



## **'Maryland Heights Night Out' Supports Strong, Safe Community**

One of the ways a community can work together to improve public safety is for neighbors to get to know one another. When neighbors become more than strangers, they look out for each other. In an effort to strengthen these relationships and build a closer community, Maryland Heights is holding 'Maryland Heights Night Out' on Tuesday, Oct. 7.

Modeled after National Night Out, 'Maryland Heights Night Out' creates and celebrates partnerships between the community and public safety personnel including police officers and firefighters. It is designed to make neighborhoods safer by giving residents tips on how to prevent and respond to situations ranging from a fire or medical emergency to occurrences of crime.

From 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., residents are asked to shut off their televisions, leave their homes and gather with their neighbors as they host neighborhood block parties throughout Maryland Heights.

Residents can register their block parties with the city. Upon registration, residents will receive a free party planning kit and have the option to request event fliers, giveaways for children, street closure barricades and visits from police K-9 units, firefighters and elected officials.

"Maryland Heights Night Out brings together residents, city officials and emergency responders," said Mayor Mike Moeller. "These get-togethers open up the lines of communication between our residents and their local government to share information that can deter crime and lessen response time to emergencies."

Residents are encouraged to have fun and be creative with their parties. In the past, neighborhood groups have planned baseball-themed events, cookouts, chili cook-offs and more.

The registration deadline is Sept. 30. Early requests will be given priority in scheduling visits from K-9 units. For more information or to register, visit [www.marylandheights.com](http://www.marylandheights.com) or call Gabby Macaluso at (314) 738-2204.

# Newsletter

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## City's 2014 Budget Earns Honor from National Finance Organization

The City of Maryland Heights has once again received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association for its 2014 budget.

The award reflects the City's commitment to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In order to receive the award, the City had to meet nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation designed to assess how well a budget serves as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide and a communication device. Budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all four categories—and the 14 mandatory criteria within those categories—to qualify. Maryland Heights was one of only 1,400 entities to receive the award for the 2013 fiscal year. It is the City's 26th consecutive year to receive the award.

## City Recognized by Department of Defense

The Department of Defense honored the Maryland Heights Police Department with the 'Above and Beyond' award for the Department's support of employees in the National Guard and reserve forces. Bob Schure, who is a resident, veteran, retired state trooper and D.O.D. employee, presented the award to Chief Carson.



## The Mayor's Message

As I was driving home from a recent council meeting, I was struck by how much the City of Maryland Heights has grown and changed since Barb and I first moved



Mayor Mike Moeller  
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here in 1972. As a young, newlywed couple, we found in Maryland Heights a comfortable home we could afford and a safe community to raise our family. Back then, as many of our longtime residents will remember, Maryland Heights was a more rustic community with almost as many lumberyards and contractors' yards as stores, no fast food restaurants, and no incorporated municipal government. At the intersection of Dorsett Road and McKelvey Road, the Schnuck's shopping plaza was a field.

Now, I know that some residents may miss those open fields, but I am proud of the progressive and developed community that Maryland Heights has grown up to be. I think it is important to remember why we incorporated in the first place. As an unincorporated area of St. Louis County, Maryland Heights had to rely upon County police and County snowplows to provide services. It often took 15 to 20 minutes for police to respond to a call for help and most neighborhood streets remained snow packed for days.

In addition to improving services, our community incorporated to gain local control of land use. In making our own zoning regulations, Maryland Heights would have the tools it needed to encourage economic development in a way that would preserve our neighborhoods and direct responsible growth.

Next year marks 30 years since the City of Maryland Heights incorporated. Our City has worked hard to provide quality services to residents, businesses and visitors including first-rate police protection, significant street projects, great parks and recreation programs, snow removal and major economic development that has brought thousands of jobs to our area.

The City made a promise to our residents that we would provide the best services we could and always look toward the future to keep our City moving forward. As you read on page one of this newsletter, the City's annual Maryland Heights Night Out is on Tuesday, October 7. It's a way to celebrate and create closer relationships between residents and public officials including police, fire, and elected officials. This event represents the City's commitment to creating a safe, close-knit community; the Council encourages all neighborhoods to participate and looks forward to meeting with residents.

Part of our efforts to build stronger neighborhoods is to ensure that our community is a safe and attractive place to live. One way we accomplish this is through fair enforcement of our property maintenance code requirements. These requirements support the investment you made in the City of Maryland Heights by choosing to make it your home like my wife and I did so many years ago.

The City is committed to making Maryland Heights a strong, vibrant community to live and raise a family. This is why we are building the new community center, organizing events like Maryland Heights Night Out and enforcing rules that will keep our city a safe and secure community for many years to come.

*mike moeller*

# City Welcomes New Social Services Coordinator

This summer the City welcomed Megan Herman as its new Social Services Coordinator. Herman previously worked for St. Louis Arc, a nonprofit that provides support and services to individuals with developmental disabilities and the Alzheimer's Association. From her time with these organizations Herman gained experience in providing direct services, education and outreach for older adults and securing grant funding.

Herman earned a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Truman State University and a Master's Degree in Social Work from the Brown School at Washington University with a concentration in gerontology.

While studying for her undergraduate degree, Herman worked at a residential facility



for people with developmental disabilities and recognized that many of the older patients were not receiving specialized care to address their aging issues. Noticing this need for specialized care, Herman decided to pursue a Master's degree in Social Work with a focus on the needs of older populations. As her studies progressed, she became more familiar with older adult issues including Alzheimer's disease, mobility, aging in place and maintaining active lifestyles.

Herman says that she was drawn to the field of social work, specifically for the senior population, because she "loves being able to help people maintain themselves as they age, retain their independence and stay as active as possible."

As she organizes activities, trips and seminars for Maryland Heights' senior residents, Herman wants to keep them fun and interesting. "I enjoy working with older adults because you learn something from them every time you're around them," Herman said.

As she learns the ins and outs of all the programs, Herman plans to make program registration easier and faster. "My goal is to plan programs and events that make living in Maryland Heights fun and active for our senior residents."

## Community Center Sneak Peek

The City is excitedly moving forward with plans for the new community center. Based on operational needs and resident feedback, the facility will look very similar to the images below. For more information and pictures, visit the City's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/cityofmarylandheights](http://www.facebook.com/cityofmarylandheights)



*Above: View from Parking Lot  
Below: Group Exercise Room*



## Municipal Calendar

SEPTEMBER		
9/1		Deadline: Volunteer of the Year Nominations
9/4	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
9/9	5:30 p.m.	Community Development Committee
9/9	7:00 p.m.	Planning and Zoning
9/10	6:00 p.m.	Public Improvements Committee
9/10	6:30 p.m.	Beautification Commission
9/11	6:00 p.m.	Municipal Court
9/16	5:30 p.m.	Economic Development Committee
9/17	7:00 p.m.	Beautification Awards
9/18	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
9/19	7:00 p.m.	Summer Concert Series: Lunar Levitation
9/23	7:00 p.m.	Planning and Zoning
9/24	5:30 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Committee
9/25	6:00 p.m.	Municipal Court
9/25	6:00 p.m.	Cultural Arts Commission
9/30		Registration Deadline: MH Night Out

OCTOBER		
10/2	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
10/7	5:30 p.m.	Maryland Heights Night Out
10/8	6:00 p.m.	Public Improvement Committee
10/8	6:30 p.m.	Beautification Commission
10/9	6:00 p.m.	Municipal Court
10/14	5:30 p.m.	Economic Development Committee
10/14	5:30 p.m.	Community Development Committee
10/14	7:00 p.m.	Planning and Zoning
10/15	6:30 p.m.	Parks & Rec. Advisory Comm. (MHC)
10/16	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
10/23	6:00 p.m.	Municipal Court
10/28	7:00 p.m.	Planning and Zoning

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

## Division of Building & Codes Returns to Full Staffing Levels

The Division of Building and Codes is now fully staffed with five code enforcement officers, three building inspectors, and three employees reviewing building permit applications/plans. “We all do what we can to make the department productive and function smoothly, as well as make the community structurally safe and aesthetically attractive” said Joe Moore, who serves as a plans examiner and deputy building commissioner.

Joining the staff to fill vacancies left by a promotion and departure, Pat Thomas and Craig Anderson come to us with years of experience in code enforcement and construction.

Thomas worked the past four years as a code enforcement officer for the City of

Litchfield, IL. Thomas says he enjoys his job because “not only do you get to help the community look better, but you get to know the people who live and work in it.”

Prior to working for Maryland Heights, Anderson served as a code enforcement officer and housing inspector for the City of Berkeley for more than five years. Anderson’s experience in construction and housing inspections prepared him well for his new position. He is certified to perform property maintenance, residential building, electric and plumbing inspections.

Fellow code enforcement officer Lisa Bullock thinks the new hires are great additions to the Division. “We are constantly working on expanding our skill base in an effort to provide the

best services we can to the residents of Maryland Heights. Pat’s easy-going personality and Craig’s knowledge of construction codes round out the great team we have here,” said Bullock.



*The City welcomes Pat Thomas (L) and Craig Anderson (R) as our two newest code enforcement officers.*

## Relationships Build Strong Community

When Paul Garlock was promoted from plans examiner to building commissioner this past spring, the Division of Building and Codes reorganized its leadership and embraced a new approach to conducting business.

Their responsibilities, including enforcing property maintenance and building codes, remain the same, but there is renewed emphasis on customer service. “In the past, we were perceived as being difficult to work with, but as a department, we are taking steps to change that,” said Garlock.

“We have the best, most dedicated staff—a competent crew that loves this community and works hard to create positive and open relationships with our residents and those doing business within the City.” Garlock notes that this does not mean that code enforcement will be unequally lenient, but that requirements will be fairly and reasonably applied.

“The idea is to make our processes more transparent and our requirements more clear. We want people to understand why we have certain requirements and how they can most effectively meet them,” said Garlock.



*Division of Building and Codes Staff:  
Front Row (L-R): Pat Thomas, Lisa Bullock, Lara Mormino, Alyssa White, Pat Williams and Dan Bishir.*

*Back Row (L-R): Joe Moore, Craig Anderson, Paul Garlock, Bryan Edmond, Adam Knock and Ann Disinger.*

Communication is key to creating a good working relationship. Garlock and his staff encourage anyone with questions about a particular code requirement or a planned building project to visit the Government Center or call 314-291-6550 to schedule a meeting.

“Every project is important and no question is stupid,” Garlock said. “Asking questions early on in the project can make the code requirements easier to understand and save time later by reducing the amount of time needed for permit review and revision.”

For more information about the Division of Building and Codes, permits, or staff contact information, visit [www.marylandheights.com](http://www.marylandheights.com).

## Get Fit with Fall Sports Leagues

Fall adult sports leagues will open soon, providing a chance to stay active while socializing with friends and community members.

Coed softball and volleyball leagues will start in early September and continue until the beginning of December, depending on the league. Registration for each league is done as a team, and must be completed at least a week in advance of the first game in that league. All league games will take place sometime between 6:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. on their scheduled nights.

There are four indoor volleyball leagues for players of different skill levels. The registration fee is \$160 per team (\$140 with the resident discount) and games will be played at Remington Traditional School or Pattonville Heights. Leagues are divided by skill with “A” league games for power teams, “B” league games for intermediate teams, and “C” league recreational teams. Please see the table below for an abbreviated league schedule or consult the Fall Parks and Recreation Guide at [www.marylandheights.com](http://www.marylandheights.com) for more detailed information.

There also are four softball leagues that play at the Remington Traditional field during the fall, although the Monday night men’s league is already underway. Coed teams can sign up for the Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday league, which begin Sept. 16 and are not divided by skill. Registration fee is \$465 per team (\$435 with the resident discount) and includes eight new balls and a scorebook, as well as contributing to upgrading the field and holding the playoffs.

*See Fall Sports, page 7*

### Indoor Volleyball League Fall Schedule

League	Play Level	Start Date	Game Days
A	Power/Advanced	Sept. 11	Thursdays
B	Intermediate	Sept. 10 Early Oct.	Wednesdays Mondays
C	Recreational	Early Oct.	Tuesdays



## Celebrating Beautiful Properties in our Community

The City’s most attractive residential and commercial properties will be named at the annual Beautification Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, Sept. 17. The event will be held at 7 p.m. in the auditorium at the Maryland Heights Centre.

More than 80 nominees were judged by the members of the City’s Beautification Commission in July. Nominees are evaluated on the following criteria:

- Curb appeal
- Overall maintenance
- Planting composition
- Use of colors, textures and hardscapes.

Winners will be announced in each ward in a variety of special categories, as well as “Best in Ward.” One ward winner will go on to win the coveted “Best in City” award for 2014.

“The ceremony is a celebration of the hard work and commitment of residents and business owners to not only make their properties attractive, but also make the City beautiful at a community level,” said Tom Blanchard, a planner and landscape architect for Maryland Heights. “It also provides the opportunity for residents to learn techniques from each other.”

The ceremony is open to the public, and refreshments will be served. Residents with an interest in home landscaping are

encouraged to attend. Due to limited available seating, RSVP with Tom Blanchard at [tblanchard@marylandheights.com](mailto:tblanchard@marylandheights.com) or call 314-738-2234.



*Last year, Steve and Sharon Lloyd’s garden won “Best in City.”*



## HOT CARS ARE A SERIOUS THREAT TO CHILD SAFETY

It is common for people to think that the threat of a hot car to a child only exists on extremely hot days, but a car can reach 110 degrees when temperatures are only in the 60s. In just 10 minutes, a vehicle can heat up 20 degrees.

Heatstroke occurs when a person's temperature exceeds 104 degrees. A child's body temperature can increase three to five times faster than that of an adult. Even with increased awareness, children continue to die in hot cars.

- An average of 38 children per year die in vehicles from heat stroke in the United States.
- More than half of these deaths occurred because a caregiver forgot the child in the car.
- In 2013, there were 44 deaths of children in hot vehicles.
- To date this year 18 children have died of heat stroke from hot cars.

Despite these deaths and the seemingly limited success of awareness campaigns, many parents and caregivers are vigilant about vehicular child safety. "My worst fear is leaving one of my three children in the car," says Maryland Heights mom, Amanda Otto. "I always double check before leaving the car that everyone is out of the car, especially my youngest, 18 month old Tanner" (pictured above).

## Police Urge Child Safety in Vehicles

I can remember when our summer break from school lasted until after Labor Day, but now there are schools starting back as early as the first of August. A change in schedule like this, causing someone to deviate from their normal routine, can create confusion and forgetfulness in even the most organized people. This time of year, there is always an influx of children being left alone in vehicles due to busy parents forgetting about them.

Maryland Heights Police Detective Kendra House specializes in juvenile and child cases. Detective House identifies deaths related to being left in a hot car as one of the most easily preventable threats to child wellbeing. "The interior of a vehicle can heat up to well over 100 degrees in a very short period of time; this is way too hot for young children," said House.

Although several campaigns produced by the Children's Trust Fund, KidsAndCars.org and the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration strive to educate caregivers of these dangers, children continue to die in hot vehicles. "While it would be ideal that parents and caregivers would learn from the tragic news stories and make the decision that they will always 'look before they lock'," this simply is not happening, said House. "A child should not be left unattended for one minute; even if they are asleep or restrained, take them with you when you exit the car."

Another threat to children left in vehicles alone is kidnapping and carjacking. Detective House reminds us that "there have been numerous instances in which children had been left in running vehicles while a parent or caregiver runs into a store, bank or gas station, 'just for a minute,' and the vehicle is stolen or carjacked with the child inside." Although this happens on a regular basis, even here in the St.

Louis area, Maryland Heights has been fortunate to have avoided such a tragedy thus far.

As a way of protecting the children in our area, the City of Maryland Heights enacted an ordinance making it illegal to leave an attended child in a vehicle. It enables the police department to take immediate action to remove the children from the vehicle when the child's health, well-being, or safety is threatened. The ordinance is below:

### Leaving Children in Vehicles (Sec. 14-304)

"No person shall leave any child in any standing or parked, or locked motor vehicle. The police department of the city or any officer or agent thereof is authorized to use whatever force is reasonably necessary to remove the child from the vehicle whenever it reasonably appears that such child's health, welfare, or safety is or will be substantially endangered."

### Ord. No. 88, 1, 8-15-85.

*State law reference – Similar provisions, RSMo 577.080*

I know that most of us would like to think that with common sense, we would never leave a child in a vehicle alone. Unfortunately, in this hurried life we live, with schedule changes disrupting our normal routine, things are sometimes forgotten. A child cannot be replaced. Never leave your vehicle without double checking to ensure you have not left a child behind. Never put a child's life in jeopardy just because it seems to be too much trouble to take them with you into a store, gas station, bank or wherever you need to go. Always put your children first; saving time is not worth losing a life.

*Officer Mark Fedak*

# Council Approves Changes to Building Code

The following is a summary of action taken at the July 17 and Aug. 7 City Council meetings. For complete meeting minutes, visit [www.marylandheights.com](http://www.marylandheights.com).

July 17:

- Authorized an agreement with Ameren Missouri to furnish and install street lighting in the amount of \$60,000 for the Progress Parkway Roadway Improvement Project.
- Authorized the submittal of an application for transportation alternative funding for Dorsett Road.
- Renewed workers compensation and liability insurance and purchase of property and public officials' coverage through the St. Louis Area Insurance Trust.
- Approved a contract with Surdex Corporation to provide aerial mapping services at a cost of \$60,000.
- Approved a resolution naming a private roadway as Creve Coeur Airport Road.
- Approved a resolution adopting a Title 6 Transportation Plan.
- Authorized an agreement with the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District to build and maintain stormwater management facilities related to the

Progress Parkway Roadway Improvement Project.

- Authorized an agreement with Missouri American Water Company for facilities relocation related to the Progress Parkway Roadway Improvement Project.
- Authorized an ordinance to execute Task Order #1 with Reitz and Jens, Inc. for Diane Marie, Autumn Lakes, Howard Bend Levee No. 1 and Meadow Glen Subdivision Stormwater Projects.
- Authorized an ordinance approving the vacation of a portion of Creve Coeur Mill Road right-of-way east of Vigus Road. (Petition of Fred Weber, Inc.)
- Approved an ordinance allowing the minor subdivision record plat for Shelley Subdivision. (Petition of Tom Shelley)
- Repealed Sections 2-461B of the Municipal Code regarding construction specification language and enacting a new section 2-461B to replace it.

Aug. 7:

- Approved an ordinance authorizing the purchase of certain property interests needed for the reconstruction of a portion of Progress Parkway.

(Westport Plaza Drive to north of Kimler Drive)

- Authorized an ordinance approving the vacation of a portion of the Progress Parkway right-of-way southeast of the roundabout. (Petition of EDJ Leasing)
- Approved an ordinance authorizing a contingent termination agreement and release between the City of Maryland Heights and Ultimate Soccer Arenas of Missouri, LLC for Sportport.
- Amended Section 6-302 of Municipal Code to add a new revision to the Building Code related to assembly use sprinkler requirements and emergency escape and rescue opening requirements.
- Approved an ordinance establishing an early retirement incentive.
- Approved an ordinance authorizing the execution of a first supplemental trust indenture relating to the tax increment refunding revenue bonds, Series 2007A (South Heights Redevelopment Project) and taxable tax increment refunding revenue bonds, Series 2007B (South Heights Redevelopment Project).

## Fall Sports, *continued from page 5*

"Sports leagues and open gym nights for adults offer them the chance to let off some steam and have fun with their friends after work hours," Recreation Specialist Tracey Whitaker said. "We are fortunate to have such a great relationship with the Pattonville School District and the usage of their gymnasiums to be able to offer these great programs and leagues."

Registration for volleyball or softball leagues can be done in person at the Maryland Heights Centre, as well as over the

phone by calling (314) 738-2599 or online at [www.marylandheights.com](http://www.marylandheights.com).

Those who want to play more casually or are unsure about committing time every week can drop by Pattonville Heights for open gym nights. From Sept. 23 to Dec. 10 there will be open basketball on Tuesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and open volleyball on Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The cost for each week is \$3 at the door and all players must be at least 18 years old.

In addition to drop-in games at Pattonville Heights, "Mom's Night Out Volleyball" games will be held at the Rose Acres Elementary School gym from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays from Sept. 9 to Dec. 9.

Drop-in volleyball at Rose Acres has continued to be a well-liked program since it began in 1985, Whitaker said. "For only \$1 and with our 'no children' policy, this gives moms a couple hours a week to get together and have some fun."



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