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## Brentwood Firefighters Hold Santa Parade ❄️ ❄️ ❄️ ❄️



Santa Claus came to town! Brentwood Firefighters and paramedics held a Santa Parade on Saturday December 19 in wards 1 & 4 and Sunday December 20 in wards 2 & 3. It was a great night and brought much appreciated holiday cheer throughout Brentwood. If you haven't yet, give Brentwood Firefighters a "like" on Facebook!

## West Community Credit Union Sponsors Brentwood High School Students



West Community Credit Union is excited to announce their partnership with Brentwood School District's entrepreneurial program, The Catalyst. This advanced approach to education creates a hands-on creative environment for these high school students to learn the professional skills needed to thrive in the business world. Students create a passion project; submit their business plan, as well as their financial proposal needed to start their business. West Community provided the capital needed to get the Brentwood students' businesses started.

The credit union has collaborated with Brentwood School District's Business Department for over twenty-five years now, volunteering their time to bring financial presentations to our classroom as well as supporting many other programs that benefit our students.

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## Deadline for next issue is February 1

## Brentwood Fire Department Toys For Tots Collection a Huge Success



These toys go directly to less fortunate children in the St Louis region. This year was tremendously successful, and we are thankful to the Brentwood community for their generosity.

*Reprint from the City of Brentwood Newsletter:*

## Farewells, Congrats and Welcomes at the Fire Department

The year 2020 brought changes to the Brentwood Fire Department: two retirements, two promotions, two new hires.

### Retirements

**Tim Zeier and Matt Stoverink retired from Brentwood Fire Department service in 2020.**

Tim Zeier began his career at the BFD in May 1992. He was previously a paramedic with Christian Hospital serving north St. Louis County. Tim retired on March 28 after serving the citizens of Brentwood for 28 years.

Matt Stoverink, a longtime Brentwood resident, was affectionally known as “Matty-boy” at the firehouse. Matt joined the BFD in 1991 from the Hazelwood Fire Department. He retired on June 30 after serving in Brentwood for 29 years.

*Tim and Matt, thank you for your hard work and commitment to the Brentwood community.*



TIM ZEIER



MATT STOVERINK

### Promotions

**John Youngblood and Marcus Herman were promoted in 2020.**

John Youngblood has been in the Fire and EMS service for 13 years, first as a young volunteer firefighter in Eureka, then as a full-time paramedic working for the Meramec Ambulance District in Pacific. John has been with the BFD since 2013. He was promoted to Lieutenant on March 28.

Marcus Herman is the department’s newest Lieutenant and Medical Officer, promoted on July 4. He is one of the area’s most knowledgeable and capable paramedics and has been with the BFD for seven years. He was also part of Missouri Task Force 1 – FEMA Urban Search and Rescue Team.

*John and Marcus, thank you for your commitment.*



JOHN YOUNGBLOOD



MARCUS HERMAN

### New Hires

**Jordan Selsor and Kathryn St. George joined the Brentwood Fire Department in 2020.**

Jordan Selsor joined the BFD on September 26. Previously, he was a paramedic with the Joachim-Plattin Ambulance District serving the southeast portion of Jefferson County, where he was regularly challenged with longer response times and transports, sometimes with very critical patients.

Kathryn St. George joined the BFD on September 28. Kathryn is a 2020 St. Louis County Fire Academy graduate. She previously worked for Osage County Ambulance District in Linn, Mo., as a paramedic. She’s a former college athlete and a current certified professional trainer.

*Welcome to Brentwood, Jordan and Kathryn!*



JORDAN SELSOR



KATHRYN ST. GEORGE

## Support Businesses in Brentwood: Eat Locally

Eating and Drinking Establishments in Brentwood

Please check with the individual locations to confirm order, pickup and delivery options.

Arby's  
8720 Manchester

Bonaventure Coffee  
2944 S. Brentwood

Bonefish Grill  
8780 Eager

Buffalo Wild Wings  
1210 Strassner

Carl's  
9033 Manchester

Chik-fil-A  
8590 Eager

First Watch  
1507 S. Brentwood

Fit Flavors  
8566 Eager

Fort Taco  
8106 Manchester

Frank Papa's  
2241 S. Brentwood

Han Lao  
1250 Strassner

Hunan Wok  
2428 S. Brentwood

Jimmy John's  
1230 Strassner

Joy Luck  
8030 Manchester

Kolache Factory  
2604 S. Brentwood

Lion's Choice  
1605 S. Hanley

Mai Lee  
8396 Musick Memorial

McDonald's  
1595 S. Hanley

OB Clark's  
1921 S. Brentwood

Panera  
1909 S. Brentwood

Pasta House Co. Pronto  
2539 S. Brentwood

Popeye's  
8100 Manchester

Revel Kitchen  
8388 Musick Memorial

Sideline Bar & Grill  
8510 Manchester

Smoothie King  
1413 S. Hanley

Starbucks  
2300 S. Brentwood

Subway  
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Time for Dinner  
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To the reader;

You most likely have seen the request before; to come participate.

You most likely have seen the Red Cross vans and staff in a room working with others, drawing blood.

You are asked to come, get poked and siphoned for a pint.

Let me share what is behind the scene. Why the need is there and the appeals are so many. What the motivating drive is to host a drive. How important you are to the whole process.

Each day 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. All of this has to come from somewhere. If you consider the screening process that the Red Cross goes through with the 50 question and the testing of the blood donated, the donors that are turned away and those who just decide not to participate; you can understand where all that demand has to come from to be filled. Thus the need for blood drives.

Now consider who gets these donated blood pints. Those throughout the US in need of medical attention where their bodies have lost blood or their own system is not capable of fighting infections and need blood or platelets to treat their disease..

My son was one of those. He fought Leukemia and his body could not create the blood cells to fight this cancer. So over the 22 months he had to rely on others to donate and provide lifesaving material to help him fight. If they had not donated, he would have lost his fight earlier and we would have lost the time with him even sooner. What parent would not do anything to help their child? To have another moment with them? By the grace and kindness of others we were given that moment.

So now, I have the opportunity to push blood drives so someone else may have /share what we were given. Our story did not end in success in beating cancer but we were given more time and that is priceless.

I am asking you to see how valuable you are and how much you are needed. We bring the drive close to your home to help those in need.

Most likely you may never meet the person receiving your gift, but know your donation will change, save, and give life to those that might be hanging on to hope and prayers and YOU are their answer.

I have given since I was 18 and was on the "Be the Match" list for 43 years because I believe this is how we help one another most.

Without you, the donor pool gets smaller but the need only grows. With you, comes hope!

The needle sticks are a very small discomfort. The pint drawn is replenished by our own body and you are able to donate another pint every 56 days; platelets every 7 days. The hour spent donating will make you feel good about yourself and then you can quietly go on with your day.

Our drive goal is 75 pints but we working to grow to reach 100 pints someday. That will only happen if we can reach more in Brentwood and get them to come out. You donating is a start and inviting a spouse, friend or neighbor to join you makes it more enjoyable.

Also during this drive we will have "POWER RED" donation stations. Power red is similar to a whole blood donation, except a special machine is used to allow you to safely donate two units of red blood cells during one donation while returning your plasma and platelets to you.

With just a little extra time at your appointment, you can donate more red cells and increase your impact on patients in need.

Who it helps: Red cells from a Power Red donation are typically given to trauma patients, newborns and emergency transfusions during birth, people with sickle cell anemia, and anyone suffering blood loss.

Time it takes: About 1.5 hours

Ideal blood types: O positive, O negative, A negative, and B negative

Donation frequency: Every 112 days, up to 3 times/year

Consider Maximize your impact and schedule a Power Red donation today!

The drive is part of the American Red Cross

Donors must be at least 16 years of age

Mask will be required

Temperatures will be taken upon arrival

Social distancing will be followed within both donation rooms

Disinfectant will be used between donors.



**Brentwood Police Department**

**Calls for Service Report**

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

**12-21-20 to 12-27-20**

CFS for Person Crime	
Murder / Manslaughter	0
Sexual Assaults	0
Robbery	0
Assaults	1
Peace Disturbance & Domestic	6
Calls for Mental Health	2

CFS for Property Crime	
Arson/Bombing/Burning	0
Burglary - Residential	0
Burglary - Business	0
Destruction of Property	5
Frauds & ID Theft	1
Larceny - Shoplifting	1
Larceny - From Vehicle	2
Larceny - All Others	7
Stolen Vehicles	0
Trespassing	3

Weapons Related	
Utilized/Taken	0
Recovered	0

<b>Auto Accidents</b>	<b>13</b>
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Foot Patrols	
Building & Business Check	53
Parks & Schools	11
Misc	6

Arrests	
Prisoner Conveyance	0
Adults	2
Juvenile	0
Arrest Type	
FTA / Fugitive	0
Original Non-Traffic	2
Original Traffic	0

Notable CFS	
Alarm Calls	13
Animal Related	2
Assist Fire Department	4
Check Welfare/Notification	4
Contact Another Agency	6
Information Reports	0
Motorist Assist	2
Police Community Relations	0
Radar / LPR Hits	1
Solicitors	0
Suspicious Person/Vehicles	22
Traffic Control / Details	8
Traffic Stops	18
Vacation Checks/Close Watch	7
<b>Contract Patrols - Misc</b>	<b>8</b>
Bremerton	25
Brentwood Forest	24
Cecelia	26
Hanley Industrial Court	9
Parkridge	27
Urban	26
York Village	26

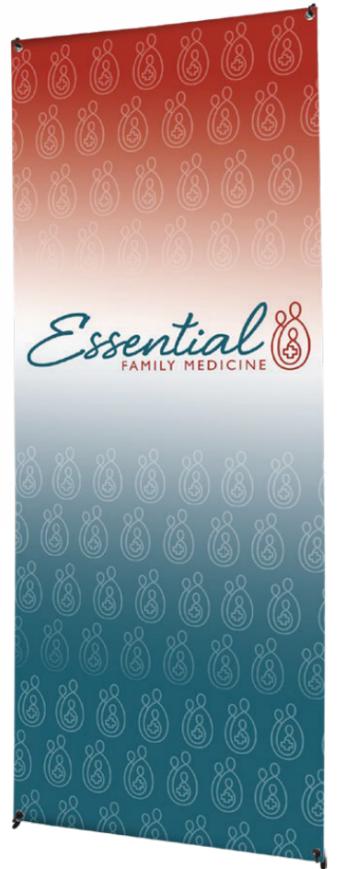
<b>Miscellaneous CFS</b>	<b>24</b>
Minus Arrest/Types	-4
<b>Total Calls For Service</b>	<b>393</b>

# GREAT FOR ZOOM MEETINGS!

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- 36" x 36" vinyl banner \$55



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# Helping Others During The Holidays



During Advent, the students at Saint Mary Magdalen Catholic School donated new gloves, hats, and scarves to be given to the Webster/Rock Hill Ministries. The Ministries are supported through the generosity of community churches, organizations, individuals and area businesses. The ministries provide food, clothes, medicine and emergency assistance to people in need. We filled our Christmas tree and collection boxes with the necessities that the poor need to keep them warm during the winter months. Saint Mary Magdalen exemplifies the importance of living the message of Jesus Christ by helping others. All of our students participate in a variety of community service projects, giving them an opportunity to serve those in need.

Abbott Ambulance, as well as the Brentwood Firemen and paramedics, helped the students load the back of the ambulance. When they finished loading, the ambulance delivered all of the donations to the Webster/Rock Hill Ministries. We are very blessed and glad we could share with those in need.

*Free Valentine Love Notes*

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

**Deadline is February 1**

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

Love notes must be 25 words or less.



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# Brentwood School District

## January 2021 News

### Early Childhood Registration

In January, registration will open for the Brentwood Early Childhood program for children ages 2-5. Enrollment for current families will be on January 21st and will then open to all Brentwood families on January 22nd. On January 8, registration documents and information will be shared on the Early Childhood Center website: [ecc.brentwoodmoschools.org](http://ecc.brentwoodmoschools.org).

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

- Project Construct, an Early Childhood Curriculum approved by the Missouri Department of Education. Our curriculum is enhanced through the constructivist philosophy.
- Goals are set according to the Missouri Early Learning Standards. These directly flow into the standards which are used by all Missouri Public Schools to guide education from kindergarten through 12th grade.
- Experienced, certified early childhood teachers guide learning through current research and best practice.
- On-site nurse
- Through our partnership with Special School District we offer a variety of early intervention services/resources.
- For families below an earning threshold, reduced tuition preschool options are available. Please contact Kristin Clemons, program director, at the number below for more information.

To learn more about the program, please visit the Brentwood Early Childhood website at [ecc.brentwoodmoschools.org](http://ecc.brentwoodmoschools.org) or call us at 314-262-8521.



fast pace. Student learning areas are complete with only a few minor adjustments still needed. Most of the remaining work is related to the new addition, new elevators, and the site itself. Here's a breakdown of the major areas of the campus:

#### A BUILDING (Middle School/Gym/Auditorium)

Class is in session throughout the A Building, including the gymnasium. The final touches on the Auditorium were completed over winter break, including stage curtains, final carpeting, and lighting. Final touches in classrooms were addressed over winter break.

#### B BUILDING (High School/Building Addition)

The building addition area continues to be the area with the most work left to complete. However, significant progress is being made. Concrete has been poured and roofing began over winter break. The lobby and office area corridor is nearing completion and will soon be available for district maintenance crews to clean. The 2nd and 3rd floor have been turned over to the district and are ready for students.

#### C BUILDING (High School/Science Wing)

C Building has been turned over to the district and remaining punch list items were completed over holiday break.



### Middle/High School Construction Update

Navigate Building Solutions recently presented to the Board of Education and provided a revised timeline for the Middle and High School Construction project. You can view the full Board Meeting livestream on the district's YouTube channel at [bit.ly/bsdyoutube](http://bit.ly/bsdyoutube).

Despite challenges and delays due to the age of the building and the COVID-19 pandemic, construction is continuing at a

### West Community Credit Union Provides "Start Up" Funds for Student Entrepreneurs

On December 16th, representatives from West Community Credit Union presented Brentwood High School Catalyst stu-

dents with a generous donation of startup funds for the students' entrepreneurship passion projects. Students will use the funds to implement business plans for the passion projects as part of their work for the Catalyst, an innovative and advanced entrepreneurial program that offers hands-on, real-world experiences in global business and entrepreneurship.

As part of their curriculum, Catalyst students will develop a new business idea and potentially bring it to market. Students will be fully immersed in a professional learning environment and will gain experience working with real businesses, participating in site visits, as well as learning through meaningful projects. In addition to connecting with professionals in a wide variety of industries, students will have the opportunity to earn an internship with our business partners. The course culminates in a pitch competition where students can win scholarships and funding.

Thank you to West Community Credit Union for supporting our student entrepreneurs!



### New Websites Coming This Spring

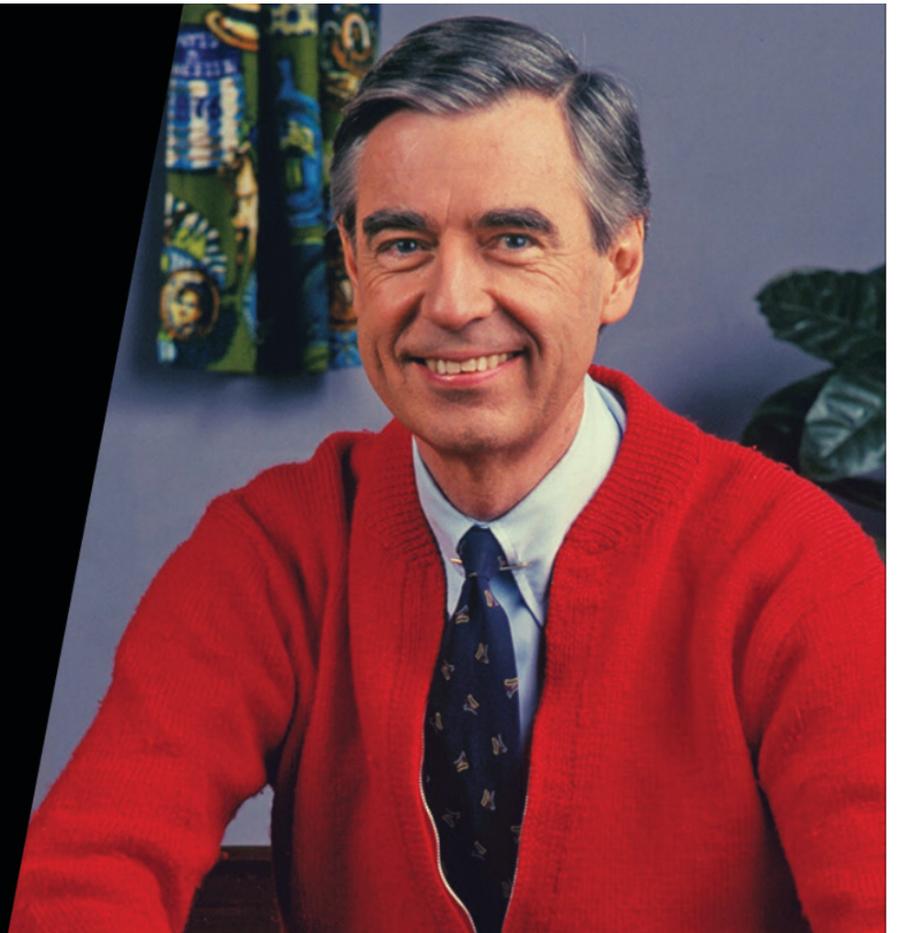
With feedback from the community, the district is moving ahead with plans to update the district and building websites. The new sites are expected to launch in early second semester and will feature more accessible content with responsive designs that are easy to navigate using mobile devices as well as desktop computers.

Finding information quickly is more important than ever before. New websites will make it easier for staff, students, families, and community members to quickly and easily find the information they need from the district.

# Cinema Chats

JANUARY 13 | VIA ZOOM | 11 AM | FREE EVENT

Join us in watching this month's featured movie "Won't You Be My Neighbor" from the comfort of your home and join other cinephiles in discussion. Please register in advance by calling the Brentwood Parks and Recreation Department at (314)-963-8689. Once registered, you'll receive an invitation for a Zoom meeting!





## BRENTWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT

## February is Kindergarten Registration Month! Join us for Registration Drop-Off on Monday, February 8th, 2021.

If your child will be five years old by July 31, 2021, they will be eligible to start Kindergarten this coming August at Mark Twain or McGrath Elementary. Please pass this information along to your friends and neighbors. It is helpful for the school district to get an early idea of how many Kindergarteners will start this fall.

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

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

## Kindergarten Registration Drop-Off

Monday, February 8, 2021

Mark Twain & McGrath • 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Due to COVID-19, we will not host a traditional Open House this year. No appointments will be taken and no tours will be available. Instead, parents can download their registration forms online or can request hard copies from their child's school. On February 8th, parents/guardians will drop-off their forms at their building. Details on virtual events for incoming Kindergarten students will be available soon!

<p><b>Mark Twain Elementary</b> 8636 Litzinger Road 314-962-0613</p> <p>Registration Drop-Off Monday, February 8, 2021 • 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM</p>	<p><b>McGrath Elementary</b> 2350 St. Clair Avenue 314-962-6824</p> <p>Registration Drop-Off Monday, February 8, 2021 • 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM</p>
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# COVID and its Impact, From a Brentwood High School Student's Perspective

Essay and photos by Chaim Duffe-Holmes



Covid-19 has generated problems for everyone. Although people's circumstances vary widely, it all comes down to the same two troubles: food and isolation.

This is a good friend of mine, Zach, eating lunch alone. Before coronavirus, I would sit with him at lunch along with another twelve or so kids; there were so many of us, we would have to push multiple tables together just so we could fit. Now that we are living in this Covid world, our school has two lunch periods and divides the kids based on their classes. The split lunches have made it so my good friend has to sit alone at lunch every day with just his thoughts. When we did online school, that gave us the chance to meet in small pods and do class together, or go grab lunch with a couple of friends. Although we are back in person, I notice the isolation just as much.



I'm sure everyone can guess, the restaurant industry is really hurting during this pandemic. It wasn't until I spoke to veteran restaurant owner Qui Tran, who runs Mai Lee and Nudo House in St. Louis, did I truly understand how much they were suffering. As soon as I sat down to talk to him, the first thing he told me was how his business is down 60% from last year. "The cost of doing business has gone up, but our capacity has gone down," Tran said. Most restaurants are wondering if they will even make it through the winter. Tran's business has been completely turned upside down. Before the virus, his restaurants tended to be 80% dine-in and 20% carryout, but it has now turned into 20% dine-in and 80% carry out. It was sad to see so few people at a restaurant in a prominent location, such as The Loop.



Most restaurants are already clean, but they now have to spend even more money on sanitizers, along with providing masks to the employees. Tran is also struggling to provide fair hours amongst his crew. His team is mostly adults with families they need to provide for, so they must take the CDC guidelines seriously and truly isolate outside of work. Luckily for them, Tran has not had a single case at either of his restaurants.



For the first time ever, my high school had a live stream of a sporting event, and not because there was some extra room in the budget, I was the only spectator allowed because

I brought a camera. The wrestlers only have their team to cheer for them. As a former wrestler, I know having your family and friends there to cheer you on while you are on the mat alone, makes a huge difference. Now when they win, the referee is not allowed to raise their hand, and that was my favorite part of winning a match. The pride you experience from getting your hand raised and having all the spectators know that you fought hard for the pin has been stripped from the wrestlers this year.

High School wrestlers aren't the only wrestlers in St. Louis who have been affected by the pandemic. UFC champion Tyron Woodley, had to make the best of the unfortunate situation. He's done this by picking up cooking, as I'm sure many others have done also. Woodley, as well as his family, were always busy before the pandemic; whether that was because of sports, school, or work, they weren't home very much.



Now that they need to isolate to the best of their ability for Tyron's career, they can finally enjoy home-cooked meals regularly and the circumstance has given Tyron a chance to really learn how to cook.



Woodley told me, "I have to be very serious about this stuff. Other people, if they get sick, they can just work from home, but if I get sick, I can't fight and provide for my family." The fact

that we are currently living in a world where going to the grocery store can have serious consequences on someone's career is absolutely insane. That is why you see Woodley shining a Ultraviolet-C light on all of his groceries. UV light can be used as a disinfectant; he also sprays everything Lysol as an extra precaution.

Grocery stores are like the minefields of the coronavirus pandemic, trust me I work at one. People dig through the products until they find the perfect bag of carrots, and who knows if someone is sick. Some stores, like Trader Joe's Brentwood, have people wait in a line so they can limit the amount of people in the store, but they are the only grocery store I've seen do that. Grocery stores are doing absolutely great right now, but at what cost? Do you think all the customers, as well as the stores, take the necessary precautions? Would doing the same as Tyron Woodley help lower our rates? Maybe since grocery stores are doing so well right now, they should help lower the curve by selling Lysol and UV lights at a discount.



At the start of the pandemic, emergency shelters were forced to drastically reduce their capacity, so they could safely help people without the curve growing. Emergency meal programs that hundreds relied on shutdown completely for lack of a safe way to operate. It has always been hard for unhoused St. Louisans to get adequate food and shelter, but the pandemic brought basic services to a halt when people needed them most. A small group of friends of the unhoused now known as Tent Mission STL came together and found ways to safely distribute tents to hundreds sleeping outside, so they had some shelter from weather and a space to isolate, while the rest of us stayed in our homes for safety. Tent Mission also brought food and water daily and continues to do so several days a week, now that some services have reopened. They get all of their donations from friends and neighbors through Venmo. They get donated hot meals from black and brown owned restaurants local to St. Louis who, despite the strain on their businesses, have given and given. Every Sunday at 10:30 in the morning in front of



City Hall, Tent Mission volunteers, and the unhoused gather for their weekly "Family Breakfast." Tent Mission hands out breakfast food and coffee. They also give out winter coats, socks, hats, and gloves, all packed into the back of two SUVs. Tent Mission STL has been doing this every Sunday since the city shut down the large tent community that sprung up in the early weeks of the pandemic in the same park across from City Hall, dispersing those living there to places they were less noticed; places more isolated from those who do not want to see the unhoused.

Believe it or not, the unhoused members of our community that I talked with said they haven't been as hurt from the pandemic as you would think. Life for the unhoused comes with many troubles that are life or death. COVID-19 is just another health risk on the list of health risks faced daily. I spoke to a woman who will soon be housed; she was there volunteering, as she regularly



does, cleaning up trash during Tent Mission events. She told me that in the past six months, people in need have become more dependent on the crutches of non-profit organizations because more people have been donating and volunteering. Opportunities to help themselves have shrunk as jobs disappear. I was amazed when I saw how much food there was. They had boxes of warm doughnuts, breakfast sandwiches from McDonald's and gallons of coffee. There was so much food. People are slow to take any more than they need because others in need may come behind them. By the end of it, Tent Mission had leftover coffee and doughnuts that an unhoused man took back to his emergency shelter to share with others. The unhoused woman who made time to talk to me while she remained focused on cleaning up the park shared her concern that the handouts have allowed people with very little income to cope with the stress by spending what they have on things that can result in violence. The woman told me that sometimes someone in an unhoused community won't have enough money to pay for their drugs and the dealers will start shooting, without caring about the other people around that had nothing to do with it. Sometimes those other people around include children much younger than me.

## Artist Statement;

Being an essential worker at Trader Joe's and a high school student, I have seen firsthand how the pandemic has affected completing everyday tasks. That got me thinking about how nutrition and social interaction are a part of everyone's life. This thought made me want to discover how people are coping with the challenge to reach these basic necessities from all ends of the spectrum. My goal with most of these photos was to make them seem as organic as possible, so in order to get the picture of my friend at lunch I had to sneak into the lunchroom and hide and capture the picture without him knowing. For the pictures with Tyron and Qui, I first talked to them about how the new world has affected them. I then had them both go through their routine, so I could capture photos of the moment. To achieve that with the less fortunate, I first observed the scene, spoke to different people there, and took the photos based on the information I gathered. I also made sure to keep the faces of the unhoused hidden to protect their privacy. As you can see, acquiring basic necessities has changed for everyone, whether it's been for better or worse, that's up to you.

# GIVE A LIFELINE...

## Donate Your Old Cell Phone

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

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

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

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

- **Gene-Del Printing (9019 Manchester Rd.)**

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

### About Lydia's House

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

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### The Rep Prioritizes Patron Safety in Decision to Delay Live Theatre Productions

Virtual theatrical experiences to continue;  
Mlima's Tale still scheduled for May

To ensure the health and safety of Rep patrons, artists and staff, The Repertory Theatre of St. Louis will postpone the March production of Little Shop of Horrors due to recent coronavirus surges in the region.

"We are committed to keeping our Rep patrons, artists and staff safe so we can continue to bring the magic of theatre to St. Louis for many years to come," said Hana S. Sharif, Augustin Family Artistic Director at The Repertory Theatre of St. Louis. "We are disappointed that health conditions require us to postpone our reunion, but we are fueled by the enormous generosity, patience and support of our patrons and filled with optimism, energy and excitement about the future."

In consultation with health experts, Rep leadership remains optimistic that the combination of vaccines, safety protocols and socially distanced seating at the new Catherine B. Berges Theatre will allow the organization to produce an extraordinary in-person theatrical experience as scheduled in May with Mlima's Tale. Written by two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Lynn Nottage, Mlima's Tale is a moving, lyrical journey through the dark world of the international ivory trade.

Until then, The Rep continues to stretch the bounds of how patrons can experience theatre through unique and inspiring virtual events. "Cooking, Carols and Cocktails," a four-part virtual series that highlights some of St. Louis' best food, music and personalities, is available on demand through Jan. 31. Additionally, "The Glowly Snowy Day," based on the book "The Snowy Day" by Ezra Jack Keats, reimagines the award-winning children's book using gigantic illuminated puppets. This free, drive-through event for families runs Jan. 1-3, 2021.

Each subscriber who purchased Flex Pass tickets will be called by a member of The Rep's box office to answer questions and walk patrons through their options. Flex Passes may be used for additional Mlima's Tale tickets, any of The Rep's upcoming virtual programs or saved for The Rep's 2021-22 season.

The Rep box office team will begin calling patrons immediately, to inform them of the schedule update and thank them for their patience and their passion for live theatre.

### Olympic T-Shirts Supporting Girls in the Know

Local business, Olympic T-Shirt's mission is to inspire its customers to pursue what empowers them. Olympic T's entire team hopes that their designs move the community in a way that makes



you want to take on your own endeavors. One of Olympic T's passions is supporting and empowering local businesses—especially women and young girls.

A nonprofit organization that fulfills this mission to a "T" is Girls in the Know, a nonprofit organization that empowers young girls and teens to make healthy and confident decisions to carry into their futures. Their mission, members, impact, and actions are life-changing and so important which is why Olympic T-Shirts is donating a portion of every "Girl Power" tee back to the Girls in the Know organization.

These fun, blue tie-dyed tees say "girls" in four different languages to unify and empower all girls, teens, young adults, and women alike. Be sure to purchase yours and support Girls in the Know at [olympictshirts.com/shop/p/girlpower](http://olympictshirts.com/shop/p/girlpower).

As a female business owner herself, Olympic T's founder, Lynn Hamilton understands how hard it is to balance work and home life and raise her children. Amidst the craziness, Lynn somehow managed to found Maturity and Its Muse in 2010, be recognized as 2016 Women of Achievement honoree, launched art programs for memory patients at Washington University, the Botanical Gardens, the Missouri History Museum, and the St. Louis County Library, and created an annual community-wide festival with 60+ organizations. To say Lynn is a giver is an understatement.

For more information about Girls in the Know, visit [girlsintheknow.org](http://girlsintheknow.org).

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### Patricia Ellen (Tyler) Mesko

March 7, 1940 – December 20, 2020

Patricia Ellen (Tyler) Mesko left this life to be with her Creator on Sunday, December 20, 2020 at the age of 80 following a lengthy illness.

She was born in Rolla, Missouri on March 7, 1940, the 11th of 13 children born to James R. and Alice Peral (Collier) Tyler. Her childhood years and public schooling were spent in Rolla.

On April 13, 1963 she married Wm. "Jim" Mesko in Rolla, Missouri, together they raised five children. Pat (as she preferred to be called) loved to crochet, making copies of the "Lord's Prayer" to be used for wall hangings and gifting to friends. Her crocheting had to be perfect because, as she said, as a child, her grandmother had found that a mistake had been made and she had to pull out almost an entire days work and correct it as to please "granny". She loved reading mystery novels, western movies, and bowling. Also, she enjoyed developing new desserts to feed to family and friends, and we must not forget the "junking" at garage sales! Pat was a GOD loving and fearing person. She was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Rolla and would set aside at least a half hour each evening for bible study and prayer. She had many different vocations in her 80 years, including cook, waitressing (at old Rolla WeeChef), janitor, sales associate for Dolly Madison, and selling Avon. Being extremely outgoing made her a natural for these positions.

During her 28 years living in Brentwood, Missouri, she frequently served as a Cub Scout den mother, and was a member of the Optimist Club, and the American Legion. After retiring and moving back to Rolla, Pat and Jim purchased an Airstream travel trailer and was fortunate to get out and see most of the country, traveling from upstate New York to Montana, and wintering in Arizona. She really enjoyed the camaraderie and companionship when fellow Air Streamers would get together yearly in different states for two weeks.

In addition to her parents James and Alice Tyler, Pat was preceded in death by two sons, Robert (Bob), and David Mesko; grandson, Tony Brandt; all of her siblings and their spouses, Bob, John, Jim, Bill, Tim, Josephine, Catherine, Peggy, Helen, and Carolyn, and unnamed twins who died at birth. Pat is survived by her husband of 57 years Wm. (Jim) Mesko, of the home; son, Bill (JoAnn), of Robertsville, MO; daughters, Theta Mesko, of Union, MO, and Dr. Melissa (Evhen) Farmiga, of Celebration, FL; 6 grandchildren, a host of great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

Private graveside services will be held at the Rolla City Cemetery with Pastor Eric Swyers of Immanuel Lutheran Church officiating.

Memorials are suggested and appreciated to the charity of your choice, or to the Rolla Salvation Army. Cards are available at all James & Gahr locations. For online condolences please visit [www.jamesgahrmortuary.com](http://www.jamesgahrmortuary.com)

May the new year bring you peace, love and happiness

## Keeping Our Artwork Safe, Too Laumeier Sculpture Park Announces Conservation Projects on Three Major Works

Laumeier Sculpture Park proudly announces conservation projects on three of its outdoor artworks: *The Way* by Alexander Liberman, *Pool Complex: Orchard Valley* by Mary Miss and *Intricate Wall* by Sol LeWitt. Care and conservation are ongoing needs for any art collection, but arguably the most pressing for those that are located in outdoor settings like Laumeier, where works are exposed daily to extremes of temperature and precipitation.

At 50 feet high and 100 feet long, Alexander Liberman's *The Way*, 1972-80 was the first massive sculpture purchased for Laumeier's collection. Over the years, it has become Laumeier's signature work and a favorite of park visitors. *The Way* is made of 18 salvaged steel oil tanks and will undergo a major restoration over the next year in a multi-phased project.

Phase one of this conservation project started in October 2020 and includes a structural, material and concrete base assessment. A Faro Laser Scanner was used to create a 3D scan of the sculpture that will be used to evaluate the structure and metal materials of the oil tanks. Phase two of *The Way* conservation will include sandblasting and metal repair. Phase three involves painting and ongoing care.

The *Way* conservation project is funded in part by the National Endowment for the Arts, Art Works grant. Laumeier will launch a funding campaign in 2021 to complete the work.

Dana Turkovic, Curator at Laumeier Sculpture Park, says, "Having recently celebrated its 40-year anniversary as the most iconic sculpture at Laumeier, we look forward to working with our external partners to regain the condition in which *The Way* was seen by the public on the day of its dedication, June 7, 1980."

In October, Laumeier also began conversation work on *Pool Complex: Orchard Valley*, 1983-85 by artist Mary Miss. Once the site of the Hedenkamp family's Orchard Valley Estate, Miss converted the abandoned 1929 pool into a newly built and landscaped environment. Surrounding the pool basin are treated pine pavilions, platforms and staircases meant to highlight the existing ruins within Laumeier's acreage. This ongoing project will help ensure that visitors will be able to enjoy the unique, expansive and multi-level space, deep within the Nature Trail, for years to come.

The conservation of *Pool Complex: Orchard Valley* by Mary Miss is funded by the Sarah A. Kaufmann Charitable Fund of YouthBridge Community Foundation.

"As one of the first and largest dedicated sculpture parks in the country, Laumeier has set many of the standards for combining curated public art with the interpretation and stewardship of a traditional indoor museum," says Turkovic. "Maintaining the integrity of the artist's intentions and responding to the materials and our environment are very important when completing conservation work."

Sol LeWitt's site-specific *Intricate Wall*, 2001-04 uses his iconic repetitive modular pattern and was originally created as part of a solo exhibition at Laumeier in 2004. Temporarily decommissioned in 2018, the piece required a complete rebuild after water damage compromised the structural integrity of the sculpture. Recognizing the importance of LeWitt as a pioneer of minimal and conceptual art, *Intricate Wall* was rebuilt with the help of the St. Louis County Parks carpenters. Each layer of concrete block was installed per the artist's instructions and in reference to the first installation. Completed in October 2020, the newly rebuilt work can be viewed on the southeastern edge of the Ferring Family Foundation Museum Lawn.

Laumeier was awarded a National Endowment for the Arts Artworks grant in 2020 to reconstruct *Intricate Wall* on its original site.

"We are excited to reintroduce this artwork by a historically significant artist to our visitors," says Turkovic. "Bringing this work back on view is also a great illustration of our partnership with St. Louis County and our commitment to the outdoor artworks at the Park."

### About Laumeier Sculpture Park

Founded in 1976, Laumeier Sculpture Park is one of the first and largest sculpture parks in the country. Laumeier presents more than 70 works of large-scale outdoor sculpture throughout its 105-acre campus. Laumeier serves 300,000 visitors of all ages each year, with a world-class art collection, indoor and outdoor temporary exhibitions, education programs,



**ALEXANDER LIBERMAN**  
*The Way*, 1972-80  
Eighteen salvaged steel oil tanks  
780 x 1224 x 1200 inches

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**MARY MISS**  
*Pool Complex: Orchard Valley*, 1983-85  
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**SOL LEWITT**  
*Intricate Wall*, 2001-04  
Concrete block  
96 x 136 x 72 inches

Loan courtesy of the LeWitt Estate

and public events. Laumeier is an internationally recognized museum, accredited by the American Alliance of Museums. The 501(c)3 nonprofit organization operates in partnership with St. Louis County Parks.

Laumeier Sculpture Park's ongoing operations and programs are generously supported by St. Louis County Parks; Regional Arts Commission; Missouri Arts Council; Arts and Education Council; among other corporations, foundations, individual donors and members.

Additional funding related to COVID-19 relief has been provided by the U.S. Small Business Administration, the National Endowment for the Arts and the Windgate Foundation.

Conservation of artwork is funded in part by the Mark Twain Laumeier Endowment Fund. For more about Laumeier Sculpture Park, please visit [www.laumeier.org](http://www.laumeier.org)

## A New Beginning for Foundry Art Centre

As this year draws to a close and we begin to transition into the new year, the Foundry is also preparing for a transition. When we reopen on Dec 28, the Foundry Art Centre will officially be operated by the City of St. Charles.

The Foundry will become part of the Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB), leading to the FAC becoming more involved in events and programming on Main Street. The City will also work towards bringing in more traveling exhibitions and shows. Along with this transition, there will be staffing and leadership changes.

As this chapter of the Foundry closes, it's a good time to pause and reflect on what the FAC has accomplished since it opened to the public in 2004. Since then, the Foundry has hosted 37 studio artists, 119 juried exhibitions, 205 solo exhibitions, 162 children's exhibitions, 560 weddings, and 190 free community events. We are so grateful for all the support from our donors and sponsors, including the City of St. Charles, that has allowed us to be free and open for the last 16 years. We are proud that more than 1.1 million people have walked through our front door.

Things will undoubtedly change, but this is not the end of the FAC; but rather a new beginning.





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### New Ordinance and City Code Update for Stormwater Control in Infill Development

In August 2020, the Board of Aldermen adopted an ordinance establishing requirements for stormwater drainage control for infill development.

Any individual who conducts activity that disturbs one acre or more must:

- obtain a site disturbance permit from both the State of Missouri and the City of Brentwood
- submit a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan to the State and the City
- obtain a permit from Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD), following MSD's Rules and Regulations and Engineering Design for Sanitary Sewer and Stormwater Drainage Facilities

A new section in the City's Municipal Code (Chapter 500, Article XVII) addresses the requirements for stormwater management and for infill development.

The **Best Management Practices for Stormwater Control** manual serves as a supplement to the new City ordinance for stormwater management. This document can be found on the City's website, [brentwoodmo.org](http://brentwoodmo.org). The manual will assist Brentwood property owners in the selection and installation of appropriate stormwater management measures.

Stormwater management technology alternatives referenced in the manual include the use of dry wells, rain barrels, modified French drains, permeable pavement, bioswales, vegetated filter strips, rain gardens, amended soils and providing credit for existing trees.

These stormwater management measures will foster the creation of an eco-friendly environment for present and future generations, which is a community-wide goal for the City of Brentwood.

For more information, contact Planning & Development, 314.963.8602.

### Online Business License Renewal

All businesses operating in Brentwood are required to obtain an annual business license. In 2019, the City of Brentwood transitioned to business license renewal online instead of via mail. Business license fees are due by **February 15, 2021**. Late fees will accrue after this date.

Questions? Contact Planning & Development, 314.963.8602.



### Let's Cook! Healthy Snacks for Kids - Wednesdays, Jan. 13-27

5:30-6:30 pm at Brentwood Community Center

Tired of eating unhealthy snacks but don't know where to start? Join us as we make and take home tasty after-school snacks that you can create all on your own throughout this three-week class! *Some snacks may contain nuts.*

Resident \$26; Non-Resident \$29

### National Skate Month Skate - January 23

12:30-3:30 pm at Brentwood Ice Rink

Come join the Brentwood Parks and Recreation Department and the St. Louis Skating Club for an afternoon of fun and skating. We will have on-ice group skating lessons, puck scavenger hunt, crafts and skating. For more information, please call the Brentwood Ice Rink, 314.963.8680.

Resident \$3.50; Non-Resident \$5; Skate Rental \$2



### Sweetheart Dance - February 5

6:30-8:30 pm at THE HEIGHTS in Richmond Heights

Grab your dancing shoes and get ready to dance the night away with your little sweethearts. The family-friendly evening will include entertainment, a delightful dinner and a photo to capture the night.

Resident \$15/person; Non-Resident \$20/person

### Family Night Out: Minute to Win It - February 26

6-8 pm at The HEIGHTS in Richmond Heights

Looking for a fun event for the whole family? Enjoy a night out playing classic Minute to Win It games! We'll have games and activities for everyone. Pizza dinner included. *Priced for a family of up to five members, all ages.*

Resident \$25; Non-Resident \$28

*Parks and Recreation operations and programs are adjusted based on guidance from St. Louis County Dept. of Public Health. Visit [brentwoodmo.org/parks](http://brentwoodmo.org/parks) or call 314.963.8689 for current restrictions and safety protocols.*

## Neighborhood Eyes

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

### St. Paddy's Day Bash - March 17

6-7 pm at THE HEIGHTS in Richmond Heights

Wear some green and be part of a St. Patrick's Day Celebration! We are calling all lads and lasses for this fun night of games, crafts and activities. Come join the fun and make sure to bring your Irish spirit. *Parent participation is required.*

Resident \$8; Non-Resident \$10

### Movie Night at the Park - March 25

7:30 pm at Brentwood Park

Sit back, relax and enjoy watching *Frozen 2*. This event is great for the entire family. Please bring chairs and thick blankets to sit on. No registration is needed. All you need to do is show up and have fun! **Free**

### Room Rentals

Looking for a place to hold your next meeting or family event? Brentwood Parks and Recreation has a spot for you indoors at our Recreation Complex. Kitchens and free WiFi available. Call 314.963.8689 for details.

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# New Year 5k Virtual Run!

JANUARY 4 - JANUARY 15

Start the New Year off right with the Brentwood Parks and Recreation 5K Virtual Run! This virtual 5K is designed for all ages and can be finished any time before January 15th.



## Stratford Lane “Burns out the Old Year, Rings in the New Year”



Many people were glad to see 2020 end after a year of pandemic, social unrest, political chaos, economic uncertainty, and the Cardinals and Blues bowing out early in the playoffs. Some of the residents on Stratford Lane in Brentwood decided to send the old year out in a blaze of non-glory. A few gathered on Friday, January 1st, around a fire-pit and burned their 2020 calendars.

“We thought it would be fitting to send 2020 up in smoke while we were welcoming a new year with hope,” said Ed Wright, organizer of the unique New Year’s Day event. “The weather wasn’t great but a few brave and/or crazy souls braved the light rain and warmed up by the burning pages of last year.”

“Good riddance” said Jeff McGehee. “We’re hoping for a rousing Stratford Lane block party in May.”

One of the casualties of the pandemic has been the annual block party on Stratford and on other streets around Brentwood.

Joanne Sivier threw a few months on the fire with mixed emotions. “A few good things happened in 2020 such as our son graduating college. However, overall, it was an incredibly challenging year in many ways.”

The firepit has become a popular means of getting people together safely and the calendar-burners remained socially distant outside.

Home from Webster University for the holidays, Jackson Wright commented: “It’s always fun to be home on Stratford Lane, even if it’s to celebrate the end of a tough year.”

The motto for the gathering as it sent 2020 off to ashes of history was: “2021...whatever it takes.”

## DELTA DENTAL OF MISSOURI AWARDS OVER \$428,000 IN ORAL HEALTH GRANTS

To help meet dental health needs of children and adults, Delta Dental of Missouri – the state’s leading dental benefits provider – has announced it recently awarded more than \$428,000 to support oral health initiatives, educational programs and charitable causes in Missouri and in South Carolina, where it also does business. The oral health grant funding is part of the non-profit company’s annual Mission Giving Program, which has contributed more than \$2.6 million in support of community outreach initiatives in 2020.

“During this especially challenging year, so many of our neighbors are facing tremendous hardships,” said Rob Goren, president and chief executive officer at Delta Dental of Missouri. “Helping them access vital dental care is even more critical. Supporting organizations that align with our mission to improve oral health is one of the many ways we can help meet the needs of those in the communities we serve.”

Delta Dental of Missouri awarded \$217,358 in oral health grant funding to the following Missouri organizations:

Heartland Outreach Providers (Blue Springs) – received \$75,000 to provide oral healthcare to children, adults and seniors in Jackson County who are uninsured or are on Medicaid.

Spectrum Health Care (Columbia) – received \$50,000 to provide restorative dental care for individuals with low incomes or without dental insurance.

SWOPE Health Services (Kansas City) – received \$34,483 to provide free dental screenings, education, fluoride varnish and preventive services in the Pediatric and Behavioral Health Services clinic areas of its Health Center.

St. Louis County Library Foundation (St. Louis) – received \$25,500 (\$10,000 plus \$15,500 for in-kind support) to further its Born to Read Program, which distributes materials with oral health information to parents during a child’s first year at eight St. Louis County hospitals.

Hope House (Lee’s Summit) – received \$17,410 to provide free dental care services to domestic violence survivors.

SoutheastHEALTH Foundation (Cape Girardeau) – received \$14,965 to provide free oral health care for underserved ventilated and non-ambulatory hospital patients, helping to reduce the number of hospital-acquired pneumonias in the healthcare system.

Delta Dental of Missouri also created the Missouri Dental Care Resource Guide to help individuals access information about low-cost and free dental care options in their area—available online at [www.DeltaDentalMO.com/ResourceGuide1](http://www.DeltaDentalMO.com/ResourceGuide1). To learn more about the company, visit [www.DeltaDentalMO.com](http://www.DeltaDentalMO.com).



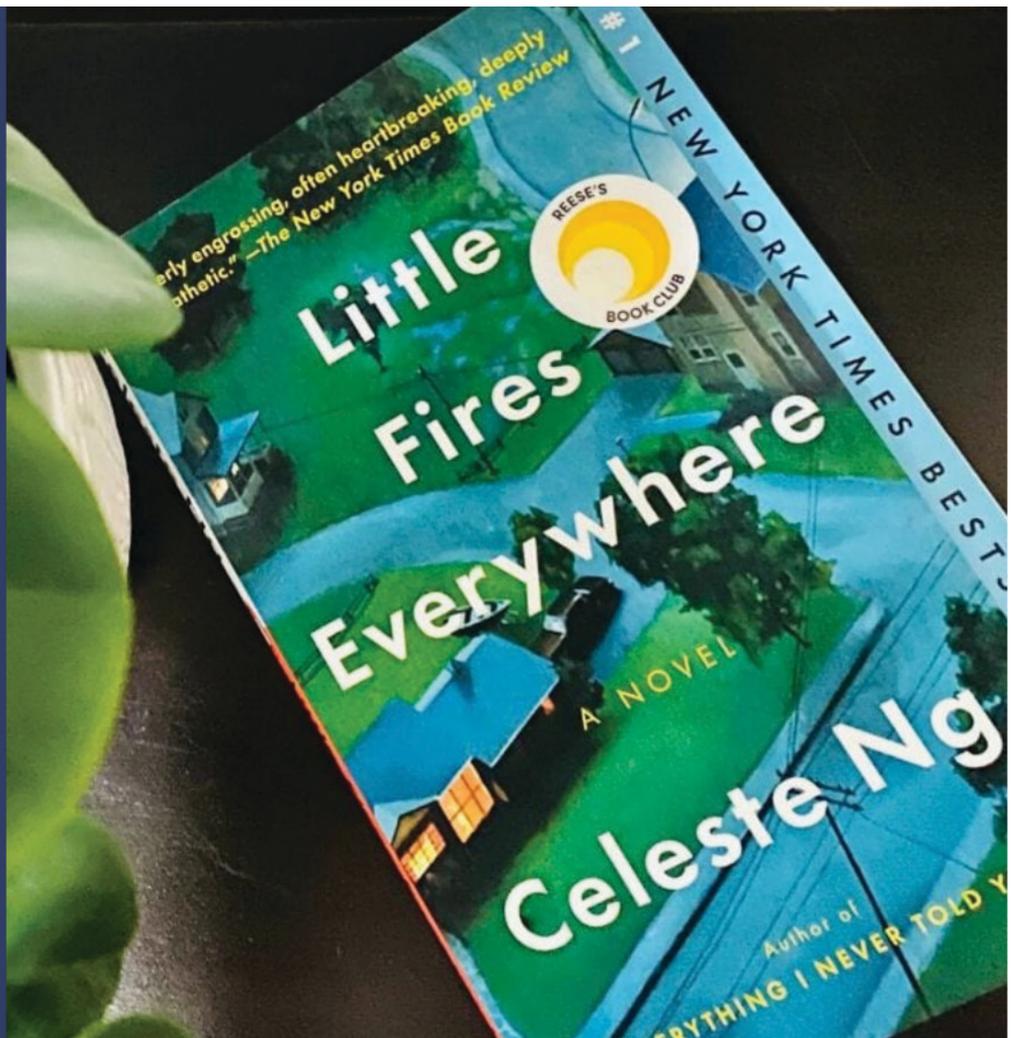
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### Congratulations Mary Ann Moore On your CAI Community Volunteer Leadership Award for 2020

On 12-3-2020 our Board President, Mary Ann Moore, was awarded the Community Volunteer Leadership Award for 2020 by the Community Association Institute, Heartland Chapter, at their Annual Meeting. CAI is the organization that sets the standards for Condo Associations and Home Owner Associations across the country. They provide education and certification for Managers and Board training among other services.

Mary Ann was selected from nominations from associations across the Heartland Chapter which covers the states of Missouri, Kansas, Illinois, Arkansas, and Iowa. This is a prestigious award and an honor for Mary Ann to receive for her dedication, hard work and vision for Brentwood Forest. She has worked closely with our Manager, Board Committees, and our attorney for improvements for Brentwood Forest. In addition, it has been a difficult time during the pandemic but she, the Board and staff have worked hard to keep Brentwood Forest moving forward.

Thank you, Mary Ann, for your leadership, dedication and service to Brentwood Forest.

### Operation Food Search Receives Hydroponic Flex Farm Donation Nonprofit is the first St. Louis organization to acquire portable growing systems

Operation Food Search (OFS), a non-profit hunger relief organization, recently received two Flex Farms, which are fully self-contained hydroponic growing systems that will enable OFS to grow fresh, affordable produce. The vertical indoor farms cost \$5,000 each and were donated to the nonprofit by UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Missouri and Fork Farms, an agriculture technology social enterprise based in Green Bay, Wisconsin. OFS is the first St. Louis organization to receive Flex Farms, which are currently located in 26 states and Canada.



Flex Farms create 25 pounds of produce per month based upon a 21 to 28 day harvest cycle. The harvest—ranging from nutritious leafy vegetables to herbs—requires a minimum of only two hours of care per month. The energy-efficient Flex Farms operate with a standard electrical outlet, occupy less than 10 square feet of space, and utilize zero pesticides and herbicides. Each farm can serve up to 1,900 families per year with a harvest of nearly 3,400 plants.

“Having access to fresh foods is vital to a healthy lifestyle and combating chronic disease. That is why we invented the Flex Farm, to break down the barriers to healthy food and empower people, organizations and communities to unleash the power of fresh food production,” said Fork Farms president Alex Tyink. “As part of our mission, we seek to develop strategic partnerships with organizations that share our values and work to create happier and healthier communities. We are thrilled for the opportunity to call Operation Food Search and United Healthcare Community Plan of Missouri partners in change.”



“We know that non-medical factors, including access to nutritious affordable food, safe housing, and transportation have an enormous impact on a person’s health,” said Jamie Bruce, CEO of UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Missouri. “We are proud to support an innovation like Flex Farms, that makes it easier for our communities to access healthy foods and live healthier lives.”

“These donated Flex Farms are extremely convenient, cost-saving solutions that allow us to grow fresh produce for those who need it most,” said Operation Food Search Executive Director Kristen Wild. “We appreciate the generosity and support of UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Missouri, as well as Fork Farms, for their commitment to answering our region’s long-term demand for nutritious food.” Wild added that “we are both honored and excited to be the first in St. Louis to experience the benefits of Fork Farms’ unique systems.”

Founded in 1981, Operation Food Search (OFS) is a hunger relief organization located at 1644 Lotsie Blvd. that provides free food, nutrition education and innovative programs proven to reduce food insecurity. With a strategic focus aimed at ending childhood hunger, OFS empowers families and increases access to healthy and affordable food. The agency provides food and services to nearly 200,000 individuals on a monthly basis – one-third of whom are children – through a network of 330 community partners in 30 Missouri and Illinois counties. For more information, call (314) 726-5355 or visit Operation Food Search.

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## New Year - 10 People To Watch

The start of a new year might never have been more anticipated than waiting for the clock to strike midnight on Thursday so everyone could waive goodbye to 2020 and welcome in 2021.

To say that the last year has been a challenging one is a vast understatement for everyone in the world because of the effects of the coronavirus pandemic, and that was certainly true in the St. Louis sports world.

Dealing with stops and starts to their seasons, having players and staff members become ill with the virus, facing the economic realities of not being able to allow fans to attend their games became a fact of life for the Cardinals, Blues and Saint Louis University Billikens.

As the new year begins, some of those same obstacles remain as the course back to normalcy remains a work in progress. That will be something every athlete, coach and fan in St. Louis will have to deal with.

Some athletes, however, know that 2021 will pose more challenges for a variety of reasons. In what has become a New Year's Day tradition @STLSportsPage, we present our list of the 10 most important people to watch in St. Louis sports for the new year, presented in alphabetical order:

**Dylan Carlson** – The Cardinals top prospect made his major-league debut in 2020 and progressed enough in two months to find himself, at 21, batting cleanup in a playoff game. Whether he remains in that spot in the batting order this season is to be determined, but he will be in there somewhere on a daily basis. The hopes for improvement in the team's offense might be riding on the outfielder's young shoulders, especially if no moves are made to bring in outside help before the season begins. How he handled all of the obstacles in 2020 only reinforced the Cardinals opinion that Carlson is ready to play, and have success, in the major leagues.

**Yuri Collins** – There might be other players on the Saint Louis U. Billikens who will score more points or generate more headlines, but Collins has developed into one of the team's leaders. The sophomore point guard has the ability to make other players around him better and his success will go a long way toward determining how deep the Billikens can play into March. The Billikens are the best team in the A-10, should be a top 25 team and it isn't a stretch to predict this could be one of the best seasons in school history.

**Tommy Edman** – Even though it was based primarily on economics, the Cardinals' decision to not pick up Kolten Wong's \$12 million option for 2021 was also due in part to their confidence that Edman can become an above-average replacement as the starting second baseman, both offensively and defensively. Edman, 25, became a virtual regular in the lineup the last two years even if it came at a variety of positions. Being asked to play just one primary position, especially one where he should be quite comfortable, might provide a solid base that will allow Edman to become even more of a threat on offense in 2021. He also is mature enough that trying to succeed a two-time Gold Glove winner will not affect him mentally.

**Jack Flaherty** – The ace of the Cardinals' pitching staff found himself involved in a lot of the chaotic developments that became front-page news in 2020 beyond the pandemic. He was outspoken with his opinions about the Black Lives Matter movement, civil unrest and racial injustice, finding himself on the receiving end of criticism from some fans for perhaps the first time in his life. Flaherty will no doubt be involved again with those issues this year, but he also faces the challenge of proving he can be a better pitcher than he was in 2020, especially as he begins the climb to a higher spot on baseball's economic ladder. With questions about how good the Cardinals' offense will be, for the team to have the

success it wants the pitching staff will need to be dominant, starting with Flaherty.

**Jordan Goodwin** – One of the picks as the pre-season player of the year in the Atlantic 10, Goodwin is enjoying a solid senior season as he continues to climb the ranks of the all-time leaders in several categories in Billikens history. Goodwin, like Collins, also is a smart player, knowing that they have several teammates who could be on this list and that they are both just part of a quality team which will make the Billikens even more dangerous as the season progresses.

**Jordan Hicks** – He hasn't thrown a pitch in the major leagues since June 22, 2019, after opting out of the shortened 2020 season because of being a higher risk candidate to contract coronavirus as he was completing his recovery from Tommy John surgery. The extra months of not pitching might have a positive effect on Hicks' return, but he also was not able to complete a normal minor-league rehab assignment in preparation for returning to his spot as the Cardinals' closer with the minor leagues being shut down in 2020. If Hicks can return early in the season, and become dominant again, it will make an already above-average bullpen even better.

**Torey Krug** – When the Blues could not reach an agreement with Alex Pietrangolo on a new contract, they turned to Krug, signing the former Boston Bruins defenseman to a seven-year deal. The comparison between the two will be predictable, even though Krug figures to fill a different role with the Blues than did their longtime captain and defense anchor. The team hopes Krug will provide a boost to their power play even if he likely won't come close to logging as much ice time as Pietrangolo did on a nightly basis. Over his last four seasons with the Bruins, Krug tied for the most power-play points by a defenseman in the league.

**Yadier Molina** – There are two reasons why Molina makes the list this year. The first is the question of whether he will be back for another season with the Cardinals. After becoming a free agent for the first time in his career, the 38-year-old Molina has spent the last two months exploring his options even though he reportedly has said his preference is to return. He is said to be seeking a two-year deal and if he does return, then the focus will shift to his on-field performance, proving again that he can defy Father Time for at least one more year. If Molina does depart, then Andrew Knizner will inherit not only the catching role but Molina's spot on this list.

**Vladimir Tarasenko** – One of the best players in the NHL when he is healthy, Tarasenko's performance has been limited for the last two years because of an injury to his left shoulder that has required three operations in the last three years. He played only 10 games last year, and has at least two months left on his latest rehab assignment before possibly rejoining the active roster. The injury snapped a string of five consecutive seasons scoring 33 or more goals and there is no way to predict whether Tarasenko will be able to match that level of success when he comes back. Coming close, however, would provide a major offensive boost for the Blues' playoff chances.

**Adam Wainwright** – As is the case with Molina's future, the first reason Wainwright is on this list is because of the question of whether he will be pitching for the Cardinals or a different team in 2021. A bounce-back season which included a complete game on his 39th birthday in 2020 showed that Wainwright still has something to offer on the days he pitches, in addition to the leadership role he provides to the team's young pitchers every day of the week. As is also the case with Molina, the Cardinals need to know if Wainwright will be back before they can move on to other possible roster moves before the season begins.

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## How to Get Your Finances Back on Track in the New Year

By: West Community Credit Union

A brand new year often inspires positive life changes such as getting back on track...in your health, in your career, and even in your finances. If you've been accumulating a bunch of loans with high interest rates and huge monthly payments, here's how to eliminate the burden.

### Determine where you stand.

In order to solve a problem, you first need to fully understand it. Assess the situation by listing all your debts, including balances owed, interest rates and minimum payments required for each. Next, obtain a free credit report to make sure you haven't forgotten any debt or overlooked errors. Finally, compare your income and expenses and calculate how much you can realistically use toward debt reduction each month.

### Don't pile on.

The last thing you need is anything that increases your debt. Commit to not taking out any new loans or credit lines and, if possible, avoid incurring and charging additional expenses on existing accounts.

### Take time for triage.

You'll save more in the long run by paying off debts with the highest interest rates first. This category usually includes consumer debt such as credit cards, personal or payday loans, and medical bills. Other types of debt, such as mortgages, car loans and student loans, typically have lower rates, making it more affordable to pay them off over a longer period. Throw as much money as you can each month at your highest-interest debt while still making timely, smaller payments on everything else. Then focus on paying down the next higher-interest loan.

### Consolidate where you can.

When multiple debts are out of control, debt consolidation can be a lifeline. This refinancing process streamlines debts into a single monthly bill, often with lower interest and a smaller overall monthly outlay. This may help eliminate debt faster and less expensively. Home equity financing, personal loans and zero-interest balance transfer credit cards may provide effective options.

### Set the odds in your favor.

Why work hard to pay off debt just to end up in the same boat next year? These approaches can help ensure lasting success in curbing expenses and avoid building up debt:

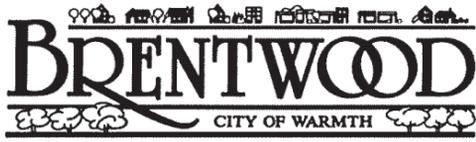
- Create a budget to keep future spending within your means.
- Reduce unnecessary expenses.
- Commit to saving regularly, even if you can spare only a small amount each month, to protect against being thrown back into debt by unexpected events.
- Once credit cards are paid off, keep future balances low and try to pay them in full each month.
- Treat yourself to inexpensive rewards to celebrate each important debt-reduction milestone.

Eliminating debt can bring dramatic changes over the coming year. In return, you'll enjoy improved financial health, stress relief and the freedom to spend your paycheck on what really matters instead of having it siphoned away by past obligations. Don't be afraid to ask for help along the way. For more information on how we can help you pay down your debt fast this year, contact West Community Credit Union at 636.720.2400 or visit us online at westcommunitycu.org.



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**LEGAL NOTICE FOR APRIL GENERAL ELECTION**

LEGAL NOTICE

In compliance with RSMo Sec. 115.127 (5), notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of the City of Brentwood, St. Louis County, Missouri, that the annual election of officers of the City of Brentwood, Missouri, shall be held on the **6th day of April, 2021**, in conformity with RSMo Sec. 79.030. At said election, there shall be elected:

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 the Ward 1 for the full term of two (2) years.
4. A member of the Board of Aldermen from the Ward 2 for the full term of two (2) years.
5. A member of the Board of Aldermen from the Ward 3 for the full term of two (2) years.
6. A member of the Board of Aldermen from the 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 City Clerk of Brentwood, Missouri, at the Brentwood Community Center, 2348 S. Brentwood Blvd., Brentwood MO 63144. The filing hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, **December 15, 2020**, through Tuesday, **January 19, 2021**. The office of the 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 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 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.

All candidates' names shall appear in the same form in which the candidate is registered to vote except that, when certified by the candidate as a necessary means of identification, the following may be allowed:

1. Commonly used nicknames
2. Commonly used abbreviations
3. Parenthetical reference to married names

Persons who, after filing their names as candidates, wish to withdraw as such candidate, must file their notice of withdrawal with the City Clerk in the City Clerk's office no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 19, 2021.

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 City Clerk and or 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.

The City Clerk shall be responsible for the oversight of the filing of candidates and shall clearly designate where candidates shall form a line to effectuate such filings and determine the order of such filings; except that, in the case of candidates who file a declaration of candidacy with the City prior to 5:00 P.M. on the first day for filing, the City Clerk shall determine by random drawing the order in which such candidates' names shall appear on the ballot. Any drawing conducted pursuant to this Section shall be conducted so that each candidate, or candidate's representative if the candidate filed under Subsection 2 of Section 115.355.2 of the Missouri Revised Statutes, may draw a number at random at the time of filing. If such drawing is conducted, the number drawn shall be recorded with the candidate's declaration of candidacy. If such drawing is conducted, the names of candidates filing on the first day of filing for each office on each ballot shall be listed in ascending order of the numbers so drawn.

All candidates must file in person in the City Clerk's office. Filing will occur at the Brentwood City Hall. This building opens at 8:00 a.m. or later in the morning for the public. **For this purpose, a line for filing may be formed outside the main entrance to the Brentwood City Hall on S. 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 15, 2020, at 8:00 am by the 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.

**Should You Get a Veteran ID Card?**



The VA is offering a free Military ID Card as a way to give all honorably discharged veterans proof of service regardless of era or time in service as ordered by Congress.

A valid ID card is proof of service that may be required to receive special benefits from private firms as a "Thank you for your service". Perks like free meals, parking spots and discounts at many retailers. Accept a bit of gratitude when it's offered as it's nice getting respect for your service to your country. It's easy to apply, log on to [VETS.GOV](http://VETS.GOV) and create an account. Then scan and upload your DD-214 form and your photograph. It's that easy and you've earned it.



**April 6, 2021 General Municipal Election**

4/7 bond majority approval needed at this election

\*\* Saturday absentee voting times vary. Check the website for each election.

December 15 Opening of candidate filing (8:00 a.m.) for the April 6th General Municipal Election (exception with chartered cities). **Filing will take place at the Brentwood City Hall at 2348 S. Brentwood Blvd., Brentwood, MO 63144**

January 19 Closing of candidate filings (5:00 p.m.) for the April 6th General Municipal Election (exception with chartered cities).

January 26 Closing (5:00 p.m.) for receiving certification of election forms for the April 6th General Municipal Election. See 115.125

February 23 Absentee opens for the April 6th General Municipal Election. See 115.279(3)

March 10 Last day to register for the April 6th General Municipal Election. See 115.135(1)

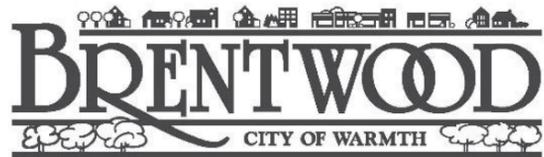
March 24 Last day (5:00 p.m.) absentee applications will be accepted through the mail or in person from a guardian or relative of the applicant for the April 6th General Municipal Election. See 115.279(3)

March 26 Last day to file as a write-in candidate for the April 6th General Municipal Election. Write-in candidates must file at the St. Louis County Election Board at 725 Northwest Plaza, St. Ann, by 5:00 p.m. See 115.453(4)

April 3 \*\*Office open (times optional) for absentee voting in the April 6th General Municipal Election.

April 5 Last day (5:00 p.m.) for voting an absentee ballot in person at the Election Board office for the April 6th General Municipal Election.

April 6 ELECTION DAY, Polls open from 6:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. **Polling Places to be Announced.**



**CANDIDATES THAT HAVE FILED TO DATE**

**MAYOR:**

David Dimmitt                      Incumbent                      9104 Pine Ave.

**MUNICIPAL JUDGE:**

Patrick Dignam                      Incumbent                      9405 Sonora Ave.

**ALDERMAN – WARD 1:**

David Plufka                      Incumbent                      3 Middlesex Dr.

**ALDERMAN - WARD 2:**

Brandon Wegge                      Incumbent                      8537 Douglas Ct.

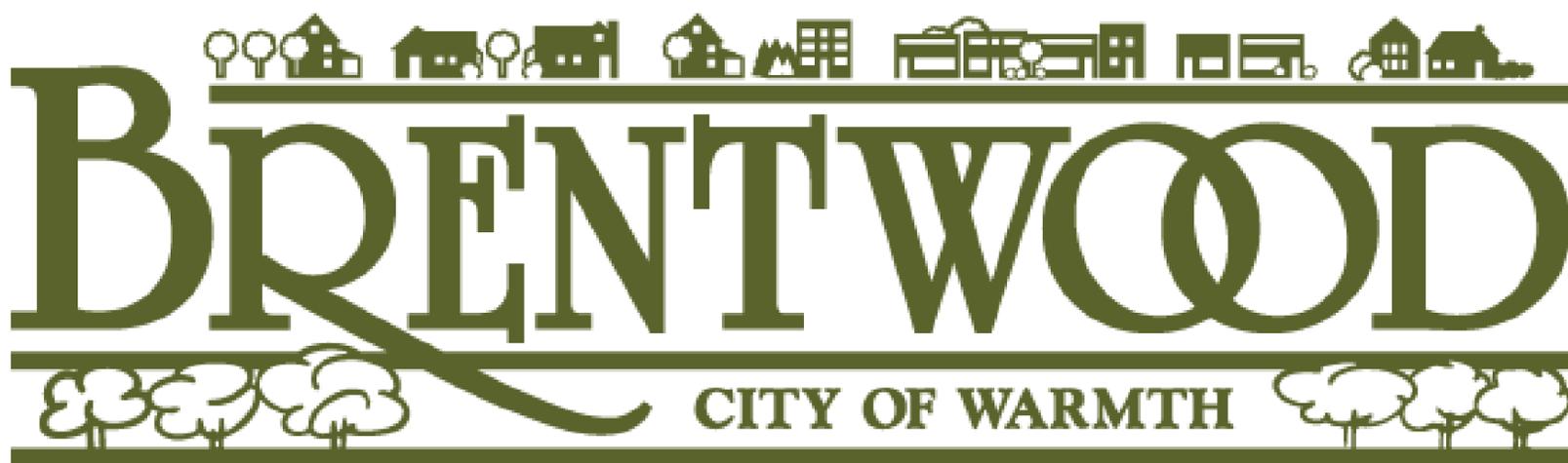
**ALDERMAN - WARD 3:**

Steven Lochmoeller                      Incumbent                      8831 Madge Ave.

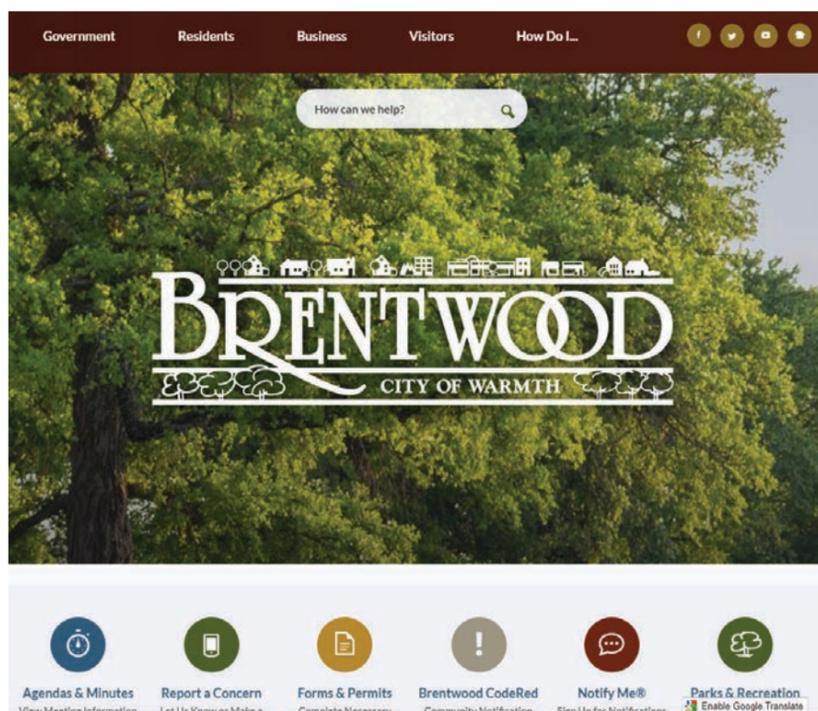
**ALDERMAN – WARD 4:**

Robert ("Bob") Horton                      8836 Eager Road

John ("Jack") Shelton                      1407 Oriole Pl.



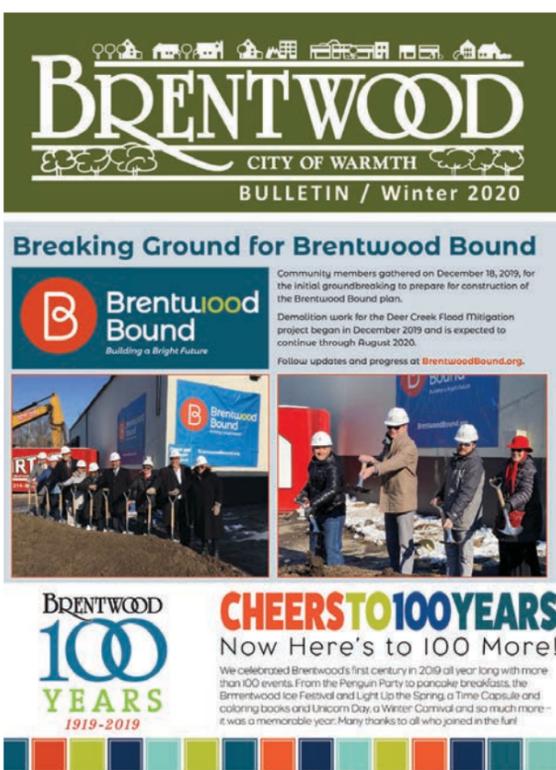
# Connect with the City of Brentwood



City of Brentwood Website: [brentwoodmo.org](http://brentwoodmo.org)



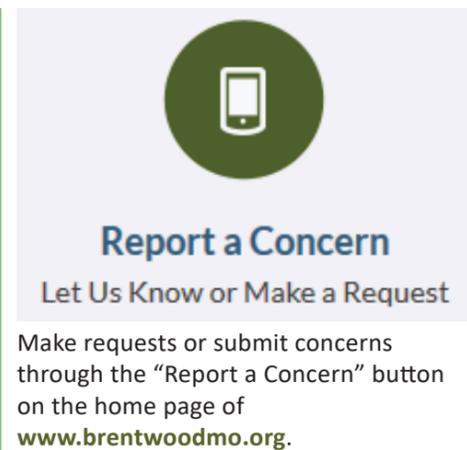
Brentwood Bound Website: [BrentwoodBound.org](http://BrentwoodBound.org)



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



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 Google Play: [https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.civicplus.mo\\_brentwood4](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.civicplus.mo_brentwood4)



# Brentwood Board of Aldermen Minutes

PARTIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
REGULAR MEETING- VIRTUAL MINUTES Monday,  
November 16, 2020

## CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Call to Order -Mayor Dimmitt called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

Roll Call: All members in attendance.

Alderman Plufka – Present

Alderwoman Tice – Present

Alderwoman Sims – Present

Alderman Wegge – Present

Alderman Gould – Present

Alderman Lochmoeller – Present

Alderwoman Ebeling – Present

Alderwoman O’Neill - Present

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, APPOINTMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

### Sustainability Commission - Appointment

One Alderman will be appointed by Public Works. One Alderman and 5 residents with staggered terms are appointed by the Mayor for the Sustainability Commission, and those members selected for approval are: Alderwoman O’Neill, Andy Burkemper (3 yr. term ending May 2024), Lindsay Spencer (2 yr. term ending May 2023), Melissa Boban (2 yr. term ending May 2023), Alexander Porter (1 yr. term ending May 2022), Tika Shah (1 yr. term ending May 2022).

Mayor called for a motion to approve the selections. Motion was made by Alderman Plufka and seconded by Alderwoman Sims to approve the appointments. There was no discussion, and motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

## MAYOR AND ALDERMEN REPORTS

Alderman Jeff Gould - Ward 3 - Reminder to citizens that Facebook is not an official city source for information. If you have questions or comments, please bring them forward to an Alderman, or attend a Board or Committee meeting.

Alderman Steve Lochmoeller - Ward 3 – Pubic Safety Committee meeting has been tentatively changed to 10:30 AM

Alderwoman Kathy O’Neill - Ward 4 – Noted for public that the City Library’s WIFI extends to the parking lot if ever needed or are without service

Alderman David Plufka - Ward 1 - Noted his disappointment that the Insurance consultant is only engaged to review coverage and will not be as comprehensive in their review as had been talked about.

Alderwoman Sunny Sims - Ward 2 – Addressed Alderman Plufka’s comment, stating that in the Ways and Means Committee it was agreed an RFP will be done to specifically address the concerns not being covered by this review.

Alderwoman Nancy Parker Tice - Ward 1 – Thanked residents who attended the Ward 1 meeting last week – and welcomed all to attend the next meetings.

Alderman Brandon Wegge - Ward 2 - No Report

## CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Brentwood Bound Update - Craig Schluter with Navigate Building Solutions gave overview of projects: Demo Bid Package 2 – project completed ahead of schedule and under budget.

Demolition Bid Package 3 – Demo’s all remaining buildings – goes out to bid in January and completed in Spring. Flood Mitigation Phase 1 – major excavations underway – on schedule, and going well

Flood Mitigation Phase 2 – MSD to permit – on schedule (Web cams live on BrentwoodBound.org to watch construction)

Deer Creek Greenway Connector – Negotiated with MoDOT (traffic signals mostly), memo included in Jacobs Change order. Brentwood only pays 10% of improvements, saving City over \$100,000.

Manchester Rd. improvements projects delayed due to Covid - Bids going out in April, to complete in June 2021. (Craig noted later that the delay will not impact Brentwood Bound projects. Timing will be Ok.)

Brentwood Bound in General: Watching 2020 budget very closely – hoping no budget amendment required. Craig also reported on soft costs, property appraisals and acquisitions, and funding updates and grants.

Report from Kerber, Eck & Braeckel LP - Independent Review of Expenditures of Proceeds of the 2018 Series Certificates of Participation

Gina Cochran spoke and presented information regarding report from: July 2020-September 2020 Certificates Step 1 - No exceptions

Step 2 – 3 exceptions noted, and have been resolved Step 3 – No exceptions

No procedures performed for 2019 series.



Mayor  
David Dimmitt



Alderwoman  
Nancy Parker Tice



Alderman  
David Plufka



Alderwoman  
Sunny Sims



Alderman  
Brandon Wegge



Municipal Judge  
Patrick Dignam



Alderman  
Jeff Gould



Alderman  
Steve Lochmoeller



Alderwoman  
Kathy O’Neill



Alderwoman  
Pat Ebeling

## CONSENT AGENDA

Standing Committees Reports

Warrant List - 2020 Operating Funds Expenditures

Warrant List - 2020 Expenditures from the Series 2018

Certificates of Participation Proceeds (COPS)

Meeting Minutes 11.2.20

Resolution No. 1261 - St. Louis County- Compost Grant Agreement - A Resolution approving a contract between the City of Brentwood and St. Louis County Department of Public Health for St. Louis County’s grant program for the city’s waste reduction efforts.

Resolution No. 1262 - A Resolution Approving a Change Order to the Contract with Jacobs Engineering Group

Chair entertained a motion to approve Consent Agenda. Motion was made by Alderwoman Tice and seconded by Alderman Wegge. Roll was called:

Alderman Plufka – yes Alderwoman Tice – yes  
Alderwoman Sims – yes Alderman Wegge – yes  
Alderman Gould - yes Alderman Lochmoeller – yes  
Alderwoman Ebeling – yes Alderwoman O’Neill - yes

## ADJOURN

Adjournment

This meeting will be livestreamed on YouTube and/or recorded. The recording will be made available on the City’s YouTube channel. Please be aware that your presence may be recorded.

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

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

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

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

By: Kelle Silvey, Deputy City Clerk



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- Alderman, Ward 1**
- Alderman, Ward 2**
- Alderman, Ward 3**
- Alderman, Ward 4**

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# City of Brentwood News – January 2021

## City of Brentwood Updates Related to COVID-19

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

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

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

The following information is accurate as of January 4, 2021:

Brentwood City Hall is open to the public by appointment only. Please call 314.962.4800 to make an appointment. Anyone authorized to enter is required to wear a mask.

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



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

## Where to Recycle Holiday Lights

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

These locations near Brentwood offer proper recycling of holiday lights:

- Lowe’s, 2300 Maplewood Commons in Maplewood (by front door)
- Lowe’s, 1212 Kirkwood Road in Kirkwood (by front door)
- Tilles Park, 9551 Litzsinger Road in Ladue (by tennis courts)



## HOW TO CONTACT THE CITY

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

## STAY SAFE. STAY HEALTHY. PROTECT OTHERS.

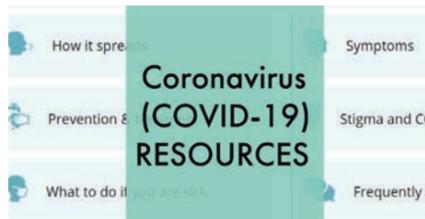
The City of Brentwood encourages all residents and community members to continue following precautions to help slow the spread of COVID-19.

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

## COVID-19 Resources

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

Please visit <https://covidvaccine.mo.gov/> for COVID-19 vaccine information from the State of Missouri.



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

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

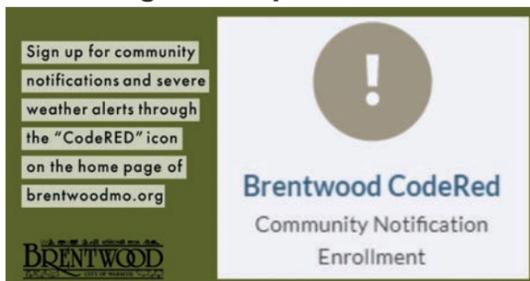
If you wish to activate the Weather Warning Alert options, you’ll need to register for CodeRED again. To activate these severe weather warnings, please visit Brentwood’s CodeRED enrollment page by clicking on the “Brentwood CodeRED” icon on the home page of [www.brentwoodmo.org](http://www.brentwoodmo.org). You also can text WARNME to 99411 from your mobile phone.

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

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

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

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



## Report a Concern

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

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

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



## A Note About Nextdoor.com

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

## Christmas Tree Recycling

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

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

Brentwood Board of Aldermen and committee meetings continue to be held via Zoom video-conference. Zoom access information is included in the meeting agendas posted on the City’s website and can be found in the calendar listings on the City website, [www.brentwoodmo.org](http://www.brentwoodmo.org).

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# RESTAURANT REVIEWS



## Italian Revisited

It has been four years since we last reviewed Fratelli's in St. Charles and since today is National Spaghetti Day, we said why not? And as expected, it is still great.

St. Louis is truly blessed when it comes to reasonably priced great restaurants, especially Italian restaurants.

I somehow envision a lowly clerk at Ellis Island processing newly arrived immigrants telling Jewish immigrants to move to New York and open a deli and Italian immigrants to go to St. Louis and open a restaurant.

If that scenario ever did exist, we should erect a monument to that clerk and declare him a National hero!

Like many other great Italian restaurants in the area, Fratelli's well respected reputation had its genesis with the arrival of Tommaso and Francesca Alagna to America's shores in 1948. It is said that memories of the old country always brought them back to the extended family sharing their family recipes for great food.

In 1970 Tommaso opened a self-named restaurant, Tommaso's, on Airport Rd. in Ferguson. Son's Joe and Tom grew up in the kitchen and by the mid '70's they had started a small pizza place on First Capitol Drive in St. Charles. I once tore their door off the hinges, but that is another story for another time.

As with most family owned, Italian restaurants, success was followed by a relocation and expansion that became Fratelli's Ristorante. Located just off I-70 on Zumbel, Fratelli's is a superb example of a family friendly restaurant that is suitable for any dining experience. There is comfortable dining room with booths and tables, a private dining area and a cozy bar where you can have your favorite drink if you have to wait for seating.

In this age of COVID-19, they are super dedicated to a safe dining environment. When we arrived we saw them sanitizing their menus after each use. They also use a YELP app that allows you to make a reservation online and it will keep you updated on how long it will be until your table is ready. You can stay at home, or go shopping etc., and arrange to go to Fratelli's as your table is being prepared. It is a very handy way to not have to wait at the restaurant with other customers. They are also limiting their seating capacity to 50% for your safety. We did notice that all employees were masked at all times. Drive up service is also available.

While I understand St. Louis county's requiring you to fill out a COVID tracing information form for indoor seating, this is not the case in St. Charles County at this time. So if you are hesitant to give out your private information, this may be more to your liking. Fratelli's is proud to say they still use those family recipes and all of their sauces etc. are made in house every day. They have added a few new items to satisfy a younger customer such as the Fratelli Burger a Grilled Chicken Panino and a Rustic salad with mixed greens, balsamic vinigarett, dried cranberries, candied pecans and feta cheese, but all of their classic Italian items are still there as well.

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Fratelli's menu has something for everyone and it took us a few minutes decide on what delicacy we would chose. A basket of warm Italian Bread with soft butter and a dish of olive oil started our service. The basket was lined with what looked like an Italian newspaper, a very nice touch.

Sue had the Grilled Chicken Panini with a side of red pasta, after all, it was National Spaghetti Day. Both items were excellent.

I started with a dinner salad with their creamy Italian house dressing. This dressing is so good, they serve more than 25 gallons of it each week!



My main dish was the Tuto Mare; linguine with shrimp, scallops and lobster. You have your choice of



a garlic cream sauce or a pomodoro sauce. I decided on the cream sauce. This was the real deal. Real cream, real shrimp, real lobster and real scallops. A lot of restaurants use fake scallops and lobster, not Fratelli's, and for \$19.00, this was a masterpiece.

If you are looking for a veggie main dish, I highly recommend the Egg Plant Parmigiana.



We were too full to even consider any of the homemade desserts, but they all looked fantastic.

All portion sizes are above average and we actually couldn't finish our meals. We were give cute little cardboard boxes rather than styrofoam plates with a lid to take our leftovers home. We have more than enough for lunch tomorrow.

Fratelli's wine list includes imported and domestic wines priced from \$6 to \$8 per glass, or \$24 to \$32. per bottle The selection is more than adequate and reasonably priced.

When you want a great Italian diner in a pleasant atmosphere, for any occasion, it's definitely Fratelli's.

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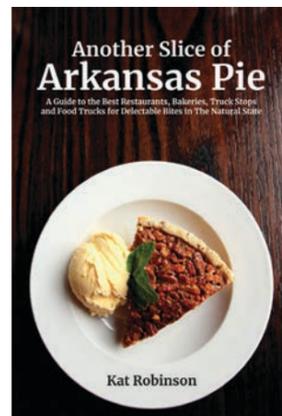
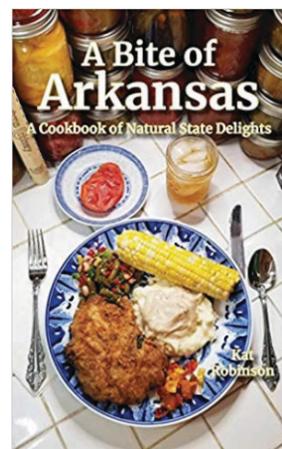


## Bites of Arkansas

By Sue McCarthy

# TRAVEL

As a radio co-host with my husband Kevin McCarthy, we both love to interview food/cookbook authors. We recently interviewed Kat Robinson on her new book "A Bite of Arkansas: A Cookbook of Natural State Delights." Normally Kevin is the foodie of the two of us, but when I see a good cookbook filled with tantalizing photos and recipes it just makes me want to share it with others. This book is a masterpiece of southern baking. Enjoy dozens of pies that you will find throughout the state of Arkansas, many of them you will recognize as your childhood favorites. One of my favorites was fried apple pies. Memories of this half-circle pie takes me back to my Grandma Dorothy's cast iron pot-bellied stove with her cat curled up at the bottom for warmth. She grew her own peaches too, so at times we would have peach fried pies.

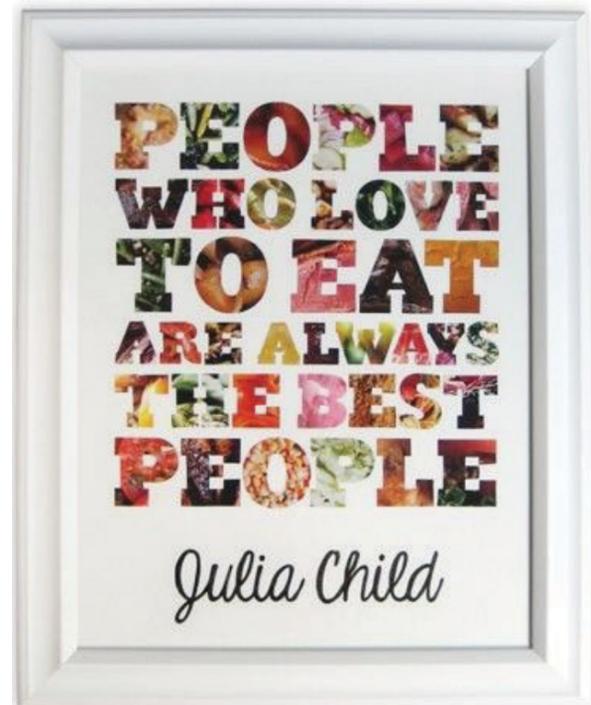


Food writer and food historian, Kat Robinson, tours the south tasting more than four hundred varieties of pies and listening to food stories along the way. Learn where fried pie is King and why a pie called possum should be the official state pie. Read about the North Little Rock Arkansas man made and sold one-hundred different pies in a day. Discover the new innovative pie-making methods of chefs in Fayetteville and Hot Springs.

Are you a lover of gravy, but don't know how to make it? This book gives you ten types of Arkansas gravy. Cream Gravy (or milk gravy). Made with butter instead of pan drippings to create a roux, filled out with milk or cream to create a thick rich meatless gravy. Other gravies are: sausage gravy, ham gravy, brown gravy, mushroom gravy, giblet gravy, red gray, red-eye gravy, chicken cream gravy and chocolate gravy. This is an Arkansas specialty; it is a sweet gravy, made from butter, flour, cocoa powder and sugar to create a rich pour-over.

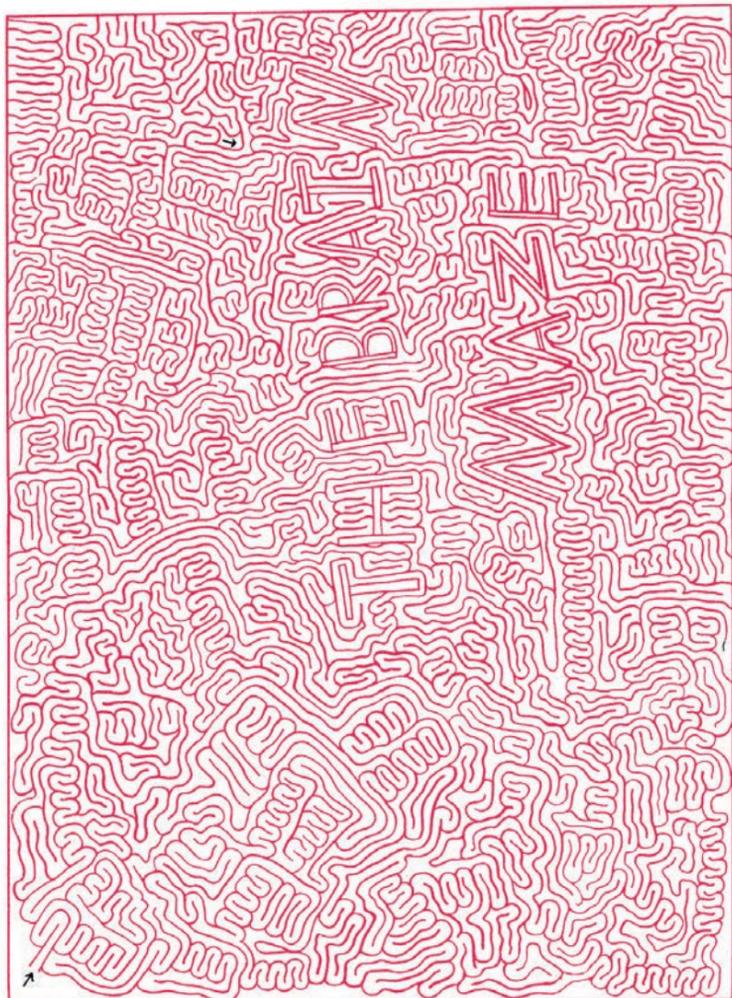
You can purchase Kat Robinson's book in hardcover for \$37.99 at nationwide retailers such as Bookshop.com, Amazon, Barnes and Noble and Walmart. Signed copies can be ordered through Tonti.Press.com. A paperback version will be released January 26th and retail for \$27.99.

Make Room For Pie at the Pie Pilgrimage held at 16 locations. Arkansas Pie Festival, Cherokee Village, Arkansas. October 2021. Kat's newest book is "Another Slice of Arkansas Pie."



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by Joey Barzantny  
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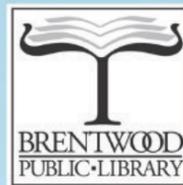
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## OPEN SPACE COUNCIL UPDATE

This year, conserving, improving and restoring our public lands was as important as ever. In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Open Space Council adapted our on-the-ground programs to offer quality opportunities for community members to volunteer safely and make a difference to our parks and rivers.

We remodeled Operation Clean Stream as a 9-day event of self-guided cleanups throughout the Meramec Watershed and conducted plantings and invasive honeysuckle removal in small socially-distanced groups.

As our community took refuge in the great outdoors, we are grateful to our volunteers and supporters who helped enhance and restore parks, waterways and trails in the region, making it a better place to live, work and recreate.

With your support, the Open Space Council made a big impact on our region this year by:

### Operation Clean Stream

Coordinating 538 self-guided volunteers who removed 141.95 cubic yards of trash, 1,735 tires and 2,981.5 lbs of metal from the Meramec River Watershed in August.

### Operation Wild Lands

Engaging 45 volunteers who planted over 1,200 willows in Lower Meramec Park to help fight erosion along the riverbank in February and December.

Hosting 15 participants in a workshop on the root docking method to remove invasive honeysuckle on the AI Foster Trail in December.

### Land Trust

Conserving 70 forested acres of land in LaBarque Creek which was added to the Young Conservation Area in March.

### Community Stewardship Alliance

Working with regional partner organizations to develop the Community Stewardship Alliance. This program will officially launch in 2021 and will establish long-term volunteer leadership to steward natural areas in St. Louis County Parks.



### A big thanks to 2020 volunteers...

Thanks to the Operation Clean Stream Trash Task Force and Dumpster Checkers: *Bernie Arnold, Tim Elwell, Zoe Geist, Bob Hayden, Jessica Hughes, Bob Jung, Rob Schneider, and Brian Waldrop*

These volunteers went above and beyond to check dumpsters for overfilling and recover difficult trash during the 9 days of Operation Clean Stream. We're grateful for their efforts which helped make the extended Operation Clean Stream event a success.

### Thanks to the over 500 Operation Clean Stream volunteers

While this year's Operation Clean Stream looked a little different, we are grateful to volunteers and their families who participated in the 53rd year of Operation Clean Stream in the Meramec River Watershed.

### What did you find? The Strangest OCS Trash of 2020

Operation Clean Stream volunteers continue to find strange trash year after year. Volunteers submitted photos of the weirdest trash item they found including a mannequin, figurines, and a fish-shaped bath thermometer.

We want to give a special shoutout to determined volunteers Jerry and Rob who pulled an entire hot tub out of the woods at George Winter Park!



### Special thanks to our partners...

The Open Space Council is grateful for the many organizations, agencies and groups who partner with us to do impactful conservation work across the region.

### To Adopt

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



**QUINCY**  
MALE, NEUTERED, 7

Quincy is sweet and friendly and loves to have his neck scratched! He enjoys an active lifestyle and is up for fall hikes and walks. Quincy is great with kids and enjoys making new friends!!



**DUKE**  
MALE, NEUTERED, 5

Duke likes meeting new people, is friendly with other dogs, and walks well on a leash. He is a cancer survivor, feels great, and wants to live life to the fullest.



**BUDDY**  
MALE, NEUTERED, 5

This big man is a snuggle bug! He is always looking for butt scratches and lovin. Buddy loves people and is looking for a new best friend to spend his life with.



**BLAIR**  
FEMALE, SPAYED, 2

Blair is sweet and very friendly! She has never met a stranger!



**HONEY DEW**  
FEMALE, SPAYED, 3

Honey dew is located in a foster home. Honey dew was rescued from a hoarding situation. She enjoys wet food everyday. She is looking forward to a family who plays with her everyday, helping her find what her favorite toys are to hunt!



**CASSIDY**  
FEMALE, SPAYED, 1 yr, 2 mo

Cassidy loves to snuggle and get her chin scratched. I also don't mind dogs if they give me my space, however I do take a little longer to get used to other cats. I love to run around and play. \*\*I am in a foster home, please call to meet me! \*\*



**MISS KEANE**  
FEMALE, SPAYED, 2 yrs, 1 mo

Miss keane is the sweetest kitty ever! She loves people and just can't seem to get enough attention. Miss keane is fearless and even likes cat friendly dogs!



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

Queen zoey is looking for a new castle to rule! She is meant for a life of luxury! She has many demands for her new home, such as, a nice bed, treats, and no other animals! However she loves people old and young!



**BURT**  
MALE, NEUTERED, 2 yrs, 11 mo

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**BUSTA**  
MALE, NEUTERED, 2 yrs, 8 mo

Busta is a sweet boy looking for a new home after his previous owner passed away. He is still a little heartbroken but is optimistic he will find a family once again. He is friendly with people, children, and other dogs.



**CARLOS**  
MALE, NEUTERED, 8

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



**SOPHIE**  
FEMALE, SPAYED, 1 yr, 11 mo

Sophie came all the way from alabama! She is as sweet as southern sweet tea and pecan pie! Sophie is a little shy but will thrive once she finds her forever home! She is able to jump a 4ft fence. She is looking for a home with lots of love!

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