

Talk of the Town

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Summer 2021



McFee Park expansion to open soon

One of the highlights of 2021 will be the opening of the Phase 3 McFee Park expansion. The park, with its splash pad, playground, pavilions and rectangular field, was already a major draw for families. With the addition of manicured open space and several new amenities, McFee is sure to be a favorite destination in Farragut.

The park originated before many of Farragut's current residents arrived. The Town purchased the first 26-acre parcel for McFee Park in 1995, but construction of the first phase didn't begin until 2007. It opened for public use in 2009 with two lighted rectangular fields, a restroom/storage building, a walk trail and a parking lot. That same year, the park expanded with the purchase of 16.9 acres along McFee Road.

In 2010, Phase 2 construction added a playground, two picnic pavilions, additional restrooms, walk trails and parking. Another 9.48 acres of adjacent prop-

erty was purchased that year. In 2011, the town's first splashpad opened. A new larger splashpad opened in June of 2016.

Phase 3 construction is expected to be completed in late summer or early fall. The jewel of the expansion will be the Great Lawn. This large, grassy open space will give kids (and adults) ample room to throw frisbees, turn cartwheels or simply run around. Those who don't care to be active can throw down a blanket and enjoy the sunshine. A lighted walk trail will surround the Great Lawn and link to the park's other trails.

A new large pavilion is destined to be a favorite Farragut venue! This stylish space is large enough to seat 120 under cover, with additional space available on an adjoining patio. For flexibility, there will be no permanent tables and chairs in the Great Pavilion, but they will be available for rent.

Four lighted tennis courts at the park can be converted to eight pickleball courts. The courts can be reserved for a fee, but if there are no reservations, drop-in play is free. A basketball court will be adjacent to the tennis courts.

One thing that's special about McFee Park is its easy walkability from several subdivisions. It is a true neighborhood park, says Farragut Parks & Recreation Director Sue Stuhl.

"It will be a great place for the community to gather. The open space at McFee will be something we don't have at any of our other parks," she says. "We're really excited that the town will have a park of this size."

For updated information about the opening of the Phase 3 expansion, tennis court reservations and rental of the Great Pavilion, visit farragutparksandrec.org and follow Farragut Parks & Rec on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

From the Desk of the Mayor...

Summer is almost here, and I think it's safe to say that it is going to be wonderful! Life is finally starting to return to normal. I encourage everyone who hasn't yet been vaccinated to take this important step. It's something we all need to do to help protect our neighbors who can't be vaccinated. Yes, it's a choice, but I hope we'll consider others when we choose.

I'm very proud that the pandemic didn't stop the good work of the Town of Farragut. Several projects are currently underway, and I'm happy to provide an update.

Work on **Virtue Road** is moving right along. The retaining walls are now complete and the new bridge over Little Turkey Creek is well underway. When this project is completed in spring of 2022, we'll be glad to have a safer roadway with better pedestrian facilities.

The new **sidewalk on Smith Road** will connect the greenway on Everett Road to existing sidewalk on Andover Boulevard, and that portion of Smith will also be improved with curb and gutter. Work began in April and is expected to be completed in the fall.

The **Watt Road pedestrian crossing** project, which began in May, will provide pedestrian connection from Orchid Grove and Sedgefield subdivisions to Mayor Bob Leonard Park and include a new sidewalk, a pedestrian island, and in-pavement crosswalk lights with flashing beacons. The project should be completed in late summer.

The **expansion of McFee Park** is probably the most exciting current project in the town, and it will be ready for the public to enjoy in late summer! Improvements include a Great Lawn and tennis/pickleball courts. See the full list of new amenities in this edition of "Talk of the Town."

A TDOT project at **Watt Road and Kingston Pike** has been under development by the Town for several years. The project, which is expected to start soon, includes reassignment of lanes on Watt Road, new signal equipment, the addition of a southbound right turn lane, tightening of the radius returns at North Watt Road to improve pedestrian crossings, and additional sidewalk along the west side of North Watt Road. Federal funds will cover most of the project. The Town is responsible for approximately 35% of the cost.

All of these improvements make our town safer, more pedestrian-friendly and more fun. I'm proud to serve as mayor during this exciting time. Have a great summer.

Mayor Ron Williams



Big summer events return to Farragut

With the warmth of summer returning, it is time to soak up the sun with Farragut's summer events!

The Town's annual Independence Day Parade is back this year, but with a twist – it will start at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 3. Due to the paving of Lendon Welch Way, this year's parade will start at the Farragut High School junior lot and proceed down West End Drive to West Point Drive to Kingston Pike. The parade continues to Boring Road, just east of Farragut Towne Square Shopping Center (former Ingles store site). Bring the family and reconnect with the Town at this community staple.

The grand marshals in this year's parade will be the four Farragut public school principals: Gina Byrd (Farragut Primary),



Deborah Adorante (Farragut Intermediate), Weston Edmonds (Farragut Middle) and John Bartlett (Farragut High). These administrators are being recognized for exceptional service to their community during the 2020 and 2021 school years. Fleet Feet Sports Knoxville

will host the fifth annual Farragut Freedom Run 1 Mile & 2 Mile prior to the start of the parade. This flat and fast course is USATF certified and perfect for all levels. Register at runsignup.com/farragutfreedomrun.

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Farragut Art Show is June 26-27 at community center

Enjoy the creativity of the community at the Town of Farragut's inaugural two-dimensional art show! This event, sponsored by the Farragut Arts and Beautification Committee, is 1-4 p.m. Saturday, June 26, and 1-3 p.m. Sunday, June 27, at the Farragut Community Center (239 Jamestowne Blvd.). Admission is free!

The categories are printing, painting (oil, acryl-

ic, watercolor), drawing (pencil, ink, charcoal, pastel, chalk, etc.), mixed media, and junior (17 and under), and cash prizes will be awarded in each. Come out to the community center to enjoy the local art scene!

For more information, contact Brittany Spencer at bspencer@townoffarragut.org or 865-218-3376.

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

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Visit Farragut wins Award of Excellence for dining guide

Visit Farragut has won a 2020 Award of Excellence from the Middle East Tennessee Tourism Council (METTC) for a dining guide brochure that was created during the COVID-19 pandemic. It was part of the “Doors are Opening” marketing campaign that the tourism department implemented at the request of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen to address the needs of local businesses and restaurants.

Visit Farragut received the Pivot Award for the dining guide, which provides information about services offered by local restaurants, like take-out, delivery services or outdoor seating. You can pick one up at local hotels, Town Hall and the Farragut Community Center. Download a digital version at VisitFarragut.org.

Like many other tourism organizations, Visit Farragut’s objective in 2020 was helping businesses stay afloat rather than encouraging travel.

“Visit Farragut changed its focus to supporting our local businesses, restaurants, hotels and citizens during the pandemic. The dining guide is now a valuable resource to support our local economy and beyond,” says Tourism Coordinator Karen Tindal.

The Talk of the Town is a quarterly publication produced by the Town of Farragut Parks & Recreation Department. For more information about this publication, please contact Wendy Smith at 218-3371 or wsmith@townoffarragut.org.



Shop Farragut brings two days of music and a weekend of dock-diving to town

MusicFest is back this year, bigger and better than ever! This two-day music and shopping extravaganza is Friday, July 9, and Saturday, July 10, at West End Shopping Center. Performances start at 6 p.m. on Friday and at 2 p.m. on Saturday.

The event will feature 10 area bands, including groups featuring Farragut High School students on Friday night and local blues acts on Saturday. As always, this Shop Farragut and Town of Farragut event is free. Enjoy live music under the large festival tent while partaking of food truck offerings and adult beverages from Water Into Wine and Admiral Pub. (Proper ID is required.)

West End merchants and other vendors will be outside to showcase products and services during the event. Special discounts, attractions and giveaways

will also be part of the fun. To see the full schedule, visit farragutbusiness.com/musicfestatwestend.

Dog Daze V is at Village Green Shopping Center again this summer! Shop Farragut and the Town of Farragut are teaming up with Smoky Mountain Dock Dogs for a nationally-sanctioned regional canine aquatics event Friday, Aug. 13, through Sunday, Aug. 15. Festivities start Friday afternoon with local dogs taking a “Pooch Plunge,” and the serious competition jumping begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday.

Throughout the event, spectators can shop the Village Green Shopping Center, visit on-site merchant booths, and get food and drink at the festival tent. For more information, see farragutbusiness.com/dogdaze.

Get acquainted with the Town through Introduction to Farragut

Introduction to Farragut is a unique way to connect participants with the Town, providing information on its history, government structure and operations, public safety, education and volunteer opportunities, and is open to anyone interested in learning more about Farragut. Residency is not required and applications will be accepted for the 2021 Introduction to Farragut program beginning Monday, June 14.

The program begins with a reception and program kickoff at Farragut Town Hall at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 18. The class dates are the following Wednesdays: Sept. 1, 15 and 29, Oct. 20 and 27. Classes begin at 6 p.m. at Town Hall and will last approximately two hours depending on class participation and questions. After completing the requirements, there will be a graduation ceremony at 6 p.m. on Nov. 3, and all participants are invited to attend.

In addition to these dates, the class will have the opportunity to tour Farragut with Town Administrator David

Smoak from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 26.

Program requirements include attending the kickoff reception, at least four of the five classes, one Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting (second and fourth Thursdays of each month), one Municipal Planning Commission meeting (third Thursday of each month) and participating in a class project by completing volunteer hours with a nonprofit of the Town’s choosing.

Up to 20 participants will be selected; accepted applicants will be notified within 10 days of the application deadline, which is 4 p.m. Friday, July 30. Register at townoffarragut.org/introtofarragut, in person at Town Hall or by email to Jennifer Hatmaker at jhatmaker@townoffarragut.org. Farragut Town Hall is located at 11408 Municipal Center Drive across from the Farragut Branch Post Office. For general application information, email Jennifer or call 865-966-7057.



Award-winning Lawn Chair Concert Series returns this summer

Dust off those lawn chairs and get ready for the return of the Lawn Chair Concert series this summer in Founders Park!

The stage will be set for the first concert on Aug. 21 after more than a year, with two more concerts planned for Sept. 18 and Oct. 2. These free, family-friendly evenings feature kids’ crafts and food trucks, as well as live music. Vendors open at 5 p.m. and music starts at 5:30 p.m. Sponsorships are still available and are a great way to show community support for the performing arts. For more information, visit facebook.com/lawnchairconcertseries or contact Shandy at mamajam34@gmail.com.

SUMMER 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 (865-218-3376). **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 Cross Country Program

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 knoxvilleyouthathletics.org or call 865-643-2840 for more information and to register. Co-sponsored by the Town of Farragut.

Pick Your Own Open Gym

Mondays from 12-5 and 6-8 p.m., Tuesdays from 4-5 p.m., Wednesdays from 12-5 p.m., and Thursdays from 4-8 p.m. in the community center gym. Cost: \$2 per person per hour for a half court. When reserving your spot, please choose one of the following: basketball, pickleball, kickball, dodgeball, badminton or lap walking. You must call at least one hour before the start time to reserve a spot (865-218-3376). 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.

Toddler Takeover

Tuesdays from 10-11 a.m. in the community center gym. Cost: \$2 per child; adults are free. Participating children must be walking to 5 years old. Join us for this parent-supervised indoor playtime and let your child explore our bright, colorful, age-appropriate equipment!

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.

Total Fitness Classes

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30-9:30 a.m. in the community center gym. Cost: \$4 per session. Pre-registration required; spaces

are limited. 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.

Sunrise Stretch

Fridays, starting July 16, from 8:15-9:15 a.m. in the community center. Cost: Free. Pre-registration required. Start your day right with a sunrise yoga class this summer! This 60-minute class is the perfect way to start the day for beginning to advanced yogis with Registered Yoga Teacher Jenny Trussell. The class includes gentle and slow flow yoga sequencing, breathwork, and a brief meditation set to relaxing music. Bring a mat (blanket and props are optional) and a smile for each participant. The instructor is glad to provide an introductory class for anyone brand new to yoga.

Pickleball Open Gym

Fridays from 12-5 p.m. in the community center gym. Cost: \$2 per person per hour. No need to pre-register – just bring yourself and your paddle and get ready to play. During this time, the gym is on the challenge court system. Games are played to 11 points, winning by 2. Limited equipment is available for checkout and nets are provided. Please arrive a few minutes early to check in and get your free community center membership.

Youthful Yogis in the Park

Saturday, July 10, from 8:30-9 a.m. by the stage in the grassy area at Founders Park. Cost: Free. Please pre-register. Get your child moving with a delightful outdoor children's yoga class! This 30-minute class, perfect for ages 2-6, will get your little yogi moving with love and laughter. Children learn basic yoga poses, breathwork and stress-management techniques in a kid-friendly style. Yoga will be taught through play and imagery with song, games, and imaginative lessons. Parents/supervising adults can participate or simply observe, but must be present during the class. Bring a mat for each participant, and plenty of smiles and silliness!

Family Yoga in the Park

Saturday, Aug. 14, from 8:30-9 a.m. by the stage in the grassy area at Founders Park. Cost: Free. Please pre-register. Get moving this summer with a family yoga class! This 30-minute class is perfect for ages 4 to adult and will get your family moving with love and laughter. The class introduces basic yoga poses, breathwork and stress-management techniques for all ages. At least one adult should accompany participating children. Bring a mat and a smile for each participant.

Pilates/Yoga Fusion

Six-week session: Tuesdays, Aug. 17 through Sept. 21, from 6-7 p.m. in the community center. Registration deadline: Friday, Aug. 13. 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. Please bring your own mat.

EDUCATION

July Summer Watercolor Workshop for Kids

Tuesdays, July 6-20 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: Friday, July 2. This is an introductory watercolor class geared for children ages 8-13; there is no need for prior knowledge of painting. The small class size allows for individual instruction and a more conversational classroom. The goal of this class is for kids to have fun while learning some basic art techniques. Each student will have completed paintings at the end of the course. All mate-

rials are provided by the instructor. See instructor Sierra Traister's work on Instagram at [@Bluestoneartistry](https://www.instagram.com/Bluestoneartistry).

Riding Out Market Volatility

Tuesday, July 13, 7-8:30 p.m. in the community center large classroom. Cost: Free. Instructor: Cynthia Barreira. Learn with Cynthia about how to make market volatility work for you. In this informational seminar, you will discover ways to keep volatility in perspective, understand how volatility can lead to opportunity and learn strategies for maintaining a long-term approach to investing. Register by emailing nqiu@ft.newyorklife.com or call 865-686-8305

Our Place Art – Creativity and Art Expression

Two dates: Wednesday, July 14, or Thursday, September 9, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. in the community center large classroom. Cost: Free. Instructor: Staff from 501c3 nonprofit Our Place Art, whose mission is to enrich the lives of individuals with disabilities through the arts. Join Our Place Art for an art expression class where participants create vibrant paintings. All materials provided by the instructor. Pre-registration is required; email info@ourplaceart.com.

Our Place Art – Social Skills & Board Games

Thursday, July 15, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. in the community center large classroom. Cost: Free. Instructor: Staff from 501c3 nonprofit Our Place Art, whose mission is to enrich the lives of individuals with disabilities through the arts. Join Our Place Art for a summer-themed social skills activity to make new friends! Participants will build friendships and social skills through playing social board games. Participants have an opportunity to create their own personalized board game. All materials are provided. Pre-registration is required; email info@ourplaceart.com.

How to Talk with Your Physician

Thursday, July 15, 12:30-1 p.m. in the community center medium classroom. Cost: Free. Registration deadline: Wednesday, July 14. Instructor: Debi Tuggle and staff from UT Medical Center. Join this free seminar to discuss how the conversations you have with your doctor can provide a full understanding of your situation and needs. This valuable class can help you remain independent and prevent falls. Treat issues before it is too late!

Dot Mandala Workshop for Beginners

Thursday, July 15, 6-8:30 p.m. in the community center large classroom. Cost: \$42. Registration deadline: Tuesday, July 13. Join artist Marianne Gansley of Piece of Sunshine Dotting for a fun new workshop! You will learn the basics of dot art and create a dot mandala painting through this relaxing and fun process. The class fee includes all tools and materials.

TWRA Boating Safety Education

Saturday, July 17, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, July 24, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Preregistration required at tn.gov/twra. Each session limited to 50 people. 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 requirements of the law. Please bring Type 600 boating safety exam permit and a writing utensil 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, visit tn.gov/twra.

Make & Take: Ladybug Basket

Tuesday, July 20, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost: \$30. Registration deadline: Friday, July 16. Instructor: Sheri Burns with the Appalachian Arts and Crafts Center and Pellissippi State Community College. This class features a small round basket with a wooden base and ladybug embellishments, perfect for holding items or just for display, with multiple color options. This class is appropriate for all skill levels. All tools and supplies provided by the instructor.

Making Medicare Easier

Two dates: Tuesday, July 20, or Tuesday, Sept. 21, 6-7 p.m. Cost: Free. Registration deadline: Friday,

July 16, and Friday, Sept. 17. Instructor: Bruce Landis of Providence Advisors Group. Learn about enrollment periods, overview of parts A, B, C and D and supplements.

Our Place Art – Rainbow Science

Wednesday, July 21, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. in the community center large classroom. Cost: Free. Instructor: Staff from 501c3 nonprofit Our Place Art, whose mission is to enrich the lives of individuals with disabilities through the arts. Join Our Place Art for two rainbow-themed science experiments including rainbow paper color science and traveling colors. All materials are provided by the instructor. Pre-registration is required for this free event by emailing info@ourplaceart.com.

Our Place Art – Garden Kits

Wednesday, July 21, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. in the community center large classroom. Cost: Free. Instructor: Staff from 501c3 nonprofit Our Place Art, whose mission is to enrich the lives of individuals with disabilities through the arts. Join Our Place Art for a fun-filled activity to explore nature, science and art! Participants will decorate their own terracotta pots and pick flower or vegetable seeds to grow at home. All materials are provided by the instructor. Pre-registration is required; email info@ourplaceart.com.

Amazing Animals of Ijams

Thursday, July 22, 3-4:30 p.m. in the community center Assembly Hall. Cost: \$4 for an individual or \$25 for a family (up to two adults and four children). Registration deadline: Noon on Thursday, July 22. Join an Ijams Naturalist to meet a variety of live animal ambassadors that call Ijams Nature Center home. All of these animals are native to East Tennessee and can be found in your backyard. Learn some amazing facts about these animals, and how you can best respond if you encounter them. Turtles, snakes, birds, and an opossum will be on display. Registration is required; visit ijams.org/calendar-of-events and click on the event.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, July 29, from 12-5 p.m. in the community center Assembly Hall. To schedule an appointment, log on to redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code "RememberingTheBadges" or search by zip code 37934.

August Summer Watercolor Workshop for Kids

Tuesdays, Aug. 3, 17 and 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: Friday, July 30. This is an introductory watercolor class geared for children ages 8-13; there is no need for prior knowledge of painting. The small class size allows for individual instruction and a more conversational classroom. The goal of this class is for kids to have fun while learning basic art techniques. Each student will have completed paintings at the end of the course. All materials are provided by the instructor. See instructor Sierra Traister's work on Instagram at [@Bluestoneartistry](https://www.instagram.com/Bluestoneartistry).

Mixed Media for Kids

Two four-week sessions. Fridays, Aug. 6-27 or Sept. 3-24, from 3:45-4:45 p.m. in the community center large classroom. Cost: \$60 for one student and \$50 for each additional student. Registration deadline: Wednesday, Aug. 4, or Wednesday, Aug. 31. This class, geared for children ages 5-10, will allow kids to explore different kinds of painting and drawing. The class is structured for students to finish one project a week. However, if more time is needed, the participants can finish the following week. The small class size allows for individual instruction and a more conversational classroom where kids can have fun learning basic art techniques. All materials provided by the instructor.

Our Place Art Goal Setting

Thursday, Aug. 12, 4-5:30 p.m. in the community center large classroom. Cost: Free. Instructor: Staff from Our Place Art, 501c3 nonprofit whose mission is to enrich the lives of individuals with disabilities through the arts. Join Our Place Art for a fun-filled goal-setting activity. Participants will create vision boards for the new school year. Bring a picture of yourself to add to your collage vision board; all other materials are provided by the instructor. Pre-reg-

istration is required for this free class by emailing info@ourplaceart.com.

Making Social Security Easier

Monday, Aug. 16, 6-7 p.m. Cost: free. Registration deadline: Friday, Aug. 13. Instructor: Garrett Crawford of Providence Advisors Group. Learn the basics of social security so you can make informed decisions about when to file.

Intro to Farragut

Learn more about Farragut's history, government structure and operations, public safety, education and volunteer opportunities in this unique series of classes. The program begins with a reception and program kickoff at Farragut Town Hall at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 18. See article on page 2 for more information.

Home Safety Checklist for Fall Prevention

Tuesday, Aug. 24, 12:30-1 p.m. in the community center large classroom. Cost: Free. Registration deadline: Monday, Aug. 23. Instructor: Debi Tuggle and staff from UT Medical Center. Falls in the home are one of the top causes of injuries among older adults. Many of these injuries are caused by hazards in the home that are often overlooked. By spotting these hazards and taking steps to fix them, you can prevent injuries.

Our Place Art – Health, Nutrition and Gardening Part 1

Thursday, Aug. 26, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. in the community center large classroom. Cost: Free. Instructor: Staff from 501c3 nonprofit Our Place Art, whose mission is to enrich the lives of individuals with disabilities through the arts. Join Our Place Art for a fun activity to start learning about health, nutrition and gardening. In Part 1, participants will learn about healthy eating and start an at-home vegetable garden. All materials are provided by the instructor. Pre-registration is required; email info@ourplaceart.com.

Our Place Art – Health, Nutrition and Gardening Part 2

Thursday, Sept. 2, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. in the community center large classroom. Cost: Free. Instructor: Staff from 501c3 nonprofit Our Place Art, whose mission is to enrich the lives of individuals with disabilities through the arts. Join Our Place Art for a fun activity to start learning about health, nutrition and gardening. Participants will make a garden stepping stone, and continue to learn about healthy eating and gardening in Part 2. All materials are provided by the instructor. Pre-registration is required; email info@ourplaceart.com.

September Summer Watercolor Workshop for Kids

Tuesdays, Sept. 7-21 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: Friday, Sept. 3. This introductory watercolor class is geared for children ages 8-13; there is no need for prior knowledge of painting. The small class size allows for individual instruction and a more conversational classroom. The goal of this class is for kids to have fun while learning basic art techniques. Each student will have completed paintings at the end of the course. All materials are provided by the instructor. See instructor Sierra Traister's work on Instagram at [@Bluestoneartistry](https://www.instagram.com/Bluestoneartistry).

Our Place Art – Social/Life Skills

Thursday, September 23, 4-5:30 p.m. in the community center large classroom. Cost: Free. Instructor: Staff from Our Place Art, 501c3 non-profit whose mission is to enrich the lives of individuals with disabilities through the arts. Join Our Place Art for a fun-filled social awareness/life-skills activity. Participants will make greeting cards to share with others. All materials provided by the instructor. Pre-registration is required for this free class by emailing info@ourplaceart.com.

Our Place Art – Friendship and Social Skills

Thursday, Sept. 30, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. in the community center large classroom. Cost: Free. Instructor: Staff from Our Place Art, 501c3 non-profit whose mission is to enrich the lives of individuals with disabilities through the arts. Join us for a social skills activity to build friendship and social skills through playing

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Independence Day Parade

Participant information

• **Remember – the parade is on Saturday, July 3 (instead of the usual July 4) this year!** Due to construction at Farragut High School, the parade will enter Kingston Pike via West Pointe Drive (in front of Firestone).

• Parade participants should arrive at Farragut High School no later than 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 3. Access to the high school is available from Campbell Station Road and West End Boulevard. Access is not available via Lendon Welch Way (the road next to the stadiums).

• Only parade vehicles will be allowed to enter the parade line-up area. Older children and adults may be dropped off on the circle drive or on the drive to the Farragut Intermediate School. Those participating in the parade or those with small children will need to park in the circle parking lot at the high school or the parking lot at the intermediate school. **Parade line-up numbers will be available on the Farragut Parks & Recreation website, farragutparksandrec.org, and posted on the Farragut Town Hall front door by 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 21. Line-up numbers will not be available by phone.**

• **Antique car participants:** Please plan on arriving at the high school before 8 a.m. in order to avoid long lines and overheating your car. There is no special entrance or accommodation for antique cars, so please arrive early.

• **Large floats:** Large floats may be taken to the line-up area at the junior lot at Farragut High School any time after 5 p.m. on Friday, July 2. A guard will be on duty from 5 p.m. until the parade on July 3.

• **Giveaways: No candy or giveaways may be thrown from floats or cars.** Walkers may distribute these and other free items along the side of the road during the parade. Children younger than 9 must ride (not walk) during the parade.

• All parade participants must be picked up at the Farragut Towne Square parking lot (former Ingles shopping center).



Parade road closure

Due to the parade, Kingston Pike will be closed from Concord Road to Boring Road from 8:30 a.m. to approximately noon on Saturday, July 3. The portion of Kingston Pike from Concord Road/West End Avenue to Campbell Station Road will be reopened approximately 15 minutes after the final parade participant has passed through the Campbell Station Road/Kingston Pike intersection. Kingston Pike will be fully re-

opened once all participants are safely off the road.

Options for parade detours are as follows: **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). **South side** - Concord Road to Turkey Creek Road to Virtue Road to Evans Road to McFee Road to Kingston Pike (going west).

Concord Road to Kingston Pike (going east). Also, **S. Campbell Station Road** from Kingston Pike to Brooklawn Boulevard and Municipal Center Drive will be closed from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. for the Farragut Freedom Run.

For more information about the parade, please call the Farragut Parks & Recreation Department at 865-218-3376 or go to farragutparksandrec.org/parade.

New and Returning Community Center Programs

A number of new and returning programs are now available at the Farragut Community Center. It's the perfect time to try something new!

Toddler Takeover (formerly known as Toddler Open Gym) is every Tuesday in the gym from 10-11 a.m. For only \$2 per child (adults are free), you can join us for this parent-supervised indoor playtime and let your child explore our bright, colorful, age-appropriate equipment. Older siblings can attend with a parent/guardian, but they may not participate in the activities – this is for children from walking up to age 5.

Pickleball Open Gym is back as well – no reservation necessary and is just \$2 per person per hour (or ask about our punch cards!). Get your paddle and put your game face on and come play with members of the community. All skill levels are accepted. During this time, the gym is on the challenge court system: games are played to 11 points, winning by 2. Lim-



ited equipment is available for checkout and nets are provided.

Yoga in the Park is a continuation of Family Yoga (free, every Monday from 5-5:30 p.m.) with instructor Jenny Trussell – just outside! Join these free 30-minute classes on Saturday, July 10 (Youthful Yogis) and Saturday, August 14 (Family Yoga) from 8:30-9 a.m. by the stage at Founders Park. Bring a mat, your water, and a smile!

Start your morning off right with Relax and Breathe with

Jenny every Friday from 8:15-9:15 in the Assembly Hall. These free classes are the perfect way to start your day for beginners or advanced yogis, or anything in between. This class includes gentle and slow flow yoga sequencing, breathwork and brief meditation. Never practiced? Jenny is glad to provide an introductory class for anyone brand new to yoga.

Register for these and other Parks & Rec programs at townoffarragut.org/register.



Rentals available at the Farragut Community Center and Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza

Are you are looking for a place to have a party, meeting, or practice? The Farragut Community Center is open and booking rentals in two classrooms, the Assembly Hall, and a middle school-sized gymnasium. For more information on booking a space for your next event, call the Parks & Recreation Department at 865-218-3376 or find us online at farragutparksandrec.org/community-center.

The Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza at the Campbell Station

Inn will be available for full-day event rentals starting July 1, 2021. Rentals include the use of the two grass areas, parking lot, and the sidewalk areas internal to the plaza. Rentals must be made at least 30 days in advance and may be made up to 12 months in advance. If you are interested in hosting your event at the Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza at Campbell Station Inn, contact Bryson Keith at 865-218-3376 or bkeith@townoffarragut.org.

Park Lost and Found

If you visited a Farragut Park and remembered to take home the kids, but forgot your chair, you'll be happy to know that the Parks & Recreation Department keeps a Lost and Found box at each of the Town's four parks. Items left behind are gathered up every day and stowed in a secure area. More valuable items, like electronics or keys, are stored in the Parks & Rec office at the Farragut Community Center (239 Jamestowne Blvd.).

To inquire about objects left at parks, contact the Parks & Rec Department at 865-218-3376 during regular business hours. Please keep in mind that some items may have left the park in other hands before our parks assistants had the opportunity to collect them.

With the exception of valuable items, objects collected at parks will be donated after 14 days. Keep enjoying our beautiful parks, but before you leave, scan your surroundings to make sure you've collected all the things, and people, you brought with you.

Events

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With August approaching, a Farragut family favorite, Fun with the Fleet, is returning! The event will be held at Mayor Bob Leonard Park, 301 Watt Road, from 9-11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 14. As always, this is a free event sponsored by the Town of Farragut.

Fun with the Fleet is a way for kids to get up close and personal with big equipment used by the Town of Farragut and private companies such as Rural/Metro and Smyrna Ready Mix.



For more information, contact Special Event and Program Coordinator Brittany Spencer at

218-3376 or bspencer@townoffarragut.org.

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friendship bingo, a scavenger hunt and other teambuilding activities. All materials provided by the instructor. Pre-registration is required for this free class by emailing info@ourplaceart.com.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Freedom Run and 33rd Annual Independence Day Parade

Saturday, July 3. One- and two-mile race starts at 9 a.m. near Farragut Town Hall. Parade starts at 9:30

a.m. See article on page 1 for more information.

MusicFest at West End

Friday, July 9, and Saturday, July 10, at West End Shopping Center. Hosted by Shop Farragut. Cost: free. See article on page 2 for more information.

The Lawn Chair Concert Series (MamaJam Productions)

Saturday, Aug. 21, and Saturday, Sept. 18, at 5:30 p.m. at Founders Park at Campbell Station. Bring your picnic basket and lawn chairs for two more family-friendly out-

door concerts! See article on page 2 for more information.

Dog Daze V

Aug. 13-15 at Village Green Shopping Center. A free "pooch plunge" for local dogs is 4-7 p.m. on Friday, and the regional DockDogs competition is Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. See article on page 2 for more information.

19th Annual Fun with Farragut's Fleet

Saturday, Aug. 14, 9-11 a.m. at Mayor Bob Leonard Park. Cost: free. See article on page 1 for more

information.

ArtFest

Sunday, Sept. 12, from 1-3 p.m. at the Farragut Community Center. More information to come.

30th Annual Free Day of Putt-Putt

Monday, Sept. 20, noon- 9 p.m. Enjoy a day of free mini golf at Putt-Putt Golf & Games of Farragut, located in the West End Center. First come, first served; last rounds to start at 8:15 p.m. Sponsored by the Town of Farragut and Putt Putt Golf & Games.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Lawn Chair Concert Series (MamaJam Productions)

Saturday, Oct. 2, 5:30 p.m. at Founders Park at Campbell Station. Bring your picnic basket and lawn chairs for the final show of the year!

Freaky Friday Fright Nite in Farragut

Friday, Oct. 29, 5-7 p.m. at Mayor Bob Leonard Park. One of Farragut's most popular events! Kids 12 and under are invited to "trick or treat" at the park.