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2024 Winter-Spring Guide to Parks and Recreation



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Get an earlier start to your day! City services will soon be available starting at 7:00 a.m.

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Winter is upon us and it's time to gear up for the colder weather. To help with maximum efficiency when removing snow, please remember to move your cars off the street. Our snow plow crews will thank you!

Included in this issue of MH Life, we've included several tips to follow as the winter weather settles in. Make sure you are prepared for travels whether it be driving the hazardous road conditions (tips on **page 9**) or making sure your house is secure when you are away (**page 8**). If you'd rather be hosting guests and are thinking about turning your property into a vacation rental, make sure you check out the new regulations coming on **page 11**.

If the winter season is putting a strain on your wallet, please check out the resources listed on **page 10** and give our Social Worker, Ericka Jones, a call if you need any assistance.

We are looking forward to 2024, as much is happening around town. Included in this newsletter is our Winter/Spring Guide to Parks and Recreation which is packed with entertaining programs and events. Lots of our favorite traditions will be returning this spring such as the St. Patrick's Day Luncheon, the Lucky Leprechaun Hunt, and our Easter Egg Hunts. We are especially looking forward to events at Dogport now that renovations are completed. Check out those details on **page 17**.

Hold on to your hats and grab an extra

cup of coffee in the morning to wake up with us. When the City reopens for 2024 on January 2, our hours of operation will be extending 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. This change will give our residents and businesses more time to accomplish essential governmental tasks and we will be the first municipality in Missouri to implement such a schedule. We are eager to see how it enhances our city's rhythm.



As I look back on all that occurred in 2023, I'm amazed at how much the City is able to accomplish. We've included photos of some of our favorite moments on **pages 20 and 21**. There is much more to come in 2024, as many of the construction projects around town will be finishing up. One of those projects is Toro Energy, which brings us even closer to becoming a greener community. We are thrilled about the progress of yet another location in the city that supports our sustainability goals. This innovative project will be collecting methane from nearby Champ Landfill and converting it into natural gas. Read more about it on **page 16**. Also, we're especially excited about the revitalization of Westport Plaza. Rawlings has begun to move in and there are several new features that will be ready to open very soon!

We hope you stay warm, stay safe, and help us make 2024 a year to remember.

Mayor Mike Moeller

(314) 878-6730

COUNCIL MINUTES

The following is a summary of action taken at the September 7, September 21, October 5, and October 19 City Council meetings.

For complete meeting minutes, visit www.marylandheights.com/minutes.

SEPTEMBER 7

- Approved an Original Package, Sunday Original Package and Wine Tasting liquor license for Wallis Petroleum, LC, d/b/a Wallis Petroleum #545 – Dirt Cheap at 12004 Lackland Road, managing officer, Rachel Wallis Andreasson.
- Approved an ordinance authorizing the City Administrator to enter into a contract for banking services with REGIONS Bank, for a five year period beginning October 1, 2023.
- Approved an ordinance enacting a conditional use permit for polystyrene foam products manufacturing at 11809 Borman Drive (Petition of Expandable Solutions, LLC with the consent of FHBC Borman, LLC).
- Approved an ordinance amending Ordinance 2023-4812 to modify Exhibit A, Legal Description for McKelvey Ridge

at 12204 McKelvey Road (Petition of the City of Maryland Heights with consent of McKelvey Ridge, L.P).

SEPTEMBER 21

- Approved an ordinance authorizing an amended and restated 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 of Maryland Heights, Missouri to enter into certain agreements relating to the issuance of industrial revenue bonds for Westport Commerce Center.
- Approved an ordinance authorizing the City of Maryland Heights, Missouri to enter into certain agreements relating to an industrial development project being undertaken by NP Riverport Industrial, LLC.
- Approved an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a professional consulting services contract with Better City LLC to develop a 10-year Economic Development Strategic Plan.

OCTOBER 5

- Approved a resolution adopting a Capital Improvement Program for five years, beginning January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2028.

OCTOBER 19

- Approved an ordinance adopting the Maryland Heights Municipal Code as supplemented by Supplement No. 51.
- Approved an ordinance amending Chapter 6, Buildings and Building Regulations, and Chapter 25, Zoning, of the Municipal Code to regulate short-term rental of single-family dwellings and townhouses (Petition of the City of Maryland Heights).
- Approved an ordinance of the City of Maryland Heights, Missouri, approving a plan for an industrial development project; authorizing the City to issue its taxable industrial revenue bonds (KBG, Inc. Project) for the purpose of providing funds to pay the costs of acquiring, constructing and improving facilities for an industrial development project in the city; and authorizing the city to enter into certain agreements and take certain other actions in connection with the issuance of the bonds.

THANK YOU TO OUR BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

At the heart of our government, the City of Maryland Heights is lucky to have those who contribute their time, expertise, and passion to serve on our various boards and commissions. These advisory bodies play a crucial role in shaping the future of our community.

Appointed by the Mayor with the consent of the City Council, our boards and commission members exemplify a commitment to civic engagement. They truly are the backbone of our local government that fosters a direct connection between the residents and decisions that impact our city.

We recently held a reception on November 1 to express our appreciation for the hard work and dedication of our board and commission members. The event was a testament to the strong sense of community and collaboration that all these individuals bring to the forefront of our city's progress.

The opportunity to join our boards and commissions remains open. We invite interested individuals to contribute

to the betterment of Maryland Heights by applying online or contacting our City Clerk at (314) 738-2211. Your involvement can make a lasting impact on the future of our community.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MARYLAND HEIGHTS? UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

View our entire calendar of events online by visiting www.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

DECEMBER

- 7 City Council Meeting • 7:00 p.m. • MHGOV
- 9 Skate With Santa • 1:10 p.m. • CCIC

Looking for a unique Santa encounter? The man in red will be taking a break from making those lists and will enjoy a night of ice skating. Kids will be able to skate right next to him and interact during this festive event. \$5 for Residents; \$12 for Non-Residents; \$5 for skate rental.



Candy Cane Lane Showcase • 5:00 p.m. • CCIC
Strut your stuff on the ice and grab a spot in our very first ice skating showcase! There are several ways to be involved. More info on **page 26** of the Guide to Parks and Recreation.

- 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
- 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 City Council Meeting • 7:00 p.m. • MHGOV
- 24 Community Center closes at 3:00 p.m. • MHCC
- 25 City Offices closed • MHGOV
- 25 Community Center closed • MHCC
- 26 Planning and Zoning Meeting • 7:00 p.m. • MHGOV
- 31 Community Center closes at 3:00 p.m. • MHCC

JANUARY

- 1 City Offices closed • MHGOV
- 1 Community Center open from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. • MHCC
- 4 City Council Meeting • 7:00 p.m. • MHGOV
- 9 Community Development and Neighborhood Preservation Meeting • 5:30 p.m. • MHGOV
- 9 Planning and Zoning Meeting • 7:00 p.m. • MHGOV
- 10 Public Improvements Meeting • 6:00 p.m. • MHGOV
- 10 Beautification Meeting • 6:00 p.m. • MHCC
- 12 Zumba Party • 7:00 p.m. • MHCC
Kick off the new year with an intense total body workout. Come dressed in your favorite New Year's Eve outfit and dance into the new year with us. More info on **page 26** of the Guide to Parks and Recreation.



- 15 City Offices closed • MHGOV
- 16 Grief and Loss Support Group • 11:30 a.m. • MHCC
- 16 Economic Development Meeting • 5:30 p.m. • MHGOV
- 17 Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Meeting • 6:30 p.m. • MHCC
- 18 City Council Meeting • 7:00 p.m. • MHGOV
- 22 Monthly Luncheon and Bingo • 10:30 a.m. • MHCC
To purchase tickets, call (314) 738-2599.
- 23 Planning and Zoning Meeting • 7:00 p.m. • MHGOV
- 24 Public Safety and Health Meeting • 6:30 p.m. • MHGOV

- 10 Frozen Pickleball Tournament • 9:00 a.m. • MHCC
Test your skills and compete against some serious players!
More info on **page 27** of the Guide to Parks and Recreation.
- 11 Frozen Pickleball Tournament • 9:00 a.m. • MHCC



FEBRUARY

- 1 City Council Meeting • 7:00 p.m. • MHGOV
- 2 Bingo Thru the Decades • 7:00 p.m. • MHCC
Get out and travel with us through the decades as we play ten rounds of word bingo. Dress in your favorite decades attire for a chance to win a prize! More info on **page 27** of the Guide to Parks and Recreation.
- 5 First Monday Meet and Greet • 10:30 a.m. • MHCC
- 8 Family Bingo • 5:30 p.m. • MHCC
Bring the whole family out for a night of fun as we play Valentine's themed bingo! Prizes, dinner, and refreshments are included. More info on **page 27** of the Guide to Parks and Recreation.



- 13 Disability Commission Meeting • 4:00 p.m. • MHCC
- 13 Community Development and Neighborhood Preservation Meeting • 5:30 p.m. • MHGOV
- 13 Planning and Zoning Meeting • 7:00 p.m. • MHGOV
- 14 Public Improvements Meeting • 6:00 p.m. • MHGOV
- 14 Beautification Meeting • 6:00 p.m. • MHCC
- 15 Afternoon Flicks • 1:00 p.m. • MHCC
Watch great films with friends. More info on **page 20** of the Guide to Parks and Recreation.
- 15 City Council Meeting • 7:00 p.m. • MHGOV



- 9 Sweetheart Skate • 7:00 p.m. • CCIC
Bundle up and grab your sweetheart for a night of ice skating! More info on page 27 of the Guide to Parks and Recreation.

CANDIDATE FILING DATES

On **Tuesday, April 2, 2024**, residents will go to the polls to elect one City Council member in each of the city's four wards to a term of two years.

Beginning at **8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 5, 2023**, candidates may file with the City Clerk at the Maryland Heights Government Center, 11911 Dorsett Rd. After that date, candidates may file during business hours (8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday). The deadline for filing is **Tuesday, December 26, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.**

To be eligible to run for City Council, candidates must meet the following criteria:

- Be at least 21 years old prior to taking office.
- Be a U.S. citizen.
- Be a resident of the city for the full year preceding the election.
- Be a resident of the ward from which they are elected for at least six months prior to the election.

For more information about running for City Council, contact the City Clerk's office at (314) 738-2211.



COUNCIL TO VOTE ON 2024 BUDGET

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the Maryland Heights Government Center and on the City's website at www.marylandheights.com/Budget until its scheduled adoption by City Council on **December 21, 2023**.

Total 2024 budgeted revenues for all governmental funds is \$43.7 million, an increase of \$1.9 million (4.6%) from the estimate for 2023, without accounting for the revenue from the American Rescue Plan Act that was received in 2021, 2022, and 2023 and is no longer available in 2024. \$875,000 of the increase relates to an anticipated increase in sales and gaming tax revenue. In addition, \$250,000 in marijuana sales tax revenue is budgeted for 2024. The voters approved the new marijuana sales tax in the spring of 2023, after marijuana was legalized for recreational use in 2022. Approximately, another \$500,000 is included in the 2024 budget as a one-time payment from a telephone utility tax litigation suit awarded to the City in a Class Action Settlement.

Total expenditures, all funds, in 2024 will be approximately \$43.67 million, a decrease of \$800,000 from the estimated

\$44.5 million in 2023. \$500,000 of the decrease relates to expenditures in property restoration that occurred as the result of a flood in 2022 and the related expenditures for those repairs in 2023. The remainder of the decrease in expenditures is a result of less capital projects budgeted for 2024 compared to 2023.

General Fund expenditures are up \$1.3 million (5%) in 2024. The 2024 Budget was prepared with a 3% market adjustment for all full-time employees. Other operational increases are anticipated, as costs related to employee benefits continue to rise and the cost of commodities has increased with inflation.

Capital Improvement Fund expenditures are expected to be decreased by \$887,000 (18%). The decrease is related to a large project for the City's Sustainability Center, which was completed in 2023, and expenditures related to the project will not be recognized in 2024.

Park Fund expenditures are projected to be \$7.5 million with \$63,000 or 1% less than the estimate for 2023. While the parks operational budget increased compared to 2023, the capital projects for parks decreased significantly.

At the end of 2024, the City's Reserve Fund will be approximately \$29 million, equal to 103% of the 2024 General Fund expenditures; the City's goal is to maintain a level of 75%. The Capital Improvement Fund balance will decrease \$414,000, as planned project expenditures are expected to exceed gaming tax and grant funding. All budgetary funds will total \$45.5 million at the end of the year, of which \$6 million is restricted to tax increment financing activities.

A public hearing is scheduled for **Thursday, December 7** at 6:45 p.m. at the Maryland Heights Government Center.



IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO SECURE YOUR SUMMER JOB

If you, your family, or friends are on the lookout for rewarding and flexible summer employment opportunities, the Maryland Heights Parks and Recreation Department has an array of positions available that promise not only a paycheck but a fulfilling experience in the great outdoors.

At Maryland Heights Parks and Recreation, we understand the importance of work-life balance, especially during the summer months. Our seasonal employees enjoy flexible work schedules, allowing them to make the most of the warm weather and sunny days. Whether you're a student, a parent, a retiree, or someone simply seeking an engaging summer job, our positions are designed to accommodate your needs.

Working with Parks and Recreation comes with a host of fantastic perks. Seasonal employees can take advantage of exclusive discounts on food, Aquaport passes, free certifications, and more!

Joining our summer team means exploring diverse roles both at Aquaport and within our Summer Camps. If you love the water, consider a position at Aquaport where you can create a safe and enjoyable environment for visitors. For those who enjoy working with children, our Summer Camp positions provide a chance to make a positive impact on young lives while gaining valuable experience in childcare and education.

Working with Maryland Heights Parks and Recreation isn't just about earning a paycheck; it's about building essential life skills. Whether you're working outdoors, interacting with children, or honing your communication skills, our positions provide a unique opportunity for personal and professional growth. Plus, the camaraderie among our summer team creates a vibrant and supportive work environment where lasting memories are made.

If you're ready to dive into a summer filled with exciting opportunities, apply to join the Maryland Heights Parks and Recreation team. Visit www.marylandheights.com/jobs to apply.



WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES

Administration

- KirstyAnn Cole - Communications Specialist

Municipal Court

- Debra Mills - Court Administrator

Parks and Recreation

- Carley Brinton - Customer Relations Specialist
- Noah Kelsay - Parks Maintenance
- David Shaw - Facilities Crew Leader

Police

- Torin Blevans - Corrections Officer
- Tyler Collins - Police Officer
- Avery Doscher - Police Officer
- Michael Jones - Police Officer
- Kenneth Westcott - Police Officer

Public Works

- Austin Clithero - Public Works Maintenance

CONGRATULATIONS 2023 RETIREES

Administration

- Chris Brazzle

Parks and Recreation

- Shawn Corcoran
- Larry Clark
- Hans Kinderfather

Police

- Detective Leonard Robinson
- Captain Mark Pruett

Public Works

- Timothy Duly
- Jerry Walsh
- Debbie Wright



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY

The MHPD will continue its tradition of providing citizens with a behind-the-scenes look at police operations through the 2024 Citizen's Police Academy. During this extensive ten-week course, residents will learn about various elements of law enforcement including: investigative procedures, policing practices, equipment and technology, traffic laws, and community policing. New in 2024, participants will learn about the important partnership between our police and fire first responders and tour a local firehouse.

The Academy will meet from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, weather permitting, at the Government Center, 11911 Dorsett Road. Classes will begin on **Tuesday, January 30** and run through **Tuesday, April 9**. The 2024 Academy will conclude with a graduation ceremony. If you are interested in registering, applications will be available at the Police Department and online at www.marylandheights.com/academy from December 1 until January 19. Residents must be at least 18 years old to enroll and a background check will be performed on all applicants.

For more information, contact Officer Terry McComas at tmccomas@marylandheights.com.

CALEA ACCREDITATION

The Maryland Heights Police Department was accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Inc. (CALEA®) Agency in 2016.

The CALEA accreditation program requires agencies to comply with state-of-the-art standards in four basic areas: policy and procedures, administration, operations, and support services. Our department will be assessed on 183 standards with 700 sub-standards from December 4th through 6th, 2023. This type of on-site assessment occurs every four years.

It is essential to know that CALEA is not an investigatory body; subsequently, the Public Comment Portal should not be used to submit information for such purposes. Additionally, there will be no response other than acknowledgment to submissions. However, the information will be considered in context to its relevancy to compliance with standards and the tenets of CALEA® Accreditation.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments via the CALEA Public Comment Portal at: <https://cimrs2.calea.org/198>.

If you have questions about our agency, standards, or process, please contact: Lieutenant Jeff Swatek, Accreditation Manager at (314) 738-2359.

MHPD'S VACATION WATCH PROGRAM

Are you planning on going out-of-town this holiday season? The Maryland Heights Police Department offers a vacation watch program to help look after your home while you are away. Our patrol officers will make a point to stop by your residence during your vacation to check it over and make sure everything is secure.

To schedule this free service, call (314) 738-2358 during business hours or (314) 298-8700 after normal business hours or on weekends. You can also choose to complete our online form at www.marylandheights.com/VacationWatch.



WINTER DRIVING SAFETY TIPS

As the frosty temperatures settle upon our community, the men and women of the Maryland Heights Police Department would like to remind everyone how important it is to drive safely and responsibly during challenging road conditions. Winter brings a unique set of hazardous driving conditions. But by using the right precautions, you can ensure safe travels.

Prepare Your Vehicle

Before hazardous weather strikes, make sure that your vehicle is winter-ready. Check your tires for proper inflation and adequate tread depth. Top off your antifreeze, test your battery, and always keep your gas tank at least half full. This will not only prevent the fuel line from freezing up in cold temperatures, but it will also ensure you can stay warm if you happen to get stuck on the side of the road.

Practice Defensive Driving

Winter roads can be unpredictable, so adopting defensive driving is essential in staying safe. There are many simple ways to practice defensive driving: maintaining a safe distance between the

car in front of you just in case you need that extra distance to stop; being extra cautious on turns, ramps, and bridges as these areas tend to freeze much faster than other parts of the road; and avoid sudden braking or acceleration—which can lead to losing control of your car.

Stay Alert and Focused

Driving requires undivided attention and this certainly becomes even more critical during a winter storm. Eliminate all distractions by keeping your phone safely stashed away so you can focus on the road. Monitor weather reports before heading to your destination and plan your route accordingly. Turn your headlights on for better visibility (even during the day).

Slow Down and Plan Ahead

Reduced grip from your vehicle's tires and slippery surfaces demand slower speeds. Allow yourself extra time to reach your destination. Plan for potential delays caused by road conditions. Give yourself plenty of time to react to unexpected situations and to go slow and steady.

Be Prepared for Emergencies

Despite all your precautions, emergencies can still occur. Equip your vehicle with a winter emergency kit that contains essentials such as: flashlights, extra warm clothing, blankets, a shovel, an ice scraper, and a container of sand or kitty litter to be used for traction. If you are involved in an accident or breakdown, call for assistance and stay safely inside your vehicle while you wait for help.

Continue to Practice General Road Safety

Make sure seatbelts are being used for you and all your passengers and that young children are in their properly sized child seats. Continue to abide by all traffic rules—stop signs, speed limits, and traffic lights.

We urge you to keep these precautions in mind when dealing with winter weather this season. Together, we can ensure a safer driving season.

- Officer Terry McComas

BE THE FIRST TO KNOW ABOUT LOCAL EMERGENCIES

Your safety is our top concern—that's why the MHPD wants to make sure you know about emergencies and incidents as they happen.

Register for MH Alerts to receive information on emergencies like flash floods, police emergencies, tornadoes, and other public safety matters. Get emergency and other related information directly

to your telephone (landline or mobile), through your email, or as a text message.

This service is free and available to all Maryland Heights residents. To sign up for these alerts, visit www.marylandheights.com/MHAlerts or call (314) 738-2497.

EASING THE BURDEN WITH UTILITY ASSISTANCE

Living in Missouri, where the weather can be extreme, utility bills can start accumulating for families with limited income. Luckily, there are programs like the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) to help out. These programs aim to ease the financial burden of energy, water, and sewer bills for eligible individuals and families.

LIHEAP offers two types of help: Energy Assistance, which is a one-time payment to cover your heating or cooling costs from October to May, and Energy Crisis Intervention Program (ECIP). ECIP steps in when your energy bill is in crisis (if you receive a disconnect notice). The assistance amount depends on your bill.

Contracted agencies may also provide emergency services like blankets or help with heating and cooling systems.

To get LIHEAP help, you must:

- Pay for your home utilities (even if you rent).
- Live in Missouri.
- Be a U.S. citizen or have legal permanent residence.
- Have \$3,000 or less in your bank accounts.
- Meet income guidelines for your household size.



Applying for LIHEAP is easy. You can fill out an online application at www.mydss.mo.gov. You can also mail, fax, or apply in-person. Applications take approximately 30 days to process.

Similarly, LIHWAP is like a safety net for water and sewer bills. It offers up to \$750 for things like disconnection fees and past due bills. To get LIHWAP help, you must meet similar requirements as LIHEAP. Just like LIHEAP, you can apply online or by mail, fax, or in person.

Both LIHEAP and LIHWAP review your application in about 30 business days and let you know if you qualify and how much help you'll receive. If you're struggling, don't hesitate to explore these programs—they're here to help!

BUILDING CODES UNVEILED: FROM ANCIENT RULES TO MODERN SAFETY

Through a journey of time, we have discovered the origin of building codes dates back to the ancient civilizations of 1772 B.C. as the Code of Hammurabi. This important piece of history was discovered in 1901 in present-day Iran. It is the longest and best-preserved legal text from the Babylonian era. This historical artifact wasn't just a set of rules; it was a public proclamation laying down laws.

Fast forward to the present day, we can see how these building codes have evolved from ancient times. Today's focus is to ensure our safety and well-being in modern structures.

Building codes cover a myriad of topics, from the obvious—having smoke detectors - to hidden elements that often escape the thought of the general public. Yet the goal remains unchanged: public safety, health, and welfare. The strategic placement of a building's location determines the safety of occupants and users.

The design and planning of buildings

can become a complex puzzle where every piece must fit perfectly to mitigate potential hazards. The proximity to property lines becomes a critical factor—in the event of a fire, the danger of heat and embers extends well beyond the building's walls.

However, not all risks are as apparent as fire, snow on the roof, or gusty winds. Floods are an often overlooked potential hazard. With the right resources, builders and homeowners can prevent a potential disaster. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has introduced digital flood insurance rate maps (DFIRMS) which revolutionizes floodplain mapping. Think of it as upgrading from a blurry old map to a high resolution GPS, providing Floodplain Managers with precision to protect their communities.

It's crucial to recognize that the proximity to a regulated floodplain can influence insurance requirements. For instance, a house may not require flood insurance if it's close but not within a

floodplain. However, adding an attached deck with just one support post in the floodplain can mandate flood insurance for the entire house. The city shares this information not to instill fear but to keep building owners and contractors informed about evolving federal flood insurance requirements, ultimately aiming to save them money and prevent future frustrations. The purpose of passage through time starting with the Code of Hammurabi is not just about a set of rules. It serves as a glimpse into the captivating world of building safety.

If you have any questions regarding flood hazard information, flood insurance rating data, natural floodplain functions that should be protected or general flood plain requirements, contact Director of Community Development, Mike Zeek, at mzeek@marylandheights.com or (314) 291-6550. All elevation certificates are on file with the city and available for review upon request.



UNDERSTANDING SHORT-TERM RENTAL REGULATIONS

Imagine this: your neighbor decides to open up their home on Airbnb to rent out for a weekend getaway. Maryland Heights, after all, is a fantastic place to visit—from families attending sports tournament to groups of friends stopping in to watch their favorite band in concert. With nearly 4,000 hotel rooms, our city already boasts accommodations from all major hotel chains, as well as a variety of independent hotels.

Short-term rental, the opportunity to rent your place out through platforms like Airbnb or VRBO, has gained population in recent years. For some of us, it's a great way to embrace the hospitality industry. However, you should know that City Council has recently adopted regulations for short-term rental of residential properties to strike a balance between enjoying the perks of playing host and preserving the integrity and peace of your hometown neighborhood.

While the Maryland Heights Municipal Code did not specifically prohibit short-term rental, the occupancy permit process

(which requires an inspection and permit upon each change in tenant) made it quite impossible for short-term renting to exist legally. In an effort to facilitate well-run, short-term rental properties and enforce strict regulations that control nuisance properties, the Maryland Heights Police Department and Department of Community Development have prepared regulations to govern short-term rental.

These regulations include:

- Defining "short-term rental"
- Limiting the rental to the entire dwelling, rather than individual rooms, to prevent multi-family occupancy of single-family homes
- Detailing what type of parking control is required
- Prohibiting signage
- Limiting the number of occupants
- Limiting the duration of the rental
- Requiring that state the owner or manager must live within a one-hour drive to ensure responsiveness.
- Making initial and annual

occupancy inspections required

- Enforcing the collection of fees, including a 0.5 cent lodging tax
- Establishing enforcement mechanisms, including a process for the City Council to revoke the permit for noncompliance.

These regulations will go into effect on January 1, 2024. They not only lay down ground rules for short-term rental to adhere to but they also prevent single-family homes from turning into bustling hotels. It's a win-win for everyone involved.

If you have any questions about short-term rental or would like to apply for an occupancy permit for a short-term rental, please contact the Department of Community Development at (314) 738-2232 or planning@marylandheights.com.

CLEARING THE PATH: MH SNOW PLOWS ARE READY FOR WINTER

Our snow plows are on standby this winter season and when winter weather strikes, they will be ready. Winter weather can pose significant challenges, but Maryland Heights residents can play their part in safe and efficient snow removal. Once common obstacle that our snow removal crews encounter is the presence of parked cars on the streets, particularly on cul-de-sacs. To maximize the effectiveness of our snow removal team, residents are urged to keep their vehicles off the streets during snow, sleet, and freezing rain.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Keep the Streets Clear by Moving Your Car

Residents are strongly advised to relocate their cars from the streets, allowing the snow plows to navigate more freely. This small action by residents can make the difference for a quick snow clearance and facilitates the application of de-icer without having to maneuver around parked cars.

Pre-Clear the "Upstream" Area

When the area adjacent to your driveway is cleared, residents can avoid the inconvenience of a "second shovel" after the plows come through and expedite the

overall snow removal process.

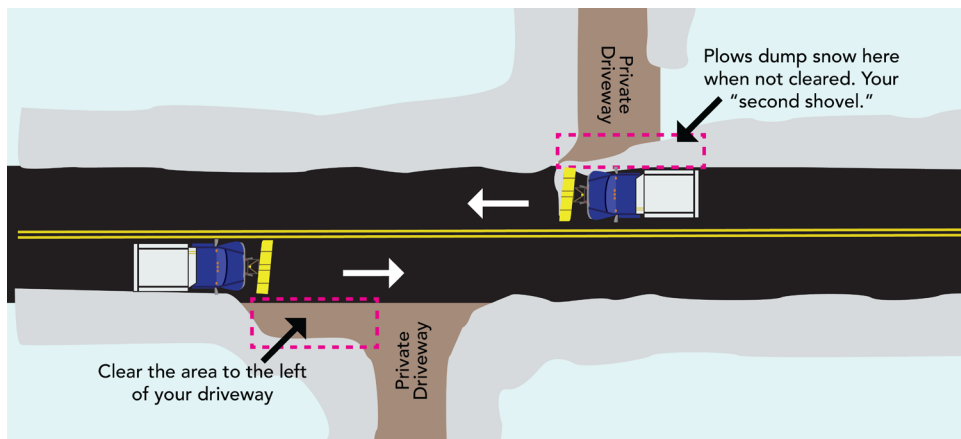
Our snowplow crews consist of staff from both our Public Works and Parks and Recreation Departments. These employees operate in shifts, switching off every 12 hours during a weather event until the snow removal is completed. These drivers undergo practice runs throughout the year to make sure they are familiar with their routes.

Stay Informed!

Did you know that there are multiple agencies that handle snow clearing for our area? For any snow-related issues or questions, please contact the following:

- City of Maryland Heights (314) 738-2250
- St. Louis County's Department of Transportation and Public Works (314) 615-8504
- MoDOT (Missouri Department of Transportation) 1-888-275-6636

By following these simple guidelines, Maryland Heights snow plow drivers can navigate winter weather more smoothly and maintain safe and accessible roadways. They thank you for doing your part!



WHO MAINTAINS THAT STREET?

There are several different agencies responsible for maintaining the streets that we drive every day. Listed below are the basics of who handles what street. A complete map can be found at www.marylandheights.com/streetmap.

City of Maryland Heights Public Works Department

- Residential streets
- Collector streets
- Most commercial and industrial streets in the Westport area

MoDOT

- I-270 and I-70
- Route 364/Page Ave.
- Route 141/Maryland Heights Expressway
- Route 67/Lindbergh Blvd.

St. Louis County

- Ameling Rd. (East of Bennington)
- Bennington Place (South of Ameling)
- Creve Coeur Mill Rd. (North of Prichard Farm)
- Dorsett Rd.
- Lackland Rd.
- Marine Ave.
- McKelvey Rd.
- Prichard Farm Rd.
- Schaefer Dr.
- Schuetz Rd.
- Westline Industrial Dr. (West of Grissom)
- Westport Plaza Drive/Craig Rd.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE

The following is a brief update of the current Capital Projects as of November 17, 2023:

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

The contractor has completed the repairs to the bridge deck. Micro-surfacing of the concrete pavement between the bridge and Schuetz Road have been completed. Paving of the asphalt overlay was scheduled to take place mid-November.

Adie Road (Dorsett Road to Lindbergh Blvd.)

This item was approved by City Council on November 16 and the contract has been sent to the contractor.

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



HOW TO DISPOSE OF YOUR LIVE CHRISTMAS TREES

If purchasing a live Christmas tree is one of your family traditions, you may be wondering what is the best way of disposing it when the holiday season wraps up. You will be happy to know that Republic Services, the City's solid waste service provider, is happy to help.

The easiest way to dispose of your tree is to simply put it out on the curb on your designated yard waste day throughout the month of January. Here are a few guidelines to follow:

- Tree height limit is six feet. If your tree is taller, you can still set it out—just cut it in half.
- Remove all lights, ornaments, and metallic decorations. Broken lights and garland must be thrown in the garbage and can not be recycled.
- Due to the metal ring inside a wreath, these should not be composted and should be disposed of in the trash.

For those who want to give back to the environment and have a way of transporting your tired tree, consider donating it to the Missouri Department of Conservation. They often collect Christmas trees to create fish habitats in lakes. Check their website, www.mdc.mo.gov, for drop-off locations and schedules.

HAVE YOURSELF AN ECO-FRIENDLY SEASON

The holiday season is a time of gift-giving, but it also leads to a substantial increase in waste production. You can easily make your holiday season more eco-friendly by prioritizing recycling. Listed below are some practical tips to help you minimize waste and make the most of your recycling efforts:

Items You Can Recycle

- Cardboard
- Paper Boxes
- Wrapping Paper (plain only)
- Holiday Cards and Envelopes
- Clean Glass Containers, Metal Cans, and Plastic Containers (labeled with #1 - #5 or #7)

Items to Dispose of in the Garbage

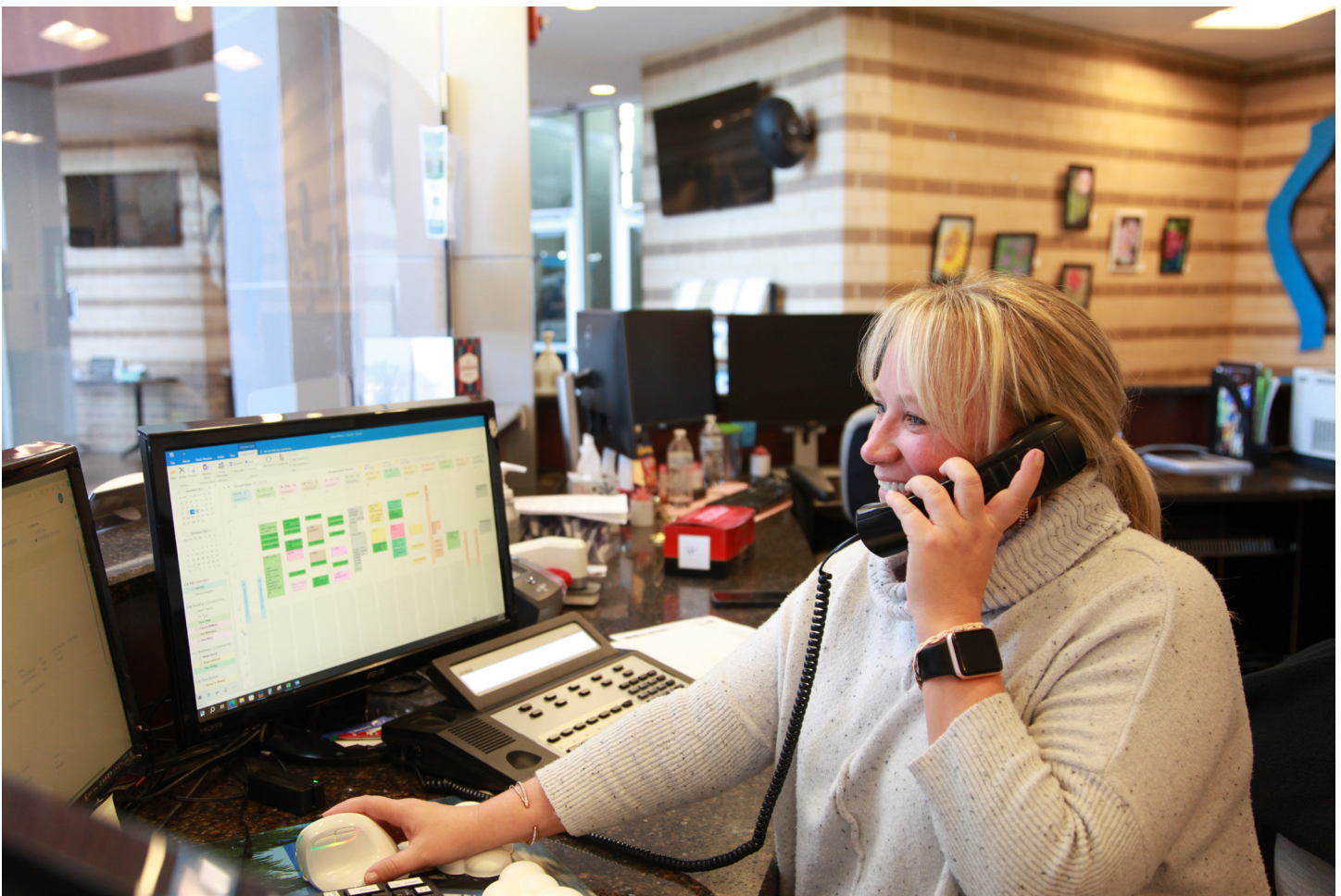
- Bubble Wrap
- Ribbons and Bows
- Gift Bags
- Cellophane
- Packing Peanuts
- Strands of Lighting
- #6 Plastic Containers

When receiving new electronic gifts like smart devices, toys, or computers, it's tempting to dispose of your old gadgets. However, this can contribute to e-waste, which has harmful effects on the environment. Instead, consider holding on to your old tech gadgets for upcoming electronic recycling events. Keep an eye out for these event dates in our upcoming newsletters.

If you have larger items that won't fit in your regular trash, you can schedule a free bulk waste pickup with Republic Services. Simply call them at (636) 947-5959 to arrange for disposal of these items.

This holiday season, make a commitment to reduce waste and recycle responsibly. By following these recycling tips, you can enjoy a more eco-friendly and sustainable holiday season. Let's all do our part to make this season not only delightful but also environmentally conscious.





EXTENDED HOURS AND FOUR-DAY WORKWEEKS, WAKE UP EARLY WITH MARYLAND HEIGHTS

City staff may need a few extra cups of coffee for the new year—in a groundbreaking move, Maryland Heights government is set to extend its working hours and implement a four-day workweek for its civilian employees. These changes are designed to enhance accessibility, convenience, and employee well-being, making our government services more readily available to residents and businesses while also offering a more balanced work-life schedule for our dedicated staff.

Beginning on **January 2, 2024**, our municipal government center will be extending its hours of operation from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. This new schedule will grant residents and businesses an extra hour and a half in the morning and an extra half-hour in the evening to take care of essential tasks like notarizations, permit applications, and scheduling inspections. This change aims to accommodate the diverse needs of our community and provide a more flexible and accessible service.

"What sets our municipality apart from the rest is our innovative approach to enhancing accessibility to services for our residents and businesses," stated City Administrator Tracey Anderson. "We are thrilled to start this journey, as our research indicates that Maryland Heights is the first municipality in Missouri to implement this new schedule, extending our service hours. This change not only allows

us to provide enhanced services to our residents and businesses but also demonstrates our commitment to creating more accessibility for the community."

HOW WILL THIS BENEFIT MARYLAND HEIGHTS RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES?

Extended Availability

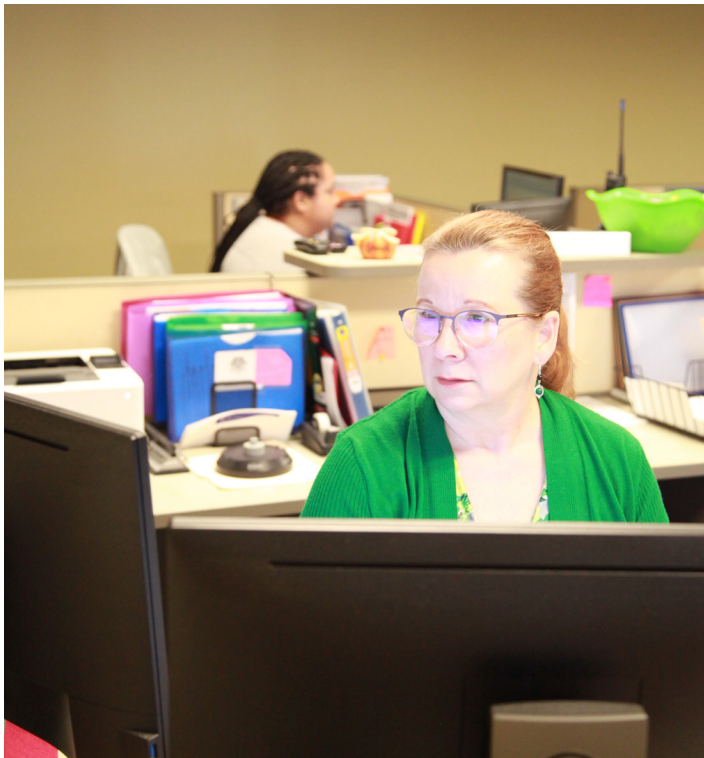
With the extended hours of operation and the new schedule, our municipal government will be more readily available to residents and businesses throughout the week. This makes it easier for our community members to engage with city services and access necessary resources at their convenience.

Improved Customer Service

The new schedule and extended hours will lead to improved customer service and more efficient assistance to residents and businesses. Staff members will be more available and better able to address the needs of the community.

Recognizing that this is a significant change for the community, our municipal government is planning to undergo a six-month

testing period before the new schedule becomes permanent. The trial period for the new schedule, effective until **July 1, 2024**, will be reviewed annually to ensure continued success. During this time, we will closely monitor and assess the impact of these changes on service quality and overall efficiency. Resident and business feedback will be vital in fine-tuning this transition. "While this change is a testament to our dedication, it's important to acknowledge that management retains the flexibility to make adjustments or cancellations as needed," explained Anderson.



In 2008, the state of Utah redefined the workday by being one of the first entities in the country to implement a 4/10 workweek. Although, their main goal was to save money and chose to close their facilities on Fridays. Utah lawmakers scrapped the four-day workweek in 2011 after filing several complaints that service was inaccessible on Fridays and an audit showed the savings were not as much as they had hoped. Although, after a survey was conducted by the state of Utah, it revealed that 82% of respondents preferred the 4/10 schedule. Several Utah state agencies then decided to continue implementing a 4/10 schedule on their own accord and still maintain a flexible work schedule to this day.

"What can be seen from agencies who have accomplished this in the past is that while some employees will have to initially make adjustments with childcare and extracurricular activities, the 4/10 schedule ends up being extremely popular once introduced," stated Human Resources Manager Melissa Weiss. "By having two groups of staff to stagger the work week, we found we would be able to increase the City's availability to the community."

While change can be a bit uncertain, city leaders are hopeful that the new schedule will have a positive impact on creating more accessibility to residents and businesses. Services such as obtaining

a police report, getting a document notarized, or scheduling an inspection will now be available bright and early starting at 7:00 a.m.

Use your personal time and lunch breaks for yourself – no need to worry about accomplishing official city business like notarizing documents, getting building permits, or obtaining records. Your time is precious, and we want you to enjoy it without any hassle. Studies show that having longer work hours each day might mean a shorter workweek overall, and Maryland Heights is excited to be a part of this positive change.

"We've come up with a new plan using our current team, creating a compressed workweek that gives us more time to serve you," explained Anderson. "These extra hours mean you can swing by the center before starting your workday to take care of any city-related business." The City recognizes how important it is to make city services easy to access and our dedication in making our facility more accessible is something that has not been attempted by any other city in Missouri. Maryland Heights is taking the lead in making these changes, hoping to inspire other places to do the same and make city services more user-friendly for everyone.

During this testing period, we encourage feedback and ask for your patience as we navigate this monumental change. The City aims to set an example for other municipalities in the area and is excited to be more available for the community. Here's to a city that's as bold and welcoming as that first cup of coffee in the morning!



TORO ENERGY, FUELING MARYLAND HEIGHTS' SUSTAINABILITY

The TORO Energy project, located at the former Jaeger greenhouse site at 2369 Creve Coeur Mill Road, represents yet another significant step towards sustainable and environmentally conscious energy practices. The approval of the Conditional Use Permit by the City in February 2022 paved the way for TORO Energy to establish its presence on the 3.32-acre site, which is a short walk away from the newly constructed Waste Connections Sustainability Campus and Ameren Renewable Energy Facility.

The parcel, initially zoned as "M-1" for Office, Service, and Light Manufacturing District, found alignment with TORO Energy's proposal for "Natural Gas Distribution." This alignment with the city's Comprehensive Plan and the missions of the neighboring Sustainability Campus and Ameren Renewable Energy Facility played a crucial role in gaining approval for the conditional use permit.

Toro Energy, a renewable energy company with a focus on converting landfill gas into energy, is no stranger to such initiatives. With multiple projects operational across the United States, the Maryland Heights facility will mark their second venture in Missouri. While it might seem reminiscent of Ameren's electricity generation from landfill gas, TORO Energy's approach distinguishes

itself by addressing the surplus of landfill gas captured from Champ Landfill.

The efficiency of TORO Energy's process lies in its ability to scrub and remove gases, leaving only methane. This purified landfill gas is then injected into the pipeline, contributing to Spire's efforts to increase the utilization of renewable natural gas, thus displacing fossil fuels. By operating approximately 354 days a year with scheduled downtime for maintenance, the facility aims to ensure a continuous, reliable energy supply. Additionally, the facility's commitment to operating quietly and reducing nuisance odors underscores its dedication to being a responsible neighbor in Maryland Heights.

The collaboration between TORO Energy and Champ Landfill reflects a broader trend in Maryland Heights towards implementing cost-effective solutions that benefit both the landfill and the community. The project not only addresses the challenge of managing excess landfill gas but also contributes to the region's sustainability goals. By providing renewable natural gas as an alternative to traditional fossil fuels, TORO Energy is playing a crucial role in shaping a more environmentally friendly energy landscape in Maryland Heights.





Reunited at last! Pictured from left to right: Wally, Poko, and Maddox catch up at Dogport's Ribbon Cutting.

UNLEASH THE FUN! DOGPORT REOPENS AFTER RENOVATIONS

On **Thursday, October 19, 2023**, a wave of excitement swept through the canine community as the long-awaited reopening of Dogport took place. The festivities kicked off with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, officially marking the return of this beloved park after sustaining significant damage caused by flash flooding during July 2022.

During the reopening, City Administrator Tracey Anderson extended a warm welcome to attendees, acknowledging several departments that helped facilitate the renovations. "We're really grateful for the hard work put in by our city's Parks and Public Works Departments," stated Anderson. "After many meetings with FEMA, we're happy to offer this amenity again. It was a real team effort, and we appreciate everyone who played a part."

The revitalized Dogport showcases a host of improvements aimed at enhancing the overall experience for both dogs and their owners. The outdated pink granules have been replaced with lush sod, offering a more natural and comfortable surface for canines to play on. New shade structures provide shelter from the sun. Concrete paths have been laid, promoting easy navigation within the park with ADA accessibility. Another addition is the dual-purpose water fountain catering to both humans and their furry friends, located in a shared area between the two entrances. Despite the reduction in total area mandated by FEMA to mitigate flood risks, the separation of spaces for large and small dogs remains intact. Adjacent to Dogport, the area bordering Fee Fee creek will be transformed into a vibrant pollinator garden, providing a burst of color and life during the summer months. "The implemented flood mitigation strategies are going to be of immense value during future flooding events," said Charlie Milligan, Superintendent of Parks. "Credit is due to Bex Construction, a company located here in Maryland Heights for their exceptional work on the renovations."

Memberships are now available for purchase at the Community Center, 2300 McKelvey Road. These memberships, valid until **December 31, 2024**, grant access to the park and its amenities via a key fob system. The implementation of a key fob system not only ensures a secure entry but also aids Parks Maintenance crews by tracking the most frequented times, allowing them to efficiently maintain the park's greenery. Replacement key fobs are available for \$10 in case of loss.

For any concerns or issues, members should contact the Community Center during regular business hours at (314) 738-2599 or email mhlife@marylandheights.com outside of those hours.

The City is thrilled about Dogport's return and looks forward to the community enjoying the renovations. As Dogport transforms into a vibrant hub for dogs and their owners, the Doggy Bone Hunt on **Saturday, March 23** at 11:00 a.m. marks one of the first events to make a comeback. Tickets are available at the Community Center, priced at \$10 for Dogport members and \$15 for non-members. In-person pre-registration is necessary for this event, due to the requirement of vaccinations proof. With several other recreation opportunities already in the pipeline, the City anticipates Dogport becoming a lively center for canine enjoyment and community engagement.

DOGPORT DOG PARK 2490 McKelvey Woods Ct.

Membership rates:

- **Residents: \$40**
- **Non-Residents: \$70**

Additional dogs (same household):

- **Residents: \$10 per dog**
- **Non-Residents: \$15 per dog**



SEEKING ARTISTS FOR VISUAL ARTS SERIES

The City of Maryland Heights Cultural Arts Commission is on the lookout for local artists interested in showcasing their work at the Maryland Heights Community and Government Centers. This ongoing program which is available during regular business hours, enhances our facilities with visual art that brings a positive and cultural touch. If you're an artist looking to share your creations or know someone who should, please consider applying. Submit your work for consideration at www.marylandheights.com/arts and become a valued contributor to the visual richness of our community spaces—with no cost involved. This is a perfect opportunity for young artists wishing to build their portfolio and experience. Exhibits are open to the general public and help cultivate a showcase for local creativity in the heart of our neighborhood.

IT'S THE SEASON FOR ICE SKATING

Hey, residents! Did you know you can enjoy high-quality ice skating at the Centene Community Ice Center without breaking the bank? This cutting-edge facility hosts public skating sessions every week, providing a enjoyable way for locals of all ages and skill levels to stay active on the ice. Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned skater, you're welcome to join in the fun during our Public Skate sessions. If you or your child are interested in learning how to ice skate, Centene Community Ice Center, in collaboration with Maryland Heights Parks and Recreation, offers an instructive Learn to Skate program. Embrace the season and glide onto the ice! Check out www.centenecommunityicecenter.com for a schedule of current public skate sessions or to register for a Learn to Skate program. Don't miss our Skate with Santa event on Saturday, December 9 and our Sweetheart Skate on Friday, February 9.

AQUAPORT EARLY BIRD SPECIALS

Are you planning on swimming with us this summer? If so, you have the opportunity to save big by planning ahead! Discounts are available from January through April for Aquaport's 2024 season. New for this season, the savings are even greater! In previous years, this special started with 20% off. Now in 2024, we will start selling Aquaport season passes at 25% off in January and the savings will decrease 5% each month until April. The full breakdown

of prices each month are listed on the chart below.

A family season pass includes two adults and any dependents, ages 4-17, that reside in the same household. You must provide proof of residency/guardianship for all members of the household when purchasing the pass. Passes are available for purchase at the Welcome Desk at the Community Center during normal business hours.

	Regular	January (25% Off)	February (20% Off)	March (15% Off)	April (10% Off)
Resident Adult	\$125	\$93	\$100	\$106	\$112
Resident Youth/ Senior	\$99	\$74	\$79	\$84	\$89
Resident Family	\$185	\$138	\$148	\$157	\$166
Non-Resident Adult	\$185	\$138	\$148	\$157	\$166
Non-Resident Youth/Senior	\$149	\$111	\$119	\$127	\$134
Non-Resident Family	\$285	\$213	\$228	\$242	\$256



MH SWAG SHOP TO OPEN IN JANUARY

In response to community demand and a strategic initiative by the Parks and Recreation Department, Maryland Heights is excited to announce the launch of MH Swag Shop, an online store hosted by Spreadshop.com. This initiative stems from the desire to provide the community with the opportunity to showcase their Maryland Heights pride through a range of quality merchandise.

While there are several options that exist, Spreadshop.com has proved to be a cost-effective option with no hosting fees, contracts, or need for inventory tracking. A wide range of products will be available and the City will be able to keep costs minimal to ensure affordability for consumers. If successful, this may pave the way for a more permanent strategy, possibly exploring other hosting platforms.

To jump start our collection, the City recently hosted a T-Shirt Design Contest, allowing residents to contribute to the store's offerings. Winners from the Adult and Youth categories, Fran S. and Brian P., respectively, showcase the diverse perspectives and unity found in Maryland Heights.

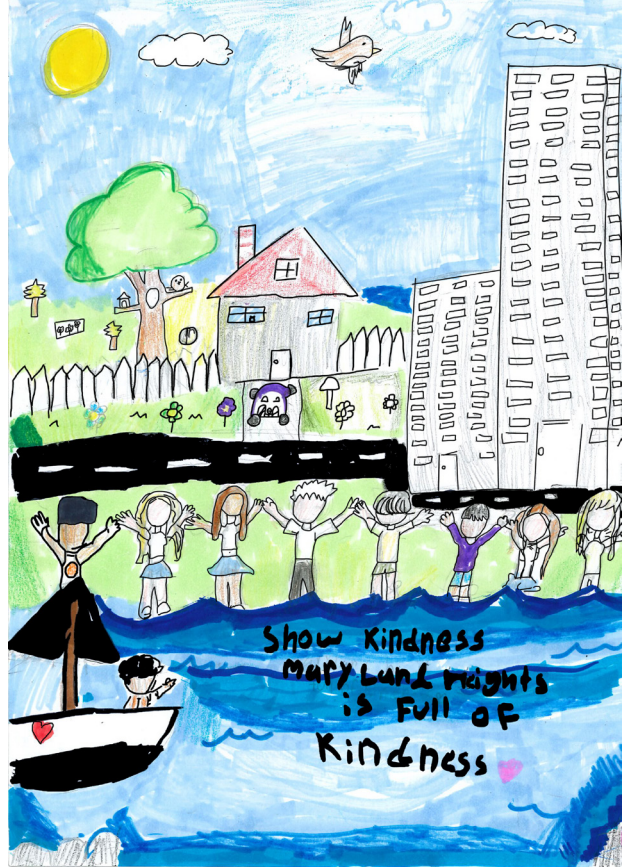
The MH Swag Shop won't be just a store; it will be a canvas for the community to express its unique spirit. As we gear up for the opening, anticipate a vibrant collection of designs that celebrate the diversity of Maryland Heights. From community pride to department-specific creations, we're curating a selection that mirrors the dynamic nature of our city. Keep an eye out for designs that resonate with you and showcase your Maryland Heights identity!

Looking ahead, we are hopeful that the MH Swag Shop will evolve into a central hub for community interaction. We envision dropping seasonal designs - from Aquaport tanks to cozy winter sweatshirts, themed collections that may align with community celebrations, and several more opportunities to collaborate with local artists to reflect the diversity and talent within Maryland Heights. Stay tuned for more design challenges, polls, and contests. Your input will shape the future of our MH Swag Shop. The fun is just beginning!



Finalist Adult Category
Fran S.

"One of the wonderful things about living in Maryland Heights is that the population is very multi-cultural and diverse, and yet, everyone seems to be able to live in harmony. I wanted to reflect this diversity and unity of our city in my design."

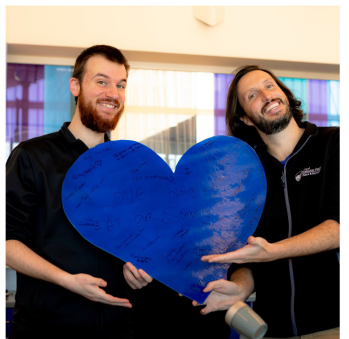
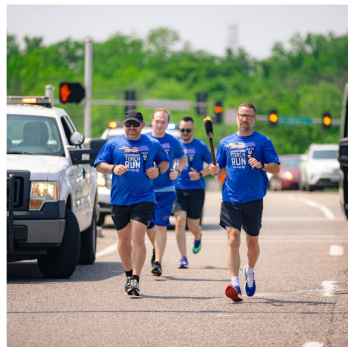


Finalist Youth Category
Brian P.

"When I think of Maryland Heights, I think of all kinds of different people who are all nice to each other. In Maryland Heights, people spread kindness."

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THANK YOU LOOK FOR THE LOVE PARTICIPANTS!



During the months of September and October, our "Look for the Love" hearts were hidden all around Maryland Heights. Painted rocks were placed around our city parks and facilities, local businesses played along by sticking clings on their front windows,

and stickers and tattoos found their way into the homes of many. We had so much fun with this contest and hope to be back next year for another Maryland Heights scavenger hunt! Thank you to everyone who participated!



SANTA TO VISIT RANKENJORDAN

One of the most meaningful traditions in Maryland Heights is the annual Ranken Jordan Christmas Event, a yearly parade and delivery of gifts from Santa organized by the Maryland Heights Police Officers Association and the Maryland Heights Firefighters Community Outreach.

On **Friday, December 15**, Santa, the Maryland Heights Police Department, and the Maryland Heights Fire Department will make their way down Dorsett Road to visit the residents at Ranken Jordan Pediatric Bridge Hospital. The public is welcomed to cheer Santa on as he parades down Dorsett Road at approximately 10:00 a.m.

This event is just one of the many ways our first responders show love for their community and show our appreciation for the work that goes into making many little dreams come true for young patients at Ranken Jordan.



FREEZIN' FOR A REASON, MHPD RAISES FUNDS FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Are you ready to watch your local police brave the icy waters and support a heartwarming cause at the 2024 Polar Plunge? This fun-filled event will be returning to Creve Coeur Lake on **February 24, 2024** at 1:00 p.m. Last year, 270 plungers raised a remarkable \$65,400 for Special Olympics Missouri, making a substantial impact on year-round sports training for individuals with intellectual disabilities.

Join the Maryland Heights Police Department (MHPD) as they turn plunging into the cold into an annual tradition. On the plunge day, MHPD employees will jump into the lake, inviting the public to spectate, contribute to their fundraising, and enjoy the spectacle of teams from across St. Louis taking the plunge for a wonderful cause.

The Polar Plunge is not just about the daring dive—it's a celebration complete with music, funny costumes, and the creation of lasting memories. This event is part of a broader initiative by law enforcement agencies to support their chosen charity, Special Olympics Missouri. All proceeds directly benefit year-round sports training and athletic competitions for those with intellectual disabilities.

Save the date, bring your courage, and join MHPD and other teams as they take the plunge into Creve Coeur Lake. Let's make a splash for a cause that truly matters—supporting and uplifting the incredible athletes of Special Olympics Missouri.

MHPD JOINS FORCES TO SUPPORT COLLEAGUES BATTLING BREAST CANCER

During the month of October, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Maryland Heights Police Department partnered with Creve Coeur Police and the Eastern Missouri Police Academy to sell pink line uniform bars, a pin that officers could wear to display their support for breast cancer awareness. The funds received from the pink line pins were matched by the Maryland Heights Police Officers Association and checks for \$1,000 each were delivered to two police officers in nearby agencies that are currently battling stage 3 breast cancer. These collaborative efforts show us the power of support between agencies. Not only did this act raise awareness, but it showed that unity and compassion can make a difference.





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Chief of Police: Bill Carson

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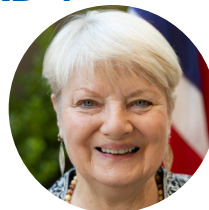
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EMAIL NEWSLETTER

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 www.marylandheights.com/mhlife.