

2019

Wishing all a peaceful and happy New Year

Students at Roeland Park Schools Learn About the R Park Sculpture Project

First, Second and Third Graders at Roesland Elementary and St. Agnes Catholic Schools were taught about the R Park Sculpture Project by Mary Schulteis, Christine Weber, Laura Yankoviz, and Gretchen Davis, who are four members of the Project. The objective of the art class lesson was to learn about public art, specifically the sculpture by Jorge Blanco that will be installed in R Park in our City during May of 2019. The presentations were followed by art activities for the eager and engaged students so they could respond to Blanco's sculpture. Students were given information to take home to their families regarding entering the naming contest for the sculpture.



Money for R Park Sculpture is in Place! Sculptor Has Begun Work!

The Citizens Sculpture Initiative for R Park has announced that the fundraising goal of \$62,600 for the R Park Sculpture Project has been met, thanks to the generous community spirit of 5 family foundations, 10 businesses and over 300 individuals. Blanco has begun the first phase of the public art piece by designing the work on a computer to make sure all the dimensions are correct. After this step, he will do technical drawings on paper which will be the blueprint for the heavy aluminum fabrication of the work. Blanco, an internationally-acclaimed artist, lives in Florida. The sculpture is expected to be installed in R Park around May of 2019.



Recycle your Christmas tree at the old pool site at 48th Street and Roe Boulevard from Dec. 26th to Feb. 2nd. Please remove all decorations, tinsel and lights. Regular trash or yard waste pick up will not pick up Christmas trees.



Recycle Right

Ditch the Bag and Free Your Recyclable

You think you're recycling right, but when plastic bags and wraps make it into your curbside recycle bin, they actually end up in the landfill. Why? Your recycling hauler doesn't accept these items as they end up jamming the recycling facility's equipment. Ensure your recycling efforts don't go to waste. Here's how:

Ditch The Bag

Plastic bags and wraps don't go in your curbside recycle bin. You can put them in your trash can or return grocery bags and clean wraps to several area grocery stores for recycling.



Free Your Recyclables

Bagged recyclables end up in the landfill. Instead, keep your recyclables loose in the bin.



For more information, visit jocogov.org/recycling101.

#DitchTheBag



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Cliff Chaffee: School Resource Officer at Bishop Miege High School



It is an exciting year at Bishop Miege High School. First and foremost, congrats to the Stags on their fifth consecutive football State Championship!

Since the introduction of the SRO (School Resource Officer) program at Bishop Miege, countless advancements have been made toward the mission at hand. An SRO's role is not just campus security and law enforcement, but also to bridge the gap between young adults and public service personnel. Today's society is much more difficult to maneuver than it was just a few years ago. Having the opportunity to be on the front lines and encourage young adults to make good decisions is the most rewarding opportunity I've had in my career.

Much like peer pressure; positive reinforcement and good behavior and kindness are infectious. If an SRO is able to reach children on a human level and show them the advantages of good decision making, strong ethics and solid character, they have been set in a direction aimed for success. This is what an SRO takes pride in: watching the students he/she mentors graduate and go on to bigger, better things in life.

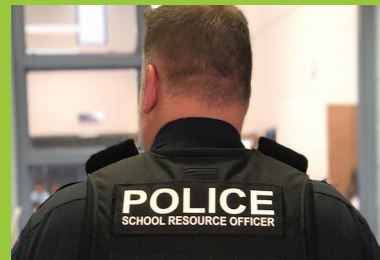
The entire campus has been brought into compliance with the State Fire Marshall's new mandate on emergency drills. The introduction of a therapy dog has been presented to the school by myself with incredible feedback. The standard operating procedures have been rewritten and implemented for improved safety on campus. Social media has come into play by means of an SRO Facebook page for students, parents and staff to connect with the SRO at any time. Many more great things have happened this year, but the above lists a few of the highlights.

Bishop Miege and the SRO strive to make the campus a comfortable, safe place to provide an environment conducive to learning. In cooperation with fellow officers, K9 unit and surrounding agencies, I feel very fortunate to be part of the Bishop Miege family.

In the event you would like more information on Bishop Miege, feel free to visit www.bishopmiege.com. You can also find a wealth of information on Bishop Miege's social media pages, as well as the [SRO Facebook page](#).

Feel free to reach out or stop in for a visit! We would be more than happy to have you. All are welcome. Most importantly....GO STAGS GO!!!!!!

Cliff Chaffee



The third, and final, leaf pickup dates for 2018:

- January 7 to 19 for the area West of Roe Boulevard
- January 22 to February 2 for the area East of Roe Boulevard

Attention Roeland Park Teens

Roeland Park is seeking candidates for the newly formed Youth Advisory Council starting in 2019. The Council will be responsible for organizing the Neighbors Helping Neighbors Program which uses volunteers to assist local residents in need with property maintenance and improvements.



In addition, they will make recommendations to the Governing Body concerning issues impacting youth in our City. Roeland Park residents and/or students between the ages of 13 and 19 are encouraged to apply online at www.roelandpark.org. Sign up Today!

Thank You R Park Donors

George Knipp	Ann Nelson
Toby & JoAnna Rush	Barton P. and Mary D. Cohen Charitable Trust
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The Roeland Park Community Center

Roeland Park Community Center

(913) 826-3160

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 8am-8pm

Friday: 8am-5pm

Fitness Room

Monday-Thursday: 8am-8pm

Friday: 7am-6pm

Saturday: 8am-12pm

Sunday: Closed

Room Rental Hours

Monday-Thursday:

8am-10pm

Friday-Saturday:

8 am-10:30 pm

Sunday: 11 am-8 pm

Roeland Park Aquatic Center

(913) 432-1377

Roeland Park Sports Dome

(913) 362-8700

Preschool

Yummy Hot Chocolate & Marshmallow Molding, Walkers-Age 5 w/ Adult, January 31, 9 am– 10 am, \$3 per child if paid in advance. \$5 per child day of event, if space is available. Get toasty with us on national hot chocolate day! Make marshmallow snowmen while enjoying hot chocolate with a loved one. Take home a keepsake.

Youth

Cooking: Kids in the Kitchen, Ages 8-13, January 19, 10:30 am– 12:30 pm, \$15 Have some fun in the kitchen making soups! Food safety, basic cooking skills & nutrition covered.

Special Event: Kids Night Out, Ages 6-12, February 8, 6:30 pm– 9 pm, \$13 A Friday night to remember! Theme is snowball forts & Valentine's crafts. Dinner included.

Teen Scene: Becoming a Babysitter, Ages 12-16, February 19, 8 am– 4 pm, \$70 Become a responsible babysitter. Cover safety, expectations, age appropriate activities, & healthy snacks. First Aid & CPR certification. Bring lunch. Call (913) 826-3161 to schedule a private class.

Cake Decorating 101, Ages 8-13, February 23, 10:30 am-12:30 pm, \$38

Have fun decorating a small cake. Take home your masterpiece to wow the family! Supplies included.

Adult

Dance: Kansas City 2-Step Beginner's Course, Ages 18 & Older, January 28, 6:30 pm– 8:30 pm, 8 sessions, \$85 A cultural dance unique to Kansas City, 2-stepping roots go back to big band & swing eras of jazz.

Dance: Introduction to Salsa Dancing, Ages 18 & Older, January 16, 6 pm– 7 pm, 8 sessions, \$62 Popular in Latin American & US cultures, this class emphasizes standard technique.

50Plus

Bingo: Hershey® Treat, Ages 50 & over, January 24, 1:30 pm– 3 pm, \$5 Variety of prizes awarded including gift certificates & gift baskets. Refreshments served. **Cost of admission covers food & staff time to administer program; no additional charge for bingo.*

Cooking: Insta-What?, Ages 50 & over, January 26, 9 am- 10:30 am, \$36 Instant Pots are the latest trend. Find out what it is & how it works. All supplies included.

Cooking: Beginner's Water Bath Canning, Ages 50 & over, February 11, 5 pm– 8 pm, \$15

Canning basics, the science of food preservation, and hands-on preserving taught in this workshop.

Social Event: Valentine's Day Dinner & Bingo, Ages 50 & over, February 14, 5:30 pm– 8 pm, \$15 if paid in advance. \$18 after 2/8, if space is available. Treat yourself to a special Valentine's Day with dinner & bingo. Singles & couples welcome! **Cost of admission covers food & staff time to administer program; no additional charge for bingo.*

Osher Institute: Burns, Bagpipes, & Barleycorn, February 20, 27, & March 6, 7 pm– 9 pm, \$50

Three strands of Scottish culture braid themselves together in a class that celebrates the essentials of Scotland: Robert Burns, kilts & bagpipes, & single malt whisky!

Technology: Creating Photobooks, Ages 50 & over, February 9 & 16, 9 am– 11 am, \$36 Learn the steps of assembling photobooks online with your digital photos from a photographer.

For more information, a complete list of all our available programs or to register for activities please call (913) 826-3160 or visit us online at www.jcprd.com.



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Public Art Makes Sense—and Cents!

Investment in our City's public art has tangible and intangible benefits.

- **Quality of life:**
 - Makes a city more dynamic & attractive
 - Establishes a positive local identity & promotes civic pride.
- **Community:**
 - Creates vibrant gathering places which encourage community engagement
 - Creates an enhanced sense of ownership & responsibility for our public spaces.
- **Economic Impact:**
 - Enhances City's visibility, image, property values, & commercial tax revenues
 - Cultural activities & amenities attract new residents & businesses.
- **Health:**
 - Draws people to public spaces for fitness & social interaction.
 - Reduces stress, inspires creativity, & boosts the immune system.

Holidays: City Offices Closed

- Jan.1st , Tuesday – New Year's Day
- Jan.21st, Monday—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Beth Houts Photography was the December exhibit at the Roeland Park City Hall George Schlegel Art Gallery. Stunning photographs of wild mustangs, buffalo, and landscapes were represented. Beth Houts is a local artist.



Upcoming artists' exhibits at City Hall will be announced on Facebook, Nextdoor and the [Roeland Park Website](#).