



## Newsletter

March 2014

### Expanded Home Improvement Expo Offers Project Ideas, Information

The city will hold its second annual Home Improvement Expo on Saturday, March 29 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the auditorium at the Maryland Heights Centre, 2344 McKelvey Road. The free event will be an opportunity for residents who are considering making improvements to their homes or those looking for ideas and inspiration for future projects.

According to the National Association of Home Builders, the most common questions about remodeling are:

- Why remodel my home?
- When is it time to remodel my home?
- What are some home remodeling ideas?
- How do I plan a home remodeling?
- How do I pay for home remodeling?
- How do I find a professional home remodeler?

- What should I expect during the remodeling process?

Local contractors, suppliers and other vendors will be available to help answer all of these questions and more. City staff will also be on hand to provide information related to permits and improvements that can enhance the value of your property.

The expo schedule will also include short workshops on a variety of home improvement-related topics, including project financing, plumbing, painting, solar energy and more. Activities will be available for children, and refreshments will be provided.

The city has partnered with Spectrum Ecycle Solutions and American Document Destruction to offer free electronics recycling and secure document

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### FREE ST. PATRICK'S DAY LUNCHEON CATERS TO SENIOR RESIDENTS

Senior residents still have a few more days to register for the city's annual St. Patrick's Day Luncheon. Seatings will be offered at noon and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 16 at the Maryland Heights Centre. Guests will be treated to a traditional corned beef and cabbage meal sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission, the Mayor and City Council. Door prizes from local merchants will be awarded.

The luncheon is open only to Maryland Heights residents who are at least 62 years old. Each seating is limited to 200 people. Reservations will be accepted through March 7. Call the Maryland Heights Centre at (314) 738-2599 to make a reservation for yourself and your partner or another senior member of your household.

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shredding at the event. Accepted items include computer equipment, personal and home electronics, cell phones and media equipment. For a complete list of accepted materials, visit [www.spectrumecycle.com](http://www.spectrumecycle.com). Secure data destruction is included in the process.

For additional details and updated information, visit [www.marylandheights.com/expo](http://www.marylandheights.com/expo). Bring your questions and walk away with the information you need to start your big idea. We look forward to welcoming you.

## MHPD TO HOST COMMUNITY DRUG AWARENESS SEMINAR

In an effort to help educate the public about local and regional drug trends, the Maryland Heights Police Department will host a free community drug awareness seminar at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 3 in the Municipal Courtroom at the Maryland Heights Government Center. Parents, teachers and interested residents are encouraged to attend.

Members of the Community Response Unit (CRU) will discuss the types of drugs being sold and used in the area and identify groups most at risk. The event will include a public Q&A session. Information will also be available about the free youth drug testing program offered by the MHPD and Lakeside Center.

For more information, please contact Officer Steve Osterloh at (314) 738-2330 or Officer Bob Heitert at (314) 738-2337.

## The Mayor's Message



Mayor Mike Moeller  
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and defend that right.

Sadly, too many of us don't bother to exercise our right to vote, especially when it comes to local elections. In the April 2013 elections, less than 16 percent of eligible voters in St. Louis County showed up at the polls. But the results of these elections have a significant impact on our day-to-day lives, as they shape our local laws and policies, our educational systems and our tax rates.

Elections can be a very exciting time for many of us. In Maryland Heights, this spring election season is relatively quiet, with only one out of five incumbents facing opposition. Still, there are other people on the ballot throughout the city whose decisions will affect our community in many ways. Both Parkway and Pattonville have contests underway for seats on their school boards. I encourage you to learn more about these candidates and their ideas and vote for the ones you believe will be the best for our community's future.

Residents will also be asked to weigh in on Proposition S, a proposed increase in the annual sewer lateral repair fee. This program, created by a vote of the people in 1999, funds repairs to residential sewer laterals, which typically cost thousands of dollars and are not covered by

The right to vote for the people who represent us in government is one of our most fundamental rights as Americans. Over our nation's history, millions have fought—and even given their lives—to secure

homeowners' insurance. Since its inception, the program has helped more than 700 residents; however, due to rising costs and stagnant revenues, it has also been operating at a deficit since 2009.

If approved, the fee will increase to \$50 per year from the current \$22 per year. If Prop S fails, the City Council will have to make changes to the way the program currently operates. These changes could include putting homeowners on a waiting list until funds became available for their repairs or asking homeowners to pay a share of the repair costs. More details about the program and the proposed increase are available at [www.marylandheights.com/PropS](http://www.marylandheights.com/PropS). I hope you'll take a few minutes to learn more about this important issue before heading to the polls next month.

In local elections, the outcomes are often determined by a handful of votes. So whenever I hear people say they don't bother to vote because their vote really doesn't matter, I want to remind them that each vote really does count.

If you're not registered to vote, you still have a short time to do so: the deadline to register for the April election is March 12. You can stop by the Government Center any weekday during normal business hours and get yourself registered in a matter of minutes. By doing so, you'll also be ready to vote in the primary elections in August as well as general elections for U.S. Congress, state senators and representatives coming up in November this year.

Voting is perhaps the easiest and most effective way to make your voice heard in our community. Why not take advantage of it?

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "mike moeller". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

# Craft Brewery Hopes to Expand with New Facility Here

Later this month, the City Council is expected to consider a request by O’Fallon Brewery to expand its operations to Maryland Heights by renovating a 39,000 square foot building at 45 Progress Parkway. If approved, the new location would include a brewing and packaging facility with public tours, corporate offices, retail store and brewpub café.

The company estimates that the operation would bring about 25 jobs to the city. Renovations, which are estimated to

cost about \$7.5 million, would begin this spring and be completed by the end of the year.

Established in 2000, O’Fallon Brewery’s existing facilities in O’Fallon, Missouri and Stevens Point, Wisconsin produce five “everyday” beers and five seasonal selections, which the company sells through licensed distributors in Missouri and 13 other states. O’Fallon Brewery currently brews about 9,500 barrels a year; the new brewery in Maryland Heights would add

about 25,000 barrels to that total.

“As the only production brewery located in West County, we strongly feel that the O’Fallon Brewery would be a destination attraction for the City of Maryland Heights,” President Jim Gorczyca said. “The facility and our multi-million dollar investment would improve the value of the property, complement other attractions in the community and provide a memorable experience for those who visit.”



This rendering by HDA Architects shows the proposed O’Fallon Brewery facility at 45 Progress Parkway.

## Municipal Calendar

MARCH			APRIL		
3/3	7:00 p.m.	Board of Adjustment	4/3	7:00 p.m.	City Council
3/6	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting	4/5	10:00 a.m.	3K Fun Walk (McKelvey Woods Trail)
3/10	7:00 p.m.	Ward 1 Meeting (MHC)	4/8		Election Day
3/11	5:30 p.m.	Community Development Committee	4/8	7:00 p.m.	Planning and Zoning
3/11	7:00 p.m.	Planning and Zoning	4/9	6:00 p.m.	Public Improvements Committee
3/12	6:00 p.m.	Public Improvements Committee	4/9	6:30 p.m.	Beautification Commission
3/12	6:30 p.m.	Beautification Commission	4/10	6:00 p.m.	Municipal Court
3/19	6:30 p.m.	Parks & Rec. Advisory Comm. (MHC)	4/16	6:30 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (MHC)
3/20	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting	4/22	7:00 p.m.	Planning and Zoning
3/24	7:00 p.m.	Ward 4 Meeting (MHC)	4/22	7:00 p.m.	City Council Reorganizational Meeting
3/25	7:00 p.m.	Planning and Zoning	4/23	5:30 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Committee
3/26	5:30 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Committee	4/24	6:00 p.m.	Municipal Court
3/27	6:00 p.m.	Cultural Arts Commission (MHC)			
3/27	7:00 p.m.	Ward 2 Meeting (MHC)			

Meeting details subject to change. Verify at [www.marylandheights.com](http://www.marylandheights.com).

# Single Stream Recycling Guide Makes it Easy to Go Green

Material	YES! Put in Curbside Recycling Cart		NO! Put in Trash
<b>Aluminum and Steel</b>	✓ Beverage cans ✓ Clean foil	✓ Clean food trays ✓ Steel/tin cans	✗ Scrap metal (pots, pans, wire hangers, etc.) ✗ Soiled foil, trays
<b>Cardboard and Paperboard</b>	✓ Boxes ✓ Food/soap boxes ✓ Milk/juice cartons	✓ Soda/beer cases ✓ Paper cups ✓ Oatmeal canisters	✗ Heavily soiled food containers ✗ Wax board ✗ Hot beverage cups
<b>Glass</b>	✓ Glass bottles and jars of any color		✗ Ceramics ✗ Mirrors, window glass
<b>Paper</b>	✓ Junk mail ✓ Magazines/catalogs ✓ Newspapers ✓ Brown paper bags ✓ Office paper	✓ Paper/hardback books ✓ Phone books ✓ Wrapping paper ✓ Paper with metal clips/rings	✗ Tissues, paper towels, paper plates
<b>Plastic (#1-5 and #7)</b>	✓ Buckets up to 5 gal. ✓ Beverage containers ✓ Milk/juice jugs ✓ Detergent/soap bottles	✓ Yogurt/food cups ✓ Shampoo/similar bottles ✓ Check symbol on bottom for #	✗ Plastic bags of any kind ✗ Styrofoam ✗ Plastic utensils ✗ #6 plastics
<b>Other</b>	✓ Aseptic containers ✓ Cartons with screw-on lids	✓ Cartons with gable tops ✓ Juice, wine, milk, broth, cream containers	✗ Foil packs ✗ Juice pouches

## Fun Walk to Celebrate McKelvey Woods Trail Opening

Residents and their canine companions are invited to celebrate the opening of the first phase of the McKelvey Woods Trail at the Waggin' Tails on the Trail 3K Fun Walk on Saturday, April 5. The event is sponsored by Great Rivers Greenway.

The walk begins at 10 a.m. at the trailhead near the entrance of Aquaport. Registration is \$15 and includes a t-shirt and bandana. The event will include vendors, contests and refreshments for sale. Dogport will also be open to participants at no additional charge.

“The walk is an opportunity for people to come check out the new

trail, meet their neighbors and enjoy the spring weather,” Director of Parks and Recreation Mary Vaughan said. “The course is just over two miles, so it’s great for the entire family.”

Children under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Dog owners must present dogs’ current rabies vaccination records at registration or have a current Dogport membership; there is a limit of two dogs per handler.

Vendors are still being accepted for the event. For more information, contact Meghan Moore at (314) 738-2599 or [mmoore@marylandheights.com](mailto:mmoore@marylandheights.com).



## Residents to Decide on Prop S, Council Members, Mayor

When Maryland Heights residents go to the polls on April 8, they will decide on a proposed fee increase for the sewer lateral repair program and make their choices for City Council and Mayor.

In Ward 1, Councilman Ken Gold and John Minton will be on the ballot. Ward 2 Councilwoman Kim Baker, Ward 3 Councilman Chuck Caverly and Ward 4 Councilman Jim Carver are all unopposed, as is Mayor Mike Moeller. Voters are also being asked to consider Proposition S, a proposed increase in the annual sewer lateral fee.

In 1999, Maryland Heights voters approved the creation of a sewer lateral insurance program to cover the cost of repairing broken sewer laterals. These repairs can cost thousands of dollars and are

typically not covered by homeowner's insurance. The program covers 100% of the cost of repairs up to \$10,000 and 50% of any costs beyond \$10,000. Homeowners currently pay \$28 as part of their annual property tax bill to fund the program.

**More information is available at [www.marylandheights.com/PropS](http://www.marylandheights.com/PropS).**

In recent years, repair requests have increased, as has the average cost per repair. Meanwhile, revenues have remained flat, creating an imbalance in the repair fund.

To restore the program's funding bal-

ance, the City Council is asking voters to approve Prop S, which would increase the annual fee to \$50 and allow the city to continue operating the program at current levels. If the proposition fails, the Council will have to consider changes to the way the program operates, which could include putting some homeowners on a waiting list until funds became available for their repairs or asking homeowners to pay a share of the repair costs.

Residents with questions about Prop S are encouraged to attend one of three upcoming ward meetings, all scheduled for 7 p.m. at the Maryland Heights Centre: Ward 1 on March 10; Ward 4 on March 24; and Ward 2 on March 27. (Ward 3 held its meeting last month.) More information is also available at [www.marylandheights.com/PropS](http://www.marylandheights.com/PropS).

## Council Approves Vehicle Purchases, Zoning Code Change

The following is a summary of action taken at the Jan. 16 and Feb. 6 City Council meetings. For complete meeting minutes, visit [www.marylandheights.com](http://www.marylandheights.com).

### Jan. 16:

- Approved the purchase of one Global MX3 sweeper from Wm. Nobbe and Company under Missouri Department of Transportation Cooperative Procurement contract in the amount of \$145,997 with trade-in of 2005 Elgin Sweeper
- Approved the purchase of one Dodge Durango SUV from Capital Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram under the Missouri Department of Transportation Cooperative Procurement contract in the amount of \$25,726
- Authorized the City Administrator to purchase rights-of-way and temporary slope construction licenses in connection with the Progress Parkway Improvement Project (Westport Plaza

Drive to north of Kimler Drive)

- Repealed Ordinance 2011-3542 and adopted a new ordinance in lieu thereof approving the minor subdivision record plat for Green Acres Subdivision
- Enacted a "PD-M" Planned District for K.A.I. Design & Build on 5.7 acres at 2060 Craigshire Drive

### Feb. 6:

- Approved the purchase of one 2014 Ford Interceptor SUV in the amount of \$27,306 from Lou Fusz Ford and two 2014 Chevrolet Impalas in the amount of \$42,168 from Don Brown Chevrolet and Ally, both under State of Missouri Procurement contract
- Approved retail by the drink and Sunday by the drink liquor license for Sonesta Suites at 11855 Craigshire Road
- Authorized the Mayor to apply for and accept three separate grants

from the Missouri Department of Transportation Division of Highway Safety for the funding of traffic safety programs

- Approved a contract with Midwest Pool Management to provide management services for Aquaport to include maintenance and repair services provided by Westport Pools
- Approved amendments to Section 25-16, Landscaping Design Standards, of the Zoning Code regarding required pavers and irrigation systems
- Approved an amendment to Planned District Ordinance #1999-1562 to allow educational uses in the "PD-M" Planned District located at 2258-2280 Schuetz Road and 11653 Fort Mims Drive
- Approved a C.U.P. for a recycled materials wholesaler with outdoor storage at 12115 Prichard Farm Road in the "M-1" Office, Service and Light Manufacturing District

## REGISTRATION CLOSES SOON FOR YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Time is running out to register for the city's Instructional Youth Basketball Skill and Scrimmage League. This program for players ages 6 to 7 teaches basic skills, including dribbling, passing, shooting, fouling, out-of-bounds and lane violations.

The first two weeks of the program will be spent learning the rules of the game. During weeks three through six, the first 30 minutes of each class will be spent reviewing basic rules and skills, followed by 30 minutes of scrimmage.

The session runs from March 22 through April 26. Games are played at the Remington Gym starting at 1 p.m. and continuing throughout the afternoon. Registration is \$45 for residents and \$55 for non-residents and is due by March 14.

For more information or to register, visit [www.marylandheights.com](http://www.marylandheights.com) or call (314) 738-2599.

## TICKETS ON SALE FOR 'ALICE @ WONDERLAND'

Tickets are now on sale for two performances of "Alice @ Wonderland," a modern retelling of the classic children's story in which a 21st-century Alice finds herself in Lewis Carroll's Wonderland. This sharply-told, crisply-paced show has been praised for its humor, modern style and appeal to both children and adults.

Roughly 65 minutes in length, the play will be performed at the Maryland Heights Centre at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 10 and 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 13. General admission tickets are \$5 and available at the Maryland Heights Centre. For more information, call (314) 738-2599.

## Get Out and Play with Spring Softball, Sand Volleyball Leagues

Spring officially arrives this month, which means it's time to get outside and enjoy your favorite seasonal sports. The Parks and Recreation Department is now enrolling teams for its spring softball and white sand volleyball leagues.

The city offers both double-header and single-game options for its softball leagues, both of which begin play the week of April 7. Games are played at the Remington Traditional School field; new upgrades for this season include renovation of the outfield, laser leveling of the infield and the addition of a smooth transition from infield to outfield.

A men's double-header league is available on Monday nights, while coed double-header leagues play on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday nights from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Registration is \$580 per resident team and \$620 per non-resident team and is limited to five teams per night.

A coed single-header league plays on Thursday nights. Registration is limited to nine teams and is \$290 per resident team and \$310 per non-resident team.

Athletes who like a little sand between their toes won't want to miss another great season of volleyball, played on the sand courts at Vago Park. The eight-game season begins the week of April 28, with coed intermediate leagues on Mondays and Wednesdays, a coed recreational league on Tuesdays, a women's recreational league on Thursdays and a coed double-header league on Fridays. Games are played from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. each night. Registration is \$140 per resident team and \$160 per non-resident team.

The registration deadline for all sports leagues is one week prior to the first game. To register or for more information, visit [www.marylandheights.com](http://www.marylandheights.com) and click on Program Registration or call Angela Ament at (314) 738-2599.



## Commission's Activities Make City a More Beautiful Place

Spring officially arrives this month, marking the start of the busiest season for the city's Beautification Commission.

On March 17, the commission will begin accepting nominations for the annual Beautification Awards, which the city uses to recognize residents and businesses that go the extra mile to make Maryland Heights an attractive place to live. Anyone may submit nominations for the awards using the form at [www.marylandheights.com](http://www.marylandheights.com) or in person at the Government Center. Nominations will be accepted through mid-June, after which members of the Beautification Commission will tour the nominated properties and make their selections for the awards, to be announced at a public ceremony in mid-September.

Next month, the city will host its annual Arbor Day tree-planting activities at public schools in the city. First-grade students at McKelvey Elementary, Rose Acres Elementary, Parkwood Elementary and Remington Traditional schools will watch a tree-planting demonstration by members of city staff and learn how to take care of "their" tree in the years to come.

The Beautification Commission is made up of 10 residents ap-



pointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. It meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month at the Maryland Heights Government Center. For more information about the commission and its efforts to encourage public awareness of natural resources, enhance the city's scenic resources and strengthen the city's identity, visit [www.marylandheights.com](http://www.marylandheights.com).

## Restraining Animals in Vehicles Helps Everyone Stay Safe

Several years ago, my daughter was on a cross country road trip with her new husband and their dog, Sadie. Sadie, a Brittany spaniel, was allowed to sit untethered in the back seat of their new four-wheel-drive Land Rover. The Land Rover sat rather tall, allowing it significant ground clearance. That factor made it fairly unsteady, with a tendency to roll over when turning sharply at speed.

My daughter was driving on a four-lane highway when Sadie suddenly jumped into the front seat. This startled my daughter, and the vehicle veered to the right and onto the shoulder. In an attempt to get back onto the highway, she overcompensated; the vehicle shot to the left and into the median, rolling four times before coming to a stop. Fortunately, no one was killed, but my daughter

still has scars on her shoulder where she scraped the asphalt as the vehicle rolled.

At least eight states have laws specifically requiring animals to be secured when being transported in an open area of a vehicle. In some cases, the laws apply only to dogs. None of the laws require the animal to be restrained or secured if inside an enclosed part of the vehicle.

Connecticut, New Hampshire, Oregon, and Rhode Island require a dog to be secured or restrained when being transported on some part of the exterior of the vehicle, such as a pick-up truck bed. California and Massachusetts require all animals to be restrained or contained when being transported in a load-bearing area of the vehicle, unless the space is enclosed. Laws in Nevada and Washington

focus on safety and cruelty to animals. Missouri has no law requiring animals be secured either inside or outside of the vehicle. However, a driver may be cited for careless and imprudent driving if the vehicle they are operating swerves across lanes of traffic, or if the driver is involved in an accident because of an animal impeding their driving.

Regardless of the legal implications, there are many good reasons to take precautions when traveling with your animal in the car. Each year thousands of animals are injured, die or become lost due to car accidents. It doesn't have to be this way. Protect yourself—and your pets—by keeping them safely restrained when you are behind the wheel of a moving vehicle.

*Officer Steve Osterloh*



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