

Talk of the Town

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Spring 2021

Step back in time on the Farragut History Walk

Spring is the perfect time to enjoy Farragut's unique history as you stroll through the heart of town! Pick up a Farragut History Walk map from the brochure holder on the heritage trail sign located at the turnaround at Founders Park at Campbell Station and learn more about the town's interesting past.



The walk includes four educational sites: a heritage trail with interpretive signage at Founders Park, the Campbell Station Inn and Mayor Ralph McGill

Plaza, the Farragut Museum/Admiral Farragut Plaza and Pleasant Forest Cemetery. (While planning your outing, keep in mind that the Farragut Museum is currently open 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday through Thursday.)

Parking is available at Founders Park, the Farragut Community Center or Farragut Town Hall to enjoy the Farragut History Walk. A PDF version of the map is available at visitfarragut.org/plan-a-visit-farragut.

Celebrate spring at the inaugural May Day Picnic!

While we were sad to cancel the 2021 Shamrock Ball due to Covid-19, we are just as excited to offer an alternative outdoor event! The May Day Picnic will be held Saturday, May 1, from 6-8 p.m. at Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza (the grounds of the newly-renovated Campbell Station Inn).

Tickets will go on sale in April with more details to come.

The Campbell Station Inn is located at 11409 Kingston Pike; parking is available at the Farragut Community Center, 239 Jamestowne Blvd. **The May Day Picnic is weather-depend-**



dent, check Farragut Parks & Recreation's social media (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram) for updates.

It's almost time to Splash Around at McFee Park



It's almost time to break out the swimsuits for a splashing good time! The McFee Park splash pad opens Saturday, April 24. Hours are 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Please check the Farragut Parks & Rec social media sites (Facebook, Instagram and Twitter) for splash pad status before planning your trip. There will be scheduled maintenance closures from 2-3 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, and possible closures from 2-3 p.m. on other days.

Due to McFee Park construction, parking near

the pavilions and splash pad is limited, but the lower lot near the park entrance offers ample parking. For safety reasons, please park only in designated spaces.

Pavilion rentals at McFee Park do not include rental of the splash pad. The splash pad is always open to the public during operating hours.

For more information about Farragut's parks and amenities, visit farragutparksandrec.org/parks-greenways.

From the Desk of the Mayor...

Spring is almost here, and just as the flowers are coming up, so does our hope now that many of our neighbors have been vaccinated. A year ago, we had no idea what the future would hold. Now we can imagine a time when it will be safe to resume most activities, and we'll never take those things for granted again.

With that in mind, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen has begun one of our most important tasks—planning next year's budget. This is when we look at all the things we need and want for Farragut and decide which of them will be funded this year and what we will save for in the coming years. Obviously, these are important decisions, and if you want to stay informed, I recommend that you watch upcoming budget workshops. Gov. Bill Lee has extended virtual meetings through April, but you can watch them on townoffarragut.org (click "Live Stream" on the top left of the homepage) or on the Town of Farragut YouTube channel. A tentative schedule of budget meetings is listed in this edition of "Talk of the Town." Check agendas the week of each meeting to confirm the workshop topic.

If it doesn't excite you to think about budgets, you may be excited that the McFee Park Splash Pad will open soon! It was hard on all of us for the Splash Pad to be closed last year, so we're happy that the water is tentatively scheduled to be turned on Saturday, April 24. As always, remember that the Splash Pad is a mechanical system that sometimes requires maintenance, so check Farragut Parks & Rec social media for updates about closures.

Even though we have reason to be optimistic, we need to continue to be vigilant about wearing masks and social distancing until everyone has received a vaccine. A vaccine is the best way to avoid the risk of getting dangerously sick from COVID-19, so I hope everyone will get a shot as soon as they are allowed. If you are unsure about vaccination, please talk to your doctor. Let's all be as safe as we can be as soon as possible.

Mayor Ron Williams



Get ready for outdoor fun at Farragut's youth fishing rodeo

On Saturday, May 15, kids ages 12 and under are invited to the 37th annual Bob Watt Youth Fishing Rodeo at Anchor Park for a morning of fishing and competing for prizes. This event is free and open to the public. Pre-registration is required for two sessions of fishing from 8-9 a.m. and 10-11 a.m.

The Town is still accepting community donations for the event, including youth and adult spincast (push button) rod and reel combos in good working condition, line, hooks, bobbers and sinkers. Farragut businesses are also encouraged to donate items to be used as prizes for participants.

The Town of Farragut will provide worms for bait, and a limited number of fishing poles will be available for use during



the event. Poles will be distributed on a first come, first served basis; participants are encouraged to bring their own poles. Participants may also bring their own bait.

Anchor Park is located at

11730 Turkey Creek Road. The fishing rodeo will be held rain or shine; however, in the case of severe inclement weather, check Farragut Parks & Recreation's social media (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram) for updates.

New Admiral Farragut exhibit at Farragut Museum

The Farragut Museum already houses one of the country's largest permanent collections of Admiral David Glasgow Farragut artifacts, and a new temporary exhibition showcases even more of the Museum's extensive collection.

The Admiral Farragut exhibit in the Bill Dunlap Gallery includes documents and prints that are too fragile for permanent display. Such items include a photo album presented to Farragut by the officers of the U.S.S. Hartford after the Battle of Mobile Bay and a postcard featuring a rare family photo of Farragut with his wife and son.

The Museum's reduced hours due to COVID-19 are 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The Frances L. Abel Gift Shop, which recently reopened, features a variety of unique items, including local and Civil War history books, crafts, toys and "The History of Concord & Farragut," a documentary commissioned by the Farragut Museum committee.

The Museum is located inside Farragut Town Hall at 11408 Municipal Center Drive. For more information or to schedule a group tour, contact Julia Barham at 865-218-3377 or museum@townoffarragut.org.

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Social Media

Facebook: Town of Farragut, Visit Farragut, Farragut Stormwater Matters
Instagram: town_of_farragut, visitfarragut
Twitter: townoffarragut, ToFFieldUpdate (athletics/field information),
ToFVolleyball (volleyball league)
YouTube: Town of Farragut, Visit Farragut

Farragut Town Hall

Open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday
11408 Municipal Center Drive, Farragut, TN 37934
General email: towninfo@townoffarragut.org
Website: townoffarragut.org
Town of Farragut TV: Charter channel 193 and TDS channel 3

Farragut Community Center

Open 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday
239 Jamestowne Blvd., Farragut, TN 37934
Website: farragutparksandrec.org

Anchor Park: 11730 Turkey Creek Road
Founders Park: 405 N. Campbell Station Road
Mayor Bob Leonard Park:
Main Entrance: 301 Watt Road, Farragut; West Entrance: 700 Harrison Lane, Loudon
McFee Park: 917 McFee Road

It is the policy of the Town of Farragut not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex, or disability pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Public Law 93-112 and 101-336 in its hiring, employment practices and programs. To request accommodations due to disabilities, please call 865-966-7057 in advance of the meeting.

Inaugural Farragut Bridal Fair at the Farragut Community Center

Planning that picture-perfect wedding? Attend the inaugural Farragut Bridal Fair, hosted by Shop Farragut, from 1-5 p.m. on Sunday, April 18, at the Farragut Community Center. This is your one-stop shop for making your wedding dreams come true!

This event is free and open to the public. Future brides and grooms can check out gowns and tuxes, sample food from caterers, plan the reception, find the right music and discover the perfect accessories from an array of vendors.

Grab your bridal planning crew and finalize plans for your perfect day at the Farragut Bridal Fair. For a list of vendors and more info, see farragutbusiness.com/bridalfair2021.



Enjoy Dogwood Trail and Wildflower Walks during 2021 Dogwood Arts

The Town of Farragut, in conjunction with Dogwood Arts, will host two 45-minute wildflower walks at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Saturday April 3, at Founders Park at Campbell Station. The max number of participants per walk is 15 people. These will be led by Jeremy Clothier, a naturalist at Ijams Nature Center. The walk is free, but preregistration is required. Sign up at townoffarragut.org/register.



Be sure to explore the natural beauty of the Farragut Trail, which was established in 2000. It is one of 12 Dogwood Trails that feature over 80 miles of glorious blooms in the Knoxville area. Open from April 1 to April 30, the 7.9-mile-long Farragut Trail showcases homes throughout Fox Den, Country Manor and Village Green subdivisions. Residents and those in surrounding communities are invited to follow the iconic pink arrows that mark the trail with a walk, bicycle ride or drive. Complete trail information is available at dogwoodarts.com/trails.

Town of Farragut committee applications for members and youth reps

Applications for Town of Farragut adult and youth representatives to serve on volunteer committees will be accepted starting Thursday, April 1.

Serving on a volunteer advisory committee, council or board is a great way to share your time, talents and enthusiasm with the Farragut community. Please note - these are working committees, and applicants should be willing to give time to monthly meetings and committee projects and/or events. Some committees require a background in a professional area.

There are openings on the following boards and committees: Arts & Beautification Committee, Farragut Museum Committee, Farragut Education Relations Committee, Farragut Tourism/Visitor Advisory Committee, Board of Zoning Appeals, Board of Plumbing & Gas/Mechanical Examiners, Parks & Athletics Council, Stormwater Advisory Committee and Visual Resources Review Board. Applications are available at townoffarragut.org/committees or at Town Hall. For more information, call the Administration Department at 865-966-7057.

Civic-minded high school juniors or seniors who live in the Farragut area are encouraged to apply to be a youth representative. Selected candidates are expected to take part in all discussions and interact with fellow committee members, but due to legal constraints, the youth member will not have a formal vote. For information about available opportunities and an online application, visit townoffarragut.org/youth.

The application deadline for youth and adults is 4 p.m. Friday, May 14.

Public invited to participate in FY2022 budget process

The Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BMA) is currently working to establish needs and priorities for the FY2022 budget. The following is a schedule of upcoming BMA meetings and workshops to discuss the proposed budget:

Thursday, March 25 – CIP Workshop
Thursday April 8 – Equipment Fund, CIP, Other Funds – Workshop
Thursday, April 22 – Program Changes
Friday, April 30 – Draft Budget to BMA
Thursday, May 27 – First reading of Budget Ordinance & Fee Schedule
Thursday, June 10 – Second and final reading of Budget Ordinance

While budget workshops are for the benefit of board members, citizens are welcome and encouraged to watch these or any public BMA meetings and workshops online (townoffarragut.org/virtualmeetings or on the Town's YouTube channel) and on cable (Charter channel 193 and TDS channel 3). Residents who wish to offer feedback regarding the budget process should contact a board representative.

Ward I (representing those north of Kingston Pike): Louise Povlin (lpovlin@townoffarragut.org) and Scott Meyer (smeyer@townoffarragut.org)

Ward II (representing those south of Kingston Pike): Ron Pinchok (rpinchok@townoffarragut.org) and Drew Burnette (dburnette@townoffarragut.org)

Meetings are held virtually at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. Workshops are before meetings; check the BMA agenda at townoffarragut.org/agendas for start time. Gov. Lee's executive orders regarding public meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic currently allow virtual meetings through April 28.

Independence Day Parade registration available April 1

The Town of Farragut's 33rd annual Independence Day Parade will start at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 3, on Kingston Pike between Farragut High School and Boring Road. The parade will be held on Saturday, July 3, instead of the usual July 4 date.



Registration forms for the parade will be available beginning Thursday, April 1, at townoffarragut.org/register (a free account is required to register) or at the Farragut Community Center, 239 Jamestowne Blvd., during business hours (8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday). All 2020 parade registrants will be notified about the online registration via email.

Due to the overwhelming popularity of this parade, entries will be limited to the first 95 registrants. **Absolutely no registrations will be taken after Wednesday, June 16, and only to this date if spaces are available.** All entries will receive a confirmation email once the online registration is processed.

Parade lineup will be based on the date the registration form was received (per category). If you would like an early position in the parade lineup, turn your form in quickly! Parade lineup numbers will be available on the Town's website and posted at the community center at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, June 30. No parade lineup numbers will be given over the phone.

If you would like to add your name (or group name) to the email list, contact Arleen Higginbotham at 865-218-3375 or ParksandRecInfo@townoffarragut.org.

Independence Day parade road closures on Kingston Pike

Due to the Independence Day Parade, Kingston Pike from Concord Road to Boring Road will be closed from 8:30 a.m. to approximately noon on Saturday, July 3. Detours are: north side - Campbell Station Road to Grigsby Chapel Road to Smith Road to Kingston Pike (going west) or Campbell Station Road to Parkside Drive to Lovell Road (going east) and south side - Concord Road to Turkey Creek Road to Virtue Road to Kingston Pike.

SPRING EVENTS

• Unless otherwise noted, register for classes and special events at townoffarragut.org/register, in person at the Farragut Community Center (239 Jamestowne Blvd.) or by phone (218-3376). **All classes held at the community center require a free membership. Farragut residency is NOT required for membership. Please stop by the community center during regular hours or arrive early for class to register!**

• Payment is due at the time of registration. Credit card payments (Visa, Mastercard and Discover) – whether online, in person or by phone – will incur a 2% transaction fee. Cash and check payments are also accepted.

• The Town of Farragut is not responsible for costs associated with the purchase of supplies when a class is canceled.

• All events are held at the Farragut Community Center unless otherwise noted and all league sports are held at Mayor Bob Leonard Park unless otherwise noted.

• Some events may be canceled or postponed in the event of inclement weather. Please see Farragut Parks & Rec social media (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram) for updated information.

• Punch cards for community center gym programs may be purchased at the recreation office. Twenty visits are just \$30, and punch cards may be shared by family or friends.

• **No refunds are given for programs and classes.**

FITNESS

Knoxville Youth Athletics Summer Track and Field Program

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 6:30-8 p.m. from June 1-June 26 at Farragut, CAK, Hardin Valley and Bearden sites. Cost: \$45 per participant (discounts available for multiple children). Cost includes four weeks of practice, four Saturday meets and a program T-shirt. Open to youth ages 5-18 who are interested in track and field, running and athletics. The program exposes kids to the fundamentals of track and field with an emphasis on fun and fitness. Meets are 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturdays. Visit knoxville-youthathletics.org or call 865-414-3724 for more information and to register. Co-sponsored by the Town of Farragut.

Knoxville Youth Athletics Summer Cross Country Program

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, June 14-July 30 (middle and high school) and July 12-30 (grades 3-5), 7:30-9 a.m. in the Founders Park at Campbell Station parking lot. Cost: \$125 (middle and high school) or \$75 (grades 3-5). The Summer Cross Country Program offers kids in grades 3-12 the opportunity to lay a solid foundation of summer training for the upcoming fall cross country season. Visit knoxville-youthathletics.org or call 865-643-2840 for more information and to register. Co-sponsored by the Town of Farragut.

CLASSES & PROGRAMS

Pick Your Own Open Gym

Days and times of Open Gym are subject to change. Please call the Parks & Rec office at 218-3376 to schedule an open gym time.

Mondays from 8 a.m.-8 p.m., Tuesdays from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and Thursdays from

10 a.m.-8 p.m. in the community center gym. Cost: \$2 per person for a half court. There can be no more than six people per half court in your family or associated group. When reserving your spot, please choose one of the following: basketball, pickleball, kickball, dodgeball or lap walking. Please bring your own basketball. You must call at least one hour before the start time to reserve a spot (218-3376). You can pay over the phone or at the front desk when you arrive. If you are not able to attend the session, please call to cancel at least 15 minutes before the session starts. After two no-show registrations, you will no longer be able to register.

Family Yoga

Mondays from 5-5:30 p.m. in the community center. Cost: free. Registration deadline: 5 p.m. on the Friday before the session. Instructor: Jenny Trussell, registered Children's Yoga Teacher. Get the entire crew moving with a delightful family yoga class! This 30-minute class, perfect for all ages, will get you and your family moving with love and laughter. This class will introduce basic yoga poses, breathwork and stretches, along with stress-reduction techniques. Adults and older children will enjoy the gentle fitness routine, while younger children often watch and/or mimic the moves, learning through play and imagery. Even babies in infant carriers are often fascinated by watching the class activity while their parents enjoy some self-care time. The instructor will gladly work with each family to customize a routine that can be enjoyed outside class. Bring a mat for each participant, a willingness to move, and a big smile! Register all participants of this class individually. Social distancing measures will be in place; class size is limited to 20 participants.

Total Fitness Classes

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30-9:30 a.m. in the community center. Cost: \$4 per session. Pre-registration required; spaces are limited. Class is limited to 20 participants to ensure social distancing. Join Rachel Piotrowski, certified group exercise instructor and personal trainer, for a total body fitness class! This class is tailored to individuals of all fitness levels and focuses on functional exercises to improve overall strength and balance. A variety of body weight and hand weight exercises will be utilized to build upper and lower body strength, improve balance and strengthen the core. Low impact aerobic conditioning and stretching are also incorporated.

Please bring hand weights or other weighted objects for your workout. If you do not have any, just bring yourself! Don't forget water and a mat.

Arts and Crafts for Littles

Wednesdays from 11-11:45 a.m. in the community center large classroom. Cost: \$7 per child/guardian pair. Instructor: Natalie Gwin and son Wilder. Join us every week for a fun arts and crafts class for littles! Geared for children age 3-5, each class will feature a different spring-themed craft with a focus on numbers, letters, shapes and colors. Fun for both kids and adults! All materials provided by the instructor. Please register parents/guardians and children individually as there is a 12-person limit per class.

Is "Stinking Thinking" Monopolizing Your Day?

Tuesdays, April 6-27, 10-11:30 a.m. in the community center large classroom. Cost: free. Registration deadline:

Monday, April 5. Instructor: Ina Painter, author of "Finding Hope" and holder of B.S. and M.S. degrees in psychology and counseling. Attend this four-part workshop for a discussion of "stinking thinking" that one often carries for years without realizing it. Identifying painful problems, forgiving and letting go, avoiding the pit of self-pity, accepting criticism, recognizing the power to change and more steps to promote healing reset and personal happiness will be discussed.

Beginning Running for Women Over 50

Wednesdays, April 7-May 12, 6:30-8 p.m. at the community center. Cost: free. Join this six-week series designed to help women over 50 who have some or no experience running to increase their fitness in a supportive group. Each week starts with a 30-minute speaker followed by a 3-mile workout, with the goal of running 3 miles by the end of the program. Check with your physician before starting an exercise program. The running route is from the community center to Founders Park at Campbell Station. Please wear running shoes and attire and bring your own water.

Relax and Breathe

Wednesdays, April 7-May 12 from 7-7:45 p.m. Cost: free. Instructor: Jenny Trussell, 500-hour registered yoga teacher. Join Jenny for a free six-week "Relax and Breathe" series. This restful 45-minute class will introduce breathwork, meditation, and gentle stretches for adults. No prior experience is necessary and this class is perfect for all skill levels. Bring a mat and water and join us for a restful midweek break! All attendees will receive a free pass to Blue Ridge Yoga.

Essential Oils: Spring Cleaning

Tuesday, April 13, 6-7:30 p.m. in the community center large classroom. Cost: free. Instructor: Kristi Hulsey of Tennessee Thyme. Join us this month as we walk through the what, why and how of creating a clean home the green way.

Bring Your Own Lunch and Learn: Healthy Aging

Monday, April 19, 12:30-2 p.m. in the community center Assembly Hall. Cost: free. Instructor: Melanie Cahill of Care Around the Block. Ever wonder what you can do to make your brain more resistant to cognitive decline? Is your forgetfulness normal? Learn some research-backed tips on ways to keep mentally fit as you age, as well as tips for wellness during Covid-19. Please bring a lunch.

Stop the Bleed Training and Certification

Thursday, April 22, 2-3:30 p.m. in the community center large classroom. Cost: free. Registration deadline: Monday, April 19. Instructor: Debi Tuggle and staff from UT Medical Center.

TWRA Boating Safety Education

Saturdays from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the community center; April 24, May 22 and June 19. Pre-registration required at tn.gov/twra. Due to social distancing, no walk-ins are allowed; pre-registration required. Any Tennessee resident born after Jan. 1, 1989, must show the TWRA-issued wallet Boating Safety Education Certificate as proof of successful completion of the TWRA Boating Safety exam. No other certificate will be accepted as meeting the re-

quirements of the law. Please bring Type 600 boating safety exam permit, a writing utensil and something to write on to class. The permit is available from any business (license agent) that sells hunting and fishing licenses (Walmart, sporting goods stores, bait stores, marinas, etc.). For more information: tn.gov/twra.

Making Medicare Easier

Monday, May 10, from 6-7 p.m. in the community center Assembly Hall. Registration deadline: Friday, May 7. Cost: free. Instructor: Bruce Landis of Providence Advisors Group. Learn about enrollment periods, overview of parts A, B, C and D and supplements.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, May 11, from 12-5 p.m. in the community center Assembly Hall. To schedule an appointment, log on to redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code "Farragut21".

Essential Oils: Balancing Difficulties and Emotions

Monday, May 10, 6-7:30 p.m. in the community center large classroom. Cost: free. Instructor: Kristi Hulsey of Tennessee Thyme. Having a rough day? A hard season? A difficult year? You're not alone. Come learn some new and natural ways to help with difficulties and emotions when you need a boost.

Make & Take: Wall Hanging Basket

Tuesday, May 18, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. in the community center large classroom. Registration deadline: Friday, May 14. Cost: \$50. Instructor: Sheri Burns of the Appalachian Arts & Crafts Center and Pellissippi State Community College. This class features a wall hanging basket with a row of hooks on the bottom to hang keys or other objects with multiple embellishment and color options. This class is appropriate for all skill levels. All tools and supplies provided by the instructor.

Pilates/Yoga Fusion

Six-week session: Tuesdays, May 18 through June 22, from 6-7 p.m. in the community center. Registration deadline: Friday, May 14. Cost: \$60. Join 200-hour registered yoga teacher Simon Bradbury for Pilates/Yoga Fusion! This class combines yoga poses with Pilates mat exercises that build core strength, enhance flexibility and balance in a low-impact approach to mind-body fitness. Think of it as taking a scheduled one-hour vacation, just for you, while enhancing your body and mind. You will finish class feeling relaxed, refreshed and energized. Limited to 15 people to ensure social distancing. Please bring your own mat and water.

Making Social Security Easier

Monday, May 24, from 6-7 p.m. in the community center Assembly Hall. Registration deadline: Friday, May 21. Cost: free. Instructor: Garrett Crawford of Providence Advisors Group. Confused about your Social Security filing options? Attend this class and learn how spousal benefits work, how Social Security is taxed and the implications of working while receiving Social Security.

Attitudes of Gratitude

Tuesday, June 15, 6-7:30 p.m. in the community center large classroom. Cost: free. Instructor: Kristi Hulsey of Tennessee Thyme. "Gratitude is the healthiest of all human emo-

tions" – Zig Ziglar. Ever need an emotional boost in the midst of a hard day? Let's get together and discover ways to improve your attitude and gratitude during trying times. This class includes a free giveaway.

Kids' Summer Watercolor Workshop

Thursdays, June 10-24 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. in the community center large classroom. Cost: \$45 for one student and \$37.50 for each additional student. Registration deadline: Thursday, June 3. This class will teach fundamentals to help students gain confidence and skill with watercolors. If this is your first session, this three-week session will start with an overview of basic techniques and brush strokes, moving into paint fun and easy watercolor projects. If this is not your first session, you will progress to practicing, having fun and completing easy watercolor projects. This class is geared for children and teens age 8-13. All materials are provided by the instructor.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Farragut Dogwood Trail

Open April 1-30, the 7.9-mile-long Farragut Trail is part of more than 80 miles of trails in the Knoxville area. See Dogwood Arts article on page 2 for more information.

Dogwood Arts Wildflower Walk

Two sessions: Saturday, April 3 at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. at Founders Park at Campbell Station. See Dogwood Arts article on page 2 for more information.

Shop Farragut Bridal Fair

Sunday, April 18 from 1-5 p.m. at the Farragut Community Center. See article on page 2 for more information.

May Day Picnic

Saturday, May 1 from 6-8 p.m. at the Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza. See article on page 1 for more information.

37th Annual Bob Watt Youth Fishing Rodeo

Saturday, May 15. Two sessions of fishing: 8-9 a.m. and 10-11 a.m. Cost: free. Ages 12 and under are invited to Anchor Park for a morning of fishing and competing for prizes in various categories. Pre-registration required. See article on page 1 for more information.

Juried Two-Dimensional Art Show

Saturday and Sunday, June 26-27 at the Farragut Community Center. Sponsored by the Arts & Beautification Committee. Check farragutparksandrec.org after April 15 for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

33rd Annual Independence Day Parade

Saturday, July 3, 9:30 a.m. See article on page 2 for more information.

Farragut Parks & Rec Home Run Derby

Monday, July 19, at Mayor Bob Leonard Park. Women's Division begins at 6:30 p.m. and Men's Division begins at 8 p.m.

Dog Daze

A Shop Farragut (Farragut Business Alliance) event. Aug. 13-15 at Village Green Shopping Center.

Fun with Farragut's Fleet

Saturday, Aug. 14, 9-11 a.m. at Mayor Bob Leonard Park.



Sand volleyball league information

For more information and to register for adult athletic leagues, please call the parks & rec office at 218-3376, register online at farragutparksandrec.org/volleyball or visit the Parks & Recreation office located at the Farragut Community Center.

Registration for summer sand volleyball leagues begins Monday, April 12, with an absolute deadline of Thursday, June 24. The volleyball leagues are co-ed; cost is \$165 per team. Payment and team roster must be received at time of registration. Summer session will consist of seven regular season matches plus a post-season double elimination tournament for all levels of play. All leagues are played at Mayor Bob Leonard Park on Watt Road. Please review league rules prior to registering for leagues.

- **Intermediate League (six players)** – This league is for players who are developing their competitive game, have indoor experience and are making strides toward their beach game, such as ex-high school players.

- o Thursday evenings beginning July 8. Each team must play with at least two women on the court at all times.

- **Recreational Leagues (six players)**

- o Monday evenings beginning July 12. Each team must play with at least two women on the court at all times.

Asking is best way to find out if your project requires a permit

If you're planning a home renovation this spring and don't know if your updates will require a permit, the best way to find out is to ask, says Town of Farragut Building Official Karl Swierzko.

A reputable, licensed contractor should handle all permitting before beginning a job, he says, but homeowners tackling DIY projects are encouraged to call the Codes Department (865-675-2384) to find out what permits they need and for help with navigating the online process. The staff are more than willing to answer questions.

A document on the Town's website (townoffarragut.org/permitinfo) provides general info about what requires a permit and what doesn't. Some projects, like replacing a water heater or air conditioner, clearly require a permit. Others, like a deck repair, are more nebulous. For example, replacing a few boards doesn't require a permit.

But if handrails have to be taken down to replace those boards, a permit is required for the handrails to be replaced because they might not meet current safety codes.

"We just want to protect homeowners. That's what this is all about," Swierzko says.

Common projects that don't require a permit include interior improvements like paint, tile, carpet, cabinets or countertops, fences not over 7 feet tall, retaining walls not over 4 feet tall, and playground equipment. The most common projects that require a permit are deck repairs and replacement, and the replacement of water heaters and air conditioners.

Permit fees vary and are based on the valuation of the construction. But those who are inclined to skip getting necessary permits will pay a price when the time comes to sell the home. If an inspection reveals unpermitted work, the bank may refuse to finance the sale.



Farragut codes officials are obligated to investigate work they see being done without a permit, and they will stop the work until permits are in place. Such delays can be frus-

Help keep Farragut clean

Volunteers from businesses, civic clubs, churches, neighborhood associations, Scouts, school groups, families and other organizations are invited to join the effort to help keep Farragut clean. Look over the list below and find a part of the environment you are passionate about maintaining! For more information on these programs, visit farragutparksandrec.org/volunteer-opportunities or call 865-218-3376.

Adopt A Mile Program - Volunteers adopt approximately one mile of Farragut road and agree to clean the road at least once a quarter for a two-year period. Participants must be at least 11 years of age, sign a liability release form (parents must sign for minor children) and be trained in the safety rules by the group coordinator before the first scheduled pickup. The Town will post two signs identifying the group that has adopted that mile and provide all safety equipment and supplies for the cleanup.

Adopt A Greenway Program - The Adopt A Greenway Program is a wonderful way for volunteers with younger children to be part of a community cleanup effort. Sections of the Town's four main greenways are available to adopt, and a group, individual or family agrees to clean a section of the greenway at least once a quarter for a two-year period. The Town will pro-

vide all the necessary supplies and identify the adopting group with one sign located on that section of the greenway.

Adopt-A-Stream Program - Annual responsibilities for adopting groups include conducting a stream walk, three stream watches, a pipe and drainage ditch inventory (if applicable) and two stream clean-ups. The group coordinator will attend a simple and brief training to learn Adopt-A-Stream protocols and then coordinate their implementation. The Town will provide supplies, signage, technical guidance and maintenance of documentation of the group's efforts. This program operates under the auspices of the Water Quality Forum, a consortium of agencies, organizations, schools, businesses and citizens working to protect and restore our regional waterways.

Outdoor Classroom - The outdoor classroom and water quality demonstration space is located at N. Campbell Station Road and the entrance to Farragut High School. The outdoor classroom is meant to provide diverse, hands-on learning opportunities and is open to individuals or community groups interested in implementing service-learning projects. Examples of completed or upcoming projects include ADA accessible planters and tables, rain garden installation and seasonal grass demonstrations.

Enjoy Farragut parks with your pup, but be responsible

Exploring Farragut parks and greenways with your four-legged best friend is great exercise for you and your pooch, but please be kind to other humans by cleaning up after Fido. It is the right thing to do, and it is part of the Town's municipal code.

By keeping our parks and greenways clean, you help everyone to enjoy them without any unpleasant surprises. All Farragut parks and greenways have pet stations with pet waste bags and most stations have trash cans. Please pick up pet waste and dispose of it in a sanitary manner.

Remember, no dogs are allowed on athletic fields or on the McFee Park splash pad. Pets must be on a leash whenever



they are off the property of the owner.

Currently, the closest dog park is at Concord Park, a Knox County property located at

10909 Northshore Drive. It offers water fountains for pets, a dock with access to the river and walking trails.

Field use requests for fall and winter 2021

Allocation packets for athletic organizations requesting field use at Anchor, Mayor Bob Leonard or McFee parks for fall 2021 will be available Thursday, April 1, on the Parks & Recreation website (farragutparksandrec.org) or at the Farragut Community Center. This includes requests for practices, games and tournaments on natural turf fields from Aug. 2 to Oct. 31, and on the Mayor Bob Leonard Park synthetic turf fields from Nov. 1 to Feb. 28, 2022. Tournaments can be requested through winter 2023. The completed application packet for all requests is due by noon on Friday, May 21, to the Farragut Community Center (not postmarked). Packets can also be emailed to AthleticFieldReservations@townoffarragut.org.

A representative from each group requesting field use for fall 2021 is required to attend the Parks and Athletics Council field allocation meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 8, and encouraged to come early to attend a meeting of all user groups at 6 p.m. For more information or to request a packet by mail, please contact Lauren Cox or Bryson Keith at 218-3376 or AthleticFieldReservations@townoffarragut.org.

trating to the homeowner, but the process ensures that safety standards are met. Permitting adds time and expense to a project, but when that project is your home, it's worth it, says

Swierzko. "Anything you do to your home, obviously, is a big investment, so you want to get it done right for the health and safety of the occupants."