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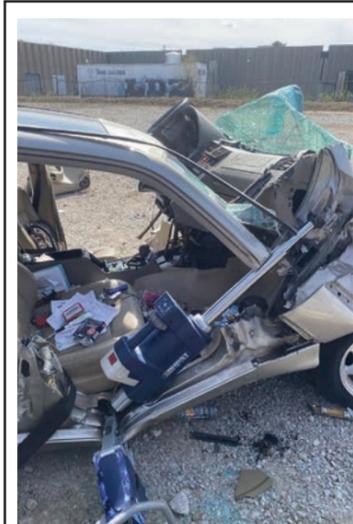
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Brentwood Middle School students, staff and volunteers recently assembled 24 dressers as part of a service-learning initiative benefiting **Home Sweet Home**, a local nonprofit that provides household furnishings to families in need. The hands-on project highlights the school's ongoing commitment to building character, empathy and meaningful community connections. "We want our students to grow not only academically, but also as citizens who care deeply about the world around them," said Dr. Doug Wehner, BMS principal. "This project helps them understand the value of volunteering and recognize their ability to make a real impact on the lives of others. It's a powerful step in their journey to becoming compassionate, engaged members of their community."

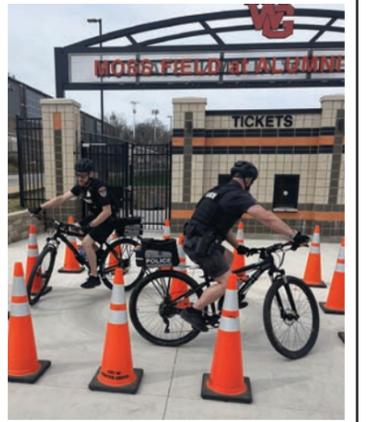
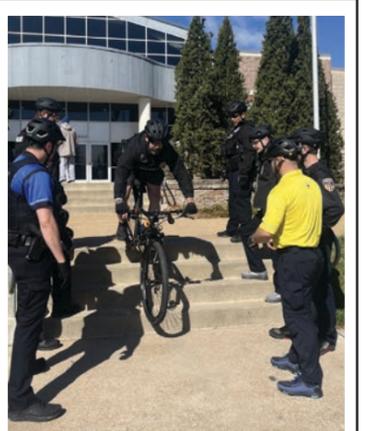


Members of the **Professional Firefighters of Brentwood MO** put various battery powered extrication tools to the test. This equipment will be replacing current outdated tools on the apparatus and allow for faster extrication. Thank you to Terry's towing for providing us with the vehicles to demo these tools.



HEROES AMONG US!

On February 23, while visiting Brentwood Park, Ms. Makina Palmer and Mr. Trevor Moss sprang into action when they saw a child fall through the ice into freezing water. Without hesitation, they rushed in, battling the cold and dangerous conditions to bring the child safely to shore. Their bravery and quick thinking saved a life that day, and we are proud to honor them with Brentwood's Life-Saving Award.



Deadline for next issue is May 5

In March, our **Brentwood School Resource Officer, Habibovic**, led a **Police Cycling Certification Course** in Webster Groves as an IPMBA Instructor! This week-long training brought together officers from Brentwood PD and Webster Groves PD, reinforcing the importance of collaboration and specialized training to better serve our communities. Big thanks to Webster Groves PD for hosting and to all the officers who participated!

BRENTWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT

BHS Senior Named to Missouri Scholars 100



Brentwood High School senior Abel Curdt has been named to the 2025 Missouri Scholars 100, a prestigious statewide program that honors Missouri's top academic students. Organized by the Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals (MoASSP), the program recognizes 100 outstanding high school seniors for their academic excellence, leadership and commitment to learning.

Curdt, a dedicated student and active leader at Brentwood High School, is a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council and baseball team. He plans to study natural resources science and management at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

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"Abel's selection for the Missouri Scholars 100 is a remarkable achievement and a true reflection of his dedication, perseverance and academic excellence," said Dr. Edward Johnson, Brentwood High School principal. "His passion for learning and leadership within our school community inspire those around him, and we can't wait to see the great things he will accomplish in the future."

This marks the third consecutive year that a Brentwood High School senior has been selected for the Missouri Scholars 100.

Each year, Missouri high schools are invited to nominate their top students based on a formula that considers grade-point average and ACT or SAT scores. To qualify, students must meet the following criteria:

- Maintain a minimum 3.75 GPA
- Score at least 29 on the ACT or 1,280 on the SAT
- Rank in the top 10% of their graduating class
- Complete advanced coursework in mathematics, science, English and a world language
- Demonstrate exemplary citizenship, attendance and extracurricular involvement

"The Missouri Scholars 100 Program is one of the premier academic recognition programs in the country," said Clark Mershon, MoASSP executive director. "Students selected for this program have taken a rigorous course of study and maintained the highest academic standards. The Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals is proud to celebrate the achievements and success of these students and their schools."

The 2025 Missouri Scholars 100 recipients will be recognized during an awards luncheon May 4 in Columbia, Missouri.

Secondary Leadership Team Welcome New Administrators

To strengthen leadership and better support students, staff

and families in grades 6-12, the Brentwood School District is restructuring its secondary administrative team. This new model creates two dedicated leadership positions—a 6-12 Assistant Principal and a 6-12 Athletics and Activities Director—ensuring a stronger focus on academics, student transitions, and extracurricular programming.

This change also introduces two dynamic leaders to the Brentwood community: Wendy Greenwood-Leveling, who will serve as the new 6-12 Assistant Principal, and Jamesia-Tomesa Tuiava, who will take on the role of 6-12 Athletics and Activities Director.

The restructuring aims to provide more targeted support for students throughout their middle and high school years. The assistant principal role will focus on academic success, behavioral support and curriculum alignment, while the athletics and activities director will enhance extracurricular programming, student engagement and community partnerships.

"This transition allows us to better serve our students by providing dedicated leadership in both academics and extracurricular activities," said Dr. Amy Zielinski, superintendent of schools. "With Wendy's passion for student success and Jamesia's extensive experience in athletics and student engagement, we are confident this change will have a meaningful impact on our school community."



Wendy Greenwood-Leveling brings over 14 years of experience in education, with a strong background in student success, educator development and school climate improvement. She has held multiple leadership roles, including administrative intern, interim assistant principal and department chair. She currently serves as an administrative intern at the Hancock Place School

District, focusing on school safety, discipline and professional development.

"I believe in fostering a school culture where every student feels seen, supported and empowered to succeed," said Greenwood-Leveling. "I am eager to work alongside Brentwood's dedicated educators to ensure that our students have the resources, relationships, and opportunities they need to thrive."

As assistant principal, Greenwood-Leveling will oversee academic initiatives, student discipline using restorative practices, and curriculum support for elective courses across grades 6-12. She will also focus on student transitions, particularly the shift from middle school to high school.

Jamesia-Tomesa Tuiava brings a wealth of experience in educational leadership, athletics administration and student engagement. She has served as a principal, assistant principal and athletic director at Cristo Rey Kansas City High School, where she led strategic athletic programming, strengthened community partnerships and supported student development.



"My passion is creating opportunities that inspire students, build confidence and foster a sense of belonging through athletics and activities," said Tuiava. "I look forward to working with Brentwood's students, coaches, and families to enhance school spirit, expand programming, and ensure every student has a chance to connect through extracurricular involvement."

In her new role, Tuiava will oversee the district's athletics and activities programming, ensuring consistency and quality across middle and high school levels. She will also focus on expanding student participation, strengthening community engagement, and managing athletics and activities budgets.

With these new roles in place, Brentwood is poised to provide a more structured and supportive experience for students in grades 6-12. The district remains committed to fostering academic excellence, student engagement, and a strong school community.

"We are excited to welcome Wendy and Jamesia to the Brentwood family," added Dr. Zielinski. "Their leadership, expertise, and passion will create new opportunities for our students and strengthen our school community."

Tech-Savvy Eagle Shines at Statewide SkillsUSA Contest

Brentwood High School junior Meenakshi Kadungath recently earned a first-place medal at the SkillsUSA Missouri District Competition, representing South Technical High School in the Web and Computer Programming category.

Kadungath was one of four South Tech students to capture a gold medal, showcasing her hard work and dedication to mastering real-world tech skills.



South Tech offers more than 20 different programs designed to prepare students for postsecondary education and careers.

Web and Computer Programming students learn how to write and edit source code using several programming languages, including HTML and Java. They also design, create, and maintain software, databases, and web pages while earning industry certifications.

Kindergarten Registration Now Open for 2025-26

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

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



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

Please visit brentwoodmoschools.org to begin the registration process.

Wrestling Standout Leaves a Legacy on the Mat

Brentwood High School senior Jesse Lane III concluded his wrestling career with an outstanding performance at the MSHSAA Class 1 Championships, earning a third-place finish in the 126-pound weight class.

Lane completed his senior season with an impressive 45-7 record, securing his place in school history as Brentwood's all-time leader in career wins with 161. He is a four-time state qualifier, three-time district champion, and two-time state medalist.



Visual and Performing Arts Night is April 24

The Brentwood community is invited to experience an evening of artistic expression at Visual and Performing Arts Night on Thursday, April 24.

Join us in the Brentwood High School Large Gym from 3:15-6:45 p.m. for a showcase of student artwork, featuring captivating pieces crafted by our talented middle and high school students. The BHS Jazz Band will add its rhythmic flair to the festivities with a special performance from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

The BHS Theatre Troupe will take the auditorium stage at 7 p.m. for the opening night of "A Midsummer Night's Dream," a classic Shakespearean comedy filled with whimsy, wit and wonder. Set in a fantastical forest, the play interweaves themes of imagination, mischief and transformation in a performance that promises to entertain and inspire.



Showtimes for the spring play are April 24-26 at 7 p.m. in the BHS Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for adults. "A Midsummer Night's Dream" is a family-friendly production for all audiences.

SHREWSBURY
Spring Craft Fair
**SATURDAY
APRIL 26
9:00AM - 2:00PM**
SHREWSBURY CITY CENTER
5200 SHREWSBURY AVE.

STLCC-Florissant Valley Opens New Advanced Manufacturing Center

St. Louis Community College celebrated the opening of a new Advanced Manufacturing Center on its Florissant Valley campus on Tuesday, April 1.

It marks the second of six new buildings the College will open this year as part of its STLCC Transformed initiative, a commitment to modernize its four main campuses and programming throughout the district.

“The Advanced Manufacturing Center offers a synergy among nearly 20 programs and our faculty, staff, instructors and students, creating opportunities for collaboration that didn’t previously exist on this campus,” said Jeff L. Pittman, PhD, STLCC chancellor. “In fact, students have already started using the center, attending classes in robotics, computer information technology, business, accounting, geospatial technology and engineering technology.”

The 96,000-square-foot Advanced Manufacturing Center at STLCC-Florissant Valley will combine short-term career training, degree and certificate programs in STEM and advanced manufacturing. The center will house the College’s business and accounting programs, as well as STLCC’s new remote aircraft pilot certificate program. The campus includes an outdoor classroom with a large, netted enclosure for safe drone piloting practice. Another interesting feature of the new building is a suite for early college students.

“Through our dual enrollment and early college partnerships with area high schools, students can earn college credit or their associate degree at STLCC at the same time as their high school diploma,” said Elizabeth Gassel Perkins, EdD, campus president and chief academic officer at STLCC-Florissant Valley. “Now our early college students have a modern, dedicated space to study, receive support, and connect with their peers that was specifically designed for their needs.”

The Advanced Manufacturing Center will strengthen industry partnerships and align programming with workforce demands.

“The Advanced Manufacturing Center is designed for maximum hands-on training in many manufacturing and engineering technology fields. We are excited to add drones, GIS, surveying, and other programs,” said Tom McGovern, STLCC dean of industrial occupations, business and culinary. “Visitors to the building can look directly into typical work environments and see the activities that students are engaged in.”

In addition to the Advanced Manufacturing Center and the new Nursing and Health Sciences Center that opened to students on the Florissant Valley campus in February, STLCC will open four more new buildings and complete major renovations to existing spaces throughout the district. The new buildings include a Health Sciences and Technology Center on the Wildwood campus, a Financial Services Education Center and an Emerging Technology Center at Meramec, and a Transportation Education Center on the Forest Park campus.

These new construction projects are covered by funds from Proposition R.

Advanced Manufacturing Center Facts

Start of construction: August 2023

Size: 96,000 square feet

Cost: \$51.8 million

Architect: JEMA

Construction Manager: NAVIGATE Building Solutions

General Contractor: Kadean Construction Company

Established in 1962, St. Louis Community College is the largest community college district in Missouri and one of the largest in the United States. STLCC has four campuses: Florissant Valley, Forest Park, Meramec and Wildwood. The College annually serves more than 34,000 students through credit courses, continuing education and workforce development programs. For more information about STLCC, visit stlcc.edu.

Exciting News from Opera Theatre

Opera Theatre is excited to announce that we are under contract for the purchase of a 6.67-acre parcel of land upon which we plan to build a new, state-of-the-art performing arts center. We have begun an intensive due diligence process for the site, which is located at 8300 Maryland Avenue and currently owned by Caleres. Initial planning and fundraising are underway, as Opera Theatre evaluates the feasibility of a capital project; a final sale will be subject to the findings of that due diligence process and OTSL has the ability to withdraw from the contract if the findings of that process are not satisfactory.

“As we celebrate our 50th anniversary this year, we are excited by an unprecedented opportunity to build a new home,” said General Director Andrew Jorgensen. “We are still early in this process, but we look forward to being in dialogue with our Opera Theatre community, Clayton residents and businesses, and other stakeholders as we pursue necessary redevelopment steps over the next several months.

“Opera Theatre is only able to contemplate this opportunity because of the extraordinary generosity and encouragement of our supporters. I want to also thank and acknowledge Webster University, which has graciously provided Opera Theatre a home since 1976. We would not be the company we are today without their support, and we are grateful to continue to partner with the university even as we plan for OTSL’s future.”

Per the terms of the contract between Opera Theatre and Caleres, a number of steps remain before OTSL will be able to confirm and close a transaction on the Caleres site. Opera Theatre is currently in the early stages of a complex, multi-month due diligence process to assess the feasibility of the project that will include but is not limited to site studies, design work, cost estimates, and early fundraising.

Even as Opera Theatre advances the early steps of site studies and design work, we are also planning to seek input from our audiences, Clayton residents, and members of the community. In the coming weeks, we will share further plans to solicit input and address questions from those constituents.

“The Board of Directors of Opera Theatre is unequivocally inspired by this vision for a new performing arts venue,” said Board Chair Kim Eberlein. “We see this opportunity not just as an inspiring new chapter in Opera Theatre’s renowned history, but also as the promise of a new, interdisciplinary arts and cultural hub for St. Louis. We look forward to sharing more updates with our community as we are able.”



3 Questions to Ask when Determining How Much House You Can Afford

By: West Community Credit Union

Getting a mortgage to purchase a home can be a wise financial decision since you’re building equity and getting nice tax deductions. But buying a home that’s too expensive can leave you strapped and unable to prepare for other financial goals, like saving for retirement, kids’ college educations, or vacations.

Determining how much you can afford is the first step to responsible home buying. Consider these three questions to help you arrive at your magic number.

How much have you saved for a down payment?

Most mortgage lenders require you to pay a percentage of the purchase price as a down payment. That percentage can range from 3 to 20 percent. In many cases, if you put down less than 20 percent, you’ll likely be required to pay for private mortgage insurance, which can cost .15 to .25 percent of the loan amount.

If you plan to sell one home and buy another, you may be able to apply any equity in your current home toward a down payment on the new home. If you’re a first-time homebuyer, taking time to aggressively save a down payment will pay off — a larger down payment will let you buy more house or make smaller monthly payments.

What monthly payment can you afford?

Most lenders recommend that borrowers spend no more than 28 percent of their monthly income on a mortgage payment. Keep in mind that just because a lender is willing to loan you a certain amount doesn’t mean that you should borrow to the limit. Write out a budget and keep in mind that you’ll need funds for home repairs, maintenance, and updates, as well as whatever else you want to spend your money on — vacations, savings, gifts, food, gas, etc. For help determining the right number for you, use an online mortgage affordability calculator (located on our website).

What is your credit history?

Your credit score will determine whether you qualify for a mortgage and what terms you’ll get if you do. Different lenders have different credit score requirements. For instance, FHA requires applicants to have a credit score of 580 or better to obtain maximum financing on typical new-home purchases, and offers some products with lesser financing for those with credit scores between 500 and 579.

If your credit score is too low to qualify for the mortgage rates you want, be patient. Consistently working to improve your score by checking for and resolving errors and methodically paying off debt can improve your score over time.

Once you’ve determined how much you can spend on a new home while still meeting other financial goals and obligations and avoiding the stress of excessive debt, you’re ready to start shopping. Just remember to stay within your budget.

Our West Community mortgage team has the expertise to make your vision of home ownership a reality. For more information on customized mortgage solutions, contact Lisa Boaz with West Community Credit Union at 636.720.2432 or visit us online at westcommunitycu.org.



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.

MOONRISE HOTEL OPENS ROOFTOP GARDEN FOR THE 2025 SEASON

Spring brings the long-awaited return of Cardinals baseball, colorful flowers and the opening of the Rooftop Garden Bar at the Moonrise Hotel. The venue opened for the 2025 season on Thursday, March 27.

The popular outdoor space is located on the 8th floor of the space-themed hotel under the glow of the world’s largest man-made revolving moon.

The Rooftop Garden Bar is known for its craft cocktails and a menu of small plates in a lush outdoor setting. Great views of the Delmar Loop, Forest Park and the Gateway Arch are part of the fun at the bar.

The Rooftop Garden Bar is open daily from 5 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. 21 + only.

The Moonrise Hotel is located at 6177 Delmar Blvd. in the Delmar Loop neighborhood of St. Louis. [@moonrisehotel](http://www.moonrisehotel.com)

National Day of Prayer May 1, 2025

The 74th annual National Day of Prayer (NDP) observance takes place this year on **Thursday, May 1**. America's first call to prayer was in 1775, although Congress first mandated the NDP in 1952. In 1988, the law was amended to standardize the day as the first Thursday in May each year. Millions will unite in prayer at thousands of events from coast to coast.

During 12:00 noon until 1:00 p.m. Gateway NDP sponsors Judeo-Christian prayer events at public places and City Halls across the St. Louis area including Brentwood, Crestwood, Kirkwood, Ladue, Rock Hill, Webster Groves and many others. These events are designed for people to come together to thank God and pray for our nation and our leaders.

The theme for this year is: **"Pour Out To The God of Hope And Be Filled."** Romans 15:13

For participating City Hall locations and additional information, visit the website at www.gatewayndp.net or www.nationaldayofprayer.org

This year is the 25th year in Brentwood!

National Day of Prayer

74th Annual Observance

Thursday - May 1, 2025

Meeting In Public Places To Be One United Voice In Prayer

"Pour Out To The God Of Hope And Be Filled."
Romans 15:13

Prayer Gatherings At Metro City Halls
12:00 - 1:00 pm

Come pray for our Nation & Communities



THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025
74th ANNUAL OBSERVANCE

Come Pray for Our Nation

Meet at your local City Halls. Go to www.gatewayndp.net for changes.
FIND A LOCATION NEAREST YOU

ST LOUIS CITY

St. Louis City Hall Rotunda
1200 North Market
(Noon - 1:00 pm)

METRO EAST

Belleville via Zoom at 7pm
Pastor Burrell, Freedom Int. Church
Call 605-472-5614 ID:5846880
Brooklyn City Hall - noon
Brooklyn/Lovejoy - Virtual 7pm
St. Elizabeth Temple Morning of Miracles:
Conference call 774-220-4000 ID: 8744017
or zoom dial 595-291-9519
East St. Louis - via Zoom at Noon
Dial 830-997-4100
ID: 5487310996 Code: Prayer
New Bethel MB Church Youth - 7pm
5803 Belmont Avenue 62203
O'Fallon - via Zoom at Noon
Dial 618-334-3777
ID: 8713062 1414 Code: 170671
St. Clair County Court House - Noon
Venice - 6pm
Antioch Church, 411 Short Street
Women Empowered via Zoom at 7pm
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8744017>
ID: 62098 2722

FRANKLIN COUNTY • NOON

Pacific City Hall

ST. CHARLES COUNTY • NOON

Dardenne Prairie City Hall
Lake St. Louis City Hall
O'Fallon City Hall
St. Charles - Frontier Park
500 South Riverside Dr.
(if rain meet at County Building) St.
Peters City Hall
Wentzville City Hall

WARREN COUNTY • NOON

Warrenton - Outside Municipal Bldg next to
Courthouse on Main Street

ST LOUIS COUNTY CITY HALLS • NOON

Ballwin
Bellfontaine Neighbors
Brentwood
Bridgeton
Clayton
Chesterfield
Crestwood Government Center
Creve Cœur
Des Peres
Ellisville
Eureka
Fenton
Ferguson
Florissant
Grantwood Village
Hazelwood
Kinloch
Kirkwood (McEntee Park behind City Hall)
See website for rain location
Ladue - City Hall flag pole
Lake St. Louis
Lakeshire
Manchester (police station)
Maryland Heights
O'Fallon
Richmond Heights (10 am @ Veterans
Memorial 8001 Dale Ave.)
Riverview
Rock Hill
St. Peters
Sunset Hills
Town and Country
Valley Park
Webster Groves
Wildwood

For additional information and updates www.gatewayndp.net
PO Box 220791 - St. Louis, MO 63122

Neighborhood Eyes

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



Brentwood Police Department

Calls for Service Report

*Note: CFS Do Not Always Become Written Police Reports

MARCH 2025

CFS for Person Crime	
Murder / Manslaughter	0
Sex & Sexual Assaults CFS	0
Robbery /Car-Jack	1
Assaults /Kidnapping	1
Peace Dist -Domestic- Misc	45
Calls for Mental Health	4

CFS for Property Crime	
Arson/Bombing/Burning	0
Burglary - Residential	0
Burglary - Business	0
Destruction of Property	11
Frauds & ID Theft	8
Larceny - Shoplifting	53
Larceny - From Vehicle	3
Stolen Vehicles	8
Trespassing	22

Weapons Related	
Utilized/Taken	1
Recovered	0

Auto Accidents	
	57

Patrols	
Building & Business Check	94
Schools & Foot	48
Parks - Misc	38
Parking violation	13

Notable CFS	
Alarm Calls	48
Animal Related	11
Assist FD & etc ..	105
Check Welfare/Notification	37
Contact Another Agency	76
Motor Assist	14
Police Community Relations	3
FLOCK/LPR/RADAR-FTY	3
Solicitors	6
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	37
Traffic Control/Details	32
Traffic Stops	339
Vacation Checks/Close Watch	6
ARREST	
Prisoner Conveyance	17
Adults	27
Juvenile	0
ARREST TYPE	
FTA/Fugitive	8
Original Non-Traffic	20
Original Traffic	

Miscellaneous CFS	
	115
Minus Arrest/Types/Weapons	-56
Total Calls For Service	1255



Brentwood Police Department

Calls for Service Report

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3-17-25 - 3-23-25

CFS for Person Crime	
Murder / Manslaughter	0
Sex & Sexual Assaults CFS	0
Robbery /Car-Jack	1
Assaults /Kidnapping	1
Peace Dist -Domestic- Misc	6
Calls for Mental Health	0

CFS for Property Crime	
Arson/Bombing/Burning	0
Burglary - Residential	0
Burglary - Business	0
Destruction of Property	3
Frauds & ID Theft	3
Larceny - Shoplifting	14
Larceny - From Vehicle	1
Stolen Vehicles	2
Trespassing	5

Weapons Related	
Utilized/Taken	1
Recovered	0

Auto Accidents	
	14

Patrols	
Building & Business Check	6
Schools & Foot	4
Parks - Misc	9
Parking violation	14

Notable CFS	
Alarm Calls	12
Animal Related	2
Assist FD & etc ..	20
Check Welfare/Notification	8
Contact Another Agency	14
Motor Assist	3
Police Community Relations	1
FLOCK/LPR/RADAR-FTY	1
Solicitors	2
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	15
Traffic Control/Details	10
Traffic Stops	68
Vacation Checks/Close Watch	2
ARREST	
Prisoner Conveyance	2
Adults	3
Juvenile	0
ARREST TYPE	
FTA/Fugitive	0
Original Non-Traffic	3
Original Traffic	0

Miscellaneous CFS	
	13
Minus Arrest/Types/Weapons	-7
Total Calls For Service	256

Honorary Officer John Hubert Reports for Duty!



While many kids spend Spring Break at the beach, skiing, or camping, 5-year-old John Hubert had a different dream—he wanted to serve as a police officer!

On Wednesday, March 26, John arrived early for his Tour of Duty at the Brentwood Police Station, dressed and ready for action. He explored the station, tried on police gear, and even got familiar with a patrol car. At the end of his shift, he was fingerprinted, photographed, and officially named our Honorary Police Officer of the Day!

A special moment of the day was meeting Chief Spiess, who encouraged John to follow his dream of one day joining law enforcement.

We were honored to welcome this young recruit and help make his Spring Break wish come true!

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The Brentwood Park Splash Pad



The Brentwood Park Splash Pad will be open from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day, providing a fun way to cool off all summer long! However, we are always closely monitoring the weather, and if temperatures rise early in the season, we may open sooner. These dates serve as a general guideline, so be sure to check for updates on our social media as we get closer to summer!

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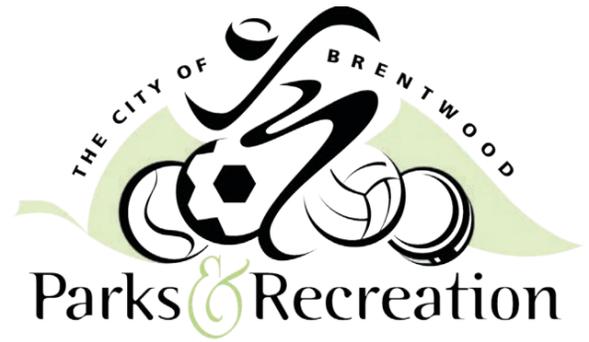
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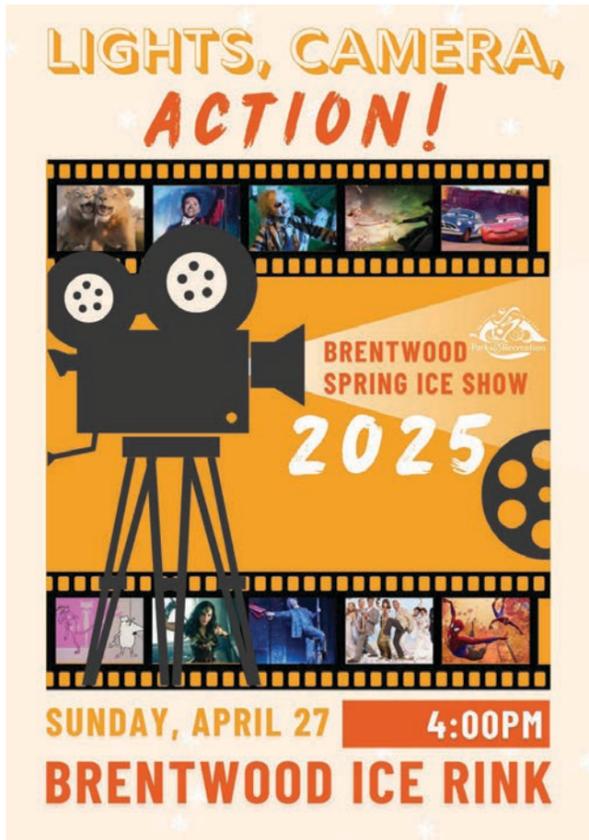
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Tons of Transportation
BEEP! BEEP! Join us and the City of Clayton to see different vehicles from police, fire, construction and more! Kids will be able to climb in and explore each vehicle. Parents, don't forget your cameras!

Dates: Saturday, April 26, Time: 9-11AM
Location: Center of Clayton, 50 Gay Ave., Clayton, MO 63105 Price: Free



Mark your calendars! Join us at the Brentwood Ice Rink on Sunday, April 27th, for a spectacular, free ice-skating performance! Our talented skaters have been working tirelessly to perfect routines set to some of Hollywood's most iconic movie soundtracks. Don't miss this show-stopping event—The Spring Ice Show kicks off at 4:00 PM. We hope to see you there!

In partnership with the City of Clayton, get ready for the Wine & Whiskey Walk at Brentwood Park! Stroll through the park's scenic trail while enjoying wine tastings, whiskey, and beer. Your \$40 registration fee includes unlimited tastings and a sampling cup. Best Wurst Food Truck will be on-site offering delicious options for purchase throughout the event. One week before the event, you'll receive an email with more details. Meet us at the Event Pavilion in Brentwood Park (2924 Brazeau Ave., Brentwood, MO 63144) for check-in and get ready for a fantastic evening!



Dates: Friday, May 2, 6:00-9:00PM
Ages: 21+ Location: Brentwood Park
Price: R/NR \$40 for unlimited tastings Activity Number: 553004

Sponsored by Trader Joe's, the camp provides a unique opportunity for children to shop for nutritious supplies, learn essential cooking skills, and participate in fun and energizing exercise classes. Through hands-on activities, kids gain valuable insights into the importance of balanced nutrition, cooking habits, and physical activity, fostering a lifelong commitment to well-being. An email will be sent a week before the workshop begins, all supplies are included in the registration fee.



Date: Mon., August 11 - Friday, August 15
Time: 9am-3pm
Location: Brentwood Community Center Ages: 5-12
Price: R \$250 / NR \$300 Activity Number: 545101

SAVE THE DATES:
RESIDENTIAL PAPER SHREDDING 2025
Feb. 1, May 3, Aug. 2, Nov 1
9 am - Noon
Brentwood Recreation Complex
ELECTRONICS RECYCLING 2025
March 1, May 10, Aug. 9, Dec. 13
8 am - Noon
Brentwood Recreation Complex



Brentwood Parks and Recreation Achieves National Accreditation

We're thrilled to share that the Brentwood Parks and Recreation Department has earned national accreditation through the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) and the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA). The certification was announced at the CAPRA hearing on October 7, following a rigorous evaluation process.

This prestigious distinction places Brentwood among the top park and recreation agencies in the country—one of only 204 nationwide and just the 5th in Missouri to achieve this honor. Fewer than 2% of agencies nationwide meet CAPRA's 154 standards of excellence in programming, operations, and community engagement.

This achievement reflects the hard work and dedication of our Parks and Recreation team and their commitment to providing outstanding services to Brentwood residents. Congratulations to the team on this remarkable accomplishment!



For Adoption Information, call 314.645.4610



DIEGO
MALE, NEUTERED, 8

Meet Diego! With a calm and relaxed nature, he's the perfect companion for someone looking for a laid-back friend. Diego will warm up to you in his own time and will reward you with his sweet presence. Come meet him today!



ELSA
FEMALE, SPAYED, 8

I am bonded with my mother Boots! We are looking for a quiet home together and would do best in a home without kids or with kids ages 12 and up. We are both low energy dogs and would love to lounge on the couch with someone.



OAK
MALE, NEUTERED, 1

Meet Oak! This handsome boy is looking for his new home. Though we don't know much about his past, we do know he has a heart full of affection and is ready to be a loyal companion! Come meet him today!

Brentwood Parks and Recreation is gearing up for summer fun!

Our newest event guide is almost here, with events for all ages and stages. Visit our website at www.brentwood.org/parks on April 11 to be among the first to register for online for our latest program offerings for summer 2025. Stop by the Brentwood Community Center to pick up a copy of our newest guide and learn more about upcoming programming at Brentwood Parks and Recreation. Feel free to give us a call at 314-963-8689 for more information or registration assistance.

TWIN POLAR BEARS MAKE PUBLIC DEBUT AT SAINT LOUIS ZOO



Two-year-old twins, Kallu (Kah-LOO) and Kallik (Kah-LEEK), will now have regular access to the Zoo's 40,000-square-foot polar bear habitat, McDonnell Polar Bear Point. Guests can stop by for a chance to see the playful duo during regular Zoo hours from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily this spring.

The twins were born at Toledo Zoo & Aquarium in November 2022 and arrived at the Saint Louis Zoo earlier this month. The Zoo's previous resident polar bear, Kali, moved simultaneously to Toledo Zoo where he will be paired with a female based on a breeding recommendation.

The twin brothers are known for their close bond. They love to play and spar together during the day and often sleep side-by-side at night. In Toledo, the twins enjoyed diving into their habitat pool, training with special treats like canned tuna and seaweed and playing with their pool toys.

Kallik is the smaller of the two males at 620 lbs. He is the bolder brother, and very curious –often the first to investigate new enrichment and spaces.

Kallu weighs about 740 lbs. and is very food-motivated during training. He is more cautious and tends to let his brother lead when exploring new things.

Their new home, Polar Bear Point, opened at the Saint Louis Zoo in 2015 and includes two temperature-controlled pools, an upper viewing deck and an arctic cave room that offers up-close, underwater views.

Polar Bear Point also includes a Care Center that is not viewable by the public. This space offers animals privacy and includes four bedroom spaces, a denning area and an outdoor off-exhibit habitat.

For more information, visit stlzoo.org/polarbear.

Polar bear conservation

Polar bears (*Ursus maritimus*) are listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act. The species faces a significant risk of population decline caused by loss of sea ice from climate change.

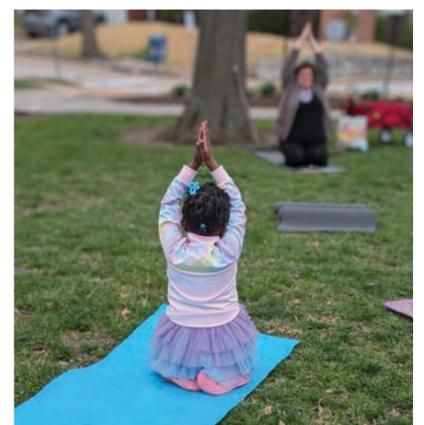
The Saint Louis Zoo is committed to safeguarding this species through collaborative breeding programs, research, public education and conservation initiatives in the Arctic.

In 2024, the Zoo launched the Saint Louis Zoo WildCare Institute Center for Polar Bear Conservation, a dynamic conservation program focused on protecting the species, funding research and collaborating with Arctic communities.



HOOP IT UP FOR WORLD CIRCUS DAY, APRIL 19!

Saturday, April 19, is World Circus Day 2025. World Circus Day is a worldwide event that recognizes and promotes the art of circus, paying tribute to circus artists and workers while highlighting the cultural and social importance of this artistic tradition. Circus Harmony is also a member of the Global Alliance of Circus Schools and will be featured in the World Circus Day video! Celebrated the third Saturday of April, World Circus Day honors and promotes the art and joy of circus! Come hoop it up with Circus Harmony at City Museum as they offer free hula hooping lessons at City Museum from 1:30-2:30 PM!



Brentwood Public Library is with Complete Harmony STL

Did you know we offer free children's Yoga on Thursdays at 9:30 am? And we just started to hold them outside at Broughton Park in Brentwood! Join us on Thursday for 30 minutes of stories, movement, and mindfulness.



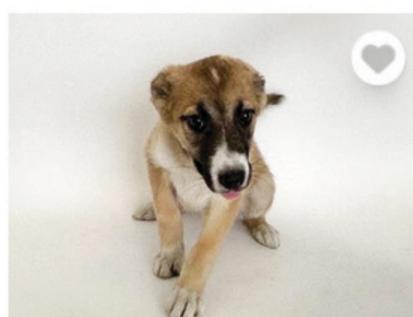
ORCHID
FEMALE, SPAYED, 11 weeks

Meet Orchid! This playful and adorable puppy is always ready to bring a smile to your face. She loves to play and has a fun, cute personality that's sure to brighten your day. For a joyful and energetic companion, come meet Orchid!



SCOTT
MALE, NEUTERED, 4

Scott is a cuddly cat who enjoys his own space but has a soft spot for the right people. Once he feels comfortable, he'll shower you with affection and enjoy some cozy snuggles. With patience and love, Scott will become your loyal and sweet companion



GRETCHEN
FEMALE, SPAYED, 14 weeks

Gretchen loves pets, attention, and making new friends with her sweet and cheerful personality. If you're looking for a lively companion to keep you smiling, Gretchen is your girl!



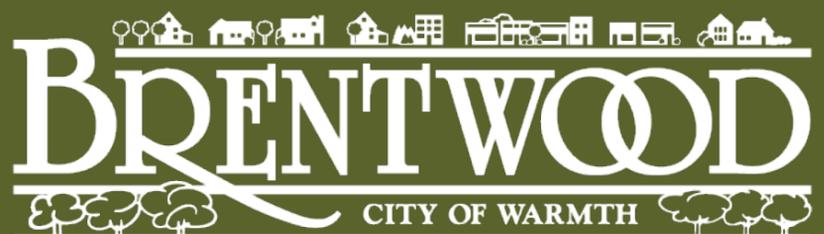
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JON ANDERSON and THE BAND GEEKS LIVE AT THE FACTORY

Jon Anderson and The Band Geeks make a triumphant return to St. Louis on Sunday, July 13, 2025 at The Factory at The District. Show time is 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) Tickets can be purchased online at www.ticketmaster.com.

Jon Anderson is undoubtedly one of the most recognizable voices in progressive rock as the lead vocalist and creative force behind YES. Anderson was the author and a major creative influence behind the series of epics produced by YES and his role in creating such complex pieces as "Close to the Edge," "Awaken," and especially "The Gates of Delirium." Additionally, Anderson co-authored the group's biggest hits, including "I've Seen All Good People," "Roundabout" and "Owner of a Lonely Heart."

Jon Anderson and The Band Geeks set list will contain numerous YES songs from all stages of the band's Rock and Roll Hall of Fame career that feature Jon as their lead vocalist and songwriter, plus material from Jon and The Band Geeks newly recorded debut album "True." For more information, visit www.jonanderson.com.

Located at 17105 North Outer 40 Road, just off Interstate 64/40 at the Boone's Crossing exit, The Factory at The District is the newest addition to the vibrant entertainment scene in St. Louis, and offers complimentary, well-lit parking for all events. For more information, visit www.thefactorystl.com or www.stevelitmanpresents.com.

THE CONCERT: A Tribute to ABBA FRIDAY, JULY 25 at 8 PM THE FACTORY

Steve Litman presents THE CONCERT: A Tribute to ABBA to The Factory stage on Friday, July 25. Show time is 8 p.m. (doors open at 7 p.m.) Tickets can be purchased online at Ticketmaster and TheFactorySTL.com.

THE CONCERT: A Tribute to ABBA continues to be the top ABBA tribute group in North America, dazzling all who see with their fantastic performance while playing the most iconic hits from the legendary Swedish pop band, including "Mamma Mia," "S.O.S.," "Money, Money, Money," "The Winner Takes All," "Waterloo," "Gimme, Gimme, Gimme," and "Dancing Queen." Critics and audiences agree this is the closest to ABBA you'll ever get. Come dance, come sing, having the time of your life at the ultimate tribute celebration! For more information, visit The Concert: A Tribute to ABBA | The Official Website.

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Reminder from Brentwood Police Department: Leash Your Dog

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.

Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House receives prestigious accreditation from the Association of Zoos and Aquariums

Silver Spring, Md. The Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) has announced that Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House in Chesterfield was granted accreditation by AZA's independent Accreditation Commission. Of the 32 applications for accreditation reviewed by the Commission during AZA's Mid-Year Meeting held in Palm Springs, Calif., 30 were granted accreditation.

"Congratulations to the leadership and staff at the Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House for attaining the global 'gold standard' in zoological and aquarium accreditation," said Dan Ashe, president, and CEO of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. "AZA's standards continuously evolve to reflect best practices in the zoo and aquarium profession, with a strong emphasis on animal care and wellbeing at their core. The Butterfly House has demonstrated a dedication to this exceptional level of care."

AZA accreditation includes a detailed application and a meticulous multiple-day on-site inspection by an independent team of zoological professionals. The inspecting team analyzes all aspects of the facility's operation, including animal care and wellbeing; veterinary care; staff training; educational programs; conservation efforts; financial stability; risk management; governance; and guest services. Detailed reports from the inspection team and the facility alike are then thoroughly evaluated by the Accreditation Commission. Finally, the Commission interviews top officials from the facility at a formal hearing, after which accreditation is fully granted, provisionally granted for one year, or denied.

A thorough review ensures that each facility has met and will continue to meet ever-rising standards. As a condition of Association membership, AZA facilities must complete this rigorous accreditation process every five years.

"More than 20 years ago, the Butterfly House became the first facility dedicated to invertebrates to be accredited by the AZA," stated Butterfly House Director Jennifer Mullix. "I could not be prouder of our staff and volunteers who are essential to earning

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH AT THE ST. LOUIS AQUARIUM May 11 at 10 AM & 12:30 PM

Take Mom for an elegant Mother's Day brunch and some hands-on, hands-wet family fun at America's most interactive Aquarium.

Brunch at the St. Louis Aquarium at Union Station is offered in a combination ticket that includes the luxurious meal and admission to the Aquarium. Seatings are Sunday, May 11 at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. An on-site bouquet bar lets youngsters create and purchase a special flower arrangement for Mom.

At the Aquarium, guests will enjoy exhibits and habitats where they can pet stingrays and sharks, touch jellyfish and sea stars, feed turtles and Archer Fish, watch the playful otters and get a Doctor Fish manicure. A Shark Canyon dive show at 1:15 p.m. lets kids talk with the divers while they are under water. The Aquarium's Ambassador Animals will meet and greet families throughout the day. Kids might meet a sloth, armadillo, parrot and many other fascinating Aquarium residents.

On the Mother's Day brunch menu:

French Toast Domes with Chili Maple Syrup

Breakfast Tarts with Catch of the Day

Applewood Smoked Bacon and Pork Sausage

Fruit Display and Individual Yogurt Parfaits with House-Made Granola

Omelet Station, Eggs Benedict and Potato Croquettes

Assorted Danish, Muffins and Mini Desserts:

Hummus Cups and Vegetables

A cash bar will be available throughout the brunch. Tickets are \$83.76 including tax. Children ages 2 and under are complimentary.

MOMS RIDE FREE ON THE ST. LOUIS WHEEL ON MOTHER'S DAY

After brunch at the Aquarium, or as a stand-alone activity, families can take Mom for a free ride on the 200-foot-tall St. Louis Wheel at Union Station. The Wheel offers amazing views of the St. Louis skyline and is open from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. The enclosed gondolas are heated and cooled so mom will be comfy on the Wheel no matter the weather on May 11. Carousel rides, mini-golf and carnival games also will be open. Inside Union Station, Selfie Express is open to capture photo memories and the Mirror Maze adds more fun to the day. Tickets are available at the Wheel or online in advance at www.thestlouiswheel.com.

St. Louis Union Station is located at 201 S. 18th Street, St. Louis, MO 63103. More information is available at www.stlouisunionstation.com. Facebook: @stlunionstation. Instagram: @unionstationstl.

this prestigious achievement and for our Garden leadership who have been a great support in this endeavor."

There are 238 AZA-accredited institutions and 14 AZA-accredited related facility members throughout the U.S. and 12 other countries. For a complete list of accredited AZA facilities, please visit <https://www.aza.org/current-accreditation-list>.



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Mosaics Fine Art Festival Holds 30th Annual Event

More than 100 juried artists from throughout the country will participate in the St. Charles fair.

The 30th annual Mosaics Fine Art Festival will be held on Fri., Sept. 12 from 4 to 9 p.m., Sat., Sept. 13 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sun., Sept. 14 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The free family-friendly event will be held along several blocks of North Main St. in Historic St. Charles, Mo. where more than 30 restaurants and over 75 shops are located.



The three-day festival includes over 100 juried artists from more than 15 states exhibiting and selling their artwork. Media categories include clay, drawing, glass, leather, metal, pastel, oil/acrylic, photography, printmaking, sculpture, watercolor, and wood. A total of \$5,000 will be awarded to the top nine artists.

The Children's Village area will feature hands-on art experiences for children to create their own make-and-take art masterpieces. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sat. and Sun. Mary Hediger's Memorial Art Shop for Kids is a kids-only gallery where children ages 14 and younger can buy professional artwork. Designed to foster art appreciation at a young age, all

pieces are donated by participating festival artists and can be purchased for a nominal fee.

The H. Robert Pank Memorial Music Stage will showcase a variety of performing artists throughout the weekend. The Artists for Adoption Pet Pavilion, located at the north end of the festival, will be open to families interested in adopting pets from Stray Paws Adoptables.

The Joyce Rosen Founder's Scholarship art display will include select high school students' works of art. Scholarships will be presented in memory of Joyce Rosen, the original festival founder and a longtime supporter of St. Louis artists and events.



The nonprofit Mosaics Fine Art Festival showcases local and regional artists while educating the community about how art can enhance their lives. The festival features a diverse range of artwork from emerging, mid-career, and established artists across all media. For more information, call (314) 406-2067 or visit <http://www.stcharlesmosaics.org>.

MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN BEGINS EXTENDED EVENING HOURS

Garden partners with St. Louis Shakespeare Festival for Nature Speaks lecture, performances on Thursday evenings

WHAT: Extended Evening Hours
WHEN: Thursdays April 3–September 25 | 5–8 p.m.
WHERE: Throughout the Garden
COST: Included in Garden admission
INFO: mobot.org
Photos available with credit (information in file info).

The Garden will stay open until 8 p.m. on Thursdays, with last entry at 7:30 p.m. Regular admission rates apply. The Doris I. Schnuck Children's Garden will stay open until 7 p.m. on Thursdays and will be included with general admission.

Throughout the spring, summer and early fall months, visitors can enjoy a sunset stroll through the Garden, including the conservatories, make dinner plans at Sassafras Restaurant or grab a refreshing drink at the Bellwether Café while they explore the seasonal blooms. Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend, little ones can cool off in the refreshing splash pads available in the Children's Garden, which will be available on Thursday evenings as well as daytime admission.

Starting in late April, Thursday evenings will also include interactive events designed to connect the community to nature through the arts.

A Shakespearean Evening in the Garden in partnership with the St. Louis Shakespeare Festival

WHAT: Guest lecture and pop-up performances
WHEN: Thursday, April 24 | 6-8 p.m.
WHERE: Lecture in the Bayer Event Center | Performances throughout the Garden
COST: Included in Garden admission

This year, the Garden is continuing its Nature Speaks series which began in 2024 and offers interactive events designed to connect the community to nature through the arts.

This year, the Nature Speaks series will have a special focus on the written word, exploring how plants have influenced literature, poetry and prose. These events will take place on select Thursday nights throughout the season, beginning with a special evening dedicated to the great Bard himself—William Shakespeare.

The Missouri Botanical Garden will be partnering with the St. Louis Shakespeare Festival to host Gerit Quealy, author of *Botanical Shakespeare*, on April 24. Quealy will explore Shakespeare's connection to nature through captivating botanical illustrations of herbs, blossoms and buds found in Shakespeare's plays and sonnets.

Following the lecture, performers with the St. Louis Shakespeare Festival will bring to life the words of Shakespeare for guests as they explore the inspiring natural beauty of the Missouri Botanical Garden. The iconic floral-themed scenes will be lifted from plays in the Festival's upcoming 25th Anniversary Season: *Hamlet*, *Romeo & Juliet* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

The event is included with admission to the Garden.

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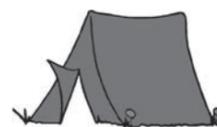
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EASTER DIRT CAKE



Ingredients

1 (13.29-ounce) package Oreos
 1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened
 ½ cup unsalted butter, softened
 1 cup powdered sugar
 1 (16-ounce) container Cool Whip
 2 (3.4-ounce) boxes instant white chocolate, or instant vanilla pudding mix
 3 cups milk
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 Easter candy, (PEEP bunnies, edible grass, candy Easter eggs)

Instructions

Crush 2/3 package of Oreos and place it in the bottom of a 9×13 pan. Set aside.

Mix cream cheese and butter until smooth. Mix in powdered sugar and fold in whipped topping. Set aside.

In a separate bowl mix pudding powder, milk, and vanilla. Fold this mixture in with the cream cheese mixture.

Pour over the crumb mixture.

Sprinkle with the reserve crushed Oreos. Let set for a few hours and keep refrigerated until ready to serve.

Right before serving, top with bunny Peeps, edible grass, and Candy Easter Eggs.

BIRDS NEST COOKIES



Ingredients

1 cup chocolate chips
 2/3 cup Reese's peanut butter cups
 1 5-ounce can chow mein noodles
 1 cup Cadbury speckled eggs

Instructions

Line a large sheet pan with parchment paper.

Pour the chocolate chips and peanut butter cups in a microwave-safe bowl, microwave the chocolate for 1 minute, and then stir. Keep microwaving in 10-second intervals, stirring in between, until all of the chocolate is melted.

Mix the chow mein noodles with the melted chocolate and combine.

Use a spoon to drop the mixture onto the sheet pan to form cookies. Use the spoon to press down to form a nest shape. Press 2 to 3 candy eggs into each nest. Let stand until firm or refrigerate for about 10 minutes. Store in a tightly covered container.



Llywelyn's Pub Celebrates 50 Years of "Good Times" in St. Louis



Llywelyn's Pub, the iconic Celtic gathering place and culinary staple of St. Louis, is thrilled to announce its **50th Golden Anniversary**. The months-long celebration, in support of **Pedal the Cause**, will include weekly events featuring the rollout of a special edition Llywelyn's beer crafted by local brewery Schlafly, sets by premier music guests, and

a crowning **Jubilee Bash on May 3rd, 2025**.

Since its doors first opened in the Central West End in 1975, Llywelyn's Pub has been a cherished destination for locals and visitors alike, offering a warm, inviting atmosphere, authentic American and Celtic-inspired fare, and an unparalleled commitment to community.

"Reaching this milestone is a testament to our guests' loyalty and our team's dedication," said Chris Marshall, co-owner of Llywelyn's Pub. "We've been proud to serve as a gathering place for so many over the past five decades, and we're looking forward to continuing this tradition in the years ahead."

Celebrating 50 Years of Good Times

What began as a small Welsh pub on McPherson Avenue by Jack Brangle and Jon Dressel, Llywelyn's has now grown into a regional institution currently boasting 2 locations across the St. Louis metro area and another in Kansas City. **Webster Groves High School** alumni **Chris Marshall, Brett Bennett, and Scott Kemper** took over ownership in 1997, evolving Llywelyn's into a celebration of all things Celtic. Its menu is rich in Irish, Scottish, and Welsh traditions, complemented by an extensive selection of over fifty beers, ales and spirits from around the world.

With its unique combination of historic charm, modern amenities, and a welcoming atmosphere, Llywelyn's remains the go-to destination for gatherings of all kinds. From the historic Webster Groves location with its soaring ceilings and fireside seating to the picturesque St. Charles patio overlooking the Missouri River, each Llywelyn's offers a distinct experience while staying true to its Celtic roots.

A Year of Celebration

To mark its 50-year anniversary, Llywelyn's Pub will serve a special commemorative beer brewed by St. Louis' own Schlafly's. Guests can look forward to live music, special menu items, giveaways, and a showcase of Llywelyn's rich history through photos and stories from the past five decades. The celebration's highlight will be a "Golden Anniversary Month" in April, featuring exclusive promotions and activities for families, friends, and long-time patrons.

Giving Back to the Community

Llywelyn's is deeply committed to the communities it serves. Over the past decade, the pub has sponsored or donated to multiple local charities and community organizations. Whether it's hosting fundraisers, supporting schools, or participating in local events like the Webster Groves Chilifest, Llywelyn's remains dedicated to making a positive impact.

Throughout its 50th year anniversary celebration, Llywelyn's will be supporting Pedal the Cause, a local organization that raises funds to accelerate breakthrough cancer research at the Siteman Cancer Center and Siteman Kids at St. Louis Children's Hospital. Llywelyn's hopes to raise \$50,000 through a series of events and promotions April through June.

Join Us

Whether you're a long-time patron or discovering Llywelyn's for the first time, we invite you to join us in celebrating this momentous milestone. Raise a glass, share a story, and create new memories as we toast to 50 years of Llywelyn's Pub.

The Original Llywelyn's Pub: A Central West End Tale

It all started in 1975, at 4747 McPherson Avenue in St. Louis's Central West End. Llywelyn's wasn't flashy or overly ambitious; it was just a small, welcoming pub with a Welsh heart. Back then, the neighborhood was a bit rough around the edges, far from the vibrant district it is today. But Llywelyn's helped breathe life into the area, becoming a cornerstone of what would eventually become one of St. Louis's most iconic neighborhoods.

The Beginnings

Jack Brangle and Jon Dressel, two locals with a passion for good food and even better conversation, opened Llywelyn's with a simple vision: create a place where people could gather, share a meal, and connect. The pub was small and intimate, with just enough room for a handful of tables and a snug bar. The cooks' line was right next to the bar, so you could see your food being made while chatting with the bartender. It wasn't polished, but it was real—and people loved it.



Llywelyn's Pub owners Chris Marshall, Scott Kemper and Brett Bennett.

The Character

Walking into Llywelyn's back then was like stepping into another world. The walls were adorned with a mix of Welsh memorabilia and oddities collected by Jack and Jon—things like vintage Welsh beer advertisements, old maps, and even a portrait of Prince Llywelyn, the last free prince of Wales, after whom the pub was named. The space smelled of rich, hearty fare: beer batter frying, lamb roasting, and bread baking.

The lighting was dim, the atmosphere warm, and the noise level a steady hum of conversation and laughter. It felt like everyone there knew each other, and if they didn't when they arrived, they certainly did by the time they left.

The Food and Drink

The menu was unapologetically Welsh, featuring dishes that were hard to find anywhere else in St. Louis. Welsh rarebit, with its sharp cheddar cheese sauce served over thick bread, was a standout. The lamb sausage, made in-house, was a revelation for anyone who tried it. And then there was the leek and potato soup—simple but comforting, the kind of dish that made you feel at home, even if you weren't Welsh.

The drinks were just as much a draw. They stocked Welsh and English ales, as well as a few local favorites, creating a beer list that was ahead of its time. It wasn't just about the drinks themselves but the way they were served—with care, precision, and a smile.

The People

But the real magic of Llywelyn's wasn't in its food or decor—it was in its people. The pub attracted an eclectic crowd: writers, artists, academics, and locals who just wanted a good pint and a welcoming place to spend their evening.

Jon Dressel, one of the co-owners, was a poet, and his artistic circle often found its way to the pub. On any given night, you could overhear discussions about literature, art, and politics mingling with the more down-to-earth banter of locals catching up after work. The contrast was part of Llywelyn's charm. Everyone was welcome, and everyone had a place.

Regulars became fixtures of the place. There was the older gentleman who always sat at the bar, reading a novel between sips of ale. The group of young professionals who gathered every Friday, laughing loudly and clinking glasses. The local musician who played a quiet tune in the corner, adding to the pub's cozy atmosphere without ever overpowering it.

The Legacy

By the late 1980s, Llywelyn's was thriving. They acquired the adjacent property, expanded the kitchen, and added a dining room to accommodate the growing crowd. But even as it grew, it kept its original character. The staff knew your name, your drink order, and probably a bit about your life.

The original Llywelyn's stayed open for over 40 years, helping to shape the Central West End into the vibrant, artistic neighborhood it is today. When it closed in 2018, it left behind a legacy not just of good food and drink, but of community. For those who were lucky enough to experience it, the original Llywelyn's wasn't just a pub—it was a home away from home, a place where memories were made and stories shared.

Today, Llywelyn's lives on in its other locations, but there will always be something special about that little pub on McPherson, where it all began.



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Congratulations to Battalion Chief, George Sullivan, on his retirement from the Webster Groves Fire Department after over 26 years of service to the WG community!

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Ribbon cutting for the Down Syndrome Association of Greater St. Louis at their beautiful new office—right here in Brentwood!



Alderwoman Nancy Parker Tice shared heartfelt remarks, welcoming DSAGSL and reflecting on Brentwood's commitment to inclusivity:

"Known as the City of Warmth, Brentwood takes that moniker to heart by fostering an inclusive and welcoming community for all. One example of that is the new Brentwood Park with the incredible Destination Playground. The playground was thoughtfully designed with inclusion in mind – a level merry-go-round so all can spin, metal slides so children with cochlear implants can enjoy a slide, too, and an incredible water play area that is a wonderful sensory spot and one of the busiest sections of the playground. These and many other features ensure that children and adults of all physical and intellectual abilities can play, explore, and enjoy the space together.

On a personal note, my late sister-in-law Sharon was born with Down syndrome in the 1960s, a time when there were few resources available for individuals with Down syndrome. Thankfully, because of the work of the Down Syndrome Association of Greater St. Louis, important funding from the St. Louis County Productive Living Board, and the dedication of countless organizations and individuals, we now live in a much richer, more inclusive community that celebrates people of all backgrounds and abilities.

Congratulations again to the Down Syndrome Association of Greater St. Louis on your new home, thank you for all you do for our community – and happy World Down Syndrome Day!"

Learn more about DSAGSL: <https://dsagsl.org/>

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.

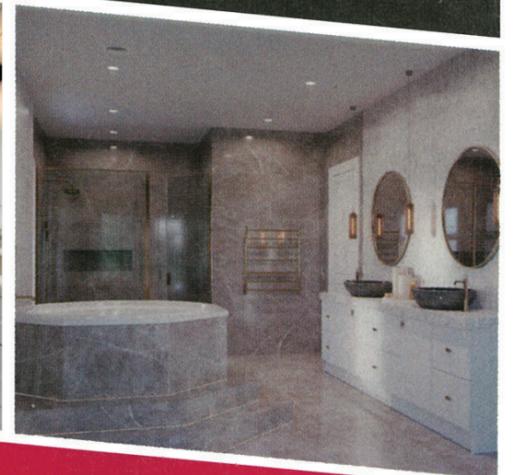
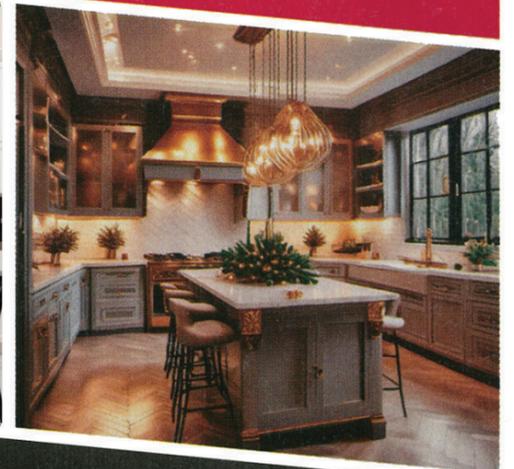
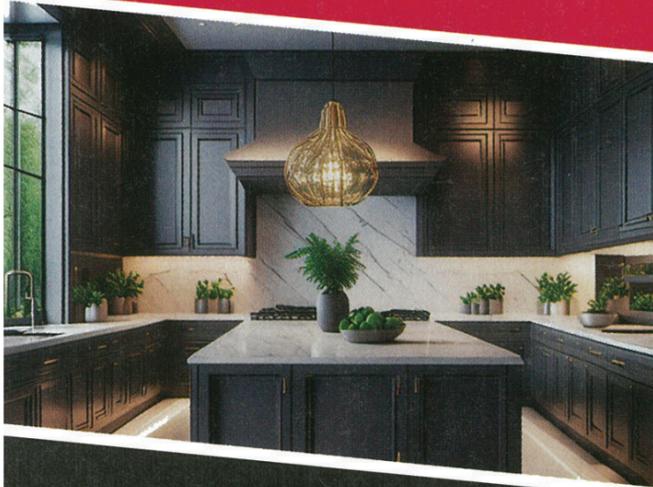
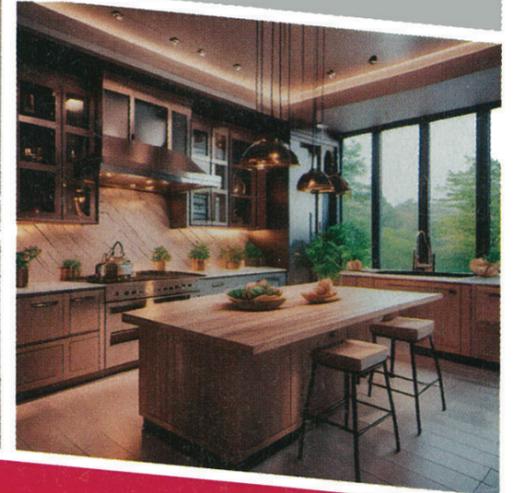
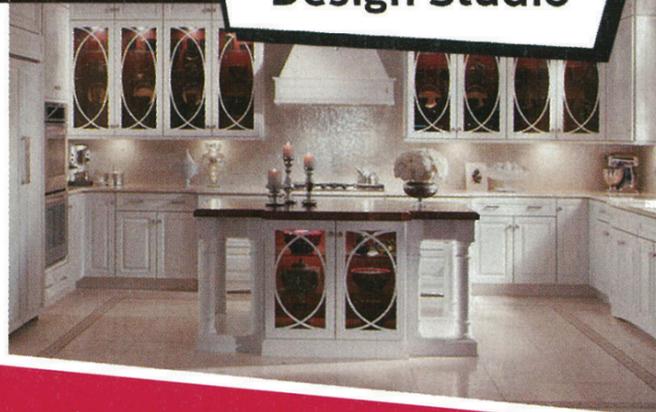
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Brentwood Board of Aldermen Minutes

PARTIAL BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING Minutes, Monday, March 3, 2025

ROLL CALL

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

Staff members present included: Eric Gruenfelder (Asst. City Administrator), Michelle DePew (Finance Director), Jim Hetlage (City Attorney), Ronnie Cottrell (Fire Chief), Dan Gummshheimer (Director of Public Works), Tangula Bell (Human Resources Manager), Michelle Boyer (Communications Manager), Joe Spiess (Police Chief), Ed Beirne (Assistant Fire Chief), (Whitney Kelly (Planning and Development Director), Craig Schluter (Navigate Building Solutions), Bola Akande (City Administrator), Kelle Silvey (Deputy City Clerk).

ANNOUNCEMENTS, APPOINTMENTS, PROCLAMATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

A. American Society of Landscape Architects - 2025 Merit Award for Design: Constructed Projects Eric Gruenfelder introduced Andy Franke (Architect with Planning Design Studio). Mr. Franke presented the Merit Award for Brentwood Park and thanked the Board for allowing the firm to be a part of the Project.

B. Fire Department Badge Pinning and Swearing in Ceremony

Chief Cottrell introduced their newest member, Noah Reid, and read his bio. Noah's girlfriend, Paige, pinned his badge. The City Administrator administered the Oath of Office and congratulations were offered by the Board. Pictures were taken.

C. 2025 MPRA Award, Public Official Achievement Award - Mayor David Dimmitt

Eric Gruenfelder shared the Public Achievement Award that was received by the Mayor for the Board of Aldermen and staff for the Brentwood Bound Comprehensive Plan.

D. Appointment to Redevelopment Corporation Board

This item was tabled for a later date as noted on the agenda in 3A.

E. Appointment of City Attorney

The Mayor noted that this item will be taken up during New Business.

PUBLIC HEARING

A. Public Hearing on An Ordinance Approving A Site Development Plan And Conditional Use Permit For An Adult Day Care Facility At 2570 S Brentwood Boulevard Within The Brentwood Eagle Shopping Center In The PD-Planned Development Overlay District.

The Mayor read the item and gavel opened the Public Hearing.

Whitney Kelly explained the need for the Site Development Plan And Conditional Use Permit for the adult Daycare and noted it was approved by unanimous vote at Planning and Zoning Commission. She stated that the applicant would like a first and second reading at this meeting.

Alderwoman Harter inquired if restrooms are ADA compliant, and the response was that they are. Alderman Lochmoeller asked for clarification on what their service provides. The response was that this is a drop-off and pick-up of elder adults who spend the day doing crafts, etc. They are fed meals, etc. as would happen in an early childhood daycare.

The Mayor gavel closed the Public Hearing.

B. Public Hearing on Ordinance relating to the "MC" Manchester Corridor Commercial District. The Mayor read the item and gavel opened the Public hearing.

Whitney Kelly and City Administrator noted that this item is going back to Planning and Zoning and needs to be continued at a later



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

date. The City Attorney stated this will be republished later.

The Mayor gavel closed the hearing.

MAYOR AND ALDERMEN REPORTS

A. Mayor David Dimmitt

Offered a legislative update – they received word there was a Bill being heard on 2.26.25 regarding the food sales tax. When the Mayor learned of this, he went to testify in opposition. Several others went to testify as well. The take-away has been acknowledged regarding the devastation this tax elimination will create. The hope is that we will not see piecemeal legislation like this moving forward.

Noted he drove by the Community Center on Saturday at 11:30 during the electronics Recycling event and there were lots of people waiting to drop off things. He offered kudos to the city and staff for doing this as it is a well-used service we provide for all in the area.

Shared an email he received from someone who lives in Cape Girardeau and was visiting our Brentwood Park, that stated what a great job we did in designing the park and thanked all who were involved.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

A. Brentwood Bound Update

Craig Schluter (Navigate Building Solutions) shared the report (available in Board Docs), stating the Construction costs, Soft costs and Categories of Funding. He noted the Muni Grant was received, the SWT reimbursement was received, and the GRG will have a transfer of funds.

There were no questions or comments.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Bill No. 6545 - Appointment of New City Attorney/Legal Services - An Ordinance Of The City Of Brentwood, Missouri, Appointing James C. Hetlage And Lashly & Baer, P.C. As The City Attorney For The City Of Brentwood, Missouri, And Authorizing The Mayor To Enter Into And Execute The Attached Agreement For City Attorney Legal Services With Lashly & Baer, P.C.; And Providing For The Effective Date Of This Ordinance - First and Second Reading

The City Attorney did the First Reading of the Bill.

The Mayor shared that the previous attorney, Kevin O'Keefe, has resigned and the Mayor is appointing Jim Hetlage for the interim. He has confidence in Jim and his firm's ability.

Motion was made by Alderman Lochmoeller and seconded by Alderwoman Tice for a second reading of the Bill.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

The City Attorney did the Second Reading of the Bill.

By a vote of 8 (yes) to 0 (no), Bill #6545 will become Ordinance #5173

B. Bill No. 6546 An Ordinance Approving A Site Development Plan And Conditional Use Permit For An Adult Day Care Facility At 2570 S Brentwood Boulevard Within The Brentwood Eagle Shopping Center In The PD-Planned Development Overlay District. First and Second Reading

The City Attorney did the First Reading of the Bill.

Whitney Kelly stated this item was presented during Public Hearing and the applicant is requesting a first and second reading tonight. Due to a delay in the traffic study and weather delays, the applicant is ready to get started.

Motion was made by Alderman Wegge and seconded by Alderman Lochmoeller for a second reading of the Bill.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

The City Attorney did the Second Reading of the Bill.

Motion was made by Alderman Gould and seconded by Alderman Lochmoeller to perfect the Bill into Ordinance form.

Discussion: Alderman Lochmoeller noted there is a Park close by the facility and asked if people who attend can be taken there to enjoy the park during the day. The response was yes, they look to do that.

Roll Call:

By a vote of 8 (yes) to 0 (no), Bill #6546 will become Ordinance #5174

C. Bill No. 6547 An Ordinance To Temporarily Suspend Enforcement Of Sections 220.010(B)(10) And 500.830(B)(4) Of The Brentwood City Code Relating To High Grass And Weeds Above Seven Inches To Promote "Low Mow April" In Support Of Pollinators And Wildlife Habitat - First and Second Reading

The City Attorney did the First Reading of the Bill.

Whitney Kelly spoke sharing that this is the same ordinance as last year. It is an initiative from the Sustainability Committee to continue offering this. Due to time of year, there is need for a second reading.

Motion was made by Alderman Wegge and seconded by Alderwoman Sims for a second reading of the Bill.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

The City Attorney did the Second Reading of the Bill.

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

By a vote of 8 (yes) to 0 (no), Bill #6547 will become Ordinance #5175

D. Request for an Extension to Ordinance 5117 - An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 4810 And 4602 For The Conditional Use Permit And Site Development Plan For Chick-Fil-A Restaurant Located At 8590 Eager Road Within The Dierbergs Brentwood Pointe Shopping Center.

Whitney Kelly shared that the request is for a 180-day extension noting there are no changes to the ordinance or plans, they just need more time to complete. It was approved by Planning & Zoning. Alderman Plufka inquired about the changes being made. The response was an addition of a drive thru lane and more landscaping. They will take out a few parking spaces to achieve the necessary room for the adjustments. This will help with traffic congestion at this location.

Motion was made by Alderman Gould and seconded by Alderman Erger to approve the extension for the Ordinance from last year (2024) to September 14th 2025.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURN

A. Adjournment – The Mayor stated there was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM

The Regular meeting was livestreamed on YouTube and recorded. The recording will be made available on the City's YouTube channel.



Low Mow April: Help Pollinators Thrive!

Join us in supporting pollinators and promoting healthy ecosystems by participating in Low Mow April! By reducing mowing this month, you'll provide essential habitat and food sources for bees, butterflies, and other vital pollinators. Learn more about this eco-friendly initiative and how you can take part at brentwoodmo.org/LowMowApril.

MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN ANNOUNCES LINEUP FOR WHITAKER MUSIC FESTIVAL

Free Wednesday evening concerts take place May 28 to July 30

This summer, the Whitaker Music Festival will return to the Missouri Botanical Garden, offering a 10-week lineup of free Wednesday evening concerts showcasing St. Louis' rich and diverse music scene.

The Whitaker Music Festival is generously funded by the Whitaker Foundation, created by Mae M. Whitaker in memory of her husband Lyndon. The Whitaker Foundation makes grants to enrich lives through the arts and promote and preserve St. Louis City parks.

Pack a picnic and enjoy the beauty of the Garden grounds in summertime bloom as you discover new—or rediscover—local artists whose music spans generations and genres. Live music will begin at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, May 28 to July 30. Free admission entry begins at 5 p.m. Last entry is at 8:15 p.m.

This year's lineup:

May 28: Vince Martin Band

A St. Louis musical legend, Vince Martin is a powerhouse vocalist and guitarist with a versatile repertoire that spans soul, blues, funk, jazz, pop and rock. Martin blends the soul of George Benson and Elvis Presley with the guitar mastery of Eric Clapton and Carlos Santana. Recognized as one of the most versatile performers in the business, the St. Louis native has earned a reputation as the city's best-kept secret.

June 4: Manos PanAmerica

Manos PanAmerica is a Latin and North American fusion band that originated in 2023 in St. Louis, proudly performing both originals and cover songs and incorporating a variety of Latin genres and instruments. Their repertoire of genres includes Cachimbos, Cumbia, Bossa Nova, Joropos, Boleros, Huaynos, Bailecitos, Rancheras, Corridos and Salsa. The band brings to life instruments like the charango, Colombian tiple, Venezuelan cuatro, quena, zampoñas, bongos and more.

June 11: 5 Star Roscoe

Based in St. Louis, 5 Star Roscoe offers a unique Americana vibe, highlighting top shelf vintage music touching multiple genres along with a sampling of original tunes. They deliver energetic, crowd pleasing shows and are regular favorites at many local bars, pubs, and entertainment districts in the area.

June 18: Steve Ewing Band

St. Louis-based musician Steve Ewing is best known as the golden voice behind the seven-piece powerhouse The Urge. Formed in high school back in late 80s, The Urge took their eclectic mix of punk, reggae, hip hop, and ska, and sent a sonic shockwave from the Midwest that can still be felt to this day.

June 25: Funky Butts Brass Band

The Funky Butt Brass Band is St. Louis' premier brass powerhouse, blending jazz, funk, blues, soul and rock into electrifying, high-energy performances. Since 2008, they've thrilled audiences with over 100 shows a year, from Mardi Gras parades to their legendary holiday Brasstravaganza, delivering bold brass, fiery solos, and an unstoppable groove.

July 2: Saint Chuck

Saint Chuck is a St. Louis-based "indie pop" band who recently release their debut EP Acting Like Adults. Along with the songwriting trio of Austin Shariff, Hannah Wozniak, and James Mettrick, the group is often joined with many other talented guest musicians. Saint Chuck's fun and energetic music is sure to have you out of your seats as they draw inspiration from major pop artists like John Mayer, classic legends such as Stevie Wonder, and the more niche indie artists like Stephen Day.

July 9: Jig Jam

Described as "Ireland's answer to New Grass Revival," JigJam offers a lively, unique take on the Bluegrass and American Folk genre that pays tribute to their home of Ireland. JigJam made its Grand Ole Opry Debut in 2023 to critical acclaim receiving a standing ovation from a sold-out crowd on Country Music's biggest stage. Their reputation for foot-stomping, high energy performances continues to cement JigJam as "the best Irish band in bluegrass."

July 16: Dawn Weber & Good Company

Join Dawn Weber & Good Company for a captivating musical tribute to St. Louis through the eyes of one local musician who has grown, written music, and been performing for the city for several years. This high energy show is composed in St. Louis and brought to life by local musicians—this is St. Louis music!

July 23: Tele-Starr

Tele-Starr is an American Classic Rock group known for their tight harmonies and vintage flair. Featuring powerhouse leads Kevin Rothlisberger and Emily Rose. Blending sounds like Tom Petty, Jackson Browne, Bob Seger, Fleetwood Mac & Springsteen, their ringing harmonies and hearty emotion bring warmth and infectious energy to their music, delivering an experience that's nostalgic and refreshingly original.

July 30: Karla Harris Quintet

The Karla Harris Quintet musicians are longtime creative innovators, who bring style, panache and gorgeous melodies to the stage. Join them live in concert for an evening of powerful, emotion-tugged vocals presented through straight-ahead and contemporary jazz, blues favorites and a few originals.

Whitaker Music Festival concerts will be held outdoors on the lawn of the Cohen Amphitheater, just west of the Climatron® on the grounds of the Missouri Botanical Garden. Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets.

The concert series is the only time of year when picnicking is allowed on Garden grounds. Visitors are welcome to bring their own picnic supper, baskets or coolers; no barbecue grills, fireworks, sparklers, or pets. No glass of any kind or firearms are allowed on Garden grounds. Security bag checks will take place at entry.

Free entry begins at 5 p.m. on each performance evening. Last entry is at 8:15 p.m. Live music begins at 7 p.m. All visitors must enter through the Jack C. Taylor Visitor Center. Some areas of the Garden, including conservatories and the Doris I. Schnuck Children's Garden, are closed on Whitaker Music Festival evenings.

For more information, please visit mobot.org/whitaker.

MIDWEST DREAMS: THE ULTIMATE EDM FESTIVAL May 31, 2025

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Midwest Dreams is set to be the ultimate destination for music lovers, bringing an electrifying lineup of world-renowned DJs, immersive light shows, and an unforgettable festival atmosphere.

The festival will be held at World Wide Technology Raceway on May 31, 2025.

This premier festival blends high-energy beats with a dreamlike ambiance, featuring stunning interactive art installations, thrilling carnival rides, and a vibrant community of passionate festivalgoers. Whether you're a seasoned raver or a first-time attendee, Midwest Dreams promises an unparalleled experience where music, art, and culture collide under the stars.

Headlining Performers: Grammy-nominated Australian DJ Dom Dolla, known for his meteoric rise in the EDM scene, bringing his signature house music sound. Also featuring Diplo, a genre-defying producer and DJ with deep roots in electronic music and hip-hop influences. ACRAZE & YDG

Additional DJs: Avilo, Donald Glaude, JCRUZ, Mark LaPlante, Reece Xposure, Jake Hassler, and DJR.

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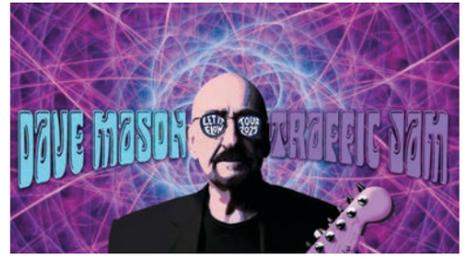
"We wanted to create an experience that captures the essence of the global EDM movement while embracing the spirit of the Midwest," said John Soell, Founder of Midwest Dreams. "This festival is about more than just music—it's about community, creativity, and pure euphoric energy."

Stay tuned for ticket deals and additional surprises. Midwest Dreams is more than a festival—it's a movement. Don't miss your chance to be part of the magic.

About Midwest Dreams:

Midwest Dreams is an immersive electronic dance music festival that brings the world's top DJs, including Dom Dolla & Diplo, breathtaking visuals, and interactive art to the Midwest. Designed for dreamers, dancers, and lovers of the EDM scene, this festival creates a space where music and creativity unite in an unforgettable experience.

DAVE MASON LET IT FLOW 2025 TOUR Thursday, May 15 at 7:30 PM



Rock and Roll Hall of Fame artist DAVE MASON returns to St. Louis live in concert at The Factory at The District with "Dave Mason's Let It Flow 2025 Tour" on Thursday, May 15. Show time is 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) Tickets go on sale this Friday, March 14 at 10 a.m. and can be purchased online at Ticketmaster.

Fans and critics alike hail Dave Mason as one of the most talented songwriters and guitarists in the world - which is why he is still performing more than 100 shows a year to sold-out crowds. Mason has been playing guitar most of his life. By age 15, Mason had founded two bands: The Deep Feeling and The Hellions. At age 18, the Worcester, England native teamed up with Steve Winwood, Jim Capaldi, and Chris Wood to form the legendary band Traffic. At only 19 years old, Mason penned one of his most famous songs "Feelin' Alright." The rock anthem, first recorded by Traffic and then covered by dozens of other artists (including Joe Cocker), cemented both his and Traffic's legacy, and had a profound influence over rock music that continues today. Mason has penned over 100 songs, has three gold albums: Alone Together, Dave Mason, Mariposa De Oro, and platinum album Let It Flow, which contained the top-ten single "We Just Disagree." For more information, visit www.davemasonmusic.com.

Located at 17105 North Outer 40 Road, just off Interstate 64/40 at the Boone's Crossing exit, The Factory at The District is the newest addition to the vibrant entertainment scene in St. Louis, and offers complimentary, well-lit parking for all events. For more information, visit www.thefactorystl.com or www.steveletitmanpresents.com.



2025 Holiday Trash Schedule

Holiday	Date	Change
Memorial Day	Monday, May 26	Regular services (Monday-Friday)
Juneteenth	Thursday, June 19	Regular services (Monday-Friday)
Independence Day	Friday, July 4	No trash service. Pickup resumes one day after regular schedule (Sat)
Labor Day	Monday, September 1	Regular services (Monday-Friday)
Veterans' Day Observed	Tuesday, November 11	Regular services (Monday-Friday)
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 27	No trash service. Pickup resumes one day after regular schedule (Fri-Sat)
Christmas Day	Thursday, December 25, 2025	No trash service. Pickup resumes one day after regular schedule (Fri-Sat)

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

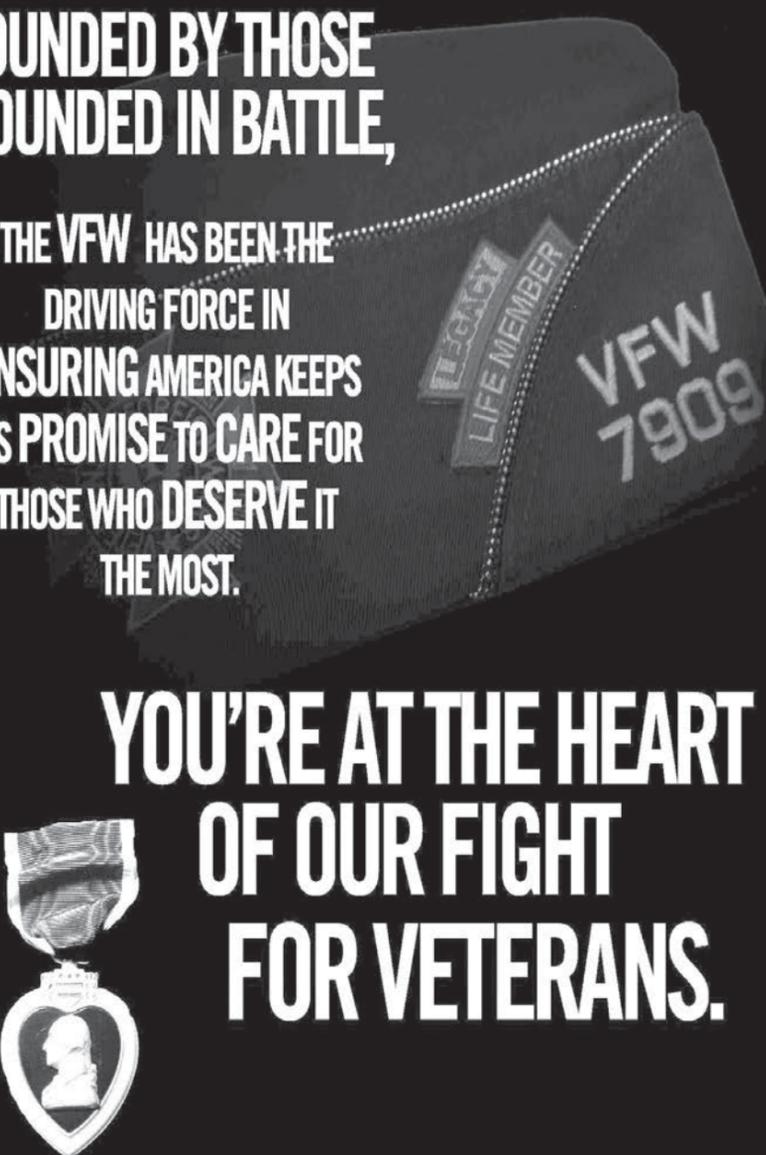
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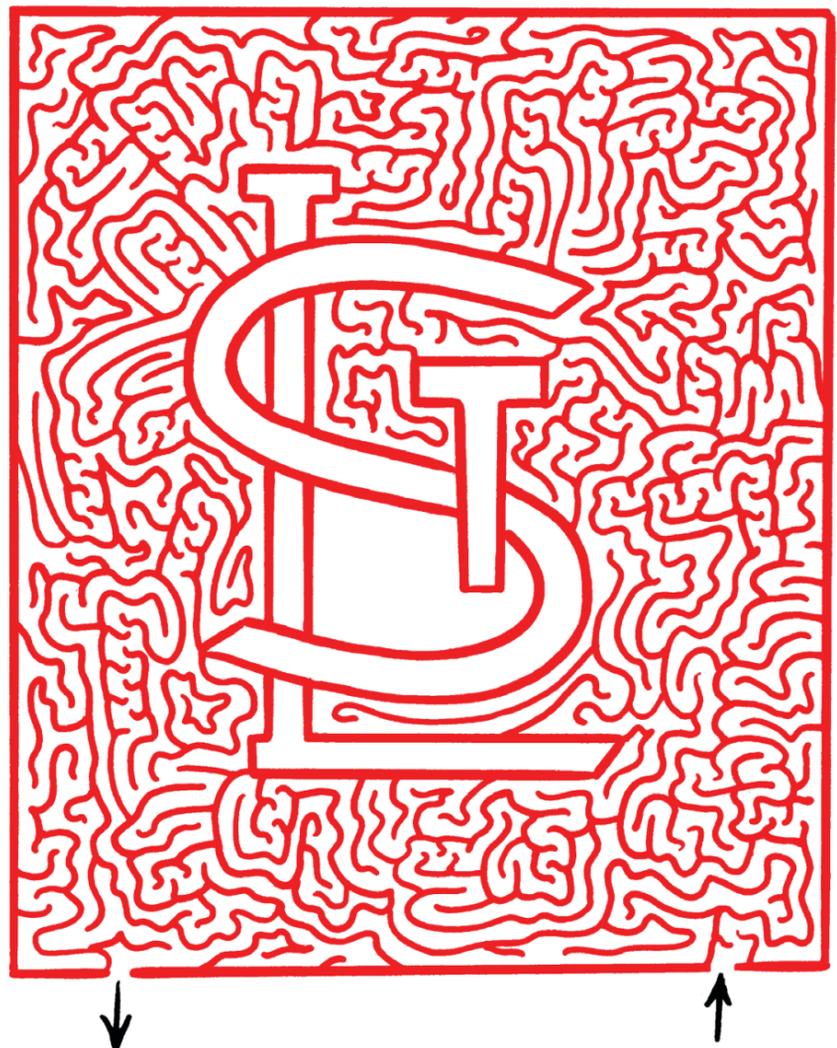
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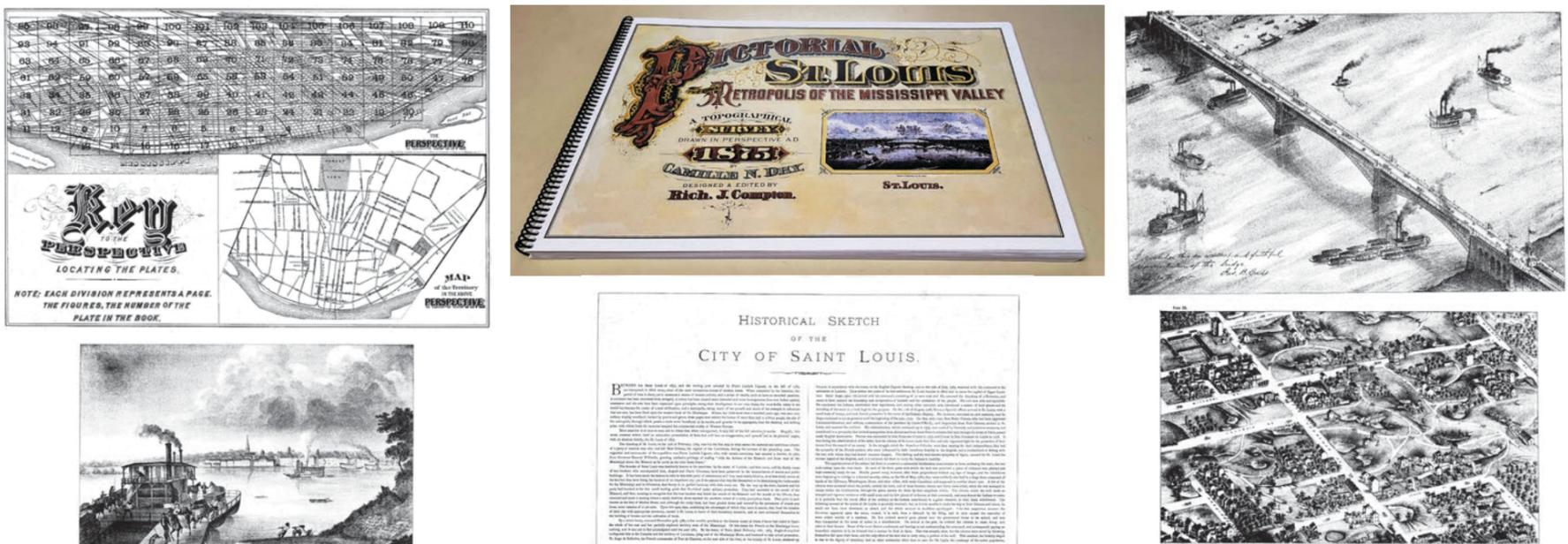
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PICTORIAL ST. LOUIS: The Great Metropolis of the Mississippi Valley A Topographical Survey, Drawn From Perspective 1875.
Illustrations by Camille N. Dry and designed & edited by Rich. J. Compton.

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.

Exciting News from Brentwood's Irene Leland



I am extremely pleased that my original, revived and updated biography, *The Maze Comes To Life* is now released on Amazon.

"*The Maze Comes To Life*" is Irene Leland's compelling story of her gifted son, Joey, the "Wizard of Maze", whose captivating, complex mazes entrapped and baffled everyone until he became engulfed in the real-life maze of mental illness.

It is available in hardback, paperback and a special coffee table edition, all versions complete with one of Joey's phenomenal mazes for every chapter!

As you well know, I am ever so grateful for your ongoing publishing/sharing of Joey's mazes!!!!!! (Your Pulse is credited in the book as one of the tributes to Joey and his mazes!)

My book encompassing all of his mazes, *Mazes By Joe* will be released soon!

Sea Lion "Spring Training" Shows Kick off



Sea lion care staff are working with these intelligent pinnipeds on high jumps, flipper walks, high dives, powerful swimming and other acrobatic and athletic behaviors. Throughout the show, staff explain sea lion behavior and positive-reinforcement training, animal fun facts and the need for conserving the sea lions' ocean habitat.

2025 Sea Lion Show Schedule (Dates and times subject to change)

"Spring Training" Shows

March 15-30 — Shows daily at 1 and 3 p.m. (weather permitting)

Spring Training tickets are \$2 per person for ages 2 and up. Free for children ages 0-23 months.

Spring Shows

April 4-27 — Friday-Sunday shows at 11 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m.

May 1-25 — Thursday-Sunday shows at 11 a.m., 1 and 3 p.m.

Spring show tickets are \$3.95 per person for ages 2 and up. Free for children ages 0-23 months.

Summer Shows

May 26-Aug. 25 — Daily shows at 11 a.m. 1 and 3 p.m.

Summer show tickets are \$3.95 per person for ages 2 and up. Free for children ages 0-23 months.

Fall Shows

See stlzoo.org/SeaLionShow for show times and ticket information for fall shows.

St. Louis District Dairy Council

Spring into Healthy Habits with Dairy



Spring is an inspiring time of rebirth and renewal. As nature wakes up from winter, St. Louis District Dairy Council encourages you to take a fresh look at your self-care routine. With the colder months behind us, it makes sense to explore new ways to improve your health and wellness. It may be as easy as adding outdoor physical activity to enjoy the warmer weather or adjusting your afternoon snack choices. So, celebrate the change of seasons and spring into health this month with simple changes.

Rethink your diet

Spring is all about new beginnings, fresh starts and hope for new opportunities. It is also the perfect time to take a closer look at eating habits to improve health. Focus on foods that nourish your body like yogurt parfaits with berries, omelets with vegetables and cheese, and salads with fresh produce. As you welcome the new season, take an inventory of food shopping habits as well. Spend more time in the produce section and select new-to-you seasonal fruits and vegetables. Delicious, energizing spring choices include strawberries, spinach, citrus, peas, asparagus, artichokes and mushrooms. All of these in-season options pair well with creamy delicious dairy foods like cheese and yogurt.

Choose nutrient rich foods

Dairy foods provide many essential nutrients your body needs, so make an effort to incorporate them into meals. Dairy foods, like cottage cheese or milk can be enjoyed alone, but also make great ingredients in recipes or partners in snacks. Use plain Greek yogurt as the base for dips or a topping for baked potatoes. Enjoy a glass of milk with dinner. Keep in mind, healthy changes are not a matter of removing favorite foods. Whether aiming to decrease calories or boost your protein intake, simple tweaks can help pave the way toward meeting larger goals. "Dairy's variety and versatility make it easy to find an option that adds taste — and important nutrients — to any meal," said Maggie Nasic, nutrition educator for St. Louis District Dairy Council.

Reevaluate your liquid intake

Make wise choices when it comes to beverages. Energy drinks, cocktails and soft drinks can add excess calories, sugar and caffeine and little nutrition to your diet. "Rather than sipping soda, enjoy a glass of ice-cold flavored milk. Milk's protein, calcium, and vitamin D offer a big nutrition bang for your buck," Nasic said. Because beverages move through the stomach faster than solid foods, it may be easier to overindulge in liquid calories, so moderation is key. Consider substituting water or milk for sugary drinks to reduce calories, add nutrients, and stay hydrated.

Move more, sit less

Spring is the perfect opportunity to reinvent your fitness routine. Warmer temperatures and more sunlight hours are an invitation to get outside and get moving. Use the new season as motivation to start a new sport or rediscover a warm weather activity like biking, gardening, or hiking. Taking exercise outdoors provides the bonus of the natural mood boost that comes with getting fresh air and natural light. A new exercise routine doesn't need to be difficult or complicated. It may be as simple as walking the dog or intentionally parking farther away at the office or shopping center. Make sure to refuel after workouts with the ultimate recovery beverage, chocolate milk.

Enjoy springing into health this month with nutritious dairy foods and a new self-care routine. Visit www.stldairyCouncil.org for more information on the health benefits of dairy. You may also contact Maggie Nasic 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.



Indulge in the taste of spring with seasonal fruits and vegetables like strawberries, spinach and basil paired perfectly with brie cheese. Combining dairy with other nutrient-rich foods makes for a nutritious and delicious snack or lunch item with this grilled cheese!

Strawberry Brie Grilled Cheese Sandwich

Prep Time: 13 minutes

Servings: 1

Ingredients

2 slices multigrain bread
2 ounces Brie cheese, thinly sliced
1/2 cup baby spinach leaves, stems removed
3 strawberries, stems removed and thinly sliced
1 tablespoon basil pesto, divided
1 tablespoon butter, softened

Instructions

Heat a nonstick or cast-iron pan over medium heat.

Spread pesto evenly on each slice of bread, then top with Brie cheese slices, strawberry slices and spinach leaves.

Place the remaining slice of bread on top and firmly press down to condense layers.

Spread the top piece of bread with softened butter and place buttered side down in heated pan.

Cook approximately 3-4 minutes or until lightly browned. If necessary, turn heat down so the bread doesn't burn. While the sandwich is cooking, spread the remaining softened butter on top of bread. Flip the sandwich over and cook another 3-4 minutes or until lightly browned.

Mosaics Fine Art Festival Receives \$10,000 Grant

Missouri Humanities awards funding for nonprofit's upcoming 30th annual event.

Mosaics Fine Art Festival recently received a \$10,000 grant from Missouri Humanities, marking the first time the festival has been awarded funding from the organization.



Missouri Humanities is a nonprofit dedicated to enriching lives and strengthening communities by connecting Missourians with the people, places, and ideas that shape society. Founded by Congress in 1971, Missouri Humanities is one of the 56-state and territorial humanities councils that receives support from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The organization offers programs that explore Missouri's Cultural Heritage, share Veteran's stories, preserve Native American and Civil War history, and showcase local communities through podcasts and videos.

The grant will fund Mosaics' 30th annual event scheduled for September 12 through 14. The three-

day festival will feature over 100 juried artists from 15 states who will exhibit artwork available for purchase. The family-friendly event is free and open to the public, taking place along several blocks of North Main St. in Historic St. Charles, Mo. where more than 30 restaurants and over 75 shops are located.

"We are deeply grateful to Missouri Humanities for this very generous first-time grant," said Mosaics Fine Art Festival president Denise Wulff. "Missouri Humanities' commitment to fostering cultural enrichment and community engagement aligns perfectly with our mission, and we are honored to be among the recipients of their support, which will help us continue to celebrate the arts in our region."

The nonprofit Mosaics Fine Art Festival showcases local and regional artists while educating the community about how art can enhance their lives. The festival features a diverse range of artwork from emerging, mid-career, and established artists across all media. For more information, call (314) 406-2067 or visit <http://www.stcharlesmosaics.org>.

Community Gardening



Webster Rock Hill Ministries has always made community gardening a regular part of our vision and mission in addressing food insecurity, farming, and personal food management.

We have plots available for gardening on a first come basis. Please get in touch with Marilyn Claggert @ claggettmarilyn@gmail.com to begin your garden for 2025.

Thank you and we will see you soon outdoors in the garden.



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Wicked Winner

Congratulations to last week's winner of our Wicked Giveaway on March 25. Mary Strecker was the winner of a Target Exclusive version of the Wicked: The Soundtrack. Thanks to Mary and others that attended the magical musical screening!



Puzzle Race, Part II

What a blast at the RHPL Puzzle Race on April 5th! The Puzzle Posse crushed it at the Puzzle Race, finishing the 500-piece challenge in record time. Special thanks to Ravensburger for their awesome jigsaw puzzle donations, Hacienda Mexican Restaurant for the prize gift card & to all the teams singing along with our rockin' 50's playlist!



Winners, in order:

1. Puzzle Posse (Paris Scene Puzzle)
2. Puzzle Buddies (Paris Scene Puzzle)
3. We Come in Piece (Koala)
4. Getting Jiggy With It (Dolphins)
5. Puzzle Crazy (Koala)
6. Guessing Gattos (Pond Scene)
7. The Breadwinners (Pond Scene)
8. Piece Corps (Dolphins)



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Spring Film Series

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

April's theme April Showers kicks off April 8, 2025, with the Academy Award for Best Original Screenplay, *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*:

Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind (April 8) (R). When their relationship turns sour, a couple undergoes a medical procedure to have each other erased from their memories forever. Starring Jim Carrey and Kate Winslet, with supporting roles from Kirsten Dunst, Mark Ruffalo, Elijah Wood and Tom Wilkinson.

One of the reasons why *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*, now 20+ years old, ranks among the best love stories of the 21st century is that it makes the unique argument that failure is an essential, precious part of romantic experience.

Twisters (2024) (April 22) (PG-13). Kate Carter (Daisy Edgar-Jones), a retired tornado-chaser and meteorologist, is persuaded to return to Oklahoma to work with a new team and new technologies. Serving as a standalone sequel to *Twister* (1996), it stars Daisy Edgar-Jones, Glen Powell, Anthony Ramos, Brandon Perea, Maura Tierney, and Sasha Lane. It follows clashing groups of storm chasers who investigate a tornado outbreak in Oklahoma.

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Get ready for a night of suspense and excitement at the Rock Hill Public Library's Mystery Book Club on April 16 at 5:30 PM! We'll be diving into "Camino Island" by John Grisham.

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March 20 5:30 pm

Joe West is a writer of transgressive urban fiction. He relies heavily on elements of his lifelong memories of St. Louis and the unique people of the Midwest. His latest book, *Tears into Wine*, currently available from Anxiety Press.

April 17 5:30 pm

Artist **Shelley Dieterichs'** charming and whimsical style of illustration may be seen in many children's books, educational materials, packaging, greeting cards, nursery art, and much more.

May 15 5:30 pm

Sharon Shinn has been writing stories since childhood, and she now spends her days in journalism and time off writing novels that combine fantasy, science fiction, and romance for adults and young adult readers.

Books will be available for purchase at each event.
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Behind the Pages: A Literary Series

Come hear authors and creators talk about writing, publishing, and living a literary life! Happening monthly this spring on the third Thursday at 5:30 PM. Shelley Dieterichs (April 17) & Sharon Shinn (May 15).

STEAM CLUB

COFFEE FILTER FLOWER ART

School-aged kids are welcome to this Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math Club each month for an hour of making, experimenting, and play!

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STEAM Club

Let's get creative together! Join us for a hands-on activity exploring absorption, saturation, and color mixing at our next STEAM Club on April 19 from 11 AM-Noon. Using pipettes and liquid watercolors, we will be coloring flower shapes cut out of coffee filters for a fun springtime vibe! Don't miss out on the fun - see you there!

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RHPL Plant Swap

Gather up those seeds, those pots you never got around to using, those tomatoes that are suddenly going crazy in your garden - and share them with your neighbors on Saturday, April 26 from 11AM to 1PM!

Apply to be a **TEEN VOLUNTEER** at RHPL today!

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Nothing brings a space to life more than art. Have a collection you want to show off?? We have a display case waiting for you! Apply to lend your collection to the library, whether it's legos, coins, photos, or something we haven't thought of! We'll display it in our case for 1 month for the Rock Hill community to see.

Questions? Call us at 314-962-4723 or email patron@rhplmo.org for more information.

RHPL Community Exhibit

Have you seen the amazing works of art in our exhibit case?? Laurie Murphy crafts jewelry collages by pinning or sewing them by hand onto the wreaths. Inspired by books, music, and art, sometimes they take months before the right pieces are found to complete each wreath. Art will be on exhibit through the end of April!



Rock Hill Police Department recognizes April as Autism Awareness Month



Rock Hill Police Department recognizes April as Autism Awareness Month, attached is the Autism Awareness badge the Officers will be wearing for the month.

Autism, or autism spectrum disorder (ASD), refers to a broad range of conditions characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech and nonverbal communication. According to the Centers for Disease Control, autism affects an estimated 1 in 36 children and 1 in 45 adults in the United States today.

On average, autism is diagnosed around age 5 in the U.S., with signs appearing by age 2 or 3.

We know that there is not one type of autism, but many.

Autism looks different for everyone, and each person with autism has a distinct set of strengths and challenges. Some autistic people can speak, while others are nonverbal or minimally verbal and communicate in other ways. Some have intellectual disabilities, while some do not. Some require significant support in their daily lives, while others need less support and, in some cases, live entirely independently.

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Scout Troop 361 toured the Lincoln sites on their annual three-day historical trip



Scouts camped on Lake Springfield at BSA Camp Illinek.

On Friday March 28 the Troop toured the Illinois State Capitol, the Illinois State Museum, and the Old Capitol where Lincoln gave his “House Divided” speech and where his body lay in state upon returning to Springfield.

On Saturday we toured Lincoln’s Home, the Lincoln Presidential Museum and then drove up to Lincoln’s New Salem State Park.

On Sunday morning we visited Oak Ridge Cemetery and the Lincoln Family Tomb.

Each Scout was given a Lincoln Family subject to research and report on as we toured.

On Friday and Saturday nights the Troop held a campfire with songs, skits, and bad jokes.

Troop 361 is sponsored by St. Mary Magdalen, and is the only Boy Scout Troop in Brentwood. We meet every Wednesday evening and welcome all boys from grades 5 and up. Interested? Contact our Scoutmaster, Mr. Chris Musial at cmusial@nhs-stl.com

Child Care Aware of Missouri Awarded Saint Louis Mental Health Board Contract



Child Care Aware of Missouri (CCAMO) recently was awarded a \$107,468 contract by the Saint Louis Mental Health Board to provide telehealth and mental health services for up to 225 child care educators and their families.

This first-time, 16-month contract enables CCAMO to recruit and enroll city child care educators in its Show Me Child Care Resources’ monthly subscription, as well as monitor and report on the utilization of child care educators in telehealth and mental health services. Participating educators and their family members will receive unlimited access to telehealth services, 10 mental health visits, and access to Show Me Child Care Resources. All services are provided with no copay.

CCAMO holds the exclusive statewide license for Show Me Child Care Resources, a web-based portal offering over 2,000 resources for child care educators and business owners, as well as access to telehealth services for mental health support and overall well-being.

Founded in 1994, Saint Louis Mental Health Board (MHB) is an independent taxing authority that administers public funds for behavioral health and children’s services. The nonprofit’s mission is to improve the quality of life for city residents by investing and participating in a coordinated system of social, behavioral, and physical health services aligned with community properties.

“This inaugural contract with the Saint Louis Mental Health Board represents a significant step forward in supporting the mental health and well-being of our city’s child care educators,” said CCAMO CEO Robin Phillips. “By providing access to vital telehealth and mental health services, we’re not only investing in the educators themselves but also in the quality of care they provide to our community’s children.”

Founded in 1999, CCAMO 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, call (314) 535-1458 or visit www.mochildcareaware.org.

TEDxStLouis Hosts “Curiosity” Talks

Live and in-person TEDx series spotlights speakers with an intrinsic connection to the St. Louis region.

TEDxStLouis invites the community to spark new ideas and challenge perspectives at its upcoming “Curiosity” Talks on Saturday, May 31 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Missouri History Museum located at 5700 Lindell Blvd. General Admission tickets are \$37 per person.

The event features influential local voices exploring bold ideas on leadership, critical thinking, biodiversity, data literacy, and even the impact of lighting design. Each talk is designed to shift perspectives, ignite conversations, and inspire action.

Featured speakers and talks include:



• **Yemi Akande-Bartsch, Ph.D.**, President and CEO of FOCUS St. Louis, “Leadership – What Problem Are You Solving?” Dr. Akande-Bartsch will explore rethinking relationships and unlocking new opportunities for success and societal progress.

• **Tabari A. Coleman**, Founder of The Coleman Group Consulting, “Thinking About Our Thinking: Exploring the Nature of Radical Candor, Self Awareness and Critical Thinking.” Coleman’s session will uncover how radical candor and self-awareness can support mental health and personal growth.

• **Justin Grubb**, award-winning filmmaker and Co-Founder of Running Wild Media, “Beyond the Lawn: Inviting Nature Home.” His presentation will focus on how swapping traditional lawns for native plants can support pollinators and boost biodiversity.

• **Dr. R. Lauren Miller**, activist and Assistant Professor at Saint Louis University, “Statistics Helps More Students Than Calculus.” Dr. Miller will show why statistics is the most valuable math course, as well as why more students should take it.

• **Sean Savoie**, Teaching Professor of Design at Washington University, “A Well-Placed Light.” He will review the surprising ways lighting design shapes our well-being and daily life.

Event-goers will enjoy live music from the Red and Black Brass Band, St. Louis’ premier New Orleans-style second line band, bringing high-energy, celebratory music rooted in African traditions.

The event is sponsored by COCABiz, 100th Monkey, RAC, RGA, and U.S. Bancorp Impact Finance.

TEDx is a program of local, self-organized events that bring people together to share a TED-like experience. At a TEDx event, TEDTalks video and live speakers combine to spark deep discussion and connection in a small group. Founded in 2013, TEDxStLouis provides the community with events, connections, and ongoing information. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit <http://www.tedxstlouis.org>.

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The Focal Point at Year 50: Historic Maplewood listening room celebrates five decades of top-notch entertainment

DID YOU KNOW? The Focal Point is completely run by a staff of 30+ passionate volunteers of all ages from across the St. Louis region who share a common dedication toward preserving traditional, folk and roots music in our community. From our front-of-house staff to concert programmers and the marketing team, no one on staff has ever earned a paycheck. All profits directly support the working local and touring artists who grace our stage, as well as our continuous efforts to host an array of enriching programs for diverse audiences.

The Focal Point began in 1975 as a coffeehouse in the Old Orchard area of Webster Groves in the southwestern part of St. Louis County. At the time, founders Bill and Janet Boyer, who both had roots in the traditional American folk music scene, owned the regionally-renowned music shop Music Folk on Lockwood. Focal Point concerts were originally presented at various locations around Webster Groves and the St. Louis area until January 2000, when we found a permanent home in the heart of historic downtown Maplewood.

Throughout the past 50 years, we've increased our series to roughly 100 concerts per year, archiving most of them in our expansive YouTube library. We have also gained new groups by sharing our space on non-concert evenings with swing, contra, Cajun/Zydeco, Argentine tango, and English country dance groups, as well as acoustic jams and even improv theater. The Focal Point continues to expand our efforts to preserve and showcase traditional and original folk music and dance, as well as jazz, blues, and a variety of other genres, artistry and cultures from all around the world. We are thankful for our support from regional art councils, businesses, volunteers and donors, and last but not least, our audiences, for making The Focal Point one of the finest listening rooms in St. Louis.

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RuPaul's Drag Race WERQ the WORLD TOUR sashays into St. Louis on Sunday, September 21, 2025 at The Factory at The District.

Show time is 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.). Tickets are \$109.50, \$89.50, \$79.50, \$69.50 and \$49.50. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased online at Ticketmaster.

The nominees are in, and the competition is fierce. This year, RuPaul's Drag Race WERQ the WORLD is taking you behind the velvet ropes of the most exclusive awards show in herstory. Get ready to walk the red carpet hosted by Jimbo as Joan Rivers. Plus, sickening performances by Derrick Barry as Britney Spears, Jaida Essence Hall as Beyoncé, Naomi Smalls as Mariah Carey, Marina Summers as Ariana Grande, Morphine as Shakira, and surprise guests including finalists from Season 17 on the most important night of the year for the art of Drag. Presented by Voss Events in collaboration with World of Wonder and MTV. Line-up subject to change.

For more information, visit Voss Events.

Located at 17105 North Outer 40 Road, just off Interstate 64/40 at the Boone's Crossing exit, The Factory at The District is the newest addition to the vibrant entertainment scene in St. Louis, and offers complimentary, well-lit parking for all events. For more information, visit www.thefactorystl.com or www.stevelitmanpresents.com.

Butler Earns Play Therapy Credential

Deborah Butler, MSW, LCSW, of Saint Louis, Missouri, earned the prestigious Registered Play Therapist™ (RPT) credential conferred by the Association for Play Therapy (APT), according to its President & CEO, Kathryn Leiby, CAE, CMP.

To become a Registered Play Therapist™, applicants must have earned a traditional master's or higher mental health degree from an institution of higher education, 150 clock hours of play therapy training, two years and 2,000 hours of clinical experience, 500 hours of supervised play therapy experience, and be licensed or certified by their state boards of practice.

Play Therapy is a mental health modality used by licensed mental health professionals, when developmentally appropriate, to better communicate with and help clients achieve optimal mental health. It is particularly effective with children because, just as adults use words to communicate ideas and feelings, children use play.

The Association for Play Therapy (APT) is a national professional society formed in 1982 to advance the play therapy modality and serve the research, training, and credentialing needs of its member counselors, marriage and family therapists, psychologists, and social workers. Licensed mental health professionals may earn and maintain its Registered Play Therapist™ (RPT), Registered Play Therapist-Supervisor™ (RPT-S), and School Based-Registered Play Therapist™ (SB-RPT) credentials. Additional information is available at www.a4pt.org.

For more information or an interview, contact Deborah Butler at strengthforward@proton.me.



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West Community Credit Union employees had the joy of volunteering with friends at The Little Bit Foundation
Lots of organizing and sorting through a variety of book donations



At Brentwood Public Library, we had a great group of kids make macrame hangers at our Spring Break craft event. Thank you for coming out, and we hope all you Brentwood kids had an awesome Spring Break!

We are excited to unveil our new entry way artwork!
Our talented students designed and created this display with the support of art teacher, Tim Rempel. Great job all!



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