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Santa will be making special house visits to kids around Brentwood! Visits are 15 minutes with a maximum of 8 children per household. Spots are limited and go fast, registrations can be made online or over the phone at (314) 963-8689. Residents of Brentwood only.

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Time & Date: December 17: 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

December 18: 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Location: Your Home! Ages: All ages! Cost: \$20/house

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Donations will be accepted through the end of December and you can stop by 24/7. Remember: NEW PILLOWS ONLY.

Which department will collect the most? It is up to you!

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**Deadline for next
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WEST COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION COLLECTS AND DONATES OVER 1,000 CHILDREN'S BOOKS



West Community Credit Union recently partnered with local children's book author and founder of Krissy's Kids Book Club, Kristin Mosley, to collect children's books during the month of October. Following the month long book drive, West Community held a donation event on Saturday, November 6 at their Brentwood branch where they were able to donate over 1,000 books to Ready Readers, a local organization dedicated to inspiring a love of reading among little learners in low-income communities.

In addition to the children's books, West Community donated \$1,000 to Ready Readers to help support and fund the local program. "It was great to be able to partner with Krissy's Kids Book Club for this donation drive", states Lori Hudson, Community Outreach Specialist for West Community. "We are thrilled to have collected just over 1,000 books for kids in our communities while supporting Ready Readers on educating our youth on the importance of reading."

Visit www.ReadyReaders.org for more information on how you can help support youth literacy. For more information on how else West Community is supporting the community, visit www.WestCommunityCU.org.

About West Community Credit Union

West Community Credit Union is a full-service, not-for-profit financial cooperative serving more than 27,000 members and businesses in St. Louis City, St. Louis County, St. Charles County and Boone County. The credit union has offices in O'Fallon, Brentwood, Kirkwood, Lake Saint Louis, Florissant and Columbia, MO. For more information on banking products and services, call (636) 720-2400 or visit www.westcommunitycu.org.



goBRANDgo! Transforms Historic 150-Year-Old School into Nonprofit Incubator

A historic school building celebrated its 150th birthday with plenty of new opportunities to learn without the antiquated chalkboards and pencil sharpeners.

Building owner goBRANDgo! recently opened the newly renovated Carondelet School for its nonprofit Conflux Co-Learning, the nation's first co-learning space where manufacturers and distributors can actively collaborate to ensure their businesses' success via shared innovations.

Located at 8221 Minnesota Ave. in South St. Louis, the 26,000-square-foot former school underwent a \$2 million expansion that includes a variety of options for Conflux members including interactive workspace, an innovation lab, recording studio and six state-of-the-art teleconferencing rooms. goBRANDgo! relocated its headquarters from 3301 Wisconsin Ave. to the new space and, according to goBRANDgo! president Derek Weber, at least 10 employees will be hired this year to accommodate the expansion across both companies.

goBRANDgo! – a marketing company that primarily works with manufacturing and industrial companies – introduced Conflux in March 2020, shifting the community to a virtual setting prior to physically opening its doors. The new building will host public and members-only events to help supply chain leaders grow their businesses. Conflux features membership levels for individuals, small teams, and companies with access to leadership workshops, strategic speakers, round table discussions and collaboration opportunities.

The Carondelet School, which was designed by architect Frederick William Raeder, was built in 1871 to teach more than 400 children of local laborers and manufacturers. It operated for over 100 years before closing in 1976, later serving as a private Christian school before becoming vacant in the 2000s.

Pictured from left to right is Valerie Patton, Chief Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Officer, Greater St. Louis, Inc.; Emily Breedlove, Executive Director, TechSTL; Kevin Cahill, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives, St. Louis Economic Development Partnership; Sarah Martin Wood, Alderwoman, 11th Ward, City of St. Louis; Tishaura Jones, Mayor, City of St. Louis; Derek Weber, President, goBRANDgo!; Brandon Dempsey, Partner, goBRANDgo!; Matt Menietti, Executive Director, Conflux Co-Learning; and Jaymes Dearing, President, Carondelet Business Association.



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Three Sixty at the top of the St. Louis Hilton at the Ballpark is debuting its holiday happening, "Up On The Rooftop." The popup cocktail experience is open now and will continue through December 30.

Step into the 360 snow globe creation 400 feet over the St. Louis skyline with great views of the glowing Gateway Arch and downtown lights, overlooking Busch Stadium. Enjoy special seasonal cocktails guaranteed to warm your Christmas stockings. Bring your friends to share small bites and pose with the glittering holiday decor. Guests can celebrate inside 360 or outside on the patios with warm fire pits and 360-degree views of downtown St. Louis.

There is no cover charge before 10 p.m. "Up On The Rooftop" will be open through December 30, 2021.

Three Sixty is located at 1 S. Broadway in downtown St. Louis at the top of the St. Louis Hilton at the Ballpark. For reservations, dial 314-241-8439 or email 360rooftop@360-stl.com.

Three Sixty's 2021 "Up On The Rooftop" specialty cocktails, include:

HOT FOR SANTA 12

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NICE ELF 10

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montelobos mezcal, cranberry, ginger

ALL THE JINGLE LADIES 11

vim & petal gin, st. germaine, cranberry shrub, cava

NOCHEBUENA 12

honoro vera garnacha, cinnamon cognac, fig, almond

FIZZ THE SEASON 11

1220 origin gin, cassis, lemon juice, cranberry, cava

BABY IT'S COLD OUT-CIDER 12

buffalo trace, allspice, sweet vermouth, cider, gingerale

NO PARTRIDGE IN MY PEAR TREE 13

glenfiddich 12, hendricks, pear liqueur, lemon, cinnamon

SON OF A NUTCRACKER! SHOT 8

frangelico, amaretto, heavy cream, cinnamon

DOWN THE CHIMNEY SHOT 9

blueberry red bull, smirnoff blueberry, lemon



PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF BRENTWOOD, MISSOURI CANDIDATE FILING NOTICE FOR APRIL 5, 2022 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Please take notice that the City of Brentwood will hold a General Municipal Election on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, for the offices of Board of Aldermen (one Alderman each from Wards 1, 2, 3 and 4), each elected for a two-year term. Filing for said offices opens Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2021 at 8 am and closes Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2021 at 5 pm. Declarations of Candidacy for those wishing to be candidates in that election must be filed in the Office of the Deputy City Clerk at Brentwood City Hall, 2348 S. Brentwood Blvd., Brentwood, MO 63144. Candidates are required to bring a photo ID and will be assessed a \$5 filing fee.

Posted this 19th Day of November 2021

By: Kelle Silvey, Deputy City Clerk

GLOBAL FOODS MARKET AND UNITED PROVISIONS HOST A SPICE DRIVE TO SUPPLEMENT CANNED FOOD DONATIONS THIS GIVING SEASON

The popular international grocery stores in Kirkwood and the Delmar Loop will collect spices to benefit the International Institute of St. Louis and St. Louis Area Foodbank

Global Foods Market (421 N. Kirkwood Rd., St. Louis, MO 63122) and United Provisions (6241 Delmar Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63130), St. Louis' premier international grocers, announce the launch of a Spice Drive to benefit the International Institute of St. Louis and St. Louis Area Foodbank. Now through Friday, December 24, shoppers can purchase any spice(s) from Global Foods Market or United Provisions to be donated to those facing food insecurity. Global Foods Market and United Provisions will match spice donations from its customers to provide flavorful meals for the holiday season and into 2022 for those in need.

The inspiration for a Spice Drive came after Global Food Market's successful gift card donation program last month. St. Louisans donated \$5,000 worth of gift cards to the Kirkwood grocery store for refugees who were coming to St. Louis, and Owner of Global Foods, Suchin Prapaisilp, matched their gifts with an additional \$5,000 monetary donation to the International Institute of St. Louis.

Chief Operating Officer of Global Foods Group Shayn Prapaisilp says, "Our guests blew the gift card donation goal out of the water in less than one week so we knew that there was a need to continue to give back into the holiday season. I was reading an article from Eater that urged people to include spices in their food pantry donations this year. The article points out that spices are just as essential to well-being as a can of beans or pasta, as spices add culture and tradition to those ingredients. The mission at Global Foods and United Provisions align, and this is an opportunity to help our neighbors through a new, untapped opportunity this giving season."

Guests are encouraged to add newly purchased, unopened spice jars in the labeled receptacles near the entrance/exit of each store. Global Foods Market and United Provisions will match each spice donation with one additional spice based on the preferences and requests of the respective organizations.

The gift cards donated last month are meant to provide security and comfort through grocery items from the refugee's home countries. Now, with the Spice Drives, those in need will be able to flavor a variety of food donations to their particular preferences and tastes. The St. Louis Area Foodbank will receive a large number of food donations in the next month with a focus on canned and shelf-stable foods. The goal of the Spice Drive is to supplement staple food items with flavors that can transform canned goods into traditional family meals.

For more information on the spice drive at Global Foods Market, please call (314) 835-1112 or stop by the market at 421

N Kirkwood Rd, Kirkwood, MO 63122 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. For more information on the spice drive at United Provisions, please call (314) 833-5699 or stop by the store at 6241 Delmar Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63130 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. Share ideas and find additional ways to get involved by following both grocery stores on social media at @globalfoodsstl and @unitedprovisions.

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CFS for Person Crime	
Murder / Manslaughter	0
Sexual Assaults - Misconduct	0
Robbery /Car-Jack	1
Assaults	1
Peace Disturbance & Domestic	19
Calls for Mental Health	1

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

Weapons Related	
Utilized/Taken	0
Recovered	0

Auto Accidents	13
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Foot Patrols	
Building & Business Check	28
Parks & Schools	4
Misc	9

Notable CFS	
Alarm Calls	14
Animal Related	3
Assist Fire Department	16
Check Welfare/Notification	7
Contact Another Agency	19
Motor Assist	2
Police Community Relations	1
Radar / LPR Hits	1
Solicitors	1
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	20
Traffic Control/Details	12
Traffic Stops	30
Vacation Checks/Close Watch	5
Fireworks	0
ARREST	
Prisoner Conveyance	0
Adults	3
Juvenile	0
ARREST TYPE	
FTA/Fugitive	0
Original Non-Traffic	3
Original Traffic	0

Miscellaneous CFS	
	33
Minus Arrest/Types	-6
Total Calls For Service	255

2021 Holiday Light Displays

Garden Glow at Missouri Botanical Garden

4344 Shaw Blvd
St. Louis, MO 63110
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Winterfest in Kiener Plaza

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Winter Wonderland at Tilles Park

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Anheuser-Busch Brewery Lights Drive-Thru Experience

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Dates: Now - Dec 30

Santa's Magical Kingdom at Jellystone Park

Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park
5300 Fox Creek Road
Eureka, MO 63069
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Wonderlights at World Wide Technology Raceway

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Fairmont City, IL 62201
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Way of Lights at The National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows

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Belleville, IL 62223
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Dates: Now - Dec 31

Christmas Wonderland in Alton

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Dates: Now - Dec 27

Celebration of Lights in O'Fallon

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Six Flags St. Louis' Holiday in the Park

4900 Six Flags Rd.
Eureka, MO 63025
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Select Dates: Now - Jan 2

Holiday Night Lights at Rotary Park

Rotary Park
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Wentzville, MO
Nov 27 - Dec 30
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Dates: Now - Dec 30

Dasher's Lightshow & Reindeer Games

POWERPlex STL
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Holiday Lights at Grant's Farm

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Cardinal Ritter Senior Services Raises More Than \$120,000



Cardinal Ritter Senior Services (CRSS) – South County’s largest independent and assisted living nonprofit community – recently raised \$121,631 during its second annual Our Heart Their Home online giving campaign. Proceeds from the 24-hour fundraiser will go toward serving 70 seniors with comprehensive social services for a year. The 2021 original goal was \$100,000. Last year’s campaign raised

nearly \$71,000.

CRSS’ program ensures that low-income seniors who continue living in their own homes receive the counseling, referrals to resources, and emergency support needed to safely maintain their independence for as long as possible. The cost of an entire year of all-inclusive social services is \$1,719 per senior.

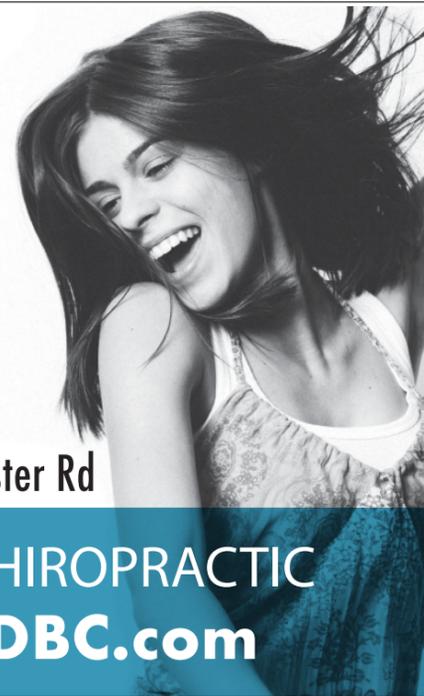
Services include transportation to doctors’ appointments, as well as financial assistance for utilities, rent, and minor home repairs. CRSS also assists with necessities – food, heat, and clothing – and long-term programs that provide connections to food stamps and its Foster Grandparents employment program.

“Our programs help seniors navigate their daily lives while simultaneously ensuring their independence,” said Cardinal Ritter Senior Services’ CEO Chris Baechle. “We appreciate the generous support from our benefactors who provide the necessary funds to fully serve our communities. Our organization would be unable to assist those who need our help without the financial aid of our donors.”

Founded in 1961, Cardinal Ritter Senior Services (CRSS) creates communities that promote the dignity of human life and reflect the spirit of Jesus Christ. The community’s nearly 7,000 seniors – with 72% of the 2,500 directly served lacking adequate resources – benefit from housing options including independent or assisted living, memory care, affordable apartments, and skilled nursing communities. In addition to its main

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Shrewsbury campus located at 7601 Watson Rd., the nonprofit has 10 affordable HUD total apartment communities throughout the St. Louis Metropolitan area and a robust social services department. For more information about CRSS, call (314) 961-8000.

Pictured is a former client of Cardinal Ritter Senior Services.



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INSIDE BASEBALL

By Rob Rains of
StLSportsPage.com

What will make Oli Marmol a success as Cardinals' manager? The answer comes from those who knew him in minors

A piece of paper taped to a clubhouse wall taught Donnie Ecker a great deal about Oli Marmol.

It was in Ecker's first week working as the hitting coach for the Palm Beach Cardinals in 2016, where Marmol was beginning his second season as the manager of the Class A team.

"The paper had a schedule on it and it was slightly crooked," Ecker recalled. "It also had a little bit of a typo on it. He (Marmol) ripped it off, made a new one, and put it up perfect.

"I just remember observing that and just knowing, 'OK, attention to details here matters. Environment matters.'"

Ecker would go on to learn much more about Marmol over the six months that they shared a dugout, the start of a close friendship that continues to this day, even years after Ecker's coaching career took him away from the Cardinals.

What he learned left Ecker convinced that Marmol would one day find himself running a major-league team, which became a reality when Marmol was promoted last month to manage the Cardinals.

"When you are in the minor leagues, a lot of people want to talk about being great and elite and being a future major-league coach, but not all of them want to do all the little things and the details and match the behaviors that it takes to do that," Ecker said.

"For me, it stood out right away that this was someone I wanted to latch on to and learn from."

It was Marmol's attention to detail, his baseball knowledge, his desire to succeed, his eagerness to question why things were being done a certain way if there was a better way to do it, and his passion for the game and his players, that impressed Ecker and others.

Conversations with many of those who played or coached for Marmol in his five years as a manager in the Cardinals' farm system produced one universal reaction – nobody was surprised that he is now a major-league manager.

"I could have probably told you when I played for him that he would manager in the big leagues someday," said former outfielder Collin Radack. "He's a super passionate dude. He loves coaching, and he's very good at it.

"His drive to win, his drive to be successful – it was pretty clear to me. I played pretty much my entire career with Oli; I kind of moved up with him. It was pretty clear he was going to do something big in the major-leagues at some point in his career."

The journey begins

Marmol's managing career began on June 19, 2012 with the rookie-level Johnson City Cardinals. In his starting lineup that night against the Greeneville Astros was a 17-year-old third baseman making his professional debut.

Carson Kelly knew how nervous he was that night, but if his rookie manager, then a month shy of his 26th birthday, was nervous too, it didn't show.

"You can't really tell if he's nervous or not," said Kelly, who would go on to play for Marmol in three of the next four seasons, becoming a catcher before he reached the majors, then traded to Arizona. "He brings that presence, that energy. He's serious. We were out there to win ballgames, even if it was in Johnson City.

"He has goals. He has a vision that he wants to set, a culture he wants to have. Everything is calculated and thought through, which is going to help him. I had him for three years, and we kind of grew a little together. He wanted to be a manager at the big-league level. That wish, that dream, that desire has all paid off now – so it's time to go out and be the best manager he can be."

While Kelly was just 17 when he first played for Marmol – and welcomed how Marmol always looked out for him off the field, making sure he was doing OK and that his teammates were treating him right – it was another trait of Marmol's personality that impressed an older player a year later.

Mitch Harris made his professional debut in 2013, after Marmol was promoted to manage the State College Spikes. Harris had not pitched for five years while completing his military commitment following his graduation from the Naval Academy. Then 27, Harris was a year older than his manager.

"That was an interesting dynamic," Harris said. "He showed me the type of person he was and the type of leader he was. The most important thing to him is winning. He is 100 percent a competitor; all he wants to do is win. I can tell

you that with first-hand knowledge.

"The guy does not like to lose. That's one of the reasons me and him got along so well. We just don't do well losing."

That desire to win was noticeable to all of those who were around Marmol on a daily basis during those minor-league seasons. What also stood out were the steps that he took to try to reach that goal.

"He's passionate about the game," Kelly said. "He wants the best for his players. He challenges players. He tries to pull the best out of them. He's an intense guy. Over my career in the minors he helped push me to places that I never thought I would get to.

"There were a lot of times that maybe we would butt heads on things but that brought better out of me and out of him. Oli did a great job in pushing me and helping me get to the point where I am today."

Radack saw that too, and he also watched, and learned, from how Marmol never was satisfied – he knew there had to always be another way to do a particular drill, or another way for his players to reach the next level.

"Oli expected excellence from us every day," Radack said.

"Each guy, he saw what they were capable of and what they needed to bring every day as far as energy and focus. He really gets the most out of guys. That's the biggest thing with Oli."

Radack first met Marmol in 2014, when he was the Cardinals' 20th round draft pick out of Hendrix (Ark.) College and was assigned to State College. He was with him for most of the next three seasons, before Radack decided to retire so he could become a college coach.

Now the hitting coach at the University of Richmond, Radack's own coaching experience has only increased his respect for Marmol and "how he sees the game."

"I didn't get to appreciate it until I started coaching," Radack said. "Once you start coaching you start looking at different things in the game that you didn't normally see or look for before. The way that he sees the game is so high-level; the amount of things I learned from him.

"I was at a small D-3 school and really didn't play baseball at a high level until I was with the Cardinals. It was amazing to me how much he was able to see. It was kind of overwhelming to me about how much goes into being a good outfielder; understand who's hitting, positioning, moving on every pitch. That helped me with how I teach our outfielders now. You are thinking through things in the game, not just standing out there and being ready for the next fly ball."

Something else Radack and others learned from Marmol was not to be satisfied with something simply because "that's the way we've always done it."

"He showed me that being a coach wasn't just showing up and writing a lineup card and doing a couple of hitting drills," Radack said. "It could be much more than that. You can kind of make of it what you want rather than just doing what everybody did. You could bring your own creativity side and think about things differently and be more successful."

Added Harris, "He's the type where if this isn't working, then why are we going to do it? If this way does work, we're going to do that. The competitive drive within him is just elite. He's always trying to figure out what's the edge. How do I continue to push these guys to win every night?"

Even in batting practice, Marmol would create competitions instead of watching players just go through the standard, old-fashioned method of preparing for a game.

"For the longest time batting practice was just showing up, taking 20-30 swings off a coach throwing slow pitches to you and then you go play," Radack said. "Him and Donnie (Ecker) would just throw different things at us – pressure situations, give us different looks. They would do different things to put us in situations that maybe we were going to see in the game.

"That's normal now; it just makes more sense. It's better for the players ... That's a cool thing about Oli. He doesn't really go with the status quo. He saw things very differently, always questioning things. 'Is there a better way to do it?' It's normal now, but Oli was thinking that way and doing those things before it was cool."

Marmol took the same approach to fielding drills and infield practice. He would let players try to make throws behind their back or other free-form plays – just on the off-chance it might actually happen during a game.

His attitude was, "Why would we not practice that?" Harris said. "The first thing you think of is there is no way

a coach would allow a guy to do that. His thoughts were different; 'Why would I not, because if he can do that, he can do it normal.'

"A play might come up in the ninth inning where you need that lead out at second and the only way he can do that is behind his back or between his legs. He will know he can do it because he's done it in batting practice."

What Harris also quickly saw in Marmol was that even though the manager let players express themselves and be individuals, nothing was more important than the team's success.

"I saw it first-hand; he won't put up with it," Harris said. "It's either team or nothing. That's another thing I respected about him. You get a lot of guys who come through the minor leagues who have crazy talent, just ridiculous talent. But as soon as you put that talent and yourself before the team, I will tell you right now Oli will snip it in the butt.

"He's a guy who knows you are not going to win without the team. If you think you can win in baseball by yourself you're crazy. Anytime he had those attitudes he had to snip that out as quickly as possible."

"An ultra, ultra competitor"

Ecker didn't really know much about Marmol before the two were paired together by Gary LaRocque, the Cardinals' director of player development. The two men were the same age.

"Gary told me in the interview process that he thought this was a good match for me," Ecker said. "I just knew going in that somebody as influential as Gary thought that I was going to connect well with Oli."

It didn't take Ecker long to find out that LaRocque had been correct.

"One of the first things he asked me was about two games into the season," Ecker said. "He said, 'I see you like observing a lot,' and I said yes. He said, 'Tell me everything you see. I want to know everything that you think is wrong and off.' I was like, OK, all the way down to the lack of engagement in the dugout right before the game, to how people stood for the National Anthem, to the lack of game planning and tightening up training.

"I basically went heavy criticizing him on everything I saw. I think a lot of people in that moment would have had some type of defensive guard up, and Oli took all of that and we sat down and started solving problem after problem. That kind of told me a lot about the fact that this guy is really committed to growing and pursuing best.

"Internally he's driven by two things; how do we help this player do his best, and second, what's the truth. In the minor leagues that can be kind of intimidating for players who haven't been told the truth. Oli is consistent that the quicker we can offer him the truth, the quicker we can start to progress.

"Oli is never going to skirt around the outside. He's going to tell them the truth, and then he's going to lock arms with them to say, 'Let's go, every step of the way I'm with you.'"

Sometimes that honesty isn't always what a player wanted to hear.

"He tells you how it is," said pitcher Rob Kaminsky, who played for Marmol in Palm Beach. "He is honest. He sticks up for his players and wants to win. That's all you can ask for in a manager."

Ecker remembers many of the conversations he and Marmol shared that summer; not only about baseball, but about life, about their goals and dreams.

"I think he's just a learner by nature and it has nothing to do with baseball," Ecker said. "Oli is always evolving... Oli likes options. He really wants well-thought-out options. I remember a comment he made to me during a rain delay.

"I held back some information from him because I thought it was too staticky. It had to do with defensive positioning, and he kind of jumped on me and he said, 'Don't ever do that again. I want all of the information and I will figure out how to edit it.' This is a guy who wanted options. He wanted all of the information and wanted to act on his principles and best practices to make the best decision."

While baseball is the same game at the major and minor-league level, a manager's responsibilities are different. While winning trumps everything else in the majors, there are times in the minors when there are other goals that have to be met.

That's one reason his former players and coaches believe Marmol could be even more successful with the Cardinals than he was in Johnson City, State College or Palm Beach.

"I know it got under his skin that he knew he had to develop guys and he knew he had to get guys in at certain times, and in the back of his mind he wanted to win and he felt like in some of those situations he knew he wasn't putting the team in the best position to win," Harris said. "In the minors at the end of the day you've got to develop players and that was a struggle for him.

"I think he's going to do well when all you have to do each and every day is win. He's a perfect guy for that."

Ecker saw that mental struggle as well.

"I was a naive young coach," he said. "I wanted to pinch-hit for one of our first-round draft picks in the sixth inning

Under the Tree

By Ann Brubaker Greenleaf Wirtz

Putting up the Christmas tree in the post-World War II years of the 1950s and early '60s seemed especially meaningful. With the horrors of a world-wide war tucked away in memories rarely shared and fading, the country was now burgeoning with children born between 1946-1964, the aptly named Baby Boomer Generation.

Family size grew rapidly then. The birth rate in the United States was averaging 4.24 million babies born annually during those remarkable, eighteen, baby boomer years, according to khanacademy.org (compared to 3.6 million in 2020). It has been estimated that close to 78 million babies were born during this expansive era.

No wonder Christmas was a grand and luscious celebration! Parents went all out for their families, grateful for their sparkling, tinsel Christmas tree and for the wrapped and ribboned presents overflowing beneath its branches. With their cherished family now safely home and gathered 'round its loveliness, the evergreen was a symbol of ever-growing, ever-lasting life, and the presents under the tree a symbol of prosperity and renewed hope for the future.

The gifts and toys of our generation were exciting precursors to what is purchased now. Memory is still fresh with visions of my mother, two brothers, and myself sitting on the floor around games unwrapped that Christmas morning. Our sumptuous, afternoon turkey dinner and trimmings had been eaten on fine china in the dining room, dishes had been hand-washed and dried, and now bowls of popcorn appeared as mom joined us to finally relax by the fire as we played our new games.

One of our favorite boardgames was the "whodunit" classic "Mr. Ree! The Fireside Detective, A Thriller Game." Ebay is offering a vintage 1957 version for \$56.95, and one from 1946 sells for \$68. One can only imagine how surprised our parents would be to learn how valuable their purchase would become. If only they had kept the game when they downsized into a townhouse in Kirkwood from their three-story, four-bedroom home in Webster Groves, Missouri!

Another family favorite became a mega-top seller over the years, the boardgame "Clue." The game was conceived in 1943 in war-torn England, according to history.com, when Anthony and Elva Pratt created the game to fight the boredom of confinement during the air raids. Their clever murder mystery was patented in 1947, and the rest is boardgame history.

Every decade experiences technological advancement, a marvel especially witnessed by those who are members of the Baby Boomer Club. Through the years, many large electronic games were found Christmas morning positioned near the tree, usually unwrapped, gifts for the family to enjoy over the holidays when children were home from school. There were train sets and race cars to navigate the circular tracks.

We played electronic football and basketball games, and ice hockey, too, with these matches testing our skills and bringing much shared laughter and fellowship. At the time, we couldn't comprehend the electronic game explosion that would occur decades later. Electronic games today, however, seem

a solitary, more impersonal endeavor, for they lack that family-sitting-on-the-floor-together ingredient that provides the best and most treasured memories.

Other important toys of the post-war era include Lincoln Logs and Erector Sets. Future inventors and visionaries would build upon the creative experimentation they had with these imaginative toys. They were a Christmas must.

LEGO plastic building-blocks are now a cornerstone of most every child's play experience. In 2000, they were named "Toy of the Century." LEGO's history begins in the pre-war year 1932, when Ole Kirk Christiansen began making wooden toys in his workshop in Billund, Denmark. According to Britannica, the first plastic brick, which led to the famous brick design with "interlocking studs on the top and tubes on the bottom" was produced in 1949 and was patented in 1958 by Ole's son, Godtfred Kirk Christiansen. The clever LEGO name which Ole chose for his toys is the Danish phrase *leg godt*, or "play well," perhaps the most aptly named toy company ever.

In my youngest years, I was thrilled to receive a child-sized kitchen set with stove, refrigerator, counter and sink to line the wall in my mother's kitchen. I was given miniature pots and pans, dinner plates and silverware, and even the plastic, life-like food to make it a real home-maker's experience. As Mom prepared the meals, I copied her diligence and learned that even though I never absolutely loved to cook, I accepted the responsibility of providing nourishing, attractive, and tasty meals for my family, just like she did.

The gift I hoped for every Christmas was a doll, and my mother happily obliged. She purchased quite a number of them over the years, including the dearest red-haired Ginny Doll, a brunette Jill Doll (Ginny's big sister), a Tiny Tears Doll (received in my early teens at my request, so I kept her in my bedroom closet in a shoebox cradle for me to hold in secret), and other assorted, popular dolls that caught my fancy at the time. Amazingly, Mom even sewed a wardrobe for many of them.

I was five when I received my most valuable Christmas doll. Under the tree was the elegantly exquisite Bridal Doll that had belonged to my mother, who was born in 1910. With moves and the decision to share with those less fortunate, I no longer have any of these terrific dolls, but I sure wish I did. The Bridal Doll was mistakenly given away, which is all we could ever figure out. Fortunately, though, I still have the joy each doll brought me.

Like their counterparts today, mothers and fathers of the 1950s and '60s sought to make meaningful, lifetime memories for their children, and I was a most fortunate recipient. I stand in awe of my mom and dad and am deeply thankful for all the beauty and fun of every Christmas with its lovely, interactive gifts, and its bounteous, celebratory meal prepared by my remarkable mother.

In honor and gratitude for my parents, I offer my best wishes for a delightful holiday. May it be filled with the holy assurance of faith, and with the joy of treasured family memories, those made today and those from years past. Merry Christmas, one and all!



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What will make Oli Marmol a success as Cardinals' manager? The answer comes from those who knew him in minors

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one game because I thought we had a better matchup on the bench. He (Marmol) said, 'I do too, and I want to win this game, but if we do that Gary (LaRocque) will clean out our lockers tomorrow.' Oli always knew how to balance player development in the minor leagues, but he knows there is a scoreboard ... and the guy is an ultra, ultra competitor."

Marmol reached the majors in 2017, first serving as the Cardinals' first-base coach, then promoted to bench coach when Mike Shildt – one of his most-important mentors – replaced Mike Matheny as manager. Ecker got to the majors two years later, first as a coach with the Reds and last year working for the Giants.

If the timing had been just a little different, Ecker likely would be rejoining the man he calls "my number-one mentor and best friend in the game" in St. Louis, but by the time Marmol was named the manager, Ecker had already agreed to become the bench coach of the Texas Rangers.

"He has a big challenge and I have a huge challenge on my hands," Ecker said. "Let's put our heads down and do what we do and go get better ... and we'll see what the Lord has planned for us later on in life."

What Ecker does know is how hard Marmol is going to work in his new job.

"If you put your right arm up and say the standard is this high, it's world championships and excellence, he's one of those rare people that's willing to raise up his left arm and make all of his behaviors and his habits match the standards," Ecker said.

"His personal framework on how he lives is best suited at the major-league level. These guys (players) want to know how they can create value in their lives. Oli is the kind of perfect person for that."

Like Ecker, Marmol's former players will be watching – and expecting – success.

"He was hard on himself, and he doesn't take that responsibility lightly," Radack said. "He wants to see players succeed in all parts of their life. That's why he's successful. His leadership and principles, what he brings to the table, those are the qualities of a good leader. That's what good managers are, they are good leaders."

Added Harris, "If you look at managers who are successful, like Dusty Baker, Joe Maddon, Brian Snitker as examples, their players absolutely love them. Those managers also allow the leaders on the team to get the clubhouse culture where it needs to be.

"That's the epitome of what makes Oli such a good manager; he knows how to do that. ... At the end of the day you still have to get the job done. I think the city will rally around him. He's a young guy, and the type of person that he is, I think they will love him. He's just an awesome guy."

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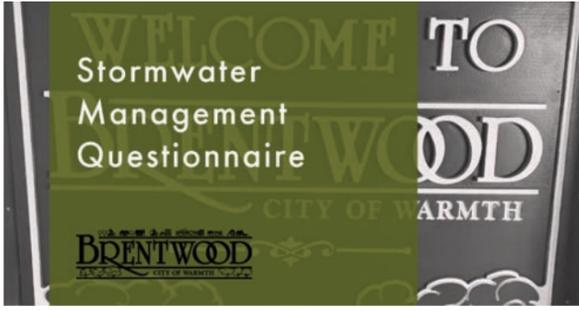
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City of Brentwood Updates Related to COVID-19

The City of Brentwood continues to follow guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and St. Louis County Department of Public Health to protect the well-being of the public and our employees.

Please check the City's website for details and updates: www.brentwoodmo.org.

Visit www.stlcorona for additional information and resources.



Stormwater Questionnaire

The City of Brentwood has engaged the professional services of Gonzalez Companies as the stormwater engineer representatives who will work with staff to identify and investigate and develop reports about potential water run-off issues.

We encourage residents with stormwater concerns to complete a questionnaire to provide input to Gonzalez Companies. The online questionnaire is available on the home page of the City's website, brentwoodmo.org. Hard copies are available at City Hall. The deadline for submitting the questionnaire is December 23.



City Offices Closed December 24 for Christmas Holiday; No Changes to Trash Collection

City of Brentwood offices will be closed Friday, Dec. 24, in observance of Christmas Eve. No changes to the trash collection on Friday, Dec. 24.



City Offices Closed January 3 for New Year's Day Holiday; Trash/Recycling/Yard Waste Schedule Adjusted

City of Brentwood offices will be closed Monday, Jan. 3, in observance of New Year's Day.

Per the Holiday Trash Schedule, there will be no trash or recycling service on Monday, Jan. 3. Trash and recycling collections the week of January 3 will take place the day after the regularly scheduled day. Yard waste collection will take place on Thursday, Jan. 6.

Christmas Tree Recycling: Wednesdays in January

Brentwood Public Works crews will pick up residents' on-livable Christmas trees for disposal on Wednesdays in January. Please remove all lights and ornaments before placing the tree at the curb.

Electronics Recycling Event: Saturday, Dec. 18

Drop off your old, unwanted electronics at our next electronics recycling event: Saturday, Dec. 18
8 am-Noon

Brentwood Recreation Complex Parking Lot

To learn more about what can be recycled and see the list of fees for some items, visit: <https://mrcrecycling.net/electron.../brentwood-m0-2021-12-18>

The following items are NOT accepted: VHS Tapes, Data



Tapes, Floppy Disks, Capacitors or Ballasts that are not clearly marked with "No PCBs", Transformers in steel containers unless clearly marked "No PCBs", Thermostats, Smoke Detectors, Light Bulbs, Medical Waste, Gas Containers (Freon, Oxygen, Nitrous Oxide), anything leaking oil or acid, broken ink/toner cartridges, alkaline batteries, exit signs, broken CRTs/TVs/Monitors

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

Holiday "Pillow Fight" Pillow Drive for Home Sweet Home: Brentwood FD vs. Brentwood PD: December 1-31

The Brentwood Fire Department and Brentwood Police Department will resume their friendly competition in December during a "pillow fight" pillow collection drive that will benefit local families in need.

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.

The departments will donate the pillows to Home Sweet Home, a nonprofit organization in Brentwood with a mission "to give under-served families a sense of pride and to improve the quality of their lives by providing basic household furnishings."

Responsible Recycling: Stick with the Six

Know what to put in the recycling bin and what to leave out of the recycling bin.

DO Add to the Recycling Bin:

- Paper
- Flattened Cardboard
- Plastic Bottles and Containers
- Glass Bottles and Jars
- Metal Food and Beverage Cans
- Food and Beverage Cartons

Keep these items loose (not bagged), clean and dry. Place these in your recycling container; do NOT place recyclable items in a trash bag or plastic bag.

RECYCLING TIPS

Labels may remain on cans and bottles.

Glass is usually broken during collection or transit, so the lids may be on or off the bottles.

Metal lids may remain with metal cans or be separated, since magnets collect the steel products.

Recycling centers prefer that you leave the plastic cap on a plastic bottle so that the caps do not fall out of the conveyor system.

Take long fluorescent bulbs to Lowe's, Home Depot or Metro Lighting for responsible recycling

Medication Disposal

Deposit acceptable items directly into the medication disposal drop box located inside the Police Department lobby. Medication drop-off hours are 8 am to 4 pm Monday through Friday.

Brentwood Police Department Lobby 272 Hanley Industrial Monday-Friday, 8 am-4 pm

Donate New and Gently Used Furniture and Household Goods

Home Sweet Home

290 Hanley Industrial Court Monday-Friday, 9 am-2 pm

Find out where to recycle or donate other hard-to-recycle items at stlcityrecycles.com/database.

Learn more by visiting the Recycling and Sustainability Resources page on the City of Brentwood website: <http://brentwoodmo.org/2229/Recycling-and-Sustainability-Resources>

Sign Up for Weather Warning Alerts Through the CodeRED/OnSolve Community Notification System

Brentwood's CodeRED/OnSolve Community Notification System includes CodeRED Weather Warning, 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.

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. You also can text WARNME to 99411 from your mobile phone.

Enter a cell phone number, landline number and/or 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.

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.

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.

Board of Aldermen and Committee Meetings Available on YouTube

Watch Board of Aldermen and committee meetings on YouTube and subscribe to the City's YouTube

channel. Click on the YouTube icon on the home page of www.brentwoodmo.org or search "brentwoodmo govtv" on YouTube.



PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Aldermen of the City of Brentwood at Brentwood City Hall, 2348 S. Brentwood Blvd., Brentwood, MO 63144-2097 will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 4, 2022. If the Board of Aldermen does not meet on the January 4th due to the New Year's Holiday then it would be postponed to Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. on:

The City of Brentwood has submitted for a Text Amendment Amending Chapter 400 Of The Brentwood City Code Relating To The Architectural Review Board by assigning the duties of the City's Architectural Review Board to the members of the City's Planning and Zoning Commission.

This meeting is open to the public. As provided in the Zoning Regulations of Brentwood Missouri, the above items will be discussed and considered by the Planning and Zoning Commission for recommendation to the Board of Aldermen and all persons interested in said matter will have an opportunity to be heard. Please contact the City of Brentwood for any changes to the meeting schedule.

The City of Brentwood will provide reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities to enable their attendance at City Meetings. Please contact the City Administrator's office at 314-962-4800 ext. 8606, use relay Missouri 1-800-735-2966 TDD, or contact us by email at deputycityclerk@brentwoodmo.org. at least 72 hours prior to the meeting you wish to attend to make your accommodation request. Representatives of the news media may obtain copies of this notice by contacting the office of the deputy Clerk.

Winter Shopping and Awareness Tips from the Brentwood Police Department

If you're ever in a dangerous situation, call 9-1-1 immediately.

WALKING/SHOPPING TIPS

If shopping, shop in groups. There's safety in numbers. You're less likely to be approached.

Walk with a purpose and stay off your phone. Be aware of your surroundings.

If you are alone and feel uncomfortable about walking to your vehicle, ask for store security to escort you to your vehicle.

When walking to your vehicle, have your keys in your hand, scan the interior of your vehicle before entering, and lock your doors immediately!

Try to avoid carrying a large purse, and if you do, keep it close to your body. Should someone grab your purse do not resist, your safety is worth more than the replaceable items in the purse.

Avoid contact with strangers. A common theme is to be distracted away from your purse so someone else can steal your wallet.

While dining, be careful where you hang your purse, as others may be able to remove your wallet.

Safety should be your first priority.

VEHICLE SAFETY TIPS

Stay off your phone. Have a plan for where you park. Park in well-lit areas around other vehicles.

Avoid warming your car. Thieves are opportunistic. Lock your vehicle, and always take your keys/fob with you.

Do not leave valuables and packages in open view inside your vehicle. This is a personal invite for strangers to break in.

Avoid contact with strangers. A common theme is to be distracted away from your purse so someone else can steal your wallet.

When pumping gas, lock your car doors. Thieves have been known to enter your car and steal items while you're pumping gas.

Webster Groves & Fire Union Reach Agreement on Fire Pay to Avoid Arbitration

The City of Webster Groves and the International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 2665, have reached an agreement prior to engaging in arbitration regarding compensation calculation issues.

As part of the agreement and upon review of the forensic pay analysis, Local 2665 representatives agree that the city will continue to pay firefighters in a manner that reflects the recommendations made in the Rognan report. With the city council's approval of an amended pay ordinance on December 7 firefighters' hourly rate of pay will be increased to compensate for the loss of pay that the corrected calculation method produced. Additionally, both parties have agreed to begin negotiating the Collective Bargaining Agreement within 90 days.

"The City is pleased that an agreement has been reached ahead of arbitration on this matter," said Dr. Marie Peoples, City Manager of Webster Groves. "The agreement acknowledges the long-standing past errors in compensation calculation which violated

the City's own ordinances and asserts the correct framework for calculating hourly rates of pay going forward. Most importantly, this compromise recognizes the contributions of our fire department personnel. The fire department members are valued City employees."

"The firefighters are pleased to have reached an agreement on this issue," said Webster Groves Shop Steward, Firefighter Mike Peters. "We look forward to sitting down in Collective Bargaining and compromising to make sure errors like this don't happen again."

The Webster Groves Firefighters Union had requested arbitration in response to the financial errors found in the fire department payroll. Upon determining there were financial errors spanning several fiscal years in the fire department payroll, the City Manager contracted with Rognan and Associates, an experienced accounting firm in fire department matters. Rognan and Associates provided the forensic financial analysis and accurate accounting of the payroll for every fire department staff member.

Webster Groves City Council Ends Douglass Hill Redevelopment Project

In a unanimous vote, the Webster Groves City Council rejected the zoning ordinance change that would have been the first step of approvals for the Douglass Hill Redevelopment Project. This vote effectively ends the Douglass Hill redevelopment process.

"This has been a long and thorough process that has involved considerable time, resources and discussion over the past year by the developer, City staff, elected officials and the residents of Webster Groves," said Gerry Welch, Mayor of Webster Groves. "While this is a considerable disappointment for the development team, it has brought the community into the processes of local government with increased understanding and participation, I am hopeful for future positive creative development initiatives."

"I do believe that there were many positives to this project and it could have created a more thriving live/work community to attract new neighbors and a younger population," said Councilmember Pam Bliss, council liaison to the City of Webster Groves Plan Commission. "We as citizens know that we have the capacity to create a more prosperous city, but I have learned from listening to the community that it is a matter of taking the steps incrementally."

The development would have created a mix of apartments, condominiums and commercial retail and office use in the area of Webster Groves from North Gore to Rock Hill and West Kirkham to Pacific.

4 Great Holiday Gifts For Kids To Help Them Learn Financial Responsibility

By: West Community Credit Union

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

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

Kids Saving Account

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

A 529 Plan

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

Give Experiences

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

Charitable Giving

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

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

The holidays can be an opportune time to instill financial values in children and grandchildren. Wish lists and gift shopping can help them distinguish between needs and wants. Donations and volunteering introduces them to the concept of giving. Lead the charge when it comes to promoting financial education in the family, and go minimalist this year! If you want to set your kids up for financial success, contact Member Services with West Community Credit Union at 636.720.2495 or visit us online at westcommunitycu.org.



Cardinal Ritter Senior Services Achieves Nearly 95% Vaccination Rate

St. Louis' largest senior living communities has one of the highest vaccination rates in the state

Cardinal Ritter Senior Services (CRSS) – South County's largest independent and assisted living nonprofit community – recently reached a nearly 95% vaccination rate for both its residents and staff. According to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), which tracks COVID-19 vaccination levels for nursing homes, CRSS now has one of the highest vaccination rates in the entire state of Missouri.

The nonprofit, which has approximately 380 employees and more than 1,000 residents, currently has a 95% occupancy rate. CRSS held its first vaccination clinic in Dec. 2021 and since then has hosted various vaccine clinics throughout all of its communities.

CRSS is an agency of Catholic Charities and the Archdiocese of St. Louis that provides compassionate care through a continuum of high quality residential, healthcare, and supportive social services including emergency support and rehabilitative therapy.

"It is a huge accomplishment to achieve this level of success where nearly 95% of our entire population is fully vaccinated against COVID," said Cardinal Ritter Senior Services' CEO Chris Baechle. "Our stance in terms of protecting our employees and residents has positively impacted our occupancy rate, which remains at an all-time historic high of almost 95% because people feel extremely safe in our communities."

Founded in 1961, Cardinal Ritter Senior Services (CRSS) creates communities that promote the dignity of human life and reflect the spirit of Jesus Christ. The community's nearly 7,000 seniors – with 72% of the 2,500 directly served lacking adequate resources – benefit from housing options including independent or assisted living, memory care, affordable apartments, and skilled nursing communities. In addition to its main Shrewsbury campus located at 7601 Watson Rd., the nonprofit has 10 affordable HUD total apartment communities throughout the St. Louis Metropolitan area and a robust social services department. For more information about CRSS, call (314) 961-8000.

St. Louis' Traditional Smiley Face Cookies Launch at 73 Schnucks Markets Today

"Perfectly Imperfect" Cookies Are Created at McArthur's Bakery by Adults with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities

McArthur's Bakery and Schnucks are giving St. Louis a new reason to smile this holiday season and beyond. The bakery's Smiley Face Cookie Company cookies are launching into 73 Schnucks stores today.

Anyone who grew up in St. Louis remembers these happy cookies from McArthur's, which is now creating cookie decorating jobs for local adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities via Lafayette Industries' StepUp Program.

"Our StepUp team members decorate each oversized butter cookie with great care and truly love their jobs," said McArthur's Bakery owner Scott Rinaberger. "We are happy to bring these special cookies and their job-training mission to a much bigger audience through Schnucks."

"We are excited that Schnucks is able to help local companies like McArthur's bring their delicious products to our customers and thrilled to support their mission of helping adults with intellectual disabilities maximize their abilities," said Janell Schleeper, Schnucks Bakery Category Manager. "Each delicious cookie is individually decorated with a smile by a McArthur's employee, and it warms my heart to think about all the smiles that, together, we will bring to our customers."



2021 Holiday Trash Schedule

Christmas	Saturday, December 25	No changes – Regular pickup schedule (Mon-Fri)
New Year's Day 2022	Saturday, January 1, 2022	No changes – Regular pickup schedule (Mon-Fri)

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

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

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 3, 2021 in case of inclement weather events in January 2021 causing delays.

Confluence Trash Bash 2021 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. Volunteers collect trash during a one-week period at an approved site. 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.

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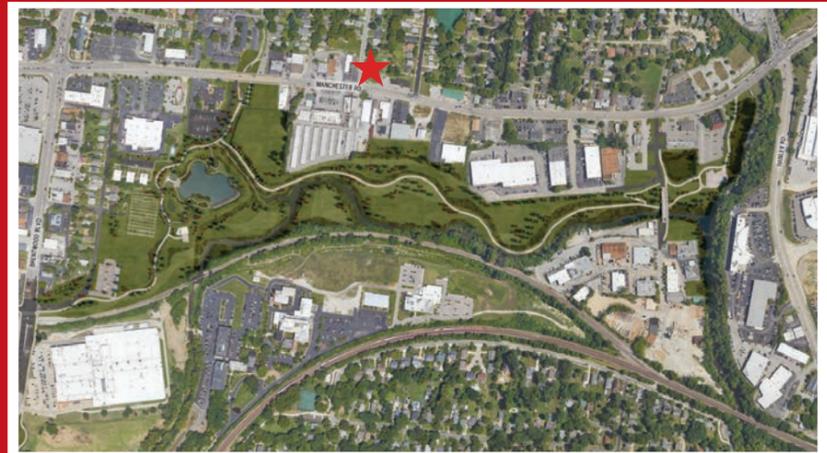


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Love notes must be 25 words or less.



SCUBA CLAUS

Scuba Claus will dive every Saturday and Sunday at 1:15 p.m. and Dec.24 at 1:15 p.m. Kids can talk to him via his elf who wears a special underwater communications mask while they are diving. Scuba Claus' dive is included with Aquarium admission.

NEW LIONFISH HABITAT

At the same time, the Aquarium is introducing a new Lionfish habitat. These are Red Lionfish which are native to the Indo Pacific. They have been introduced to the Caribbean where their population has exploded over the past 20 years and are considered an invasive species there. They are venomous and live in coral reef areas.





Christmas Eve Services

4:30 PM – Family Christmas Eve
Live Nativity tableau
Material and monetary gifts for Gateway 180 will be collected during the service

9:00 PM – A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols
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BRENTWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT

December 2021 News

Two Brentwood Teachers Named Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award Recipients

Donna Knobbe of McGrath Elementary and Mary Beth Glasgow of SSD and Brentwood Middle and High School have been named Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award recipients for 2021! 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 these phenomenal educators for this well-deserved recognition!

BHS Art Students Place in United Way Art Contest

Brentwood High School ART 3 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 these students who were recognized in the top 40: Katelyn Kimmel, Hayden Bender, Domonique Taylor, Hannah Murphy, Camile Beck, Nick Moran, Kailah Beck, Nola Buehler, and Lydia El-Hashem. Well done!

BECC Registration Opening Soon!

Brentwood Early Childhood Center registration for the 2022-2023 school year opens for currently enrolled families on January 20th, 2022 and for all other residents on January 21st. Children born on or before 7/31/2020 may register. Registration documents and further information will be available January 6th on our website at ecc.brentwoodmoschools.org/enrollment.

The Brentwood School District Early Childhood Center offers a developmental/constructivist program designed to meet the educational needs of young children. This program offers the following unique opportunities:

- We use Project Construct, an early childhood curriculum approved by the Missouri Department of Education.
 - Goals are set according to the Missouri Early Learning Standards. These directly flow into the standards which are used by all Missouri Public Schools to guide education from kindergarten through 12th grade.
 - We have experienced, certified early childhood teachers that guide learning through current research and best practice.
 - An on-site nurse is available every day.
 - Early intervention services/resources are available through our partnership with Special School District.
 - Free/reduced tuition preschool options are available for families below an earning threshold. Please contact our Director, Kristin Clemons, at the number below for more information.
 - A brand new early childhood facility is currently under construction at the McGrath Elementary School site on St. Claire Avenue.
- To learn more about the program please visit us at ecc.brentwoodmoschools.org or call 314-262-8521.



Brentwood Student Food Drive Helps 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 supplied food donations for 19 area families this year.

“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.”



Facilities Update

We have launched a new dashboard on our website that will feature monthly updates about the progress at the McGrath/BECC campus. You can check it out anytime by visiting <https://www.brentwoodmoschools.org/community/facilities-planning>.

In November, the project continued to progress on schedule with the following milestones:

- Slab Pours
- Plumbing and Electrical Underground Rough-ins
- Masonry Block Started
- Site Utilities Started
- Tilt Panel Construction Started

Substantial Completion Estimate: Winter 2022

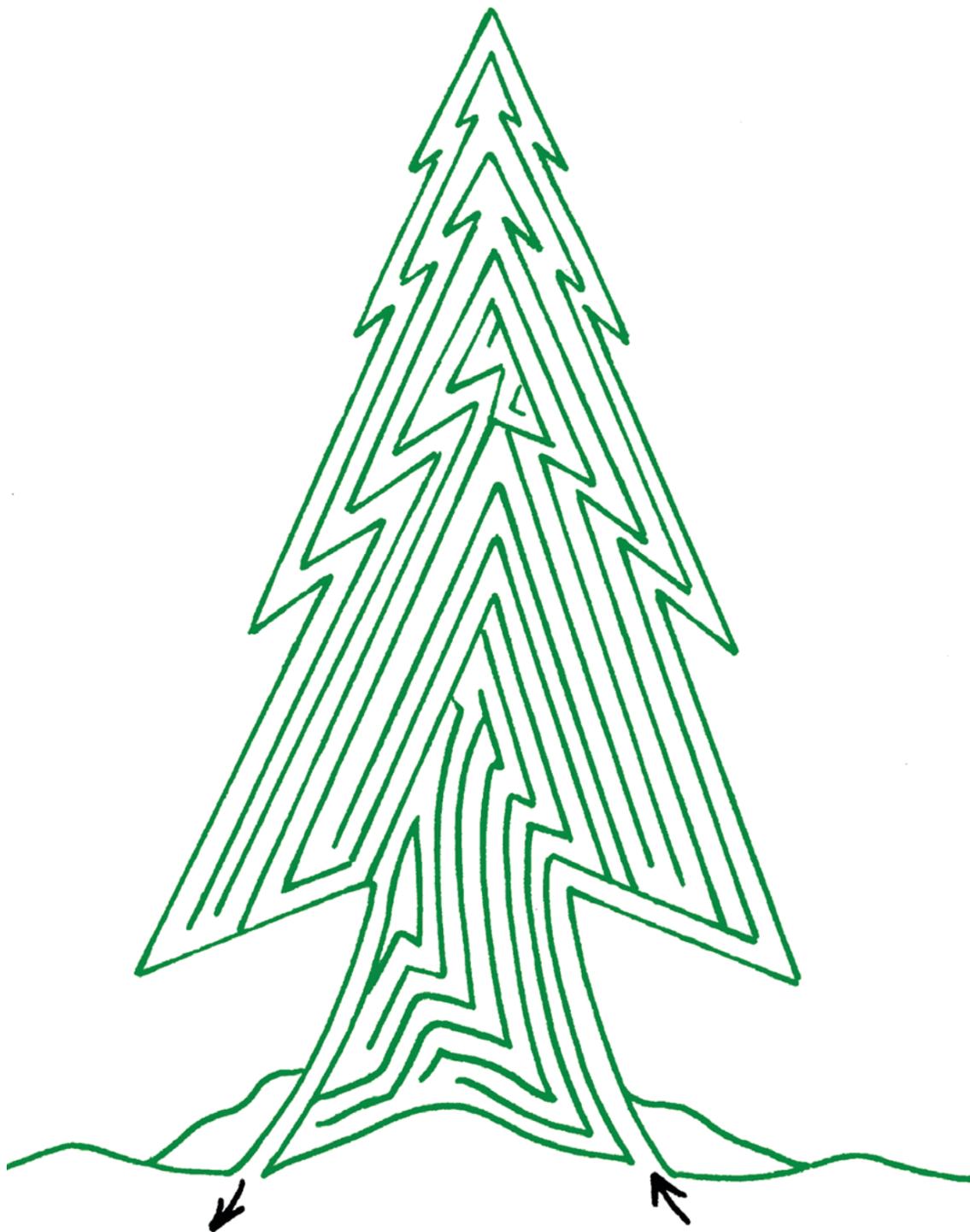


Happy Holidays from

BRENTWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Joey's Mazes

by Joey Barzantny
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World's Best Burger is in St. Louis!



Another win for STL's food scene! Congratulations to Sugarfire Smoke House & Hi Pointe Drive In's Mike Johnson for his BIG, beefy win at the World Food Championships this week! His burger is not only known as the best burger in St. Louis, it has now been named the World's Best Burger.

Dr. Holly Ellis only female with the Diplomate designation in St. Louis

Fifty to 70 million adults in the U.S. suffer from some form of sleep apnea. Not only does sleep apnea block necessary, restful sleep and cause tiredness, it is also a serious threat that may lead to other significant health issues including high blood pressure, stroke, heart attack, obesity, depression, sudden death, and more. Dr. Holly Ellis, DDS of St. Louis-based Ellis Sleep Center has treated more than 250 sleep apnea patients since 2019. Her focus is on treating patients diagnosed with mild to moderate obstructive sleep apnea through the use of a fitted, comfortable, manageable oral appliance which is about the size of a retainer or mouthguard and is completely silent. This appliance is worn only during sleep to maintain an open, unobstructed airway. To learn more about oral appliance therapy and its benefits, call Ellis Sleep Center at 314-965-1334, go online at EllisSleepCenter.com, or send an email to sleep@ellisdental.com.

Adding to her growing list of accomplishments in the area of dental sleep medicine, Ellis was recently designated as a Diplomate by the American Board of Dental Sleep Medicine. ABDSM is the leading national testing organization for dentists who treat snoring and obstructive sleep apnea with oral appliance therapy. Earning Diplomate status from the ABDSM is an honor that recognizes special competency in dental sleep medicine. Currently, only 18 dentists (four of which are women) in the entire state of Missouri hold the Diplomate designation. Dr. Ellis is the only female who holds this designation in St. Louis. She has also completed the residency curriculum focused on dental sleep medicine at the Arthur Dugoni School of Dentistry at the University of the Pacific.

"Dr. Ellis is a great partner to work with when treating our patients," said Sleep Medicine Specialist Dr. Anthony Masi, M.D. "Having an ABDSM Diplomate in our area that is as skilled and experienced as Dr. Ellis is a tremendous benefit when it comes to treating patients with obstructive sleep apnea."

According to the American Board of Dental Sleep Medicine, up to 50 percent of sleep apnea patients do not comply with or tolerate the cumbersome continuous airway pressure (CPAP) machine. "Sleeping with a CPAP machine, which includes a face mask, tubing, and a constantly running motor, can be difficult. Most people are unaware that an effective, comfortable, and silent alternative treatment is available," Dr. Ellis said.

Studies indicate oral appliance therapy is a successful treatment option that offers a higher rate of patient compliance than CPAP. "Our team individually works with our patients, as well as our sleep physician partners, to identify the right oral appliance device, custom fit devices to each patient and make any needed adjustments to ensure an open airway and a more restful sleep," Ellis said. "I'm committed to offering an alternative treatment that allows patients to get the proper sleep that they need as it's crucial to improving their overall health."

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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.

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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.

About Lydia's House

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**MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN
RECEIVES PNC FOUNDATION GRANT
TO EXPAND EARLY EDUCATION
PROGRAM**

A recent grant from the PNC Foundation will allow the Missouri Botanical Garden to grow an early childhood education program that promotes nature-based learning for urban children ages 3-6.

The \$30,000 grant will enable the Garden to expand Sprouting Science, which aims to spark deep, lifelong connections between children and the living world, while helping them cultivate emerging STEM skills. Specifically, the Garden will double the reach of Sprouting Science to include 20 early childhood provider sites, representative of 50 teachers and 750 students. The program, which has been in place for more than a decade, empowers teachers to incorporate outdoor learning into their curriculum.

The program is funded by the PNC Foundation in support of PNC Grow Up Great®, a bilingual \$500 million, multi-year initiative to help prepare children from birth to age 5 for success in school and life.

“The PNC funding supports one of our primary objectives, which is to bring age-appropriate, nature-based, experiential learning opportunities to the community,” said Matthew Magoc, manager, school programs and partnerships, at the Garden. “This funding increases our ability to bring fun, interactive activities and spaces to early learners and their educators so they can more easily explore the environment around them with curiosity and support.”

Participating teachers will benefit from workshops focused on incorporating nature-rich outdoor experiences into their curriculum and creating simple landscaping projects for their respective schools.

“Outdoor learning is beneficial to early childhood education, as it encourages motor skills development, inquiry, exploration, experimentation and connection with the living world,” said Michael Scully, PNC regional president for St. Louis. “The Missouri Botanical Garden is uniquely positioned to deliver a distinctive and impactful learning experience to children, families and educators, and PNC looks forward to being part of this continued journey.”

Educators, caregivers and parents of children at participating early childhood provider sites also will be invited to a free Family Night at the Garden, affording increased access to nature-based community engagement and encouraging family involvement in outdoor learning experiences.

Rock Hill Coffee with the Mayor

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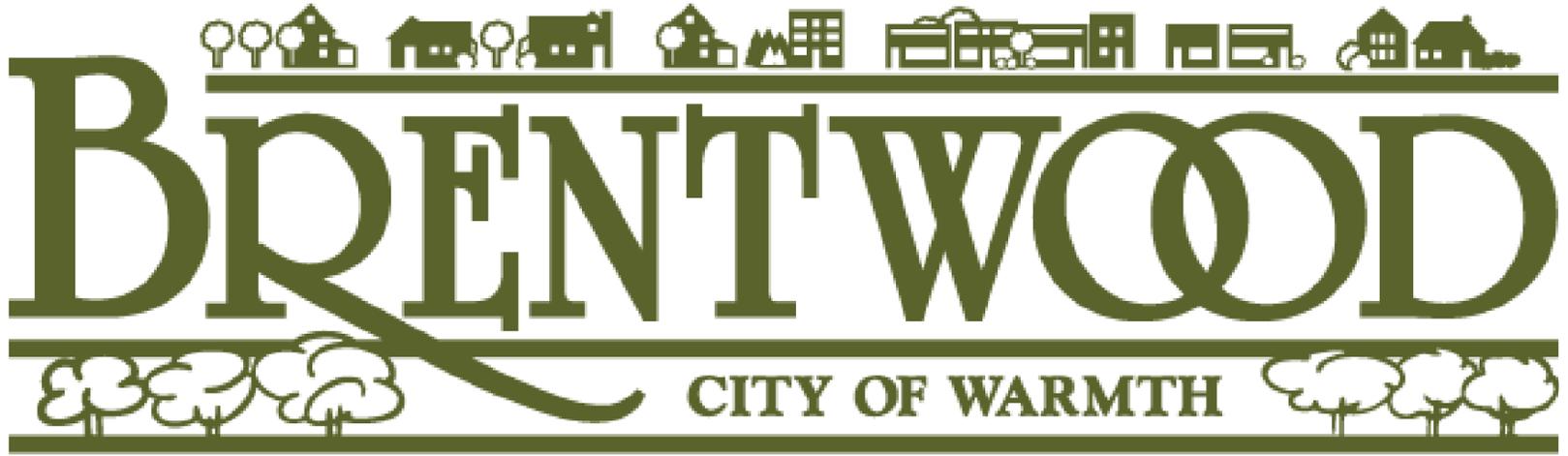


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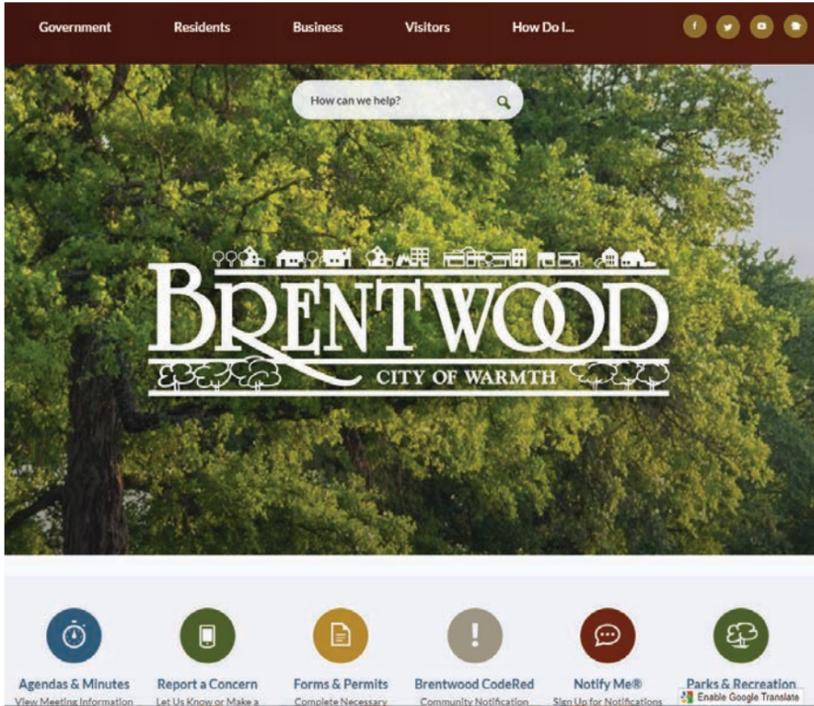
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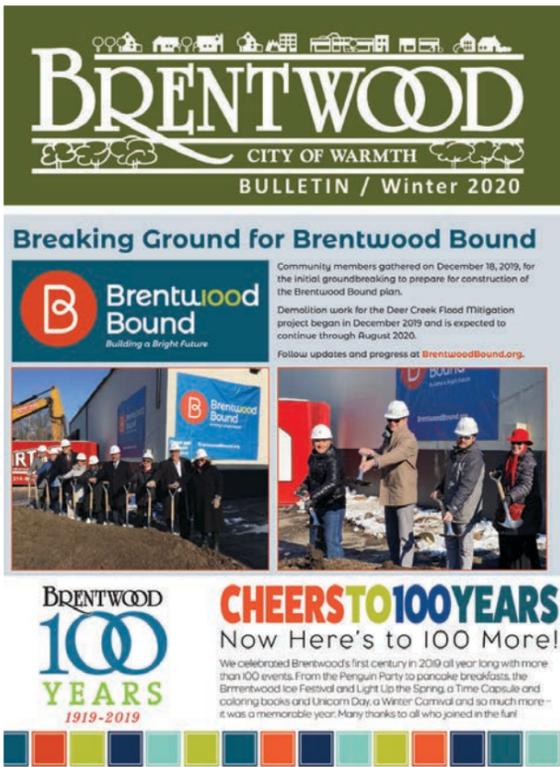
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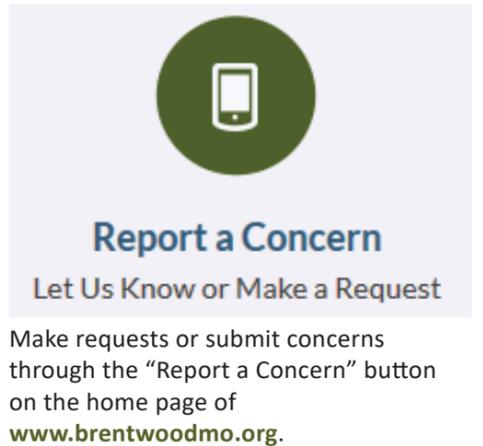
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TRAVEL

By Sue McCarthy

Historic St. Charles Christmas Traditions

By Sue McCarthy



Grandma's Bakery Shop



St. Charles Depot



Katy Trail Bike Shop



Floral Shop

Historic St. Charles, MO is celebrating their 47th season of Christmas in a month-long event. The festival runs from November 26 to December 24. The festival offers holiday characters from around the world. The festival starts off with a ceremony at Frontier Park at noon on the 26th. Mr. and Mrs. Claus are welcomed back to historic Main Street for the holidays. Other characters are dressed in the clothing of their home countries.

The parade route starts at the 100 block of North Main to Boone's Lick and South Main. The Santa Parade will have the Legends of Christmas characters surrounding Santa with caroler's and the Lewis & Clark Fife and Drum Corps. Events will be taking place on Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Don't miss hearing the barbershop quartet, The Singin' Snowmen.

Walk in the footsteps of Ebenezer Scrooge and the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future. Queen Victoria will be there with her lamplighters, music hall performers, nineteenth century toy vendors and haberdashers.

Santa's Cottage is located in the historic KATY Train Depot in Frontier Park stop in for a photo with Santa and photos of Santa's Secret Workshop. Kids can make toys as an honorary elf. Visitors can see the Reindeer Hall of Fame and stacks of mail. You might even see the Sugar Plum Fairy, Nutcracker's toy soldiers, Susie Snowflake, the Snow Maiden or Jack Frost.

Help send Santa back to the North Pole so he can get ready to start making his toy deliveries on the 25th. Meet at Kister Park Gazebo Friday, at 1:30pm



Circus Harmony is back at City Museum!

Circus Harmony is back in full swing at City Museum. This means they are offering circus shows every day the Museum is open and circus camps and classes for all ages! Shows include amazing aerialist Elliana Grace's one woman show, 'This Is Why', physical comedian, Briland Schack-Farnell's 'Seaside Silliness', hair hanging aerialist, Laura Lippert, world renowned juggling king and handstand queen, Kellin Quinn and Danielle Saulnier, who perform together as Doop, and the fabulous flying St. Louis Arches youth circus troupe! Shows are free with City Museum admission. Check showtimes on the Circus Harmony website or ringside when you come to City Museum.

For those who are inspired after seeing a show or perhaps if you just want to fulfill a childhood dream, Circus Harmony also offers classes for ages 3 to adult in a wide array of circus arts from juggling to trapeze to physical comedy and more. This December they are offering one-time workshops, Holiday Camps, and Resolution Classes. You can also register for their 15-week Spring session. All workshops, camps, and classes are held at City Museum, 750 N 16th Street, St. Louis, MO 63103.

Also available, circus gift bags with Circus Harmony T-shirt, clown nose, and a set of juggling balls! Perfect to give with a circus class gift certificate! Circus Harmony also sells their own delicious, fresh roasted, whole bean, Defy Gravity Coffee and matching mugs. Purchase of the coffee supports their Flying Children Scholarship Fund. Gift certificates for Circus Harmony Holiday Camps, Resolution, and Spring Classes make a great gift - no supply chain issues and no pieces to lose!

So, run away and join the circus where you can still be home in time for dinner. Catch a show, see a class, or get some circus merchandise and support Circus Harmony, St. Louis' only social circus school and enjoy the joy and excitement of the circus this holiday season!

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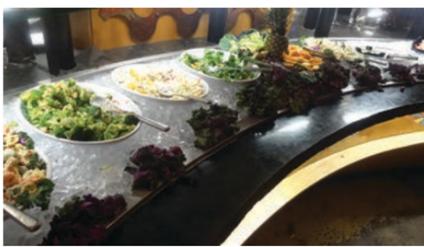
By Kevin McCarthy

Thanksgiving With A Twist Of Brazil

Brazilian grilling, or CHURRASCO (shoe-HAS-ko), is a mixture of South American and European cultures. At Tucanos, meats and vegetables are carefully selected to ensure that only the freshest items are served. Meats are cooked on skewers over open-flame grills. The skewers are then brought to your table where portions are sliced onto your plate. You may choose as many different flavors and cuts as you like.



The Unlimited Salad Festival offers both Brazilian and American specialties, with a large number of flavors, textures and colors. The Tucanos House Salad, hearts of palm, shrimp, seasonal fruit selections, fresh mozzarella, quail eggs and more are regular features. Hot selections include seasoned rice, pastas, potatoes, stroganoff, feijoada (a traditional black bean stew) and freshly made soups including lobster bisque are also available on the salad festival to accompany the meat selections.



A red, white and green "cue" is used to direct your server. When placed on your table, the green side up shows that you want more selections brought to you. If you want to pause, or are finished with your entrée service, turn the cue over to the red side.



Tucanos Entrée Selections include; seven types of beef, three styles of pork, four types of chicken, mixed grilled seafood, grilled veggies, and an absolute must have, grilled pineapple with brown sugar.

Specialty skewers can be added as well. A skewer of your choice is cooked to order and brought to your table by your meat server. Each item is priced per skewer and sharing is encouraged. Suggestions are; Shrimp Skewer, A full skewer of large shrimp grilled and brushed with garlic sauce. \$9.95, Center Cut Sirloin Wrapped in Bacon Skewer \$11.95, Sea Scallop Skewer, jumbo Scallops hand-wrapped in bacon and slowly open-flame grilled \$14.95, and 14oz King Crab Legs at market price.

There are a number of gluten free items as well.

You can simply order the Salad festival for dinner at \$19.95, and for lunch, \$14.95. Children ages 7-12 only Full Churrasco \$11.95 and lunch Special, \$8.95. Children 6 and under are free with paying adult. Mon.-Fri., 11a-3p.

With three lines of items you can rest assured you can enjoy a complete meal with just the salad bar. They even had turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy for Thanksgiving. Because we were there on Thanksgiving we also got a choice of pumpkin pie or chocolate cake included in our meal. They often have Holiday meal specials with additional items

Tucanos has some specialty items such as, an appetizer tour of Brazilian taste treats for \$9.95, Seasoned sweet onion straws, fried and served with a wild mango dipping sauce for \$6.95. Nachos Brasileiros, a traditional favorite for 8.95, and Calamari served with sweet and zesty carnival sauce for \$10.95

Tucanos has at least eight tropical fruit drinks, all of which

can include your favorite rum or vodka. There is also a full service bar with separate seating.

There are seven dessert items including flan, crème brulee, fresh fruits with ice cream, and a mango butter cake served with with mango puree and served warm, topped with mango sorbet and diced mango. Soft drinks, hot chocolate, tea and coffee are also available.



The atmosphere is very colorful and the covid protocols included disposable gloves at the salad bar. Our server, Alvaro, is a student at Lindenwood University. He is from Spain and plays soccer for the school. He was a true pleasure, quick, polite and very helpful. We really enjoyed the fresh shrimp on the salad bar. Another item I liked was called fararo, toasted quinoa with bacon bits and spices. The pumpkin pie was spot on and the chocolate cake was a deep chocolate delight.



There is definitely something for everyone at Tucanos. It's a great place for a date night or family dining. It is a fun and delicious experience. We totally enjoyed our Thanksgiving dinner and best of all, we didn't have to do dishes afterward. We highly recommend Tucanos Brazilian Grill.



Tucanos is located in the Streets Of St. Charles development on 5th street, just south I-70 at 1520 S 5th St, St Charles, MO 63303. Reservations are a good idea, particularly on a weekend or holiday. Phone: (636) 724-4499.





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FEMALE, SPAYED, 9

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ELLA
FEMALE, SPAYED, 3

Ella is a big sweetie! She loves to snuggle and will wiggle uncontrollably when she sees her human friends! This sweet velvet hippo would love to spend the day being a couch potato with you! She gets along well with other dogs, and is housetrained!



CARLA
FEMALE, SPAYED, 3

Carla has a wonderfully love fluffy coat which is puurfect for the winter season. One of her favorite things is to have her cheeks scratched.

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.

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THE MARSHALL TUCKER BAND 50th Anniversary Tour
Friday, February 11 at 8 PM River City Casino & Hotel



Southern rock legends The Marshall Tucker Band have announced their historic 50th Anniversary Tour is coming to the River City Casino & Hotel for one special night Friday, February 11, 2022. Show time is 8 p.m. (doors open at 7 p.m.). Tickets are \$82.50, \$52.50, \$47.50, \$42.50 and \$37.50.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.ticketmaster.com or at the River City Casino & Hotel box office. You must be 21 and older to attend.

In 2022, The Marshall Tucker Band (MTB) will celebrate five decades since its inception. To celebrate, the multi-platinum southern rock group will hit the road for its historic 50th Anniversary Tour. The tour officially kicks-off in January at the Dosey Doe in The Woodlands, TX. "Five decades of The Marshall Tucker Band ... sometimes it's still hard to understand," says MTB lead singer Doug Gray. "We are just regular people. The fans have given us so many special moments over these 50 years. I'm so proud of our band."

In 1972, original members Toy Caldwell, Tommy Caldwell, Doug Gray, Jerry Eubanks, George McCorkle and Paul Riddle came together in Spartanburg, S.C. to form a southern rock band. They knew they had the magic for something that could reach people well beyond the South Carolina state line. They had the sound, the look, and the camaraderie. Problem was, they didn't have a name. One day while rehearsing in a local warehouse, they came across a key ring with the inscription, 'Marshall Tucker.' It belonged to a blind piano tuner who resided in Spartanburg. It was this fated discovery that inspired the band's moniker, and in that moment, The Marshall Tucker Band was born.

"Our special songs, guided by the lyrics of Toy Caldwell, have given us a deep emotional connection with our fans and friends," adds Gray. "We love you all and can't wait to see you on the road in 2022."

About The Marshall Tucker Band

Nearly 50 years ago, The Marshall Tucker Band was founded in Spartanburg, SC. Thanks to hits like "Can't You See," "Heard It in a Love Song," "Fire on the Mountain," and "24 Hours At a Time," the 5x Gold, 3x Platinum-selling Southern Rock group has sold millions of albums worldwide. MTB songs have been featured in major motion picture films and television shows including "Breaking Bad," "Blow," "The Box," "Swing Vote," "Half Nelson," "My Name is Earl," "Cold Case Files" and "Good Guys." CMT (Country Music Television) named the MTB's "Can't You See" the #4 Greatest Southern Rock Song. The MTB's debut album, The Marshall Tucker Band, reigns as Gibson Guitar's #5 Greatest Southern Rock Album. Ultimate Classic Rock crowned the MTB's "Can't You See" as the #1 Southern Rock Song and GRAMMY® Magazine named the group's logo as one of the most distinctive and iconic brands in music. For more information on The Marshall Tucker Band, visit marshalltucker.com or the official Facebook Page.

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Tickets are available now at www.vangoghstlouis.com. The exhibiton will be closed on Mondays in January.

The exhibition is open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays and 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Beyond Van Gogh will be closed on Mondays in January.

Four entry times are available each hour. Tickets are sold online only at www.vangoghstlouis.com. Prices begin at \$33.99 for adults and \$19.99 for children ages 5 to 15. Children under 5 are free.

During the exhibition, guests are completely immersed in more than 300 of the greatest works of post-Impressionist artist Vincent Van Gogh. The art is liberated from its two-dimensional limitations into a three-dimensional experience that exhilarates every sense and brings to life one of the most influential artists the world has known.

Beyond Van Gogh: The Immersive Experience (www.vangoghstlouis.com), has sold more than two million tickets globally, making it one of the most popular current traveling exhibitions.

Cinematic Van Gogh exhibitions have crossed the ocean from European cities to North America and have met with great critical acclaim and sold-out audiences in every market. Beyond Van Gogh: The Immersive Experience continues to amaze audiences and will continue its extended run in St. Louis before moving across North America. Art lovers near and far will have the opportunity to live this truly unique and unforgettable experience.

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Assaults	2
Peace Disturbance & Domestic	38
Calls for Mental Health	7

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Arson/Bombing/Burning	0
Burglary - Residential	0
Burglary - Business	1
Destruction of Property	8
Frauds & ID Theft	5
Larceny - Shoplifting	4
Larceny - From Vehicle	9
Larceny - All Others	35
Stolen Vehicles	2
Trespassing	18

Weapons Related	
Utilized/Taken	2
Recovered	0

Auto Accidents	
	44

Foot Patrols	
Building & Business Check	93
Parks & Schools	62
Misc	19

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Animal Related	11
Assist Fire Department	59
Check Welfare/Notification	28
Contact Another Agency	46
Motor Assist	10
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Radar / LPR Hits	1
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Suspicious Person/Vehicle	56
Traffic Control/Details	49
Traffic Stops	116
Vacation Checks/Close Watch	21
Fireworks	2
ARREST	
Prisoner Conveyance	2
Adults	40
Juvenile	2
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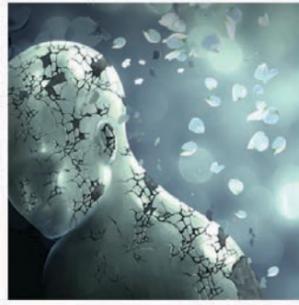
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- Have your chimney professionally inspected and cleaned at least once each year.
- Make sure the chimney cap is in good shape to keep out rain, birds, squirrels and other animals.
- Check the interior of the fireplace and flue for creosote buildup. Creosote is flammable, and too much build-up is a fire hazard.
- Only burn dry, seasoned fire wood.
- Only burn hardwoods such as oak, maple, ash and birch. These woods burn cleaner and hotter and contain less sap, thus creating less creosote.
- Any time there is smoke indoors from your fireplace, check to ensure the flue is open. If the flue is open, you may have an obstruction in the flue pipe, which requires immediate attention.
- To improve your fireplace's safety and efficiency, consider installing heat-proof glass doors to protect against heat loss and a fan or blower to direct heat into the room. The doors can also prevent embers from popping out of the firebox and into the living space. At a minimum, use a fireplace screen.
- Remove flammable rugs, blankets and home décor from in front of the firebox.
- Do not burn plastics, tissue or wrapping paper in your fireplace.
- Clean the interior of your fireplace regularly. Sweep up ashes and place them in a metal container until they are completely cooled. Do not place the ashes in the trash can until you are sure they have had sufficient time to burn out completely. Many house fires are caused due to hot ashes being placed in trash bins too soon.
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