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Brentwood's Bear May Be Old News, But How Could We Forget!



Photo by Pam Schaffner

May 10 - Just one day after the Kirkwood Police Department confirmed a black bear sighting in the Sunset Hills area, members of the Brentwood Swim and Tennis Club were surprised by the bear's sudden appearance.

Families at the swim club said they saw the bear pop out of the woods around 2:30 p.m. during tennis lessons. The bear was later spotted in Brentwood Square around 4 p.m.

Around 6 p.m., the bear was discovered up in a tree on Buck Avenue in Richmond Heights. Local animal patrol and the Missouri Department of Conservation agents coordinated efforts to safely retrieve the animal.

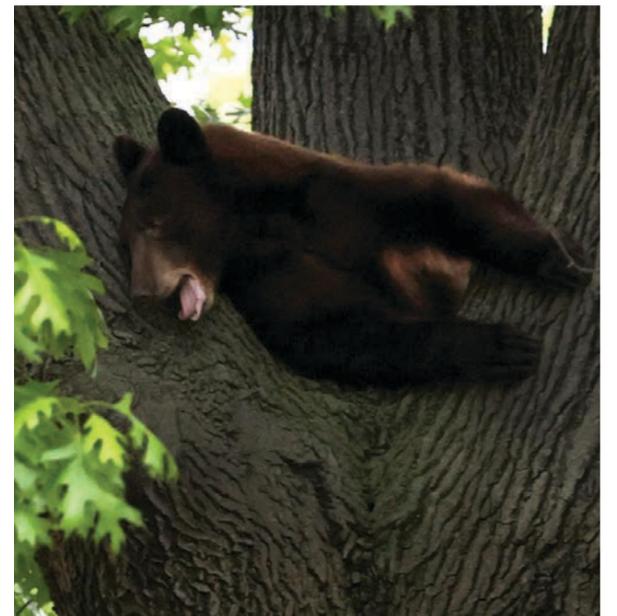
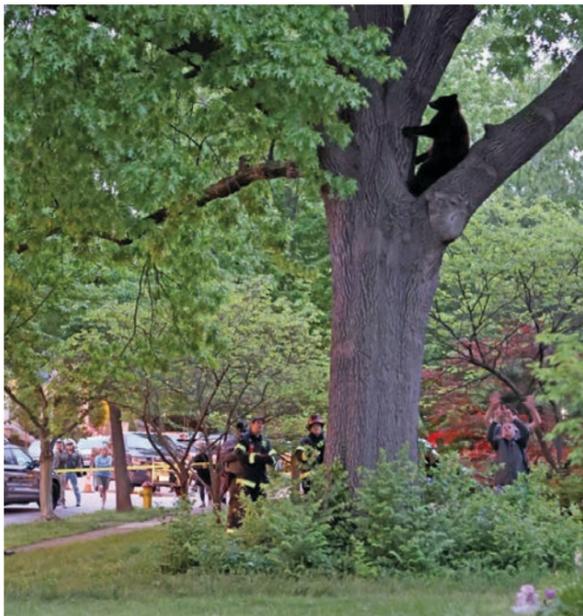
The bear was shot twice with a tranquilizer gun and appeared to be fighting off falling asleep in his tree perch.

The bear climbed down from the tree just before 8:20 p.m. and made its way to some nearby bushes in front of a home.

For more information on Missouri black bears, visit mdc.mo.gov/bearaware.



It was so surreal...we were just sitting there (in those chairs...I was in the one on the far right) watching the kids' tennis lesson when the bear comes strolling out of the woods! Photo by Andy Burkemper



Getting sleepy...Photos by David Carson, St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Brentwood Middle School Field Day 2021

Photos by Jasmine Windom



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BEYOND VAN GOGH: THE IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE Opens in St. Louis September 16 www.vangoghstlouis.com



Beyond Van Gogh will have a limited engagement in St. Louis, September 16 to November 7. The exhibition will fill the new Starry Night Pavilion on the grounds of the Saint Louis Galleria.

The exhibition will be open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays and 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Four entry times will be available each hour. Tickets will be sold online at www.vangoghstlouis.com. Prices begin at \$33.99 for adults and \$19.99 for children ages 5 to 15. Children under 5 are free.

Created by French-Canadian Creative Director Mathieu St-Arnaud and his team at Montreal's world-renowned Normal Studio, this immersive experience features more than 300 of Vincent Van Gogh's iconic artworks and takes the art lover into a three-dimensional world that exhilarates the senses.

In a rich and unique multimedia experience using cutting-edge projection technology developed by some of the world's greatest AV designers, Beyond Van Gogh takes on the challenge of breathing new life into Van Gogh's vast body of work. Using the artist's own dreams, thoughts, and words to drive the experience as a narrative, guests move along projection-swathed walls wrapped in light and color that swirls, dances, and refocuses into flowers, cafes, and landscapes.

While journeying through Beyond Van Gogh, guests witness more than 300 masterpieces, including instantly-recognizable classics such as "The Starry Night", "Sunflowers", and "Café Terrace at Night", now freed from their frames. Van Gogh's art comes to life by appearing and disappearing, flowing across multiple surfaces, and heightening the senses with their immense detail. Through his own words set to a symphonic score, guests come to a new appreciation of this tortured artist's stunning work. It's a no surprise that millions of people all over the world credit Van Gogh with enhancing their relationship with art. Beyond Van Gogh will only deepen it further.

As immersive art installations deeply resonate around the globe, "Beyond Van Gogh: The Immersive Experience" will stay in St. Louis for a limited engagement before moving across North America. Art lovers near and far will have the opportunity to live this unique, unforgettable experience.

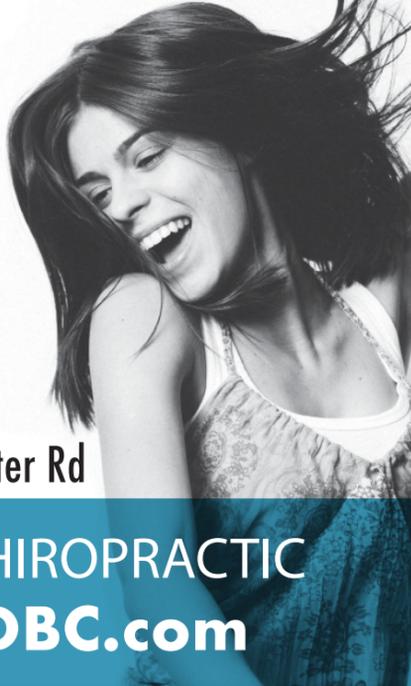
Beyond Van Gogh will follow all St. Louis County Health Department guidelines in place during the exhibition's run. Parking will be free at the Saint Louis Galleria. Group tickets are available for eight or more.

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The Michael and Quirsis Riney Primate Canopy Trails Opens at the Zoo on July 12, 2021



The Saint Louis Zoo announced a leadership gift from Michael and Quirsis Riney to name Michael and Quirsis Riney Primate Canopy Trails, which is set to open at the Zoo on July 12, 2021.

“We are deeply appreciative of the Rineys’ charitable support, which will greatly impact both the animals in our care and the experiences of our guests,” said Jeffrey P. Bonner, Ph.D., Dana Brown President and CEO, Saint Louis Zoo. “This is an amazing and unique exhibit that will help us connect people to animals like never before.”

Primate Canopy Trails, under construction since late 2019, is a 35,000-square-foot outdoor expansion connected to the Primate House. The \$13 million exhibit consists of eight new outdoor homes for primates — lemurs, Old World monkeys and New World monkeys. The first-of-its-kind primate habitat and guest experience includes climbing structures that allow guests to explore the forest canopy next to the animals, while learning through play and exploration about conservation challenges primates are facing in the wild — and discovering solutions to help.

This exhibit was made possible by the generosity of many donors, including a meaningful leadership gift from Michael and Quirsis Riney.

About the Michael and Quirsis Riney Primate Canopy Trails

At Primate Canopy Trails, Zoo guests take a journey from the forest floor, through a see-through tunnel, and up into the treetops on an elevated boardwalk to see monkeys and lemurs in their enriching and engaging state-of-the-art homes and play areas. Expansive climbing structures take guests through the animals’ habitats, mimicking the life of a primate in the tree canopy of a forest.

The new exhibit allows the Zoo to improve animal care, health and well-being of primates by providing access to enriching outdoor habitats, sunlight and fresh air. The 1925 Primate House, which was renovated in 1977 and will continue to be used, had few outdoor habitats available for use by only some of the species over the years. Many of the primates living at the Primate House have never had access to the outdoors until now.

“Being outside is critical for primates’ well-being, and this new habitat is a demonstration of the Zoo’s commitment to providing quality animal care,” says Heidi Hellmuth, Curator of Primates, Saint Louis Zoo.

Overhead mesh tunnels connected to the Primate House lead to tall, preexisting live trees and other outdoor habitats with spaces for the animals to climb and perch. These “sky trail” tunnels have a flexible design that allow animals to explore different habitats at different times, boosting the stimulation in their daily lives. On any given day, a group of primates could be in a wide variety of habitats. The exhibit was designed for an estimated 70 different habitat combinations for the various groups of primates to enjoy. The new exhibit also includes a private, climate-controlled Primate Care Center, where the animal care team can provide exceptional care for the animals.

Approximately 40 primates representing 14 species will utilize Primate Canopy Trails and the Primate House. The increased number, size and complexity of habitats allows the Zoo to increase its participation in cooperative conservation breeding programs, as the Zoo will be able to accommodate larger groups as the resident primate families grow.

“One thing all our primates have in common is their love of the canopies and habitats situated high in the trees,” says Hellmuth. “However, many primates worldwide are threatened with extinction and have declining populations, mostly due to extensive habitat loss, including forests.”

The Zoo is a leader in primate care and conservation. Known for its expertise and experience, the Primate Team is effective and creative at managing groups of primates at the Zoo. The Zoo also participates in Association of Zoos and Aquariums Species Survival Plans for all of the primate species at the Zoo and is a leader in primate conservation work in the wild through the Saint Louis Zoo WildCare Institute.

Generous Donors to Primate Canopy Trails

This exhibit is made possible by the generosity of many donors, including meaningful leadership contributions from the Michael and Quirsis Riney Family Foundation, the Estate of Rudolph L. Wise, and the Dana Brown Charitable Trust.

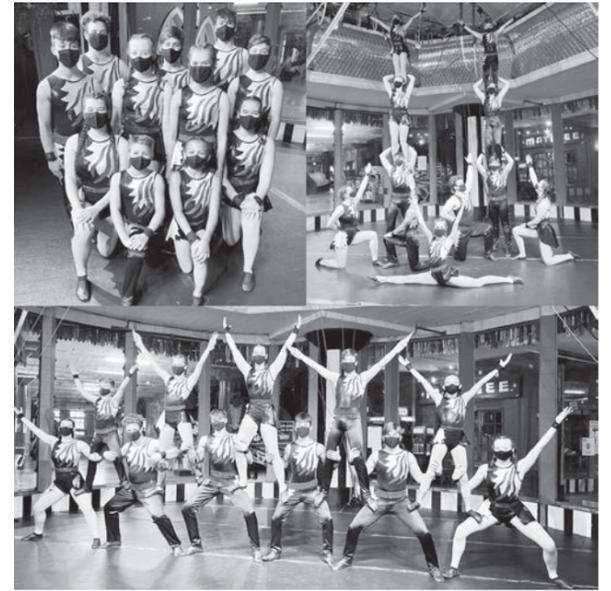
Guest Information

Primate Canopy Trails opens to the public at 10 a.m. on Monday, July 12, 2021. Admission to the exhibit is free. For more information, visit stlzoo.org/PrimateCanopyTrails.

All Zoo guests must make a free, timed reservation online in advance to enter the Zoo. Make a reservation at stlzoo.org/reservations up to seven days prior to the date of visit.

About the Saint Louis Zoo

Home to over 12,000 animals, representing 500 species, the Saint Louis Zoo is recognized worldwide for its innovative approaches to animal care and management, wildlife conservation, research, and education. One of the few free zoos in the nation, the Saint Louis Zoo attracts approximately 3 million visitors annually and is the most-visited attraction in the region. Accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), the Saint Louis Zoo is part of an elite group of institutions that meet the highest standards in animal care as well as provide fun, safe and educational family experiences. The Saint Louis Zoo and the other AZA-accredited institutions collectively dedicate millions of dollars annually to support scientific research, conservation and education programs. For more information, visit stlzoo.org.



ST. LOU REVUE

Your Circus Harmony favorites are featured in the new Circus Flora show, The St. Lou Revue. This variety show features the best of The Lou which, of course, includes our flying children, alumni, and coaches! The St. Louis Arches will support, balance, and toss each other in their new power partner acrobatic act. Kellin Quinn will be the MC, Laura Lippert will be hanging from her hair, Chauncey Kroner will be diving through hoops, and Elliana Grace will be spinning hoops. The St. Lou Revue will be one weekend only, June 4-6 under the Big Top in Grand Center Arts District. Get your tickets at www.circusflora.org.

Note the new Arches costumes! They were designed by St. Louis Arch, Sabrina Skaggs, and sewn by coaches Rosa Yagaansetseg and Laura Lippert along with circus mom, Leah Bailey!

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St. Louis Area Diaper Bank Introduces First Period Guide

St. Louis Area Diaper Bank and its St. Louis Alliance for Period Supplies (STLAPS) program recently released a new period guide for first-time menstruators. The Go with the Flow booklet was created by a team of graduate students from the School of Public Health and Social Justice at Saint Louis University through the college’s grant program.

Each year Saint Louis University’s 1818 Community Engagement Grant program awards 18 grants of up to \$1,800 each to groups of students and faculty, in partnership with a local nonprofit, to make a positive impact on the community.

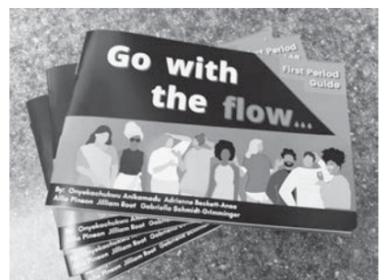
SLU graduate students who created the Diaper Bank’s guide — Onyekachukwu Anikamadu, Gabriella Schmidt-Griminger, Allie Pinson, Adrienne Beckett-Ansa, and Jilliam Root — held local focus groups for menstruators ages nine to 13 to gather data for the booklet.

The booklets were designed to reduce negative period stigma and increase correct menstrual hygiene education, as well as give young menstruators autonomy over a traditionally frustrating and stress-inducing life event. The Diaper Bank will give these published guides to its partners, who will distribute the free guides to trusted service providers and caregivers.

Founded in 2019, STLAPS is a Diaper Bank program that collaborates with the National Diaper Bank Network and its Alliance for Period Supplies. The service distributes period supplies through community partners, as well as advocates for the elimination of “period poverty”. To date more than 450,000 period supplies have been distributed in St. Louis, with 10,800 period supplies allocated each week. Last year two-thirds of low-income women in St. Louis could not afford menstrual hygiene products, with 46% of low-income women having to choose between food and period products.

“Most menstruators are unprepared for their first period, so this booklet guides them through the process in a fun and friendly way,” said St. Louis Area Diaper Bank Executive Director Muriel Smith. “We are truly grateful to SLU and its graduate students who created a guide that discusses all the topics and questions our community’s youth have but may be too inhibited to ask.”

Founded in 2014, the St. Louis Area Diaper Bank provides diaper access to the region’s low-income families, as well as raises community awareness about the causes and consequences of diaper need. The nonprofit is a member of the National Diaper Bank Network, a nationwide nonprofit dedicated to eliminating diaper need in America. For information, call (314) 624-0888



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West Community Credit Union has been recognized through the Credit Union National Association (CUNA) Finance Council as one of the top two credit unions between the \$250 million and \$1 billion asset size category for providing an economic benefit to Members.

It is estimated by CUNA that West Community provided \$5.9 million in direct financial benefits to Members over a 12 month period.

The industry award was based on a CUNA study conducted on economic benefit provided to their Members by using West Community products and services as opposed to local competitors. Other credit unions across the country also participated.

“This award is truly a representation of the credit union difference and a great statement about our success in serving our mission,” stated Jason Peach, President/CEO of West Community Credit Union. “It is so rewarding to have achieved this kind of impact for our Members and the communities we serve, and I could not be prouder of our staff.”

Credit Unions generally provide financial benefits to members through lower rates on loans, higher savings and fewer fees than banking institutions. A list of West Community rates and services can be found at www.westcommunitycu.org.



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



Brentwood Police Department

Calls for Service Report

*Note: CFS Do Not Always Become Written Police Reports

MAY 2021

CFS for Person Crime	
Murder / Manslaughter	1
Sexual Assaults	0
Robbery /Car-Jack	1
Assaults	1
Peace Disturbance & Domestic	60
Calls for Mental Health	7

CFS for Property Crime	
Arson/Bombing/Burning	0
Burglary - Residential	0
Burglary - Business	1
Destruction of Property	7
Frauds & ID Theft	6
Larceny - Shoplifting	2
Larceny - From Vehicle	9
Larceny - All Others	29
Stolen Vehicles	4
Trespassing	13

Weapons Related	
Utilized/Taken	2
Recovered	2

Auto Accidents	
	67

Foot Patrols	
Building & Business Check	86
Parks & Schools	73
Misc	22

Notable CFS	
Alarm Calls	35
Animal Related	12
Assist Fire Department	57
Check Welfare/Notification	28
Contact Another Agency	23
Motor Assist	13
Police Community Relations	9
Radar / LPR Hits	0
Solicitors	12
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	64
Traffic Control/Details	54
Traffic Stops	364
Vacation Checks/Close Watch	17

ARREST	
Prisoner Conveyance	1
Adults	32
Juvenile	2
ARREST TYPE	
FTA/Fugitive	8
Original Non-Traffic	16
Original Traffic	2

Miscellaneous CFS	
	178
Minus Arrest/Types	-60
Total Calls For Service	1260



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05-24-21 to 05-31-21

CFS for Person Crime	
Murder / Manslaughter	0
Sexual Assaults	0
Robbery /Car-Jack	0
Assaults	0
Peace Disturbance & Domestic	15
Calls for Mental Health	1

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

Weapons Related	
Utilized/Taken	0
Recovered	0

Auto Accidents	
	16

Foot Patrols	
Building & Business Check	21
Parks & Schools	18
Misc	5

Notable CFS	
Alarm Calls	11
Animal Related	3
Assist Fire Department	15
Check Welfare/Notification	10
Contact Another Agency	7
Motor Assist	4
Police Community Relations	4
Radar / LPR Hits	0
Solicitors	3
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	8
Traffic Control/Details	14
Traffic Stops	103
Vacation Checks/Close Watch	4

ARREST	
Prisoner Conveyance	0
Adults	6
Juvenile	0
ARREST TYPE	
FTA/Fugitive	1
Original Non-Traffic	3
Original Traffic	2

Miscellaneous CFS	
	54
Minus Arrest/Types	-12
Total Calls For Service	328



Lucy
 #A084778
 Age: 8 months
 Color: tan
 Sex: female (spayed)
 Weight: 56.20 lbs
 Arrived: 06/03/2021

Arwin
 #A084508
 Age: 12 years
 Color: brown tabby
 Sex: female (spayed)
 Weight: 10.00 lbs
 Arrived: 05/19/2021

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Arwin is a spunky old girl looking for a new home. She loves adult company and to explore! She has previously lived with a large dog. She would love to find a home that has a big window so she can watch the cars drive by!

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NEW OFFICERS FOR THE MUNICIPAL LEAGUE OF METRO ST. LOUIS

The Municipal League of Metro St. Louis elected new officers for the 2021 -2022 year. Mayor Terry Briggs of the city of Bridgeton was elected president. Moline Acres Alderperson Darlene Bell was elected vice-president. And, Clayton Mayor Michelle Harris was elected chair of the Finance Committee, the equivalent to being the organization’s treasurer. The officers were sworn-in at the organization’s first in-person event in more than one year and attracted more than 225 attendees.

Briggs becomes the first Bridgeton elected official to hold an officers’ position in the 102-year history of the organization. “I am very honored to be elected by my peers to this post,” said Briggs. “Municipalities provide vital services to their citizens and with the renewed public activity coming out of the Covid lock-down year of 2020, we want to make sure municipalities are prepared to again start all events and programing and assist businesses in their cities.”

The Metro Municipal League also is preparing to assist its members with the legally approved ways in which American Relief Plan Act (ARPA) money can be used in their communities. Congress earlier this year approved funding to help cities and counties recover from the economic impact the coronavirus has had on revenues. “It is not just about spending the money on the needs, but also accounting for how the funds are utilized,” said Metro League Executive Director Pat Kelly.

The Municipal League of Metro St. Louis is composed of 85 public bodies in St. Louis City and County along with 40 associate members which are businesses or other public entities providing services within the region. The League serves as an advocate for its members in the Missouri legislature and works with local federal officials on issues impacting municipalities.



Congratulations to Brentwood Mayor David Dimmitt, who was sworn in as an Executive Board Member of the Municipal League of Metro St. Louis on May 27.

The Municipal League is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, voluntary association of cities, villages and county governments dedicated to improving the quality of life for area residents.

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Annual Block Party Returns to Stratford Lane



As we all try to return to a more normal life, Stratford Lane residents came out of their homes and gathered again for the annual Memorial Day weekend block party on Sunday, May 30th. More than 25 residents turned out for snacks, BBQ, prizes, and good old fashioned neighborly chats.

We had not been able to party for more than a year and the neighborhood had seen many changes in that time. New residents included Lin Gu, Mike and Micaela Hassenmueller, and Logan and Mary Miller who were actually in the process of moving in. The Hassenmuellers brought the youngest resident, Bodhi, who is only 3 months old. Longtime residents like Mike and Betty Emerson and the Dulz family were able

to share many stories of long ago Stratford Lane and the many adventures from its earlier days.

People brought some favorite treats to share like Mike Emerson's corn pudding, Dee Jaenicke's sauerkraut salad, Joanne Sivier's guacamole, Lin Gu's pot stickers, and Susan McGehee's iced brownies. The grill was used for burgers and brats.

The tradition of drawing for prizes continued with enough prizes for just about everyone. Mayor David Dimmit stopped by to chat about recent and upcoming developments in the city and also drew the names of the prize winners. We also welcomed Alderwoman Nancy Parker-Tice to our festivities.

We appreciated these city officials taking time during a family holiday weekend to visit with us.

After several months of only seeing each other occasionally on the street and in masks, the friendly residents of Stratford Lane were happy to sit, relax in the beautiful weather and share stories of the last year or so. We appreciate the help of the city in blocking off the street and look forward to our next block party in conjunction with the National Night Out. It was, indeed, "a beautiful day in the neighborhood."

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Scavenger Hunt - June 19

5:30-7:30 pm at Brentwood Community Center

Looking for a fun, family night adventure? Get out and explore all the great parks and facilities that Brentwood has to offer on this self-guided photo scavenger hunt. After the hunt, enjoy a pizza dinner!

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INSIDE BASEBALL

By Rob Rains of *StLSportsPage.com*

Thirty years after Cardinals drafted 'the great Shabazz' he has found calling, helping others pursue their dreams

As he was sitting in the stands watching a high school baseball game this March in Little Rock, Cardinals scout Dirk Kinney made a casual observation about the athleticism of outfielder Braylon Bishop, expected to be selected in this year's amateur draft.

A fan sitting a row in front of Kinney heard the comment, turned around and replied, "Yeah, but he's no Shabazz."

It's the kind of comment Kinney has heard for more than a dozen years now, first as a college coach in the state and for the last decade as an area scout for the Cardinals.

Thirty years after Basil Shabazz was an All-American in four sports at Pine Bluff High School, his shadow still lingers over prep athletes in the state.

"It's crazy," Kinney says. "He's a legend. He was that big of a freak of an athlete."



Mike Roberts, who spent more than 40 years scouting for the Cardinals, considers Shabazz the second-best athlete he ever saw. The only one better in his eyes was Bo Jackson.

Roberts bet high that Shabazz could develop that raw athletic talent and become a star outfielder for the Cardinals. The team used its third-round pick in the 1991 draft on Shabazz, despite his baseball inexperience. They gave him a \$150,000 signing bonus and shipped him off to rookie ball in Johnson City, Tenn., to begin his journey to the majors.

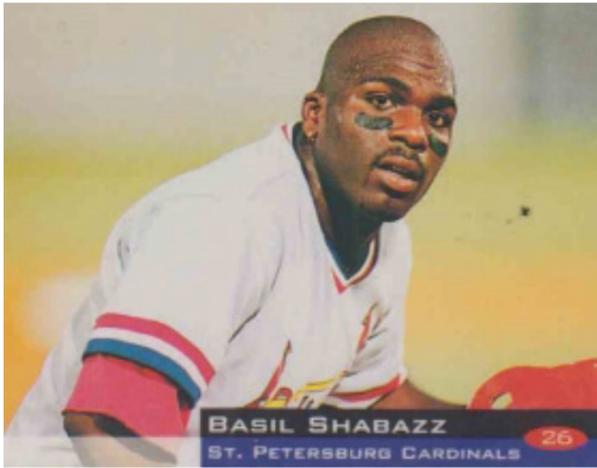
That journey never took Shabazz there. It went a different direction, with many detours along the way, but finally has led Shabazz to a place where he wants to be, doing exactly what he wants to do, even though 30 years ago he had a far different dream about his future.

"I was given a chance, and that's all you want in life is a chance," Shabazz says. "It may not turn out the way you want it to, but it's the way God planned it. That's the beauty of it to me."

"More than just a myth"

Torii Hunter grew up wanting to be Basil Shabazz. Two years younger than Shabazz, Hunter saw first-hand what Shabazz was able to achieve on the football field, on the basketball court, competing in track events and playing baseball.

"Any young kid who saw him play growing up always wanted to be like Shabazz," Hunter said. "Basil was like a local rock



star, really all across the state. Everywhere we went together people knew him. Even after I got drafted, I would compare guys I saw to Shabazz and I would say, 'No, Shabazz is still the best athlete I've ever seen.'"

Hunter said he first began to realize how gifted Shabazz was athletically when he was in the fifth grade and Shabazz was a seventh-grader. It was about the same time everybody in Pine Bluff began to realize it too.

"Everybody wanted to go see him play basketball because he could dunk the ball," Hunter said. "The gym would be crowded with people outside trying to come see this 12 or 13-year-old kid who was dunking on everybody."

As Shabazz and Hunter reached high school, they and their other friends realized that sports might be their way to escape from the tough economic environment that existed in Pine Bluff.

"He and I kind of grew up in poverty and we were like, 'We need to get a scholarship and go to college; we've got to try to help our families,'" Hunter said. "We had those kinds of dreams. It helped me to have more vision, more of a purpose, to save my family. That was his (dream) as well. It kind of pushed us to another level."

"We talked about those things. We were tired of the poverty. We were tired of the struggle. It pushed us a lot more than normal."

To Shabazz, the sport didn't matter. He just wanted to play.

"Growing up we would play baseball sometimes all day, sometimes for two or three hours and then we would play football for two to three hours, then go play basketball," Shabazz said.

By the time he was a sophomore in high school, Shabazz's athletic feats were well known. Sports – all of them – came easy for him. The first time he participated in the high jump, he set a state record with a jump of 6 feet, 9 inches. He still holds the record for the fastest time in the state in the 200-meter dash, 20.8 seconds. He set a state record in the long jump of 24 feet, 3 inches.

"When you're young like that you don't really know what you're watching," said Marvin Hence, who was a year younger than Shabazz, one year older than Hunter. "He made me quit 10th grade football. I was going to wait until he left. In practice, he didn't care who he hit."

Shabazz got more attention for what he did in football because it was the most popular sport in Arkansas and got the most media attention, his skills on display under the stadium lights on fall Friday nights.

The attention grew even greater when Shabazz was a senior and led Pine Bluff to the state championship game. Going up against an undefeated Texarkana team in the title game, Shabazz rushed for 157 yards and three touchdowns – in the first half. He added two more touchdowns in the second half in the Zebras' 33-13 win.

An entire page in the 1991 yearbook from Pine Bluff High School was devoted to what Shabazz did on the football field. The headline read, "Fear of the No. 19."

It was then that he earned the nickname "The Great Shabazz." It was what he did then which people still talk about to this day.

"He is what every Arkansas high school athlete is measured by," said Carlos James, another childhood friend who is the longtime baseball coach at the University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff. "Who's going to be the next great all-around athlete? We've had some guys get close."

"It's unreal to think about, especially for me growing up with him. Anything he challenged himself with, he did it. ... It's more than just a myth."

One of the stories which James likes to tell, and which Shabazz confirmed, came when the two were playing American Legion baseball. James was leading the team with 12 home runs and Shabazz at the time had two.

"He said, 'I'm going to catch you,' and two weeks later he had 14 and I still had 12," James said. "He just did what he wanted to do, whatever he put his mind to, he just did."

Said Shabazz, "It was about competing. I knew I wasn't going to hold the lead but at the same time, how can I make the guy beside me much better? I hit first, he hit fourth. If I got on, he was trying to drive me in. It all worked out."

"I never told him that (about not holding the lead). But if I say I'm going to get more home runs than you, that's only going to push you too."

Shabazz did not play for his high school baseball team until he was a senior because the sport's schedule had too many conflicts with the track team's schedule. He talked his way onto the team for his final year, however, and became the starting center fielder. Hunter was in right field.

"Watching him play, I wanted to be like him," Hunter said. "I wanted to try to play at his caliber. It made me better as a 15-year-old. We ran down everything. If he stole a base, I wanted to steal. If he hit a homer, I wanted to hit a homer. He pushed me to be a better player."

The more success Shabazz had, in whatever sport he was playing, the more the legend grew. Now, looking back on it, knowing 30 years later people are still talking about what he accomplished all of those years ago, and comparing current athletes to him, makes Shabazz "kind of smirk."

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"I'm humbled now," Shabazz said. "You felt the excitement by the cheers but you never really see yourself unless you are watching film. The crowd lets you know. That's what motivated me, to hear the sound of people yelling and cheering."



"Everything came so easy, that's what was different for me and so many other athletes. ... If there was anything that I would feel bad about it was having the talent that I had, and everything was so easy. When it comes easy you don't push as hard."

"The things that I did in high school were more than what a lot of people do at the professional level."

As that illustrious part of his life was ending, however, Shabazz had to make a decision about the next chapter of his life. Most people thought it would come on a college football field, and then one day in the NFL.

Shabazz decided to go a different direction.

"A potential five-tool player"

At the time, Roberts was responsible for scouting Arkansas for the Cardinals and as the attention on Shabazz grew, Roberts began to make more trips from his home near Kansas City to watch him in action. He saw Shabazz play football, and he watched him excel on the basketball court.

"The athleticism just came out of his pores," Roberts says now. "I saw him play baseball before I saw him in the other sports. I wasn't there to see him specifically; I think I was there primarily to see the opposing pitcher. I saw him and I thought, 'Who is this guy?'"

Roberts, and others in baseball, soon found out. As it got closer to the draft on June 3, 1991, Roberts had the belief that Shabazz wanted to pursue a career in baseball. Reports at the time indicated that despite all of his offers to play major college football, Shabazz would have had a hard time qualifying academically. That, and the promise of a six-figure signing bonus that could help his mother and family, were important factors in his decision to play baseball.

"It was hard for him growing up," James said. "He spent most of his time at our house with my family. He saw it (baseball) as a way to put some food on the table and give his mom some security. He chose that route because of it."

"I think deep down he really wanted to be a football guy but the pressure of the money was just too much. He's a family guy. He's loyal to a fault."

The Cardinals weren't the only team who thought Shabazz could have a future in baseball. He thought there was a chance the Padres would take him. He knew the Rangers were a possibility. So too were the Blue Jays.

Shabazz was not the top name on the Cardinals draft board. They used their first pick on a high school third baseman from California, Dmitri Young. Their next two picks were pitchers, Allen Watson and Brian Barber.

By the time the draft reached the third round, Roberts thought the time was right. With the 77th overall pick, the Cardinals took Shabazz.

"What we were betting on was that the athletic part was going to take over and once he started playing baseball every day it was going to be different," Roberts said. "We were taking an athlete and hoping he would develop into a high-level baseball player."

"It wasn't necessarily that you were looking at a football player trying to play baseball. He stood out as a baseball player too. He looked just as natural in a baseball uniform as he did in a football uniform."

Chris Maloney was the manager of the Johnson City Cardinals that year, and welcomed a lot of the 1991 draft class onto his roster, including Young and Shabazz.

"The Cardinals drafted a lot of athletes," said Young, now a high school baseball coach in southern California. "He (Shabazz) was the best out of all of them. He was an all-American in four sports. Who does that?"

Young and his other teammates soon learned all about Shabazz's background. They saw film of what he had accomplished on the football field. They watched him hit long home runs and beat out routine groundballs to shortstop for a base hit, then steal second and third. Hanging around a basketball court, Shabazz put on shows with his dunking ability.

"He could do all the crazy dunks," Young said. "I could put it in, but he was over there doing all the Michael Jordan stuff – behind the back, windmills. He just had that kind of athleticism."

The skill that Maloney saw on display the most was how fast Shabazz could run.

"He had an explosive gear that I don't think I've ever seen in baseball again until I saw Billy Hamilton," Maloney said. "The first time you saw him you just went, 'Wow, what an athlete.'"

"One time he was on first base with two outs, and on a 3-2 pitch he took off. The guy hit a line drive to the shortstop, and it skipped off the heel of his glove, bounced straight up in the air and landed maybe 20 to 25 feet behind second base, just at the edge of the grass. I was coaching third, and I just kept waving him on and he scored."

As is the case with many players coming out of high school into the professional ranks, especially those who did not face a lot of high-level competition as an amateur, Shabazz had many nights when he didn't get a hit. The Cardinals brought him back to the same level for another year in 1992, when Steve Turco succeeded Maloney as manager. He already had watched Shabazz play in the instructional league camp.



"He could run, he could throw and in batting practice you saw his raw power," Turco said. "He stole 43 bases (in 56 games, which led the league) and missed like 10 days of the season with an injury. I thought if he could learn to hit, this guy was a potential five-tool player."

"He was a kid, if he ever figured it out, you're talking about a potential superstar with the tools that he had. You just thought he would be able to put it together. When you watched him run you saw a running back on the baseball field. He ran with his knees up like a running back, and he would just as soon knock a catcher over than slide around him. That's the kind of mentality he had. I loved the energy he had when he played the way he was capable of playing. It was fun to watch."

Shabazz was named to the Appalachian League All-Star team but for probably the first time in his life, he found himself shearing an athletic field with people who possessed more pure baseball skill than he did. He had always been able to use his raw ability to compete, and succeed. Hitting a baseball, however, isn't the same as out-running a defensive back.

Shabazz's confidence did not wane, however, and he gradually was promoted through the system, reaching a full-season low A club in 1993, then high A St. Petersburg in 1994. Halfway through that season, another promotion took him to Double A Arkansas. At the end of the 1993 season, Shabazz was ranked by Baseball America as the fourth-best prospect in the Cardinals organization; Young was ranked second.

"Sometimes when guys are so talented, it's not quite as easy," Turco said. "Talent will carry you so far. ... It's difficult to say why it doesn't happen to certain guys. I don't think he was used to not succeeding."

Mike Ramsey was Shabazz's manager in 1993 at Springfield and the following year at St. Petersburg.

"Everybody has a different journey," Ramsey said. "It's not easy; a great athlete can bring a lot to the table, but squaring up a baseball coming in at 95 miles an hour is not something that's easy to do."

Even as he was promoted, however, all of Shabazz's managers still believed he had yet to achieve his ultimate potential. He was simply not hitting enough to take advantage of his greatest baseball asset, his speed.

"When you look at guys you can dream on, you didn't have to dream too much (with him)," Turco said. "He had all the raw tools ... But people don't realize sometimes how tough the game is."

Maloney was reunited with Shabazz in Little Rock, three years after that rookie season. He saw improvement, but still saw nightly struggles at the plate. What Maloney, Turco and others in the organization struggled with was their own disappointment that they could not help Shabazz reach that next level.

"George Kissell used to always say that every player is a lock and you have to find the key," Maloney said. "He was a guy I couldn't unlock. That is frustrating."

Turco agreed. At the time both he and Maloney were young managers in the system.

"Maybe I could have done more for him if I had him when I was older," Turco said. "I enjoyed watching him because he had so much God-given ability, oh my gosh."

Shabazz was reunited with Young at the Double A level as well, and Young knew his friend had not had the success he had hoped for so far in his career. He just wondered if maybe the story would have been different if he had decided to play football instead.

"You hear about some athletes having to choose one sport or another, and I personally feel he chose the wrong sport," Young said. "He had a football player's mentality when he was playing baseball. I would be like, 'Hey man, this guy's throwing inside because he wants to get you out. He's not trying to hit you. Don't go out there and beat him up.'"

"I think he was a potential Eric Davis if he'd been able to put the nuts and bolts together. That's basically who he was."

Shabazz posted a meager .175 average in 45 games at the Double A level in 1994, which turned out to be the final year in the Cardinals' system.

In the early morning hours of Oct. 11, Shabazz and Hunter were visiting friends at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway. Shabazz was back in his car, waiting for Hunter, and was asleep when a police officer knocked on his window.

The officer saw a handgun beneath the seat. He also found a small amount of marijuana and rolling papers. Both Shabazz and Hunter were arrested on misdemeanor charges for possession. Shabazz also was charged with felony possession of a firearm on campus.

"I was like, 'I didn't do anything,'" Shabazz said. "That killed my career."

Six weeks later, the 22-year-old Shabazz was given his release by the Cardinals. It didn't matter that four months later, all of the charges were dropped.

It wasn't the future Shabazz had envisioned when he signed with the Cardinals, nor was it what Roberts thought could happen either – just 285 games and a little more than 1,000 at-bats, less than 200 of them at the Double A level.

If Shabazz had not been released and remained in the organization, would he finally have found the key to hit enough that would have allowed him to reach the majors? Maybe. No one will ever know what might have happened.

"I thought he was going to be an All-Star, I really thought that," Roberts said. "I'm surprised he didn't have a better career. He had skills and tools that if he just developed in a normal way, he should have played in the big leagues. It was just a matter of whether he was going to catch up with the offensive side of the game. It just never clicked for him."

"He was such an exceptional athlete. When you look back on it, does that tell us if we were wrong, or does it tell us about how hard it is to play the game? I kind of feel that it tells us about how hard it is to play the game."

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Shabazz's baseball journey wasn't quite over, however. Thinking that there might be a need for players willing to cross picket lines if the major-league players went on strike at the start of the 1995 season, the Brewers signed Shabazz to a minor-league contract.

They asked him to cross the lines and become a replacement player and Shabazz said no. He lasted for part of the season at Double A El Paso and then was released again, this time for good.

On one of the early days in their friendship, Young had posed a question to Shabazz.

"Why are you playing baseball instead of football?" Young remembers asking Shabazz. "Had he taken that route we wouldn't be talking because you would be doing a conversation about his Hall of Fame career in football."

Shabazz told his friend he loved baseball. It was a hard lesson learning that baseball didn't love him back.

"Baseball was my thing," Shabazz said. "My granddad was a big Cubs fan. Baseball was what I wanted to do."

With that door closed, however, it was time to go back to playing football.

"The story did not end. His life did not end"

Shabazz enrolled at his hometown school, the University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff, in the fall of 1995 and earned good enough grades that he became eligible to play football the following season, in 1996, five years removed from his last game.

As luck would have it, the Golden Lions' fourth game that year was against Central State (Ohio) University in the annual Gateway Classic – at the Trans World Dome in St. Louis, about six blocks down Broadway from the stadium where Shabazz had hoped to be playing baseball.

Not surprisingly, Shabazz used that stage to display his athletic skills, returning a punt 70 yards for a touchdown in the second quarter en route to being named the game's most valuable player.

That, however, was one of only a few highlights for Shabazz during that season and by his sophomore year, he had become a defensive back – which he actually thought was his best position – in addition to returning kicks and punts.

In a game against Southern University on Sept. 13, 1997 in Baton Rouge, La., Shabazz returned the second half kick-off 95 yards for a touchdown – but in the fourth quarter, he got blocked during kick coverage and fell awkwardly to the ground, suffering a serious neck injury and temporarily losing the feelings in his limbs.

Shabazz had to be taken by ambulance to a nearby hospital, where he spent the night for observation. Further medical evaluations found that Shabazz was suffering from a previous injury and if he continued to play football there was a serious risk that another bad hit could leave him paralyzed.

"After that I told myself I was done," Shabazz said. "That was the moment when I realized I could be used much more and much longer if I stopped (playing). I had no problem doing it. I didn't even think about it, I just said, 'Hey, I'm done.' I meant it."

While he was in school Shabazz had met a young woman, Recca Barnes, who was there on a track scholarship. Before he was hurt, she had moved back home to Texas.

Knowing he had to leave Pine Bluff, Shabazz purchased a bus ticket and headed to Dallas. He never looked back, and in fact did not return to Pine Bluff for years.

"I guess it was kind of like getting drafted or playing in the state championship game," Shabazz said. "It was exciting. Either you were going to win or you were going to lose – but you've got to play the game. I left and never looked back, and I don't think it's a bad thing. I think it was the best thing."

Shabazz really didn't have a plan for his life at that point, and without the possibility of a pro sports career to work as a motivating force, his friends admitted they were worried. Getting out of Pine Bluff, they agreed, was probably for the best, but they still were concerned for his well-being.

"Was I worried about him? Sometimes, because I knew that was what he loved," Hunter said. "For it to be taken away so suddenly, I feel like that could be hurtful and depressing for anybody. That's all we talked about – saving our families,

we can do this, we can do that. We had so many plans, for it to be stopped in the tracks, I'm sure he was pretty distraught about that. I know I was. I can only imagine what he was going through."

Young had not known Shabazz as long as either Hunter or James, but it was long enough for him to form an opinion about his friend.

"I wasn't really worried, because he's a survivor," Young said. "It was just him being able to make that initial change and that's what he did. He had hit his rock bottom. He had his difficult times.

"The story did not end. His life did not end."

Shabazz and Recca got married and started a family that grew to three children. He worked a series of odd jobs, and found his satisfaction in being out of the spotlight, becoming almost a recluse. He enjoyed a feeling of stability that he had never really had in his life.

Being able to help others, he found, gave him great joy. One of the people he helped was his childhood friend, Hunter, who after becoming the first-round draft pick of the Twins in 1993, found himself struggling in the minor leagues and questioning his own future.

"I would talk to Basil all the time," Hunter said. "He probably was only one of the few guys at the time I would trust. He would drop positive stuff back to me. I was struggling, listening to everybody, and he was one of the guys who just told me to trust what God had given me and go out and play the game. 'You've been doing it for a long time, I've seen you. Why are you changing right now,' he told me.

"He's one of the guys who kept me sane and kept me going. I wanted to quit and he was one of the guys I called. I stayed, and three months later I was called up to the major leagues, all because I didn't quit."

Hunter went on to play 19 years in the majors, becoming a five-time All-Star and winning nine Gold Gloves.

"Most of the people who have success in sports and life have that 'almost quit' moment and somebody will come to you and give you a word of advice. Basil was one of those people for me," Hunter said.

After living in Waco, Texas, the family moved to Dallas and Shabazz began coaching youth sports. One of his players was Hunter's son, Torii Jr. Through the help of a couple of local businessmen, Shabazz became part of a non-profit organization coaching youth between the ages of 8 and 16 not only in baseball but in football and basketball as well.

Shabazz believes that even if it was a long, winding road, he finally made it to where God wanted him to be, doing what he was meant to do.

"The greatest teacher is experience," Shabazz said. "When you experience things, you can share with others."

Shabazz could be bitter. He could be mad that he never realized his dream of playing professional sports at the highest level. He says that never happened.

"When you are mad at the world, you are mad at life," he said. "I have a life that I've lived so far. ... I'm not mad. I'm doing something I like ... What would I be upset about? What makes you great is how you help others."

It just took Shabazz time to find out that was his passion, and finally enjoy the experience of what it feels like to be fulfilled.

"I knew God had a plan, I knew that what I knew would help me profit down the road as a father and as a man, not only to my kids but everyone I encounter," he said. "I try to help the kids, and talk to them about becoming better people in the community, better kids at home. I enjoy it.

"I just show the kids what I saw. That's what I give back. I think I can help them fulfill their dreams ... I know what I've been through and how to help others.

Hunter and Hence have seen it first-hand.

"He's helped hundreds, maybe thousands of kids over the years," Hunter said, "not just playing sports but how to become better fathers, husbands and men. It's amazing what he's been doing. It's more of a ministry that helps people go on to the next level of life.

"It's more than just coaching. He's ministering to these kids about life, about failure. How to accept it, how to make adjustments. That's baseball, that's life. These are the lessons he's teaching these kids.

"I'm proud of him, the man that he's become, the things that he's accomplished outside of sports."

Hence hadn't seen Shabazz for more than 20 years until he went to Texas this spring to watch his son play in a tournament. Shabazz happened to be there with some of the kids he coaches.

"I know two sides of him," Hence said. "I know that rough side and now I've seen this softer side. You could tell life has changed him, watching him do the things he's doing. I never would have guessed that growing up with him. I didn't know he was doing that. That let me know the past that he had was something else."

Hunter isn't alone in thinking that the time might be right for Shabazz, now 49, to return to the professional ranks as a coach or scout, but actually filling more of a mentorship role – a resource for young kids just getting into professional baseball, something he never had at that stage of his life.

James and Hence agreed, knowing that young professional players such as Hence's son, Tink, drafted by the Cardinals last year, could learn a lot about baseball, and life, from Shabazz.

"Think about having a guy like that in your minor-league organization," James said. "Those kids coming through there could identify with him. He's walked that walk. He's been there. He understands it."

Added Hunter, "Honestly I would vouch for him. If the Cardinals were to bring him in they would not be disappointed."

Young lost touch with Shabazz for years after he moved to Texas and Young's career took him to the major leagues. They were reunited after Young's oldest son went to Arkansas-Pine Bluff to play for James a few years ago.

"He may not have made it to the big leagues," Young said, "but he has a big-league story."

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JUNE 22	2-9 P. M. CENTER OF CLAYTON 50 GAY AVE, CLAYTON, MO 63105	

Mobile COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic

Walk-ins are welcome at the COVID-19 Mobile Vaccine Clinic, which offers the Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson vaccines. The mobile clinic will be at the Brentwood Recreation Complex on Thursday, June 17, from 8:30 am to 12 noon.

Brentwood Fire Department Assisting with COVID-19 Vaccinations for Residents Who are Homebound

The Saint Louis County Department of Public Health, in conjunction with St. Louis County Fire Departments, is providing COVID-19 vaccines to St. Louis County residents who are homebound.

The Brentwood Fire Department is participating in this program.

Individuals interested in this vaccination program may call St. Louis County Department of Public Health at 314.615.2660 to determine if they qualify.

and see the list of fees for some items, visit: <https://mrcrecycling.net/>

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This event will follow physical distancing restrictions. Please remain in your vehicle to limit contact with the MRC recycling crew.

Independence Day: City Offices Closed July 5; Holiday Trash Schedule

City of Brentwood offices will be closed Monday, July 5, in observance of Independence Day. Per the Holiday Trash Schedule, there will be no trash or recycling service on Monday, July 5. Trash and recycling collections the week of July 5 will take place the day after the regularly scheduled day. Yard waste collection

RECYCLE RESPONSIBLY

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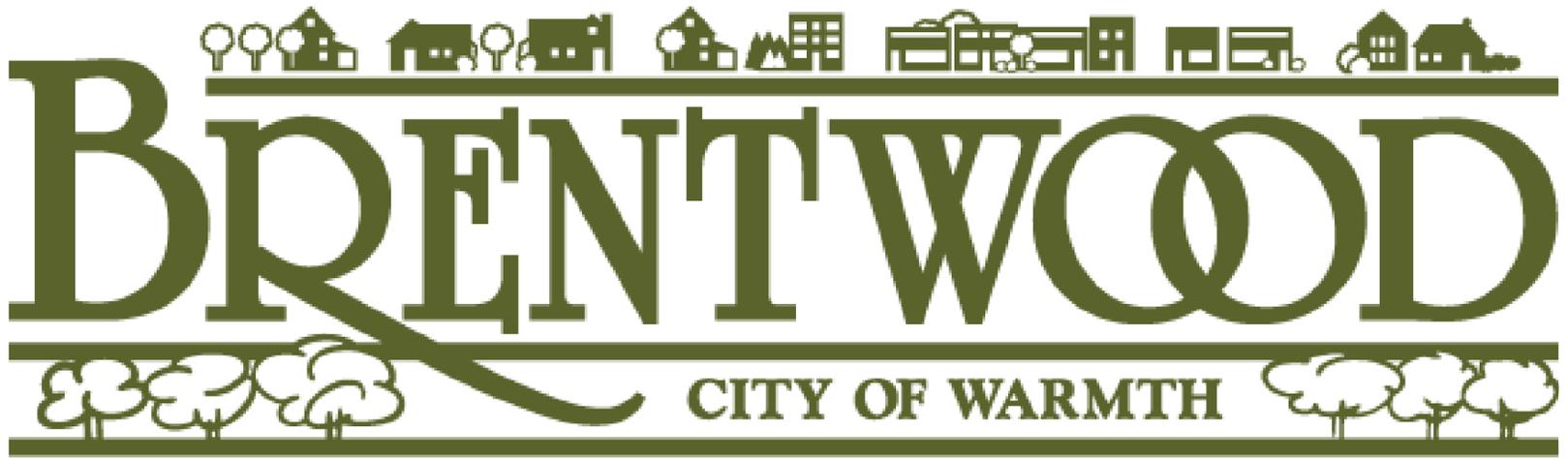
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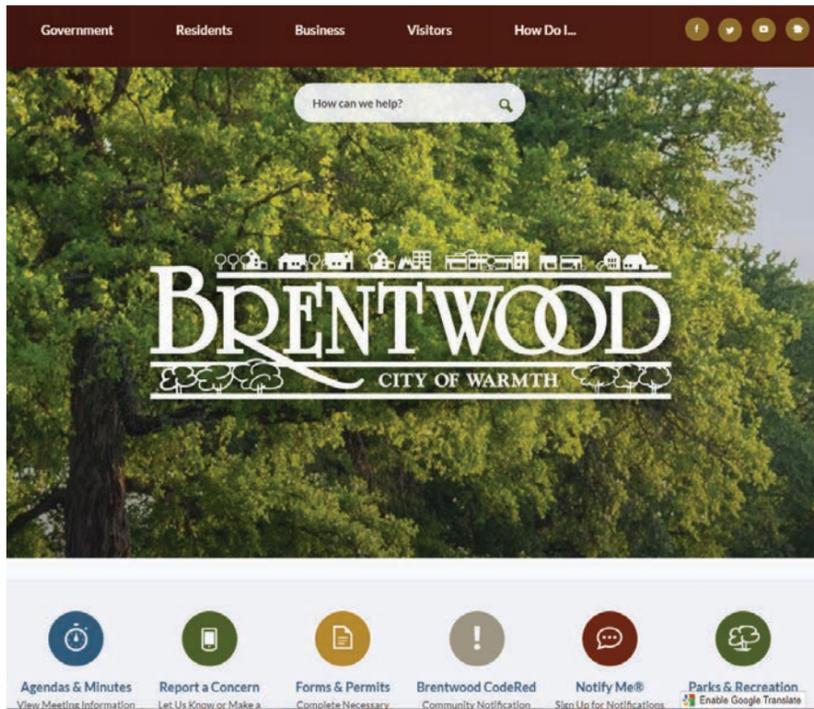
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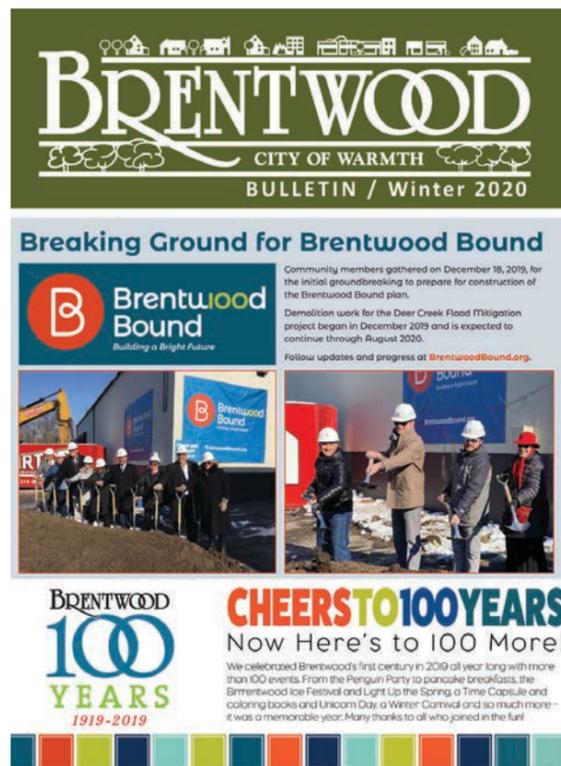
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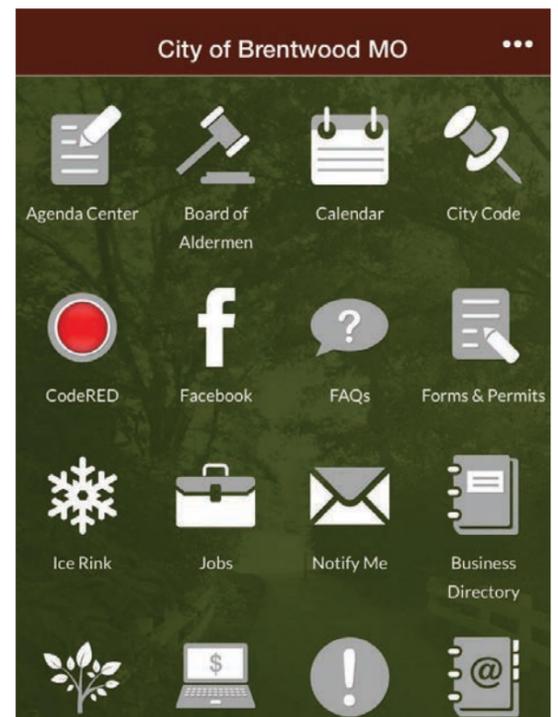
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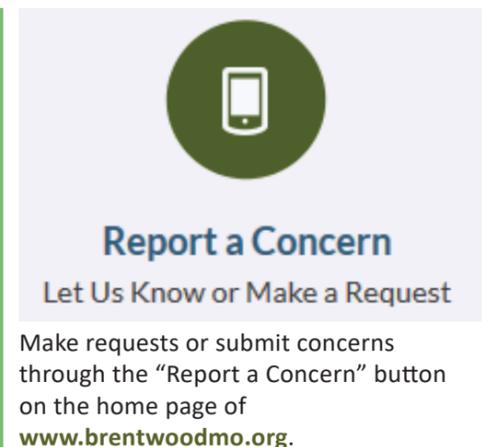
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Brentwood Bulletin, the City's quarterly newsletter, is delivered to residents' homes and available on the City website.



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How to know which mortgage is for you

By: West Community Credit Union

There are many types of house loans available. The one that's best for you will depend on your financial situation and homeownership priorities. Here are some of the loan options you can consider:

Conventional or Government-backed

Conventional loans have stricter qualification requirements because they aren't insured by the government. However, they are a good option for borrowers with strong credit.

FHA loans are insured by the Federal Housing Administration. These loans can have more lenient credit score minimums and allow the use of gift money as part of the down payment.

VA loans are only available to active service members or veterans, and they're backed by the Department of Veterans Affairs. These loans often require no down payment.

USDA loans are a program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. These zero-down-payment home loans are for lower income borrowers who live in rural areas.

Fixed or adjustable rate

Fixed-rate mortgages are popular because the mortgage interest rate doesn't change over the life of the loan. The rate to which you initially agree will be the rate you keep until you sell the home or refinance.

Adjustable-rate mortgages have low introductory rates that start out fixed, but then fluctuate upward. If you don't plan to stay in the home long, an adjustable rate mortgage could yield savings.

Mortgage terms

A 30-year mortgage is the most common term. Monthly payments are generally smaller, but you'll pay more interest over the life of the loan.

Shorter term house loans, like 10-or-15-year mortgages, are also available. You pay less interest, but monthly payments can be steep.

Down payments

Some conventional loans can allow for a down payment as low as 3%, but if your down payment is less than 20%, you'll also probably have to pay for private mortgage insurance. This monthly expense is typical on low-down-payment mortgages to protect lenders in case the borrower fails to repay their loan. Once you get up to 20% equity in the home, you can take steps to cancel your PMI.

Some government-backed home loans do not require a down payment, while others let you make lower down payments. Depending on the type of loan and the amount of your down payment, you'll have different requirements for mortgage insurance.

As you can see, many types of mortgage loans exist, and they are designed to appeal to a wide range of borrowers' needs. Sometimes all it takes is sitting down with a mortgage expert and chatting about your goals and qualifications. Schedule a free consultation with the West Community Mortgage team today and we'll ensure the home buying process goes as smoothly as possible. For more information on customized mortgage solutions, contact Lisa Boaz with West Community Credit Union at 636.720.2495 or visit us online at westcommunitycu.org



A New Green Space...The Dominican Garden at Saint Mary Magdalen in Brentwood

Saint Mary Magdalen School opened its doors for the first time in 1922 led by the Dominican Sisters of Spark Hill. By 1937, the enrollment for the school had risen to such a degree that more staffing was needed and thus the need for more Dominican Sisters. A convent was built for them and in 1939 the Sisters moved into the convent. However, in 1986, with a decline in vocations and a decline in school enrollment, the Spark Hill Dominicans left Saint Mary Magdalen School.

With the departure of the Dominican Sisters, a new order of sisters, the Carondelet Sisters of Saint Joseph, moved into the convent; these sisters were a vital part of the parish community with their example and commitment to the Lord. When the Carondelet Sisters of Saint Joseph moved out, the convent was left empty. It needed a lot of attention. The cost to repair the structure would have been enormous. Since there was no specific purpose for the building the three parish boards, parish contractors, and Pastor Father Jack Siefert made a decision to tear down the convent and replace it with a much needed green space. With Father Jack's vision the new Dominican Garden/Park was planned and constructed.

This past Sunday, the Dominican Garden came to life. Bishop Edward Rice from the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau, Father Jack Siefert and Monsignor James Ramacciotti celebrated the 9:30 a.m. Mass. In attendance were the Dominican Sisters, along with countless parishioners and donors. After Mass, a procession led by the Knights of Columbus gathered near the Mary Grotto and a blessing was given by Bishop Rice. The Dominican Garden was officially open. This green space now provides a safe recess area for the children and an outdoor classroom for Saint Mary Magdalen School. It will be a weekend gathering place for parishioners, a place to sit during the Parish Picnic, Food Truck Night, Mass in the Grass and other parish events.



Current Needs

We are currently in need the following items:

- Kitchen Utensils • Laundry Baskets
- Area Rugs (under 8ftx10ft)

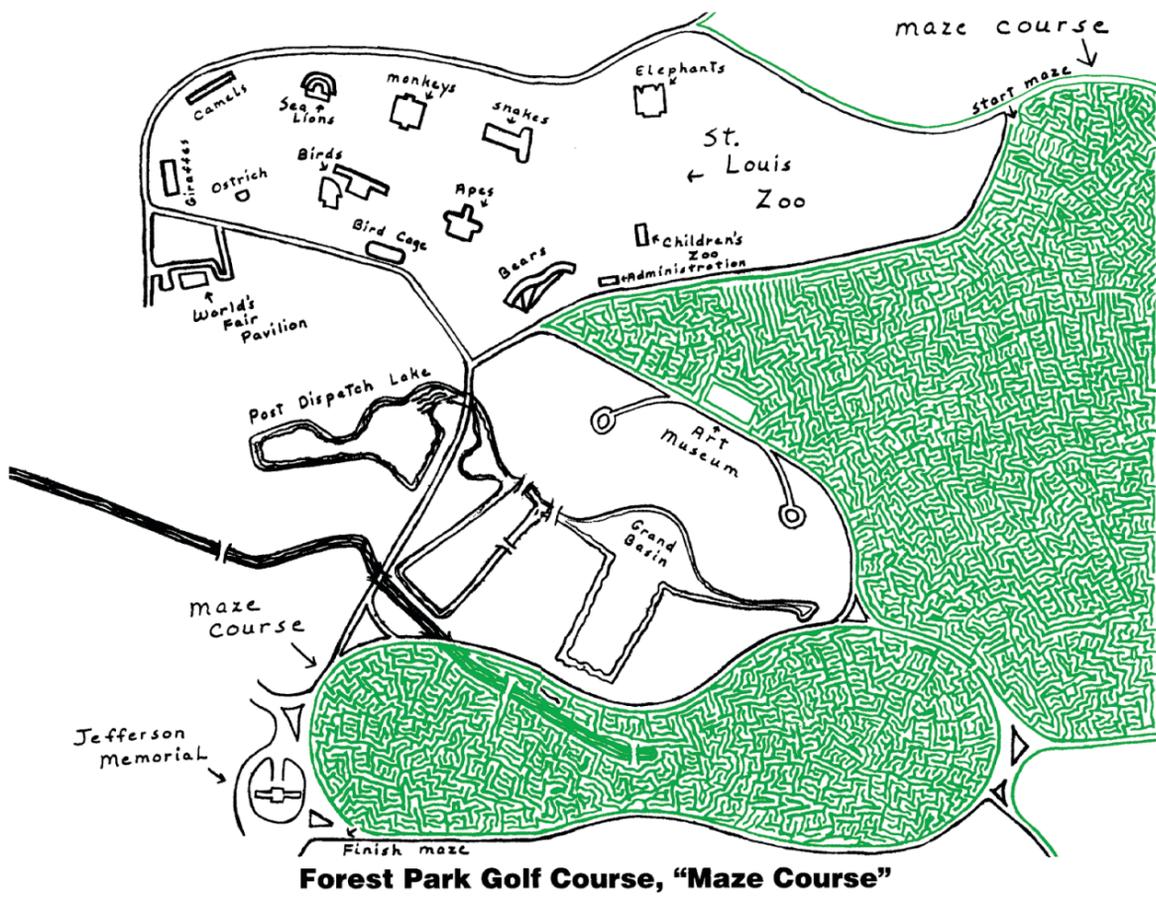
Donations can be dropped off at our warehouse in Brentwood (290 Hanley Industrial Ct)

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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.

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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.

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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DELTA DENTAL RELEASES "2020 STATE OF AMERICA'S ORAL HEALTH REPORT"

Data Shows Americans Understand the Importance of Oral Health to Overall Health, Yet Half Don't See a Connection Between Oral Health and Serious Medical Conditions

The vast majority of Americans recognize the importance of oral health and made it a priority during the COVID-19 pandemic, yet approximately half remain largely unaware of oral health's connection to some of the most common serious health conditions, from diabetes to dementia. Those were among the findings in the 2020 State of America's Oral Health Report, recently released by Delta Dental Plans Association. The nationwide analysis of consumer opinions and behaviors relating to oral health is based on findings from two surveys of 2,000+ American adults and parents of children 12 and under.

The report revealed:

93% of Americans consider oral health to be very or extremely important to overall health.

90% of American adults believe that maintaining their oral health has been essential to protecting their overall health throughout the pandemic.

65% of Americans report oral health has become more of a priority as a result of the pandemic.

77% of parents worry that oral health issues will have a negative impact on their children's overall confidence.

However, only around one in two Americans agree that oral health is closely linked to several medical conditions, including respiratory health (57%), diabetes (52%), high blood pressure (51%), strokes (50%) and dementia (39%).

The report also showed that Americans are still far from immune to dental issues, with 80% having cavities and 67% reporting they experienced pain or toothache. Just over half of Americans faced unwanted consequences when oral health issues arose, including lost sleep and missed work, while children missed 4.5 days of school over the last 12 months because of oral health issues.

Ron Inge, DDS, chief dental officer, chief operating officer and vice president of professional services at Delta Dental of Missouri, commented on the significance of the findings in the report.

"It's encouraging to see that the overwhelming majority of Americans understand the vital importance of oral health to overall health. Yet, it's concerning that dental issues are impacting so many, and that a high percentage of Americans don't see a connection between mouth health and serious medical conditions," said Dr. Inge. "It's imperative for us to continue to educate people about oral health's role in systemic health, and empower them to live better lives through improved dental health by making it a top priority."

About the related surveys

Delta Dental's Adult's Oral Health & Wellness Survey was conducted from December 28, 2020, through January 8, 2021, among a nationally representative sample of 1,000+ Americans ages 18+, with a margin of error of +/- 3%.

To learn more about the company, visit www.DeltaDental-MO.com.



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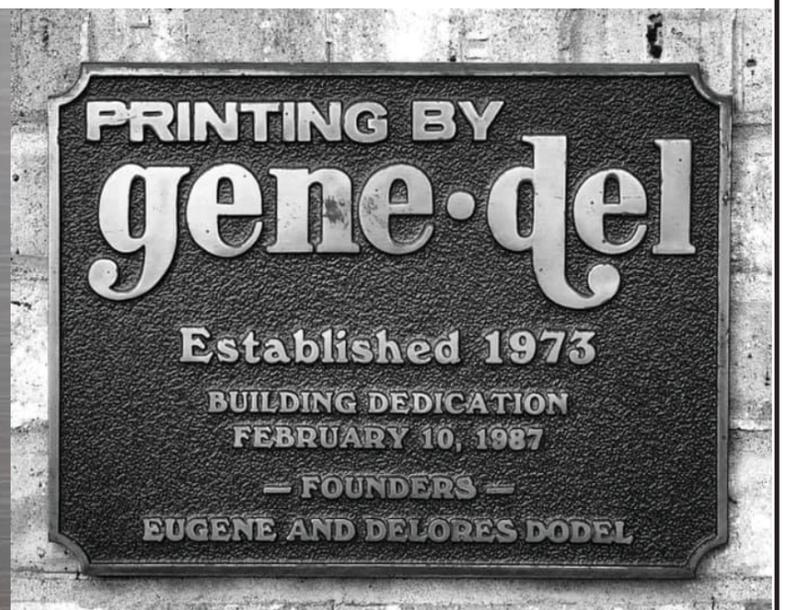
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Brentwood School District News - June 2021

Thank You, Brentwood Community!

Please allow me to share my sincere gratitude for all you have done this past school year in support of our students and their learning. Despite many challenges, we managed to adapt to challenging circumstances and provide a quality education to our students. Of course, this is also because of the dedication of our students themselves. Thank you for putting in another year's worth of hard work, grit, and determination in the face of adversity.

As we finalize our school year, know how grateful we are to our educators and support staff who rose to the occasion, learned new ways to work, and never wavered in their commitment to providing for our students. If you have not done so, please take a moment to reach out to any educators you know and thank them for their hard work. We are lucky to have such a dedicated staff and I am humbled by the support and collaboration that took place every day this year.

While we have a lot to celebrate in the 2020-2021 school year, please know that I and the rest of our administration team are already planning for the new school year. While many things related to COVID-19 have fallen into routine, we are still faced with the need to adapt to an evolving situation. As always, know that every decision we make will be with the health and safety of our students and staff as our top priority.

Over the past year, our community has done incredible work in keeping each other safe. One of the best things we can do to protect each other and our students is to schedule a COVID-19 vaccine. COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective. After you've been fully vaccinated, you can start to do some things that you had to stop doing because of the pandemic. Here are some other [Key Things to Know](#) about the COVID-19 vaccines.

Starting next week, our community will begin to see the initial stages of our elementary facilities upgrades taking place. Initial sitework will begin on the McGrath campus and we appreciate your patience and support as we begin these efforts. Please know we are committed to working with our stakeholders to make the right decisions for our students and their learning environment. I encourage you to visit www.brentwoodmoschools.org/facilities to stay up-to-date on the elementary facilities progress. Once complete, all of our buildings will be equipped to provide safe, comfortable, and contemporary learning environments for generations of Brentwood students.

While the school year may be over, please know that our work towards racial justice and our commitment to supporting and elevating our Black and African American families does not end. We will continue to share resources and provide opportunities for our community to learn together in order to build a more equitable future for historically marginalized populations. Wherever you are in your journey, we are here to help and support you.

This summer, we will continue to communicate with you about what to expect for the start of school in the Fall. In the meantime, please have a safe, happy, and healthy summer break. Once again, thank you for all you've done for our students and community.

Your partner in education,
Dr. Brian Lane
Superintendent
Brentwood School District

Community Resources

Our website has a variety of resources available to the community to help create a safe, supportive environment for all Brentwood stakeholders. Please be sure to visit our Community page regularly to check for the latest content and updates.

<https://www.brentwoodmoschools.org/community/community-resources>

Strong schools mean a strong community! At Brentwood, we're proud to offer support to students, parents, friends, and neighbors by providing the following resources that help make our schools - and our community - as strong as possible!

Prop E Update - Elementary/Early Childhood Facilities

We wanted to take a moment to thank you for your collaboration and support as we work to upgrade our elementary and early childhood facilities to provide a safe, accessible, and modern learning environment for our students. These improvements will help benefit the entire Brentwood community for generations to come!

Over the past several months, we have worked with stakeholders throughout the community to provide information and gather feedback through neighborhood meetings, open houses, presentations, and more. In early June, initial sitework began on McGrath's campus. Please know that we are committed to working in partnership with you throughout the life of the construction project. If you ever have any questions, we will be happy to assist you.

As construction begins, please know all construction activities will be limited to hours that comply with the City of Brentwood. You will begin to notice trucks entering and exiting the McGrath campus. Unlike the Middle/High School project, there will be more parking for construction workers on the McGrath campus. The site will be organized to provide parking within the campus itself. Additionally, the district parking spaces along High School Drive will be reserved for construction parking, limiting the need for workers to park on streets in the community.

On August 31st, we will host a Facilities and Construction Update for our community. The event will be livestreamed to our YouTube channel at bit.ly/bsdyoutube at 6:00 PM. We hope you will mark your calendars to attend this event so we can continue to keep you updated about the project. Timely news and updates can be found by visiting:

- Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram: [@BrentwoodMOSD](#)
- Brentwood School District website: www.brentwoodmoschools.org/facilities and blog: www.brentwoodblog.org
- Monthly updates in The Pulse Newspaper
- Flyers and information distributed to the City of Brentwood and local homes and businesses

These facilities upgrades mark a pivotal moment for our students and community. The improvements will provide a safe environment with updated classrooms and learning spaces to help keep our students competitive. Further, the construction will make our buildings more ADA accessible and will make it easier on our students and families with disabilities to navigate and utilize our space. These important changes would not be possible without our community's support and we are grateful for your support.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Middle/High School Construction Update

Progress is continuing on the remaining areas of Middle/High School construction. Here are the latest timeline milestones for the project:

- ELEVATORS
 - Elevator 2 (May 2021)
 - Elevator 3 (July 2021)
- BUILDING B
 - Lobby Expansion (May 2021)
 - Lower Level Meeting/Staff Rooms (April 2021)
 - Level 1 Office/Admin Rooms (May 2021)
- BUILDING B EXPANSION
 - Lower Level (June 2021)
 - Level 1 (June 2021)
 - Level 2 (May 2021)
 - Pop-Up (May 2021)
- SITEWORK (JUNE 2021)

For the latest construction news and updates, visit www.brentwoodblog.org.



West Community Credit Union Announces 2021 Scholarship Winners!

West Community Credit Union would like to congratulate our 2021 scholarship winners! This year's recipients are: Benjamin Greiner (Brentwood High School), Rossana Rojas (Parkway South High School), Neleh Hopper (Clayton High School), Vanessa Palmero (Fort Zumwalt West High School), and Andrew Hartle (Northwest High School). 2021 marks the 26th year West Community Credit Union has given out scholarships to well deserving high school seniors. "Each year we are amazed at the quality of the candidates. Every application is filled with merit, community service and exceptional recommendation letters from teachers and community leaders, says Lori Hudson, Community Outreach Specialist at West Community. "It's challenging to narrow it down to the final five, which is a good testament to the potential of our future work force!" West Community Credit Union scholarships are awarded based on a short essay, financial need, GPA, curriculum, recommendations and extracurricular activities. Applications are available in January each year.



Night at the Zoo presented by First Watch

Adults ages 21+ are invited to spend an exclusive, limited-attendance evening among the animals at the Saint Louis Zoo.

Enjoy Zoo exhibits and complimentary admission to special attractions -- Emerson Zooline Railroad, Sea Lion Show (limited tickets available), Mary Ann Lee Conservation Carousel, Emerson Dinoraurus, and Stingrays at Caribbean Cove presented by SSM Health.

Two complimentary drink tickets and a free animal-themed mask are included with ticket. Food and drink specials available all evening. Special discounts offered at food outlets and gift shops.

When: Four scheduled dates, including this Thursday:

- 5-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 17, 2021
- 5-8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 15, 2021
- 5-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, 2021

Tickets: Advance tickets are required. No tickets available at the door. See stlzoo.org/nightatthozoo for ticket information and details.

- \$25/Zoo Member
- \$30/Non-member

Pulse Newspaper/Gene-Del Printing Flag Flies Proudly Once Again!

Thank you to Roberts Environmental Drilling, Inc. for moving our flag pole to the front of the building. Watch soon for our new sign as well!



McGrath Elementary Girl Scout Troop #2666 gathered in Memorial Park on Saturday, May 22nd to celebrate the first grade Daisies bridging to becoming Brownies.



Mississippi River CANOE Adventures (no experience necessary)



Channel your inner Huck Finn on the STL Riverfront Adventure, a unique and unforgettable tour of St. Louis via the largest river in North America! We'll meet at a convenient location downtown and shuttle you to our put in upstream on the Mighty Mississippi. Our expert guides will provide you with everything you need for the adventure and help you board one of our extraordinary voyageur canoes.

Remember, no paddling experience or special equipment is necessary, we've got you covered! Our trip will begin with a glimpse of the famous Chain of Rocks Bridge, part of the famed Route 66, and the bridge that enabled travelers to cross the Mississippi. Our route takes us into the only non-navigable reach of the river to a pristine island where we'll enjoy lunch on a sandbar and have the chance to spot wildlife and take a dip in the muddy waters

of the Mississippi River. We'll continue on into the port of St. Louis where we'll see our setting quickly transition from natural to built. We'll pass beneath five awesome, contemporary and famous historic bridges, while learning about some notable historic landmarks, and catching incredible views of some of St. Louis's oldest riverfront buildings. The trip ends with an unbeatable, from the river, view of the Gateway Arch and lands us on the historic landing of downtown St. Louis.

This is a wonderful "only in St. Louis" experience you will never forget!

This trip runs every Monday and Friday (now through Labor Day) with select weekend trips from now to November.

For more information, visit: 2muddy.com



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BRENTWOOD PUBLIC-LIBRARY

Mlima's Tale is open now at The Rep!

Mlima's Tale
by Lynn Nottage

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Tickets start at just \$20.50

Availability is limited, so select your seats now at repstl.org



TRAVEL

By Sue McCarthy



America's First Viticulture Area, Augusta, MO

The Historic Daniel Boone Home is located west of the St. Louis Lambert Airport off Interstate 94. There is going to be a lot of growth in the area soon. In April 2016 the home and surrounding property in Defiance was gifted to the people of St. Charles County by Lindenwood University. The nearly 300-acre site includes The Historic Daniel Boone home, adjoining Village historic site and surrounding property. The Village complex is still operated by the county; including the Boone Home as a tourist site. The dozen buildings in the village originated from 50 miles from within 50 miles from the property. The general store, schoolhouse and grist mill offer a peek of life into the Missouri frontier. The home is only partially wheelchair accessible. Park contact is: 636-949-7535.

The Hoffman Family of Companies moved into the area and started buying property. The newest addition is Miss Augusta, a 96-foot luxury yacht offering tours, private events. Fall of 2021 is part of the \$100 million investment by the Hoffmanns into the Augusta region. The Klondike Park Boat Ramp, 3 miles east of Augusta on Highway 94, A shuttle (Trolley) will take patrons from parking to the boat dock and into town and the wineries. There are also proposed plans for a paddle boat which will run to Washington to Augusta and St. Charles. It's going to bring a whole new way to see the river. The Miss Augusta plans to start operations this fall with the goal of its first cruise before winter. David Hoffmann, founder of Hoffmann Family of Companies, says "I can't wait to start cruising the river and offering our wines on board."

Beginning in early January the Hoffmann family purchased several businesses and properties in the Augusta area. Properties included old buildings in downtown Augusta.

Old trees, shrubs and underbrush were cleared out. Buildings were painted and keeping with color themes. Montelle Winery was refreshed with coats of yellow paint, as was the tin roof. They want to keep the feel of the original architecture. Each of the wineries will have a vintage truck parked in the front.

Two vintage trolleys named "Mollys Trolleys" were purchased to transport patrons to the parking lots, the shops and the wineries. A letter of intent has been signed to purchase Mid-America Coaches of Washington MO.

There is a "master plan" for the "Napa Valley in Missouri" but the Hoffmann family of Companies has not divulged those plans yet.

Properties involved were Balducci Vineyards, Augusta Wine Company, Montele Winery, Mount Pleasant Estates Winery, Knoernschild Vineyards and Washington Vines.

Montelle Winery was painted a bright yellow and now there is a multi-level massive wooden deck that now shows an unobstructed view to the south toward the town of Augusta.



MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN OFFERING EVENING EVENT FOR ORIGAMIINTHEGARDEN

The Missouri Botanical Garden will offer extended hours Thursday and Friday evenings this summer with Origami After Hours.

Visitors can experience the Garden's summer exhibit, OrigamiintheGarden, as the sun goes down while enjoying great food and drinks in the Garden.

Origamiinthegarden is a custom travelling sculpture exhibition created by Santa Fe artists Jennifer and Kevin Box that captures the delicate nature of this paper art form in museum-quality metals. The exhibition features Kevin Box's own larger-than-life compositions as well as collaborations with world-renowned origami artists. The Monumental Show features 18 large-scale sculptures placed throughout the Garden's locations.

Origami After Hours will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursday and Friday evenings from June 3 to August 27. Visitors can enjoy an after-work walk, spend quality time with the family, or meet friends for a patio drink and live music. Live music is supported by the Whitaker Foundation. A full lineup of musicians can be found on the event website.

After the sun does go down, guests can see the Origami exhibit in a whole new light with special uplighting on each sculpture.

Admission to Origami After Hours is \$14 for adults, \$7 for Garden Members, and free for children 12 and under and Members Festival level and above.

OrigamiintheGarden will be on display at the Garden daily through October 10.

The Missouri Botanical Garden is located at 4344 Shaw Blvd. in south St. Louis, accessible from Interstate 44 at the Vandeventer exit and from Interstate 64 at the Kingshighway North and South exit. Free parking is available on site and two blocks west at the corner of Shaw and Vandeventer.

Members help support the Garden's operations and world-changing work in plant science and conservation. Learn more at www.mobot.org/membership.

The Missouri Botanical Garden's mission is "to discover and share knowledge about plants and their environment in order to preserve and enrich life." Today, 162 years after opening, the Missouri Botanical Garden is a National Historic Landmark and a center for science, conservation, education and horticultural display.

Trailnet's in-person bike rides return



All of the Trailnet Classics include rest stops with food and water, marked routes, turn-by-turn directions, and support vehicles to help riders in case of mechanical or first aid issues. "No matter your experience or comfort level on the bike, we've crafted each Trailnet Classic with all skill and fitness levels in mind. All our riders need is a bike, helmet and a thirst for fun. We'll handle the rest," Matt Hartman, Trailnet's Rides Manager said. "After a year that put a pause on in-person events but saw an enormous expansion of people getting into biking, we're excited to safely bring people together. Everyone who joins our rides is helping make biking and walking better and safer in our community," Cindy Mense, Trailnet's CEO said. Trailnet is following local health rules for organizing events. As rules change, Trailnet staff will communicate details and expectations with riders. Registration is available now at Trailnet.org/rides and is \$35 for the public or \$20 for Trailnet members. The event is open to the public and members of the press.

The 2021 Trailnet Classics season includes: The I Scream for Ice Cream Ride: July 11, Edwardsville, Ill. The Calhoun County Classic: July 31, Calhoun County, Ill. The Bottleneck Bridge Ride: Aug. 15, Festus, Mo. The Giro Della Montagna: Sept. 5, St. Louis, Mo. The Ride the Rivers Century: Oct. 9, St. Charles, Mo. Details on all the rides are available at Trailnet.org/rides

You can cool off in the water or warm up in the sunshine at these swimming destinations.

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JOHNSON SHUT-INS 4
148 TAUM SAUK TRAIL
Johnson Shut-Ins are nature's own water park with rocks and flumes. The Shut-Ins are just under two hours from STL.



SILVER MINES RECREATION AREA 2
STATE HWY D
Swimming is allowed in certain spots of Silver Mines. The waters are an hour and a half from the Lou.



CASTOR RIVER SHUT-INS 1
CEDAR GLADE TRAIL
The new summer hotspot is Castor River Shut-Ins. The destination is similar in appearance to Johnson Shut-Ins, but not as well known. The Shut-Ins are a two hour drive.



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S FARM RD 193
Pecker's Beach is a great place to beat the heat. The long time swimming hole is located in Springfield, Missouri - just over three hours from St. Louis.



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ROUTE NN
Rocky Falls are similar to the Shut-Ins. White water rushes over the rocks. The Falls are under three hours from St. Louis.



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HA HA TONKA STATE PARK 1
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RESTAURANT REVIEWS

By Kevin McCarthy

Family Dining / Gathering Place In Hermann, Mo.

We recently met some friends in Hermann and decided to grab a bite to eat. Our friends said there was relatively new restaurant, Fernweh Distillery, that had a somewhat upscale menu. We stood in the lobby and waited for their hostess to acknowledge our presence. In a less than cordial manner she said it would be a 15 to 20 minute wait. My friend had just had foot surgery and I am on the comeback from a knee replacement, so we asked if there was somewhere we could sit down to wait. There were no chairs, or benches, in their rather large lobby. Again in a less than cordial manner she suggested we “go somewhere and she would call us when something opened up”. I explained my phone battery was dead, so that wouldn’t work. She suggested we have a tasting of their whiskey for \$10.00 each! Needless to say we passed on that. We took her advice and “went somewhere”, across the street to the Concert Hall and Barrel Bar.

This is a fun place with a great choice of food items, including some authentic German dishes as well as a great deal of history. In March of 1878 they began its construction employing St. Louis contractors for the lumber and iron work. One year after completion, the “able artist” Henry German Sr. painted the Concert Hall sign—very likely the sign visible today on the facade. The tavern, with concert hall above, became a focus of activity in the community, with numerous plays, lectures, singing events, balls as well as music concerts given in the spacious hall. The saloon, “one of the largest and finest west of St. Louis,” quickly acquired a great reputation, serving as host to the growing number of St. Louis holiday excursion trains. The Concert Hall and Barrel Tavern is the oldest continually operating tavern west of the Mississippi. Serving lunch & dinner daily.

There are no longer concerts upstairs, but it still a great destination for locals, and visitors, to Hermann. One side of the first floor is the Barrel Bar with big screen TV’s for sports events etc. The other side is furnished with booths and tables and serves as the dining room.



Our server, AJ, was super. My friend ordered a Ruben sandwich and onion rings. AJ said they no longer served onion rings, but she would see if they would make some especially



for him. His wife ordered a gluten free catfish dinner and a salad. Sue got the catfish sandwich with homemade potato



chips. I ordered the German schnitzel, with red kraut and a choice of a cream sauce, or brown sauce with mushrooms. I went for the brown sauce with mushrooms. I also asked for french fries instead of German potato salad.

Faster than you could say “who’s your uncle” our meals came to the table complete with his onion rings and my french fries. Sue’s catfish was cooked to perfection, my schnitzel was larger than I expected and was delicious, and my friends wife’s gluten free dinner was also exactly what she ordered. Her side salad was larger than expected and very fresh, with the dressing on the side just as she had ordered.

Other groups in the dining room included, couples and families all having a good time and great food.

On our way out, we heard a “Hey there” from a table in the bar and said hello to a well known St. Louis grocer. The Concert Hall and Barrel Bar is a comfortable place with something for everyone. We think you will find it to be the

perfect place to grab a bite to eat, have a family dinner, or just a cold drink. Perhaps we will see you there.

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The Concert Hall and Barrel Bar is located at 206 east 1st Street in Hermann. Call 573-486-5065 for more information.



JAM the Cooking Guy

Garlic Butter Noodles w/Crispy Garlic



While you could literally use any pasta for this - I implore you to try pappardelle...it’s just so good and well, quite elegant even.

1/4 cup chopped garlic

Approximately 1/3 cup neutral oil for frying

1 stick butter

3 cloves garlic, minced

1 - 1.5 teaspoons red pepper flakes

1 teaspoon anchovy paste, or 1 teaspoon fish sauce

Kosher salt

3 tablespoons minced curly parsley

3/4 cup grated Parmesan

- Warm the oil in a small pan - it’s hot enough when a couple pieces of garlic slowly begin to sizzle, slowly
- Add the garlic and cook, stirring often until golden, prob 3-4 minutes - remove from to a small, paper towel lined bowl, let cool
- Melt butter in a large skillet, and add minced garlic, pepper flakes and anchovy paste if using (and if not using why the he!?! not?) - let everything come together beautifully and turn off heat
- Bring a large pot of water to a boil, add a couple tablespoons of kosher salt, stir to mix in and add pasta - cook according to directions
- When done, put the pan with the sauce back on medium heat, drain the noodles and add to butter sauce along with 1/2 cup of the cheese and the parsley
- Mix well to combine, then serve topped with remaining cheese and crispy garlic

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