

**ST. CHARLES PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT JANUARY – JUNE 2012 ONE DAY TRIPS (EASY TO READ)-11-15-11**

**CULINARY DELIGHTS**

**Wednesday, January 18**

**142512-01**

We will visit a new concept in retail grocery marketing. Sorry, the destination is a secret. Come and find out that day!! We will have 3 presentations : ‘The World of Cheese’ which covers cheese basics, what to buy and what other foods cheese complements; ‘Fresh Catch’, fundamentals on buying seafood; and ‘Baked from Scratch’, highlights on Artisan bread baking. Enjoy a plated lunch of your choice at the onsite restaurant with plenty of time to explore and shop the many options of this exciting new grocery marketing concept. Depart Memorial Hall at 9:00 am and return at 3:00 pm. **Cost of \$59** includes presentations, lunch, spending money for shopping, gratuities, escort & transportation. Payment due December 18. *Maximum 31.*

**WINTER BINGO--CHASE THE WINTER BLUES AWAY!!**

**Thursday, January 26**

**142511-02**

Come join us for a warm & cozy afternoon while you enjoy a delicious lunch and a great afternoon of B-I-N-G-O!! At Memorial Hall from 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm. Doors open at 11:30 am. **Cost of \$20** includes lunch and bingo. Payment due January 19. *Maximum 176.*

**MO SHOW ME L.I.F.E ORGAN CONCERT**

**Thursday, February 2**

**142512-03**

MO Show Me L.I.F.E. is a dedicated group of amateurs who love playing the organ. Come here they play some of your favorites on a Lowery EZ Play organ. They play big band, country western and dance music just to name a few. They will get you singing, dancing and having a great time. We will have a delicious lunch before the performance. At Memorial Hall from 12:00 pm - 2:30 pm. Doors open at 11:30 am. **Cost of \$29** includes lunch & performance. Payment due January 25. *Maximum 100.*

**EAGLE WATCH TOUR**

**Monday, February 6**

**142512-04**

Let’s search for the American Bald Eagle, the beautiful symbol of our great country. Scott, a naturalist at Pere Marquette State Park, will be our guide for the day with a coffee break & video presentation at the Park and a guided bus tour to search for majestic eagles in flight as we cross the Illinois River aboard the Brussels Ferry. Lunch is at the Riverdock Restaurant with salad, entree, veggie, drink & dessert ala mode. After lunch we will search for eagles along the Great River Road as we head back to the park. Dress warm and bring your camera and binoculars for a fun day. Depart Memorial Hall at 7:00 a.m. and return at 4:30 p.m. **Cost of \$61** includes guided tour, lunch, gratuities, escort and transportation. Payment due January 6. *Maximum 30.*

**ST. LOUIS RIVER CITY POPS--“A SINGING ENSEMBLE”**

**Saturday, February 11**

**142512-05**

River City Pops is not your usual choral group. They put on real shows - musical reviews that tell stories through song and choreography. Men’s and women’s voices accompanied by piano bring the great music of our time to life through multipart harmonies, duets and solos. Their current show is “Music Theater Lovers World Tour” featuring songs about New York, Rome, Seville, Paris, Salzburg and Johannes berg. There’s never a dull moment in a River City Pops performance and you love their performance for it. We will have a delicious lunch before the performance. At Memorial Hall from 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm. Doors open at 11:30 am. **Cost of \$29** includes lunch & performance. Payment due January 11. *Maximum 100.*

**VALENTINE’S DAY SENIOR TRIVIA**

**Tuesday, February 14**

**142512-06**

Come join us for 5 rounds of trivia on a variety of knowledge. Come see how smart you are! Each team will compete for great prizes. Coffee, lemonade and snack are included. Form your own team or sign up as an individual and we will assign you a team. At Memorial Hall from 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm. Doors open at 1:30 pm. **Cost of \$10** includes trivia and refreshments. Payment due February 7. *Maximum 100.*

## **ST LOUIS BLUES HOCKEY/BOATHOUSE IN FOREST PARK**

**Saturday, February 18**

**142512-07**

He shoots, he scores!!! Enjoy St. Louis' Frozen Chosen, the St. Louis Blues as they battle the Minnesota Wild in an afternoon game. Lunch will be your choice at the Scott Trade Center. After the game we enjoy dinner at the Boathouse in Forest Park with entree, dessert and drink while we enjoy the spectacular winter beauty of Post-Dispatch Lake. Depart Memorial Hall at 11:30 am and return at 7:00 pm. **Cost of \$99** includes hockey game, lunch, dinner, gratuities, escort & transportation. Payment due January 18. *Maximum 31.*

## **"WESTSIDE STORY"--FOX THEATER--PASSPORT, \$3 OFF**

**Thursday, February 23**

**142511-08**

Join us at the Fox Theater for "West Side Story" which soars as the greatest love story of all time. "West Side Story" remains as powerful, poignant and timely as ever. The Bernstein and Sondheim score is considered to be one of Broadway's finest and features such classics as *Something's Coming, Tonight, America, I Feel Pretty and Somewhere.* Dine on the Wurlitzer Lunch buffet before the show at the Fabulous Fox. Depart Memorial Hall at 10:00 am and return at 5:00 pm. **Cost of \$95** includes show, lunch, gratuities, escort & transportation. Payment due January 23. *Maximum 31.*

## **CARRIBEAN STEEL DRUM SOUNDS OF LENNY FRISCH**

**Saturday, March 3**

**142512-09**

One man, one pad, one good time!! Feel the warm soothing beat of the Steel Drum as you listen to the ethereal blend of Calypso, Reggae, Bossa, Soca and Caribbean Music!! Pass the suntan lotion (LOL), put on your dancing shoes and get ready to dance (or sit and listen). We will have a delicious lunch before the performance. At Memorial Hall from 12:00 pm - 2:30 pm. Doors open at 11:30 am. **Cost of \$29** includes lunch & performance. Payment due February 3. *Maximum 100.*

## **ST. LOUIS RAGTIMERS 50TH ANNIVERSARY**

**Wednesday, March 7**

**142512-10**

Featuring Trebor Tichenor on piano, Al Striker on banjo, Bill Mason on trumpet and Don Franz on tuba, the St. Louis Ragtimers perform a dynamic style of ragtime and Dixieland jazz. One of the city's greatest cultural treasures, the group formed in 1961 to play on the St. Louis riverboats, and since then, they have performed continuously at festivals and concerts around the world! Coffee and donuts before the show and a delicious lunch with chicken or salmon, salad, garlic cheese bread, pasta, drink & dessert at Kemoll's downtown!! Depart Memorial Hall at 8:00 am and return at 3:00 pm. **Cost of \$75** includes coffee/donuts, concert, lunch, gratuities, escort & transportation. Payment due February 7. *Maximum 31.*

## **ST. PAT'S LUNCH & BINGO**

**Thursday, March 15**

**142511-11**

Wear your green and we will all be Irish with an afternoon of Bingo, fun & fellowship. Play for prizes & we'll throw in attendance prizes too!! Delicious lunch before bingo!! At Memorial Hall from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Doors will open at 11:30 am. **Cost of \$20** includes lunch & bingo. Payment due February 15. *Maximum 176.*

## **BINGO IN SWANSEA**

**Tuesday, March 20**

**142511-12**

Join us at the C.K. & L. of I club for 24 games of bingo including 50/50 warm up, early bird games, mid-bird games, Special Lucky Jackpot Raffle, Lucky Number Jackpot, 7 chances for the Rainbow Raffle & 1 chance with the Power Ball. Lunch will be entree, vegies, dessert & drink. Depart Memorial Hall at 8:45 am and return at 4:30 pm. **Cost of \$48** includes lunch, bingo games, gratuities, escort & transportation. Payment due February 20. *Maximum 31.*

### **ROYAL DUMPE DINNER THEATER--PASSPORT, \$3 OFF**

**Saturday, March 24**

**142512-13**

All Hail Lords and Ladies! Step back into 16th century England for an evening of Medieval Madness with King Henry VIII and his bevy of wenches at the Royal Dumpe Theater on Laclede's Landing. It's a riotous night of bawdy merry making and song as you are transformed back to the days of yore. Dinner will be baked chicken breast, baked potato, veggie medley, bread, cheesecake & souvenir cup. Join us for an evening of spontaneous fun!! Depart Memorial Hall at 4:30 pm and return at 10:30 pm. **Cost of \$75** includes show, dinner, gratuities, escort & transportation. Payment due February 24. *Maximum 31.*

### **HISTORIC CHURCHES OF ST. LOUIS**

**Friday, March 30**

**142512-14**

St. Mary of Victories Church was established in 1843, is the second oldest Roman Catholic Church in St. Louis and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. A rich collection of relics are contained within the historic altars in the Sanctuary. St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, located in the central west end, has a vibrant rich history which began in 1904 and continues to this day. We will learn about the Orthodox Church and its place in St. Louis. Lunch will be at Duff's with soup or salad, entree, drink and dessert. Tour the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis with one of the largest mosaic collections in the world, some of which are still a work in progress. You will also have time to visit the Mosaic Museum that shows how mosaics are designed and applied. All tours are docent led. Depart Memorial Hall at 8:00 am and return at 5:00 pm. **Cost of \$69** includes tours, lunch, coffee & donuts, gratuities, escort & transportation. Payment due February 29. *Maximum 31.*

### **"COMEDY OF ERRORS" AT THE REPERTORY THEATER**

**Wednesday, April 4**

**142512-15**

Mistaken identities, outlandish disguises and musical merriment take two sets of twins on a raucous journey through the streets of New Orleans in one of Shakespeare's cleverest comedies. When all four converge on the Big Easy for Mardi Gras, events take a hilarious turn in comic adventure of madcap mayhem. Dinner after the show at the Elephant Bar with entree, drink & dessert. Depart Memorial Hall at 12:15 pm and return at 7:00 pm. **Cost of \$105** includes show, dinner, gratuities, escort & transportation. Payment due March 4. *Maximum 31.*

### **BREWERY TOURS--SCHLAFLY & ANHEUSER-BUSCH**

**Tuesday, April 17**

**142512-16**

Schlafly Bottleworks is the "local home of beer" and one of the best places in St. Louis to arrive hungry & thirsty. Schlafly is St. Louis' first new production brewery to open since the end of Prohibition. We will tour the Brewseum dedicated to the rich brewing history of St. Louis, walk through the brewery to see & hear about the Schlafly brewing process and taste some their fine brews Lunch at Schlafly will include sandwich, side, drink & dessert. After lunch we will tour the Anheuser-Busch Brewery with visits to the Clydesdale Stables and Paddock, Beechwood Lagering Cellars, Brewhouse and Bevo Packaging. Our tour will also end in the Hospitality Room for complimentary samples. Depart Memorial Hall at 10 am and return at 4:00 pm. **Cost of \$61** includes tours, tastings, lunch, gratuities, escort & transportation. Payment due March 17. *Maximum 31.*

### **"LITTLE WOMEN" AT THE FLORISSANT CIVIC THEATER**

**Sunday, April 22**

**142512-17**

Marmee leaves to tend her sick husband, Jo sells her beautiful hair to finance the trip and our story ends a year later with the happy family preparing not only for Christmas but the return of Mr. March. Join us as we live, laugh, love & cry with Meg, Jo, Amy & Beth as they go through the many trials and tribulations of that year that have made "Little Women" a timeless classic. Dinner at Yacovelli's after the show featuring a family style meal of roast beef and fried chicken with taters, veggies, bread & drink. Depart Memorial Hall at 1:00 pm and return at 7:00 pm. **Cost of \$61** includes show, dinner, gratuities, escort & transportation. Payment due March 22. *Maximum 31.*

**FAIRMOUNT PARK****Tuesday, May 15****242512-01**

Get Ready, Get Set, Go as we are off and running to Fairmount Park to enjoy our fantastic view of the thoroughbred horse racing!! Lunch buffet is served in the always comfortable Black Stallion Room. We'll also buy some racing forms to help out your day. Depart Memorial Hall at 10:00 am and return at 6:00 pm. **Cost of \$43** includes lunch, admission, gratuities, escort & transportation. Payment due April 17. *Maximum 85.*

**"RIVERDANCE"--THE FOX THEATER--PASSPORT, \$3 OFF****Sunday, May 20****242512-02**

Now in its 17th phenomenal year, "Riverdance", is an internationally acclaimed celebration of Irish music, song and dance that has touched the hearts of millions around the world. "Riverdance" is an explosion of sight and sound that simply takes your breath away. Discover why nothing in the world compares to the original. Dinner after the show at Villa Farotto with salad, entree, bread, dessert & drink. Depart Memorial Hall at 11:45 am and return at 7:00 pm. **Cost of \$119** includes show, dinner, gratuities, escort & transportation. Payment due April 20. *Maximum 31*

**COLUMBIA VETERINARY SCHOOL/CANDY FACTORY****Thursday, May 24****242512-03**

For over 30 years the Candy Factory in Columbia, MO has been creating and perfecting delicious gourmet candy recipes. We will see a short film detailing the candy making process with a Q & A session. Lunch will be at the Flat Branch Pub & Brewing with entree, dessert & drink. In the afternoon we visit the University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM), the state's only program for veterinary medicine and 1 of only 28 in the country. We will visit the clinic to learn how they provide emergency services, consultations & referrals as well as teaching the vets of tomorrow. We will also see the CVM Mule Team and receive an information talk from the mule handlers about the mules and the MU CVM tradition of the mule mascots. Depart Memorial Hall at 7:30 am and return at 5:30 pm. **Cost of \$69** includes show, dinner, gratuities, escort & transportation. Payment due April 24. *Maximum 31.*

**"SISTER AMNESIA'S NUNSENSE JAMBOREE" AT THE ARROW ROCK LYCEUM THEATER****Thursday, May 31****242512-04**

After regaining her memory Sr. Amnesia realizes she is Sister Mary Paul, a former country singer. Reverend Mother, feeling that one should not waste God-given talent, gets Sister Mary Paul a recording contract and now she is on a national tour. Sister Mary Wilhem (the convent nurse), and Father Virgil Manly Trott join her. This show is filled with hysterical one-liners and infectious comic tunes. Will Sister Amnesia leave the convent for the Grand Ole Op'ry? You'll have to wait till the finale, "Do Unto Others", to get the answer. Dinner after the show at WJ's Restaurant with salad, entree, veggies, drink & dessert. Lunch stop on your own. Depart Memorial Hall at 9:00 am and return at 9:00 pm. **Cost of \$93** includes show, dinner, gratuities, escort & transportation. Payment due April 30. *Maximum 31.*

**LANTERN FESTIVAL-MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDENS****Thursday, June 7****242512-05**

Visitors to the "Lantern Festival: Art by Day, Magic by Night" will experience one of China's most treasured events and ancient traditions--the annual lantern festival. This international exhibition includes 26 larger-than-life, lighted works of art from Zigong, China. Elaborate outdoor sets crafted of silk and steel will celebrate Chinese culture through bold color, dazzling light and striking design. You will also have time to enjoy an evening stroll through the gardens. Dinner before the show at Zia's on the hill with choice of entree: beef soto, chicken parmigiana or spaghetti & meatballs, salad, bread, drink & dessert. Depart Memorial Hall at 4:30 pm and return at 10:30 pm. **Cost of \$87** includes dinner, show, gratuities, escort & transportation. Payment due May 7. *Maximum 43.*

**COLUMBIA STAR DINNER TRAIN--COLUMBIA, MO****Saturday, June 16****242512-06**

The Columbia Star offers guests gourmet dining onboard beautifully appointed vintage 1930's and 40's passenger cars. During the journey you will be treated to a delicious appetizer, drinks and an elegant four course meal prepared by the Chef aboard the train. Prestigious fine dining with white linen and fine china by candlelight, on a historic train ride through Mid Missouri. Depart Memorial Hall at 4:00 pm and return at 1:00 am. **Cost of \$135** includes train ride, dinner, gratuities, escort & transportation. Payment due May 16. *Maximum 31.*

## CLYDESDALE TOUR-WARM SPRINGS RANCH

Tuesday, June 19

242512-07

Warm Springs Ranch is the breeding facility for the world famous Budweiser Clydesdales. This state-of-the-art breeding operation is situated on more than 300 acres of rolling hills 16 miles west of Columbia. The 25,000 square foot facility is home to more than 100 Clydesdales. See & interact with the foals, mares & stallions as you learn about the 58 year old Budweiser Clydesdale breeding program, how they came to Missouri & the horses' long heritage as one of the most recognizable brand icons in the world. Lunch at the Settlers Inn with fried chicken and bbq ribs, taters, salad, entree, drink & dessert. We will have time for shopping after lunch at Nostalgiaville in Kingdom City. Depart Memorial Hall at 7:00 am and return at 5:00 pm. **Cost of \$69** includes tour, lunch, gratuities, escort & transportation. Payment due May 19. *Maximum 31.*

## "AIN'T MISBEHAVIN'"--STAGES ST. LOUIS

Sunday, June 24

242512-08

Harken back to the days of the Harlem Renaissance when Manhattan nightclubs, like the Cotton Club and the Savoy Ballroom, were filled with the effervescent and energetic sound of Swing. "Ain't Misbehavin'" captures this dazzling spirit of the 1930's with the playful "Keepin' Out of Mischief", the sultry "Honeysuckle Rose, the sinuous "Vipers Drag" and the salty "T Ain't Nobody's Biz-ness If I Do". Dinner after the show at the Old Spaghetti Factory featuring their complete meal with soup or salad, entree, drink & dessert. Depart Memorial Hall at 12:30 pm and return at 8:00 pm. **Cost of \$99** includes show, dinner, gratuities, escort & transportation. Payment due May 24. *Maximum 31.*

### REGISTRATION FOR THESE TRIPS:

**MAIL-IN:** (checks payable to) St. Charles Parks Department      1900 Randolph St. Charles, MO 63301

**WALK-IN:** Come visit us at our Administration office in Blanchette Park Mon.-Fri. 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**PHONE-IN:** Registration with MasterCard, Visa or Discover Call 636-949-3372

**ON-LINE:** at [www.stcharlesparks.com](http://www.stcharlesparks.com) with MasterCard, Visa or Discover

Trip registrations will be taken only when accompanied by payment. For your convenience, we accept MASTERCARD, VISA & DISCOVER. Checks can be made payable to the St. Charles Parks and Recreation Department.

**All trip fees are per person per trip. All trips are filled on a first-come first-served basis. Trip Itineraries are subject to change without prior notice.**

**Deposits:** for each one-day trip, a **\$10 non-refundable deposit** must be received with your registration. For each overnight/extended trip a **\$50 non-refundable deposit** must be received with your registration. **Overnight Trips:** all overnight trip rates are based on double occupancy. Single traveler supplement will apply.

### **CANCELLATIONS:**

**One day trips:** participants cancelling a one day trip less than 14 days prior to the trip will not receive a refund. Refunds for participants cancelling a one day trip more than 14 days prior to the trip will be subject to a **\$10** administration fee. Personal absences are not refundable.

**Overnight or extended trips:** participants cancelling an overnight or extended trip less than 30 days prior to the trip will not receive a refund. Refunds for participants cancelling an overnight or extended trip more than 30 days prior to the trip will be subject to a **\$50** administration fee. Personal absences are not refundable.

**Pick up point** for **ALL** day trips and overnight trips will be at the Memorial Hall Parking Lot in Blanchette Park.

**Accommodations:** please call us so that we will know how to better serve you. This will help us assist you to have a great trip experience. If you have any dietary concerns please inform the trip coordinator at the time of registration.

**Waiting lists** are taken if a trip fills. Please do not hesitate to call after the sign up deadline. Many of our travelers take a trip from the wait list due to last minute cancellations.

If you have taken a trip with us during the last two years you are on our mailing list. If you have not, but would like to be put back on the mailing list please do not hesitate to call us at 636-949-3372.

#### **PARKS PASSPORT CARD**

For St. Charles City Residents at the Parks Administration Office in Blanchette Park.

Please bring 2 forms of Identification (Driver's License, Personal Property Tax Receipt or Utility Bill) to show proof of residency.

Visit our web site at [www.stcharlesparks.com](http://www.stcharlesparks.com) to see a complete list of business partners and the discounts they offer.

Look for the **"Passport, \$3 off"** in this brochure

#### **WE WELCOME PERSONS OF ALL ABILITIES**

The St. Charles Parks and Recreation Department actively seeks and supports participation by all people with a variety of interests and abilities in recreation programs and services. Please call us so that we will know how to serve you better. Our **Coordinator of Inclusive Recreation** is Brita Weight and she can be reached at 314-359-9970.