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**FALL INTO FUN AT BROEMMELSIEK PARK WITH FREE HAYRIDES, CONCERT AND S'MORES SEPT. 20**  
***Then reserve a group hayride Sept. 21 through Nov. 3***



**ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO** – The St. Charles County Parks and Recreation Department is kicking off hayride season with free fall fun! Bring the family out to Broemmelsiek Park in Defiance from 6 to 8:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 20, for free hayrides, live music, s'mores, and an exciting stargazing program.

Beginning at 6 p.m., meet at the Hilltop Group Area to take a short hayride through the scenic 500-acre park and listen to the soulful sounds of St. Louis native Big Mike Aguirre under the big pavilion. While the band is playing, guests can huddle around the grand fire pit to make yummy s'mores and roast marshmallows while supplies last. The fun doesn't stop there! If the sky is clear when the sun goes down and the stars come up, guests can head over to the Astronomy Viewing Area in the park. Members of the Astronomical Society of Eastern Missouri (ASEM) will have several telescopes for guests to view stars and constellations in the sky during the Friday Night Public Stargazing program.

**What's up Next on the Agenda? Old-Fashioned Group Hayrides Start the Following Day!**

Hayride season officially begins at Broemmelsiek Park on Saturday, Sept. 21 and lasts through Sunday, Nov. 3. During that time, 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 their own treats. 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.

Broemmelsiek Park is conveniently located at 1795 Highway DD, just 4 miles from I-64 and the Windhaven/DD exit. Registration is not required for the free event on Sept. 20. Pre-registration is required to book a group hayride during our regular hayride season. For more information, 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 was created in 1997 after voters approved a local use tax with the sole purpose of park land acquisition, development, operations and maintenance. The department's mission is to preserve natural and historic features in areas throughout the county for the use of future generations. Today, the department operates 15 parks and consists of 3,643 acres of acquired park land. From historic homesteads to a youth skate park; from camping, hiking, biking, and fishing to weddings and educational classrooms, there's something for everyone in St. Charles County Parks.

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