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### HIPPY HOPPY TOAD DAY APRIL 5 PROMISES TO BE TOADALLY AWESOME

*Don't miss this one-time unique family event*

**ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO** – Hop on out to Quail Ridge Park in Wentzville from 5:30–7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 5, for Hippy Hoppy Toad Day! Hosted by the St. Charles County Parks and Recreation Department and the St. Charles City-County Library, this FREE, unique celebration of frogs promises to be a TOADally awesome time.

Children and their families will enjoy meeting Peggy Archer, local author of “A Hippy-Hoppy Toad,” a story inspired by her adventures with tiny frogs while hiking through Quail Ridge Park. Participants will take a guided storybook walk around the lake with library staff and volunteers reading the featured book. They’ll learn about and get to see live frogs, make crafts, and hear from Missouri Naturalists Ann Earley and Bob Siemer, who will present a short slideshow about the hoppy amphibians. Light refreshments provided by Fresh Thyme Farmers Market.

The event is free, but registration is requested. For more information about the Hippy Hoppy Toad Day or to register, visit <http://bit.ly/2Fg8uAK> or call the parks department at 636-949-7535.

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#### **About St. Charles County Parks & Recreation**

The St. Charles County Parks & Recreation Department offers unique parks, diverse facilities and a broad range of programs and special events for all ages. The County currently operates 12 parks, including a Youth Activity Park and The Historic Daniel Boone Home. Veterans Tribute Park, our newest park development between Pitman Hill and Kisker roads is expected to open in 2018.

For more information and specifics about each park, visit [www.stccparks.org](http://www.stccparks.org).

#### **About St. Charles County**

Founded in 1812, St. Charles County is one of the fastest growing counties in Missouri, and the state's third largest county in both population and economic share. St. Charles County consistently ranks one of the healthiest places to live in Missouri in the County

Health Rankings report published by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute. It is home to 12 scenic county parks encompassing more than 2,800 acres with additional land under development and more in reserve for future development.

With a population of 385,840, St Charles County is home to large employers including Citi, MasterCard Worldwide, Boeing and General Motors. It is ranked among the top 25 counties in the nation in high-tech job growth by the Progressive Policy Institute and consistently has the lowest unemployment rate in the Metropolitan St. Louis area.

St. Charles County employs nearly 1,100 in more than 30 departments and offices, who work to make the county an excellent place to live, work and shop.

For more information, please visit [www.sccmo.org](http://www.sccmo.org).