



Monday, May 6, 2024

Dear Central West End residents, businesses, and visitors,

The Saint Louis Chess Club is thrilled to announce that we have begun our expansion construction on Tuesday, May 7, 2024. After some unexpected delays due to the challenges of COVID and other unforeseen circumstances, we are as excited as you are to begin this project!

At the heart of this expansion is our commitment to serving the Central West End neighborhood and beyond with a vibrant 30,000-square-foot facility to provide more opportunities for chess education, tournaments, and casual play. One of the most exciting upgrades will include a chess-inspired restaurant welcoming guests at the corner of Maryland and Euclid Avenue with a Missouri farm-to-table menu available for lunch, dinner, and private events! The entire first floor will be dedicated to classroom spaces. In contrast, the second floor will offer a much-expanded area for local, national, and global tournaments that attract the best chess competitors from around the world to our Nation's Chess Capital. We will also have several ADA-compliant upgrades, an elevator, community gathering spaces, and revamped, state-of-the-art technology.

Throughout the construction process, we will do everything possible to reduce the impact and interference to our neighbors. A portion of the parking lot next to the Saint Louis Chess Club on Maryland Avenue will be utilized as a staging area and workspace while the building transforms. To ensure residents and visitors will have access to parking spaces, Saint Louis Chess Campus personnel will be parking off-site.

We owe a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has assisted us along the way. Your unwavering encouragement, letters of support, and passion for making the Central West End the best place to live and visit have driven this expansion, and we couldn't be more grateful.

If you have any additional questions or concerns or need to discuss related issues, please contact Jim Gildehaus, Director of Facilities, by emailing jgildehaus@saintlouischessclub.org. For more information about the expansion, visit saintlouischessclub.org.

Sincerely, The Saint Louis Chess Club

