

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Dec. 19, 2018

Contact: Nancy Lee Gomer, Marketing Coordinator, 636-949-7535, or 636-795-1137, ngomer@sccmo.org

BLOOD MOON VIEWING JAN. 20-21 AT BROEMMELSIEK PARK ASTRONOMY VIEWING AREA

ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO – Bring the family out to Broemmelsiek Park this winter to witness one of the most exciting celestial events of the new year—a total lunar eclipse, also known as a Blood Moon! This spectacular event in the night sky is a beautiful sight to see as the moon takes on a reddish, yellow or orange glow when the Earth comes between the sun and moon and covers the moon with its shadow.



Blood Moon photo taken by Gregg Ruppel, ASEM member, on Jan. 31, 2018 in Tucson, AZ.

The public is invited to join the Astronomical Society of Eastern Missouri (ASEM) during the viewing from 9:35 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 20, through 12:50 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 21, at the park's Astronomy Viewing Area, 1615 Schwede Road near Wentzville. The full eclipse begins at 10:41 p.m., and ends at 11:43 p.m., but total duration of the eclipse is 5 hours 12 minutes, if the sky is clear.

The total phase of this total lunar eclipse will be visible from North and South America, and western parts of Europe and Africa. Unlike a solar eclipse, the lunar eclipse can be viewed with the naked eye and no special equipment is needed. However, ASEM members will have complex telescopes set-up to give a closer look at the moon's surface and other astronomical happenings.

For more information about the St. Charles County Parks and Recreation Department's event, visit the ASEM online at asemonline.org/.

-end-

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. 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.



NEWS RELEASE

With a population of 395,504, St Charles County is home to large employers including General Motors, Citi, MasterCard Worldwide and Boeing. 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 Government 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.