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Now open until Labor Day Weekend. The splash pad hours are 7am-7pm. Additional parking locations can be viewed on our website at brentwoodmo.org/brentwoodpark



New Eagle Scouts



Andrew Kuehler (L) and Joseph Egley both recently earned the rank of Eagle Scout. These young men are long-time members of Troop 361 sponsored by St. Mary Magdalen Parish. Both are graduating seniors from Webster Groves High School.

Mayor Dimmitt Sworn in as President of the Municipal League of Greater St. Louis



We're proud to share that Mayor David Dimmitt was recently sworn in as President of the Municipal League of Greater St. Louis for the 2025–2026 term! His leadership and dedication to strong, vibrant communities across Missouri continue to make a lasting impact. Congratulations, Mayor Dimmitt!

Rock Hill Officially Receives the Missouri Blue Shield Designation



Today, May 13, 2025, Rock Hill, officially received the Missouri Blue Shield designation from the Missouri Department of Public Safety. This prestigious honor recognizes Missouri communities that demonstrate a steadfast commitment to enhancing public safety and supporting law enforcement.

The Missouri Blue Shield Program, created by Governor Kehoe in January 2025 through Executive Order 25-03, recognizes local governments that make significant efforts to reduce crime, foster law enforcement collaboration, and build strong community partnerships for public safety.

“Public safety is the foundation of a thriving community and state. It affects everything from families feeling secure to businesses having the confidence to invest and grow,” said Governor Kehoe.

“We designed the Missouri Blue Shield Program to recognize communities that go above and beyond in creating a place where people want to live, work, and build their futures. A Missouri Blue Shield designation is a testament to the hard work and dedication of local governments across Missouri who are leading the way in making public safety a priority.”

“The Department of Public Safety is proud to work alongside communities like Rock Hill, which have shown exceptional dedication to enhancing public safety,” said Mark James, Director of the Missouri Department of Public Safety (DPS). “This program is about fostering collaboration between local law enforcement agencies and the communities they serve. Our goal is to support these efforts, providing resources and guidance to help communities build sustainable, long-term solutions for crime reduction and public safety.”

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The Dodel Family

We LOVE summer!! Week one of summer camp at Saint Mary Magdalen is in the books! The kids and counselors had a ton of fun at the park and the zoo!!



Congrats to the McGrath Elementary second grade class on their victory in a fierce kickball game against some of McGrath’s finest teachers!

THANK YOU FOR BIKING WITH US!!

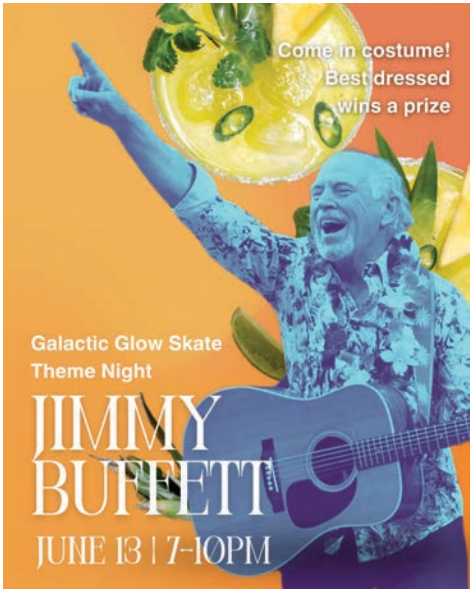


A huge thank you to everyone who joined us this morning at the Brentwood Community Center for National Bike to Work Day! We loved seeing so many of you roll by to start off your morning with us. Special thanks to our amazing sponsors—Brentwood Chick-fil-A, Kolache Factory, and Donut Drive-Up—for helping us fuel your ride with delicious treats and great giveaways. Until next year, keep on pedaling!

Backstoppers Recognized



As we honor the fallen heroes of law enforcement across the nation, we at the Brentwood Police Department also want to recognize an extraordinary local organization—The BackStoppers, Inc. Since 1959, The BackStoppers have provided unwavering support to the families of police officers, firefighters, and other first responders who have made the ultimate sacrifice or suffered catastrophic injury in the line of duty. Their mission is one of compassion, commitment, and community—and their impact has been felt in countless lives across the St. Louis region. To the dedicated individuals at BackStoppers: thank you for standing beside our heroes and their families. Your work is powerful, meaningful, and deeply appreciated.



Come on down to Margaritaville... and by Margaritaville, we mean the Brentwood Ice Rink — where the ice is cold but the vibes are coastal cool. We’re turning down the lights and cranking up the glow for a laid-back night of skating, set to smooth yacht rock classics and breezy beach jams. Wear your tropical best—Hawaiian shirts, leis, neon, glow sticks, or anything that says “island escape meets disco on ice.” Best costume of the evening wins a prize! Join us Friday, June 13th starting at 7pm for this special public glow skate.



home sweet home

furnishing hope

Tornado Relief Drop-Off at Home Sweet Home

In addition to our regular operations, we’ve opened our Maplewood warehouse to collect a focused list of tornado relief supplies. The response so far has been incredible.

Here are the items we’re accepting:

- Distilled water
- Nonperishable food
- Cleaning products
- Disinfecting wipes
- Bleach
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper

Drop-off location

10 Sunnen Drive, Suite 100, Maplewood, MO 63143

Donation hours

Monday – Friday: 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
First Saturday of each month: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Donating Other Relief Items

If you’d like to donate other essential supplies outside of the items we are accepting, you can take them directly to one of the City’s designated tornado relief sites:

City of St. Louis Donation Drop-Off Locations:

- O’Fallon Park Rec Complex, 4343 W. Florissant Ave, St. Louis, MO 63115
 - Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, 1408 N. Kingshighway Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63113
 - The Ville Emergency Hub, 4144 Dr. Martin Luther King Dr, St. Louis, MO 63113
- For more information on requested items and hours of operation, visit the City’s tornado relief donation page: stlouis-mo.gov/government/recovery/tornado-2025/give

Resources for Those Affected

If you or someone you know needs assistance, this Tornado Relief Resource Guide includes info on emergency shelter, food, case management, childcare, and more.

Volunteer Opportunities

There’s an urgent need for donation center support, meal service, and field crews to help with debris clearing and other immediate needs.

What This Means for Home Sweet Home

As the only furniture bank in the St. Louis area, Home Sweet Home plays a critical role in helping families rebuild after crisis. We’ve already begun receiving referrals for households affected by the May 16 tornado, and as more families secure new housing, the need for furniture and household essentials will increase significantly.

To meet this growing demand, we’ll need a steady stream of furniture and household items, as well as financial contributions to support our operations. Every piece donated and every dollar contributed helps a family create a safe, stable home during a difficult time.

Here are the best ways to support us during this time:

Schedule a Furniture Pickup

Our pickup service makes it easy to give. We generally offer furniture pickups within 25 miles of our warehouse. Pickups are first-floor only and include a \$35 indoor pickup fee to help cover operational costs. Outdoor pickups (porch, driveway, or garage) are



Rock Hill Cannabis Updates

On Tuesday, May 20, 2025, representatives from Proper Cannabis attended the public board meeting to address concerns and complaints regarding the odor coming from their facility. Their representatives expressed a commitment to working with the City and the residents to remedy this situation. They have identified some potential sources of air escaping the building and are taking steps to resolve this. The City will continue to monitor this situation. Please continue to email the location, date and time of any issues to marijuanaodor@rockhillmo.net so we can work with them to determine if activity on certain days or times results in an increase in odor. The City appreciates your participation as we work to resolve this issue.

ST. LOUIS PARKS NEW BOOK EXPLORES THE CHARM & BEAUTY OF THE REGION’S OUTDOOR SPACES

Just in time for Summer, Reedy Press is pleased to announce the release of *St. Louis Parks*, 2nd Edition, by NiNi Harris and Esley Hamilton.

St. Louisans are rich with the gifts they have inherited from their civic ancestors. Foremost among these gifts are the public parks—city parks, county parks, state parks, and the Gateway Arch National Park.

The creation of these phenomenal parks and park systems began in 1836 with the dedication of 30 acres for Lafayette Park. With this first public park west of the Mississippi, the leadership in early St. Louis demonstrated their commitment to the then radical new public park movement.

One hundred and eighty years later, St. Louis parks—from pocket parks to extensive Victorian landscapes, and from pristine forests and glades to the landscape that is the backdrop for the Gateway Arch—are national treasures.

St. Louis Parks evokes the unique character and history of the individual parks in the St. Louis region and visualizes the need for green spaces, whether to provide an escape to the beauty of nature or for a place to come together as a community.

St. Louis Parks, 2nd Edition, is available wherever books are sold.

completely free. We’ll come to you and collect furniture and household essentials to get them into the hands of families who need them most. Request a Pickup

Drop Off Donations

You’re always welcome to drop off donations at our warehouse during regular hours. We are located at 10 Sunnen Drive, Suite 100, Maplewood, MO 63143, and we are open weekdays from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM and the first Saturday of each month from 9:00 AM to noon. Please view our Accepted Items List prior to dropping off to ensure the donations fit our needs.

Make a Financial Contribution

It costs roughly \$1,500 for us to fully furnish a home for a family. Your financial support covers the real work behind that—keeping our warehouse running, our trucks on the road, our staff supported, and essentials like mattresses available for families starting over. Every gift helps us reach more homes and provide the dignity of a furnished space. Visit our Tornado Relief Webpage and scroll to the bottom of the page to give today.

Thank you for standing with us as we work to bring comfort and hope to families rebuilding their lives.

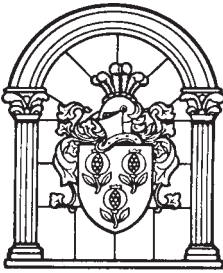
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REACH TO THE REC CENTERS

Thanks to the St. Louis Department of Parks, Recreation, and Forestry, you can find us in several St. Louis City Recreation Centers this summer offering free classes. Look for us at Wohl, Tandy, 12th & Park, and Buder to sign up for free circus classes!

FLY TO FLORA

Circus Harmony is excited to be performing again again with Circus Flora under the big top at Grand Center, June 5-22. In addition to our current flock of flying children, a number of our alumni are in this year’s Flora show, Urban Legend! Look for the captivating Kyran Walton and his hand balancing act, brilliant Book Kennison, the flexible juggler, and courageous Claire Wallenda on the high wire. Get your tickets at www.circusflora.org.



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Repertory Theatre Backstage Pass Event

The Repertory Theatre of St. Louis is excited to welcome you to our 2nd Annual BACKSTAGE PASS event — and spots are filling up fast! This free, behind-the-scenes evening is a great way to get a sneak peek at our upcoming 59th Season, so don't forget to RSVP if you haven't already.

Hosted in partnership with the St. Louis County Library's Clark Family Branch, this special evening will highlight A Season of Daring Imagination with exclusive previews and insider insights.

Plus, be sure to stay until the end for a very special announcement about our Steve Woolf Studio Series Season Opener and the Imaginary Theatre Company's Spring Touring Production!

WHEN:

Wednesday, July 23nd
at 7:00PM
(Doors open at 6:30)

South Broadway Athletic Club St. Louis's Home for Boxing, Wrestling & Cheap Beer Since 1899 New Book by Reedy Press Now Available

Reedy Press is pleased to announce the release of its newest local interest book, South Broadway Athletic Club: St. Louis's Home for Boxing, Wrestling and Cheap Beer Since 1899 by Miriam Moynihan and Ryan Buckley.

In 1899, five men gathered at a home in South St. Louis and formed the South Broadway Athletic Club. They held their first official boxing match shortly after, during which SBAC founder Herman "Kid" Kempf stopped Buddy Morgan of the Newsboy Home in two rounds.

It was an era when athletic clubs formed all over the country as organized boxing and wrestling became more popular. The men of the SBAC quickly became fierce competitors, producing some of the city's best boxing talent and dominating local competitions. The SBAC sent freestyle wrestlers from its ranks to the 1904 Olympics, where two of its athletes brought home bronze medals. The club has been a cornerstone of the Soulard neighborhood ever since.

First located at 611 Geyer Avenue, they moved to the current location at 2301 South Seventh Street in 1914 and bought the building in 1923. By 1949, the club had 400 members and a boxing program to be envied. It was no accident, wrote Globe-Democrat sports editor Robert L. Burns, that the "blue-trunked boys" of the SBAC had won more Golden Gloves team titles than any other organization.

Social intercourse also has always been an important part of the club, as it hosted dances, fish fries, fishing tournaments, Big Band concerts, and Christmas parties for underprivileged children. The club became a gathering place for generations of families and friends. The years since have had days of glory and, more recently, times of great concern.

As the 2000s began, falling membership and financial woes threatened to see the SBAC's doors closed for good. But with the hard work of its existing members, along with help from new members, the club again thrives. The history and images in this book tell the stories of everyday life in St. Louis. From the end of the 19th century into the 21st, the club has had 125 years of history with future chapters still to be written.

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Miriam Moynihan is a graduate of the University of Missouri School of Journalism. An award-winning writer and designer, she worked at the Capital Gazette in Annapolis, the Houston Post, and the Houston Chronicle. She joined the SBAC in 2023. Ryan Buckley is a lifelong resident of South St. Louis. A union bricklayer and stone mason, he has worked on many of St. Louis's historic buildings. He joined the South Broadway Athletic Club in 2017 with 16 other members of the Sooner or Later Club.

BOOK LAUNCH EVENT

June 13, 2025
South Broadway Athletic Club
8 p.m.
Free and open to the public.

Neighborhood Eyes

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



Brentwood Police Department

Calls for Service Report

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

APRIL 2025

| CFS for Person Crime | |
|----------------------------|----|
| Murder / Manslaughter | 0 |
| Sex & Sexual Assaults CFS | 3 |
| Robbery /Car-Jack | 0 |
| Assaults /Kidnapping | 1 |
| Peace Dist -Domestic- Misc | 35 |
| Calls for Mental Health | 4 |

| CFS for Property Crime | |
|-------------------------|----|
| Arson/Bombing/Burning | 0 |
| Burglary - Residential | 1 |
| Burglary - Business | 0 |
| Destruction of Property | 4 |
| Frauds & ID Theft | 10 |
| Larceny - Shoplifting | 66 |
| Larceny - From Vehicle | 4 |
| Stolen Vehicles | 2 |
| Trespassing | 30 |

| Weapons Related | |
|-----------------|---|
| Utilized/Taken | 1 |
| Recovered | 1 |

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|----------------|----|
| Auto Accidents | 57 |
|----------------|----|

| Patrols | |
|---------------------------|-----|
| Building & Business Check | 115 |
| Schools & Foot | 57 |
| Parks - Misc | 72 |
| Parking violation | 14 |

| Notable CFS | |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| Alarm Calls | 42 |
| Animal Related | 11 |
| Assist FD & etc .. | 78 |
| Check Welfare/Notification | 33 |
| Contact Another Agency | 64 |
| Motor Assist | 17 |
| Police Community Relations | 3 |
| FLOCK/LPR/RADAR-FTY | 5 |
| Solicitors | 2 |
| Suspicious Person/Vehicle | 36 |
| Traffic Control/Details | 25 |
| Traffic Stops | 215 |
| Vacation Checks/Close Watch | 0 |

| ARREST | |
|---------------------|----|
| Prisoner Conveyance | 27 |
| Adults | 32 |
| Juvenile | 0 |

| ARREST TYPE | |
|----------------------|----|
| FTA/Fugitive | 18 |
| Original Non-Traffic | 21 |
| Original Traffic | 0 |

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|----------------------------|------|
| Miscellaneous CFS | 82 |
| Minus Arrest/Types/Weapons | -73 |
| Total Calls For Service | 1115 |



Brentwood Police Department

Calls for Service Report

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

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| CFS for Person Crime | |
|----------------------------|----|
| Murder / Manslaughter | 0 |
| Sex & Sexual Assaults CFS | 0 |
| Robbery /Car-Jack | 0 |
| Assaults /Kidnapping | 0 |
| Peace Dist -Domestic- Misc | 12 |
| Calls for Mental Health | 2 |

| CFS for Property Crime | |
|-------------------------|---|
| Arson/Bombing/Burning | 0 |
| Burglary - Residential | 0 |
| Burglary - Business | 0 |
| Destruction of Property | 1 |
| Frauds & ID Theft | 1 |
| Larceny - Shoplifting | 9 |
| Larceny - From Vehicle | 0 |
| Stolen Vehicles | 1 |
| Trespassing | 0 |

| Weapons Related | |
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| Utilized/Taken | 0 |
| Recovered | 1 |

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| Auto Accidents | 14 |
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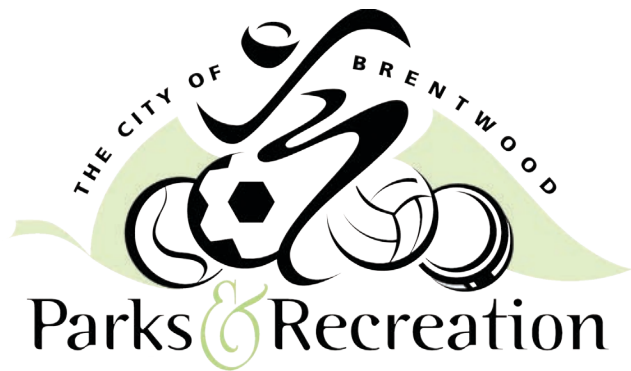
| Patrols | |
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| Building & Business Check | 33 |
| Schools & Foot | 7 |
| Parks - Misc | 18 |
| Parking violation | 4 |

| Notable CFS | |
|-----------------------------|----|
| Alarm Calls | 10 |
| Animal Related | 4 |
| Assist FD & etc .. | 20 |
| Check Welfare/Notification | 13 |
| Contact Another Agency | 28 |
| Motor Assist | 5 |
| Police Community Relations | 0 |
| FLOCK/LPR/RADAR-FTY | 0 |
| Solicitors | 0 |
| Suspicious Person/Vehicle | 5 |
| Traffic Control/Details | 2 |
| Traffic Stops | 53 |
| Vacation Checks/Close Watch | 0 |

| ARREST | |
|---------------------|---|
| Prisoner Conveyance | 4 |
| Adults | 4 |
| Juvenile | 0 |

| ARREST TYPE | |
|----------------------|---|
| FTA/Fugitive | 2 |
| Original Non-Traffic | 2 |
| Original Traffic | 1 |

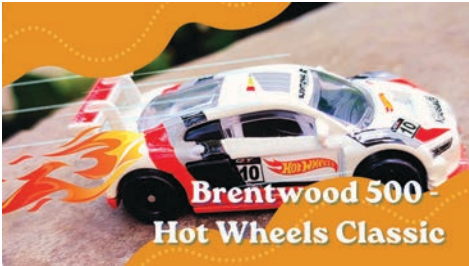
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| Miscellaneous CFS | 41 |
| Minus Arrest/Types/Weapons | -10 |
| Total Calls For Service | 287 |



This class combines the joy of reading with the excitement of crafting, allowing children to express themselves creatively while learning from Adam Wallace’s delightful stories. It’s a perfect blend of literature, art, and bonding time, where children can engage in both imaginative play and hands-on creativity with their parents by their side. This is an adult-child class. Only the child needs to register.

Week 1: How to Catch a Unicorn
Week 2: How to Catch a Dragon
Week 3: How to Catch a Dinosaur

Date: Saturdays, June 14, 21 and 28
Time: 10:00 – 11:00 AM
Location: Brentwood Community Center
Ages: 3-5 with an adult
Price: R \$30/NR \$45
Activity Number: 545105



The Hot Wheels Track Builders Challenge is the perfect blend of creativity, friendly competition, and pure fun. By providing kids with the opportunity to design their own tracks, race their cars, and enjoy some friendly competition. This action-packed night you won’t want to miss! Kids bring creativity and Brentwood Parks and Recreation will supply the cars and tracks. Parents are welcome to come back at 7:15pm to see the competition.

Date: Wednesday, June 18
Time: 6:00 – 8:00PM
Location: Brentwood Community Center
Ages: 5-11
Price: R \$35/NR \$42
Activity Number: 545108



Breakfast with Bluey in Brentwood is sure to be a hit with families looking for a fun, interactive experience. By combining the charm of Bluey with fun crafts, breakfast, and plenty of photo ops, the event will be a hit with both kids and adults. It’s a perfect opportunity for families to bond, enjoy breakfast from Chik-Fil-A and make lasting memories, all while spending time with their favorite blue pup! Fee is per person. Adults and children need to register.

Date: Saturday, June 28
Time: 9:00 – 10:00AM
Location: Brentwood Community Center
Ages: 2 and up
Price: R \$10/NR \$15 per person
Activity Number: 545109



This parent-child cooking class offers a great combination of learning, bonding, and creating delicious snacks and treats! It’s an opportunity for children to explore their tastes, understand how different foods are made, and get hands-on in the kitchen, all while having fun with their parent by their side. Each week will feature new recipes, and the kids will leave with both a dish to share and the knowledge to recreate it at home! Only the child needs to register.

Week 1: Sweet and Savory
Week 2: Tropical Treats
Week 3: Breakfast for Dinner
Week 4: Lunches for all

Date: Saturdays, July 12, 19, 26 and August 2
Time: 10:00 – 11:15AM
Location: Brentwood Community Center
Ages: 3-5 with an adult
Price: R \$45/NR \$55
Activity Number: 545106



This July, the Brentwood Community Center is offering a unique opportunity for children to recycle their stuffed animals! A Terracycle Zero Waste Box will be placed in the lobby throughout the month, allowing families to drop off old or unwanted stuffed animals for repurpose. Instead of sending them to the landfill, these stuffed animals will be given a new life through Terracycle’s recycling program. Help us make a difference by participating in this eco-friendly initiative! The box will be collected at the end of the month, so don’t miss out on this chance to recycle responsibly.

Date: Full month of July
Time: 8:00AM – 8:00PM
Location: Brentwood Community Center Lobby
Ages: All Ages
Price: Free



Mark H.X. Glenshaw is an award-winning naturalist who has closely observed and documented the lives of Great Horned Owls in Forest Park in St. Louis, Missouri since December 2005. Mark has learned many of the owls’ hunting perches and observed and documented many predatory attempts as well as seen the owls feed themselves and their many owlets. His talk, “Forest Park Owls: Hunting and Feeding”, will cover these hunting and feeding behaviors and uses many of his photos and videos to illustrate these amazing behaviors of these beautiful birds.

Date: Wednesday, June 18, 6 – 7:30PM
Location: Brentwood Community Center
Age: 18+
Price: R \$20/ NR \$30
Activity Number: 553020

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PATCHES
FEMALE, SPAYED, 12 weeks

I may have limited sight, but I more than make up for my lack of vision by being a total snugglebug! I love playing with ribbon/wand toys. Meet me and fall in love with your new best friend!

TEENY
FEMALE, SPAYED, 11 months

Teeny is a lovely and active girl who would love a full household to love! She is a friend to dogs, cats and Children!

SPARTAN
MALE, NEUTERED, 11 weeks

Meet Spartan! He is a playful and adorable puppy who loves cuddles and enjoys playing with his toys. He's full of energy and ready to bring joy to his forever home!

BRENTWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Brentwood High School Celebrates the Class of 2025



The 97th graduating class of Brentwood High School has distinguished itself with exceptional achievements, earning more than \$2.8 million in scholarships and securing college and career opportunities. Principal Dr. Edward Johnson highlighted the accomplishments and character of the Class of 2025 during the school’s commencement ceremony on Wednesday, May 21.

Of the 55 graduates in the Class of 2025, 43 will pursue higher education at two- or four-year colleges. Students submitted 226 applications to 117 institutions nationwide, ultimately selecting 22 schools to continue their academic careers, including Washington University in St. Louis, the Parsons School of Design in New York, and the University of Rhode Island.

Additionally, two graduates qualified for postsecondary support through Missouri Vocational Rehabilitation, which provides employment and training support for students receiving special education services.



Dr. Johnson reflected on the Class of 2025’s journey from a group of students with diverse backgrounds to a unified and inclusive community. He applauded their resilience, character and contributions to Brentwood High School, praising them not only for what they accomplished but how they did it—with heart, humility and humor.

“You didn’t build walls—you built community,” Dr. Johnson said. “You were not about spotlighting yourselves—you lifted each other up. You are athletes—setting records in wrestling, scoring 1,000 points in basketball, pitching no-hitters, and receiving conference, district and state recognitions. You are artists and performers—lighting up the stage, filling rooms with music, and earning recognition for your gifts. You found a way to have fun, to leave your mark, and to make us all proud in the process. That’s who you are.”

Superintendent Dr. Amy Zielinski, addressing her first graduating class since joining the district, praised students for their kindness, leadership and spirit.

“You have lived out our district vision: passion, purpose, and pathways for success,” Dr. Zielinski said. “Each one of you has found something you care deeply about—whether it’s in the arts, athletics, service, leadership or academics—and you’ve pursued it with purpose, shaping not only your own future but the culture of this school. You’ve brought joy and laughter to our hallways and reminded all of us that while academics matter, spirit and character matter just as much.”

Senior class reflection speaker Nathaniel Ayotte shared a heartfelt story about the lasting impact of friendships, reminding classmates that while they may be leaving Brentwood, they carry with them the people and moments that helped shape who they are.

“We’re not leaving—we’re just finding new people to take photos with,” Ayotte said.

Senior speakers Peyton Jones and Emma Trostel reflected on the challenges their class has weathered together—from flooding and construction, to a global pandemic and a tornado that postponed their original graduation date. Both emphasized how these shared moments of adversity forged a deeper bond within their class.

“Take time to look at yourself and be proud of the person you have become, even through times of adversity,” Trostel said.

This year’s graduates earned more than 60 scholarships, including 24 A+ Program candidates and six Missouri Bright Flight recipients. Seven students earned National Career Readiness Certificates, six completed industry certification programs through South Technical High School, five signed letters of intent to compete in collegiate athletics, and three students were awarded the Missouri Seal of Biliteracy for proficiency in a second language.

The Class of 2025 also included 27 National Honor Society members, seven Honor Thespians, five German Honor Society members, five Spanish Honor Society members, and four French Honor Society members.

Scholar Bowl Team Finishes Third at State, Competes at Nationals



The Brentwood High School Scholar Bowl team capped off an impressive season with a third-place finish at the 2025 MSHSAA Class 2 State Tournament and a trip to the National Academic Quiz Tournaments (NAQT) Small School National Championship in Chicago.

Scholar Bowl is a fast-paced academic competition in which teams of four answer questions across a wide range of subjects, including literature, science, mathematics, fine arts, history and current events. Using lockout buzzers, players race to respond first and earn points for their team.

Brentwood repeated as district champions and advanced to the state Final Four for the second time in program history. The Eagles also earned an invitation to the NAQT national tournament, where they competed against the top small schools from across the country.

“We’ve seen incredible growth and confidence from this group—not just in terms of academic knowledge, but in how well they work together under pressure,” said BHS science teacher and Scholar Bowl coach Jessica Musterman. “Scholar Bowl success takes more than just knowing the answers. It’s about communication, trust and learning how to lean on your teammates when it counts.”

This marks Brentwood’s strongest finish to date at the state level. The team has continued to build momentum since its launch in 2018, despite the cancellation of the 2020 season due to the COVID-19 pandemic. With a core group of returning players and growing interest at the school, the future of the program remains bright.

“Every buzzer, every practice, every round this season showed our students’ passion for

learning,” said Musterman. “They represented Brentwood with focus, integrity and pride—and I couldn’t be more proud of what they’ve achieved.”

Middle School Students Showcase STEM Creativity

Brentwood Middle School eighth graders recently brought science to life through innovation and play at the school’s Toy Expo, where they unveiled original, functional toys powered by electricity, magnetism and electromagnetism.

The culminating event was part of a hands-on science unit that challenged students to think like engineers. Guided by the question, “How can we as engineers design and build functional toys?” students worked through the design cycle to brainstorm, build, test and refine their creations.

Each toy had to incorporate key concepts from recent classroom investigations, including electric circuits, magnetic fields and the workings of electromagnets. Projects ranged from motorized cars and floating boats to interactive cardboard contraptions, all built with everyday materials and powered by student ingenuity.

“This project gives students the chance to apply what they’ve learned in a really meaningful and memorable way,” said Emily Williamson, BMS science teacher. “It’s amazing to see how they combine creativity, collaboration and scientific thinking to solve problems and build something that actually works.”

The Toy Expo offered students an opportunity to present their designs to peers, staff and visitors, turning the classroom into a hub of curiosity, exploration and discovery.

District Selects Next Director of Brentwood Early Childhood Center



The Brentwood School District Board of Education voted on May 20 to hire Beth Clay as the next director of the Brentwood Early Childhood Center, effective July 1, 2025. Clay brings more than 30 years of experience in early childhood and elementary education, including nearly two decades of service to Brentwood students, staff and families.

“Beth is a passionate and knowledgeable educator who leads with both heart and expertise,” said Dr. Amy Zielinski, superintendent of schools. “Her deep understanding of early childhood development, combined with her long-standing relationships in the community, make her an ideal fit to lead the Brentwood Early Childhood Center into the future.”

Since 2007, Clay has served as a parent educator and program coordinator for Brentwood’s Parents as Teachers program, where she has supported families through home visits, developmental screenings and early intervention referrals. She has also provided building-level leadership and collaborated with early childhood educators to strengthen curriculum, instructional practices and family partnerships. Her efforts have helped create a safe, inclusive and engaging learning environment where young children can thrive.

Clay is a trained facilitator in Love and Logic and has completed multiple Conscious Discipline trainings, equipping her to support



children’s social-emotional development and positive behavior. She is also a dedicated advocate for whole-child learning, working to ensure every student is met with care, consistency and high expectations. In addition to her educational leadership, Clay regularly participates in district-level committees and community engagement efforts that support Brentwood’s vision, mission and values.

“I am honored and excited to continue serving the Brentwood community in this new role,” Clay said. “The early years are such a critical time in a child’s development, and I look forward to partnering with our incredible staff and families to create meaningful learning experiences that support the individual growth of every child.”

Clay holds a specialist degree in educational administration and a master’s degree in elementary education with an emphasis in early childhood education from the University of Missouri-St. Louis. She earned her bachelor’s degree in elementary education from Missouri State University and maintains state certification in both early childhood and elementary education.

Spring Sports Teams Wrap Up Strong Seasons



Brentwood High School student-athletes closed out the 2025 spring sports season with a string of impressive performances, showcasing talent, determination and Eagle pride.

Junior Demeterius Thompson delivered a standout performance at the Class 2 Track and Field Championships, capturing a state title in the triple jump with a mark of 44 feet, 7½ inches. He also finished third in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 39.39 seconds. Sophomore Charlie Butler also qualified for the state meet, competing in the 3,200-meter run.



The girls soccer team dominated the South Central Conference, finishing the regular season with an 11-3 record and capturing the conference title with a perfect 10-0 mark. Anchored by junior Kensington Curd, who led the entire St. Louis metro area in scoring with 58 goals and 11 assists, the Eagles advanced to the Class 1 District 2 quarterfinals.



On the baseball diamond, Brentwood capped off its season with a 17-7 record and a postseason run to the district championship game. The offense was led by senior Jackson Curd and sophomore Brock Springer, who combined for 56 hits, 67 runs and 37 RBIs. On the mound, senior Ryan Potts, sophomore Cole Flynn and Springer pitched more than 90 innings and recorded a combined 127 strikeouts. Flynn was also among the metro area leaders with a 1.40 ERA.

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One Last Walk, a Lifetime of Memories

Brentwood High School’s Class of 2025 took part in a beloved tradition last month, donning caps and gowns to walk the halls of Brentwood schools one final time. The annual Grad Walk gives seniors the opportunity to reflect on their journey while inspiring the next generation of Eagles.

“This is one of the most joyful moments of the year,” said Dr. Edward Johnson, BHS principal. “We’re proud to provide our students with meaningful and memorable experiences that celebrate their time in Brentwood and remind them of the community that’s supported them every step of the way.”



Kindergarten Registration Now Open for 2025-26

Calling all Class of 2038 families! Kindergarten registration for the 2025-26 school year is now available online. The Brentwood School District offers free full-day kindergarten at both Mark Twain and McGrath elementary schools.

In accordance with Missouri Senate Bill No. 572, children must be 5 years old before Aug. 1 to attend kindergarten. Students may only be registered by a parent or court-appointed legal guardian. If you need help determining your student’s school, please call 314-962-4507.

Early registration is essential for planning and staffing, as it helps the district determine class sizes, allocate resources and ensure a smooth transition for incoming students. Families are encouraged to complete the process as soon as possible to assist with these preparations and ensure their child is ready for kindergarten on the first day of school.

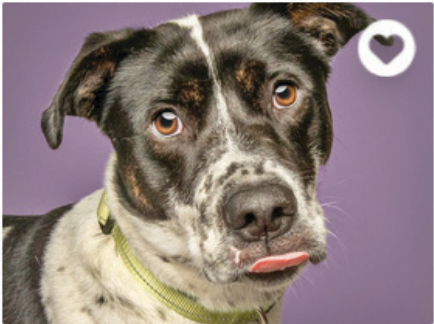
Please visit brentwoodmoschools.org to begin the registration process.

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The parties will rock Westport Plaza’s outdoor event venue on the third Thursday of each month from May through September from 5:30 to 9 p.m.

The 10,000-square-foot outdoor party venue is located in the middle of the village at Westport Plaza. Equipped with concert staging and sound systems, the 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 space. 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.

Upcoming Parties On The Plaza include:

June 19: My Posse in Effect

July 17: Platinum Rock Legends

August 21: Steve Ewing

September 18: Somebody’s Problem

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 Rawlings Experience baseball attraction enhances the Plaza’s activities and two on-site hotels let guests make it a staycation along with dinner and a show.

The newest developments at Westport Plaza include The Porter luxury apartment complex, now leasing, and Basso On The Plaza, a modern Italian dining destination, now open.

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

IL DIVO
BY CANDLELIGHT
With Special Guest SIMPLY THREE
Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 7:30 PM
The Factory at The District

Steve Litman Presents is thrilled to announce Il Divo By Candlelight with special guest Simply Three will perform in St. Louis on Tuesday, March 10, 2026. Show time is 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) Tickets are \$119.50, \$79.50, \$69.50, \$59.50 and \$49.50. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased online at TheFactorySTL.com or Ticketmaster.

For over 20 years, Il Divo has embodied the power of music, brotherhood, and artistic evolution. Since their debut in 2004, the iconic quartet, formed today with —Urs Bühler (tenor, Switzerland), Sébastien Izambard (tenor, France), David Miller (tenor, USA), and Steven LaBrie (baritone, USA)—have redefined classical crossover, captivating audiences worldwide with their breathtaking vocals and electrifying performances.

With over 30 million albums sold, 50 #1 hits, and 160 Gold and Platinum certifications across 35 countries, their impact is undeniable. They have graced the world’s grandest stages, from the Summer Olympics and FIFA World Cup to the Diamond Jubilee at Windsor and the Commander-in-Chief’s Ball.

Il Divo By Candlelight will take audiences on a journey through two decades of romance, heartache, and joy, weaving their greatest musical triumphs into an unforgettable evening. In the U.S., they will be joined by Phoenix-based string trio Simply Three.

For more information, visit www.thefactorystl.com or www.stevelitmanpresents.com.

CITY MUSEUM JUNE
EVENTS

Summer Play Pass, City Nights
Pride Mayhem & Father’s Day Fun

City Nights celebrations continue in June with Pride Mayhem and the Bubble Unit LGBT art show on June 13. Guests will enjoy a Lady Gaga drag show and a show tunes singalong during Pride Mayhem from 7 to 11 p.m. Curated by Cranky Yellow, Bubble Unit focuses on art created by local LGBTQ artists. Play all day and party all night -- the City Nights ticket includes general admission to the museum. DJTABER will spin tunes for the evening and arts and crafts projects will be decorating everyone in Art City. Food, creative cocktails and beers will be available for purchase throughout the museum for this 21+ event.

On Sunday June 15, dads will get in free with a paid child’s admission to celebrate Father’s Day. A special craft activity in Art City will help the little ones make a gift for their Pop.

The popular Ready Go Dog Show returns to City Museum June 20 through July 6 (no show on Mondays or Tuesdays). The high-flying hounds will perform in multiple shows on the City Museum rooftop.

Saturday, June 21 the acclaimed contemporary classical music group Alarm Will Sound will perform in Architecture Hall. The show is included with admission and open to all ages.

The last full week of each month, Art City becomes Glow City. Join the fun under the blacklight for glow-in-the-dark arts, crafts, and spin art. The 4th Floor activities are Included with a Member Pass or general admission ticket. Some crafts are included with admission, others require a small fee for supplies.

Summer Play Pass

The Summer Play Pass is now available. Get unlimited visits from now through Labor Day for just \$34.99. The pass includes access to the Rooftop and one visit to Pinball Hall. This special pass is just 99 cents more than a one-day combo ticket, making it an amazing value. Passes are sold online and at thw CItY Museum ticket window.

About City Museum

Housed in an old shoe factory in Downtown St. Louis, City Museum is an ever-evolving, always-thrilling, artist-built playground full of weirdly wonderful spaces to explore. This iconic St. Louis attraction is considered one of the great public spaces and a must-see for visitors. City Museum is located at 750 N. 16th St., St. Louis, MO 63103; 314-231-2489; www.citymuseum.org; @citymuseum. City Museum opens at 10 a.m. daily. Closing hours vary.

DREAM THEATER
OCTOBER 14, 2025 at 8 PM
THE FACTORY



Dream Theater will rock The Factory on Tuesday, October 14, 2025. Show time is 8 p.m. (doors open at 7 p.m.) Tickets are \$249.50, \$129.50, \$99.50 and \$79.50. Tickets go on sale this Friday, May 23 at 10 a.m. and can be purchased online at Ticketmaster.com and TheFactorySTL.com.

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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How estate planning is important to your financial health and why you shouldn't wait

By: West Community Credit Union

When most people hear the term “estate planning,” they picture something reserved for the ultra-wealthy or the elderly. But the truth is, estate planning is for everyone, regardless of age, income, or family size.

At its core, estate planning is about making decisions today that protect your loved ones tomorrow. It's the process of creating legal documents that outline what should happen to your assets, your health care, and even your children if something unexpected happens.

What's in an Estate Plan?

A basic estate plan typically includes:

- A Will or Trust to determine who inherits your assets
- A Financial Power of Attorney to let someone manage your finances if you're unable to
- A Medical Power of Attorney and Advance Directive to guide your health care decisions
- HIPAA Authorization so loved ones can access your medical information
- Guardianship Designations for minor children

These documents work together to ensure your wishes are known and legally protected.

Why It Matters

Without an estate plan, your assets could be distributed according to state law and not your personal wishes. This can lead to delays, legal fees, and even family disputes. And if you become incapacitated without naming someone to act on your behalf, your loved ones may have to go to court just to make basic decisions for you.

Estate planning also helps avoid probate, the court process of settling an estate. Probate can be time-consuming and expensive, especially if there's no clear plan in place.

It's Not Just About Money

Estate planning isn't only about who gets what. It's about peace of mind. It's about making sure your children are cared for, your medical preferences are honored, and your family isn't left with uncertainty during an already difficult time.

Getting Started

You don't need to have a large estate or complicated finances to benefit from a plan. In fact, the earlier you start, the easier it is to update your documents as you enter different life stages of getting married, having kids, or buying a home.

Should You Get a Veteran ID Card?



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

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

SUMMER OF THE SHARK 2025 OPENS IN ST. LOUIS

You don't have to travel to the ocean to see sharks this year.



Sharks on the Mississippi River? Yes! The kings of the deep have arrived in St. Louis and are staying for the entire summer. Get ready for an unforgettable aquatic adventure at the St. Louis Aquarium, celebrating the Summer Of The Shark with exciting hands-on activities, experiences and exhibits featuring these magnificent creatures.

Visitors are immersed in a world of shark-centered adventures designed to get them up-close and personal with the rulers of the ocean. Summer Of The Shark focuses the Aquarium's attention on its resident sharks with special events every day, including:

- Shark Feeding Spectacle -- Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. (First 30 guests)
- Shark Canyon Dive Shows -- 1:15 p.m. daily
- Design a Shark Crown in KidsZone -- all open hours
- “Shark Twain” Mascot Meet & Greet -- various times daily
- Shark Nursery: Touch a Mermaid's Purse Egg -- all open hours
- Shark and Ray Touch Pool -- all open hours
- Shark Activity Cart - 9 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 4 p.m. Activities change daily
- Artifacts Display -- all open hours
- Sharks Exhibition -- all open hours

Behind -the-scenes tours are offered at 10 a.m., 12 p.m., and 3 p.m. daily. A 45-minute guided tour takes visitors through the lives of the sharks and their caretakers. This add-on experience is purchased separately from the all-day Aquarium pass.

SHARKS FROM THE AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

Summer Of The Shark includes a deep dive with Sharks, an exhibition from the American Museum of Natural History. The St. Louis Aquarium is the first to host this amazing touring exhibition.

Visitors will learn about ancient sharks and explore new discoveries about today's sharks. Learn about their sixth sense and much more in this special exhibit. Sharks is organized by the American Museum of Natural History, New York ([amnh.org](https://www.amnh.org)) with support from Fundación Coppel A.C. The Museum gratefully acknowledges Warner Bros Discovery for its generous support of Sharks. A selection of footage in Sharks has been provided by Discovery's Shark Week.

WHEN YOU GO

Learn more about Summer Of The Shark at the St. Louis Aquarium at Union Station here: <https://www.stlouisaquarium.com/summer-of-sharks>

The St. Louis Aquarium at Union Station is located at 201 S. 18th Street in historic St. Louis Union Station. Follow the Aquarium and its sharks on social media @aquariumstl.

Aquarium tickets are available online at www.stlouisaquarium.com or in person at the ticket window. Advance tickets are recommended.

Beyond the Aquarium, St. Louis Union Station's attractions include the 200-foot-tall St. Louis Wheel, the 18-hole St. Louis Mini-Golf, the St. Louis Carousel, Selfie Express train-themed photo illusions, the St. Louis Ropes Course, the A-Maze-ing Mirror Maze and outdoor carnival games. Three new rides open in the Wheel Park in August 2025. Restaurants at Union Station range from the diner-style Soda Fountain and the soccer-themed The Pitch Athletic Club to the Train Shed gastropub, quick service 1894 Cafe and the Station Grille. Family activities are scheduled every Saturday through Labor Day on the Purina Performance Plaza. St. Louis Union Station details are at www.stlouisunionstation.com.

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Greek Watermelon Feta Salad with Basil Vinaigrette



Ingredients

4 cups cubed watermelon
2 cups cherry tomatoes, halved
2 Persian cucumbers, diced
1 cup kalamata olives, pitted
8 ounces feta cheese, cubed
1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
3 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
juice from 1 lemon
2 teaspoons honey
1 cup fresh basil, chopped
2 tablespoons fresh chopped chives
flaky salt and black pepper

Instructions

1. In a salad bowl, arrange the watermelon, tomatoes, cucumbers, olives, and feta cheese.
2. To make the basil vinaigrette. In a glass jar, whisk the olive oil, balsamic vinegar, lemon juice, and honey. Add the basil and chives. Season with salt and pepper.
3. Drizzle the vinaigrette over the the salad. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Enjoy!

Chopped Honey Buffalo Chicken Skewer Salad



Ingredients

2/3 cup buffalo sauce (or use hot sauce)
1/4 cup honey
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
2 pounds chicken breasts, cut into cubes
1 tablespoon seasoned salt
6 cups shredded lettuce
1/3 cup fresh cilantro, chopped
1 cup cherry tomatoes, sliced
1 cup grilled corn kernels (about 2 ears)
1/4 cup chopped, peperoncini
1 cup crumbled blue cheese or cubed cheddar
6 strips cooked bacon, crumbled
1 avocado, chopped

Dressing

1/2 cup sour cream or plain Greek yogurt
1/3 cup mayo
1/2 cup pickled jalapeños
1/3 cup fresh cilantro
3 tablespoons fresh basil
2 tablespoons chopped fresh dill
1 teaspoon garlic powder
kosher salt and black pepper

Instructions

1. In a bowl, mix the buffalo sauce and honey.
2. Toss together the olive oil, chicken, seasoned salt, and a pinch of pepper. Add 1/4 cup honey buffalo sauce, toss to coat. Thread the chicken onto the skewers.
3. Set your grill, grill pan, or skillet to medium-high heat. Grill the skewers until lightly charred and cooked through, turning them occasionally throughout cooking, about 10 to 12 minutes total.
4. Meanwhile, make the dressing. Combine all ingredients in a blender and blend until creamy. Taste and adjust the salt and pepper.
5. Toss the greens, cilantro, tomatoes, corn, and peperoncini with 1/2 the dressing. Arrange the chicken, cheese, bacon, and avocado on top. Serve with additional dressing and honey buffalo sauce. Enjoy!

Lt. Governor Presented Senior Service Award to Chesterfield Resident

Lieutenant Governor David Wasinger presented Mariann Baker with the 2025 Senior Service Award, honoring her remarkable contributions to her community through volunteerism and public service. Baker is one of eleven individuals who received this award.

The award presentation were held on Friday, May 23, 2025, at the Willows at Brooking Park in Chesterfield, MO.

“As Missouri’s official advocate for seniors, it is my honor to recognize those who continue to give back to their communities long after retirement,” said Lt. Governor Wasinger. “The individuals receiving this award represent the very best of Missouri — selfless, hardworking, and dedicated to improving the lives of those around them.”

The Senior Service Award is presented annually to Missourians aged 60 and older who exemplify the spirit of service. Nominees are selected based on their volunteerism, impact on their local communities, and commitment to civic engagement.

Lt. Governor Wasinger launched this year’s nomination process earlier this spring, inviting community leaders, nonprofit organizations, and legislators to highlight seniors making a difference across the state. Baker was nominated by St. Andrew’s Charitable Foundation where she serves on the Ageless Remarkable Saint Louisan gala committee and play the piano at the event. Baker also is Chair of the welcome committee at her senior living community, volunteer pianist for several other organizations and an active member of her church.

About David Wasinger

David Wasinger is a lifelong Missourian, raised in Hannibal, Missouri. He graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia and Vanderbilt University School of Law, building a career as an attorney who stood up to powerful special interests and fought for justice for everyday Americans.

About St. Andrew’s Charitable Foundation:

St. Andrew’s Charitable Foundation mission is to improve the quality of life for seniors-in-need through reliable and compassionate care. The Foundation is part of St. Andrew’s Resources for Seniors System a faith-based, non-sectarian, nonprofit dedicated to building a society in which older adults are respected and whose needs for a secure and productive life are fulfilled. St.

Andrew’s has a legacy of meeting the needs of the aging population in the St. Louis area. We focus on enhancing the lives of each older adult by providing a full range of well-being services and secure living environments.



LtoR: Bill Holman, President/CEO, St. Andrew’s Resources for Seniors System, Christine Rutherford, Chief Development Officer, St. Andrew’s Charitable Foundation, Mariann Baker, Award Recipient, Lt. Governor David Wasinger.



LtoR: Mariann Baker, Award Recipient and Lt. Governor David Wasinger



LtoR: Ron Laue, Lisa Moreland, Frank Baker, Andrew Laue, Mariann Baker, Lt. Governor David Wasinger, Bill Holman

AT THE ALL-NEW DISNEY ON ICE PRESENTS LET’S DANCE!

Disney On Ice is bringing the party to hometowns across the country, and the guest list is jam-packed with audience favorite Disney characters! Mickey, Minnie, Donald, and Goofy have become DJ’s, remixing Disney tunes into colorful stories at this all-new state-of-the-art ice show. Get ready to turn up the fun when the all-new production Disney On Ice presents Let’s Dance! skates into Chaifetz Arena from September 19-21, 2025!

This production invites guests to belt out Disney’s chart-topping tunes, as their favorite stories are brought to life on and above the ice. Fans are sure to be wowed by the cutting-edge figure skating, high-flying acrobatics, unexpected stunts, thrilling special effects, eye-catching costumes, and stunning set designs.

Audiences will experience a nonstop party that encourages them to journey to unforgettable places, laugh, sing, dance, and make magical memories together. Through the magic of music, what started as a party transforms into a fantastic adventure! This all-new and thrilling Disney On Ice production features fan-favorite stories including:

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Tickets can be purchased online at Ticketmaster.com or in-person at the venue box office. It’s easier than ever to experience the Disney magic. With a variety of family-friendly ticket pricing options, choose what fits best for an enchanted experience.

*Ticket pricing is subject to change based on market demand.



Food Outreach will march in the 2025 Grand Pride Parade on Sunday, June 29. The parade starts at 12 pm. We invite you to join us and march with Food Outreach in the parade.

Food Outreach warmly welcomes our volunteers and supporters to walk with us in the 2025 Pride St. Louis Grand Parade!

Date: Sunday, June 29, 2025

Time: The parade will begin sharply at noon. In order to participate, you must meet us in the parade lineup no later than 11 am.

Meeting Location: TBD

Parking: Food Outreach is not providing transportation to the event. We will have our parking lot open on Sunday if any groups would like to meet at the agency and combine into fewer vehicles. You can also park at Food Outreach and Uber or Lyft downtown. Participants may also utilize any street or garage parking located downtown.

Volunteer Hours: Please note that this event will not count for volunteer hours, but we’d love to have you join us!

Event Safety and Security:

Please make sure to bring water and sunscreen with you.

No glass is allowed on the parade route.

Please make sure everyone attending is comfortable walking at least 10 city blocks (8th Street to 18th Street).

In light of increased violence against the LGBTIQ+ community, the event organizers are working closely with city, state, and federal law enforcement to ensure a safe event for all participants this year. <https://foodoutreach.volunteerhub.com/vv2/event/7d93fef5-62f1-4005-a92c-05161fc3f8c>



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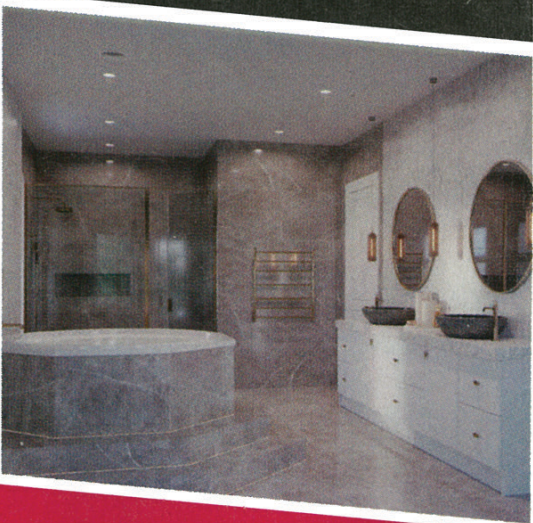
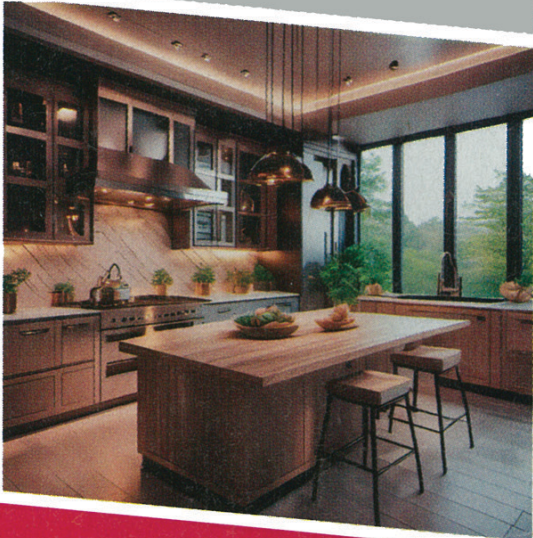
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Brentwood Board of Aldermen Minutes

Monday, May 5, 2025 PARTIAL BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

ROLL CALL

Roll Call – Seven Members were present:
Alderman Plufka – Present
Alderwoman Tice – Present
Alderwoman Goad – Absent
Alderwoman Sims – Present
Alderman Lochmoeller – Present
Alderman Gould – Present
Alderwoman Harter – Present
Alderman Erger – Present
It was stated that the Mayor is in court all week.

Staff members present included: Eric Gruenenfelder (Asst. City Administrator), Jim Hetlage (City Attorney), Ronnie Cottrell (Fire Chief), Dan Gummshheimer (Director of Public Works), Joe Sullivan (Police Major), Whitney Kelly (Planning and Development Director), Michelle Boyer (Communications Manager), Michelle DePew (Finance Director), Tangula Bell (HR Manager), Bola Akande (City Administrator), Kelle Silvey (Deputy City Clerk).

ANNOUNCEMENTS, APPOINTMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

Proclamation - Missouri Local Government Week
Mayor Pro-tem read the proclamation (available in BoardDocs) noting May 4th – May 10th is Missouri Local Government Week and gave kudos to all who work for the City.
Proclamation - Professional Municipal Clerks Week
Mayor Pro-tem read the proclamation (available in BoardDocs) noting May 4th – May 10th is Professional Municipal Clerks Week and shared her appreciation for the City Administrator and the Deputy City Clerk.

MAYOR AND ALDERMEN REPORTS

Alderman David Plufka - Ward 1 – Announced he was sworn in this evening before the meeting, since he was not able to attend the swearing-in on April 21st. He thanked residents for their support. He also stated that the Ward 1 meeting has been changed from May 13th to June 10th and will be at the Recreation Center at 6:30 PM.

CONSENT AGENDA

Standing Committees Reports
Warrant Lists - Operating Funds and Expenditures from the 2019 Series Certificates of Participation Proceeds (COP)
Approval of Meeting Minutes
Resolution No. 1544 - A Resolution Approving A Change Order For Gershenson Construction For Russell Avenue SUP/ Deer Creek Connector Phase B

Motion was made by Alderman Lochmoeller and seconded by Alderwoman Sims to approve the Consent Agenda. Roll Call:
Motion carried by a vote of 7 (Yes) to 0 (No).

OLD BUSINESS

Bill No. 6555- An Ordinance To Amend Sections 400.1370 And 400.1380 Of Article III Of Chapter 400 Of The Zoning Code Of The City Of Brentwood Relating To Conditional Uses In The “GC” General Commercial District And The “PD” Planned Development Overlay District. Second Reading
The City Attorney did the second reading of the Bill.
Motion was made by Alderwoman Sims and seconded by Alderman Plufka to perfect Bill NO. 6555 into Ordinance form. Roll call:
By a vote of 7 (Yes) to 0 (No) Bill No. 6555 will become Ordinance NO. 5183.
Bill No. 6557- An Ordinance Enacting Emergency Measures To Extend The Continued Use Of Temporary Parking Lots For Brentwood Park. First and Second Reading Requested.
The City Attorney did the first reading.
Dan Gummshheimer presented the information stating that this has been brought to

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|  Municipal Judge Patrick Dignam | Ward 3 |  Alderman Jeff Gould |  Alderman Steve Lochmoeller | Ward 4 |  Alderwoman Sharon Harter |  Alderman Sullivan Erger |

the board before for the temporary parking lots on the north and south side of Manchester Rd. He noted this is a 180- day extension until October 2025.
Alderman Plufka asked about the green space at the entrance of the park and the status of that project becoming additional parking for the park. It was noted this was placed in the budget, but in discussion with the Public Works Committee it was decided to put this on hold. It is a large capital expense, and it is felt that additional evaluation of parking needs and park usage is still needed.
Alderman Lochmoeller asked if there was a way to monitor particularly the North lot and usage, as there have been complaints from residents about the dust from the lot. Eric Gruenenfelder stated they are doing data analysis of these lots (usage, etc.).
Alderman Gould noted the North lot silt fence needs to be maintained and to watch the water run-off. What we did is effective, but if we extend the usage of the lot, there needs to be a protocol for looking at this and for misting the lot to control the dust. Eric noted there is a process in place for doing this and he will monitor to see that it is getting done on a regular rotation.
Motion was made by Alderman Lochmoeller and seconded by Alderwoman Sims for a second reading of the Bill.
Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
The City Attorney did the second reading,
Motion was made by Alderwoman Sims and seconded by Alderman Harter to Perfect Bill No. 6557 into Ordinance form. Roll call:
By a vote of 7 (Yes) to 0 (No) Bill No. 6557 will become Ordinance No. 5184.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 1545 - A Resolution of the City of Brentwood, Missouri Approving the Fire Training Commission Decision to Authorize Additional Funds in the Form of Contingency to Approve Agreements Related to the Construction of the Fire Training Facility.
Chief Cottrell presented the information stating that bids have been received and design is now complete for the facility. Some bids were higher than anticipated. They have some contingency funds in place and training to help cover overage and offset costs for the year. It is an additional \$60,000 across the 4 cities (total) \$15,000 for each city. There will be no impact in 2025 – this will be in the 2026 budget process as it is a phased build.
Motion was made by Alderman Gould and seconded by Alderman Lochmoeller to authorize additional contingency funds in the amount of \$15,000 for securing contracts, construction of the fire training facility.
Alderman Plufka asked why there are 5 separate resolutions, all with regard to the training facility contingency addition if they are voting to cover our portion of the entire cost. Chief Cottrell replied that it is because each one is a separate contract with individual vendors and this is to ratify their approval.
Roll call:
Motion carried by a vote of 7 (Yes) to 0 (No).

Resolution No. 1546 - A Resolution of the City of Brentwood, Missouri Approving an Agreement with Navigate Building Solutions, LLC for Construction Project Management Services Related to the Completion of the Fire Training Tower Facility.
Chief Cottrell presented a highlight of the remaining resolutions. He stated that Navigate has oversight of the general contractor. The largest overage that was discussed came with the general contractor and site preparation. (They have to remove 2 feet of soil where the tower and facility will be.) Each of the resolutions covers the individual contracts approved by the commission.
Alderman Plufka asked for clarification noting that we pay 25% of the contract – but asked what happens if a city drops out – are we still responsible for their portion? Chief noted that this could put us in jeopardy for sure - the City Administrator stated she does not think this will happen – all cities are firm in their commitment. The City attorney noted the language in the contract clearly indicates we are only responsible for 25% of the agreement.
Alderman Gould asked how many bids did we received for project management companies? Joe Schweitzer (Navigate Building Solutions) stated that there were none really, as Navigate was selected as owner representative during the pre-construction phase solicitation, and there has been no change to the proposal.
Motion was made by Alderman Gould and seconded by Alderman Plufka to approve Resolution No. 1546. Roll Call:
Motion carried by a vote of 7 (Yes) to 0 (No).
Resolution No. 1547- A Resolution of the City of Brentwood, Missouri Approving an Agreement with American Fire Training

Systems for Building Materials and Systems Related to the Construction of the Fire Training Tower Facility
Chief Cottrell was present for any questions. It was noted that each one of these is its own Resolution because the agreements are with different vendors for each part of the project.
Motion was made by Alderwoman Sims and seconded by Alderman Plufka to approve Resolution No. 1547. Roll Call:
Motion carried by a vote of 7 (Yes) to 0 (No).
Resolution No. 1548- A Resolution of the City of Brentwood, Missouri Approving an Agreement with AME Construction LLC DBA A. Eilers Construction for General Contractor Duties Related to the Construction of the Fire Training Tower Facility
Motion was made by Alderman Erger and seconded by Alderwoman Sims to approve Resolution No. 1548. Roll Call:
Motion carried by a vote of 7 (Yes) to 0 (No).
Resolution No. 1549- A Resolution of the City of Brentwood, Missouri Approving an Agreement with Terracon for Construction Materials Testing Services Related to the Construction of the Fire Training Tower Facility
Motion was made by Alderwoman Sims and seconded by Alderman Lochmoeller to approve Resolution No. 1549. Roll Call:
Motion carried by a vote of 7 (Yes) to 0 (No).

ADJOURN

Adjournment
The Mayor Pro-tem noted there was no further business and adjourned the meeting at 7:26PM.
This meeting was livestreamed on YouTube and recorded. The recording will be made available on the City’s YouTube channel.

Brentwood Police Department Proudly Participated in the Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run



Members of the Brentwood Police Department proudly participated in the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run, helping carry the Flame of Hope to raise awareness and support for Special Olympics Missouri.
Thank you to our officers for representing Brentwood and supporting this incredible cause!

5 On Your Side Honored with Three Regional Edward R. Murrow Awards

The Radio Television Digital News Association has announced 5 On Your Side as the recipient of three prestigious 2025 Regional Edward R. Murrow Awards by the Radio Television Digital News Association (RTDNA), honoring outstanding achievements in broadcast and digital journalism. The station earned awards in the following categories for Region 5:

Excellence in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Voices of Ferguson

This powerful piece featured contributions from Kelly Jackson, Sonya Potter, Mike Bush, Laura Barczewski, Anne Allred, Justina Coronel, Travis Cummings, Art Holliday, Michelle Li, Mercedes Mackay, Mark Maxwell, Diamond Palmer, Brent Solomon, Bill Bennett, Doug Howell, Randy Schwentker, Tom Stasiak, Eric Voss, Jeffrey Watkins, and Ashleigh Brandmeyer. Voices of Ferguson revisited the city a decade after Michael Brown’s death, capturing perspectives of healing, progress, and pain.

Excellence in Writing Mike Bush, KSDK-TV

Mike Bush continues to set the gold standard in broadcast storytelling, bringing heart, humanity, and authenticity to every word. His mastery in writing reinforces why KSDK-TV remains a leader in journalistic excellence.

Feature Reporting Grandma Peggy’s Breakfast Club

A heartwarming and joyful story brought to life by Mike Bush and photojournalist Tom Stasiak. This feature highlighted the simple, powerful connections built over breakfast and the community that flourishes through kindness and tradition. “These honors are a testament to the passion, commitment, and integrity of our newsroom,” said Morgan Schaab, KSDK Director of Content. “We’re proud to serve the St. Louis community with journalism that informs, inspires, and reflects the diverse voices of our region.”

The Edward R. Murrow Awards are among the most respected journalism honors, recognizing work that upholds the values, principles, and standards of broadcast news pioneer Edward R. Murrow.

For more information on the awards and to view the full list of winners, visit: RTDNA 2025 Region 5 Murrow

Since 2003, 5 On Your Side has been awarded 71 Regional Murrow Awards, including eight for “Overall Excellence.”

About 5 On Your Side

5 On Your Side is the NBC affiliate in St. Louis, Missouri and has been a leader in local news, information, and community involvement for more than seven decades. 5 On Your Side is owned by TEGNA Inc. (NYSE: TGNA), an innovative media company that owns and operates 64 television stations in 51 markets. To learn more about 5 On Your Side, please visit KSDK.com.

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

Proceeds from the third annual event to support cancer research, programming, and individual care.



St. Louis Men’s Group Against Cancer (STLMGAC) – a nonprofit organization that raises funds for cancer research, prevention,

and care activities in the St. Louis community – will host its third annual pickleball fundraiser sponsored by Klamen Real Estate Group.

The event will be held on Sat., June 28 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Padel + Pickle located at 1220 North Price Road in Olivette. Participants can register for men’s and women’s competitive divisions, as well as men’s, women’s and mixed recreational divisions. The round robin tournament format ensures multiple matches for all teams. Tickets are \$70 per person and include tournament play and a light breakfast. All proceeds will benefit local cancer initiatives supported by STLMGAC.

Since its inception in 1969, STLMGAC has raised more than \$6 million for over 40 charities serving the St. Louis cancer community. The independent nonprofit provides critical support to individuals facing a cancer diagnosis and is committed to advancing scientific research in the search for a cure.

Beneficiaries of STLMGAC include 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 or to register, call (314) 786-5950 or visit the STLMGAC website at <http://www.mensgroupagaincancer.org>.

St. Louis District Dairy Council



Pour on the Perfect: Raise a Glass to Milk This June Dairy Month

As we raise our glasses to toast June Dairy Month, there’s no better way to celebrate than by enjoying a cold, refreshing glass of milk. Whether added to morning coffee or enjoyed straight from the glass, fluid milk is a staple in many homes — and for good reason. “There are a variety of milk options at the store, but no matter what type of milk or brand, it’s packed with 13 essential nutrients that promote health and wellness,” said Maggie Nosit, registered dietitian with St. Louis District Dairy Council.

From conventional to ultrapasteurized milk, shelf-stable varieties and lactose-free options, there’s a type of milk to suit every preference and dietary need. Let’s look at the different kinds of milk that can be poured into a daily routine.

Conventional Milk

This milk is packaged in traditional gallon or half-gallon containers that feature various colored caps. Like all milk, it is a rich source of calcium, protein and numerous vitamins and minerals. Available in whole, 2%, 1% and skim varieties, conventional milk can complement any lifestyle or taste preference.

Ultrapasteurized Milk

Looking for a longer shelf life without sacrificing nutritional quality? Ultrapasteurized milk is a great option. This milk is heated to a higher temperature for a shorter time, which allows for a longer expiration date than conventional milk. This choice is perfect for stocking up in the dairy case or for those who make infrequent trips to the grocery store.

Lactose-Free Milk

For those with lactose intolerance, lactose-free milk is a perfect choice. By adding lactase enzyme to the milk, the lactose is broken down into simpler sugars, making it easier to digest. Lactose-free milk is real milk without the digestive discomfort that can come with lactose.

Shelf-Stable Milk

Shelf-stable milk is fresh milk that is pasteurized at an ultra-high temperature and packaged into a special container which allows it to be stored without refrigeration. Ideal for those looking for convenience, shelf-stable milk can be stored in the pantry and ensures milk is always on hand.

No matter the type selected, each variety of milk is a powerhouse of nutrition and a delicious way to provide the body with essential nutrients. This June Dairy Month, raise a glass of milk, the beverage that’s been nourishing families for generations and continues to pour out health benefits in every glass!

Visit www.stldairycouncil.org for more information on the health benefits of dairy. You may also contact Maggie Nosit at 314-835-9668 or mcimarolli@stldairycouncil.org. Follow St. Louis District Dairy Council on Facebook and Instagram at [STLDairyCouncil](https://www.instagram.com/STLDairyCouncil).

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.

Celebrate June Dairy Month with a refreshing strawberry milk Italian soda. This fruity milk is a great way to get in a dairy serving. Try flavored sparkling water, such as strawberry or black cherry, to create your own custom flavor.

Strawberry Milk Italian Soda

Ingredients:

- 1 cup low-fat milk
- 3 Tbsp. strawberry syrup
- ½ cup of sparkling water
- Ice
- Whipped cream for garnish (optional)

Instructions:

- Add milk and strawberry syrup to a glass. Stir to combine well.
- Add a handful of ice.
- Slowly pour in the sparkling water.
- Stir gently to mix the ingredients together without losing too much of the carbonation.
- Garnish with a dollop of whipped cream, if desired.



ZOOFARI 2025 PRESENTED BY WELLS FARGO

What: ZOOFARI 2025 presented by Wells Fargo. Don’t miss the Saint Louis Zoo’s most important fundraiser of the year! At this annual grazing gala, eat, drink and dance the night away under the moonlight in support of the Zoo’s conservation efforts here and around the world.

When/Where: 7:15 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Friday, June 20, 2025, at the Saint Louis Zoo
On June 20, the Zoo is open to the public from 8 a.m. until noon, when it will close for ZOOFARI preparations.

Event Information: The party for ages 21+ includes: ZOOFARI is an all-inclusive night out and foodie paradise! More than 30 local restaurants and caterers will present dinner-by-the-bite samples of their signature dishes. Admission also includes open bars with beer, wine, cocktails and mocktails. Dance the night away with musical entertainment across the Zoo, including The Block Party Experience on the main stage. Special fundraising activities to benefit the Zoo, including a wine pull, bubbly wall, bourbon tasting, local restaurant gift card wall, Rawlings Gold Glove photo op, Hearth & Soul pop-up shop, and silent auction offering exclusive animal experiences. Take a ride on the Emerson Zooline Railroad and the Mary Ann Lee Conservation Carousel.

Tickets: Advance tickets are required. Purchase tickets online at stlzoo.org/zoofari. Rain-or-shine event.
\$200 per person for Zoo Members
\$250 per person for non-members
VIP Tickets: \$500 per person (6 p.m. entry and Pre-Party admission)

Event Attire: ZOOFARI is creative cocktail attire, a fusion of formal and fun! In “shell-ebriation” of the featured animal, the giant tortoise, let nature be your inspiration ... think island vibes with vibrant blues and greens, as well as shell patterns! Guests are encouraged to wear tuxedo jackets with shorts, festive dresses and comfortable footwear.



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BASSO ON THE PLAZA NOW OPEN AT WESTPORT PLAZA

Modern Italian Tastes in a Sophisticated Space

Opening on Tuesday, May 27, Basso On The Plaza is the latest delicious addition to the mixed use Westport Plaza entertainment district from Lodging Hospitality Management (LHM).



The sister restaurant to the popular Basso at The Cheshire is making its debut featuring hand-crafted signature pizzas as well as wood-fired steaks and seafood, Basso On The Plaza is a sophisticated environment with an open kitchen

and warm fireplace on the inside and a large and lively dining patio overlooking the Plaza's event greenspace. The dining room is surrounded by floor-to-ceiling windows letting natural light flood the space during the day and reflecting a fairyland of lights from the Plaza at night.

The Basso menu also includes house-made pastas, imaginative appetizers and modern Italian tastes complemented by an expansive list of Italian wines and specialty cocktails. Explore the menu at www.basso-stl.com.

Basso On The Plaza is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. at 545 West Port Plaza Drive, St. Louis, MO 63146. Lunch service will begin later this summer. Reservations are available for groups of two to 12 people. Private spaces are perfect for groups of up to 48 guests. Happy Hour specials from 4 to 6 p.m.

Located near I-270 and Page, Westport Plaza has received a glow up with the recent addition of outdoor event green space in the middle of the site, plus both the instantly popular 360 Westport at the top of the Plaza's Gold Tower and The Rawlings Experience baseball attraction. The Plaza has become a live-work neighborhood with the opening of The Porter, a luxury apartment community now leasing.

For more information on Basso on the Plaza, visit www.basso-stl.com. Follow on social media @bassowestport.

Gloria Jean Vann Is Crowned Ms. Missouri Senior 2025

History was made when the top three contestants in the Ms. Missouri Senior Pageant were African American women. Earning top honors was Gloria Jean Vann, who glowed in her white gown and slayed the audience with her Aretha Franklin rendition of "You Make Me Feel Like a Natural Woman."

Nine contestants represented the *Age of Elegance* at the annual pageant sponsored by the Missouri Senior Cameo Club. This year's event themed "One Singular Sensation," was held on Sunday, April 27 at the Florissant Performing Arts Center.

The "Class of 2025" included Carol Ault (Webster Groves), Debbie Bixler (St. Charles), Rhonda Johnson-Foster (Florissant), Ruth Lee (Florissant), Flossie Njama (Maryland Heights), Karen Page (Jennings), Cindy K. Roberts (Chesterfield), Linda Shore (Creve Coeur), and Gloria Jean Vann (Jennings).

To qualify for the Ms. Missouri Senior Pageant, a women must be 60 years old or older, and each is evaluated by a panel of judges on talent, the recitation of their philosophy of life, poise in their gown walk, and a pre-pageant interview.

Gloria Jean Vann will perform in Showcases, ride in parades, be available for various senior events and represent Missouri in the Ms. Senior America Pageant in September in Atlantic City.



That moment of realization - when Gloria Jean Vann is crowned by Darla Behlmann, Ms. Missouri Senior 2024 and Peggy Lee Brennan, Ms. Senior America 2016.



l-r: Ruth Lee (1st Runner-Up), Gloria Jean Vann (Ms. Missouri Senior 2025), Rhonda Johnson-Foster (2nd Runner-Up), and Debbie Bixler (Ms. Congeniality)



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INSIDE BASEBALL

By Rob Rains of StLSportsPage.com

How Joshua Baez lost his high prospect status with the Cardinals – and how he’s working hard to get it back

By Rob Rains



PEORIA, Ill. – From his vantage point more than 1,100 miles away, Johnny Hernandez can tell there is something different about the way Joshua Baez has been playing this season.

All Hernandez has to do is watch Baez walk to the plate for the Peoria Chiefs.

“Every day I see progress, every game he plays,” Hernandez said from his home in Boston. “Right now he is doing something he wasn’t doing before. He believes in himself.

“When he comes up to hit, walking up to the plate, the way he walks, I can tell right there that he is like, ‘I’ve got this.’”

Hernandez knows Baez better than almost anybody. He has been coaching and mentoring him since Baez was 11 years old – a decade ago, long before the Cardinals made him their second-round pick in the 2021 draft.

The two still talk by phone at least once a day. Hernandez is able to connect his computer to his television and watch all of Baez’s games.

Over the last couple of years, the conversations before, and after, games haven’t always been positive. A highly touted prospect coming out of high school, Baez’s career stalled in his first couple of years as a professional as he tried to live up to his potential.

“I had days where I didn’t know what to do, honestly,” Baez said. “I felt like coming from high school as a second-rounder I felt like I had to do everything in one month or one year. That was where I got lost ... It’s definitely been a roller coaster.

“I took a step back and told myself to relax and just trust the process.”

Doing that has made a big difference for Baez, who at 6-foot-4 and 240 pounds has always had great physical ability. In the first month of this season, Baez has shown that maybe the critics who wrote him off as a prospect after those rough years will have to change their opinion.

“In high school and summer travel ball I never really failed,” Baez said. “I always had success. I faced some good competition, but it wasn’t every single day. As soon as I got to pro ball, it started to come every single day. Adjustments had to be made quicker. That was something I had to learn. That’s kind of what I’ve had to pick up over the years.”

Hernandez is seeing now the player that he expected to see when he began working with Baez, who caught his attention when he was playing against a team Hernandez was coaching soon after Baez’s family moved back to Boston after he spent his early childhood in the Dominican Republic. Soon, Baez was playing on the team coached by Hernandez.

What did Hernandez see in Baez back then? Many of the same traits he is seeing again now.

“His power, his dedication, his discipline,” Hernandez said. “He was always passionate about the game. I thought we had something special. That’s how we started. He’s been with me since he was 11 years old.

“Like a father to a son, that’s what I am like to him ... I’ve been coaching for 21 years and I’ve never seen a player like him.”

So what has been the difference in how Baez has played this season, where he has

the most stolen bases in the Cardinals’ organization, 11, and has been one of Peoria’s leading hitters?

“I believe trust,” Hernandez said. “Before he was nervous. He wanted to do so much and sometimes when you try to do so much it doesn’t work out. I told him to just do what you do best, and that’s play baseball. Never doubt yourself.

“Just relax and go up there and hit. I told him the pitcher, he is the one who has to worry about you. He (the pitcher) already knows that when you come up to hit, he is like, ‘Joshua Baez is hitting.’ And he knows that when you get on base, it’s a double because you are going to steal second.

“He’s still young, but he is very mature. He knows the game now. He had to learn about the game.”

“He’s still a kid”

That education began in the rookie level Florida Complex League, and the results from that first summer showed that no matter how high he had been picked in the draft, the 54th overall selection, Baez still had a lot to learn. He had a scholarship offer to go to Vanderbilt after high school but elected to sign with the Cardinals.

“I feel like God gave me the opportunity,” Baez said. “I worked for it. I’m doing all I can to get to the big leagues. That’s the ultimate goal.”

Baez was a long way away from the majors in that first summer of pro ball. In his 23 games, Baez hit .158. He struck out 28 times in 76 at-bats. His manager then was Roberto Espinoza, who also is his manager now in Peoria.

What Espinoza knows he is watching now is the result of the Cardinals being patient with Baez, a virtue that sometimes is hard and frustrating for both the player and the organization when the results don’t reach the level both expected.

“It’s part of it in the minor leagues, patience,” Espinoza said. “You have to let the players develop and grow. That’s part of the job.

“He’s got a lot of tools to play this game, not just physical tools but also the mental part that is required to compete. He is a hard worker.

“He finally is understanding how to perform at the professional level – how to take care of his routine, take care of his body, take care of his offensive and his defensive work. He’s finally putting everything together.”

Ryan Ludwick, the Cardinals’ roving minor-league hitting instructor, also has been watching and working with Baez since that first season. He sees a player who is just maturing in the game, and is still only 21 years old – one year younger than last year’s first-round pick, JJ Wetherholt, and two years younger than Chase Davis, the Cardinals’ top pick in the 2023 draft.

“Everyone knows he has an elite skill set as far as power goes, and he’s a really good athlete,” Ludwick said. “At whatever level you are at, this game is all about adjustments. He is still making those adjustments.

“He’s still a kid. Sometimes it takes guys a little longer to figure it out.

“When you see guys getting to the big



leagues faster than ever, sometimes that can play a little bit on the younger player because they want to move too. Sometimes patience is what you need.”

That part of the game was hard for Baez, who suffered a hand injury in his first game for Palm Beach in 2022 and was only able to play in 32 games that season. Baez spent all of 2023 in Palm Beach and hit seven homers and 20 doubles but posted only a .218 average. He struck out 122 times in 298 at-bats.

Those were painful, frustrating years.

“It’s definitely a hard process and you have to learn to mature with it,” Baez said. “You have to ride it out. They’ve (the Cardinals) believed in me. They’ve taken me down to do the development. They kept me through some tough times and I appreciate the Cardinals for that.

“When things are going good everybody wants to be in the picture and support you but when it’s not going so good the people who care for you are the ones who are going to be there for you and help you get over the hump. My family has been my inner circle. I talked to my mom and parents, and Johnny, every single day.”

Baez moved up to Peoria last year, but still had many of the same problems. He hit a team-leading 10 homers, but struck out 114 times in 227 at-bats, hitting .245.

Coming into this season, Baez had struck out 308 times in 752 at-bats, posting a .229 average.

“I feel like I had to get the experience, and failure comes with it,” Baez said. “Now I know what it feels like to fail.”

It took a trip back to Palm Beach, where he finished last season and helped that team win the league championship, for Baez, and others, to finally begin to see the improvement he has continued to show this season.

“I’m strong, I’m fast, I have it all from a physical standpoint,” Baez said. “Now it’s more mental cues – my approach, how I recover every single night, the process. It’s not so much the mechanics, it’s just more knowing that if I put the ball in play good things will happen.

“Now if I have some bad at-bats I don’t get bummed about it. I come back the next morning and I know it’s a new day and a new game and anything can happen. Whatever you did yesterday doesn’t matter today. That mindset is kind of what has helped me grow.

“In high school you always feel like the superstars move up in two or three years and they are in the big leagues. I felt like a superstar but I really didn’t understand what it was like to be a minor-leaguer and play 140 games. You have to take it day by day.”

“I know what I can do”

Even though Baez now has more than 800 at-bats in the minors, he is still one of the youngest players on the Peoria roster.

The time, Baez said, has passed by pretty quickly. He can look back now and realize how far he has come, but he prefers to look ahead and see where he wants to go.

At one point not that long ago, it looked as if most of Baez’s career highlights in baseball were going to be feats he accomplished in high school – hitting a home run out of a stadium in Hartford; being timed at 98 miles per hour off the mound; running the fastest 60-yard dash.



It was those achievements, and his high selection in the draft, which prompted STL-SportsPage to rank Baez as the fifth best prospect in the Cardinals organization a month after the 2021 draft.

“Being ranked like that felt amazing, but I knew I didn’t earn that,” Baez said. “I want to earn that. I was drafted and put in that spot. I want to earn my spot, 100 percent.”

The couple of poor seasons by Baez were reflected in changes in the annual prospect ranking. On the 2022 list he fell from fifth to 15th. The next year he dropped down another spot, to 16th. In 2024, he fell off the list that ranked the top 24 prospects in the organization.

His name could be back on the list later this year. Then Baez can look back and see how he compares to those other names on that 2021 prospect list.

On that list, the top four names were Nolan Gorman, Jordan Walker, Matthew Liberatore and Masyn Winn. After Baez came Ivan Herrera. All five of those players are now in the major leagues.

“I know what I can do on the baseball field,” he said. “The numbers don’t lie, but the process and how much I mature and how I go about my business, the numbers can’t tell you that. The whole staff, the organization, knows how I go about my business. They trust me and I trust them.

“It feels good when I have that success. When you don’t have it it’s kind of scary. You hit that rough patch because you don’t know what to do. Now I know what it feels like and I know how to ride it out much better. You feel like you’ve earned it, and you’re proud of yourself – 100 percent.

“I just want to break out. I feel it’s coming.” So does Hernandez.

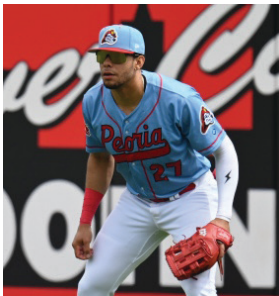
“He doesn’t have to kill the ball,” Hernandez said. “I told him, ‘We know you have the power. All you have to do is make contact. If the ball is going to go it’s going to go. Just go get base hits, be patient and take your walks.’”

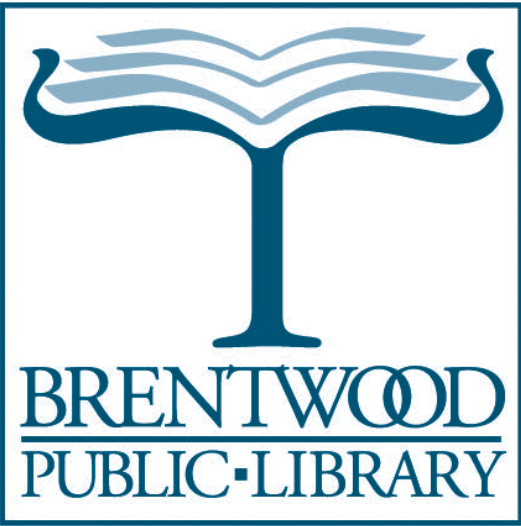
After getting off to the fast start at Peoria, Baez was promoted to Double A Springfield on May 29.

“I told him the other day I just want God to give you health because He already gave you the talent,” Hernandez said. “When he was drafted he was a very young kid. He is going to get better every day. Now he knows the process ... You are going to see a different Joshua than before.”

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Saint Mary Magdalen JK3 and JK4 had some fluttery butterfly friends join their classroom for a while! They gave them a cheerful send-off and set them free to spread their wings and fly



Denim for Dollars

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Summer Reading & Library StoryWalks® are back!!!

Summer Reading continues at Rock Hill Public Library now until August 2, 2025! Our annual Summer Reading Program kicked off on May 17, 2025, with Babaloo at Oakhaven Park on a musical note.



The Rock Hill StoryWalk® We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury will also be available until June 20 at Oakhaven Park (Gilbert Avenue & Oak Haven Ave). Come Color

Our World and join us for a season of literary fun & excitement. Don't miss out on a novel adventure this summer!



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Behind the Pages: A Literary Series: Sharon Shinn



Special thanks to STL novelist & journalist Sharon Shinn for stopping by Rock Hill Public Library to talk about writing, publishing, living a literary life & her new book, Shifter



and Shadow, to an eager audience on May 15.

Shinn has published more than a dozen novels for adult and young adult readers. Her works include the Shifting Circles Series, the Samaria Series, the Twelve Houses Series, and a rewriting of Jane Eyre, Jenna Starborn.

STEAM Club



Ready, set, bubbles! Are you looking for fun activities at home to get your child outside? Then, this is a great STEM experiment for you and your family! Join us Saturday, June 14 at the Rock Hill Public Library for a rainbow bubble snake experiment & learn to do colorful bubble art. School-Aged

Summer Film Series



2025 continues on a cozy, but happy note at Rock Hill Public Library! Join us for our afternoon movie screenings from 1-3 PM this month. Come relax, unwind, and enjoy the show! Popcorn and refreshments included.

June's theme Happily Ever After kicks off with the comedy/romance Bride Wars (PG-13) on June 10, 2025.

Liv (Kate Hudson) and Emma (Anne Hathaway) are two life-long best friends who've dreamed of a June wedding at New York's famed Plaza Hotel since both were kids. Unfortunately, the two become rivals when they accidentally schedule their respective weddings on the same day.

Next on June 24, 2025 is the rom-com, Father of the Bride (2022) (PG-13). A father

Saint Mary Magdalen JK3, JK4, and Kindergarten enjoyed a fun and memorable day at the Saint Louis Zoo!



(Andy Garcia) comes to grips with his daughter's upcoming wedding through the prism of multiple relationships within a big, sprawling Cuban-American family. This remake of the 1991 classic stars Andy García, Gloria Estefan, Adria Arjona, Isabela Merced, Diego Boneta, and Chloe Fineman.

Rock 'N Reptiles



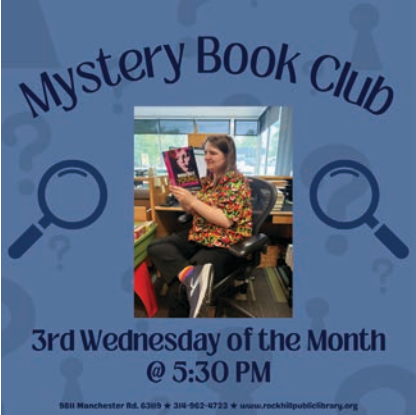
Discover the world of reptiles with an interactive, educational show on June 10 at 5:00 PM at Rock Hill Public Library (9811 Manchester Road). All ages

Craft-o-Rama

Craft-o-Rama Celebrate the Summer Reading theme "Color Our World" with fun craft activities and learn about art in the everyday world on Tuesday, June 17 at 4PM! K-6th Grade

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Mystery Book Club



Get ready for a night of suspense and excitement at the Rock Hill Public Library's



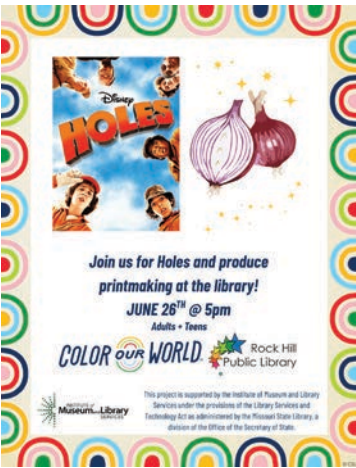
Mystery Book Club on June 18 at 5:30 PM! We'll be diving into "Bright Young Women" by Jessica Knoll.

Perennial Crafts



Learn how to craft a greener kitchen on Saturday, June 21 at 11 AM at Rock Hill Public Library. Perennial Crafts has gathered ingredients, tested recipes, and now they want to share their eco-friendly ideas! Teens & Adults

Movie & Craft Nights



Join us for a great family-adventure movie, Disney's Holes, & a themed craft, produce print-making, on Thursday, June 26 at 5 PM! Adults & Teens

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St. Louis Men’s Group Against Cancer Awards \$407,000 in Grants



The 56-year-old organization distributes funds to 40 cancer-related charities.

St. Louis Men’s Group Against Cancer (STLMGAC) – a leading nonprofit dedicated to funding cancer research, prevention, and care activities in the St. Louis community – recently announced the distribution of \$407,000 in grants to 40 local cancer-related organizations at its recent annual luncheon.

The event highlighted the profound impact of these funds on cancer survivors and their families. Attendees heard moving stories from individuals whose lives have been improved thanks to the support of STLMGAC. All grants were awarded following a rigorous review process led by the STLMGAC Medical Advisory Committee chaired by Dr. Gary Singer.

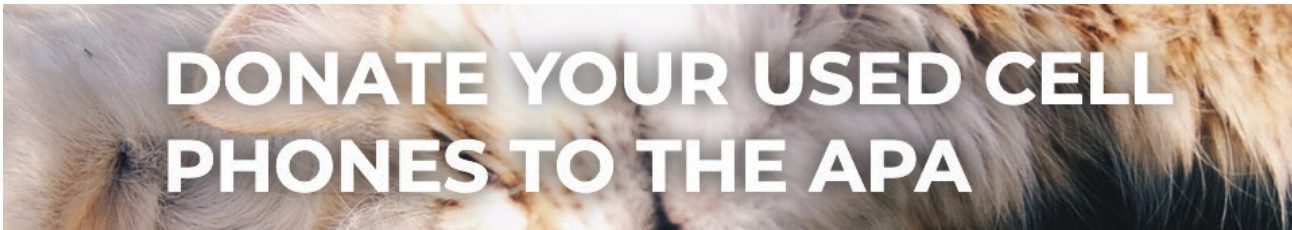
This year’s recipients included American Cancer Society, BJC Healthcare, Camp Rainbow, The Cancer Support Community, Children’s Miracle Network, Friends of Kids with Cancer, Gateway to Hope, HavenHouse St. Louis, Make A Wish, Mercy Health Foundation, Missouri Baptist Cancer Center, Ronald McDonald House Charities of St. Louis, Siteman Cancer Center, St. Louis Children’s Hospital Foundation, and Washington University School of Medicine.

“Our organization continues to make a meaningful difference by supporting cancer research, programming, and patient care right here in our very own community,” said STLMGAC Chairman Neil Marglous. “This annual luncheon is the culmination of our year-round efforts, and it’s incredibly rewarding to witness firsthand the positive changes we’re helping to create.”

Pictured are members of St. Louis Men’s Group Against Cancer at the annual grant luncheon.

Since its inception in 1969, STLMGAC has raised more than \$6 million for over 40 charities serving the St. Louis cancer community. The independent nonprofit provides vital support to individuals facing a cancer diagnosis and is committed to advancing scientific research in the search for a cure.

For more information about St. Louis Men’s Group Against Cancer, call (314) 786-5950 or visit <http://www.mensgroup-againstcancer.org>.



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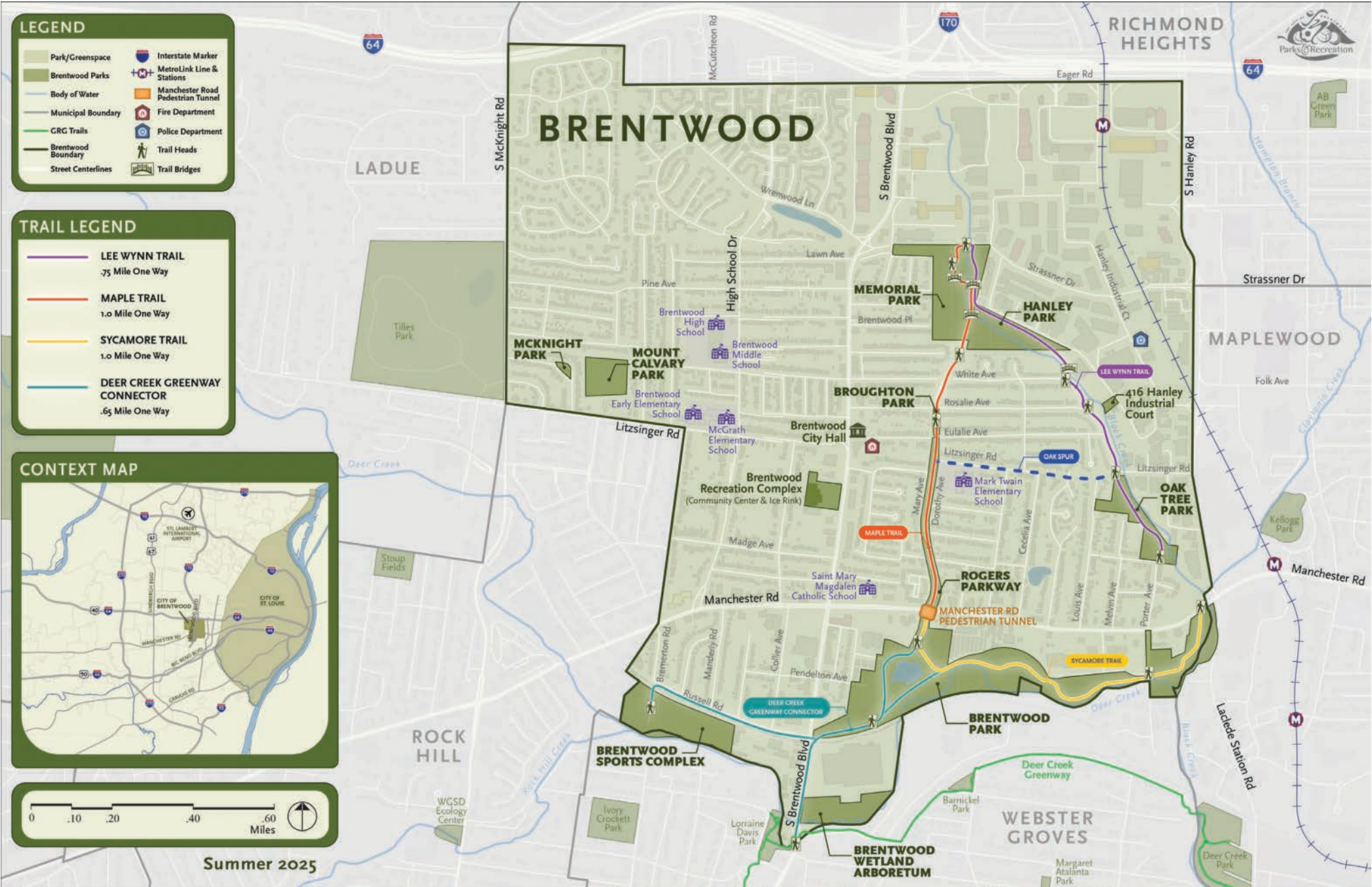
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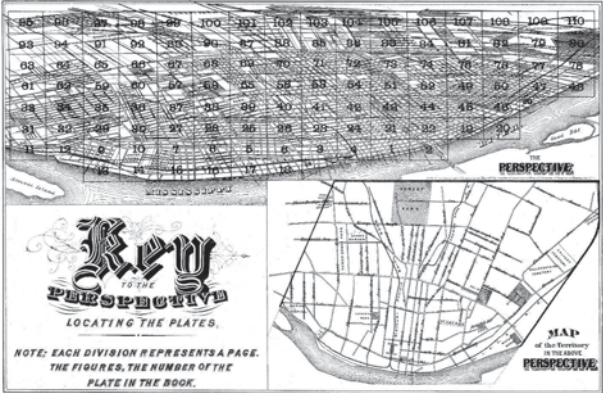



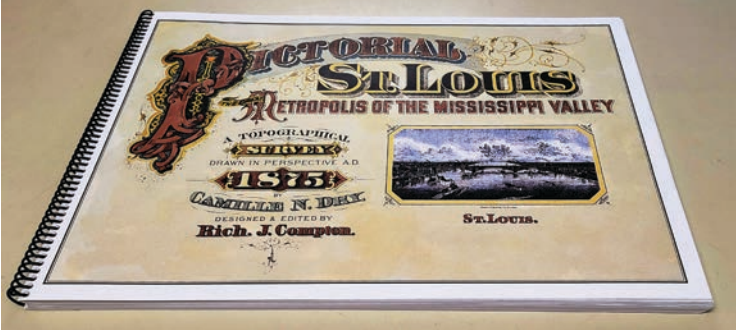
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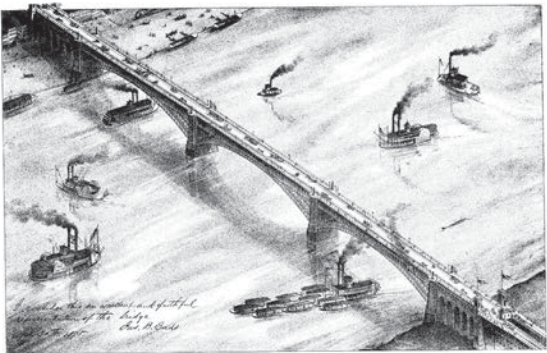
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Pictorial St. Louis A Topographical Survey Drawn in Perspective A.D. 1875

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


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