

BRENTWOOD PARK GRAND OPENING



City officials cut the ribbon for the Brentwood Park grand opening

On Friday, June 2, we officially opened Brentwood Park! Mayor David Dimmitt, Ward 1 Alderman David Plufka, and Great Rivers Greenway President Monica Huddleston shared remarks before officials from Brentwood and Great Rivers Greenway cut the ribbon.

This 32-acre park was made possible as part of the Brentwood Bound flood mitigation efforts.

Brentwood's newest and largest park is home to the Deer Creek Greenway Connector, West Community Credit Union Event Lawn, event pavilion, walking trails and shared-use paths, an amphitheater, and acres of green space. The destination playground is under construction and will open in Fall/Winter 2023.

We hope you had as much fun as we did at the Brentwood Park Grand Opening Celebration! Saturday was so full of smiling faces and sunshine!













Hixson Middle School students were able to enjoy the pool this week for their Cardboard Regatta



May 20th is Marge Gable Day in the City of Webster Groves! Marge turned 100 years old on May 20th and is a lifelong resident of Webster Groves. Her daughter de-

scribes her as a wonderful full-time mom and homemaker, a great friend and a dedicated volunteer for Barnes Hospital, St. Louis Carol Association and her church. Congratulations on 100 years, Marge! We are glad to have you in our community.

School's Out for Summer!





You may have seen your Brentwood firefighters on the news and not even known it! This week two of our members participated in an extensive Urban Search and Rescue Medical Specialist course. Personnel trained with a renowned team of instructors and an ER physician to practice performing advanced medical skills in the rigors of structural collapses and confined spaces. The students also received training from a veterinarian on basic and emergency treatment for canine's to care for search dogs during major responses. The course culminated in a full scale night exercise with 24 rescues lasting over 4 hours. This class was an extremely rare opportunity and we thank the St. Charles County Ambulance District for hosting the class.

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A New Pathway to Reading: Rock Hill Public Library debuts StoryWalk® at Summer Reading Kickoff

What an incredible day to have a Summer Reading Kickoff at Oak Haven Park!!! Thanks to everyone who attended and registered for Summer Reading on Saturday, May 20!!!

Performer extraordinaire, Will Stuck, dazzled neighborhood children and their families with an hour of M.E.S.S. (Music, Education, fun Stories and mind-blowing Science). The Rock Hill Fire Department displayed their Fire/ Rescue truck for young and old to check out. And the City of Rock Hill Parks and Recreation Department supplied frozen freezer pop treats for everyone to enjoy.

The City of Rock Hill Parks and Recreation Department also partnered with Rock Hill Public Library for the debut of Rock Hill StoryWalk® BENEATH by Cori Doerrfeld at Oak Haven Park. And the Webster Groves/Shrewsbury/Rock Hill Area Chamber of Commerce joined in on the ribbon cutting ceremony.

StoryWalk[®] is an innovative and delightful way for children — and adults! — to enjoy reading and the outdoors at the same time. Laminated pages from a children's book are attached to metal stakes, which are installed along an outdoor path. As you stroll down the trail, you're directed to the next page in the story.

"The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition (VBPC) and the Kellogg Hubbard Library."

This project is supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Missouri State Library, a division of the Office of the Secretary of State.

Stories will travel throughout the year to the parks of Rock Hill.

Also, a big huge, CONGRATULATIONS to library patron, Jabari, for winning the Family 4-pack of pool passes from the City of Webster Groves!

If you haven't signed up for Summer Reading, no worries. You can still register at Rock Hill Public Library and win prizes now until August 5. Open to all ages! And it's FREE!!!













The newly dedicated Brentwood Park Event Pavilion 2924 Brazeau Ave. Please join us to support the Brentwood Police Foundation's Canine Officer project. music, wine, 50/50 Raffle, silent auction All Proceeds benefit the BPF. Donations are tax deductible. <u>www.brentwoodpolicefoundation.org</u> brentwoodpolicefoumndatio@gmail.com



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St. Louis Dental Center offers oral healthcare exams to veterans

Mark your calendar, and sign up now for the July 8 first-come, first-served clinic

Just announced, the St. Louis Dental Center will be hosting its July 8, 2023, Veterans Clinic, providing comprehensive dental screenings for veterans at no cost thanks to funding made possible by Affinia Healthcare. Through a unique partnership between A.T. Still University-Missouri School of Dentistry & Oral Health (ATSU-MOSDOH) and Affinia Healthcare, the St. Louis Dental Center is a federally qualified health center serving underserved and vulnerable populations. Many veterans have no health insurance or access to quality oral healthcare.

"This is our seventh year of welcoming veterans to the St. Louis Dental Center for nocost, affordable care. Our services are important because only 15% of veterans are eligible for dental care through the Veterans Administration," emphasized Herbert Silva, DMD, AT-SU-MOSDOH assistant professor, comprehensive care director, and leader of the Dentures for Veterans Project at the St. Louis Dental Center. "Additionally, when veterans are not in pain and can smile again, they are more likely to engage with work, family, and socialization. These meaningful connections can prevent isolation and desperation."

By the numbers, to date, more than 1,000 veterans have been screened and treated, and more than 550 veterans have received full and partial dentures.

WHAT:

FREE DENTAL SCREENING & EXAM Walk-ins are welcome, come early!

WHEN:

Saturday, July 8, 2023 Registration, 7:30-11:00 a.m.

WHERE:

ST. LOUIS DENTAL CENTER 1500 Park Ave. St. Louis, Mo. 63104

INFO:

For more information or to preregister, please call 314.685.3553.

NOTES:

Veterans must bring a photo ID and their veteran certification form (DD-214) or VA card. Veterans will receive a dental screening and exam at no charge. Affinia Healthcare's Health Outreach Team will assist with Gateway to Better Health enrollment for all eligible uninsured adults. Support Veterans @ atsu.edu/support-mosdoh-vets.

Truman State University Announces Spring 2023 Vice President for Academic Affairs' List

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Max Etheridge of Brentwood qualified for this list as an undergraduate student attaining a semester grade point average of at least 3.5 and completing at least 12 credit hours.

The list is organized by state and hometown. Hometowns are based upon the permanent address given to the University by the student. Students who have requested a directory hold on their information are not included on the list. Any questions regarding student eligibility for the list can be directed to the Academic Affairs Office at (660) 785-4105.

Founded in 1867, Truman is Missouri's public liberal arts and sciences university. Truman has the highest graduation rate among the state's public colleges and universities. U.S. News & World Report has rated Truman as the No. 1 public university in the Midwest region for 26 consecutive years, and Washington Monthly recognized Truman as the No. 7 master's university in the nation.





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DELTA DENTAL OF MISSOURI WELCOMES APPLICATIONS FOR ORAL HEALTH GRANTS TO AID MISSOURIANS

Delta Dental of Missouri – the state's leading dental benefits provider and a non-profit organization – is now welcoming applications from eligible organizations across the state for its life-changing oral health grants. To date, Delta Dental of Missouri's mission-giving initiatives have provided millions in support of oral health initiatives and educational programming. This funding has played a critical role in maintaining and expanding the efforts of organizations that align with its mission to improve oral health and help Missourians of all ages access vital dental treatment and educational services. Eligibility requirements and directions for applying for a grant can be found online at https://www.deltadentalmo.com/AboutUs/oral-health-grant-program.

One of the many organizations benefiting from Delta Dental of Missouri's charitable initiatives is the Jefferson City-based Dental Lifeline Network and its Missouri Donated Dental Services (DDS) program, which has received 11 grants, totaling \$315,000 from the company since 2011. The funding has helped to provide thousands of individuals in need with millions in comprehensive dental treatments they otherwise would be unable to afford. Dental Lifeline Network's DDS program was established in 1999, in partnership with the Missouri Dental Association to provide much-needed dental care to the disabled, elderly and those lacking adequate income. The organization has 352 volunteer dentists and 94 dental labs providing any treatment necessary to bring the patient to a state of full oral health and relies on critical grant funding to provide millions in treatment to as many residents in need as possible.

The volunteer dentists and their staff members make an incredible impact on patients like Chloe, a 28-year-woman who had experienced significant dental challenges as a result of a rare medical issue. Thanks to a team of volunteer dentists, Chloe was able to receive life-changing treatment that completely restored her smile.

"The Donated Dental Services program and the volunteers have been lifesaving and a blessing in my life," said Chloe. "I love how they have been there from start to finish during my treatment. I now have a beautiful smile and more confidence. My work and everyday interactions in life are better due to the treatment I have received from the wonderful doctors and DDS program."

Lynda Ricketson, president and CEO of Dental Lifeline Network said, "Delta Dental of Missouri has been an amazing partner in our work since 1999. Its generosity has been critical in our mission to offer free dental treatment to elderly, disabled and medically fragile people in Missouri who have no other options. Their funding has made it possible to provide over \$11 million worth of donated dental treatment to 2,382 people. The Delta Dental participating dentists who provide this care also appreciate Delta Dental of Missouri's continued support. We would encourage other dental organizations to partner with Delta Dental of Missouri towards their goals."

To be eligible for an oral health grant from Delta Dental of Missouri, applicants in Missouri must first complete a letter of inquiry through the online application system at https://www. deltadentalmo.com/AboutUs/oral-health-grant-program, which includes program guidelines and application instructions. Organizations that would like to be considered for the second grant cycle of 2023 must submit online letters of inquiry by August 25, 2023, and online applications are due on September 1, 2023. Applicants must be considered tax-exempt under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or be a public or governmental entity, such as a public school or health department, and serve the people of Missouri.





St. Louis Area Diaper Bank Hosts Second Annual Benefit Concert

The St. Louis Area Diaper Bank will host its second annual Fantastic Father's Benefit Concert on Thurs., Sept. 21 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. The fundraiser will be held at the .Zack Theater located at 3224 Locust St. Proceeds will benefit the nonprofit's diaper program.

The concert will feature JAM: Jackson & MARS, a high-energy live band and production that showcases Michael Jackson and Bruno Mars. The band includes a Michael Jackson impersonator plus Bruno Mars' look-alike who will perform 40 songs spanning 40 years. The evening includes drinks, hors d'oeuvres, a silent auction and raffle.

This year the St. Louis Area Diaper Bank – through a network of 70 community organizations, educational and health partners serving low-income families – will distribute 4.1 million diapers to more than 70,000 families in the St. Louis region.

Founded in 2014, the St. Louis Area Diaper Bank provides diaper and period supply access to the region's low-income families, as well as raises community awareness about the causes and consequences of diaper need and period poverty. The nonprofit is a member of the National Diaper Bank Network and its sister organization Alliance for Period Supplies, a nationwide nonprofit dedicated to eliminating diaper need and "period poverty" in America. The period supply program ensures access to menstrual hygiene products, which allows full participation in daily life with dignity.

The period supply program distributes period supplies through community partners and advocates for the elimination of "period poverty". This year the period program will distribute 1.1 million period products. Two-thirds of low-income women in St. Louis cannot afford menstrual hygiene products, with 46% of low-income women having to choose between food and period supplies.

General admission tickets are \$65 per person, and the VIP experience – which begins at 6 p.m. and includes a pre-show open bar and hors d'oeuvres – is \$115 per person. For more information about the fundraiser and sponsorship opportunities, call (314) 624-0888

Teens Learn Life Skills at Maplewood Public Library

Teens have an opportunity to learn a variety of skills on their journey to becoming independent adults. The receipt of a Spotlight on Literacy grant from the Missouri State Library, has allowed the library to purchase needed supplies and the hiring of experts in the fields of financial literacy and college bound literacy. Learning to Fly: Skills for Independent Living will meet weekly throughout the summer of 2023 with a limit of 15 participants. This project is supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provision of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Missouri State Library, a division of the Office of the Secretary of State.

From learning basic cooking skills to how to budget their money, teens will gain confidence in their abilities to care for themselves as well as successful job interviews, college paperwork, renting an apartment and more.

"The teens at our library have expressed an interest in learning and practicing the skills needed to be successful adults. This grant opportunity is providing us with equipment to offer cooking classes and more to our patrons," said Kim Royer, Youth Services Manager at the Maplewood Public Library.

Learning to Fly will meet on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 pm, June 6-August 1, with the

exception of July 4. All interested participants must pre-register via the library website, www.maplewoodpubliclibrary.org/events or by calling the library at 314-781-7323.

Maplewood Public Library Expands STEM-related Materials

Maplewood Public Library was able to purchase 20 additional STEAM ACADEMY Launchpads, Guided Learning Tablets, from Playway Products in March. Children from preschool - elementary school will benefit from the receipt of this \$3,259.00 grant from the Missouri State Library. This project is supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provision of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Missouri State Library, a division of the Office of the Secretary of State.

From outer space to the farm and back to the dinosaurs, each learning tablet contains at least 6 preloaded activities. No internet access is needed to use the tablets.

"The Launchpad tablets provide families with an opportunity for kids to learn and play games on a tablet, without the fear of venturing into something questionable on the internet," said Kim Royer, Youth Services Manager at the Maplewood Public Library.

Learning tablets are available for checkout at the Maplewood Public LIbrary located at 7550 Lohmeyer Avenue in Maplewood MO 63143.

ABOUT

The Maplewood Public Library serves the community of Maplewood, Missouri- a suburb of St. Louis, Missouri. Founded in 1935, it is one of the oldest libraries in the St. Louis area. The Library belongs to a nine-member cooperative of independent libraries with reciprocal borrowing privileges. In 1996, these libraries formed the Municipal Library Consortium to implement a combined catalog for the member libraries.



BRENTWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Brentwood High School Celebrates the Class of 2023



Students in Brentwood High School's 95th graduating class were awarded more than \$4.5 million in scholarships this year, Principal Dr. Edward Johnson said during the school's commencement ceremony held Saturday, May 20 in the BHS Auditorium.

Of the 54 graduates in the Class of 2023, 45 plan to attend a two- or four-year college. Students submitted 254 applications to 108 colleges and universities nationwide, and selected 24 different schools to continue their academic careers, including the University of Southern California, the University of Michigan and Saint Louis University.

In addition, one graduate has applied for postsecondary support through Missouri Vocational Rehabilitation, which specializes in employment and training services for students receiving special education services.

During her senior class reflection, Katherine Trostel encouraged classmates to cherish the experiences and relationships from their time in Brentwood, and to embrace uncertainty as they begin the next chapter of their lives.

"It's OK for us to wonder or even feel nervous and scared about what's to come," said Trostel. "But it is important to realize that your future is up to you. Cherish the unknown and let yourself be fully present in everything you do."

Senior speakers Joshua Kelley and Eloise Ayotte also shared words of thanks and inspiration.

"We are here because of you," said Kelley to family and friends in attendance. "Though we may not say it enough. Today, all of us here are grateful. We thank you and we love you."

"The Class of 2023 is a class of people who have laughed together, learned together, grown together, and most importantly, a class of people who have never failed to support each other," added Ayotte. "Live life seeking people and places where you feel supported, loved and trusted."

The Class of 2023 was awarded 127 scholarships, including 28 A+ Program candidates and seven Missouri Bright Flight recipients. Four students received National Career Readiness Certificates, two students completed career and technical education programs, two students earned the Missouri Seal of Biliteracy and four students committed to play sports in college. This year's graduating class also includes 28 National Honor Society members, eight Spanish Honor Society members, seven Honor Thespians, six German Honor Society members and five French Honor Society members. Open House Rekindles Mark Twain Memories



More than 100 members of the Brentwood community came together to bid farewell to the current configuration of Mark Twain Elementary School during a special open house on Tuesday, May 23.

With extensive renovations at the school set to begin in June, this event allowed attendees to take one last trip down memory lane, exploring the halls, revisiting classrooms and reconnecting with old friends from their time at Mark Twain.

"It was great to see so many members of our community reminiscing about the memories and friendships made at Mark Twain," said Superintendent Dr. Brian Lane. "We are excited to begin making memories in the new Mark Twain when it reopens for the 2024-25 school year." Missouri Scholars 100 is sponsored by the Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals (MoASSP). Schools across Missouri are invited to nominate candidates for this recognition, with selection based primarily on a formula using the student's gradepoint average and ACT or SAT score. Each student nominated must meet the criteria of an "Academic Decathlon," which is designed to test the academic strength of the student.

To meet the decathlon requirements, the student must have had a minimum GPA of 3.750, a minimum ACT score of 29 or a minimum SAT score of 1,280, be ranked in the top 10% of the class and have taken high-level courses in mathematics, science, English and world language. Attendance, extracurricular involvement and citizenship are also considered.

"The Missouri Scholars 100 program is one of the premier academic recognition programs in the country," said MoASSP Executive Director Clark Mershon. "Students selected for this program have taken a rigorous course of study and maintained the highest academic standards. The Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals wants to celebrate the achievements and success of these students and their schools."

Mark Twain Renovation Project Update



With Mark Twain Elementary School renovations beginning this month, we wanted to share information about two projects that require work on the school's decorative stone wall along Dorothy Avenue and Litzsinger Road.

New Stormwater Drainage System

As part of the renovations, the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District requires a new stormwater drainage system that will run under Thompson Field and connect to the main sewer line at Dorothy Avenue. To complete this work, an 8-foot section of the wall along Dorothy Avenue will need to be temporarily removed. Highly qualified masons will oversee the removal and reinstallation of this section, ensuring its proper reconstruction. This work is scheduled to take place in June.

Updated Fire Department Access

BECC Celebrates Grandfriends Day



was excited to welcome members of the Brentwood community for this year's Grandfriends Day festivities.

Students and their special friends unleashed their creativity with art projects, got their hands dirty in the garden and used their imaginations during free play.

If you are interested in sharing your time and talents with our youngest learners, please contact BECC Director Kristin Clemons at kclemons@brentwoodmoschools.org.

> Food Service Workers Needed for 2023-24



Brentwood High School Class of 2023: By the Numbers

Graduates: 54 Graduates attending college: 45 Four-year colleges: 41 Two-year colleges: 4 Enlisting in the military: 3 Programs of advanced training: 2 Employment: 3 Other: 1

BHS Senior Earns State Academic Honor



Brentwood High School senior Eloise Ayotte has been selected for the 2023 Missouri Scholars 100, a statewide program that honors 100 of Missouri's top academic students in the Class of 2023.

"Eloise is the perfect example of a Brentwood student who took advantage of the opportunities afforded to her in high school," said BHS Principal Dr. Ed Johnson. "Her story as a successful student-athlete, accomplished journalist and advocate for social justice with a commitment to community service is inspirational." To meet modern requirements for fire department access, minor alterations must be made to the wall at the school's driveway entrance on Litzsinger Road. These alterations have been carefully planned to have minimal impact on the appearance of the wall. Highly qualified masons will complete the alterations, ensuring they blend seamlessly with the original structure. We anticipate this portion of the project to take place in June.

We value the historical significance of Mark Twain's decorative stone wall and share the community's commitment to its preservation. Our team will take great care to maintain its integrity as we work to enhance safety, accessibility and student learning at Mark Twain.



The Brentwood School District is hiring food service workers for the 2023-24 school year. No experience is necessary. Job benefits include:

No nights and weekends Paid sick days and holidays Free shift meals Career growth opportunities Starting pay: \$14.00 per hour

Prepare and serve delicious, nutritious meals and make a difference in the lives of our students and staff. Contact Lauren Steffens, director of food service, at 573-579-6375 or lsteffens@brentwoodmoschools.org for more information. Page 6, June 2023, THE PULSE





Combine breath and movement through basic yoga flow that will improve your mental and physical well-being. Every pose can be modified for any skill level for participants to get the most out of their practice, all while infusing a little fun and laughter in each practice. Participants should bring their own yoga mat. In case of inclement weather, class will be held at Brentwood Park Pavilion.

Dates: Mondays, June 5-26, July 10-31, Aug. 14-28

Times: 6-7pm Location: Brentwood Park

Price: Res. \$25/Non-Res. \$30



Miss Manners might not approve but your child definitely will! Gross out camp is a week of learning about our gross bodily functions. Learn about burping, boogers, excrement, gas, saliva, germs and investigate brains, cells, hearts, organs and blood. Campers should bring a sack lunch and a water bottle each day.

This camp is hosted by Mad Science. Before and after care available.

Dates: Tuesday, June 20 - Friday, June 23

Time: 9am-3pm

Ages: 5-10

Price: Res. \$240/Non-Res. \$250

Activity Number: 845101



Upcoming Events



Stay prepared for all the unique threats that women face in their daily lives. We'll help you face life with confidence and react without wasting a second. Learn how to be more aware of your surroundings and take control of your safety. Presented by Blue Wave-Martial Arts.

Fee: \$30



Calling all Artists, Scientists and aspiring Chefs - this week is for you! Each day make a masterpiece and learn a little bit of science. Participants will Ice Skate on Tuesday and Thursday and lunch will be provided on Wednesday and Friday. An informational email will be sent out the week before camp.

This camp is hosted by Brentwood Parks and Recreation. Before and after care available.

Dates: Monday, July 17 – Friday, July 21 Time: 9am-3pm Ages: 5-10 Price: Res. \$225/Non-Res. \$235 Activity Number: 845102



The Brentwood Public Library and Brentwood Parks and Recreation present this free foam party! Cool-off and have fun playing in gallons of foam! Foam Gone Bananas will be churning out the foam and fun music. This event is open to children and families.

Dates: Monday, July 17 Time: 6pm Location: Brentwood Community Center Price: Free, no registration required



Get a free composting kit through this grant from the St. Louis County Department of Public Health! Nature turns dead stuff into healthy soil - and we can join this organic process. Learn how simple home composting can reduce your household and garden waste, in partnership with one of Earth's most powerful, productive cycles. To receive your compost bin and tumbler, register and attend the presentation. Brentwood Public Works will assemble and deliver the compost containers to your home. Brentwood residents only.

Date: Tuesday, June 27

Time: 6-7pm

Location: Brentwood Park Pavilion

Price: \$30

Activity Number: 845106



This holiday themed cooking class will be the complete hit of your 4th of July party. Participants will learn how to make easy snacks at home, complete with holiday decorations.

Dates: Saturday, July 1

Time: 10-11:30am

Ages: 5-10

Price: Res. \$25/Non-Res. \$30

Activity Number: 845107



Saint Mary Magdalen Parish Picnic



Spend the morning with a real unicorn and some not-so-real dragons. We will have unicorn and dragon themed crafts and snacks. Take a picture with the unicorn and some exotic bearded dragons. Fee is per child and pre-registration is required.

Date: Saturday, June 24

Time: 10am-Noon

Location: Brentwood Park Pavilion, 2924 Brazeau Ave., Brentwood

Ages: 5-10

Price: Res. \$15/Non-Res. \$20

Activity Number: 845109



Enjoy a night of camping and views from your own backyard. Set up your tent and build your fire. Post pictures of your family's campsite and use #2023BrentwoodFamilyCampout. Each registered family will receive a box full of camping supplies including; games, s'more kits, chex mix, hotdogs, and buns for 4 people. Supply boxes will be available for pick up Aug. 3 and 4 from 8am - 5pm at the Brentwood Community Center.

Dates: Saturday, Aug. 5 Time: 6pm Location: Your backyard! Price: Res. \$25/Non-Res. \$30 Activity Number: 845112 Santa called and he's coming back to Brentwood! Come rock around the Christmas Tree in July, decorate some cookies, have a snowball fight, and get your picture taken with Santa. Wear your ugliest swimsuit – there will be an ugly swimsuit contest! This is a parent-child event you don't want to miss!

Dates: Sunday, July 23

Time: 12-2pm

Location: Brentwood Park Pavilion, 2924 Brazeau Ave., Brentwood

Ages: 5-10

Price: Res. \$10/Non-Res. \$15

Activity Number: 845110





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Eleven-year journey to reach majors seems easy compared to challenge now facing former Cardinal Brock Peterson

Brock Peterson knows what it's like to have the odds stacked against him.

Rising from being selected in the 49th round, the 1,450th player picked in the 2002 draft out of a small town in Washington, to

reach the major leagues with the Cardinals 11 years later was not easy.

That challenge, however, seems easy compared to the battle that Peterson now faces every day of his life.

It's been nearly two years since Peterson, happily living and working in Virginia after his baseball career ended, was enjoying a day at the beach with friends. It was July 3, 2021, a day that will forever be etched in Peterson's memory.

It's the day his world, as he had known it, ended. A diving accident left Peterson paralyzed from the chest down.

"I've pretty much lost everything in my life that I enjoyed," Peterson said. "I was a very active person and I didn't really like to sit around and be lazy. Pretty much everything I liked to do I can't do anymore.

"I really thought I was going to recover and get better and I didn't. Accepting that has been a real challenge."

It's a challenge that Peterson's friends are trying to help him fight. One of those friends, Dan Stillman, accompanied Peterson back to St. Louis last weekend for a reunion of the 2013 Cardinals. It was a trip Peterson wanted to make, even though he knew a lot of people were not aware of the injury that had changed his life.

"I could never have dealt with what he is dealing with," Stillman said. "I've never met a stronger person in my life, and I'm not just saying that. To go through what he has gone through and to be where he is and to be in the mental state that he's in is pretty impressive and admirable."

It was the first time Peterson had been back to Busch Stadium since he played his last major-league game in 2013. Going onto the field in his wheelchair for a pre-game ceremony was a reminder of what had been taken from him, but it also offered Peterson a chance to realize what he had accomplished – and the challenge he already overcame - as his new

Said general manager John Mozeliak that day, "Very few players play 11 years in the minor leagues because usually they quit or are told to quit. For him to persevere I think is a very special story. As you can imagine, we're pulling for him."

Peterson made his major-league debut on July 20, 2013 as a pinch-hitter. He grounded out, but drove in a runner from third on the play.

Peterson would go on to play in 22 more games for the Cardinals, his stay in the big leagues interrupted by a short trip back to Memphis, where he hit three more home runs, when Holliday returned to the roster.

Peterson came back up to the Cardinals in September but didn't have the success he wanted, finishing the year with two hits, both singles, in 26 at-bats.

"I was very thankful to the Cardinals for giving me a chance," Peterson says now. "I'm thankful I was having a



at least gave me a shot. I wish I would have played better while I was there, but it made my 13 years in he minor leagues (including two more years after he played in St. Louis) worth it to get even that little bit of time up there in the big leagues. I'm very thankful for that opportunity."

If Peterson had known the journey from rookie ball to the majors would take 11 years, would he do it again?

"Probably," he said after pausing a moment before answering the question. "Starting out when you are 18 and get a chance to play professional sports, that's everything you ever dreamed of. That dream is still very motivating, especially early on in your career ... I think I would do it again."

Peterson moved to Virginia Beach in 2012 and when he decided to retire at the age of 31 following the 2015 season, he enrolled at Old Dominion University, majoring in finance. After graduating, Peterson began working in medical sales.

"A lot of guys I played with or against lived in the area and we became good friends," Peterson said.

One of those friends was Stillman, a lawyer, who grew up in Virginia Beach.

"A couple of guys I knew growing up played with Brock and when Brock moved here, we had moved back from New York," Stillman said. "He basically became part of the family."

"I didn't really even feel anything. I felt like I just kind of got a little zap through my body for a split second. Then I tried to swim and I didn't feel like I was moving. When I opened my eyes my arms were just hanging in front of me.

"I realized what I had done. Instantly I knew that things probably weren't ever going to be the same."

Luckily for Peterson, one of his friends saw him in the water and rescued him before he would have drown. Unluckily, he soon found out how seriously he was injured.

"I think about it all day every day," Peterson said. "It's something that I don't think will ever go away. You realize how quickly things change when you get put in that situation. It was one decision that didn't work out for me and changed the rest of my life.

"I had done way stupider and way crazier things in my life and not gotten hurt. I was just trying to swim back to the boat and didn't make it. I should have known better. You hear about it happening to people all of the time but I didn't think it would happen to me.

"I was probably just too comfortable in the water. I was a really good swimmer. For a split second I forgot what the consequences could be."

As he began the long rehab process, Peterson thought that maybe the paralysis would just be temporary. He soon learned that doctors did not expect that to be the case. He has partial movement of his arms, but anything from his chest down, there is no function.

"I'm kind of a unique case," Peterson said. "I've got nothing new back. Basically everything function-wise that I have now I had to some extent just after my injury. I've gotten stronger and better with things that I have but it's been kind of a disappointing journey. Most people wake up one day and something new works - a leg, a finger, a hand, something. I really have had zero new recovery since the injury. I'm kind of your prototypical C5 injury where everything I should have I do and everything I shouldn't have I don't."

Having been a professional athlete who was in good physical shape, Peterson thought he would have been able to regain some of the movement in his body through rehab and physical therapy.

"I definitely think I'm a little bit better off than some people with the same injury, but with these injuries it really doesn't matter how hard you work," Peterson said. "I hate to say it but it's really all about luck. Some people are lucky and get better and some people don't. It doesn't matter how hard you work. "My whole life basically I've been able to set a goal and say I was going to be able to do something and I knew if I worked hard enough and stayed on track that there was a pretty good chance I was going to reach that goal, whether it was weightlifting or sports or whatever. Now you can set a goal but you have no control over what's going to happen." Trying to cope with the mental challenges is another hurdle for Peterson, one that he has been coping with for the last several months. "In the last six months I've had to kind of accept it," Peterson said. "You want to be in denial and say you are going to beat the odds. I know a few people who have and so it gives you hope but at some point you just kind of have to accept it. "It's a completely different lifestyle that no one can understand unless they are in it or have been through it. I really thought I was going to recover and get better and I didn't. Accepting that has been a real challenge."

"There was a couple of periods where I wasn't sure I was going to make it," he said.

Having problems breathing is a severe complication because Peterson is not able to cough or sneeze because he has no abdomen muscles that work. When he gets an infection or even a small cut, it takes a long time to heal.

He also has had to deal with the mental stress of worrying about all of the medical bills, knowing there have been some pieces of equipment that could have been helpful that he chose not to get because of the cost involved.

Peterson's mother has moved in with him to be his full-time caregiver. Friends like Stillman try to visit as often as they can, either taking him out to lunch or just hanging out at Peterson's house. Peterson said he probably watches more baseball games on television now than he ever did before. If the weather is nice he tries to go outside for a couple of hours a day.

Peterson is still taking physical therapy at Old Dominion and also is involved in a program of handicap workout classes at Kaizen Adaptive, which helps him mentally as much as it does physically. He also is going to counseling twice a week.

Adjusting to the changes in Peterson's life has been a difficult challenge, and Peterson is not sure that it will ever get easier.

"I was independent basically from the time I signed my first contract when I was 18 and moved away 20 years ago," he said. "Now I have to have help pretty much 24 hours a day. I think that's the most frustrating part, not being able to take care of myself the way I want to.

"I can do a lot of stuff on my own but there's still things all day every day that I need help with. I want to be helping take care of somebody else and raising kids right now and instead I'm being taken care of. It's not what I ever wanted to do."

Hoping to go back to work

As his new reality has set in, Peterson has tried to think about the future. He would like to go back to work, maybe using his knowledge of baseball, but it would need to be a job that offered flexibility and recognized his physical limitations.

"Sitting around and collecting a disability check isn't my idea of living," he said. "But with some of my complications it just has to be right fit. I think I have a lot to offer still; but it just has to be the right situation for

daily battle continues.

A long journey to the majors

Playing professional sports had been Peterson's dream as he grew up. When the Twins gave him that chance, he took it, not realizing at the time that his road to the major leagues would be so long and winding.

From rookie ball in Elizabethon, Tenn., through stops with seven other minor-league teams, including 71 games in independent ball, Peterson persevered until that day came when he learned he was being promoted to the major leagues after playing 1,163 games in the minors.

Peterson had hit .306 with 22 home runs with Memphis at the time he was promoted, the best season of his career. Then-Triple A manager Pop Warner called Peterson into his office between games of a double-header to tell him to pack his bags for St. Louis. The Cardinals needed a replacement for Matt Holliday, who was going on the injured list.

"I waited a long time for this," the 29-yearold Peterson said on his first day as a major-leaguer. "For it to finally happen, it just means a lot to me."

Stillman's 4-year-old daughter Sofia refers to Peterson as "Uncle Brock."

"I will be his Boswell here," Stillman said. "The guy put himself through school after playing. That would be like me having a baseball tryout after graduating law school. And it was crazy how fast he did it.

"He got through school, was working and starting a new life. The timing of the accident was just tragic."

A day of fun turns into life-changing injury

It was just supposed to be a day of fun at the beach, hanging out with friends, something Peterson had done countless other times.

"I walked in the water multiple times that day where I dove and I knew it was shallow, like chest high," Peterson recalled. "I didn't jump off anything high; I jumped off a little floating dock that was only like a foot off the water. I got a running start and tried to do a shallow dive.

Peterson has also had to deal with other medical problems that are compounded by his situation.



From the 2013 team 10-year reunion: sitting in front- Brock Peterson; standing-Adam Wainwright, Jake Westbrook, Fernando Salas, Shane Robinson, Tyler Lyons, Jaime Garcia

Stillman believes the trip back to St. Louis might have been a step forward for Peterson. It wasn't an easy decision to come and was one Peterson thought about for a couple of months since he had been invited originally through a Facebook message.

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Eleven Year Journey

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He had kept the news of his injury relatively private, with only his family and some of his close friends aware of what had happened. Going out in public would change that, but it's now a trip Peterson is glad that he made.

"It was the first time he had flown since the accident," Stillman said. "He was on the fence about going for a couple of months, but some of our friends really encouraged him to do it and thought it would be really good for him. I think the trip was a milestone."

As Peterson, now 39, has tried to accept a potential reality that his physical condition likely is not going to change, Stillman is holding out hope that there will be new medical discoveries or cures sometime in the future.

"I'm still blindly optimistic," he said. "That's my curse. You never know what's going to happen."

What is reality, Stillman knows, is that this is a battle Peterson is not going to endure on his own.

"You won't find a better support group that what he's got here," Stillman said. "Everybody who was friends with Brock, they are there ... Everyone who has been close to him has been a big part of his life since the accident.

"It's a testament to him and who he is, his character and his charisma."

Stillman now includes the Cardinals as part of the support team that is surrounding Peterson with love and support.

"I had never been to a Cardinals' game before, and it felt like a family," he said. "It seemed like it didn't matter if you played one game or 10 seasons. That memory will stand out in my mind the rest of my life.

"Based on what he told me it was the best thing he has done since the accident. It's the first time I've seen him that happy in a long time."

To make donations to help defray Peterson's medical costs:



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HOME SWEET

by Nelson S. Morgan BHS Class of '66

I grew up right across the street at 2641 Cecelia. But this story really doesn't begin with me. My father, Nelson G. Morgan, who is now 102 years old, moved into that house in the summer of 1917. He was just short of his eighth birthday when his family bought the house incomplete. His father finished it. They moved there from Maplewood.

My father says that he was always told that the lake was formed sometime around or shortly after the Civil War. Apparently the area was being farmed and during a drought, hogs rooting in a low spot for water opened up a spring which flooded the space. This story may be legend, but he has always stuck by it as what he'd been told.

At the time his family arrived, the lake (yes, I've always called it a lake. I know others refer to it as a pond, but my dad always called it the lake and I've done so as well) was owned by a dentist named Dr. Coyle (sp?). Dr. Coyle lived and worked in the city and came to the house and farm on weekends. Much of the land north and east of the lake was grazing pasture for his cattle. The Wartenbee family were caretakers for Mr. Doyle. My father became friends with their sons.

When he first moved to Cecelia his mother wouldn't let him play in the lake because it was said to be about 25 feet deep with seven active springs seeping water from below. But as he grew up he was allowed to swim and fish just across the street from his house. If you have a copy of the 1969 Brentwood 50th Anniversary booklet, there is a picture of my father with a pretty good sized fish on page 69. Of course when the lake froze over during winter it was always popular for ice skating.

A lot of changes occurred when the street was further subdivided. In fact, a large stone cistern was built right in the center of Cecelia in front of the Cook/Languth house just north of my father's. It was quite large and cars driving up and down Cecelia would have to carefully manuever around it. I mention this cistern because when the lake was frozen, large chunks of ice were cut out and stored in it with straw for use in warmer months.

According to my father, the Wartenbees were still caring for the property at the end of World War II. David Cook, who had grown up next door, also lived there as caretaker after he was married.

I was born in 1948 and the lake was always a beautiful thing to me. A family with the last name of Crowe (sp?) lived there as I grew up. By then, the lake was fenced and I never fished or swam in it, but the Crowes allowed skating in the winter. I remember how the kids on the street would anxiously wait for the ice to thicken properly. Mr. Crowe, (I remember him as a tall man with black hair) would drill through different parts of the ice to check its thickness. Every day he would tell us the thickness in inches and how much it had to go. When it was thick enough, we had our sleds and ice skates ready to go. I would take my sled and run and then bellyflop on it. It would go forever. Or someone would take the rope and spin me around and around. My birthday was in January and on my tenth birthday I received a pair of skates. I was so excited and fortunately the lake was soon frozen over. I was down as much as I was up, but progress was being made when disaster struck. This was ten years before Blues' hockey, but kids still played ice hockey when they could and older boys used the lake as one great big hockey rink. They skated in and out of everyone, fighting for possession of a puck. These were high school boys and they paid little attention to a ten-year-old trying to find his ice legs. A powerful shot caught me just above the left eye. I went down like a light and there was blood everywhere. My dad took me home and there was no more skating for me that day. I was so disappointed when, during my healing period, the weather warmed, the ice melted, and I subsequently outgrew the

Brentwood High School Alumni Association Across the Decades Cecelia Avenue Lake

new skates. I believe it was the next year that Mr. Crowe began to prohibit skating. Something about insurance. I suppose it was my accident that contributed to the ban, but no one ever said.

One of the most fun things of those skating days was the bonfire. Today there is a huge new home on the Salem side of the lake, but that space used to be a fairly flat and large shore area. Logs, limbs, sticks and whatever were gathered there and set ablaze for the skaters to warm themselves. Some would roast marshmallows and it seemed that everyone brought a thermos of hot chocolate. As a little guy, I was always in awe of the high school boys hugging and kissing their girlfriends around the bonfire.

Ducks and geese frequented the lake from time to time. They never wintered-over, but some would make it their summer home. One summer in the early sixties there were some interesting residents; a large white goose and some smaller brown ducks. The goose was an ugly character. He had all kinds of red bumps on his bill and face and was quite bossy to anyone close by. One summer afternoon this goose left the shade of the lake, wandered through the yard, across the street and into my front yard. He honked and I gave him some bread. This started a daily routine. You could almost set your watch that he (sometimes accompanied by the smaller ducks) would arrive in our front yard at four p.m. He would honk, hiss, and demonstrate with his long neck until my mother or I would come out and feed him some bread. This went on for a couple of months. We were disappointed

when he finally took flight and left. It was about this time that Mr. and Mrs. Jim Orton purchased the lake property. They were a wonderful older couple that basicly bought the place as a retirement home. Mrs. Orton made great cookies and they soon hired me to mow their lawn. It was a large yard, but easy to mow because of the many big shade trees. However, trimming the lake fence line along the street sidewalk took forever and was not in the shade. I believe there is still a stone wall along the lake shore next to the house. I helped to build that. Mr. Orton was concerned about erosion of the shore line so close to the house. It was to the point that there was only room for one person to walk between the water and the foundation. Since the lake was silting up, Mr. Orton saw an opportunity to kill two birds with one stone. I think it was 1965 and he hired me to help him. He obtained a fairly large dredge with a cable link to a cantankerous gasoline powered winch.

But first we had to build a retaining wall. That's where the flat white stones came in. We went out into the lake where it was nearing the house and began stacking the large rocks. The base rocks set well in the sticky, sucky mud and we slowly built a wall a few feet out into the water, curving around the edge of the lake. The plan was to dredge the lake, therefore deepening it and using the mud brought up to fill in behind the stone wall, thereby extending the shore outward and protecting the house.

The dredge scoop was a huge bulky metal thing that had to be dragged out into the center of the lake by pulling it as you swam. When it was in position, you dropped it and allowed it to settle into the mud. Then came the battle on shore with the winch. The thing had a mind of its own and fought against being started every time you pulled the rope. Once started, the clutch often fought you as much as the motor. But bit by bit, the engine ran and the winch began pulling in the muckfilled dredge. We then had to shovel the mud out of the dredge into a wheelbarrow, take it across the yard and dump it in the space behind the wall. Slowly but surely the mud displaced the water and the shore was extended to protect the house.

An unexpected bonus of the dredging process was that a large area along the shore was flattened into a gentle slope out into the water. Mr. Orton decided to build a beach. He ordered delivery of several truck loads of sand and the beach became a reality. The lake was still closed to the general public, but I could swim in it whenever I wished. The Ortons also had an old green flat-bottomed rowboat. I could take it out and row around whenever I wished. There weren't many fish in the lake by then, other than a couple large schools of goldfish. They were fun to watch swimming en masse under the sun light. But it was in that old boat that I made an interesting discovery, or at least confirmation of something my father had told me. As mentioned before, he said there were once seven springs in the lake. Rowing around in that old boat, I discovered vast changes in water temperature at different areas of the lake. In much of the lake, the water was quite warm under the summer sun. However, in about four places I found the water to be very cold...as it came to the surface from some seepage below. Maybe those Civil War era pigs did open up some spring flows.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Aldermen of the City of Brentwood at Brentwood City Hall, 2348 S. Brentwood Blvd., Brentwood, MO 63144-2097 will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. on:**

John Suelthaus, of Kingsbridge Homes, LLC has submitted an application for the rezoning of the property at 8817 Moritz Avenue from the PD-Planned Development Overlay District to the B Single Family Residential. The proposed rezoning would allow for the Applicant to tear down the existing non-conforming residential home and rebuild a new single family residential home under the B Single Family District standards.

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

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

S/s Whitney Kelly, AICP Director of Planning and Development

June Events at Richmond Heights Memorial Library!

8001 Dale Avenue Richmond Heights, MO 63117 • 314-645-6202 richmondheightslibrary.org Summer Reading Club June 1 - July 31 Sign up for the Summer Reading Club at richmondheightslibrary.org/SRC23

June 12 Duo Dogs | Teens | 5:30PM - 7:00 PM

Meet & learn about Touch Therapy dogs. We'll kick off a supplies drive for Duo Dogs, and make human & dog treats.

June 13 Dynamic Defenses | PreK-2nd | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Learn how animals use their senses, body coverings and behaviors to protect themselves. Brought to you by the St. Louis Zoo.

June 14 Adult Book Group | 16+ | 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Djinn Patrol on the Purple Line, Deepa Anappara. A trio of school kids in India search for their missing classmate. 2021 Edgar Award.

June 16 Science: Cookie Chemistry | 10+ | 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Explore chemistry by baking chocolate chip cookies!

June 20 Craft: Pom-Pom Monsters | Grades 3+ | 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Create fantastic monsters out of yarn, googly eyes and more!

June 21 Community Garden Art | Gr. 1-5 | 6:00 - 7:00 PM

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June 22 Board Game Night | 16+ | 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Enjoy an evening of cooperative board games a la Exit or Mysterium!

June 23 Craftibility | 16 mo- 6yrs | 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Craftibility Foundation's mission is to teach youth to be comfortable around adults with special needs through stories, songs and crafts.

June 26 Teen Activity Kits | Teens

Register by June 19 for pickup beginning June 26.

June 27 Chess, Checkers, Scrabble | Gr. 1-5 | 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Join us for friendly competition and snacks!

June 28 Reptiles of Missouri | Gr. 1-5 | 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Learn more about the reptiles of Missouri, brought to you by the MDC.

June 29 Family Craft Kit: Fairy/Dino Gardens | Families

Register by June 22 for pickup beginning June 29.

Storytime Schedule: Every Monday at 10:00 AM, Every Thursday at 4:00 PM Register for Library events: on our site at richmondheightslibrary.org/events, by calling 314-645-6202, in person at the Library

West Community Credit Union Announces 2023 Scholarship Winners!



West Community Credit Union would like to congratulate our 2023 scholarship winners! This year's recipients are Eloise Ayotte (Brentwood High School), Max Thomas (Fort Zumwalt East), Kalyan Krish (Parkway North), Thao-Vi Do (Kirkwood High School), and Emily Emge (Fort Zumwalt North). 2023 marks the 28th 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", states Lori Hudson, Community Engagement Manager 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 base on a short essay, financial need, GPA, curriculum, recommendations and extracurricular activities. Applications are available in January of each year.

Pictured from left to right: Jason Peach (CEO West Community Credit Union), Eloise Ayotte (Brentwood High School), Max Thomas (Fort Zumwalt East), Kalyan Krish (Parkway North), Thao-Vi Do (Kirkwood High School), Emily Emge (Fort Zumwalt North), and Debbie Geringer (Board & Scholarship Committee Member).

About West Community Credit Union

West Community Credit Union is a full-service, not-for-profit financial cooperative serving more than 28,000 members and businesses in St. Louis City, St. Louis County, St. Charles County and Boone County. The credit union has offices in O'Fallon, Brentwood, Kirkwood, Lake Saint Louis, Florissant and Columbia, MO. For more information on banking products and services, call (636) 720-2400 or visit www.westcommunitycu.org.

New Brentwood Park Unit Officers

Now that the new Brentwood Park is open, we are pleased to introduce our Brentwood Park Unit Officers:



Officer Clayton has worked for the Brentwood Police Department for 27 years. He served as a patrol officer, detective, DARE officer, and school resource officer before transferring to the Park Unit. He looks forward to protecting and serving the visitors of Brentwood's

fine parks, and he will work diligently with the park patrol to keep the parks safe and a friendly place for visitors to enjoy.



Officer Collins started his career as a police officer in the City of St Louis 14 years ago. Seven years ago he came to Brentwood as a patrol officer. He was recently given the opportunity to focus patrol duties in the parks and on the trails here in Brentwood. Officer Collins enjoys riding the bike



MONDAY, JUNE 26 AT 5:00 P.M.

Have you ever wondered what it's like to be a firefighter? We're going to meet real firefighters at the Brentwood Fire House and learn how firefighters are community helpers.

Free and no registration is required.

This event will take place at the Brentwood Fire House (8756 Eulalie Ave, Brentwood, MO 63144).



and meeting all the people who come out to enjoy our parks and to keep them safe while they enjoy the incredible outdoors. Officer Collins is always willing to answer any questions or address any concerns or just chit-chat about anything. He's also always willing to give dogs lots of pets (he has two dogs of his own). He enjoys being outside and talking with people, which is why being a part of the Brentwood Park Unit has been such an incredible experience so far, and he will continue to make the parks and trails safe for everyone.





Filling the Gap to Pay for College – How Can I Use My Private Student Loans?

By: West Community Credit Union

When you receive your award letter from your college of choice, you'll see a couple of important numbers listed – the estimated cost of attendance (COA), and any financial aid for which you are eligible, such as scholarships, grants, and federal loans/work study.

What is the Cost of Attendance (COA)?

The COA typically includes costs for one academic year:

• tuition and fees

• room and board (including a meal plan) or off-campus housing

• books, supplies, transportation, and other school-related personal expenses

Keep in mind that while some of these costs (tuition and fees) are fixed costs, others could be higher or lower based on your personal situation. For example, if you purchase used books or do not park on campus, your actual costs could be slightly less than what the college lists.

Many students will need more funding than what is included in their financial aid package to fully cover the balance, which is where private student loans come in.

What Do Private Student Loans Cover?

Great news – a private student loan like our education line of credit can be used for any items listed in your cost of attendance, or other education-related expenses! The amount you are eligible to borrow will be certified by your school, and the funds are sent directly to your college.

If some of the loan will be used to cover items not directly paid through the school, such as books, off campus rent, or a laptop, the school will issue you a refund for the excess amount. You may need to pay for some of these expenses before your refund arrives; in this case, be sure to use your refund to reimburse yourself and not for personal purchases.

Example: Your school receives \$15,000 from your loan disbursement. Only \$12,000 is needed to cover your tuition balance. The school will issue you a refund of \$3,000 to pay for out-of-pocket education costs. You can then use those funds to purchase necessary items, or to recoup what you have already paid.

Brentwood Sgt. Lambert visited with some young entrepreneurs at this friendly neighborhood lemonade stand.



City of Brentwood offices will be closed Monday, June 19, in observance of <u>Juneteenth.</u>

No trash/recycling pickup on June 19. Trash and recycling pickup will take place one day after the regularly scheduled day the week of June 19.





How Do I Apply for an Education Line of Credit?

The credit union has you covered with our private education line of credit!

• Multi-Year Approval – Complete one easy online application and get access to funding for your entire undergraduate career; in future years, simply submit a draw request for the amount you need disbursed directly to your school.

• Personalized Support – Our friendly College Counselors provide personal, oneon-one consultations for all your financial aid questions. Whether you're a parent, high school student, or college graduate entering loan repayment, our counselors can walk you through the necessary steps to make smart decisions about paying for college – and beyond.

For more information on filling the gap to pay for college, contact West Community Credit Union at 636.720.2495 or visit us online at westcommunitycu.org.

Missouri Artist Collaborates with Michael Grey Sandal Factory Art by Lari's owner Cindy Larimore to showcase her designs on custom-made Birkenstock sandals.

Art by Lari's owner Cindy Larimore was recently selected to join Michael Grey's Collaborative Artist's Capsule, which takes individual artist's work and displays them on Birkenstock sandals manufactured by the Michael Grey Sandal Factory. Larimore is the only Missouri artist selected to participate in this collaboration.

The limited edition, custom Birkenstock sandals cost \$250 plus shipping. The hand-crafted sandals, which come in European shoe sizes 35 to 46, are

100% genuine leather using Birkenstock cork beds and buckles. Larimore's made-to-order sandals – featuring her "My Happy Place" and "Professional Dreamer" designs – will be available for sale beginning May 15.

Michael Grey Sandal Factory is a U.S.-based company operated by fashion designer Michael Grey that focuses on custom sandals and artisanal leather goods. He has worked as a designer in many leading fashion companies including Robert Cavalli, Vince Camuto, Bass, Levi's, and Steve Madden.

Founded in 2019, Art by Lari creates original abstract artwork starting with plexiglass and glass as a canvas. Larimore then utilizes reverse painting—which involves applying layers of paint to the back of a transparent material so the artwork can be viewed through the unpainted front side. The technique starts with the details completed first and then the background is layered, creating a finished piece of art that is viewed through the glass. Art by Lari also designs select merchandise including drink coasters, throw pillows, prints and cell phone cases.

"This is an exciting opportunity to work with renowned footwear designer Michael Grey and gain national visibility for my art," said Larimore. "Sandals are the perfect medium for my artwork because they showcase the vibrant and colorful designs I have continued to create throughout my career."

For more information about Art by Lari, call (314) 609-8111

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DIABLO MALE, NEUTERED, 5

Meet Diablo, This Handsome boy is looking for his new family to play and snuggle. Stop in to meet this sweet boy!



REIGN FEMALE, SPAYED, 1 yr 3 mo

Reign is a sweetheart that needs a home where she can get lots love. She loves going on walks. If you are looking for an adventure buddy, then Reign is your girl! She enjoys sniffing, running, jumping, and is very trainable and food/toy motivated.



SARAH FEMALE, SPAYED, 6

Meet Sarah! She is a beautiful kitty who is looking for her new forever family. She can be a little shy at first, but is the perfect companion once she has warmed up. Come meet her today!





PEBBLES FEMALE, SPAYED, 4

Pebbles is a sweet young lady who is ready to "let the sun shine in" to your life. Open up your heart to this lovely girl. She would probably prefer a home with no other cats (at least female cats).



PEACHES MALE, NEUTERED, 2

Hi, I'm Peaches! I'm a handsome, happy guy who is searching for his new forever family. I have all the love, kisses, and energy to give to my new best friends, so stop by and say hello today!



SHORTY MALE, NEUTERED, 2

Shorty is a wonderful dog! He's low-key, easy to walk, and does well in the car. He is food-motivated, super smart, and eager to learn! He already knows "sit," "down," and "paw." He's done well playing with

The dairy story is on the MOOve with new Mobile Dairy Classroom

June is dairy month – the perfect time to thank the farmers who produce delicious and nutritious dairy foods. Originally known as National Milk Month, June Dairy Month highlights the health benefits of dairy foods and the importance of the dairy industry. Today, dairy farmers are not only making strides on the farm but also in the community by educating consumers on dairy cows, dairy farms and dairy foods.

For more than 90 years, the St. Louis District Dairy Council (SLDDC) has been able to contribute to this community movement. This year, in partnership with the Southwest Dairy Museum Inc., SLDDC is excited to bring the Mobile Dairy Classroom to consumers throughout Missouri and Illinois. The Mobile Dairy Classroom, a 32-foot classroom on wheels, began visiting schools in May, traveling through 10 counties in Illinois. Moving into June, the Mobile Dairy Classroom will reach even more consumers as it makes its way to county and state fairs, as well as to local community events throughout SLDDC's territory.

"Only 2 percent of Americans are connected to agriculture, so the Mobile Dairy Classroom tells the story of where dairy foods come from, and how dairy farmers take care of their land, cows and communities," said SLDDC nutrition educator and registered dietitian Maggie Cimarolli.

Louise, the Jersey cow traveling with the Mobile Dairy Classroom, allows the classroom to be a fully-operational milking parlor. During the program, consumers of all ages see how Louise is milked and learn how milk travels from cow to carton.

In addition to learning about dairy cows and dairy farms, consumers are also educated on the nutritional benefits of dairy foods. "The Mobile Dairy Classroom teaches consumers that they need three servings of dairy every day, and that the nutrients in dairy help them to have strong bones, teeth and muscles," Cimarolli said. A serving of dairy can be 1 cup of milk, 1 cup of yogurt or 1.5 ounces of cheese, allowing individuals to tailor their dairy consumption to their eating habits and lifestyle.

Join SLDDC in celebrating June Dairy Month by following along with the Mobile Dairy Classroom as it makes multiple stops this summer, educating on all things dairy! The Mobile Dairy Classroom will continue visiting schools throughout Missouri and Illinois in the 2023-2024 school year.

For additional information on dairy foods and dairy recipes, visit www stldairycouncil.org, call (314) 835-9668, email MCimarolli@STLDairyCouncil.org or visit SLDDC on Facebook and Instagram at STLDairyCouncil.

About the St. Louis District Dairy Council

The St. Louis District Dairy Council (SLDDC) is a nonprofit nutrition education organization funded by local dairy farmers. Since 1932, SLDDC has served 131 counties in central/ southern Illinois and eastern Missouri as the go-to educational resource and advocate for the role of dairy foods as part of a healthful diet. As The Nutrition Education People, we are proud to spread knowledge to local communities, bridging the gap between local dairy farmers and consumers. The staff is comprised of professionals with experience in nutrition, food service management, education and communications, and we take pride in delivering engaging programs throughout the communities we serve.

Kabobs on the Go

Whether you are packing lunches for on the go or you are running short on time, these dairy-packed kabobs are the perfect snack or lunch option for all ages! Try creating your own kabobs using some of your favorite fruits, veggies, meats and cheeses.

Yield: 1 serving Prep: 5 minutes

Ingredients:

- 2 skewers
- 4 cherry tomatoes
- 4 bell pepper slices
- 2 cheddar cheese cubes
- 2 Colby jack cheese cubes
- 2 pepper jack cheese cubes
- 4 slices of low-sodium turkey
- (or your favorite lunch meat)

Directions:

Place a cheese cube on the end of each skewer. Add the other ingredients to the skewer, mixing up the order of ingredients as you go. Place another cheese cube at the end of each skewer to hold all of the ingredients onto the skewer.

JENNY FEMALE, SPAYED, 2

- Jenny is a beautiful and happy girl with the brightest smile! She loves to roll around in the grass and loves her walkies. She is pure joy. other dogs and has been gentle with kids.



TOGO MALE, NEUTERED, 2

Togo is a derpy handsome boy looking for his forever home! He walks amazing on a leash and loves snuggles!

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.

Pack in a to-go container and refrigerate to enjoy later or enjoy once the skewers are completed!

Optional: Serve with a yogurt dip for some extra dipping goodness!



Opera Theatre of Saint Louis Announces 2024 Festival Season Repertory

Opera Theatre of Saint Louis (OTSL) announces a thrilling lineup for its 2024 Festival Season, opening with two of the most beloved operas in the repertory: Rossini's delightful comedy, **The Barber of Seville**, and Puccini's timeless romance, **La bohème**. The second half of the season includes Handel's masterpiece of love and politics, **Julius Caesar**, and Philip Glass' rarely produced **Galileo Galilei**, which explores the great scientist's life. Opera Theatre will host a variety of events in the preceding months that will explore the themes of the season and offer a chance for community gathering and dialogue.

"This is one of our most exciting seasons yet," said General Director Andrew Jorgensen. "The Barber of Seville and La bohème are brilliant classics that delight audiences across the board, whether they're newcomers to this beautiful art form or long-time fans. We're elated to be producing Handel's Julius Caesar for the first time; it's an exceptional work with stunning music and a love story that is sure to captivate audiences. And it feels truly timely to be closing out the season with Philip Glass' Galileo Galilei, which is all about the dialogue between religion and science."

In addition to four mainstage productions, Opera Theatre will offer the annual audience favorite Center Stage. This concert shines a spotlight on the members of OTSL's highly selective Young Artist Programs, accompanied onstage by members of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra. In 2023, just 34 singers were admitted to OTSL's Young Artist Programs from a highly competitive pool of more than 1,000 applicants nationwide.

"Since OTSL's founding, the nurturing and development of young singers has been a central part of our mission," said Jorgensen. "It's a delight to listen to, cheer on, and celebrate these young artists. Their hard work, talent, and dedication are nothing short of inspiring."

About OTSL's 2024 Festival Season

OTSL's 2024 Festival Season will run from May 25 – June 30, 2024 at Webster University's Loretto-Hilton Center. Every opera will be accompanied by members of the Grammy Award-winning St. Louis Symphony Orchestra in the 47th year of this landmark partnership between two leading St. Louis arts institutions. Confirmed creative teams and casting are listed below; further casting information will be announced in early 2024.

The Barber of Seville May: Sat 25, Fri 31, June: Thu 6, Sat 8 (matinee), Wed 12, Sun 16, Wed 19 (matinee), Sat 29

Take a romp through a world of high notes, hijinks, and hair-raising escapades with this comedic masterpiece. The razor-sharp barber Figaro may be a master mischief-maker, but his favorite role is that of matchmaker. When he meets Count Almaviva, a dashing but naïve young nobleman, he promises to help Almaviva win the heart of the beautiful Rosina. A comedy of mistaken identities, cunning disguises, and laugh-out-loud antics ensues as the love-struck Almaviva attempts to outwit Rosina's guardian. From unforgettable arias to uproarious ensembles, The Barber of Seville is a hilarious symphony of laughter and love.

The Barber of Seville is supported by a gift honoring the memory of Sally S. Levy from The Saucy Foundation by her children: Lucy & J. David Levy, Diane & Paul Jacobson, and Karen & Mont Levy.

Giacomo Puccini June: Sat 1, Wed 5, Fri 14, Thu 20, Sat 22 (matinee), Wed 26 (matinee), Sun 30

Ignite your senses and surrender to the intoxicating allure of young love. Set against the backdrop of Paris, a group of bohemian artists find solace and camaraderie in their shared dreams. In their frosty attic, a chance encounter ignites a romance between the seamstress Mimì and the poet Rodolfo. Their love flourishes in winter's chill...yet as winter gives way to spring, the realities of the world begin to cast a shadow over their idyllic affair. With soaring arias and electrifying duets, La bohème will sweep audiences away on a journey of young love.

Julius Caesar George Frideric Handel June: Sun 9, Thu 13, Sat 15 (matinee), Sat 22, Wed 26, Fri 28

Who said that passion and politics make for poor bedfellows? Experience the captivating love story of Julius Caesar and Cleopatra, whose audacious affair rewrote the course of history. As sparks fly between these two rulers, love becomes a battlefield, and the most important conquest is that of the heart. But with pretenders to the throne lurking on all sides, desire can sometimes be a double-sided weapon. From the majesty of Egyptian palaces to the treachery of Roman politics, Julius Caesar offers an unforgettable evening of passion, betrayal, and triumph, set to one of Handel's finest scores.

Galileo Galilei Philip Glass June: Sat 15, Wed 19, Fri 21, Sun 23, Thu 27, Sat 29 (matinee)

Discover the captivating story of one of the most courageous scientists in history. Galileo's unwavering dedication to the pursuit of knowledge paved the way for groundbreaking scientific advancements, but also caused fierce conflicts with the Church he loved. This opera shines a light on Galileo's steadfast spirit and reminds us of the enduring importance of intellectual curiosity. Today, Galileo's story resonates more than ever, urging viewers to challenge the status quo and stand firm in their convictions, no matter the consequences. Experience the power of Glass' mesmerizing composition as it intertwines with a libretto by the renowned playwright Mary Zimmerman. Together, they breathe life into the portrait of a man who forever redefined the center of our universe.

Leadership support for Galileo Galilei comes from the Whitaker Foundation. Made possible in part by the Sally S. Levy Family Fund for New Works. James Robinson's engagement is made possible with generous support from the William T. Kemper Foundation and David & Dotty Kemper.

Old Galileo Center Stage A Young Artist Showcase June 25

This sensational event shines a spotlight on Opera Theatre's Richard Gaddes Festival Artist and Gerdine Young Artist Programs, as these rising opera stars perform iconic melodies from opera's greatest hits and cherished rarities. Center Stage is curated by Patricia Racette, Artistic Director of Young Artist Programs. Opera Theatre is known for launching the careers of many major opera stars, including Jamie Barton, Lawrence Brownlee, Christine Goerke, Erin Morley, Paula Murrihy, Matthew Polenzani, Morris Robinson, Michael Spyres, Russell Thomas, and many more.

Season subscriptions for the 2024 Festival Season are now available. To learn more, people may visit ExperienceOpera. org or call the OTSL Box Office at (314) 961-0644.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Brentwood Board of Aldermen Minutes

Ward 1

Ward 3

PARTIAL BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING Minutes, Monday, April 3, 2023 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Call to Order - Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with the pledge immediately following. Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL Roll Call - All members were present.

Additional people present at the meeting included: Eric Gruenenfelder (Director of Parks and Recreation), Dan Gummersheimer (Director of Public Works), Whitney Kelly (Director of Planning and Development), David Fairgrieve (Building Official), Joe Spiess (Police Chief), Ronnie Cottrell (Fire Chief), Bola Akande (City Administrator), Kevin O'Keefe (City Attorney), and Kelle Silvey (Deputy City Clerk).



Mayor David Dimmitt



Municipal Judge Patrick Dignam

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing Regarding Text Amendment amending Division 5 of Article V of Chapter 400 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Brentwood, Missouri, relating to Fences, Walls, and Screening Devices to address: (1) the aesthetics of such physical security measures, (2) access to the public right-of-way, sidewalks, and/or utility easements, (3) the structural soundness of such physical security measures, and/or (4) changes in the drainage of a property, and Accessory Uses and structure where fence regulations are discussed

The Mayor read the notice and gavel opened the public hearing.

Whitney Kelly presented that this item came out of Planning and Zoning last year because the Board of Adjustment received a fence variance. They looked at it to clarify the code and address any changes. Planning reviewed and recommended changes in March.

The Mayor gavel closed the Public hearing,

Public Hearing Regarding Text Amendment amending Section 400.1880 Lighting of the Zoning Code relating that new LED Lights have a maximum lighting to Corrected Color Temperature (CCT) to 2700K in furtherance of the public health and safety due to artificial lighting levels - Continue to the April 17th Board of Aldermen Meeting

The Mayor read the notice and gavel opened the public hearing.

The Mayor shared that this matter is not ready to be taken up tonight. Planning and Zoning still needs to address the matter and so have requested that the public hearing be kept open until the April 17th Board of Aldermen meeting.

Motion was made by Alderman Plufka and seconded by Alderwoman Sims to continue and keep public hearing open until April 17, 2023 meeting.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

MAYOR AND ALDERMEN REPORTS Mayor David Dimmitt -

Read a statement regarding the retirement of Sgt. Chris Gibson on March 28, 2023, noting his responsibilities and accomplishments in 24 years, and congratulating him on entering this next phase in his life.

*Reminded everyone that election day is tomorrow (April 4th) and that Proposition M is on the ballot, encouraging those unfamiliar with this proposition to research it so he does not misrepresent the item. He named each of the candidates for positions; Mayor, Municipal Judge, and Aldermen in each Ward, stating each is elected for a two-year term.

Provided an update on the Lee Wynn Trail repair project being done by Castle Construction noting that the Board approved the lane closures to shore up the bank and put the trail and road back to safe condition. The cost is over

\$500,000 and was Board approved.

*Also noted that Russel Ave is closed between Brentwood Blvd. and Collier Ave. for MSD sewer repairs until April 15th

*Announced the Brentwood Park Grand Opening on Saturday, June 3rd from 11:00 – 2:00pm -more information to follow.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT Brentwood Bound Update

Craig Schluter, Navigate Building solutions gave report (Available in BoardDocs). He noted there was just one soft cost since the last Board of Aldermen meeting. There was an update to the categories of funding, showing the Arbitrage funding gained through the 2019 COP investment fund. Mayor invited Eric Gruenenfelder to give an update on the status of the Brentwood Sports Complex and Field #1. Eric shared that we have scheduled with this field due to flooding. Discussion led to doing what we could do to get the High School season in, even if it was not a great field for this year. Phase 1 was to get infield dirt in place and leveled out. It is holding fairly well. Phase 2 is to do limited support for the outfield and do necessary improvements after Brentwood days to be ready for next year. Flash flood events are averaging about 4-5 per year and the continual damage just adds to costs and aggravation. They are doing all they can to minimize issues with the fields. The best time to do work to support fields is November through February, but this year was difficult due to rain. The field and mound meet regulations, but field play availability has been rough. Doing best we can but looking forward to Sports Complex updates (and all parks) through the parks master plan. What we are doing with Brentwood Bound is having a correlated effect on what we do with the Sports complex. We have not had water in the sports complex this year. We are hopeful this correlated effect helps us with future rain events. Had first Master Plan meeting today, talked about challenges and looking forward to working on this. Following the Public Works Committee meetings provides a summary of this project as well. Mayor summarized that for Field #1 after consultation with the High School Athletic Director, decision was made to hire a company to handle the infield repairs, and we outsourced this project, due to company's expertise and equipment. Work has been done. We will outsource repairs to the outfield as well but wait until after Brentwood Days to do this work. Field #2 & #3 typically used for adult leagues (High School uses sometimes as well) have had some work done on them already and we can address those concerns with work done in-house. Alderman Wegge confirmed that the city is doing the best that they can given the constraints



Alderwoman Nancy Parker Tice



Alderman Jeff Gould Steve Lochmoeller



Alderwoman

Sunny Sims

Kathy O'Neill



Alderman Brandon Wegge

Alderwoman



Alderman Jack Shelton

and appreciates the efforts to make the best decisions possible.

Alderman Gould refined what work has been done on the infield. The infield dirt was leveled, but infield grass was not leveled. Eric shared that we made an investment in a roller to level that out and help improve grass in between games and start growing grass soon.

Ward 4

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 1432 - A Resolution Approving a Change Order to the Professional Services Master Agreement with Navigate Building Solutions for Owners Representative Services for Brentwood Bound

Director Gruenenfelder shared information stating that the contract with Navigate for flood mitigation Phase 1 &2 and GRG Connector part A ended late December. This change order is to continue the contract (due to projects delays).

Alderwoman Tice asked if we are getting FEMA money to help pay for some of this - and Eric shared that we are in discussion with FEMA now regarding this. We are hopeful, but it has not been approved or denied our request yet.

Motion was made by Alderman Lochmoeller and seconded by Alderman Plufka to approve Resolution No. 1432 ...

Roll call: Motion carried by a vote of 8 (yes) to 0 (no).

Bill No. 6454 An Ordinance of the City of Brentwood, Missouri, authorizing the Mayor and/or City Administrator to execute the attached 2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Municipal Housing and Community Development Supplemental Cooperation Agreement - First and Second Reading

First Reading was done by City Attorney.

City Administrator shared that the city participates with St. Louis County on this block grant which is to approve the block grant allocation from \$5000 to \$7500. Grant is still at \$20,000 (just allocation amount has increased). No resident in our community has applied yet so we are working to promote this throughout the community. Mayor asked how much was used last year, and Director Kelly said she does not have word on that.

Motion was made by Alderman Lochmoeller and seconded by Alderman Plufka for a second reading on this. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Second Reading was done by the City Attorney.

Motion was made by Alderman Gould and seconded by Alderman Shelton to perfect Bill No. 6454 into Ordinance form. Roll call: By a vote of 8 (yes) to 0 (no), Bill #6454 will become Ordinance #5085

Bill No. 6455 - An Ordinance approving a Text Amendment Regarding Fence and Wall Regulations of the City of Brentwood. First Reading

First Reading was done by City Attorney.

Director Kelly presented that this text amendment is looking at the city's fence regulations under Section 400.020 as well as Article 5, Division 5 to be reorganized and made clearer. It also includes a minor amendment to the swimming pool sections.

Alderman Lochmoeller inquired about Section 400.2400 item A - first sentence refers to Subsection (D) but should maybe be Section 400.2410 (D). Director Kelly agreed this was in error. It was also asked if fences were allowed in the front yard and the Director stated that current code allowed decorative ones up to 24 inches, but Commission board felt they should be allowed to go up to 48 inches if 50% open.





Alderman

David Plufka

Alderman Wegge clarified that what has changed is front yard definition and fence height, and inquired if clarification on screening was done as he had interest in that section, Whitney referred to Section 400.2430 and noted that the part about "permit required" was moved up to the beginning, new section 2380, to make it clearer. (The redlined document with changes is available in BoardDocs.)

Alderman Lochmoeller asked if fences in front yard had to go to ARB (Architectural Review Board) for review. Director Kelly stated it is not reviewed by ARB.

Mayor noted that since this is a first read, we will take this up again at the next meeting on Aril 17, 2023.

ADJOURN

Adjournment - Meeting moved to Closed Session at 7:41PM

This meeting was livestreamed on YouTube and recorded. The recording will be made available on the City's YouTube channel.





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Monday, July 17 at 6:00 p.m.

at the Brentwood Community Center (2505 S Brentwood Blvd, Brentwood, MO)

Open to kids and families. Free. **No registration** required.



Brentwood Police Department

Calls for Service Report *Note: CFS Do Not Always Become Written Police Reports

05-22-23 to 05-28-23

CFS for Person Crime	
Murder / Manslaughter	0
Sex & Sexual Assaults CFS	1
Robbery /Car-Jack	0
Assaults	0
Peace Dist -Domestic- Misc	10
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	4
Larceny - Shoplifting	14
Larceny - From Vehicle	0
Stolen Vehicles	1
Trespassing	8

Weapons Related	
Utilized/Taken	1
Recovered	0

12
105
58
145

Notable CFS	
Alarm Calls	7
Animal Related	5
Assist FD & etc	26
Check Welfare/Notification	7
Contact Another Agency	17
Motor Assist	6
Police Community Relations	5
FLOCK/LPR/RADAR-FTY	3
Solicitors	1
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	26
Traffic Control/Details	12
Traffic Stops	32
Vacation Checks/Close Watch	4
Fireworks	0
ARREST	
Prisoner Conveyance	1
Adults	4
Juvenile	0
ARREST TYPE	
FTA/Fugitive	0
Original Non-Traffic	4
Original Traffic	0

Miscellaneous CFS	19
Minus Arrest/Types/Weapons	-9
Total Calls For Service	531



Brentwood Police Department

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September 15-16 **Brentwood Sports Complex**

We are seeking craft and food vendors to participate in this two-day festival to celebrate the community of Brentwood.

Contact Cheryl Riley for more information: CRiley@BrentwoodMO.org (314) 963-8690

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Calls for Mental Health	3

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Burglary - Residential	2
Burglary - Business	0
Destruction of Property	1
Frauds & ID Theft	8
Larceny - Shoplifting	32
Larceny - From Vehicle	5
Stolen Vehicles	3
Trespassing	8

Weapons Related	
Utilized/Stolen	1
Recovered	2

Auto Accidents	46
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Alarm Calls	41
Animal Related	11
Assist FD & etc	106
Check Welfare/Notification	36
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Motor Assist	15
Police Community Relations	11
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Miscellaneous CFS	160
Minus Arrest-Types-Weapon	-61
Total Calls For Service	2010

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City of Brentwood News June 2023

City Offices Closed June 19 for Juneteenth; Trash/Recycling Schedule Adjusted

City of Brentwood offices will be closed Monday, June 19, in observance of Juneteenth.

Per the Holiday Trash Schedule, there will be no trash or recycling service on Monday, June 19. Trash and recycling collections the week of June 19 will take place the day after the regularly scheduled day.

Coffee with the Mayor: June 29

Join Mayor Dimmitt for coffee, donuts and conversation at Coffee with the Mayor on Thursday, June 29, 9-10 am at Brentwood City Hall (2348 S. Brentwood Blvd.).

City Offices Closed July 4 for Independence Day; Trash/Recycling Schedule Adjusted

City of Brentwood offices will be closed Tuesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.

Per the Holiday Trash Schedule, there will be no trash or recycling service on Tuesday, July 4. Trash and recycling collections will take place the day after the regularly scheduled day beginning July 5.

Board of Aldermen and Committee Meetings Available on YouTube

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



Holiday	Date	Change
Juneteenth	Monday, June 19	No trash service. Pickup resumes one day after regular schedule (Tues-Sat)
Independence Day	Tuesday, July 4	No trash service. Pickup resumes one day after regular schedule (Wed-Sat)
Labor Day	Monday, September 4	No trash service. Pickup resumes one day after regular schedule (Tues-Sat)
Veterans Day Observed	Friday, November 10	No trash service. Pickup resumes one day after regular schedule (Sat)
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 23	No trash service. Pickup resumes one day after regular schedule (Fri-Sat)
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2023 Brentwood Alumni **Association Scholarships**



Thanks to the generous donations of our alumni, the Brentwood Alumni Association was able to provide seven \$5000 scholarships to graduating seniors from Brentwood High School's Class of 2023. The scholarship committee received many qualified applications and had the difficult task of choosing just seven recipients as all applicants were deserving. Brentwood High School has once again done an outstanding job in educating and preparing its students for their next chapter. Congratulations to The Class of 2023!

Eloise Ayotte will attend Butler University in the fall to major in Environmental Studies and Journalism. They hope to become an Environmental Project Manager for a non-profit someday. While at Brentwood, they were the editor-in-chief of the school newspaper, vice president of the student council, co-president of the feminist club, member of the National



Honor Society, and played on the soccer team. Eloise is exceptionally grateful for all the opportunities Brentwood has given them and cherishes their time in the wonderful district. They cannot wait to return to visit as an alumn.

Jazelyn Herrera will be attending Missouri State University in the fall to major in nursing. She wants to become a nurse anesthetist after receiving her bachelor's degree in hopes to provide valuable care to those in need. Jazelyn was president of the Student Council, a member of NHS, and team captain for both varsity volleyball and soccer while



attending Brentwood High School. She is incredibly grateful for the opportunities Brentwood and the Alumni have given her and for encouraging her to accomplish her future goals. She is so excited to be an alumn.

Ian McAllister will be attending Truman State University in the fall. He wants to study in a STEM field in college and did robotics all 4 years of high school. Ian also loves music and hopes to be a gigging musician in college and play in Truman's jazz band. He loves meeting new people and is excited to explore his interests in college, and is grateful for the



opportunities created by receiving this generous scholarship from the Alumni Association.

Nicholas Moomey will be attending Southern Illinois University Carbondale, majoring in Automotive technology. He participated in soccer, wrestling, and tennis freshman year, as well as varsity tennis junior year. This scholarship has helped him greatly in being able to afford his education.

Andrew Moran will be attending SLU but is undecided about his major. He is interested in Math and the Sciences. At Brentwood, he participated in many extracurriculars including soccer, tennis, and scholar bowl. He is proud to be a twin and will miss his brother and all his classmates and teachers in college



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Household Bulk Item Pickup: Pickup of large household items is available for an additional fee. See Household Bulk Item Pickup at https://www.brentwoodmo.org/ > City Government > Departments > Public Works. To schedule a large item pickup, call 314.962.4800.

Christmas Tree Recycling – Wednesdays in January: Brentwood Public Works will pick up and recycle live Christmas trees. Please remove all lights and ornaments before placing tree by the curb. The last possible collection date will be February 1, 2023, if inclement weather causes delays in January.

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Nick Moran is attending the KU school of Architecture to get a 5 years masters of Architecture. He left his legacy at Brentwood through the sports he played and extracurriculars he participated in. In college, he plans on doing intramurals, club soccer, community service, and making the most of study abroad.

Amelia Van Uum will be attending the University of Michigan to major in Political Science. While at Brentwood, she was a National Honor Society co-officer, and involved with Feminist Coalition Club, Student Council, volleyball, and wrestling statistics. She is incredibly grateful for all of the support she's been given from the Brentwood Community,

and she will miss everyone once she graduates. Receiving this scholarship means a lot to Amelia, and she is excited to continue her education!









By Kevin McCarthy

Jambalaya, Crawfish Pie, and File' Gumbeau

We recently traveled to San Antonio, TX for an international travel conference. On our way home, we cut across Louisiana before heading north. After having an elegant sufficiency of Texas Tacos, I was ready for some Cajun/Creole delights.

It's an easy drive across the Gulf Coast on I-10. Our first stop was Lake Charles, LA. for lunch at Steamboat Bill's On The Lake. This seafood restaurant spe-

We have previous-

ly done the Boudin Trail, and when I saw Boudin balls on the menu I had to have one. Boudin is served as a sausage, or rolled, coated, and



cializes in Cajun/Creole preparations, and they do it well.



fried. Every gas station, market, grocery store, restaurant etc. has their own closely guarded, secret recipe and they are all delicious. I also had a bowl of etouff'ee. Unlike some Cajun restaurants in St. Louis, it was not overly spiced. There was hot Cajun seasoning and hot sauce if you wanted it, but I didn't need it. It was perfectly spiced.

Sue ordered a "Gator" Po Boy. WOW, it was amazing, chunks of deep-fried white meat with a slightly sweet taste. It was incredible. A lady at the table next to us was enjoying a three-pound platter of crawfish. It looked good, but was way more than I wanted to try for lunch.

From there, we were back on the road to Houma, LA. And dinner at Boudreau and Tibodeau's. Cajun Cookin' restaurant. When I saw the place filled with lo-

Sue had a crab cake pasta with a garlic cream sauce on a bed of angel hair pasta. It was a bit of a twist on Cajun cuisine, but it was excellent. She also had a "Sunset On





cals, I knew it was going to be good



than the world famous Cafe De Monde in New Orleans. You have a choice on many different coffee blends to match your preference.

As I was enjoying my fantastic Beignet, I saw a plate go by with what looked like a mound of biscuits and gravy. In the interest of journalism, and my addiction to



B&G, I placed an order for only one biscuit and gravy. I found the source of "slingers and glue" perfection! That biscuit was so light and fluffy they had to bury it in gravy to keep it from floating off the plate. This without question the best biscuit and gravy I have ever tasted.

In conclusion, Cajun/Creole food is not screaming hot, taste bombs designed to destroy your mouth, tongue and lips. You will experience some different spicing tastes, but they are all good. You can add as much hot sauce as you like. Coastal Louisiana is a foodie paradise. You will find incredibly delicious Cajun/Creole delicacies that seem to come from their home kitchens, and you will be served by friendly people who make you feel like you're a long lost family member. The secret is for you to relax, enjoy, and come back for more.

Steam Boat Bill's ius located at 1004 N Lake Shore Dr, Lake Charles, LA 70601. phone: 337-494-1070

Beaudreau and Tibideau's Cajun cookin' is located at 5602 West Main Street, Houma, LA 70360 Phone:(985) 872-4711

Downtown Jeaux is located at 300 Church Street, Houma, LA 70360 Phone: 985-346-6662 or 985-346-6669

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Blue Owl White Chili

INGREDIENTS

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- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 medium onions, chopped
- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 (4 ounce) cans chopped mild green chilies
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1 1/2 teaspoons dried oregano, crumbled
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 3 (16 ounce) cans great northern beans, undrained
- 6 cups chicken stock or 6 cups canned chicken broth
- 4 cups chopped cooked chicken, to taste
- 3 cups grated monterey jack cheese (about 12 oz.)

DIRECTIONS

1. Heat oil in large pot over medium high heat. Add onions and saute until translucent, about 10 minutes. Stir in garlic, then chilies, cumin, oregano, and cayenne and saute 2 minutes. Add undrained beans and stock and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and add chicken and cheese to chili and stir until cheese melts. Season to taste with salt and pepper and ladle into bowls.

FOR FREEZING: Pour soup into a rigid container (or freezer bag), label and freeze. To reheat, thaw in refrigerator overnight or simply put frozen soup into a largepot and gently heat, with lid on and stirring often, till heated through.

Casa Gallardo Perfect Guacamole

Ingredients



The Bayou"cocktail, a very tasty mix of pineapple and orange juice with tequila and grenadine.

I ordered the Trinity of Cajun dining, Jambalaya, Crawfish Pie and File' Gumbeau with a side of Hush Puppies. Once again, nothing was over-spiced, no swollen lips and burning tongue, just delicious seafood specialties. The Hush Puppies were wonderful corn fritters with pieces of sweet corn inside.

The menu is huge and there is something for everyone. The service was excellent and the price was very affordable. We definitely recommend Boudreau and Tibideau's for a real-deal Cajun dinner.

We started the next day with breakfast at Downtown Jeaux (pronounced Joe) coffee house. located on the town square, complete with a beautiful Victorian bandstand,



it is a gathering place for locals to start their day. Everyone waves, and says hello as they come inside and the outside tables are filled with local conversation and camaraderie.

Like many Louisiana restaurants, a Beignet for breakfast is a must, and Downtown Jeaux's were just as good, or better

Recycle it or donate it to your local animal shelter.

2 Tbsp minced onion 1 medium jalapeno 1 garlic clove, minced (optional) 2 tsp chopped fresh coriander Juice of 1/2 lime 2 large, ripe avocados, halved, seeded and peeled Salt

1 large tomato, peeled, seeded and chopped Lime juice Taco chips

Preparation

Combine 1 1/2 tablespoons onion with the jalapeno, garlic, coriander and lime juice in a processor. Chop using on/off switch. Turn into a mixing bowl.

Add avocado and mash with a fork. Add tomato and remaining onion and toss to blend. Season to taste with salt and additional lime juice. Serve at room temperature with taco chips.

Note: Can be prepared several hours ahead and refrigerated. Sprinkle guacamole with lime juice to prevent darkening.

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MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN AND SHAW NATURE RESERVE HONOR JUNETEENTH

Visitors are invited to join the Garden and Shaw Nature Reserve to honor Juneteenth on Monday, June 19. Multiple activities for all ages are planned in various locations throughout the day. The Garden will offer an interpretive Visitor Guide, which highlights the significant contributions of African Americans in advancing botanical science throughout history.

The public is encouraged to explore the George Washington Carver Garden, dedicated to the Missouri-native scientist who greatly influenced 19th and 20th-century agriculture and education.

"The Garden has planned unique activities designed to deepen the Juneteenth celebration. This is a great family opportunity to enjoy and honor the holiday outdoors," added Michelle Martin Bonner, Director of Diversity, Equity and Belonging for the Missouri Botanical Garden.

The Garden's Education Division will provide interpretation and materials in the Jack C. Taylor Visitor Center to educate and illuminate the meaning and understanding of Juneteenth.

From 9:00 am - 11:30 am, Garden staff will be joined by experts from the Butterfly House to highlight Black individuals who have made an impact in the field of entomology. Some "arthropod friends" from the Butterfly House will also be on hand for various demonstrations.

At 10:00 AM, the Kemper Center will host a cooking demonstration by Chef Lavinia McCoy, Founder of Gourmet Soul. Chef McCoy is a proud Air Force Veteran with 30 years of service. A research team from LoveFood.com recently compiled a list of the best soul food restaurants in every state, and we are proud that Gourmet Soul is on the list. https://gourmetsoul.com/

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.

ZOOFARI 2023 PRESENTED BY WELLS FARGO

What: ZOOFARI 2023 presented by Wells Fargo. Eat, drink and dance the night away under the moonlight at the best party in St. Louis! Proceeds from the biennial fundraiser support Saint Louis Zoo conservation efforts here and around the world. When: 7 p.m. until midnight on Friday, June 16, 2023

On June 16, the Zoo is open to the public from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m., when it will close for ZOOFARI preparations. Where: Saint Louis Zoo

Event Information: The party for ages 21+ includes:

40+ St. Louis-area restaurants and caterers serving delectable dishes at themed booths throughout the Zoo.

Live music by The Downtown Band, a popular national cover band. Additional music by St. Louis party band Downtime and DJ Nico Marie.

Premium open bars with beer, wine and specialty cocktails.

Special fundraising activities to benefit the Zoo, including a wine and spirits pull, bourbon tasting and raffle, local restaurant gift card wall funded by Wells Fargo, and Kendra Scott Color Bar[™] experience.

Take a ride on the Emerson Zooline Railroad.

Tickets: Advance tickets are required. Purchase tickets online at stlzoo.org/zoofari. Rain-or-shine event.

Tickets available at stlzoo.org/zoofari:

\$200 per person for Zoo Members\$250 per person for non-membersVIP Tickets: \$500 per person (VIP Reception, reserved seating)

Event Attire: ZOOFARI is creative black-tie, a fusion of formal and fun! Rock an outfit with fun patterns or bold colors, sport an animal bowtie or cummerbund, don a tuxedo jacket with shorts, wear eclectic jewelry and comfortable footwear.

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By Sue McCarthy

My husband, Kevin and I, attended our grandson Wayne Pritts's high school graduation in northern Texas before he left for his commitment to the U.S. Naval Academy in Rhode Island.

2 Days In San Antonio

We were going to San Antonio next to attend an annual IPW Travel Conference. We stayed at the Hilton Palacio del Rio which was overlooking the 15 mile long riverwalk. After attending the conference we divided up our press visits to the local museums so that we could cover more of the destination.

We both went to the Witte Museum for a luncheon, "Where Nature, Science and Culture Meet." The museum was established in 1926 and is dedicated to telling the stories of Texas from the pre-history to the present. Permanent exhibits include: (displays of historic artifacts, and photographs), Texas art, textiles, dinosaur bones, cave drawings, Texas wildlife dioramas, as well as, traveling exhibits.

Kevin then attended the 41st Annual Tejano Conjunto Festival at the Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center. The mission cultivates, promotes and preserves traditional and contemporary Chicano, Latino and Native American Arts and Culture. The festival is an annual five-day long concert event attended by 10,000 conjunto lovers from around the world and is held at Rosedale Park. Conjunto is about music and dance. It is multi-generational, Mexican music mixed with German Ooompah music on the accordian.

Next, Kevin's group went to the Carver Community Cultural Center. The African-American community was prevented from joining San Antonio's social, cultural and educational life by segretion created it's own cultural center. In 1976, the Carver became a multi-ethnic and multi-cultural performing arts center. In 2007, the center was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. The building was named The Carver to honor George Washington Carver. Nationally acclaimed African-American performances there by Louis Armstrong, Ella Fitzgerald, Lionel Hampton, Cab Calloway among other notable performers.

Sue went with a different group and we were supposed to visit the zoo, then it started raining so I only got to pet a snake. Next our group visited the Botanical Gardens and we huddled under a pavilion. I did learn how to make a delicious botanical drink using gin, proseco, sage, basil and mint...well shaken. Our next stop was at the Japanese Gardens where again it was raining. I saw some beautiful flowers and koi. I learned that San Antonio believes in repurposing its land. The Japanese Garden was designed using an old limestone quarry.

We watched the beautiful pink flamingos and even got the opportunity to feed them.

The skies cleared up and we went to Morgan's Wonderland. It is more than just an amusement park. In 2006, Gordon and Maggie Hartman observed their daughter, Morgan, wanted to play with the other kids while they were on vacation. But, the kids didn't want to play with her. Morgan's dad was heartbroken to see his daughter snubbed. You see, Morgan is a special needs child. Morgan couldn't understand why they didn't want to swim with her or play ball. Mr. Hartman is a philanthropist and business owner. In 2005, he sold his companies and established The Gordon Hartman Family Foundation so he and his wife could pursue their dream of helping children and adults with special needs. Their daughter was born with both cognitive and physical challenges. In 2010, Morgan's Wonderland became the world's first Ultra-Accessible fully-accessible theme park. Some of the unique rides are a train and swing that will hold a wheelchair. There is also a swimming pool for young and old alike. Guided by its mission of inclusion, the park strives to bring together guests of all ages and abilities through the inclusive play. http://www.InclusionStartsHere. com 210-860-0090.





Japanese Garden Quarry



Riverwalk Parade





The St. Louis Post-Dispatch has released its list of 2023 Scholar-Athletes, and Brentwood High School senior Ian Thornton was among the student-athletes honored by the publication. Congratulations, Ian!



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