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## Teacher and Support Staff Member of the Year

Brentwood School District congratulates two outstanding staff members for their commitment to education and student success!

**David Murphy**, one of the district's maintenance crew, has been named Brentwood School District Support Staff Member of the Year.

**Amy Rehak**, a 4th Grade teacher at McGrath Elementary, has been named Brentwood Teacher of the Year.

In order to be recognized for either distinction, employees must be nominated, complete an application, and then be selected by a committee of their peers.

While many staff members were nominated for these awards, Amy and David stood out for their embodiment of Brentwood School District's "WHY" statement: "To empower and support our students with meaningful relationships that allow them to thrive and become positive forces of change." Congratulations to Amy and David on this amazing accomplishment!



Teacher of the Year Amy Rehak with McGrath Principal, Dr. Cindy Neu.



David Murphy and Amy Rehak with Dr. Lane.



Staff Member of the Year David Murphy with his wife, who surprised him at the announcement.

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# INSIDE BASEBALL

By Rob Rains of  
StLSportsPage.com

## Dylan Carlson's status has changed, but his mindset to "get better every day" remains the same

JUPITER, Fla. – When Dylan Carlson came to the Cardinals major-league spring training camp for the first time, his locker was tucked into a far corner of the clubhouse and his uniform number, 91, reflected his status.

Carlson was a prospect, but he was still a long way away from playing in St. Louis.

Last spring, the placement of Carlson's locker – in the middle of a row of veterans, next to catcher Matt Wieters – showed how far he had progressed in a year. His uniform number dropped from 91 to 68.

When Carlson showed up at the Cardinals camp this spring, he did so with the knowledge that he is projected to be a regular in the Cardinals' outfield this season. The uniform number, 3, he was given when he made his major-league debut last August was hanging in his locker.

His status, number, and locker location might have changed, but at least one thing remains the same for Carlson as it was in that first spring camp two years ago – his attitude.

"Honestly to me, I look at it the same exact way, just to try to get better each and every day," Carlson said. "From the first time I came to camp, I thought in my head I was going out there to try to win a job, even though it probably wasn't obtainable back then.

"That was just my mindset every day. That allowed me to get better and make the most out of each opportunity. I still go in there with that same mindset – to try to get better each and every day."

It was the 22-year-old Carlson's performance in the later part of the shortened 2020 season that elevated him to the ranks of a projected starter, a position that was only strengthened when the Cardinals traded Dexter Fowler to the Angels.

After struggling in the early days of his major-league debut, hitting just .162 in his first 23 games, a short reset at the Cardinals' alternate site camp allowed Carlson to clear his head and alter his approach – getting back to what he has done all his life.

In the final 12 games of the season, Carlson posted a .278 average with two homers and 11 RBI. He found himself hitting cleanup in the first-round of the playoffs against the Padres, something only two players in franchise postseason history at done at the age of 21 – Stan Musial and Albert Pujols.

"Obviously you could tell in my performance that everything started speeding up on me a little bit," Carlson said of that first stint with the Cardinals. "I just got away from being myself. I came back up really focused on controlling the things I can control and playing the game I know how to play – go out there and have fun.

"When you come up you hear a lot of things and a lot of people are passing along great information. You've got to process what works for you and understand you still have to do the things that got you there. You can't just change them."

What got Carlson to the major leagues are the same tools that have earned him almost universal acclaim as one of the best prospects in the game coming into this season -- with the ability to hit for power, hit for average, steal bases and play outstanding defense at any of the three outfield positions. Because of the rules changes adopted because of the shortened season, Carlson retains his rookie status going into this year.

As has been his philosophy ever since he signed out of high school, Carlson isn't going to worry about what anyone else expects him to do this season. He knows his own expectations are what drives him.

### A different off-season

Normally in the winter, Carlson has returned home to Elk Grove, Calif., just outside of Sacramento, and spent the off-season working out with friends J.D. Davis and Dom Nunez – who also happen to be professional baseball players.

The list of Elk Grove alumni currently in the majors is six players deep with Carlson joining the ranks along with Davis, with the Mets, and Nunez, on the Colorado Rockies. The group also includes Derek Hill, Nick Madrigal and Rowdy Tellez. The group also has something else in common – all were coached in high school by Jeff Carlson, Dylan's dad.

Because of the pandemic, however, that group was scattered this winter and Carlson found a new facility where he worked out – and prepared as hard as he ever has for an upcoming season.

"It was real productive," Carlson said. "It was a little different, real concentrated, focused. I took a big interest in my mental game, as well as physical, trying to get stronger. The place where I worked out, we went through a lot of physical assessments and built a plan around it to get better. We attacked things I needed to get better at."

Carlson's work on the mental side of the game included reading books and watching videos – trying to really understand who he is as a player by "diving into the numbers to see areas or tendencies, different things to try to understand what makes me good and things I can get better at. The team lets me know what they think and obviously I have my own thoughts. It's definitely something I am conscious about."

Carlson is eager to get on the field, even in spring training games, and see how he can transfer the knowledge he gained last year, and over the winter, and use it to his benefit.

"For me last year was a big learning experience," he said. "I got exposed to this level and the way we do things at this level. For me being comfortable will only help."

For some young players, receiving all of the hype and buildup – and Rookie of the Year projections – would get in their heads and have a negative effect on their performance.

Manager Mike Shildt already has been around Carlson long enough to know that he doesn't have to worry about that with him.

"It will be more of a friendly reminder to Dylan to not try to do too much," Shildt said. "He's a pretty even keel guy. That's a conversation that will take place, it's a conversation with a lot of players. Dylan's not the only one – just try to do what you can and let your talent play.

"It will be a similar message with a lot of guys, including most of the outfielders – just go play, go be you, trust your ability and enjoy yourself. Just go play the game with passion and a competitive spirit. Dylan goes about that in the right way. It will be more of a friendly reminder that he may or may not actually need.

"He just needs to go play."

John Mozeliak, president of baseball operations, said what the Cardinals want to see from Carlson this spring is simply to repeat of how he played at the end of last year.

"A lot of times with young players, it really comes down to just confidence, knowing that they belong," Mozeliak said. "In Dylan's case, you look at how he played when he was up here the second time, you felt he knew he belonged. From that standpoint it's not like we have threshold hurdles that he needs to cross or something of that nature, it's just the comfort level of understanding that he is going to get an opportunity and he will have confidence when he gets that opportunity.

"He's someone that I think over a full season is going to be a producer in our lineup. I like his style of baseball in the sense that he is someone that can hit line drives, can hit the ball out of the ballpark. A lot of times you hear that saying, 'Keep turning the lineup over' and he's the type of hitter that can do that."

In his first big-league camp, Carlson tried to soak up as much knowledge as he could from players such as Paul Goldschmidt. He expects to do the same this spring with Arenado.

Carlson will take what he learns from those conversations and add it to his ever-expanding knowledge of the game, knowing his real goal is to be able to display everything he has learned where it matters the most, on the field.

"I'm pretty excited to get out there," he said. "I'm expecting to do some good things."

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## WGU Missouri Launches the "I Have a Dream" Scholarship in Honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Nonprofit, online university to award \$75,000 in scholarships for Missourians who dream of earning a degree

In celebration of the life and legacy of late civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., WGU Missouri has announced it will award \$75,000 in scholarships to those who have dreamed of furthering their education but have faced challenges in their lives that have prevented them from doing so. The nonprofit, online university aims to provide financial relief to adults through its "I Have a Dream" scholarship to help make it easier for them to fulfill their dreams and complete their degrees.

The scholarships are open to new students enrolling in any of WGU's 60-plus undergraduate and graduate degree programs in information technology, business, teacher education and health professions, including nursing. Each "I Have a Dream" scholarship is valued at up to \$4,000 and will be credited to students' accounts at a rate of \$1,000 per six-month term, renewable for up to four terms. Applications are currently being accepted at [missouri.wgu.edu/dream](http://missouri.wgu.edu/dream).

"As we reflect on the legacy of Dr. King, who worked tirelessly to end the injustices of racial and economic inequality, we continue to be inspired by his vision for the future," said Dr. Angie Besendorfer, Chancellor of WGU Missouri. "We are proud to once again offer this scholarship so that working adults across the state can be inspired to follow their dreams of furthering their education, advancing their careers and, ultimately, enhancing their lives."

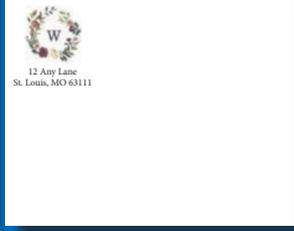
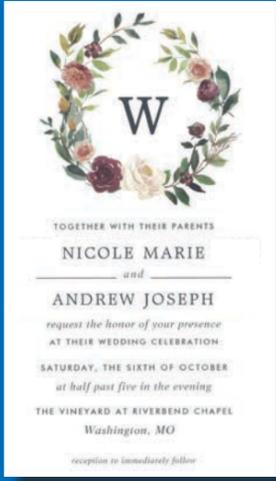
The "I Have a Dream" scholarships are competitive and will be awarded based on the students' academic record, previous college experience, readiness for online study, current competency, as well as other considerations. The application deadline is June 30, 2021.

For more information about WGU Missouri and the "I Have a Dream" scholarship, visit [missouri.wgu.edu](http://missouri.wgu.edu).



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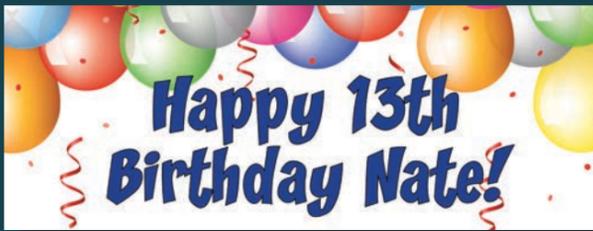
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### Saint Louis Zoo Makes Decisive Move to Save American Red Wolves

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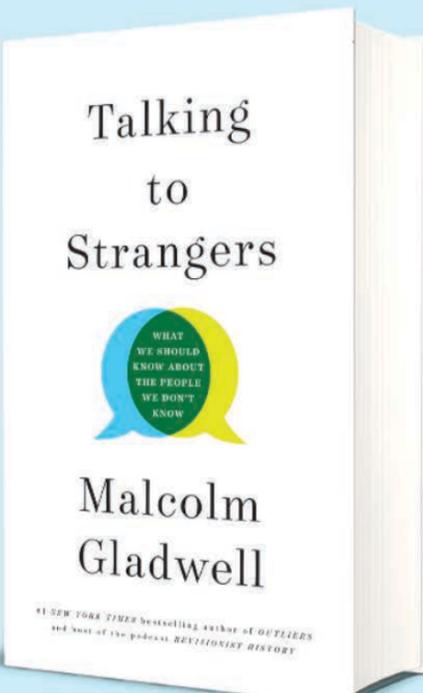
Responding to an urgent call to keep this species from going extinct, the Zoo is transforming part of its land in Franklin County, Mo., into a conservation habitat where 24 American red wolves will live and breed in a private, protected natural setting.

The Zoo is developing approximately 20 acres of its 355-acre property in Franklin County, known as the Saint Louis Zoo Sears Lehmann, Jr. Wildlife Reserve, with separately secured habitats for 12 mating pairs of wolves in 2021. The wolves will come from other conservation organizations in 2022. The campus will not be open to visitors, as the Zoo wants the wolves to learn natural survival skills without much human interaction in the secured facility.

The Saint Louis Zoo American red wolf conservation and recovery facility is supported by private donations from Kevin Beckmann and an anonymous donor and received USFWS Recovery Challenge grant funding through C2S2.

“We’re incredibly thankful for the generosity of donors who support our mission to save animals from extinction,” said Dr. Bonner. “Conservation is the backbone of the Zoo, and we’re committed to innovative, collaborative projects like this one to secure the future of wildlife.”







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## An open invitation to the Brentwood Community, And including those voting at local polling places

I am writing to invite you ALL to participate in a community project. We will hold the 3rd Election Day Food Drive on Tuesday April 6. Brentwood will host our municipal election for Mayor, Judge, and Aldermen for each of the 4 wards; there is also a tax hike request from MSD on the ballot. The past two collections have yielded 32-35 boxes of goods and over \$130 in money donations (100% is turned over to 2 organizations for the needy). This April let's fill 50 boxes.

In addition to collecting the food, we will also collect worn out US flags and get them to the American Legion for proper retirement.

Tell your family, friends, neighbors, classmates, and social media contacts about this program and ask them to buy a can or two for someone in need. Come out on Election Day to vote, drop off a donation for others and/or take the opportunity to retire an old flag.

### Items we are looking for:

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- Canned vegetables
- Canned stew
- Canned fish
- Canned beans
- Canned meats
- Pasta (most prefer whole grain)
- Rice (most prefer brown rice)
- Paper towels and toilet paper

Look for our large marked box on election day. Anything you can donate is greatly appreciated.

We will have collections stations at the Brentwood Rec Center, McKnight Crossing, the Brentwood School District headquarters Hudson and Steger Schools.

If you have any questions or if you can help man a polling location, feel free to contact me directly.

### THANK YOU

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## COMMUNITY SCIENCE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FROGWATCH USA

### Saint Louis Zoo virtual training sessions set for March 5, 13

Jump in and become a FrogWatch USA™ volunteer with the Saint Louis Zoo! Members of the St. Louis-area community are needed to monitor frogs and toads from their backyards, parks, fields, creeks or just about anywhere. The information gathered can lead to practical and workable ways to stop amphibian decline.

You do not have to be an expert to be help with frog conservation. All you need is an interest in frogs and toads and a willingness to participate at the level of commitment that works for you.

"We will train you to distinguish the croaks, peeps, and various calls of the 10 most common frog and toad species around the St. Louis area," says Michael Dawson, Conservation Education Liaison at the Zoo, and coordinator of the St. Louis Chapter of FrogWatch USA. "Breeding calls vary greatly and are often mistaken for birds or insects. Their volume ranges from a soft musical trill to a deafening chorus."

There are two great ways for St. Louisans to get involved in FrogWatch at different commitment levels:

FrogWatch-Lite is designed as an entry-level introduction to frog and toad community science. The mainly self-directed program requires participants to attend a 90-minute virtual training session with a commitment to collect photos and record frog calls then share them through the iNaturalist mobile app. Frog call observations can be made anytime throughout the breeding season, March through August, or anytime. There is no minimum or maximum number of observations required. The first FrogWatch-Lite free virtual training session is 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, March 5, 2021. Advance reservation is required by March 4 at [stlzoo.org/frogwatch](http://stlzoo.org/frogwatch).

The FrogWatch USA™ Volunteer program is a community science opportunity that goes beyond the introductory level. Volunteers are required to attend a three-hour virtual training session to learn how to accurately identify calls of common frogs and toads in Missouri, collect and report scientific data, and register an observation site. Participants are asked to commit to monitoring and recording data on a regular basis at a specific site from March through August. The first FrogWatch Volunteer free virtual training session is from 2 to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 13, 2021. Advance reservation is required by March 12 at [stlzoo.org/frogwatch](http://stlzoo.org/frogwatch).

More training sessions may be added throughout the spring. Visit [stlzoo.org/frogwatch](http://stlzoo.org/frogwatch) for training dates and registration, link to the app and to hear some frog calls. For more information, contact Michael Dawson at [dawson@stlzoo.org](mailto:dawson@stlzoo.org) or (314) 646-4551.

Dawson also leads the Saint Louis Zoo WildCare Institute Spring Peeper Program, which is working to identify remaining populations of urban frogs and toads in the watersheds located within the Interstate 270 beltway. Causes for the decline of spring peepers, western chorus frogs and cricket frogs in these areas are currently being studied with the hope of reestablishing viable and sustainable breeding populations in the future. Data from FrogWatch St. Louis volunteers may contribute to this conservation program.

FrogWatch USA is the Association of Zoos and Aquariums' flagship community science program. It allows individuals and families to learn about the wetlands in their communities and help conserve amphibians by reporting the calls of local frogs and toads. For over 10 years, FrogWatch USA volunteers have been trained to enter their information. Ongoing analyses of this data have been used to help develop practical strategies for the conservation of these important species.



## Brentwood Police Department

### Calls for Service Report

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CFS for Person Crime	
Murder / Manslaughter	0
Sexual Assaults	0
Robbery	1
Assaults	3
Peace Disturbance & Domestic	34
Calls for Mental Health	7

CFS for Property Crime	
Arson/Bombing/Burning	0
Burglary - Residential	0
Burglary - Business	0
Destruction of Property	10
Frauds & ID Theft	12
Larceny - Shoplifting	2
Larceny - From Vehicle	18
Larceny - All Others	34
Stolen Vehicles	2
Trespassing	9

Weapons Related	
Utilized/Taken	4
Recovered	0

<b>Auto Accidents</b>	<b>39</b>
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Foot Patrols	
Building & Business Check	108
Parks & Schools	37
Misc	9

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Alarm Calls	23
Animal Related	9
Assist Fire Department	75
Check Welfare/Notification	16
Contact Another Agency	30
CIT - Information Reports	2
Motorist Assist	6
Police Community Relations	0
Radar / LPR Hits	5
Solicitors	7
Suspicious Person/Vehicles	67
Traffic Control / Details	39
Traffic Stops	278
Vacation Checks/Close Watch	29
<b>ARREST</b>	
Prisoner Conveyance	1
Adults	15
Juvenile	0
<b>ARREST TYPE</b>	
FTA/Fugitive	8
Original Non-Traffic	7
Original Traffic	0

<b>Miscellaneous CFS</b>	<b>430</b>
<b>Minus Arrest/Types</b>	<b>-30</b>
<b>Total Calls For Service</b>	<b>1346</b>

## New exhibit “Righting a Wrong: Japanese Americans and World War II” coming to Soldiers Memorial Military Museum July 2021

Soldiers Memorial Military Museum, operated by the Missouri Historical Society and located in downtown St. Louis, announces the opening of the Smithsonian traveling exhibition “Righting a Wrong: Japanese Americans and World War II” on July 24, 2021. The exhibition examines the complicated history and impact of Executive Order 9066 that led to the incarceration of Japanese Americans following the attack on Pearl Harbor. The exhibit is the second temporary exhibition to be on display on the lower level of Soldiers Memorial, which was renovated to serve as a rotating exhibit gallery as part of the Missouri Historical Society’s \$30 million revitalization of Soldiers Memorial and its adjacent Court of Honor, completed in 2018. The lower-level renovations more than doubled the amount of exhibit space previously available at Soldiers Memorial, which also consists of St. Louis in Service East and West galleries located on the main floor. “Righting a Wrong” will remain on view through October 3, 2021. The exhibition will continue touring museums and other cultural organizations through November 2022.

“The Missouri Historical Society is committed to giving locals and out-of-town visitors another reason to return to Soldiers Memorial time and time again,” said Mark Sundlov, Managing Director of Soldiers Memorial. “A key piece of the revitalization of Soldiers Memorial was the renovation of the lower level to serve as space where visitors can regularly see something entirely new. We’re pleased to bring this thought-provoking and relevant traveling exhibit from the Smithsonian to the St. Louis community.”

Embracing themes that are as relevant today as they were nearly 80 years ago, “Righting a Wrong” looks at immigration, prejudice, civil rights, heroism, and what it means to be an American. The exhibition explores the complex history through historical images, personal stories and objects from those incarcerated at the camps. A duffle bag used by the Imada family when they were relocated to the Gila River camp in Arizona reflects the restrictions to bring only what they could carry. Takeo Shirasawa’s 1943 high school diploma from the Poston camp in Arizona exemplifies the experience of thousands of other teens who had to complete their high school education in camps.

Following the attack on Pearl Harbor by Japan on Dec. 7, 1941, President Franklin Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066 which sent 75,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry and 45,000 Japanese nationals to incarceration camps. Ten large, barbed wire-enclosed incarceration camps and dozens of other installations were scattered west of the Mississippi, far from their homes from March 1942 to March 1946. Young and old lived crowded together in the hastily built camps, endured poor living conditions, and were under the constant watch of military guards for two and a half years. Meanwhile, brave Japanese American men risked their lives fighting for the United States.

“As part of the Soldiers Memorial stop on the exhibit’s nationwide tour, local connections to this powerful story will be highlighted,” said Mike Venso, Military & Firearms Curator for the Missouri Historical Society. “Despite being thousands of miles away from the front lines of the removal of tens of thousands of Japanese Americans, St. Louis played a pivotal role for many seeking alternatives to the oppressive efforts to “protect” the nation.”

The Soldiers Memorial team is adding a small local component to the Smithsonian traveling exhibit that highlights St. Louis’s

connection to this important story, such as Japanese American students, including notable architects Richard Henmi and Gyo Obata, who attended Washington University in order to avoid internment in the camps. Soldiers Memorial will also explore local connections to this story through a variety of public programming that will coincide with the exhibit.

Some 40 years after the executive order, members of the Japanese American community led the nation to confront the wrong it had done. The U.S. Congress formally recognized that the rights of the Japanese American community had been violated and President Reagan signed the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, providing an apology and restitution to the living Japanese Americans who were incarcerated during World War II.

“Righting a Wrong: Japanese Americans and World War II” is on display at Soldiers Memorial Military Museum from July 24, 2021, through October 3, 2021. Admission is free, but advance reservations are required. Visit [mohistory.org/welcome-back](http://mohistory.org/welcome-back) for more information.

“Righting a Wrong: Japanese Americans and World War II” was developed by the National Museum of American History and adapted for travel by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service. The national tour received Federal support from the Asian Pacific American Initiatives Pool, administered by the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center, the Terasaki Family Foundation, and C. L. Ehn & Ginger Lew.

The exhibition is based on the exhibit of the same name on view from Feb. 17, 2017, through March 6, 2019, at the National Museum of American History in Washington, DC.

Soldiers Memorial Military Museum, located in downtown St. Louis, is operated by the Missouri Historical Society. Following a \$30 million revitalization, Soldiers Memorial reopened in November 2018 as a state-of-the-art museum that honors military service members, veterans, and their families. Exhibits offer a comprehensive look at American military history through the lens of St. Louis. Soldiers Memorial offers programs and outreach services including special exhibits; tours; theatrical and musical presentations; programs for school classes and youth groups; special events; workshops; and lectures. The revitalization of Soldiers Memorial was paid for by anonymous donors to the Missouri Historical Society. Learn more: [mohistory.org/memorial](http://mohistory.org/memorial).



*The Mochida family, wearing identification tags awaits a bus. They were forced to leave their two-acre nursery and greenhouse operation in Eden, California, May 1942.*

## Perks of Refinancing to a 15-Year Mortgage

By: West Community Credit Union

A 15-year mortgage is the dream home loan for buyers who can afford higher monthly payments and want to pay off their mortgage in half the usual time. A 15-year timeline can save thousands or even tens of thousands of dollars in interest.

To make a 15-year fixed-rate mortgage work, you’ll need a reliable income and enough money left after your monthly payment to cover expenses, savings and emergencies.

### What is a 15-year mortgage?

A 15-year mortgage will be paid off completely in 15 years if you make all the payments on schedule. These mortgages typically have a fixed rate, which keeps the principal and interest rate the same for as long as you hold the mortgage. Your taxes and insurance costs can change, though.

### Benefits of a 15-year mortgage

With a 15-year mortgage you’ll own your home much faster and pay less interest.

### Build equity faster

A 15-year fixed-rate mortgage, with its lower interest rate and higher payment amount, builds home equity faster because you pay down the principal balance quicker.

### Shorter path to full homeownership

Owning a home free and clear is a goal that burns bright for many people. What matters most to them is a feeling of safety from knowing that their home is fully paid off.

### Long-term savings

Lenders are exposed to fewer years of risk on a 15-year mortgage, so they charge a lower interest rate. Half as many years of payment also means you pay half as many years of interest. Let’s compare the principal and interest — not including homeowners insurance, property tax or private mortgage insurance — for a \$250,000 mortgage with a 10% down payment:

- A 30-year fixed-rate mortgage at 3.61% has monthly payments of \$1,024 and a total interest cost of \$143,719.

- A 15-year fixed-rate mortgage at 3.13% has monthly payments of \$1,568 and a total interest cost of \$57,226.

That’s a savings of \$86,493 if you kept the loans for their entire term.

### Is a 15-year mortgage right for you?

A 15-year, fixed-rate mortgage is a great tool for borrowers who can afford the higher payments while still saving and investing for retirement. Paying off a mortgage gives many people a feeling of independence, safety and accomplishment.

But if your income is uncertain or variable, you may want to avoid the 15-year mortgage. Ask yourself: What would happen if the payments become too much? Do you have a realistic plan to cope, or would you stretch your finances too far?

Find out what your best options are by scheduling a free consultation with the West Community Mortgage Team. They are committed to getting you the best rate possible, keeping your closing costs low, and being your partner start to finish. For more information on mortgages or for current rates, contact West Community Credit Union at 636.720.2400 or visit us online at [westcommunitycu.org](http://westcommunitycu.org).



## GIVE A LIFELINE...

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

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

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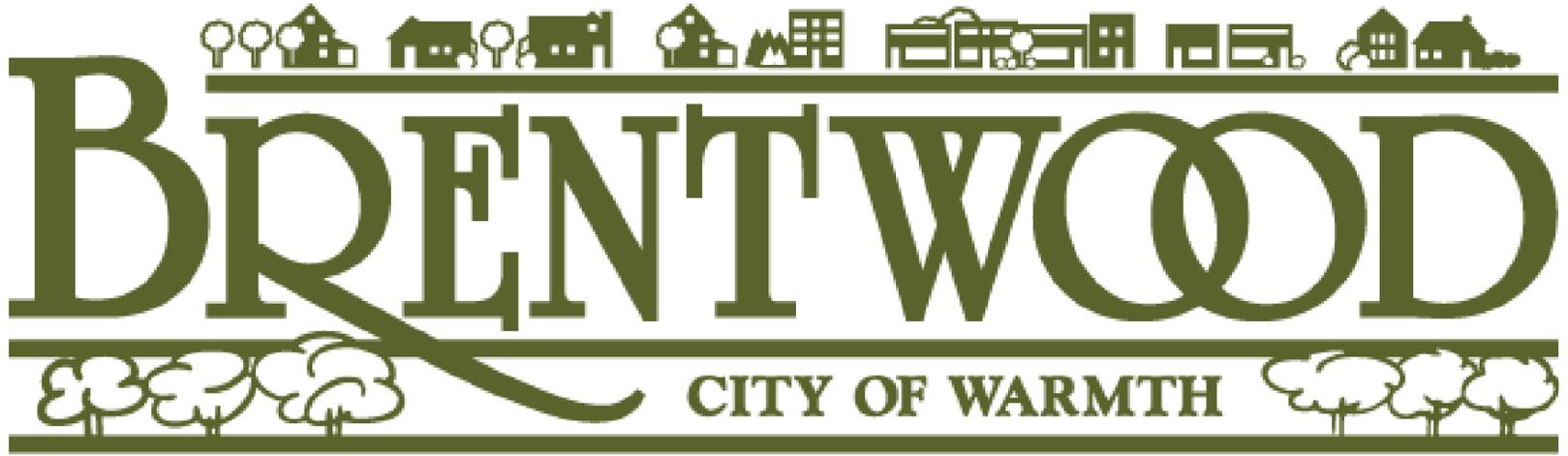
- **Gene-Del Printing (9019 Manchester Rd.)**

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

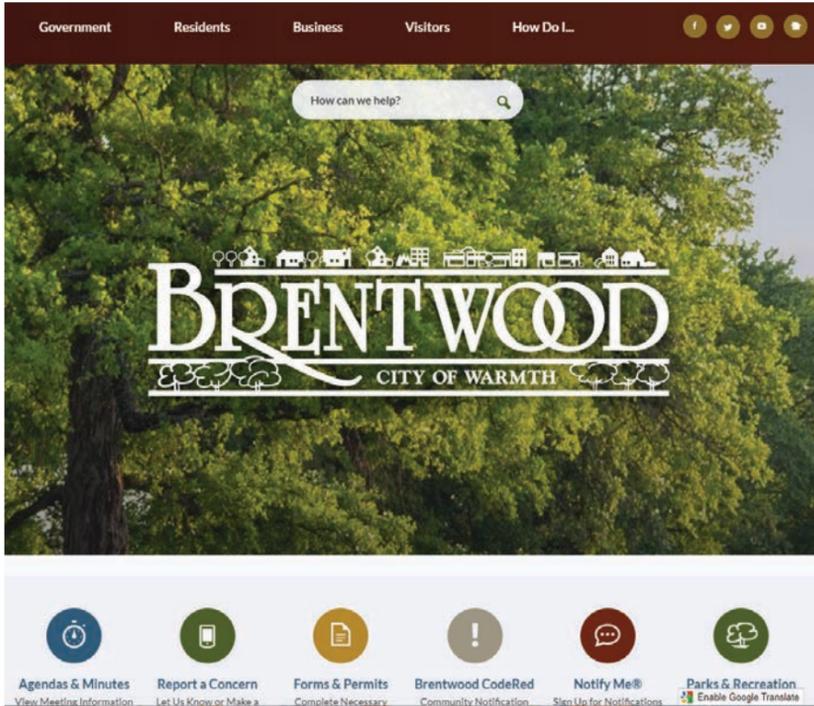
### About Lydia’s House

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

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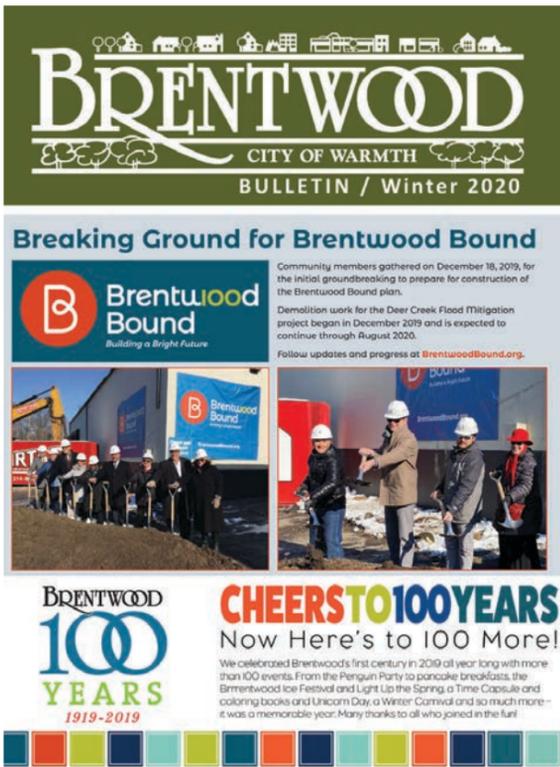
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# RESTAURANT REVIEWS

By Kevin McCarthy

## Un Morceau de France, A Piece of France

I have found a small piece of France in the Chesterfield Valley. Mimi's Cafe is housed in what appears to be a "maison de compagne", or old French country house. I was pleasantly surprised to find a number of French items on the menu as well. Having lived and worked in France for almost two years, I had to give them a try.

French onion soup at 2am in a bistro in the Les Halles market of Paris, along with a salade nicoise and a glass of Burgundy is the perfect way to end a night out. French onion soup is a simple dish, but often difficult to properly prepare. Mimi's french onion soup was a delicious melding of beef broth, caramelized sweet onions and a toasted slice of French bread covered with melted Gruyere cheese that has just a touch of a browned surface. The soup was served with crusty french bread and sweet butter. Mimi's nailed it. It immediately took me back to my days and nights, in France



Another french bistro favorite is the croque monsieur or "crusty man". It is the french version of a toasted ham and cheese sandwich. But it is actually much more than that. Mimi's croque monsieur is smoked ham and swiss cheese served warm on toasted sourdough bread topped with mornay sauce and melted Parmesan. The slice of country ham is at least a 1/4 inch thick slab of lean ham sitting on a slice of bread and melted Swiss cheese topped with another slice of bread covered with the mornay sauce, Swiss cheese and Parmesan toasted to a golden brown. It was better than any one I ever had in France. It covered half of a serving dish and comes with a side item. Rather than overload with pomme frites, or fries, I decided on a Caesar salad for my side. It filled the other half of my plate. The salad was also spot on.



The portion size was more than average. In fact, I was so full I actually had to pass up their bread pudding and all of their other dessert items. FYI, I NEVER pass on the opportunity to try a bread pudding, but this time it would have put me over the edge. Of course this means I must go back again.

Lunch at Mimi's was a fantastic trip down memory lane a delicious culinary experience!

Mimi's Cafe serves a number of other items with a french country theme, as well as more typical American cuisine. They serve breakfast items all day as well. They have a full bar service and I also saw an actual European Espresso machine. They truly have something for everyone..

The service was quick and efficient making Mimi's a good place for a quick lunch.

They ambiance is that of a french country home, with beamed and recessed ceilings, brick arches and turn of the century french posters etc. There are three main dining areas and another room that could be used for meetings, or private events. Tables are well spaced during this era of COVID-19 and I saw disinfecting cleaning supplies throughout the dining area, so I am confident they are doing a good job of protecting their customers.



I was very satisfied with my visit to Mimi's Cafe. I look forward to trying more of Mimi's menu items. Perhaps I will see you there. Their current hours of operation are 8am to 8pm.

Mimi's is located at 17240 Chesterfield Airport Rd, Chesterfield, MO 63005. Phone: (636) 530-4510 for reservations and curbside orders. Deliveries are available through GrubHub etc as well as catering services.

**Editor's Note:** The chicken pot pie is very good! I have also dined at the Mimi's in Colorado Springs while on vacation. We loved it so much that we ate there twice! We told them we were on vacation and staying at a nearby hotel and they gave us a box of free muffins!



# TRAVEL

By Sue McCarthy

## 2021 Cabbage Patch Kids

Are you trying to find something different to do for Spring Break this year? Or, a good place to visit for a special birthday, Christmas or summer vacation? I would like to visit Babyland General Hospital. Several years ago we visited there where the Cabbage Patch dolls are born in the cabbage patch. At one time the Cabbage Patch Kids were the most wanted Christmas doll so we bought one for my granddaughter, Rachel, for Christmas. Each doll had a story to tell.

The dolls came with a birth certificate and adoption certificate. Their outfits were completely removable.

To understand the life of a Cabbage Patch doll I'll take you to their beginning.

Once upon a time a young boy named Xavier was playing in the woods near his home in the Appalachia Mountains in North Georgia. He was playing and daydreaming when suddenly a curious creature buzzed by his head and it looked like a bunny and buzzed like a bee. Xavier tried to catch it. It flew into the woods and over the streams, then it flew into a waterfall.

Xavier decided to look closer at the waterfall and a little cave. It was dry in the cave, he rubbed his eyes to adjust the light.

He saw millions of beautiful sparkly crystals of all sizes and colors.

The Bunny Bee followed Xavier and then they flew into the end of the tunnel and through an opening in the kudzo vines. Bunny Bee started flying and sprinkling magic dust from crystals onto the cabbages. There were many rows of cabbages. Xavier thought they looked strange. The cabbages started moving and he saw sleeping babies waking up.

Xavier promised to build a special place and called it Babyland General Hospital where all the kids could live until someone came to buy them and take them home. Xavier said "Everyone should have a family to love."

Tours are available. You can choose Eye Color, Gender, Hair color, Skin Tone, and Size. Dolls come in various sizes too (12.5", 14", 16", 20".) Babies and Toddlers.

<https://cabbagepatchkids.com>



Nurse



Nursery

Kevin and Sue in Cabbage Head

## IF YOU GO - Cabbage Patch Kids

Babyland General Hospital  
300 N.O.K. Drive, Cleveland, Georgia 30528  
706-865-2171

Call ahead for visiting hours. Admission is free.

# City of Brentwood News – March 2021

## City of Brentwood Updates Related to COVID-19

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

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

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

**The following information is accurate as of March 1, 2021:**

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

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



### HOW TO CONTACT THE CITY

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

### STAY SAFE. STAY HEALTHY. PROTECT OTHERS.

Help protect yourself and others by frequently washing your hands and using hand sanitizer, maintaining at least 6 feet of distance from others when out in the public, coughing or sneezing into a tissue, and wearing a face mask covering your nose and mouth.

## Sign Up for Weather Warning Alerts Through the CodeRED Community Notification System:

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

**To activate the Weather Warning Alert options, you'll need to register for CodeRED again.**

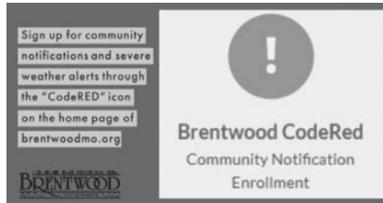
To activate these severe weather warnings, please visit Brentwood's CodeRED enrollment page by clicking on the "Brentwood CodeRED" icon on the home page of [www.brentwoodmo.org](http://www.brentwoodmo.org). You also can text **WARNME** to 99411 from your mobile phone.

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

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

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

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



## Report a Concern

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

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

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



## Responsible Recycling: Stick with the Six

Residents can help sustain single-stream recycling services in Brentwood by knowing what to put in the recycling bin and what to leave out of the recycling bin.

### DO Add to the Recycling Bin:

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

Food and Beverage Cartons

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

### DO NOT Add to the Recycling Bin:

- Plastic Bags and Film
- Styrofoam
- Sharps and Needles
- Food Waste
- One-Time-Use Disposables (such as plastic straws and utensils)
- Batteries
- Household Hazardous Waste
- Yard Waste

### Don't Be Guilty of "Wish-Cycling"

Wish-cycling is the practice of placing questionable items in your recycling bin with the hope that the items will be recycled. Even if this is done with good intentions, the impact can be harmful. Items like garden hoses, extension cords, plastic bags, paper cups and plastic utensils all reduce the value of recyclables. Stick to the list of six acceptable items so Brentwood can gain the most from its recycling program.

Find out where to recycle or donate other items at [stlcityrecycles.com/database](http://stlcityrecycles.com/database).

### Electronics Recycling Event: Saturday, March 27

Drop off your old, unwanted electronics at Brentwood's next electronics recycling event. Saturday, March 27

8 am – Noon

Brentwood Recreation Complex – Side Parking Lot 2505 S. Brentwood Blvd.

To learn more about what can be recycled and see the list of fees for some items, visit: <https://mrcrecycling.net/>

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

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



## Board of Aldermen and Committee Meetings Available on YouTube

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

Watch Board of Aldermen and committee meetings on YouTube and subscribe to the City's YouTube channel. Click on the YouTube icon on the home page of [www.brentwoodmo.org](http://www.brentwoodmo.org) or search "brentwoodmo govtv" on YouTube.



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## Should You Get a Veteran ID Card?



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

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

**Care and Counseling Announces  
Laurie Phillips as Executive Director**

**Local Nonprofit Leader Selected by Board of Directors**

Care and Counseling announced today that Laurie Phillips has been selected as Executive Director of the nonprofit. After an extensive search, the Board selected Phillips to lead the organization that has been helping over 1,400 people annually through therapy and counseling support for more than 50 years. Phillips will begin her new role on February 16, 2021.

"We are pleased to have someone with Laurie's outstanding leadership abilities, experience and knowledge of our greater St. Louis community to lead us," said Dick Clark, Board member and Chair of the Search Committee. "Laurie is a skilled nonprofit leader with deep experience in program management and development who has a vision for helping Care and Counseling expand its services to reach people who are currently underserved," added Jerry Cooper, Chair of the organization's Board of Directors.

Phillips said, "I'm excited to begin this new role focused on helping people navigate the challenges and difficulties of life through the work of caring therapists. The environment of the past year with COVID-19 and other circumstances in our society have made the services of Care and Counseling more needed than ever. We will continue this vital work, including teletherapy which has become quite beneficial during this challenging environment, for current clients while striving to reach those who need our services, but don't know where to turn. To do this, we will focus on increasing the community's awareness of Care and Counseling's life-changing mission, to enhance emotional, relational and spiritual well-being through quality and affordable counseling, professional training and community education. I am honored to be selected for this important role."

Phillips comes to Care and Counseling after nearly 5 years as the CEO of the St. Patrick Center and fifteen years in the corporate sector at KPMG, General American, and Monsanto. Phillips holds a Master of Social Work and a Master of Business Administration from Washington University. She has a BS in Business Administration/Accounting from University of Missouri St. Louis and is a CPA.

Phillips is a life-long St. Louisan and serves on several non-profit Boards and committees in the region. She is an adjunct professor for the Brown School of Social Work at Washington University. Laurie and her husband Brad have three sons and live in the City of St. Louis.

**About Care and Counseling:**

Care and Counseling is a not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) organization formed in 1968 as an inter-faith agency, that is accredited by the Solihun Institute. Its mission is to enhance emotional, relational and spiritual well-being through quality and affordable counseling, professional training and community education. Care and Counseling's services reached over 1,400 individuals and provided over 21,000 counseling sessions, with 76% via teletherapy, last year. Thanks to financial support from individuals, foundations, corporations, and faith communities, counseling services are available on a sliding scale fee through our Client Assistance Fund. Private insurance is also accepted. For more information visit [www.careandcounseling.org](http://www.careandcounseling.org) or call 314.878.4340.

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# Brentwood School District News - March 2021

## Thank You to Our Senior Citizens!

We are unable to host our in-person Senior Citizens' Brunch this year due to COVID-19, but we wish to share our gratitude to our Senior Citizens who help make Brentwood School District a wonderful place to learn and grow! Thank you for all you do.

**We look forward to seeing you next year!**

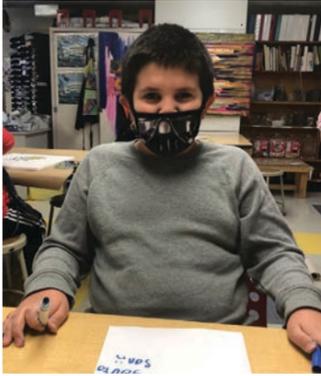
## Prop E Update - Elementary/Early Childhood Facilities

While much of our attention has been on the health and safety of our community, we have also been working diligently to plan for Prop E construction to begin later this year. As a review, here is some history related to Prop E:

- Since 2016, Brentwood has been working with the community to identify facilities needs and priorities.

- In June 2020, voters approved Prop E, which provides funding to completely rebuild McGrath Elementary with space to house Brentwood Early Childhood Center and to renovate Mark Twain.

- In July 2020, the district formed a new Elementary Facilities Committee composed of parents, staff, and community members to collaborate and provide feedback on the designs for the elementary and early childhood facilities. This group met regularly throughout the school year.



The Elementary Facilities Committee, along with the architect team of HTK, is advising a phased approach to the Prop E projects in order to maximize safety and efficiency throughout the process. This approach is supported by the district's own experiences in major construction projects at the middle/high school.

Here is what the phased timeline looks like:

### Phase 1: McGrath/BECC

- 6-Month Design Work Completed: 6/9/2021
- Early Sitework Package Bidding: April 2021
- Project Bidding: June/July 2021
- Construction Completed: January 2023

### Phase 2: Mark Twain Elementary

- Concept Design: January – March 2021
- Design Hold: April – July 2021 (May push this design hold until September to see progress on McGrath as it will not affect the end dates)
- Complete Design: Summer 2022 (November 2022)
- Project Bidding: Aug / Sept 2022 (December 2022)
- Construction Completed: January 2024

Construction for the new McGrath Elementary will take place next to the existing structure. Not only will this help maximize the use of the site, it will allow McGrath students to continue learning safely away from construction as it takes



place nearby.

Once construction is completed for the new McGrath Elementary, Mark Twain students will spend the 2023-2024 school year attending school at the old McGrath site. This has numerous benefits for the students and the community, including:

- **Safety:** Students and staff will not have to inhabit a live construction site while the renovations take place. While every precaution is taken when construction happens, it is much easier when students are completely removed from the areas construction is taking place.

- **Learning:** Students learn best when they are in an environment free from distractions. By allowing the Mark Twain students to occupy the current McGrath building, we are able to maintain small class sizes while making the necessary upgrades to Mark Twain.

- **Efficiency:** In allowing the construction team full access to the Mark Twain building, we can help ensure the project moves forward in a timely manner. Additionally, without having to creatively schedule around student learning, the district will be able to do more renovation of the Mark Twain site at the same cost as it would if students were occupying the building during construction.

To learn more, visit [www.brentwoodmoschools.org/facilities](http://www.brentwoodmoschools.org/facilities). You are also invited to participate in upcoming Neighborhood Meetings to discuss the McGrath/BECC building designs and more.

### Neighborhood Meetings

On March 15th and 29th, the district and HTK architects



will host a neighborhood meeting to provide updates, answer questions, and gather additional feedback on preliminary designs for McGrath/BECC.

These meetings will focus on the McGrath/BECC building design and timeline and are intended primarily for community neighbors to the McGrath campus to attend. Similar meetings for Mark Twain will be hosted as we approach the start of construction at that site.

The meetings will be accessible virtually beginning at 6:00 PM. Visit [www.brentwoodmoschools.org](http://www.brentwoodmoschools.org) to access the virtual link.

## Middle/High School Construction Update

Navigate Building Solutions recently presented to the Board of Education and provided a revised timeline for the Middle and High School Construction project.

You can view the full Board Meeting livestream on the district's YouTube channel at [bit.ly/bsdyoutube](http://bit.ly/bsdyoutube).

Elevator 2 is on track to be completed in March while a recently discovered manhole and storm line are creating conflicts with Elevator 3, preventing foundation work from continuing. The manhole and storm line were covered by asphalt and did not appear on any drawings. The line will need repairs in order to prevent leaks into the foundation.

Flooring in the lower level of Building B addition is set to begin later today or Monday and will continue to the first floor of the existing Building B later next week. Sitework on Building B utilities begins the first week of February.

Here's a breakdown of the major areas of the campus:

### Elevators:

- Elevator 2 - The lobby roof was installed this week with metal flashings and gutters coming next. Disconnect switch ship date still 3/3/21. Targeting completion in April.
- Elevator 3 - Proceeding with foundation underpinning with expected completion by the end of this week. Next week will see the start of foundations for the elevator pit.

### Building B Update:

- In the new lobby expansion, windows have been going in this week. In the lower level, meeting and staff rooms are being scoped for adjustments to floor leveling and on storage solutions.
- In the Admin Offices on level one, flooring is being scheduled and the work on the connector to the expansion ramp will take place after school hours.

### Building B Expansion Update:

- Lower level of the expansion has had issues with water infiltration as a result of an unexpected manhole. The clog causing a majority of issues is being cleaned and will allow progress on this portion of the building.
- On the first and second levels, framing and drywall is going up throughout. Windows are also being installed along the exteriors and some landscaping like the courtyard planter is being erected.

### Site Update:

- Underground utilities work is progressing from south to north.
- Retaining wall work will follow behind utilities in the area.
- Final repairs on manhole issues and pricing are under review.

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## City of Brentwood Announces New Fire Chief

The City of Brentwood announces the appointment of Ronnie Cottrell as the new Chief of the Brentwood Fire Department. Cottrell most recently served as Brentwood's Assistant Fire Chief. He succeeds Chief Terry Kurten, who will retire on March 5 after nearly 10 years of service to Brentwood and nearly 40 years in the fire service.

Mayor David Dimmitt appointed Cottrell as Brentwood Fire Chief effective February 22.

Chief Cottrell is a 21-year veteran of the Brentwood Fire Department. During his tenure, he has served as Firefighter/Paramedic, Captain and Assistant Fire Chief. He became a paramedic in 1995 while serving his home community of Sullivan, Mo. After graduating from the St. Louis County Fire Academy in 1997, he joined the Ladue Fire Department as a firefighter prior to joining the Brentwood Fire Department.

Cottrell earned a Bachelor of Arts in Management from Webster University and an Associate of Applied Science in Fire Technology from East Central College. He is a graduate of the Missouri Fire Service Leadership Enhancement Program at the University of Missouri. Cottrell is part of a cohort in the highly competitive Fire Service Executive Development Institute sponsored by the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

Chief Cottrell's experience as Assistant Chief includes the daily operations of department personnel, equipment planning and purchasing, and coordinating the department's most recent Insurance Service Office (ISO) audit. Cottrell is involved regionally as an Assistant Mutual Aid Coordinator for Region C, Point of Contact for the East Region of the St. Louis County Special Operations Team, and a member of the Missouri Region C Incident Support Team. Cottrell has also served on several community service boards, including a Federally Qualified Health Center Board of Directors.

Cottrell resides in Eureka, Mo., with his wife Andrea. They have three adult children, Kayla, Amanda and Lucas.

The City of Brentwood, Missouri celebrated its centennial in 2019. Brentwood is a full-service community with a unique blend of quality residential neighborhoods and one of the most thriving business districts in the St. Louis metropolitan area. Located within minutes of downtown St. Louis, Brentwood is known as the "City of Warmth" because of its small-town charm and friendly atmosphere. Learn more at [www.brentwoodmo.org](http://www.brentwoodmo.org).



### Letters to the Editor

**Dear Pulse:**

Thank you for publishing the obituary for my wife in the January edition of The Pulse.

Since it was published, we have heard from some long-ago friends who read the paper.

Thank you once again.

The family of Patricia Mesko

P.S. Enjoy the online pdf version - thanks!

**Gene-Del Printing:**

Words cannot express how grateful I am that you printed my mom's obituary (Patricia Mesko) in January's edition of The Pulse.

My family lived in Brentwood for 20+ years in the 70's and 80's, but my parents retired to Rolla, their birth town. They still had many friendships and neighbors they were close to, so when mom passed, it was so nice of you to run the obit. My dad received several notes from old Brentwood friends which was quite a comfort to him.

Thank you for continuing to be a leader in the community. It is needed and much appreciated!

Melissa Mesko (BHS class of 1989)

### Brentwood Fire Chief Kurten to Retire

Brentwood Fire Chief Terry Kurten will retire on March 5 after nearly 10 years of service to Brentwood and nearly four decades in the fire service.

Chief Kurten joined the Brentwood Fire Department in July 2011. During his career, he has served the cities of Brentwood and Ladue and the Maryland Heights Fire Protection District.

"A career in the fire service has been one of the best decisions of my life," said Kurten. "It has given me many amazing challenges, opportunities, and most importantly, I've had the privilege to work with some of the best people in municipal government over nearly 40 years. Had it not been for the people I worked with and learned from, I would not be where I am today. My time spent as Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief at Brentwood Fire Department has been a tremendous opportunity. It was my honor to serve the citizens of Brentwood."

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BRENTWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT

# Senior Citizen Salute



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We are unable to host our in-person Senior Citizens' Brunch this year due to COVID-19, but we wish to share our gratitude to our Senior Citizens who help make Brentwood School District a wonderful place to learn and grow! Thank you for all you do.

We look forward to seeing you next year!





# Brentwood Board of Aldermen Minutes

PARTIAL MINUTES of the Tuesday, February 16, 2021  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING- VIR-  
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Meeting Minutes

**CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Call to Order – Mayor Dimmitt called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, Pledge of Allegiance – immediately followed

**ROLL CALL**

Roll Call – All members were present

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, APPOINTMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS & RECOGNITIONS**

Announcement: Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD) 2021 MSD Rate Proposal Presentation - Prop Y  
Bret Bethold, Director of Operations at MSD shared his screen and spoke about the Wastewater Rate Proposal and plans amendments:

\*Objective of Prop. Y is to fund the Capital Program to meet the regulatory and system improvement needs. Will be over in 3 years with cost of \$1.6 Million and 300+ projects.

\*Rate Chart showed that YES votes =Bond Financing (projects funded with cash & debt) NO votes = Projects only funded with Cash

\*MSD Plan Amendments – 5 Charter Changes

Prop 1- Updates the language and removes obsolete provisions

Prop 2- Needs unanimous consent or 4 votes for passage of an Ordinance

-Ordinances will take effect immediately

Prop 3-Deals with MSD rate commission

-Clarifies the participants, length of proceedings and review factor

Prop 4-Changes compensation for Trustees from \$300 to \$600 per year

Prop 5-Permits district to use same auditing firm in excess of 5 years

Proclamation: Supermarket Employee Day- February 22, 2021

Mayor read the proclamation and encouraged everyone to support our local business.

Recognition: Dr. Collins Lewis

Mayor read the recognition and shared his congratulations to Dr. Lewis.

**MAYOR AND ALDERMEN REPORTS**

**Mayor David A. Dimmitt**

Thanked Public Works for their efforts during cold and snow removal. He noted two trucks were down, but parts have been replaced and we are fully operational now. He also thanked the Police who continue to patrol in bad weather and slick streets.

Mayor announced that Fire Chief Terry Kurten will be retiring on March 5th with more information to come regarding those plans.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

**Brentwood Bound Update**

Craig Schluter with Navigate Building Solutions noted that on the Consent Agenda is a demolition package for approval with Marschel Wrecking. The bid amount is \$360,000 less than budgeted. Projects continue to come in under budget which is great news.

Craig also gave typical Brentwood Bound update for Construction costs and soft costs. There were no property acquisitions this time. There was an additional funding source from Mo. Dept. of Natural Resources for the Conservation and Acquisition Program Grant, which was a grant secured for the City by Eric Gruenenfelder in the amount of \$200,000 for the wetland area, south of the bi-state metro garage.

Alderman Plufka thanked Eric for his efforts and due diligence in securing grant funding and thanked Craig again for the Brentwood Bound tour.

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

Gina Cochran reviewed the Independent Accountant’s Review Report dated February 1, 2021 related to the expenditures for the Certificate of Participation Proceeds (COPS) for the Brentwood Bound Project from October 1st to December 31st, 2020. There were No exceptions to Step 1, Step 2, or Step 3. Nothing noted for 2019. It was a good clean report.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Standing Committees Reports

Meeting Minutes

Warrant List - 2020/2021 Operating Funds Expenditures

Warrant List - 2020/2021 Expenditures from the Series 2018 Certificates of Participation Proceeds (COPS)

Resolution No. 1277 - A Resolution Authorizing The Amendment Of The Fiscal Year 2020 Budget.

Special Use Permit Application for St. Mary Magdalen School



Mayor  
David Dimmitt



Alderwoman  
Nancy Parker Tice



Alderman  
David Plufka



Alderwoman  
Sunny Sims



Alderman  
Brandon Wegge



Municipal Judge  
Patrick Dignam



Alderman  
Jeff Gould



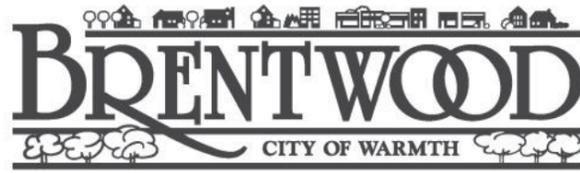
Alderman  
Steve Lochmoeller



Alderwoman  
Kathy O'Neill



Alderwoman  
Pat Ebeling



**CITY OF BRENTWOOD**

**2348 SOUTH BRENTWOOD BOULEVARD  
ELECTION – TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2021**

**THE FOLLOWING CANDIDATES HAVE FILED:**

**MAYOR – TWO (2) YEAR TERM**

DAVID DIMMITT 9104 PINE AVE.

**MUNICIPAL JUDGE - TWO (2) YEAR TERM**

PATRICK DIGNAM 9405 SONORA AVE.

**ALDERPERSONS - TWO (2) YEAR TERM:**

**WARD 1**

DAVID PLUFKA 3 MIDDLESEX DR.

**WARD 2**

BRANDON WEGGE 8537 DOUGLAS CT.

**WARD 3**

STEVEN LOCHMOELLER 8831 MADGE AVE.

**WARD 4**

JACK SHELTON 1407 ORIOLE PL.

ROBERT HORTON 8836 EAGER RD.

*MINUTES continued on next page*

## Board of Aldermen Minutes *continued from page 13*

Resolution No. 1275- A Resolution Approving The Agreement With Marschel Wrecking, LLC For Brentwood Bound-Demolition Package 1C

Chairman entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda. Motion was made by Alderman Wegge and seconded by Alderwoman Sims. There was no discussion. Roll was called: ALL YES.

Motion passed by a vote of 8 (yes) to 0 (no).

### NEW BUSINESS

Bill No. 6316 - An Ordinance Of The City Of Brentwood, Missouri, Approving A Certain Real Estate Sale Contract With Benz Properties, LLC, For The Purchase Of A Certain Property At 2818 Breckenridge Industrial Court; Authorizing Certain Other Actions In

Connection Therewith; Providing For The Effective Date Of This Ordinance; And Containing A Severability Clause. - First & Second Reading:

Kevin not yet present at meeting, so Bola did the 1st Reading by title only. Mark Murray with Armstrong Teasdale spoke about the Bill noting that it allows the Mayor to enter into a contract with Benz Properties to purchase property at cost of \$700,000.

Alderman Wegge noted that the use for the property has not yet been approved and asked why there was a need tonight for a second reading? Bola stated that we have been working with the owner for some time and due to their other acquisitions, we need to move forward now so as not to lose the property.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sims and seconded by Alderwoman Tice for a 2nd Reading of the Bill. There was no discussion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Kevin O'Keefe, the City Attorney, did the 2nd Reading by title only.

Chairman called for a motion. Alderwoman Sims made a motion to approve Bill #6316 and it was seconded by Alderman Lochmoeller. There was no discussion. Roll was called:

Alderman David Plufka -yes Alderwoman Nancy Parker Tice - yes Alderwoman Sunny Sims - yes A 1 - Alderman Brandon Wegge - yes Alderman Jeff Gould – yes Alderman Steve Lochmoeller - yes Alderwoman Pat Ebeling-yes Alderwoman Kathy O'Neill – yes

Bill # 6316 passed by a vote of 8 (yes) to 0 (no) and will become Ordinance #4954.

Bill No. 6317 - An Ordinance Of The City Of Brentwood, Missouri, Approving A Certain Missouri Highways And Transportation Commission Escrow Agreement With The Missouri Highways And Transportation Commission; Au-

thorizing Certain Other Actions In Connection Therewith; Providing For The Effective Date Of This Ordinance; And Containing A Severability Clause. - First & Second Reading:

City Attorney, Kevin O'Keefe did the 1st Reading by title only.

Mark Murray with Armstrong Teasdale explained that this Bill is to authorize the sale of 6,000 Sq. Ft. of City property (acquired from Frederick Roofing) to the Missouri Dept. of Transportation, and also grants MoDOT a temporary easement on 1/10 of an acre to the south of this space with total compensation payable to City in amount of \$54,000 in connection with MoDOT's Hwy. 100 project.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Ebeling and seconded by Alderman Gould for a second reading of the Bill. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Kevin O'Keefe did 2nd Reading by title only.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Sims and seconded by Alderwoman O'Neill to perfect the Bill into Ordinance form. There was no further discussion. Roll was called:

Alderman David Plufka -yes Alderwoman Nancy Parker Tice - yes Alderwoman Sunny Sims - yes A 1 - Alderman Brandon Wegge - yes Alderman Jeff Gould – yes Alderman Steve Lochmoeller - yes Alderwoman Pat Ebeling-yes Alderwoman Kathy O'Neill – yes

Bill # 6317 passed by a vote of 8 (yes) to 0 (no) and will become Ordinance #4955.

Bill No. 6318 - An Ordinance Of The City Of Brentwood, Missouri, Granting Site Plan Approval To Navigate Realty LLC For Development Of A Professional Office Building At 8419 Manchester Road. - First & Second Reading

Kevin O'Keefe did 1st Reading of Bill #6318 by title only.

Lisa Koerkenmeier shared that Planning and Zoning Commission met and recommended moving forward, but with 3 conditions:

A cross access easement as depicted on the site plan shall be executed by property owner and recorded in the office of the St. Louis County Recorder and a copy of the recorded instrument provided to the City of Brentwood to provide access to future development.

An exception of the front (ROW) setback along Helen Avenue (west property line) of 15' to allow a front (ROW) setback of 10' be granted.

An exception of the rear setback along the north property line of 6' to allow a rear setback of 19' be granted.

Todd Sweeney spoke and shared his screen to introduce Navigate Building Solutions and the organizations excitement to work with and be a part of the City of Brentwood. The site plan for 8419 Manchester (formerly Tesson Farms Nursery) is location to build their 8,360 sq. ft. building. Navigate will

occupy 60% of the building and shared a rendering of the projected building.

Todd noted this is the first Net Zero Commercial Building in Missouri – and have worked with Ameren to make this happen. They hope to do construction April – Nov. with a December move- in date.

Alderman Plufka asked about elevation of site plan–Todd responded that it is a low visual impact.

Craig Schluter shared that the building is screened from neighbors.

Lisa shared that residents were notified, and any questions were addressed. The access and set-back will be acceptable.

Alderman Gould asked about verification regarding water runoff and rain garden. Lisa responded that this has been reviewed by MSD with the stormwater permit.

Alderman Wegge noted that pervious pavement is allowed. Todd was aware and have already made the changes to plans with approvals. Alderman Wegge noted his concern for doing 2nd Reading at this time, feeling this is rushed. Todd and Lisa both referenced the time constraints of the project and the opportunity to tap into extensive rebates for the year, if project is completed on time.

Alderman Lochmoeller asked about grades and elevation, as well as access off Manchester. Todd noted that the access is mostly due to the easement.

Alderman O'Neill asked about Fire Dept. access to all sides of building. Todd said that they will be able to access all sides with hoses.

Alderman Gould asked about trash and recycling. Todd said yes, they are environmentally conscious and have little waste – sustainability is part of their mission and will ensure that other tenants in building will be environmentally aware as well. It was suggested this be in the tenant contract.

Alderwoman O'Neill made a motion for the 2nd Reading of the Bill, seconded by Alderwoman Sims.

Additional discussion included Alderman Plufka's concern that new building is not placed further back where the new flood plain will be established, and his expressed disappointment.

Roll was called for second reading of the Bill.

Alderman David Plufka -no Alderwoman Nancy Parker Tice - no Alderwoman Sunny Sims - yes A 1 - Alderman Brandon Wegge - no Alderman Jeff Gould – no Alderman Steve Lochmoeller - no Alderwoman Pat Ebeling- no Alderwoman Kathy O'Neill – yes

Motion for 2nd Reading failed by a vote of 2 (yes) to 6 (no). Item will be taken up at next Board of Aldermen meeting.

Bill No. 6319- An Ordinance Approving Utility Easements And Water Facility Relocation Agreements With Missouri American Water Company For Water Facility Relocations For The Brentwood Bound Improvements Project

Kevin O'Keefe did the 1st Reading of the Bill.

Dan Gummersheimer stated that item was discussed and approved at Public Works Committee. It involves the relocation of two water facilities due to the Brentwood Bound project. He noted that there is enough money in the budget to do these.

Alderman Wegge asked why we are not moving them closer to facilities that we know we will be building.

Dan shared that they have to move the main line now for the Brentwood Bound project, but that other lines will come off of that main line when time for new construction.

Motion was made by Alderman Wegge and seconded by Alderman Lochmoeller for a 2nd Reading of the Bill by title only. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Kevin did 2nd Reading of Bill # 6319 by title only.

Motion was made by Alderman Wegge and seconded by Alderwoman Tice to perfect the Bill into Ordinance form. Roll was called:

Alderman David Plufka -yes Alderwoman Nancy Parker Tice - yes Alderwoman Sunny Sims - yes A 1 - Alderman Brandon Wegge - yes Alderman Jeff Gould – yes Alderman Steve Lochmoeller - yes Alderwoman Pat Ebeling-yes Alderwoman Kathy O'Neill – yes

Bill #6319 passed by a vote of 8 (yes) to 0 (no) and will become Ordinance #4956.

### CITIZEN COMMENTS

A. Citizen Comments None

### CLOSED MEETING

Motion was made by Alderwoman O'Neill and seconded by Alderwoman Sims to move to Closed session with adjournment therein. Roll was called:

Alderman David Plufka -yes Alderwoman Nancy Parker Tice - yes Alderwoman Sunny Sims - yes A 1 - Alderman Brandon Wegge - yes Alderman Jeff Gould – yes Alderman Steve Lochmoeller - yes Alderwoman Pat Ebeling-yes Alderwoman Kathy O'Neill – yes

Motion carried by a vote of 8(yes) to 0 (no). Meeting moved to Closed Session at 8:19 pm.

### ADJOURN

A. Adjournment

### "If I had my life to live over..."

Someone asked me the other day if I had my life to live over would I change anything.

My answer was no, but then I thought about it and changed my mind.

If I had my life to live over again I would have waxed less and listened more.

Instead of wishing away nine months of pregnancy and complaining about the shadow over my feet, I'd have cherished every minute of it and realized that the wonderment growing inside me was to be my only chance in life to assist God in a miracle.

I would never have insisted the car windows be rolled up on a summer day because my hair had just been teased and sprayed.

I would have invited friends over to dinner even if the carpet was stained and the sofa faded.

I would have eaten popcorn in the "good" living room and worried less about the dirt when you lit the fireplace.

I would have taken the time to listen to my grandfather ramble about his youth.

I would have burnt the pink candle that was sculptured like a rose before it melted while being stored.

I would have sat cross-legged on the lawn with my children and never worried about grass stains.

I would have cried and laughed less while watching television ... and more while watching real life.

I would have shared more of the responsibility carried by my husband which I took for granted.

I would have eaten less cottage cheese and more ice cream.

I would have gone to bed when I was sick, instead of pretending the Earth would go into a holding pattern if I weren't there for a day.

I would never have bought ANYTHING just because it was practical/wouldn't show soil/ guaranteed to last a lifetime.

When my child kissed me impetuously, I would never have said, "Later. Now, go get washed up for dinner."

There would have been more I love yous ... more I'm sorrys ... more I'm listenings ... but mostly, given another shot at life, I would seize every minute of it ... look at it and really see it ... try it on ... live it ... exhaust it ... and never give that minute back until there was nothing left of it."

*Erma Bombeck, Eat Less Cottage Cheese and More Ice Cream: Thoughts on Life from Erma Bombeck*

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