

## Sunset Hills Historical Society

### Historic Minnie Ha Ha



There were many historical events that centered around the Minnie Ha Ha Beach and surrounding area. Many tribes of Indians landed there on their migratory routes. There are civil war implications regarding an old bridge- no longer there and the caves down stream that became Powder Valley. Gypsies also frequented the park from the 1890s to the 1940s. They were most unwelcome and eventually moved elsewhere. A Ferry ran from Ferry Street in Fenton across to Minnie Ha Ha from 1853-1855.

Mr. Henry Otto Owned the beach and surrounding areas in the early 1900s. There was a dance pavilion and refreshment stand that boasted as many as 15 slot machines in the 1920s. There was also a mini zoo. The area became a very popular resort area for camping and picnicking after Gussie Busch provided half the funds to have Gravois Road paved. That was the first paved road in St. Louis County.

Mrs. Tena Other gave a first hand program on Minnie Ha Ha in the 1940s to 1955. Mr. and Mrs. Other purchased an area and built a larger concession stand/grocery store. The family lived on the second floor of the building in the summer. The area then became more of a family friendly spot. The Red Cross provided life guards for the weekends, often as many as seventeen at a time.

Community swimming pools became popular and Minnie Ha Ha less of a resort area and it fell into a state of neglect. The City obtained it in October of 2000 and the lovely park evolved. Mrs. Other allowed the SHHS to copy her photo albums. We also have a history by Mr. Otto. These items are on file in the archives and may be viewed with an appointment. Call 843 5649. Read your Sunset Hills History Book for more information.

## SUNSET HILLS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### Calendar:

August 19, there will be a Korean War Veteran get together. We will meet at the Community Center at Watson Trail Park from 9:00 a.m to 11: 00 a.m

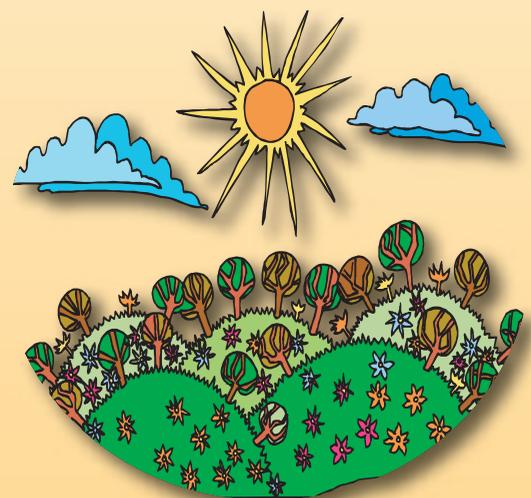
A 36 star American Flag will be on display

We will keep the flag available from 11:a.m to 12:00 p.m for residents that might be interested in viewing the flag.- Questions 843-5649

There will be no evening meeting of the Historical Society in August.

September 22, Dr. M.F. Fuller will provide a program on Meramec Valley and its archeology.

The dedication of the Monument that was cancelled on June 23 due to flooding will be rescheduled later in the fall.



## ALDERMANIC REPORT

**Business conducted at the July 8th Board of Aldermen meeting:**

**The Board passed one ordinance:**

**Ord. No. 1727** - An Ordinance approving a Record Plat of Conway Geisler Estates.

**The Mayor and the Board welcome the following new businesses:**

Dirty Dogz, LLC – 10890 Sunset Hills Plaza.

Sunset Hills Chiropractic, LLC – 4600 S. Lindbergh, Suite 3

Self Power – 3828 S. Lindbergh

**The following bill will come for a 2nd reading at the August 12th meeting of the Board of Aldermen:**

**Bill No. 13** – An ordinance amending Subsection 6.3-4(A)1 of Appendix B of the Code of Ordinances relative to parking and loading area setback requirements.

Any new business and/or PUBLIC HEARINGS to be brought before the Board will be dependent on action taken by the Planning and Zoning Commission at its meeting. Please see the Planning and Zoning agenda article for further information.

For any of our residents who may in the past have wished to attend a City meeting but have not done so because of a special need, i.e. hearing, sight impairment, etc., the City is pleased to announce that, with proper notice, we will make arrangements to accommodate your needs. In general we will need at least ten days notice prior to the meeting date. (So that we may contact an interpreter, etc.) Please call City Hall at 849-3400.

## PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

### July 2nd Meeting results

**P-13-08** Petition for an Amendment to the Zoning Regulations; Appendix B, Section 6.3-4 (A) which pertains to parking and loading area setback requirements. Recommended Denial to Board of Aldermen.

### August 6th Agenda

#### NEW BUSINESS

**P-14-08** Petition for an Amended Conditional Use Permit for the property at 11600 Gravois Road to add two additional bays onto the existing car repair shop.

## BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

### June 26, 2008 Meeting Results

#### NEW BUSINESS

**A-5-08** Notice of appeal submitted by Gino Cavallini to vary the Maximum Building Coverage from the allowed 20% to 27.6% For the purpose of constructing an addition onto the existing house at 11823 Parklind Drive. Approved.

**A-6-08** Notice of appeal submitted by John Braaf to vary the rear yard Setback and the side yard setback from the required 10' to 6.5 feet for the purpose of replacing old garage with new garage at 9733 Sappington Road. Postponed.

**No July 24th meeting.**

## PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held by the Board of Aldermen on August 12, 2008

On the proposed 2008 property tax rates.



# Storm Water Changes Effective March 1, 2008

Some residents may have received a new storm water service charge on their March MSD bill which was mailed in April. The new charge is based on how much impervious area your property has, which in-turn causes storm water runoff. Impervious area is land that does not soak up rainwater, such as driveways, parking lots, the footprint of homes or other buildings, etc.

- New Storm Water Rate: \$0.12 per 100 square feet of impervious surface
- Average monthly amount for a residential property: \$3.00

The square footage of impervious area is determined by taking an aerial view of your property and matching that up with property tax records.

The total Storm Water Charge and the number of 100 square feet of impervious area are listed in the Details section of your monthly MSD Bill.

The MSD call Center number is 1-866-281-5737 if you have questions or wish to appeal your assessment. Also you can find more information on their web site at [www.stlmsd.com](http://www.stlmsd.com).

## From the Police Department

### FAMILY DISASTER PLAN

This is a good time of the year to review your family's disaster plan. Remember knowing what to do is your best protection in any dangerous situation. Since the family is not together 24 hours a day, the first thing a family needs to plan for is how you will find each other if parents are at work, children are at school or at home or on vacation.



The key is to have a plan. Follow these steps to create and implement a plan.

1. Become aware of hazards possible in your area and the community's warning signals. Ask about your workplace and your children's school disaster plan.
2. Pick a meeting place outside your home, in case of fire. Have one outside your neighborhood in case you cannot return home.
3. Ask an out of state friend or relative to be your family contact for everyone to call if the family gets separated. All family members should carry this telephone number.
4. Teach basic safety measures, how to dial 911, how to turn off water, gas, and electricity at the main switches. Post important telephone numbers. Do you know CPR and First Aid? Can you use a fire extinguisher; do you have your escape routes and safe spots designated in your home?
5. Complete a family disaster supply kit. Be sure to include a battery powered radio, flashlight and extra batteries, water, canned food, first aid kit, blankets and all those special need items.



The State of Missouri and FEMA have websites that contain valuable information on preparing for emergencies and publications to order.



### Sunset Hills launches new Web Site

If you haven't already visited the new city website we invite you to do so today. The address is

[www.sunset-hills.com](http://www.sunset-hills.com).

## PARK NEWS

### Adult Water Aerobics

This shallow-water, total body, guided exercise class is designed to increase cardiovascular endurance, muscle tone and flexibility in a refreshing and friendly atmosphere. Participants will be encouraged to work at their own pace and toward specific goals. Hand held weights, noodles and kickboards will be provided. (Or necessary exercise equipment will be provided.) The exercises presented and learned can be performed outside of class to enhance fitness goals.



### Morning Sessions

(Tuesdays and Thursdays – 10:35 am – 11:35 am)  
 Session 2 July 1,3,8,10,15,17,21, & 24.  
 Session 3 July 29,31, August 5,7,12,14,19, & 21.

### Evening Sessions

(Monday, & Thursdays 7:00 – 8:00 pm)  
 Session 3 July 14,16,17,21,23,24, 30, & 31.  
 Session 4 Aug. 4,6,7,11,13,14,18, & 20.

### Fee for punch cards:

Residents - \$50.00 Non-Residents - \$60.00

All punch cards allow you to attend (8) Morning or evening sessions.

### Grow It and Show It



To recognize the efforts of resident adult and children fruit and vegetable gardening, the Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a "Grow It and Show It" contest.

Gardeners will bring in their biggest tomato, zucchini, watermelon, cucumber, and cabbage and have it weighed at the Parks and Recreation Office. On August 22nd the largest entry in each category will be declared the winner and will be awarded a cash prize.

### Movies at the Pool

August 6 Surfs up

August 13 Happily N'ever After

Movie starting time is between 8:15 and 8:30 pm.

### Concerts at the Pool

Concerts begin at 7:00 pm

July 16 Rescue (Modern Rock)

July 30 Ambassadors of Swing (Big Band Sound)

### Family Night at the Pool

Join us on Wednesday Nights for Family Dinner Nights at the Pool. June 4th through August 13, 2008. We will be offering food to purchase from many of the fine restaurants in the City of Sunset Hills and the surrounding area.

Some nights we will even fire up the Bar-B-Que so you can enjoy a great dinner right off the grill.

Bring your whole family and enjoy a relaxing evening at the pool. (Standard admission rates apply)

### Abra-Kid-Abra Magic Camp

When: August 4th – 8th  
 Fee: \$165 for on child \$145 for second child  
 Location: Watson Trail Park  
 Age: 6-12  
 Time: 9am – 3pm



Vanish coins! Defy gravity! Read minds! These are just a few of the tricks you can learn in Abra-Kid-Abra Magic Camp! Kids receive a magic box, and get ner tricks to put in each day, which they show their families that evening! in addition to learning magic, kids learn animal balloons, comedy skits, and out-of-the-box thinking magic puzzles. The camp culminates with the students putting on a show for their families. the goals of the camp are to build confidence, improve presentation skills in front of a group, and to have fun!

### Circus Skills Camp

When: August 11th – 15th  
 Fee: \$165 for on child \$145 for second child (includes supplies)  
 Location: Watson Trail Park  
 Age: 6-12  
 Time: 9am – 3pm  
 Bally Hoo! Bally Hoo! Welcome to the Big Top! Have you ever wanted to run away with the

circus? This is your chance! In Circus Skills Camp you'll learn to juggle a variety of things by yourself and with a partner. You'll learn acrobatic skills, walking on stilts, balancing on the rolla balla. You'll learn clown skills, funny skits and gags, plate spinning, flower sticks twirling, and much more! The camp culminates with the students performing a circus for their families and friends.



### Junior Tennis Camp

Campers will be grouped by level ages 7-12, beginners to tournament players. Students will work on their forehand, backhand, serve, and volley. The camp will be directed by mark Platt, Beginners World Tennis. Come ready to play!

Week 1 – Monday – Friday August 4th -8th 9:00am – 11:00am

Weeks 2 – Monday – Friday August 11th – 15th 9:00am – 11:00am

### Golf Lessons

Golf Lessons are one of the most popular programs sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department. The lessons are taught by the one and only Stu Walls, former golf coach of Lindbergh High School. The classes are conducted in the open space behind Sunset Hills City Hall (3939 S. Lindbergh). Classes fill up fast, so don't miss out, sign up today! Each participant should bring a seven iron, a wood and plastic balls. Lesson size is limited to 20 participants. The entire class is 5 one hour periods.



### Morning

Child August 11 – 15 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

### Evening

Adults August 11 – 15 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
 FEES: Residents - \$35.00 Non-residents - \$40.00



CRESTWOOD SUNSET-HILLS AREA  
 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

*The Chamber of Commerce asks you to support the businesses that support this community.*

Please visit the Chamber website at [www.ourchamber.com](http://www.ourchamber.com) to see a list of member businesses. Thank you!

# AUGUST 2008

## PARK NEWS

### Outdoor Tennis Lessons

Location: Watson Trail Park



#### ADULTS

Saturday 8:00a.m.-9:00a.m. Cost \$63.00  
 Session 8 July 19, 26, Aug 2, 9, 16  
 (rain date Aug 23)

Session 9 Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27 & Oct. 4  
 (rain date Oct 11)

#### PEE WEES Age 4-6

Saturday 9:10a.m.-9:40a.m. Cost \$35.00

Session 8 July 19, 26, Aug 2, 9, 16  
 (rain date Aug 23)

Session 9 Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27 & Oct. 4  
 (rain date Oct 11)

#### JUNIOR Age 7-11

Saturday 9:45a.m.-10:45a.m. Cost \$63.00

Session 8 July 19, 26, Aug 2, 9, 16  
 (rain date Aug 23)

Session 9 Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27 & Oct. 4  
 (rain date Oct 11)

#### JUNIOR Age 12-16

Saturday 10:50a.m.-11:50a.m. Cost \$63.00

Session 8 July 19, 26, Aug 2, 9, 16  
 (rain date Aug 23)

Session 9 Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27 & Oct. 4  
 (rain date Oct 11)

### Burn Boot Camp

If you are looking for RESULTS, Burn Boot Camp gives you the most bang for your buck! Five (5) week sessions-each class is different!

All levels welcome! Tuesday and Thursday at 8:15 am during school year, 7:00 am in the summer.

For reservations please call Val at 314-941-8523

Price \$120.00 for 5 week session

July 1 – July 31

### 20th Anniversary



DATE: August 16, 2008 NOTE: DATE CHANGE

TIME: 7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

ACTIVITIES: DJ, free food, games and prizes, free admission all ages.

Come help us celebrate 20 years of swimming excitement! FREE fun for all ages! Come on out and enjoy free food, games, and prizes! Make sure to bring your dancing shoes, the DJ will be rockin' out all night!

August 12 – September 11  
 September 23 – October 23.

### Junior Disc Golf Tournament

The Parks and Recreation Department and St. Louis Junior Disc Golf are pleased to announce that they will be offering several Junior Disc Golf Tournaments, including the St. Louis Metro Junior Championships. These tournaments will be held exclusively at Watson Trail Park. Cost to participate is \$7.50 for members of the St. Louis Junior Disc Golf League and \$10.00 for non-members. Any questions can be directed to David and Lori Holbrook of St. Louis Junior Disc Golf at (314) 265-2482, or to Victor Vigil at the Sunset Hills Parks Department (314) 842-7265.



Registration is 30 minutes before the listed start times.

Tournament	Date Start	Time
Junior Day Glow	July 19, 2008	7:15pm
STL Metro Junior Championship	Sept. 20, 2008	10:30am

### Summer Day Camp



Summer is just around the corner and it's time to start thinking about what to do when school lets out. How about trading in those pencils and books for kick balls and swimming suits? The Sunset Hills Parks and Recreation Department has created a day camp that offers a fun, safe, and enjoyable experiences for children 5 – 12. Where else can you hold a 10 ft snake, explore the tree tops and caves at the City Museum, or learn how to make your own goo all in one summer? Exciting field trips, swimming, sports, organized games, and arts and crafts are just some of the many activities your child will enjoy. Hurry in, space is limited! Come and join us for some FUN!!

#### This Years Day Camp Dates:

Session 6 July 7 – July 11, 2008  
 Session 7 July 14 – July 18, 2008  
 Session 8 July 21 – July 25, 2008  
 Session 9 July 28 – August 1, 2008  
 Time: Monday – Friday, 9am – 3pm.

Fee: - Residents \$80.00 per week  
 Non-residents \$120 per week

Discount – Every child registering in 3 week increments, will received a discount of \$5.00 per week

#### Sunrise Adventure Camps 8:00am – 9:00am

Fee: - Residents \$15.00 per week  
 Non-residents \$20.00 per week

### Sunset Adventure Camp 3:00pm – 5:00pm

Fee: - Residents \$25.00 per week  
 Non-residents \$35.00 per week

Registration Policy  
 You must sign up by the Wednesday prior to the week scheduled. First come first serve basis; no phone reservation.

### Free Junior Golf Clubs

The City of Sunset Hills Parks and Recreation Department recently received a grant for ten sets of junior golf clubs through "The Sticks for Kids Initiative". For a \$50.00 cash deposit; area youth can use these clubs for ten days. This is a great way to introduce your child to the game of Golf. Clubs are available at the Park Office.



### Six Flags Tickets

Are you planning to go to Six Flags St. Louis Amusement Park this summer? The Parks and Recreation Department will be selling discounted admission tickets or season passes that can be used any day this season.

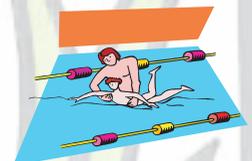
Season Pass cost \$67.00 per person, no taxes.

Daily Admission cost \$29.00 per person, no taxes.

Come into the Park Office at 12450 Watson for your Six Flags tickets.

### Summer Swim Lessons

The classes will be held at 11:40 am until 12:20 pm. They will meet Monday-Thursday for two weeks (Eight instruction periods).



#### Morning Classes

Session 3 June 30, July 1, 2,3,7,8,9, & 10.  
 Session 4 July 14,15,16,17,21,22,23 & 24.  
 Session 5 July 28,29,30,31 August 4,5,6, & 7.  
 FEE: Residents \$50.00 Non-Residents \$60.00  
 \*First week, first session, Tuesday through Friday

#### Private Swim Lessons

Private lessons are available for those who would like to focus on specific skills and needs. Times can be scheduled to fit individual needs.

Fees are \$15.00 for a 30 minute session.



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Sunset Hills, Missouri 63127

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The police department mourns the loss of our beloved office manager, Margie Polizzi. Margie, who was a 31 year veteran of the police department, lost her fifteen year long battle with cancer on June 7, 2008. Margie was closely involved with the development of the police department and the implementation of many improvements, especially in the technology field. All of us who worked with Margie will remember her warmth, humor, and quick wit. She was devoted to her family and is survived by her husband, three children, and three grandchildren. Her mark on the police department will last for many years. She will be truly missed and fondly remembered.

### Aldermen Directory

#### Mayor

Mike Svoboda . . . . . 842-2021

#### Ward I

Frank Hardy . . . . . 965-3762  
Douglas McGuire . . . . . 965-6425

#### Ward II

John W. Littlefield . . . . . 965-6022  
Tom Hrastich . . . . . 849-5497

#### Ward III

Jan Hoffmann . . . . . 842-5866  
Steven Webb . . . . . 843-9263

#### Ward IV

Frank Gregory . . . . . 842-7549  
Patricia Fribis . . . . . 849-2022

### Important Numbers

City Hall . . . . . 849-3400  
Watson Trail Park . . . . . 842-7265  
Pool . . . . . 842-SWIM  
Emergency  
Police . . . . . 911  
Fire . . . . . 911  
Ambulance . . . . . 911  
Police Information . . . . . 849-4400  
Vacation Watch . . . . . 849-7867

# CALENDAR

## August

- 5 Aug.** – Public Works Committee – 7:00 p.m. – Public Works Conference Room
- 6 Aug.** – Planning & Zoning Commission – 7:30 p.m. – Assembly Room
- 12 Aug.** – Board of Aldermen – 7:00 pm – Assembly Room
- 18 Aug.** – Pool Advisory Board – 7:00 p.m. – Park Activity Center
- 18 Aug.** – Advisory Tree Board – 7:00 p.m. – Public Works Conference Room
- 19 Aug.** – Historical Society –9:00 a.m. - Watson Trails Park
- 26 Aug.** – Board of Aldermen – 7:00 p.m. – Assembly Room (If required)
- 27 Aug.** – Park Commission – 7:00 p.m. - Park Activity Center
- 28 Aug.** – Board of Adjustment – 7:00 pm – Assembly Room