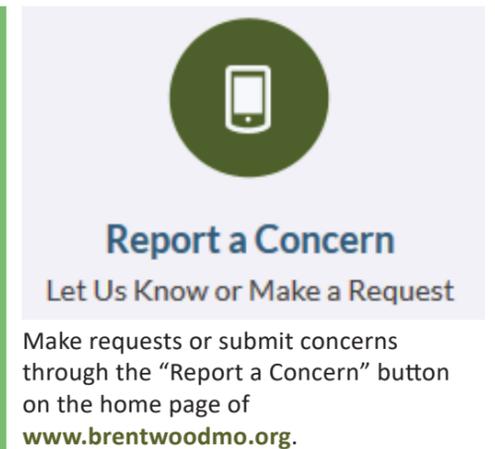
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*Brentwood Bulletin*, the City's quarterly newsletter, is delivered to residents' homes and available on the City website.



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## COVID NEEDS A SILVER LINING

2020 has not gone like any of us thought. Schools, businesses, churches shut down, change and changing more. Social distancing and masking. Daily counts of illnesses and deaths. Even the election did not go the way we all thought. Not really the way anyone thought 2020 was going to be. Complaining about it has not done anything to move us forward. So let's change it!

Would you like to do something nice?

Let's start with our families. Take a moment and check in on how someone else is doing within the home. For most of us that means slowing down and listening to someone else for a change. You might be surprised to learn something new. You definitely will make a difference to the person you listen to. It is something small but will bring a smile to another and that is nice.

Looking for something a little more challenging? Try helping with a few more chores around the house to lighten someone else's load. Taking out the trash, cleaning the basement or TV room, toss in a load of laundry and even folding it out of the dryer would help.

Try saying hello to those walking the street. With all the social distancing and masking we have kind of stopped speaking with each other. Again, you could bring a smile to someone in need or learn something new about a neighbor.

How about one more step further out there? Take the time to rake, bag, shred or simply collect leaves in your yard. Do this before the winds spread them to you neighbors yard. You do not have to tell anyone you're doing it for them but simply doing it will make the neighborhood look better and leaves won't end up somewhere causing trouble or it will. None of the above are tough but simple kindnesses that can help bring more smiles than complaints.

Try it, you might just get a kick too.

It's getting close to the holiday season and right now nothing seems right. The word is to "stay home" don't go to grandmas for Thanksgiving. For some, church is out due to social distancing and masking. The Scouts even canceled their big food drive. The stores are hurting so bad that Black Friday is now all month long. And new community requirements have the small businesses and restaurants closing to indoor dining again.

Take a moment in your new normal and try doing something to help someone else. Send a card to grandma and grandpa and tell them you are thinking of them. You can't be there but you can place them in your heart and let them know how important they are to you.

It does not have to be store bought cards, homemade will mean even more. If you get a glow inside then push on and send a homemade card to someone in a nursing home. You might have to call a nursing home or senior life facility and ask for a name or two. For most of them have been on lock down since March and getting some mail for someone would really brighten their day and be well worth the "forever stamp."

Want to go a little further?

With a lot of churches cutting back on community programs the poor are going to have a tougher time than we enjoying the holidays. A small donation will not solve the world's problems but will mean the difference to one in need. Maybe there is someone on the street that could use help with the trash, leaves, mail; you could be their helping hands and bring them a smile.

For those big and bold; try helping someone at work! AGAIN do not let them catch you doing it. Keep it anonymous/secret Santa type. But this time we never announce who is who, we just treat each other with needed kindness in trying times.

For those wanting to go even further...

Call the local hospitals and care facilities, the burn and cancer wards, Children's Hospital, Shriner's. Ask for the community affairs personnel. They have people in their care that could use a word of encouragement and prayers. We have extra time on our hands. How valuable would a card from you to them be? Some are in conditions that will not let them go home for the holidays, some life changing events, some with no one to connect to. Again, a simple kindness will brighten their day and means so much.

No one will know what you did but you and God. But the home, neighborhood, community will be better because we did something more than just sit around and complain. We helped!



## "Lock It or Lose It"

The Brentwood Police Department reminds residents to lock their vehicles, even if nothing of value is in sight.

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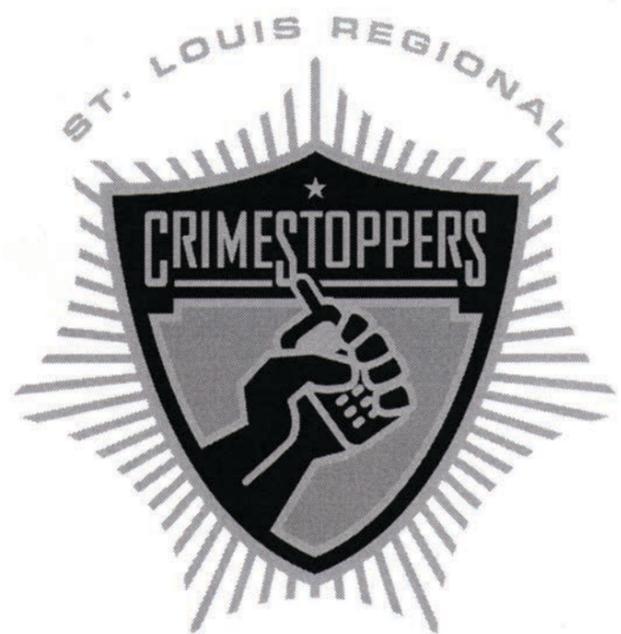
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## SOPHIA M. SACHS BUTTERFLY HOUSE APPROVED TO REOPEN

The St. Louis County Department of Public Health approved plans for the Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House in Chesterfield to reopen.

Starting Dec. 1, the Butterfly House has reopened to the public with 25 percent capacity. Following reopening, the Butterfly House will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesdays-Sundays. Advanced tickets are required.

Visitors to the Butterfly House can enjoy Winter Jewels: An Enchanted Celebration. The fairytale-themed exhibit featuring fairy gardens, a chrysalis photo exhibit, and, of course, jewel-toned butterflies.

All visitors to the Butterfly House must wear face coverings, if they are age 6 or older. Masks are encouraged for ages 3-5. For more information on safety protocol, and to purchase advanced tickets, please visit butterflyhouse.org.

The mission of the Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House is "to foster a greater understanding of plant and animal relationships in the environment in order to promote the conservation and restoration of natural habitats." The Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House of the Missouri Botanical Garden is located in St. Louis County's Faust Park at 15193 Olive Blvd. in Chesterfield, Mo. The central feature of the attraction is an 8,000-square-foot glass conservatory where visitors mingle with more than 60 species of the world's most beautiful butterflies in free flight.

## Danna McKittrick Adds Jessica Gottsacker as an Associate Attorney

Danna McKittrick, P.C. has announced that Jessica A. Gottsacker has joined the firm as an associate attorney.



Gottsacker represents business owners and individuals in matters relating to business transactions and in civil litigation, business litigation, and fiduciary litigation.

Admitted to practice in Missouri, Gottsacker earned her J.D. from Saint Louis University School of Law (2020). She graduated magna cum laude from Saint Louis University with a B.A. in political science, economics, and legal studies (2017).

Gottsacker served as a judicial extern for Judge David D. Noce, magistrate judge for the Eastern District of Missouri. She was also a law clerk with Danna McKittrick, researching and drafting memoranda on various legal issues, motions, agreements, and petitions.

## Operation Food Search's Annual Golf Tournament Raises Over \$77,000

27th annual "Swing To Heal Hunger" fundraiser to benefit nonprofit's programs

Operation Food Search (OFS), a non-profit hunger relief organization, recently raised \$77,123.80 at its 27th annual golf tournament held at WingHaven Country Club. The day-long event for 115 golfers included an auction, lunch and dinner. All proceeds will go toward ending childhood hunger and family food insecurity in the St. Louis bi-state region.

Jim Goebel and Art Kerckhoff were the event's co-chairs. Sponsors of the fundraiser, which was presented by Ascension Health, included Becker Iron and Metal and Seeger Toyota.

"This year we raised a record amount for our agency despite the current climate," said OFS Executive Director Kristen Wild. "We appreciate our supporters and our sponsors for their ongoing advocacy of our mission to eliminate childhood hunger."

Founded in 1981, Operation Food Search (OFS) is a hunger relief organization that provides free food, nutrition education and innovative programs proven to reduce food insecurity. With a strategic focus aimed at ending childhood hunger, OFS empowers families and increases access to healthy and affordable food. The agency provides food and services to nearly 200,000 individuals on a monthly basis – one-third of whom are children – through a network of 330 community partners in 30 Missouri and Illinois counties.

**For more information, call (314) 726-5355 or visit <http://www.OperationFoodSearch.org>.**

## PRACTICUM STUDENT'S EMAIL MOVES COMEDIAN AND PODCASTER DAN CUMMINS TO DONATE \$7,200 TO LOCAL NONPROFIT

Local nonprofit, Girls in the Know received a \$7,200 gift after Practicum Student and volunteer, Grace Abaffe sent a heartfelt email about the importance of the organization to Dan Cummins, comedian, and host of Timesuck Podcast. Listen to the podcast clip here.

"There's such a racial equity divide in St. Louis that has only become more apparent due to the effects of COVID. Young girls, particularly young black girls, in St. Louis are feeling isolated, alone, and helpless. They need to know they're still connected and have someone who they can turn to. Now to my main point. I'm hoping and praying to Nimrod that you will promote this organization through your social media or in the Timesucker updates on the show. My dream is that you'll make a monthly Space Lizard donation to Girls in the Know, but I understand that may not be an option."

Grace also emailed the Rizzuto show on 105.7 the Point where Dan is a regular guest to tell them about the donation. Next week, Dan and his wife Lynze will be guests on the show to talk about their gift. As a thank you to Dan and Lynze, Girls in the Know is extending the invitation to their family to experience the Virtual Empowerment Workshop Series for free with their daughter. This showing of support would not have been possible without Grace.



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## City of Brentwood Updates Related to COVID-19

The City of Brentwood continues to monitor developments related to the COVID-19 pandemic. We will continue to follow guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), St. Louis County Department of Public Health, and other authorities, to protect the well-being of the public and our employees.

Please check the City's website for additional details and updates: [www.brentwoodmo.org](http://www.brentwoodmo.org).

Visit [www.stlcorona](http://www.stlcorona) for additional information and resources.



The following information is accurate as of December 7, 2020:

**Brentwood City Hall is open to the public by appointment only. Please call 314.962.4800 to make an appointment.**

Visitors who need to drop off items for Planning & Development or other departments may place the items in the designated bin inside the main entrance to City Hall (the entrance that faces Brentwood Boulevard).

- Entry by members of the public into City Hall is by appointment only.
- Any member of the public requesting entry to City Hall must fill out the St. Louis County Public Health information sheet and have their temperature taken.
  - o Anyone symptomatic (per the Public Health form) or with a temperature equal to or greater than 100.4 F (38 C) will be denied entry into City Hall.
- Anyone granted entry into City Hall will be required to wear a mask and will be offered gloves and asked to use hand sanitizer.
- Anyone refusing to adhere to these guidelines will be asked to leave and referred to the Brentwood Police Department.
- Public restroom usage at City Hall is at the user's own risk.

### HOW TO CONTACT THE CITY

We ask Brentwood residents and community members to help minimize public contact during this public health crisis. Please contact the City by phone (314.962.4800) or online through the "Report a Concern" button on the home page of the City's website, [www.brentwoodmo.org](http://www.brentwoodmo.org). Staff members will respond to phone messages and online requests as quickly as possible.

### STAY SAFE. STAY HEALTHY. PROTECT OTHERS.

The City of Brentwood encourages all residents and community members to continue following precautions to help slow the spread of COVID-19.

Social distancing has been shown to dramatically reduce the spread of the coronavirus from person to person. Help protect yourself and others by frequently washing your hands and using hand sanitizer, maintaining at least 6 feet of distance from others when out in the public, coughing or sneezing into a tissue, and wearing a face mask covering your nose and mouth when you are out in the public.

### COVID-19 Resources

Please visit [www.stlcorona.com](http://www.stlcorona.com) for COVID-19 information and resources from St. Louis County.

## Holiday "Pillow Fight" Pillow Drive for Home Sweet Home: Brentwood FD vs. Brentwood PD

### Brentwood Pillow Drive



Bring NEW bed pillows to the lobby of Brentwood Police Department (272 Hanley Industrial) or Brentwood Fire Department (8756 Eulalie Avenue)



December 1 - 31

Pillows will be donated to: home sweet home

The Brentwood Fire Department and Brentwood Police Department are engaged in a friendly competition that will benefit local families in need: Which department will collect more pillows?

Whatever happens, we know the winners will be the clients of Home Sweet Home.

Bring NEW bed pillows to the lobby of the Brentwood Police Department (272 Hanley Industrial) or the Brentwood

Fire Department (8756 Eulalie Avenue) between December 1 and December 31.

We'll donate the pillows to Home Sweet Home, a nonprofit organization in Brentwood with a mission "to give underserved families a sense of pride and to improve the quality of their lives by providing basic household furnishings."

## CodeRED Community Notification System: New Weather Warning Alert Option

We've recently upgraded Brentwood's CodeRED Community Notification System to include CodeRED Weather Warning, in order to provide residents and businesses with automated severe weather alerts. Those who choose to opt in to this service will receive flash flood, tornado and severe thunderstorm warnings just moments after an alert has been issued by the National Weather Service.

If you wish to activate the Weather Warning Alert options, you'll need to register for CodeRED again.

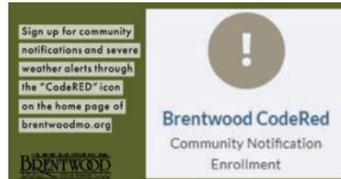
To activate these severe weather warnings, please visit Brentwood's CodeRED enrollment page by clicking on the "Brentwood CodeRED" icon on the home page of [www.brentwoodmo.org](http://www.brentwoodmo.org). You also can text **WARNME** to 99411 from your mobile phone.

You can enter a cell phone number, landline number and email address and select the types of weather warnings you wish to receive. There is no charge to residents or businesses for this service.

If you have not previously signed up for CodeRED notifications, you may do so at any time by clicking on the "Brentwood CodeRED" icon on the home page of [www.brentwoodmo.org](http://www.brentwoodmo.org).

We'll continue to send other public safety notifications, such as road closures or specific emergency situations, through the CodeRED system.

The City of Brentwood CodeRED Assistance Line is 314.963.6710. Please leave your name and phone number, and a staff member will return your call as soon as possible.



## Report a Concern

Make requests (such as scheduling a household bulk item pickup or a vacation check) or submit concerns (such as a missed trash pickup or a possible code violation) through the MyGov request tracking system via the home page of [brentwoodmo.org](http://brentwoodmo.org).

Click on the "Report a Concern" icon, choose a category and subcategory, complete the additional information and submit your request.



If you include your contact information, you'll receive feedback when the request is received and updates as the request is investigated by City of Brentwood staff.

## A Note About Nextdoor.com

City of Brentwood staff members regularly post updates and share information on Nextdoor. City staff can see replies to City posts, but City staff is not able to see what you or your neighbors are posting on Nextdoor. Your Nextdoor neighborhood remains private to you and your neighbors who are verified residents of your Nextdoor neighborhood network.

If you have concerns or comments to direct to City staff or City departments, please contact the City at 314.962.4800 or submit your questions or comments via the Report a Concern feature on the home page of the City website, [www.brentwoodmo.org](http://www.brentwoodmo.org). The appropriate staff member will respond.

## Where to Recycle Holiday Lights

Do not place the holiday lights with your weekly recycling! The wiring can become twisted around recycling machinery at the single stream recycling facility, causing machinery stoppage, possible equipment damage, and downtime until corrective action occurs.

These locations near Brentwood offer proper recycling of holiday lights:

Lowe's, 2300 Maplewood Commons in Maplewood (by front door)

Lowe's, 1212 Kirkwood Road in Kirkwood (by front door)  
Tilles Park, 9551 Litzinger Road in Ladue (by tennis courts)

## Christmas Tree Recycling

Brentwood Public Works crews will pick up residents' once-live Christmas trees for disposal on Wednesdays in January. This is the same day as yard waste pickup. Please remove all lights and ornaments before placing the tree at the curb.

## Board of Aldermen and Committee Meetings Held Via Zoom and Available on YouTube

Brentwood elected officials and City staff continue to review plans for Board of Aldermen meetings, committee meetings and other public meetings. Meetings will be held via Zoom videoconference until further notice. Zoom access information is included in the meeting agendas posted on the City's website and can be found in the calendar listings on the City website, [www.brentwoodmo.org](http://www.brentwoodmo.org).

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](http://www.brentwoodmo.org) or search "brentwoodmo govtv" on YouTube.

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# Brentwood Board of Aldermen Minutes

PARTIAL MINUTES OF THE Monday, November 2, 2020 BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING- VIRTUAL, BRENTWOOD CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS 2348 S. BRENTWOOD BLVD.

## CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Call to Order  
 Mayor Dimmitt called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm  
 And noted that the clocks in City Hall need to be changed to reflect Daylight savings time.  
 Pledge of Allegiance – immediately followed

## ROLL CALL

Alderman Ebeling- Present  
 Alderman Plufka - Present  
 Alderman Gould -Present  
 Alderman Sims - Present  
 Alderman Lochmoeller - Present  
 Alderman Parker-Tice - Present  
 Alderman O’Neill - Present  
 Alderman Wegge - Present

All Members were present and represent a quorum.

## MAYOR AND ALDERMEN REPORTS

### Mayor David A. Dimmitt

Reminder that Tomorrow is Election Day – Proposition 1 on the ballot

Reason for Prop.1 – Increased out of state and on-line purchases impact local retailers and revenue. Brentwood has provided Municipal services without relying on Property tax, so the Use Tax provides revenue for city services without increasing local sales tax or property tax rates.

Per St. Louis county board of elections website, Voting can take place in any polling location. Brentwood has 2 voting locations. Polls open at 6:00AM and Close at 7:00 PM.

Election signs and metal stands can be recycled at Brentwood Public Works facility from Nov. 6th to Nov 16th.

Regarding a social media question about the City’s property acquisition at 8722 Suburban Track in connection with Brentwood Bound plan –a response has been prepared and is available on the City’s web page. Please rely on your Aldermen and City Officials to gain reliable information and answers to your questions.

Sustainability Committee was approved, and appointments will be announced at next Board of Aldermen Meeting, November 16.

Residential paper shredding event, Nov. 7th from 9:00am – 12:00pm at Brentwood Recreation Complex. Can shred 5 boxes per household. Secure Document Destruction will handle the shredding - 314-795-0004 if you have questions.

Code Red Community Notification system has been updated to include weather warnings. Instructions for subscribing to this service can be found on City’s web page.

### Alderman Nancy Parker Tice - Ward 1

Reminder that Tuesday, November 10th will be a Ward 1 Zoom meeting

Thank you to Police for being “out and about” on Hallow-



Mayor David Dimmitt



Municipal Judge Patrick Dignam

Ward 1



Alderwoman Nancy Parker Tice



Alderman Jeff Gould

Ward 3



Alderman David Plufka



Alderman Steve Lochmoeller

Ward 2



Alderwoman Sunny Sims



Alderwoman Kathy O’Neill

Ward 4



Alderman Brandon Wegge



Alderwoman Pat Ebeling

een. Nice to see them connecting with residents.

## CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

### Brentwood Bound Update

Craig Schluter with Navigate Building solutions gave an update of project and property acquisitions. He then shared his screen for a Power point presentation re: Unfunded Project Updates, which include-Phase 2 Trails, Dog Park, Event Lawn/Comfort station and Playground. The City has been very successful with partnerships and grants for these projects. One grant awarded is the Federal Clean Water Act Section 319, another is the Great Rivers Habitat Alliance grant, and then the Final Phase 2 Trail connections,

The Muny Grant was also received for the construction costs for Norm Wet Park. Project design by Christner is to be created and implemented in 18 months. Several Alderpersons had questions regarding the designs and flexibility of this grant. It was communicated that the building design has not been completed –and that only some of the features that this building will contain have been discussed, as they were part of the grant proposal. Drawings will be presented in 3 phases for review.

Additional questions regarding the park playground, and the timing and funding of this project were also asked. It was suggested that thoughts/discussion can take place closer to anticipated start date for this project.

Craig shared the funding and timing recap of current projects, and the potential for future grant options, to be discussed.

## OLD BUSINESS

A. Bill No. 6304 An ordinance establishing a uniform date for expiration of terms of office for members of appointed committees, boards and commissions.

2nd Reading was done by Kevin O’Keefe, City Attorney - for Bill No. 6304, by title only.

Motion was made by Alderman Plufka and seconded by Alderman Wegge to perfect Bill No. 6304 into Ordinance.

Roll was called:  
 Alderman Ebeling- Yes  
 Alderman Plufka - Yes

Alderman Gould - Yes  
 Alderman Sims - Yes  
 Alderman Lochmoeller - Yes  
 Alderman Parker-Tice - Yes  
 Alderman O’Neill - Yes  
 Alderman Wegge – Yes

Bill NO. 6304 passed by a vote of 8-0, and will become Ordinance #4943, when signed by the Mayor.

## NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution 1257 - A Resolution Approving a Contract with Christner to Design a New Pavilion and Event Lawn in Norm West Park.

Alderman Wegge and Alderman O’Neill had several questions regarding intent of the Event Lawn area and review of the facility and costs. Alderman Plufka and Alderman Gould expressed concerns and inquired about the time limits and/or extensions to use the grant money to better review the design options.

Craig reminded that this grant and design was presented and approved unanimously by the Board in June. He also confirmed that with the contract, the architect will use design from grant proposal and suggestions from the committee, when preparing rendition for review.

Alderman Lochmoeller suggested that Christner will do design and there will be 3 input times for feedback. Alderman Sims suggested we approve the contract and then allow Public Works to have additional meetings to refine design items, in order to get the project started and avoid time delays.

Motion was made by Alderman Plufka and seconded by Alderman Lochmoeller to approve Resolution # 1257. Roll was called:

Alderwoman Ebeling- Yes  
 Alderman Plufka - Yes  
 Alderman Gould - Yes  
 Alderman Sims - Yes  
 Alderman Lochmoeller - Yes  
 Alderman Parker-Tice - No  
 Alderman O’Neill - Yes  
 Alderman Wegge –No

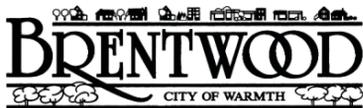
Resolution passed by vote of 6-2.

Mayor called to entertain a motion to adjourn to Closed Session and adjourn executive session and regular session from that meeting. Motion was made by Alderman Plufka and seconded by Alderman Ebeling.

Roll was called:  
 Alderman Ebeling- Yes  
 Alderman Plufka - Yes  
 Alderman Gould - Yes  
 Alderman Sims - Yes  
 Alderman Lochmoeller - Yes  
 Alderman Parker-Tice - Yes  
 Alderman O’Neill - Yes  
 Alderman Wegge –Yes  
 Motion carries to move to closed session by vote of 8 -0.

## ADJOURN

Adjournment



## 2020 Holiday Trash Schedule

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

Veterans Day Observed	Wednesday, November 11	No trash service. Pickup resumes one day after regular schedule (Thurs-Sat)
Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 26	No trash service. Pickup resumes one day after regular schedule (Fri-Sat)
Christmas	Friday, December 25	No trash service. Pickup resumes one day after regular schedule (Sat)
New Year’s Day 2020	Friday, January 1, 2021	No trash service. Pickup resumes one day after regular schedule (Sat)

Basic trash, recycling, and yard waste services are provided to Brentwood residents free of charge. Yard Waste pickup is on Wednesdays.

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, 2020, in case of inclement weather events in January 2020 causing delays.

**Confluence Trash Bash 2020 Event** - This free community event is open to Brentwood residents of all ages with multiple cleanup sites located between the Old Chain of Rocks Bridge, Wilmore Park, Davis Park, and other MSD-sponsored sites. All you need to do is wear old clothes and volunteer to help remove trash in and near creeks and streams. For more information, go to [www.greatriversgreenway.org](http://www.greatriversgreenway.org).

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



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

## GIVE A LIFELINE...

### Donate Your Old Cell Phone

#### Cell Phones for Safe Homes program raises funds through phones

Drop off your used cell phones at the Gene-Del Printing/Pulse Newspaper office to be recycled through Lydia's House "Cell Phones for Safe Homes" fundraiser.

For each phone collected, our recycling partner will make a cash donation of up to \$100 to Lydia's House.

If you'd like to donate your phone, stop by this location:

- Gene-Del Printing (9019 Manchester Rd.)

If you are interested in collecting phones for Lydia's House through a drive at your business, faith community or school, please contact Ellie Lorenz at (314) 771-4411 ext. 116 or [elorenz@lydiashouse.org](mailto:elorenz@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.

Web: [www.lydiashouse.org](http://www.lydiashouse.org) Email: [info@lydiashouse.org](mailto:info@lydiashouse.org) Connect: Find us on Facebook, Follow us on Twitter

### The Gift of Glasses

Glasses aren't a given, especially for low-income children. When kids can't see well, they become less engaged in school - an added challenge to an already difficult online learning environment.

According to Vision Impact Institute, vision impairment is one of the most common disabling conditions among children in the U.S. and affects 25% of all students. Imagine trying to learn virtually while painfully squinting to see a blurry computer screen.

Founded in 2004, Eye Thrive has provided more than 20,000 pairs of free glasses to those who need them most: children. During the 19-20 school year the nonprofit conducted eye exams for nearly 4,000 students at over 120 visits to schools and community centers in the region on their Mobile Vision Clinic, dispensing nearly 5,000 pairs of glasses. Because of their efforts, these children no longer struggle to see their lessons clearly.

Families should never have to choose between glasses and other essentials for their children. Access to Eye Thrive's services means they don't have to. Eye Thrive eliminates the barriers of transportation and expense that prevent too many families facing adversity from getting glasses for their children.

Eye Thrive's programs provide everything from vision screenings and eye exams to prescription glasses made on-site, and no-questions-asked replacement glasses - completely free of charge. The gift of sight is powerful and makes a real difference in the lives of our kids. Eye Thrive offers this essential and empowering gift year-round.

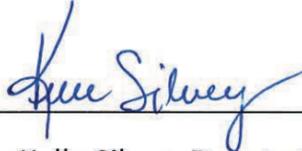
[www.eyethrive.org](http://www.eyethrive.org)

### PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF BRENTWOOD, MISSOURI CANDIDATE FILING FOR APRIL 6, 2021 ELECTION

Please take notice that on April 6, 2021, the City of Brentwood will hold an election for the office[s] of Mayor, Municipal Judge, and one Aldermen for each - Wards 1, 2, 3, and 4. Declarations of candidacy for those wishing to be candidates in that election must be filed in the office of the Deputy City Clerk located at 2348 S. Brentwood Boulevard, Brentwood, Missouri, beginning on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at 8:00 AM. Filing will close at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, January 19, 2021.

Candidates are required to bring a photo ID and will be assessed a \$5 filing fee.

Posted this 1<sup>st</sup> Day of December 2020



By: Kelle Silvey, Deputy City Clerk

### DELTA DENTAL OF MISSOURI LAUNCHES VIRTUAL LAND OF SMILES® PROGRAM

Popular Educational Program That Visited Hundreds of Elementary Schools Statewide  
Each Year Adapts Creative Learning Experience Online Due to COVID-19

Delta Dental of Missouri's Land of Smiles® program, known for visiting hundreds of elementary schools throughout Missouri each year to teach grade-school children good dental health habits, has launched a new virtual experience in response to the continuing impact of COVID-19. The engaging, age-appropriate online program features a vibrant 30-minute video with brand-new Land of Smiles superhero characters, which can be used for students in the classroom and for those involved in partial or full-time virtual learning. More than 60 Missouri schools - including 21 schools throughout the St. Louis area - have already signed up to take advantage of this free virtual program. Delta Dental of Missouri is continuing



to take bookings for its program and encourages schools throughout the state to sign up to access it.

The virtual Land of Smiles experience follows dynamic superhero Captain Super GrinSM, as he defeats his nemesis, Caz CavitySM, with a little help from his sidekicks, Terri Tooth FairySM and ToothpickSM. Throughout the adventure, students learn the importance of brushing teeth twice a day, flossing, eating healthy foods and visiting the dentist regularly. Delta Dental of Missouri offers free "smile bags" to schools for students who participate in the program. Each bag includes a toothbrush, toothpaste and dental floss to help students practice the good oral health habits that they learn. Each school is responsible for distributing the bags to participating students who attend school in person or virtually.

"When COVID hit, our team, like the rest of the nation, wasn't sure what the 2020-2021 school year would look like, so we went to work to develop our virtual Land of Smiles program," said Rob Goren, president and chief executive officer at Delta Dental of Missouri. "The new characters are a lot of fun and do a fantastic job of encouraging young students to take great care of their growing smiles. We're pleased that the program has already received rave reviews from students and teachers alike."

Becky Gretzmacher, LPN, the school nurse at Ste. Genevieve Elementary commented, "Our students loved the show and the positive responses from the teachers were overwhelming. All were 100 percent engaged and retained very healthy, good information. For us, during these times, the virtual format was amazing."

Delta Dental of Missouri will be following federal, state and county guidelines to determine when it is safe to resume its in-person Land of Smiles performances at schools. In the meantime, interested teachers, school nurses and principals can visit [www.LandofSmilesProgram.org](http://www.LandofSmilesProgram.org) to preview the free program and request access to it on a date and time that works for their students.

Delta Dental of Missouri is the state's leading dental benefits provider and a 501 (c)(4) non-profit organization. It provides 1.9 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 also offers dental benefit plans directly to individuals and families. The company proudly supports oral health initiatives, educational programs and charitable causes that help educate people about the importance of dental health and provide free dental care to those in need. 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).

Happy Holidays and the best to you in 2021!

# Memories Abound

By Ann Brubaker Greenleaf Wirtz

With graduation from Webster Groves High School hitting the fifty-five year mark in June 2021, my life memories have acquired an even more golden glow. Softened and strengthened by time, wonder abounds at each remembrance, primarily, how did this occurrence happen so long ago? It surely seems just yesterday, or thereabouts anyway.

Many varied holiday memories have made their way into The Pulse since my first article about Maplewood's iconic Goldie's Department Store, a shopping landmark of the 1950s. It is rather astonishing to be gathering my thoughts for a tenth Christmas story, for which I'm very grateful.

Memories are perhaps more cherished in 2020, this emotionally difficult and exhausting year, with the election and Covid-19 still escalating as this is penned. This singular SARS-CoV-2 virus has caused profound loss and hurt, so the bright hope that is Christmas has never been more important.

Drawing my own sweet memories close, let's join together, determined to focus on the joy and beauty of this season and on faith in the Lord, the reason for our annual celebration. In journeying back in time, one of my earliest memories is my five-year-old desire for a "Bride Doll." The story has been written, but my heart still smiles at the remembrance of peeking around the corner and seeing Mom and Grandma in the kitchen on Christmas Eve.

They were ironing the bridal veil for the doll lying nearby, my mother's own beautiful treasure from the 1910s which I would receive the next morning. Even though they had a hand in this present, I crept upstairs to keep a vigil at the bedroom window in hopes of seeing Santa's sleigh and reindeer hail into view. Sleep overcame sight until I woke to see an abundance of presents under the sparkling tree, including my Bride Doll, a testament to Santa's arrival.

There were several traditions that made December 24th especially memorable. In order to give my mother quiet time to finalize her Christmas preparations, Dad took us children to downtown St. Louis to see the department store windows decorated in an animated and wondrous fashion. This was before suburban shopping centers sprouted into a vast business that supplanted the downtown retail market. The enchanting storefront windows of that pre-mall era captured my fancy and were even more exciting than seeing Santa Claus, for there were lots of Santa's on street corners and on every toy floor we visited. This was confusing in my younger years until my older brother explained they were helpers who represented the real Santa, like our parents did. Seemed reasonable.

Even more wonderful than our trip downtown, however, was coming home to a festive house and homemade, frosted cutout sugar cookies. Eventually we were old enough to help, but early on Mom carefully crafted yellow stars, blue bells, and green Christmas trees decorated with cinnamon red hots, colored sugar, chopped nuts and raisins. She also painstakingly decorated a large Santa face for each member of the family, our names written individually across the bottom of his white beard. Christmas had indeed arrived and let the celebration begin!

As the years passed, other traditions marked this sacred holiday. The Webster United Methodist Church choir program was a highlight. We processed solemnly into the sanctuary carrying our battery lit candles, the adult choir in maroon robes, the youth choir in their white surplice.

Traditional carols and worship were lifted even higher by the glorious offering of *O Holy Night* by the senior choir, a song that still stirs our emotions. The service ended with a hushed rendition of *Silent Night* as everyone lifted their own candles high, a reverent and beautiful moment. Afterward as we ventured forth into the cold, dark night, our hearts warmed by the joy of our faith, a gently falling snow often added an exhilarating and heavenly benediction.

High school recollections from the 1960s always include the annual Vespers Christmas program. The a cappella choir under the exceptional direction of Esther "Miss Rep" Replogle gave numerous performances each December for both students and the public.

In my senior year it was a thrill to be included in the cast for the nativity scene. The biblical telling unfolded as the choir sang the holiday's haunting and moving music, the solo rendition of *I Wonder as I Wander* especially affecting. Miss Rep's creative vision for the tableau included a wide-ranging host of visitors to the manger, from the regal to the humble, my small part forever cherished.

Many sweet memories abound about an era that is far removed from today. The 1950s and 60s were my *growing up* decades, but whatever decades comprise our lives, it's important

to treasure the experiences and opportunities before us. There is always something meaningful to embrace, even during Covid-19.

Finally, in poetic form, memories to share about this strange year. At Christmastime we celebrate the birth of the Love and Hope of our faith, Jesus Christ. He is forever the source of our strength and joy, especially in the midst of turmoil.

## Covid-19

So what can be said about  
This pandemic, this Covid-19,  
This enormous disrupter  
That has upended lives in 2020  
And shattered peace  
And altered daily plans  
With cancellations and postponements?

At its worst ...  
This virus has devastated families,  
As loved ones have died,  
Often in isolation, alone and away  
From their spouse, children, and friends,  
The presence of a compassionate nurse  
The last touch before eternity.

For others, serious with Covid ...  
Death will call another day;  
Still, illness has left its mark  
With confusion and weakness  
And lingering issues to overcome;  
While symptoms, for some, are  
Only mild and discomforting.

For most, though, this virus ...  
Has annoyed, irritated, even divided  
Friends, families, our nation  
Over how best to respond to this deadly enemy,  
When perhaps we fair better by selflessly  
Caring for others as our reason to do the simplest things,  
Knowing Covid fosters hardship, sacrifice, and loss for all.

As usual, my own Pollyanna heart,  
Which seeks the Lord's good intent  
From all that happens in life,  
Has sought blessings from the ashes of Covid despair  
With a deeper embrace and prayer for loved ones and  
A renewed gratitude for the brave who serve  
On the battlefield of sickness.

Someday hence, when we look back and line up  
Covid and the election within the crosshairs of hindsight to make  
An honest appraisal of these confusing, chaotic months  
When businesses, health, and life suffered enormous loss,  
May our love and trust in God, no matter what, have been  
Our heartfelt testimony, and that in humility toward others  
Our words and deeds demonstrated His love and mercy.

A final thought, as moments of helplessness come to mind with  
Words in rhyme a child might say to bring hope and solace in need:  
*Merciful Savior, Holy Light,  
Help me in the dark of night  
When my fears are magnified,  
Desperate I call Thee to my side  
And pray, Dear Lord, Thy peace abide.  
Amen*

Challenges always abound, that is the way of life. Through faith we conquer the inevitable hurts, disappointments and losses that come our way. This beautiful holiday season, make memories you can treasure forever.

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Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year Blessings to All!



## FIND THE PERFECT HOLIDAY GIFT AT THE SAINT LOUIS ZOO

Find holiday gifts for everyone on your list at the Saint Louis Zoo this year. Proceeds from all sales benefit the animals and programs of the Zoo. For more information, visit [stlzoo.org/holiday](http://stlzoo.org/holiday).

All Zoo guests must reserve free, timed tickets online prior to visiting, including shopping at gift shops and Welcome Desks. For everyone's safety, the Zoo has implemented enhanced protocols and procedures. Guests ages 9+ are required to wear masks/face coverings — which must cover nose and mouth — while visiting. The Zoo accepts only cashless transactions, and gift shops have limited capacity for social distancing. See [stlzoo.org/zooreervations](http://stlzoo.org/zooreervations) for up-to-date details prior to your visit.

### Zoo Gift Shops

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

Shop the Zoo's online gift shop beginning for a limited selection of items including holiday- and animal-themed face masks, plush toys, puzzles, and Zoo apparel.

All Zoo guests must reserve free, timed tickets online prior to visiting, including shopping at gift shops.

### Exclusive Saint Louis Zoo Ornament

Collect the 2020 limited-edition Saint Louis Zoo holiday ornament featuring an African lion from the Mary Ann Lee Conservation Carousel. The glass ornament is sold for \$16.50. Ornaments may be purchased at Zoo gift shops (advance Zoo reservation required); online at [stlzoo.org/holiday](http://stlzoo.org/holiday); or by phone at (314) 646-4779 from Nov. 11 to Dec. 24 (while supplies last).

### Zoo Parents Holiday Adoption

Adopt a reticulated giraffe from the Zoo for someone on your gift list. The proud Zoo Parent will receive a plush toy giraffe (while supplies last) with a commemorative tag, personalized adoption certificate, color photo with animal facts, and much more. The holiday adoption is \$50 and includes shipping and handling to anywhere in the contiguous United States. Save \$5 if you order by Nov. 16 or purchase and pick up the package at Zoo Welcome Desks by 1 p.m. on Dec. 24. Discounts cannot be combined. Place orders by Dec. 7 for delivery by Dec. 24. Proceeds go directly toward the care and feeding of the animals. Order adoptions online at [stlzoo.org/holidayadoption](http://stlzoo.org/holidayadoption); by phone at (314) 646-4771, option 2; or in person at Zoo Welcome Desks (advance Zoo reservation required).

### Holiday Gift Membership

A Saint Louis Zoo gift membership is a gift that gives all year long. A \$79 Patron-level membership includes free parking for six visits, free member tickets for Emerson Zooline Railroad and The Goddard School Sea Lion Show, as well as Zoo discounts, [stlzoo](http://stlzoo.org) member magazine, e-newsletter and more. Other membership levels with more benefits are available. The holiday gift membership includes a collectible ornament featuring the Nile hippopotamus (while supplies last). Order memberships online at [stlzoo.org/holidaymembership](http://stlzoo.org/holidaymembership); by phone at (314) 646-4771, option 2; or in person at Zoo Welcome Desks (advance Zoo reservation required). Place orders by Dec. 6 for delivery by Dec. 24.

### Zoo Gift Cards

Gift cards can be purchased in any amount up to \$500 (\$5 minimum) at the Welcome Desks and Rentals Desks at both Zoo entrances and at all Zoo gift shops. More information is available at [stlzoo.org/giftcard](http://stlzoo.org/giftcard).

# Colonel James B. Donahoe, Happy 80th Birthday!

*From your friends at  
Fisher House in St. Louis*

## 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 6, 2021 election. There are two 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 15, 2020, 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 or health-related reasons.

Filing will also not occur on the following holidays and breaks when the school district's central offices are closed: December 24, 2020; December 25, 2020; January 1, 2021; and January 18, 2021. A December schedule of office hours will be posted by December 14, 2020. Filing will end on January 19, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

**CANDIDATES MUST WEAR MASKS AND OBSERVE DISTRICT INFECTION CONTROL RULES  
IN FORCE AT THE TIME OF FILING.**



# RESTAURANT REVIEWS

## “Cross Over the Bridge”



“Cross Over the Bridge” is a song recorded by Patti Page in 1954 and stayed on the Billboard charts for 23 weeks. If you have lived in the St. Louis area since the ‘60s and ‘70s you will also remember it being the theme song for Ken Bender Buick-Pontiac, GMC in St. Charles. The song implored everyone to “cross over the bridge” for the best deal on a vehicle.

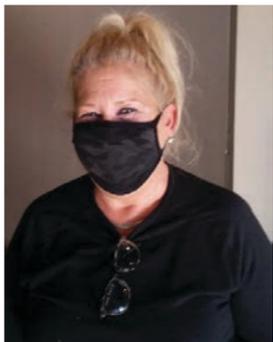
Flash forward fifty years and that same phrase will bring you to where you can still dine inside some great restaurants. (at least at the time while I am writing this article). Having said that, I must say that I think the St. Louis region’s regulations regarding Covid-19 are ridiculously stupid. Each City and County, as well as the State, making up their own rules, or lack thereof, is confusing, as well as extremely dangerous. I would like to see the entire area with one unified set of regulations to face this issue. Perhaps when enough people die our elected officials will make some hard decisions to protect our health rather than their political positions!

But at this time you are welcome to come break bread with us in St. Charles. It is “suggested” you wear your mask (so much for rules) however, most business’ do require a mask to come inside.

We had been to MicroCenter, in Brentwood, and crossed over the bridge as we went home. It was time for lunch so we drove into “The Streets Of St. Charles”. Going back fifty years, this was the location of “Noah’s Ark”. We decided to try First Watch. We have had many breakfasts at First Watch locations, but never a lunch.

This location has plenty of space for social distancing and it was spotlessly clean. There wasn’t even a fingerprint on the fixtures of the men’s room! All of the employees wore masks. I was genuinely impressed.

After being seated and given menus, we were greeted by “Hello Kevin and Sue McCarthy” This came from an employee from Brentwood. We shared many fond memories of Brentwood with Ann Yancy talking about the late Willy Wright, Chief Neimeyer, Dan Fitzgerald and all the things that makes Brentwood a special place to live.



Sue found the Lemon Ricotta Pancakes with fresh, whipped ricotta cheese on two multigrain batter .pancakes topped with marinated berries and creamy lemon curd. She said there was no reason to look at anything else.



I went for the “Two For You” lunch special, your choice of a half sandwich with either a salad, or cup of soup. The roast beef & horseradish havarti, house-roasted onions and tomato with lemon dressed arugula on grilled Parmesan-crustured sourdough and horseradish sauce on the side had my name all over it. I chose the chicken avocado chop salad consisting of chopped romaine and arugula, all-natural chicken breast, avocado, tomatoes, corn, black beans, Feta cheese and crispy tortilla chips with a citrus chipotle dressing. WOW, It was perfection! There was a lot of thin slice chicken breast pieces, amazingly fresh ingredients and a perfectly spiced dressing. I could easily make a meal of this alone. It was one of the best salads I’ve ever eaten.

Our server was very good and the decor, and furniture were very comfortable. The menu has a large number of items that will appeal to any taste and diet. Every item has a calorie count and items range from exceptionally health to good old comfort food as well as some items that combine both sides of the dining spectrum.

First Watch is definitely a great place for lunch as well as breakfast. Perhaps we will see you there.

First Watch, St. Charles is located at 1405 Beale St, Ste 102, St. Charles, MO 63303 They are Open Daily: 7am – 2:30pm and closed closed on Thanksgiving & Christmas. Phone 636.238.8970

## Pasta for Packs Raises More Than \$21,000

### Proceeds to benefit Operation Food Search’s backpack program

Operation Food Search (OFS), a non-profit hunger relief organization, recently raised \$21,465 for its first Pasta for Packs led by James Beard award-winning chef Gerard Craft. Proceeds from the fundraiser will support Operation Backpack, which provides weekend meals to food-insecure kids throughout the school year.

Chef Craft virtually guided more than 400 adults and children in preparing a salad and fresh pasta dish with meal kits curated by his Clayton restaurant Pastaria. OFS’s Friends Board, a dynamic group of young professionals vested in ending hunger, created the interactive fundraiser.

“Our Friends Board designed this very successful event so that our community could come together virtually,” said OFS’s Executive Director Kristen Wild. “We appreciate both their fundraising efforts and Chef Gerard Craft’s generous support in helping our agency continue serving our community.”

Founded in 1981, Operation Food Search (OFS) is a hunger relief organization that provides free food, nutrition education and innovative programs proven to reduce food insecurity. With a strategic focus aimed at ending childhood hunger, OFS empowers families and increases access to healthy and affordable food. The agency provides food and services to nearly 200,000 individuals on a monthly basis – one-third of whom are children – through a network of 330 community partners in 30 Missouri and Illinois counties.

For more information, call (314) 726-5355 or visit <http://www.operationfoodsearch.org>.



## Derek Bastian named Interim Executive Director

### Webster-Rock Hill Ministries

On November 10th, the Board of Directors of Webster-Rock Hill Ministries unanimously named Pastor Derek Bastian as the Interim Executive Director of Webster-Rock Hill Ministries.

Reverend Bastian is an Ordained Iterant Elder in The African Methodist Episcopal Church. He has more than 25 years of experience as a Senior Pastor and more than 28 years of experience working in and leading community organizations. He has significant pastoral care experience in the church, hospital, and hospice settings. He also has significant non-profit leadership experience and the ability to build and renew relationships within WRHM and in the community.

One of the striking things about Reverend Bastian’s experience is the range of work he has done. His experience includes work with children and youth in educational settings, at the Mary Grove Children’s Center and the Boys and Girls Club as well as work with those facing the end of life in hospice care. He also founded a program to assist homeless women and children with housing and transition to homeownership. He has worked in both rural and urban settings.

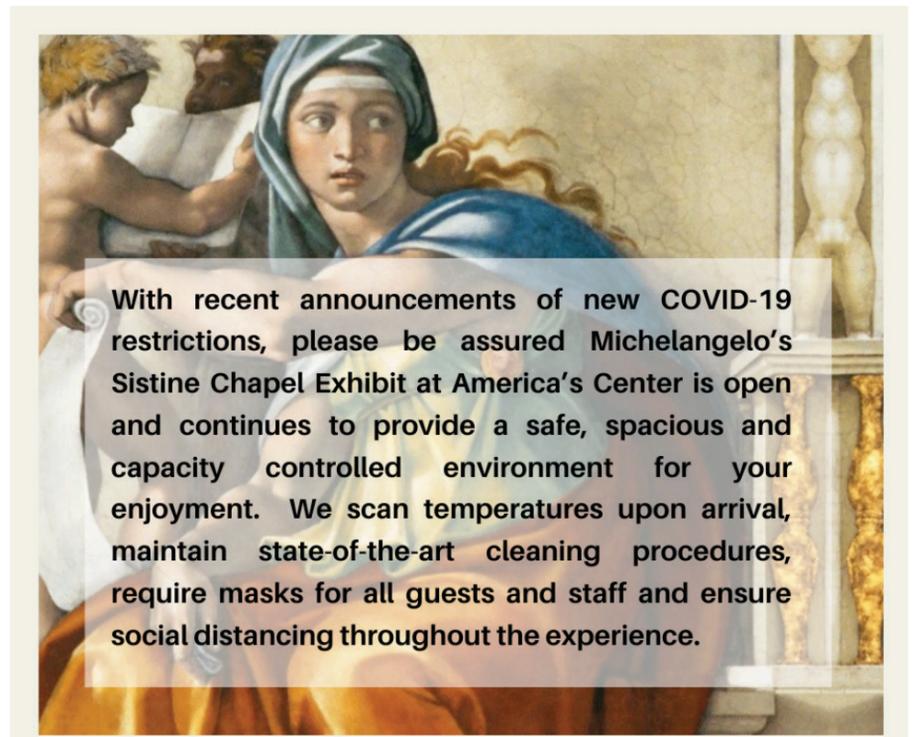
Reverend Bastian has demonstrated his leadership skill as the founder of two organizations in Des Moines, IA designed to serve those facing challenges in their lives, The Transformation Christian Center and Safe Village Afterschool Program and Services. In founding and leading these organizations, Reverend Bastian demonstrated an ability to build programs, lead and develop volunteers and partner with Boards of Directors to collaboratively govern.

His community involvement includes membership at Unity United Methodist Church of Webster Groves, in the NAACP, and past work with the St. Luke A.M.E. Apartments as President and member of the Board of Directors. He is also member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. He has been the honored speaker at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. celebration events in East St. Louis and Des Moines. He has been an Enterprise Empowerment Zone Community Partner and an Annie Casey Foundation Making Connections Neighborhood Partner award winner. In addition, he was chosen as one of 30 community leaders in Des Moines to participate in an intimate forum with then Presidential Candidate Barack Obama.

For additional information, contact Laura Arnold at (314) 504-1012 or [wrrhm@wrrhm.org](mailto:wrrhm@wrrhm.org).

### About Webster-Rock Hill Ministries

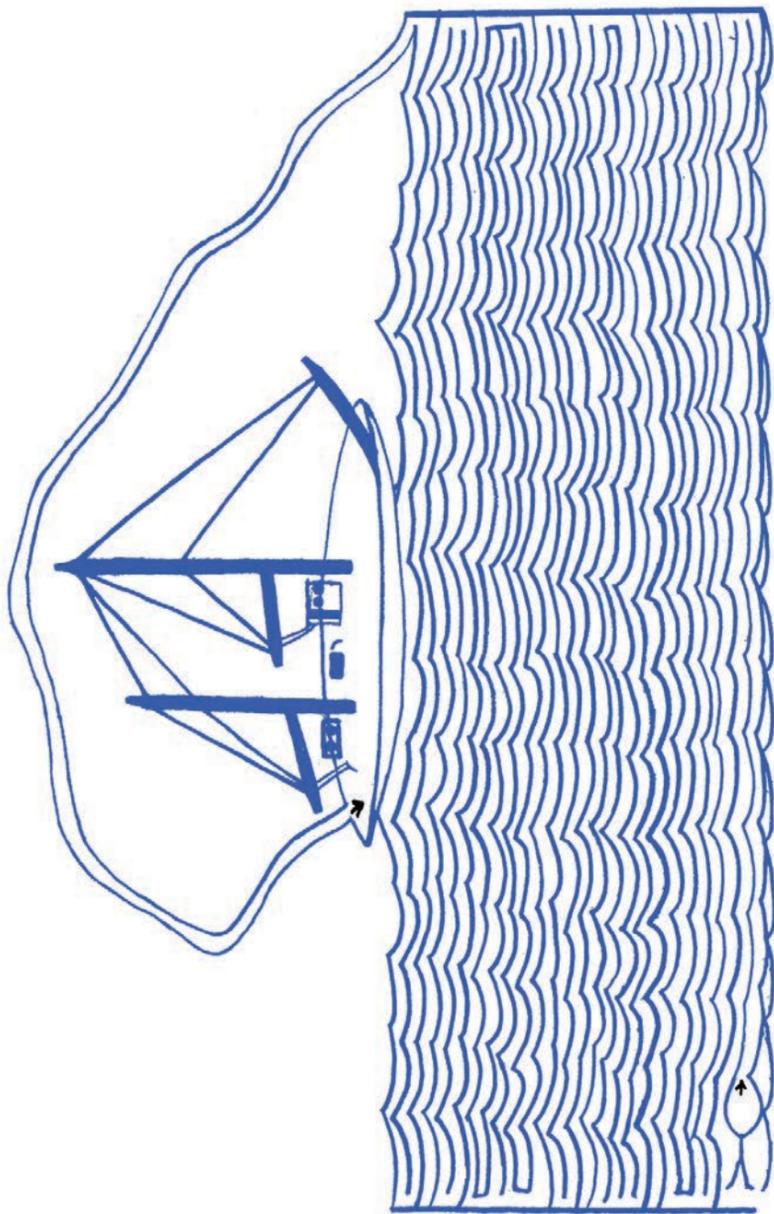
Webster-Rock Hill Ministries is a non-profit community help center and neighborhood food pantry created as a cooperative effort of churches in the communities of Webster Groves and Rock Hill in 1982. For information about our services and programs, please visit [wrrhm.org](http://wrrhm.org).



**With recent announcements of new COVID-19 restrictions, please be assured Michelangelo’s Sistine Chapel Exhibit at America’s Center is open and continues to provide a safe, spacious and capacity controlled environment for your enjoyment. We scan temperatures upon arrival, maintain state-of-the-art cleaning procedures, require masks for all guests and staff and ensure social distancing throughout the experience.**

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- Liquid Dish detergent
- Combination Locks (10)
- Clear Plastic Totes
- Trash Bags ( 13 & 44 gallon or above)
- Umbrellas
- Umbrella strollers
- Men's White and Colored T-Shirts (Med-3x)
- Men's Sweat Pants (Med, Lg, XL, XXL)
- Men's Pajama Bottoms (Med, Lg, XL, XXL)
- Women's' Sweat Pants (Med, Lg, XL, XXL)
- Women's Pajama Bottoms (Med, Lg, XL, XXL)
- Women's Colored T-Shirts (Med, Lg, XL, XXL)
- Socks (all sizes and genders)
- Bar Soap
- Vaseline
- Lotion- Hand & Body
- Mesh Laundry Bags
- Storage Baggies (Qt, G, 2G)
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If you enjoy making sweets this time of the year, then we invite you to order a Holiday Cookie Decoration Box filled Holiday themed crafts, activities and cookies! Each participant will have the opportunity to create, bake and enjoy a yummy batch of cookies just in time for the holiday season from the comfort of their own home. Please call 314-963-8689 to register. Boxes are delivered to Brentwood residents. Non-residents must pick up their box at the Brentwood Community Center.

Resident: \$30  
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 <b>Brentwood Police Department</b> Calls for Service Report *Note: CFS Do Not Always Become Written Police Reports <b>NOVEMBER 2020</b>	
<b>CFS for Person Crime</b>	
Murder / Manslaughter	0
Sexual Assaults	0
Robbery	0
Assaults	4
Peace Disturbance & Domestic	21
Calls for Mental Health	3
<b>CFS for Property Crime</b>	
Arson/Bombing/Burning	0
Burglary - Residential	0
Burglary - Business	3
Destruction of Property	6
Frauds & ID Theft	8
Larceny - Shoplifting	7
Larceny - From Vehicle	15
Larceny - All Others	30
Stolen Vehicles	8
Trespassing	10
<b>Weapons Related</b>	
Utilized/Taken	2
Recovered	1
<b>Auto Accidents</b>	46
<b>Foot Patrols</b>	
Building & Business Check	143
Parks & Schools	59
Misc	16
<b>Arrests</b>	
Prisoner Conveyance	2
Adults	17
Juvenile	0
<b>Arrest Type</b>	
FTA / Fugitive	5
Original Non-Traffic	15
Original Traffic	0
<b>Notable CFS</b>	
Alarm Calls	39
Animal Related	10
Assist Fire Department	53
Check Welfare/Notification	27
Contact Another Agency	38
Information Reports	7
Motorist Assist	11
Police Community Relations	3
Radar / LPR Hits	3
Solicitors	5
Suspicious Person/Vehicles	50
Traffic Control / Details	31
Traffic Stops	103
Vacation Checks/Close Watch	32
<b>Contract Patrols - Misc</b>	26
Bremerton	137
Brentwood Forest	119
Cecelia	144
Hanley Industrial Court	87
Parkridge	146
Urban	137
York Village	139
<b>Miscellaneous CFS</b>	136
Minus Arrest/Types	-37
<b>Total Calls For Service</b>	<b>1867</b>

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Murder / Manslaughter	0
Sexual Assaults	0
Robbery	0
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Peace Disturbance & Domestic	8
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Utilized/Taken	0
Recovered	1
<b>Auto Accidents</b>	11
<b>Foot Patrols</b>	
Building & Business Check	28
Parks & Schools	7
Misc	1
<b>Arrests</b>	
Prisoner Conveyance	0
Adults	6
Juvenile	0
<b>Arrest Type</b>	
FTA / Fugitive	0
Original Non-Traffic	6
Original Traffic	0
<b>Notable CFS</b>	
Alarm Calls	9
Animal Related	2
Assist Fire Department	8
Check Welfare/Notification	7
Contact Another Agency	14
Information Reports	4
Motorist Assist	2
Police Community Relations	1
Radar / LPR Hits	0
Solicitors	1
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# Brentwood School District

## December 2020 News

### Benjamin Kriegel Named Emerson Excellence in Teaching Recipient

Mr. Ben Kriegel of Mark Twain Elementary has been named one of Emerson's Excellence in Teaching Award recipients for 2020! The Excellence in Teaching Awards program, sponsored by Emerson, annually recognizes approximately 100 educators in the St. Louis metropolitan area – from kindergarten teachers to college professors – who are examples of excellence in their field.

Congratulations to Mr. Kriegel for your outstanding recognition!

### Students Recognized in Board of Education Livestream

At the November 17th Board of Education Meeting, students from across the district were recognized by Superintendent Brian Lane for excellence in character, academics, and more. Board Meeting livestreams are archived on the District's YouTube channel at [bit.ly/bsdyoutube](http://bit.ly/bsdyoutube), so you can listen to Dr. Lane's acknowledgement of these students by following the link and watching the livestream.

Here are the students who were recognized this semester:

Xavier Declama for being an outstanding example as a virtual student at Mark Twain Elementary.

Caroline Arnett for taking care of the chickens at McGrath Elementary.

Eileen McKeown for taking care of the chickens at McGrath Elementary.

Kyra Williams for excellence in student leadership at BMS.

Sariah Bailey for excellence in student leadership at BMS.

Kellie McGee for excellence in student leadership at BMS.

Maya Sabeh for outstanding student leadership at BHS.

Amelia Ayotte for outstanding student leadership at BHS.

Nirmita Vijayalingam for outstanding student leadership at BHS.

### Race and Equity Strategic Plan

Over the summer, the Brentwood Board of Education and administrators reaffirmed the district's commitment to anti-racism in a statement released to the community. Since June, the district's administration team has been engaged in working with staff members as well as the community to research and address racial inequities within the district.

During the November 17th Board of Educa-

tion Meeting, district staff presented a Race and Equity Strategic Plan to the Board, outlining the district's goals and action steps aimed at addressing racial inequities. You can view a copy of the plan by visiting our website at [www.brentwoodmoschools.org](http://www.brentwoodmoschools.org) and clicking on the "Community" tab.

You can also visit our website for race, equity, and inclusion resources for teachers, students, and families.

### Brentwood Early Childhood Center Enrollment

Brentwood School District Early Childhood Center continues to provide enrollment information for families. Please call 314-262-8521 or visit <http://bit.ly/becc-enroll> to learn more.



### BHS Art Student Places in United Way Art Contest

Brentwood High School ART 3 and 4 students entered the "100 Neediest Cases Art Contest" sponsored by the United Way and the St. Louis Post Dispatch. The contest is designed to help raise awareness for real life scenarios faced by St. Louis families. The artwork was judged by professional artists and students who placed in the top 40 will be published either in print or digitally by the St. Louis Post Dispatch.

Congratulations to ART 4 student and Senior Morgan Nelson, who placed 8th in the top 40 for the 100 Neediest Cases contest this year. Morgan's artwork will be published in the St. Louis Post Dispatch either in print or on their website.

## SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

### Great Rivers and Routes

Santa Claus Visits at City Park  
Nov. 21- Dec. 19, Wednesdays 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm & Saturdays 1 pm to 4 pm

Edwardsville City Park  
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The City of Edwardsville Parks & Recreation Department is excited to welcome back Santa Claus along with his elf to greet children from his home in City Park. Santa's festively decorated house will once again be located on 101 South Buchanan Ave. in front of the Edwardsville Public Library.

Visitors are welcome to tell Santa their holiday wishes on Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. starting Saturday, November 20 until December 20.

Those who visit on Saturday, November 30 will get to see him arrive at City Park in a big fire truck courtesy of the Edwardsville Fire Department.

Parents are encouraged to take their own pictures. For more information, contact the Parks Department at 692-7538.

Christmas Wonderland  
Nov. 27- Dec. 27  
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Sat. & Sun. 5 pm to 9 pm

Rock Spring Park  
2100 College Ave.  
Alton, IL 62002  
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Begin your holiday celebration when you experience the enchantment of Christmas at the "Christmas Wonderland" holiday light display. The "Grandpa Gang" has been at it again transforming Rock Spring Park in Alton, Illinois into a Winter Wonderland.

Visitors can drive through the park to view more than 4 million lights decorating the park!

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For more information about Christmas Wonderland, call (800) 258-6645.

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Mary Meers, President

## Goff-Moll Post 101

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## Brentwood Lions Club

2nd & 4th Tues., 6:30 meeting  
Goff-Moll Post 101, 2721 Collier  
Lion President Kimberly Taylor  
314-560-8383 or lionkimberly@sbcglobal.net

## Maplewood Lions Club

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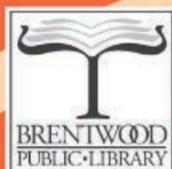
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## Midas Hospitality Holds Ribbon Cutting for Element Hotel

St. Louis' first Element by Westin recently held a ribbon cutting to signify its official opening. Located at 3763 Forest Park Ave., the \$40 million Element St. Louis Midtown is a seven-story hotel with 153 extended stay rooms. The eco-conscious property features the rooftop UPBAR, which offers a variety of signature cocktails and food selections.

Hotel developer Midas Hospitality will manage the property built by sister company Midas Construction. Local lenders include Cass Commercial Bank, Parkside Financial Bank & Trust, and Simmons Bank.



*Pictured from left to right are Joe Roddy, St. Louis Alderman; Kitty Ratcliffe, President of Explore St. Louis; David Robert, Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Midas Hospitality; Janessa Corpuz, General Manager of Element by Westin; Stone Moses, Robert's grandson; Lyda Krewson, St. Louis Mayor; J.T. Norville, Co-Founder and Managing Partner of Midas Hospitality; and Gino Austin, Contract Compliance Specialist at St. Louis Development Corporation.*

"We assembled a very talented team of experts and partners to create our newest hotel," said Midas Hospitality's CEO and Cofounder David Robert. "We couldn't be prouder of the latest addition to our hospitality portfolio and all that it stands for – sustainability and resilience during a very challenging pandemic climate." Robert added that the Element highlights the rooftop UPBAR, which is "Midas Hospitality's very first owned and operated bar in our company's 15-year existence."

Element is located directly across from the City Foundry STL and just three blocks from Cortex Innovation Community, a 200-acre home for business, innovation and technology. The hotel is adjacent to Saint Louis University and within walking distance from IKEA.

Founded in 2006, Midas Hospitality specializes in the development, management and investment of award-winning hotel properties across the U.S. The firm focuses on select-service and extended-stay experiences for global brands including Hilton, Marriott, and IHG. Midas' headquarters are located at 1804 Borman Circle Dr. in Maryland Heights, Mo. For more information, call (314) 692-0100 or visit [www.midashospitality.com](http://www.midashospitality.com).

## Operation Food Search Recognized As One of the Nation's Top Independent Food Banks

Operation Food Search (OFS), a non-profit hunger relief organization, was named one of the top five independent food banks in the nation based on revenue by Food Bank News. OFS ranked fifth in the publication's Top 100 independent food banks with a revenue of \$39 million in FY 2019.

Food Bank News, which provides news and information to people on the front lines of solving hunger, is the first and only publication to acknowledge the critical role that food banks play in the wellness and livelihood of millions of people living in the U.S.

OFS typically distributes food to 200,000 people per month. In the past eight months, OFS supplied an additional 1.5 million meals plus more than 500,000 pounds of produce in the St. Louis region as part of its COVID-19 Emergency Response Plan. The nonprofit's free meal distribution program serves the region's children and families who need food assistance.

"It is both an honor and a privilege to be recognized in our industry by such a noteworthy trade publication," said Kristen Wild, Executive Director at OFS. "Our organization has served as a lifeline to our area's residents during this pandemic and, through our programs and services, we will continue to support our community until the issue of hunger has been eliminated."

Founded in 1981, Operation Food Search (OFS) is a hunger relief organization that provides free food, nutrition education and innovative programs proven to reduce food insecurity. With a strategic focus aimed at ending childhood hunger, OFS empowers families and increases access to healthy and affordable food. The agency provides food and services to nearly 200,000 individuals on a monthly basis – one-third of whom are children – through a network of 330 community partners in 30 Missouri and Illinois counties. For more information, call (314) 726-5355 or visit [www.OperationFoodSearch.org](http://www.OperationFoodSearch.org).

### To Adopt

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



**DUKE**  
MALE, NEUTERED, 2 yrs, 10 mo

Duke is a happy-go-lucky kind of guy! He is sweet and playful, and loves to make new friends! He is ready to live his best life with his new best friend, could it be you?



**FOXY**  
FEMALE, SPAYED, 9

Foxy is a cute little older dog who likes people and other dogs. She is completely housetrained and is very good in the car. She's a little bit of a barker, so an apartment might not be ideal.



**NELLIE**  
FEMALE, SPAYED, 7

Do you love doggie snuggles? Nellies your girl! This sweetie loves playing fetch, going for walks and cuddling on the couch. She's also housebroken & knows commands. Shed do best as an only pet but promises to give you all the love you need!



**CLEOPATRA**  
FEMALE, SPAYED, 2 yrs, 1 mo

Cleopatra is a sweet girl looking for someone she can trust and snuggle with. She takes some time to warm up to new people, but she is worth the wait! She likes to play with other dogs and will play with you too, once she warms up to you.



**SEATTLE SLEW**  
MALE, NEUTERED, 9 weeks

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**DR. MALLARD**  
MALE, NEUTERED, 1

Dr. Mallard is a handsome man looking for his new home! He is sure to quack you up! Dr. Mallard is a wonderful man who will be a great new family member!



**WHISKEY**  
MALE, NEUTERED, 10 months

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**BAM BAM**  
MALE, NEUTERED, 3

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**TRUDY**  
FEMALE, SPAYED, 1 yr, 7 mo

Trudy is located in a foster home. Trudy is a sweet kitty who takes some time to adjust and warm up to new friends. She enjoys spending her time high up in cat trees and perches. Loves to be talked to and have her



**PEACH**  
FEMALE, SPAYED, 2 yrs, 5 mo

Peach is a sweet little kitty who does well being held. She enjoys her wet food and sleeping in small places.



**ODESSA**  
FEMALE, SPAYED, 2 yrs, 4 mo

Odessa is a sweet kitty who loves people. She just simply cannot get enough attention. She prefers to be the apple of someones eye, so to speak and prefers a home where she is the only cat. She will



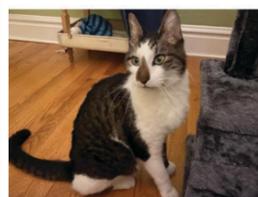
**SANDY**  
FEMALE, SPAYED, 1 yr, 4 mo

Sandy is a beautiful kitty who loves people. Sandy may take a while to warm up, but once she does, she'll be a great companion kitty for someone. She's mellow and enjoys lounging around. Sandy also really loves



**AMBER**  
FEMALE, SPAYED, 1 yr, 3 mo

Amber is a sweet young lady looking for a new home. She loves to play or just hang out and snuggle.



**CARLOS**  
MALE, NEUTERED, 8

Carlos is an older gentleman looking for a companion. He would love someone who has a taste for the finer things in life, like purina fancy feast and tuna! \*in foster home please call to set up a visit\*



**CRUZ**  
MALE, NEUTERED, 4 months

Luca is a timid kitten who is learning that people are ok. He needs someone who will be patient and willing to help him trust them. He is excellent with other cats.



**LUCA**  
MALE, NEUTERED, 4 months

Cruz is a friendly kitten who loves to play. He is friendly with people and other kittens

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