

CITY OF MARYLAND HEIGHTS NEWSLETTER

# MH LIFE

June - July 2024

## SUMMER 2024 STAYCATION GUIDE

Discover new adventures in  
your backyard this summer.

Included as an insert.



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*Swimming, concerts, family events - Maryland Heights is the best hotspot for fun this summer!*

## A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Summer is finally here! As the days grow longer and the temps are warmer, we have so many activities planned. Whether you are looking for excitement or relaxation, our eight page Summer Staycation Guide is packed with attractions that will keep you busy without venturing too far from home. From our favorite local water park, Aquaport (details on their programming and events on **page 24**) to the summer concert series with the new addition of the Pop-Up Markets (details on **page 25**), there's something for everyone to enjoy this season.



of the Year." Check out our list of recipients on **page 8**.

As we enjoy all the summer festivities, it's important to remember that fireworks are illegal in our city. Please read **page 9** which includes vital information on this topic to help ensure everyone's safety.

Also included in this issue, are updates regarding the new developments at Westport Plaza. We are happy to welcome so many new businesses to our City which include 360 Westport, the Soda Fountain Express, and the Rawlings Experience - which is set to become a must-visit spot. Read about the new changes on **page 21**.

And while summer brings fun and relaxation for some, there are others that are seriously affected by the heat and lack of school lunches. For those in need, we've listed a variety of summertime resources to provide assistance on **page 10**. And as we prepare for the upcoming school year, Maria's Backpacks, our annual school supply drive will be kicking off on her birthday on **July 3**. Please help us honor her memory by donating items. More information can be found on **page 30**.

I hope you enjoy your summer, stay safe, and make the most of all the wonderful things our city has to offer!

*Mike Moeller*

**Mayor Mike Moeller**

(314) 878-6730

# COUNCIL MINUTES

The following is a summary of action taken at the March 7, March 21, and April 18 City Council meetings. The Council Meeting on April 4 was canceled. For complete meeting minutes, visit [www.marylandheights.com/minutes](http://www.marylandheights.com/minutes).

## MARCH 7

- Approved a resolution approving the preliminary subdivision plat for Louiselle Park Subdivision (Rule Avenue Development, LLC).
- Approved an ordinance authorizing the installation of a fire hydrant on Schuetz Road as requested by the Creve Coeur Fire Protection District.
- Approved an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a construction services contract with M&H Concrete Contractors, Inc. for the FY2024 Concrete Pavement Replacement Project.

## MARCH 21

- Approved the agreement for year two of a three year renewable agreement with R. L. Mueller for Aquaport concessions food service in the amount of \$51,500.
- Approved the purchase of pool chemicals for the indoor and outdoor aquatic facilities from Midwest Pool and Court in the amount of \$53,000.
- Entered into an agreement with Ideal Landscape Group for the irrigation upgrade at the Community Center in an amount not-to-exceed \$26,000.
- Approved the purchase and installation of replacement swings for Parkwood Park with a three-bay swing feature from Gametime c/o Cunningham Recreation in the amount of \$77,243.25.
- Approved the purchase of both new and replacement fitness equipment for the Community Center from Advanced Exercise in the amount of \$49,994.36.
- Entered into an agreement with Branham by Suburban Electric Services for EV Charging Stations at the Maryland Heights Community Center in the amount of \$64,598.00.
- Authorized the City Administrator to

enter into a five-year lease with Quadient for mailing equipment at \$771.55 per month for sixty months.

- Approved the purchase of a 2024 Dodge Ram 5500 4x4 with plow and spreader from Viking-Cives Midwest, Inc. through Sourcewell Contract #06222-VCM for a total of \$149,837.00.
- Approved the purchase of nine (9) Panasonic MK2 Windows 11 Toughbooks with vehicle docks and 16GB Memory in the total amount of \$39,645 from Turn-Key Mobile, Inc. in Jefferson City under National IPA Contract #226017-02.
- Authorized the City Administrator to enter into a one-year agreement with Shi for Barracuda Premium Plus Email Protection in the amount of \$40,494.88 under State of Missouri cooperative procurement agreement.
- Approved an ordinance authorizing the City Administrator to enter into a three-year contract with Charter Spectrum to provide 500M Fiber Optic Internet Services.
- Approved an ordinance to approve the award of the 2024 Pavement Marking Project to Tramar Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$129,686.69 with a contingency amount of \$12,900.00.
- Approved an ordinance amending Ordinance 2004-2471 to allow indoor racquet sports courts (pickleball) at 2551-2555 Metro Blvd (Petition of Hidow Estate II, LL.

## APRIL 18

- Approved a Retail by the Drink and Sunday by the Drink liquor license for SWP Inc., d/b/a Westport Park, located at 321 West Port Plaza Drive, managing officer, Francis Ikemeier.
- Approved the purchase of five (5) portable walkie radios with all the necessary encryptions, batteries and chargers, in the amount of \$28,585.05 from Motorola Solutions, Inc., 13108 Collections Center, Chicago, IL, 60693.
- Approved an ordinance amending Ordinance 2006-2806 to allow an additional outdoor advertising sign in Riverport Business Park (Petition of Foxpoint Interactive with the Consent of

the Riverport Trustees).

- Approved an ordinance amending Conditional Use Permit Ordinance 2011-3540 to allow limited manufacturing in conjunction with the petroleum product wholesaler occupying the building (Petition of Engineered Lubricants Company).
- Approved an ordinance amending Ordinance 2022-4740 to allow a petroleum and petroleum products merchant wholesaler at 11401 Moog Drive (Petition of Reladyne with consent of BBK Westport Industrial LLC).
- Approved an ordinance enacting a conditional use permit for an indoor pickleball club at 11675 Fairgrove Industrial Boulevard (Petition of Metro Pickleball Club with the consent of 11675 Fairgrove Industrial, LLC).
- Approved an ordinance approving certain documents in connection with the taxable industrial revenue bonds (The Flats at Dorsett Ridge LLC Project), Series 2020.
- Approved an ordinance approving a change in trustee in connection with the certificates of participation, Series 2015 (City of Maryland Heights, Missouri, Lessee), and authorizing certain actions in connection therewith.
- Approved an ordinance approving a change in bond trustee in connection with the city's tax increment and special district revenue bonds (Westport Plaza Redevelopment Area), Series 2020, and authorizing certain actions in connection therewith.



## 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

## JUNE

- 3 Busy Bees Begins • 9:00 a.m. • MHCC  
See **page 27** for more info!
- 3 First Monday Meet and Greet • 10:30 a.m. • MHCC
- 5 Big Things/Small Town Trip • 8:00 a.m. • MHCC  
For more information about our Adult Day Trips, call the Community Center at (314) 738-2599.
- 6 City Council Meeting • 7:00 p.m. • MHGOV
- 8 Kids Fishing Derby • 9:45 a.m. • Hellebusch Park  
Kids ages 4-12 can participate in a free fishing derby hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Bridgeton
- 10 Safety Town Begins • 9:00 a.m. • MHCC



- 10 Summer Camp Begins • 9:00 a.m. • Vago Park  
See **page 27** for more info!
- 11 Community Development and Neighborhood Preservation Meeting • 5:30 p.m. • MHGOV
- 11 Planning and Zoning Meeting • 7:00 p.m. • MHGOV
- 12 Beautification Meeting • 6:00 p.m. • MHCC
- 12 Public Improvements Meeting • 6:00 p.m. • MHGOV
- 13 Senior Learning Institute • 10:00 a.m. • MHCC

- 14 Family Swim Night • 7:00 p.m. • Aquaport  
We are extending our swim time so you and your family can swim under the stars! See **page 24** for more info!
- 14 Movie Night at Westport • Sunset • Westport Plaza  
Featured Movie: Live Action Little Mermaid
- 17 Monthly Luncheon and Bingo • 10:30 a.m. • MHCC  
To purchase tickets, call (314) 738-2599.
- 18 Grief and Loss Support Group • 11:30 a.m. • MHCC
- 19 Fun in the Park • 5:30 p.m. • Eise Park  
Featured Activity: Rock Painting  
See the Summer Staycation Guide for more info!
- 19 Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Meeting • 6:30 p.m. • MHCC
- 20 City Council Meeting • 7:00 p.m. • MHGOV
- 21 Summer Concert Series (Soul Cracker) & Pop-Up Market • 6:30 p.m. • Parkwood Park  
See **page 25** for more info!
- 25 Planning and Zoning Meeting • 7:00 p.m. • MHGOV
- 27 Summer Family Bingo • 6:00 p.m. • MHCC  
Bring the family for a night of summer-themed bingo!  
See the Summer Staycation Guide for details.



## JULY

- 1 First Monday Meet and Greet • 10:30 a.m. • MHCC
- 8 Play it Safe Begins • 9:00 a.m. • MHCC
- 9 Community Development and Neighborhood Preservation Meeting • 5:30 p.m. • MHGOV
- 9 Planning and Zoning Meeting • 7:00 p.m. • MHGOV
- 10 Beautification Meeting • 6:00 p.m. • MHCC

## AUGUST

- 10 **Public Improvements Meeting • 6:00 p.m. • MHGOV**
- 12 **Family Swim Night • 7:00 p.m. • Aquaport**  
We are extending our swim time so you and your family can swim under the stars! See **page 24** for more info.
- 12 **Summer Concert Series (Lone Wonders) & Pop-Up Market • 6:30 p.m. • Vago Park**  
See **page 25** for more info!
- 12 **Movie Night at Westport • Sunset • Westport Plaza** Featured Movie: Trolls Band Together
- 15 **Monthly Luncheon and Bingo • 10:30 a.m. • MHCC**  
To purchase tickets, call (314) 738-2599.
- 16 **Grief and Loss Support Group • 11:30 a.m. • MHCC**
- 17 **Fun in the Park • 5:30 p.m. • Vago Park**  
Featured Activity: Bubble Party & Hot Diggity Dog - Free hot dogs, chips and drinks while supplies last!  
See the Summer Staycation Guide for more info!
- 17 **Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Meeting • 6:30 p.m. • MHCC**
- 18 **City Council Meeting • 7:00 p.m. • MHGOV**
- 20 **Jingle Jangle in July • 11:00 a.m. • MHCC**  
This event features a Pop-Up Market!  
See **page 27** in the Summer Staycation Guide for more info!
- 23 **Planning and Zoning Meeting • 7:00 p.m. • MHGOV**
- 24 **Women's Self Defense Class • 6:00 p.m. • MHCC**  
Taught by Tae Kwon Do instructor, Miss Kennedy.
- 30 **Fabulous Fox Theater Tour • 10:30 a.m. • MHCC**  
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- 1 **City Council Meeting • 7:00 p.m. • MHGOV**
- 5 **First Monday Meet and Greet • 10:30 a.m. • MHCC**
- 8 **Senior Learning Institute • 10:00 a.m. • MHCC**
- 9 **Luau Party • 7:00 p.m. • Aquaport**  
See **page 24** for more info!
- 9 **Movie Night at Westport • Sunset • Westport Plaza**  
Featured Movie: Moana
- 13 **Disability Commission Meeting • 2:30 p.m. • MHGOV**
- 13 **Community Development and Neighborhood Preservation Meeting • 5:30 p.m. • MHGOV**
- 13 **Planning and Zoning Meeting • 7:00 p.m. • MHGOV**
- 14 **Beautification Meeting • 6:00 p.m. • MHCC**
- 14 **Public Improvements Meeting • 6:00 p.m. • MHGOV**
- 15 **City Council Meeting • 7:00 p.m. • MHGOV**
- 16 **Fun in the Park • 5:30 p.m. • Parkwood Park**  
Featured Activity: GaGa Ball - See in the Summer Staycation Guide for more info!
- 16 **Summer Concert Series (Breakdown Shake Down) • 7:00 p.m. • Parkwood Park**  
See **page 25** for more info!
- 19 **Monthly Luncheon and Bingo • 10:30 a.m. • MHCC**  
To purchase tickets, call (314) 738-2599.
- 20 **Grief and Loss Support Group • 11:30 a.m. • MHCC**
- 23 **Mammography Van Screening • 8:45 a.m. • MHCC**
- 27 **Mystery Trip • 10:30 a.m. • MHCC**  
For more information about our Adult Day Trips, call the Community Center at (314) 738-2599.
- 27 **Planning and Zoning Meeting • 7:00 p.m. • MHGOV**



Scan to view  
full calendar!



# APRIL 2024 ELECTION RESULTS



In the **April 2, 2024**, General Municipal Elections, Maryland Heights residents voted on Council representation for each ward in the City. On Tuesday, **April 16, 2024**, the following Maryland Heights City Council members were sworn in after the results of the election were certified:

- Ward 1: Incumbent Willie James "James" Surgeon
- Ward 2: Incumbent Kimberly L. "Kim" Baker
- Ward 3: Incumbent Charles Gardner "Chuck" Caverly II
- Ward 4: Incumbent Steven "Steve" Borgmann.

Congratulations to all of the council members, and thank you to all who came out to vote in this year's municipal elections!

## DIGITAL 101 CLASS: THE AGE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Artificial intelligence has become a significant part of our daily lives, from personalized recommendations on your favorite music platform to your email inbox automatically filtering out spam messages. Along with its many benefits come potential risks - including several scams that involve AI technology. To help residents navigate the new age of artificial intelligence, the Communications Division will be offering a free class to the residents of Maryland Heights.

During Digital 101, we'll explore how AI is used across various sectors to enhance efficiency. We will also discuss how to identify and avoid common AI scams, such as phishing attacks and deepfake videos. Our Communications Division is in the process of developing an AI policy to ensure responsible use. By participating, residents can contribute to shaping policies that prioritize transparency.

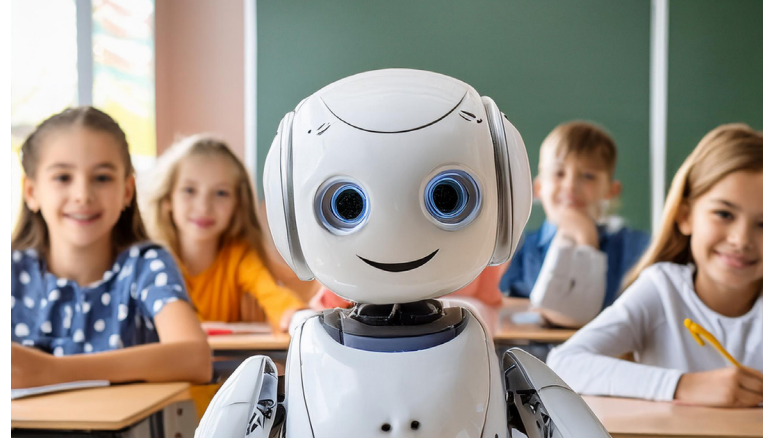
Additionally, residents will be able to chat with the communications team about popular social media platforms and staff will be available to answer questions about AI

and social media.

Whether you are new to technology or seeking to enhance your understanding, this class will aim to provide you with the tools needed when navigating through social media platforms and the internet.

Two classes will be offered with the same curriculum presented at both sessions. The first will be **Tuesday, August 6 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Municipal Court Room at the Maryland Heights Government Center. The second class will be held on **Tuesday, August 13 at 9:00 a.m.** in the Infinity Room at the Maryland Heights Community Center. Refreshments will be served.

For those unable to join us in-person, a Zoom link will also be available. This presentation is free, but registration is required. Registration opens on **June 10** and closes **July 30**. To register for a session



of Digital 101, visit [www.marylandheights.com/Digital101](http://www.marylandheights.com/Digital101) or call Communications Manager, Trisha Hall at (314) 738-2497.

**FREE DIGITAL 101 CLASS**  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 6 AT 6:30 P.M.**  
 GOVERNMENT CENTER  
 11911 DORSETT RD.

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 13 AT 9:00 A.M.**  
 COMMUNITY CENTER  
 2300 MCKELVEY RD.

# REGISTRATION OPENS FOR MARYLAND HEIGHTS UNIVERSITY

Are you curious about how our city runs? Do you want to know more about what goes on behind-the-scenes to keep our community thriving? If so, Maryland Heights University is the perfect program for you!

Maryland Heights University (MHU) began in 2009 with a simple goal: to help residents understand how their city government operates. The first class was well attended and participants of all backgrounds and ages joined to learn more about their city. This class became an annual tradition and is offered every year free of charge to our residents. Classes meet once a week for two hours. Students learn about their city through presentations from senior staff, tours, and hands-on activities.

When you register for MHU, you can expect to learn the following topics:

- The organization of the City
- Functions of the Mayor and City Council
- Role of the City Administrator
- The budgeting process, revenue sources, and taxing districts
- The function of the Communications Division and tools used
- Street maintenance
- Snow and ice control
- Stormwater management

- Capital improvements
- Recreation programming
- Parks maintenance
- Senior services
- Recreation facilities
- Planning and zoning processes
- Building inspections
- Code enforcement
- Maryland Park Lake District
- Long-term planning efforts
- Methods for encouraging economic development
- Divisions within the Police Department
- Emergency and management crisis response
- Community partnerships and programs

Sessions include special tours of the Public Works Garage, the Maryland Heights Community Center, and the Maryland Heights Police Department. During the final session, students will be recognized at the City Council meeting.

"Some graduates return and take the class again," says Communication Manager Trisha Hall. "Participants tell us that every year is different and they learn something new every time!"

The City of Maryland Heights currently has eleven commissions, which are comprised of both residents and representatives from the business

community. Many MHU alumni have gone on to further contribute to their community by joining one. The members of the boards and commissions play an important part of shaping the future of Maryland Heights. For a list of our boards and commissions and to apply, visit [www.marylandheights.com/BoardsAndCommissions](http://www.marylandheights.com/BoardsAndCommissions).

The 2024 MHU session will take place on Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. from **August 21 - September 18**. Graduation will take place at the City Council meeting on **Thursday, September 19**. The first class will be held at the Government Center, 11911 Dorsett Road and a schedule will be provided for the meeting place for the remaining classes. To sign up, visit [www.marylandheights.com/MHU](http://www.marylandheights.com/MHU) or call (314) 738-2497. Registration will open on **July 8** and will close **August 12**.

If you have ever had a question about how the City operates, don't miss this opportunity! We hope you can join us for the 2024 session of MHU! If you have any questions, call Communications Manager Trisha Hall at (314) 738-2497.



## WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES

### Administration

- Kathy Cain, Customer Relations Specialist
- Michelle Willen, Customer Relations Specialist

### Parks and Recreation

- Jacob Reese, Maintenance
- Bryan Sluder, Maintenance
- Kevin Martinez, Maintenance

# CELEBRATING OFFICER ACHIEVEMENTS

This spring, Chief Bill Carson presented select police officers and dispatchers with Letters of Excellence, Letters of Commendation, and the annual Officer of the Year award. These staff members were recognized for their outstanding performance and service to the community.

The recognized employees include:

- Police Officer Jarred Anderson
- Dispatcher Jennifer Anderson
- Corporal Mark Fedak
- Police Officer Avery Fischer
- Police Officer Dominic Frasca
- Police Officer Matthew Fry
- Dispatcher Shannon Harris
- Police Officer Larry Jerrod
- Police Officer Jeff King
- Detective Andrew Lucca
- Dispatcher Mason Lutz
- Police Officer Chandler Martin
- Police Officer Andrew Neece
- Police Officer Alexander Romas
- Dispatcher James Schnurr
- Detective Chris Silliman
- Detective Sam Stark
- Police Officer Joseph Stocker
- Police Officer Erica Stough
- Police Officer Kenneth Westcott
- Dispatcher Melissa Wilson



The 2023 Officer of the Year was awarded to Police Officer Nick Scott.

The MHPD also proudly celebrated the rank promotions of four officers this spring. These promotions come as a result of dedicated service and excellent performance. The officers promoted include:

- Sergeant Sean Fanning promoted to Lieutenant
- Corporal Matt Rovang promoted to Sergeant
- Lead Detective Shane Monnig promoted to Sergeant
- Detective Kevin Gregory promoted to Corporal

## MHPD RECEIVES THIRD CALEA ACCREDITATION

The Maryland Heights Police Department has accomplished its third CALEA Law Enforcement Accreditation.

Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) is considered the "gold standard" for public safety accreditation. Only about 5% of the nearly 18,000 police agencies in the United States have committed to accreditation.

This achievement reflects the MHPD's commitment to excellence and dedication to upholding internationally accepted public safety standards. The accreditation process occurs every four years. It involves rigorous self-assessment, independent assessment by experienced professionals, and valuable input from the community. The MHPD is committed to enacting, following, and maintaining the highest standards of the police profession.

This award affirms our pledge of accountability to our residents and visitors.



## OUT OF TOWN? SIGN UP FOR VACATION WATCH!

Going out of town for summer vacation? The Maryland Heights Police Department offers a vacation watch program for residents who are concerned for the security of their home while they're away. During your registered dates of travel, patrol officers will periodically stop by your residence to check it over. This is a great way to have peace of mind while you are enjoying time away from home.

The program is free to all Maryland Heights residents. To schedule your home for vacation watch, call (314) 738-2358 during business hours (7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) or (314) 298-8700 after normal business hours or on weekends. An online request form is also available at [www.marylandheights.com/VacationWatch](http://www.marylandheights.com/VacationWatch).



# FIREWORK LAWS KEEP RESIDENTS SAFE

Every year around the 4th of July, the MHPD receives many calls for service from residents wanting to report the illegal use of fireworks in their neighborhood. In July 2023, our officers responded to 44 calls regarding the use of fireworks.

Please remember that 911 is **NOT** for reporting fireworks! Our officers respond to all calls for service. You may think shooting off fireworks is an emergency, but it is NOT. We need to leave the 911 lines open for true emergencies, such as heart attacks or car accidents with injuries. If the 911 lines are tied up with reports of fireworks being shot off, those who need our help the most could be delayed and those few moments lost could cost them their lives.

If you want to report the use of fireworks in your neighborhood, please utilize the non-emergency police line at (314) 298-8700. Try to have an address or description of the person shooting off fireworks ready. Be patient if you are put on hold, as our Maryland Heights dispatchers prioritize calls and could be dealing with life-threatening situations. If there is a fire or injury caused by fireworks, 911 is the best number to call!

Fireworks are ILLEGAL in St.

Louis County, which includes the City of Maryland Heights, per Section 9-2. Fireworks can be very dangerous and are illegal in St. Louis County due to the dense population. There is less space around residential areas and that means a bigger probability they could cause serious damage.

Per the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission, an average of 180 people go to the emergency room every day with fireworks-related injuries in July. Fireworks can cause serious burns, eye injuries, loss of body parts, and even death. Sparklers account for roughly one-quarter of emergency room fireworks injuries each year. Sparklers burn at about 2,000 degrees which is hot enough to melt some metals.

## Did you know?

- Almost 10,000 people are treated in emergency rooms with fireworks-related injuries yearly
- Most injuries occur to the face (12%), eyes (17%), and hands (34%)
- The majority of firework-related injuries happen to children under the age of 15.
- Fires caused by fireworks injure 50 and kill 15 people yearly.

- Per the National Fire Protection Association, more than 18,000 fires are started by fireworks, costing an average of \$43 million in direct property damage yearly.

It's also worth noting that the 4th of July is NOT fun for many pets in the area. More pets are reported missing on the 4th of July than on any other day of the year. Fireworks can cause severe burns and trauma to the face and paws of pets. Unused fireworks are potentially toxic to them due to substances such as potassium nitrate, arsenic, and heavy metals.

If our officers respond and find that you or your family are shooting off fireworks, they can confiscate them and you could be subjected to an arrest and/or fined by the Municipal Judge.

We will be putting out signs around the community reminding everyone that fireworks are illegal in the weeks leading up to the 4th of July. The safest and most effective way to prevent injury or damage to property is to leave the fireworks displays to the professionals!

Be Safe!

- Officer Terry McComas

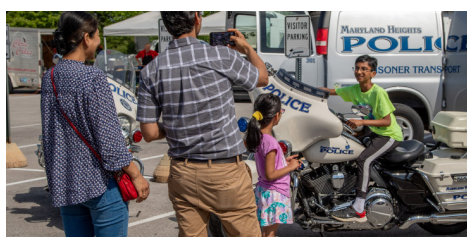
## MHPD OPEN HOUSE RECAP

Jedi and young padawans from around the city set out on a journey to learn the ways of the police force at this year's MHPD Open House on **Saturday, May 4**.

Activities for attendees included police station tours, vehicle displays, and equipment demos from both the police department and the Maryland Heights Fire Protection District. Residents also enjoyed free breakfast from a local favorite, Chris Cakes of St. Louis – plus, extra snacks and goodies to take home.

The MHPD and guests even received a special visit from a troupe of Star Wars characters, courtesy of The 501st Legion.

Thank you to all who came out for a morning of fun! We hope you had a blast!



# SUMMERTIME ASSISTANCE AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Summertime is one of the best times of year for people who enjoy warm weather and fun in the outdoors. However, between childcare, lack of school-supplied meals, and intense Midwest heat and humidity, summertime can come with challenges for some individuals and families.

The City of Maryland Heights wants to help ease the burden and ensure our residents are aware that assistance is available. There is no shame in asking for help or tapping into local resources in a time of need. Please see the following resources compiled by Maryland Heights Social Services Coordinator, Ericka Jones.

## CHILDCARE

### Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education

The Missouri Child Care Subsidy Program increases access to early learning by helping eligible families with the cost of child care. This allows families to focus on finding and holding steady jobs or to attend school and training programs. Learn more and apply at [www.dese.mo.gov/childhood/child-care-subsidy/families](http://www.dese.mo.gov/childhood/child-care-subsidy/families).



## YOUNG ADULT EMPLOYMENT

### STL Youth Jobs

STL Youth Jobs serves youth, ages 14-24, with career exploration to acceleration

through a youth employment system that builds job readiness skills and experiences. Employers make the experience tangible by partnering with STL Youth Jobs to hire, train, and mentor youth to work at their businesses/organizations. Learn more at [www.stlyouthjobs.org](http://www.stlyouthjobs.org).

### Employment Connection

The WIOA Youth Program is a free program that provides employment, training, and education for youth, ages 16-24. Learn more at [www.employmentstl.org/youth-services-and-programs](http://www.employmentstl.org/youth-services-and-programs).

### In The Door

In The Door's Employment and Training Program is available for young people, ages 16 to 24, who are not enrolled in school and who face barriers like homelessness, pregnancy, disabilities, skills deficiencies, or involvement with the juvenile justice system.

These youth receive mentorship and learning opportunities, paid work experience, and access to industry-leading training programs. Learn more at [www.inthedoornow.com](http://www.inthedoornow.com).

## FOOD DISTRIBUTION

### Operation Food Search

Operation Food Search is providing meals Monday-Friday at many St. Louis County Library branches. These nutritious "super snacks" help kids and teens stay focused and active through the afternoon and evening. Meals are available free of charge for children ages 5-18. Some of the participating branches are below; more are listed online:

- Florissant Valley Branch (195 New Florissant Rd., S., Florissant, MO 6303)
- Lewis & Clark Branch (9909 Lewis-Clark Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63136)
- Natural Bridge Branch (7606 Natural Bridge Rd. St. Louis, MO 63121)
- Prairie Commons Branch (915 Utz

Lane, Hazelwood, MO 63114)

- Weber Road Branch (4444 Weber Rd. St. Louis, MO 63123)
- SLPL Central Branch (1301 Olive St. St. Louis, MO 63103)

### St. Louis Area Foodbank

The St. Louis Area Foodbank works with over 600 partners in 26 counties across the bi-state area to provide options for those in need of food. Each month, they host food distribution events in various locations. Visit [www.stlfoodbank.org/Events](http://www.stlfoodbank.org/Events) to see a full calendar of upcoming events.

The following is a list of the nearest food banks in the area. Check with the location for appointments and more information:

- Loaves And Fishes (2750 McKelvey Rd., Maryland Heights, MO 63043)
- Stafford Foundation (11352 Dorsett Rd., St. Louis, MO 63043)
- Grace Church Stl (2695 Creve Coeur Mill Rd., Maryland Heights, MO 63043)



## COOLING CENTERS

When temperatures rise there are various locations where you can cool off in the A/C.

- Maryland Heights Government Center during business hours (11911 Dorsett Rd., Maryland Heights, MO 63043)

- Maryland Heights Community Center during business hours (2300 McKelvey Rd., Maryland Heights, MO 63043)
- St. Louis County Library Bridgeton Trails (3455 McKelvey Rd., St. Louis, MO 63044)
- St. Louis County Library Rock Road Branch (10267 St. Charles Rock Rd., Saint Ann, MO 63074)
- St. Louis County Department of Public Health North Central Community Health Center (4000 Jennings Station Rd., St. Louis, MO 63121)

## UTILITY ASSISTANCE

### Cool-Down / Heat-Up St. Louis

Cool-Down / Heat-Up St. Louis can assist with Ameren and Spire. More information and applications are available online at [www.heatupstlouis.org](http://www.heatupstlouis.org). Have questions or want to see if you qualify for help? Call (314) 241-0001.

### Missouri Department of Social Services

The Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHEAP) can help you pay home energy bills for the summer through the Energy Crisis Intervention Program (ECIP). The ECIP helps when there is a termination or disconnect notice, indicating a specific disconnect date, a final billing statement advising the account



has been terminated, a propane-fuel oil tank is filled at less than 20% capacity, the customer is a cash on delivery (COD) customer, pre-paid electric customer indicates their pre-paid usage is about to run out, or when an applicant indicates another fuel source is about to run out (wood, corn pellets, kerosene). The amount of help you receive is based on the amount of bill with the energy provider.

Summer ECIP is available June through September, based on funding. The maximum amount you could get is \$600.

Learn more and apply at [www.mydss.mo.gov/utility-assistance/LIHEAP](http://www.mydss.mo.gov/utility-assistance/LIHEAP).

### CAASTLC

The Community Action Agency of St. Louis County, Inc. (CAASTLC) summer program assists with electric bills. Applicants must have a disconnection notice or services

must be off and must meet Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHEAP) eligibility requirements to be considered for assistance. Learn more and apply at [www.caastlc.org/energy-services](http://www.caastlc.org/energy-services) or in person at 2709 Woodson Rd.

### SpireEnergy

**Dollar Help** is a utility assistance program offered by Spire Energy. If you qualify for DollarHelp, simply call 2-1-1.

From there, you'll be guided to a local community action agency for additional help. Learn more at [www.spireenergy.com/DollarHelp](http://www.spireenergy.com/DollarHelp).

Need further assistance or have questions? Contact Ericka by email at [ejones@marylandheights.com](mailto:ejones@marylandheights.com) or by phone at (314) 738-2233.

*\*Disclaimer: The City of Maryland Heights does not claim responsibility for the services provided by the listed organizations, nor do the inclusions of these organizations serve as an endorsement of their services over those of any potential competitors. These resource packets are non-comprehensive and merely intended as an informative tool and starting point for those seeking assistance over crucial issues in their life.*

# ADA CELEBRATES 34TH ANNIVERSARY

Did you know that, in the United States, **July 26** is recognized annually as National Disability Independence Day. This day commemorates the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) into law in 1990.

This civil rights law criminalizes any kind of discrimination against individuals with disabilities and assures them full participation in the community, independent living, and economic self-sufficiency. The focus areas of the Americans with Disability Act are public accommodation, employment, transportation, state, and local government services.

The City of Maryland Heights works to ensure that every program, service, benefit, activity, and facility operated or funded by the City of Maryland Heights is accessible to, and usable by, people with disabilities. The city strives to eliminate barriers that may prevent persons with disabilities from accessing or participating in city programs, services, activities, and facilities.

If you would like to learn more about the ADA, visit Great Plains ADA Center at [www.gpadacenter.org](http://www.gpadacenter.org).

For a database of crowd-sourced ways to promote inclusion, visit [www.inclusionhub.com/DEI](http://www.inclusionhub.com/DEI).

An extensive list of community resources for those with disabilities can be found by visiting [www.marylandheights.com/Resources](http://www.marylandheights.com/Resources). Need help or have questions? Contact Social Services Coordinator, Ericka Jones by email at [ejones@marylandheights.com](mailto:ejones@marylandheights.com) or by phone at (314) 738-2233.



# TURN AROUND, DON'T DROWN

When severe weather and heavy downpours strike, stay safe by remembering this simple phrase: Turn Around, Don't Drown®. More than 50% of flood-related deaths are due to someone driving or walking into floodwaters. Water can be an extremely powerful force. As little as six inches of fast-moving flood water can knock an adult off their feet and twelve inches of moving water can carry away a small car! Larger vehicles aren't immune to the danger either. It only takes 18-24 inches of water to sweep away larger trucks, vans, and SUVs.

It is often more difficult than you think to judge the depth of a flooded area, especially at night. If you come upon an area that is covered with water, play it safe and turn around. If you inadvertently drive into a flooded area, attempt to remain calm and take the following steps:

- Call 911 as soon as possible.
- Turn on your headlights and hazard

lights to make it easier for emergency personnel to see you.

- Unbuckle your seat belt.
- Unlock your doors.
- Take off your coat or jacket.
- Lower your window.
- If windows won't open, you will have to use a door to escape, but you won't be able to open it until the pressure is equalized. This means that you will have to wait for water to enter the car and fill up to about neck level, which is terrifying but necessary.
- Once free, climb onto the roof of your car and hang on to whatever you can. Pull a seatbelt strap from the car, if possible, or clutch the rails.
- If water rises over the top of the car, swim to safety.

There are over 4,000 acres of regulatory floodplain in our community. If you have any questions about floodplain requirements such as permitting, flood insurance,



stormwater issues, to find out if your property is located within a floodplain, or to request a site visit, please contact Director of Community Development, Michael Zeek, at [mzeek@marylandheights.com](mailto:mzeek@marylandheights.com) or (314) 291-6550. Learn more about flood safety at [www.weather.gov/FloodSafety](http://www.weather.gov/FloodSafety) and [www.ready.gov/Floods](http://www.ready.gov/Floods).

## STAY UPDATED ON ACTIVE DEVELOPMENTS



Do you ever wonder about active construction projects and new developments in Maryland Heights? We have several solutions on how to stay updated! The best way to stay informed is to visit our active projects page at [www.marylandheights.com/ActiveProjects](http://www.marylandheights.com/ActiveProjects). This page summarizes major projects that are currently going through the zoning process, in plan review, or under construction. Each entry includes a map, summary, and other details such as site plans or City staff reports.

"We are able to make so much information easily accessible to the public," says Community Development Director, Michael Zeek. "We update this page often and it's the best way to find out what is going on at a certain address."

Another way to stay in-the-know is to check out the City Planner's Report, available by clicking the "City Planner's Report" button on our homepage [www.marylandheights.com](http://www.marylandheights.com) or directly at [www.marylandheights.com/CPR](http://www.marylandheights.com/CPR).

The report is published twice a month, the Friday before the upcoming Planning Commission meeting. It features an article of interest, a list of upcoming meetings, the Planning Commission's agenda, links to City staff reports, and a fun fact. You can sign up to receive the City Planner's Report automatically by email by visiting [www.marylandheights.com/MHLife](http://www.marylandheights.com/MHLife).

Besides these two resources, there are a few other helpful links that can help homeowners. Have you ever wondered what your property is zoned, what City Council ward you are in, or whether a street is maintained by the City, St. Louis County, or MoDOT? View City of Maryland Heights maps at [www.marylandheights.com/CityMaps](http://www.marylandheights.com/CityMaps). If you have any questions, reach out to the Planning & Zoning staff at [planning@marylandheights.com](mailto:planning@marylandheights.com) or 314-291-6550.

# SUMMER STAYCATION

## 2024



School is out, and it's time to explore! While many people may take some time to plan an adventure in another city, state, or country - you will be happy to know that you won't have to travel far to get premier entertainment, recreation, and lots of other fun in your own backyard! The City has partnered with Visit Maryland Heights, the community's tourism bureau, to bring you a guide for the perfect Maryland Heights Summer Staycation.

The entertainment and hospitality industry is one thing that sets Maryland Heights apart from other areas. This city abounds in opportunities for live music, comedy, climbing, water activities, swimming, sports, food, drinks and more!

visit  
**Maryland Heights**.org  
St. Louis' backyard

We've included information for all our local attractions and the summer schedule for events at each location. Complete restaurant and hotel guides can be found at [www.visitmarylandheights.org](http://www.visitmarylandheights.org). As Visit Maryland Heights says, "Endless fun is waiting for you!"

# OUTDOOR ATTRACTIONS

## CREVE COEUR LAKE MEMORIAL PARK

13725 MARINE AVE. / 13236 STREETCAR DR.  
(314) 738-2599

[WWW.STLOUISCOUNTYMO.GOV/PARKS](http://WWW.STLOUISCOUNTYMO.GOV/PARKS)

Although swimming is not allowed, patrons are able to rent canoes, kayaks, and stand up paddle boards from **Creve Coeur Rentals**. Once on the water, you can follow a six-mile water trail that provides various points of interest around the lake. A water trail map is available on their website. If you'd rather stick to land, bike, run, or walk the paved trail around the lake. Other amenities include: four playgrounds, splash pad, biking and hiking trails, disc golf, archery, tennis courts, and plenty of picnic areas.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

June 8 • Late Night Fishing

June 9 & 30 • Sailboat Races

June 18 • Night Out at Creve Coeur Park

July 13 • Late Night Fishing

July 14 & 28 • Sailboat Races

August 4, 11, & 25 • Sailboat Races

August 7 • Waterfront Wednesday Concert

August 10 • Late Night Fishing

August 17 • Gateway Dragon Boat Festival

August 30-31 • Water Lantern Festival



Creve Coeur Lake

## GO APE ZIPLINE AND ADVENTURE PARK

13219 STREETCAR DR.

(800) 971-8271

[WWW.GOAPE.COM](http://WWW.GOAPE.COM)

Nestled in the upper portion of Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park is a treetop obstacle course. Zoom through a variety of courses that include rope ladders, crossings, swings, and zip-lines. They even have an opportunity to escape the forest by solving puzzles! Book online and don't forget to bring work gloves.

## THE QUARRY AT CRYSTAL SPRINGS

1 CRYSTAL SPRINGS QUARRY DR.

(314) 514-0154

[WWW.QUARRYGC.COM](http://WWW.QUARRYGC.COM)

Next door to Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park is an area which was a quarry in 1888. Centuries later, it has been converted into a prestigious 18-hole golf course. The area includes federally protected wetlands and environmentally sensitive areas, lakes, and native prairie grass so you can enjoy a true natural environment rather than someone's subdivision. This location also includes a 40,000 sq. ft. driving range. Book a tee time online or by calling their phone number.

## RYZE ADVENTURE PARK

12420 GRACE CHURCH RD.

(314) 886-7993

[WWW.RYZEADVENTURE.COM](http://WWW.RYZEADVENTURE.COM)

This new urban adventure recently opened in September 2021 and includes a 50 foot tower with 114 challenges, varying in degree of difficulty. Climbers are able to choose their own challenge and get 2.5 hour sessions on the tower. Also included on the property: a lower level for kids ages 4 - 7, two zip-lines, yard games, and a 18 hole skill-based mini golf course. Obviously this activity is weather dependent, so pick out a nice day and book your session!



Ryze Adventure Park

# INDOOR ATTRACTIONS

## CENTENE COMMUNITY ICE CENTER

750 CASINO CENTER DR. • (314) 451-2244  
[WWW.CENTENECOMMUNITYICECENTER.COM](http://WWW.CENTENECOMMUNITYICECENTER.COM)

This family-friendly venue opened in 2019 and is the practice facility of the St. Louis Blues. The ice center has four NHL-sized ice sheets, including a covered outdoor rink that makes a transformation every spring into the Saint Louis Music Park!

Daily public skating is available during the summer on the indoor rinks (check their website for schedule) and Maryland Heights residents are eligible for a free Centene Community Ice Center Resident Discount Card by stopping by the Community Center with proof of residence.

## DAVE AND BUSTERS

13857 RIVERPORT DR. • (314) 209-8015  
[WWW.DAVEANDBUSTERS.COM](http://WWW.DAVEANDBUSTERS.COM)

Eat, drink, and play! Instead of battling the crowds downtown, catch a game on the 40' WOW wall with stadium sound. Challenge friends to arcade games like Pop-a-Shot, Pac-Man, and Skee-Ball. Mastered the classics? Try out some virtual reality challenges.

## ESCAPE CHALLENGE ST. LOUIS

11978 DORSETT RD. • (314) 736-4757  
[WWW.ESCAPECHALLENGESTL.COM](http://WWW.ESCAPECHALLENGESTL.COM)

Who doesn't love a good puzzle? Escape Challenge STL creates interactive scenarios where participants have 60 minutes to search the room for hidden objects, puzzles, riddles, and clues. Piece them together to escape. All rooms are private. Visit their website to book.

## FLOAT STL

127 WELDON PKWY. B • (314) 833-3444  
[WWW.FLOATINGSTL.COM](http://WWW.FLOATINGSTL.COM)

If your idea of a vacation is peace and quiet, check out Float STL. Patrons book time in a sensory deprivation tank and float in a solution of water and Epsom salt which creates a near zero-gravity state. Floating in a salt water tank has been known to reduce inflammation, relieve pain, increase creativity, productivity and self-awareness. An infrared sauna is also available. Book a floating session by phone or online.

## HISTORIC AIRCRAFT RESTORATION MUSEUM

3127 CREVE COEUR MILL RD. • (314) 434-3368  
[WWW.HISTORICAIRCRAFTRESTORATIONMUSEUM.ORG](http://WWW.HISTORICAIRCRAFTRESTORATIONMUSEUM.ORG)

This museum is federally recognized for the acquisition, restoration, display, and operation of antique and vintage aircraft. Their collection is housed in four main display hangars and includes several planes from the Golden Age of Flight and a couple famous planes from the movies! Call to schedule a tour or stop by on the weekends from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

## HOLLYWOOD CASINO

777 CASINO CENTER DR. • 1(855) STL-GAME  
[WWW.HOLLYWOODCASINOSTLOUIS.COM](http://WWW.HOLLYWOODCASINOSTLOUIS.COM)

Try your luck inside 120,000 sq. ft. of slots and video poker machines. Hollywood Casino also offers 50+ table games that include Blackjack, Craps, Roulette, Baccarat, Pai Gow Poker and more. With several dining options available, this is the perfect home base if you are catching a show at the Saint Louis Music Park or Hollywood Casino Amphitheatre. They also offer a shuttle to the nearby concerts with hotel packages if you need a place to crash for the night.

## UPPER LIMITS ROCK CLIMBING GYM

1874 LACKLAND HILL PKWY. • (314) 241-7625  
[WWW.UPPERLIMITS.COM/MARYLAND-HEIGHTS](http://WWW.UPPERLIMITS.COM/MARYLAND-HEIGHTS)

If weather just isn't cooperating and the children in your group still insist on climbing, head on over to Upper Limits. This premier indoor rock climbing gym has a 14,500 sq. ft. of climbing surfaces with two giant lead arches and a massive top-out boulder. Adult, child, and family passes are available. New to rock climbing? Upper Limits also offers classes.



# CITY PARKS, TRAILS, & FACILITIES

**LOCATIONS BELOW • (314) 738-2599**  
**[WWW.MARYLANDHEIGHTS.COM/PARKS](http://WWW.MARYLANDHEIGHTS.COM/PARKS)**

Summer is the perfect time to get out and explore any of the six Maryland Heights-operated parks, and the Fee Fee Greenway. All parks are open sunrise to sunset with the exception of when there are City sponsored programs and events occurring.

## DOGPORT

**2490 MCKELVEY WOODS CT.**

Dogport is open and welcoming new members to enjoy the open space with lush sod, offering a natural and comfortable surface for canines to play on. Shade structures provide owners shelter from the sun. Concrete paths have been strategically laid for easy navigation and ADA accessibility within the park. Another addition is the dual-purpose water fountain, catering to both humans and their furry friends.

Memberships are now available for purchase at the Community Center. 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. This allows them to efficiently maintain the park's greenery. Learn more at [www.marylandheights.com/Parks](http://www.marylandheights.com/Parks).

For questions or concerns, contact the Community Center during regular business hours at (314) 738-2599 or email [mhlife@marylandheights.com](mailto:mhlife@marylandheights.com) outside of those hours.

## EISE PARK

**12103 BOURBON ST.**

Gerald A. Eise Memorial Park is located in the David Meadows Subdivision. The space features a playground, splash pad, basketball court, and restrooms. Parking is limited to less than ten vehicles. No pavilion reservations are accepted at Eise Park.



Eise Park



## FEE FEE BALLFIELDS

**2719 FEE FEE RD.**

In 2019, Maryland Heights acquired over 10 acres of property, north of the Midland Ave. and Fee Fee Rd. intersection, currently consisting of four baseball fields. Over the next few years, as part of the Capital Improvement Plan, the City will turn this land into a multi-sport complex with at least three functional fields for play. Improvements have already begun on field one, closest to Fee Fee Rd., and is now available to rent. When not rented, residents may use this field for pickup games, skills development, and more. For pricing, regulations, and to request rental space, please visit [www.marylandheights.com/field](http://www.marylandheights.com/field) to fill out a rental request form. For questions, contact Liz Renaud at [lrenaud@marylandheights.com](mailto:lrenaud@marylandheights.com)

## FEE FEE GREENWAY

**TRAILHEADS LOCATED AT AQUAPORT AND CREVE COEUR PARK.**

The 2.73 mile Fee Fee Greenway, formerly McKelvey Woods Trail, is the first public, off-road trail that Maryland Heights has been a part of creating. Completed via collaboration with Great Rivers Greenway and securing funding through federal grants, the trail takes users from Aquaport all the way to Creve Coeur Lake and its many recreational opportunities, including a link to the Katy Trail.

## MCKELVEY WOODS NATURE PARK

**2530 MCKELVEY RD.**

McKelvey Woods Park provides a great location to begin or end your journey on the nearby Fee Fee Greenway with restrooms and picnic tables to stop and take a quick break. This park also features a playground.

## PARKWOOD PARK

3145 PARKWOOD LANE.

Located next to Parkwood Elementary School and near Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Parkwood Park features a 0.7 walking path with newly renovated fitness stations to keep you active, as well as a playground and restrooms, among other features.

## QUIET HOLLOW PARK

12469 MCKELVEY RD.

Quiet Hollow is home to the state-of-the-art Fitness Court, an outdoor bodyweight gym facility that features 30 individual pieces of equipment, shock-resistant sports flooring, and exercise stations that allow for up to 28 individuals to workout at the same time and complete a quick 7-minute workout. You can download the free app, available on Android or view videos on YouTube to learn about the different stations, be led through workouts, and enter into challenges. For those looking for more leisure activities, this park also has a walking trail, park benches and picnic tables. There is limited parking and no restroom facilities at Quiet Hollow.

## VAGO PARK

2700 FEE FEE RD.

The largest park operated by the City of Maryland Heights, Vago Park spans 20-acres and features a baseball field with lights, cornhole boards, fitness course, five horseshoe pits, the Judy Barnett Memorial Scented Garden, a multi-purpose court with basketball hoops, three pavilions available for rent, picnic sites with barbecue grills, public art, three playgrounds including handicap accessible play structures, restrooms, sand volleyball court, splash pad, and a walking/jogging track.



Parkwood Park

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Live music is back at Vago and Parkwood Parks for the Maryland Heights Summer Concert Series! Bands will play from 7:00-9:00 p.m. *All concerts are free and all ages are welcome.*

**\*Pop-Up Markets** are making their first ever appearance during select summer concerts! Browse the different vendors before and during the concerts from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

#### JUNE 21 • PARKWOOD PARK

**Performer:** Soul Cracker

**Genre:** Classic Rock

**\*Includes a Pop-Up Market**

#### JULY 12 • VAGO PARK

**Performer:** Lone Wonders

**Genre:** One Hit Wonders

**\*Includes a Pop-Up Market**

#### AUGUST 16 • PARKWOOD PARK

**Performer:** Breakdown Shake Down

**Genre:** Top 40

#### SEPTEMBER 20 • VAGO PARK

**Performer:** Retro Nerds

**Genre:** 80s Tribute Band

### FUN IN THE PARK

Explore the parks in Maryland Heights this summer with the Parks & Recreation staff. We will visit Eise, Parkwood, and Vago Park with different activities planned as well as snacks at each event. Snacks and activities are available 5:30-6:30 p.m. *All events are free to attend.*

#### JUNE 19 • EISE PARK

**Featured Activity:** Rock Painting

#### JULY 17 • VAGO PARK

**Featured Activity:** Bubble Party & Hot Diggity Dog - Free hot dogs, chips, and drinks while supplies last.

#### AUGUST 16 • PARKWOOD PARK

**Featured Activity:** GaGa Ball before Summer Concert



Vago Park

# AQUAPORT

2344 MCKELVEY RD. • (314) 738-2599  
[WWW.MARYLANDHEIGHTS.COM/AQUAPORT](http://WWW.MARYLANDHEIGHTS.COM/AQUAPORT)

Maryland Heights' own outdoor water park first opened in 1998. As one of the first municipalities in the area to include water slides at the city pool, many of the original features are still enjoyed by residents today. In 2021, major renovations were completed to the facility, including the addition of a new feature, a surfing simulator called The FlowRider. Other renovations included a new entrance where residents and Season Pass holders can bypass lines at the gate, a new concessions stand with a revamped menu, the addition of Cardinals themed sprayers in the Kids' area, and a new filtration system.

Aquaport's daily hours are 12:00 - 6:00 p.m. daily. Season Pass holders and residents are able to enter one hour early. Residents may bring in two guests per day, per card holder at the resident rate. Season Pass holders may bring in four guests per day per card holder at the resident rate.

Maryland Heights' residents (ages 4 and older) can purchase a Privilege Card if they want to pay the resident rate. The Privilege Card includes discounts on admission, use of the FlowRider, and early entry. Residents will need to bring a photo ID, proof of residency (utility bill, bank statement, occupancy permit) and \$5 to the Community Center. A Privilege Card is included if a Season Pass is purchased.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**LUAU PARTY**  
**FRIDAY, AUGUST 9**  
**7:00-9:00 P.M.**

We're staying open after hours for a family-friendly party, including swimming under the stars, games, giveaways and more. Refreshments and snacks will be available for purchase at the concession stand. *(Free for season pass holders or \$7 general admission.)*



**FAMILY SWIM NIGHTS**  
**FRIDAYS, JUNE 14 & JULY 12**  
**7:00-9:00 P.M.**

Join us this summer for our new Family Swim Nights! For two nights only, we are extending our swim times so you can enjoy the night swimming under the stars! Refreshments and snacks will be available for purchase at the concession stand. *(Free for season pass holders or \$7 general admission.)*

More information on Aquaport programming on **page 24**.

# COMMUNITY CENTER

2300 MCKELVEY RD. • (314) 738-2599  
[WWW.MARYLANDHEIGHTS.COM/PARKS](http://WWW.MARYLANDHEIGHTS.COM/PARKS)

Home to the Department of Parks & Recreation, the 92,000 square foot facility includes an expansive Fitness Center, an Indoor Aquatic Center, Gymnasium, Senior Lounge, Play Center, preschool, and multiple rooms for use or rent. Visit [www.marylandheights.com/communitycenter](http://www.marylandheights.com/communitycenter) for upcoming classes, programs and events.

**SPECIAL EVENTS**  
**SUMMER FAMILY BINGO**  
**THURSDAY, JUNE 27**  
**6:00 - 7:00 P.M.**

Bring the whole family out for a night of fun as we play summer-themed bingo! There will be prizes geared towards kids, dinner, and refreshments. *(Members - \$8, Residents - \$9, Non-Residents - \$12)*

**JINGLE JANGLE IN JULY**  
**SATURDAY, JULY 20**  
**11:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.**

It may be the middle of summer, but the Community Center has transformed into a winter wonderland! This event features a Pop-Up Market so you can get your holiday shopping done early! Purchase a \$10 wristband for the kids' area to get pictures taken with Santa, access the bounce house/inflatables, arts and crafts, balloon twisting and Christmas airbrushing! After 3:00 p.m., all children with a wristband can enter Aquaport for free!

**WOMENS SELF DEFENSE CLASS**  
**WEDNESDAY, JULY 24**  
**6:00-8:00 P.M.**

(Ages 14+) This two-hour class will



leave you confident and calm going into the world knowing you have the tools to keep yourself safe. With the help of our Tae Kwon Do instructor, Miss Kennedy, you will find your voice and learn your boundaries in confrontation. You will be striking a target and practicing defenses against commonly used attacks. This class is informative, skill-building, and fun, all wrapped up in one! Register online at [www.marylandheights.com/sports](http://www.marylandheights.com/sports).

# WESTPORT PLAZA

111 WESTPORT PLAZA DR. • (314) 576-7100

[WWW.WESTPORTSTL.COM](http://WWW.WESTPORTSTL.COM)

A Maryland Heights landmark, Westport Plaza opened in 1971 and remains a popular part of our business district. Westport Plaza is an energetic, lively destination for work, play, and community in the heart of St. Louis. The

walkable, seamlessly connected district of business, dining, and entertainment venues is the place to be for special occasions, an unforgettable night out on the town, or celebrating the season with family, neighbors and friends.



## BACKSTREET JAZZ & BLUES

614 WESTPORT PLAZA DR.

314-878-5800

[WWW.BACKSTREETJAZZ.COM](http://WWW.BACKSTREETJAZZ.COM)

Backstreet Jazz & Blues Club is a hotspot in Saint Louis for live music and events. Backstreet hosts weekly karaoke and open mic nights. Occasionally, local blues and jazz talent will perform live.

## THE FUNNY BONE COMEDY CLUB

614 WESTPORT PLAZA DR.

(314) 469-6692

[WWW.STLOUISFUNNYBONE.COM](http://WWW.STLOUISFUNNYBONE.COM)

A well-known comedy club in the St. Louis area, this location hosts local talent and nationally touring comedians. Sit back with a few drinks and have some laughs. Open Mic Night is every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. and is only \$1 admission with a two-drink minimum.

## UPCOMING SHOWS

June 6-9 • Larry Reeb

June 13-16 • Rob Durham

June 20-22 • Josh Adam Meyers

June 28-29 • Guy Torry

July 5-7 • Joe Marlotti

July 12-13 • David Koechner

July 13 • The Office Trivia with "Todd Packer"

July 18-21 • Ryan Stout

## DINING OPTIONS

Drunken Fish

Fuzzy's Taco Shop

Jovick Brothers Deli

Kobe Steakhouse of Japan

Soda Fountain Express \*NEW\*

Trainwreck Saloon

Westport Social

360 Westport \*NEW\*

## RAWLINGS EXPERIENCE RETAIL STORE

462 WEST PORT PLAZA DR.

314-819-2900

[WWW.RAWLINGS.COM/RAWLINGS-EXPERIENCE-ST-LOUIS.HTML](http://WWW.RAWLINGS.COM/RAWLINGS-EXPERIENCE-ST-LOUIS.HTML)

Rawlings, the number one baseball brand world-wide and creator of the iconic Rawlings Gold Glove Award, offers sports fans and athletes a truly memorable, immersive experience at its new world headquarters location. Visitors can swing the latest Rawlings bats, design their own custom glove or explore priceless artifacts highlighting the game's greatest moments and careers.

## WESTPORT PLAYHOUSE

111 WESTPORT PLAZA DR.

(314) 576-7100

[WWW.THEWESTPORTPLAYHOUSE.COM](http://WWW.THEWESTPORTPLAYHOUSE.COM)

This 240-seat theater is one of the oldest continuously operating venues in the area where you can catch Broadway, off-Broadway, and local shows, and concert series. Purchase tickets online at [www.thewestportplayhouse.com](http://www.thewestportplayhouse.com).

## UPCOMING SHOWS

June 9 • Hundreds of Beavers

June 22 • Dre Hilton Live!

June 30 • The World of Babyface

July 11 • Michael: Live!

July 20 • Elvis: In Person

July 27 • Breaking The Chains Stage Play

## MOVIE NIGHT AT THE PLAZA

Movie Nights at the Plaza is back for Summer 2024! Movies begin at sunset and are shown on the new green space located in middle of the outdoor village area. Bring food, drinks, a blanket, and make yourself comfortable! *All Screenings are free to attend.*

## MOVIE SCHEDULE

June 14 - Live Action Little Mermaid

July 12 - Trolls Band Together

August 9 - Moana

# SAINT LOUIS MUSIC PARK

750 CASINO CENTER DR. • (314) 451-2244

[WWW.CENTENECOMMUNITYICECENTER.COM/SAINT-LOUIS-MUSIC-PARK](http://WWW.CENTENECOMMUNITYICECENTER.COM/SAINT-LOUIS-MUSIC-PARK)

This 4,500 seat outdoor concert venue has covered pavilion seating, concessions and a plaza area. Tickets to concerts can be purchased through [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

## CONCERT SCHEDULE

June 1 • Jacob Collier

June 8 • A Day To Remember -  
presented by 105.7 The Point

June 10 • Sarah McLachlan

June 12 • Jon Batiste

June 15 • Joe Russo's Almost Dead

July 13 • Whiskey Myers

July 16 • Lake Street Dive

July 21 • The Head & The Heart

July 23 • Jason Mraz

July 25 • Vampire Weekend

July 30 • TATE MCRAE

August 1 • Cody Jinks

August 3 • PRIMUS and COHEED  
AND CAMBRIA - presented by  
105.7 The Point

August 10 • Bush - presented by  
105.7 The Point

August 13 • Indigo Girls and Melissa  
Etheridge

August 16 • Switchfoot / Blue  
October / Matt Nathanson

August 21 • O.A.R. with special  
guest Fitz and the Tantrums

August 22 • Umphrey's McGee



Saint Louis Music Park

# HOLLYWOOD CASINO AMPHITHEATER

14141 RIVERPORT DR. • (314) 298-9944

[WWW.LIVENATION.COM](http://WWW.LIVENATION.COM)

This outdoor music venue with a capacity of 20,000 has been the host to many music festivals and big name artists. Food, beverages and merchandise are available for purchase. Pro tip: Bring a blanket to lay out if you have lawn tickets.

## CONCERT SCHEDULE

June 1 • Hootie & The Blowfish

June 4 • Noah Kahan

June 6 • James Taylor & His All-Star  
Band

June 13 • Kenny Chesney

June 15 • El Monstero - presented

by KSHE-95 & Weber Chevrolet

June 18 • Styx & Foreigner

June 21 • Janet Jackson

June 22 • New Kids on The Block  
With Paula Abdul & Dj Jazzy Jeff

June 29 • Third Eye Blind with  
Special Guest Yellowcard

July 10 • Earth, Wind & Fire and  
Chicago

July 12 • Niall Horan

July 16 • Train & Reo Speedwagon

July 18 • Loserville 2024: Limp  
Bizkit, Bones, N8noface, Corey  
Feldman, Riff Raff

July 20 • Dan + Shay

July 21 • Kidz Bop Live 2024

July 23 • Alanis Morissette

July 27 • Santana And Counting  
Crows

July 28 • Luke Bryan

July 30 • Red Hot Chili Peppers

August 2 • Thirty Seconds to Mars

August 3 • Boyz II Men

August 7 • I Prevail & Halestorm -  
105.7 The Point Big Summer Show

August 9 • Creed - 105.7 The Point  
Big Summer Show

August 10 • Five Finger Death  
Punch

August 13 • Hozier

August 15 • Green Day

August 16 • Imagine Dragons

August 21 • The Smashing Pumpkins

August 22 • Dierks Bentley -  
presented By Jersey Mike's

August 24 • The Doobie Brothers

August 31 • Sammy Hagar With  
Special Guest Loverboy



Hollywood Casino Amphitheater

# WESTPORT PLAZA UPDATES

Westport Plaza in Maryland Heights just completed quite a transformative phase that not only enhances its attractiveness to residents and visitors, but also brings a sense of pride and excitement to the City. With a history dating back to its opening in 1971, Westport Plaza has been a cornerstone of business and entertainment in the region for over five decades.

Originally spanning 42 acres, Westport Plaza quickly became a focal point for shopping, dining, and entertainment, mixed with office buildings. The iconic Gold Tower, a landmark in the area, is a key recognizable feature of Westport Plaza. Over the years, additions like the Sheraton Lakeside Chalet and Sheraton Westport Plaza hotel further solidified Westport Plaza's status as a premier destination.

The latest chapter in Westport Plaza's legacy includes significant developments that continue to shape its identity. One of the most notable additions is the relocation of Rawlings Sporting Goods' corporate headquarters to Westport Plaza. This move not only solidifies Westport Plaza's position as a hub for sports enthusiasts but also brings a new level of prestige to the area.

Rawlings, a globally recognized brand in baseball, is known for its iconic products



and contributions to Major League Baseball. With Rawlings now calling Westport Plaza home, residents and visitors alike can experience the history of the sport through interactive exhibits. Notably, the Rawlings Glove Vault showcases historic Rawlings Gold Glove Awards® and game-day glove designs of former pro legends and modern-day MLB® superstars.

Nestled on the 12th floor of the Gold Tower, 360 Westport offers a sophisticated dining experience. With panoramic views of St. Louis County and downtown from a distance, this modern rooftop bar and lounge is the perfect setting for intimate gatherings or large groups. From handcrafted cocktails to a fusion menu blending Asian, Italian, Mediterranean, and French cuisine, 360 Westport caters to diverse palates. Whether enjoying small plates with friends or indulging in a high-class dining experience, patrons are treated to stellar service and a view of the city.

For those craving a taste of nostalgia with a modern twist, Soda Fountain Express at Westport Plaza is the place to be. This spin on a classic diner and burger joint from the 50s serves up griddled double cheeseburgers, chicken sandwiches, phosphate sodas, local ice cream sundaes, and milkshakes. The menu features a delightful fusion of retro and modern flavors, with highlights like "Freak Shakes"

that are sure to delight food enthusiasts of all ages. Soda Fountain Express combines retro charm with contemporary culinary delights, making it a beloved spot for families and foodies alike.

As a city, we are thrilled about these changes and the positive impact they bring. The influx of new businesses, entertainment venues, and residential spaces not only creates job opportunities, but also boosts tourism and strengthens our community bonds. Westport Plaza's evolution reflects our city's commitment to progress while honoring our heritage, making it a destination that residents and visitors can be proud of.

In addition to these developments, Westport Plaza continues to host engaging events like Movie Nights and Parties on the Plaza, fostering a sense of unity and excitement among residents and visitors. These community gatherings celebrate our shared experiences and highlight the spirit of Maryland Heights.



As Westport Plaza continues to evolve, we invite everyone to join us in embracing the future and celebrating the vibrant transformation of our beloved district.



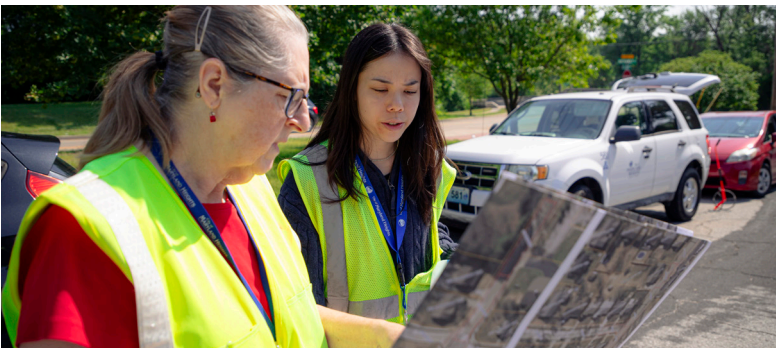
## REMINDER: SUMMER STREET INSPECTIONS

As a reminder to residents, the Department of Public Works' summer intern will be performing pavement inspections of City-maintained streets through approximately mid-July.

This year's inspections include residential streets located generally north of Ameling Road and Midland Avenue.

The intern must be on the street within traffic lanes to count, measure, and record pavement defects. Our staff ask all drivers to be on alert and exercise caution in these areas. Traffic may be briefly halted for staff to perform these inspection. Your patience and cooperation is appreciated for the safety of our intern and staff.

To see a full list and map of streets to be inspected, visit [www.marylandheights.com/StreetInspections](http://www.marylandheights.com/StreetInspections).



## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE

The following is a brief update of the current Capital Projects as of May 16, 2024:

### 2024 Selective Concrete Pavement Replacement Program

This project will be starting soon.

### 11465 Essex Avenue Storm Water Improvements

This project went to bid and the contract was recently awarded at the May 16 council meeting.

### 2024 Pavement Marking

Long line pavement striping and hand striping is taking place in various areas.

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

Please see the recent CIP update (link below) for more information.

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

## SAVE THE DATE: FALL ELECTRONIC RECYCLING

Don't send electronics to the landfill! Once again, the City is partnering with service provider, TechRemove, to help residents safely discard electronic waste.

Register to bring your computers, radios, cameras, VCRs, CD players, and anything that has a cord or battery to the Government Center on **August 10, 2024**. Most items are free to recycle. Some fees may apply.

Items not accepted include: smoke detectors, light bulbs, fluorescent tubes, tapes, CDs, DVDs, alkaline batteries, PCB ballasts, software, toner cartridges, thermometers, thermostats, hazardous materials. For a complete list of accepted items and associated fees, visit [www.techremove.com](http://www.techremove.com).

Participation is limited to the first 250 residents. This service is available for Maryland Heights residents only. Businesses are not included. All participants must be registered to attend.

Registration is open **June 3 to August 1** at [www.marylandheights.com/Recycling](http://www.marylandheights.com/Recycling) or by calling (314) 291-6550.

On the day of the event, please enter through the Dorsett Road entrance. Staff will check in participants by name and Maryland Heights home address. You do not need to bring a paper ticket.



**ELECTRONIC RECYCLING**  
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 10**  
**9:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.**  
**GOVERNMENT CENTER**  
**11911 DORSETT RD.**

**Scan to Register!**



# PUBLIC WORKS RECEIVES RE-ACCREDITATION



The Maryland Heights Public Works Department has recently received full re-accreditation by the American Public Works Association (APWA) for the third time. This accreditation formally verifies and recognizes that the agency is in full compliance with the recommended management practices set forth in APWA's Public Works Management Practices Manual.

After completing its initial accreditation in 2016, the public works department continues to pursue re-accreditation though a process that builds on the original accreditation.

APWA's accreditation process includes five major steps:

- Self-Assessment
- Application
- Improvement
- Evaluation
- Accreditation

The purpose of accreditation is to promote excellence in the operation and management of a public works agency, its programs, and employees. Accreditation is designed to assist the agency in

continuous improvement of operations and management, and in providing a valid and objective evaluation of agency programs as a service to the public and the profession.

"Our Public Works department has dedicated itself to continuous improvement and excellence. This accomplishment would

not be possible without the efforts of public works team whose mission it is to provide services and programs that contribute to making Maryland Heights a great place to live and work," said Director of Public Works Cliff Baber.



## COMPOSTING GUIDE FOR HOME & APARTMENTS

Composting is a means of disposing of household organic waste (such as yard and food waste) that allows for organic material to naturally degrade over time. As the materials break down, the material is converted into compost, a vital nutrient for soil that helps to promote plant growth.

Composting reduces landfill waste and feeds biodegradable materials back into the circular economy. It is more environmentally-friendly and economically worthwhile than regular waste disposal. To begin composting, follow these steps:

1. Combine green and brown materials in a dedicated compost bin.
2. Sprinkle the materials with water
3. Stir the items together
4. Let nature allow the items to decompose into compost over time

Green materials include nitrogen-rich items, such as: grass and plant clippings, produce food waste, coffee grounds, tea bags, eggshells.



Brown Materials include carbon-rich materials, such as: dry leaves, plant stalks and twigs, sawdust and untreated wood chips, shredded newspaper or cardboard, and paper straws.

If you rent or live in a space without a backyard, composting is still possible!

One method for indoor composting is worm composting, or vermicomposting. This method takes up little space and the materials are simple and inexpensive. Learn more about indoor composting from our partners at Republic Services at [www.republicservices.com/Blog](http://www.republicservices.com/Blog).

A little time and patience can yield amazing results! Whether you're an avid gardener or if you're simply looking to more responsibly manage your waste output, everyone can benefit from composting!

# DON'T MISS THESE AQUAPORT PROGRAMS

Aquaport season has officially begun! That means summer is here in Maryland Heights and we are ready to dive into fun at our favorite local waterpark.

"Our team is excited to welcome guests back for another season at Aquaport," said Aquatics Supervisor, Caitlin Morrison. "We are happy to keep providing some favorite traditions, as well as some new events for families this summer."

Aquaport first opened in 1998 and has since become a regional attraction and favorite local hotspot to stay cool during hot St. Louis summers. In 2021, major renovations were completed to the facility, which included the addition of The FlowRider, a surfing simulator. Most recently, a shade canopy was added to the concessions stand area for cooling and a more comfortable wait.

This summer, patrons can enjoy the return of several favorite programs. **Little Splashers** is a private morning swim time, where guests, ages 6 months to 5 years,



and their guardian can get exclusive use of the kid's area before it opens to the public. It's the perfect chance to give our littlest swimmers a calmer water park experience and to socialize with other children their age. This program only occurs on Fridays from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. during the season and costs \$7 for non-resident kids. Parents, Season Pass holders and residents enter for free. All guests must leave the park at 11:00 a.m. and re-enter during their respective times, at their respective admission rates. Little Splashers will be available **June 7** through **August 16**.

Another program making its return in 2024 is **River Walking**. Those ages 14 and older are invited to drop-in for a relaxing stroll against the current of the Lazy River. This low intensity workout will burn calories and patrons go at their own pace. No instructor is provided. River Walking is available 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday from **June 3** to **August 15**. Drop-ins cost \$6 for residents and \$7 for non-residents. Season Pass holders are free.

And if swimming under the stars sounds

like a fun outing for you and your family, we've got plenty of chances to do just that. Back again in 2024 is our **Luau Party**. This Hawaiian-themed after hours swim party is family-friendly and includes games, giveaways, and more. The concession stand will remain open for those who want to snack. This event will take place on **Friday, August 9** from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. General admission costs \$7, while Season Pass holders get in for free. There will be no preregistration for this event; day-of ticket sales only.

New in 2024, Aquaport has added two Family Swim Nights. On **Friday, June 14** and **Friday, July 12** from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. families can enjoy an after-hours swim at Aquaport. General admission is \$7 and Season Pass holders are free.

To close out the season, on **Friday, September 6**, we are inviting the dogs back to Aquaport for the Dog Days of Summer event. Dogs will need to be 6 months or older, well-mannered, have current vaccination records for both rabies and distemper, and recently bathed. This event is fun to spectate and has been a favorite for years! Attendance costs \$15 for members and residents. Non-residents pay \$20. Additional dogs are \$10. Those interested in registering must show proof of vaccination records at the Maryland Heights Community Center.

Whether its swimming after-hours at a luau or getting fit walking against the currents, there's something in store for everyone this year at Aquaport!



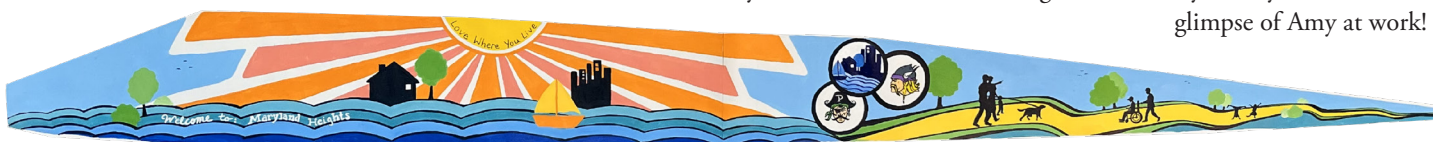
## DORSETT ROAD MURAL INSTALLATION TO BEGIN

The retaining wall located at Dorsett and Reading is about to gain some color! After obtaining proper permits from St. Louis County, artist Amy Jamison is set to begin painting in June.

This talented local artist was selected by the Beautification Commission and Parks and Recreation staff. Amy estimates

the project will take about 4-6 weeks to complete, depending on the weather.

Amy's design will incorporate aspects of the city borrowing a style similar to what is depicted in our city's logo. She also plans on including mascots from our two local school districts. Please be mindful to drive safely through the area, as you may be able catch a glimpse of Amy at work!



# NEW HOURS AND REVISED PRICING AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

On **Wednesday, May 1** the Parks and Recreation Department implemented new hours and membership pricing at the Maryland Heights Community Center.

In a response to community feedback, the department has extended hours on weekday evenings and Saturday mornings. The Community Center hours are now 5:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Monday through Friday and 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays. The Parks and Recreation team hopes this change helps create more opportunities for fun and fitness for residents and members!

After a seven-year period without adjustments, the Community Center also implemented a revision to membership pricing. New membership also fees went into effect **Wednesday, May 1**. For a full breakdown of new fees and information about membership benefits, please visit [www.marylandheights.com/NewPricing](http://www.marylandheights.com/NewPricing).

## Important Correction

Please note, the membership pricing published in the Summer 2024 Guide to Parks and Recreation was incorrect. Please refer to the correct pricing listed in the chart below and online. If you have any questions, please email us at [mhlife@marylandheights.com](mailto:mhlife@marylandheights.com).

	Resident	Non-Resident
Basic Membership*		
Adult	\$270/year   \$41/month	\$324/year   \$49/month
Youth or Senior	\$203/year   \$31/month	\$243/year   \$36/month
Family (2 adults/2 children)	\$608/year   \$92/month	\$729/year   \$109/month
Additional Child (ages 4-24)	\$50/year   \$8/month	\$60/year   \$9/month
Plus One	\$135/year   \$20/month	\$162/year   \$24/month

\*Installment memberships are also available. Visit [www.marylandheights.com/Memberships](http://www.marylandheights.com/Memberships) for more information and pricing.

# SUMMER CONCERTS & POP-UP MARKETS

Are you ready to jam with your neighbors at a neighborhood park near you? Summer concerts are back and better than ever! The Parks and Recreation Department has selected a diverse line-up of bands and musicians from around the region to provide a series of monthly concerts for residents and visitors this summer.

Genres range from top-40 hits and "one-hit-wonders" to classic rock, 80s hits, and bluegrass. There is surely something for everyone!

If you have loved our traditional pop-up markets at the Community Center, you are in for a treat! In addition to live music, the Parks and Recreation Department is enhancing the concert experience this year by incorporating pop-up markets at select summer concerts.

Guests will be able to shop from a variety of vendor booths, selling handmade, homemade, and homegrown items.

Interested in becoming a vendor? Vendor applications are open and available at

[www.marylandheights.com/Vendors](http://www.marylandheights.com/Vendors).

"Our summer concerts draw in not only residents, but also visitors from neighboring communities," said Jennifer Van Dyke. "We are excited to create more opportunity for audience members to engage with the arts and for our communities to connect."

Concerts will alternate monthly between Vago and Parkwood Parks. All concerts are free and welcome people of all ages. Bands will play from 7:00-9:00 p.m. At the pop-up markets, guests may browse vendors before or during the concerts from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Prior to the **August 16** concert, children are invited to play gaga ball and enjoy a snack at Fun in the Park in Parkwood Park. This event is free and begins at 5:30 p.m.

So, pack up your chairs, blankets, coolers, and snacks to join us for a concert in the park this summer. For a complete lineup, check out the Summer Staycation Guide in this issue of MH Life or online at [www.marylandheights.com/Concerts](http://www.marylandheights.com/Concerts).



# SPLASH PAD SAFETY

Are you headed to one of the splash pads operated by the Maryland Heights Parks Department? There are two locations: Eise Park (12103 Bourbon St.) and Vago Park (2700 Fee Fee Rd.). Both of these locations are favorite spots for kids to cool down during the summertime. The suggested age for the splash pads are kids ages 2-10 years old. If you plan to enjoy some water play time - keep these helpful tips in mind during your visit:

## Supervise

Always keep an eye on children when visiting the splash pads. An adult should be present to supervise and to make sure everyone is playing safely. Older kids should be watching out for the younger children and refrain from running at full speed in or around the splash pad. There are no lifeguards or staff members on guard at these locations - play at your own risk!

## Stay Hydrated

Playing in the water doesn't mean that you won't become dehydrated. Make sure you bring water bottles and take frequent water breaks.

## Proper Footwear Can Make or Break the Fun.

Have your kids wear water shoes to prevent slips and to protect their tiny feet from hot surfaces.

## Sunscreen is Your Friend

Apply waterproof sunscreen frequently to protect against sunburn.

## Take Potty Breaks

Encourage your little ones to use the bathroom before playing and take multiple bathroom trips to keep the splash pad clean.

## Report Broken Equipment.

If you find that something is not working, please report it to staff by calling the Parks and Recreation Department at (314) 738-2599. The sand from the volleyball court at Vago Park is often a culprit and should be kept far away from the splash pad equipment.

## Take Your Trash With You.

Splash pads can be a lot of fun and kids will often bring some extra things to the location such as water balloons or water



guns. These outdoor toys are fine, but we ask that you clean up after your play and don't leave any trash behind. Trash, such as broken water balloons or food wrappers, will clog the filtration system and cause the splash pad to shut down.

Splash pads are a free and convenient way to keep your younger kids busy and cool throughout the summer. This free amenity relies on the assistance of our community members to keep a watchful eye and to alert us if there's something wrong. Respect your fellow splashers by keeping these tips in mind. You can help keep our splash pads clean, safe, and a continuous source of fun all summer long!



# PICKLEBALL COURT RENTALS

Attention all pickleball players! We have some exciting news for you. With all the pickleball craze, it can be difficult to find courts - especially indoor courts that are available rain or shine.

The Maryland Heights Parks and Recreation Department is happy to now offer after-hour pickleball court rentals on select days!

Each court rental can hold up to 4 players and will last 55 minutes. You must be 18 or older to reserve a court. If you are bringing an individual under 18, they must be counted as a player. No paddles or balls will be provided. You must bring your own equipment.

The court rental fee is \$25 for residents or Community Center members and \$30 for non-residents.

Spots are limited on a first-come, first-serve basis. To view all available dates or reserve a court, visit [www.marylandheights.com/Sports](http://www.marylandheights.com/Sports).

New available dates will be added periodically. So, be sure to check back for additional dates and times.

Looking to get started with pickleball or improve your game? Evening beginner and intermediate clinics are available this summer. Classes are taught through interactive play. Equipment is provided, but you are welcome to bring your own paddle.

Scan for  
Rentals and  
Clinics!



# SANTA TO VISIT JINGLE JANGLE IN JULY

Santa is heading back home from a much-needed vacation. Lucky for us, he will be making a very special stop this July to visit all the good boys and girls of Maryland Heights.

To welcome him back in to town, we're transforming the Community Center into a winter wonderland for another exciting Jingle Jangle in July. Come join us for an afternoon with our jolly, good friend. With the purchase of a \$10 kid-zone wristband, children can enjoy crafts, bounce houses, balloon artists, holiday airbrush art, and a meet-and-greet photo op with Santa.

For the adults, there will also be a chance to do some early holiday shopping at a special pop-up market, featuring a variety of local craft and retail vendors.

End the afternoon with a splash! All children with a kid-zone wristband will be invited for a free swim at Aquaport after 3:00 p.m.

**JINGLE JANGLE IN JULY**  
**SATURDAY, JULY 20**  
**11:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.**  
**COMMUNITY CENTER**  
**2300 MCKELVEY RD.**



# SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION OPEN

Maryland Heights Summer Camps are open for registration! The Parks and Recreation Department is excited to welcome both new and returning campers for an exciting summer of fun. This year, we have camp opportunities for ages 3-14, including our brand new Eco Camp for children who enjoy learning about nature and wildlife.

**SUMMER CAMP**  
**JUNE 10 - AUGUST 2**  
**9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.**  
**VAGO PARK/COMMUNITY CENTER**

(Ages 6-11) Register for the award-winning Maryland Heights Summer Camp! Camp will meet at Vago Park on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, campers will meet at the Community Center and will spend the afternoon swimming at Aquaport! The deadline to register is the Wednesday prior by 12:00 p.m., no exceptions.

**Weekly Fees:** M: \$175 • R: \$190 • NR: \$252

**\*Week of July 4:** M: \$105 • R: \$114 • NR: \$151

*\*Campers will be at the Community Center July 1-3 for swim time. No camp July 4-5.*

**EXTENDED CARE**  
**MORNING: 7:30 - 9:00 A.M.**  
**EVENING: 4:00 - 5:30 P.M.**

Morning and evening extended care is available at an additional cost. This is a non-structured program where kids play games, complete crafts or enjoy open play time. Fees must be paid in full at the time of registration and will not be pro-rated on day-to-day needs.

**Weekly Fees:** A.M. Care: \$30/child  
P.M. Care: \$30/child

**BUSY BEES**  
**JUNE 3 - AUGUST 2\***  
**9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.**  
**COMMUNITY CENTER**

(Ages 3-5) Introduce your child to summer camp at the Maryland Heights Community Center! Each week will have a new theme for a summer of fun. Register in person or online at [www.marylandheights.com/earlychildhood](http://www.marylandheights.com/earlychildhood). The deadline to register is the Wednesday prior by 12:00 p.m., no exceptions.

**Weekly Fees:** M: \$81 • R: \$90 • NR: \$119  
*\*No camp on the week of July 1*

**ECO CAMP**  
**AUGUST 5 - AUGUST 9**  
**9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.**  
**VAGO PARK, COMMUNITY CENTER, AND OTHER LOCATIONS**

(Ages 6-14) If your child has a love for nature and our environment, they will love Eco Camp! We will spend time learning from guest speakers about plants, animals, and our role in keeping the earth healthy. This camp will spend time outside journaling, meditating, playing games, doing crafts, and even spending an afternoon at Aquaport.

This camp will be split into two age groups, ages 6-10 and ages 11-14. Extended Care will **not** be available for this camp.  
**Fee:** M: \$175 • R: \$190 • NR: \$252



## ARBOR DAY WITH PATTONVILLE

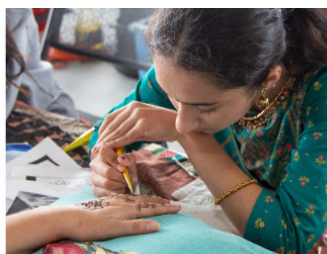
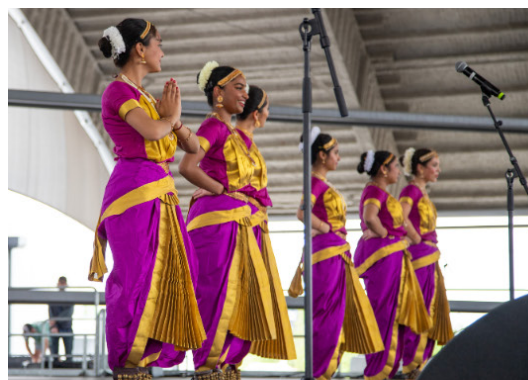
On Friday, April 26 at 10:00 a.m., the City of Maryland Heights commemorated Arbor Day with students at Pattonville High School.

Throughout the last couple years, Maryland Heights staff have coordinated the planting of a new tree in celebration of this holiday, inviting nearby schools to observe and commemorate the new sapling. Staff are able to teach students about the importance of trees and how to properly plant and maintain them.

Thank you to the Applied Science class at PHS for joining us. We look forward to hosting another demonstration next year.



## WORLDVEST BRINGS CROWDS TO MARYLAND HEIGHTS



Another year, another bigger and better WorldFest celebration! In its fourth year at Saint Louis Music Park, WorldFest garnered more than 1,000 visitors from across the St. Louis region to celebrate global traditions. This year, 31 countries were represented by food, art, crafts, dance, and musical talent.

Families and guests traveled around the world, from booth to booth, shopping craft and food vendors, while children filled up their passports and participated in fun activities like origami.

Thank you to all who joined us and made this year a success. We hope to see you all back next year for this annual celebration!

# THE EVOLUTION OF CREVE COEUR LAKE

Creve Coeur Lake, one of Missouri's largest natural lakes, formed thousands of years ago when the Missouri River created a river bend, like a loop. The lake covers over 400 acres and has a very curious history.

Creve Coeur Lake's name, meaning "broken heart" in French, carries a sense of mystery and folklore. While romantic tales of Native American maidens are popular, the true origin of the name remains unknown.

In 1881, the Missouri Pacific Railroad opened up a line to the lake. Later, in 1903, a trolley line was constructed, leading to a population boom and turning the lake into a popular tourist destination. The area

was bustling with rowboats, motor crafts, and even a floating dance floor. Picnic-goers, fishermen, and tourists enjoyed the amenities that included a hotel, restaurant, and the amusement park known as Electric Park.

A number of events were hosted at Creve Coeur Lake, such as Olympic rowing competitions, county fairs, hot air balloon races, and boating regattas. In the wintertime, it remained a bustling location with activities like ice-cutting and winter sports. Despite its popularity, the lake saw dark times during Prohibition, becoming a hotspot for gambling and illegal activities.

Over the years, the lake has witnessed numerous transformations. By the mid-20th century, the smaller upper lake disappeared due to siltation. In 1945, 400 acres of land were donated to St. Louis County, establishing Creve Coeur Lake Memorial Park. During the 1950s, when part of the lake nearly dried up, local residents united to save the fish population by catching and relocating them. The spirit of conservation returned in the 1969 County Bond Issue, which led to the acquisition of surrounding lands, ensuring the lake's preservation for future generations. A significant dredging project from 1974 to 1981 expanded the



lake, making it more accessible for boating and fishing. Modern developments, such as the creation of Mallard Lake and the construction of bike paths, highlight the ongoing efforts to enhance recreational opportunities. It's evident the park has continually evolved to meet the community's needs, while preserving its historical charm.

The park has faced some challenges, such as the Great Flood of 1993, but has resiliently bounced back and become one of the most visited parks in St. Louis County's park system. Today, with over a million annual visitors, it remains a cherished landmark, offering scenic beauty and a rich history of community and recreation.



## MARYLAND HEIGHTS NIGHT OUT

On **Saturday, September 28**, Maryland Heights residents will gather among neighbors for our annual block party program, Maryland Heights Night Out (MHNO)!

This tradition has been a strong annual tradition for many years. What originally started as members of Neighborhood Watch coming together to sit on their porches during National Night Out has evolved into block parties held all around the City in celebration of our community. Sharing food, music, games, and all-around good times guarantees neighborly fun each and every year!

MHNO Block parties are coordinated by designated neighborhood "party hosts"

and held on the same date. The City then provides the party host a party planning guide, flyer invitations to pass out in their neighborhood, and giveaways to keep the kids occupied. The night also includes visits from local fire districts, the Maryland Heights Police, the City Public Works, and Parks and Recreation Departments. Don't be surprised if Mayor Moeller and Council members also drop in to say hello and visit.

Every day is a beautiful day in the Maryland Heights Neighborhood. This year, MHNO will be held on National Good Neighbor Day. Naturally, the theme this year will be centered around the infamous Mr. Rogers. Look out for more information in the next issue of MH Life.



Would you like to plan a block party for your neighborhood? Sign up online at [www.marylandheights.com/MHNO](http://www.marylandheights.com/MHNO) or call Communications Manager Trisha Hall at (314) 738-2497.

# MARIA'S BACKPACKS SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE RETURNS

The City of Maryland Heights is set to kick off its fourth annual Maria's Backpacks School Supply Drive this summer. Join your neighbors in supporting students at local schools who are in need of school supplies for this fall.



*In memory of Maria Lucas*

This annual collection was started in 2021 to honor the life and heart of Maryland Heights Community Center employee Maria Lucas, who tragically passed away in 2020. Maria always had a place in her heart for those in need and began a career working in special education. During summer breaks, Maria worked as a camp counselor for the City of Maryland Heights and was hired in 2017 as a Customer Relations Specialist. She was a shining presence at the Maryland Heights Community Center, kindly welcoming in our residents and guests.

"We are so proud of our community for stepping up to the plate every year for the Maria's Backpacks School Supply Drive," said Police Officer Terry McComas. "Not only do your contributions help us carry on the legacy of a beloved colleague, it creates an impact within our schools, ensuring our children have the tools they need to succeed in the classroom. Every year, I am blown away by the support we receive from our community."

In 2023, the Maryland Heights community banded together and donated a total of 5,318 school supplies items for Pattonville School District. The items were dropped off in full distribution among its seven schools, right on time for the start of the fall semester.

School supplies will be accepted at participating collection sites on Maria's birthday, **Wednesday, July 3**. The collection will end before the start of the school year on **August 12**. All items are donated to Pattonville School District and distributed among its ten schools.

## Items needed:

- New or like-new backpacks (no wheels)
- #2 pencils
- Pencil sharpeners
- Erasers
- 16 & 24 ct. crayons
- 10 & 12 ct. markers (broad & thin tip)
- Highlighters
- Student scissors
- Glue sticks
- Bottles of liquid glue
- Colored pencils
- Dry erase markers
- Two pocket folders
- Post-it notes
- Spiral single subject wide ruled notebooks
- Composition notebooks
- Pencil boxes
- Black sharpie markers
- Washable watercolors
- Transparent tape
- Boxes of face tissue
- Disinfectant wipes
- Gallon, quart, and sandwich sized Ziploc bags
- Hand sanitizer
- 1" three ring binders
- Index cards
- Black and blue ink pens

## Collection Sites

- Maryland Heights Government Center (11911 Dorsett Rd.)
- Maryland Heights Community Center (2300 McKelvey Rd.)
- Maryland Heights Fire District House 2 (12828 Dorsett Rd.)
- Pattonville Fire Department (Location TBD)



# REGISTER FOR CITY-WIDE SALE

The City-Wide Sale is returning for its fourth year, so get ready to clean out your closets, basements, and turn your trash into someone else's treasure! Host your sale from home and be included on the official City-Wide Sale map, or reserve a space at the Community Center.

Applications to be an official house of the City-Wide Sale are available at [www.marylandheights.com/CityWideSale](http://www.marylandheights.com/CityWideSale).

**CITY-WIDE SALE**  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**  
**COMMUNITY CENTER**  
**2300 MCKELVEY RD.**

*\*Full map of sale locations will be available leading up to the event.*

**Scan to Register!**



## DON'T MISS THESE FALL EVENTS

The fun doesn't stop when summer ends! Fall is full of great, family-friendly events that are staples in the Maryland Heights community. You won't want to miss them, so mark your calendars!



**TONS OF TRUCKS**  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5**  
**HOLLYWOOD CASINO**  
**AMPHITHEATER PARKING LOT**  
**14141 RIVERPORT DR.**

Do you know a kid – or a big kid – who's obsessed with trucks and vehicles of all kinds? Tons of Trucks is a larger-than-life experience with an up-close look at tractors, dump trucks, snow plows, fire trucks, police vehicles, and more! Vehicles will be on display for open viewing rain or shine at this one-of-a-kind event!

Tons of Trucks is free and open to the public. No registration is required.

We are looking for vehicles of all shapes and sizes to display at Tons of Trucks! If you are interested in participating, please visit [www.marylandheights.com/trucks](http://www.marylandheights.com/trucks) to apply today!



**FALL FAMILY FAIR**  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12**  
**1:00 – 5:00 P.M.**  
**COMMUNITY CENTER**  
**2300 MCKELVEY RD.**

Once upon a time, there were Harvest Days - where the Maryland Heights community joined together to celebrate the fall season. In recent years, this fun tradition has morphed into the Fall Family Fair and has become a favorite day for families all over the city!

Join us at the Fall Family Fair for an afternoon of free activities for the whole family! Kids can paint a pumpkin (first come, first served) just in time for Halloween, participate in a costume contest for those ages 10 and under, hop on a hayride through Vago Park, and more!

In the past, bounce houses and petting zoos have found their place at the Fall Family Fair and, weather permitting, we're sure some of those same fun activities will be back!



**CRAFT AND VENDOR FAIR**  
**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15 &**  
**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16**  
**COMMUNITY CENTER**  
**2300 MCKELVEY RD.**

Get your holiday gift-shopping knocked out early! With dozens of vendors from across the St. Louis region, this vendor fair is a great opportunity to support local artists and businesses. Booths will consist of home-based businesses, handmade craft items, original artwork, and much more! From skin care and home goods to decor and jewelry, you'll find a little bit of everything. So, bring your friends, bring your family, and shop with us!

Do you have a home-based business (Pampered Chef, Norwex, MaryKay, etc.) or want to sell your homemade crafts/artwork? This is your chance! Vendor applications are now open at [www.marylandheights.com/craft&vendor](http://www.marylandheights.com/craft&vendor). (Please note, we will only accept one applicant of each home-based business.)



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