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## Girl Scouts Thank Brentwood for Support



Girl Scout Troop #4009 members Julia McDaniels, Sydney Hopfinger and Sophie Koris collected 1,000+ items for the annual April Showers personal care drive on April, 24th. These 7th grade Brentwood Middle School students would like to thank the Brentwood community for your support.

## Laurie's Shoes Celebrates 70th Anniversary

Family-owned footwear business commemorates seven decades of achievement

Laurie's Shoes, a fourth-generation family owned and operated footwear store, recently marked its 70th anniversary.

Laurie's Shoes was founded in 1951 by Wally and Joan Waldman along with Joan's father Morris Goldman. Wally passed away in 1984, and Joan remained heavily involved in the business. She introduced the company's "Balloons for the Kids and Dad's Cookies for All" policy plus worked as a courier to transfer shoes among store locations and customer's homes. Joan continued as the business matriarch until passing in 2011.



Mark Waldman, President

Wally and Joan's children Mark, Patty, and Scott joined the family business in 1976. Mark serves as president of the companies, and Patty and Scott are both vice presidents. Great grandson Jacob Waldman joined the company in 2016 as assistant web manager, and great grandson Sam Baker became involved in the business in 2019 as sales and associate manager.

The Laurie's model has remained the same for the past 70 years. Its skilled sales team, including certified Pedorthists, measure each customer's feet to determine the best shoe based upon various factors including walking tendencies, arch attributes, and foot length. The staff are knowledgeable in terms of the latest footwear technology, fashion trends, and Pedorthic insight.

At one time Laurie's Shoes had a total of six stores, four of which were located in Missouri and Illinois shopping malls. Today the business has two storefronts – the original Manchester location and its Birkenstock & More in Creve Coeur that opened in 2006 – in addition to a sweeping online presence that serves customers located throughout the U.S. with free delivery. The stores carry a total of more than 60,000 pairs of children and adult brands, as well as a variety of accessories.

Shoe Roads Productions, a division of Laurie's Shoes, was founded in 2002. The company brings a large selection of footwear directly to medical professionals at hospitals, providing time-saving on-site shoe shopping at 145 Midwestern hospitals. A portion of all in person and virtual shoe sales by medical employees and their families serve as a year-round fundraiser to subsidize the hospital's chosen philanthropies.

"For the past 70 years, our steadfast commitment has remained the same in terms of providing excellent customer service and offering the best product lines available in the marketplace," said Laurie's Shoes president Mark Waldman. "This is a remarkable milestone our multi-generational family has achieved, and we look forward to serving the St. Louis community and our online customers for many years to come."

Laurie's Shoes is headquartered at 9916 Manchester Rd., and Birkenstock & More is located at 12350 Olive Blvd. in Creve Coeur. For more information, call (314) 961-1642 or visit Laurie's Shoes.



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## St. Louis Children's Hospital Make Tracks For the Zoo Virtual Race May 16-31, 2021

Run or walk from any location you choose in this virtual race that benefits the Saint Louis Zoo. Registrants will receive (while supplies last) a commemorative T-shirt, finisher's medal, custom downloadable race bib and certificate. Share your running photos on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram with #IRanForTheStZoo for a chance to win prizes.

When: Between May 16 and May 31, 2021, walk or run 5K or 3.1 miles wherever you'd like: on your home treadmill, around your neighborhood or in a park.

Registration Fee: \$29.95 per registrant. Register online at [stlzoo.org/maketracks](http://stlzoo.org/maketracks). Deadline for registration is May 13. Proceeds help support the conservation work of the Saint Louis Zoo.

Register Your Race Time: Register your time and compare it to other remote racers, complete with your custom finisher certificate. Links are available on the Zoo's website [stlzoo.org/maketracks](http://stlzoo.org/maketracks).

Sponsors: Invaluable support provided by St. Louis Children's Hospital, Mid America Chevy Dealers, Heartland Coca-Cola Bottling Company, Prairie Farms Dairy, Big River Race Management and 103.3 KLOU.

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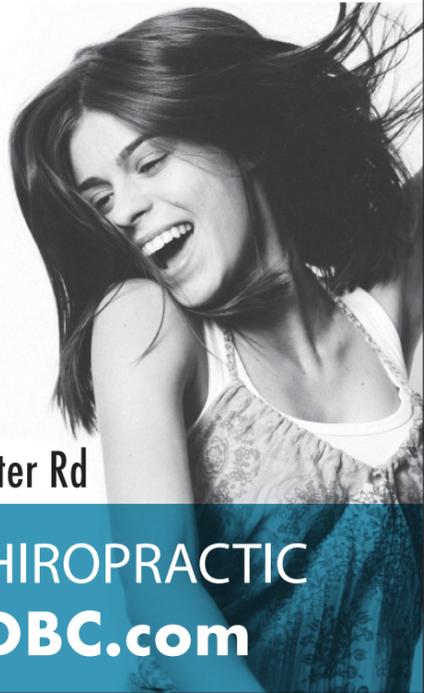
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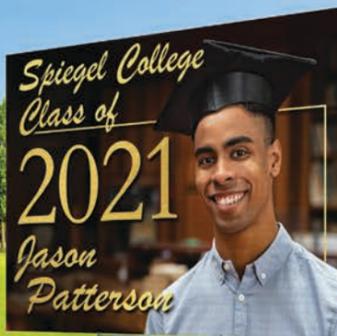


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### Operation Food Search Receives \$240,000 Donation for Franklin County

Anonymous donation specifically earmarked for the nonprofit's Franklin County partner agencies



Operation Food Search (OFS), a non-profit hunger relief organization, recently received \$240,000 from a semi-retired couple now living in Franklin County who wished to stay anonymous. Their one request: the donation had to be used for OFS's partner agencies located in the Franklin County community. Their main objective: their donation would inspire people to give to agencies like this which are addressing food insecurity during the current pandemic.

Each of the following agencies received \$30,000: Agape House of Franklin County, Agape Help House of Pacific, Catholic Services of St. Clair, Community Outreach of Gerald, Loving Hearts Outreach, St. Francis Borgia, Second Blessings, and Tri Pantry. Potential uses for the funds include purchasing vehicles, walk-in coolers, and shelf stable food, as well as expanding and improving sites to incorporate handicap accessibility and security.

"This generous donation was made by long-time supporters of our agency who wished to remain anonymous," said OFS President and CEO Kristen Wild. "They are a semi-retired couple who recognized the increased and ongoing need of the Franklin County community, and they stepped up to make a difference in their area." Wild added that the funds were distributed to the nonprofits' partner agencies "demonstrating the biggest need in serving families experiencing food insecurity during this ongoing pandemic."

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### Neighborhood Eyes

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



Welcome back!

After a year away from the stage, we are thrilled to return to in-person performances with the magical Mjima's Tale! We're so glad to welcome you back to the unique shared experience of live theatre with this beautiful show.

From two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Lynn Nottage, Mjima's Tale introduces us to a majestic and powerful African elephant that has been killed for his tusks. Embodied by a single dancer, Mjima's spirit comes to life, following the path of his tusks on a moving, lyrical journey through the dark world of the international ivory trade.

This captivating play will be our first performance at CO-CA's state-of-the-art Berges Theatre. The St. Louis County Department of Health has given approval for reduced capacity in this venue, and together with our medical advisors we have developed a comprehensive plan to keep you safe.

We are so happy to be able to experience live theatre with you again! It's an exciting time at The Rep with Mjima's Tale, Camp Rep and our upcoming 2021-22 season announcement. Thank you so much for your continued support.

See you at the theatre!

## Butler's Pantry And Tower Grove Park Partner For Picnics In The Park

Butler's Pantry and Tower Grove Park Foundation are partnering for a springtime favorite, Picnics in the Park. Every Thursday starting April 22nd to May 27th, friends and families can enjoy delicious Butler's Pantry picnic meals in the beautiful and historic Tower Grove Park.

For every picnic box purchased, Butler's Pantry will donate \$5 to Tower Grove Park Foundation. On GiveSTL Day, May 6th, Butler's Pantry will donate an additional 5 dollars for those who show a donation receipt to the Tower Grove Park GiveSTL Day fund. Those individuals will also receive one free Schlafly Park Lager generously donated by Schlafly Beer to go with their picnic meal. Donations from GiveSTL Day will specifically help the Horticulture & Forestry Program to maintain and enhance the park's 289 acres and ensure it remains vibrant and welcoming for visitors.

"We are thrilled to continue this partnership with Butler's Pantry," said Liz Hickox, Director of Community Programs at Tower Grove Park. "These pop-up events are yet another way for us to live out our mission of providing the St. Louis community with more recreational and cultural opportunities."

Each personal-sized picnic box is \$30 for four picnic-friendly courses — appetizer, salad, entrée and a dessert. Water, soft drinks, cocktails and beer are also available for purchase. Picnic boxes are typically pre-ordered online by 10 AM every Wednesday and picked up at Tower Grove Park on Thursdays from 4:30-6:30 P.M. On May 6, there will be a limited quantity of picnic boxes available for purchase onsite at the pop-up picnic location near the pond loop, next to the Fountain Pond & Ruins. Families are encouraged to bring their own blankets, yard games, pillows and chairs.

"After a year like no other, Picnics in the Park was one of the ways we were able to create a sense of togetherness and community during a time when we couldn't gather in traditional ways," said Bridget Bitza, Vice President of Sales & Catering at Butler's Pantry. "The Tower Grove Park community gave us a warm welcome last year and we are happy to come back and provide the same safe, culinary experience for everyone to enjoy while reconnecting with friends and family among the beautiful landscape of Tower Grove Park."

Tower Grove Park is a public park and arboretum maintained, operated, and programmed by an independent Board of Commissioners and staff. The Board of Commissioners receive support from memberships, private donations, grants, rental fees, and the city of St. Louis. The Tower Grove Park staff is the only provider of maintenance for the Park.



## Memorial Day at Soldiers Memorial, History Clubhouse reopens June 1 at the Missouri History Museum, and more May offerings from the Missouri Historical Society

Soldiers Memorial Military Museum is open 10 am to 5 pm on Monday, May 31, in honor of Memorial Day (regular operating days are Wed -Sunday). Special Memorial Day offerings include one-hour outdoor tours highlighting the history and architecture of Soldiers Memorial offered at 10:30 am, 12:30 pm, 2:00 pm, and 3:30 pm. Soldiers Memorial will also be providing visitors with flowers to lay at the Memorials in the Court of Honor. Over Memorial Day weekend, Soldiers Memorial will release 3 videos on social media (@SoldiersStLouis) highlighting members of the Armed Forces who made the ultimate sacrifice and are remembered in the Court of Honor at Soldiers Memorial.

### Shakespeare, Race, and Who Gets to Tell the Story Thursday, May 13 at 6:30 pm | via Zoom | in collaboration with St. Louis Shakespeare Festival

Excitement is building throughout St. Louis for the upcoming Shakespeare in the Park production of King Lear, directed by Carl Cofield, the associate artistic director of the Classical Theatre of Harlem. The play features an all-POC company, including Tony Award winner Andre Dé Shields (Hometown, The Wiz, Ain't Misbehavin') in the starring role. Thought to be William Shakespeare's greatest tragedy, King Lear remains relevant in a 21st century America wrestling with critical issues.

Join the Missouri History Museum and the St. Louis Shakespeare Festival for a panel discussion with director Carl Cofield about the role race plays in Shakespeare's work, the ways that people of color have used his work as a vehicle for artistic excellence, and how centuries-old works can be retold to explore issues of race and equity today.

### History Clubhouse Reopens June 1, 2021, at the Missouri History Museum

The Missouri History Museum will re-open its award-winning family exhibit on June 1, 2021, after a temporary exhibit closure due to COVID-19. The History Clubhouse will be open Wednesday through Sunday each week; families are invited to make FREE advance reservations for one-hour play sessions each day at 10 am, 11:30 am, 1:30 pm, or 3 pm. There is a 30-minute cleaning and sanitization period between each play session. All visitors ages 5 and older are required to wear a face mask that fully covers the nose and mouth.

For those who feel safer visiting the History Clubhouse with only their own group, the Missouri History Museum is offering private group reservations for \$30 Wednesdays through Fridays, \$50 on Saturdays and Sundays. MHS members receive a 20 percent discount and summer camp, and summer school groups may be eligible for private group reservations at no cost. For questions about History Clubhouse reservations, please call (314) 361-9017 or email [scheduling@mohistory.org](mailto:scheduling@mohistory.org).

### Mighty Mississippi exhibit closes June 6, 2021, at the Missouri History Museum

Mighty Mississippi, the Missouri History Museum's 6,000-square-foot special exhibit exploring the rich heritage of North America's greatest river, closes to the public on June 6, 2021. The exhibit, which opened on Nov. 23, 2019, tells the story of survival along one of the earth's greatest watersheds through more than 200 artifacts, many dating back over 1,000 years. The Missouri History Museum is open to the public Wednesday — Sunday, from 10 am to 5 pm. Admission is free. Masks are required; limit wait time by getting your free tickets online in advance. Visit [mohistory.org/welcome-back](http://mohistory.org/welcome-back) to reserve tickets and to learn more about the Missouri Historical Society's COVID-19 policies.

## WEBSTER ROCK HILL MINISTRIES Senior Home Repair Program

We are once again accepting applications for the Senior Home Repair Program. If you have maintenance or repair needs, please contact us: 314-961-5082 or by email: [wrrhm@wrrhm.org](mailto:wrrhm@wrrhm.org)

These tasks may include routine home maintenance, such as painting, yard work, and weatherproofing, or more advanced projects.

### Dear Neighbor:

As the new Executive Director of Webster Rock Hill Ministries, I wanted to share that we are here to support you and your families through our pillar ministries of food and utility assistance. In addition, as we maneuver through COVID-19, it is our hope to resume tutoring, youth programs, as well as our senior home repair projects as soon as it is safe to do so.

Webster Rock Hill Ministries continues to be committed to helping all of our neighbors thrive, flourish and prosper. Our vision remains "...empowering a better today, a more blessed tomorrow and brightest future for all..." We believe that we can make real the abiding love of Christ by serving the community and connecting with our neighbors.

Please know that we envision providing food assistance monthly with all other support based on needs and individual or family assessments. We are determined not to turn anyone away who may be seeking service. Greater still, families needing assistance are not our clients but rather they are our neighbors. Therefore, you can expect WRHM to serve you and your family with compassion, dignity and care.

My name is Derek E Bastian and it is my greatest honor and that of the Webster Rock Hill Ministries Board of Directors, staff, volunteers and community partners to serve you and family.

With Deepest Humility,  
Derek E Bastian  
Executive Director



## Monster Jam® Returns for an Action-Packed Weekend of Family Fun with Fans in St. Louis from May 14 – 16

This. Is. Monster Jam®! The most action-packed motorsports experience for families in the world today returns after a pandemic pause, roaring into St. Louis for a high-octane weekend at The Dome at America's Center on Friday, May 14 through Sunday, May 16. Monster Jam®, one of the first family events to open its doors to fans since the global pandemic began in 2020, features the ultimate mix of high-flying action and four-wheel excitement. Tickets start at \$20 on ticketmaster.com with Monster Jam Preferred Customers able to purchase advance tickets starting today, April 6, before tickets go on-sale to the general public on April 13. Fans can still sign up for free to become a Monster Jam Preferred Customer and get exclusive access to the pre-sale offer code.

Monster Jam is enthusiastic that fans are eager to attend a live event with family and friends and feel confident about their safety and well-being, as shown in multiple surveys. In order to meet and exceed those expectations, Monster Jam has implemented enhanced health measures to help ensure the highest standards of wellness when it comes to today's live experience. Seating capacity will be reduced at The Dome at America's Center to a Pod Seating structure, which will allow family and friends to safely enjoy all the action while social distancing from other groups in attendance. More information about The Dome at America's Center's safety policy can be found here. As an additional precaution for fans, face coverings are required for those age 2 and older, unless otherwise exempted by law.

Monster Jam has reimagined the live event guest experience and created contactless shopping for fans to order merchandise in advance or onsite from the comfort of their seat. Once ordered, guests can pick up their items at a convenient, contactless pickup station during the live event.

St. Louis fans will witness a fierce battle for the event championship with each skilled Monster Jam athlete tearing up the dirt with gravity-defying feats in 12,000-pound Monster Jam trucks going head-to-head for points in Freestyle, the Skills Challenge and Racing competitions. Plus, fans can become part of the action by voting for the winner in the Skills Challenge and Freestyle competitions via real-time, in-stadium fan voting on their smartphones.

The all-star truck lineup marks the first time in regular competition that the three Anderson siblings will battle against each other in the same Monster Jam event: the legendary Grave Digger® will be driven by Krysten; fan-favorite Adam trades his black and green wrecking machine for Megalodon®, the truck that redefined the phrase "jumping the shark" and set the GUINNESS WORLD RECORD™ title for the most monster trucks jumped by a monster truck; and in a limited-time, special appearance, Ryan gets behind the wheel of Bakugan Dragonoid™.

12-time Monster Jam World Finals® champion Tom Meents will be competing in Max-D™ Fire, while Todd LeDuc aims to crush the competition in Monster Energy®. Adding to this

world-class roster are GUINNESS WORLD RECORD title holders Bryce Kenny in Great Clips Mohawk Warrior® and Bari Musawwir in Zombie™, both featured in the August Discovery Channel TV special Monster Jam: Breaking World Records. 2019 Monster Jam World Finals High Jump champion Cynthia Gauthier will compete in Monster Mutt® Dalmatian – Galaxy. Cory Rummell vies for the championship in Rage, while Jim Koehler returns in Avenger and Jamey Garner competes in Over Bored, respectively. Black Pearl, driven by Cole Venard, claims the last spot in the epic 12-truck lineup.

Monster Jam drivers are trained, world-class male and female athletes who have mastered not only the physical strength and mental stamina needed to compete, but the vital dexterity to control 12,000-pound machines capable of doing backflips, vertical two-wheel skills and racing at speeds up to 70 miles-per-hour to produce jaw-dropping, live motorsports action seen around the world.

### WHEN:

Friday, May 14, 2021 – 7:00pm  
Saturday, May 15, 2021 – 7:00pm  
Sunday, May 16, 2021 – 3:00pm

### WHERE:

The Dome at America's Center, 701 Convention Plaza, St. Louis, MO 63101

### TICKETS:

Event Tickets start at \$20 each\*

Tickets will be available for purchase online at ticketmaster.com

\*Ticket prices subject to change – venue/ticketing fees may apply.

For more info about a Monster Jam event near you, follow Monster Jam on our social media channels: Facebook, Twitter & Instagram. Subscribe to the Monster Jam YouTube Channel at <http://www.youtube.com/MonsterJam>

## Operation Food Search Creates Gleaning Partnership with Eckert's

Operation Food Search (OFS), a non-profit hunger relief organization, recently announced a new gleaning partnership with Eckert's Belleville Farm located at 951 S. Green Mount Rd. in Belleville, Ill. The family farm will donate peaches and apples from gleaning events to assist OFS's Greater St. Louis Area Gleaning Program, which is in conjunction with the Missouri Coalition for the Environment (MCE).

The gleaning—which involves harvesting or picking up already harvested food that would otherwise be unused—will be conducted by volunteers from US Foods, a restaurant supplier for St. Louis and more than 300,000 operations across the country. The donated gleaned food is then quickly distributed to OFS's network of more than 200 food pantries, shelters and food sites located throughout the bi-state region.

Eckert's Country Store & Farms is the largest family-owned and operated pick-your-own orchard in the U.S. Eckert's Belleville Farm is open year-round and offers seasonal pick-your-own fruit and vegetables. The sixth and seventh generations of the Eckert family operate retail, entertainment, and farming entities in southwestern Illinois.

"Eckert's partnership with Operation Food Search represents a longstanding commitment to help nourish the bodies of those in need, and it's one that we have taken to heart for over 25 years. Previously our Eckert's team members harvested the fruit and worked with Operation Food Search to receive and distribute the donations. We're excited to welcome US Foods team out to Eckert's for the gleaning initiative and are thrilled to continue to provide our homegrown peaches and apples to feed so many in our region," said Eckert's Marketing Director Amanda Morgan.

"US Food is proud to partner with Operation Food Search and Eckert's in their efforts to address food insecurity across St. Louis," said Andy Stein, Area President for US Foods. Eckert's has been a valued partner of US Foods for more than 20 years, and it's an honor to provide them additional support wherever it's needed. US Foods has a longstanding commitment to supporting hunger-relief efforts across the country, and it's a pleasure to be involved in such a wonderful event."

Founded in 1981, Operation Food Search (OFS) is a hunger relief organization located at 1644 Lotsie Blvd. that provides free food, nutrition education and innovative programs proven to reduce food insecurity. With a strategic focus aimed at ending childhood hunger, OFS empowers families and increases access to healthy and affordable food. The agency provides food and services to 200,000 individuals on a monthly basis – one-third of whom are children – through a network of 330 community partners in 27 Missouri and Illinois counties and the city of St. Louis.

To learn more about how farms and volunteers can participate in gleaning efforts, call (314) 726-5355 or visit Operation Food Search.

## Midas Hospitality to Develop First Newly Built Clayton Hotel in 20 Years



A newly constructed hotel in the heart of Clayton, Missouri's business district – the first hotel built since 1990 – is scheduled to open its doors in Fall of 2022.

Leading hotel development, management and investment firm Midas Hospitality recently broke ground on its \$47 million Residence Inn by Marriott. Located at 8125 Forsyth Blvd., the 12-story hotel will feature 170 extended stay rooms complete with fully equipped kitchens. The property is situated near the 47-acre Shaw Park, the city's oldest and largest park established in 1935.

The Residence Inn will feature a state-of-the-art fitness center, a 3,300-square-foot meeting space with outdoor terrace and bar, and laundry facilities. Guests will receive a complimentary breakfast, as well as access to evening social events.

The property will be managed by Midas Hospitality and built by Midas' sister company Midas Construction, a general contractor specializing in new hotel construction, historic renovation and commercial tenant finish. The location was the previous site of an unoccupied two-story retail building, which was wedged in between two prominent office buildings.

"While the pandemic put a lot of business traveling on hiatus, we're confident in its resurgence and have designed the Residence Inn to meet the needs of the business traveler and families," said Midas Hospitality's Vice President of Sales and Marketing Linda Eigelberger. "It will be a place to recharge and relax with spectacular views of Shaw Park and great access to upscale retail and restaurants in the Clayton business district."

Founded in 2006, Midas Hospitality specializes in the development, management and investment of award-winning hotel properties across the U.S. The firm focuses on select-service and extended-stay experiences for global brands including Hilton, Marriott, and IHG. Midas' headquarters are located at 1804 Borman Circle Dr. in Maryland Heights, Mo. For more information, call (314) 692-0100 or visit Midas Hospitality.

## Operation Food Search Hosts Operation Barbecue

Operation Food Search (OFS), a non-profit hunger relief organization, will hold its first Operation Barbecue led by Sugarfire's award-winning executive chef Matt Glickert. The virtual cooking class will be held Thurs., May 13 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Chef Glickert will guide beginners and foodies alike through the preparation of a full meal including chicken, shrimp and vegetable kabobs, creamy lemon herb coleslaw, and grilled Yukon gold potato salad. The interactive event is presented by OFS's Friends Board, a dynamic group of young professionals vested in feeding the community's hungry. Proceeds from Operation Barbecue will support Operation Backpack, which provides weekend meals to food-insecure kids throughout the school year.

Tickets, which are \$65 for two adults or a \$100 family pack that serves four people, include virtual event access plus ingredients for the meal. A beer pairing that includes four cans of 4 Hands City Wide Beer is an additional \$12. Sugarfire meal kits are available for pick up at their Wentzville, Valley Park, Olivette, downtown, and Winghaven locations.

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### St. Louis Riverfront Cruises Re-Open

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### Blues Cruise May 13

The Mississippi River and blues music are a match made in heaven. Come see for yourself aboard this lively cruise celebrating a St. Louis tradition. This long-standing cruise series features some of the region's best blues artists, from local favorites to up-and-comers. All season long, this cruise is the perfect place to grab a drink and take it easy for a night.

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## Skewered Grilled Potatoes

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New potatoes coated in a rosemary and garlic marinade then skewered and grilled.

**Prep:** 20 mins

**Cook:** 20 mins

**Additional:** 1 hr

**Total:** 1 hr 40 mins

**Servings:** 8

**Yield:** 8 servings



### Ingredients

2 pounds red potatoes, quartered

½ cup water

½ cup light mayonnaise

¼ cup dry white wine

2 teaspoons crushed dried rosemary

1 teaspoon garlic powder

wooden skewers, soaked in water for 30 minutes

### Directions

#### Step 1

Place potatoes and water in a microwave safe bowl. Cook potatoes in microwave on high until just tender, about 15 minutes, stirring half-way through. Drain potatoes and allow to steam for a few minutes to dry.

#### Step 2

In a large bowl, stir together mayonnaise, wine, rosemary, and garlic powder. Mix in drained potatoes and toss to coat. Marinate, covered, in the refrigerator for 1 hour.

#### Step 3

Preheat an outdoor grill for high heat and lightly oil grate.

#### Step 4

Remove potatoes from marinade, and skewer. Grill, covered, for 6 to 8 minutes, brushing occasionally with marinade, turning half-way through. Remove potatoes from skewers and serve hot.

### Nutrition Facts

**Per Serving:** 137 calories; protein 2.4g; carbohydrates 19.9g; fat 5.2g; cholesterol 5.3mg; sodium 108.8mg.

# MOSAICS

FINE ART FESTIVAL

Mosaics Fine Art Festival will host its 26th annual event on Fri., Sept. 17 from 4 to 9 p.m., Sat., Sept. 18 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sun., Sept. 19 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The family-friendly event, which is



free and open to the public, will be held along several blocks of North Main St. in Historic St. Charles, Mo. where more than 40 restaurants and over 80 shops are located.

The three-day festival includes approximately 80 juried artists from more than 15 states who will exhibit artwork available for purchase. Media categories include clay, drawing, glass, leather, metal, pastel, oil/acrylic, photography, print making, sculpture, watercolor and wood. A total of \$5,000 will be awarded to the top 10 artists.

The festival includes Art Shop for Kids, a kids-only gallery where children ages 14 and younger can buy professional artwork. Designed to foster art appreciation at a young age, all pieces are donated by participating festival artists and can be purchased for a nominal fee.

The H. Robert Pank Memorial Entertainment Pavilion will showcase a variety of performing artists throughout the weekend.

The Mosaics Fine Art Festival is a nonprofit organization that showcases local and regional artists while educating the community's children and adults in how art can enhance their lives. The festival features a wide array of artwork produced by a mix of emerging, mid-career and established artists in all media. Artists can apply before the May 3 deadline at <https://www.zapplication.org/event-info.php?ID=9223>. For more information, call (314) 406-2067 or visit Mosaics Fine Art Festival.

## Kids in the Kitchen: Snack Crackers



**TOTAL TIME:** Prep: 5 min. + standing

**YIELD:** 12 cups.

### Ingredients

¾ cup canola oil

1-1/2 teaspoons dill weed

1 envelope (1 ounce) ranch salad dressing mix

2 packages (10 ounces each) oyster crackers

### Directions

In a small bowl, whisk the oil, dill and salad dressing mix. Place the crackers in a large bowl; pour dressing mixture over crackers and toss gently to coat. Allow to stand at least 1 hour before serving.

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# INSIDE BASEBALL

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Saying that Jordan Walker and Masyn Winn were a little excited about finally being able to make their professional baseball debuts was probably a major understatement.

The two teenagers were the Cardinals' top selections in the amateur draft last summer, but because of the pandemic shutting down minor-league baseball, their debuts were put on hold.

That delay finally ended on May 4 when the two took the field as teammates on the Class A Palm Beach Cardinals.

"Me and my mom have been talking about this since I was six years old," Winn said in advance of the game. "I'm about to have my pro debut. That's crazy, that's wild."

Walker used the same word – crazy.

"I've never gone this long without playing a game that counted," he said. "It's definitely exciting. I know there will be butterflies, but the excitement is just more that the waiting is almost over. It's a dream coming true."

Part of the reason why both Walker and Winn were so eager for that first game was how long it had been since either played a game that actually counted.

Walker's last game came last March for his high school team in Georgia. He remembers having "a pretty good game, got a couple of hits," but no other details were etched in his memory because at the time his season was interrupted he didn't know that it would turn out to be his final game.

Winn's wait seems almost longer because he was only able to play one game as a senior in high school in Houston, 14 months ago. That was the only game he has played since a tournament in Florida in October 2019.

Luckily both players were among the minor-leaguers invited to be part of the Cardinals alternate site camp last summer, designed primarily to have players ready to fill in if necessary at the big-league level. There also were slots available, however, to give young players like Walker and Winn a chance to not miss an entire year playing baseball.

Both immediately saw the benefits of the work and instruction they received at the camp, although it took longer for Winn to get that experience after he tested positive for COVID-19 when he first got to Springfield.

"Usually it's a 14-day quarantine but with the MLB protocols that made you go until you tested negative twice in a row it took me until day 23 to test negative twice in a row," Winn said. "It was rough."

But when Winn finally got on the field, he like Walker, found himself under the daily tutelage of instructor Jose Oquendo. While both, like all minor leaguers, missed a year of not playing actual games, they believe that was off-set by receiving a different level of education.

"I think sending Jordan and me there definitely put us a step up," Winn said. "I feel like just the instruction, being in a pro environment, being around the older guys, a lot of Double A and Triple A guys, it was very beneficial."

"Honestly as far as experience-wise being around those guys, and being able to be a sponge and soak up the knowledge, that was really beneficial."

A lot of that knowledge came from Oquendo as he worked with Walker, primarily a third baseman, and Winn, a two-way player but who is expected to mostly play shortstop in the early part of his pro career. There is a plan in place, but not attached to a specific timetable, of when Winn also will begin to get in some work on the mound.

"Masyn is going to start out as a shortstop to let him get some experience doing that first and have the opportunity to get some at-bats," said Gary LaRocque, the Cardinals' director of player development. "Then we will explore how to move forward with an opportunity on the mound."

No matter what position either Walker or Winn is playing, the time spent with Oquendo last summer was invaluable to both.

"What a wonderful opportunity to take advantage of those months and being around Oquendo the whole time," LaRocque said. "Clearly a minor-league season would have been great from the standpoint of the number of days, the workload that goes into it, playing those games. But not having that, the next best option was what they did at the alternate site ... A lot of good preparation went on."

The lessons both Walker and Winn learned were physical as well as mental.

"Masyn and I got to see Double A and Triple A pitchers that we wouldn't have seen right out of the gate on a regular year," Walker said. "That's the benefit we got, to see what we need to work on to hit that type of pitching. It really is nice to already know what your goal needs to be and what you need to work on a few years in advance to be able to move up through the system."

"We got to learn from the older guys. Nolan Gorman plays the same position, and I got to see him play up close and see how he carries himself and his attitude toward the game, to become more professional and act like I've been there before. I got to see what I can do to get there."

The biggest takeaway from last summer for Winn was all of the time and work he put in under Oquendo's watchful eye.

"I had great coaches growing up and in high school but Oquendo, listening to that dude talk, man," he said. "Taking ground balls, working with the best, that was mind-blowing to me. I could 100 percent see improvement. I thought I was good defender coming in, but now I am more consistent – just little things like with my footwork – to help make accurate throws. It's the little things that add up in the long run."

Walker soaked up some of the intangible lessons as well, thanks to Oquendo's teaching.

"My baseball IQ is going up and I am more aware of what is going on on the field," he said. "Just how to think about aspects of the game that I probably hadn't thought of before. Like in high school, if there was a rundown at third base, I would run the guy down but probably forget about the guy who was at first base going to second. Now I'm more aware of what is going on around me."

Being together in Springfield also gave Walker, who will turn 19 in May, and Winn, who celebrated his 19th birthday in March, time to develop a friendship that saw them quickly bond together, much as Winn had done when he played summer ball with Tink Hence, a high school pitcher from Arkansas who was the Cardinals' third pick in the 2020 draft.

"When we met it was weird," Winn said of his relationship with Walker. "It was kind of like me and Tink, who is one of my best friends. I'm a real friendly person and get along with pretty much everybody. Jordan is 6-foot-5 but he's just a big teddy bear. Now it's like he's one of my brothers. We have a lot of fun."

"The biggest thing for me, I tell everybody, 'You're going to like playing with me bro because I like to have fun.' He's out there relaxing, smiling, just playing ball. It's great."

Finally being able to do that in a game that counted, and then be able to do it again on a daily basis for the next five months, is something both Walker and Winn are excited about.

"Playing six days a week, nine-inning games, it's pretty exciting," Walker said. "Just to get back to playing again ... I'm really looking forward to it."

Added Winn, "COVID ruined everybody's year, but I'm glad we can get it (our careers) started now. I think this is going to be a really fun year."

LaRocque was almost as excited as both Walker and Winn to finally see them on the field in a true competitive, game setting.

"They've done well," he said. "It's going to be fun to watch their progress during the summer."

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## Birkenstock & More Announces 15th Anniversary Family-owned and operated footwear business marks milestone achievement

Birkenstock & More, a fourth-generation family owned and operated footwear store, recently celebrated its 15th year in business. Founded in 2006, Birkenstock & More is the sister company of Laurie's Shoes and Shoe Roads Productions.

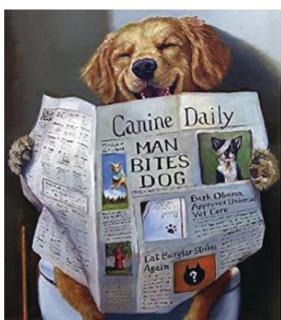
Birkenstock & More features a wide variety of styles, widths, and sizes of its namesake brand. Birkenstock footwear is made in Germany, selling worldwide for more than 240 years. The shoes provide a patented comfort footbed and contoured arch support design in hiking, walking, climbing, and casual footwear. In the early 1960s, the company created a sandal with a flexible arch support made from cork, a material that previously was never considered in the footwear industry.

Sister company Laurie's Shoes, which was founded in 1951, is currently celebrating its 70th anniversary. The store carries 150 shoe brands plus fashionable accessories in addition to a sweeping online presence that serves customers located throughout the U.S. with free delivery.

Established in 2002, sister company Shoe Roads Productions is a traveling shoe show division serving eight Midwestern states. The company brings a large selection of footwear directly to medical professionals at hospitals, providing time-saving on-site shoe shopping at 145 hospitals. A portion of all in person and virtual shoe sales by medical employees and their families serve as a year-round fundraiser for hospital auxiliaries.

"As we focus on the future, we remember our history and the role it has played in getting us where we are today," said Birkenstock & More president Mark Waldman. "We are proud of this achievement – which we attribute to our entire team's dedication plus our commitment to quality footwear – and look forward to serving our customers for many years to come."

Birkenstock & More is located at 12350 Olive Blvd. in Creve Coeur, and Laurie's Shoes and Shoe Roads Productions are headquartered at 9916 Manchester Rd. in Glendale. For more information, call (314) 434-4430.



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## Operation Food Search Hosts Feast for Change Fundraiser

Farm-to-fork experience to benefit the nonprofit's hunger relief services

Operation Food Search (OFS), a non-profit hunger relief organization, will host Feast for Change on Sat., Sept. 11 at 5:30 p.m. The fundraiser, which commemorates OFS's 40th anniversary, will be held at Kuhs Estate & Farm located at 13080 Spanish Pond Rd. in Spanish Lake, Mo.

The farm-to-fork experience includes fresh, locally sourced food, fine wine, and a live auction. Proceeds from the evening benefit OFS's services that focus on finding solutions in response to the region's food systems challenges.

Founded in 1981, Operation Food Search (OFS) is a hunger relief organization located at 1644 Lotsie Blvd. that provides free food, nutrition education and innovative programs proven to reduce food insecurity. With a strategic focus aimed at ending childhood hunger, OFS empowers families and increases access to healthy and affordable food. The agency provides food and services to nearly 200,000 individuals on a monthly basis – one-third of whom are children – through a network of 330 community partners in the city of St. Louis plus 27 Missouri and Illinois counties.

Tickets are \$150 per person and \$1,500 for a table of 10. For ticket details or to become a sponsor, call (314) 726-5355 or visit Operation Food Search.

## Zoo Receives Sensory Inclusion Certification

The Saint Louis Zoo recently earned Sensory Inclusive™ certification through a partnership with KultureCity, a nationally recognized nonprofit that provides sensory inclusion training and tools to venues and large-scale events.

As part of the certification process, Zoo team members receive ongoing training on how to recognize and assist guests with sensory needs and how to handle a sensory overload situation.

"The Saint Louis Zoo is committed to creating an inclusive and welcoming environment for all of our guests," said Louise Bradshaw, Fred Saigh Director of Education, Saint Louis Zoo. "We strive to raise awareness of the needs and challenges faced by individuals with sensory processing disorders by supplying our team members with continuous training and by offering resources and accommodations to our guests."

Sensory sensitivities or challenges with sensory regulation are often experienced by individuals with autism, dementia, PTSD and other similar conditions. One of the major barriers for these individuals is sensitivity to over stimulation and noise, which is an enormous part of the environment in a venue like the Zoo. With its new certification, the Zoo is now better prepared to assist guests with sensory sensitivities in having the most comfortable and accommodating experience possible when visiting.

Zoo guests will see new KultureCity signage throughout the Zoo indicating areas where there may be sensory challenges, such as noise, temperature, smells or sounds, as well as quiet spaces for relaxing. In addition, guests may connect with any Zoo team member for assistance.

"To know that you soon will be able to see families visit an attraction such as a zoo, a true community binding experience, with their loved ones who have a sensory challenge and who were not able to previously attend, is truly a heartwarming moment. Our communities are what shapes our lives and to know that the Saint Louis Zoo is willing to go the extra mile to ensure that everyone, no matter their ability, is included in their community is amazing." Dr. Julian Maha, Co-Founder, KultureCity.

Prior to visiting the Zoo, as well as other events and attractions around the nation, families can download the free KultureCity app to view what sensory features are available and how they can access them. Included on the app, and on the Zoo's website, is the social story for the Zoo, which will provide a preview of what to expect while visiting.

For a link to the KultureCity app and more information on inclusion and accessibility information at the Saint Louis Zoo, visit [stlzoo.org/accessibility](http://stlzoo.org/accessibility).

Home to over 12,000 animals representing 500 species, the Saint Louis Zoo is recognized worldwide for its innovative approaches to animal care and management, wildlife conservation, research, and education.

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## Brentwood Police Department

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**04-19-21 to 04-25-21**

CFS for Person Crime	
Murder / Manslaughter	0
Sexual Assaults	0
Robbery /Car-Jack	1
Assaults	0
Peace Disturbance & Domestic	12
Calls for Mental Health	1

CFS for Property Crime	
Arson/Bombing/Burning	0
Burglary - Residential	0
Burglary - Business	1
Destruction of Property	3
Frauds & ID Theft	2
Larceny - Shoplifting	0
Larceny - From Vehicle	4
Larceny - All Others	5
Stolen Vehicles	1
Trespassing	5

Weapons Related	
Utilized/Taken	1
Recovered	0

<b>Auto Accidents</b>	<b>13</b>
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Foot Patrols	
Building & Business Check	7
Parks & Schools	8
Misc	4

Notable CFS	
Alarm Calls	13
Animal Related	1
Assist Fire Department	10
Check Welfare/Notification	4
Contact Another Agency	2
Motor Assist	4
Police Community Relations	0
Radar / LPR Hits	1
Solicitors	3
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	11
Traffic Control/Details	6
Traffic Stops	103
Vacation Checks/Close Watch	1

ARREST	
Prisoner Conveyance	2
Adults	6
Juvenile	0

ARREST TYPE	
FTA/Fugitive	3
Original Non-Traffic	3
Original Traffic	1

<b>Miscellaneous CFS</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Minus Arrest/Types</b>	<b>-13</b>
<b>Total Calls For Service</b>	<b>249</b>



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**APRIL 2021**

CFS for Person Crime	
Murder / Manslaughter	0
Sexual Assaults	0
Robbery /Car-Jack	1
Assaults	0
Peace Disturbance & Domestic	53
Calls for Mental Health	6

CFS for Property Crime	
Arson/Bombing/Burning	0
Burglary - Residential Incl. Attm	0
Burglary - Business Incl. Attmt	1
Destruction of Property	8
Frauds & ID Theft	5
Larceny - Shoplifting	3
Larceny - From Vehicle	13
Larceny - All Others	20
Stolen Vehicles	6
Trespassing	10

Weapons Related	
Utilized/Taken	3
Recovered	1

<b>Auto Accidents</b>	<b>58</b>
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Foot Patrols	
Building & Business Check	30
Parks & Schools	64
Misc	16

Notable CFS	
Alarm Calls	31
Animal Related	7
Assist Fire Department	69
Check Welfare/Notification	25
Contact Another Agency	20
Information Reports	0
Motorist Assist	6
Police Community Relations	3
Radar / LPR Hits	1
Solicitors	10
Suspicious Person/Vehicles	46
Traffic Control / Details	31
Traffic Stops	237
Vacation Checks/Close Watch	4
<b>ARREST</b>	
Prisoner Conveyance	4
Adults	20
Juvenile	0
<b>ARREST TYPE</b>	
FTA/Fugitive	7
Original Non-Traffic	15
Original Traffic	1

<b>Miscellaneous CFS</b>	<b>113</b>
<b>Minus Arrest/Types</b>	<b>-43</b>
<b>Total Calls For Service</b>	<b>905</b>

## St. Louis Area Diaper Bank Creates Partnership with The Little Bit Foundation

Two nonprofits join forces for the very first time to provide period supplies for area students

The St. Louis Area Diaper Bank and its Alliance for Period Supplies program recently partnered with The Little Bit Foundation to provide period supplies to St. Louis area schools and their students. The partnership will provide 100,000 period products to 2,500 menstruating students.

Two separate bills were recently proposed in the Missouri House of Representatives that would require school districts to supply free period products in middle schools, high schools, and charter schools. Only three U.S. states – California, Illinois, and New York – currently require schools serving students in grades six through 12 to provide free menstrual products in their restrooms.

“We are so grateful to solidify this partnership with St. Louis Area Diaper Bank and thrilled to provide another essential resource to our families experiencing even greater financial distress during these difficult times,” said The Little Bit Foundation CEO and Co-founder Rosemary Hanley. “No parent should have to choose between which basic need they’ll have to sacrifice today.”

Founded in 2019, the St. Louis Alliance for Period Supplies (STL APS) is a Diaper Bank program that distributes period supplies through community partners, as well as advocates for the elimination of “period poverty”. Established in 2001, The Little Bit Foundation works to eliminate barriers to learning by addressing the basic needs of under-resourced students and their families in the St. Louis region. Little Bit currently brings partnerships and programs to 42 area schools that help students stay focused on their academic goals.

“Menstrual products are largely viewed as luxuries rather than the basic needs they truly are,” said St. Louis Area Diaper Bank Executive Director Muriel Smith. “This partnership between our organizations will alleviate the stress students endure in terms of having access and the financial means for purchasing period supplies.” Smith added, “Many are unaware that period poverty in the U.S. is real and, because of the pandemic, St. Louis students are experiencing the effects at a much higher rate than ever before.”

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



## Saint Louis Zoo Summer Hours and Events

The Saint Louis Zoo announces extended hours, new family-focused Friday nights, and four adults-only (21+) evening events for summer 2021.

### Prairie Farms Dairy Summer Zoo Weekends and Family Fun Friday Nights presented by Mid America Chevy Dealers

The Zoo is open extended hours from May 14 through Aug. 15, 2021, for Prairie Farms Dairy Summer Zoo Weekends:

Sunday through Thursday — 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.\*

Friday and Saturday — 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day weekend — 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

\*Zoo closes at 4:30 p.m. on Thursdays, May 27, June 17, July 15 and Aug. 12 for ticketed Night at the Zoo event.

At Summer Zoo Weekends, enjoy the Zoo’s exhibits and attractions all summer long, including the new Emerson Dinorocaurus, Sea Lion Show, Stingrays at Caribbean Cove presented by SSM Health, Penguin & Puffin Coast, McDonnell Polar Bear Point, Emerson Zooline Railroad, and so much more.

Experience the magic of the Zoo at twilight at Family Fun Friday Nights presented by Mid America Chevy Dealers. From 5 to 7 p.m. on Fridays, May 14 through Aug. 13, see family-friendly strolling performers throughout the Zoo and enjoy family dinner and ice cream specials.

#### Free Reservations Required to Visit

All Zoo guests, including those attending Summer Zoo Weekends and Family Fun Friday Nights, must make a free, timed reservation online in advance to enter the Zoo. Make a reservation up to seven days prior to the date of visit. Fees apply for some attractions. Daily attendance is limited to help maintain social distancing within the Zoo.

#### More Information and Sponsors

For more information, visit [stlzoo.org](http://stlzoo.org), [facebook.com/stlzoo](https://facebook.com/stlzoo), [twitter.com/stlzoo](https://twitter.com/stlzoo), and [instagram.com/stlzoo](https://instagram.com/stlzoo).

Summer Zoo Weekends is sponsored by Prairie Farms Dairy and iHeart Media.

Family Fun Friday Nights is sponsored by Mid America Chevy Dealers, Prairie Farms Dairy, Coca-Cola and 106.5 The Arch

#### Safety

The safety of guests, staff and animals is the Zoo’s highest priority. To provide a safe and memorable experience for all, the Zoo has implemented enhanced protocols and procedures. Visit [stlzoo.org/reservations](http://stlzoo.org/reservations) for up-to-date details and other safety measures prior to your visit.

#### Night at the Zoo presented by First Watch (For Adults 21+)

Night at the Zoo presented by First Watch — Adults ages 21+ are invited to spend an exclusive, limited-attendance evening among the animals at the Saint Louis Zoo. Enjoy Zoo exhibits and complimentary admission to special attractions, two complimentary drink tickets, a free animal-themed mask, and special discounts at food outlets and gift shops.

Four scheduled dates:

5-8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 27, 2021

5-8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 17, 2021

5-8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 15, 2021

5-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, 2021

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151 to 200	Unhealthy	Red
201 to 300	Very Unhealthy	Purple
301 to 500	Hazardous	Maroon

## 2021 AIR QUALITY FORECASTING SEASON KICKS OFF AS LATEST “STATE OF THE AIR” REPORT REVEALS GOOD AND BAD NEWS FOR THE ST. LOUIS REGION

Just in time for daily air quality forecasting to make its return for the 2021 season tomorrow, the American Lung Association’s latest “State of the Air” report indicates some nationwide progress on cleaning up air pollution, but 41.1 percent of the population — more than 135 million Americans — are still living in areas with unhealthy air quality. While this is 14.8 million fewer people breathing unhealthy air compared to the years covered by the 2020 report (2016-2018), there is still much work to be done to protect our local communities from the continued risks to public health resulting from high levels of ozone and particle pollution. The Clean Air Partnership is reminding area residents of the importance of staying informed about the quality of air we breathe, whether it is in a healthy “green” range, unhealthy “red” range, or somewhere in between.

For the fifth consecutive year, the St. Louis region escaped being ranked among the 25 most ozone-polluted cities in the U.S. coming in at number 26; however, the area landed in a four-way tie for the 20th spot on the list of most-polluted cities by year-round particle pollution. Rising global temperatures and disruption of both short and long-term weather patterns caused by climate change are reportedly making it harder to protect human health and putting millions more people at risk, including those in the St. Louis region and far too many other cities across the nation. Despite the three years included in this year’s report (2017-2019) being relatively cooler than those in the previous report, they still rank among the six hottest years on record globally.

“Even though it’s encouraging that the St. Louis region stayed off the list of most ozone-polluted cities with more counties receiving a higher grade in this year’s annual “State of the Air” report compared to last year, the data clearly shows we’re far from a clean bill of health for our region,” said Susannah Fuchs, Director of Clean Air for the American Lung Association in Missouri. “While weather conditions do play a significant role in our region’s daily air quality, the dramatic reductions in transportation-related emissions during the pandemic provided a compelling reminder that our commuting choices affect air quality and the health of the region, which we hope to see positively reflected in the numbers for next year’s report.”

As the nation continues to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, research shows that reducing air pollution is critical for respiratory health now and in the future, especially for

populations most at risk, such as children and older adults, people of color and individuals with underlying health conditions. Given that some of those vulnerable populations are the same ones most at risk from the novel coronavirus, these voluntary measures take on additional significance in the current environment, particularly for the 20.7 million individuals living in counties that received an “F” grade for all three air pollution measures. “As we prepare to settle into the summer months when we’re at greater risk for higher levels of ozone pollution, the Clean Air Partnership is calling attention to the trends observed during 2020 to encourage area residents to remain steadfast in their efforts to take voluntary steps to reduce emissions,” Fuchs added. “These include the continuation of eco-friendly actions like telecommuting and, for those who do begin returning to the office, giving greater consideration to alternatives to the solo commute like the region’s public transit system and ridesharing.”

With the air quality forecasting season resuming May 1st, the Partnership also ramps up its outreach to educate residents of the St. Louis metro area about the health risks associated with poor air quality and the impact of everyday actions on the environment. Signing up to receive the Partnership’s color-coded daily air quality forecast via email at [www.cleanair-stlouis.com](http://www.cleanair-stlouis.com) helps to ensure St. Louisans know what the next day’s air quality will be and if they should alter their outdoor activities to minimize exposure to polluted air. Should the forecast call for poor air quality in the form of an “orange” or “red” air quality day, the hope is that people will take specific steps to further reduce emissions.

The Clean Air Partnership’s website offers many other tips to help clear the air along with a wealth of information on the health effects of poor air quality. visit [www.lung.org](http://www.lung.org).

**MPF Walk-Through Native Plant Sale May 15**



Enjoy browsing for beautiful and functional native trees, shrubs, and plants at this sale organized by the Missouri Prairie Foundation® and hosted by the World Bird Sanctuary.

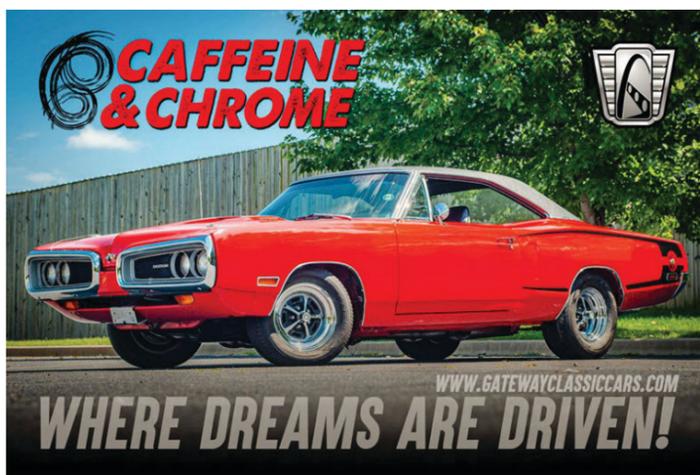
“This event is a wonderful opportunity to purchase native trees, shrubs, wildflowers, grasses, and more from three vendors from Missouri, to beautify your surroundings and support nature’s web of life in your yard or on your property,” said Carol Davit, MPF Executive Director. Vendors of this sale are Gaylena’s Garden, River City Natives, and Ozark Soul Native Plants. Some vendors accept cash, check, or credit cards; some only cash or checks.

Enjoy the grounds and magnificent live birds while at the World Bird Sanctuary. There is no entrance fee, but there is a suggested \$8 donation per vehicle. The World Bird Sanctuary has a mask mandate and requires that all visitors over the age of 5 wear a mask at all times.



Circus Flora is thrilled to announce its upcoming variety show, “The St. Lou Revue”! This 75-minute performance features many of St. Louis’ best acts and takes place one weekend only (June 4-6, 2021) in the iconic Big Top in Grand Center.

The Kranzberg Arts Foundation (KAF) and the Big Top have completed a rigorous program to become Missouri ArtSafe-certified. KAF’s strategic plan to reopen the venue safely includes a limited guest capacity, a more fully open-air Big Top, and a mandate that all audience members wear masks.



May 29, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Cruise into Gateway Classic Cars with your collectible car or daily driver to share with the car community. All makes and models are welcomed! Indulge in coffee and donuts, while supplies last. Gather around the car community on the last Saturday of every month for an experience of a lifetime. Free Admission from 9am to 12pm. Not to mention, we have a museum full of classic, exotic, and muscle cars. This is a family and pet friendly event!!



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**Brentwood Alumni Association Makes Plans for  
 “3rd Weekend in September”**

**All-School Reunion, September 17, 4pm**

*Join alums for a very special Third Weekend –  
 “Come Home to Brentwood High School”, including Hall of Fame Ceremony, High School Tours to view completed construction.*

*On Saturday, watch the Brentwood Days Parade at Noon and visit the BAA Booth in Brentwood Park on Russell which opens at 1 pm.*



Construction photos by Ed Wright ‘67

# Brentwood School District News - May 2021



BHS Softball Senior Night

## Class of 2021 Senior Awards

As of mid-April, the 55 members of the Brentwood Class of 2021 have submitted 219 applications to 138 colleges and universities all across the United States. They have reported 96 scholarship offers totaling \$3,706,349! Many of these scholarships were provided by members of the Brentwood community and we would like to thank the following groups for their generous support of Brentwood School District students:

- Brentwood Alumni Association
- Brentwood Boosters
- Brentwood Chamber of Commerce
- Brentwood Optimist Club
- Pay It Forward Committee
- Gene-Del Printing
- The Wright Family
- The Paul Miquelon Family

While many of our students will continue their learning at a college or university next year, others have plans to serve in the military, enter a trade or apprenticeship program, participate in vocational skills programs, or immediately join the workforce.

To each member of the Brentwood Class of 2021, congratulations on your exceptional achievements and best of luck in your future endeavors! You can view the full Senior Awards Showcase on the District's YouTube channel at [bit.ly/bsdyoutube](https://bit.ly/bsdyoutube).

## Educator Appreciation

May is an important time for school districts as the year school year starts coming to a close and planning for Summer and Fall ramps up. It's also a time when we pause to give our thanks and appreciation to the educators who teach our children and consistently go above and beyond to make our schools a safe, comfortable learning environment for everyone! After a year of adapting to new challenges, the world knows how important educators and schools are to the communities they serve. Please take this opportunity to reach out to an educator or school staff member to thank them for their dedication to our young people in the face of adversity.

## Thank You, Retirees!

Brentwood School District would like to show our gratitude and appreciation for the following individuals who are retiring this year. Thank you for your service to students and the Brentwood community!

- Lisa Hastings (32 Years of Service to Brentwood School District)
- Cristie Hembree (16 Years of Service to Brentwood School District)
- Brian Nikodym (7 Years of Service to Brentwood and 28 years in education)
- Vicki Rees (21 Years of Service to Brentwood School District)

Congratulations on your retirement! We wish you the best in your future endeavors.

## Community Resources

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

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

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

## Race, Equity, and Inclusion

As a District, we will stand with our students and staff as they advocate for change. Throughout the 2020-2021 school year, we have shared details about our Race, Equity, and

Inclusion strategic plan, which you can find on our website at [www.brentwoodmoschools.org](http://www.brentwoodmoschools.org). This year, we've taken steps to provide engagement and learning opportunities to the community and staff. This has included book studies, speaker events, and sharing resources and updates consistently. We've also been working closely with the Board of Education to review policies and course schedules through an equity lens. This work does not end here and we will continue to work through our action steps with the community to address racism and racial trauma in our community.

Heading into the summer, we will continue our work against racism and invite the community to join us. Our conversations about race and the impact of racism in schools will not go away. In Brentwood, we are going to continue tackling this difficult process and we're going to do it together. We will listen to and respect our stakeholders' voices when they tell us what they need or how we can do better.

We are asking you to join us in this work. To make this world the place our children and grandchildren deserve, it will take all of us working together; students, families, school staff and community residents. All of us. Please visit our website to learn more: <https://www.brentwoodmoschools.org/community/race-and-equity>

## Prop E Update - Elementary/Early Childhood Facilities

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.

Over the past several months, the district and its facilities team have been meeting regularly with other community stakeholders through a variety of public events. If you have been unable to attend any of these opportunities, you can view archived presentations and other resources on our website at [www.brentwoodmoschools.org/facilities](http://www.brentwoodmoschools.org/facilities). Along the way, we've received some great questions from the community and wish to share them with you. If you ever have questions about the process, please don't hesitate to call our Central Office at 314-962-4507 or use the contact form on our website. We are happy to answer your questions or provide more information.

### Why is construction taking place at McGrath before Mark Twain?

In working through the design process, the elementary facilities committee composed of parents, staff, and community members recommended a phased approach to the elementary facilities in order to limit student exposure to construction work. As such, work will be completed on the McGrath site first where the new construction will go up next to the existing McGrath structure, keeping students separated from the work. Mark Twain students will then spend a year at the old McGrath site while work is completed at Mark Twain, ensuring students are separated from construction and the classroom disruptions that it may cause.

After a year, Mark Twain students will return to their newly renovated building and the old McGrath will be demolished to make room for the remaining landscaping and sitework on the McGrath campus. In addition, we learned from the Middle/High School project what to expect in terms of disruptions during large scale construction. This approach will allow us to do more work at Mark Twain for the same amount of money and will offer fewer disruptions to student learning.

### What are the security features of the new McGrath/BECC?

The new McGrath/BECC building will feature many new safety features. Visitor management will be handled by a secure vestibule. Visitors will need to be buzzed through two sets of doors in order to enter the building and many visitor tasks can be completed within the vestibule without stepping inside. Additionally, visitor management software will scan the Driver's License of visitors and complete a background check before printing a temporary ID badge. Interior doors will also be able to close portions of the building off so that the community can utilize spaces like the gym or cafeteria without interacting with classroom spaces.

In addition to keeping students and staff safe from outside visitors, the building's gym will be an ICC-500 rated storm shelter capable of withstanding an F-5 tornado. The space will be able to accommodate all of the building's students and staff as well as potential community members.

### What will parking and traffic be like?

As part of the project, the new McGrath site will have increased parking capacity. Additionally, when the site is

completely finished (end of Phase II), traffic for pick-up and drop-off will flow through the campus, preventing backup on St. Clair Ave and Litzinger Rd. Cars will enter one-way into the campus from St. Clair and will be able to cue up to the building for drop-off/pick-up. Approximately 80 cars will be able to fit within the campus, alleviating traffic strain on community roads. Cars will then exit onto High School Drive.

When Mark Twain, McGrath, and BECC students are all on the same campus during Mark Twain construction, additional traffic measures will be in place to help alleviate traffic. This includes staggered start/end times so that each building's traffic entering/exiting the campus separately. The district completed a traffic study to understand the needs of the community and will be looking into further measures to help improve traffic around the McGrath campus.

### Will there be enough construction parking?

Unlike the Middle/High School project, there will be ample parking for construction workers on the McGrath campus. The site will be organized to provide ample parking within the campus itself. Additionally, the district parking spaces along High School Drive will be reserved for construction parking, limiting the need for workers to park on streets in the community.

### Where do we learn more?

Updates about the district's construction efforts are shared regularly on our website ([www.brentwoodmoschools.org](http://www.brentwoodmoschools.org)), our blog ([www.brentwoodblog.org](http://www.brentwoodblog.org)), on our social media (@BrentwoodMOSD), in the Pulse Newspaper, via email, during community and Board of Education Meetings, recordings on our YouTube channel ([bit.ly/bsdyoutube](https://bit.ly/bsdyoutube)), in bi-annual mailings, and in flyers and other resources sent to local community spaces and handed out to neighbors. The website will always have the most up-to-date information regarding upcoming events and details.

To learn more, visit [www.brentwoodmoschools.org/facilities](http://www.brentwoodmoschools.org/facilities) where you can view archived presentations, submit questions, and view any upcoming events.

## Middle/High School Construction Update

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

### ELEVATORS

- Elevator 2 (May 2021)
- Elevator 3 (July 2021)

### BUILDING B

- Lobby Expansion (May 2021)
- Lower Level Meeting/Staff Rooms (April 2021)
- Level 1 Office/Admin Rooms (May 2021)

### BUILDING B EXPANSION

- Lower Level (June 2021)
- Level 1 (June 2021)
- Level 2 (May 2021)
- Pop-Up (May 2021)

### SITWORK (JUNE 2021)

For the latest construction news and updates, visit [www.brentwoodblog.org](http://www.brentwoodblog.org).



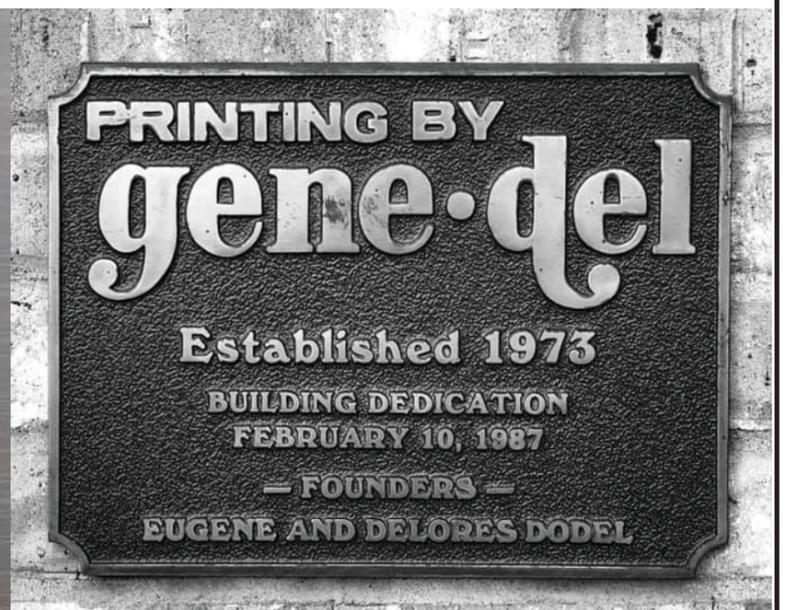
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## Nerf War at the Park - May 15

12-2pm at Brentwood Community Center

Come join us for an afternoon filled with fun as we take Nerf Wars to the park! Play together as a family, partner with one, or come solo because there is room for everyone. We will supply the Nerf bullets, but please bring your own Nerf gun.

**Resident \$5; Non-Resident \$8**



### Taste of Maplewood Street Festival

In 2021, the Mid County Chamber of Commerce and Maplewood Special Business District will team up to for two beloved events on one weekend. Over the weekend of May 14 & 15, the City of Maplewood will hold their Annual Stringfest in concert with the Mid County Chamber of Commerce's 13th Annual Taste of Maplewood Street Festival!

Stringfest will occur on Friday, May 14th while the Taste of Maplewood Street Festival will take place on Friday, May 14th and Saturday, May 15th. The result will be the culmination of Maplewood and Richmond Heights most renowned restaurants, beloved boutiques, and unique specialty stores. There are opportunities to participate at your storefront or via booth space throughout the event.

The events will be held throughout downtown Maplewood and will feature live music, outdoor vendor booths, and lots of fun!

## Using the Equity in Your Home to Pay Off High-Rate Debt

By: West Community Credit Union

Dealing with credit card debt can be seriously stressful. If you're struggling to get your balances under control, you may have considered consolidating your cards into one low-interest loan. One consolidation option available to homeowners is a home equity line of credit. But what is a HELOC, and is it smart to use one to deal with your credit card debt? Take a look at the details below to decide if this option is right for you.

### How a HELOC works

A HELOC, is a line of credit you take out from a lender. The amount of your credit line depends on how much equity you've built up in your home. Like a credit card, a HELOC is revolving debt. This means you can borrow against it, pay it off, then borrow again – just like you would with a credit card. You don't borrow from it and repay it in installments until it's paid off, as you would with a home equity loan.

### Advantages to using a HELOC to consolidate debt

HELOCs are often touted as a great vehicle for consolidating high-interest debt. This is because they have some advantages, including:

- Lower interest – Because HELOCs are secured by your home, their interest rates are significantly lower than credit cards. This is because you're borrowing against the equity in your home to obtain the line of credit. This means that if you roll several cards onto one HELOC, you could save serious money on interest payments.
- Tax deductible – HELOCs require you to borrow against the equity in your home. Like mortgages, the interest you pay on them might be tax-deductible if it is used on something that improves the home its borrowed against. Check with your tax advisor first but this could add up to savings when tax time rolls around.

If you have significant debt, say, on a credit card with a 15% interest rate, a HELOC might seem like an easy solution. You could potentially save on interest costs and lower your monthly payments.

Using a HELOC to consolidate your high interest credit card debt can be a smart move if you borrow carefully and repay the loan quickly. Just be sure you fully understand all the costs and risks and have a stable plan for keeping up with your repayments.

If you have enough equity in your home and are looking for a lower-interest loan to pay off your credit cards or pay for college tuition, a home equity loan for debt consolidation could be the right choice for you. For more information on HELOCs or for current rates & specials, contact West Community Credit Union at 636.720.2400 or visit us online at [westcommunitycu.org](http://westcommunitycu.org).



## Scavenger Hunt - June 19

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

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

**Free**

## Room Rentals

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

## Brentwood Recreation Complex & Brentwood Ice Rink

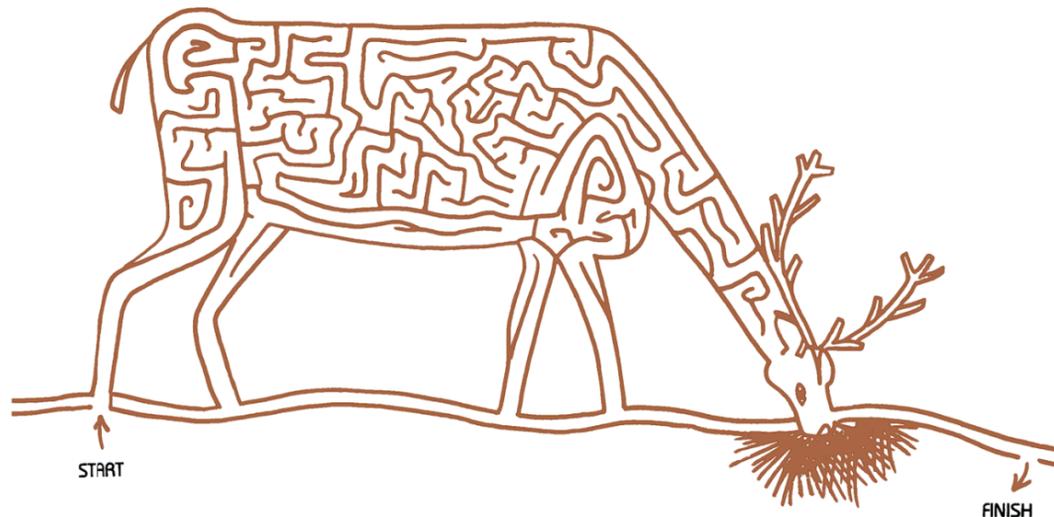
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A valid ID card is proof of service that may be required to receive special benefits from private firms as a "Thank you for your service". Perks like free meals, parking spots and discounts at many retailers. Accept a bit of gratitude when it's offered 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.

## GIVE A LIFELINE...

### Donate Your Old Cell Phone

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

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

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

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

- Gene-Del Printing (9019 Manchester Rd.)

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

#### About Lydia's House

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

Web: [www.lydiashouse.org](http://www.lydiashouse.org) Email: [info@lydiashouse.org](mailto:info@lydiashouse.org) Connect: Find us on Facebook, Follow us on Twitter

## Butler's Pantry And Tower Grove Park Partner For Picnics In The Park

Butler's Pantry and Tower Grove Park Foundation are partnering for a springtime favorite, Picnics in the Park. Every Thursday starting April 22nd to May 27th, friends and families can enjoy delicious Butler's Pantry picnic meals in the beautiful and historic Tower Grove Park.

For every picnic box purchased, Butler's Pantry will donate \$5 to Tower Grove Park Foundation. On GiveSTL Day, May 6th, Butler's Pantry will donate an additional 5 dollars for those who show a donation receipt to the Tower Grove Park GiveSTL Day fund. Those individuals will also receive one free Schlafly Park Lager generously donated by Schlafly Beer to go with their picnic meal. Donations from GiveSTL Day will specifically help the Horticulture & Forestry Program to maintain and enhance the park's 289 acres and ensure it remains vibrant and welcoming for visitors.

"We are thrilled to continue this partnership with Butler's Pantry," said Liz Hickox, Director of Community Programs at Tower Grove Park. "These pop-up events are yet another way for us to live out our mission of providing the St. Louis community with more recreational and cultural opportunities."

Each personal-sized picnic box is \$30 for four picnic-friendly courses — appetizer, salad, entrée and a dessert. Water, soft drinks, cocktails and beer are also available for purchase. Picnic boxes are typically pre-ordered online by 10 AM every Wednesday and picked up at Tower Grove Park on Thursdays from 4:30-6:30 P.M. On May 6, there will be a limited quantity of picnic boxes available for purchase onsite at the pop-up picnic location near the pond loop, next to the Fountain Pond & Ruins. Families are encouraged to bring their own blankets, yard games, pillows and chairs.

"After a year like no other, Picnics in the Park was one of the ways we were able to create a sense of togetherness and community during a time when we couldn't gather in traditional ways," said Bridget Bitza, Vice President of Sales & Catering at Butler's Pantry. "The Tower Grove Park community gave us a warm welcome last year and we are happy to come back and provide the same safe, culinary experience for everyone to enjoy while reconnecting with friends and family among the beautiful landscape of Tower Grove Park."

#### About the Butler's Pantry family of companies

Butler's Pantry, a vibrant team of experienced event professionals, brings flavor and passion to St. Louis. Rooted in tradition, but known for innovative catering and event design, St. Louis has counted on Butler's Pantry for premier catering and event solutions since its inception in 1966. Featured in publications such as Food Network, The Knot, Brides, Travel and Leisure and on the cover of Catersource (among others), this Leading Caterers of America member has established itself as one of the premier event companies in the country. Butler's Pantry offers more than 40 preferred venues in their portfolio and five brands within the family, including exclusive venue operations, off-premise catering, and a drop-off corporate catering division. For more information, visit [www.butlerspantry.com](http://www.butlerspantry.com).

#### About Tower Grove Park

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The Luminary has a year-round internship program for students, recent graduates and others interested in areas as diverse as curatorial research, art writing and publishing, marketing and PR, photography and graphic/web design.

As part of a small organization, interns gain invaluable insight into the day-to-day workings of a contemporary arts organization. In addition to working on meaningful, engaging projects with The Luminary's staff, interns engage in the research and development of their own projects. Internships will be on-site at The Luminary and will not be remote this season.

The following internships will be available for Summer 2021:

Creative Entrepreneurship  
 Digital Media and Design

Internship Dates and Details:  
 Dates: June 9 to August 18, 2021 (10 weeks)  
 Stipend: \$1000.00 or eligible for course credit

Schedule: 15 hours per week, to be scheduled as two days that fall on Wednesday through Saturday.

Application Deadline: May 17, 2021 at 11:59 PM CST

Experience and Expectations: Previous art institution experience or formalized education is not required, but applicants should have a demonstrated interest in art, arts writing and publishing, and/or design. Additionally, applicants should be independent yet collaborative, dependable, organized, and passionate.

**To apply:**

Please send resume and cover letter to Stephanie Koch ([stephanie@theluminaryarts.com](mailto:stephanie@theluminaryarts.com)). Clearly state in your cover letter which internship you are applying for.

For the Creative Entrepreneurship internship, additionally submit a writing or project sample of no more than 5 pages.

For the Digital Media and Design internship, additionally submit a publication or design portfolio of 2-3 projects.

Submit all materials as a single PDF, file naming convention: Last Name\_First Name\_2021 Summer Internship.pdf

If you foresee any accessibility barriers with applying for these internships, please contact Stephanie Koch ([stephanie@theluminaryarts.com](mailto:stephanie@theluminaryarts.com)) for accommodations.



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## Mike has a Passion for Art

Meet Mike - Pathways to Independence participant. Mike experienced a brain hemorrhage at age 11. This health crisis created developmental challenges for Mike, but also seemed to awaken his artistic gift.

Mike has been creating unique artwork for years. His original style is very colorful and he's best known for his floral paintings. Mike and his mom visit the St. Louis Art Museum on a regular basis. His favorite area of the museum is the lower level with the Mayan art – especially the masks. He often spends some time sketching Mayan art during these visits.

Prior to COVID, Mike volunteered at St. Anges Retirement Home near his house. The residents love his artwork and looked forward to his annual art sale at the retirement home. Mike has hosted art shows at different venues – including St. Louis Mercy hospital. Mike continued to create during COVID and will have lots of art to show and sell once in-person activities resume.

Like many Pathways participants, Mike has missed Pathways in-person events. However, he has stayed connected with Pathways friends and staff through the organization's virtual events. He particularly enjoys Bunco, Uno and karaoke. Mike has also taken the opportunity to attend some outdoor events and explore St. Louis area parks with Pathways during the pandemic shutdown.

When asked what he would tell someone who says they're not good at art - Mike would encourage them to just give it a try. He quoted legendary Bob Ross on art and painting – "There are no mistakes, only happy accidents."

Pathways to Independence has been supporting the development of skills that positively impact the lives of adults with disabilities since 1987. More than a recreation-based program, Pathways is committed to developing social, interpersonal and communication skills in individuals with complex cognitive disabilities to help them overcome challenges and thrive. For more information visit [www.ptistl.org](http://www.ptistl.org) or call 314-863-0202 x1.



### BRENTWOOD SUMMER BEATS



Friday, June 11:  
Ticket to Beatles



Friday, July 9:  
Wax Museum



Friday, August 13:  
Rock Candy

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Location: Brentwood Park

All Ages

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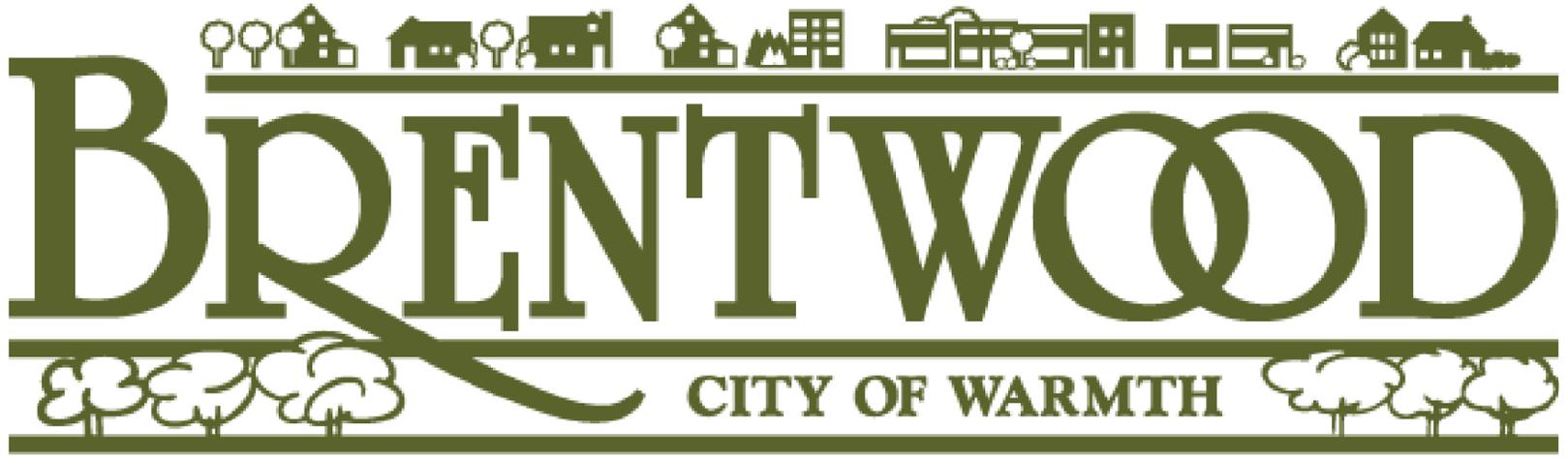


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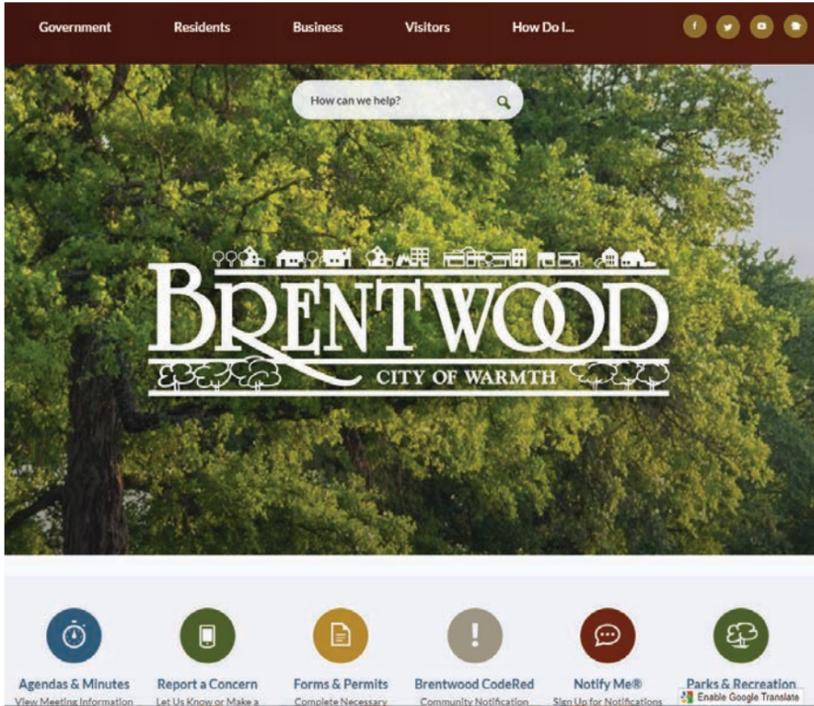
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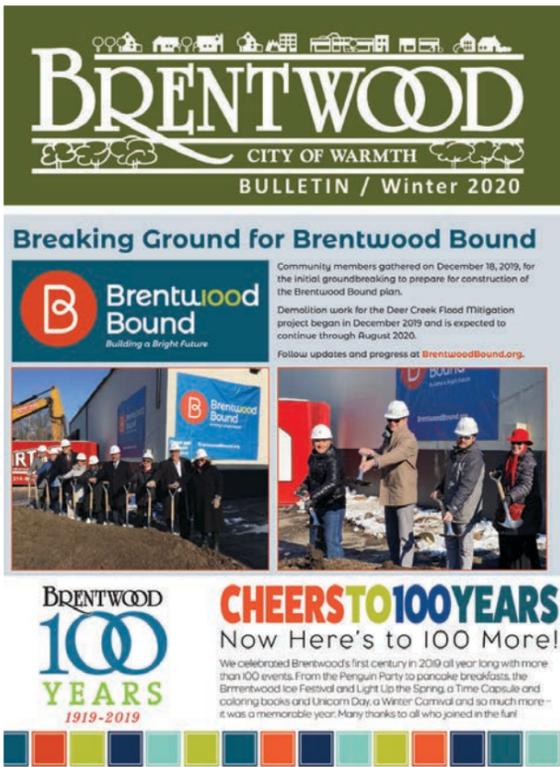
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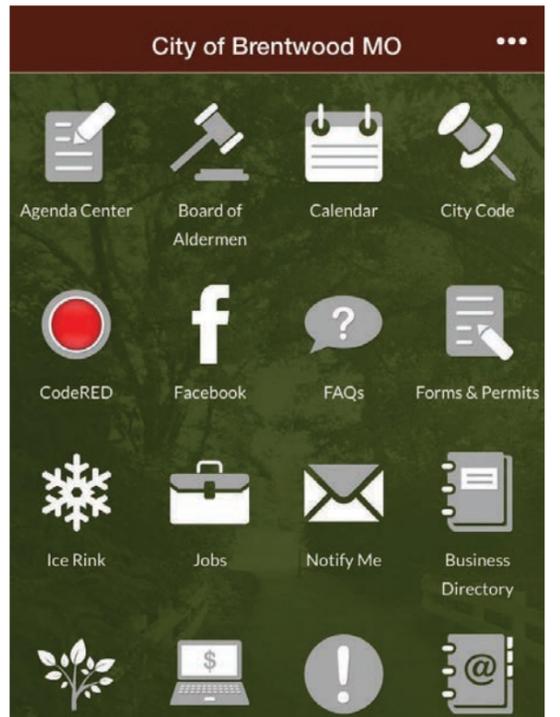
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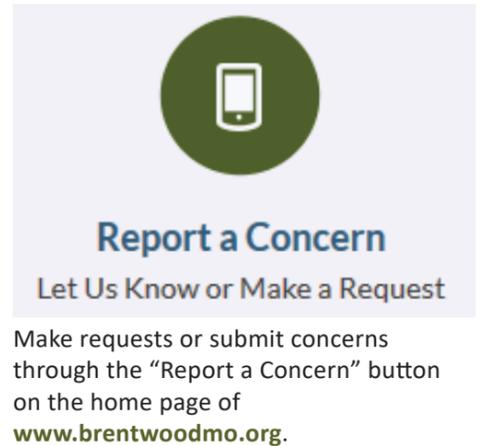
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# City of Brentwood News – May 2021

## 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 May 3, 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.

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

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

The Brentwood Fire Department is participating in this program.

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

### Coffee with the Mayor: Thursday, May 27

Join Mayor Dimmitt for coffee, pastries and conversation on Thursday, May 27, 9-10 am, at the Brentwood Community Center.

### Memorial Day: City Offices Closed; Holiday Trash Schedule

City of Brentwood offices will be closed Monday, May 31, in observance of Memorial Day. Per the Holiday Trash Schedule, there will

be no trash or recycling service on Monday, May 31. Trash and recycling collections the week of May 31 will take place the day after the regularly scheduled day. Yard waste collection will take place on Thursday, June 3.

### Electronics Recycling Event: Saturday, June 26

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

**Saturday, June 26 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.

### 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.

Learn more by visiting the Recycling Guidelines and Resources page on the City of Brentwood website:

<http://brentwoodmo.org/2229/Recycling-Guidelines-and-Resources>

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

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

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

To activate 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

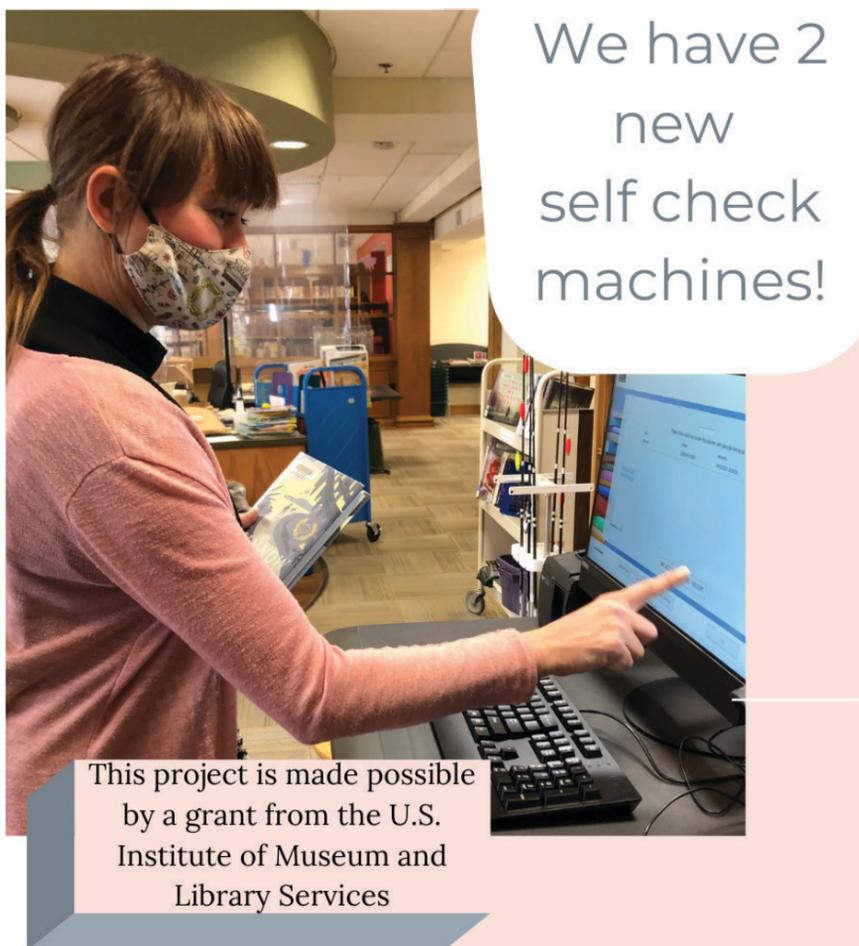
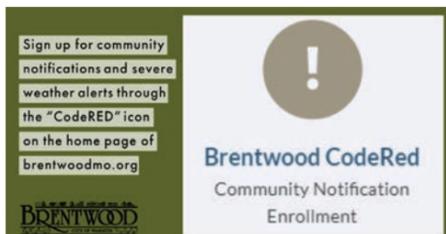
Make requests (such as scheduling a household bulk item pickup or a vacation check) or submit concerns (such as a missed trash pickup or a possible code violation) through the MyGov request tracking system via the home page of [brentwoodmo.org](http://brentwoodmo.org).

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.

### Board of Aldermen and Committee Meetings Available on YouTube

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





# TRAVEL

By Sue McCarthy



## MEETING OUR PRESIDENTS

Abraham Lincoln was our 16th President, (1809 – 1865.) He was an American statesman and lawyer who served as President from 1861 until his assassination in 1865. One of his favorite quotes was “Whatever you are be a good one.”

He is buried in nearby Oak Ridge Cemetary. For good luck visitors like to rub the nose of the bronze bust of Lincoln at the tomb.

The Abraham Lincoln Museum and Library is located in Springfield, IL.

Harry S. Truman (1945 – 1953) was our 33rd President. His favorite quote was, “If you cannot convince them, confuse them.” There is a walking trail in his town of Independence, MO. And it has a street sign of a side view of Truman wearing a bowler hat and caring an umbrella. His Senatorial, Vice Presidential and Presidential papers are archived here in row after row of catalogued boxes of his speeches and background information for newspapers. [Www.trumanlibrary.org](http://www.trumanlibrary.org)

The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute. 40 Presidential Dr.

### IF YOU GO Meeting Our Presidents

**Harry S. Truman**  
Presidential Library & Museum  
500 W. US Highway 24  
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Reagan was known as the “great communicator.”

People think of his many achievements: staring down the soviets, or reviewing the U.S. Economy; and signing the bill that made MLK Jr. Day a national holiday; he restored a sense of patriotism in our country.

George H.W. Bush (1989-1993) 41st President

The George H.W. Bush Presidential Museum and Library is located in College Station, TX in the Texas A & M University complex. There are 38 million personal papers and documents archived from his years as Congressman, Ambassador to the United Nations and President. The archives include Audiovisual and photographs. There are several documents referring to “the fall of the Berlin Wall” which took place” during his presidency. In front of the museum there is a very large bronze statue of leaping horses over the broken graffiti filled pieces of the Berlin Wall. The museum houses over 100,000 artifacts and 3,000 gifts from foreign heads of state. There is an authentic looking recreation of the Oval office.

## Operation Food Search Distributes One Millionth Child’s Meal

Operation Food Search (OFS), a non-profit hunger relief organization, recently distributed the one millionth child’s meal through its Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).

The pandemic created an emergency response need, so OFS started its continuous SFSP service in March of 2020 to provide immediate food assistance for children. SFSP, which is funded by the USDA, ensures that children continue to receive nutritious meals when school is not in session.

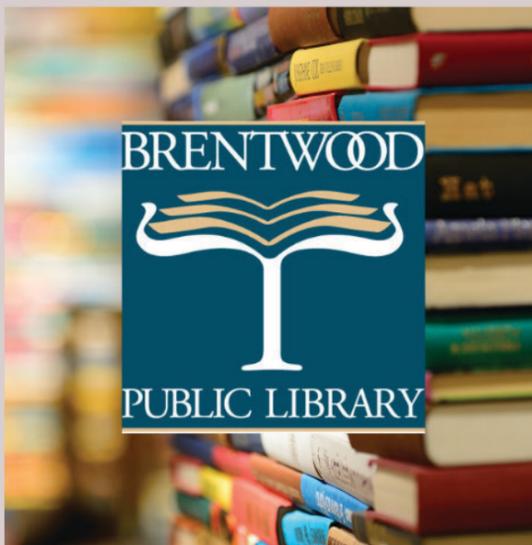
Each daily food package contains whole grains, a full cup of fruit and vegetables, dairy, and protein. Families can pick up breakfast and lunch, for two days at a time, at any OFS partner location on Mon., Wed., and Fri. Each child can receive up to 12 meals per week. This is the ninth year OFS has managed the free program that typically runs from the beginning of June through the second week in August.

“In a typical summer, we serve 2,000 meals a week, and now we’re serving 20,000,” said OFS Director of Child and Family Nutrition Brian Wieher. “We have worked with community locations – such as libraries and community centers – and flipped our model to do drive-through, contactless distributions three days a week. We’ve kept it consistent so the community would know they could rely on the food.”

Wieher credits strong partnerships with organizations like the St. Louis County Library for making it possible to also provide meals to adults and families through summer meal distributions. More than an additional 800,000 meals and 500,000 pounds of fresh produce were provided at summer food sites to families. “These are all different programs that we’ve brought into the same space in order to be more efficient with our staff and volunteers,” Wieher said.

Founded in 1981, Operation Food Search (OFS) is a hunger relief organization located at 1644 Lotsie Blvd. that provides free food, nutrition education and innovative programs proven to reduce food insecurity. With a strategic focus aimed at ending childhood hunger, OFS empowers families and increases access to healthy and affordable food.

Monday and  
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Wednesday-Friday  
12-6  
Saturday  
9-1



# COME IN AND BROWSE

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and for us

# Brentwood Board of Aldermen Minutes

**Editor's Note:** The Brentwood Board Minutes were not ready at press time so in it's place I've put the descriptions of the different boards that Brentwood citizens may volunteer for and be appointed to.

## Commissions

City Commissions are composed of citizens and/or Alderpersons who are generally appointed by the Mayor. Please see the Volunteer Interest Form (PDF) for information about volunteering for a Brentwood commission or committee. For additional information, please contact the City Administrator, 314-962-4800.

## Architectural Review Board

The Architectural Review Board reviews applications from Brentwood residents for occupancy and building permits. The board makes sure that the building is in compliance with architectural standards, appearance and design of the surrounding area. The board can suggest changes where necessary.

## Board of Adjustment

The Board of Adjustment considers requests from people who wish to make alterations to property, either public or private, which are not allowed by current zoning policy standards.

## ICC Appeals Board

This board hears the cases of residential and commercial parties who want to contradict the City's Building Code. The applicant must be an architect, engineer or involved in the construction industry to be considered.

## Cable Commission

The Cable Commission reviews and recommends new cable services and programs to be integrated into the Cable broadcast schedule. The commission assures compliance with rate regulatory procedures and customer service standards.

## Human Relations Committee

The Human Relations Commission encourages the fair and decent treatment of all persons within the City of Brentwood. The committee discourages discrimination of racial, ethnic or religious groups and disabled persons within the City. The committee discusses rules and policies regarding the promotion of equality among City residents, and presents these to the Board of Aldermen. The committee also holds hearings to investigate and discuss possible discriminatory situations.

## Library Board

The Library Board meets on the first Tuesday of each month to discuss and decide upon library policy with regard to the



Mayor  
David Dimmitt



Municipal Judge  
Patrick Dignam

Ward 1



Alderwoman  
Nancy Parker Tice



Alderman  
Jeff Gould



Alderman  
David Plufka



Alderman  
Steve Lochmoeller

Ward 2



Alderwoman  
Sunny Sims



Alderwoman  
Kathy O'Neill



Alderman  
Brandon Wegge

Ward 4



Alderman  
Jack Shelton

library's future. The board advises on the operation, expansion and level of service provided by the Library. The board also recommends policy regarding selection of library material and the use of Library meeting room space.

## Personnel Policy Committee

The Personnel Policy Committee is used by City management to ensure uniform and nondiscriminatory application of the conditions of City employment. The policies administered promote fair and impartial consideration of all City employees.

## Planning and Zoning Commission

The Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) advises the Board of Aldermen on how best to preserve and protect Brentwood's existing residential and business community and provide for, plan, guide and direct the development, redevelopment and growth of the City. The Planning and Zoning Commission is authorized by state statute under RSMo Chapter 89.

## Public Safety Committee

The Public Safety Committee reviews all ordinances, existing or new, that contain anything relating to the police department, fire department, public safety and/or fire safety. The committee offers general suggestions for the Board of Aldermen to consider.

## Public Works Committee

The Public Works Committee has supervision over all City issues relating to sewers, sewage disposal, streets, sidewalks, Planning & Zoning, and Parks & Recreation. This includes repairs made to any of these properties as well as the development of new ones.

## Sustainability Commission

The Commission seeks to develop a city-wide coordinated effort to advance energy conservation, environmental improvement and sustainability of resources for Brentwood by identifying opportunities of improvement in these areas and by recommending policies to the Public Works Committee of the Board of Aldermen that encourage the promotion of these goals within the City.

## TIF Commission

This commission reviews proposals for the improvement of blight, or deteriorating areas within the City of Brentwood, considering the use of tax increment financing (TIF) districts.

## Ways & Means Committee

The Ways & Means Committee focuses on bills, policies and issues that directly impact City government revenues, tax collection, tax laws, and regulations affecting public utilities (gas, electricity, cable television, local and long-distance telephone services). The committee makes recommendations to the Board of Aldermen.



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Goff-Moll Post 101, 2721 Collier  
Lion President Kimberly Taylor  
314-560-8383 or  
lionkimberly@sbcglobal.net

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- Rock Hill Library
- Bopp Chapel
- Laurie's Shoes
- Traintown
- St. Louis Wings
- Hacienda Mexican Restaurant
- UPS Store
- Edward Jones
- Brentwood City Hall
- Brentwood Public Library

- First Church Christ Scientist
- Brentwood Shoe Repair
- Altair Travel & Cruises
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- Dickey's BBQ
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- Refind Room
- All State Insurance
- Sideline Bar
- Schafly Bottleworks
- Citizens Bank
- Richmond Heights City Hall
- Telle Tire Service
- Maplewood City Hall
- Richmond Terrace
- Brentwood Police Department
- Brentwood School Admin. Building
- Dobb's Tire
- Mid-County YMCA



# RESTAURANT REVIEWS

By Kevin McCarthy

## 74 Years Old And Going Strong!



## Daily Specials



Filet

Yes, I just had a birthday, but that is not the subject of this article. Last month I spoke of another neighborhood place to get a good steak and we decided to try it for my birthday.

We have driven past the Pine Room, in St. Charles, hundreds of times, but never stopped to check it out.

The Pine Room sits in a group of small WWII houses and gives an outward appearance of nothing more than a small, unappealing, tavern. While that would not necessarily keep me from checking it out, it just didn't look appealing to me. That was a big mistake on my part.

The Pine Room is also 74 years old and that's not a bad record for a family owned restaurant. The foodie friend of mine that recommended Tuby's Pub and Grub (last month's article) also said the Pine Room served up a great steak and he was not wrong.

The Pine room has its own idiosyncrasies, as you approach the front door you are greeted by a sign saying "CASH ONLY ATM Available" This means; we don't take credit cards and we ain't gonna, so don't ask!

Inside you will find the ATM, a few booths, a number of tables, a stand up counter next to the bar and the well stocked bar. The interior is knotty pine, reminding you of its 1940s origin. There is a chalk board listing all daily specials and side orders. There is a very large deer head mounted on one wall, and some unique watercolors of wild game, birds and even a skunk. Other than a couple of TVs with sports programs, you may well feel as if you have taken a step back in time.

The Pine Room has a weekly special on Wednesday and

Thursday nights, 4 to 9pm, a 10oz rib eye and two sides for \$11.95. That was all I needed to hear. The menu has a number of appetizers, sandwiches, dinner items ranging from seafood to diner style food, as well as a kids menu. The pricing is very reasonable.

I ordered the 10oz rib-eye special with a baked potato and house salad. Sue ordered the filet with a baked potato and green beans. Both Steaks came to the table on sizzling platters, and I do mean sizzling. Sue's platter was actually smoking. Both steaks were cooked exactly as we had ordered. The potatoes were large with plenty of sour cream and butter, and they were actually baked, not microwaved. They were baked to perfection, the best restaurant baked potato I've had in years.

The menu says "don't forget about Bonnie's homemade pies" so I felt compelled to give them a try. Warm cherry pie with ice cream was a mighty fine way to top off a great meal.

The Pine Room is not a five-star, fine dining restaurant. It is a neighborhood bar that serves really good food. To say that it has a casual atmosphere is an understatement. Our waitress was also the bartender. She was very busy, but handled it well.

Trip Adviser actually gives the Pine Room 4.5 out of 5 for great American food. I agree.

The Pine Room is located at 1102 Perry St, Saint Charles, MO 63301. Phone # is 636-754-6237, but they do not take reservations. They are Open 11:00 AM - 01:00 AM

And do yourself a favor, be sure to ask about Bonnie's homemade pies!



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