



Newsletter

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A new look for WWW.MARYLANDHEIGHTS.COM

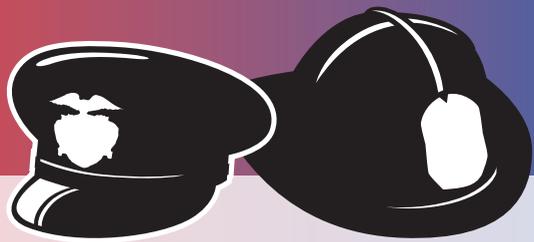
It's been quite some time since the City's website underwent significant changes. The City is very excited to unveil a completely redesigned website. If you hop on www.MarylandHeights.com, you can immediately see the difference. "Our goal is to get you what you are looking for with no more than two clicks" says Communications Manager, Trisha Hall. "We wanted to simplify the pages and have several shortcut buttons." Hall states that even after the new website goes live on October 1, 2020, there will still be some cleaning up to do. "Eventually, we would like to convert our PDF forms into an online version that could be sent electronically and we'll continue to add and clean up content throughout the rest of the fall season." The Communications Division welcomes any feedback. If you have any questions or comments, please contact us at MHlife@marylandheights.com.

Fall Back and Clean Up

Between working from home, virtual learning, and weekends with nowhere to go, we've been inhabiting our homes more than we used to. During this time, if you've come across a few (or perhaps hundreds) of items that you want out of the house, you'll find several opportunities to safely discard those items - everything from an old dishwasher to outgrown toys to a box of old documents - on page 4. At print time, a few spots remain available to register for the paper shredding and E-Recycling events. Additionally, the Parks and Recreation Department is organizing a City-Wide sale.

Police Dept. Collecting Coats for "Warner's Winter Warm-Up"

MHPD will once again be collecting new and gently used winter coats for men, women and children from **October 24 to November 6**. Collection boxes will be available in the lobby of the Police Department, City Hall and the Community Center. Operation Food Search will then distribute the coats to their network of schools, shelters and social service centers. For more information, please call Officer Terry Mancusi at (314) 738-2358.



HATS OFF TO FIRST RESPONDERS



The Maryland Heights Police Department and the Maryland Heights Fire Protection District are joining forces to encourage blood donation. Currently, there is a nationwide shortage of blood donations creating a critical need in hospitals. The **First Responders Blood Drive** will occur on **October 27 from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m.** at the Maryland Heights Community Center, 2300 McKelvey Road.

Due to COVID-19, appointments are required to participate. Please register at www.marylandheights.com/GiveBlood or call (314) 738-2204. The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center is the event partner.

The Mayor's Message

Each fall, I'm grateful for the cooler temperatures and the beauty of nature as it changes seasons. The pleasant autumn weather makes it one of our busiest seasons for city activities.



Mayor Mike Moeller
878-6730

supporting a local business owner and helping them to remain successful in town; this is especially important during the pandemic. Buying local is the best way to keep our local economy strong.

In another effort to keep our community healthy, the Maryland Heights Police Department is partnering with the Maryland Heights Fire Protection District to host a special event—the **Hats Off to First Responders Blood Drive**. The event, scheduled to occur on October 27, commemorates National First Responders Day on October 28.

With every accident or medical emergency that police officers, firefighters and paramedics respond to, they see the importance of exemplary medical response including blood supplies. Blood donations save lives every day and supplies are at a critical shortage nationwide, so please consider donating. Due to COVID-19, an appointment is required to participate. Please see the article adjacent to this message for more information.

Although the pandemic is changing how we organize events and celebrate the fall season, please don't miss an opportunity to get out there and enjoy community events while, of course, taking safety precautions. At this time, the exact nature of Halloween traditions remain in flux for many families. If your child plans to trick or treat, check out the safety tips from the Maryland Heights Police Department on page 5.

Please enjoy the fall season and partake in our community events and activities. We're following all precautions to ensure the health and safety of everyone involved. Have a safe and fun Halloween!

Although COVID-19 has led to the cancellation of some events such as the Volunteer Service Day, we have managed to retool some of our events to still occur while ensuring social distancing. On October 17, the City will host **Oktoberfest**. Participation in the event requires pre-registration, but it still provides for pumpkin painting, live music, food trucks and more. See page 6 for more information.

On October 29, the City, particularly the Departments of Police and Parks and Recreation, and Westport Plaza are organizing a drive-thru **Halloween Parade**—rather than families visiting stops on foot at Westport Plaza, families will stay in their car as they drive through the Westport Plaza parking lot and collect candy at various stops. Pre-registration is required.

While at Westport, participants are encouraged to order dinner from the restaurants located there—dine-in and pickup options are available. More information about the Halloween Parade is available at www.marylandheights.com/Upcoming and Westport's offerings are available at www.westportstl.com.

The patronage of local businesses is important to our economy. Whether you're buying paint from Ace, picking up tacos from Casa Juarez or Fuzzy's, ordering beer from O'Fallon Brewery or Six Mile Bridge Beer, or grabbing dessert at Cupcake Fetish, you are

Community Input Opportunity

GREENHOUSE, GARDEN, AND SUSTAINABILITY CENTER PROJECT



The City of Maryland Heights was recently awarded a grant for \$850,000 for the Greenhouse, Garden and Sustainability Center Project. This project will consist of greenhouses to be installed on a 5 acre property near Pattonville High School and the Ameren Missouri Renewable Energy Center. These facilities will continue to be heated by converted landfill gas and a sustainability center with office space will be constructed.

Among several goals, the City would like this location to facilitate field trips to showcase Waste Connections' sustainability solutions at the landfill and offer community programs for youth and adults. There are also plans being developed for an open-air retail area where plants will be sold. Other opportunities include a community garden area, edible landscaping, permaculture garden, demonstrations of solar and wind power and much more.

To assist us with development of programs and operation, we would like the public's input. Please take a few minutes to complete a survey which will aid us in the development of future programs and operations:

www.marylandheights.com/garden

If you have any questions regarding this project or would like to provide feedback outside of the survey, please email us at mhlife@marylandheights.com.

Municipal Calendar

OCTOBER			NOVEMBER		
10/1	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting	11/5	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
10/2	8:00 p.m.	Family Movie Night (Vago Park) - <i>Reg. Required</i>	11/6	5:00 p.m.	Sip and Shop (MHCC)
10/9	7:00 p.m.	Summer Concert (Vago Park) - <i>Reg. Required</i>	11/7		City Wide Sale
10/10	9:00 a.m.	Paper Shredding Event - <i>Reg. Required</i>	11/10	5:30 p.m.	Community Development Committee
10/13	5:30 p.m.	Community Development Committee	11/10	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting
10/13	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting	11/11	6:00 p.m.	Beautification Commission
10/14	6:00 p.m.	Beautification Commission	11/11	6:00 p.m.	Public Improvements Committee
10/14	6:00 p.m.	Public Improvements Committee	11/18	6:30 p.m.	Parks and Rec. Advisory Comm. (MHCC)
10/15	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting	11/19	7:00 p.m.	Cultural Arts Commission (MHCC)
10/17	8:00 a.m.	Bulk Waste Cleanup Day	11/19	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
10/21	6:30 p.m.	Parks and Rec. Advisory Comm. (MHCC)	11/24	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission
10/24	9:00 a.m.	Electronics Recycling Event - <i>Reg. Required</i>	11/26		Thanksgiving Holiday (City Offices Closed)
10/27	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission	11/27		Thanksgiving Holiday (City Offices Closed)
10/27	2:00 p.m.	First Responder Blood Drive - <i>Reg. Required</i>			

Some events may be canceled or require registration. Please check www.marylandheights.com or call (314) 291-6550 to confirm details.

**Maryland Heights Community Center is abbreviated as MHCC.*

FALL BACK

And Clean Up



Bulk Waste Cleanup Day

October 17 *(Residents Only)*

8:00 am. - Noon, or until dumpsters are full
Once the dumpsters are full, no other items will be accepted. Dumpsters become unavailable at noon and will be removed.

All dumpsters will be placed at the North Parking Lot of the MH Community Center. Accepted items include carpet, furniture, glass portions of doors/windows and mattress sets. Carpet and glass portions have special prep instructions; please visit www.marylandheights.com/BulkWasteDay.

Paper Shred Event

October 10 *(Registered Residents Only)*

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM • 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Securely destroy documents for free. At the time of publication, registration is still available, but going fast. For more information or to register (limited space), visit www.marylandheights.com/PaperShred. The quantity limit is the equivalent of five file-sized, or "bankers," boxes.



City-Wide Sale Saturday, November 7

Turn your trash into someone else's treasure.

Host a sale on Nov. 7 at your home or reserve a spot at the Community Center. All houses will be included on our digital City-Wide Sale map on the City's website.

Home Sale: \$10 (plus \$15 deposit for garage sale sign)
Includes garage sale sign and your house listed on the official City-Wide Sale map.

Community Center Lot Spot: \$25 (8 ft. table rental available for \$5)
Includes a 2 parking spot wide space in north parking lot. Please bring your own table(s), tents, chairs etc.

To register, visit the Community Center and fill out an application.
Questions? Contact Ashley at agiebe@marylandheights.com.

Limited Capacity
Pre-registration required!

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

Sunday, November 1
2:00 AM

Turn your clocks back
and change the batteries
in your smoke alarm!



MEDICATION & DRUG TAKE-BACK DAY
OCTOBER 24 • 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
GOVERNMENT CENTER PARKING LOT

SAFELY DISPOSE OF OLD MEDICATION!
LOOK FOR THE MHPD TABLES AND BINS OUTSIDE OF THE GOV. CENTER. NO NEEDLES, LIQUIDS (EXCEPT COUGH SYRUP IN PINT SIZED BOTTLES), INHALERS AND OTHER COMPRESSED AIR CYLINDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Limited Capacity
Pre-registration required!

E-Recycling Event

October 24 *(Registered Residents Only)*
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM • 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM • 12:00 - 1:00 PM

Safely dispose of unwanted electronics. Most items are free to recycle, but some fees apply. Please note, there is a fee for recycling CRT (glass screens with large backs) TVs and computer monitors, as well as flat screen TVs and Freon-containing units. Please bring cash or check; MRC does not accept credit cards. For a fee schedule or to register (space is limited), visit www.marylandheights.com/RecyclingEvents

Stay Safe On Halloween

It's time to start thinking about Halloween! While there is still much uncertainty surrounding upcoming community events, we are moving forward and planning following the St. Louis County guide lines to ensure the health and safety of all who attend. Please follow us on social media to see the latest updates!



I am hoping that on Halloween, all the little ones will somehow still be able to enjoy a night of "normal" childhood fun and go out Trick or Treating. Halloween falls on a Saturday night this year, so that means there will a lot of people out and about. I want to make sure all the "ghouls" and "goblins" are safe! We've provided some safety tips to help make sure everyone has a wonderful evening out!

Costumes

- Costumes should not restrict movement or vision
- Opt for brightly colored costumes
- Wear reflective tape or use glow sticks to increase visibility
- Use flame resistant accessories and costumes
- Use face paints instead of masks
- Wear comfortable shoes
- Dress for the weather

Trick or Treating

- Go with a group of friends and have at least 1 person with a cell phone and flashlight
- Set a time for when everyone needs to be back at a designated place
- Know your route
- Do not use shortcuts through alleys or back yards
- Stick to sidewalks and look both ways before crossing the street
- If there is no sidewalk, stay on the left-hand side of the road facing traffic.
- Walk.....DO NOT run
- DO NOT go inside anyone's home
- Only go to homes that have the lights on

Treats

- Inspect all candy before any consumption
- Throw away any candy that is opened
- DO NOT take any homemade or unwrapped treats

Happy Halloween from the men and women of the Maryland Heights Police Department!

Be Safe!

Officer Terry Mancusi

Parks & Recreation Events, Programs and More

Maryland Heights Parks & Recreation will adhere to current St. Louis County COVID-19 guidelines for all events, programs and in the operation of its facilities.

Upcoming Events & Programs

Summer Concert Series: Abbey Road Warriors

Friday, October 9

7:00-9:00 p.m. • Vago Park

Free to attend, preregistration required at www.marylandheights.com/upcoming

Oktoberfest

Saturday, October 17

11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. • Vago Park

Gather your family and friends and join us for a fun fall afternoon! Activities for this year's event include food trucks, paint a pumpkin (*preregistration required at www.marylandheights.com/upcoming*), magic show for kids, costume contest and live music from The Retro Band. This event is free to attend.

Learn to Skate

Tuesdays, October 20-November 24

5:10-6:15 p.m.

Saturdays, October 24-November 28

10:05-11:45 a.m.

Centene Community Ice Center

Members/Residents: \$80

Non-residents \$90

Preregistration required at

www.marylandheights.com/signup

or call (314) 738-2599.

Virtual Pumpkin Carving Contest

Submit photo by Monday, October 26

Voting ends Friday, October 30 at Noon

Submit a photo of your jack-o'-lantern and look for your picture on the Parks & Recreation Facebook page on October 27. The pumpkin that gets the most "likes" by Noon on October 30 will be declared the winner! The top choice will receive bragging rights and Halloween goodies. To enter, email a picture of your pumpkin to Tracey at whitaker@marylandheights.com.

Fee Fee Road Ballfields To Be Renovated, Updated

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 and as part of the Capital Improvement Plan, the City will turn this land into a multi-sports complex. Although the project is still in the planning phase, upon completion the complex will look to have at least three functional fields for play. Input will be sought during the planning phase and will assist the City on the direction of the project and which sports to include in the complex.

Minor improvements have already begun on field one, closest to Fee Fee Rd., and is scheduled to be available for resident use in spring of 2021. City



staff will be working on the initial renovations to field one by prepping the infield and leveling and seeding the outfield. Fencing and dugouts will be added in future phases of the project. This complex will operate similar to other parks in the city, available for open use to Maryland Heights residents for pickup games, skills development and more.



Trunk or Treat Drive-Thru at Westport Plaza

Thursday, October 29 • 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Free to attend, preregistration required at www.marylandheights.com/upcoming

Sip and Shop

Friday, November 6

5:00-8:30 p.m. • Community Center

Get your holiday shopping done with our local vendors! We will have a variety of vendors and free drinks will be available to sip while you shop. Keep your eye out for a list of vendors that will be attending! To become a vendor, please contact Ashley at (314) 738-2549 or agiebe@marylandheights.com. Free to attend, preregistration required at www.marylandheights.com/upcoming

Virtual Yule Jog 5K

Monday, November 16-

Sunday, November 22

The Parks Department, the Police

Department and

the Maryland

Heights Fire

District are

partnering for

the inaugural

Yule Jog 5K.

Proceeds will

go toward

purchasing gifts

for children at Ranken Jordan

Pediatric Bridge Hospital this holiday

season. All runners will receive the official

race shirt (register by November 1 to

guarantee your shirt size). For the race,

run a 5K between November 16-22 and

submit your time by November 23. Cost

to run is \$30. Preregistration required at

www.marylandheights.com/signup or call

(314) 738-2599.



Council Minutes

The following is a summary of action taken at the **August 20 and September 3** City Council meetings. For complete meeting minutes, visit www.marylandheights.com.

August 20:

- Approved Retail by the Drink and Sunday by the Drink liquor licenses for Communications Workers of America Local 6300, d/b/a CWA Local 6300, Managing Officer, Mark G. Johnson.
- Adopted a policy for the use of economic development incentives to stimulate development, community growth and the creation of jobs in the City of Maryland Heights.
- Adopted the City's Social Media Policy for the use of social media for city business and to provide guidance for employee conduct on personal and city social media accounts.
- Repealed Ordinance 2018-4370 and enacted a new ordinance in lieu thereof, establishing a Code of Ethics for the City, providing for the disclosure of potential conflicts of interest and substantial interests for certain officials of the city, pursuant to the provisions of Section 105.483 and 105.485 RSMo, as amended, and requirements of the Missouri Ethics Commission.
- Adopted the "Maryland Heights Municipal Code" as supplemented by Supplement No. 45.

- Enacted a conditional use permit authorizing outdoor storage of landscaping materials and equipment at 10 Sally Drive (Petition of Rite-a-Way Lawn Care).
- Granted an easement to Ameren Missouri related to Aquaport.
- Amended Ordinance 2009-3293 and adopted a new ordinance in lieu thereof approving a contract with the Maryland Heights Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB).

September 3

- Approved the renewal of property insurance on the Centene Community Ice Center from Chubb Insurance Co. effective September 1, 2020 at a premium of \$138,077.
- Approved City Administrator, Tracey Anderson, as a member of the Westport CID I and Westport CID II Board of Directors to unexpired terms ending November 19, 2022 and November 19, 2021 respectively.
- Waived the city's bid requirements and approved the purchase of various FF&E items to complete rink four at the Centene Community Ice Center totaling \$440,532.29.
- Amended the 2020 City budget as a result of a comprehensive review of revenues and expenditures.
- Repealed Ordinance 2012-3668 and 2017-4241 and enacted a new Planned

District Ordinance in lieu thereof for JMN Investments at 2050 Creve Coeur Mill Road.

- Repealed Article 27, Wireless Communication Regulations and Appendix A.6., Definitions Relating to Wireless Communications, of Chapter 25, Zoning, of the Municipal Code and enacted a new Article 27, Wireless Communication Regulations, and Appendix A.6., Definitions Relating to Wireless Communications, in lieu thereof (Petition of City of Maryland Heights).
- Repealed Article 22, Home-Based Businesses, of Chapter 25, Zoning, of the Municipal Code and enacted a new Article 22, Home-Based Businesses, in lieu thereof (Petition of City of Maryland Heights).
- Amended the Municipal Code by clarifying the regulations of Chapter 25, Zoning Code (Petition of the City of Maryland Heights)
- Approved a First Amendment to Exhibit A of Ordinance 2020-4510, an agreement among the City, St. Louis Legacy Ice Foundation and Live Nation Worldwide, Inc.
- Authorized the Mayor to enter into an employment agreement between the City of Maryland Heights and Tracey Anderson for the position of City Administrator.

Utility Tax Rebates

November 3, 5, 9, 10, 13, 17, 19, 20, 23 and 30

By appointment only - Community Center

Maryland Heights refunds municipal utility taxes to our senior residents and residents with a disability. To qualify, seniors must be at least 62 years old on or before November 1, 2020 and be retired. For residents with a disability, your annual income must be less than \$10,000 excluding Social Security, disability income or other payments received because of the disability. Eligible senior residents should bring proof of age. Eligible disabled residents should bring their Social Security award letter. All qualified residents should bring in their utility bills (water, gas, electric and phone) dated November 1, 2019 - October 31, 2020.

Pre-registration is required at <https://signup.com/go/qhvBToT> or call the Welcome Desk at 314-738-2599. We will not be accepting walk-ins.



Spend \$500* at Maryland Heights businesses Sept. 1 through Dec. 1 and get entered to win one of several holiday prize packages. Save your receipts and email them to the

Maryland Heights Chamber of Commerce. **Limit 4 entries per person per receipt(s). For more information, please visit the Chamber's website at www.MHCC.com.*



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