



Newsletter

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Edward Jones Proposes Expansion

With city approval, Edward Jones plans to continue the expansion of its Maryland Heights campus.

Edward Jones has acquired real estate adjacent to its existing campus, including properties at 136 Progress Parkway and 158 Progress Parkway. Because these properties would expand the development beyond the borders in their original plan approved by the City Council, the company has applied for an amendment. A public hearing is scheduled for April 8 at 7 p.m. at the Government Center.

The company's new plan calls for the construction of office buildings, structured parking facilities and related infrastructure improvements, including:

- Complete renovation of the office building and surface parking located at 201 Progress Parkway
- Razing the existing structures at 158 Progress Parkway and 140 Progress Parkway for the construction of a

structured parking garage to service the renovated building at 201 Progress Parkway

- Adding a pedestrian bridge over Progress Parkway to connect the new parking structure and renovated office building

Finally, the company plans to build a new office building at the northeast corner of Progress Parkway and Kimler Drive, replacing an office building originally proposed on the west side of Progress Parkway. Meanwhile, the previously proposed office building at the southeast corner of the intersection of Progress Parkway and Kimler Drive will be reoriented and set back further from Progress Parkway, providing increased green space along Progress Parkway.

In total, the company's expansion plans include the addition of five new office buildings totaling about 1.1 million square feet, as well as five new parking garages, over the next two decades.

VOTE ON TUESDAY, APRIL 8

Residents are reminded to make time to go to the polls on Tuesday, April 8 to make their selections for Mayor and City Council and to weigh in on Proposition S.

On the ballot will be:

- **Mayor:** G. Michael "Mike" Moeller
- **City Council, Ward 1:** Kenneth Everett "Ken" Gold and John R. Minton
- **City Council, Ward 2:** Kimberly L. "Kim" Baker
- **City Council, Ward 3:** Charles Gardner "Chuck" Caverly
- **City Council, Ward 4:** James "Jimmy" Carver

Voters will also be asked to consider Proposition S, which would increase the annual sewer lateral fee from \$28 to \$50 to cover program funding shortfalls. While all voters will have the opportunity to decide on the measure, the fee only applies to residential dwellings of six or fewer units. For more information about Prop S, visit www.marylandheights.com/PropS.

FREE EVENT OFFERS SAFE DISPOSAL OF UNWANTED DRUGS

This month, the Maryland Heights Police Department, in partnership with the federal Drug Enforcement Administration, will give the public an opportunity to safely dispose of expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 26, the city will host a Prescription Drug Take-Back Day at the Maryland Heights Government Center, 11911 Dorsett Road. The drive-up, drop-off service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

Unused medicines in the home are highly susceptible to misuse and abuse. More Americans currently abuse prescription drugs than the number using cocaine, hallucinogens and heroin combined, according to the 2009 National Survey on Drug Use and Health. A majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including home medicine cabinets.

Other common methods of disposal can be dangerous. Flushing medications down the toilet poses potential risks to humans and wildlife, since municipal wastewater treatment facilities do not remove small amounts of pharmaceutical wastes and by-products. Throwing medication in the trash leaves children vulnerable to accidental ingestion; also, people may go through trash to obtain medications or personal information on prescription bottles.

The Mayor's Message



Mayor Mike Moeller
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While we've seen the economy gradually improving over the last several years, the real estate market has been slow to recover. As we look to the future of our city, it's important for us to

be proactive in preserving the character and quality of our residential neighborhoods, which will have the greatest impact on improving and maintaining property values.

The city works to protect our residents and the value of their homes through a number of programs. Maintaining streets, installing sidewalks, upgrading streetlights, and reconstructing collector roads have a significant positive impact on home values.

Our code enforcement officers inspect properties to ensure that they are safe and prevent them from falling into disrepair. They aren't there to harass individual homeowners. Rather, they support residents who want their neighborhoods to reflect a high level of quality. Citizens can call on us if they notice a "problem property" in their neighborhood. Our staff is also there to help those homeowners who are having difficulty keeping their homes up to code, by directing them to resources that can assist them with property repairs and upkeep.

Still, there's only so much the city can do when it comes to neighborhood preservation. In order for Maryland Heights to thrive, we have to take responsibility for the health of our community. It

starts at home, with taking pride in our property—making sure the yard is neat and well-kept, repairing broken fences or trimming and removing clutter. "Curb appeal" is important, even if you aren't selling your home. It encourages your neighbors to keep their homes looking nice; and attractive, well-maintained neighborhoods are a deterrent to many types of crime.

Block clubs and subdivision associations are also a powerful way for residents to work together in their neighborhoods to maintain our quality of life. Neighbors working toward a common goal can get things done that no single resident could accomplish. Why not schedule a neighborhood clean-up day, with everyone working to beautify their yards for spring, and cap it off with a picnic or cookout?

Safety is another key component of both property values and quality of life. The Maryland Heights Police Department does an outstanding job at protecting our city and keeping crime rates low, but they can't be everywhere at once. Neighborhood Watch programs give residents an opportunity to take an active role in our community, by serving as extra pairs of eyes and ears for our officers. If you'd like to start a Neighborhood Watch group on your street or your subdivision, you can contact our new Community Relations Officer Mark Fedak at (314) 298-8700.

When it comes to sustaining the quality of our community, the city plays a supporting role, but we as residents have to take the lead. The future of our neighborhoods is in our hands.

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

City's Code Enforcement Officers are Here to Help

When residents have a complaint regarding the condition of a neighboring property, they turn to the city's Code Enforcement division for help. The division has gone through some personnel changes over the past several years, but one thing that has remained constant is its commitment to serving the city's residents by helping to make sure that Maryland Heights is a safe, attractive place to live, work and play.

Code Enforcement Officer Lara Mormino is the senior officer; she joined the city in 2011. Mormino holds a bachelor's degree in geography from Illinois State University and acquired eight years of inspection experience with the cities of Hazelwood and Wood River, Ill. She is certified through the International Code Council (ICC) as a Property Maintenance Inspector and Residential Housing Inspector. Mormino is also a Structural Assessment and Visual Evaluation (SAVE) Volunteer for the State Emergency Management Agency, as are the other officers in the division. She also serves membership director of the Missouri Association of

Code Enforcement and is treasurer of the St. Louis Association of Code Enforcement (SLACE).

Code Enforcement Officer Lisa Bullock celebrates her one-year anniversary with the city this month. She attended college at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. Her career in local government began in 2006 in the Records Division of the Hazelwood Police Department; she transferred to Hazelwood's Code Enforcement Division in 2008. Bullock is an ICC-certified Property Maintenance Inspector and Residential Housing Inspector.

"I enjoy working with property owners to help them achieve compliance and seeing the way it benefits both the property owner and the neighborhood as a whole," she said.

Patrick Williams was hired by the city last summer; prior to that, he spent 12 years working in the Building and Zoning Department at the City of Alton, Ill. He also worked for Alton's Parks and Recre-

ation Department and the Alton Township Assessor's Office. Williams holds an associate degree in Criminal Justice and is an ICC-certified Property Maintenance and Housing Inspector and Residential Building Inspector.

Greg Tieber became a Maryland Heights Code Enforcement Officer last fall. Tieber earned his bachelor's degree in business management from Webster University. Before joining the city, he worked in maintenance at an apartment complex. He is a member of the Missouri Association of Building Officials and Inspectors (MABOI) Education Committee.

Dan Bishir has worked as a Maryland Heights Code Enforcement Officer for a little more than six months. An alumnus of Eastern Illinois University, he worked in construction and building maintenance prior to amassing 12 years of experience as a municipal building inspector and code enforcement officer. He is an ICC-certified Property Maintenance Inspector and also serves as SLACE vice president.

Municipal Calendar

APRIL		
4/3	7:00 p.m.	City Council
4/5	10:00 a.m.	3K Fun Walk (McKelvey Woods Trail)
4/8		Election Day
4/8	7:00 p.m.	Planning and Zoning
4/9	6:00 p.m.	Public Improvements Committee
4/9	6:30 p.m.	Beautification Commission
4/10	6:00 p.m.	Municipal Court
4/16	6:30 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (MHC)
4/22	7:00 p.m.	Planning and Zoning
4/22	7:00 p.m.	City Council Reorganizational Meeting
4/23	5:30 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Committee
4/24	6:00 p.m.	Municipal Court

MAY		
5/1	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
5/8	6:00 p.m.	Municipal Court
5/13	5:30 p.m.	Community Development Committee
5/13	7:00 p.m.	Planning and Zoning
5/14	6:00 p.m.	Public Improvements Committee
5/14	6:30 p.m.	Beautification Commission
5/15	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
5/21	6:30 p.m.	Parks & Rec. Advisory Comm. (MHC)
5/22	6:00 p.m.	Cultural Arts Commission (MHC)
5/22	6:00 p.m.	Municipal Court
5/26		Memorial Day (city offices closed)
5/27	7:00 p.m.	Planning and Zoning
5/28	5:30 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Committee

Meeting details subject to change. Verify at www.marylandheights.com.

Parks Employees Recognized for Professional Excellence

Two members of the city's Parks and Recreation Department were recognized at the Missouri Park and Recreation Association (MPRA) annual conference in Lake Ozark on Feb. 27.

Director of Parks and Recreation Mary Vaughan received the Fellow Award, while Recreation Facility Manager Eilien Ramirez was given the Distinguished Service Award.

"We are extremely proud of both Mary and Eilien for these awards recognizing their professionalism and contributions to their field," said Mayor Mike Moeller, who was in attendance at the award ceremony.

Criteria for the Fellow Award, MPRA's highest honor, include at least 10 years' experience in parks and recreation management; service as an office holder or member of the MPRA board; service on MPRA committees; and professional research, writing or speaking engagements.

Vaughan has worked for the Maryland Heights Parks and Recreation Depart-

ment for 27 years, starting as the city's first Recreation Supervisor in 1987. She was later promoted to Superintendent of Recreation and was named the department's director in 1998.

"When Mary was hired by the city, the parks and recreation department consisted of a department director, Mary and a church basement," said Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation Kim Hedgpeth, who nominated Vaughan for the award. "Since then, she has grown the department into a 30-person team of professionals and spearheaded the development of a community center, a soccer complex, four new parks, a dog park, a trail system, a transportation program for seniors and an award-winning aquatics facility."

Vaughan was also lauded for her extensive record of community service, including leadership in Kiwanis International, Pattonville Education Foundation, Missouri Western Alumni Association, Camp Wyman, her church and a variety of other charitable organizations.

"For years, she has been a great boss, a

wonderful mentor and most importantly, a giving friend," Hedgpeth said. "She is truly a humanitarian who stops at nothing to assist when there is a need. Service is the word she lives by."

The Distinguished Service Award recognizes extraordinary work by individuals working in the aquatic industry at the municipal, county, state or federal government levels or within an institution of higher education.

Ramirez has managed operations at Aquaport for the past 14 years, supervising a staff of cashiers, groundskeepers, maintenance and concessions workers. She also oversees the city's contract with Midwest Pools, which provides lifeguarding staff and other essential support to the facility.

"By stressing teamwork and empowering employees, Eilien has created a culture at Aquaport that balances a fun atmosphere with a strong work ethic and outstanding customer service," Hedgpeth said. "Her leadership has made Aquaport a friendly, safe, inviting facility that receives the highest ratings from users."

Annual International Festival Draws Thousands to Centre



The 13th annual "Celebrate the World: An International Festival" was a hit with the thousands of visitors who came to the Maryland Heights Centre on Feb. 23 for an afternoon of music, dance, food and crafts from around the globe. Performers included St. Louis Osuwa Taiko drummers (left), Grupo Quetzal, Die Spitzbaum, Hudson and the Hoo Doo Cats and more. The event also featured demonstrations of wood carving, top spinning and ice carving, as well as children's activities, an international marketplace and food court. Photo and video highlights are available at www.marylandheights.com.

Road Projects Get Moving with Warmer Weather

The arrival of spring weather also signals the start of construction season, with several capital improvement projects set to get underway or resume after a winter hiatus.

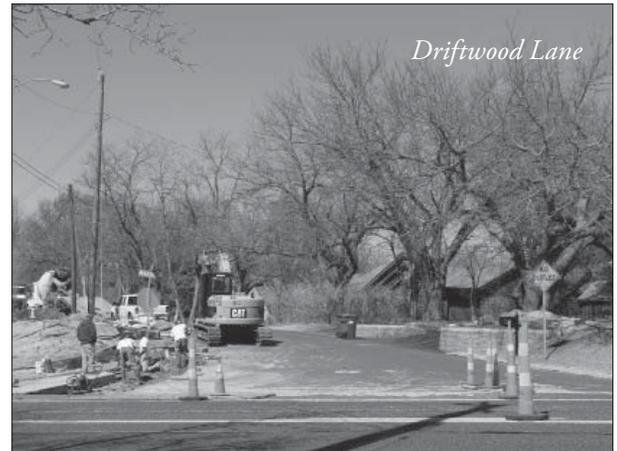
Driftwood Lane: This project includes reconstruction of the existing roadway, an enclosed stormwater improvement and the construction of a sidewalk on the west side of the roadway to provide pedestrian access in the neighborhood. Utility relocation is expected to be completed by mid-April, after which construction of the new concrete street will begin. Construction is expected to finish by July.

Reading Avenue Phase II: This project will provide a new 27-foot-wide concrete roadway with curb and gutters, along with an enclosed storm drainage system

and the addition of sidewalks on both sides of the road. Construction on this project was put on hold in December due to weather and is expected to resume this month, with completion by the end of the summer.

Concrete Pavement Maintenance: This annual program involves the replacement of deteriorated sections of concrete pavement. Pavement replacement around the city is planned to start in May and be completed by the end of the summer.

Asphalt Pavement Maintenance: This annual program includes resurfacing of asphalt pavement based on pavement



condition surveys. Paving of several streets near Ball Drive and Lackland Road is expected to take place in May.

Once construction begins, weekly capital project updates will be posted at www.marylandheights.com.

Council Amends Zoning Code, Approves Brewery C.U.P.

The following is a summary of action taken at the Feb. 20 and March 6 City Council meetings. For complete meeting minutes, visit www.marylandheights.com.

Feb. 20:

- Approved the purchase of one 2013 Altec AT37-G Aerial Truck under NJPA Cooperative Procurement Contract #060311 in the amount of \$93,730
- Approved a Retail by the Drink and Sunday by the Drink Liquor License for Maryland Yards, located at 2033 Dorsett Village Center, which is under new management
- Approved a license agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission providing for the installation and maintenance of a “Welcome To” monument in the area of Page Avenue and Lindbergh Blvd.
- Approved amendments to Section

- 25-6 of the Zoning Code regarding the minimum areas required for Planned Districts, lowering the minimum acreage for Residential and Mixed Use Planned Districts to provide an incentive to developers while continuing to encourage good design and compatibility with surrounding developments
- Approved amendments to Section 25-7 of the Zoning Code regarding nonconformities arising from governmental actions, ensuring that existing structures otherwise made nonconforming through the result of governmental right-of-way acquisitions would not be unduly restricted
- Approved amendments to Section 25-11 of the Zoning Code regarding residential lot coverage and setback requirements, eliminating lot coverage requirements from the Zoning Code.

March 6:

- Authorized the expenditure of surface transportation application fees for Adie Road—Phase IV (extension of Metro Blvd. south to Fee Fee), Dorsett Road Great Streets (1,200 ft. west of McKelvey Rd. to Fee Fee Rd.) and McKelvey Rd.—Phase I (Creve Coeur Mill Rd. to Smoke Rise Ct.) in the amount of \$40,045
- Approved a C.U.P. for microbreweries, breweries, and related uses in the “M-1” Office, Service and Light Manufacturing District, allowing a brewery and accessory uses at 45 Progress Parkway
- Approved amendments to Section 25-3, Public Notice, of the Zoning Code regarding the required mailing prior to a public hearing; the amendments take the burden of mailing the notice off the applicant and place it on staff

Be Ready When Severe Weather Hits

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MCKELVEY WOODS PARK CLEAN-UP EVENT

The city's newest park needs volunteers to help beautify it in preparation for the summer season and future development.

On Saturday, May 3, volunteers will meet at in the parking lot at McKelvey Woods Nature Park (adjacent to Dogport) at 8:30 a.m. to pick up trash, clear out honeysuckle and remove deadwood and debris. Afterward, volunteers are invited to stay for lunch and a discussion of the park's future.

Volunteers are asked to dress appropriately for the weather and to bring gloves and hand tools if possible to assist with brush clearing and trash pickup. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call (314) 738-2599.

CITY TO PRESENT MODERN-DAY TAKE ON "ALICE IN WONDERLAND"

This month, the Parks and Recreation Department will present 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. Shows will take place at the Maryland Heights Centre on Thursday, April 10 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 13 at 2 p.m. General admission tickets are \$5 and available at the Maryland Heights Centre. For more information, call (314) 738-2599.

As we know from recent experience, severe storms and tornadoes often strike our region during the spring months. The American Red Cross recommends that residents take the following steps to be ready when dangerous weather happens:

- Prepare a home tornado plan. Pick a place where family members could gather if a tornado is headed your way. It could be your basement or a center hallway, bathroom or closet on the lowest floor.
- Assemble a disaster supplies kit. It should contain a first aid kit and essential medications; canned food and can opener; at least three gallons of water per person per day; protective clothing, bedding, or sleeping bags; battery-powered radio, flashlight and extra batteries; any special items for infant, elderly, or disabled family members; and written instructions on how to turn off electricity, gas, and water if authorities advise you to do so. (Remember, you'll need a professional to turn gas service back on.)
- Stay tuned for storm warnings.

Listen to your local radio and TV stations for updated storm information. A tornado watch means a tornado is possible in your area. A tornado warning means a tornado has been sighted and may be headed for your area, and you should go to a safe location immediately.

- Be alert to changing weather conditions. Blowing debris or the sound of an approaching tornado may alert you. Many people say it sounds like a freight train. If you are inside, go to the safe place you picked to protect yourself from glass and other flying objects. The tornado may be approaching your area. If you are outside, hurry to the basement of a nearby sturdy building or lie flat in a ditch or low-lying area. If you are driving, get off the road and to a safe place as quickly as possible. Many people are injured or killed when remaining in their vehicles during a tornado.

For more information about preparing for severe storms, visit www.ready.gov/severe-weather.

Cakes Mark 250 Years of St. Louis



Maryland Heights will be home to three of the 250 "Cakeway to the West" sculptures that have been installed around the metro area to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the founding of the City of St. Louis. Each four foot tall, two-tier ornamental birthday cake was decorated by local artists and marks a location of note in the region. At press time, cakes had been installed near the Tremayne Shelter at Creve Coeur Park and in the lobby of the Edward Jones YMCA at 12521 Marine Ave.; a third location has been announced at World Wide Technology, 60 Weldon Parkway.

For more information about Cakeway to the West, visit www.stl250.org.

Sign Up for Summer Fun With Youth and Adult Leagues

After a long, snowy winter, spring is finally here, which means it's time to get outside and play! The city offers a variety of sports programs for residents of all ages, including adult kickball and youth t-ball and baseball leagues.

Grown-ups can relive the playground game of their youth with the coed double header kickball league, which plays on Friday nights at Vago Park. Three eight-game sessions will be offered this summer: May 2 – June 6, June 20 – July 25 and Aug. 15 – Sept. 12. Registration is \$160 per resident team and \$195 per non-resident team, and space is limited to the first five teams to register.

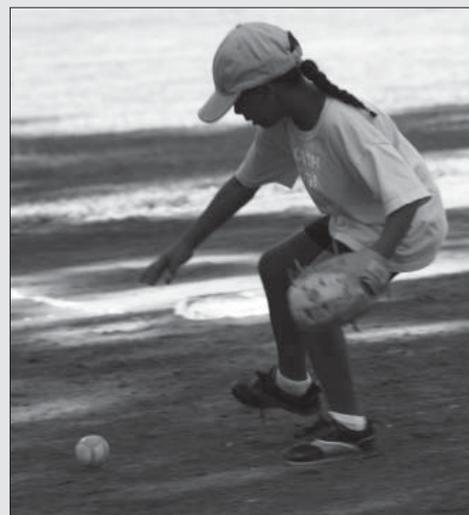
Kids with baseball fever have several options from which to choose, depending on their age and experience level:

- The T-ball league allows four- and five-year olds to learn the basics of the game while interacting with their peers.
- Coach Pitch League – Level 1, for

players ages five and six, is for children who want to advance their skills or are too old for the T-ball program. Children with no prior playing experience are encouraged to enroll in the T-ball league.

- Coach Pitch League – Level 2 is for six- and seven-year-olds with a strong knowledge of baseball. Players should be able to confidently hit a ball pitched by the coach, field a ball and know how to tag a runner out. Children with no prior playing experience are encouraged to register for Coach Pitch League – Level 1.

In all three leagues, games are played at the Remington ball field on Saturdays starting at 8:30 a.m. Teams will have a 15-minute period prior to each game for team organization and practice. Teams may choose to meet for additional practice no more than one hour each week. Play begins June 7 and runs through July 19. Registration is \$39 per resident child and \$47 per non-resident child and includes a



team shirt; players must provide their own glove and water bottle. Registration is due by 5 p.m. on May 20.

For more information about these leagues and the city's other adult and youth sports programs, see pages 11-14 of the parks and recreation activity guide included in this newsletter or visit www.marylandheights.com.

Responding to Letter Scams Inevitably Results in Loss

Letter frauds combine fraud with a variation of an advance fee scheme in which a letter mailed or emailed from a foreign country offers the recipient the "opportunity" to share in a percentage of millions of dollars that the author—a self-proclaimed government official or dying person—is trying to transfer illegally out of Nigeria or some other country.

First of all, ask yourself how the author of the letter got your name and then ask yourself how much money he or she wants you to spend. Then realize that the entire thing is a scam with the goal of stealing your identity, getting you to send money or both.

For example, one of our law enforcement

officers received the following letter on Jan. 29:

"My Dearest One,
This is Miss Marina Sanzel from Trinidad & Tobago. I am writing from the hospital in Ivory Coast, therefore this mail is very urgent as you can see that I'm dying in the hospital which I don't know what tomorrow will be. I was told by my doctor that I was poisoned and has got my liver damaged and can only live for some months.

I inherited some money (\$2.5 Million) from my late father and I cannot think of anybody trying to kill me apart from my step mother in order to inherit the money, she is an Ivorian by nationality."

The letter writer goes on to state that she wants the recipient to give 20 percent of the money to a friend, 30 percent to a favorite charity and keep the rest. She promises to send the funds once the recipient sends her \$2,000 in "good faith money." Of course, that money would be gone forever, and "Miss Marina Sanzel" never heard from again.

When an offer seems too good to be true, it almost always is. You really can't get something for nothing. Don't fall for these scams. Be sure report them to your internet provider. And whatever you do, don't respond to the original email, because the scammer will then pass on your email address to the next con artist.

Officer Steve Osterloh



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