

Richmond Heights



COMMUNITY UPDATE January-March 2019

THE HEIGHTS RENOVATION UPDATE

We are happy to announce THE HEIGHTS Community Center and Memorial Library are about to embark upon some much needed repairs and renovations starting in 2019. In the spring, a new pool will begin construction, with some exciting new features including: four lap lanes with a deep end of 9 feet; an enlarged hot tub; a larger 3.5 feet deep body of water for programming and play; a spray ground for the little ones; and an upgraded steam room, sauna, and locker rooms. This phase is estimated at a six month completion, re-opening in the Fall 2019.



Rendering of new pool



Rendering of view from East court, enclosed group fitness space, expanded fitness

Once completed, work will begin on the fitness area expansion, which will be located on two levels on the westernmost court in the gymnasium. On the main level there will be three dedicated group fitness rooms, with additional fitness space inside of the track area on the second floor.

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DALE AVENUE TOWNHOMES

At 7715-7729 Dale Avenue, eight (8) single-family townhomes have been approved to be built. The City's Plan and Zoning Commission Board approved rezoning and consolidating the lots to allow construction on November 8, 2018. The bill to consolidate the lots and rezone was first read before the City Council on November 19 and again on December 3 at a Public Hearing where it was then also approved by the City Council.

Currently, the design plans show each of the two-story townhomes will be ~2000 sq. ft. with a garage and additional parking around back. Construction is expected to begin early this year and hope to finish in early 2020!



Rendering of new townhomes

City Calendar

January - March 2019

City Council Meetings

7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall. For more information, call 314-645-4595.

- Jan 7, 22
- Feb 4, 19
- Mar 4, 18

District 2 Community Meetings

10 a.m. at THE HEIGHTS.

- Jan 12
- Feb 9
- Mar 16

Municipal Court

6 p.m. at the Public Safety Building. For more information, call 314-645-1982.

- Jan 14, 23, 28
- Feb 11, 20, 25
- Mar 11, 20, 25

Board of Adjustment Meetings

6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall. For more information, call 314-646-7658.

- Jan 17
- Feb 21
- Mar 21

Plan & Zoning Commission Meetings

7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall. For more information, call 314-646-7658.

- Jan 17
- Feb 21
- Mar 21

Library Board Meetings

Held at 5:30 p.m. at THE HEIGHTS. For more information, call 314-645-6202.

- Jan 22
- Feb 19
- Mar 18

Library Events

For more information, call 314-645-6202.

- Feb 11 at 7 p.m. - Chinese New Year Celebration at THE HEIGHTS
- Mar 7 at 7 p.m. - Forest Park Owls: Mating, Nesting, & Owlets
- Monthly book clubs for all ages

Parks and Recreation Events

For more information, call 314-645-1476.

- Jan 12 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. - Electronics Recycling Drive at THE HEIGHTS
- Feb 8 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - Sweetheart Dance at THE HEIGHTS
- Mar 15 at 7 p.m. - Family Night Bingo at THE HEIGHTS
- Check out the PARC Brochure for fun egg hunt events in early April.

Police and Community Together (PACT) Unit Events

For more information, call the PACT Officer at 314-655-3632.

- For PACT Unit activities, please visit the RHPD Facebook page.



CITY FACILITY HOLIDAY CLOSURES

NEW YEARS DAY - JAN 1

- City Hall & Library are closed.
- THE HEIGHTS is open 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Waste pickups moved to Thursday this week.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY JAN 21

- City Hall and the Library are closed.
- THE HEIGHTS is open regular hours.
- No change to waste pickups this week.

PRESIDENT'S DAY FEB 20

- City Hall and the Library are closed.
- THE HEIGHTS is open regular hours.
- No change to waste pickups this week.

PUBLIC SAFETY CITIZENS ACADEMY

A Citizens Academy is an exciting opportunity for residents to increase their knowledge about the workings of local government and to become more involved in the shaping and development of their community.

This year, we are hosting a PUBLIC SAFETY Citizens Academy, where the sessions will focus entirely on the Richmond Heights Police & Fire Departments. During these sessions, you will become CPR-certified from our Fire Department as well as experience a firearms simulator from the Police Department.

The academy will meet once a week for 4 consecutive weeks from 6-9 p.m. at the Public Safety Building, 7447 Dale Avenue. The dates are on the following Tuesdays: March 12, 19, 26, & April 2. It is FREE and reserved for Richmond Heights residents and business owners.

Register online by Friday, March 1. For questions, please contact Pam Hylton, Assistant City Manager at (314)655-3501 or phylton@richmondheights.org.



RH LIBRARY TEEN CHOICE BOOK AWARD



Teen Choice Book Award!

If you are in Grades 7 - 12...
You're eligible to vote for your favorite

The winner will be announced in
April of 2019 during National Library Week

Find Nominated Titles **HERE**
THE TITLES HAVE BEEN NOMINATED BY LOCAL TEENS!

LIBRARY'S CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

The Richmond Heights Memorial Library is hosting a Chinese New Year celebration in honor of the Year of the Earth Pig! The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 11 at THE HEIGHTS. Join us for a night of stories, arts & crafts, and traditional refreshments. Don't miss a Lion Dance performed by the International Shaolin Wushu Center!

Call the Children's Library staff at 314-645- 6202 for more information.



THE HEIGHTS RENOVATION UPDATE, cont'd.

We are planning to keep the fitness center open during this 6-month construction period; however, the gymnasium and track will be closed for the duration. The current balcony stretching area is also slated to be enclosed, trainer and manager offices will be constructed, and an additional restroom added. During this time, we will move things around so the fitness center will still be accessible.

A top priority for the Library was an enclosed balcony area for meetings and programs, which will also be built during construction.

Our goal is to not displace our members and we are currently working with other facilities in the area to provide alternate locations during construction. We will keep everyone apprised as more information becomes available.

More photos and a schedule can be found in the Winter PARC brochure or at www.myheights.info.



Rendering of enclosed balconies

HIGHLAND PARK UPDATE

Reconstruction work on Highland Park is progressing well! A majority of the improvements were completed this past fall such as the retaining wall, underground utilities, new playground, spray feature, and more. Landscaping work is slated to be complete as soon as the weather gets a bit warmer. Be sure to watch social media, e-newsletters, and the City website for more information on a grand re-opening in Spring 2019!

If you'd like to get a closer look at all of the improvements coming to the park, check out City Projects on the City's website at richmondheights.org.



HOPE BOX

Last year the Richmond Heights Youth Council participated in a community service project where they constructed a "Hope Box" (pictured below). It is a container to hold non-perishable food items and hygiene products with the saying "Take what you need, Give what you can" posted on the front. Located outside THE HEIGHTS Community Center, the Hope Box was created by the students to be a helpful resource to those in need.



2017-18 Youth Council



The Hope Box

The project could not have been completed without the students and mentors who volunteered their time. Also, a big thank you to Menards for donating the supplies!

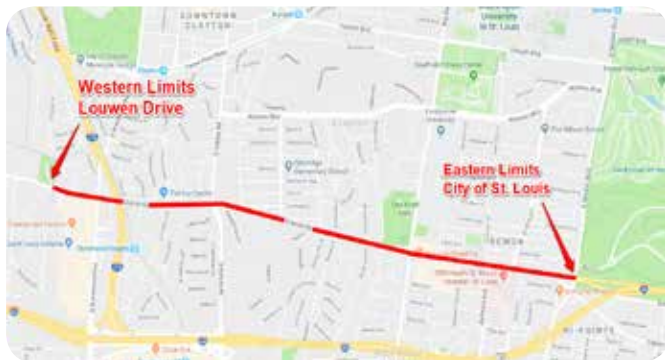
Residences at Boland Place

Expected construction completion
Summer 2020



STREET PROJECT UPDATES

CLAYTON ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT



In Fall 2018, St. Louis County shared plans for the Clayton Road Resurfacing project. Work started in late September at the west end of the project and will continue through Summer 2019 with asphalt resurfacing to take place around June 2019, weather-permitting. Most Richmond Heights streets off Clayton Road will have a new bump out/bulb out to better define the intersection for ADA, pedestrian safety, and on-street parking.

MCKNIGHT ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT



The City of Richmond Heights and St. Louis County have secured separate federal grants to perform road improvements on McKnight Road. Richmond Heights received a grant to install a sidewalk on one side of McKnight Road between Clayton Road and I-64 as well as drainage improvements. St. Louis County received a grant for asphalt resurfacing between Clayton Road and I-64 and to replace the traffic signal at McKnight Road and Clayton Road. Both grants have been combined into one project to be led by the City.

TWM has been contracted to perform engineering services for design and construction management. The survey of existing features and utilities has begun and they will put together conceptual design plans in 2019. Once the design is completed in early 2019, the City will hold an open house for residents to view the conceptual design and make comments before final design. As of now, expected construction start date may occur in 2021.

SNOW REMOVAL REMINDERS

In order to ensure efficient and safe snow removal, the City asks residents with driveways to please park their vehicles off the streets when snow is forecasted. Vehicles parked in the street pose challenges for the City's snow removal crews, especially on the many narrow streets on the eastern part of town. The City greatly appreciates your cooperation with this effort.



CHRISTMAS "TREE"-CYCLING

Free curb-side Christmas tree pickups will take place on January 7, 14, 22, and 28. Drop-off location is no longer available. Please remove all decorations, lights, and plastic bags from your live trees and place at the curb (not in the street). For more information, contact City Forester Tim Brunzman at 314-655-3656 or tbrunzman@richmondheights.org.

ARMISTICE CENTENNIAL STREET SIGNS

As a part of the Veterans Day/Armistice Centennial Ceremony on Sunday, November 11, 2018, commemorative street signs were unveiled on five city streets. Those streets include Goff, Gray, Lile, Rupert, and Winzenberg - all which are named for those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in WWI. Thank you to all attended to help us honor those veterans.



PARC PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Electronics Recycling Drive at THE HEIGHTS

Get rid of your old gadgets responsibly at our E-cycle event on Saturday, January 12 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.! PARC has paired with MRC recycling to bring you an easy and eco-friendly way to clear out any electronics you no longer want. Some items may incur fees to recycle. Visit MRCRecycling.net for more information.

January 12th, 2019
8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
THE HEIGHTS



ELECTRONIC RECYCLING
For a list of recyclable items, visit tinyurl.com/rhecycle2019

Movie and Popcorn at the RH Firehouse

The Firehouse has opened its garage door for a FREE movie night on Sunday, January 20 at 7 p.m.! We'll provide a "G" rated movie and popcorn for the family. Be sure to bring along your chairs and blankets to sit next to the fire trucks!

Family Night Bingo! All Ages at THE HEIGHTS

Don't miss Family Night Bingo on Friday, March 15 at 7 p.m. Win prizes while having fun family time! Popcorn, drinks and cookies provided. Must pre-register. R&NR \$3/person over the age of 3.

SWEETHEART DANCE at THE HEIGHTS

On Friday, February 8 from 6:30-8:30 p.m., grab your dancing shoes and be ready to dance the night away with your lovely little sweetheart(s).



The evening will include entertainment, a delightful dinner, and a photo to capture the evening. Pre-registration is required by 2/5. This event will be simply unforgettable! Cost is \$15/person for residents and members; \$20/person for non-residents.

Spring Break Afternoons at THE HEIGHTS

The week of Spring Break, March 18-22, have fun at THE HEIGHTS from 12-3 p.m.! Children ages 5-12, will start the afternoon with lunch outside, enjoy some time on the playground, play games in the gym, and make an art project! Please bring lunch daily. Pre-registration is required. Residents \$30; NR \$35.

See All PARC events in the PARC brochure

ACTIVE AGING UPDATE

SPRING CLEANUP

Homes & volunteers needed! The City of Richmond Heights is hosting a community cleanup event on Saturday, April 6 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. for residents ages 65+ who need a little help tending to their yards. If you need assistance with yard cleanup or would like to volunteer, contact THE HEIGHTS at 314-645-1476.



PARC VAN SERVICE



The PARC Van Service is a FREE curbside service for residents (ages 60+ or disabled) of Richmond Heights and Maplewood. All reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advance, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The van runs Monday through Friday

from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. During inclement weather, if MRH schools are closed, service will be cancelled for the day as well. For more information, please call the PARC Van phone line at 314.655.3667 or visit bit.ly/PARC_Van.

RECYCLING CONTAMINATION

Recycling in the U.S. is changing. Our waste hauler, Republic Services, wants to remind everyone of what is recyclable and what should go in the trash can with this 'Recycling's Dirty Dozen' flyer. They ask us all to please be mindful as we recycle every day. You can learn a lot of great information on Republic Services Facebook page as well.

To take it a step further, it's always a great idea to use items that are not single-use. Here are 9 reasons why:



<p>1 NO Plastic Bags Plastic bags are a SERIOUS contaminant and jam sorting machines at recycling facilities. Plastic bags with a #2 that are clean, dry and empty may be recycled at participating grocery stores.</p> <p>2 NO Plastic Bags with Recyclables Either Workers have to slow the conveyor belts to open bags that contain recyclables. These inefficiencies waste time and money.</p> <p>3 NO Shredded Paper and Other Small Items Shredded paper and other small items often become litter before reaching the recycling center. Once there, they fall through the cracks of sorting machines, stick to belts and contaminate properly sorted material.</p> <p>4 NO Scrap Metal Scrap metal – such as steel, brass, iron and aluminum – cause excessive damage to recycling equipment. Take scrap metal to a scrap metal dealer or recycling center.</p> <p>5 NO Hazardous Household Materials Paint, automotive fluids, household cleaners and similar materials must be disposed of properly. Check to see if your county has a collection program or offers single-day collection events. If not, follow the instructions on the label.</p> <p>6 NO Flattened Bottles or Cans Sorting equipment separates “flats” (paper) from “rounds” (containers). When containers are flattened, the equipment mistakenly sends them to the paper side of the facility, contaminating the paper going to market.</p>	<p>7 NO Non-recyclable Plastics Loose plastic lids, Styrofoam® and other plastic may not be recyclable where you live. Check with your local recycling program.</p> <p>8 NO Caps/Lids on Glass Bottles or Jars Metal lids can be removed and recycled loose in the bin or cart. Throw away plastic lids and caps from glass bottles and jars.</p> <p>9 NO Liquids or Food When bottles are compacted for shipping, liquids drip and splatter, creating a sticky, smelly mess. Empty and quickly rinse all containers before recycling.</p> <p>10 NO Non-recyclable Glass Glassware, ceramics, Pyrex baking dishes, light bulbs, fluorescent lamps, window glass and mirrors cannot be recycled. These types of glass often are treated with chemicals and have different melting points than traditional container glass (e.g., bottles and jars).</p> <p>11 NO Rope-like Items Water hoses, holiday lights, leather belts, etc., should not go in curbside bins or carts. These items wrap around machines. Holiday lights can be recycled at some scrap metal dealers.</p> <p>12 NO Diapers or Bio-Hazardous Waste Syringes and needles, diapers and other sanitary products ARE NOT recyclable and pose a risk to workers. Visit www.scdhec.gov/HomeAndEnvironment/Recycling/DisposingOfNeedles/ to learn how to properly dispose of syringes and needles.</p>	      
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Please visit www.scdhec.gov/recycleheresc to see what is recycled where you live.

9 REASONS TO REFUSE SINGLE-USE PLASTIC

<p>1</p>  <p>Made from fossil fuels</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>Huge carbon footprint</p>	<p>3</p>  <p>Will still be here in hundreds of years</p>
<p>4</p>  <p>Only a tiny percentage is recycled</p>	<p>5</p>  <p>Leaches toxins into food & drink</p>	<p>6</p>  <p>Causes hormone disruption & cancers</p>
<p>7</p>  <p>Pollutes our oceans</p>	<p>8</p>  <p>Kills marine animals and birds</p>	<p>9</p>  <p>Enters our food chain</p>

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The 40by2020 Partnership is a group of public and private stakeholders dedicated to sharing knowledge, coordinating resources and working together to help South Carolina meet or exceed its 40 percent recycling goal set for 2020. Partnership members include PalmettoBreeze, Pratt Industries, Sonoco Recycling, the S.C. Beverage Association, the S.C. Department of Commerce and the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control.

CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS

ORDINANCES

Bill # 5540 (emergency measure) Levies and establishes the rate of annual taxes for the Police and Firemen Retirement Fund to be collected in the City of Richmond Heights, MO for the year 2018.

Bill # 5539 (emergency measure) Levies & establishes the rate of annual taxes for library purposes to be collected in the City of Richmond Heights, MO for the year 2018.

Bill # 5538 (emergency measure) Levies and establishes the rate of annual taxes for general municipal purposes to be collected in the City of Richmond Heights, MO for the year 2018.

Bill # 5537 Authorizes and directs the issuance sale, deliver of special obligation refunding and improvement bonds (THE HEIGHTS renovations/refinancing) series 2018 and approving certain documents and authorizing other actions in connection herewith.

Bill # 5536 Amends Ord. No. 4788, the Municipal Code, revising chapter 520; article V; right-of-way usage code, section 520.570 rental fees.

Bill #5535 Amends Ord. No. 4788, the Municipal Code, chapter 505, Building Regulations, article III, Inspections, fees, reports of violations and property maintenance for construction sites; section 505.300, is hereby amended to coordinate construction site signage information with public noise disturbance regulations.

Bill # 5533 Approves site plan review, preliminary & final development plan of the Boulevard South Development, located generally between Darst Avenue on the north, highway I-170 on the east, Brentwood Boulevard on the west and Antler Drive on the south side of the project in the City of Richmond Heights, MO.

Bill #5532 Approves an intergovernmental cooperation agreement for providing conveyance of prisoners services between the cities of Brentwood and Richmond Heights, MO.

Bill #5531 Approves intergovernmental cooperation agreement for providing confinement of prisoners services between the cities of Brentwood and Richmond Heights, MO.

Bill # 5530 Approves and abolishes a ten foot strip of public easement land encroaching under No. 3 Ridgetop Drive in the City of Richmond Heights, MO, described generally as of land being part of Lot C of Ridgetop second re-subdivision, of St. Louis County, plat book 33, page 19 except the north five feet thereof taken for the widening of Clayton Road.

RESOLUTIONS

#18-11 Approves the issuance of district bonds by the Industrial Development Authority of the County of St. Louis, MO. on behalf of the Crossings at Richmond Heights Community Improvement District for the purpose of paying any part of the cost of district project located in St. Louis County, Missouri and the City; and authorizing certain actions connected therewith.

#18-10 Appoints Charmaine Smith a resident citizen to office as a member of the Public Library Board of Trustees, to a term ending July 1, 2021.

#18-09 A resolution of the council of the City of Richmond Heights, MO supporting Missouri Proposition D.

#18-08 authorizes the offering for sale of special obligation refunding and improvement bonds of the city of Richmond Heights, MO and authorizes the execution of a redemption notice in connection therewith.

#18-07 Reappoints Nancy Zander, Marilyn Daughhete, and Jason Gustin to office as members of the Public Library Board of Trustees; each to a term ending July 1, 2021.

If you have questions about any ordinance or resolution, please contact Deputy City Clerk Pat Villmer at 314-645-4595 or email pvillmer@richmondheights.org.



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Building Department..... 314-646-7658
Finance Department..... 314-655-3550

Public Safety **7447 Dale Ave.**
Dispatch..... 314-645-3000
Fire Department..... 314-645-8800
Municipal Court..... 314-645-1982
Police Department..... 314-655-3630

THE HEIGHTS **8001 Dale Ave.**
Memorial Library..... 314-645-6202
Parks and Recreation..... 314-645-1476
MFAC Outdoor Pool..... 314-646-3665

Public Works **7997 Elinor Ave.**
Main Number..... 314-645-2277

Important Phone Numbers

Ameren Missouri..... 800-552-7583
Spire Gas..... 314-621-6960
Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District.... 314-768-6260
Missouri American Water..... 866-430-0820
PARC Van Service..... 314-655-3667
Republic Waste Services..... 636-947-5959
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