



Letter to the editor of the PULSE

Dear Dodel family,

It was with a tear and a smile that I read the news that the PULSE would cease home delivery at the end of 2024: a tear because I will miss seeing the wrapped small newspaper in my driveway on the second Sunday of the month; a smile because I was reminded of all the joy the PULSE has brought to me and others in Brentwood over the years. My parents, Ed and Susan Wright, and the Dodels, Gene and Delores, had a relationship that went back over several decades. I can remember when my parents sold printing equipment to Gene and Delores back in the earliest days. Your parents, and now the newer generation of Dodels, have been an invaluable resource and asset to the Brentwood community. The PULSE has provided smiles and important information over the years about so many Brentwood events and institutions: the Centennial; Brentwood Days; city government; the Library; Brentwood schools (both public and private); service organizations; churches; neighborhoods; and just ordinary Brentwood folks.

I know that the PULSE will continue to be printed and also available online. For this, I am grateful. For all the editions that sat in my driveway waiting for my stroll out to pick it up, I am truly grateful. Thank you Dodel family for all you have done.

With a tear and a smile,
Ed Wright, Jr.

Editor: Thank you, Ed for your kind words. We love Brentwood just like our parents did. It is our home away from home and we look forward to many more years in this community.

Saint Mary Magdalen Friendsgiving



Saint Mary Magdalen Friendsgiving for 3rd grade celebrated friendships and kindness.

Deadline for next issue is January 6

BRENTWOOD POLICE VS. FIREFIGHTERS PILLOW FIGHT

A DONATION DRIVE TO SUPPORT HOME SWEET HOME

In the month of December, drop off a
NEW pillow at either the fire
department or police department,
and you will help someone in need
get a good night's sleep. Let's see
which department can collect the
most pillows!

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BRENTWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT HOLIDAY EVENTS



- **Toy Drive for Toys for Tots:**
Now through December 14, Brentwood Fire Department is collecting new, unwrapped toys for Toys for Tots. Donations can be dropped off at the Firehouse.
- **Fill the Ambulance:**
Saturday, December 14 from 12 - 4 PM in the Brentwood Promenade Target parking lot. Drop off donations of new, unwrapped toys for the final day of the Toys for Tots Toy Drive!
- **Santa Parades**
Friday, December 13 beginning at 5 PM, Wards 1 & 4
Saturday, December 14 beginning at 5 PM, Wards 2 & 3

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BRENTWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Brentwood Ranks No. 1 in St. Louis Region for APR Performance

The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has released the statewide Annual Performance Reports (APRs) for the 2023-24 school year, and for the second consecutive year, the Brentwood School District ranks first among districts in the St. Louis region for APR performance.



Brentwood earned a score of 98.9% for the 2023-24 school year, ranking third among the 552 Missouri schools and districts evaluated. This year also marks the introduction of the three-year composite APR score, which provides a more comprehensive view of district performance. Brentwood excelled with a composite score of 94.4%, ranking first in the St. Louis region and fifth statewide.



“Our strong APR results are a testament to the dedication of our educators, the hard work of our students, and the unwavering support of our community,” said Dr. Amy Zielinski, superintendent of schools. “These scores not only highlight our commitment to academic excellence but also serve as a guide for enhancing the educational experience for every Brentwood student.”

APRs measure the progress districts and their schools are making toward meeting the Standards and Indicators in the sixth version of the Missouri School Improvement Program (MSIP 6). These scores reflect student growth, academic performance on state assessments, and other benchmarks aligned with each district’s continuous school improvement plan.



Brentwood students continue to meet or exceed the state’s rigorous expectations in English language arts, math, science and social studies. The district also demonstrated consistent growth across multiple content areas, underscoring its ability to deliver personalized and effective instruction.



“We can celebrate these accomplishments while maintaining a focus on continuous improvement,” added Dr. Zielinski. “Our community can take pride in the strides we are making together, ensuring a bright future for our students.” MSIP 6 is Missouri’s system for reviewing and accrediting



school districts. It sets expectations for school practices and student outcomes, aiming to prepare graduates for success in college, career and life. For the first time, DESE has included a three-year composite score alongside single-year data to provide a more stable and comprehensive measure of district performance.

“MSIP 6 takes a closer look at what districts are doing to implement effective practices and sustain improvements, while increasing the focus on individual student outcomes,” said Commissioner of Education Karla Eslinger. “We are seeing positive movement because of hard work at the local level.”

Curd Captures All-State Cross Country Honors



Brentwood High School junior Kensington Curd captured all-state cross country honors for the third year in a row, finishing ninth at last month’s Class 2 state championships. Her junior season was filled with impressive achievements, including eight top-10 finishes—five of which were in the top five—and a first-place victory at the conference championship meet.

Schools Unite for Annual Food Drive Success



Students, staff and families across the Brentwood School District came together for a meaningful cause, collecting more than 1,200 food and personal care items during the annual Brentwood High School Student Council Food Drive. This tremendous effort provided critical support to 18 families in the Brentwood community.



“We are so grateful for the generosity of our students, staff and families,” said Zeyad Hamdan, BHS science teacher and Student Council sponsor. “Their contributions make a real difference, and it’s inspiring to see our community come together to help one another.”

Student Council and National Junior Honor Society members worked diligently to sort, bag and prepare the donations for distribution. Their dedication ensured that the items were



delivered efficiently and with care to families in need.

“This food drive reflects the heart of our community,” added Hamdan. “Moments like these demonstrate the power of collective action and the strength of our shared values.”

The Brentwood School District extends its heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated, highlighting the district’s commitment to serving the community and supporting those in need.

Celebrating Excellence in College and Career Advising



Brentwood High School college and career advisor Emily Diaz has been selected to participate in the prestigious NEXT program by the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC). This one-year professional development initiative recognizes individuals with outstanding leadership potential and a commitment to excellence in college and career advising.

Diaz is one of only 60 participants selected from NACAC’s 27,000 members to join the program, which focuses on expanding professional networks, building leadership capacity, and exploring pathways for growth in the field of college admissions. Participants also play a vital role in strengthening NACAC’s volunteer base and advancing its mission.

“We are incredibly proud of Emily’s achievement and the positive impact she continues to have on our students,” said Dr. Edward Johnson, BHS principal. “Her participation in this program is a testament to her professionalism and her passion for helping students achieve their postsecondary goals.”

Since 2020, BHS graduates have been accepted to 189 colleges and universities nationwide, earning nearly \$15 million in scholarships. Diaz’s leadership and guidance have been instrumental in achieving these outcomes, and being selected for the NEXT program highlights her ongoing commitment to student success.

BHS Info Night Showcases Pathways for Success

Brentwood High School recently welcomed future Eagles and their families for an engaging open house event, showcasing the dynamic academic and extracurricular opportunities available within the Brentwood community.



Attendees explored the school’s state-of-the-art learning spaces, thoughtfully designed to foster collaboration, creativity and future-ready skills. Families also connected with passionate teachers, staff and student ambassadors, gaining a firsthand look at Brentwood’s supportive environment and vibrant school spirit.

“We were thrilled to welcome so many families eager to learn about all BHS has to offer,” said Dr. Edward Johnson, BHS principal.

pal. “Info Night is a fantastic opportunity to highlight the pathways we provide for students to excel in academics, activities and beyond.”

From personalized academic programs to a diverse



range of extracurricular activities, the evening underscored Brentwood High School’s commitment to empowering every student to pursue their passions and achieve their goals.

Election Information for Board of Education Candidates



Filing for two three-year terms on the Brentwood School District Board of Education opens on Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2024, at 8 a.m., and closes on Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2024, at 5 p.m. Individuals who are United States citizens, at least 24 years old and have resided in Missouri and the district for at least one year before the election are eligible to file as candidates.

Candidates may file in person at the Brentwood School District Administrative Office (2221 High School Dr.) during the times listed below. Those unable to file in person due to physical disability or active-duty military service may file by certified mail.

Please note: Filing will not occur on days when the district is closed for inclement weather, except for Tuesday, Dec. 10, and Tuesday, Dec. 31. Below is the complete schedule of candidate filing availability:

- **Tuesday, Dec. 10:** 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (First Day to File)
- **Wednesday, Dec. 11:** 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Thursday, Dec. 12:** 8 a.m. to noon
- **Friday, Dec. 13:** 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Monday-Friday, Dec. 16-20:** 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Monday, Dec. 23:** 9:30-11 a.m. (Winter Break Hours)
- **Tuesday-Wednesday, Dec. 24-25:** Closed (Winter Break)
- **Thursday-Friday, Dec. 26-27:** 8-11 a.m. (Winter Break Hours)
- **Monday, Dec. 30:** 8-11 a.m. (Winter Break Hours)
- **Tuesday, Dec. 31:** 1-5 p.m. (Last Day to File, Winter Break Hours)

According to Missouri Statute Section 115.124, no election will be held if the number of candidates matches the number of open positions. However, if more candidates file than there are positions available, the election will take place on Tuesday, April 1, 2025.

For questions about the filing process, please contact Kate Hastings at 314-962-4507 or khastings@brentwoodmoschools.org.



Great Holiday Gifts For Kids (& Teens) To Help Them Learn Financial Responsibility

By: West Community Credit Union

Has the amount of toys that your kids have acquired overwhelmed your home? If you’re looking to downsize this holiday season without looking like a Grinch, we’ve got the perfect gifting list for you! This year, give the gift that keeps on giving: money savvy.

Since most of us focus on spending rather than saving or investing during the holiday

season, you won’t find most of these gift ideas in a toy catalog. The best part is that you can do any of these at any time (no matter how behind on shopping you are!)

Kids Saving Account

Helping a child open their first savings account is one of life’s financial milestones. If they receive money as gifts from relatives, take them into the credit union to deposit it into their own account. Kid membership has other perks too, like a free piggy bank at account opening and earning prizes at every transaction to encourage saving. They also earn interest on every penny!

Teen Checking

When your kid is ready for more financial independence, our free Teen Checking Account, designed for kids as young as 13, is the perfect way to develop smart saving and spending skills. It has all the tools needed to securely manage money, like digital banking, and a debit card, plus parental guidance opportunities to foster a successful financial future.

A 529 Plan

Given the rapidly rising costs of a college education, getting started on saving for it with a tax-advantaged 529 plan is a smart way to start the new year. These plans work similarly to other investment plans such as 401ks and IRAs in that your contributions are invested in mutual funds or other investment products. Ask relatives to contribute to their future instead of adding clutter to your home.

Experience Gifts

This doesn’t necessarily mean you have to have the experiences all planned out because maybe you want them to help decide what experiences they want to have as part of their gift. By starting an “experience piggy bank”, you’re saying that “this money you’re getting for Christmas is for us to do something fun together next year.

What do you want to do?”

Charitable Giving

Teaching those in your life how important it is to give back is a gift for those in need, as well as a gift for the giver’s heart. What would the holidays be without sharing with those less fortunate? Give them a specified amount to give and then let them choose who they want to give to as part of their gift.

Pro Tip: Parents who are going to give gifts of money this Christmas should consider breaking your gifts into several parts. For instance, if you’re going to give someone \$15, give three \$5 bills. This helps facilitate the idea that you want your child to be able to spend some, donate some and then save some for later.

The holidays can be an opportune time to instill financial values in children and grandchildren. Wish lists and gift shopping can help them distinguish between needs and wants. Donations and volunteering introduce them to the concept of giving. If you want to set your kids up for financial success, contact Member Services with West Community Credit Union at 636.720.2495 or visit us online at westcommunitycu.org.

L’Arche St. Louis Invites Community to “Walls of Joy” Event on December 19, 2024

L’Arche St. Louis invites the community to take part in a heartwarming and unique event, “Walls of Joy,” on Thursday, December 19, 2024, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The event will be held at the new L’Arche St. Louis home, where attendees will have the opportunity to leave messages of support, love, and blessings on the walls of the house before the drywall goes up.

L’Arche St. Louis, a local nonprofit dedicated to creating communities where people with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) share life together in mutual relationship, is excited to share this special moment with its supporters, friends, and neighbors. The “Walls of Joy” event will allow attendees to sign the walls of the new house, leaving their mark in a lasting, meaningful way as the home prepares to become a safe and welcoming space for individuals with I/DD.

“This is an opportunity for all of us to come together and celebrate the spirit of community, hope, and inclusion,” said Paula Kilcoyne, Executive Director of L’Arche St. Louis. “We encourage everyone to join us in sharing their thoughts and blessings for the future residents of this home.”

The event is free and open to all, with light refreshments provided. Participants are encouraged to bring their family and friends to sign the walls, enjoy the festivities, and learn more about the important work L’Arche St. Louis is doing in the community. Street parking is available.

RSVP is requested to help with planning. Please email Emma Pieper at emmapieper@larchestlouis.org or call 314.395.5851 to confirm attendance.

About L’Arche St. Louis

L’Arche St. Louis is part of an international network of L’Arche communities, dedicated to building inclusive communities where people with and without intellectual disabilities share their lives together. Through mutual relationships and a commitment to shared values of belonging, hospitality, and respect, L’Arche St. Louis creates opportunities for personal growth and transformation for both the individuals with disabilities and the wider community.

For more information about L’Arche St. Louis, please visit larchestlouis.org.

Clementine’s Christmas & Hanukkah Flavors Announced

Clementine’s Ice Cream is kicking off the holiday season with new flavors, visits with Santa Claus and the exciting release of gooey butter cakes! For the first time in Clementine’s history the famous gooey butter cake featured in our award-winning ice cream is now available in an 8x8 cake that is beautifully packaged and perfect for gift-giving. The cakes cost \$15 and can be purchased frozen at any Clementine’s location. Bulk orders are also accepted for corporate gift-giving.

Nice holiday flavors are in shops now including Peppermint Candy, Smokey Italian Fig and the return of the popular Sugar Cookie with Sprinkles. Adults 21 and over can indulge in our Naughty flavor, Coquito, a holiday classic Puerto Rican boozy egg nog.

Clementine’s Hanukkah-inspired ice cream flavors will be released on December 10. Roasted Pistachio M’hencha inspired by the traditional pastry, features roasted pistachio ice cream with warm spices, evoking the festive spirit of the season. The Black & White Cookie flavor captures the classic New York favorite with a rich, creamy base, blending vanilla and chocolate to recreate the iconic cookie with cake cookie pieces.

Back by popular demand is Ice Cream with Santa! Jolly old St. Nick will be visiting good boys and girls at the following dates and locations from 4:30pm-7:30pm:

- Edwardsville parlor on December 10 (6185 Bennett Drive)
- CWE parlor on December 11 (308 N. Euclid)
- Lake St. Louis parlor on December 12 (20 Meadows Circle Drive)
- Southampton parlor on December 17 (4715 Macklind)
- Town & Country parlor on December 19 (13426 Clayton Road)

Advance reservations are required as seating is limited. Tickets are \$15 per child which includes a scoop of ice cream and a visit with Santa Claus. Parents are encouraged to bring their own camera for a photo. Christmas Carolers will appear at each location and Mrs. Claus will join Santa at Lake St. Louis and Town & Country. Reservations can be made online now at www.clementinescreamery.com.

Clementine’s also has new parlor-inspired ornaments for sale at every location, branded ice cream scoopers, warm hoodies and beanies, plus a deal for you...purchase \$50 in Clementine’s gift cards and receive a \$10 bonus card for yourself.

Guests are invited to visit any of the eight ice cream shops located at 1637 S. 18th Street in historic Lafayette Square, 730 DeMun in Clayton, 4715 Macklind in the Southampton neighborhood, 140 W. Argonne Drive in Kirkwood, 13426 Clayton Road in Town & Country, The Meadows Shopping Center in Lake St. Louis, 308 N. Euclid in the Central West End and the newest shop at Trace on the Parkway in Edwardsville, IL.

As Missouri’s only micro-creamery, all of the dairy used in Clementine’s creations is from local, grass-fed, pasture-raised, hormone and RBST-free cows. Clementine’s combines their all-natural proprietary dairy base with the finest handpicked ingredients to churn up a decadent 16-18% butterfat ice cream. Visit Clementine’s for more information or to order pints online. Follow Clementine’s on Facebook and Instagram for the latest holiday news!

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Vehicle Safety Tips

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

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 and create an account. Then scan and upload your DD-214 form and your photograph. It’s that easy and you’ve earned it.



LEGAL NOTICE FOR APRIL GENERAL ELECTION

LEGAL NOTICE

In compliance with RSMo Sec. 115.127 (5), notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of the City of Brentwood, St. Louis County, Missouri, that the annual election of officers of the City of Brentwood, Missouri, shall be held on the **8th day of April 2025**, in conformity with RSMo Sec. 79.030. At said election, there shall be elected:

- 1. The Mayor to be elected At-Large for the full term of two (2) years
- 2. The Municipal Judge to be elected At-Large for the full term of two (2) years
- 3. A member of the Board of Aldermen from Ward 1 for the full term of two (2) years.
- 4. A member of the Board of Aldermen from Ward 2 for the full term of two (2) years.
- 5. A member of the Board of Aldermen from Ward 3 for the full term of two (2) years.
- 6. A member of the Board of Aldermen from Ward 4 for the full term of two (2) years.

All candidates desiring their names on the official ballot in the election aforesaid are hereby notified to file their names in person with the Deputy City Clerk of Brentwood, Missouri, at the Brentwood City Hall, 2348 S. Brentwood Blvd., Brentwood MO 63144. The filing hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, **December 10, 2024**, through Tuesday, **December 31, 2024**. The office of the Deputy City Clerk will not be open on Saturdays and Sundays, or those days designated a holiday by the City of Brentwood.

All qualified candidates are hereby notified of the statutory requirement to provide to the Deputy City Clerk, at the time of filing, proof of identity such as social security card, Missouri driver's license, or must be recognizable to the Deputy City Clerk.

Candidates must have filed the required Campaign Finance Disclosure reports, and the Financial Disclosure Statement for Political Subdivisions (Ethics) for any prior elections before they can file as a candidate for another office.

All candidates' names shall appear in the same form in which the candidate is registered to vote except that, when certified by the candidate as a necessary means of identification, the following may be allowed:

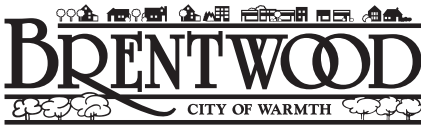
- 1. Commonly used nicknames
- 2. Commonly used abbreviations
- 3. Parenthetical reference to married names

Persons who, after filing their names as candidates, wish to withdraw as such candidate, must file their notice of withdrawal with the City Clerk in the City Clerk's office no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 31, 2024.

The filing fee for each elective office shall be \$5.00 payable by check or cash. In case of withdrawal of a candidate, there shall be no refund of filing fee. All filing fees shall be paid to the Deputy City Clerk at the time of filing. Provided however, if a candidate files a sworn affidavit with the City Clerk/Administrator stating he/she is financially unable to pay the filing fee, the candidate shall not be required to pay the fee.

The Deputy City Clerk shall be responsible for the oversight of the filing of candidates and shall clearly designate where candidates shall form a line to effectuate such filings and determine the order of such filings; except that, in the case of candidates who file a declaration of candidacy with the City prior to 5:00 P.M. on the first day for filing, the Deputy City Clerk shall determine by random drawing the order in which such candidates' names shall appear on the ballot. Any drawing conducted pursuant to this Section shall be conducted so that each candidate, or candidate's representative if the candidate filed under Subsection 2 of Section 115.355.2 of the Missouri Revised Statutes, may draw a number at random at the time of filing. If such drawing is conducted, the number drawn shall be recorded with the candidate's declaration of candidacy. If such drawing is conducted, the names of candidates filing on the first day of filing for each office on each ballot shall be listed in ascending order of the numbers so drawn.

All candidates must file in person in the Deputy City Clerk's office. Filing will occur at the Brentwood City Hall. This building opens at 8:00 a.m. **For this purpose, a line for filing may be formed outside the main entrance to Brentwood City Hall on Brentwood Blvd. Then at 8:00 a.m., all persons may proceed to the receptionist's desk at that time.** The forms, or notices used, shall be made available on November 19, 2024, at 8:00 am by the Deputy City Clerk at the Brentwood City Hall. Each day thereafter the forms will be available from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, Monday – Friday.



“REPORT A CONCERN”: MAKE A REQUEST OR SUBMIT A CONCERN



Make requests (such as a vacation check or a household bulk item pick-up) or submit concerns (such as a pothole or tall weeds) through the MyGov request-tracking system via the home page of brentwoodmo.org.

Click on the “Report a Concern” button, choose a category and topic, complete the information, and submit your request.

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WHOSE LIVE ANYWAY?
FRIDAY, MARCH 28 at 7:30 PM
THE FACTORY AT THE DISTRICT

Steve Litman Presents is thrilled to announce the return of WHOSE LIVE ANYWAY? to The Factory at The District on Friday, March 28, 2025. Show time is 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) Tickets are \$73.50, \$63.50 and \$53.50. Tickets go on sale to the public this Thursday, December 5 at 10 a.m. and can be purchased online at Ticketmaster and TheFactory.

Prepare to laugh until you cry when four of the world's most masterful improv artists take you on the high wire act of comedic acrobatics. The rapid-fire wit and non-stop jokes will have your sides splitting and begging for mercy...and begging for more. Welcome Ryan Stiles and Greg Proops, both seen on ABC's “Whose Line Is It Anyway?” as well as Jeff B. Davis and Joel Murray. If you are a “Whose Line?” fan, get ready for the same relentless laughter that you grew to love, but without the commercial breaks! If you are new to improv comedy, then you are in for a show unlike anything you have ever seen before.

This particular style of improvisational comedy is rife with countless gags, one-liners, hilarious games and even songs so good you will hardly believe they were made up on the spot. The teamwork and trust that it takes to perform a show with no script is apparent, but when the best of the best do it, they do it effortlessly. Watch them build entire scenes, characters, and storylines right before your eyes as they take you on a white-knuckle ride through endless chuckles.

Ryan Stiles' television credits include roles on “The Drew Carey Show” and “Two and a Half Men,” while Greg Proops has lent his vocal talents to animated characters in “Star Wars: Episode 1,” “The Nightmare Before Christmas,” and “Brother Bear.” However, both got their start as comedians and are excited to return to their funny-bone-tickling roots.

Jeff B. Davis is also a highly experienced improv comedian and starred in the cult classic cartoon series, “Harmonquest.” He has also starred in “Drew Carey's Green Screen Show” and “Improv-a-Ganza,” while gaining fame for his spot-on impressions of Christopher Walken, Keanu Reeves, and Jeff Goldblum.

Joel Murray is the youngest of the nine Murray brothers, including Bill Murray, but has become a star in his own right. Though he has over 250 sitcom appearances, he is best known for his recurring roles like Freddy Rumsen on “Mad Men” and Eddie Jackson on “Shameless.” He has also appeared in “One Crazy Summer,” “The Artist,” “Scrooged,” and Bobcat Goldthwait's “God Bless America.”

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

Brentwood School District News
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**BECC Enrollment for the
2025-26 School Year**

Enrollment at Brentwood Early Childhood Center (BECC) for the 2025-26 school year opens soon! Current BECC families will receive a link to submit their enrollment selections online by the end of November. Submissions from current families received by Friday, Dec. 20 will receive priority placement.



New to BECC? Join us for an in-person enrollment event on Wednesday, Jan. 29 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Enrollment packets will be available at the event and on our website at ecc.brentwoodmoschools.org/enrollment starting Friday, Jan. 3. Our state-of-the-art early childhood center is located at 2350 St. Clair Ave., Suite B. Brentwood Parents as Teachers will also be on hand with fun and engaging activities for the whole family!

BECC offers a developmental and constructivist program tailored to

meet the unique educational needs of young children. Here’s what sets our program apart:

- **Project Construct Curriculum:** Our curriculum is approved by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, providing a strong foundation in early childhood education.
- **Missouri Early Learning Standards:** Our student goals align with the standards that continue into grades K-12 in Missouri public schools.
- **Experienced Educators:** Our certified early childhood teachers guide learning based on the latest research and best practices.
- **On-Site School Nurse:** A school nurse is available every day.
- **Early Intervention Support:** Through our partnership with the Special School District of St. Louis County, we offer various early intervention services and resources.

For more information, visit our website at ecc.brentwoodmoschools.org or call us at 314-262-8521.



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**TEACHING AREA STUDENTS
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**Reminder from Brentwood Police Department:
Leash Your Dog**

The Brentwood Police Department has received several complaints of dogs being left off leash in unsecured yards or on walks in our neighborhoods.

We remind our residents there is a leash law in place for the safety of our residents and our pets, and we will be enforcing the law if we are alerted to additional violations.

Please be respectful of your neighbors and of other pets – make certain you leash your dog on walks or while otherwise unsecured.



Brentwood Alumni Association 3rd Weekend in September - 2024 And Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony



November Pulse Mystery Reader
REVEALED!



This month’s Pulse Mystery Reader is BECC preschool teacher Rachel Beard-Curran! With 12 years of experience working with our youngest learners, Rachel is dedicated to shaping bright futures. As a Brentwood resident, her favorite part of the job is reconnecting with former students at community events and watching their unique personalities shine as they grow.

After passing out Scouting for Food bags last Saturday, Troop 361 went to camp overnight at Pere Marquette State Park and to ride the Great River Road on bikes. Highlights included riding the Brussels Ferry across the Illinois River and visiting the site of the new National Memorial of Military Ascent which is scheduled to open in 2026. Troop 361 is for boys grades 5-12 and meets weekly at St. Mary Magdalen.



Saint Mary Magdalen first graders
loved reading to the library stuffed
animals yesterday. Today a reader,
tomorrow a leader!



Way to go, BMS Eagles!

Last Friday, the City of Brentwood presented Brentwood Middle School students and staff with a \$250 check for taking first place in this year’s Brentwood Days Parade! Their medieval-themed float, “A Knight to Remember,” was a spectacular display of creativity, teamwork and school spirit that wowed the judges and captured the top spot. The prize money will be added to the school’s activities fund, supporting even more exciting opportunities for our amazing students!



DELTA DENTAL OF MISSOURI’S LAND OF SMILES® SHOW TEACHES
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GOOD HABITS FOR HEALTHY TEETH

Delta Dental of Missouri’s popular Land of Smiles® dental education program was on the road this fall, taking the crusade for healthy teeth to thousands of youngsters at dozens of schools across the state. The cast of dynamic superhero characters made stops throughout the St. Louis area for performances at 25 elementary schools, teaching good dental health habits to 8,000 students in kindergarten through third grade.

The Land of Smiles® experience follows superhero Captain Super Grin® as he defeats his nemesis, Caz CavitySM, with help from his sidekicks Terri Tooth FairySM and ToothpickSM. Students learn the importance of brushing teeth twice a day, flossing, using mouthwash, eating healthy foods and visiting the dentist regularly. The program includes an oral health curriculum that adheres to National Health Education Standards, as well as standards for Missouri. It contains engaging, age-appropriate materials, available in English and Spanish, to make learning about dental health entertaining for kids. Delta Dental of Missouri also offers free “smile bags” to schools for participating students. Each bag includes a toothbrush, toothpaste and dental floss to help students practice the good oral health habits they learn. Short videos, which recap important oral health tips from the program, are now accessible for caregivers at <https://www.landofsmilesmo.org/parent-caregiver-information>.

“Our engaging Land of Smiles show is a favorite for kids, teachers and parents alike, as it encourages children to develop good dental habits at a young age that will help them have healthy, glowing smiles for life,” said Stacy Harris, supervisor of community outreach at Delta Dental of Missouri. “Pre- and post-show surveying demonstrates that, on average, students show a 34% increase in their good oral health behavior and knowledge after seeing a performance. That’s the positive outcome we all want.”

Local teachers, school nurses and principals are invited to email Schools@NationalTheatre.com to request an in-person, live show for this school year, or visit www.LandofSmilesMO.org to gain access to the virtual program on a date and time that works for their students.



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- Tuxedo Park Bed & Breakfast - 700 Tuxedo Blvd
- West Community Credit Union - 2345 S. Brentwood Blvd
- Gene Del Printing - 9019 Manchester Rd



Santa's on the Loose Diaper Drive Drop Off Locations

Benefiting St. Louis Crisis Nursery

Each year, Crisis Nursery blows through 250,000 diapers. This year, Santa's on the Loose is proud to announce they've added a diaper drive along with contributing 5K race/walk proceeds to benefit Crisis Nursery.

Please consider purchasing a pack of diapers, any size but larger sizes preferred, and dropping them off at one of these fine businesses. You might also consider coordinating an Amazon order delivery with them.

We will also accept open packages of CLEAN diapers! So if you have an open package that your child outgrew, we'll take them!

Sponsored by the Webster Groves, Shrewsbury, Rock Hill and Brentwood Chamber of Commerce.

Santa's on the Loose is a 5K run/walk, 1 Mile run/walk and Kids Dash held each second Saturday of December. Proceeds benefit Crisis Nursery. For more information including race and volunteering registrations and sponsorship opportunities go to:

<https://www.webstershrewsburychamber.com/santas-on-the-loose>

Gotta have ricotta!

From appetizers to desserts: Ricotta steals the spotlight in holiday recipes



As the holidays approach, home cooks often search for new time-saving dinner options for busy weeknights, or dishes and appetizers that will impress guests at holiday events. While dairy foods are often foundational ingredients in holiday and comfort food recipes, one dairy food — ricotta cheese — stands out this time of year due to its versatility, subtle flair and nutrition.

Traditionally, cheesemakers make this fresh cheese from whey, a milk protein. To make ricotta, cheesemakers combine liquid whey with milk and vinegar, and then heat the mixture until the whey coagulates and forms the soft cheese known as ricotta. While moisture-rich ricotta cheese is slightly firm, it is not a solid cheese. Ricotta also has a smoother texture than cottage cheese, another variety of fresh cheese.

Mild flavor, creamy texture adds dimension to recipes

Ricotta’s light, slightly sweet flavor lends itself to both sweet and savory dishes, making it the perfect addition to holiday recipes. For an easy appetizer, whip ricotta cheese in a food processor. The resulting creamy texture is an excellent foundation for spreadable dips. Select savory seasonings and a swirl of olive oil, or sweet flavoring, such as jam or honey, to finish off the presentation. Looking for a new holiday brunch recipe? Try lemon ricotta

pancakes. The addition of ricotta makes the pancakes light and fluffy, while the touch of lemon will brighten a wintry morning. For those in need of an easy weeknight dinner or a simple, yet crowd-pleasing, holiday dish, baked penne, featuring delicate pockets of ricotta and gooey mozzarella, is the perfect choice. Ricotta also works well in desserts. To create a lighter, airier cheesecake, use ricotta in place of cream cheese.

Ricotta boosts nutrition in holiday recipes

From a nutritional standpoint, ricotta delivers as well. Ricotta is an excellent source of calcium and vitamin B12, and a good source of quality protein. A ½ cup of ricotta delivers 10 grams of protein. “Ricotta cheese is a fantastic low-sodium dairy food to incorporate into dishes and baked goods to help boost the amount of protein per serving, which can make meals more satisfying and filling,” said Maggie Cimarolli, nutrition educator and registered dietitian with St. Louis District Dairy Council. “Using ricotta as a spread on toast or as a base for a fruit-topped breakfast bowl are two easy ways to add more calcium to meals. Most of us do not regularly consume enough bone-building calcium. Every addition of calcium-rich dairy to meals helps.”

Solve the mystery of what to serve for the holidays

Visit www.stldairycouncil.org to download three versatile holiday recipes featuring ricotta cheese, as well as more information on cooking with dairy. You may also contact Maggie Cimarolli at 314-835-9668 or mcimarolli@stldairycouncil.org. Follow St. Louis District Dairy Council on Facebook and Instagram at [STLDairyCouncil](https://www.facebook.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. The staff is comprised of professionals with experience in nutrition, food service management, education and communication, and we take pride in delivering engaging programs throughout the communities we serve.



No-boil Baked Penne Pasta

Busy weeknight during the holiday season? Need an easy savory, crowd-pleasing entree for a holiday get-together? No problem. This No-boil Baked Penne Pasta will come to your rescue. The penne pasta cooks while it bakes. As a result, this pasta dish assembles in minutes. Put it in the oven and take care of other tasks while it bakes. When you pull the dish from the oven, you’ll be greeted with a hearty aroma that will make you want to tuck into the gooey mozzarella cheese, tender pasta and delightful pockets of ricotta cheese immediately.

Yield: 8 servings
Prep Time: 1 hour, 15 minutes

Ingredients

- 4 ounces baby spinach, optional
- 14 ounces dried penne pasta
- 1 jar (32 ounces) of marinara sauce
- 4 ounces water
- 2 cups mozzarella cheese, shredded
- 1 cup Parmesan cheese, finely grated, divided
- 1 container (15 ounces) whole-milk ricotta cheese
- Fresh basil or parsley leaves, coarsely chopped, for garnish, optional

Directions

Preheat oven to 400°F. Coat a 9 x 13-inch baking dish with cooking spray.

In baking dish, add spinach (if using), penne pasta, marinara sauce and water to baking dish. Stir well to coat noodles with sauce and mix in spinach.

Sprinkle mozzarella cheese and ½ cup of Parmesan cheese over pasta. Dollop ricotta cheese evenly over mixture. Gently stir ricotta cheese into noodle mixture. Keep a few large pockets of ricotta throughout.

Spread the mixture into an even layer and sprinkle remaining ½ cup of Parmesan cheese on top. Cover dish tightly with aluminum foil.

Bake pasta for 40 minutes. Uncover and continue baking until pasta is tender, about 20 minutes more, until cheese is nicely browned in spots.

Remove baking dish from oven and let cool 5 to 10 minutes. Sprinkle basil or parsley on top, if desired, and serve.

Shrewsbury Holiday Bazaar

SATURDAY
DECEMBER 14TH
9AM-2PM

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Lemon Ricotta Pancakes



6 servings 30 minutes

INGREDIENTS

- 1 ½ cups all-purpose flour
- ¼ cup granulated sugar
- 1 Tbsp. baking powder
- ¼ tsp. baking soda
- ½ tsp. salt
- 1 cup milk
- ¾ cup ricotta cheese
- 3 large eggs
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 Tbsp. lemon zest
- ¼ cup fresh lemon juice
- 1 Tbsp. butter, melted

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat griddle or nonstick skillet over medium heat.
2. In a large mixing bowl, whisk together flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt.
3. In a separate large bowl, whisk together milk, ricotta cheese, eggs and vanilla until well blended.
4. Add butter, lemon zest and lemon juice to milk mixture. Blend until combined.
5. Pour milk mixture into flour mixture. Whisk until combined; batter will be slightly lumpy.
6. Butter griddle. Using 1/3 cup batter for each pancake, pour batter onto griddle. Cook pancakes until bubbles begin to form on the surface and bottom is golden brown. Flip pancakes and finish cooking until the second side is golden brown.
7. Serve warm with syrup and fresh blueberries.

Brentwood Board of Aldermen Minutes

Monday, November 18, 2024
PARTIAL BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Other staff members present at the meeting include:

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

MAYOR AND ALDERMEN REPORTS

A. Mayor David Dimmitt – Offered a recap of the November 5th, 2024, flood event, and was happy to report that the completed flood mitigation plan was successful in keeping Deer Creek in the area it was supposed to. It was designed to address a 100-yr rain event and has done that repeatedly. This was a 500 Yr. rain event and Deer Creek did not go over top of banks or over land to Manchester Rd. Manchester was closed in spots because of pooling of run-off on the road. A few points:

The flood plan was never designed to address repetitive flooding outside of the project area (West of Hanley and East of Dorothy on Manchester Rd.).

It was never designed to address repetitive flooding in the Brentwood sports complex.

It was never designed to address flooding in neighboring communities.

It worked exactly as designed and handled an even larger flooding than was designed.

Thanks to Parks and Public Works Departments for the clean-up of the flood waters.

Thanks to the Police and Fire Department for the long hours and response on the 4th and 5th.

Fire Department ran 20 calls for service starting at 1:27 am. There were no water rescues on Manchester Road in the project area, only in neighboring areas.

Clearly the flood mitigation design is successful in keeping Deer Creek from topping the banks and heading onto Manchester Road and allows us to serve and help with matters in neighboring communities.

The Mayor offered Congratulations to Eric Gruenenfelder who received an individual award from East West Gateway for Outstanding Local Government Achievement. His years of service to the city have been impressive and transformational. This is the 2nd year in a row a City of Brentwood employee has received an award, specifically the OLGA Award.

And he also offered congratulations to Michelle Boyer for her election to the Board of Directors for the Shrewsbury, Rock Hill, Webster Groves, Brentwood Chamber of Commerce.

Alderman Sharon Harter - Ward 4
Gave a shout out to the Police Department and Thanks from those in Brentwood Forest for the patrol

Standing Committees Reports

B. Warrant Lists - Operating Funds and Expenditures from the 2019 Series Certificates of Participation Proceeds (COP)

C. Approval of Meeting Minutes from October 7, 2024, Meeting

D. Approval of Meeting Minutes from October 21, 2024, Meeting



Mayor
David Dimmitt

Ward 1



Alderwoman
Nancy Parker Tice



Alderman
David Plufka

Ward 2



Alderwoman
Sunny Sims



Alderman
Brandon Wegge



Municipal Judge
Patrick Dignam

Ward 3



Alderman
Jeff Gould



Alderman
Steve Lochmoeller

Ward 4



Alderwoman
Sharon Harter



Alderman
Sullivan Erger

Motion was made by Alderman Plufka and seconded by Alderman Gould to approve the Consent Agenda. Roll Call:

Alderman Plufka – yes
Alderwoman Tice – yes
Alderman Wegge – yes
Alderwoman Sims – yes
Alderman Lochmoeller – yes
Alderman Gould - yes
Alderwoman Harter - yes
Alderman Erger – yes
Motion carried by a vote of 8 (yes) to 0 (no).

OLD BUSINESS

A. Bill No. 6533 - An Ordinance Amending the Regulations Regarding Sections 400.2400 And 400.2410 Of The Brentwood City Code Relating To Fences, Walls And Screening Devices. Second Reading

The City Attorney did the second reading of the Bill.

Motion was made by Alderman Wegge and seconded by Alderman Tice to Perfect Bill No. 6533 into Ordinance form. Roll call:

Alderman Plufka – yes
Alderwoman Tice – yes
Alderman Wegge – yes
Alderwoman Sims – yes
Alderman Lochmoeller – yes
Alderman Gould - yes
Alderwoman Harter - yes
Alderman Erger – yes
By a vote of 8 (yes) to 0 (no), Bill No. 6533 will become Ordinance No. 5161.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Bill No. 6534 An Ordinance Granting Site Development Plan Approval for Modification to the Exterior of the Building and Site at 350, 360 and 370 Hanley Industrial Court. First Reading

The City Attorney did the first reading of the Bill.

Director Kelly presented the information. A Second reading was requested by the petitioner.

Motion was made by Alderman Wegge and seconded by Alderman Plufka to do a second reading of the Bill No. 6534.

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

Motion was made by Alderman Wegge and seconded by Alderman Plufka to Perfect Bill No. 6534 into Ordinance form.

Roll Call:
Alderman Plufka – yes
Alderwoman Tice – yes
Alderman Wegge – yes
Alderwoman Sims – yes
Alderman Lochmoeller – yes
Alderman Gould - yes
Alderwoman Harter - yes
Alderman Erger – yes
By a vote of 8 (yes) to 0 (no), Bill No. 6534 will become Ordinance No. 5162.

10. CITIZEN COMMENTS
A. Citizen Comments – None



Brentwood Police Department

Calls for Service Report

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

11-25-24 - 12-1-24

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

CFS for Property Crime	
Arson/Bombing/Burning	0
Burglary - Residential	0
Burglary - Business	0
Destruction of Property	2
Frauds & ID Theft	5
Larceny - Shoplifting	16
Larceny - From Vehicle	0
Stolen Vehicles	0
Trespassing	3

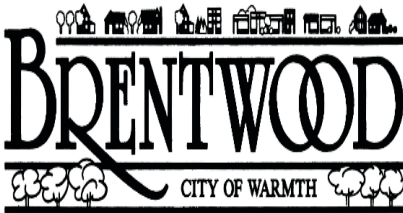
Weapons Related	
Utilized/Taken	2
Recovered	0

Auto Accidents	11
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Patrols	
Building & Business Check	40
Schools & Foot	16
Parks - Misc	11
Parking violation	0

Notable CFS	
Alarm Calls	18
Animal Related	1
Assist FD & etc ..	12
Check Welfare/Notification	6
Contact Another Agency	13
Motor Assist	4
Police Community Relations	0
FLOCK/LPR/RADAR-FTY	0
Solicitors	0
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	9
Traffic Control/Details	7
Traffic Stops	44
Vacation Checks/Close Watch	13
Fireworks	0
ARREST	
Prisoner Conveyance	1
Adults	4
Juvenile	1
ARREST TYPE	
FTA/Fugitive	3
Original Non-Traffic	4
Original Traffic	0

Miscellaneous CFS	23
Minus Arrest/Types/Weapons	-14
Total Calls For Service	262



2024 Holiday Trash Schedule

Holiday	Date	Change
Christmas Day 2024	Wednesday, December 25,	No trash service. Pickup resumes one day after regular schedule (Thurs-Sat)

Basic trash, recycling, and yard waste services are provided to Brentwood residents free of charge.

Large item pickup is available for an additional fee. Please see **Household Pickup Information** located in under Government > Departments > Public Works on www.brentwoodmo.org. To schedule a large item pickup and investigate fee schedule, call 314.962.4800.



WEIRDLY WONDERFUL HOLIDAYS AT CITY MUSEUM

Experience the magic of the holiday season at City Museum during Weirdly Wonderful Holidays. Guests will step into a winter wonderland of joy and delight as City Museum transforms into a festive paradise from Thanksgiving through the entire month of December. From twinkling lights that illuminate the night to heartwarming encounters with Santa and his merry helpers, Weirdly Wonderful Holidays is a whole month of winter holiday fun. With larger-than-life light displays, including outside on the MonstroCity playground and even on the Rooftop (weather permitting), City Museum will be sure to dazzle all holiday visitors. Weirdly Wonderful Holidays is included with a City Museum Member Pass or General Admission.

Santa’s Workshop - 4th Floor – Outside Art City

Come see Santa like you’ve never seen him before -- hard at work, getting ready for Christmas Eve. Bring your little ones to meet Santa to share their dreams and wishes. Santa’s jolly laughter and warm heart will make this a memory to cherish. Visitation times are from 11-3 pm, Fridays through Sundays from November 29 through December 15 and daily from December 18 - 24.

Storytime with Mrs. Claus - 4th Floor – Sullivan Gallery

Gather ’round as Mrs. Claus spins heartwarming tales of holiday cheer and tradition. Her soothing voice and captivating stories will transport you to a world of magic and imagination, leaving you filled with the warmth of the season.

Holiday Karaoke - 3rd Floor – Beatnik Bob’s

Sing your heart out in front of the giant underwear on the Beatnik’s stage. Sing solo or sing with your friends and family — all ages are welcome to join the chorus. Nov 29, 30 & Dec 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28 from 4-7pm and on New Year’s Eve from 4 to 8 p.m.

Special Eats & Drinks

Make holiday s’mores at the outdoor fire pits or warm up your winter with specialty cocktails at one of City Museum’s three holiday bars. Step into a realm of frosty delights and savor the taste of the season at the City Chalet bar (1st Floor), North Pole Bar (3rd Floor), or the Elf’d Up Café (4th Floor).



About City Museum

Explore the unexpected. City Museum is a hundred-year-old warehouse in downtown St. Louis in which artists have repurposed the pieces of old cities to build miles of tunnels, slides, climbers, bridges, and castles. There are secret passages and grand galleries. Playgrounds and ball pits. A circus and a train. A rooftop school bus and a Ferris wheel. City Museum is an ever-evolving, always-thrilling, artist-built playground.

When You Visit

City Museum is located at 750 N. 16th St., St. Louis, MO 63103. City Museum is open seven days a week, Mondays through Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m., and Sundays from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. www.citymuseum.org; 314-231-2489; @citymuseum

Down Syndrome Association Pop-Up Shops

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

The DSA is invited into organizations where we set up a pop up shop usually about 2-3 hrs. and sell coffee that has been bagged and labeled by Michael, Willie, along with more of our amazing friends with Down syndrome. Our mission is to serve, support , and celebrate individuals with Ds and their families, through every stage of life. In the picture, you will see the outstanding products created by our friends, like the painted cups & pocket hugs. We are so proud of this employment program. For more information, visit <https://dsagsl.org> or call 314-961-2504.



Garden Glow
Presented by Wells Fargo
Now–January 4
Closed December 24–25

Featuring more than two million dazzling lights, Garden Glow transforms the iconic setting of the Missouri Botanical Garden into an enchanted wonderland rich with mesmerizing displays and unforgettable moments. This year’s Glow is brighter than ever. Wander through the Grand Grove, watch fireflies dance in illuminated gardens, and enjoy festive treats and beverages with family and friends. It’s the most magical way to celebrate the season!



Holiday Flower and Train Show
November 16–January 1

The Garden’s beloved holiday tradition returns this year with an all-new display of miniature trains traveling through a festive miniature environment accented by vibrant poinsettias, verdant foliage, and other colorful plantings. This year’s Holiday Flower and Train Show explores the Victorian era through nature and architecture, highlighted by unique miniature versions of the Garden’s Victorian buildings and structures made of natural elements.

Included with daytime Garden admission and evening Garden Glow admission. The Garden is closed on December 25. Garden Glow is closed November 25 and 28 and December 24–25. Trains operate between 10 a.m.–2 p.m. daily and 5–9 p.m. during Garden Glow and may experience additional downtime required to repower engines.

Holiday Wreath Display and Auction
Now–January 4

View and bid on ten dazzling wreaths donated by the area’s finest florists and garden shops! Wreaths are available to take home through the silent auction, with bidding online all season long.



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Christmas Cookie Dip

This Christmas Cookie Dip is an easy holiday dessert recipe that your guests will love!

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup Greek vanilla yogurt
- 3 oz. cream cheese softened
- 3 tbsp. butter softened
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1/4-3/4 cup powdered sugar plus more to taste
- 2 tbsp. flour
- 1/3 cup red and green sprinkles
- gingerbread men cookies vanilla wafers, fruit, etc. for dipping

Instructions

In a medium bowl add the cream cheese, yogurt, and butter and then blend together with a hand mixer until light and fluffy. Add in 1/4 cup powdered sugar, flour, and vanilla. Blend again until well incorporated. Taste and add in more powdered sugar if you want a sweeter dip.

Fold in the sprinkles with a spatula. Stir very slowly and lightly so you don't melt the sprinkles. You may get streaks of color in your dip!

Cover and refrigerate for at least two hours before serving.

Recipe Notes

Note: This dip is on the tangier side due to the use of Greek yogurt. Add more sugar until it tastes as sweet as you prefer.

I have decreased the amount of flour used in this recipe by half. I use 1/4 cup in my original recipe, but after a few comments, I decreased it to 2 tbsp. If you want more of a cookie dough texture use the original amount of 1/4 cup.



Chocolate Chip Cheese Ball

- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter, softened
- 3/4 cup confectioners' sugar
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3/4 cup miniature semisweet chocolate chips
- 3/4 cup finely chopped pecans

Directions

Beat cream cheese and butter in a medium bowl with an electric mixer until smooth. Mix in confectioners' sugar, brown sugar, and vanilla. Stir in chocolate chips. Cover and chill in the refrigerator for 2 hours.

Shape chilled cream cheese mixture into a ball. Wrap with plastic wrap and return to the refrigerator for 1 hour.

When ready to serve, remove and discard the plastic wrap. Roll cheese ball in pecans and place onto a serving platter.



RESTAURANT REVIEWS

Unique Southern Hospitality

We were recently in Texas for a family event celebrating a 100th birthday. At the suggestion of our niece, we all had breakfast at the Toasted Yolk Cafe. The Toasted Yolk Cafe wants to change the way you think about breakfast and lunch. Everything on the menu is made from scratch.

The toasted Yolk is a bright, colorful restaurant with booths, tables and seating at the bar. It took them a few minutes to seat twelve of us, but I think that was to be expected.

Our server was exceptional. She gladly explained many of the menu items, took our orders, and kept the coffee cups filled as our meals were being prepared. The only thing I took exception to was the noise level of the restaurant. It was sometimes difficult to carry on a conversation. Strategically placed acoustic material would be a welcome addition.



They have a breakfast menu and a lunch menu, and they both feature many unique items. Some of the items that came to our table included, shrimp and grits, avocado toast with poached eggs, country fried chicken Benedict topped with sausage gravy, omelets, and their signature dish, a toasted yolk, which is what I would call a "toad-in-a-hole",

I couldn't pass up their biscuits and gravy. It was delicious, especially topped with their Garlicky Greengo jalapeno and garlic hot sauce!

Besides the delicious food items, Toasted Yolk also has full bar service with many signature cocktails as well as various wines, beers, and spirits.



Toasted Yolk has restaurants in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, and Ohio. I sincerely hope they come to Missouri as soon as possible.

Toasted Yolk is open from 7am to 3pm for breakfast and lunch, but "Toasted After Dark" allows you to plan your events after they close at 3pm every day. All locations have a vast dining area with a full bar to accommodate small and large parties. They have specific food and beverage options with flexible options based on each location. They have the right option for all of your corporate events, or private get-together for any size occasion.

Toasted Yolk also offers catering services.

I highly recommend a visit to The toasted Yolk when you have the opportunity. They have something for everyone!



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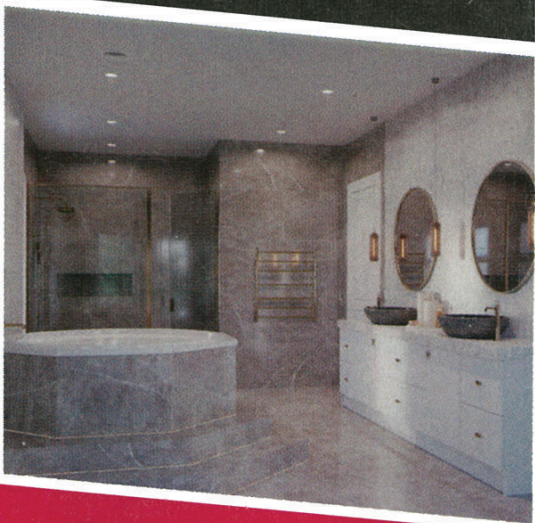
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Neighborhood Eyes

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



Home Sweet Home New Project

Home Sweet Home is proud to share a new project we are a part of that continues our efforts to combat homelessness and furniture poverty—and it's all possible because of supporters like you.

Peter & Paul Community Services (PPCS), one of Home Sweet Home's 50 partner agencies, is dedicated to helping unhoused individuals find stability through accessible, safe housing and essential support. PPCS recently acquired the former Little Sisters of the Poor complex, a 4.5-acre campus that will become the region's largest homeless services site. This campus expansion directly addresses the need for low-barrier shelter, safe housing, and wraparound services for people experiencing homelessness.

As part of this expansion, PPCS is opening 15 new one-bedroom and studio apartments specifically for individuals who have faced both homelessness and behavioral health challenges. These permanent supportive housing units will give residents a secure and independent place to call home, along with supportive services to help them thrive.

Here's where Home Sweet Home comes in: Our team is providing each of these units with the furniture and household essentials they need—from beds and living room furniture to kitchen supplies and bathroom essentials. Many residents are moving in with only a few personal items, so having a fully furnished home waiting for them provides not only comfort but also the stability and dignity they deserve.

This project is a bit different from our usual services, as it allows us to make an impact directly at a community partner's location. By preparing these homes, we're able to offer an immediate sense of belonging for each resident—something they might not otherwise experience. Because of you, each of the 15 individuals moving into these housing units will find not just a roof over their heads but a true home waiting for them.

Photos from when our movers were furnishing some of the housing units:



When you're through with this newspaper, please put it in its place.

Recycle it or donate it to your local animal shelter.

Diaper Drive



Diaper Drive

Santa's Needs Your Help!

Benefiting St. Louis Crisis Nursery

CRISIS NURSERY NEEDS DIAPERS

Each Year Crisis Nursery Goes Through 250,000 Diapers

Open Packages Accepted. Larger Sizes Preferred



We Are Proud To Announce We Are An Official Diaper Drop Off Location

- Cadence Bank - 9994 Manchester Rd
- Descendant Boutique - 8715 Big Bend Blvd
- Regions Bank - 29 W Lockwood
- Summit Jewelers - 7821 Big Bend Blvd
- Tuxedo Park Bed & Breakfast - 700 Tuxedo Blvd
- West Community Credit Union - 2345 S. Brentwood Blvd
- Gene Del Printing - 9019 Manchester Rd



Santa's on the Loose Diaper Drive Drop Off Locations Benefiting St. Louis Crisis Nursery

Each year, Crisis Nursery blows through 250,000 diapers. This year, Santa's on the Loose is proud to announce they've added a diaper drive along with contributing 5K race/walk proceeds to benefit Crisis Nursery. Please consider purchasing a pack of diapers, any size but larger sizes preferred, and dropping them off at one of these fine businesses. You might also consider coordinating an Amazon order delivery with them. We will also accept open packages of CLEAN diapers! So if you have an open package that your child outgrew, we'll take them! Sponsored by the Webster Groves, Shrewsbury, Rock Hill and Brentwood Chamber of Commerce. Santa's on the Loose is a 5K run/walk, 1 Mile run/walk and Kids Dash held each second Saturday of December. Proceeds benefit Crisis Nursery. For more information including race and volunteering registrations and sponsorship opportunities go to: <https://www.webstergroveschamber.com/santas-on-the-loose>

MISSION STATEMENT

The Missouri Senior Cameo Club is a non profit organization sponsoring an annual pageant for senior women which fosters their talent development, charitable giving, community service, and personal growth.



Missouri Senior Cameo Club

December 2024

Outreach - Making a Difference in Our Community



Whole Kids Outreach is a nonprofit organization for those young families or pregnant young women in Southeast Missouri. The families WKO serves are extremely poor, homeless and destitute. This worthy charity provides caregivers and nurses for the infants, toddlers and mothers who need help. They are given instruction on how to be a good mother as well as coping and parenting skills. Members of the Missouri Senior Cameo Club bring diapers, infant clothes, educational toys and gift cards to the September meeting.



Presbyterian Children's Home and Services

Many parents who, through abandonment, incarceration or just an unwillingness to take parental responsibility, leave their children alone, vulnerable to abuse and unprepared for self-sufficiency. The Missouri Senior Cameo Club has been supporting the Presbyterian Children's Home and Services since 2016. The organization helps children and families heal from trauma and the effects of serious family issues and a child's lack of trust. PCHAS serves 4,500 children and families through long-term residential care and transitioning children and young adults from foster care to a permanent family or independence.

Each year at the annual holiday luncheon, members bring unwrapped toys, clothes and gifts for the children and adolescents. Chair Diana Sikora says, "Children either have parents or sponsors who go through the gifts and pick out what they think their child will love." She adds, "It can be anything from drawing supplies, to hats & gloves, games, books, anything a child might like, including toiletries, dolls, stuffed animals and clothing." A team from Presbyterian Children's Home and Services will come to our holiday party and pick up the generous donations.



Florissant TEAM Food Pantry

The collection of food for needy families started in 2012. Originally chaired by Carole Pashea, members of the Missouri Senior Cameo Club brought canned goods and non-perishable food items like pasta or dried beans to the November meeting just before Thanksgiving. When Diana Sikora became the outreach chair three years ago, she contacted the TEAM Food Outreach in Florissant because there are so many needy families in the Hazelwood and Florissant area. The TEAM Food Pantry provides supplemental food and basic household items to needy and hungry families on a once-a-month basis. Clients are provided with basic items such as meat, canned vegetables and fruits, pasta, bakery, produce and other staples. Household supplies, personal care items and some basic infant supplies are distributed when available. With the addition of turkey give-aways, cash and gift cards are encouraged as a healthy choice for families in the Florissant area.



Please participate in our BRENTWOOD Community Blood Drive on

Friday January 31, 2024, from 2 pm to 7 pm

at the Brentwood Rec Center.

This drive is made possible with the cooperation of:

American Red Cross
The City of Brentwood & the Brentwood Parks & Recreation Department
And all the donors

This year we have reserved all three rooms in the Rec Center for donation collection to hopefully reduce wait times and to increase the donations count.

WHY a BLOOD DRIVE?

- Approximately 36,000 units of **red blood cells** are needed every day in the U.S.
- Nearly 7,000 units of **platelets** and 10,000 units of **plasma** are needed daily in the U.S.

How would you like to be the person responsible to collect all of that each day?

Eight years ago, our son Christopher fought MML (Multiple Melanoma Leukemia) and during his 22 months of battling he needed transfusions to help him fight off infections. **Because others donated blood and platelets**, we had **EXTRA TIME** with our son. This drive honors him and helps to make blood supplies available for others in need. YOUR donation will make you feel good about yourself, and it will mean the world to that person in need and their family.

We are asking for donors to sign up online at redcrossblood.org sponsor code: **BWParksRec**

The average adult has eight to 12 pints of blood in their body. Making a **blood** donation uses about 1 **pint**, after which your **body** has an amazing capacity to replace all the cells and fluids that have been lost. Your body will replace the blood volume (plasma) within **48 hours**. It will take **four to eight weeks** for your body to completely replace the red blood cells you donated.

Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. It is essential for surgeries, cancer treatment, chronic illnesses, and traumatic injuries. Whether a patient receives whole blood, red cells, platelets or plasma, this lifesaving care starts with one person making a generous donation. 1 donation can potentially **save up to 3 lives**. Blood and platelets **cannot** be manufactured; they can only come from volunteer donors. Nearly **21 million** blood products are transfused each year. Platelets, critical for cancer patients, must be transfused within **5 days** of donation. The Red Cross holds about **500 blood drives** every day. January 26 is our day to help their effort.

Facts About Blood Needs

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- Nearly 7,000 units of **platelets** and 10,000 units of **plasma** are needed daily in the U.S.
- Nearly 21 million **blood components** are transfused each year in the U.S.
- The average red blood cell transfusion is approximately 3 units.
- The **blood type** most often requested by hospitals is type O.
- Sickle cell disease affects 90,000 to 100,000 people in the U.S. About 1,000 babies are born with the disease each year. **Sickle cell patients** can require **blood transfusions** throughout their lives.
- According to the American Cancer Society, more than 1.8 million people are expected to be diagnosed with cancer in 2020. Many of them will need blood, sometimes daily, during their **chemotherapy treatment**.

A single car accident victim can require as many as 100 units of blood.

Blood Supply Statistics

The Red Cross provides about 40% of our nation's blood and blood components, **all from generous volunteer donors**. But supply can't always meet demand because only about 3% of age-eligible people donate blood yearly. Each new donor helps us meet patient needs.

- Each year, an estimated 6.8 million people in the U.S. donate blood.
- 13.6 million units of whole blood and red blood cells are collected in the U.S. in a year.
- About 45% of people in the U.S. have Group O (positive or negative) blood; the proportion is higher among Hispanics (57%) and African Americans (51%).
- Type O negative red cells can be given to patients of all blood types. Because only 7% of people in the U.S. are type O negative, it's always in great demand and often in short supply.
- Type AB positive plasma can be transfused to patients of all blood types. Since only 3% of people in the U.S. have AB positive blood, this plasma is usually in short supply.
- Red blood cells must be used within 42 days (or less).
- Platelets must be used within just 5 days.

Please check your social schedule and seriously consider joining our efforts to help others. Feel free to invite a friend to join you and donate together.

THANK YOU for considering our request.

Living Your Best Life Means Sharing Joy

If you think being over 60 means retiring to Florida or watching life go by from your rusty porch swing, think again. The members of the Missouri Senior Cameo Club are out there - performing and entertaining at senior centers and retirement homes. "It's one of the most rewarding things I've ever done," said Darla Behlmann, Ms. Missouri Senior 2024. "You want to make the world a better place? Try singing a familiar song to a resident of a memory care unit when they begin to sing all the notes and words with you!"



Regular Showcase dancers Marcene Tockman and Jan Barrett are introduced by emcee Sharon Houston.

In 2024, the singers, dancers, pianists and variety performers changed the lives of other seniors by coming to their residential communities and care centers to provide a high-stepping hour of familiar songs and creative moments of joy.

"We are seniors performing for seniors," said Michelle Beczkala, showcase chair (and the one to call if someone wants to book a showcase). "We only have a few dates open for 2025...and 2024 is completely filled." If your facility would like information about making a difference in the lives of seniors, contact Ms. Beczkala at mbeczkala@yahoo.com or call 314-619-8147.

Remaining Showcases in 2024

Friday - 12/13/24 - Creve Coeur Assisted Living
Monday - 12/16/24 - Mari de Villa, Town & Country, MO - 2 SHOWS
Friday - 12/20/24 - Our Lady of Life - Shrewsbury, MO
Monday, 12/23/24 - NHC, Maryland Heights, MO
Sunday, 12/29/24 - Delmar Gardens, O'Fallon, MO

2025 Showcases Already Booked

Monday - 1/13/25 - JCC Adult Day Care, St. Louis, MO
Thursday - 1/16/2025 - Friendship Village Independent Living - Sunset Hills, MO
Friday - 1/31/25 - Brookings Park, Chesterfield, MO
Friday - 2/14/25 - NHC, Maryland Heights, MO
Wednesday - 2/26/25 - Laclede Groves
Friday, 2/28/25 - Our Lady of Life, Shrewsbury, MO
Friday 3/7/25 - Delmar Gardens, St. Louis, MO
Monday, 3/10/25 - Mari de Villa, Town & Country, MO - 2 SHOWS
Friday, 3/14/25 - Autumn View, Ellisville, MO.
Friday, 3/21/25 - Creve Coeur Assisted Living
Sunday, 4/6/25 - Delmar Gardens, Fenton, MO
Friday, 5/9/25 - Brookings Park, Chesterfield, MO
Wednesday, 5/14/25 - NHC, Maryland Heights, MO
Friday, 5/30/25 - Delmar Gardens, St. Louis, MO
Thursday - 6/19/2025 - Autumn View - Creve Coeur, MO
Monday, 6/30/25 - Mari de Villa, Town & Country, MO - 2 SHOWS
Monday, 7/7/25 - Barathaven, Dardeen Prairie, MO.
Sunday, 7/20/25 - Delmar Gardens, Florissant, MO
Friday, 7/25/25 - Our Lady of Life, Shrewsbury, MO
Sunday 8/3/25 - Delmar Gardens, Fenton, MO
Friday, 8/15/25 - Brookings Park, Chesterfield MO
Thursday, 8/28/25 - Meramec Bluffs, Ballwin, MO
Friday, 9/12/25 - Delmar Gardens, St. Louis, MO
Friday, 10/17/25 - NHC, Maryland Heights, MO
Friday, 11/21/25 - Brookings Park, Chesterfield, MO
Monday, 12/1/25 - Autumn View, Ellisville, MO
Friday, 12/12/25 - Our Lady of Life, Shrewsbury, MO

Directions to sign up for a Showcase:

- Go to <https://signup.com>
- Sign up or log in then press "continue"
- Look for "My Spots" which are the Showcases you've signed up for.
- "My Invitations" are the available Showcases which you can sign up for.
- Select a date and look at the information.
- There is a green "Sign Up" button if you can volunteer to perform.
- Your information will be put into the list when you push "Save and Done."
- That's all there is to it!

Former Queens Support Welcome Neighbor STL



Back l-r: Sonja Stough (2013), Judy Davis (2017), event organizer Nancy Wilkinson (2019-2020), Deb Gross (2014), Joyce Graham (2022), Pat Bruder (1995), Marlene Grant (1996) and Christine DeHart (2008). Front l-r: Carolyn Schlueter (2021), Jan Barrett (2005), Chef Mawda, host Christy Wilson-Smith (2023), Sandra Kirchoff (2009), Marcene Tockman (1999), and Janet Calder (2006).

The Former Missouri Senior Queens Association donated to nonprofit organization Welcome Neighbor STL, and the attendees were treated to lunch by Mawda, a chef and newly immigrated refugee from war-torn Syria, who cooked a traditional Syrian lunch consisting of hummus, yalanji, tabouleh, chicken shawarma sandwich, and baklava. Mawda, her husband and children came to St. Louis directly after fleeing Syria and going through Egypt. The fundraiser for the organization was hosted at the home of Charlie and Christy Wilson-Smith. The organization has assisted more than 600 refugees from 11 countries. Volunteers help newly-arrived families learn English, find employment, get medical care, and establish roots in St. Louis.

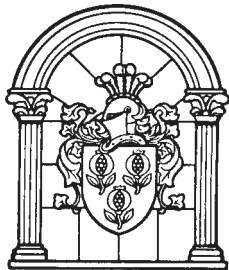
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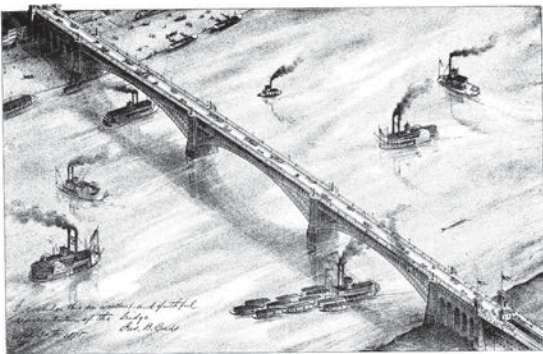
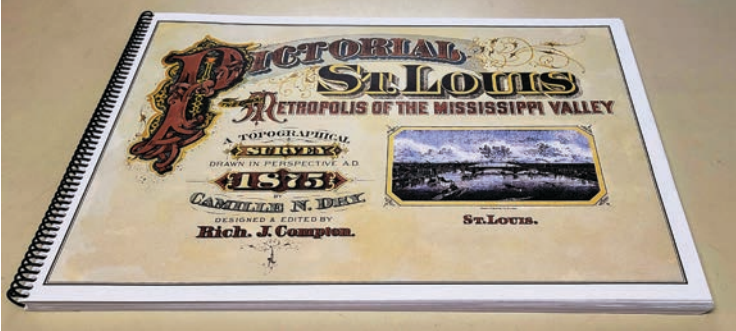
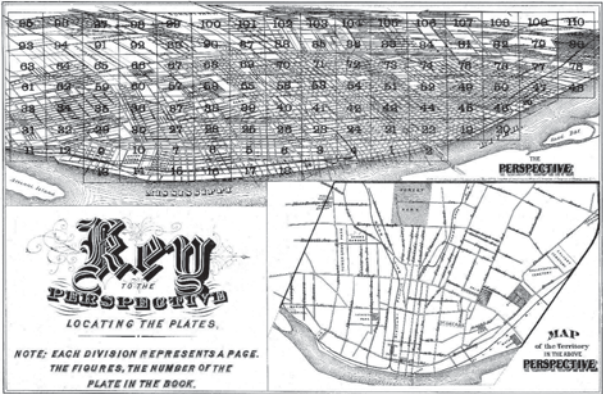
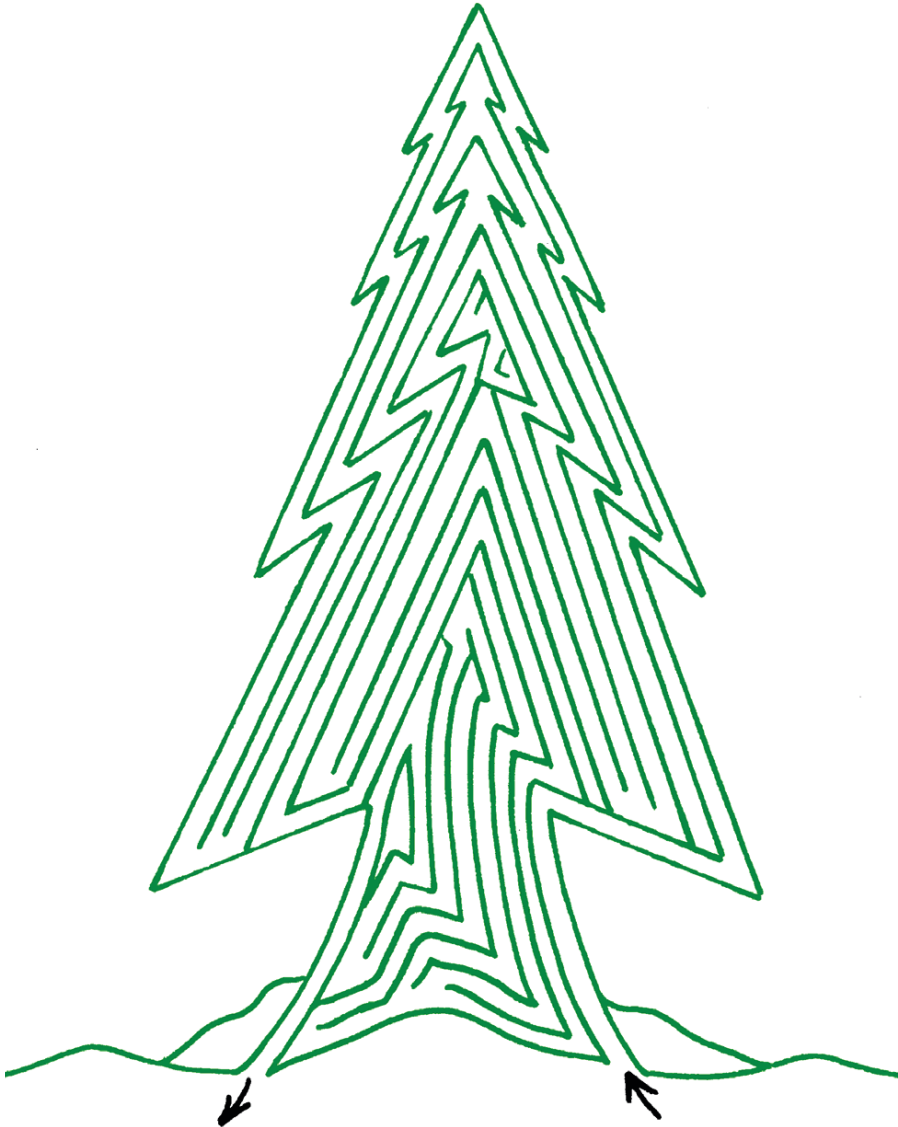
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Christmas Tree at Kiener Plaza



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

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

PICTORIAL ST. LOUIS: The Great Metropolis of the Mississippi Valley A Topographical Survey, Drawn From Perspective 1875.
Illustrations by Camille N. Dry and designed & edited by Rich. J. Compton.

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

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

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

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

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

Child Care Aware of Missouri Hosts Live2Lead Event

Nonprofit presents the fifth annual leadership development simulcast through February.

Child Care Aware of Missouri (CCAMO) recently announced its fifth annual Live2Lead event, an online simulcast developed by John Maxwell Enterprises that features renowned industry experts sharing personal development and leadership growth principles.

The Live2Lead rebroadcast brings together leadership expert John C. Maxwell, life coach and motivational speaker Valorie Burton, comedic thought leader and actor Michael Jr., founding partner of the Maxwell Leadership Certified Team Chris Robinson, and 17-time bestselling author and keynote speaker Jon Gordon.

The Live2Lead series, which will be accessible both virtually and in-person through February, caters to businesses of all types and sizes looking to enhance their leadership skills. Participants at the face-to-face event watch the online simulcast and engage in group discussions and team-building activities that foster an environment of inspiration and motivation.

“This annual event creates leadership opportunities and improved communication by empowering employees who are seeking growth and change,” said CCAMO CEO Robin Phillips. “Live2Lead adds value to individuals interested in embracing strategic triumphs by becoming more resilient leaders.” Phillips added that “each member of CCAMO’s leadership team is a Certified John Maxwell Leader, having completed a program that teaches skills in leadership development, coaching, speaking, and training.”



Pictured is a roundtable discussion led by CCAMO’s Director of Scholarships Amanda Schwartz. The recent in-person Live2Lead event was held for the St. Louis nonprofit Youth in Need and its nearly 150 staff.

Founded in 1999, Child Care Aware of Missouri is a statewide nonprofit that focuses on a comprehensive early childhood education experience through impactful programs and partnerships. The organization’s services include workforce development, child care business supports, advocacy and policy work, and its new Child Care Keeps Missouri Working, a regional campaign offering concierge solutions to businesses undergoing employee recruitment and retention challenges due to the overwhelming shortage of quality child care options. For more information about holding a Live2Lead event, call (314) 535-1458 or visit www.mochildcareaware.org.

BRENTWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY

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DECEMBER

EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY



WINTER READING CLUB Kick-Off Party

Nov 23, 2024 9:30 a.m. – Noon

Free drinks 9:30-12
Balloon twisting 10-12
Craft 9:30 - 12

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SPACE STORY TIME

Monday, December 2 at 6:00 p.m.

3, 2, 1- BLAST OFF!
Your mission: travel to outer space through stories!

Children will complete astronaut training games, make a fun craft, and listen to stories.

For children and families.
Free.
No registration required.

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Brentwood BOOK CLUB



End of Year Party

Tuesday, December 3 at 6:30 pm

December's book club meet up is our end-of-year party and big reveal for the reads of 2025!

Join us for pizza and festivities.
Newcomers are always welcome and no registration is required.

Held at A'mis Pizza in Rock Hill.
(9824 Manchester Rd.)

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Read to Lexi

Wednesday, December 4 at 3:30 p.m.

Lexi is a C.H.A.M.P. therapy dog who loves to hear kids practice their reading skills.

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Toddler Story Time

Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.

30-minutes of songs, stories, and bubbles. Ideal for children 0 to 6 years.

Free. No registration required.

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LET IT SNOW STORY TIME



MONDAY, DECEMBER 16 AT 6:00 P.M.

Let's celebrate winter!

Kids will play parachute games, listen to stories about snow, and create a cute wintery craft.

For children and families.
No registration required.
Free.

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ONE WARM COAT

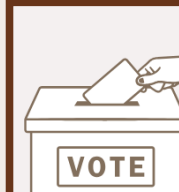
Coat Drive

Please join the ROCK HILL POLICE DEPARTMENT in sharing warmth with One Warm Coat! Coats will be accepted from November 1 to December 12, 2024. All new and gently worn coats should be clean and wearable.

Coats can be dropped off in the Rock Hill Police Department lobby: 827 N. Rock Hill Rd. (Lobby open 24 hours a day.)

If you have any questions, please contact: sduffield@rockhillmo.net or leave a voicemail at 314-561-4309.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT.



LEGAL NOTICE

The City of Rock Hill, Missouri, will hold an election on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, for the offices of Alderman for Ward 1, Ward 2 and Ward 3 (two-year term). Candidates wishing to file for election must file a declaration of candidacy at 827 N. Rock Hill Rd., Rock Hill, Missouri 63119. Filing will open at 8:00 am on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, and close at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, December 31, 2024. The fee for filing for municipal office is \$5.00. Interested individuals may contact Amy Perrin at 314-561- 4303 or aperrin@rockhillmo.net for more information.

To update your voter information, register to vote, find your polling place, etc. CLICK HERE.

Choose how to connect with the City of Brentwood.

Hello, Brentwood Community Member!

The City of Brentwood provides information and connects with the community through a variety of communication channels. Choose the tools you prefer to use to find City of Brentwood updates, news, events and more. Choose how you wish to stay connected and informed.

Connect with City of Brentwood’s communication Channels here





The library will be **CLOSED**
December 24 & December 25
for Christmas Eve & Christmas Day.

We will reopen Thursday,
December 26, 2024 at 10 AM.

Happy Holidays!

The library will be **CLOSED**
Tuesday, December 31st & Wednesday, January 1
for New Year's.

We will reopen Thursday,
January 2, 2025 at 10 AM

Happy New Year! 2025

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HOLIDAY FILM SERIES 2024

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What Happens Later
12.17.2024
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Season's Greetings: Movies for the Holiday Season

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Holiday Film Series

Love movies?! Let's get together to celebrate the festive season with a holiday flick. Join us every second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 1-3 PM for our themed film series events at Rock Hill Public Library (9811 Manchester Rd)! Popcorn and refreshments included.

This month's Season's Greetings: Movies for the Holiday Season include:
The Family Stone (December 10) (PG-13). An uptight, businesswoman (Sarah Jessica Parker) accompanies her boyfriend to his eccentric and outgoing family's annual Christmas celebration and finds that she's a fish out of water in their free-spirited way of life. It stars an ensemble cast, including Diane Keaton, Craig T. Nelson, Dermot Mulroney, Sarah Jessica Parker, Luke Wilson, Claire Danes, Rachel McAdams, and Tyrone Giordano.
What Happens Later (December 17) (R). A 2023 American romantic comedy film directed by Meg Ryan, written by Ryan, Steven Dietz and Kirk Lynn, and starring Ryan and David Duchovny. Willa (Meg Ryan) and Bill (David Duchovny) are ex-lovers that will see each other for the first time in years when they both find themselves snowed in, in-transit, at an airport overnight.

Toys for Tots

Season's Greetings! It's that time again! Toys for Tots! We are currently accepting toy donations here at Rock Hill Public Library (9811 Manchester Road). We were fortunate to have a great turnout last year, so we decided to do it again. Thanks to everyone who gave last year. You are amazing. And if you wish to give this year, we look forward to seeing you soon. You can also use QR code on the flyer to make a monetary contribution or to volunteer. Donations will be picked up Dec 7-9, 2024.

Cake Pan Creations

Have you borrowed a cake pan from Rock Hill Public Library yet? What are you waiting for? What better way to celebrate a birthday or the holiday season! You can also check out a book or two for tasty ideas!!!
Even better!!! Send us a photo of your delicious masterpiece to patron@rhplmo.org (however it turned out). We will post it on our Facebook page and RHPL Newsletter.



**CITY OF ROCK HILL
SATURDAY WITH
SANTA
AT THE FIRE HOUSE**

*** DEC 7 *** **10:00 AM ***

\$3 PER CHILD; \$6 PER ADULT

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR ALL IN ATTENDANCE:
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PHOTOS WITH SANTA**

PARK IN THE CITY HALL PARKING LOT AND ENTER THE BACKDOOR OF THE FIREHOUSE

QUESTIONS: 314-561-4304, KNIEMAN@ROCKHILLMO.NET

To register: Click Here

Rock Hill House Decorating Contest

Rock Hill Residents are invited to enter the annual Holiday House Decorating Contest! You may enter your own house or a neighbor's. Submit a photo with your name, address, and phone number by Dec. 18 to: knieman@rockhillmo.net. The winning house will be invited to a Board of Alderman meeting and win a local business gift card!

SCOUTING FOR FOOD 2024



Cub Scout Pack 656 of Mark Twain and McGrath Schools, Cub Scout Pack 361 of St. Mary Magdalen, and Boy Scout Troop 361 of St. Mary Magdalen thank everyone who helped and contributed..
Scouts delivered 3160 bags to households in Brentwood and Rock Hill
Collected approximately 7620 items which were shipped off to the St. Louis Area Food Bank



Brentwood Parks and Recreation now has their Winter-Spring 2025 programs online with registration open to the public. Here’s a few upcoming featured programs.

Forest Park Owls: Hiding in Plain Sight

Mark H.X. Glenshaw is an award-winning naturalist who has closely observed and documented the lives of the Great Horned Owl in Forest Park since December 2005. Mark’s talk will cover how he found these owls, basic facts about the species, and uses many photos and videos to illustrate the amazing behaviors of these beautiful birds.

Date: Thursday, Jan. 23
Time: 6-7:30PM
Location: Brentwood Community Center
Ages: 18+
Price: R \$20/NR \$30



Frosty’s Frozen Fest

Get ready for a magical day of winter fun! Join us for a special event where you can:

Get creative and build a snowman. Brentwood Parks and Recreation will supply the items to build the snowman, families will need to provide the items to decorate each family’s snowman.

Take pictures with everyone’s favorite snowman – Olaf

Trunk-or-Treat for Hot Chocolate: Visit various trunks to collect goodies and make your own delicious hot chocolate at home! Children will love going from trunk to trunk to gather all the ingredients for their hot chocolate creation.

Participate in other winter games and crafts.

An email will be sent out one week before the event with details on the number of families and cars participating. Fee is per family and only one person per family should register.

Date: Sunday, January, 26
Time: 11:30AM – 1PM
Location: Brentwood Community Center Parking Lot
Ages: ALL
Fee: R \$20/NR \$25 per car



Jumpstart in January

Need a fresh start in 2025? Join us for an evening of healthy habits tips that will help you reach your health and wellness goals. Enjoy sampling delicious snacks that are tasty to eat and beneficial for your health. Prioritize your health this year!

Date: Wednesday, Jan. 8
Time: 6-7:30PM
Location: Brentwood Community Center
Ages: 21+
Price: R \$25/NR \$30



Murder Mystery Night

There’s been a murder at Brentwood Park! Calling all armchair detectives to help us solve the mystery. Come join us for a night engaging in a “who done it” murder mystery set in the 70s! Arrive at Brentwood Park Event Pavilion and enjoy light refreshments while waiting for your host of the evening to arrive. Dress in your 70s best and prepare to follow the clues to uncover the truth!

Date: Friday, Feb. 21
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Location: Brentwood Community Center
Ages: 21+
Price: R \$25/NR \$30



Memorial Bench & Tree Program

Memorialize and honor your loved ones, an organization or a specific event. The City of Brentwood offers a Memorial Bench & Tree program that provides both a lasting tribute as well as a benefit to the Brentwood community.

Tree

Your \$500 tree donation price includes the tree of your choice from any of our approved trees, a personalized plaque and continued maintenance of the tree. After the tree is planted, the honoree will receive a tree dedication certificate and a map of the tree location. The personalized plaque measures 3” x 5” and is anchored into the ground in front of the tree.

Bench

Your \$3,000 bench donation price includes a mission-style, arch back cedar-colored bench with black trim and a personalized plaque. After the bench is installed, the honoree will receive a bench dedication certificate and a map of the bench location. The personalized plaque measures 4” x 6” and is mounted to the backrest of the bench. Benches can be installed at any of the park locations listed above.

Payment

Payment for your bench or tree donation must be paid in full when the order is placed. Payment can be made by cash, check or credit card (Visa, Mastercard or Discover).

The City of Brentwood will make every effort to install your tree or bench in a timely manner. Please allow 9-10 months for staff to complete your order. This ensures trees can be planted during the season in which they will be most likely to flourish.

A Raggedy Ann History

By Ann Brubaker Greenleaf Wirtz

In the fall of the year 1959, our sixth grade Girl Scout troop, under the excellent and inspirational leadership of Audree McConnell (1923-2019), participated in a county-wide Christmas project to provide gifts for underprivileged children. All troops in the St. Louis area were asked to sew Raggedy Ann dolls.

This beloved doll has a fascinating history, with its origin a combination of legend and fact. Individuals are unchanged, but the discovery varies. One version states the daughter, Marcella Delight (1902-1915), finds a faceless cloth doll in her grandmother’s attic and brings it to her father, Johnny Gruelle (1880-1938), who creates the iconic face and appearance.

In the second version, according to Raggedy Ann historian Patricia Hall (raggedy-ann.com/patty), his wife Myrtle Swann Gruelle (1884-1968) tells the story differently. She recalls her husband finding the doll in his mother’s attic several years before their daughter is born. Later, he observes Marcella playing happily with her dolls, bringing the rag doll to mind. Gruelle, a political cartoonist, author, and illustrator begins writing stories based on the imaginative play he observes, using the cloth doll with the unique features he creates as the main character.

The inspiration for the doll’s name comes from two poems written by Gruelle’s at one time suburban Indianapolis, Indiana, neighbor, well-known Hoosier, James Whitcomb Riley (1849-1916), who received the title “the poet of the common people” for his homespun poetry (britannica.com). Riley’s famous poems, “The Raggedy Man” and “Little Orphant Annie,” combined to make the perfect name for Gruelle’s iconic doll: Raggedy Ann.

Tragically, Marcella dies at age 13 and her death is attributed to a contaminated needle used to administer a second smallpox vaccination, given without her parents’ permission. Marcella’s death in November 1915 occurred six months after her father applied for a U.S. patent on his Raggedy Ann doll in May, with the patent for her name filed in June. In 1920 Gruelle patented his design for the doll’s brother and fellow adventurer Raggedy Andy. The popularity of Raggedy Ann makes it a very special gift to receive, and the Girl Scouts were ready to make that Christmas wish come true.

Our meetings were held once a week at our leader’s warm and inviting home, conveniently located just down the block from Avery School. Her daughter and good friend, Tina, was in my class, and those golden elementary years were enhanced by the fun we all had together as members of our wonderful troop.

We received the pattern for our Raggedy Ann doll, and the creativity began. I had earned my Sewing badge, and it was attached to my Girl Scout sash, but my skills were still very rudimentary. It was obvious to my mother, Charlotte Brubaker (1910-2002), and to myself that sewing a satisfactory doll was rather questionable. My strength was found in making straight, not intricate, seams and designs. Plus, I was busy at school and involved in other activities, so there was not a lot of free time for sewing.

My mother was a fine seamstress and had made many delightful outfits for me. She also made clothes for the dolls I always requested at Christmas time, so, she made the Raggedy Ann doll with some basic though limited help from me. The finished doll was so adorable it was hard to part with her! But on a Saturday in early December, our troop congregated with hundreds of others at Kiel Auditorium to present our Raggedy Ann dolls for distribution.

This grand Municipal Auditorium was dedicated in 1934 and renamed Kiel Auditorium in 1943 to honor Henry Kiel, the St. Louis Mayor and visionary behind its construction. The auditorium was smartly conceived to offer two simultaneous events. The front was the Kiel Opera House, and as a fifth and sixth grade student I went on multiple educational field trips there to learn about the various instruments and to hear an inspiring concert.

A large venue was located behind the Opera House, and that was where we proudly, though in my case somewhat reluctantly, delivered our handmade dolls that wintery morning.

Although Kiel Auditorium was a landmark, it was demolished in 1992 to make way for the Enterprise Center, which opened in 1994 with a hockey arena for the NHL St. Louis Blues. It is also the site for basketball, wrestling, concert, and pageant events, maintaining Mayor Kiel’s original intent for multiple community happenings in that location.

I never forgot the Raggedy Ann doll Mom made, and over the years requested she make another one for me. And she finally did. After graduation from Webster Groves High School in 1966, I headed that fall to Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois, to ultimately pursue my degree in elementary education. Tucked in my suitcase was a brand-new Raggedy Ann doll.

Fifty-eight years later, this precious doll smiles at me even now, as she sits across the room radiating her Raggedy Ann personality. She blesses my life with the greatest gift a daughter could ever have: the memory of a loving mother.

Dear Reader, may you cherish your long-ago Christmas memories as you make new ones to treasure. Every good wish and blessing to you, and may you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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“The author pays scrupulous attention to detail in the natural world around her... The poems are lovingly crafted and accessible to poetry readers of all levels... A cheerful book of poems celebrating the cycles of life.” To learn more: www.anngreenleafwirtz.com.



Mother and daughter, Charlotte Brubaker and Ann Brubaker Greenleaf Wirtz, 1988



The doll made by Charlotte Brubaker, “as she sits across the room radiating her Raggedy Ann personality.”

**A New Beginning for 22 Abused Dogs:
Cleared for Loving Homes**

The Center for Animal Rescue and Enrichment of St. Louis (CARE STL) is thrilled to share a heartwarming and monumental victory for our City of St. Louis shelter community and the 22 brave souls who have endured so much. Today, after a long and arduous journey, the court has ruled in favor of these 22 abused dogs, allowing them to find the loving homes they so desperately deserve. This decision marks a new beginning for these resilient animals and is a testament to the power of compassion, advocacy, and unwavering dedication.

The story of these 22 dogs is one of survival against all odds. Rescued from a harrowing cruelty case, each dog has endured unimaginable suffering. They arrived at our shelter frightened, malnourished, and in desperate need of medical care and emotional healing. But with the tireless efforts of our dedicated staff, volunteers, and supporters, these dogs have made remarkable progress.

From the moment they arrived, CARE STL provided them with the care, love, and attention they needed to begin their journey to recovery. The CARE STL veterinary team addressed their physical wounds, while CARE leadership and selected staff addressed the behavioral components and worked patiently to rebuild their trust in humans. Each dog has shown incredible resilience, slowly but surely learning to wag its tail again, play with toys, and experience the simple joys of being a dog.

The court's decision to clear these dogs for adoption is a momentous step forward. It is a recognition of their resilience and a chance for them to experience the love and warmth of a forever home. These dogs, once victims of cruelty, are now symbols of hope and recovery.

CARE STL is reaching out to the wonderful community of supporters to help spread the word. These 22 dogs are now ready to find their forever families and will need your help to make that happen. Share their stories, their photos, and their journey on social media. Tell your friends, family, and colleagues about these incredible dogs who are looking for a second chance at life.

By sharing their stories, you can help CARE STL match these dogs with loving families who will provide them with the care, compassion, and stability they need. Each share, each conversation, and each mention brings one step closer to finding the perfect homes for these deserving dogs.

Weng Horak, Founder & CEO of CARE STL says "Together, we have the power to change lives. Let's work together to ensure that these 22 dogs, who have already endured so much, can finally experience the love and happiness they deserve. Thank you for your continued support and for being a part of this incredible journey."

The Center for Animal Rescue and Enrichment of St. Louis (CARE STL) is a non-profit organization committed to rescuing, rehabilitating, and rehoming abused, neglected, and homeless animals in the St. Louis area. Through community engagement, education, and advocacy, CARE STL strives to create a supportive community rooted in collaboration, compassion and caring for people and animals. Please visit www.icarestl.org

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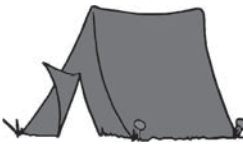
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TRAVEL

The Year In Review 2024

This time of the year I usually recap with photos I have taken over the last year. We have cut back on our travels since Kevin has been recuperating from his knee surgery. We gave our bicycles to our two oldest grandkids so now we don't need to worry about falling off them. We might start building up our muscles and tackle the Katy Trail in the summer. Stay tuned.

You don't have to travel far or spend a lot of money to enjoy yourselves. Here are the names of where we have traveled: Christmas in Frankenmuth, Michigan; Cruising the islands of Greece on Celestyal Cruises;

Conferences in Chicago with travel professionals at the Travel and Adventure Show (this is open to the public and is a great place to talk with more travel professionals); Home of Popeye in Chester, Illinois.

I have always been fascinated with the history and architecture of cemeteries. The mausoleums of Houma, Louisiana and Billionaire Row in St. Louis Bellefontaine are examples of many types of historical varieties. The history of Daniel Boone and his family is depicted in the village in Defiance, MO.



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