



April 2024

A View from the Hill



A Letter from the Mayor

Dear Residents of Rock Hill,

I would like to extend my congratulations to our Police Chief, Don Wickenhauser on his retirement. Chief Wickenhauser will be retiring at the end of the month to enjoy time with family and play golf.

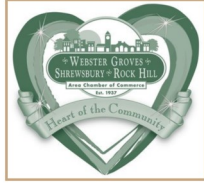
We are grateful for his service to the City over the past ten years and wish him well in his next chapter.

The Webster Groves, Shrewsbury, Rock Hill Chamber of Commerce recently announced the 2024 Heart of the Community Award Winners. We are pleased to announce the 2024 Rock Hill Citizens of the Year Award recipients, Leah Rush and Allison Aardsma. Leah and Allison set out to address the aging playground at Hudson Elementary School. They have worked over the past two years to create an inclusive playground for the school, which will be open to the public when school is not in session. Plans are underway for the new playground to be installed this summer. Congratulations Leah and Allison and thanks for all you have done.

-Edward Mahan, Mayor; emahan@rockhillmo.net or 314-561-4317 ext. 8017

PLEASE JOIN THE CITY OF ROCK HILL
AS WE CELEBRATE
THE CAREER AND WELL-EARNED RETIREMENT OF
CHIEF DON WICKENHAUSER
AT ROCK HILL CITY HALL
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2024
3:00 P.M.

Congratulations,
MAYOR MAHAN!
**2024 PUBLIC
SERVICE HERO**



Congratulations,
ALLISON!
**2024 ROCK HILL
CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**



Congratulations,
LEAH!
**2024 ROCK HILL
CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**



Rock Hill Arbor Day Celebration

**Movie at the
Fire House**

Thurs. April 25, 2024

- 6:30 pm: Craft Activity
Tree Seedling
Give-A-Way
(False Indigo
and Redbud)
- 6:45 pm: Rock Hill Library
Storytime
- 7 pm: Movie Starts



**No Charge
Free Popcorn!**

**Don't forget a
blanket or chairs
to sit on.**



**WE ARE
HIRING
NOW**
JOIN OUR TEAM

The Rock Hill Day Camp is looking
for Counselors!

Additional information as well as
the application is [online here.](#)



PICKLEBALL

CLINIC

MONDAYS 9-10AM
APRIL 29, MAY 6, 13, 20

RESIDENTS OF ROCK HILL: \$80
NON-RESIDENTS: \$100

OAKHAVEN PARK

CORNER OF GILBERT & OAKHAVEN

THIS PROGRAM WILL BE AN INTRODUCTORY CLASS FOR BEGINNER ADULT PICKLEBALL PLAYERS. CLINIC TAUGHT BY ROCK HILL RESIDENT AND PICKLEBALL PPR CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR, JANET PEABODY. PLEASE BRING A PICKLEBALL PADDLE, WATER BOTTLE AND WEAR ATHLETIC SHOES.

REGISTER ONLINE:
ROCKHILMO.NET

QUESTIONS?
314-561-4304

We would like to remind residents to keep yard waste out of sewer drains:

If yard waste (such as leaves, grass clippings, weeds, brush and small twigs) is disposed of along a creek or in a storm drain it can have a negative impact on the community.

Yard waste decaying in creeks and rivers decomposes in a process that removes oxygen from the water. Fish and other aquatic life can't survive in water with low oxygen. As yard waste decomposes, plant nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorus are also released. These nutrients promote the excessive growth of algae in the water. As the water becomes polluted, it does not support aquatic life and becomes a health hazard.

What Can You Do?

- ✓ Never allow yard waste to be washed down or put into storm drains.
- ✓ Do not sweep or blow grass clippings along the street or into a storm drain.
- ✓ Do not dump grass or yard waste onto a creek bank or area where it will be washed into creeks and rivers.
- ✓ Control soil erosion on your property by planting native trees and ground cover to stabilize erosion prone areas.
- ✓ Compost leaves, brush, grass clippings and other yard waste.
- ✓ Mow grass higher and leave grass clippings on the lawn to retain moisture and provide nutrients to the soil as they decompose.
- ✓ Do not over water your lawn or garden. This may increase leaching of fertilizers to ground and surface water.

Rock Hill Public Library



Happy National Humor Month 2024, from your friends at Rock Hill Public Library!

We are open **Monday-Thursday 10 AM-7PM, Friday 12-5 PM, and Saturday 10 AM-2 PM.**

Love movies?!! Join us every **second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 1-3 PM** for our **Spring Film Series** event at **Rock Hill Public Library (9811 Manchester Rd)**!

What better movie to make us laugh out loud!! *Save the date!!!* Check out **My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3** on **April 23 (Rated R)**. The third installment in the *My Big Fat Greek Wedding* franchise, the film stars **Vardalos, John Corbett, Louis Mandylor, Elena Kampouris, Gia Carides, Joey Fatone, Lainie Kazan, and Andrea Martin**. Members of the Portokalos family reunite in Greece for a hilarious and heart-warming trip full of love, twists and turns. *Popcorn and refreshments included.*



If fitness is a part of your 2024 New Year's resolution, give chair yoga a try. The next **Chair Yoga with Alicia** is on **May 3, 2024, and June 7, 2024, at 11 AM** at the **Rock Hill Public Library (9811 Manchester Rd)**. Our gentle practice includes simple yoga poses and breathwork and is suitable for all skill levels. *Call (314) 962-4723 to register. Space is limited.*

Get ready for some "egg-citing" experiments in our **STEAM club**! Join us for the next **STEAM Club** on **Saturday, April 20th at 11 AM**. We're testing the strength of our 'bird nests' made from paper and scraps. How many eggs do you think they can hold?



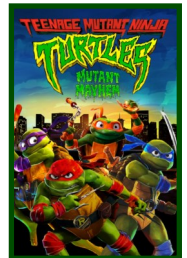
We're looking for a few awesome folks to help with summer programs! Stop by the library during library hours to pick up a **RHPL Teen Volunteer** application or find it here: <https://www.rockhillpubliclibrary.org/about-us/#employment>

10:00 AM-12:00 PM! Mark your calendars for a fun-filled **Plant Swap** Saturday at the **Rock Hill Public Library**! Bring your plant cuttings, pots, soil or seeds and swap with fellow plant enthusiasts. See you there!



Have a collection you want to show off?? We have a display case waiting for you! Apply to lend your collection to the library, whether it's **LEGOs®**, coins, photos, or something we haven't thought of! The library will display it for a month for the **Rock Hill community** to see. Questions? Call us at **314-962-4723** or email patron@rhplmo.org for more information.

And finally!!! **Rock Hill Public Library** kicks off its **Movies on Patio** with two fun, family-friendly movies! First, **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG)** on **May 14**. The Turtle brothers work to earn the love of New York City while facing down an army of mutants.



Then, **The Mitchells vs. the Machines (PG)** on **May 28** follows the dysfunctional Mitchell family that winds up having to save Earth from a global uprising of robots while on a road trip.



The parking lot will be closed for both events. Free parking at American Bank. Come early for crafts and popcorn at 7:15 PM. Movies start around 7:30PM.

See You Soon, Randi