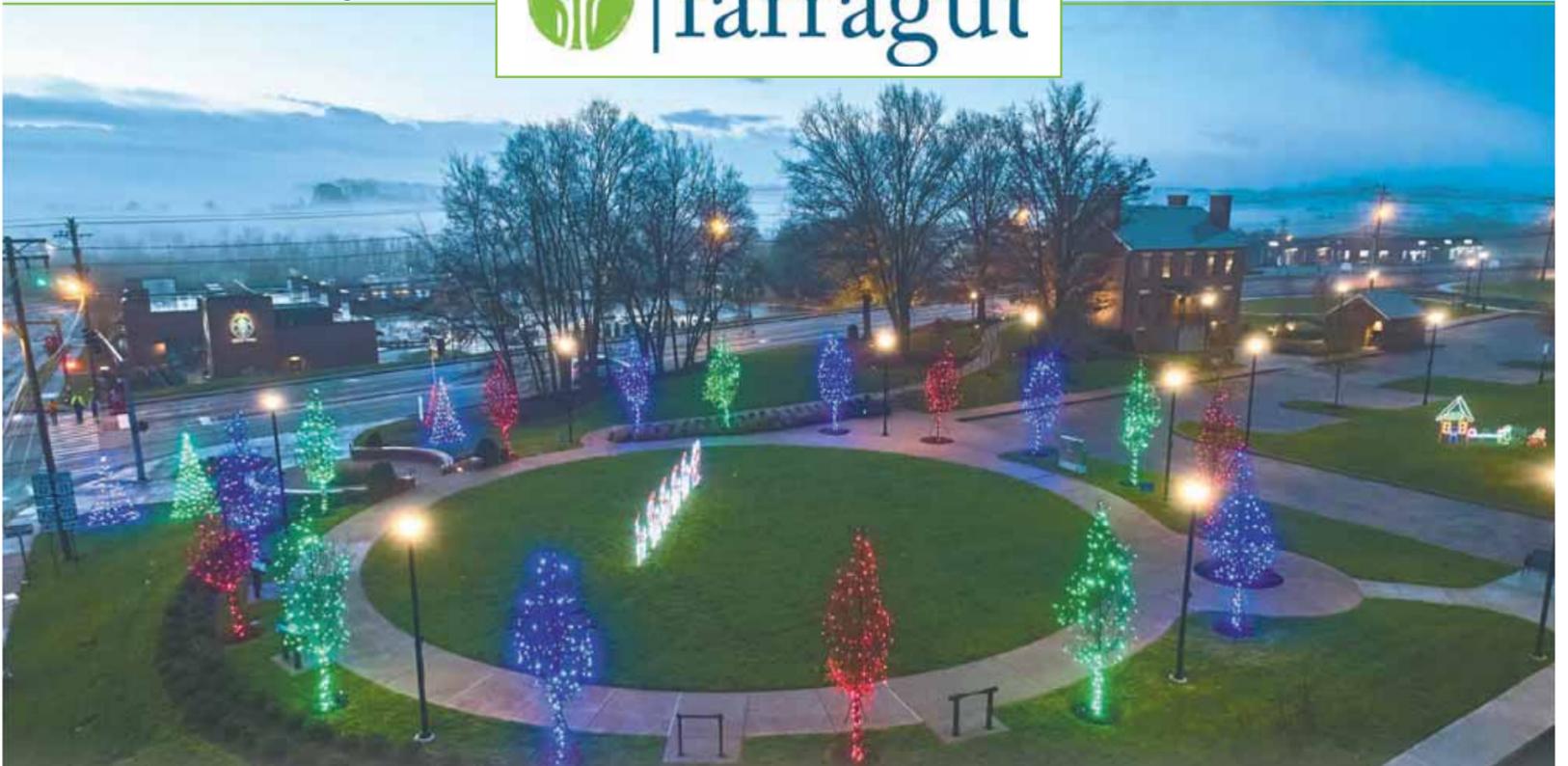


Talk of the Town

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Fall 2021



Holiday events return in 2021

Football is back, fall is in the air and pumpkin spice is everywhere! Leaves will soon turn to their autumn hues and Santa's little helpers are hard at work. It's also time for your favorite Farragut holiday events!

Freaky Friday Fright Nite

Experience family-friendly chills and thrills at the 25th annual Freaky Friday Fright Nite! This favorite fall event is 5-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29, at Mayor Bob Leonard Park. Children ages 12 and under are invited to "trick or treat" on the walk trail while local businesses, community groups and Town of Farragut volunteers hand out treats and provide games with prizes and cookie decorating.

This is a free event, but participants are asked to bring items to benefit the local

Ronald McDonald House. See farragut-parkasandrec.org/freakyfriday for more info.

Celebrate the Season

Get in the holiday spirit at Celebrate the Season from 4:30 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 2, at the Farragut Community Center. Kids can get photos taken with Santa and enjoy cookie decorating and face painting! A holiday movie is also part of this free evening of fun. It's a new spin on a Farragut holiday tradition.

Light the Park

From dusk to 10 p.m. nightly from Nov. 23 through Jan. 2, thousands of holiday lights will twinkle along Campbell Station Road from the I-40 commuter lot to Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza at the Campbell Station Inn as part of the Town's Light the Park event. As always, kids can drop letters to Santa in the big mailbox at Founders Park at Campbell Station. There will be daily giveaways,

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From the Desk of the Mayor...

If there's one thing you can say about COVID-19, it's that you can never be sure what it will do next. When I wrote my letter for the summer edition of Talk of the Town, everyone was feeling optimistic about life returning to normal. Now I think we're all wondering if things will ever be normal again. The good news is that most of us can protect ourselves from serious illness with the vaccine, and I hope that those who haven't yet made this choice will do so soon. It will help us finally kick COVID to the curb.



In spite of the resurgence, the Town is moving forward with making Farragut a better place to live and play. What I hear from residents is that they value greenways and walkability more than ever, and I'm happy to report that we have several greenway projects happening now and in the near future. The Smith Road sidewalk is currently under construction and is expected to be completed later this fall. The design contract for the Evans Road Greenway was recently approved by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, and the design for the Virtue Road Greenway should be approved later this fiscal year.

Along with the major connections, new sections of greenway will be added with large developments like Farragut Town Center at Biddle Farms and The Grove at Boyd Station, which is currently under construction. Farragut is quickly becoming one of the most walkable places in East Tennessee, and we should all be proud of that.

The Town is also moving forward with our regular fall activities. The third installment of the Lawn Chair Concert Series at Founders Park is set for Saturday, Oct. 2, and Shop Farragut will host Harvest Fest on Sunday, Oct. 3, at Village Green Shopping Center. Freaky Friday Fright Nite will be back at its regular location at Mayor Bob Leonard Park on Friday, Oct. 29, and the holiday lights will come on at Founders Park on Monday, Nov. 22. Read more about each of these in this issue of "Talk of the Town."

If you start to feel overwhelmed by the hardships we've faced or questions about tomorrow, I recommend that you step outside to enjoy the last warm days of summer. While you're there, say an encouraging word to your neighbor. The best way to avoid worrying about the future is to focus on good things today.

Mayor Ron Williams

New Visit Farragut website unveiled



An upgraded Visit Farragut website is online after a months-long process of tourism staff working with Madden Media, a destination marketing company with a proven track record of helping small municipalities amplify their tourism message. The address of the site is still VisitFarragut.org.

The website, which provides more information about site visitors to Tourism Coordinator Karen Tindall, will allow her to market Farragut more effectively.

"Our microsite didn't have the depth of analytics that the new site has. Now, we can see where our visitors are from and what they're looking for. And the website will grow with what the analytics

tell us," she says.

The Town's tourism initiative was put on pause last year, almost immediately after the Board of Mayor and Aldermen passed a hotel tax, due to COVID. Tax collection was postponed for a time, and Tindall changed her focus to promoting local businesses. Now, travel is rebounding. This July, the town's hotels had higher occupancy rates and a higher average daily rate than in July of 2019.

In addition to improved analytics, the new website has the look and feel of a robust tourism program, she says. It also has better mobile functionality, which is important since most travelers are on phones rather than computers.

Humanities Tennessee traveling exhibition coming to the Farragut Museum

"Tennessee Waters: Shaping Our Land, Our Lives, and Our Future" is a traveling exhibit exploring the overall environmental, historical and cultural impact of water in Tennessee. The exhibit will open to the public on Tuesday, Nov. 2, with a special Friends Only preview from 4-6 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 1. If you are not already a Friend of the Farragut Museum and are interested in attending the event, you may sign up during the exhibition preview.

At 2 p.m. on Nov. 14, Cultural Resources and Exhibits Specialist for Tennessee State Parks Hobart Akin will speak on "People, Parks, and Water." The museum will open at 1 p.m. for tours of the exhibition, with the lecture to immediately follow.

Tennessee Waters is organized by Humanities Tennessee, the Tennessee Historical Society and the Albert Gore Research Center at Middle Tennessee State University. The exhibition tour in Tennessee is made pos-

sible by Humanities Tennessee, an independent affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The Farragut Museum and gift shop are open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. 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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 Farragut Stormwater Matters
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 Twitter: townoffarragut, ToFFieldUpdate (athletics/field information),
 ToFVolleyball (volleyball league), FarragutParks
 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.-4 p.m. on select Saturdays
 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

Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza: 11409 Kingston Pike

Coming soon – BlueCross Healthy Place at Farragut Town Hall:
 11408 Municipal Center Drive

It is the policy of the Town of Farragut not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, natural origin, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, religion, disability or veteran status 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.

Parks planning



Upcoming opportunities to participate

The Farragut Parks & Rec Department is in the midst of creating a 10-year Parks & Rec Master Plan, and the public is invited to participate.

The last parks master plan was created in 2012. New master plans should be created every ten years, and ideally, updated every five years, says Parks & Rec Director Sue Stuhl.

“It’s an opportunity for change.”

An online survey that was available from late August to mid-September asked participants what facilities and programs/initiatives they would like to have in the future. The survey had a very good response, Stuhl says. Short in-person surveys were also conducted at local events.

The Parks and Athletics Council will use that info to put together a list of the most-requested projects, large and small, and public reviews will allow members of the community to vote for their favorites. To participate, plan to drop by the Farragut Community Center between 10-11 a.m. and 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 16, and Wednesday, Dec. 8.

A draft of the master plan will be discussed at a Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting in January and voted on in February.

For up-to-date information about opportunities for public input about the master plan, follow Farragut Parks & Rec on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Veterans’ reception and “A Day of Infamy” presentation on Dec. 6

A reception for veterans will precede a presentation about the events leading up to World War II on Monday, Dec. 6, at Farragut Town Hall. Veterans can enjoy light refreshments and tour the Farragut Museum’s special exhibition, “Tennessee Waters: Shaping Our Land, Our Lives, and Our Future,” beginning at 6 p.m. The presentation begins at 7 p.m.

Frank Galbraith, retired Farragut Middle School history teacher, discusses the end of World War I, the roaring ’20s, organized crime, the Great Depression, Hitler coming to power and the attack on Pearl Harbor. WWII veterans will be present to answer questions.

All veterans, especially WWII veterans, are encouraged to participate. The presentation is free and no registration is required. For more information, contact Special Event and Program Coordinator Brittany Spencer at 218-3376 or ParksandRecInfo@townoffarragut.org.

2021



Holiday Campaign

The 15th Annual Shop Farragut Holiday Campaign begins Friday, Nov. 19, and continues through Thursday, Jan. 2, 2022. In addition to the free and reduced-priced advertising available as part of the campaign provided by Shop Farragut, the Town will offer businesses registered through the FBA the opportunity to have an extra temporary sign for the entire campaign period and waive the \$25 special event fee. (This is in addition to the four special events allowed to Farragut businesses as per the Town’s zoning ordinance). Remember that other special event signage will be suspended Nov. 8-15 in order to highlight the Shop Farragut campaign!

Details about how businesses can participate in the campaign will be distributed by Shop Farragut in late October. For more information: 865-307-2486 or info@farragutbusiness.com.

Events

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food trucks and caroling from local organizations and a special day of horse-drawn carriage rides at the plaza! Learn more by following Farragut Parks & Rec on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Carriage ride registration begins Nov. 1 at townoffarragut.org/register. To sign up to provide giveaways, carol or bring a food truck to Light the Park, contact Special Event and Program Coordinator Brittany Spencer at 865-218-3376 or bspencer@townoffarragut.org.

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 218-3376 or media@townoffarragut.org.

FALL 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.

FITNESS

Pick Your Own Open Gym

Mondays from 12-5 p.m., Tuesdays from 4-5 p.m., Wednesdays from 12-5 p.m., most Thursdays from 10-11 a.m. and 4-8 p.m., and select Saturdays from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. 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, Imagination Playground 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 or late cancellations, you will no longer be able to register.

Toddler Takeover

Tuesdays from 10-11 a.m. 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! Pre-registration is not required.

Family Yoga

Mondays from 5-5:30 p.m. 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. Cost: \$4, or two punches on a punch card, 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 from 8:15-9:15 a.m. Cost: Free. Pre-registration deadline: 5 p.m. on the Thursday before class. Start your day right with a sunrise yoga session! 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 12-2 p.m. 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.

Basketball Open Gym

Mondays from 6-9 p.m. and Fridays from 2-5 p.m. Cost: \$2 per person per hour. No need to pre-register – just bring a ball and get ready to play. During open gym hours, the gym is on the challenge court system. Games are played to 15 baskets, winning by two baskets; games can't be won on a 3-point shot. Please arrive a few minutes early to check in and get your free community center membership.

Volleyball Open Gym

Multiple times: Saturdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Oct. 9, Nov. 6 and Dec. 4. Saturdays from 12-4 p.m. on Oct. 23, Nov. 20 and Dec. 18. Participants must be aged 15+. Cost: \$4 per person for the session. Grab your friends and come bump, set and spike. During open gym hours, the gym is on the challenge court system. Games are played to 15 points using rally scoring. Bring your own ball; nets provided.

Cornhole Open Gym

Multiple dates: Thursdays from 6-8 p.m. Nov. 4 and 18, and Dec. 9 and 16. Cost: \$4. Drop-in play. All skill levels welcome. Please arrive a few minutes early to check in and get your free community center membership.

Pilates/Yoga Fusion

Six-week session: Tuesdays, Oct. 19 through Nov. 23, from 6-7 p.m. Registration deadline: Monday, Oct. 18. Cost: \$60. Join 500-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

Afternoon Fall Zentangle Workshop

Tuesdays, Oct. 5-Nov. 9 from 1-3 p.m. Cost: \$160 which includes instruction and all materials. Instructor: Cindy Sugg, CZT. Registration deadline: Monday, Oct. 4. The zentangle method is an easy-to-learn, relaxing and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. Anyone can use zentangle to increase focus and creativity and to decrease stress. Zentangle is used all over the world, across a wide range of interests, skills and age. This class will explore the basics of zentangle, its history, and introduce method and associated vocabulary and tools. Students will be immersed in creating tiles and

will develop a clear understanding that "anything is possible one stroke at a time."

Evening Fall Zentangle Workshop

Thursdays, Oct. 7-Nov. 11 from 6-8 p.m. Cost: \$160 which includes instruction and all materials. Instructor: Cindy Sugg, CZT. Registration deadline: Wednesday, Oct. 6. The zentangle method is an easy-to-learn, relaxing and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. Anyone can use zentangle to increase focus and creativity and to decrease stress. Zentangle is used all over the world, across a wide range of interests, skills and age. This class will explore the basics of zentangle, its history, and introduce method and associated vocabulary and tools. Students will be immersed in creating tiles and will develop a clear understanding that "anything is possible one stroke at a time."

"Autumn Blue" Painting Class

Saturday, Oct. 9, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Cost: \$35. Registration deadline: Wednesday, Oct. 6. Join instructor Abhikhya in a step-by-step painting class where you will create a fall-themed canvas of white pumpkins with a blue fence background. No experience required and all materials provided by the instructor to create this 16x20" canvas painting.

Our Place Art: Van Gogh Sunflower Mosaics

Saturday, Oct. 9, 1-3:30 p.m. 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 creative class inspired by Vincent Van Gogh's "Sunflowers." All materials provided by the instructor. Pre-registration is required; email info@ourplaceart.com.

"City Cat" Painting Class

Saturday, Oct. 16, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Cost: \$35. Registration deadline: Wednesday, Oct. 13. Join instructor Abhikhya to create a cute 16x20" canvas with a cat and moon in a fall-themed cityscape. No experience required and all materials provided by the instructor.

"Witches Crazy" Painting Class

Saturday, Oct. 23, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Cost: \$35. Registration deadline: Friday, Oct. 15. Join instructor Abhikhya to create a fall-themed painting with witches and broomsticks. No experience required and all materials provided by the instructor to create this 16x20" canvas painting.

"Grateful" Painting Class

Saturday, Nov. 6, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Cost: \$35. Registration deadline: Friday, Oct. 29. Join instructor Abhikhya to create a cute "grateful" pumpkin painting perfect for the holidays. No experience required and all materials provided by the instructor.

Making Medicare Easier

Monday, Nov. 8, 6-7 p.m. Cost: Free. Registration deadline: Friday, Nov. 5. 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

Wednesday, Nov. 17, from 12-5 p.m. To schedule an appointment, log on to redcrossblood.org and

search by zip code 37934.

"Thankful" Painting Class

Saturday, Nov. 20, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Cost: \$35. Registration deadline: Friday, Nov. 12. Join instructor Abhikhya in a step-by-step class to paint a white "thankful" pumpkin with a fall-themed background. No experience required and all materials provided by the instructor to create this 16x20" canvas.

Our Place Art – Thanksgiving Crafts

Saturday, Nov. 20, 1-3:30 p.m. 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 to create Thanksgiving centerpieces and other fall-themed crafts. All materials are provided. Pre-registration is required; email info@ourplaceart.com.

Zentangle Holiday Survival

Multiple times: Tuesdays from 1-3 p.m. or 6-8 p.m., Nov. 30-Dec. 14 in the community center medium classroom. Cost: \$85. Registration deadline: Friday, Nov. 26. Instructor: Cindy Sugg, CZT. The zentangle method is an easy-to-learn, relaxing and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. Anyone can use zentangle to increase focus and creativity and to decrease stress. Zentangle is used all over the world, across a wide range of interests, skills and age. This class will explore the basics of zentangle, its history, and introduce method and associated vocabulary and tools. Students will be immersed in creating tiles and will develop a clear understanding that "anything is possible one stroke at a time."

"Snow-Much-Joy" Painting Class

Saturday, Dec. 4, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Cost: \$35. Registration deadline: Friday, Nov. 26. Join instructor Abhikhya in a step-by-step class to create a cute snowman painting perfect for a gift or for decorating! No experience required and all materials provided by the instructor to create this 16x20" canvas.

Making Social Security Easier

Monday, Dec. 6, 6-7 p.m. Cost: free. Registration deadline: Friday, Dec. 3. Instructor: Garrett Crawford of Providence Advisors Group. Learn the basics of social security so you can make informed decisions about when to file.

"Red Truck Christmas Tree" Painting Class

Saturday, Dec. 18, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Cost: \$35. Registration deadline: Friday, Dec. 10. Join instructor Abhikhya to paint a holiday-themed canvas with an antique red truck carrying a fir tree. No experience required and all materials provided by the instructor to create this 16x20" canvas.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Lawn Chair Concert Series (MamaJam Productions)

Saturday, Oct. 2, at 5:30 p.m. at Founders Park at Campbell Station. Bring your picnic basket and lawn chairs for the season's final outdoor concert!

Harvest Fest (Shop Farragut)

Sunday, Oct. 3, from 3-7 p.m. at Village Green Shopping Center. Enjoy four dozen retailers along with live music. Free fall fun for

all! For info: farragutbusiness.com/harvestfest.html

Freaky Friday Fright Nite in Farragut

Friday, Oct. 29, 5-7 p.m. at Mayor Bob Leonard Park. See "Holiday events return" on page 1 for more information.

Veterans Salute 5K/10K/Fun Run

Saturday, Nov. 13, starting at 239 Jamestowne Blvd. For more information: fleetfeetknoxville.com.

Countdown to Light the Park (Shop Farragut)

Monday, Nov. 22, 5 p.m. at Founders Park at Campbell Station. See "Holiday events return" on page 1 for more information. Lights continue nightly through Saturday, Jan. 1.

Hot to Trot 5K/10K/Fun Run

Thursday, Nov. 28, starting at 11619 Parkside Drive. For more information: fleetfeetknoxville.com.

Veteran's Reception and "A Day of Infamy" Presentation

Monday, Dec. 6. Reception: 6 p.m.; presentation: 7 p.m. at Farragut Town Hall. See article on page 2 for more information.

Celebrate the Season

Thursday, Dec. 2 from 4:30-7 p.m. at the Farragut Community Center.

'Twas the Night With No Parents

Friday, Dec. 17. From 6-9 p.m. Cost: \$10 per kid. Get your holiday shopping done or just relax when you send your children (kindergarten through 5th grade) to the community center for the evening! For just \$10 your kids will enjoy an evening of pizza, games, a craft and a holiday-themed movie. Please be aware that not all food allergies can be accommodated.

New Year's at Noon

Friday, Dec. 31, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$2 per child; adults are free. Join us for a New Year's celebration at noon! Enjoy dancing, NYE snacks and child-friendly bubbly drinks and while celebrating the new year at an easier time of day. Pre-registration required.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Black History Month Program

Sunday, Jan. 6, at Farragut Town Hall

Songwriters Showcase

Saturday, Feb. 26, at the Farragut Community Center.

Shamrock Ball – A Father-Daughter Dance

NEW THIS YEAR – TWO SESSIONS: Choose between 1-3 p.m. or 7-9 p.m. on Saturday, March 5, at the Farragut Community Center. Fathers and daughters, along with other family members, are invited to enjoy dancing to music by a DJ, light refreshments, a craft and a photo! Advanced tickets go on sale in early January; more information will be available on Parks & Rec social media accounts and at farragutparksandrec.org.

Bluegrass on the Plaza

Saturday, March 26, at Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza



Farragut Parks & Recreation



Notes for fall/winter park use

Restrooms at the four Town of Farragut parks and the Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza are open year-round. Beginning Monday, Nov. 1, through Tuesday, March 1, 2022, restrooms at Anchor Park, Mayor Bob Leonard Park (lower restroom), McFee Park and Founders Park at Campbell Station and the Campbell Station Inn will be open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The upper restroom at Mayor Bob Leonard Park will be open past 4:30 p.m. on days with scheduled field use on the synthetic turf fields.

The restrooms at Founders Park at Campbell Station and Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza will be open until 10 p.m. Monday, Nov. 22, through Sunday, Jan. 2, 2022, to accommodate those viewing holiday lights. Restrooms will be closed on Saturday, Dec. 25.

During the winter, park trails, picnic pavilions and playgrounds at all Farragut parks will remain open for public use. Pavilions may be reserved at townoffarragut.org/register or by calling 218-3375, and may be used on a first-come, first-served basis if they have not been reserved.

The Town will close all natural turf playing fields at all parks on Monday, Nov. 1. The field closures allow the Public Works Department to perform fall and early spring maintenance and protect the fields during wet and cold weather. Fields will reopen on Tuesday, March 1, 2022. Farragut's synthetic turf fields at Mayor Bob Leonard Park are open for year-round use.

For information regarding the rental of the synthetic turf fields, contact the Parks & Recreation office at athleticfieldreservations@townoffarragut.org or 218-3376.



Park update

In addition to the fabulous fall events offered by the Town of Farragut, the community can look forward to the opening of two new public spaces in the coming months.

The BlueCross Healthy Place at Town Hall Park is expected to open in late October or early November. The \$750,000 playground is being installed by the BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee Foundation and is one of 10 play spaces being built across the state in celebration of the company's 75th anniversary. Farragut chose the Thrive and Play design, an inclusive, multi-generational space.

The new play space is being constructed behind Town Hall by Chattanooga-based PlayCore.

While it may look like the playground is ready for play, it won't be safe to get on equipment before it is officially open. Follow Farragut Parks and Rec on social media for info about when the ribbon will be cut on this beautiful new playground!

While construction on the McFee Park expansion has been somewhat delayed, the new space should be open to the public in late fall or early winter. Phase 3 improvements will include the Great Lawn, a lighted walk trail, a large pavilion with restrooms, four lighted tennis courts that can be converted to eight pickleball courts, a basketball court and a circular road that connects to the current park and additional parking.

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 basketball practice? The Farragut Community Center is open and booking rentals in two classrooms, the Assembly Hall, and a middle school-sized gymnasium. A Saturday birthday party package for kids includes an hour of gym time and an hour of classroom time! Learn more at farragutparksandrec.org/community-center. For more information on booking a space for your next event, visit the website or call the Parks & Recreation Department at 865-218-3376.

Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza at the Campbell Station Inn is now available for full-day event rentals! Rental includes the use of the two grass areas, parking lot, and the sidewalks 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 Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza at Campbell Station Inn, contact Bryson Keith at 865-218-3376 or bkeith@townoffarragut.org.



Open Gym on Saturdays at the community center

Volleyball Open Gym will return to the community center on select Saturdays through the fall. This will be open to ages 15 and up and the cost is \$4 per person per session. Reservations are not required.

Pick Your Own Open Gym will continue on select Saturdays. Reservations can be made for up to two hours of gym time for the activity of your choice. Those include: basketball, pickleball, kickball, dodgeball, badminton or Imagination Playground. Call the community center at 865-218-3376 to make a reservation.

Specific dates and times can be found in the fall event listing and at farragutparksandrec.org/programsandevents.

Field use requests for spring/summer 2022

Application packets for athletic organizations requesting field use at any Farragut park for spring and summer 2022 will be available on the Farragut Parks & Recreation website (farragutparksandrec.org/fielduse) or at the Farragut Community Center beginning Friday, Oct. 1. Tournament applications are also available and can be requested through the winter of 2023. Town fields will open for the spring season on Tuesday, March 1, 2022.

The deadline to return completed field use packets is noon on Wednesday, Jan.

5. **One representative from each group requesting field use for spring/summer 2022 must attend a meeting of all user groups at 6 p.m. and is required to attend the Parks and Athletics Council field allocation meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 11.** For more information or to request a packet by mail, please email the Parks & Recreation office at athleticfieldreservations@townoffarragut.org or call 218-3376.