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MAY 31
SPLASH PAD
Opens
in Kiener
Plaza

SUNRISE YOGA
Tuesdays All Summer.
Sunrise Yoga on Kiener
Plaza. Tuesdays at
7:30 a.m. with Yoga Buzz



JUNE 13

PICNIC IN YOUR PARK
Celebrate the beauty
of Gateway Arch
National Park, reserve
your basket today!



B.A.R.K. RANGER
Gateway Arch National
Park is a Dog Friendly
Park! Stay tuned for
more information about
events for you and your
furry friends. B.A.R.K.
Ranger is a nationwide
NPS program.

BLUES AT THE ARCH
Virtual concert series
returns Fridays in
August at archpark.org



OCTOBER 28

ICONIC EVENING
Iconic Evening with
Chef Gerard Craft.
Save the date, this
event will sell out!



EXPLORE

Kiener Plaza: A City Park in the Heart of Downtown

Featuring native Missouri plants, a bistro area, splash pad, and a children's play area

Kiener Plaza was built as a memorial to Harry J. Kiener (1881-1960), an amateur sportsman and member of the USA Track & Field team at the 1904 Olympics, held in St. Louis in 1904 during the World's Fair. The Plaza's centerpiece is a pool and fountain containing a statue known as "The Runner" by Lithuanian-born immigrant William Zorach to honor the former Olympian. The 1904 Summer Olympics, officially known as the Games of the III Olympiad, were held at what is now known as Francis Field on the campus of Washington University in St. Louis. This was the first time that the Olympic Games were held outside Europe.

Gateway Arch Park Foundation's mission is to maintain Gateway Arch National Park and the neighboring public spaces from Kiener Plaza to the Riverfront. The CityArchRiver Project transformed Kiener Plaza into a beautiful gathering place in the heart of Downtown St. Louis that caters to commuters, city visitors, and families.

Kiener Plaza is a St. Louis City Park that features paths around garden beds filled with Missouri native plants, flowers, and trees, a lawn that can accommodate a variety of events, a bicycle parking grove, a bistro area with café tables and chairs, benches, a fountain garden with a splash pad, and a children's play garden, as well as a statue in honor of the former Olympian, Harry Kiener, a USA Track & Field member who competed at the 1904 Olympics, eventually becoming a steel company executive and philanthropist.

New Improvements Coming Soon to Kiener Plaza

A new Visitor Services & Maintenance Building is coming to Kiener Plaza. The building will include a workspace for on-site security and provide storage and support space for events and maintenance. This project is a collaboration with our partners, Great Rivers Greenway, Explore St. Louis, and Jefferson National Parks Association to provide visitor information and shopping for St. Louis themed-gifts. Work on the new building is expected to be complete by Fall 2021.



SUNRISE YOGA RETURNS TO KIENER PLAZA

Tuesday mornings at 7:30 a.m.

SPLASH PAD OPENS FOR MEMORIAL DAY!



Gateway Arch Park Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to ensure the Gateway Arch, its grounds, neighboring public space, and attractions will be a vital, welcoming, and well-supported resource for the community and nation for generations to come.

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A letter from our Executive Director

In a year unlike any other, our region's defining symbol served as an icon of hope, strength, and pride for so many, and the significance of the 91-acre urban park surrounding St. Louis' beloved monument has never been more apparent and important. Now more than ever, people need parks.

The pandemic has underscored just how crucial urban greenspaces are to our mental health and physical wellbeing, as well as our community's overall quality of life. Over the past few months, St. Louisans have consistently turned to Gateway Arch National Park for fresh air, exercise, socially distanced gathering, and ultimately, to find a sense of peace.

Throughout 2020, Gateway Arch Park Foundation continued to work to ensure the park remains a vital, welcoming, and well-supported resource for all. Because of our supporters, we were able to support necessary repairs to museum exhibits, invest in new infrastructure like free public Wi-Fi, and help plant and care for our urban national park's expansive grounds. These and the many other accomplishments were made possible by the support from the community over the past year.

One of the silver linings to the past year was the unwavering generosity and spirited commitment of our many individual friends and corporate and foundation partners. Your support - past, present, and future - is what helps us keep Gateway Arch National Park accessible, beautiful, and relevant. Thank you for supporting a national treasure!

Ryan McClure
Executive Director
Gateway Arch Park Foundation



A MONUMENTAL EXPERIENCE

Become a steward of an international icon and enjoy special member benefits throughout the year, which may include:

- "Tram Rides to the Top" passes
- Complimentary Parking Passes
- Special Member only Events and Experiences
- Riverfront Cruise, Café, and Shopping Discounts

Join Today!

Donors to Gateway Arch Park Foundation provide the support needed to help preserve and activate Gateway Arch National Park. Be our partner in making an impact on this international symbol of St. Louis. Foundation members are the driving force behind projects that will maintain Gateway Arch National Park for our community and nation. By joining today, YOU are making this incredible urban national park a vital and well-supported resource for generations to come.

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GET TO KNOW

Introducing Taronna Armstrong

Deputy Superintendent, Gateway Arch National Park

Greetings Gateway Arch Park Foundation Supporters and friends,

My name is Taronna Armstrong, Deputy Superintendent at Gateway Arch National Park. I relocated to St. Louis at the end of December from President William Jefferson Clinton Birthplace Home National Historic Site in Hope, Arkansas, where I served as the Superintendent since 2014.

It is an honor to join the team that has been entrusted with the responsibility of preserving and leading such an iconic park that reflects St. Louis' role in the westward expansion of the United States, which includes St. Louis' Old Courthouse – the site of hundreds of suits for freedom and the first two trials of the pivotal Dred Scott case in 1847 and 1850. It was also where Virginia Minor's case for a woman's right to vote came to trial in the 1870s.

Although I've been here at the Gateway Arch for only a few months, my career with the National Park Service started nearly 30 years ago. I've had the privilege of working at many historic sites and parks, including assisting in the development of three new units of the NPS (Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site in Topeka, Kansas; Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site in Little Rock; and President William Jefferson Clinton

Birthplace Home National Historic Site.) My NPS career has taken me across the country, including George Washington Birthplace National Monument in Virginia; Thomas Stone National Historic Site in Charles County, Maryland; and Everglades National Park in Florida.

I am eager now to work alongside the world-class park staff, partners, local community, and supporters that help maintain and sustain Gateway Arch National Park. The Gateway Arch is open for visitors and there is plenty of room to safely enjoy the 91-acre park, the newly redesigned museum, and the 630-foot view from the top. I invite you to come see us this summer.



Sincerely,
Taronna Armstrong
Deputy Superintendent, Gateway Arch National Park

NEWS & NOTES

Partner News



ST. LOUIS RIVERBOATS HOST HOURLY RIVERFRONT CRUISES EVERY DAY

Visit gatewayarch.com/riverboats for the schedules and specialty cruises announcements.

GATEWAY ARCH NATIONAL PARK SUMMER HOURS

9 a.m.–8 p.m. beginning Saturday, May 29 through Labor Day.

NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY AT GATEWAY ARCH NATIONAL PARK

Saturday, September 25



ARCH STORE TO GO

The summertime pop-up of the iconic gift shop at the Gateway Arch, located just outside the Arch Visitor Center, is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., starting Memorial Day. Gateway Arch Park Foundation members receive a 10% discount on purchases.

EVENTS

Picnic in Your Park

Just bring your appetite - and your blanket. Tickets On Sale Through June 2!

Gateway Arch Park Foundation Friends Advisory Board invites you to celebrate the beauty of Gateway Arch National Park at the inaugural Picnic in Your Park benefit to raise awareness and critical funds for park conservation, education, and community programs.

Your basket will include everything you need to enjoy your picnic! Check in at the North Gateway off Washington Avenue near the Eads Bridge and accessed via Laclede's Landing between noon and 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 13, to pick up your prepacked Foundation picnic basket to enjoy at your leisure anywhere on park grounds or in your own backyard oasis. Follow the signs for pick-up – we will welcome you, check you in, deliver your basket and wish you a happy day picnicking, with masks and social distancing protocols in place. Accompanying your basket will be a QR code for short virtual messages and the perfect playlist to enjoy while picnicking. Because of COVID-19 restrictions, there will be no defined picnic area, tables, or chairs. We encourage you to bring your own camp chairs and/or picnic blanket and find your perfect spot!

As you start to think about where you might like to enjoy your picnic, please keep the applicable Leave No Trace principles in mind to help us conserve, preserve, and keep Gateway Arch National Park beautiful, vibrant, and welcoming!

Picnic in Your Park will take place rain or shine! In the event of inclement weather baskets will be available for curbside pick-up for you to enjoy at home.

VISIT ARCHPARK.ORG/PICNIC TO PURCHASE YOUR BASKET TODAY!



Friends Advisory Board Chair, Susan Brown and Family

Picnic
IN YOUR PARK

SUNDAY | **THE NORTH GATEWAY**
JUNE 13, 2021 | **IN GATEWAY ARCH**
NATIONAL PARK

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Earth Day Clean-Up Volunteers, April 2019

John Frey Photography

CONNECT

Volunteer Update

We are excited to announce our new co-managed Volunteer Program between Gateway Arch National Park and Gateway Arch Park Foundation. This co-managed program will build upon the already existing Volunteers-in-Parks (VIP) program at Gateway Arch National Park.

In the near future, new and current volunteers will have the opportunity to participate in many meaningful positions from event support, museum rovers, grounds support, and administrative roles. Be on the lookout for Volunteer updates on our website and social media pages.

Interested in getting involved? Please visit www.archpark.org/support/volunteer to learn more or contact Meagan Patterson at meagan.patterson@archpark.org.

10 Facts About the Gateway Arch

- 1. The Gateway Arch turns 56, October 28, 2021.**
- 2. Construction finally began on February 12, 1963, and was completed on October 28, 1965.**
- 3. Finnish architect Eero Saarinen won the international design competition with the Arch design.**
- 4. The arch is as tall as it is wide. The shape is known as a catenary curve and stands 630 feet tall and 630 feet wide.**
- 5. The Arch's two legs were built separately, and if their measurements were off by as little as 1/64th of an inch, they would not have been able to join at the top.**
- 6. The Tram Ride to the Top was designed by Dick Bowser. It took him two weeks to come up with the concept that is part elevator and part Ferris wheel.**

7. There are 1,076 steps leading to the top of the Arch. By comparison, the Washington Monument has 897, and the Statue of Liberty has 162.

8. May 25, 1968 - Dedication of the Gateway Arch by Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey

9. June 24, 1976 - Grand Staircase Opened

10. August 10, 1976 - Completion and public opening of the Museum of Westward Expansion

EVENTS

Host a Monumental Event

The Gateway Arch is the perfect place to host your next event. Our dynamic new spaces are ideal for social gatherings, weddings, and corporate events that are sure to make a lasting impression.



MEZZANINE

The beautiful mezzanine of the Museum at the Gateway Arch is welcoming to visitors and can easily be transformed into a dynamic venue for a variety of events.

Price:

\$5,000 (up to 4 hours)

Capacity:

- Seated Dinner: 150
- Standing Cocktail Reception: 200

TRAM LOBBY

With beautiful architectural features and a 100-foot-wide video wall, the Tram Lobby is sure to create a dramatic backdrop for any event.

Price:

\$10,000 (up to 4 hours)

Capacity:

- Seated Dinner: 600
- Standing Cocktail Reception: 700

MUSEUM AT THE GATEWAY ARCH ALL ACCESS EXPERIENCE

Wow your guests with an all-access private night exploring the entire Museum at the Gateway Arch.

Price:

\$22,500 (up to 4 hours)

Capacity:

- Seated Dinner in the Tram Lobby: 600
- Multi-level reception including Tram Lobby and Mezzanine: 900 - 1,000

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