



Newsletter

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Council Approves Preliminary Design for New Community Center

Working with architects from CannonDesign, the Maryland Heights City Council has approved the design for the new \$30 million community center on McKelvey Road.

The planned 90,000 square foot facility is more than double the size of the existing Maryland Heights Centre. The design includes a greater variety of activity spaces while maintaining the unique programs offered in the existing facility: multiuse event space, pre-school area, dedicated seniors area, meeting space, arts and crafts room and a police substation. New components will include two multiuse activity courts (gym), enhanced fitness center, three group exercise rooms, indoor walking/jogging track and family aquatic center with lap lanes.

“This center was shaped by a comprehensive planning process that included gathering public input to help us determine how best to meet our community’s needs,” Mayor Mike Moeller said. “This new facility will be a great asset to our

city and enable us to continue providing high-quality parks and recreation programming for decades to come.”

The project also includes enhancements to the property, such as expanded green space and more efficient parking. The new center will be built at the south end of the site to allow for the continued use of the existing facility during construction, which is expected to begin in 2015 and be completed in mid-2016.

The existing building is more than 40 years old and lacks sufficient space for current and future recreation programming needs. After more than a year spent conducting a feasibility study and getting input from residents, the City Council determined that building a new center was a more logical and fiscally responsible choice than attempting to repair and expand the current center.

For additional renderings of the building’s exterior, visit www.marylandheights.com.

BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS NOMINATIONS CLOSE AT THE END OF THIS MONTH

The city is still seeking nominations for the 2014 Beautification Awards, which close on June 30. Citizens may nominate any residential or commercial property in the city, including their own, for recognition.

The Beautification Commission will judge nominated properties on July 12 and make their selections, to be announced at an awards ceremony on Sept. 17. Award winners will also be featured in a special section of the October City Newsletter.

Nominations may be submitted online at www.marylandheights.com under the Online Services tab.

For more information, contact Tom Blanchard at (314) 738-2234.



CITY PROGRAM USES FUN TO TEACH KIDS ABOUT STAYING SAFE

This summer, make sure your children know how to keep themselves safe by registering them for the city's popular Safety Town program.

Children ages four and five will learn about the importance of traffic signals and signs, the dangers of home poisons, using caution with animals, dealing with strangers, home fire safety and much more. Each session is conducted by an officer from the Maryland Heights Police Department.

Three sessions of Safety Town will be offered this summer: June 16-27, June 30 – July 11 and July 28 – Aug. 8. The program runs from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday. Registration is \$40 for residents and \$50 for non-residents.

To register, visit www.marylandheights.com and click on the Program Registration tab on the left side of the page or call (314) 738-2599.

The Mayor's Message



Mayor Mike Moeller
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land Heights is moving confidently into the future.

One example of progress is the approval of Proposition S by voters in April. Thanks to your support, the city will have adequate funding to continue providing the sewer lateral repair program at current levels. More than 700 residents have benefited from this program since its inception 14 years ago, and thanks to this increased revenue, hundreds more will be helped in the years ahead.

The City Council and I are very excited to see the design of the new community center taking shape. While the interior layout is still being finalized, we know that it will enable us to meet the recreational needs of Maryland Heights residents for generations to come. At more than double the size of the existing Maryland Heights Centre, the design includes meeting rooms, group exercise space, expanded fitness center, dedicated space for seniors, an indoor pool and an indoor track. The plan also includes significant improvements to the current site, and when it's finished, it will be a community jewel visible to the region from I-270.

Our business community is also growing. Both Edward Jones and Watlow Electric have announced plans for mul-

We sometimes hear people complain that government moves too slowly—or worse, not at all. But some positive changes that have occurred over the last few months clearly indicate that the City of Mary-

timillion dollar expansions here. Several new businesses have recently opened or will soon, including Waffle House, Firehouse Subs and Lottala Indian Grocery. And as you'll read on page three, our new Building Commissioner Paul Garlock is working to make Maryland Heights an even more desirable place to operate a business.

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Paul's promotion to Building Commissioner isn't the only staff change we've seen in the last month or two. We just welcomed this year's summer interns to the city, and we look forward to the energy and new ideas they will bring to the table while they are here with us. Three new officers joined the Police Department last month to replace several long-serving employees, and we're working to fill several positions in the Parks and Recreation and Community Development departments. And I would be remiss if I didn't say thank you to Communications Manager Sara Berry, who has edited this newsletter for nearly 10 years and is moving out of state with her family this month.

It has been said that the only constant in the universe is change. As our core value of Planning states, "We realize change is inevitable; it is our responsibility to prepare for it." When we do that, change can be a force for good—both in our individual lives and the life of our community.

New Building Commissioner Strives to Improve Service

When he joined the Maryland Heights Community Development Department as a plans examiner in 2013, Paul Garlock brought more than 27 years of design and construction experience to the job. As of last month, Garlock is putting his considerable training and experience to work as the city's new Building Commissioner.

Garlock holds a B.S. in Housing and Interior Design from the University of Missouri and a B.T. in Architecture from Washington University. He spent most of his career working as an architect on a wide range of project types, including corporate, medical, public safety, institutional and residential work. He also served as architectural project manager for a number of projects in Maryland Heights, such as the Maryland Heights Fire Protection District's Engine House #1, the Edward Jones campus expansion and Scottrade's data center.

"While representing clients trying to navigate the issues of permitting and construction, I developed a strong understanding of their needs and how the ac-

tions of the city impacted them," Garlock said. "Having worked on both sides of the table gives me unique insight when resolving sensitive customer service issues."

Garlock is already working with his staff to streamline the permitting process and improve customer service.

"We are identifying ways to improve upon our plan review process and procedures and bring more consistency to our building inspections," he said. "Every Community Development staff member is committed to continued improvement with the customer service we provide. We will continue to reinforce these efforts through implementation of focused training for our staff and proactively responding to feedback received from the community."

From an economic development perspective, Garlock says the city's future looks bright: "We are in an exciting period of growth. Fourteen of the top 150 privately owned companies in the region have decided to locate their headquarters in Maryland Heights, and we are consis-



tently meeting with more who wish to do the same."

Garlock looks forward to the opportunities his new position offers him to benefit the Maryland Heights community.

"I was drawn to this field because I love to problem solve," he said. "It is very gratifying to be presented with a set of circumstances and constraints and creatively arrive at a solution that respects those parameters. Every person has a unique story to tell, and every project presents an opportunity to have a positive impact."

Municipal Calendar

JUNE		
6/5	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
6/10	5:30 p.m.	Community Development Committee
6/10	7:00 p.m.	Planning and Zoning
6/11	6:00 p.m.	Public Improvements Committee
6/11	6:30 p.m.	Beautification Commission
6/12	6:00 p.m.	Municipal Court
6/16	6:00 p.m.	Municipal Court
6/18	6:30 p.m.	Parks & Rec. Advisory Comm. (MHC)
6/19	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
6/24	7:00 p.m.	Planning and Zoning
6/25	5:30 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Committee
6/26	6:00 p.m.	Municipal Court

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

JULY		
7/3	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
7/4		Independence Day (city offices closed)
7/8	5:30 p.m.	Community Development Committee
7/8	7:00 p.m.	Planning and Zoning
7/9	6:00 p.m.	Public Improvements Committee
7/9	6:30 p.m.	Beautification Commission
7/10	6:00 p.m.	Municipal Court
7/16	6:30 p.m.	Parks & Rec. Advisory Comm. (MHC)
7/17	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
7/22	7:00 p.m.	Planning and Zoning
7/23	5:30 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Committee
7/24	6:00 p.m.	Cultural Arts Commission (MHC)
7/24	6:00 p.m.	Municipal Court

Maryland Heights University Now Enrolling Class of 2014

The city is recruiting students for the 2014 session of its free citizens' academy, Maryland Heights University, now in its sixth year.

Over seven weeks, participants will get a comprehensive overview of city government, with units on finance and budgeting, planning and zoning, parks and recreation, public works and more. Students will have the opportunity to tour city facilities and participate in several "hands-on" activities, including the use of the Police Department's firearms training simulator.

"Students have told us that the class was a very worthwhile experience, and we hope to continue that for many years to come," Mayor Mike Moeller said. "Not

only does it help our residents learn about city departments, but it also provides opportunities for them to meet their neighbors and discover other ways to be involved in the community."

Class will meet on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m. from July 22 through Aug. 26. The final class will be held on Thursday, Sept. 4 and will include a graduation ceremony at that evening's City Council meeting. Most classes will take place in the Municipal Courtroom at the Government Center, although a few will meet at other city facilities.

Enrollment starts June 9 at 8:30 a.m. and is limited to 25 students. To sign up, visit www.marylandheights.com or contact Kris Simpson at (314) 738-2203.



Operations Manager Steve Schenck (left) led Jerry Kinsey and his MHU classmates on a tour of the city's Public Works garage last year.

Watlow Proposes Major Expansion of Headquarters Here

Watlow Electric Manufacturing Company, one of the largest privately-held companies in the region, has filed an application with the city to begin a \$30 million expansion of its Lackland Road headquarters. The project is expected to go before the Planning and Zoning Commission this month and the City Council in July.

If approved, the project will add 30,000 square feet of new construction and renovate 56,000 square feet to transform the building into an Advanced Technology Center (ATC). Along with the team members who currently work at the Maryland Heights location, the ATC will house the research and development team that is now located in a separate facility in Fenton.



"My father started manufacturing in our current location in 1961," Chairman and CEO Peter Desloge said. "Since that time, we have grown to become a global, industry-leading technology and manufacturing company, and the ATC is a vital part of our continued growth and achievement of our strategic objectives.

Along with providing a beautiful building for our community, we plan to create 50 new jobs after the building completion."

Pending approval by the city, construction is expected to begin this fall, with completion of the building in late 2016.

Founded in 1922, Watlow designs and manufactures industrial heaters, temperature sensors,

controllers and supporting software for numerous industries, including semiconductor processing, diesel emissions, medical and foodservice equipment. Watlow holds more than 200 patents and employs 2,000 people in nine manufacturing facilities and three technology centers in the U.S., Mexico, Europe and Asia.

Get Fit or Learn to Swim at Aquaport This Summer

Aquaport is the go-to spot in Maryland Heights for cooling off on a hot day, but did you know it's also a great place to get fit and learn to swim?

Aquaport offers two fun fitness opportunities during the summer months: Aqua Zumba and River Walking.

Aqua Zumba brings the high-energy moves and Latin beats of traditional Zumba to the water for a refreshing outdoor summer workout. Classes are offered on Monday nights from 7:15 to 8 p.m. June 16 through July 21 and on Thursday mornings from 10 to 10:45 a.m. June 19 through July 24. Each six-week session is \$30 for residents and \$35 for non-residents.

In River Walking, participants walk against the current of the Lazy River for a great workout without the sweat. River Walking is offered Monday through Thursday from 7:15 to 8 p.m. and Mon-



Aqua Zumba is a fun way to work out while beating the summer heat.

days and Wednesdays from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Participants may register to walk one, two, three or four times per week over the eight-week session, which runs from June 16 through Aug. 7. Fees vary from \$28 to \$88 for residents and \$36 to \$99 for non-residents based on the number of sessions per week. Drop-ins are \$5 per session if space is available; however,

each session is limited to 50 walkers. Both group and private swim lessons are also available at Aquaport. Four group sessions will be offered this summer (June 9 - 19, June 23 - July 3, July 7 - 17 and July 21 - 31). These 30-minute lessons are held at 9:30 a.m., 10:10 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Lessons are open to children as young as six months old; swimmers are divided into groups based on skill level. Each two-week session is \$40 for residents, \$48 for non-residents and \$38 for Aquaport season pass holders.

Private swim lessons meet from 9 to 9:30 a.m. and are available by appointment. Three-session packages are \$50 for residents, \$55 for non-residents and \$48 for season pass holders.

For more information or to register for any of these programs, call (314) 738-2599 or visit www.marylandheights.com and click on Program Registration.

Obeying the Rules of the Road Keeps Everyone Safe

The snow is gone, the rain is subsiding and our warm weather is finally settling in. Summer is almost here, and so is increased traffic on our roads and streets. Every year about this time, the police department sees an increase in complaints from both motorists and pedestrians about congestion on the roads in our city. Simply put, we all need to share the space. We all know that cars need to stay on the streets, but some of us may be confused about where everyone else is supposed to be.

If you're like me, you look forward to this time of year in order to get back outdoors and on the bicycle. I don't ride my bike much in the winter, but enjoy getting on it for exercise during warmer months.



Cyclists should stay to the right and avoid riding near the center of the road.

Regardless of what type of bike you ride, whether it's a road bike or a mountain bike like mine, where you ride it matters.

Bicycles are meant to be used on the

road, not on sidewalks. Sidewalks are for pedestrian traffic only. It doesn't matter if you are riding down a busy thoroughfare like McKelvey Road or on a small subdivision street like Saturn Drive; the bicycle needs to stay on the street. Bicyclists are supposed to ride in the same direction as the flow of traffic and stay on the right side of the road. Not only is it very dangerous to ride closer to the center of the road, but it is also against the law. Don't forget to equip your bike with reflectors and wear a helmet, and if you're riding at night, you should add a headlight and flashing taillight.

Unlike cyclists, pedestrians should always

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CITY TO HOLD BLOCK GRANT HEARINGS JUNE 16

The city will hold a public hearing to discuss the allocation of \$52,800 in Community Development Block Grant funds, which will become available after Jan. 1, 2015. The public hearing will be held at 2 p.m. on June 16 at the Maryland Heights Government Center, 11911 Dorsett Road.

To further its commitment to fair and equitable treatment of all citizens, the city has enacted and/or enforces the following:

- A Fair Housing Ordinance prohibiting unlawful discrimination against any person because of race, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, color, religion, disability, familial status or national origin;
- A Policy of Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in the admission or access to, or employment in, its federally assisted programs or activities;
- A Policy of Equal Opportunity to Participate in Municipal Programs and Services regardless of race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, familial status, national origin or political affiliation;
- A requirement for bidding on CDBG activities that promotes employment opportunities created by HUD funding and that these opportunities be afforded low-income community residents and businesses.

If you would like information regarding the above policies or if you believe you have been unlawfully discriminated against, contact Alyssa White at (314) 738-2240. If you are a person with a disability or have special needs in order to participate in the public hearing, please contact Alyssa by June 12.

For more information, call (314) 738-2240 (voice) or (800) 735-2966 (TDD).

Free Concerts by the Lake Return This Month with Good 4 the Soul

The city kicks off its annual Concerts by the Lake series this month with a performance by Good 4 the Soul at Creve Coeur Park on Friday, June 20.

The powerful quartet plays a wide range of jazz, from smooth to electric to classic. Bassist John King founded the band in 2002 with an emphasis on strong instrumentation. Drummer James Jackson started his percussion career at the age of three, guitarist Shaun Robinson is a third generation musician and pianist Adaron “Pops” Jackson has toured the U.S. with the Temptations.

The series makes a stop at the Maryland Heights Centre on Tuesday, July 1 for a performance by the St. Louis Brass Band, one of the only English brass bands in the region. Founded in 1998, the group has been ranked among the top 200 brass bands in the world.

The series returns to Creve Coeur Park on July 18 for a show by ClusterPluck, which combines great pop sensibility, deep country roots and a little rock-n-roll swagger to create its “newgrass” sound. Each member of the five-piece band writes music and plays multiple in-

struments, and they have performed at music festivals throughout the Midwest, including Mulberry Mountain Harvest Festival, Project Earth and Green Mountain Eco Fest.

St. Louis native Kevin Bilchik headlines the Aug. 15 lakeside show. The singer/songwriter explored a wide variety of musical terrain before happily settling into the blues heritage for which the city is known. His songs range from upbeat tunes about love found and awkwardly lost to introspective folk and country songs about life and family.

The series concludes on Sept. 19 with Lunar Levitation, a pop, rock and blues band formed in the summer of 2011 by friends who shared a common interest in music. The group’s eclectic style covers a wide range of genres and generations, from classic rock, pop, blues and funk to today’s hits.

All lakeside concerts begin at 7 p.m. at the Tremayne Shelter near Sailboat Cove at Creve Coeur Park. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own seating and refreshments. In case of inclement weather, call (314) 738-2599.



Council Approves Contracts, Sewer Lateral Fee Increase

The following is a summary of action taken at the May 1 City Council meeting. For complete meeting minutes, visit www.marylandheights.com.

May 1:

- Approved a Retail by the Drink and Sunday by the Drink Liquor License for the Bluenote Sports Bar and Grille, 3133 Lindbergh Blvd.
- Approved a Sunday by the Drink Liquor License for The Brewhouse, 12525 Bennington Place
- Approved the purchase of one Dodge Charger from Lou Fusz Chrysler-Jeep-Dodge in the amount of \$25,055 and the purchase of one GMC Savana Cargo 2500 Van from Lou Fusz Buick-GMC in the amount of \$34,043
- Increased the Capital Improvement-Fund Budget by \$10,000 in the Arrow Heights/Foxwood Box Culvert Project to cover engineering costs
- Increased the Capital Improvement Budget by \$300,000 to purchase land and to cover the cost of demolition and a survey for the McKelvey Woods Park Expansion Project
- Increased the Police Forfeiture Fund Budget by \$8,550 for the renovation of an armored truck donated to the Police Department
- Increased the 2014 General Fund Budget by \$28,000 to provide for police vehicle purchases and by \$22,000 in expected revenue from insurance reimbursements
- Authorized the Mayor to accept a grant from the Missouri Department of Public Safety in the amount of \$12,731 for funding of underage drinking enforcement programs
- Approved a professional service agreement in the amount of \$124,848 with CDG Engineers, Architects and Planners, Inc. to provide design services for the Arrow Heights Dr./ Foxwood Dr. Roadway/Box Culvert Connection Improvement Project
- Approved a professional service agreement in the amount of \$188,043 with Horner & Shifrin for the Fee Fee Road Bridge Removal and Roadway Improvement Project (Schuetz Road to Dorsett Road)
- Increased to \$50 the annual fee on residential property having six or fewer dwelling units for the repair of lateral sewer service lines
- Approved a contract with K.J. Unnerstall Construction for the 2014 pavement maintenance program (Areas 1 and 2)
- Approved a contract with Hemmer Concrete for the 2014 pavement maintenance program (Area 3)
- Approved an agreement with Kuhlmann Design Group in the amount of \$98,727 to provide professional engineering services for three small stormwater improvement projects
- Amended the Municipal Code by modifying Chapter 15, Appendix "C" Parking Restrictions and Appendix "H" Intersection Stops
- Amended Ordinance 2011-3564 regarding the timing of a project identification sign for the Lakeside Crossing Planned District
- Enacted a conditional use permit for a fitness and recreational sports center at 12545 Dorsett Road
- Approved a printing services contract with A Graphic Resource for printing of the City Newsletter and Parks and Recreation Guide
- Executed a settlement of litigation agreement with John M. Beal in regards to his requested variances at 3055 North Lindbergh Blvd.
- Approved an ordinance repealing Section 5.1, Definitions, of Chapter 5, Animals, of the Municipal Code and enacting a new Section 5.1 in lieu thereof relative to animal restraint

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stay on the sidewalk when one is available, as is the case on most streets in Maryland Heights. If a sidewalk is available, pedestrians should never choose to walk, jog or run in the street. Pedestrian traffic on the street is extremely dangerous to both pedestrians and motorists. Even when walking on a sidewalk, it's still a good idea to wear light-colored clothing and something reflective. Making yourself as visible as possible will only

help keep you safe.

All that being said, it's important for motorists to understand the need to share the road. With the increased traffic on the roads, drivers need to pay extra attention to their surroundings. Few calls put as much fear and stress into a police officer as those reporting a pedestrian struck by a vehicle. These situations nearly always result in serious injury or death. So if you're the driver, please be extra cautious knowing that more bicyclists

and pedestrians will be out and about this time of year. The speed limits in our subdivisions are low for this reason. Your police officers will be out in your neighborhoods looking for speeders, so please slow down and follow the posted limits.

If motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians all follow the laws and do what we are supposed to do, together we can reduce the number of accidents and injuries. Be safe out there!

Officer Mark Fedak



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