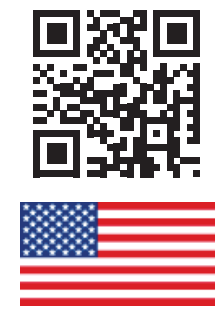


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Students from BHS, BMS, Mark Twain and McGrath combined to collect more than 1,200 food as part of this year’s Student Council Food Drive. Stu-Co and National Junior Honor Society members organized, bagged and grouped the items for donation to 17 families in the community.

“We have always been able to count on the Brentwood community to support our local families in need,” said Stu-Co members Eloise Ayotte and Jazelyn Herrera. “Thank you for helping us spread the giving spirit this holiday season.”



Freshman Finishes Fourth at State Cross Country Meet

Brentwood High School cross country runner Kensington Curd capped an outstanding freshman campaign with a fourth-place finish at the MSHSAA Class 2 Championships on Saturday, Nov. 5 in Columbia, Mo. Curd finished fifth or better in 8-of-9 races this season, including two first-place finishes, and revived a cross country program that had been dormant for 15 years.

“Kensi’s performance this year is a perfect example of how hard work and dedication can pay off,” said cross country coach Julie Cohen. “At both meets and practices, every day - rain or shine - she gave 110%. I’m proud of her and so excited to see what she does next season.”



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Happy Holidays!

DELTA DENTAL OF MISSOURI
CELEBRATES 20 YEARS OF LAND
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As Delta Dental of Missouri celebrates two decades of its popular, award-winning Lands of Smiles® dental education program, dynamic super-hero characters are gearing up for their return in person at elementary schools across Missouri in early 2023. In recent years in response to COVID, the non-profit company has offered its free program virtually to schools to continue teaching kindergarten through third-grade students good dental health habits. Registration is now open for the return of live performances at a select number of schools in the spring of 2023.

Local teachers, school nurses and principals are invited to email Schools@NationalTheatre.com to request an in-person, live show for the spring semester, or visit www.LandofSmilesMO.org to gain access to the online program on a date and time that works for their students this fall or next spring.

The Land of Smiles® experience follows superhero Captain Super GrinSM, as he defeats his nemesis, Caz CavitySM, with help from his sidekicks Terri Tooth FairySM and ToothpickSM. Students learn the importance of brushing teeth twice a day, flossing, eating healthy foods and visiting the dentist regularly. The program includes an oral health curriculum that adheres to National Health Education Standards, as well as standards for Missouri. It contains engaging, age-appropriate materials to make learning about dental health entertaining for kids and includes activity sheets, which are also now available in Spanish.

Since its inception in the fall of 2002, the Land of Smiles® program has taught more than 1.1 million kids how to take care of their growing smiles through more than 4,800 onsite performances at schools in 113 Missouri counties, and through its online version.

Those interested in learning more or scheduling the program can visit www.LandofSmilesMO.org.

Brentwood Community Blood Drive

Please participate in our Eighth Blood Drive on Friday January 20, 2023 from 2 pm to 8 pm at the Brentwood Rec Center. This drive is made possible with the cooperation of: American Red Cross, The City of Brentwood & the Brentwood Parks & Recreation Department And all the donors

We are asking for donors to sign up online at redcrossblood.org sponsor code: BWParksRec

The average adult has eight to 12 pints of blood in their body. Making a blood donation uses about 1 pint, after which your body has an amazing capacity to replace all the cells and fluids that have been lost. Your body will replace the blood volume (plasma) within 48 hours. It will take four to eight weeks for your body to completely replace the red blood cells you donated.

Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. It is essential for surgeries, cancer treatment, chronic illnesses, and traumatic injuries. Whether a patient receives whole blood, red cells, platelets or plasma, this lifesaving care starts with one person making a generous donation. 1 donation can potentially save up to 3 lives. Blood and platelets cannot be manufactured; they can only come from volunteer donors. Nearly 21 million blood products are transfused each year. Platelets, critical for cancer patients, must be transfused within 5 days of donation. The Red Cross holds about 500 blood drives every day. January 22 is our day to help their effort.

Facts About Blood Needs

- Approximately 36,000 units of red blood cells are needed every day in the U.S.
- Nearly 7,000 units of platelets and 10,000 units of plasma are needed daily in the U.S.
- Nearly 21 million blood components are transfused each year in the U.S.
- The average red blood cell transfusion is approximately 3 units.
- The blood type most often requested by hospitals is type O. Sickle cell disease affects 90,000 to 100,000 people in the U.S. About 1,000 babies are born with the disease each year. Sickle cell patients can require blood transfusions throughout their lives.

According to the American Cancer Society, more than 1.8

million people are expected to be diagnosed with cancer in 2020. Many of them will need blood, sometimes daily, during their chemotherapy treatment.

A single car accident victim can require as many as 100 units of blood.

Blood Supply Statistics

- The Red Cross provides about 40% of our nation's blood and blood components, all from generous volunteer donors. But supply can't always meet demand because only about 3% of age-eligible people donate blood yearly. Each new donor helps us meet patient needs.
- Each year, an estimated 6.8 million people in the U.S. donate blood.
- 13.6 million units of whole blood and red blood cells are collected in the U.S. in a year.
- About 45% of people in the U.S. have Group O (positive or negative) blood; the proportion is higher among Hispanics (57%) and African Americans (51%).
- Type O negative red cells can be given to patients of all blood types. Because only 7% of people in the U.S. are type O negative, it's always in great demand and often in short supply.
- Type AB positive plasma can be transfused to patients of all blood types. Since only 3% of people in the U.S. have AB positive blood, this plasma is usually in short supply.
- Red blood cells must be used within 42 days (or less).
- Platelets must be used within just 5 days.

My son fought MML (Multiple Melanoma Leukemia and during his 22 months of battling he needed transfusions to help him fight infections. Because others donated blood and platelets, we had extra TIME with our son. This drive is to make blood supplies available for others that have such a need. It will make you feel good about yourself and it will mean the world to someone in need.

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Brentwood Board of Aldermen Minutes

Partial Minutes of the Monday, November 7, 2022 BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING
CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Call to Order – Mayor Dimmitt called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The pledge immediately followed.
Pledge of Allegiance
ROLL CALL
Roll Call – Seven of eight members were present, representing a quorum. Alderman Plufka – PresentAlderman Tice – Present
Alderman Sims – Absent Alderman Wegge – Present
Alderman Gould – Present (virtually) Alderman Lochmoeller – Present Alderman O’Neill - Present
Alderman Shelton – Present

Additional people present at the meeting included: Dan Gummer-sheimer (Director of Public Works), Eric Gruenenfelder (Director of Parks and Recreation), Whitney Kelly (Director of Planning and Development), Ronnie Cottrell (Fire Chief), Jim McIntyre (Police Major), Susan Cacioppo (Administrative Assistant), Mark Murray (Armstrong Teasdale Law Firm) Bola Akande (City Administrator), and Kelle Silvey (Deputy City Clerk)

ANNOUNCEMENTS, APPOINTMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS & RECOGNITIONS
Swearing in of Firefighter/Paramedic - Anthony DiPaola
Chief Cottrell read the Bio (available in BoardDocs) and Antho-ny’s father, Allen DiPaola, pinned on his badge. The City Adminis-trator read the Oath of Office which was repeated by the firefighter. Family members were present to congratulate the new member.
(Internet was not stable – Alderman Gould had trouble with connection at this time)

PUBLIC HEARING
Public Hearing for a New Conditional Use Permit for Strictly Pediatrics Center, Inc., at 1400 Strassner Drive to Operate a Medical Daycare Facility for Children.
Mayor Dimmitt gavel opened the public hearing.
Whitney Kelly shared a synopsis of the information (available in BoardDocs) and stated that because this was a formal technicality, it was requested by the applicant, that there be a 2nd reading of the Bill tonight. The applicant, Janice Cataldi was present to answer any questions.
Mayor gavel closed the hearing.
Public Hearing for a New Conditional Use Permit and Site Devel-opment Plan approval for an 11,459 St. Ft. Addition and Renovation at Mark Twain Elementary School, 8636 Litzsinger Road.
Mayor Dimmitt gavel opened the hearing.
Whitney Kelly shared information regarding the request, noting the districts renovation project and their desire to waive the building permit fees. She stated that this project was passed by the Planning and Zoning Commission by a vote of 8 to 0. Bret Higgins, the Ar-chitect for the School District, gave a presentation of the project. Brian Lane, Superintendent of School, was also present to request consideration for the waiving of the building permit fees.
Mayor gavel closed the hearing.

CITIZEN COMMENTS
Mayor opened the floor for citizen comments.
Noel Jones, 8543 Eulalie, spoke regarding a water run-off prob-lem they have been having for several years. He noted that the inlet (sewer intake) at Rosalie and Helen is not sufficient, large enough, and since there is no curb, water runs into yards and floods. It has created a sink hole and is affecting other areas as well. He requested that curbs be installed.
Steve Keuss, 8547 Eulalie, also spoke regarding the same matter and confirmed Mr. Jones comments, noting that there was not a problem until the road was repaved a few years ago.
Mayor closed public comments.
Alderman Plufka noted that this was identified in Gonzalez report as problem #25 and it was determined there is a need for larger pipes. Mr. Keuss stated that may be fine, but the way the water runs now, the water never gets to the pipes, so he does not believe this will solve the problem.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT
2021 Audit Presentation
Andrew Zebell, Clifton Larson Allen CPA, was available to present the 2021 audit to the Board. He noted they were happy to complete the audit to restore the city’s credit rating and to meet the required timeline. He noted that they will begin working with staff in the next month to prepare for the 2022 audit.
Alderman Tice thanked them for their extensive work,
Motion was made by Alderman Plufka and seconded by Alder-man Lochmoeller to accept the 2021 audit as presented.
Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Brentwood Bound Update
Craig Schluter, Navigate Building Solutions, gave an update since the last board meeting on Construction costs and soft costs, noting there were no property acquisitions. He stated we received a reimbursement from Great Rivers Greenway and received the Missouri Municipal Grant and he noted additional funding sources. Complete report is available in BoardDocs.

 Mayor David Dimmitt	 Alderman Nancy Parker Tice	 Alderman David Plufka	 Alderman Sunny Sims	 Alderman Brandon Wegge
 Municipal Judge Patrick Dignam	 Alderman Jeff Gould	 Alderman Steve Lochmoeller	 Alderman Kathy O'Neill	 Alderman Jack Shelton


St. Louis County Treasury Operations Department – City of Brentwood, Mo Remittance of a portion of the 1% Local Option Sales Tax Proceeds.
Dan Cook, Cook & Riley LLC, was present to share the information regarding the over-distributed funds from the County. He stated that the county had a map-ping and coding issue involving the City of Brentwood over the past 5 months, resulting in millions of dollars that were disbursed to City of Brentwood. The city brought this to the county’s attention and is prepared to give money back, however, we are not confident in the amount that was requested for return (bill was received for over \$7M). Therefore, the city will request com-putation of their work. As of today, we have returned \$5.3M back to the county based on our computation, so as not to hold up monies meant for other municipalities, however, will meet to discuss the remaining difference since our calculations do not match.
City Administrator said she spoke to them and asked for meeting. We may have the Mo. State Auditor look at this as well as county auditors to explain the numbers and give an accurate accounting. City Attorney noted that these are public records, and they should be able to provide the data and records for review. We will hold for more information.
Occupancy Inspection Agreement - Movement Center of STL - 645 Hanley Industrial Court, Brentwood, MO 63144 Whitney Kelly presented the information stating that some buildings sublease office space and with this, the code requires an occupancy permit. Planning would like to have an agreement that tenant would allow for one inspection per year to cover the entire space, and any sub-tenants would still have to obtain a business license but would not need to pay for or complete an occupancy inspection.
The Mayor asked that staff can implement this, and City Administrator agreed to direct this with the Plan-ning and Development Director and would bring items forward when they enter into a new agreement, but feel we could keep this process administrative at this time.

Building Division Presentation
David Fairgrieve, Chief Building Official, gave an overview of the department. He noted that the codes are all 2018 thru International Code Council and shared all areas of responsibility and their respective response times. He noted the significant numbers (including both residential and commercial) of inspections, coded enforcements and permitting they have completed this year to-date, in addition to work with FEMA due to flooding. He shared an explanation of re- inspection situations and noted how the current team works co-operatively to accomplish tasks.
Alderman Wegge inquired about the MyGov system and its ease for use with residents. Whitney responded that they are upgrading to version 5 which is more user friendly, but that staff is helpful with navigation of system and any questions. He also asked how we track things in the que to make sure request are getting done or completed. David noted that they have an in-ternal process for reviewing projects each day with the inspectors that seems now to be working.
Alderman Wegge also asked if we using Gonzalez Engineering for plan review, and David replied that they are only used for stormwater permits, if needed upon review. The Alderman also asked if we feel we can handle the New Development area (Manchester Cor-ridor) with existing staff. It was noted that there could be a concern once all that is being developed. Inspector training for staff is 1-2 times per year and inspectors can get certifications for their trainings.

OLD BUSINESS
Bill No. 6425.1 - An Ordinance Approving Operations Of Low Speed Vehicles On Public Streets- Second Reading Di-rector of Public Works shared the changes that were made to the wording from previous meeting per the discussion.
Motion was made by Alderman Wegge and seconded by Alderman Shelton to approve the amendment of the Bill to 6425.1.
Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
Motion was by Alderman Wegge and seconded by Alderman Plufka to Perfect the Bill into Ordinance form. Roll Call:
Alderman Plufka – yes Alderman Tice – yes
Alderman Sims – Absent Alderman Wegge – yes
Alderman Gould – yes Alderman Lochmoeller – yes
Alderman O’Neill – yes Alderman Shelton – yes
By a vote of 7 (yes) to 0 (no), Bill #6425.1 will become Ordinance #5059.

Bill No. 6428 - Missouri Fire Fighter Critical Illness Trust and Pool - Second Reading
Motion was made by Alderman Shelton and seconded by Alderman Tice to perfect the Bill into Ordinance form. Discussion took place:
Alderman Plufka expressed concern that the organization has only been in business less than a year and feels that the wording in the agreement makes participating cities potentially liable for replenishing reserves. They don’t have loss experience. Chief Cottrell stated that some of the concern was addressed at Ways and Means Committee meeting and stated that they are well funded based on actuarial reports and have years of reserves. They also looked at data and experience in Colorado’s program to determine funding.
Alderman Plufka also asked about a concept within Workman’s compensation program regarding credits. Pro-gram director validated that if down the road a workman’s compensation settlement is received, it does come off of the payment amount. Alderman Plufka does not recommend the city participate in this program. He feels they are too new and not sufficiently funded.
Alderman Tice stated that based on information presented earlier, she was convinced they could support this and primarily because we could pull out of this at any given time.
Alderman Shelton shared we were told that in the spirit of the agreement we would not have to stay in program if one of our members was receiving benefit, and wording was to be reviewed for clarity.
Alderman Lochmoeller asked Chief Cottrell if he would be a trustee of their Board, and Chief replied that we are a member, but not one the 12-member voting Board of Trustees.
Alderman Shelton shared that the actuarial report is to be presented each year to us to review for budget.
Roll was called:
Alderman Plufka – no Alderman Tice – yes
Alderman Sims – Absent Alderman Wegge – yes
Alderman Gould – no Alderman Lochmoeller – yes
Alderman O’Neill – yes Alderman Shelton – yes
By a vote of 5 (yes) to 2 (no), Bill #6428 will become Or-dinance #5060.

The Mayor entertained a motion to move to closed session pursuant to RSMo Section 610.021 (1), (2), & (12). Motion was moved by Alderman Plufka and seconded by Alderman Shelton. Roll was called:
Alderman Plufka – yes Alderman Tice – yes
Alderman Sims – Absent Alderman Wegge – yes
Alderman Gould – yes Alderman Lochmoeller – yes
Alderman O’Neill – yes Alderman Shelton – yes
Motion carried by a vote of 7 (yes) to 0 (no). Open Meeting ended at 8:24 PM
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St. Louis Youth Hockey Foundation Receives Grant

St. Louis Blues' charitable trust donates \$5,000 to assist youth hockey nonprofit

The St. Louis Youth Hockey Foundation recently received a \$5,000 grant from Blues for Kids, the charitable trust of the St. Louis Blues. The St. Louis Youth Hockey Foundation – a nonprofit that provides financial support to young players who face financial difficulty – will use the grant money for the upcoming 2023 hockey season.

Blues for Kids' mission is to positively impact programs and services that improve health and wellness of youth in the St. Louis area. To date the program has contributed more than \$11 million to the St. Louis community.

This year the St. Louis Youth Hockey Foundation has awarded 14 grants to help young players continue playing hockey. Financial support is given to local club teams, as well as AAA and high school players based upon an individual's need and family circumstances. In exchange for these scholarships, youth recipients pay-it-forward through volunteerism and community service.

"The St. Louis Blues' grant allows us to assist more young players this season than ever before," said St. Louis Youth Hockey Foundation president Kristin Heffington. "Since its beginning, the Blues have not only ignited the local hockey community but have also been very supportive of youth hockey programs in our area." Heffington added that "the cost of hockey rises as players get older, and we don't want anyone to stop playing based on their financial situation."

Founded in 2018, the St. Louis Youth Hockey Foundation was created to give all local hockey players the ability to participate in this costly sport. The nonprofit was formed by local hockey coaches and hockey parents in response to a local De Smet Jesuit High School hockey player who struggled with mental illness and took his own life.

For more information, call (314) 852-0997 or visit www.stlyouthhockey.org.



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BRENTWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT

December 2022 News



BECC Enrollment for 2023-24 School Year Coming Soon

The Brentwood Early Childhood Center is excited to announce our enrollment dates for the 2023-24 school year. Next year, we will be welcoming students to our brand new school located on St. Clair Avenue in a shared building with McGrath Elementary School.

For more information on our new home, visit brentwoodmoschools.org and click on Facilities Updates. We can't wait to welcome you to our new school!

• **Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2023:** Enrollment documents will be available on our website at ecc.brentwoodmoschools.org.

• **Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2023 from 5-6:30 p.m.:** Open enrollment for families with students currently enrolled at BECC.

• **Thursday, Jan. 26, 2023 from 5-6:30 p.m.:** Enrollment for new families, including families accessing Parents as Teachers services through the Brentwood School District. Brentwood residents only.

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

• Project Construct, an early childhood education curriculum approved by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Our curriculum is enhanced through the constructivist philosophy.

• Goals are set according to the Missouri Early Learning Standards. These directly flow into the standards which are used by all Missouri public schools to guide education in grades K-12.

• Experienced, certified early childhood education teachers guide learning through current research and best practice.

• On-site school nurse

• We partner with the Special School District of St. Louis County to offer a variety of early intervention services and resources.

• Free and reduced-price tuition preschool options are available for families in need of assistance. Please contact Kristin Clemons, director of early childhood education, for more information.

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



Students Celebrate Native American Heritage Month

As part of Native American Heritage Month, fourth graders at McGrath Elementary School spent several weeks researching different Native American tribes and the regions where they once lived. Students created presentation boards and handmade dioramas, which featured facts and attributes about their specific tribes and regions. This project also aligns with the Missouri Learning Standards for fourth grade social studies.

Election Information for Brentwood Board of Education Candidates

Filing for three seats on the Brentwood School District Board of Education opens Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2022 at 8 a.m. and closes Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2022 at 5 p.m. Interested Brentwood residents who are United States citizens, 24 years of age or older and have resided in Missouri one year preceding the election are eligible for candidacy.

Candidates may file in person at the Brentwood School District Administrative Office (1201 Hanley Industrial Ct.) during the district's regular business hours, which are Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Candidates may file by certified mail if they are unable to file in person due to physical disability or are members of the U.S. Armed Forces on active duty.

With the exception of Tuesday, Dec. 6 and Tuesday, Dec. 27, filing will not occur on the days when the district is closed for inclement weather, winter break or health-related reasons. Please see the dates and times below for a complete list of candidate filing availability.

- Tuesday, Dec. 6; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (First Day to File)
- Wednesday-Friday, Dec. 7-9; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Monday-Friday, Dec. 12-16; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Monday-Wednesday, Dec. 19-21; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 22; 8-11:30 a.m.
- Closed Friday, Dec. 23 (Winter Break)
- Closed Monday, Dec. 26 (Winter Break)
- Tuesday, Dec. 27; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Last Day to File)

The ballot order of candidates will be determined by filing order. Candidates must observe any infectious disease procedures in effect at the time of filing.

Under provisions of Missouri Statute Section 115.124, if the number of candidates who file is equal to the number of positions to be filled by the election, no election will be held. However, if the number of candidates filing exceeds the number of positions at any time, the election will be held Tuesday, April 4, 2023.

Please contact Kate Hastings at 314-962-4507 or khaustings@brentwoodmoschools.org if you have any questions.



Bidding Timeline for Mark Twain Renovation Project

The bidding process for the Mark Twain Elementary School renovation project is underway. The bid package officially opened Thursday, Nov. 10, which included publishing all documents online via the Drexel Technologies Plan Room portal. Prospective contractors were encouraged to attend a pre-bid meeting Thursday, Dec. 1 on the Mark Twain campus.

All bids must be clearly marked and submitted by Thursday, Dec. 15 at 2 p.m. There will be a public opening of the bids immediately following in the Administrative Office Conference Center (1201 Hanley Industrial Ct.). The Board of Education is expected to approve a general contractor for this project at its January 2023 business meeting.

The bidding process timeline is as follows:

- Nov. 10, 2022: Bid package opens, documents available online
- Dec. 1, 2022: Pre-bid meeting on the Mark Twain campus
- Dec. 8, 2022: Last day to submit bid questions
- Dec. 9, 2022: Last bid addenda issued (if necessary)
- Dec. 15, 2022: Bid package deadline and public opening
- Dec. 19-23, 2022: Contractor interviews
- Jan. 17, 2023: Board approval of general contractor

This project was made possible by Prop E, a \$29 million bond issue approved by the Brentwood community in June 2020 to enhance safety, accessibility and student learning at the district's two elementary schools and early childhood education center.

McGrath Elementary PTO



As a post-Winter Sing treat, McGrath teachers and staff were treated to a coffee and hot chocolate bar by the PTO on Friday. Students were treated to a pajama day with cookies, milk, and holiday stories. Thank you, third grade room parents, for organizing.



Cuteness was on full display at Winter Sing 2022! Students, teachers, and staff worked hard and played hard to make it a special night. Thank you to the PTO stage elves (Alli Marentette, Laura Challen, Kelly Welch, Kelly Wiethuchter, Lauren Baker and Sara Jane Salama) for the most perfect backdrop.



BRENTWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT

CALLING ALL CLASS OF 2036 GRADUATES!

February is Kindergarten Registration Month!

Registration Begins:

Monday, February 6, 2023

If your student will be 5 years old before the first day of **August 2023**, they are eligible to register for kindergarten for the 2023-24 school year. Early registration helps us identify our needs for the upcoming school year, so please share this information with your family, friends and neighbors. If you need assistance in determining your student's elementary school, please contact **314-962-4507**.

Our kindergarten registration packet can be downloaded at **brentwoodmoschools.org**. Parents and caregivers must have a valid driver's license or state-issued photo ID, as well as **one** current document from **LIST A** and **two** current documents from **LIST B**, to register a kindergarten student for the 2023-24 school year.

LIST A

One required

- **Mortgage Statement**
- **Property Deed**
- **Real Estate Tax Bill**
- **Homeowners Policy**
- **Residential Lease Agreement**
*must be signed and updated annually

LIST B

Two required

- **Unpaid Utility Bill**
- **Credit Card or Bank Statement**
- **Voter Registration Card**
- **Personal Property Tax Bill or Receipt**
- **Paycheck Stub**
- **Insurance or IRS Tax Statement**
- **Social Services, Social Security or other legal documents issued by local, state or federal courts**

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2023

8 A.M. to 5 P.M.

Mark Twain Elementary School

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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.



FAMILY ENRICHMENT WITH AN EXCHANGE STUDENT

The **Education First** High School Exchange program started as a non-profit high school exchange program in the US in 1979 and **EF** has been in continuous operation ever since. **EF** proudly works alongside the US Department of State in promoting public diplomacy. Four decades later, it has grown to become one of the world’s largest and most successful exchange organizations.

In today’s interconnected and globally minded world, the need for cultural exchange is greater than ever. Our students, host families, and schools are all equally important to a successful exchange.

Hailing from 13 countries across Europe and Asia, our exchange students are eager to join American families, learn about our diverse culture and get involved in one of the local high schools. They have earned admission onto our program based on a rigorous review of their motivation, personality, health, grades, and teacher recommendations. Exchange students with a solid grasp of English become truly fluent. By the end of their time in US these students also become fluent in the culture, customs, and traditions of our country and become an ambassador for the place they called home during their exchange. Many of our host families and students are in touch for years to come and consider themselves family.

More than 1200 schools across the country already enrich their classrooms each year with **EF** exchange students. Schools enroll an exchange student for an academic year or semester to study alongside local students. This enriches their classrooms with a global perspective. Over the course of an academic year, our local students will gain first-hand knowledge of different cultures and customs. In sharing their America, they discover what they love about their own country and examine their own values and beliefs more critically. **EF** exchange students don’t just experience our school’s culture, they become a part of it. School organizations, clubs and extracurricular activities are strengthened by new cultural perspectives. The friends that **EF** exchange students make while abroad are not just for the year; they are for life. Most of our students stay in touch with their friends and family and may even get invited to visit their exchange friends in Europe or Asia in the future! Offering an American high school experience through student exchange breaks down borders and builds bridges that promote cross-cultural understanding.

Host families invite an exchange student into their home to share their own culture and, through daily interaction, gain insight into how others live, learn, and grow. Does your family have any hobbies or interests that you’d like to share with an exchange student? Are you looking to learn more about a particular region of the



world? Consider some of these topics and start reviewing hundreds of the students’ profiles today.

An International Exchange Coordinator is available to connect foreign exchange students, high schools, and host families. They recruit caring families that are willing to welcome an exchange student into their homes and help them to make a good match. Based on the host family preferences and interest they will show them exchange students’ profiles, so decisions that are right for everyone involved would be made. The coordinator also builds a relationship with the local high school, promotes the program, and encourages the school to welcome the exchange students into their classrooms.

Mrs. Lena Fish of Brentwood is a local international exchange student coordinator. She is passionate about cultural exchange and loves to build international friendships. Years ago, her daughter, Sonya, was a Brentwood High student, and her family hosted a girl from France. It was a unique and unforgettable experience. If you would like further information about the EF High School Exchange program, you may contact Mrs Fish at 314 600-2209 or lenafish650@gmail.com.

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PILLOW FIGHT!

a pillow drive competition



BRENTWOOD

Fire Dept vs. Police Dept

to benefit

HOME SWEET HOME

a local furniture bank located right here in Brentwood

From December 1st to December 31st, drop off a NEW pillow at either the fire department or police department, and you will help an area family in need get a good night's sleep!

Let's see which department can collect the most pillows!

NEW PILLOWS ONLY, PLEASE!





INSIDE BASEBALL

By Rob Rains of StLSportsPage.com

Why Dusty Blake will be more than just “the numbers guy” as Cardinals pitching coach

By Rob Rains

One of the biggest reasons why Dusty Blake is now the pitching coach for the Cardinals is that he never considered getting that job as a goal for his career.

“I wouldn’t say I was looking toward a certain end point or end game for my career,” Blake said. “I’ve always been the guy who just felt if you do the best you can with the opportunities you have, the rest will take care of itself, wherever that leads.”

That was true when Blake was a Division II college pitching coach. It was true when he became a head coach at the collegiate level. It was true during the three years he spent as the pitching coach at Duke before joining the Cardinals’ staff in 2021 with the title of “pitching strategist.”

“That’s how talented people are wired,” said Chris Pollard, the Duke head coach. “If you are really wired that way, you don’t worry about what the next job is. You just try to be as good as you can be at the job you have. That’s what the great ones are really good at.”

The relationship between Pollard and Blake goes back to 2004, when Blake finished up his college eligibility pitching for Pollard at Pfeiffer University while pursuing his master’s degree after graduating from Appalachian State.

Over the years as Blake’s coaching career progressed through various schools, he and Pollard often discussed working together, but it wasn’t until after Pollard twice failed to hire Blake that he finally brought him to Duke.

“I don’t mind saying this – I made a mistake in 2012 when I got the job at Duke, I considered him for the pitching coach position and again in 2015 when the job opened back up I considered him again,” Pollard said. “I should have hired him both of those times.

“The job opened back up in 2018 when Pete Maki went to the Twins (where he is now their pitching coach) and I knew after two times of passing on hiring Dusty it was a no-brainer.”

Their relationship over the years and frequent conversations had convinced Pollard that Blake was a talented coach – but it didn’t take long after he joined the Duke staff for Pollard to realize he had probably underestimated Blake’s abilities.

“I didn’t honestly know how talented he was until we started working together on a day in, day out basis and I realized he is without a doubt the most talented individual I’ve ever had the privilege of working with,” Pollard said. “I started saying after just one year of him being on our staff that this guy is going to be a major-league pitching coach within five years and sure enough he is.”

Blake came to the Cardinals with a reputation of being able to understand and disseminate the multitude of analytical data which is now available in the game. That was his primary role the last two years, when he worked behind the scenes to try to identify which pieces of the reams of data would be the most beneficial to each individual pitcher in trying to help them improve their performance.

“It’s really figuring out what makes this guy great; he is good because of these reasons,” Blake said. “My main goal is to help these guys become their own pitching coach. At the end of the day their name is on the line and they are the ones being held most accountable to their performances and they are the ones who deserve a ton of credit for that.

“I just want to be a conduit and a resource for them to help give them guidance or feedback in certain areas.”

Pollard has no doubt Blake can be successful doing that with the Cardinals because he has watched him do it before – knowing the reasons for that success go far beyond being able to analyze data points.

“There’s dozens of people in every organization who can break down a Trackman file,” Pollard said. “But you still have to have the relational piece and he’s as good on that side as anybody I’ve ever been around in any profession. He can connect with people and really understands how to push them to achieve.

“That ability to connect with each individual and find out what makes them tick and what is going to be the best approach to helping them along their journey – that’s the essence of coaching and that’s what he’s really, really special with.

“He’s one of the most talented baseball people and one of



the most talented people in terms of emotional intelligence and people skills that I’ve ever been around.”

Pollard remembers watching how Blake worked with one young Duke pitcher in particular.

“A lot of times pitchers come to the college level with physical readiness but they don’t have the mental or the emotional readiness,” Pollard said. “We had a former pitcher, who is now in pro ball, who when he got to us had one of the most talented arms in the country but was struggling with readiness in some of the other areas. He was an uber talented guy that candidly we couldn’t even get in a game when he first got here because you didn’t know what you were going to get.”

As that pitcher worked with Blake, however, he developed into the team’s starter in an NCAA regional championship game.

“That speaks to what he’s able to do to help guys achieve their full potential,” Pollard said.

Bryce Jarvis was an incoming freshman at Duke when he first met Blake. The son of Kevin Jarvis, who spent 12 years pitching in the major leagues, the younger Jarvis thought he arrived on campus with a pretty advanced idea of what pitching was all about.



After meeting Blake, Jarvis found out he still had a lot to learn – and who was going to be able to teach it to him.

“His ability to take in all of the different theories about pitching that are out there right now, from new age stuff to the old school mental game of pitching, his ability to take that in and then send it back out to players on an individual basis is unlike any coach I’ve ever been around,” Jarvis said.

Jarvis pitched for Blake for three years before becoming the first-round pick of the Diamondbacks in the 2020 draft. He spent this past season in Double A and still relies on the lessons he learned from Blake, and continues to seek out his advice.

“It’s awesome that we have all of these data points and metrics out there, especially when it comes to pitching, but you can really get bogged down with paralysis by analysis,” Jarvis said. “I grew up in the game and had a very strong base of baseball knowledge because of my dad but he (Blake) was able to take all that I knew and build upon it and really refine the skills that I came in with.

“He’s going to make a difference (with the Cardinals) in ways that aren’t super loud just by fostering guys, keeping them comfortable and challenging them when they want to be challenged and making sure they stay on track. It takes very careful hands to do that but he’s definitely well equipped to do that.”

Marcus Johnson only pitched for Blake for one season at Duke, but used that experience to launch a career that saw him become the fourth-round pick by the Marlins in last year’s draft. He was traded last month to Tampa Bay.

“He showed up every day and worked at showing that we could trust him and how he could personalize all of that information for each pitcher,” Johnson said. “Getting that information, and being able to ask him questions and bounce things off of him, not everybody can understand the stuff the way that he can and apply it to coaching.”

Blake admits that as he has gained more experience over the years, he has refined his coaching approach – but not his overall philosophy as he has learned what information he considers the most important.

“What Trackman, Hawk-Eye and all of these systems do is they help eliminate the guesswork in areas that you don’t always see with your eyes,” Blake said. “The eye test doesn’t always quite match up.

“There are a lot of data points but once you kind of look line by line and get used to what all of these points mean, it’s really easy a lot of times to zero in on one area that’s changed and taken us out of our system. You can say to a pitcher, ‘This is the thing that you are doing right now 10 to 15 percent of the time. If we can figure out how to reinforce that and do it more frequently, we are going to get better results.’ It really takes away some of the ‘it could be this, it could be that’ as a coach.”

What Blake has come to understand the most about how to use all of that data is that he can’t force all pitchers to follow the same plan.

“There was certainly a time, probably six, seven, eight years ago where I felt a little bit more like, ‘Look, I’ve had some guys who I’ve coached who got drafted and made it to the pros and this is something that worked for them so it should work for you,’” Blake said. “It was kind of an immature and

closed-minded approach.

“As I continued to work and connect with guys, getting on the same page seemed to be a much more effective plan. Finding the best ways to help them identify this is who you are, this is what you do when you are great, this is how you recover, this is how you respond to challenges – all of the things involved with performance.”

That will be how Blake approaches what the Cardinals and manager Oli Marmol have identified as an area they want to see improved next season – getting their pitchers to have more swings and misses from the opposing hitters.

This is especially the case once the count reaches two strikes. The Cardinals were last in the major leagues last season in strikeouts, and only six teams allowed a higher batting average with two strikes.

Blake is in favor of a pitcher being able to retire a batter early in the count if he can, but once the count reaches two strikes, getting that third strike becomes really important.

“If we have a guy who can do that (get a swing and miss for strike three) there is a big advantage,” Blake said. “You are one pitch away from getting an out.”

The important point is that the out is recorded without the batter putting the ball in play.

“One third of the balls hit in play are going to lead to a baserunner,” Blake said. “That’s a huge shift in the results of what happens.”

It’s finding out how his pitchers can get that third strike that brings Blake’s study and understanding of the analytics into play.

“It helps them identify what they do that creates that,” Blake said. “For some pitchers it’s takes – what pitches are they throwing that hitters just can’t get the bat off their shoulders. For other guys it obviously will be swing and miss on chase pitches.

“I do think there are some opportunities there for us to evaluate and understand when you are one pitch away, these are the areas when a swing and miss might happen or a chase may happen or a take may happen. We have to become more familiar with those areas to help guys target those locations.”

What Blake ultimately wants, whether it’s a swing and miss strike or a lazy ground ball, is for his pitchers to do what they do best.



“At the end of the day I want them to be great at what they are good at,” he said. “If we can maximize that I think that’s ultimately what’s going to help us make the most of what we have versus trying to fit a square peg into a round hole.”

Whether Blake succeeds in reaching his goals ultimately will be determined by the individual success of the Cardinals’ pitchers.

“How else do you judge it?” asked Pollard. “Knowledge is great, understanding analytics and data is important in today’s world, but ultimately you are judged as a pitching coach by how your pitchers perform.

“I have no doubt in his ability to get the absolute most out of whoever he is working with.”

At least one Cardinals pitcher, Adam Wainwright, believes he has already benefitted from working with Blake – and is looking forward to seeing how Blake can help him and the rest of the staff even more next season.

“The first year we just kind of all thought of him as the numbers guy, a guy who understood Trackman and all of the numbers,” Wainwright said. “Last year was a really good awakening for me to realize the quality pitching coach that he is. He helped me with some mechanical issues I had never thought of.

“Given more rope, I think he is going to be so good I can’t even believe it.”

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Global Product Manufacturer ICL Joins St. Louis' Conflux Co-Learning

International manufacturer becomes member of
organization exclusively serving industrial leaders



Leading global specialty minerals company ICL Group recently joined Conflux Co-Learning, the nation's first co-learning space which solely serves manufacturers and distributors. The membership-based organization creates content, connections, and space so manufacturing and distribution leaders can navigate and grow in a rapidly changing industry.

ICL is an Israel-based specialty minerals company with U.S. headquarters located in St. Louis. ICL recently received a \$197 million federal grant to help fund a \$400 million investment in expanding its existing Carondelet production campus located in south St. Louis by 120,000-square-feet. More than 150 jobs will be added at the facility, which currently produces specialty phosphates for use by global food and industrial companies.

The expanded plant will be built in two phases, with the first opening in 2024 and the second in 2025. The plant will manufacture lithium iron phosphate (LFP) cathode active material for use in electric vehicles and energy storage. This is the first large-scale manufacturing site for LFP in the U.S.

"We are proud to now be a member of Conflux, which offers many opportunities to companies like ours," said Bryce Tinker, Carondelet plant manager and U.S. manufacturing director for ICL Specialty Products. "Conflux is truly a growth-oriented community which supports our industry on both a local and national scale, and we look forward to reaping all the benefits that our membership will contribute to our plant's upcoming expansion."

Conflux Co-Learning is located at 8221 Minnesota Ave. For more information, call (314) 754-8712 or visit www.confluxcolearning.com.

MEMORIES OF BRENTWOOD

I have just enjoyed many hours of memories. It took me forever to read The Pulse for August 1982. After enjoying all I read, I went online to see if you were still around. And this is where I found your email so I could say thanks, to those long ago who were in charge of this paper.

Several months ago, my sister gave me a bag with a couple of things, saying you might enjoy seeing. As I pulled the newspaper out, my dad smiled up at me. Richmond Heights Business Leader Denver Wright, Jr. Being my Dad's generation, Bob Gebben may not be around to hear this but, I thank him for the beautiful article. Not living in St. Louis at the time, I don't recall having seen the article. He definitely was talking about my dad. He knew him well.

I went through each page searching for memories and the first was next to his article. Anne Schall, such a nice lady. A friend of my parents and people I cared for as a little girl. She and her husband lived two homes over from us on Madge Avenue. Our home was at the corner of Madge and High School Drive, facing towards Manchester Road. And next to them Frank and Toni Tepley who I also loved.

Going down a block was Annalee, take a left and go down the hill to 2418 Annalee and that was my second home. Growing up, we would walk our sleds up Annalee and reaching the top of Madge we would join the other kids and race down towards Brentwood Blvd. Kids and families laughing and squealing with joy.

Grade School # 1 was already a landmark when I attended. I can picture in my thoughts walking up the stairs one set on each side of the front. I had one of my dad's teachers in 6th grade, Jo McGrath. She along with Mrs. Evans (kindergarten) and Mrs. Weeks (4th grade). I won't mention a few others! But these ladies expressed not only intelligent but love. And moving up to the High School for 7th and 8th grade, Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Love and the Liberian Miss Edith Low. What kind and loving ladies.

My favorite picture memory of Brentwood High School is sitting in Mrs. Brooks class and looking out a bright gold maple tree as the sun shines on it. How sad others can't see it. Building is progress but memories are lasting.

I lived there when the new library was built but I recall the dear tiny building with barely space to move between. You had to cross Manchester and continue down Brentwood Blvd. Each summer in grade school we kept a list of the books we read.

And I never had seen a Frank Blair cartoon but he and his wife were close friends of my parents. And then a picture of the Brentwood Gang. Ducky Howerton was a close friend of my aunt Delores and here Ducky came back to life through your paper. When your dad is the oldest of nine the younger two were included in my generation of friends as I grew up.

And lastly, the Brentwood Bank. Their ad is not the Brentwood Bank I knew and had my first account at. A short walk down Brentwood Blvd. from Grade School # 1, there was a mom and pop shop. A great place to take a walk at lunch time for penny candy. And then the candy shop was gone. About this time, I was becoming a woman of wealth. I was beginning to baby sit. One day my dad took me down to the new Brentwood Bank. The president was a friend of my parents and so I knew Mr. Jordon. And liked him. I had personal attention that day. Mr. Jordon helped me open my account. I made my \$10.00 deposit and thanked him. He then said, "Are you sure you won't need some money sometime soon? Should you take some out?" And so, I made my first withdrawal. \$5.00. He hands me the five dollars and I start to put it away and he quickly says, "Don't put it away. You need to count it!" "But you're my friend." And he explained, even friends can make a mistake. As young as I was, that is a lesson I have never forgot.

And yes, at 83, Mr. Jordon is still with me as I enter a bank.

If anyone reads this, I hope you enjoyed my memories and I thank you for bringing them back to me.

And I hope many more generations are able to enjoy the heartbeats for their hometown through your periodical.

Mary Lou Wright Smith

Your comfort is important.



Chris Roth

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It's Back!

International Brotherhood of Magicians Presents a Active Military, Veterans & First Responders Tribute Magical Holiday Show

7:00 p.m. Saturday December 17, 2022(Doors Open at 6:30 p.m.)

The International Brotherhood of Magicians Ring 1, announced there would be a performance of the "Active Military, Veterans & First Responder's Tribute Magical Holiday Show" on Saturday December 17, 2022 at the Kirkwood Community Theatre 111 South Geyer Road Kirkwood, MO 63122. Show Time is 7:00 p.m. Tickets are FREE for all Active Military, Veterans, First Responders their family. General Public tickets are only \$10.00. Sponsored by Regions Bank.

The Active Military, Veterans & First Responders Tribute Magical Holiday Show will be a fantastic magic show for the whole family. Both children and adults will embark on an unforgettable journey of comedy and magic with a special tribute for all those who help keep America free! You will enjoy the magic of an impressive list of Professional Magicians: Christian Misner, Terry Richison, Mary Kopp, Steve Zuehlke and more. Curtain time for the performance of the Veteran & First Responder's Tribute Magical Holiday Show is 7:00 p.m., at the Kirkwood Community Theatre, 111 South Geyer Road Kirkwood, MO 63122.

Tickets Are Required for the show even though they are FREE to all Active Military, Veterans and First Responders and their families and only \$10 for General Public.

For all tickets, go to: <https://ibmring1.com/holidayshow>

Military ID required for Active Military, Veterans and 1st Responders. Please do not reserve more free tickets that you can use so that we can let more Veterans and 1st Responders have a chance to enjoy the show.

All tickets are issued through Yapsody.com. All discounts will be taken when you click "Save To Cart."

All Seats are General Admission.

To learn more about the International Brotherhood of Magicians Veterans Holiday Show visit our website at <https://ibmring1.com/holidayshow> or call 314-791-9108.

Thank you to all our Active Military, Veterans & First Responders for all you do and have done.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR
EXECUTIVE RECRUITING SERVICES FOR FINANCE DIRECTOR/CONTROLLER

DUE DATE: DECEMBER 16, 2022 AT 5:00 PM CST

Proposals must be submitted in PDF format to
Jason Kotz, PHR,SHRM-CP, HR Manager, at jkotz@brentwoodmo.org

For detailed information please view
<https://www.brentwoodmo.org/bids.aspx?bidID=224>

PROPOSALS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER DATE AND TIME INDICATED ABOVE.

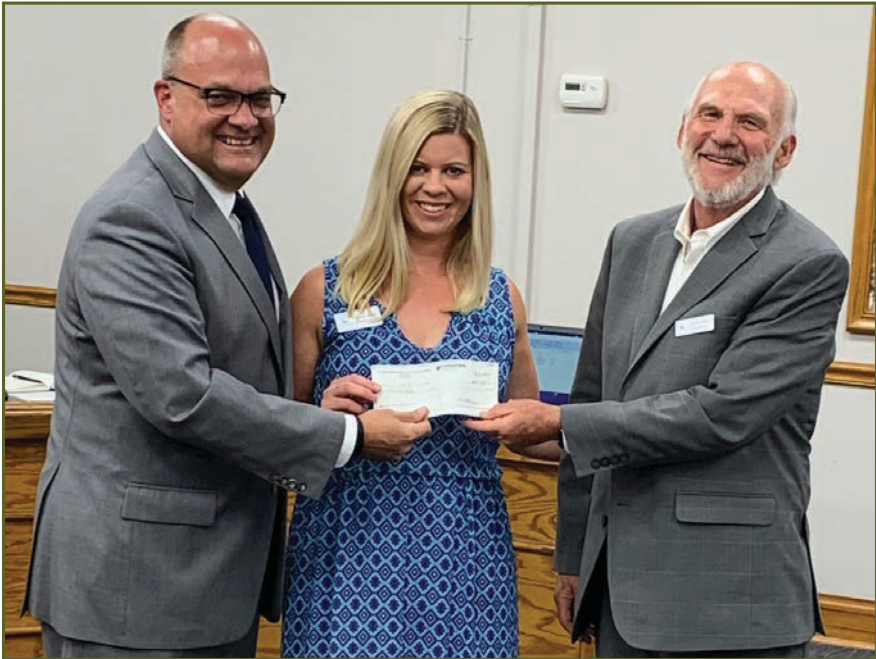
We had a great turnout for our graham cracker house-making event at the Brentwood Public Library! We loved all the incredible and creative houses that you made. SO MUCH CANDY.



Open Space Council Provides
\$50,000 Grant to Brentwood

The Open Space Council for the St. Louis Region Executive Director Bonnie Harper and Board President David Wilson presented a \$50,000 check to the City of Brentwood for the purchase of land for the Brentwood Wetland Arboretum Restoration Project.

This gift will assist the City of Brentwood in obtaining the land located between the Bi-State Metro garage and Deer Creek to permanently protect and conserve this wetland and floodplain of Deer Creek.



DECEMBER

- 1 Ways & Means Committee, 5:30 pm
- 5 Board of Aldermen, 7 pm
- 6 Redevelopment Corporation, 6 pm
- 8 Public Works Committee, 6 pm
- 12 Municipal Court, 5 pm
- 14 Planning & Zoning Commission, 7 pm
- 15 Architectural Review Board, 7 pm
- 17 Electronics Recycling, 8 am-noon
- 19 Board of Aldermen, 7 pm
- 26 Christmas Holiday* - City Offices Closed
- 27 Sustainability Commission, 6 pm
- 28 Site Plan Review Subcommittee, 6 pm

JANUARY 2023

- 2 New Year's Holiday* - City Offices Closed

* Holiday Trash Schedule: No trash/recycling collection; pickup resumes one day after the regularly scheduled day.

SAVE THE DATES

RESIDENTIAL PAPER SHREDDING 2023

9 am - Noon

Brentwood Recreation Complex

February 4

May 6

August 5

November 4

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING 2023

8 am - Noon

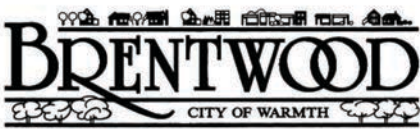
Brentwood Recreation Complex

March 4

May 13

August 12

December 9



2022 Holiday
Trash Schedule

Holiday	Date	Change
Christmas	Monday, December 26	No trash service. Pickup resumes one day after regular schedule (Tues-Sat)
New Year's Day 2023	Monday, January 2, 2023	No trash service. Pickup resumes one day after regular schedule (Tues-Sat)

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

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

ROCK HILL NEWS



City Calendars arrived in homes last week. If you didn't get one, you can pick one up at City Hall.

314-384-8047

The City has received complaints regarding odor coming from the medical marijuana cultivation facility located in Rock Hill. Anyone experiencing this smell is asked to call Proper Cannabis at 314-384-8047 with the date, time and location of where you smelled it so they can take the steps necessary to resolve the problem.

Park Restrooms closed for the season

WITH THE ARRIVAL OF COLDER WEATHER, WATER WAS SHUT OFF. OAKHAVEN AND STROUP RESTROOMS ARE LOCKED FOR THE SEASON.



The Fire Department has smoke detectors. If you need one, please call: 314-962-6254.

Mark Your Calendar

Nov. 24 & 25
Happy Thanksgiving
City Hall Closed

Dec. 1
Senior Lunch & Bingo

Dec. 3
Saturday with Santa

Dec. 7
Coffee with a Cop

Dec. 21
Coffee with the Mayor

The General Municipal Election filing for the April 5th Election will open on December 6th at 8 am and will close on December 27th at 5 pm.



Rock Hill residents are invited to enter the annual Holiday House Decorating Contest! You may enter your own house or a neighbor's. Submit a photo with your name, address and phone number by Dec. 20 to: knieman@rockhillmo.net




The winning house will be invited to a Board of Alderman meeting and receive a Hanger Kitchen + Bar gift card!




Thank you to everyone who was able to attend Saturday with Santa in Rock Hill! A HUGE THANK YOU to the Fire Department for hosting and cooking pancakes!





QUESO WITH A COP


1ST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH | 6PM-7PM
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Come chat with the Rock Hill Police Department, ask question or voice concerns, and receive a **FREE QUESO** Appetizer.

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WASTE CONNECTIONS WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY:

With the anticipated frigid and wintry weather forecast for our winter months, Waste Connections would like to roll out our plan to our Municipal customers in case of delayed starts or any suspended services due to extreme weather.

In the event of sub-zero temperatures, dangerous wind chills, or large amounts of accumulative snow our management team will make a decision to either delay start of service or suspend service entirely.

DELAYED SERVICE:
Our drivers typically prepare their day around 5 am with most cities having a 6:30 to 7:00 am curfew start time. If management decides to delay our start there will be an anticipated new start time of 8 AM or later. This will be communicated to each city first thing that morning via email.

SUSPENDED SERVICE:
If the drivers' safety is at risk, management will suspend service for that day only unless the reason warrants additional days, which will be determined each day after that. In the event of one day of suspended service, the remainder of the week will be treated as a rolling week and each service day will roll through Saturday and be completed. In the event that more than one day is affected, a determination will be made at that time and emails will be sent to cities with the remainder of the week's plan.

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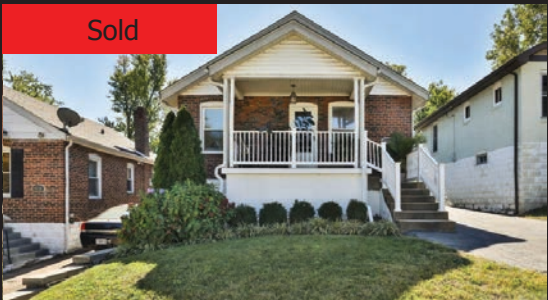
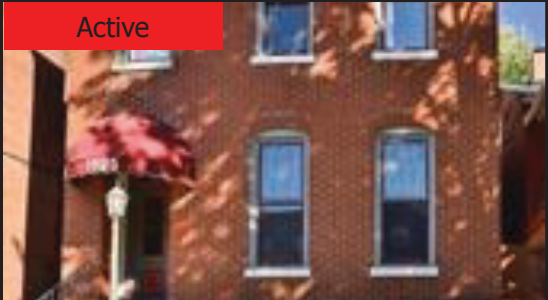
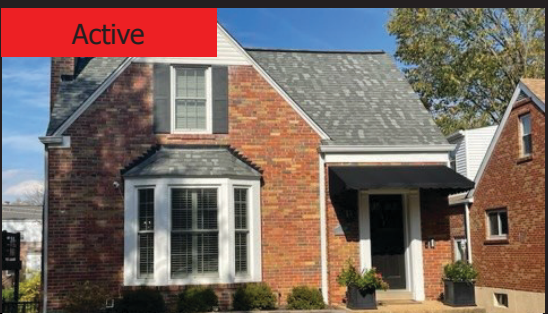
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RICHMOND HEIGHTS MEMORIAL LIBRARY TO HOST THE LAST CHILDREN OF MILL CREEK AUTHOR EVENT

On Thursday, December 15 at 6:30 p.m. the Richmond Heights Memorial Library will host Vivian Gibson, author of The Last Children of Mill Creek. This event will take place in the Library’s program room. The Library is located on the 2nd floor of the HEIGHTS Community Center at 8001 Dale Avenue.

Vivian Gibson is a native St. Louisan who grew up in Mill Creek Valley, a neighborhood of St. Louis razed in 1959 to build a highway. Her family, friends, church community, and neighbors were all displaced by this act of “urban renewal.” In this moving memoir, Gibson recreates the everyday lived experiences of her large family, including her seven siblings, her crafty college-educated mother, who moved to St. Louis as part of the Great Migration, and her at-times forbidding father, who worked two jobs to keep them all warm and fed.

Winner of a Missouri Humanities award for literary achievement, The Last Children of Mill Creek is an important book for anyone interested in urban development, race, and community history. For anyone who was once a child.

The author will be on hand to discuss her work and to answer questions. Copies of The Last Children of Mill Creek will be available for purchase from Subterranean Books.

This event is free and open to the public.

For further information: Kathleen Gallagher, kgallagher@rhmlibrary.org, 314-645-6202

AUTHOR EVENT:
VIVIAN GIBSON
Meet Vivian Gibson, author of
The Last Children of Mill Creek

THE LAST CHILDREN OF MILL CREEK
VIVIAN GIBSON

Thursday, December 15th

Richmond Heights Memorial Library
8001 Dale Avenue
St. Louis, Mo 63117



Cheers to Charcuterie!

Over the past few years, the popularity of charcuterie boards has expanded from restaurant appetizers to holiday get-togethers and everything in between. The infinitely customizable assortment of meats, cheeses, fruits, breads and spreads can add a pop of color and flavor to your table and provide many options for your family and guests. Do not be intimidated by this sometimes, difficult to pronounce word; there is no set recipe, which makes for a creative project each time!

What is Charcuterie?

Charcuterie is a French term for the art of preparing and assembling cured meat and meat products. Charcuterie-style meat and cheese boards have become very popular outside of France, and this concept has evolved to include many foods besides meat, along with a variety of presentation variations and ingredient themes. Charcuterie cones, skewers, jarcuterie (layered in a small mason jar) and dessert boards (although not technically charcuterie) are a few examples of this expanding trend.

Cheese Please!

Everyone knows cheese is the main event! “Not only does cheese pair well with all food groups, it is also an incredibly nutrient-rich food and a great source of protein and calcium,” states Kelsey Bentlage, registered dietitian with St. Louis District Dairy Council. Select two to four types of cheeses to get started, depending on the size of the board. Soft ripened cheese like Brie or Camembert, semi-hard cheese like Gouda or cheddar and unique flavored cheese like blue or marinated feta are options that provide a mixture of flavors and textures.

Tips for the Perfect Board

Prepare a charcuterie board with a collection of foods from different categories. This ensures a wide variety of textures, flavors and colors to choose from, and makes it appealing to the eye as well. Here are suggested selections to include in the perfect board:

Cheese: Opt for a variety of textures, colors and shapes. Pre-slice for ease of serving and allow cheese to sit out to room temperature for enhanced flavor. Soft cheeses can be served in a small dish with a cheese knife.

Meat: Popular meat options are salami, prosciutto, pepperoni and ham. Roll or fold meats and stack.

Fresh Fruits and Vegetables: Grapes, apples, berries and dried fruits such as apricots and cherries are popular fruit choices. Cherry tomatoes, sliced cucumbers and radishes provide additional color and texture.

Bread and Crunch: Sliced baguette, crackers, pita chips, pretzel chips and nuts are all great options. Placing them in small bowls or plates on the side will save room on the board, if needed.

Extras: Complete the board with extra elements that add unique flavors. Examples include jams or preserves, olives, hummus, salted butter, pickled vegetables, dips and honey.

For more information on dairy’s health benefits or to download the “Cheese Pairing Guide”, visit www.stldairycouncil.org or contact Kelsey Bentlage with St. Louis District Dairy Council: call (314) 835-9668 or e-mail kbentlage@stldairycouncil.org. For delicious and nutritious recipes, check us out on Facebook and Instagram at [STLDairyCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/STLDairyCouncil).

Simple Charcuterie Board

A charcuterie/cheese board is perfect for a small or large gathering with family or friends this holiday season. Serving cheese on a large plate or cheese board in the middle of a table allows accessibility from all sides- surely a good idea as everyone digs in!

Ingredients

- 8 ounces sharp cheddar, cubed or sliced
- 8 ounces Gouda, cubed or sliced
- 8 ounces havarti, cubed or sliced
- 1 wedge, Brie cheese
- 1 can black olives, drained
- 2 cups fresh fruit- grapes, berries, or apple slices
- 2 cups fresh vegetables- carrot sticks, cucumber slices, snap peas, cherry tomatoes
- 2 packages salami, Prosciutto or pepperoni, rolled
- 2 packages crackers, any kind
- ½ cup almonds
- ½ cup cashews
- ¼ cup jam or preserves, portioned in a small bowl

Instructions

- Use a rimmed baking sheet or large serving board. Gather ingredients and then arrange them on the board in the order on ingredient list.
- Space out cheeses. Provide cheese knives or tongs if needed.
- Fill in some of the gaps with olives, fruits and vegetables.
- Stack and tuck rolled meats in clusters on the board between other ingredients.
- Add crunchy elements like crackers and nuts.
- Place jam or extra crackers in small bowls around the board if extra space is needed.

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Electronics Recycling Event: Saturday, December 17

Drop off your old, unwanted electronics at our next electronics recycling event: Saturday, Dec. 17
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/>



City Offices Closed December 26 for Christmas Holiday

City of Brentwood offices will be closed Monday, Dec. 26, in observance of the Christmas holiday.
No trash or recycling service on Monday, Dec. 26. Trash and recycling collections will take place the day after the regularly scheduled day the week of December 26.



City Offices Closed January 2 for New Year's Holiday

City of Brentwood offices will be closed Monday, Jan. 2, in observance of the New Year's Day holiday.
No trash or recycling service on Monday, Jan. 2. Trash and recycling collections will take place the day after the regularly scheduled day the week of January 2.



“Pillow Fight” Pillow Collection Drive Through December 31

The Brentwood Police Department and Brentwood Fire Department are engaged in a friendly competition this month 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) through 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.”

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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 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.

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.

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.

Toys for Tots Collection: Through December 18

Please join the Brentwood firefighters in support of the Marine Corps' Toys for Tots Toy Drive to benefit local children this holiday season. Drop off new, unwrapped toys in the lobby of the Brentwood Fire Department (8756 Eulalie Avenue) through December 18.

Announcement of Promotion:

Fire Chief Cottrell has announced the promotion of the following individuals to the rank of Engineer;
Larry Drexler, Bob Carver, and Darren Chaves.
These promotions will take effect January 1st, 2023.
The engineers roles and responsibilities include but are not limited to operations of the apparatus including driving, pumping, maintaining, and operations of all systems and equipment of the apparatus.
These individuals also hold Credentialing through the Missouri Division of Fire Safety as Driver Operator/Pumper.
Please join the Professional Firefighters of Brentwood MO on congratulating these individuals on this accomplishment.



Brentwood resident Cheri Schear, who was “discovered” at age 20 when she sang in Gaslight Square, sang the National Anthem during the 2022 City of Brentwood's Veterans Day celebration. Pictured above is Cheri and Mayor Dimmitt.



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2022 Holiday Programming at the Missouri History Museum

The Great Holiday Coloring Party, ‘Meet Me in St. Louis’ movie night, family-friendly Winter Getaway and Noon Year’s Eve, and more!



The Missouri History Museum is the place to be this holiday season! Whether you’re decking the halls and coloring the walls during The Great Holiday Coloring Party or ringing in the New Year a little early during a Noon Year’s Eve celebration the Museum is offering a variety of fun festive events for all ages. Need to do a little holiday shopping? Stop by the Missouri History Museum’s gift shop for unique, local gifts you won’t find anywhere else. And don’t forget to visit the Missouri History Museum’s popular St. Louis Sound exhibit before it closes on January 22, 2023.

Thursday Nights at the Museum Holiday Programming:

Thursday, December 15, 2022 | The Great Holiday Coloring Party

Let’s deck the halls, color the walls, and learn a little St. Louis holiday history all in one night! Meet under the twinkle lights in the MacDermott Grand Hall, where you can get creative at craft tables and hear from Community Tours Manager Amanda Clark about downtown holiday storefronts of the past. You’ll also want to explore Coloring STL and deck the walls with your favorite seasonal décor on the giant dry-erase images of St. Louis buildings.

Thursday, December 22, 2022 | Have Yourself a Merry Little Movie Night

Get in the holiday spirit and join us for a screening of the classic movie musical Meet Me in St. Louis. Costumes are welcome, and so is singing along!

Thursday, December 29, 2022 | ‘80s & ‘90s Hip-Hop Night with DJ G. Wiz

Start your New Year’s celebration early with a Throwback Thursday featuring St. Louis’s own “The God Pops of Hip-Hop” G.Wiz! With his signature M.usical E.du-tainment style, G.Wiz will share the story of how he created the “video mixtape” in 1995—a synchronization of beats and visuals that caught the attention of major music labels. After the presentation, stay for live musical performances, then join us in the Grand Hall for DJs and drinks, including a performance of classic B-boy dance moves. Don’t forget to wear your ‘80s and ‘90s gear!

Thursday, January 26, 2022 | Celebrate Chinese New Year! Every year more than 2 billion people in China and around the globe celebrate Chinese New Year, marking the end of the winter season with family and festivities. Join the St. Louis Chinese Language School and the Missouri History Museum to welcome in 2023—the Year of the Rabbit. You’ll learn about the history of this 15-day holiday (known in China as the Spring Festival) and its associated traditions, including a performance of the traditional Lion Dance.

2022 Winter Getaway and Annual Noon Year’s Eve Celebration

Winter Getaway | Wednesday, December 28, 2022 | Wild Winter

It’s cold outside, but wild animals still have a lot to do in winter—even if it’s just hibernating. Play in our winter animal sensory bins, make a winter animal mask, and participate in animal story time. Enjoy two episodes of the popular PBS television series Molly of Denali along with touch tables to learn about how local Native American or Indigenous people have used animals and nature in the winter. Support for Winter Getaway was provided by The Paz Family Foundation

Winter Getaway | Thursday, December 29 | Step into the Story: I Got Rhythm

I Got the Rhythm, by Connie Schofield-Morrison, tells the story of a little girl who hears rhythms all around her while she walks to the park with her mother. Join the St. Louis Black Authors of Children’s Literature and the Repertory Theatre of St. Louis and dive into a playful rhythmic day of your own

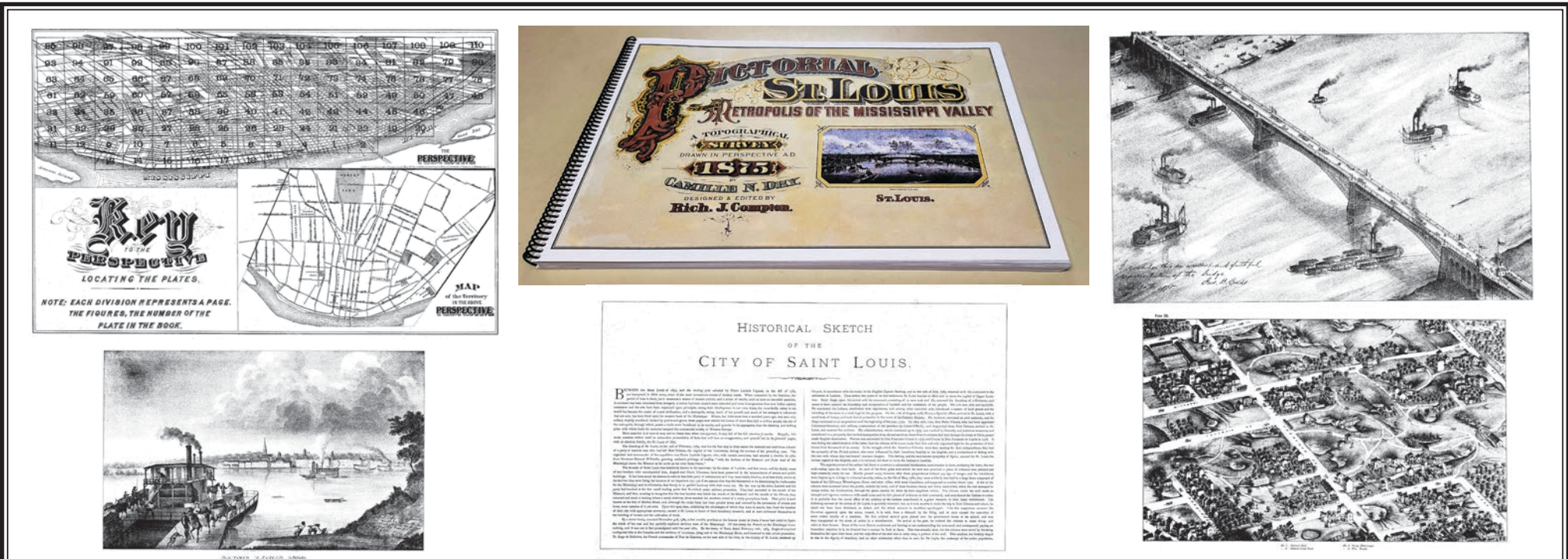
at the Museum. Explore the musical history of our city on a scavenger hunt through the St. Louis Sound exhibit. Families will enjoy read-aloud story time by the St. Louis Black Authors while a cast member from the Rep performs in tandem with the pages of the book. Participate in a hip-hop-inspired movement workshop, explore an instrument petting zoo, and make music-inspired crafts. The first 200 kids in attendance will receive a free copy of the book, courtesy of Ready Readers! Support for Winter Getaway was provided by The Paz Family Foundation

Winter Getaway | Friday, December 30, 2022 | On the Trail

There’s a reason St. Louis is called “the Gateway to the West”: Many people gathered here to buy supplies before making the journey westward, including immigrants and the Exodusters—Black pioneers and former enslaved people from the South. At 11am, enjoy the special performance Fundisha Family Folktale Theater: Clara Brown, directed and told by Mama Lisa and featuring the cast of Fundisha Enterprises with musicians Abalone Pearl and Dusty James. This musical performance tells the story of Clara Brown, a formerly enslaved African American woman and pioneer leader who traveled through St. Louis. Experience the pioneer lifestyle by dressing up, making an embroidery craft, creating a buffalo mask, and meeting our strolling “cowboy” from Circus Kaput. Support for Winter Getaway was provided by The Paz Family Foundation

Saturday, December 31, 2022 | Noon Year’s Eve

For those of us who can’t stay awake until midnight, join us for a New Year’s countdown when the clock strikes noon. Enjoy art activities and winter-themed games, and stay for a special performance by FIRE DOG before the balloons drop at noon! Support for Winter Getaway was provided by The Paz Family Foundation



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

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

PICTORIAL ST. LOUIS: The Great Metropolis of the Mississippi Valley A Topographical Survey, Drawn From Perspective 1875.

Illustrations by Camille N. Dry and designed & edited by Rich. J. Compton.

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

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

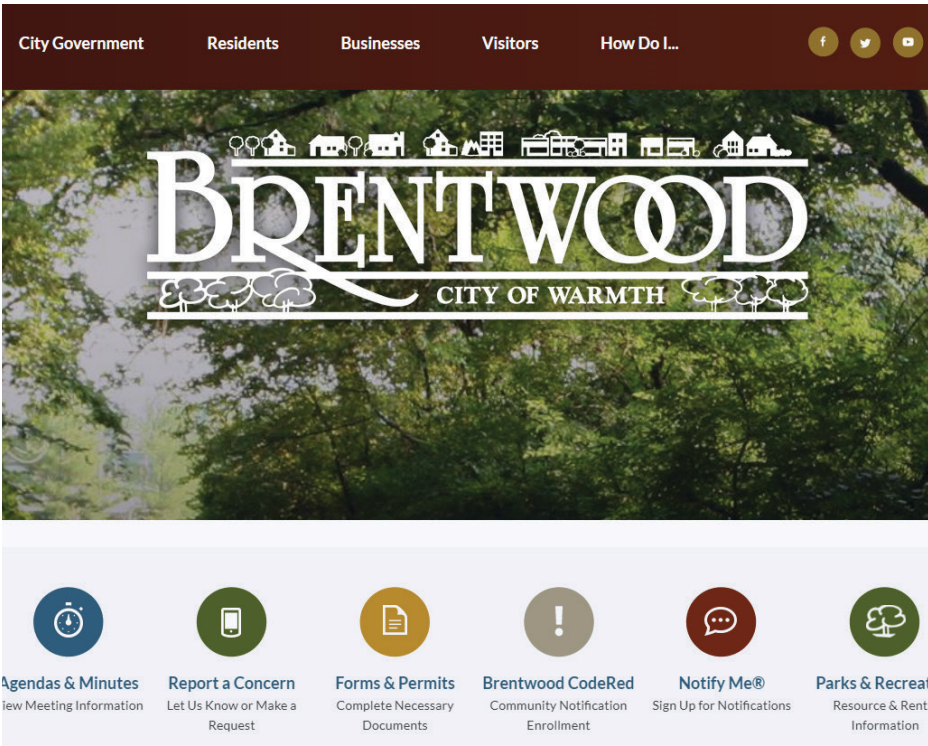
Every foot of the vast territory within these limits has been carefully examined and topographically drawn in perspective, by Mr. C. N. Dry and his assistants, and the faithfulness and accuracy with which this work has been done an examination of the pages will attest. Absolute truth and accuracy in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

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

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



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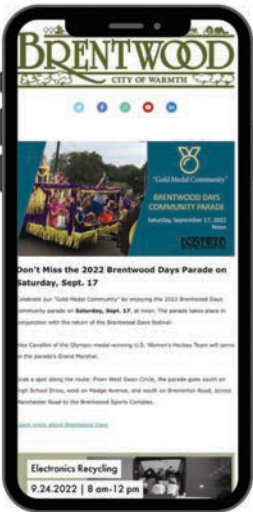


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Memories of a 1950s Christmas

By Ann Brubaker Greenleaf Wirtz

Warm memories of Christmas
From seven, even six, decades ago
Come to mind, with cherished
Scenes from a distant childhood
Playing on the senior heart.

St. Louis and suburbs were
Twinkling with festive lights,
As both white and multi-colored bulbs
Graced homes, businesses, and
The ubiquitous and tinsel evergreen.

Downtown, the enchanting windows
Of Famous-Barr; Stix, Baer & Fuller;
And Scruggs Vandervoort & Barney
Featured an automated wonderland
Of toys, trains, and Santa with his busy elves.

In Maplewood, the iconic and reliable
Golde's Department Store aka "Goldie's"
Saw shoppers bustle in and out,
Arms laden with bags and packages
Wrapped and ready for Christmas morn.

Snow-covered lawns and lanes
Met the frosty air and called for
Boots, coats, mittens, and caps,
While young girls on their way to school
Wore slacks underneath their dresses.

School was lively with
Décor and music
To match the season, as
Concert preparations were underway
Which actually told the Christmas story:

8 And there were in the same country
shepherds abiding in the field,
keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them,
and the glory of the Lord shone round about them:
and they were sore afraid.

10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not:
for, behold, I bring you good tidings
of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David
a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find
the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

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

14 Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace, good will toward men
(Luke 2:8-14 KJV).

This Scripture accompanied carols sung
At assemblies at Avery School, and was
Central to Vespers, Miss Esther Replogle's renowned
Nativity reenactment at Webster Groves High, and
Proclaimed at Christmas Eve services everywhere.

As remembrances warm our hearts
With thoughts about simpler days long past,
When life and choices seemed less complicated,
May we embrace our lifetime memories,
Holding close the joys we've known.

For sorrow has no doubt been experienced
Along the way, as living is hard, and
Difficulties and grief do abound, but faith
In God above has blessed us, as well,
Our unceasing gratitude deep and comforting.

Winsome, relatable poetry captures the everyday in an eclectic and nostalgic presentation

Ann Brubaker Greenleaf Wirtz releases
"Our Lives in Verse, Everyday Poetry"

HENDERSONVILLE, N.C. – As a baby boomer who grew up on classical literature and fun and inspiring poetry, Ann Brubaker Greenleaf Wirtz, raised in Webster Groves, graduating in 1966, has ever enjoyed the play of words. Over the years, her musings made their way to pen and paper, later to keyboard and computer. They were expressions of her life experience. Some of her writings told the accounts of others.



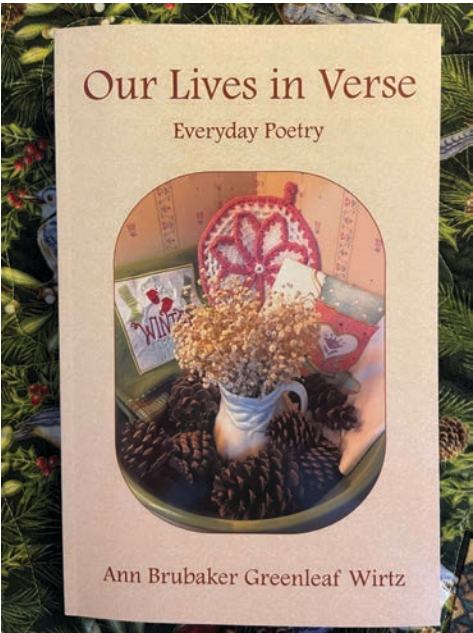
Underlying all of Wirtz's literary endeavors was a passion to observe, comprehend, and embrace the everyday. She wrote to clarify her thoughts. How does her faith interact with all that happens? How does she respond to the hurts, the joys, the fears, the overwhelming beauty and the delight found in even the simplest things? "Our Lives in Verse, Everyday Poetry," published by WestBow Press, a subsidiary of Thomas Nelson and Zondervan, is her contemplative journey in poetic form.

This poetry book is a whimsical, observational contemplation about the common life. It presents 35 thoughtful, humorous, and joy filled poems that dovetail with the command in Philippians 4:8 to think about those things that are lovely, wholesome, and true to life. The poems are nestled into three basic sections, "Months of the Year; Home and Family; and Everyday Musings." There is a poem for each calendar month and for the celebration of Christmas.

Wirtz's poetry also includes her thoughts about the community, family, and regions of the country. The hard work of the farmer is appreciated as well as curious considerations about the serendipitous nature of life, duties, and genealogy. There is even a poem to elucidate a life truth called "The Pollyanna Principle." Throughout, faith is a foundational presence. Prayers of invocation accompany some of her poetry.

"I wrote my poetry to uplift others, including myself, and to offer a more positive view on life. The everyday poems in my book are a refreshing alternative to the anxiety and negativity in society today," Wirtz says. When asked what she wants readers to take away from the book, she answers, "Faith is the underpinning of each poem, so I pray for encouragement, for joy, and for that aha moment when a thought resonates with the reader and brings a smile."

Our Lives in Verse, Everyday Poetry by Ann Brubaker Greenleaf Wirtz is available at Amazon and Barnes & Noble or on her website: www.anngreenleafwirtz.com.



May you, Dear Reader, have
a Merry Christmas and every
Happiness in the New Year!

~ Ann Brubaker Greenleaf Wirtz

2022 Girls in Aviation Day Ignites Passion for Flight and More

More than 100 young women from a dozen bi-state area high schools and Girl Scout Troop 2184 learned about a variety of future careers in aviation during the Girls in Aviation



Day event held at St. Louis Downtown Airport on October 28. The participants climbed into the cockpits of various aircraft for a unique vantage point and an overview of the instrumentation, and they flew planes in high-tech simulators that enabled them to safely experience the thrill of flight. Saint Louis University's Oliver L. Parks Department of Aviation Science hosted the event at the airport, which is located near downtown St. Louis and has been home to the nation's oldest flight school for decades.

In addition to the hands-on activities, the event featured a career expo, where students had the opportunity to connect with representatives from more than a dozen organizations in the aviation industry about different job opportunities and the paths leading to them. Garmin, Greater St. Louis Business Aviation Association, Federal Aviation Administration, Ideal Aviation, SLU Admissions, St. Louis Downtown Airport, KSTL Air Traffic Control, St. Louis-Lambert International Airport, SLU Aviation Student Organizations, Southwestern Illinois College, Take Flight Girls, Inc., Transportation Security Administration, and the United States Army were among those investing their time to spotlight the world of opportunities in the industry. Ideal Aviation, St. Louis Downtown Airport Fire and Rescue and SLU provided the static displays of planes and the firetruck that participants got to see up close. Garmin, Ideal Aviation, St. Louis Lambert International Airport, the Greater St. Louis Business Aviation Association and Gateway Jets sponsored this year's event.



Addalyn Ruesing, 15, a sophomore at Mehlville High School, was excited to visit the flight simulation room and to try something she'd never done before. "It was pretty fun. I thought it was really realistic; like what you'd really see in a plane," said Addalyn, who came to the event without any expectations as to what she might discover. "I'm learning all about the job opportunities and careers in aviation and hearing there or lots of opportunities for women. I'd definitely look into it now."

Alicia Thomas brought her two children to the event – her daughter Lailah Kelly, a 14-year-old freshman student at Cardinal Ritter High School, and her 18-month-old son Major Thomas. While both enjoyed time in the cockpit of one of the planes used by SLU's flight instructors, Thomas said she made the trip primarily to expose her daughter to the career opportunities the aviation sector holds for young women.



Amy Pries, Outreach Coordinator for SLU's School of Science and Engineering, said that is exactly the goal of events like Girls in Aviation. She said it aimed at introducing more young women to the fields of aviation and aerospace, where there is currently tremendous demand for pilots, engineers and various other positions.

"We hope to introduce young women of all backgrounds to new aspects of aviation," said Pries. "If they want to be a pilot, we want to support that. If they want to do something else in the industry, we want to support that as well. The airline industry and aviation industry at large is not very diverse and it has an opportunity to continue to grow and become more equitable, and there is a place for everyone."

A panel discussion with current aviation students at SLU gave the students a chance to hear from other young women who were in the early stages of embarking on a variety of aviation industry careers. Ellie Volansky, an Aviation Management Major and Flight Science Minor, shared her words of encouragement.

"If you know in your heart it's what you want to do and you're passionate about it, you have to tune out the noise. At the end of the day, it's going to pay off. Just keep pushing and surround yourself with the people and voices who do support you," said Volansky.

To learn more about Girls in Aviation Day or opportunities to participate in future events, contact Amy Preis at Saint Louis University's Oliver L. Parks Department of Aviation Science via email at sseoutreach@slu.edu.



RESTAURANT REVIEWS

By Kevin McCarthy

Lunch and Dinner In Ste. Genevieve, MO

On our recent visit to Ste. Genevieve we had some great dining experiences. We started out with lunch at the Anvil Saloon. This historic business and building has a long history of serving the public in Ste. Genevieve. The Anvil Saloon & Restaurant has called Ste. Genevieve home since 1855. The bar came from an actual 1850s steamboat which traveled the Mississippi River.

The Anvil Saloon is famous for its onion rings, fried chicken, pork tenderloin, and homemade desserts, They also have some very unique European items on the menu such as French onion soup and liver dumplings. I tried them both. The French onion soup was a traditional style with a crouton and melted cheese on the top and it was very good.

I tried the liver dumplings because I love the leber knudel zupe (liver noodle soup) when I am in Germany. It is somewhat like an Italian wedding soup with small liver meat balls and pasta in the broth. The liver dumplings were a bit different. It was loosely ground liver cooked in a brown gravy. It is really very tasty, and is a just what you need for a cold weather warm up.



guest. Don't skip this masterpiece!

Our friend had the mushroom burger and it was a large, home made classic burger. I will order this the next time we are there. There is a large selection of sandwiches available.



The menu includes steaks, pork chops, chicken, seafood and pasta entrees and a large number of side dishes, many of which are home-style comfort food items. There is a kids menu and lots of homemade desserts as well. You can't go wrong at the Anvil Saloon.

We had dinner that night at the Audubon's Hotel, which is also where we stayed. It is named after John J. Audubon who live in Ste. Genevieve for more than two years.

They have a large, well stocked bar area and restaurant that has a partially open kitchen, so you can enjoy the aroma of fresh made items as you await your service.

We dined with the City Manager, and his wife, and he said I had to try the schnitzel & spaetzel, a Panko breaded pork cutlet topped with creamy lemon butter sauce and capers, served with house-made spaetzel and red cabbage kraut. WOW! It was the size of a hubcap, and absolutely delicious. It was so large, I could only eat half of it. The spaetzel was a true German noodle/dumpling that was exactly like what you would get in a German beer hall. It couldn't be better.



dressing was extremely fresh and tasty.

Sue had a shrimp and angel hair pasta dinner and our guest's wife had a seafood penne pasta. Both items were spot on. Our other guest had an apple glazed, center cut, pork chop covered with a sweet maple glaze. It was a picture perfect, gourmet delight. I will definitely order that the next time we are there, and we will be going back. Other entrees include a cedar plank salmon dish, steaks, and a chicken beurre blanc. Many of the entree items are also available in a smaller version as a sandwich item.

We started out with a baked artichoke dish topped with cheese that was shared by all. It was a very tasty appetizer. A spinach and egg salad with a warm bacon vinaigrette



The Anvil saloon is located at 46 S 3rd St, Ste. Genevieve, MO 63670. Phone 573-883-7323 for reservations. Audubon's Hotel and Restaurant is located at #9 N Main, Ste. Genevieve, MO 63670. Phone 573-883-2479 for reservations



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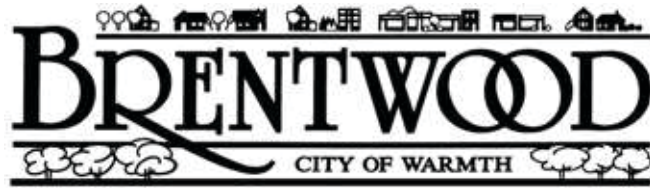
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LEGAL NOTICE

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1. The Mayor to be elected At-Large for the full term of two (2) years.
2. The Municipal Judge to be elected At-Large for the full term of two (2) years.
3. A member of the Board of Aldermen from Ward 1 for the full term of two (2) years.
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6. A member of the Board of Aldermen from Ward 4 for the full term of two (2) years.

All candidates desiring their names on the official ballot in the election aforesaid are hereby notified to file their names in person with the Deputy City Clerk of Brentwood, Missouri, at the Brentwood City Hall, 2348 S. Brentwood Blvd., Brentwood MO 63144. The filing hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, **December 6, 2022**, through Tuesday, **December 27, 2022**. The office of the Deputy City Clerk will not be open on Saturdays and Sundays or those days designated a holiday by the City of Brentwood.

All qualified candidates are hereby notified of the statutory requirement to provide to the Deputy City Clerk, at the time of filing, proof of identity such as social security card, Missouri driver's license, or must be recognizable to the Deputy City Clerk.

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

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3. Parenthetical reference to married names

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

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All candidates must file in person in the Deputy City Clerk's office. Filing will occur at the Brentwood City Hall. This building opens at 8:00 a.m. **For this purpose, a line for filing may be formed outside the main entrance to the Brentwood City Hall on Brentwood Blvd. Then at 8:00 a.m., all persons may proceed to the receptionist's desk at that time.** The forms, or notices used, shall be made available on December 6, 2022 at 8:00 am by the Deputy City Clerk at the Brentwood City Hall. Each day thereafter the forms will be available from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, Monday – Friday.



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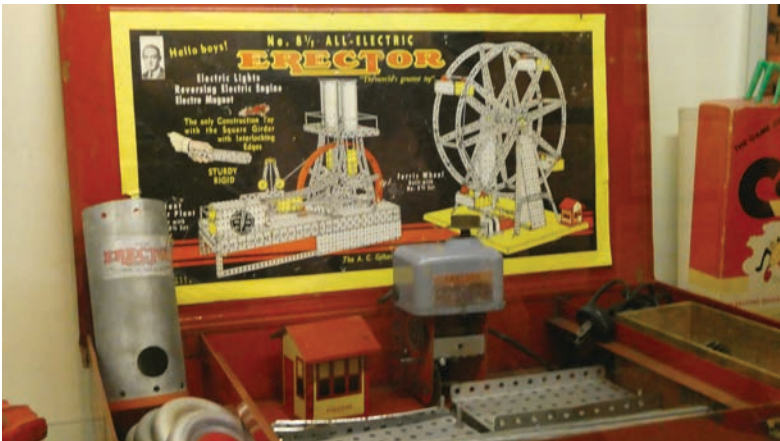
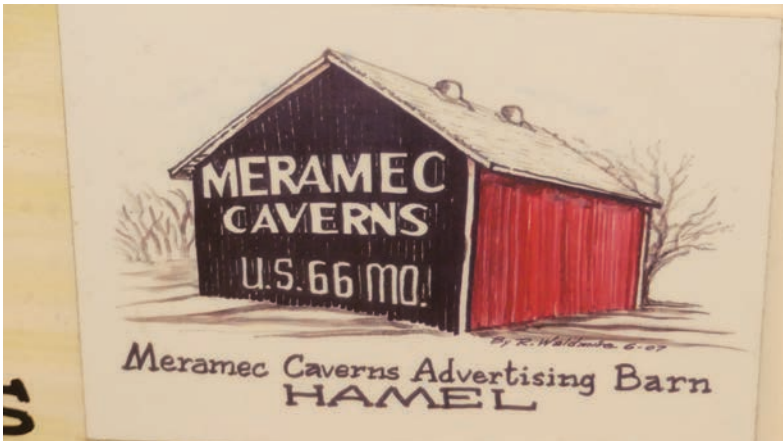
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