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BRENTWOOD PARK DESTINATION PLAYGROUND IS NOW OPEN!



The response to the opening of Brentwood Park's Destination Playground has been overwhelmingly positive. We understand the due to the volume of interest in Brentwood's newest attraction, parking has been a bit difficult. The City is actively working on finding additional parking options for park patrons. While we work on that, we would like to suggest a few alternative parking locations that you can view at www.brentwoodmo.org/brentwoodpark Photos by Keith Dodel

Brentwood Blvd

Upcoming Road Closure:
All lanes on Brentwood Blvd will be closed both Northbound and Southbound on the following dates

MAY 18 SATURDAY **MAY 19 SUNDAY** **MAY 20 MONDAY**

Union Pacific will be working to install proper crossing guards at the train crossing.

North and Southbound Brentwood Blvd will be closed Saturday, May 18 – Monday, May 20. The closed area will be over the railroad tracks located between Russell Blvd and Marshall Rd. The suggested detour is Manchester Rd to S. Hanley Rd to Marshall Ave and vice versa.

Cub Scout Pinewood Derby

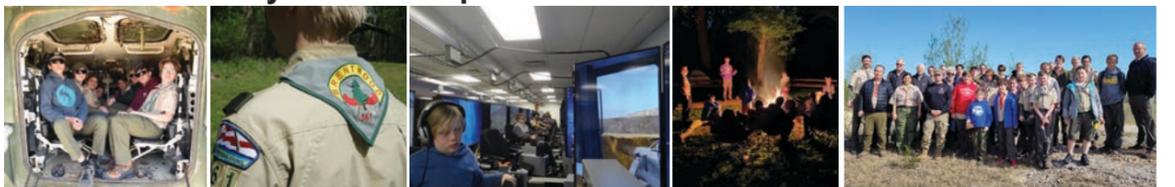


Cub Scout Pack 656 from Mark Twain and McGrath Schools, and Pack 361 from St. Mary Magdalen held their annual joint Pinewood Derby on Sunday April 28 in the STMM gym.

The place was rockin' with excited Cub Scouts and their families. Fast Food was the theme, and resulted in some very creative cars.

After struggling through the pandemic, both packs are growing under the leadership of Cubmasters Matt Schoenherr (656), Sam Caputa (361), and some great den leaders.

Boy Scout Troop 361 Visits Fort Leonard Wood



On the weekend of April 19, Boy Scout Troop 361 sponsored by St. Mary Magdalen spent three days at US Army Base, Fort Leonard Wood.

Twenty Scouts and eleven leaders were hosted by the Combat Engineers. The Troop camped along the Big Piney River, ate with new recruits at the DFAC (Dining Facility). Drill Instructors led the Troop through the weekend where they witnessed the World's Greatest Sappers Competition, were involved in a demolition demonstration, took the US Army fitness test, learned to drive bulldozers (in the virtual heavy equipment training center), and held a great campfire program.

Troop 361 is for boys age eleven and older. We have Scouts who attend eleven different schools and we are the only Scout troop in Brentwood and Rock Hill.

Troop 361 meets on Wednesday evenings throughout the year. For more information, call our Scoutmaster Mr. Chris Musial at 314/225-6770.

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BRENTWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Scholar Bowl Team Finishes Fourth at State Tournament



The Brentwood High School Scholar Bowl team finished fourth at this year's Class 2 state tournament. Scholar Bowl is a team trivia competition covering a variety of academic disciplines, including literature, science, math-

ematics, fine arts and history.

Competitions are typically played with a lockout buzzer system between at least two teams, usually consisting of four players each. A moderator reads questions to the players, who try to score points for their team by buzzing first and responding with the correct answer.

"We are a very well-rounded team," said Jessica Musterman, Scholar Bowl coach and BHS science teacher. "It's important to know the content, but it's even more important to know the strengths of your teammates and trust in their ability to come up with the correct answer."

BHS added Scholar Bowl to its extracurricular activities during the 2018-19 school year. The team has captured two district championships and advanced to the state tournament twice in just five seasons, including an appearance in this year's Class 2 Final Four. Scholar Bowl was canceled during the 2019-20 school year because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Our success is a direct reflection of the high-quality education students receive at Brentwood High School," added Musterman. "We are proud of our accomplishments this season, and with a team full of sophomores and juniors, we are excited for the future of our program."

District Announces Teacher and Support Staff of the Year



Each year, the Brentwood School District Teacher of the Year and Support Staff Person of the Year programs recognize one teacher and one support staff member who inspire every learner, every day to thrive academically, socially and emotionally in a supportive and inclusive community.

We are proud to announce that Mark Twain West Elementary School administrative assistant Brian Hill is our 2024 Support Staff Person of the Year, and Mark Twain West school counselor Samija Halilovic is our 2024 Teacher of the Year. Congratulations, Brian and Samija!

Original McGrath Farewell Open House is Wednesday, May 15



The Brentwood community is invited to honor the rich history and enduring legacy of the original McGrath Elementary School during a special farewell open house on Wednesday, May 15 from 5-6:30 p.m. The original McGrath is located at the corner of



Litzinger Road and St. Clair Avenue (2350 St. Clair Ave., Brentwood, MO 63144).

This event is a unique opportunity for current and former students, staff, families and community members to step back in time and relive memories from their elementary school years. Take a stroll through the halls, visit classrooms and reconnect with friends and classmates as you celebrate the moments that shaped the lives of so many in our community.

As we bid farewell to the original McGrath, we also look forward to creating memories in the new McGrath Elementary School and Brentwood Early Childhood Center, which opened its doors last fall. This state-of-the-art facility features flexible, collaborative learning spaces that are designed to engage students and support innovative instruction for generations to come.

The new McGrath and BECC was made possible by Prop E, a \$29 million bond issue to enhance safety, accessibility and student learning for students in grades PK-5. Phase III of Prop E includes demolishing the original McGrath and returning the site to green space for school and community use. Demolition is scheduled to begin this summer.

Join us on Wednesday, May 15 from 5-6:30 p.m. as we pay tribute to a place that has played such a significant role in the lives of generations of Brentwood residents.

Middle School Service Learning Brightens Homes, Hearts



Brentwood Middle School students, staff and volunteers recently came together to assemble 24 dressers as part of a service-learning project for Home Sweet Home, a non-profit organization that provides household furnishings to families in need. This collaborative effort showcased the school's collective commitment to serving others



and fostering a sense of belonging beyond the classroom walls.

"This annual activity helps our students understand the value of volunteering and the positive impact they can have on the lives of others," said school counselor Anne Bosche. "It's inspiring to see our students recognize their ability to make a difference and embrace their role as compassionate members of our community."

School Nurse Achieves National Certification

Brentwood middle and high school nurse Tracy Russo has earned the Nationally Certified School Nurse (NCSN) credential, recognizing her advanced knowledge, expertise and commitment to excellence in the specialty practice of school nursing.



Russo has served students, staff and families as a school nurse for 17 years, including the last eight years at BMS and BHS. She is responsible for the health and wellness needs of more than 450 students and staff each day, administering medications, treating minor injuries and serving as a resource for health-related issues and health education.

Her clinic is known as a safe place where students and staff can get the help and support they need, from basic first aid to a quick snack between classes.

"Tracy's compassion and expertise have profoundly impacted student learning, growth and achievement," said Dr. Alex Tripamer, assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction. "Her pursuit of the NCSN credential reflects her unwavering dedication to providing the highest standard of care to the students, staff and families she serves."

The NCSN credential is awarded to registered nurses who meet specific education and employment criteria, and pass a national examination administered by the National Board for Certification of School Nurses. This rigorous process is accredited by the American Board of Nursing Specialties, ensuring the highest standards in nursing certification.

"Earning the NCSN credential is all about raising the bar for student success," said Russo. "I am proud to serve as an advocate for health and wellness in our school community."

In addition to her duties as a school nurse, Russo has worked with high school students to help them create a mental health awareness club. She coordinates the district's annual flu shot clinic and was recognized by her colleagues as Brentwood's Support Staff Person of the Year in 2022.

High School Senior Wins Statewide Essay Contest

The Friends of the University of Missouri Libraries has selected Brentwood High School senior Amelia Favazza as the winner of this year's Robert J. Stuckey Essay Contest. Her award-winning entry, "Fancy Nancy and the Frightful French Class (Featuring Adolescent Angst)", captivated judges with its vivid portrayal of how childhood influences can shape one's identity and aspirations.



"Amelia has a special gift in her writing where she can add a splash of humor in a way that works just perfectly," said Julie Cohen, BHS English language arts teacher. "From analytical assignments to more creative endeavors, I always look forward to reading her work."

Essays submitted to the contest cover a variety of topics, including literary analyses, personal narratives and fictional short stories. Entries are evaluated based on originality, content, organization and language proficiency. Favazza's essay was originally written as part of her college application preparations.

"We love it when our hardworking, conscientious, creative, above and beyond students are rewarded for their efforts," added Emily Diaz, BHS college and career advisor. "Ame-

PARTIES ON THE PLAZA

At Westport Plaza with New Outdoor Concert Venue

The iconic Westport Plaza event series -- Parties On The Plaza -- is back and better than ever.

The parties will rock Westport Plaza's new outdoor event venue on the third Thursday of each month from April through October.

The new green space in the center of Westport Plaza made its concert debut with an April 18 event. The 10,000-square-foot outdoor venue is located in the middle of the village at Westport Plaza. Equipped with concert staging and sound systems, the new venue offers a stellar festival experience. Bar service will be active within the space and Westport's popular restaurants will serve food and beverages on their patios surrounding the venue. Guests can play beer pong, bags and other lawn games during the event.

Admission to Parties On The Plaza is free. This is a 21+ event.

The second Parties On The Plaza event will be held on Thursday, May 16 with Dr. Zhivegas in concert.

Westport Plaza is the exciting mixed-use development on Westport Plaza Drive in Maryland Heights, MO near the intersection of I-270 and Page. Restaurants, entertainment venues, and attractions populate Westport Plaza. The new Rawlings Experience attraction which on April 12, enhances the Plaza's activities.

Follow Westport Plaza on social media @ westportstl. Find more information at www.westportstl.com.

St. Louis Leads US in Year-Over-Year Growth in Meetings and Events

In March of this year, St. Louis led the nation in meetings and events growth, according to data reported by Knowland, a hospitality technology and intelligence provider. This 24.3% growth in St. Louis is contrasted with a national industry-wide decline of 8.1%.

Thanks to the meetings industry, 2024 is set to be a banner year for St. Louis, supporting region-wide hotel performance, retail businesses and more. March sporting events including the back-to-back Capitol Sports volleyball tournaments and the Missouri Valley Conference Men's Basketball tournament led growth; with the Cardinals, Battlehawks and St. Louis CITY SC seasons projected to further drive tourism and economic growth into the summer.

"Our downtown is transitioning from a traditional central business district to an entertainment, convention, and residential hub," said Brian Hall, chief marketing officer of Explore St. Louis. "People enjoy visiting St. Louis for our art and culinary scene, sports and family-friendly attractions, and they also visit for business conferences and conventions. This week, America's Center is hosting the National Council for Mental Wellbeing and that alone represents 11,000 room nights. That's fantastic for hotels, restaurants, and the regional economy as a whole."

According to STR, weekend hotel occupancy levels in the St. Louis metro area frequently exceeded 80% during the month of March, creating tremendous impact for the St. Louis hospitality industry. Visitor numbers at the Gateway Arch are up, and this past weekend, Downtown St. Louis welcomed more than 100,000 visitors for the Cardinals, City SC and Battlehawks games, alongside a variety of other events.

About Explore St. Louis

Explore St. Louis is the driving force behind St. Louis' \$5.9 billion convention and tourism industry, the official destination marketing organization of St. Louis City and County, and operator of the America's Center Convention Complex and The Dome.

St. Louis Dental Center offers oral healthcare exams to veterans

Mark your calendar, and sign up now for the July 13 first-come, first-served clinic

The St. Louis Dental Center will host a Veterans Clinic on July 13, 2024 to provide comprehensive dental screenings for veterans at no cost, thanks to funding made possible by Affinia Healthcare.

Through a unique partnership between A.T. Still University-Missouri School of Dentistry & Oral Health (ATSU-MOSDOH) and Affinia Healthcare, the St. Louis Dental Center is a federally qualified health center serving underserved and vulnerable populations. Many veterans have no health insurance or access to quality oral healthcare.

"This is our eighth year of welcoming veterans to the St. Louis Dental Center for no cost, affordable care. Our services are important because only 15% of veterans are eligible for dental care through the Veterans Administration," said Herbert Silva, DMD, ATSU-MOSDOH assistant professor, comprehensive care director, and leader of the Dentures for Veterans Project at the St. Louis Dental Center. "When veterans are not in pain and can smile again, they are more likely to engage with work, family, and socialization. These meaningful connections can prevent isolation and desperation."

To date, more than 1,000 veterans have been screened and treated, and over 590 veterans have received more than 1,000 arches of full and partial dentures -- at no cost to the recipient veteran.

For more information or to preregister, please call 314.685.3553.

Veterans must bring a photo ID and their veteran certification form (DD-214) or VA card. Veterans will receive a dental screening and exam at no charge. Affinia Healthcare's Health Outreach Team will assist with Medicaid enrollment for all eligible uninsured adults.

SUPPORT VETERANS @ atsu.edu/support-mosdoh-vets

DANNY GO! LIVE! FRIDAY, JULY 19 at 7:30 PM THE FACTORY

DANNY GO! is coming to St. Louis and bringing all his catchy, upbeat songs to The Factory at The District on Friday, July 19. Show time is 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.). Tickets are \$69.50, \$49.50, \$40.50 and \$39.50. Tickets go on sale this Friday, May 3 at 10 a.m. and can be purchased online at [Ticketmaster](http://Ticketmaster.com) and TheFactorySTL.com.

DANNY GO! Is a live-action educational children's show filled with music, movement and silliness. Created in 2019 by three childhood friends in Charlotte, North Carolina, the show inspires learning and off-the-couch exercise for kids ages 3 to 7. The trio is producing some of the most engaging and educational children's content on the internet today, all from their humble production studio in North Carolina. You can find DANNY GO! being shown in public schools across the nation. DANNY GO! music is available on YouTube Kids, Apple Music, Spotify, Amazon Music and more. Boasting 1.1M subscribers today, you can expect DANNY GO! to absolutely sky-rocket over the next 12 months.

The Factory at The District is the newest addition to the vibrant entertainment scene in St. Louis, and offers complimentary, well-lit parking for all events. For more information, visit www.thefactorystl.com or www.stevelitmanpresents.com.



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Summer Exhibition Announcement: Considering St. Louis

The Luminary is pleased to announce its summer exhibition Considering St. Louis, a group exhibition of new and existing works by St. Louis-based artists, curated by The Luminary's curatorial fellow, Ciera Alyse McKissick after a year of interviews and research. It will be on view from May 31 to July 20, 2024.

To consider is

to think carefully about (something), typically before making a decision.

to think about and be drawn toward (a course of action).

to regard (someone or something) as having a specified quality.

How do you/we/they think about St. Louis? How does St. Louis hold you, or need to be held? How does its artists? Considering St. Louis began with a question, and through time and space, hasn't arrived at an answer, but a deepened inquisition of what drives the artistic pursuit of St. Louis based artists, and how they serve as the threads of a city often considered tattered, or not considered at all. Featuring 30 interviews with creatives across disciplines, and a presentation of works made by contemporary local artists, this exhibition is an offering for your consideration.

Considering St. Louis is the culminating exhibition of a year-long research project that centers St. Louis' artists, artistic spaces, and institutions, and how they contribute to the artistic landscape and ecosystem of this beloved Midwestern city.

The exhibition will serve as a visual report of qualitative analysis, featuring the work of artists who participated in the project. The Luminary will serve as a time capsule of the arts environment in St. Louis between the year 2023 and 2024, and will span across satellite community spaces in St. Louis, with The Luminary serving as the central hub. This exhibition is curated by The Luminary's inaugural Curatorial Fellow, Ciera Alyse McKissick.

Join us for the opening on May 31, from 6-9pm. The opening reception will present DJ sets by Makeda Kravitz and Noel Spiva, and a new animation by artist Carmen Ribaudo accompanied by a live score by Lucy Dougherty.

THE LUMINARY

About The Luminary

Since its inception, The Luminary has been a home for exceptional art that engages the pressing issues of the present. Through an active roster of exhibitions, residencies, performances, publications and gatherings, we act as a point of convergence for diverse publics. We cultivate thoughtful platforms for exchange, support forward-moving art and ideas, and attempt to model a more equitable and interconnected art world as an institution of our time.

We are an institution, a neighbor, a citizen, an elder, an experiment, and an open-ended question. With your support, we will continue to foster a cutting-edge and inclusive arts community that responds to the voices of our publics, the needs of our place, and the pressing questions of our present.



INSIDE BASEBALL

By Rob Rains of StLSportsPage.com

Two years of playing Independent League baseball turned Bryan Torres into exciting Cardinals prospect

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Bryan Torres got the tattoo on his right leg in 2019 during the early years of his baseball journey.

It just took him a while longer to really know what it means to him – and to his potential success in the game.

In simple, stencil-like block letters, the tattoo says, “I am who I am” a reference to a story in Exodus, when God speaks to Moses from a burning bush.

For Torres, now playing for the Double A Springfield Cardinals, it’s an expression reminding him that he can be as good as he wants to be.

“My mentality always is that there’s nobody better than me,” Torres said. “That’s the way everybody has to be. I always have to think I am who I am.”

Torres looked at that tattoo daily the last two years – which he now believes was the defining point in two separate parts of his story – before he spent those two years playing for the Milwaukee Milkmen in the independent American Association – and after, which began when he got a message while flying home to Puerto Rico last September that he was joining the Cardinals organization.

“The biggest part of my story, I think, is the two years in Indy ball,” Torres said. “I’m going to tell you why. I think in my career I’ve been two players – before Indy ball and after Indy ball.”

“Before Indy ball I was a catcher and I never showed the talent that I really have. One of my biggest tools is my legs and my speed. When you are a catcher you are tired so you can’t take advantage of it. When I went to Indy ball I stopped catching and became an infielder and outfielder. It was my choice. They wanted me to catch and I said no.”

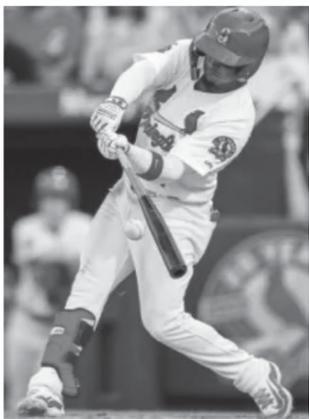
“From that point on I showed what I can do in the field. That gave me the opportunity to use my legs and finally play the way I play right now.”

Someone who has quickly grown to appreciate Torres’ style of play is Springfield manager Jose Leger, who almost immediately installed Torres as the team’s starting center fielder and leadoff hitter.

“One thing that kind of blows my mind is how much he pays attention to the details and how easy he picks up on pitchers tipping,” Leger said. “His determination – he’s like a silent killer.”

Torres started his career as a catcher for one reason. Having gone undrafted out of high school in Puerto Rico, Torres went to a tryout with the Brewers – and the scout asked if he could catch.

“Of course,” Torres replied. The Brewers signed him in 2015 when Torres was 17 and sent him to play on their team in the Dominican Summer League, an unusual assignment for a player from Puerto Rico.



Torres was a part of that team for three years, not making his U.S.-debut until 2018. He was being used in a variety of positions, with that versatility standing out as one of his strengths, but he didn’t advance past rookie ball with the Brewers before Covid canceled the 2020 minor-league season.

Claimed in the minor-league portion of the Rule 5 draft by the Giants,

Torres saw limited playing time with their Double A team in 2021, then was released following the season.

Not ready to give up on a dream he had had since he was four years old and was following his older brother to the baseball field, Torres took the only option available to him to keep playing – in Independent ball.

He thought his stay in that league would be brief. He was wrong.

“When I went there I said, ‘I’m not going to be here for a month. Before a month I am going to get signed,’” Torres said. “I worked hard every day to get out of there in one month. I



was hitting well, almost .400, and nothing happened.

“I stayed positive. The year was over and nothing happened. I believe in God and when it didn’t happen, I knew it was because something else was going to happen. There had to be something that I had to change, something I had to fix, but it’s going to happen at some point. I know God’s timing is perfect, and that’s literally how it happened.”

One of the parts of his game that Torres changed in his second season in Milwaukee was using his legs. After stealing only 22 bases, while leading the league with a .374 average in 2022, Torres went out last season and stole 71 bases and again led the league with a .371 average.

Torres didn’t know it at the time, but that performance was being noticed by the Cardinals’ analytics department.

“Austin Lukaschewski and Jeremy Cohen from our baseball development department are constantly monitoring the independent leagues and Aaron Klinec had a positive scouting report on him from 2021,” said Cardinals’ executive John Vuch.

The Cardinals also knew that the “partner” agreement between MLB and the Independent league was expiring at the end of the 2023 season, with no certainty about what rules would be in place about signing players when a new agreement was reached.

So the team, not wanting to wait, spent \$2,500 to sign Torres, with another \$12,500 payment due to the league if Torres made a Cardinals’ affiliate to begin this season.

So far, it appears to be money well spent.

“We knew we liked him, and Jeremy and Austin felt like of all of the guys in the Indy leagues this guy was the best fit for us,” Vuch said. “We’re glad we signed him when we did because he ended up having a good winter league, which probably would have put him on more teams radar.”

Torres was actually one of four Indy league players signed by the Cardinals, and those teams could become an even bigger source of players in the future because of the number of minor-league affiliates which have been eliminated and the reduction in the amateur draft from 40 rounds to 20.

“Those Indy league teams are becoming more important,” Vuch said. “We’ve always gotten players from the Indy leagues in the past but I think we are paying even more attention now because it’s a more viable source of legitimate talent.”

One of the other players signed out of the American Association by the Cardinals was infielder Matt Lloyd, who played against Torres last season.

“It just seemed like he was always on base,” said Lloyd, who went to that league after playing in the Reds organization. “I was blown away last year watching him. That league was a lot better than I thought it was going to be when I signed there.”

Like Lloyd, Torres took advantage of his time in the league to get what he wanted – an opportunity to take the next step toward his ultimate goal of playing in the major leagues.

“Over there you are just looking for a chance,” Torres said. “Playing there helped me a lot as a player and as a person to find and look at the kind of player I am today. The player that I am today is because of Independent ball. That’s where I found who I was.”

“When I went to Indy ball my goal every day was that if they didn’t pick me yesterday I’m going to give them a reason to sign me today. That was my mentality every day.”

Torres had to stay mentally strong to keep that focus through the entire two seasons he was in the league, a dedication and desire that also impressed Leger.

“He told me this year, ‘I’m going to play in the big leagues’ and I wouldn’t count him out,” Leger said. “I believe he has a chance. He’s got the tool set that you need in a leadoff hitter. He sprays the ball, runs well, knows the game and can play defense.”



About the only knock against Torres is because of those two years in Indy ball, he is now a little older than many of the players at the Double A level. He is 26 and will turn 27 in July.

To Torres, however, age is just another obstacle that he is determined to overcome.

In his first month with the Cardinals, Torres has posted a .333 average, which as of Monday ranked sixth in the Texas League. His nine stolen bases is one off the league lead, and he ranks eighth in the league in on-base percentage.

That success has come after a winter in which Torres played in Puerto Rico, earning a chance to play for former Cardinal Yadier Molina when he was managing the team from Puerto Rico in the Caribbean Series.

He served as the starting center fielder and leadoff hitter for the team in the series, played in the Marlins stadium in Miami.

Playing on Molina’s team was another dream come true for Torres, who had two baseball idols growing up in Puerto Rico – Carlos Beltran and Molina.

“When I signed as a catcher I started following Yadi,” Torres said. “That guy is a legend. He told me a few things which helped me a lot.”

One message from Molina has stayed with Torres and served as another daily motivation.

“I told him it was my first time playing in a big-league stadium and he told me, ‘Get ready. It’s not going to be the last one,’” Torres said.

“That little thing made me think, ‘This guy is watching me and telling me that, it’s because he sees something in me that I can make it.’ It made me so happy.”

Photos by PJ Maigi courtesy of Springfield Cardinals
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Kernels of Culture: Maize Around the World



The Stephen and Peter Sachs Museum, located at the Missouri Botanical Garden, is highlighting the significant role maize has played in agriculture, scientific development, and culture at its latest exhibition – Kernels of Culture: Maize Around the World.

Through the exhibition, the Garden hopes to give visitors a deeper scientific and cultural understanding of this familiar plant while examining how it could impact the future of agriculture.

“The Garden is very proud to present this new exhibition on Maize, exploring many aspects of its botany, history, evolution, culture and importance to the world,” said Garden President Peter Wyse Jackson. “Not only does it represent an opportunity to showcase the Garden’s important maize collections, but it also highlights the extraordinary evolution of this crop to support human lives and our North American economy for millennia.”

The exhibition will remain at the Sachs Museum through March, 2025.

The Sachs Museum is open Tuesday-Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and is included in Garden admission.

For more information on the exhibitions and the Museum, please visit mobot.org/museum.

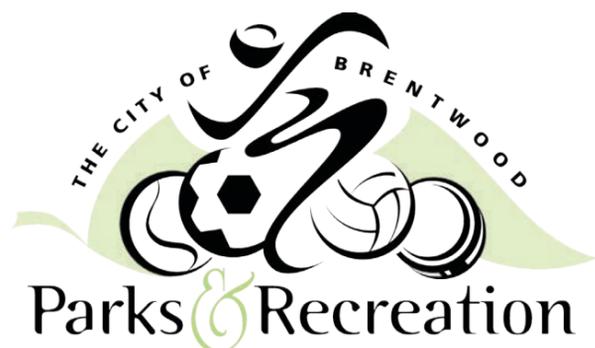
Missouri Botanical Garden to Develop Innovative Nature Playscape in University City

The Missouri Botanical Garden announced a \$75,000 grant from PNC Foundation through PNC Grow Up Great® to help bring to life the wonder and benefits of outdoor play for children at the School District of University City’s Julia Goldstein Early Childhood Education Center.

Specifically, the grant will help fund the Garden work with Julia Goldstein Early Childhood Education Center to develop a nature-rich playscape, designed to stimulate imagination, curiosity and positive socio-emotional outcomes among young learners at the Center. Additionally, the Garden will leverage its expertise in educator professional development and curriculum enrichment to help the Center’s teachers integrate nature-based STEM concepts into daily teaching practices.

“As a champion and facilitator of nature-based learning, the Garden recognizes the vital role outdoor play represents in helping children cultivate connections with people, plants and the environment,” said Sean Doherty, vice president of Education for Missouri Botanical Garden.

Work on the nature playscape is slated to begin this summer, with an anticipated fall 2025 completion.



Programs for seniors (50+):

MAGIC Travelers - Tour of the Fox Theatre

Join a group of new friends for outings each month at popular attractions. Fee includes travel fees and admission (if tickets are required). Lunch is at your own expense. Price and Walking Requirements Vary. (Destinations subject to change). Pre-Registration Required. Meet at Brentwood Community Center. Travel via MAGIC Bus to destination.

Date: Tuesday, May 21
 Time: 9:30am-1:30pm
 Price: Res./Non-Res. \$25

Balance Barre - Vitality in Motion

Improve your balance and confidence through this unique ballet-inspired class! This balance class consists of gentle combinations of modified barre exercises and stretches performed to music and fused with the non-impact flow of ballet. You don't need any dance experience or special attire. This class is gentle and adaptive, perfect for adults 65 and over. Sponsored in part by the Brentwood Public Library.

Date: Mondays, May 20, June 17, July 15, August 19
 Time: 10-11am
 Price: Free

Sweet Treat Tour

Indulge your sweet tooth and join us for our Senior Sweet Treat Tour the last Thursday of the month! Gather your friends and embark on a delightful adventure as we explore the best local sweet spots in town.

Clementine Naughty and Nice Creamery

Date: Friday, May 31
 Time: 1:30-4pm
 Price: \$10 per tour



Vitality Stretch Yoga - Vitality in Motion

No mat needed! Our certified yoga instructor guides the class through chair stretches, postures and flows to create a mindful and invigorating yoga experience, accompanied by music. Each class has an artistic edge that creates synergy for the mind and the body, helping promote improved energy and a refreshing way to start the day. Presented by Vitality Ballet. Sponsored in part by the Brentwood Public Library.

Date: Mondays, June 3, July 1, August 5
 Time: 10-11am
 Price: Free

MAGIC Travelers - St. Charles Shops

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Date: Friday, June 7
 Time: 10:30am-3:30pm
 Price: Res./Non-Res. \$18

General Programming for Adults and Families:

Summer Beats

Join us for an evening in Brentwood Park for our Summer Beats concert series! Enjoy food trucks and music in the beauty of nature.
 Time: Begins at 7pm
 Price: Entertainment is free, food trucks are at your own expense.
 Location: Brentwood Park



June 14 - Lone Rangers

This 90's music band plays a variety of hip hop, R&B, Rock, Country, and Pop, The Lone Rangers have something for everyone.

Food Trucks: Tippy Pony and Spud Shack
 July 12 - Abbey Road Warriors

Abbey Road Warriors is a Beatles-only cover band consisting of 4 members. Not the traditional look-a-like "tribute band" – but a celebration of the music many of us grew up with and love so dearly.

Food Trucks: Tippy Pony and Five Aces BBQ

Brentwood Park Destination Playground is now open!



The response to the opening of Brentwood Park's Destination Playground has been overwhelmingly positive. We understand the due to the volume of interest in Brentwood's newest attraction, parking has been a bit difficult. The City is actively working on finding additional parking options for park patrons. While we work on that, we would like to suggest a few alternative parking locations that you can view at www.brentwoodmo.org/brentwoodpark

Photos by Keith Dodel

Arbor Day with Brentwood Parks and Recreation + McGrath Elementary School

On Sunday April 14, we celebrated Arbor Day with approximately 20 students and parents from McGrath Elementary. They planted 74 trees and shrubs in Memorial park around our new bridges and along the creek. These are all native to Missouri and received from Forest ReLeaf of Missouri. Trees and shrubs planted are hackberry, red bud, ninebark, buttonbush, serviceberry, Kentucky coffeetree, white fringetree, aromatic sumac, smooth sumac and false indigo. Attached are some pics of the day. Some of the youth brought their red buds from their school arbor day celebration and donated to the city. Having an arbor day celebration is one of the 4 standards for being a Tree City USA, along with spending at least \$2 per resident on urban forestry, having a community tree ordinance and maintaining a tree board or department.



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Balance Barre for Seniors

THURSDAY
APRIL 18

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MAY 20
JUNE 17
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AUGUST 19

ALL CLASSES ARE 10:00-11:00 AM

Balance Barre consists of combinations of modified barre exercises and stretches.

Free. For ages 50 and up.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. Call (314)963-8689 to register.

Held at the Brentwood Community Center (2505 S Brentwood Blvd, Brentwood, MO 63144).



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MONDAY 6/17 6:30 PM	LLAMA LLAMA STORY TIME
MONDAY 7/15 6:30 PM	SLEEPING BEAUTY STORY TIME

FOAM PARTY FOR KIDS!

Monday, June 24 at 6-7pm

An hour of foamy fun for children and families. Dress to get foamy! FREE.

Location: Brentwood Community Center (2505 S Brentwood Blvd, Brentwood, MO)



June 4 at 6:30 p.m.

Ask for a copy at the circulation desk.

Newcomers are always welcome and no registration is required.

CRAFTIBILITY

FRIDAY, MAY 10 AT 10:00 A.M.

Craftibility and Easterseals volunteers craft with preschool age kids and their caregivers.

Held at The Brentwood Community Center.

Want to register? Call the library or e-register through our website's online calendar of events.

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LEARN TO DJ WITH DJ CHRIS BROWN & DJ WHIZ

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JUNE 10 6:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M. JULY 22 6:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED. KIDS AGES 8+

FREE CONCERT IN THE PARK

MONDAY, MAY 13

FEATURING: **RED & BLACK BRASS BAND**

As featured on the Nine PBS Network, Red & Black Brass Band took to the streets of Saint Louis during the start of the pandemic in 2020. They brought music to our streets and lifted the spirits of many during a difficult time. Come celebrate the Brentwood Public Library's Summer Reading Club Kick-Off with music and dance!

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craft a t-shirt bag

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How to Know Which Mortgage is For You

By: West Community Credit Union

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

Conventional or Government-backed

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

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

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

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

Fixed or adjustable rate

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

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

Mortgage terms

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

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

Down payments

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

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

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



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Brentwood School District

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lia serves as an inspiration for all students, reminding them to pursue their passions and strive for excellence in everything they do.”

The Robert J. Stuckey Essay Contest welcomes submissions from Missouri high school students in grades 9-12, limiting entries to one per school. As this year’s winner, Favazza will receive a \$2,000 scholarship from the Friends of the University of Missouri Libraries.

Visit the news section of the Brentwood School District website to read Favazza’s award-winning essay.

School Board Reorganizes, Welcomes New Members



The Brentwood School District Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 16 to certify the April 2024 school board election results. The board welcomed new members Mark Cicero and Katherine Spal, and recognized outgoing members Jamie Allen and Keith Slusser for their service to the community.

Board secretary Kerry Trostel administered the oath of office to Cicero and Spal, signifying the start of their three-year terms. Both ran as write-in candidates in the April 2024 election. Allen and Slusser did not seek re-election during the 2023-24 election cycle.

The board also elected new officers, which are as follows:

- Lindsay Spencer, President
- Ryan Flynn, Vice President
- Kerry Trostel, Secretary
- Ryan Dodson, Treasurer
- Keith Rabenberg, Director
- Mark Cicero, Director
- Katherine Spal, Director

The board thanked Allen and Slusser for their years of volunteer service to the Brentwood community, which included overseeing the successful completion of the new McGrath Elementary School and Brentwood Early Childhood Center.

“Keith and Jamie are financial experts and we’ve relied on them to work through some tough financial decisions,” said Dr. Brian Lane, superintendent of schools. “They are a big part of why we are in such great financial shape as a district.”

As elected representatives of the citizens of the Brentwood School District, the seven-member Board of Education serves as the governing body for the community’s public school system. The school board sets district policies, selects the superintendent of schools, adopts the annual budget and determines the tax rate.

Board members serve three-year overlapping terms with two or three members elected each year. These individuals, who receive no salary, are committed and engaged citizens who devote countless hours working on behalf of students and the educational interests of the Brentwood community.





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St. Louis Men’s Group Against Cancer Holds Pickleball Fundraiser

Proceeds from the second annual event will benefit the 55-year-old nonprofit.



St. Louis Men’s Group Against Cancer – a nonprofit organization that raises funds for cancer research, prevention, and care activities in the St. Louis community – will host its second annual pickleball fundraiser.

The event will be held Sat., July 20 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Missouri Pickleball Club located at 747 Gravois Bluffs Blvd. in Fenton. Tickets are \$135 per two-person team and include tournament play and a light breakfast. Spectator tickets are \$15 per person. Proceeds will benefit local efforts to battle cancer.

The pickleball tournament is a round robin format with four divisions including men’s competitive, men’s recreational, mixed or women’s competitive, and mixed or women’s recreational.

Founded in 1969, St. Louis Men’s Group Against Cancer has to date raised more than \$4 million for over 30 charities that benefit the St. Louis cancer community. The independent nonprofit has supported numerous groups including American Cancer Society, BJC Healthcare, Camp Rainbow, The Cancer Support Community, Children’s Miracle Network, Missouri Baptist Cancer Center, and Alvin J. Siteman Cancer Center.

For more information, call (314) 786-5950 or visit <http://www.mensgroupagaincancer.org>.

Opera Theatre of St. Louis Upcoming Shows

In only a month, the 2024 Festival Season opens with *The Barber of Seville* on Saturday, May 25! We are overjoyed to welcome you back to the Loretto-Hilton Center for a dynamic lineup of operas. Immerse yourself in an experience that includes gorgeous voices, beautiful costumes, striking scenery, and festive garden picnics.

Get your opening night tickets before they sell out, and you’ll be able to toast the cast with a complimentary glass of champagne post-performance!



For more information, visit <https://opera-stl.org/>

The St. Louis County Greek Festival May 24-27, 2024



Opa! The St. Louis County Greek Festival returns to Town & Country with live music, traditional folk dancing, church tours, a vendor market and delicious, authentic Greek cuisine at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church located at 1755 Des Peres Road. Admission is free along with free shuttles to and from the event. Handicap accessible parking is available in the church parking lot. This is a cashless venue.

The annual festival takes place over the Memorial Day Weekend, May 24-27. Hours are Friday, Saturday & Sunday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Monday, May 29 from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.

A charity 5K/10K walk/run will also take place on May 25 benefiting FOCUS Gateway City. To register, visit www.readysetgivestl.org.

Guests can choose from a wide variety of menu options such as dolmades, gyro plates, patistio, souvlaki sandwiches, baklava, spanokopita, and frappes. The complete menu can be found here: [Menu — St. Louis](#)

County Greek Fest (stlgreekfest.com)

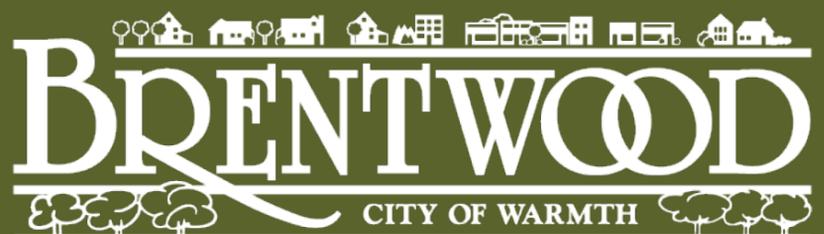
This year’s event is once again credit/debit card ONLY. Cash will not be accepted. Service animals are permitted in all areas of the festival that are open to the public. Pets are permitted and must be leashed. For more information or to download the ultimate Greek Fest playlist on Spotify, visit www.stlgreekfest.com

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Brentwood Board of Aldermen Minutes

Monday, March 4, 2024 PARTIAL BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

A. Roll Call – All members were present:
Alderman Plufka - Present
Alderwoman Tice - Present
Alderman Wegge - Present
Alderwoman Sims - Present
Alderman Lochmoeller – Present
Alderman Gould - Present
Alderwoman Harter – Present
Alderman Erger - Present

Other staff members present for the meeting included: Kevin O’Keefe (City Attorney), Joe Spiess (Chief of Police), Ronnie Cottrell (Fire Chief), Whitney Kelly (Planning and Development Director, Michelle DePew (Finance Director), Dan Gummersheimer (Director of Public Works - virtually), Eric Gruenenfelder (Director of Parks and Recreation), Tangula Bell (Human Resources Manager), Michelle Boyer (Communications Manager), Bola Akande (City Administrator), and Kelle Silvey (Deputy City Clerk).

A. Brentwood Public Library - Tax Levy Increase

Ed Wright (President of the Library Board) and Gina Gibbons (Library Director) were present to share renderings of the new building. They noted they are presenting this at many functions in the City.

They are hosting a public Open House on Sunday, March 24 from 1:00-3:00PM for the community.

Gina shared that the vote will be on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 for the tax levy increase that will allow them to purchase, renovate, and build on to, the Retina Institute building at 2201 S. Brentwood Blvd. This site provides 70 parking spaces, it is 2 times the square footage of the current space (total 15,000 sq. ft. w/addition). She noted that they receive zero revenue from the city. Their funding is only from Resident’s property tax. There is a property tax calculator on the library website – if wanting to now how much it will cost in addition to current property tax.

Ed noted that story hour and other events are just packed – and they need the space. They are looking to be able to replicate events that draw and accommodate more participants.

PUBLIC HEARING

A. Public Hearing on the Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 4810 And 4602 Of The Conditional Use Permit And Site Development Plan For Chick-Fil-A Restaurant Located At 8590 Eager Road Within The Dierbergs Brentwood Pointe Shopping Center

The mayor gavel opened the public hearing. The Director of Planning and Development shared the information noting that Chick-Fil-A is looking to modify their drive thru lanes. Planning and Zoning met and approved this for recommendation.

Alderwoman Harter asked when this would begin—which was stated right away, once permit is in.

Alderman Gould asked if this will help manage the traffic pattern and the Director noted it will help solidify how they operate now by proving two entrances to drive thru lanes.

Alderman Lochmoeller confirmed they can work with Brentwood Pointe on a shared parking agreement, and the Director noted that they have, and it meets CBB requirements.

Alderwoman Tice asked about the lay-by lane, and the Director stated that is no longer included. The applicant agreed to revise the

drawings due to traffic concerns.

Mayor Dimmitt inquired about any needed pedestrian walkway and the Director stated there is nothing more than what they have now. The Director also noted that they shortened the patio area a bit to make it easier to back out without disrupting the traffic flow.

There were no further comments. The Mayor gavel closed the hearing.

MAYOR AND ALDERMEN REPORTS

A. Mayor David Dimmitt – Thanked everyone who signed the Birthday card, and also wished Chief Spiess a Happy Birthday.

B. Alderman David Plufka - Ward 1– Wished the Mayor and the Chief a Happy Birthday. No Report

C. Alderwoman Nancy Parker Tice - Ward 1 -Wished all a Happy Birthday and announced the Ward 1 meeting on March 12th at the Community Center at 6:30PM.

D. Alderman Brandon Wegge - Ward 2 – Wished Happy Birthdays all around. No Report.

E. Alderwoman Sunny Sims - Ward 2 – echoed the Happy Birthday wishes and announced the Ways and Means meeting on March 7th at 5:30 PM.

F. Alderman Steve Lochmoeller - Ward 3 – Also wished both a Happy Birthday. No Report.

G. Alderman Jeff Gould - Ward 3 – Added to the Happy Birthdays and announced the Ward 3 meeting at the end of the month on March 26th at the Community Center.

H. Alderwoman Sharon Harter - Ward 4 – Shared Happy Birthday wishes and offered a shout-out to the Public Works Director and crew for the lights in Brentwood Forest – residents are happy.

I. Alderman Sully Erger - Ward 4 – Echoed all the Birthday wishes. No Report.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

A. Brentwood Bound Update

Craig Schluter (Navigate Building Solutions) reported on constructions costs, soft costs and other categories of funding that included the funds received for MoDot’s cost share for GRG connector part B (Report is available in BoardDocs.)

Aderman Wegge asked about the walkway with the Bricks and the bathrooms at the new playground Pavilion. Craig responded that the bricks showed up today and they did it but was not sure about the completion date for the bathrooms. Director Gruenenfelder shared that they are waiting on parts for the bathrooms, but parts should be in quickly and they will be ready for the opening.

Alderman Plufka asked about the GRG Connector Part B (south end) - and wanted to know if the grant payments come at the end of the project. Craig stated the 410 Muni grant will come at the completion. Craig stated that the GRG partnership (575) will get paid after the bridge over deer creek gets updated. We should see payments in waves – but the payout should be done by the end of summer.

Alderman Gould shared that the walls of the tunnel are dusty – and asked if they will

clean it up or if our parks department will have to handle. Craig stated that it will fall back to us to do this before the opening.

B. Brentwood Bound - Kerb, Eck & Braeckel, LLP 4th Quarter Audit Presentation

The City Administrator presented on their behalf as there were no exceptions and no report from them.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Standing Committees Reports

B. Warrant Lists from Feb 20, 2024 and March 4, 2024. Operating Funds and Expenditures from the 2019 Series Certificates of Participation Proceeds (COP)

C. Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 5, 2024.

D. Resolution No. 1488 - Agreement with Brycer, LLC for assistance with Fire Department tracking code compliance - A Resolution Authorizing An Agreement Between Brycer, LLC and City of Brentwood

E. Resolution No. 1489 - A Resolution Approving the Purchase of a New Ice Rink Resurfacers for the Brentwood Ice Rink

F. Resolution No. 1490 - A Resolution Approving A Representation Agreement between Hilliker Corporation and the City of Brentwood, MO for Broker Services

G. Resolution No. 1491 - A Resolution Approving the Pricing Structure for the New Destination Playground Pavilion in Brentwood Park

H. Resolution No. 1492 - 2024 Compensation and Benefits Study - A Resolution To Retain The Services Of Paypoint HR, LLC, An Employee Classification and Compensation Plan Consultant, To Perform A Compensation Survey And Analysis, And To Make Recommendations For Updating The Current Compensation Plan And Benefits Program For The City Of Brentwood.

I. Resolution No. 1493- A change order approving additional work scope Jacobs Change Order Jacobs’ proposal which includes LOMR work along with GRG Connector B work.

Alderwoman Tice had a question regarding Item D – and asked the Fire Chief for an explanation of where they (Brycer) get their money, since it is at no cost to us.

Chief Cottrell responded that the Brycer agreement is no charge to the municipali-

ties- they charge the vendor to have reports uploaded.

Alderwoman Tice stated this could be a potential cost to business owners, and that may be a concern.

The Chief shared that the cost may be included in the fees that vendors/businesses agree to when they have this done, and that they have received no complaints from business owners.

Alderman Plufka commented regarding Item H – and thanked the Ways and Means Committee for their diligence in putting this together and looks forward to working with Paypoint HR.

Motion was made by Alderwoman Sims and seconded by Alderwoman Tice to approve the Consent Agenda. Roll Call:

Alderman Plufka - Yes AlderwomanTice - Yes

Alderman Wegge - Yes Alderwoman Sims - Yes Alderman Lochmoeller –Yes Alderman Gould - Yes Alderwoman Harter –Yes Alderman Erger - Yes

Motion carried by a vote of 8 (Yes) to 0 (No).

NEW BUSINESS

A. Bill No. 6486 An Ordinance To Temporarily Suspend Enforcement Of Sections 220.010(B)(10) And 500.830(B)(4) Of The Brentwood City Code Relating To High Grass And Weeds Above Seven Inches To Promote “Low Mow April” In Support Of Pollinators And Wildlife Habitat First and Second Reading

The City Attorney did the first reading of the Bill.

The Director of Planning and Development presented the information noting this item came out of the Sustainability Commission to promote spring pollinators and they suggested LOW amounts of mowing (less frequently) instead of NO mowing, as this is actually better to achieve desired results. Planning and Development department will be suspending code enforcement for the month of April.

Motion was made by Alderman Wegge and seconded by Alderwoman Sims to have a second Reading of the Bill.

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Brentwood 2024 Holiday Trash Schedule

Holiday	Date	Change
Memorial Day	Monday, May 27	Regular services (Monday-Friday)
Juneteenth	Wednesday, June 19	Regular services (Monday-Friday)
Independence Day	Thursday, July 4	No trash service. Pickup resumes one day after regular schedule (Fri-Sat)
Labor Day	Monday, September 2	Regular services (Monday-Friday)
Veterans' Day Observed	Monday, November 11	Regular services (Monday-Friday)
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 28	No trash service. Pickup resumes one day after regular schedule (Fri-Sat)
Christmas Day 2023	Wednesday, December 25,	No trash service. Pickup resumes one day after regular schedule (Thurs-Sat)

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Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
 The City Attorney did the second reading of the Bill.

Motion was made by Alderman Wegge and seconded by Alderwoman Tice to perfect Bill #6486 into Ordinance Form. Roll call:

By a vote of 8 (Yes) to 0 (No) Bill #6486 will Become Ordinance #5114.

B. Bill No. 6487 - An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 4810 And 4602 For The Conditional Use Permit And Site Development Plan For Chick-Fil-A Restaurant Located At 8590 Eager Road Within The Dierbergs Brentwood Pointe Shopping Center. First Reading.

The City Attorney did the first reading of the Bill.

The Director of Planning and Development presented the information earlier during the public hearing. There were no additional questions.

C. Bill No. 6488 - Amendment to Section 125.230 - Failure to Appear in Municipal Court. - First Reading The City Attorney did the first reading of the Bill.

The City Administrator stated this is more of a housekeeping item. The State statute changed and the court monitor requested that we amend our documents to be in compliance with State Statute.

Alderman Plufka suggested we move forward with a second reading at this time and not delay the process.

A motion was made by Alderman Plufka and seconded by Alderwoman Sims to have a second reading of the Bill.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

The City Attorney did the second reading of the Bill.

A motion was made by Alderman Plufka and seconded by Alderwoman Sims to perfect Bill #6488 into Ordinance form. Roll Call:

By a vote of 8 (Yes) to 0 (No), Bill #6488 will become Ordinance #5115.

D. Bill No. 6489 - An Ordinance Amending Article VI of Chapter 215 of the Brentwood City Code Relating to Firearms First Reading

The City Attorney did the first reading of the Bill.

Mayor Dimmitt shared that the Chair of the St. Louis County Council was concerned for the lack of uniformity across municipalities of regulations that would prohibit the use of minors in possession of guns. This was passed at the county level as in the City of St. Louis and she wants municipalities to pass the same as the county has passed. The Mayor was asking for consideration of this and hopes that it will curb the desire of the Chair to bring municipal police departments together under the control of St. Louis County.

Alderman Lochmoeller asked about the tone written in the language. The City Attorney stated that he wrote it and it expresses frustrations that cities don't have the opportunity to adopt their own legislation critical to public safety because of State authority.

It was suggested that we alter the verbiage, being uncomfortable with the tone on how it was written. The city attorney agreed to modify and draft an amendment for consideration to what had been written.

Alderman Gould then asked if there are any legal risks to this type of regulation that would be of concern. The City Attorney responded that it is consistent with federal law and provides extra tools if issues arise.

The Mayor stated it was his understanding that there was a loophole in the State statute that permits this type of an Ordinance, but the City Attorney responded that there are provisions in state law that authorize the city to enact the regulations here.

Alderman Lochmoeller asked Police Chief Spiess that once given this power, what occasion would there be to use it. Chief Spiess stated Brentwood is not as challenged with this as much as the City of St. Louis. Maybe protests could present a scenario for it to help in that regard. And, maybe also Brentwood days - it could help if the problem presents itself.

Alderman Lochmoeller asked what we would do with the gun if confiscated. Chief Spiess stated it would most likely be taken and then returned to the parents.

E. Bill No. 6490 - Amendment to Ordinance No. 5095 Fire Training Commission and Acceptance of the City of Maplewood as a full member of the Central Core Fire Train-

Trailnet's 2023 Crash Report Examines the Stories, Trends and Tragedies of St. Louis Area Streets.

2023 was the deadliest year on record for people walking in St. Louis County.

In the City of St. Louis, we saw the lowest number of total traffic fatalities since 2018. For the first time since 2014, there were fewer than 10 pedestrian fatalities in the City. And still, the total number of crashes on City streets went up from 2022 to 2023.

These and other key findings are part of Trailnet's "2023 St. Louis City and County Crash Report." This report is a snapshot and analysis of traffic violence in the region, the progress on the road to safer streets and St. Louisans' experiences

people impacted and the ripple effect of this disturbing trend in driving behavior. The human toll is immeasurable."

The report is based on data from the Missouri Statewide Traffic Accident Records System, which catalogs crash information from law enforcement agencies across the state.

Other key takeaways include:

Grand Blvd has been the most dangerous corridor for people walking in the City of St. Louis every year since 2020. Total crashes involving a person walking on Grand increased from 21 in 2022, to

Last year, 646 were injured or killed while walking or biking in 533 reported crashes in St. Louis City & County. 149 people lost their lives due to traffic violence in St. Louis City & County in 2023.

of the infrastructure they use daily.

"Year-after-year we are seeing the same trends. People walking and biking continue to die and be seriously injured on wide, high-speed arterial roads like Grand, Gravois, St. Charles Rock Rd, Halls Ferry and W. Florissant," said Sam McCrory, Trailnet's Community Planner and the primary author of the report. "At Trailnet, we want to see bold infrastructure improvements to drastically increase safety for people walking and biking in our region. We need to start actively planning the streets for people, not for the movement and convenience of vehicles."

In addition to reporting crash data, this year's report features a new section of "St. Louis Street Stories." From November 2023 - January 2024, hundreds of residents filled out Trailnet's public "St. Louis Street Stories" survey. The resultant section of this report represents only a selection of our neighbors' many passionate responses. We hope these stories effectively supplement our crash data with personal accounts from the people who walk, bike, drive, and take public transit in St. Louis every day.

"Trailnet wants to equip community members, the media, and decision-makers with the information they need to track the impact of traffic violence and demand safer streets," said Cindy Mense, Trailnet's CEO. "This year, we share the stories of

28 in 2023.

In the City of St. Louis, 86% of pedestrian fatalities (7 out of 8) occurred in predominantly black and minority areas. In St. Louis County, 54% of pedestrian fatalities occurred in predominantly black and minority areas.

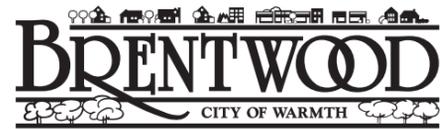
In 2023, the vast majority of fatal pedestrian crashes in St. Louis City (100%) and County (86%) took place on roads with speed limits marked 30 MPH or higher.

35% of pedestrian crashes and 50% of pedestrian fatalities occurred on the same three City roads—Kingshighway, Gravois and Natural Bridge.

Five pedestrian crashes (including one fatality) occurred within 500 feet of each other on New Halls Ferry Rd in St. Louis County, between Dunn Rd and Target Dr.

Visit trailnet.org/2023-crash-report to read the full report.

Trailnet, a 501c3 nonprofit based in St. Louis, Missouri, is the region's voice for better biking and walking. Trailnet's mission is to foster healthy, active, and vibrant communities where walking, bicycling, and the use of public transit are a way of life. Trailnet's work integrates public policy, urban planning, public health, and community organizing into strategic initiatives that enhance the quality of life for all, regardless of their race, zip code, age, or ability.



ing Commission First and Second Reading.

The City Attorney did the first reading of the Bill.

Fire Chief Cottrell presented the information stating they have worked hard to reach this milestone. This request to include Maplewood in the consortium will amend the Ordinance and the IGA (Inter-governmental agreement) and the Bylaws. The other municipalities have approved and/or are addressing soon. They are all waiting on Brentwood. It was noted that adding Maplewood as an equal member would not require any changes to the intergovernmental agreement or the Bylaws.

Motion was made by Alderman Plufka and seconded by Alderman Lochmoeller to have a second reading of the Bill.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

The City Attorney did the second reading of the Bill.

Motion was made by Alderman Plufka and seconded by Alderman Gould to perfect Bill #6490 into Ordinance Form.

Alderman Plufka stated that the pros and cons were discussed at the Public Safety Committee meeting. Adding another partner reduces the liability and cost for the training center, and it was also confirmed that adding this partner will not impact training and the

number of opportunities available for the members.

Roll call:

By a vote of 8 (Yes) to 0 (No) Bill #6490 will Become Ordinance #5116

CLOSED MEETING

- A. Legal - RSMo 610.021 (1)
- B. Real Estate - RSMo 610.021 (2)
- C. Personnel - RSMo 610.021 (3)
- D. RSMo 610.021 (12) Sealed bids and related documents, until the bids are opened; and sealed proposals and related documents or any documents related to a negotiated contract until a contract is executed, or all proposals are rejected;

Motion was moved by Alderwoman Tice and seconded by Alderman Plufka to move to Closed Session pursuant to sections 610.021 (1) and (2).

Roll call:

Motion carried by a vote of 8 (Yes) to 0 (No).

ADJOURN

A. Adjournment
 The Mayor stated there was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:44PM

Howdy Partners!



Saint Mary Magdalen JK-4 friends continued their celebration of Theme Week with a "Cowboy/Cowgirl Day!" Cowboy hats, boots, bandanas and lots of "Howdy, partner" to a JK-4 friend made for a fun-filled day!

Dairy Makes Budget-Friendly Foods List



As families battle inflation and elevated food costs, shoppers are looking for new ways to stretch every dollar in the grocery store. "With a little planning and preparation, you can make the most out of grocery store trips without breaking the bank," notes Maggie Cimarolli, registered dietitian and nutrition educator with St. Louis District Dairy Council. "Working dairy foods into the menu is helpful. Dairy foods are accessible, add a nutritional punch, and deliver flavor to meals."

Strategic planning, purchasing and preparation can help to reduce food costs. Simple tips include:

Plan: Take an inventory of ingredients on hand and review the grocery store sales flyer. Next, search for recipes that include these ingredients. From there, build a weekly meal menu that includes all food groups: dairy, protein foods, grains, fruits, and vegetables. Create a list of needed items and stick to it. This will keep you on track and reduce unnecessary spending.

Finding ingredients that are healthy, budget friendly, and family approved can be a challenge. Dairy milk is naturally nutrient rich and versatile, making it a must-have item on the shopping list.

"Milk is readily available and provides 13 essential nutrients in every glass, in every brand, from every store; making it a valuable food staple," Cimarolli said. "Milk is also a key ingredient in many recipes, from creamy soups and casseroles to baked goods."

Purchase: Consider buying foods that are high in nutrients and low in cost. Selecting foods by the nutrients they provide can help deliver the most nutrition bang for your buck. Keep in mind, convenience foods that are pre-cut, pre-washed, or ready to eat are typically more expensive than less-processed foods.

Due to dairy's nutrient dense package and versatile flavor, it remains a staple on every grocery list.

"Milk and dairy foods offer vitamins and minerals and add variety to meals," says Cimarolli. "According to recommendations made in the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 3 servings of dairy every day will help meet nutrient needs."

Prepare: Try doubling or tripling recipes, then divide leftovers into individual portions and freeze. This works well with soups and casseroles. Defrost and reheat these meals when short on time. Having a plan for leftovers, such as using them in subsequent meals, can also help stretch food dollars.

Keep in mind, most dairy products can be frozen for later use. When freezing milk, leave space at the top of the container because milk expands when it freezes. Cheese and butter can also be frozen. Make sure to tightly wrap them in plastic before freezing to keep air and moisture away.

Milk, cheese and yogurt have a place in the family budget and shopping cart. Dairy's versatility makes it easy to incorporate into breakfast, lunch, and dinner meals. Whether enjoyed as a snack or used as an ingredient in soups, salads, stews or casseroles, dairy can help round out a balanced meal and budget.

For more information on milk and dairy foods, visit www.stldairyCouncil.org or contact Maggie Cimarolli at 314-835-9668 or mcimarolli@stldairyCouncil.org. Follow St. Louis District Dairy Council on Facebook and Instagram at STL-DairyCouncil.

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



French Spring Soup

Your taste buds will come alive with the spring flavors in this soup. Combining in-season vegetables with nutrient-rich dairy foods in a soup is an affordable way to enjoy maximum nutrition!

Prep Time: 35 minutes

Yield: 10 servings

Ingredients

- ¼ cup butter
- 1 bunch green onions
- 1 white onion
- 2 quarts water
- 3 large potatoes, chopped.
- 2 large carrots, chopped
- 1 bunch fresh asparagus, chopped
- 1/3 cup uncooked long-grain white rice
- 4 teaspoons salt
- ½ pound fresh spinach
- 1 cup whole milk

Directions

Melt the butter in a large pot over medium heat. Stir in the green and white onions. Cook until tender.

Pour water into a large pot. Mix in chopped potatoes, chopped carrots, chopped asparagus and rice. Season with salt. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer 30 minutes until vegetables and rice are tender.

Stir spinach and milk into the soup mixture. Continue cooking for about 5 minutes until spinach wilts, and soup is heated through. Serve and enjoy.

Local Midland Employee Honored with High Distinction

Midland States Bank is pleased to announce the winners of its company-wide employee recognition program, the One Midland Club.

Receiving a One Midland Club is the highest employee distinction at Midland States Bank. Individual nominations from customers and peers are submitted to Midland's executive team for review. Annually, five Midland employees are identified as emulating Midland's values and culture. Each winner receives a bonus award of \$5,000. In addition, Midland donates \$5,000 to the Top Winner's charity of choice.

"Our employees, whether in a public-facing role or not, help our customers access an essential need. We wanted to thank them for all they do," commented Jeffrey G. Ludwig, CEO of Midland States Bank. "The award winners embody our culture principles and provide a customer-focused experience to our communities."

2023 One Midland Club Winners:

Tracy Senko – Teller – Bourbonnais Latham, IL – Top Winner

Dianna Rodriguez – Customer Care Team Lead – Rockford, IL

Kaelyn Scheetz – Banking Center Manager – Rock Hill, MO

Susan Scott – Deposit Operations Specialist III – Effingham, IL

Amber Upmann – Credit Team Leader – Rockford, IL

For additional information, visit <https://www.midlandsb.com/> or <https://www.linkedin.com/company/midland-states-bank>.



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Time to Make the Donuts!



Owner Kevin McKernan plans to open a new spot, Donut Drive-Up in the former To Go Sushi space at 8950 Manchester, the drive-thru spot will serve Donut Drive-In's greatest hits, coffee, and soft-serve. The shop is set to open within the next few weeks.

Rock Out With The Down Syndrome Association



Registration is open for Rock 21!!!! Come and rock out with your friends for 6 weeks and perform at Millwoods Sports Bar and Grill on June 23! This program is for individuals ages 10 and up! Register here dsagsl.org/programs Contact andi@dsagsl.org for any questions!

West Community Credit Union Volunteers



Some of our staff volunteered at the St. Louis Area Foodbank this week and processed 15,538 meals for hungry families in our community! Crushing it!

St. Mary Magdalen Preschoolers Enjoy a Zoo Outing



Our preschoolers and kindergarteners had a great time at the zoo! We are so lucky to have one of the top zoo's in the country right here in Saint Louis!

Ranken Jordan embarks on \$1.4 million renovation to give young patients more space to play



Ranken Jordan Pediatric Bridge Hospital has announced plans for a \$1.4 million renovation to create more space for play. Ranken Jordan follows a unique care model, Care Beyond the Bedside, which focuses on getting children out of their hospital beds and uses play for healing.

At the heart of the renovation is a permanent space for the Optimization Zone (OZ), Ranken Jordan's innovative in-hospital program, similar to a preschool, for children aged 5 and younger with complex medical conditions.

The program is currently run in a temporary area, so the new space will feature two classrooms where children can enjoy structured social play to help with their neurodevelopment.

OZ was inspired by Ranken Jordan's own research, published in 2023 in the peer-reviewed journal Child: Care, Health & Development, that tracked the whereabouts and activities of their patients. The first study of its kind, its purpose was to learn more about why a long hospital stay can put a child more at risk for developmental delay.

Dr. Nick Holekamp and his team worked with architect Steve Hunsicker of 527 Architects to convert a gym space into new OZ classrooms, as well as to build permanent spaces called corrals, similar to playpens, for children under 5. The corrals will be located near nursing stations throughout the hospital's West Unit, where Ranken Jordan's youngest patients stay to allow play. In addition to OZ and the new play areas, the project also includes enhancements to Ranken Jordan's art room to improve therapeutic art capabilities.

Set to be complete by fall 2024, the entire project was funded by donations, including support from an ongoing funding drive to raise \$2 million for OZ.

St. Louis Youth Hockey Foundation Hosts Third Annual Golf Tournament



The St. Louis Youth Hockey Foundation – a nonprofit that provides support to young players who face financial difficulty – will hold its third annual golf tournament on Mon., Aug. 12 with registration beginning at 9:30 a.m. and a shotgun start at 11 a.m. The tournament will be held at the Greenbriar Hills Country Club located at 12665 Big Bend Blvd. in Kirkwood, Mo.

Tickets are \$200 per golfer and \$800 per four golfers, which includes 18 holes with a golf cart, lunch, snacks and beverages plus dinner and an awards ceremony at 4 p.m. Proceeds will go toward assisting young players who need financial assistance.

This year the St. Louis Youth Hockey Foundation has awarded 22 grants to help young players continue playing hockey. Financial support is given to local club teams, as well as AAA and high school players based upon an individual's need and family circumstances. In exchange for these scholarships, youth recipients pay-it-forward through volunteerism and community service.

Founded in 2018, the St. Louis Youth Hockey Foundation was created to give all local hockey players the ability to participate in this costly sport. The nonprofit was formed by local hockey coaches and hockey parents in response to a local high school hockey player who struggled with mental illness and took his own life. The St. Louis Youth Hockey Foundation is also supported by the St. Louis Blues' Blues for Kids program.

For ticket details or to become a sponsor, call (314) 807-3007 or visit www.stlyouthhockey.org.

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**\$30 Donation per person
\$240 Per Table**

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Bring your own snacks, beer, wine or soft drinks.

Heads/Tails Mulligans	50/50 Raffle Attendance Prizes
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Doors open at 6:15pm
Game begins 7:00pm

**To Register: Call WRHM office 314-961-5082
ask for Janice or Derek
Prepayment is required for reservation.**

Please bring canned goods to help the Ministries



Sloppy Joe Casserole

Ingredients

- 1 (16 ounce) package penne pasta
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1½ pounds ground beef
- 1 medium yellow onion, chopped
- 1 small red bell pepper, chopped
- 1 small green bell pepper, chopped
- 1 tablespoon paprika
- 2 teaspoons garlic powder
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 2 (15-ounce) cans tomato sauce
- ½ cup ketchup
- 2 tablespoons yellow mustard
- 2 tablespoons worcestershire sauce
- 2 tablespoons light brown sugar
- 2 cups frozen yellow corn kernels
- 1 ½ cups shredded Colby-Jack cheese, divided
- cooking spray

Directions

Gather ingredients and preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil over high heat. Add pasta and cook according to package directions for al dente. Drain.

While pasta cooks, heat oil in a large Dutch oven over medium-high. Add beef and cook, stirring often to crumble, until no longer pink, about 5 minutes.

Stir in onion, bell peppers, paprika, garlic powder, and salt; cook, stirring occasionally, until vegetables are softened, about 4 minutes.

Stir in tomato sauce, ketchup, mustard, Worcestershire, and brown sugar; bring to a boil over medium-high. Reduce heat to medium and cook, stirring occasionally, until slightly thickened, about 5 minutes.

Remove from heat, stir in cooked pasta, corn, and ¾ cup of the cheese.

Coat a 9x13-inch baking dish with cooking spray; transfer beef and pasta mixture into the dish. Sprinkle evenly with remaining ¾ cup cheese.

Bake in preheated oven until heated through and cheese is melted, about 20 minutes.

Serve warm and enjoy!



Green Goddess Dressing

- 1 cup whole milk Greek yogurt*
- 1 cup parsley
- 1 cup mixed soft leafy herbs, dill, mint, tarragon and/or cilantro
- 2 tablespoon chopped chives
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice, plus ½ teaspoon zest
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 teaspoons capers
- 1 garlic clove
- ¼ teaspoon sea salt
- Freshly ground black pepper

In a food processor, combine the yogurt, parsley, mixed herbs, chives, lemon juice, zest, olive oil, capers, garlic, salt, and pepper. Pulse until well combined. Season to taste.

Serve as a dip or toss with salad greens. Store in an airtight container in the fridge for up to 5 days.



By Kevin McCarthy

RESTAURANT REVIEWS

A St. Louis Tradition

In 1957, Lou Aiazzi and John Riganti opened a restaurant on the Northeast corner of The Hill. They combined their last names to give their new restaurant its name: Rigazzi's. The partners noted that Rigazzi's resembled the Italian word 'ragazzi,' which loosely translates to mean 'friends'. They wanted their restaurant to be a place where every customer would be treated like an old friend. Rigazzi's is now the oldest restaurant on the Hill, and this tradition continues today.

Rigazzi's is well known as the "Home of the Frozen Fishbowl", a 32 ounce frozen goblet that can be used for any drink of choice, but is most often filled with beer. And they do sell a lot of beer. In the late '50s, they were the largest seller of Anheuser Busch products in both St. Louis and Missouri. Anheuser Busch sent the Clydesdales to Rigazzi's to say 'thank you'! (you can see the picture on their website) The fishbowls were modeled after the ice cream dishes used in the 1904 World's Fair.



A travel journalist friend of ours came to St. Louis and wanted to try some toasted Rav's. She had already had Ted Drewe's on a previous visit. She was amazed at the large portion sizes at Rigazzi's. They are also known for their toasted ravioli, which are handmade daily.



We started with the toasted ravioli. It comes with a red sauce, but I also asked for some melted butter on the side. A dip in the butter and then a dusting of parmesan cheese is heavenly! Our guest also had an order of stuffed cannelloni, pasta tubes generously filled with a seasoned meat blend oven baked in red, white or both Sauces. She chose both sauces.

Sue decided on beef tortellini, pasta pockets filled with a blend of seasoned beef, parmesan and herbs tossed in a White Sauce with Mushrooms, peas & prosciutto topped with a splash of red sauce. She actually let me have a taste, WOW! The portion was so large that we took home enough for lunch the next day.



I started with Rigazzi's version of French onion soup. It is a thickened version of soup with the traditional taste of onion soup with the obligatory piece of toasted French bread topped with melted cheese. It reminded me of another St. Louis dining tradition; Famous Barr's French onion soup. I also tried the pasta florentine; linguini tossed in a creamy white sauce with fresh spinach, artichokes, cauliflower, red peppers, and mushrooms. It was excellent. Once again, enough to take home for lunch the next day. A house side salad with house dressing was a fresh, and tasty, addition to a very affordable lunch, and as always, everything was delicious.



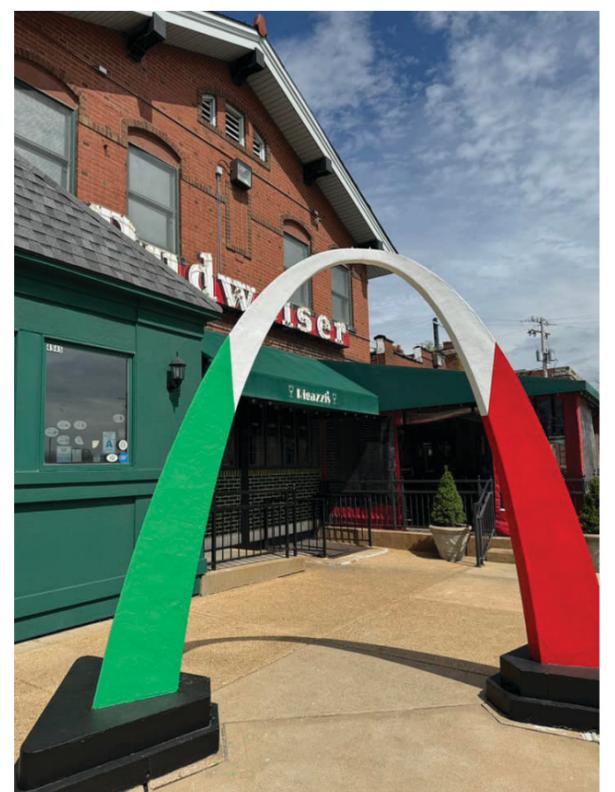
Be sure to take the time to see all the memorabilia, and photos of famous people that have visited Rigazzi's. If you saved room for dessert, (we did not), you have a great selection of Italian favorites including: homemade cannoli, tiramisu, spumoni, vanilla gelato and salted caramel gelato. You may have heard that Rigazzi's was sold a few months ago. Fear not, the new owner Donn Gamin, has a background



in restaurant management. He is also a friend of the previous owners who asked him to purchase the property. At first he said no. Then he thought of the tradition and history of Rigazzi's and decided to purchase the restaurant in order to maintain it's place in St. Louis history. You may rest assured Rigazzi's is still a friendly place for family dining and continued dining traditions in St. Louis.



Rigazzi's is located at the corner of Daggett and Boardman, 4945 Dagget to be precise. Just look for the St. Louis Arch decorated in the colors of the Italian flag in front of the entrance. Their website is www.rigazzi's.com. It will give you an opportunity to review their extensive menu ahead of your visit. Call 314-772-4900 for more info and reservations



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Vehicle Safety Tips

Don't forget to lock your cars, folks! It only takes a second, but it can save you a lot of hassle. Let's keep our belongings safe and secure.

Brentwood Police Foundation Update



Hard to believe it has already been 1 year since the launch of the Brentwood Police Foundation. On behalf

of all our volunteers, I would like to not only thank you for being a donor to BPF but also to update you on the progress we have made at affecting real change in our community.

Over the last year, with your help, we have been able to bring Brentwood's first search and rescue dog, Red Bull, home to the Brentwood Police Department, send our very own officer TJ Lachenicht to Sharpville, Pennsylvania for an intensive 4 week handler course, purchase and outfit a custom K9 police truck, provide food and shelter for "Red" on a continuing basis, and we are just getting started!

This new year brings continued needs to care for Red as he grows. His presence has already had a huge impact on our community. He makes regular visits to the Brentwood Schools where he is bridging the gap between our dedicated police officers the families and businesses they work to protect every day. Red has also been busy with his police work with numerous successful cases to his credit. <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/2RQkUjr5M7sdPpTX/?mibextid=K35XfP>

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We have plans for honoring individual Police officers who go above and beyond the call of duty with "Officer of the Month" awards as well as funding continuing education to national conferences to improve officer knowledge and experience and bring this back to our community. These are all new and exciting sponsorship opportunities!

Your contributions are making a true impact on our community and every donation regardless of size to the Brentwood Police Foundation makes a difference.

Thank you for your continued support!

Visit - Brentwoodpolicefoundation.org to donate or drop off your donation at the Brentwood Police Station.

Thank you for your support

The Brentwood Police Foundation

CHINESE CULTURE DAYS RETURNS TO BOTANICAL GARDEN MAY 18 & 19

The Missouri Botanical Garden welcomes guests to experience the history, art, and pageantry of Chinese culture during its annual Chinese Culture Days festival on May 18-19.

The festival will take place across the entire Garden campus, showcasing jaw-dropping live performances, interactive demonstrations, authentic regional cuisine and a Chinese marketplace.

The weekend-long celebration will begin Saturday at 10 a.m. with a performance by a 70-foot dancing dragon outside the Jack C. Taylor Visitor Center, after which guests are invited to join a parade to the Cohen Amphitheater for the festival's opening ceremony.

This event is a collaborative effort between the Missouri Botanical Garden and the Board of Chinese Culture Education and Services to celebrate Chinese culture and highlight its history in the St. Louis community.

"The Chinese Culture Days program at the Missouri Botanical Garden started in 1996, and as a community member I began my involvement in 1998," said Yimin Zhu, Chairman of the 2024 Chinese Culture Days Committee. "I am profoundly proud of our community's legacy with this festival and look forward to celebrating yet another wonderful weekend of performances and festivities with everyone."

During Asian-American and Pacific Islander Awareness Month, the Missouri Botanical Garden is proud to host this annual celebration and invite guests of all backgrounds to enjoy and explore Chinese culture.

New this year

Embodied Charm: The Artistry of Chinese Opera Acting: The unique stylized acting of Chinese opera is demonstrated in this lecture on the four basic skills of "singing, speaking, performing, and combating". The audience can enjoy the unique charm of Chinese opera on stage only possible in a live performance while learning more about the art form.

Sugar Arts Demonstration: In a captivating sugar art demonstration inspired by the Chinese zodiac signs, a skilled artisan deftly manipulates molten sugar into intricate sculptures embodying each zodiac symbol's essence. Audience members can purchase their favorite figurine and bring home a sweet memory.

History of Chinese Food in St. Louis: Food historian Magdalene Linck will highlight iconic Chinese restaurants and foods in St. Louis dating back to the late 1800s by exploring narratives and historical records, including menus from iconic Chinese restaurants. Findings from the Missouri Historical Society's Chinese Collection Initiative related to food and restaurants will be

For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit mobot.org/events.

May is National Speech-Language-Hearing Month Maryville University's Walker Scottish Rite Clinic Offers Free Services to Families

Speech and language are challenging cognitive achievements for many children. The month of May is annually recognized as National Speech-Language-Hearing Month by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), to educate the public about the importance of early intervention to achieve the best outcomes.

Speech and language disorders are among the most common conditions that young children experience. Parents may notice their child is struggling with speech sounds, language usage, or social communication. For some, stuttering is the prime observation by parents. The National Stuttering Association also recognizes the need to build a strong foundation and confidence in the thousands of young people who stutter.

At Maryville University's Walker Scottish Rite Clinic, in-person and virtual services are provided to children ages two to six, and at no charge regardless of a family's financial circumstances. The key is to arrange for early professional help to achieve the best possible outcomes for the child.

"Parents and caregivers are essential partners when it comes to communication," explains Jacob Gutshall, director of the Walker Scottish Rite Clinic at Maryville University. "We teach long-term therapeutic techniques to help children succeed in everyday situations. Our resources can help children succeed in peer relationships, in school, and throughout life."

Jacob Gutshall and the Walker Clinic team became national thought leaders during the pandemic, through virtual sessions with speech-language and literacy professionals around the country. Together, this group helped identify new virtual tools for professionals and families to implement in the home. With increased internet access in urban and rural areas, families can connect with the Walker Clinic for telepractice services and resources.

SRClinic.org



Brentwood Police Department

Calls for Service Report

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

4-29-24 TO 5-5-24

CFS for Person Crime	
Murder / Manslaughter	0
Sex & Sexual Assaults CFS	0
Robbery /Car-Jack	0
Assaults	0
Peace Dist -Domestic- Misc	14
Calls for Mental Health	0

CFS for Property Crime	
Arson/Bombing/Burning	0
Burglary - Residential	0
Burglary - Business	0
Destruction of Property	1
Frauds & ID Theft	2
Larceny - Shoplifting	8
Larceny - From Vehicle	1
Stolen Vehicles	2
Trespassing	2

Weapons Related	
Utilized/Taken	0
Recovered	1

Auto Accidents	
	13

Patrols	
Building & Business Check	63
Schools	15
Parks - Misc	28

Notable CFS	
Alarm Calls	9
Animal Related	3
Assist FD & etc ..	24
Check Welfare/Notification	7
Contact Another Agency	20
Motor Assist	3
Police Community Relations	0
FLOCK/LPR/RADAR-FTY	0
Solicitors	0
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	10
Traffic Control/Details	11
Traffic Stops	8
Vacation Checks/Close Watch	9
Fireworks	0
ARREST	
Prisoner Conveyance	0
Adults	3
Juvenile	0
ARREST TYPE	
FTA/Fugitive	0
Original Non-Traffic	3
Original Traffic	0

Miscellaneous CFS	
	28
Minus Arrest/Types/Weapons	-7
Total Calls For Service	281



Brentwood Police Department

Calls for Service Report

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APRIL 2024

CFS for Person Crime	
Murder / Manslaughter	0
Sex & Sexual Assaults CFS	0
Robbery /Car-Jack	1
Assaults	4
Peace Dist -Domestic- Misc	47
Calls for Mental Health	8

CFS for Property Crime	
Arson/Bombing/Burning	0
Burglary - Residential	0
Burglary - Business	1
Destruction of Property	10
Frauds & ID Theft	6
Larceny - Shoplifting	49
Larceny - From Vehicle	6
Stolen Vehicles	2
Trespassing	12

Weapons Related	
Utilized/Taken	1
Recovered	1

Auto Accidents	
	73

Patrols	
Building & Business Check	326
Schools	87
Parks - Misc	257

Notable CFS	
Alarm Calls	46
Animal Related	17
Assist FD & etc ..	96
Check Welfare/Notification	40
Contact Another Agency	88
Motor Assist	19
Police Community Relations	3
FLOCK/LPR/RADAR-FTY	4
Solicitors	6
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	53
Traffic Control/Details	36
Traffic Stops	148
Vacation Checks/Close Watch	4
Fireworks	0
ARREST	
Prisoner Conveyance	12
Adults	39
Juvenile	6
ARREST TYPE	
FTA/Fugitive	20
Original Non-Traffic	28
Original Traffic	1

Miscellaneous CFS	
	120

Miscellaneous CFS	
Minus Arrest/Types/Weapons	-96

Total Calls For Service	
	1581

HOME SWEET HOME VOLUNTEER GROUPS + COMMUNITY PARTNERS

At Home Sweet Home, we thrive on the energy and support from our volunteer groups and community partners, spanning from corporate leaders to local schools and faith organizations.

Here are the incredible groups who got involved in March:

- Brentwood Middle School - Dresser Build
- Enterprise Mobility - Table Build
- Girl Scout Troop - Warehouse Volunteering
- Guild Mortgage - Household Item Drive
- Miriam School & Learning Center - Dresser Build
- Oakline Studio - Dresser Build
- Primary Talent Partners - Dresser Build

Interested in volunteering with a group or hosting a furniture build? Connect with our Volunteer Coordinator, Alexis, at volunteer@homesweethomestl.org.

For donation drive inquiries, reach out to our Development Coordinator, Corlena, at corlena.hall@homesweethomestl.org.



CAR-ing for Veterans

A fun Car & Music Show! Saturday, May 18, 2024

What: A Car / Vehicle Showcase and Mini Music Festival

When: Saturday, May 18, 2024 – for the public 1:00 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Where: Out-of-Doors at Worldwide Technology Raceway, 700 Raceway Blvd, Madison, IL 62060

Why: To have fun and to raise awareness of services for Veterans, particularly the work of the Friends of Fisher House St. Louis, the CPL Jacob Madden Foundation and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

The Fisher House is a free “home away from home” for Veterans families, when their loved one is getting medical care far from home. The non-profit organization “Friends of Fisher House St. Louis” works to ensure that military and veterans’ family members can be with their loved ones who are receiving medical treatment in St. Louis. We accomplished this by raising money to build and then support ongoing needs of the VA Fisher House at Jefferson Barracks, and long-range plans to build a second Fisher House by the John Cochran VA Medical Center.

“The CPL Jacob Madden Foundation” is a nonprofit organization working to help Veterans who are on the edge of suicide or having mental health issues get the support that they need.

How to Register a Car, or Buy Show Tickets, Sponsor the event, or pre-order T-shirts: Preferred method is through PitPay app. Find details at <https://www.fisherhouseinstl.org/news-updates/car-ing-show/>

Live Music by Regional Bands & Approximate Schedule:

Noon Coach -- an instrumental progressive rock band

1:30 The Panics plays classic rock n’ roll, with some members of the Bucket List Band and Jen Davey

3:00 Moving in Stereo – a tribute to The Cars

4:00 Tree One Four Psychedelic Rock music

5:00 People’s Choice Awards presented for cars.

5:15 Slight Return -- a unique blend of blues, rock and soul genres

7:00 Crystal O’Connor and the Whiskey Rebels - an original country band with a fresh take on the 90s-00s power country - a heavier Rock/Americana/Country hybrid

Attendance Cost: Advance ticketing \$15 for Veterans, \$25 general public, or \$60 for a carload or van full of people. Kids aged 15 or younger may enter free with their responsible adult.

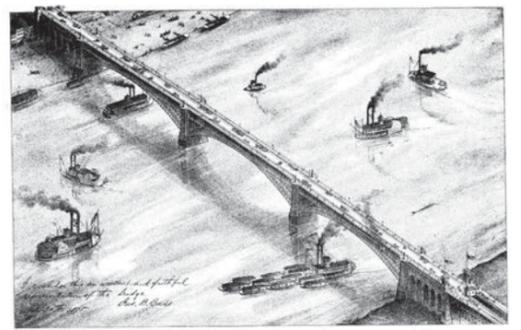
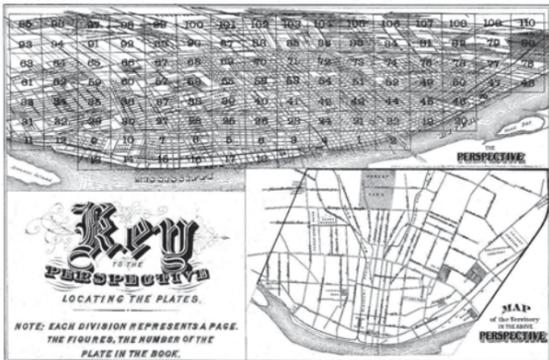
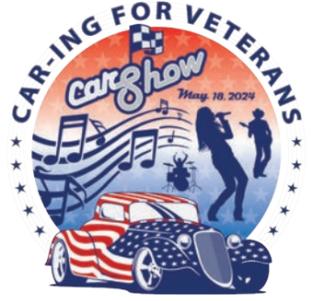
Car Registration: \$10 Veterans’ rate, or \$25 general public rate for one vehicle, includes admission for two people. Group Club and sponsorship rates available. Show cars set up between Noon and 12:45, and they can either stay until 9 p.m. or may depart after the People’s Choice Car Awards presentation, around 5:30 p.m. Limited exit time windows for safety concerns.

There will be a “Veterans Village” a row of exhibits about programs and services for Veterans.

World Wide Technology Raceway concession stand will be open for things like hot dogs, burgers, fries, soda, etc. as well as beer, wine and mixed drinks. A drag race will be happening on a nearby track, and Mopar is planning a Swap Meet on the WWTR site.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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2024 Summer Reading

Summer reading is here! Travel ahead with each book you read - when you get to the SUN (4) come in for a prize or a chance at Cardinals tickets! When you have finished 8 books come to the library to pick up your finisher's prize and get a ticket for our Grand Prize Event at Olympia Gymnastics. Visit us in person or online for more information about special events, storytimes, and programs.

May 18: Summer Kick-off with Bri the Science Guy
June 27: Ballet 314 Presents: Sleeping Beauty
August 3: Summer Wrap with Mad Science

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Rock Hill Public Library of St. Louis, MO

Summer Reading Club Kick Off

Mark your calendars for our Summer Reading Kick Off on Saturday, May 18 at 12 pm! Join us on our new patio for an afternoon of book-related fun with special guest Bri the Science Guy. Let's kick off summer with a love for reading and fun!

Movies on the Patio

Rock Hill Public Library kicks off its Movies on the Patio with two fun, family-friendly movies! First, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG) on May 14. The Turtle brothers work to earn the love of New York City while facing down an army of mutants.

Then, The Mitchells vs. the Machines (PG) on May 28 follows the dysfunctional Mitchell family that winds up having to save Earth from a global uprising of robots while on a road trip.

The parking lot will be closed for both events. Free parking next door at American Bank (9815 Manchester Rd). Come early for crafts and popcorn at 7:15 PM. Movies start around 7:30PM.

To Bee or Not to Bee: The Ups and Downs of Beekeeping

Curious about beekeeping? Join us at Rock Hill Public Library (9811 Manchester Rd) as Chris Neilsen shares her personal experiences and tips on starting this rewarding adventure on Saturday, May 25 at 11:00 AM!

Summer Reading Kick Off

Saturday, May 18 12:00 PM

Join us on the patio for a Rock 'N Reptiles Show with Bri the Science Guy!
 Register for Summer Reading!
 Learn about animals and camouflage with STEAM Club!

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MOVIES ON THE PATIO

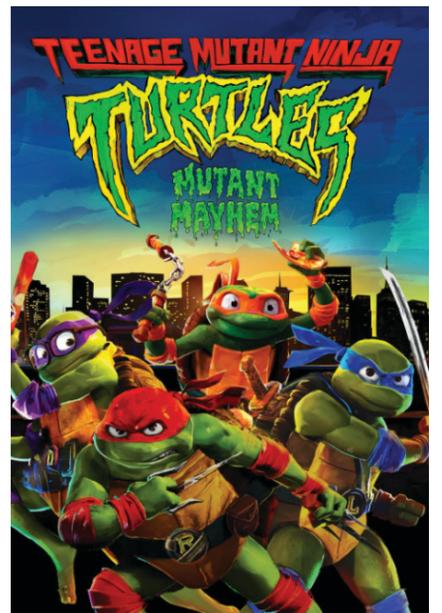
JOIN US IN MAY FOR OUTDOOR MOVIES!
 POPCORN AND CRAFTS AT 7:15 PM,
 MOVIE STARTS AROUND 7:30 PM

TUESDAY, MAY 14: TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES: MUTANT MAYHEM (PG)
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TO BEE OR NOT TO BEE: THE UPS AND DOWNS OF BEEKEEPING

Chris Neilsen shares her experiences raising and keeping bees in Rock Hill.

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A Red Circle to Hold Ice Cream Social

Nonprofit holds free family event to introduce the community to its new demonstration garden.



A Red Circle will host its first ice cream social on Sat., June 1 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at its North County Community Nexus located at 9300 Lewis and Clark Blvd. in Bellefontaine Neighbors. The family event is free and open to the public with refreshments provided by Ice Cream King's ice cream truck. The event will include a tour of the recently installed demonstration garden, which features raised garden beds, planters, and multiple rows of fruit trees.

Scheduled to open in 2025, the Nexus involves the renovation of an existing 43,000-square-foot strip mall and a two-story office building that were purchased by A Red Circle in March 2023.

The Nexus is the biggest project in the nonprofit's history, providing both programming and critical links to strengthen the revitalization of North County's healthy food infrastructure.

The Nexus will consolidate the nonprofit's headquarters, a community-owned grocery store, its Learning and Opportunity Center, a bistro, and the recently introduced demonstration garden. There will be rental options available including a storage shed with communal farm equipment, cold storage so farmers can preserve their crops, a commercial kitchen, and office space for health providers. For more information visit www.aredcircle.org.



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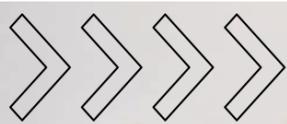
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Webster Groves New Police Chief

The City of Webster Groves is pleased to announce the selection of Vincent Acevez as the next Police Chief. Chief Acevez has a 20+ year career in policing and emergency management. He will begin service with Webster Groves on June 24. Read more about Chief Acevez at www.webstergrovesmo.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1114

Congratulations,

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Congratulations,

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Certificate of Excellence Awardees



The following members of the Brentwood Fire Department were recognized for their outstanding professionalism and teamwork responding to a call on February 18, 2024.

- Firefighter / Paramedics
 - Nick Simon
 - Kathryn St. George
 - Steve Brown
 - Seth Carey
- Engineer Darren Chavez
- Captain David Niemeyer



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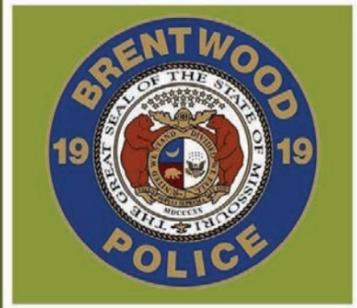
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The following members of the Brentwood Fire and Police Departments were recognized for their outstanding professionalism and teamwork responding to a call on March 29, 2024.

- Police Officer Stephen Ortinau
- Firefighter / Paramedics
 - Tony DiPaola
 - Nick Mayer
 - Clay Banderman
- Engineer Larry Dexler
- Lieutenant John Youngblood
- Captain Jake Erschen

Letters of Commendation



The following members of the Brentwood Police Department were given Letters of Commendation for going above and beyond the call of duty.

- Sergeant Josh Bowersox
- Officer Timothy Lachenicht
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- Corporal Tim Mueller
- Detective Alex Wilcox
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City Administrator Akande Elected President of MCMA

Bola Akande, Brentwood’s City Administrator, is the new president of the Missouri City/County Management Association (MCMA). She was elected to the one-year term during MCMA’s 61st Annual Spring Conference in Lake Ozark in early May.



MCMA is the professional association of appointed local government administrators in cities and counties. MCMA members share a common commitment to responsible and responsive government, ethical behavior in the public interest, and professional development to enhance their abilities to effectively serve their communities and citizens. MCMA is the Missouri affiliate of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA).

Akande has served as Brentwood’s City Administrator since August 2011 and has more than three decades of experience in the public sector. She has held administrative and leadership positions in the cities of Richmond Heights, Mo.; The Woodlands, Texas; Flower Mound, Texas; and Oklahoma City.

She has served on the MCMA board of directors since 2019.

A Red Circle Opens Healthy Community Market

A Red Circle will host its first Healthy Community Market of the season on Sat., May 25 from 8 a.m. to noon. The monthly pay-what-you-can farmers market – open May through Oct. on the last Sat. of each month – is held at A Red Circle’s Healthy Flavor Community Garden located at 351 Chambers Rd. in Riverview.



Founded in 2019, the Healthy Flavor Community Garden was created to provide North St. Louis County residents with access to fresh vegetables and fruits from local farmers and growers. Residents are welcome to shop for fresh produce regardless of their ability to pay, and donations are accepted. The Market also offers an opportunity for local artisans and entrepreneurs to showcase and sell their products to the public.

Each month’s farmers market includes recipe demonstrations and taste testing based on seasonally available produce. The Market not only increases access to the freshest locally grown produce, but also provides additional opportunities to increase customer nutrition knowledge and engage in fun fitness activities.

“Our Market allows everyone access to fresh produce regardless of their ability to pay,” said A Red Circle’s Founder and Executive Director Erica Williams. “This initiative encourages health and wellbeing for our entire community through improved fresh food access and resources.”

Founded in 2017, A Red Circle is a nonprofit dedicated to the advancement of racial equity in North St. Louis County, Mo. The organization creates economic and community betterment solutions through education, employment, and empowerment. A Red Circle has four Missouri locations – Healthy Flavor Community Garden in Riverview, North County Agricultural Education Center in Pine Lawn, The Creative Spot in Ferguson, and North County Community Nexus in Bellefontaine Neighbors – to best serve the community and improve wellness opportunities for its citizens who experience healthy food access disparities in the region.

For more information about the Healthy Community Market, call (314) 328-2286 or visit www.aredcircle.org.

Susan Cacioppo
 Administrative Assistant
 City of Brentwood

MEET YOUR HERO

In honor of Administrative Professionals Day, the Professional Firefighters of Brentwood MO would like to recognize our Administrative Assistant Susan Cacioppo. Susan continues to be a major asset to our department and ensures we are #providingexcellencethroughservice Thank you Susan for all that you do!

Down Syndrome Association Pop-Up Shops



Michael and Willie, pictured here, are part of the DSA’s employment program where they help create the items you see on the table.

The DSA is invited into organizations where we set up a pop up shop usually about 2-3 hrs. and sell coffee that has been bagged and labeled by Michael, Willie, along with more of our amazing friends with Down syndrome. Our mission is to serve, support, and celebrate individuals with Ds and their families, through every stage of life.

In the picture, you will see the outstanding products created by our friends, like the painted cups & pocket hugs. We are so proud of this employment program. For more information, visit <https://dsagsl.org> or call 314-961-2504.

LOOKING FOR FOOD VENDORS!

BRENTWOOD DAYS

Brentwood Parks and Recreation is in search of food vendors for Brentwood Days. If you are an interested vendor with availability on September 20th and September 21st, we’d love to have you!

INTERESTED?

CONTACT: CHERYL RILEY

criley@brentwoodmo.org



SKY
FEMALE, SPAYED, 3

Sky is a sweet, mellow soul who needs someone to show her lots of love to build up her confidence. She loves cats and dogs, she is crate trained, and she appears to be housetrained! Come meet this lovely girl today!



KEVIN MCCALLISTER
MALE, NEUTERED, 3

Kevin McCallister would love to spend time Home Alone with you! He is a smart, mild energy boy who loves people. He has done well with children and other dogs. He also appears to be potty trained! Come meet him today!



SUNSHINE
FEMALE, SPAYED, 2

While we gather all the details about this adorable companion, why not give us a ring at 314.645.4610 to uncover the secrets of their playful personality, their favorite treats, and the special quirks that make them one of a kind?



ZURIA
MALE, NEUTERED, 7 months

Little Zuria didn't have the best start in life and needs some time and patience to come out of her shell. She has previously lived with other dogs and cats and may do best in a calm home. Stop by to meet Zuria today!



MEOW MEOW
FEMALE, SPAYED, 10 months

While we gather all the details about this adorable companion, why not give us a ring at 314.645.4610 to uncover the secrets of their playful personality, their favorite treats, and the special quirks that make them one of a kind?



CHIPPY
FEMALE, SPAYED, 14 weeks

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**For Adoption Information,
Call 314.645.4610**

L'Arche St. Louis Holds Groundbreaking Ceremony of Fourth Home Coinciding with \$650,000 Challenge Grant Award from Mabee Foundation

L'Arche St. Louis held a groundbreaking ceremony to commemorate the start of construction of a fourth home and to celebrate the receipt of a momentous \$650,000 challenge grant from the Mabee Foundation on Monday, April 22, 2024.

The groundbreaking ceremony for the fourth home represents a significant milestone in L'Arche St. Louis's journey towards providing supportive and inclusive homes for individuals with intellectual disabilities. The new home will be fully accessible and feature Universal Design elements to offer a nurturing environment where residents can age in place and share life together in accordance with L'Arche's core values of dignity, respect, and community. The project is led by Pete Uetrecht of Compass Design + Build.

The Mabee Foundation, renowned for its commitment to funding initiatives that catalyze positive change in communities, has chosen to support L'Arche St. Louis due to their shared values and dedication to creating inclusive environments. The grant will specifically fund the brick-and-mortar capital components of L'Arche St. Louis' capacity-building campaign, including the fourth home and renovating the existing office and activities center at 9445 Litzinger.

"We are immensely grateful for the Mabee Foundation's generous gift, which will not only support our ongoing mission but also enable the realization of our vision for inclusive communities," said Paula Kilcoyne, Executive Director and Community Leader at L'Arche St. Louis. "The groundbreaking of our fourth home symbolizes our commitment to expanding opportunities for individuals with intellectual disabilities to thrive and contribute meaningfully to society."

To meet the terms of the challenge grant, L'Arche St. Louis invites supporters, donors, and the wider community to contribute to this transformative initiative. In order to receive the \$650,000 granted funds, L'Arche St. Louis must raise an additional \$661,324 by January 9, 2025. Every donation made during this challenge period will help to fulfill the organization's mission of creating a more inclusive and supportive future.



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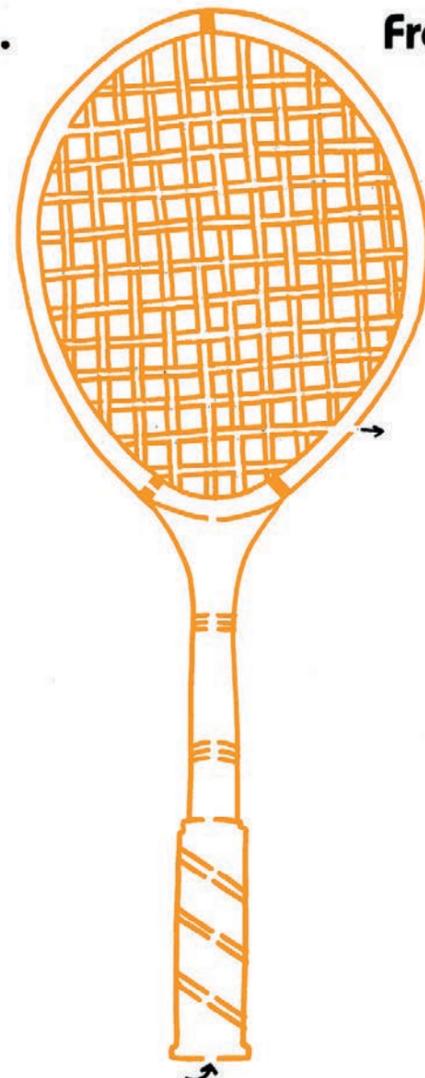
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AIR QUALITY FORECASTING RESUMES FOR 2024 AS LATEST "STATE OF THE AIR" REPORT SHOWS MIXED RESULTS FOR THE ST. LOUIS REGION

St. Louis escapes most ozone-polluted U.S. cities list for eighth consecutive year, but still receives poor grades for overall air quality

As daily air quality forecasting returns today for the 2024 season, the American Lung Association's latest "State of the Air" report finds that despite decades of progress cleaning up air pollution, 39% of people living in America – 131.2 million individuals – still live in places with failing grades for unhealthy levels of ozone or particle pollution. This is 11.7 million more people breathing unhealthy air compared to the years covered by the 2023 report (2019-2021), which reinforces the need to protect our local communities from the continued risks to public health resulting from a combination of factors, including extreme heat, drought, wildfire smoke and more.

For the eighth consecutive year, the St. Louis region avoided being ranked among the top 25 most ozone-polluted U.S. cities, coming in at number 30 on the list out of 228 metropolitan areas. The region ranked 33rd on the list for most polluted cities by annual particle pollution, which is back six spots from the previous year. The most up-to-date report findings have added to the evidence that a changing climate is making the job of cleaning up the air and protecting human health more difficult. High ozone days and spikes in particle pollution related to extreme heat, drought and wildfires are putting millions of people at risk and adding challenges to the work that states and cities are doing across the nation to clean up air pollution. Here's a look at the latest rankings for ozone pollution across the region for counties in the non-attainment area included in the American Lung Association's report:

Association in Missouri. "As we prepare to settle into the summer months when we're at greater risk for poor air quality, the Clean Air Partnership strongly urges area residents to remain steadfast in their efforts to take voluntary steps to reduce emissions because those actions play a critical role in improving air quality conditions and helping people across the region breathe easier. This is particularly important to keep in mind for children, older adults and those who suffer from lung diseases that make them especially vulnerable."

According to the 2024 "State of the Air" report, exposure to unhealthy levels of ozone air pollution continues to make breathing difficult for more people across the country than any other single pollutant. For the three years covered in this year's report (2020-2022), some 100.6 million people lived in the 125 counties in 26 states that earned an "F" grade for ozone, including St. Charles County in Missouri and Madison County in Illinois. This means that three of every ten people – including 22.5 million infants and children, 15.5 million people age 65 or older and tens of millions in other groups at risk of health harm – are exposed to high levels of ozone on enough days to earn the air they breathe a failing grade.

While ozone air pollution remains a serious threat to public health, one trend continuing in a positive direction for the fourth consecutive report is the number of people living in counties with a failing grade for ozone that actually declined, this year by 2.4 million people. The long-term trend of improvement can be attributed to controls placed on emissions

to reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions. Actions like using transit, carpooling and vanpooling, combining errands into a single trip, telecommuting, and walking and biking more to get around town all help take cars off area roads and keep related emissions out of our air. There are also many other eco-friendly lifestyle changes unrelated to commuting that individuals and businesses can consider to positively impact air quality and improve lung health, including efforts to conserve energy, recycle, reduce waste and reuse items.

During the forecasting season, the Partnership ramps up its efforts to inform area residents about ozone pollution levels in the region and how those levels can affect their health by releasing color-coded, daily air quality forecasts to let people know what the next day's air quality is forecast to be and if they should alter their outdoor activities to minimize exposure to polluted air. This is especially crucial on orange or red unhealthy air quality days, which we saw an excess of this past year. Individuals can now sign up to receive the daily forecast via their email inboxes or text through the Environmental Protection Agency's EnviroFlash air quality alert system by visiting CleanAir-StLouis.com. There, they can also access a wealth of air quality information and tips to do their share for cleaner air all summer long.

Additional air quality information and the daily forecast can be accessed by liking the Clean Air Partnership on Facebook, or by following the organization on X, formerly known as Twitter, @gatewaycleanair. To access the full American Lung Association 2024 "State of the Air" report, visit Lung.org.

Missouri

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St. Louis County	D
St. Louis City	C

Illinois

Jersey	D
Macoupin	B
Madison	F
St. Clair	C

"Even though we're pleased to see that St. Louis continues to avoid landing back among the nation's top 25 most ozone-polluted cities, the data still clearly shows that we're far from a clean bill of health for our region," said Susannah Fuchs, Director of Clean Air for the American Lung

that have increasingly resulted in the replacement of more polluting engines, fuels and industrial processes nationwide.

Fuchs notes that since transportation has long been reported to have the most profound impact on air quality, making the choice to spend less time behind the wheel is an easy way

About the American Lung Association

The American Lung Association is the leading organization working to save lives by improving lung health and preventing lung disease through education, advocacy and research. The work of the American Lung Association is focused on four strategic imperatives: to defeat lung cancer; to champion clean air for all; to improve the quality of life for those with lung disease and their families; and to create a tobacco-free future.



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- West Community Credit Union
- Brentwood Parks Department
- Enterprise Bank
- Refind Room
- All State Insurance
- Schafly Bottleworks
- Citizens Bank
- Richmond Heights City Hall
- Richmond Heights Library
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 June 3**

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.

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 Email: info@lydiashouse.org Connect: Find us on Facebook, Follow us on Twitter



TRAVEL

By Sue McCarthy

IF YOU GO

Fort de Chartres
 1350 State Route 155
 Prairie de Rocher, IL 62277
 618-284-7230
 info@ftdechartres.us
 Fort de Chartres – The Heart of the Illinois Country

54th Annual Fort De Chartres Rendezvous

I have always been a history buff after growing up in western Pennsylvania and visiting Fort Necessity from the French and Indian War. My high school football field was where General Braddock had his encampment. It came as no surprise when my husband Kevin, said, “let’s take a ride down to southern Illinois to see Fort DeChartres.” The fort is only an hour from St. Louis.

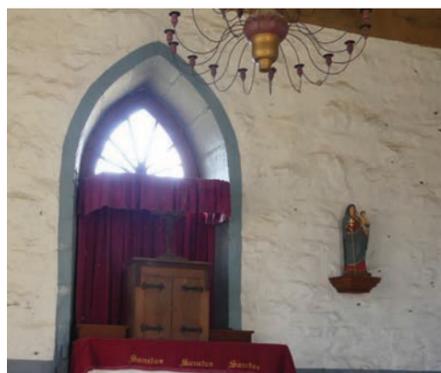
Fort de Chartres was a French fortification built in 1720 on the east bank of the Mississippi River in what is now Illinois. The fort was rebuilt twice due to flooding.

The site is now a state park and was placed on the National Registry of Historic Places. In 1966 it was recognized as a National Historic Landmark. Other French-influenced sites such as the Creole House, the Pierre Menard House, the Kolmer Site (formerly an Indian Village), and the site of nearby Fort Kaskaskia. The name of the fort honored Louis, duc de Chartres, son of the Regent of France.

The government rebuilt the wooden fort in stone and it was completed in 1754. The limestone fort had walls 15 ft. high and 3 ft thick. The main purpose of the new fort was to impress the warring Chickasaw tribe and to check and halt the progress of the British in the area. In 1928 a museum was built on the existing stone foundation and houses exhibits, there is also a chapel, there is an outdoor baking oven, and a kitchen garden.

Each June there is a Rendezvous that celebrates frontier French and Indian culture.

The 54th Annual Fort De Chartres Rendezvous will be June 1 and 2. You can see military drills, shooting competitions, dancing, music, food and traders of eighteenth-century-style goods.



Fort Church



Wine



Shield



Oven



Fort Museum



Fort Buildings



Cannon

West Community Credit Union Announces 2024 Scholarship Winner



West Community Credit Union would like to congratulate Avery White as this year’s Brentwood High School scholarship recipient. Avery is one of five recipients of the West Community Credit Union Scholarship program for 2024. She plans to pursue a career in Environmental Engineering at the University of Minnesota in the fall. She likes designing and building things and has a passion for math, science, and the outdoors. She is described as well-rounded, ambitious, energetic, positive, independent, and friendly by her teachers and peers. Avery received an exemplary letter of recommendation from her high school counselor. It is obvious that Avery will be successful in her field of studies.

2024 marks the 29th year West Community has given out a scholarship to a well-deserving Brentwood High School Senior. West Community’s scholarship program was established to support the Brentwood Community, a community who founded the credit union back in 1936. “Each year we are amazed at the quality of the candidates. Every application is filled with merit, community service and exceptional recommendations from teachers and community leaders”, states Lori Hudson, Community Engagement Manager at West Community.

West Community Credit Union scholarships are awarded based on a short essay, financial need, GPA, curriculum, letters of recommendation and extracurricular activities. Applications are available every year in January.

Pictured: Lori Hudson (Community Engagement Manager at West Community Credit Union) and Avery White (Brentwood High School Senior and scholarship recipient) receiving her certificate during Senior Awards Night at Brentwood High School.

About West Community Credit Union

West Community Credit Union is a full-service, not-for-profit financial cooperative serving more than 32,000 members and businesses in St. Louis City, St. Louis County, St. Charles County and Boone County. The credit union has offices in O’Fallon, Brentwood, Kirkwood, Lake Saint Louis, Florissant, St. Peters and Columbia, MO. For more information on banking products and services, call (636) 720-2400 or visit www.westcommunitycu.org.

Brentwood Firefighters Attend Indiana River Rescue School



Some of the Professional Firefighters of Brentwood MO completed a week long intensive training at Indiana River Rescue School. This training is some of the best in the country in Swift Water Rescue and Boat Operations. The Brentwood Missouri Fire Department prioritizes premium level technical rescue training to prepare our rescue specialists for any and all emergencies that we may face. #providingexcellencethroughservice

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 June 21 - The Greatest Showman
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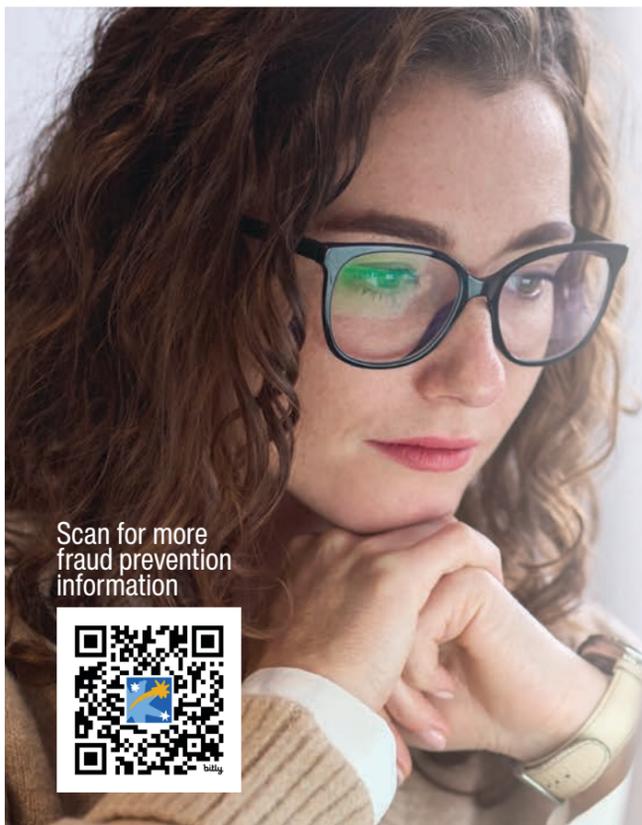
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Fraud Prevention: Understanding Money Mule Scams

A money mule is someone who transfers money or items on behalf of someone else (the scammer). The criminal baits the target by offering an employment opportunity or by initiating a fake online romantic relationship.

Next, they're instructed to deposit illegally acquired funds into their account and send the money elsewhere, while "earning a commission." Promising a portion of the funds as compensation helps persuade the unsuspecting victim into taking part in the fraud.

Some of the most common tactics are:

- Remote employment opportunities
- Online romantic relationships
- Overpayment scams

The biggest tip to remember is never to accept money from someone you don't know, trust or have met before — and never forward that money elsewhere on behalf of that person. Anytime you're asked to be the middleman for a transaction, there's a chance you're the money mule who's dangerously handling stolen money.

Stay vigilant. Stay smart. And as always, never give out your personal information and financial details.

Scan for more fraud prevention information

