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FALL INTO FUN AT BROEMMELSIK PARK WITH FREE HAYRIDES AND MORE ON SEPT. 21

ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO – The St. Charles County Parks and Recreation Department is kicking off the fall season with free fall fun from 6–8:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 21, at Broemmelsiek Park near Defiance. Join us for FREE hayrides, a concert, smores by the campfire, a corn maze and an educational stargazing program! Everyone is welcome to attend this special event in the park!



Beginning at 6 p.m., participants will kick up their heels to the harmonious sounds of The People's band. This local group has been together for over 20 years and will be performing a variety of Bluegrass, Folk, Old Country and Western music. While the band is playing, guests can take an amazing adventure through our challenging 3-acre corn maze. Or enjoy a short hayride and then huddle around a glowing campfire to enjoy a yummy s'mores marshmallow treat. The fun doesn't stop there! If the sky is clear when the sun goes down and the stars come up, we'll continue into the night at our Astronomy Viewing Area. Join the

Astronomical Society of Eastern Missouri (ASEM) to view stars and constellations at our Friday Night Public Stargazing program.

What's up Next on the Agenda? Group Hayrides!

Autumn officially begins the next day and so does our annual hayride season at Broemmelsiek Park. From Saturday, Sept. 22 thru Sunday, Nov. 4, groups of 20 can reserve a tractor-pulled hay wagon for a 45-minute ride through prairies and tree-lined fields in the park. For an hour after the ride, participants are invited to sit around a glowing campfire to roast treats they bring with them. The cost is \$125 per wagon. Advanced reservations are required by calling the Parks Department at 636-949-7535. Hayrides may be reserved for 6, 7, and 8 p.m. on Fridays and 5, 6, 7, and 8 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

If you don't have a group large enough to book an entire wagon, then consider joining us for our popular **Hayride Hoedown** on Saturday, Oct. 20. During the event, participants experience a 45-minute scenic wagon ride through the park, along with a light dinner, s'mores, and the foot-stomping, knee-slapping performance of Babaloo, a one-man musical comedy act suitable for all ages. Cost of the event is \$10.50 per person. Pre-registration is required by calling the parks department. Choose from a 6, 6:45, or 7:30 p.m. hay wagon departure.

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For more information about all our special events and programs planned throughout the rest of the year, check out our digital Park Activity Guide at <http://bit.ly/Sept-Dec2018ParkActivityGuide>, or call the parks department to learn more.

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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 15 parks, including a Youth Activity Park and The Historic Daniel Boone Home.

For more information and specifics about each park, visit 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 15 scenic County parks encompassing more than 3,643 acres with additional land under development and more in reserve for future development.

With a population of 395,504, 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 sccmo.org.