

# Talk of the Town

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## Moving "Farragut Forward"

"A goal without a plan is just a wish." That's why the Town of Farragut has a Vision Statement and Strategic Plan. Our plan, which is updated every few years, is an aspirational document that communicates the current goals of the community and its leadership. For it to effectively guide Farragut's growth, we need to hear from you.



It's easy to provide feedback using our new community engagement site: [FarragutForward.org](https://FarragutForward.org). (Scan the QR code above.) You'll need to create an account to participate. Then, you will have the opportunity to answer a few brief questions about the town's strategic outcome areas and our Vision Statement. This is your chance to tell us about programs or initiatives that you would like to see Farragut pursue, or if you think an important priority is missing. If you only have a few minutes, please participate in the Quick Poll.

Your input is appreciated and valued. The results of this online forum will be shared with the Board of Mayor and Aldermen as they go through the process of updating Farragut's Strategic Plan.

## Farragut Parks & Rec welcomes new director

In February, the Farragut Parks & Recreation Department gained a new director. Ron Oestreich, former director of the Bolingbrook Park District in Bolingbrook, Ill., replaced long-time



Oestreich

Parks & Rec Director Sue Stuhl, who retired in January.

Ron has family in East Tennessee and grew up spending time here in the summer. He loves the mountains and the Vols and has always dreamed of moving back, he says.

He and his wife have four children, including a grown son who lives in Powell. If you see Ron at the Farragut Community Center, be sure to welcome him to Farragut!



## Create your own fish tale at Farragut's Youth Fishing Rodeo

The Town of Farragut invites you to catch the biggest fish on Saturday, May 13, at the 39th annual Bob Watt Youth Fishing Rodeo at Anchor Park.

Children, ages 12 and under, will enjoy a morning of fishing and competing for prizes. This event is free and open to the public. Preregistration is required for one of two sessions: from 8-9 a.m. and 10-11 a.m. Registration opens April 3 at [townoffarragut.org/register](https://townoffarragut.org/register).

The Town of Farragut will provide worms for bait. Participants are encouraged to bring their own fishing gear. A limited number of fishing

poles will be available during the event for those without one. **Poles will be distributed on a first come, first served basis.**

The Town is accepting community donations for the event, including youth and adult spin-cast (push button) rod and reel combos in good working condition, line, hooks, bobbers and sinkers. To donate, contact Recreation and Event Manager Merritt Piper at [mpiper@townoffarragut.org](mailto:mpiper@townoffarragut.org).

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.

## Board considering future use of Campbell Station Inn



Plans are underway for a historic Farragut landmark to have a new use. After holding several meetings with a working group and hosting two open houses, Assistant to the Town Administrator Trevor Hobbs presented recommendations for the future use of the Campbell Station Inn to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen in February.

Hobbs began meeting with the working group – made up of staff, members of the community, and operators of other historic homes in Knox County – last fall. The group recommended several guiding principles for choosing a new use for the inn, such as preserving the building and its history, making it available to the public, keeping renovations minimal, along with others. These were used to identify a mix of uses for public consideration during two open houses that were held in January.

During the open houses, possible uses for each room or space on the main and upper floors were provided and visitors were asked to provide anonymous feedback on those uses.

Over 100 surveys were reviewed by the working group, which came up with the recommendation that the inn be primarily used as a heritage center, information center and rental facility, in conjunction with displays of art/artifacts, a gift shop, crafter workspace, office space for staff, and catering prep space for use during rentals and events. The group also recommended construction of a restroom on the main level of the inn.

Based on feedback from the BMA during a Feb. 23 workshop, staff will research costs for renovations and furnishings for proposed uses. These estimates will be used by the BMA for budget/CIP planning.

## Application window opens for volunteer committees

Spring is a beautiful time of year in Farragut, marked by new life and growth within our parks and throughout town. This season also provides new opportunities for Farragut residents to grow and become civically involved. Start this process by applying to be a Town of Farragut adult or youth representative. The application window for both is currently open.

The town truly values the

input and dedication provided by our engaged citizens. 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 Mu-

seum Committee, Farragut Education Relations Committee, Farragut Tourism/Visitor Advisory Committee, Board of Zoning Appeals, Board of Plumbing & Gas/Mechanical Examiners, Parks and Athletics Council, Stormwater Advisory Committee and Visual Resources Review Board. Applications are available at [townoffarragut.org/committees](https://townoffarragut.org/committees) or at Town Hall. For more information, call the Admin-

istration Department at 865-966-7057.

High school juniors or seniors who attend one of the public or private schools in Farragut or live in Farragut can apply to be a youth representative. (Homeschoolers are welcome to apply.) Serving on a committee not only builds valuable skills, but also looks great to potential employers and on post-secondary education applications.

Candidates are expected to take part in all discussions and interact with fellow committee members, but due to legal constraints, youth members do not have a formal vote. For information about available opportunities and an online application, visit [townoffarragut.org/youth](https://townoffarragut.org/youth).

The application deadline for youth and adults is 4 p.m. Friday, April 28.

# WHO TO CALL

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 Town of Farragut TV: Charter channel 193 and TDS channel 3

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 Twitter: townoffarragut, ToFFieldUpdate (athletics/field information),  
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**Farragut Community Center**

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 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

**BlueCross Healthy Place at Farragut Town Hall:** 11408 Municipal Center Drive

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# Visit Farragut events celebrate spring

Visit Farragut wants you to know about the spring blooms and events that will fill your calendar this April!

- All of Knoxville celebrates once the dogwood buds start to burst open. The **Dogwood Arts Festival**, April 1-30, features 13 blooming trails throughout East Tennessee. The Farragut trail, which was established in 2000, features 7.9 miles of blooms as well as five open gardens. Visitors can walk, run, bike or drive the trail that meanders through Fox Den, Country Manor and Village Green.

- Grab a few enthusiastic friends and enjoy a few of the hills along the dogwood trail the morning of Saturday, April 15, while participating in the **Forget Me Not 5K, 10K and 1 mile fun run** benefiting the Pat Summitt Foundation! This annual event promotes awareness and raises funds to end Alzheimer's disease.

- McGill Plaza will still be in full bloom when Remote Area Medical hosts its annual fundraiser, **Southern Tequila and Taco Festival**, on Friday, April 28. Enjoy southern hospitality and great music while tasting the finest tacos and tequilas in East Tennessee. Tickets are limited, so plan accordingly!

Check out VisitFarragut.org for more details and be sure to follow Visit Farragut on Facebook and Instagram for more fun stuff to do in Farragut this spring.

# Plant the town for the Beautification Awards

Spring is just around the corner! It's time to spruce up and start planting the town. This is the 38th year the Arts & Beautification Committee will tour Farragut in search of the most beautifully-landscaped commercial properties, places of worship and residential entrances. Landscapes with an abundance of colorful blooms and meticulously manicured lawns could catch the eyes of the committee and be recognized by the town!

Here are the award categories:

- Commercial building
- Commercial complex
- Hotel/motel
- Residential entrance
- Religious institutions

The committee will be on the lookout for lovely landscaping April 15 through May 12. Winners will be recognized with a yard sign to display on their property.

# Budget season reflects the town's priorities

While much of the world slowed down during the Covid pandemic, Farragut stayed busy. A list of the town's accomplishments over the last three years includes the opening of the Farragut Community Center, the completion of Ralph McGill Plaza at the Campbell Station Inn, the completion of Phase 3 of McFee Park, the first phase of improvements to Virtue Road and lane adjustments at Campbell Station Road at the interstate.

A fiscally-conservative budget is what allows a small town like Farragut to have assets like a community center and the new tennis/pickleball courts at McFee Park. This is impressive given that the funding for the town's parks, greenways, roads and \$20 million in insured assets comes primarily through sales tax revenue. The town does not have a property tax.

It's no small feat to do so much with such a limited revenue stream. But the Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BMA) have made it a priority to spend conservatively and sock money away for big projects like Phase 3 of McFee Park. It was an expensive project, but we began saving for it years ago.

Now the town is budgeting for a new list of projects. If you're interested in how the board makes decisions about funding, now is the time to learn more. Here is the schedule for upcoming budget meetings/workshops:

- Thursday, April 13 – Equipment fund, CIP, other funds – BMA Workshop
- Thursday, April 27 – Program changes and fee schedule – BMA Workshop
- Thursday, May 25 – First reading of Budget Ordinance and fee schedule
- June 8, Thursday – Second and final reading of Budget Ordinance

The workshops will be held in conjunction with BMA meetings but are not included in the live stream. The public is welcome to attend workshops in person. Check the agenda for workshop times at townoffarragut.org/agendacenter.

BMA meetings start at 6 p.m. and can be viewed live through the town's website (townoffarragut.org/livestream) or on the town's YouTube channel.

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For more information about this publication, please contact Wendy Smith at 865-966-7057 or media@townoffarragut.org.

# SPRING EVENTS

- Unless otherwise noted, register for classes and special events at [townoffarragut.org/register](http://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 punches are just \$30, and punch cards may be shared by family or friends.
- **No refunds are given for programs and classes.**

## FITNESS

### Pickleball Open Gym

12-2 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. We are now adding a three-hour Thursday session from 6-9 p.m. Cost: \$4 per person or two punches on a punch card per session. No need to preregister – just bring a paddle and a ball 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. To serve all and maximize community use, users may experience wait times.

### Basketball Open Gym

2-9 p.m. on Mondays; 4-5 p.m. on Tuesdays; 2-5 p.m. on Wednesdays; 4-6 p.m. Thursdays and 2-6 p.m. on Fridays. Cost: \$4 per person per session or two punches on a punch card. Special Tuesday rate: \$2 per person or one punch on a punch card. No need to preregister – just bring a ball and get ready to play. Please arrive a few minutes early to check in and get your free community center membership. To serve all and maximize community use, users may experience wait times or be asked to restrict play to half court.

### Volleyball Open Gym

6:30-8:45 p.m. on Fridays. Participants must be ages 15 and up. Cost: \$4 per person for the session or two punches on a punch card. 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; net provided.

### Toddler Takeover

10-11 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Cost: \$2 or one punch on a punch card per child; adults are free. Participating children must be walking to 5 years old. Join us for this guardian-supervised indoor playtime and let your child explore our bright, colorful, age-appropriate equipment! Preregistration is not required.

### Total Fitness Classes

8:30-9:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Cost: \$4, or two punches on a punch card, per session. Preregistration 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

8:15-9:15 a.m. on Wednesdays. Cost: free. Registration deadline: 5 p.m. the Tuesday before class. Start your day off 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 new to yoga.

### Rise and Shine Yoga

8:15-9:15 a.m. on Mondays and Fridays. Cost: \$4 or two punches on a punch card per session. Registration deadline: 5 p.m. the day before class. Rise and shine! Start your day off right with a morning yoga class led by registered yoga teacher Mindy Wise or Jenny Trussell! Bring a yoga mat, water and a positive attitude!

### Baby + Me Yoga

10-11 a.m. on Wednesdays beginning April 5. Cost: \$67 for

four classes or \$20 per class. Registration deadline for this four-week series is April 5. The goal is to provide a safe and supportive environment for new parents and their babies (ideally six weeks to crawling) to spend time bonding while the parent gets to stretch and strengthen muscles, relieve stress and make connections with other new parents. Please bring a yoga mat, blocks, water, a baby blanket and whatever else you and baby need to be comfortable. Plan for roughly 30-45 minutes of yoga with time to mingle after class. Get out of the house and come join us! Spaces are limited.

### Israeli Folk Dancing – April Session

2:45-5:30 p.m. on Thursdays in April. Israeli Folk Dance is a community-building style of dance for girls and boys. It consists mostly of circle and line dances. Most of the songs are in Hebrew and the same choreography is used around the world! Classes are held in a four-week session where students learn different dances. Cost: \$40. Level 1 is recommended before the Level 2 class, but not required.

Juniors (Ages 7-10) – 2:45-3:30 p.m.

Level 1 (Ages 10-18) – 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Level 2 (Ages 10-18) – 4:30-5:30 p.m.

### Become an Author

6-7:30pm on April 18. Ages 14 and older will learn about the

art and science of writing a book, the world of getting published, and opportunities for marketing your book. The class is led by Dr. Timothy D. Holder, an author, radio show host, public speaker, and professor. This is a free class!

### Simple Comme Bonjour! (Simple as Hello) Basics of French

6:30-7:30 p.m. on Thursdays. Ages 14 and older can join us in learning beginner French in six weeks! No experience required. Learn some of the basic components of spoken and written French, some cultural aspects of France, and some concepts to help you with travel. Cost: \$30.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Farragut Independence Day Parade registration

Due to the overwhelming popularity of this parade, entries are limited to the first 90 registrations received. Parade registration forms will be available at [townoffarragut.org](http://townoffarragut.org) beginning April 1.

### Bob Watt Youth Fishing Rodeo

8 a.m.-11 a.m. Saturday, May 13, at Anchor Park pond. See article on page 1 for more info.



## Adopt A Tree to honor a loved one

The Town of Farragut has a new way to honor a friend or family member. Our Adopt A Tree program allows participants to adopt an existing tree at the Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza at Campbell Station Inn, Town Hall Park, McFee Park or Anchor Park that will be marked with a plaque set in concrete. You can even choose your own tree! A map will be available on July 1 with the locations of all adoptable trees.

The adopted tree will be covered by a warranty so it will be around to provide shade and honor your loved one for years to come. To learn more about this program, scan the QR code below.



## The McFee Park splashpad opens May 1!

It's almost splashpad time in Tennessee!

The McFee Park splashpad opens Monday, May 1. Hours are 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Please check Farragut Parks & Rec social media sites for splashpad 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.

Childcare businesses looking to take a trip to the splashpad must make a pavilion reservation to ensure there is space for everyone. Reserva-

tions for businesses are available Mondays and Wednesdays between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Please reach out to the parks department at (865) 218-3376 to make these reservations.

Parking near the pavilions and splashpad is limited, but there is ample parking available in the lower lot near the park entrance. For safety purposes, please park only in designated spaces.

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

*For more information about Farragut's parks and amenities, visit [farragutparksandrec.org/parks-greenways](http://farragutparksandrec.org/parks-greenways).*

# Independence Day Parade

## Registration available April 1

The Town of Farragut's 35th annual Independence Day Parade will start at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 4, on Kingston Pike between Farragut High School and Boring Road.

Registration forms for the parade will be available beginning Saturday, April 1, at [townoffarragut.org/register](http://townoffarragut.org/register) (a free account is required to register) or at the Farragut Community Center, 239 Jamestowne Blvd., during regular business hours (8 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on Friday and 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday). All 2022 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 90 registrants. **Absolutely no registrations will be taken after Sunday, June 18, 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



### Independence Day parade road closures on Kingston Pike

Due to the Independence Day Parade, Kingston Pike from Lendon Welch Way to Federal Boulevard will be closed from 8:30 a.m. to approximately noon on Tuesday, July 4. 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.

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 Friday, June 30. No parade line-

up 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](mailto:ParksandRecInfo@townoffarragut.org).

# Parks & Recreation

## Farragut late summer adult volleyball leagues

For more information and to register for adult athletic leagues, please call the Farragut Parks & Recreation office at 865-218-3376, register online at [farragutparksandrec.org/volleyball](http://farragutparksandrec.org/volleyball) or visit the Parks & Rec office located at the Farragut Community Center.

### Summer Sand Volleyball Leagues

Registration begins Monday, April 10, with an absolute deadline of Thursday, June 22. The volleyball leagues are co-ed. The cost is \$175 per team for recre-

ation and intermediate leagues. The cost is \$125 per team for the competitive fours league. Payment must be received at time of registration. The 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.*

- Recreational Leagues (six players)
  - o Monday evenings begin-

ning July 10. Each team must play with at least two women on the court at all times.

- Competitive fours league (four players) - This league is self-officiated. Each team must have at least two women on the court at all times.

- o Monday evenings beginning July 10.

- 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 13. Each team must

play with at least two women on the court at all times.

## West diamond field at Mayor Bob Leonard Park closed

The West diamond field (located by the parking lot on Harrison Lane) will be closed for a few months due to dangerous debris that is working its way up to the field surface. A fence has been erected because it is hazardous to play on the field. Please stay off the field and the fence.

The Farragut Public Works and Parks & Rec Departments will replace the topsoil with high quality infield mix. The field is expected to reopen in late summer.

The Farragut Parks & Recreation Department is working with user groups to find other fields. For more information, email [athleticfieldreservations@townoffarragut.org](mailto:athleticfieldreservations@townoffarragut.org).

## Town applies for grant worth \$1.25 million

The Town of Farragut is applying for a State of Tennessee Local Parks and Recreation Fund Grant for a match of \$1,250,000 to construct a dog park and restroom building at McFee Park and renovate Mayor Bob Leonard Park Fields 1 and 2, construct an ADA path from the west parking lot for Field 1 and provide ADA access to player benches.

For more information, call 865-218-3376 or email [lcox@townoffarragut.org](mailto:lcox@townoffarragut.org)

## Field and court use requests for fall and winter 2023

Allocation packets for athletic organizations requesting field and court use at Anchor, Mayor Bob Leonard or McFee parks for fall 2023 will be available Monday, April 3, on the Parks & Recreation website ([farragutparksandrec.org](http://farragutparksandrec.org)) or at the Farragut Community Center. This includes requests for practices, games and tournaments on natural turf fields from Aug. 1 to Oct. 31, and on Mayor Bob Leonard Park synthetic turf fields and McFee Park tennis/pickleball courts through Feb. 28, 2024. Tournaments can be requested through winter 2023. The completed application packet for all requests is due by noon on Friday, May 26, to the Farragut Community Center (not postmarked). Packets can also be emailed to [athleticfieldreservations@townoffarragut.org](mailto:athleticfieldreservations@townoffarragut.org).

One representative from each group requesting field use for fall 2023 is required to attend the Field Use Workshop at 6 p.m. and the Parks and Athletics Council field allocation meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 13. For more information or to request a packet by mail, please contact Lauren Cox or Bryson Keith at 865-218-3376 or [athleticfieldreservations@townoffarragut.org](mailto:athleticfieldreservations@townoffarragut.org).

# Community Center Corner



As spring approaches, it can be hard to find indoor opportunities for recreation that allow you to avoid those spring showers. Fortunately, the Farragut Community Center boasts a variety of programs that allow you to get inside, engage with other members of the community and improve your mental and physical health. With the start of a new year comes the return of many popular indoor Farragut favorites at the Farragut Community Center!

This spring, we will see the continuation of popular programming such as Toddler Takeover, Total Fitness, yoga classes, open gyms and more!

The community center is now open until 9 p.m. on Fridays. This will allow for the highly-

requested open gym volleyball from 6:30-8:45 p.m. every Friday evening! Grab your friends and come bump, set and spike. Cost is \$4 per person for the session or two punches on a punch card. Participants must be ages 15 and up. 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; the net is provided.

Come by the community center during regular hours to learn more about these opportunities for fun and fitness. Visit us Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-9 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. We hope to see you at the community center in 2023!