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**Get Ready to Play!  
Join Us for Play Day in the Park, a FREE Family Event in Forest Park!**

ST LOUIS (DATE) – Let’s play! To kick off this summer, The Magic House and Forest Park Forever along with Spire, St. Louis Public Library and St. Louis County Library, invite you to participate in Play Day in the Park, a FREE family-focused community event to be held in Forest Park. This giant community-wide play date will take place on Saturday, June 1 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Visitors Center Parking Lot in Forest Park.

Studies have shown that there is a growing concern that a key component of child development is disappearing from children’s lives: Play. Play helps children develop social skills, critical thinking, creativity and problem-solving skills. **Play Day in the Park** hopes to combat this growing trend by encouraging families to take a break from screentime and participate in good, old-fashioned play!

Making play accessible to all kids, **Play Day in the Park** will allow families to explore a variety of engaging activities, from bubble play and outdoor art to parachute games, sports, and STEM Lab explorations! Plus, you won’t want to miss out on signing up for STL Summer Adventure, a community summer learning program powered by St. Louis County Library and St. Louis Public Library. By inspiring children to discover the world through play, they are mastering skills that will build their confidence and creativity so they will continue to learn throughout their lives.

Coming together to champion the importance of play and build a more playful community, over 25 local St. Louis organizations will be onsite providing hands-on activities for children.

**Play Day in the Park** is a collaborative event promoting and supporting the power of play among children. The event is sponsored by Spire and is free for all families to attend.

**About Spire**

At Spire Inc. (NYSE: SR) we believe energy exists to help make people’s lives better. It’s a simple idea, but one that’s at the heart of our company. Every day we serve 1.7 million homes and businesses making us one of the largest publicly traded natural gas companies in the country. We help families and business owners fuel their daily lives through our gas utilities serving Alabama, Mississippi and Missouri. Our natural gas-related businesses include Spire Marketing and Spire Midstream. We are committed to transforming our business through growing organically, investing in infrastructure, and advancing through innovation. Learn more at [SpireEnergy.com](http://SpireEnergy.com).

**About The Magic House, St. Louis Children’s Museum**

The Magic House is a not-for-profit participatory museum that provides hands-on learning experiences that spark imagination, pique curiosity, enhance creativity and develop problem-

solving skills within a place of beauty, wonder, joy, and magic. Serving more than 550,000 visitors annually, The Magic House opened in 1979 and has 55,000 square feet of hands-on exhibits. In 2019, the Museum opened an all-new satellite makerspace in the City of St. Louis on Delmar Boulevard, located between the Central West End and the Delmar Loop.

To stay up-to-date with The Magic House, visit [www.magichouse.org](http://www.magichouse.org) and follow the club on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

### **About Forest Park Forever**

Forest Park Forever is a private nonprofit conservancy that partners with the City of St. Louis to restore, maintain and sustain Forest Park as one of America's great urban public parks for a diverse community of visitors to enjoy, now and forever.

In addition to maintaining the 1,300-acre Park in partnership with the City, Forest Park Forever raises funds for and helps manage capital restoration projects called for in the Forest Park Master Plan; delivers experiential educational opportunities to teachers, students and adults; and provides information and guides for the Park's 15.5 million annual visitors.

Not part of the Zoo-Museum Tax District, Forest Park Forever is supported by private donations from throughout the community, including its 6,000 members, 1,100 volunteers and many leading community and corporate partners.

### **About St. Louis County Library**

St. Louis County Library is the busiest public library in Missouri. We provide the resources and services to enrich individual minds, enhance lives and expand perspectives. In 2023, SLCL circulated over 11 million items including books, DVDs, eMedia, video games, periodicals and CDs. The Library District consists of 20 branches, all of which have undergone significant upgrades as part of the Your Library Renewed campaign. SLCL partners with community organizations around St. Louis to address a wide variety of issues including literacy, food insecurity, and the digital divide. To learn more visit [www.slcl.org](http://www.slcl.org).

### **About St. Louis Public Library**

St. Louis Public Library has 16 locations across the city and sees more than 2.3 million visitors each year. The Library has more than 4 million books and items in its collection, over 83,000 Library cardholders and provides high-speed wireless internet access to nearly 2 million people each year. SLPL's extensive digital resources include computer access, Wi-Fi hotspots, computer classes, online learning resources and access to the Creative Experience at Central Library, a digital makerspace lab. SLPL provides learning resources and information services that support and improve individuals, family and community life. For more information about St. Louis Public Library and its services, visit [slpl.org](http://slpl.org).

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