

# MH LIFE

August - September 2023

## MARYLAND HEIGHTS NIGHT OUT RETURNS

Love where you live? Let's celebrate!

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## MARYLAND HEIGHTS GOVERNMENT CENTER

## FALL 2023 GUIDE TO PARKS AND RECREATION

Included as an insert.

## THE FUTURE OF DOGPORT

Restoration is underway!

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Everything you need to know.

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Fall 2023  
Guide to  
Parks and  
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*City residents and staff pose for a photo at a 2022 MHNO block party.*

## A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

As we wave goodbye to summer and prepare ourselves for a new school year, I am able to look back at the last couple months and I'm amazed at all that we've been able to accomplish. We owe our successful summer to our hard working city staff - from the lifeguards who kept Aquaport running smoothly to our Finance Department who continues to go above and beyond preparing the annual budget to our dedicated officers who endure months of out-of-state training to better our City and even our loyal K-9 officers and their handlers. In July, we invited the community to a retirement ceremony for K-9 Bax, who spent the last seven years of his life keeping us safe.

Last summer, we saw a record rainfall occur, which caused flash flooding all over the metro area. Unfortunately, during that flooding period, our beloved dog park endured significant damage. Thanks to the hard work of the Parks and Recreation and Public Works Departments, construction has begun to restore Dogport. Read more about the plans on **page 11**.

Included in this issue of MH Life is the Fall Guide to Parks and Recreation and I hope that you are able to keep this publication around through the upcoming months, so you can easily access all the wonderful events and programs they have planned. Many fall favorites will make a

reappearance this year: the Fall Family Fair, Chalk the Lot, and the City Wide Sale - just to name a few. I'm also very excited for their new programming opportunities like Storybook STEM, a Pumpkin Plunge, and the Teen Halloween Hunt. More information about all of these programs can be found inside the Parks and Recreation Guide. Be sure to check it out!

As the temperatures begin to drop during September, we are reminded that fall is here. If you are a senior citizen or a disabled resident, I hope that you are participating in our Utility Tax Rebate program, which is coordinated every fall. We are very lucky to be able to offer this amenity to our residents. Be sure to take advantage of this program and read more about the process on **page 13**.

Finally, September also brings our favorite time of the year - Maryland Heights Night Out (MHNO). This long-standing tradition includes a series of block parties that pop up all over the City where residents can gather over good food and good company. I hear there are lots of surprises planned this year - so check out all the details on **page 14**.

Hope to see you all celebrating life in Maryland Heights on September 30 during MHNO!

**Mayor Mike Moeller**

(314) 878-6730

# COUNCIL MINUTES

The following is a summary of action taken at the May 4, May 18, June 1, and June 15 City Council meetings. For complete meeting minutes, visit [www.marylandheights.com/minutes](http://www.marylandheights.com/minutes).

## MAY 4

- Approved a resolution supporting the purchase of retiring canine, Bax, by his police department handler, Officer Alexander Waldroup, for the sum of \$1.00
- Approved a resolution amending the 2023 Budget to increase the Contractual Services Amount in the Police Investigations Program by \$50,000 for the body-worn camera contract with Utility Associates, Inc. and related police department computer equipment
- Authorized an agreement with Utility Associates, Inc. for in-car and body-worn camera systems with cloud storage.
- Authorized the Mayor to apply for and accept a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice in the amount of \$25,000 for the funding of Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Awareness Programs.
- Approved a bill granting easements to the Howard Ben Levee District related to storm water improvements at Sportport.
- Approved an ordinance granting easements to the Howard Bend Levee District related to Storm Water Improvements at 12175 Creve Coeur Mill Road.
- Approved an ordinance amending Exhibit B, Riverport Land Use Matrix, of PDM Planned District - Manufacturing, Ordinance 2006-2806 for Riverport Business Park (Petition of Midwest Medical Transport Company, LLC with the consent of the Riverport Board of Trustees.

## MAY 18

- Approved a motion to purchase commercial fitness equipment for the Maryland Heights Community Center from Johnson Fitness and Wellness LLC

in the amount of \$14,070.

- Approved a motion to purchase commercial fitness equipment for the Maryland Heights Community Center from under Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing through Advanced Exercise in the amount of \$29,291.77.
- Approved a motion to approve the purchase of Employee Dental Insurance through Anthem at the cost provided in a May 11, 2023 memorandum for two years beginning July 1, 2023.
- Approved a resolution to amend the 2023 Budget by increasing the amount allocated for longevity pay resulting in an increase in the amount of \$40,000.
- Approved a resolution to amend the 2023 Budget by increasing the amount allocated for employee salaries and benefits by \$121,000 for a mid-year 4% market adjustment effective June 1, 2023.
- Approved an ordinance repealing Ordinance 2023-4758, regarding the City Pay and Classification Plan and enacting a new ordinance approving a pay and classification plan.
- Approved an ordinance amending the Maryland Heights Personnel Manual as adopted in entirety by Ordinance 2022-4734 amending Section 10.4, Causes For Discipline, to include additional causes for discipline; amending Section 11.12, Longevity Pay by adding a tiered plan based upon years of service and Section 12.5, Family and Medical Leave to include language related to short term disability.
- Approved an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a construction services contract with Roofing Services and Solutions, Tecta America, for the Public Works Operations Facility room coating.
- Approved an ordinance enacting a Conditional Use Permit for landscaping services at 11488 Dorsett Road (Petition of Frontenac Forestry)
- Approved an ordinance authorizing the City to enter into amended and restated development and performance agreements in connection with an industrial development project in the City (NorthPoint Development, LLC Project)

- Approved an ordinance authorizing a second amendment to performance agreement in connection with the taxable industrial revenue bonds (the Flats at Dorsett Ridge LLC Project), Series 2020.
- Approved an ordinance authorizing the City to enter into a second omnibus amendment to bond documents (Riverport Land Partners).
- Approved an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute Change Order #1 with Bex Construction for the Dogport Restoration Project
- Approved an ordinance amending various sections of Chapter 1, General Provisions, and Chapter 2, Administration, of the Maryland Heights Municipal code to reflect current practices, policies, and regulations.

## JUNE 1

- Approved a motion to approve revisions to the list of restrictions on the sale of liquor for Legends Music, LLC, d/b/a Hollywood Casino Amphitheater, as shown in Exhibit A, attached hereto and make supporting documentation part of the record.
- Approved an ordinance approving the Record Plat for Westport Commerce Center Plat 6 Subdivision (Petition of Westport Commerce Center Land Owner, LLC)

## JUNE 15

- Approved a motion to approve Retail Liquor by the Drink and Sunday by the Drink liquor licenses for Spencers, LLC d/b/a Millwood Sports Bar and Grill, 12068 Dorsett Road, Managing Officer, Anthony C. Miller II, and make supporting documentation part of the record.
- Approved a motion to approve Retail Liquor by the Drink and Sunday by the Drink liquor licenses, for catering purposes only, at Salt and Smoke Corporate, LLC, d/b/a Salt and Smoke, 2452 Centerline Industrial Drive, Managing Officer Thomas Schmidt and make supporting documentation part of the record

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MARYLAND HEIGHTS?

## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

View our entire calendar of events online by visiting [marylandheights.com/calendar](http://marylandheights.com/calendar).

## COLOR KEY

- Adult & Senior Programs
- Administration/Finance
- City Events or Closures
- Community Development
- Council Meetings
- Economic Development
- Parks & Recreation
- Police
- Public Works

## LOCATION KEY

- MHCC - Community Center
- MHGOV - Government Center
- CCIC - Centene Community Ice Center

## AUGUST

- 2 Pop-Up Market • 4:00 p.m. • MHCC  
Shop from a wide variety of handmade, homemade, and homegrown vendors that also features live entertainment.
- 4 City Council Meeting • 7:00 p.m. • MHGOV
- 7 First Monday Meet and Greet • 10:30 a.m. • MHCC
- 8 Community Development and Neighborhood Preservation Meeting • 5:30 p.m. • MHGOV
- 8 Planning and Zoning Meeting • 7:00 p.m. • MHGOV
- 9 Beautification Meeting • 6:00 p.m. • MHCC
- 9 Public Improvements Meeting • 6:00 p.m. • MHGOV



- 11 Luau Party at Aquaport • 7:30 p.m. • MHCC  
Swim under the stars at this family-friendly party at Aquaport. Season Pass holders are free, \$5 General Admission.
- 14 Mystery Trip • 7:00 a.m. • MHCC  
For more information about our Adult Day Trips, call the Community Center at (314) 738-2599.

- 15 Grief and Loss Support Group • 11:30 a.m. • MHCC
- 16 Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Meeting • 6:30 p.m. • MHCC
- 17 City Council Meeting • 7:00 p.m. • MHGOV
- 18 Summer Concert Series (Rockin Chair) • 7:00 p.m. • Parkwood Park

Join us for live music in the parks! All concerts are free and all ages are welcome. Don't forget to bring your own seating.



- 21 Monthly Luncheon and Bingo • 10:30 a.m. • MHCC  
To purchase tickets, call (314) 738-2599.
- 22 Planning and Zoning Meeting • 7:00 p.m. • MHGOV
- 23 Fun in the Park • 5:30 p.m. • Parkwood Park  
Explore the parks in Maryland Heights with Parks and Recreation staff.

## SEPTEMBER

- 4 First Monday Meet and Greet • 10:30 a.m. • MHCC
- 6 Pop-Up Market • 4:00 p.m. • MHCC  
Shop from a wide variety of handmade, homemade, and homegrown vendors that also features live entertainment.
- 7 City Council Meeting • 7:00 p.m. • MHGOV
- 8 Dog Days of Summer • 5:00 p.m. • Aquaport  
Well-mannered dogs are invited to swim at the water park to close out summer! Check out the [www.marylandheights.com/parks](http://www.marylandheights.com/parks) for more information.
- 9 Superhero Academy • 9:00 a.m. • MHCC  
Kids ages 5-8 are invited to this one-of-a-kind training to sharpen their superhero skills. Visit [www.marylandheights.com/parks](http://www.marylandheights.com/parks) for more information.
- 12 Community Development and Neighborhood Preservation Meeting • 5:30 p.m. • MHGOV



- 12 Planning and Zoning Meeting • 7:00 p.m. • MHGOV
- 13 Beautification Meeting • 6:00 p.m. • MHCC
- 13 Public Improvements Meeting • 6:00 p.m. • MHGOV
- 15 Summer Concert Series (Hubb and the Heavy Hearts) • 7:00 p.m. • Vago Park  
Join us for live music in the parks! All concerts are free and all ages are welcome. Don't forget to bring your own seating.
- 18 Monthly Luncheon and Bingo • 10:30 a.m. • MHCC  
To purchase tickets, call (314) 738-2599.
- 19 Grief and Loss Support Group • 11:30 a.m. • MHCC
- 20 Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Meeting • 6:30 p.m. • MHCC
- 21 Cardinals vs. Brewers Trip • 10:30 a.m. • MHCC  
For more information about our Adult Day Trips, call the Community Center at (314) 738-2599.
- 21 City Council Meeting • 7:00 p.m. • MHGOV
- 23 City Wide Sale • 9:00 a.m. • MHCC  
Turn your trash into someone else's treasure! Host a sale from your home and be included in a City Wide Sale map or reserve a space at the Community Center. More information at [www.marylandheights.com/citywidesale](http://www.marylandheights.com/citywidesale).



- 23 Chalk the Lot • 10:00 a.m. • MHCC  
Grab some chalk and bring your art to life! \$5 will reserve a parking spot in this chalk art competition. All ages and abilities are welcome.
- 26 Planning and Zoning Meeting • 7:00 p.m. • MHGOV
- 27 STAGES St. Louis Presents "Million Dollar Quartet" Trip • 10:30 a.m. • MHCC  
For more information about our Adult Day Trips, call the Community Center at (314) 738-2599.
- 30 Splash Pads Last Day of Season • Vago and Eise Park
- 30 Maryland Heights Night Out • 4:00 p.m.  
Sign up to host your own block party during this annual tradition! To learn more, visit [www.marylandheights.com/mhno](http://www.marylandheights.com/mhno).

## OCTOBER

- 2 First Monday Meet and Greet • 10:30 a.m. • MHCC
- 5 City Council Meeting • 7:00 p.m. • MHGOV
- 7 Tons of Trucks • 10:00 a.m. • Hollywood Casino Ampitheatre  
Get an up-close look at tractors, dump trucks, fire and police vehicles and more during this one-of-a-kind event that is free for all ages!



- 10 Community Development and Neighborhood Preservation Meeting • 5:30 p.m. • MHGOV
- 10 Planning and Zoning Meeting • 7:00 p.m. • MHGOV
- 11 Beautification Meeting • 6:00 p.m. • MHCC
- 11 Public Improvements Meeting • 6:00 p.m. • MHGOV
- 12 Family Bingo • 6:30 p.m. • MHCC  
Celebrate the fall season with a family-friendly game of bingo! Dinner and refreshments are included. \$10/person. Purchase tickets at [www.marylandheights.com/tickets](http://www.marylandheights.com/tickets).
- 16 Monthly Luncheon and Bingo • 10:30 a.m. • MHCC  
To purchase tickets, call (314) 738-2599.
- 17 Grief and Loss Support Group • 11:30 a.m. • MHCC
- 18 Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Meeting • 6:30 p.m. • MHCC
- 19 City Council Meeting • 7:00 p.m. • MHGOV

# FINANCE DEPARTMENT AWARDED DISTINGUISHED BUDGET PRESENTATION

On May 22, 2023, the City of Maryland Heights was awarded the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the City's 2023 budget. This award, given by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), recognizes the commitment that government agencies give to providing proficient budget presentation. This includes producing an effective policy document, financial plan, operations guide, and communications device - in other words, creating documents that best explain government budgeting to the public in the most clear and engaging a way as possible!

The City begins the budget process in the late summer of each year, working across multiple-months and between all City departments to collaborate on budget needs. This includes participation in budget workshops with each of the City's Departmental Committees to ensure all departmental needs are heard and evaluated, before holding the Draft Budget Workshop with the City Council, where the final budgetary decisions are made. The final budget is passed in a regular Council meeting in December of each year. "The budget process is a long and detailed process. However, in order to ensure our budget document meets the standards for the award, we are required to provide additional information that goes beyond the normal scope of the budget process," said Director of Finance, Danielle Oettle. "It keeps the City responsible and ensures we serve our community in the best way possible."

Once the initial budget draft is finalized, a version is made available both in-person at the Maryland Heights Government Center, and online on the Maryland Heights website. This way, both the public and the City leadership has ample time to review the document and provide feedback before the final vote by the City Council. After the budget is finalized, the Communications Division and Finance Department collaborate to produce the annual Budget in Brief document, which runs in the February-March issue of MH Life, as a way to help explain budgeting to the

Maryland Heights community. These efforts are what the GFOA considers when awarding recipients of the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award, which Maryland Heights strives to excel at each and every year!

"A lot of additional work goes into the application process for the award, as well," Oettle noted. "Once the application is submitted along with the final budget document, reviewers from peer cities across the nation are assigned to determine if the budget meets the criteria guidelines determined for a 'Distinguished Budget.'"

Maryland Heights has won the award for numerous years and maintains its standard of quality with this year's recognition. "The Finance team and city staff work hard year round to ensure the budget document is used to navigate the fiscal year ahead. Staff do their best to go above the 'Status Quo'," said City Administrator, Tracey Anderson. "Being recognized for this hard work continues to show the dedicated team that we have in place."

Our team is far from resting on their laurels, and already have the 2024 Budget in mind, "We're excited to continually meet the requirements to receive this award!" exclaimed Oettle.



*(from left) Danielle Oettle, Yudan Li, Jean McKay, and Mariah Summers of the City of Maryland Heights Finance Department pose with a copy of the 2023 City budget.*

## COUNCIL MINUTES, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

- Approved a motion to approve a Retail Liquor by the Drink and Sundry by the Drink liquor license for Shea's Nail Bar, LLC d/b/a Shea's Nail Bar at 12211 Dorsett Road, Managing Officer, Saly Pham and make supporting documentation part of the record.
- Approved an ordinance enacting a PDM Planned District for approximately 30 acres of land to be known as Maryland Park Industrial Development located at 14009 Creve Coeur Airport Road (Petition of Cornerstone Land Co. LLC).
- Approved an ordinance enacting a Conditional Use Permit for outdoor storage at 15720 Westport Commerce Drive (Petition of Tristar Properties on behalf of Weir Pump and Valve Solutions, Inc.).
- Approved an ordinance amending Ordinance 2023-4786 by authorizing the Mayor to execute Change Order #1 with Bex Construction for the Dogport Restroom Restoration Project.
- Approved an ordinance finding and declaring that the construction of a section of public road located on Lot 1 of Sportport Subdivision is necessary for public purposes; authorizing the acquisition of real property and directing the City Administrator to execute contracts, agreements, and other documents in relation to such acquisition
- Approved an ordinance authorizing dedication of public rights-of-way at Lot 1 Sportport Subdivision.



## WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES

The City of Maryland Heights would like to welcome the following new employees to our team:

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- Jennifer Cook - Customer Relations Specialist, Government Center
- Ericka Jones - Social Resources Coordinator
- Shanequa Townsend - Customer Relations Specialist, Government Center

### POLICE

- Dominic Frasca - Police Officer

### PUBLIC WORKS

- Alisha Castaner - Engineering Intern



## CITIZEN'S SATISFACTION SURVEY ON THE WAY

Keep your eyes on the mailbox for our 2023 Citizen's Satisfaction Survey, which is set to be delivered through the month of August. This survey allows the City to sample 400 randomly selected households and asks about a wide range of topics about life in Maryland Heights. The survey may be answered by sending back answers in an included pre-paid envelope, online (the link is provided on the paper survey), or by calling a toll-free number.

If you happen to be one of our lucky residents who receives this survey, please consider sharing your opinions, as the data we receive plays a major role in future planning so we can continue to meet the needs of our community!



## SUPERINTENDENT OF FACILITY MAINTENANCE PASSES THE TORCH

On May 30, 2023, we celebrated the retirement of Superintendent, Shawn Corcoran. Shawn was hired in 1998 and through his twenty-five year tenure, had quite a number of projects under his tool belt. Shawn was there for Aquaport's first season and helped facilitate the move of an entire City Hall and Police Department to a brand new Government Center in 2008. Shawn also played a main role in opening the new Community Center in 2017 and supervised the maintenance team for the City of Maryland Heights. After twenty-five years of serving the City, Shawn announced his retirement. His retirement plans include relaxing on the beach and soaking up the sun. Congratulations on your retirement, Shawn!

After Shawn announced his retirement in early spring, we were lucky to have a few months to find a replacement who could learn the ropes! We welcomed Vito Biondo to our team shortly before Shawn's retirement. Vito was born and raised in St. Louis and is an Army Veteran who has worked in the Maryland Heights' private sector for nearly sixteen years. He holds a bachelor's degree in Construction Management. Vito is excited to work and grow with his diverse team.

During his training process, he got to know every one of them and can see so much potential. When Vito isn't busy with all the duties of his position, he enjoys watching his son play hockey and indulges on all the amazing Mexican food that can be found around the city!



*Vito Biondo, Superintendent of Facility Maintenance*

## REGISTRATION FOR MARYLAND HEIGHTS UNIVERSITY CLOSES AUGUST 16!

Are you a member of the Maryland Heights Community looking to learn more about how your government functions? If so, you're in luck - spots are still available for our **free** citizen's academy!

Maryland Heights University (MHU) is a 5-week long course that explains all the intricacies of local government in a fun and engaging way. Staff members from all City departments will lead each two-hour session, imparting their knowledge on every aspect of how Maryland Heights operates! Sessions include several opportunities to see the city in action, such as tours of the Public Works Garage, the Maryland Heights Community Center, and the Maryland Heights Police Department. After the final session, students will be recognized at the City Council meeting.



The 2023 MHU session will take place on **Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** from **August 23 - September 20**. Graduation will take place at the City Council meeting on Thursday, September 21. The first class will be held at the Government Center, 11911 Dorsett Road. Other classes will take place at local Maryland Heights facilities (Community Center or Public Works Garage). To sign up, visit [www.marylandheights.com/MHU](http://www.marylandheights.com/MHU), scan the QR Code on this page, or call (314) 738-2497. Registration will close **August 16**.



# MAJOR WHITE GRADUATES FROM FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY

Congratulations to Major Jamison White for completing the 286th session of the FBI National Academy. The graduation took place at the National Academy in Quantico, Virginia on June 8, 2023. Major Jamison White is the fifth officer in department history to complete this prestigious program. Nationally, fewer than one percent of officers have the opportunity to attend the program.

Internationally known for its academic excellence, the FBI National Academy offers ten weeks of advanced communication, leadership, and fitness training. Participants must have proven records as professionals within their agencies to attend. On average, these officers have 21 years of law enforcement experience and usually return to their agencies to serve in executive-level positions.

The 286th session consisted of two hundred and thirty-eight law enforcement officers from 47 states and the District of Columbia. The class included members of law enforcement agencies from 25 countries, five military organizations, and six federal civilian organizations.

Chief Carson stated "It is an honor to be selected to attend the FBI National Academy. We are very proud that Major White successfully completed this intensive training course, and believe that it will benefit our police department and community for many years to come."



## ABOUT MAJOR JAMISON WHITE

Major Jamison White has been a police officer for 25 years, starting in June of 1998 with the Creve Coeur Police Department. In February of 2007, he moved to the Maryland Heights Police Department where he has held numerous jobs and positions over the years. During Major White's career, he has been a traffic/motorcycle officer, detective, road platoon sergeant, lieutenant, support services, and internal affairs commander. Major White graduated from the Northwestern School of Police Staff and Command in 2019. Major

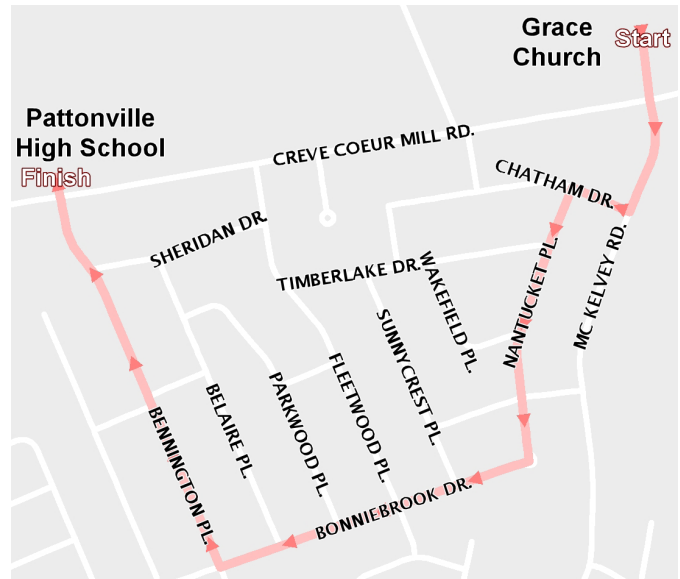
White was promoted to Deputy Chief of Police in October of 2021, where he currently holds the position of Major within the police department.

## WATCH FOR TRAFFIC DURING HOMECOMING PARADE

Pattonville School District's Homecoming Parade will take place on **Saturday, October 14** at 10:00 a.m.! This popular Pattonville tradition is estimated to take roughly an hour, so if you live close to the route pictured below, please plan accordingly! The route will remain the same as 2022's parade. The staging area and starting point this year will be at Grace Church parking lot. The full route is below:

- Grace Church parking lot - staging for floats/participants
- Exit the East driveway to route
- South onto McKelvey Rd.
- West (right) onto Chatham Dr.
- South (left) onto Nantucket Pl.
- West (right) onto Bonniebrook Dr.
- North (right) onto Bennington Pl.
- Ending at Pattonville High School

Please keep the parade route in mind when commuting in the area on the day of the event! If you plan on being a spectator, be mindful of the residents who live in the area.



## MHPD ADDS SECOND POLYGRAPhist TO THE ROSTER

Chief Bill Carson is proud to announce the completion and certification of Detective Ben Berges as a certified Polygraphist. Detective Berges completed his training at the Peak Credibility Assessment Training Center, which spanned 10 weeks. The successful completion of this training and certification course further strengthens the capabilities of our police department, as we now have two polygraphists on staff. The Maryland Heights Police Department uses polygraph tests for pre-employment screening and investigative purposes.



# WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT EXPIRED PLATES AND TEMPORARY TAGS

Expired plates and temporary vehicle tags are an all-too-common sight on Missouri roadways, and is something that the Maryland Heights Police Department frequently receives questions about. With new laws set to change how vehicle registration works in the state of Missouri, we know that there's no better time to inform the community about this issue.

Expired license plates and expired temporary tags have been a huge community concern since before the start of the pandemic. Previously, cars did not have to be registered with the DMV at the time of purchase, leading to many drivers keeping their temporary registration well past the time of expiration. In addition, the State of Missouri waived certain vehicle registration requirements to 60 days during the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic. While this policy has since expired, it has caused the number of expired license plates and expired temporary tags to compound even further.

As responsible citizens, we must ensure the safety and compliance on our roads. We can do this in many ways, such as registering our vehicles and renewing our vehicle registration, as needed. Failure to register your newly purchased vehicle or renew your current vehicle's registration can lead to serious consequences that not only impact your wallet, but also compromise the well-being of our community. In many cases, there are other violations along with the expired license plates/tags, such as not being able to get car insurance, or being unable to get valid safety inspections that can cause other serious traffic issues.

Missouri law states that all vehicles must display valid license plates. The State of Missouri gives an individual 30 days to pay the sales tax on the vehicle after purchasing it. These plates serve as identification markers for law enforcement officers. Failure to register your vehicle or renew your license plates within the required time frame can result in penalties. In the City of Maryland Heights, this is a fine of up to \$82.00. If you do not pay your fine or appear in court after you receive a summons, a hold could be placed on your driver's license until you appear in front of the Municipal Judge.

The Maryland Heights Police Department is committed to working hard to secure our community's safety. From January 1, 2023, to June 28, 2023, our officers issued 541 summonses to drivers for expired license plates and 375 summonses to drivers for failing to register their vehicles. Our officers do not remove or seize expired license plates or expired temporary license plates. Each license plate and temporary tag could be used to help identify a vehicle if it were involved in any criminal activity or accident and used by witnesses, surveillance videos, and even license plate readers. Expired license plates and tags pose issues far beyond financial penalties. When temporary plates or license plates are not renewed, it becomes difficult for law enforcement agencies to track the owners of the vehicles accurately.

The Missouri House of Representatives has submitted a bill



*Photo Credit: Captain Dilworth, City of Ferguson Police*

that would require a dealership to collect sales tax at the time of the vehicle purchase. Buyers would be required to pay the total amount in a lump sum or have the sales tax rolled into their monthly payments. However, that bill has not passed the Senate as of the writing of this article.

There are many ways to renew your license plate. Per the Missouri Department of Revenue's website, you have four options:

- **Phone:** Call 573-751-1957 to see if you are eligible to renew over the phone. This service is available Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Your local license office may also provide in-home renewal services. Visit <https://dor.mo.gov/license-office-locator/> for more information.
- **Online:** You may be eligible to renew online if a Personal Identification Number (PIN) appears on your Vehicle Registration Renewal Notice.
- **Mail:** You may also renew through mail by following the instructions on your Vehicle Registration Renewal Notice.
- **In Person:** You may visit any Missouri license office to renew.

Missouri license plates may be renewed up to six months before expiration and must be renewed by the last day of the expiration month. You may only obtain two year-registration for an even model year vehicle in an even calendar year, or for an odd model year vehicle in an odd calendar year.

It's easy to put things off, but please note that the busiest time in license offices is near the end of each month. If you plan ahead and visit any Missouri license office earlier within the month, you will have less of a wait during your visit. Make sure you read your renewal notice and have your paperwork ready to go, and your license office visit will run smoothly.

Be Safe!

*- Officer Terry Mancusi*

## KEEP STORMWATER DRAINS CLEAR

When it rains, stormwater runoff flows across the ground and pavement into the storm sewers. As stormwater runoff moves over the ground, it picks up and carries with it natural and man-made pollutants including: fertilizers and herbicides used on lawns, oil/fuels, improperly disposed chemicals, improperly disposed yard waste, sediment from erosion, waste from livestock/pets and trash. The polluted runoff flows through the storm sewer underground and is released untreated into local waterways. You can assist in keeping these storm drains clear of hazards, so they may work properly during heavy rain.

Here are some tips for reducing pollutants:

- Scoop the poop! Pet waste is not a fertilizer.
- Use less or no pesticides or herbicides.
- Never fertilize your yard before it rains or water immediately after applying.
- NEVER pour chemicals directly into storm drains. Dispose or recycle chemicals properly by taking them to the hazardous waste center. Visit [www.hhwstl.com](http://www.hhwstl.com) for more information.
- Use less salt or a salt alternative on icy sidewalks during winter.
- Repair leaky vehicles.
- Wash your car at an indoor car wash.

Another threat related to improperly managed stormwater runoff is flooding. When stormwater drains are clogged with leaves, grass clippings and other improperly disposed yard waste, the flow of water is reduced or blocked.

Here are some tips on what you can do to reduce stormwater flooding in your yard:

- Install a rain barrel to collect rainwater for watering.
- Disconnect your rain gutters (downspouts) from impervious surfaces (such as driveways and sidewalks) and direct the flow to grassy areas or gardens.
- Allow a buffer of native grasses and other vegetation to grow along streams, ponds or wetlands. This not only filters pollutants, but also limits erosion. This is a GREAT tip for those of you with creeks running through your backyards.
- Plant water-tolerant plants and bushes in low-lying areas that tend to collect water. This vegetation will help soak up the rainfall.
- Do not sweep, rake or blow grass clippings or leaves along the street or into a storm drain.
- Do not dump yard waste into creeks or along creek banks.

If you have any questions about floodplain requirements, flood insurance, stormwater issues, to find out if you are within a floodplain or to request a site visit, please contact Director of Community Development, Mike Zeek, at [mzeek@marylandheights.com](mailto:mzeek@marylandheights.com) or (314) 291-6550.



## THE PROCESS OF A CODE ENFORCEMENT COMPLAINT

When residents believe that the Maryland Heights Municipal Code is being violated, they are able to file complaints with the City. What happens after you send in a complaint? In order to best illustrate how this process works, we have prepared an example that demonstrates the process from beginning to end.

This time of year, tall grass is a common complaint fielded by Code Enforcement. On most properties, the Municipal Code prohibits lawns to be in excess of 8 inches in height. Code Enforcement generally interprets this to mean the entire lawn is in excess of 8 inches in height, not just a small portion. When the violation is noticed, residents can then file a complaint. Complaints can be submitted via phone at 314-291-6550, or online at [www.marylandheights.com/reportaproblem](http://www.marylandheights.com/reportaproblem).

Once this complaint is received, Community Development staff forward it to the appropriate Code Enforcement Officer for investigation. The Code Enforcement Officer visits the property and attempts to make contact with the resident. If no one is at home, the officer leaves a door hanger that explains the issue and requests action in a timely manner. If the home is clearly vacant, the officer attempts to reach the property owner through phone and/or mail.

If no contact is established within ten days, the Code Enforcement Officer contacts the Department of Public Works to schedule a mowing. Public Works is then dispatched to mow the property, typically within two days. Staff then sends the property owner a bill for the mowing. This is but one example of how we may address code violations as they arise.

The Municipal Code is a constantly changing document, and is updated twice annually to incorporate new ordinances as they are passed. These ordinances are continually uploaded to the City website after being approved by City Council. Residents can access the Municipal Code from the City's website, or by directly accessing the following link: [www.marylandheights.com/municode](http://www.marylandheights.com/municode)

If you have any questions about the Municipal Code, or need to file a complaint, please email us at [mhlife@marylandheights.com](mailto:mhlife@marylandheights.com) or call (314) 291-6550.



# MEET THE SOCIAL SERVICES COORDINATOR!

Did you know that the City of Maryland Heights offers an array of community-oriented resources? As a part of the City's commitment to providing the best possible services to its residents, this includes assisting the most vulnerable members of our community however we can. With that in mind, the City employs a Social Services Coordinator - and we're excited to welcome a new employee to the position!

Ericka Jones is the new Social Services Coordinator for the City of Maryland Heights. In her position, she is the go-to person for anyone in need of additional resources during times of need. This may mean arranging for mental health resources, providing case management services, or assisting members of the City Code Enforcement and Police Department teams to ensure the most meaningful support is offered to everyone in the City. Beyond this, Ericka hopes to be a consistent presence in Maryland Heights, and assist any member of the community however she can.

"I'm excited to be utilized!" said Ericka. "Being able to help individuals find resources, build upon what's already there, and finding ways to engage, advocate and empower others while in this position excites me."

Ericka has a strong background in local government. She has previously worked in administrative and legal roles in other area government agencies, providing resources and offering support as a part of her work. However, Ericka has long held a passion for social work - she has indirectly been assisting with social work for over 18 years, and directly providing case management services for over 3 years. In addition, she has a Bachelor's Degree in the field, and is

on track to complete her Master's Degree in Social Work in Spring of 2024. "I have a passion for helping people," said Ericka, "so finding my niche in my career made taking this position the perfect opportunity!"

"I want to change the narrative that individuals may have with their local government" said Ericka. "I am here to be a resource, so if there are any needs that the public may have, I am always available to help."

Ericka can be reached by email at [ejones@marylandheights.com](mailto:ejones@marylandheights.com), or by phone at (314) 738-2233. In addition, a number of detailed community resources are available online anytime at [www.marylandheights.com/resources](http://www.marylandheights.com/resources). These include resource packets on a variety of topics such as mental health, affordable healthcare, houselessness, and more. Welcome, Ericka!



## DOGPORT RESTORATION BEGINS

Dog owners can let out a celebratory "Woof!" After an extensive planning period, we are excited to announce that construction has begun on the restoration of Dogport! The improved facility has a focus on mitigating future flood risk, in addition to the installation of new shade structures and concrete paths to provide greater accessibility for the entire space.

This four-acre park first opened in 2006 and has long since been a favorite location for our four legged friends up until last

summer when a historical amount of rainfall caused flash flooding from nearby Fee Fee Creek. "After many meetings with FEMA and careful planning by the Parks Maintenance and Public Works teams, we are very excited to reopen Dogport," says Amy Hays, Director of Parks and Recreation. "Many of our residents loved getting their dogs together while they sit and relax knowing they are in a safe, contained area. Reopening Dogport was a priority for all us this summer."

The restored Dogport will have a slightly different look. Instead of the familiar pink granules that were all washed away during the flood, the City will be installing sod that can take high traffic. Also, a key fob system will be installed on the entrance, which will allow easier access for its members. This will also allow the Parks Department the ability to determine the least active times so they are able to sneak in and perform maintenance without disturbing any canines.

As the project is still in early stages, an exact date of completion is still developing. "We're hopeful to open later this fall," states Hays. "This is very much dependent on the weather for the rest of the season." To stay up-to-date on the project, please keep an eye out on the City's Capital Project Updates. These updates are available at [www.marylandheights.com/CIP](http://www.marylandheights.com/CIP). For more information on how to join Dogport, call (314) 738-2599.

# CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE

The following is a brief update of the current Capital Projects as of June 22, 2023:

## 2023 Selective Concrete Pavement Replacement Program

- Work Completed Week of 6/19 – The contractor began pavement removal and replacement on Washington Ct., Charleston Dr., Providence Ln., Honey Hill Dr., Foxwood Dr., Brookmont Dr., and Gay Glen Dr.
- Work Planned Week of 6/26 – The contractor will begin repairs on the opposite side of the above listed streets.

## Fee Fee Road (Westport Plaza Dr. to Schuetz Rd.)

- Work Completed Week of 6/19 – The bridge over Fee Fee Creek is closed to all traffic. Traffic is detoured to Schuetz Road and Adie Road. The contractor made repairs to the curb and sidewalk on the bridge. Pavement removal and replacement from West Port Plaza Dr. to the bridge continues.
- Work Planned Week of 6/26 – Repairs to the sidewalk and curb on the bridge will continue. Concrete pavement removal and replacement between West Port Plaza Drive and the bridge will take place.

## Adie Road (Dorsett Road to Lindbergh Blvd.)

Final right of way files have been delivered to MoDOT for review. The final plans, specifications and estimate are being reviewed by Public Works staff prior to submittal to MoDOT.

## Dogport Restoration

- Work Completed Week of 6/19 – The concrete pads for the shade structures and benches have been poured. The benches have been installed. The existing retaining wall near the playground has been removed.
- Work Planned Week of 6/26 – Additional grading along the concrete pads is scheduled. Installation of the new water tap and backflow preventer for the irrigation system will be completed.

Get the latest updates at [www.marylandheights.com/CIP](http://www.marylandheights.com/CIP) and click on "Project Updates." If you have any questions on the projects listed, contact staff at (314) 738-2250.



## SAVE THE DATE - BULK WASTE EVENT

Got junk? If so, we have a place for it! The next Bulk Waste Day has been scheduled for **Saturday, October 14**. Residents can utilize dumpsters placed on the lot of Aquaport (2344 McKelvey) to throw away furniture, bundles of carpet (no longer than 4' in length and 3' in diameter), mattresses and glass portion of doors/windows (broken down in a box and marked "glass"). No registration is required for this event. Once dumpsters are full, no other items will be accepted. Dumpsters will become unavailable at noon.

**BULK WASTE CLEANUP DAY**  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14**  
**8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.**  
**AQUAPORT PARKING LOT,**  
**2344 MCKELVEY RD.**

## ELECTRONIC RECYCLING: CORRECTION AND REMINDER

In the June-July 2023 MH Life Newsletter, we ran a story detailing our upcoming Electronic Recycling event. We wanted to issue a correction to the details of that story. In last month's issue, we named MRC Recycling as our partner for the event - however, our partner for the upcoming event is TechRemove. We apologize for any confusion this error may have caused and are excited to work with TechRemove for the upcoming event!

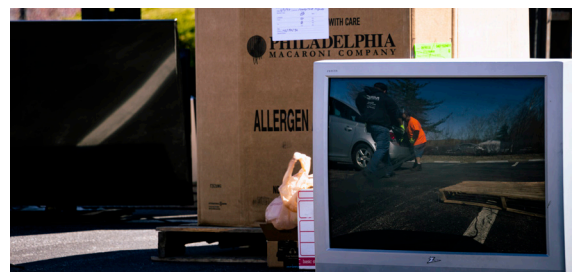
Residents (no businesses, please) can safely dispose of your old computers, radios, cameras, VCRs, CD players, and nearly anything that has a cord or battery! Most items are free to recycle, but some fees apply to certain items. For a complete list of accepted items and associated fees, visit: <https://www.techremove.com/items-we-accept>. TechRemove staff will unload items from your vehicle. If any fees apply, cash or check payments will be accepted.

Residents can register online at [www.marylandheights.com/recycling](http://www.marylandheights.com/recycling), or by phone at (314) 291-6550. **Registration is required and ends August 4.**

On the day of the event, residents should arrive at their designated time and enter through the Dorsett Road entrance at the Government Center. A staff member will check you in using the name provided at registration, and will confirm your residency within Maryland Heights. There is no need to bring your paper ticket with you.

**ELECTRONIC RECYCLING**  
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 12**  
**9:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.\***  
**GOVERNMENT CENTER,**  
**11911 DORSETT RD.**

*\*Residents will choose one session and arrive at their designated time.*





# WHAT ARE UTILITY TAX REBATES?

Did you know that the City of Maryland Heights refunds municipal utility taxes to our senior and disabled residents? This service, provided by the City, has been coordinated by the Parks and Recreation Department for many years and allows our senior and disabled residents to recoup taxes that they've paid throughout the year on their utilities: water, electric, and gas. The City provides a flat \$40 rebate for one phone line (landline or mobile). After residents meet with staff and provide the proper paperwork, they will be sent a check in the mail three weeks after filing paperwork. It's the City's way of providing care and support to our seniors right before the holidays.

## Who is eligible?

There are two ways to qualify for Utility Tax Rebates:

1. A resident must be 62 years or older by November 1, 2023 and retired.
2. A resident must be 18 years or older by November 1, 2023, have a disability, and make less than \$10,000 a year, excluding Social Security, disability income, or any other payments received as a result of the disability.

## How do I get my rebate?

Those who are qualified to receive Utility Tax Rebates have a few options on how to obtain their rebate:

**New applicants** - If this is your first time applying for the Utility Tax Rebates, you will have to apply in person. Keep reading for more information on how to make an appointment.

**Returning Applicants** - If you have already received Utility Tax Rebates in the past, you have the following options:

- Make an appointment and bring in the necessary paperwork. If you are unable to make it in-person, a neighbor, friend, or family member may bring them in for you.

- For those who are a bit more tech savvy, or know someone who is, you may also scan and email all requested documents as a .PDF and email them to [rebate@marylandheights.com](mailto:rebate@marylandheights.com). You will receive an email confirmation when your paperwork is received. Please allow up to three business days for a response. JPEG, PNG, or other image files will not be accepted.
- Paperwork can also be faxed at (314) 738-2579.

## What do I need to provide?

In order to start the Utility Tax Rebate process, we must verify your identity, age, and residency. If you are a new applicant, please bring in a photo ID. Bring in your Social Security award letter, if disabled. If you are a returning applicant, we will already have this information on file.

All applicants will need to gather twelve bill statements from your water, electric, and gas companies dated November 2022 to October 2023. It is possible to request a one page summary of municipal charges from Ameren and Spire. You may also provide bills from one phone line (either a landline or mobile) dated November 2022 to October 2023. Your name and address must be on the bill.

## How do I make an appointment?

In-person appointments are required for new applicants and available to eligible residents who would rather have an in-person process. Appointments are scheduled for the following dates/times:

### 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 2  
Monday, November 6  
Thursday, November 9  
Monday, November 13  
Tuesday, November 14  
Monday, November 27  
Thursday, November 30



### 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 7  
Wednesday, November 8  
Wednesday, November 15  
Tuesday, November 28  
Wednesday, November 29

### 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 2  
Monday, November 6  
Tuesday, November 14

We will begin taking reservations for appointments on **Tuesday, September 5**. To make a reservation, you may stop by the Community Center Welcome Desk or call (314) 738-2599. If you are a returning applicant, you may email or fax your paperwork as soon as you receive your October 2023 bills.

The Utility Tax Rebate season will end on **Tuesday, October 31, 2024**. So, if you haven't filed from last year, there's still time! If you are unable to complete your paperwork before this deadline or if you have any questions, please contact Superintendent of Recreation Programs, Jennifer VanDyke at (314) 738-2542 or [jvandyke@marylandheights.com](mailto:jvandyke@marylandheights.com).

## BLUE BIRDS PRE-K PROGRAM

Spots are still available for our afternoon Blue Birds Pre-K program! This program starts August 28 and runs through the school year until May 17. P.M. sessions are from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. During this program, children learn how to share, cooperate, problem solve, gain independence and learn self-awareness in a structured, school-like environment. They'll be ready for kindergarten in no time! For more information and pricing, please visit: [www.marylandheights.com/Bluebirds](http://www.marylandheights.com/Bluebirds).

# LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE, MARYLAND HEIGHTS NIGHT OUT RETURNS

There is nothing quite like the pride for one's hometown and this year at Maryland Heights Night Out (MHNO), we will be spreading the love all over town! This annual block party tradition dates back to 1987, when a group of residents and members of the Neighborhood Watch program turned on their porch lights and sat outside to unite. It was these residents who felt enough pride and love towards their community to push for incorporation two years earlier in 1985, which would result in their own police force, street division, and parks. Many of these residents still reside in the city and have seen a plethora of growth and change throughout these last thirty-eight years. Without them, Maryland Heights would simply not exist.

This year's MHNO will take place on **Saturday, September 30**, which happens to be "National Love People Day". Founded in 2017 by Lifeline Church in Chicago, National Love People Day is all about promoting love and we plan on spreading the love for our community through the entire month leading up to MHNO!

After last year's successful Lucky Duck Scavenger Hunt, we received a lot of positive feedback. We had so much fun hiding ducks around town that we couldn't help but bring back a scavenger hunt to help promote MHNO and Love People Day... Except you won't be searching for duck friends this year!

Beginning on **Friday, September 1**, we will release our "Look for the Love" contest. During the entire month of September, City staff and volunteers will be hiding blue hearts all around Maryland Heights. These blue hearts will consist of many different shapes and sizes. If you spot a blue heart, snap a selfie and head on over to [www.marylandheights.com/love](http://www.marylandheights.com/love). Fill out the short online form about the location of the heart you found, submit your photo, and select which prize you'd like a chance to win! We will have a variety of prizes to raffle off for all different age groups. The more hearts you find, the more chances you'll

have to win! Hearts will also be hidden by staff on the night of MHNO at hosting block parties. Stay tuned to our social media pages (Facebook, Instagram, and Nextdoor) and online [www.marylandheights.com/MHNO](http://www.marylandheights.com/MHNO) for updates. All entries for the Look for the Love contest should be submitted by Saturday, October 1. Raffle winners will be pulled Monday, October 2 - Friday, October 6. Winners will be announced on social media and contacted by email and phone. We'll give everyone a freebie in this newsletter - Look for the love on this page, scan the QR code or head over to [www.marylandheights.com/love](http://www.marylandheights.com/love) to submit your entry! Please note, prizes will continue to be added to the entry form throughout the month of August. One entry per person. For more chances to win, submit an entry form for every heart you find!

Also new this year, we are enlisting the help of our community to join in on the fun! Would you like to volunteer in helping us hide blue hearts? Teens need a fun community service project? Apply to be a Look for the Love Volunteer at [www.marylandheights.com/MHNO](http://www.marylandheights.com/MHNO).

If you or someone you know is currently employed by a Maryland Heights business, we are also currently looking for ways to involve the business community! Stay tuned to our website for updates!

Last year, we were lucky ducks to be able to release a children's activity/ coloring book (which we still have copies available at our facilities). This year, we are releasing something that many residents have begged for! The MH Swag Store hosted by Spreadshop.com will be open for business by September 30 and will give the community an opportunity to purchase official Maryland Heights gear. Several products will be available: t-shirts, hooded sweatshirts, and ball caps, just to name a few. So, show off your MH love and browse the online shop! It's important to note that the City is not receiving any profit from the MH Swag Store, so we are able to keep the

price of items at an affordable rate. Look for staff and officials to be modeling off some of our latest fashions during the MHNO parties!

Did you know that the City's logo was a result of a community contest? In 1985, the City held a contest so that residents could design the logo to our brand new city. In the spirit of our first logo, we will be holding the Love Where You Live T-shirt Design Contest. The winning designs will be made available for purchase on the new MH Swag Store. We will have an Adult entry for ages 18 and older, and a Child entry for ages 17 and younger. Winners will receive their design printed on a shirt and \$150.00. Visit [www.marylandheights.com/MHNO](http://www.marylandheights.com/MHNO) for contest rules and to submit a design! This contest will close on **November 1, 2023**. The winning designs will be published in the December/January issue of MH Life.

There is still time to sign up to host your own block party! Upon registration, the party host may request barricades to block off your streets, flyer invitations, giveaways for the kids, opportunities for visits from local fire and police, parks and recreation, public works, city staff and elected officials, and will receive a party planning guide. Visit [www.marylandheights.com/MHNO](http://www.marylandheights.com/MHNO) to register your block party! Registration for block parties will close on September 23, 2023. If you have any questions about MHNO, contact Communications Manager, Trisha Hall at (314) 738-2497 or [thall@marylandheights.com](mailto:thall@marylandheights.com).







## LOCAL CERT PROGRAM TRAINS CITIZENS TO BECOME HEROES

When emergencies arise, we look to our local fire and police departments. But what happens when the immediate response is overwhelmed? Good news! The Maryland Heights' CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) will be ready to spring into action! This group of dedicated volunteers care deeply about the safety of the community and are trained for when disaster strikes. There is currently a great need for trained citizens who are ready to heed that call - and our local CERT will be able to provide the training required!

Those interested in participating must be 18 years or older; however, Teen CERT programs do exist. Those who are interested will take a CERT Basic Training offered within the local area. This eight-week course is taught by first responders and prepares volunteers on what to do in the event of a crisis or disaster. Topics that are covered in Basic Training include: fire safety, search and rescue, team dynamics, and disaster medical operations. This training also includes a full-scale disaster exercise, so participants can put into practice what they learned. This Basic Training course is offered at no cost with just a \$9.00 registration fee. The next session begins the week of **September 13**.

Once trained, our local Maryland Heights CERT meets on the first Thursday evening of every month. Teams continue their training, participate in various exercises, and develop relationships with local first responders.

If you are interested in joining the Maryland Heights CERT, contact the Maryland Heights' Fire District at <https://mhfire.org/contact/> or (314) 298-4400.



## MHFD OPEN HOUSE AND CPR

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, October 7** from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the Maryland Heights Fire District Open House located at House 1, 2600 Schuetz Road. Firefighters will be hosting a variety of activities, demos, and food.

Did you know the MHFD offer CPR classes to the community? Join us for Hands only CPR class on **August 28** from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. or Heartsaver CPR and AED class from 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. on **October 9** or **November 13**. Residents are free. Scan the QR code to register.



## K-9 BAX RETIRES AFTER SEVEN YEARS OF SERVICE

Chief Bill Carson and the men and women of the Maryland Heights Police Department would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to each and every member of our community who joined us on July 7 to celebrate the retirement of our beloved K9 Bax!

A special thank you to area K9 teams that attended the ceremony: Ellisville Police Department, St. Charles County Police Department, St. Louis Fire Department, and Washington University Police Department.

We would also like to extend a very special thank you to Andy's Frozen Custard for their generous donation of delicious ice cream cups!

For his retirement, the Maryland Heights Police Officers Association presented Officer Waldroup (K-9 Bax's handler) with a beautiful shadow box that contained little pieces of K9 Bax's career history, and even treated Bax to his very own cake.

K9 Bax has served our community relentlessly, selflessly, and with unwavering loyalty. K9 Bax and Officer Waldroup have been instrumental in ensuring the safety and security of our community during his seven years of service. Together, this team has played a vital role in maintaining law and order, not just in our community,

but in the region. Their dedication is truly remarkable, and we are grateful for all they have accomplished.

The Maryland Heights Communications team was able to catch Officer Waldroup and Bax for Episode 3 of the MH Life Podcast. The episode is available for listening at [www.marylandheights.com/mhlife](http://www.marylandheights.com/mhlife).

Happy retirement, K9 Bax! We will miss you!





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## EMAIL NEWSLETTER

Another great way to stay up to date on everything going on in Maryland Heights is to sign up to receive our emailed newsletter. Email newsletters available include the monthly City Newsletter, biweekly City Planner's Report, monthly Parks & Recreation update and bimonthly Mature Matters. Learn more or sign up by visiting [marylandheights.com/mhlife](http://marylandheights.com/mhlife).