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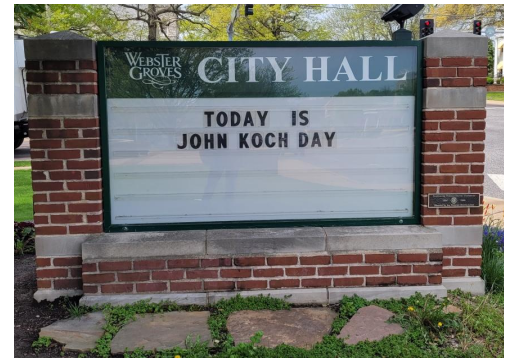
## The Friday Page

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### Today is John Koch Day!

After 27 years with the Webster Groves Police Department, Officer John Koch is retiring. We are grateful to Officer Koch for his years of service to our community, and wish him well in his retirement.



### Public Hearings Continued to April 20

Two public hearings regarding changes in the City's Zoning Code dealing with residential areas will be continued at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, April 20. The first hearing concerns recommendations that would allow for two-unit structures (including duplexes, townhouses, and patio homes) - in some residential districts. The second hearing concerns recommendations about size, setbacks, and other related residential regulations. You can view the meeting at [webstergroves.org/teleconference](http://webstergroves.org/teleconference) and can provide comments for the hearing by emailing [citycouncil@webstergroves.org](mailto:citycouncil@webstergroves.org) by 4 pm the day of the meeting or during the Public Comment section of the hearing by raising your hand on Zoom. [View the Public Hearing Notice](#)

## Put Some Spring in Your Step

It's hard to deny that this spring has been glorious in Webster Groves with the cool temperatures, sunny days, flowering trees, and tulips and green popping up everywhere. It's the ideal time to explore some of the treasured green places in the community. Here are a few recommendations:



- Ruhe Park sits at the northwest corner of South Elm and East Glendale. This beautiful green space has been lovingly tended for years by the Women's Garden Club and is a perfect place to do a little exploration or bring your coffee and enjoy the landscape from one of the benches.
- The Sculpture Garden sits on two triangles at North Gore and Kirkham Avenues. Not only are the trees and plantings just gorgeous, but the sculptures are a lovely sight. You can also meander along the Nature Sanctuary to Barbre Park, walk the trail around the Park, and view the many vignettes of the history of North Webster on "Ascension," the bronze sculpture near the corner of North Elm and Brentwood.
- Southwest Park is another gem among the City's parks. Sitting off South Rock Hill Road, there is plenty of room in this park to explore some nice open spaces and refresh your lungs in the open air.

## Poetry Month Events

The City's Arts Commission is sponsoring several activities to celebrate national Poetry Month. The following events are still to come in April:

- Haiku Workshop - Thursday, April 22, 7 - 8 pm - Via Zoom with instructor Ben Moller-Gaa. Adults 18 and older. A link to the Zoom will be posted the week of April 19 [online](#).
- Poetry Reading - Wednesday, April 28, 5 pm - Steps of City Hall - A public recital of Amanda Gorman's poem, The Hill We Climb, which was read at the presidential inauguration.
- "Chalk a Poem on the Sidewalk" day - Saturday, April 30, all day - find one of the buckets of chalk around town and write your favorite poem - or just a line of it- on the sidewalk for all to see!