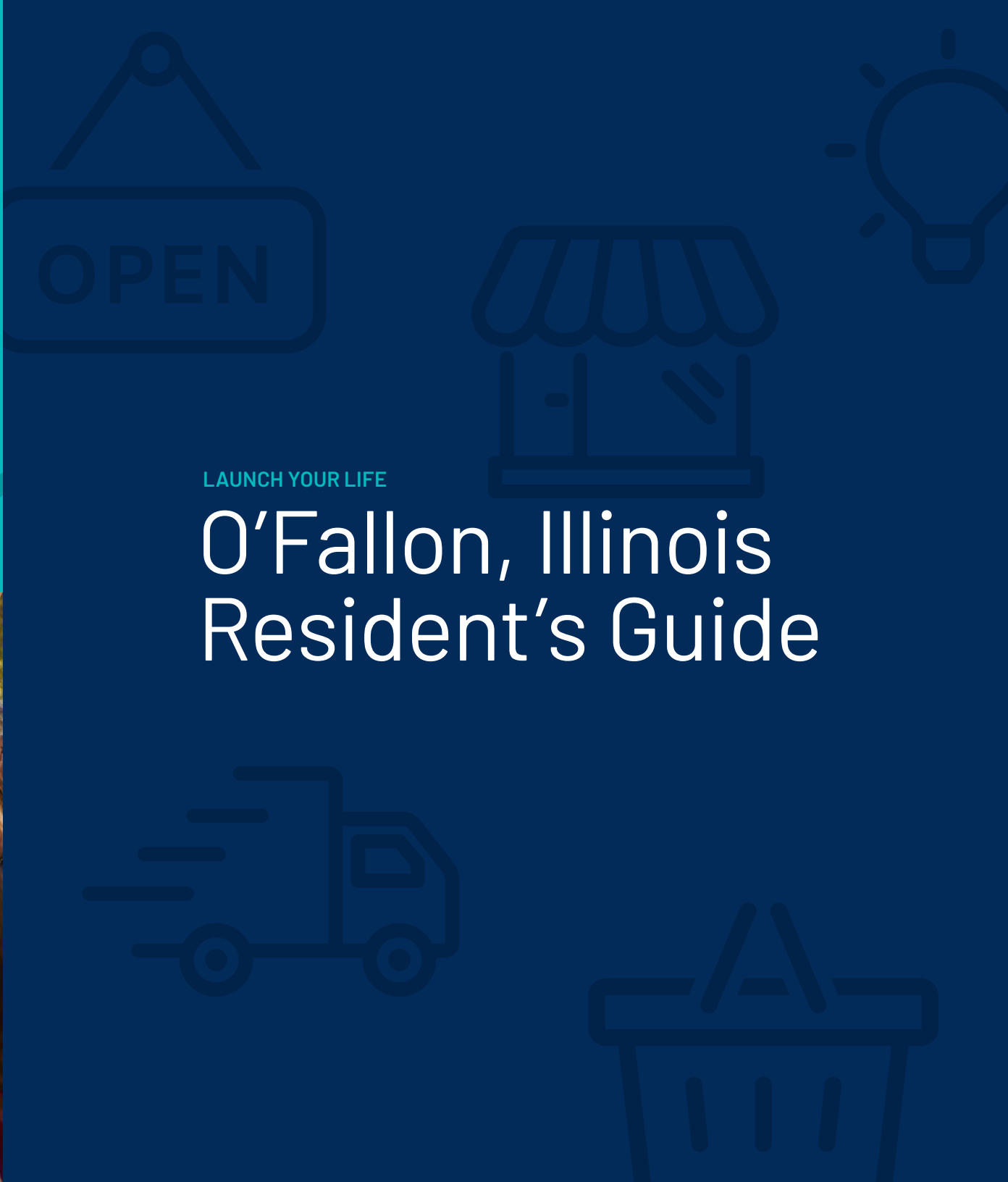


O'Fallon
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LAUNCH YOUR LIFE

O'Fallon, Illinois Resident's Guide





INTRODUCTION

Welcome to O'Fallon, Illinois

Whether you're planning a move, already unpacking boxes or just looking to get involved—this guide has everything you need to make our community your new home.



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MOVE HERE

Making O'Fallon home

Located just 20 minutes from downtown St. Louis along Interstate 64, our community is the front door for Scott Air Force Base and is one of the fastest growing cities in the area. Our small-town atmosphere and big-town amenities make O'Fallon the perfect place to put down roots and grow your family.

The following pages highlight a few things to know about making O'Fallon home.

MOVE HERE Real Estate

With more than 100 new homes built each year, O'Fallon offers a diverse range of price points and home styles including apartments, villas and senior living. Whether you're looking to downsize or find more space, we have the home for you and more on the way!

Tip

There are several financial assistance programs for both owners and renters available through the State of Illinois and St. Clair County.

[Learn more about the State of Illinois' housing programs.](#)

[Learn more about St. Clair county's housing programs.](#)

Neighborhoods

Our spacious neighborhoods are drawing more and more young families each year, with high-quality schools, beautiful public parks and plenty of room to spread out. In our Downtown District, you'll find homes filled with charm and located within walking distance of trendy shops, restaurants and mom-and-pop stores.

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I find that people love and want to stay in the O'Fallon and Shiloh area. Great restaurant venues, great entertainment and it's so close to Downtown St. Louis that O'Fallon has become the place to be.

—Brad McMillin



Welcome to O'Fallon!

You join the more than 32,000 other residents who have chosen to call O'Fallon home.

O'Fallon is the fastest growing city in Southern Illinois and one of the fastest in the entire St. Louis region. As we grow, we are constantly looking for ways to improve our city. Here are a few of the acknowledgments that have been given to O'Fallon in the past three years.

- In 2019, O'Fallon was ranked as one of the top 5% safest cities in Illinois.
- In 2019, we were ranked in the top 8% of most affordable cities in the U.S., of communities of populations from 25,000 to 100,000 people.
- In 2020, O'Fallon received the Southwestern Illinois Award for Growth & Development.
- In a biannual national survey, citizens gave the highest rankings ever to the city for honesty, treating residents fairly and overall confidence in city government.
- In 2021, the city's real estate tax rate was reduced to the lowest rate in 35 years.
- In the years 2017 to 2021, the city's debt reduced by more than \$20 million which is over 30%.

We are very proud of our schools which have received many acknowledgments through the years. They have consistently been ranked among the top performing districts in the state of Illinois. O'Fallon is at the epicenter for commerce and housing growth in the Metro East. As home of the new HSHS St. Elizabeth Medical Campus, O'Fallon is at the heart of the Metro East's "Medical Mile."

O'Fallon is a great place to live and raise a family because we all work together to make it work for all of us. I hope that you will get involved in the community to continue to make it a great place to call home. Check out our website at www.ofallon.org.

If you have any questions regarding our city, please do not hesitate to call City Hall at 618.624.4500 or call me personally at 618.622.8733.

Sincerely,



Herb Roach, Mayor



LIVE HERE

Set yourself up for success

Once you've found the perfect place for your family, use the following checklist to help settle into your new home.

❑ **Set up your utilities**

Depending on the needs of your family and your home, you'll need to set up a few utilities to ensure everything is ready to go when you're ready to move in. [View our list of utility companies online](#) to begin the process.

❑ **Get ready for school**

O'Fallon is known throughout the region for its excellence in education at all levels, and our students consistently score above average in state testing.

Our community is home to three private schools, seven elementary schools, three middle schools and two campuses of O'Fallon Township High School District 203, which is ranked one of the best in the country by the U.S. Department of Education.

[Learn more about our schools online.](#)

❑ **Meet your first responders**

Widely recognized as one of the safest suburbs of St. Louis, O'Fallon takes pride in the quality of our public services, and we're committed to keeping our city clean, safe and welcoming. Our public safety departments work together to protect and serve our residents every day.

For non-emergency situations, contact public safety offices at:

O'Fallon Police Department 618.624.4545

O'Fallon Fire Rescue 618.624.4515

Tip

Thinking about soaking up some sun with solar panels or a pool? You'll need to submit a permit to our [Community Development Department](#).

O'Fallon has been a wonderful place we call home courtesy of the strong community, a wealth of activities for all ages and the small-town feel.

—Kathy Welch



Downtown District

There's always something to do in our bustling [Downtown District](#), located in the heart of O'Fallon. Featuring an amazing mix of local and national businesses, this walkable district has plenty of places to see, shop, eat and gather for special events, like our annual Vine Street Market and multiple parades and festivals throughout the year.

Tip

The Downtown District holds special events throughout the entire year.

[Click here for additional information!](#)

THRIVE HERE

Explore your new community

In and around O'Fallon, everyone plays a part in our welcoming, diverse and rapidly growing community. Enjoy all the perks, parks and gathering spaces our town and the surrounding area have to offer as you build your life here.



O'Fallon Station

Built in 2019, [O'Fallon Station](#) is a venue that was created to bring people together through events, art, food and culture. It's home to the Vine Street Market, a seasonal farmer's market and new business incubator open Saturdays between May and October.

Parks and Recreational Opportunities

With [12 fantastic parks](#) to choose from, there's plenty of outdoor fun to be had in O'Fallon. Find [something for everyone](#) in the family with playgrounds, sports fields, scenic walking paths and a dog park. [We also have park pavilions, facilities and amenities available for rent.](#)

O'Fallon Library

Catch up on the latest series or grab the reference material you need for classes at the [O'Fallon Library](#), which offers reading suggestions, literature that spans multiple genres and walks of life and study areas. If you want to dive deeper, we also offer Books and Brew, an unconventional book club that meets monthly to discuss select books over brews with friends new and old.



O'Fallon Family Sports Park

Our "crown jewel," [the 200-acre Family Sports Park](#), is home to youth and adult baseball, softball, soccer and lacrosse leagues. With eight synthetic turf soccer fields, three premium grass soccer fields and 10 lighted and turfed baseball fields as well a splash pad, pavilions, concessions and a 2.1-mile walking trail—it's full of fun for the whole family.

Restaurants and Nightlife

From Italian to Thai, O'Fallon has a variety of offerings when it comes to restaurants. You'll find all your favorite national chains as well as local spots we know you'll love.

Restaurants

Peel Fire Wood Pizza
Drake's O'Fallon
Dewey's Pizza
Bella Milano
Sugar Fire 64
Hi-Pointe Drive-In

When the sun goes down and the streets light up, come check out these fun locations!

Nightlife

Shooters Bar & BBQ
Global Brew Tap House
Syberg's O'Fallon
Drake's O'Fallon
Dogwood Social
St. Clair Bowl
Boarding House Bistro
1st Street Lounge

Tip

Gear head? Check out [Gateway Classic Cars](#), the world's largest seller of classic and exotic cars, headquartered in O'Fallon!

Regional Attractions

O'Fallon is nestled in one of the most exciting parts of the Midwest. Not only do you have access to the [best tourism locations](#) that [Southern Illinois](#) has to offer, but right across the river is the bustling city of St. Louis! Catch a game at [Busch Stadium](#), visit [City Museum](#), enjoy the wildlife at the [St. Louis Zoo](#), or spend an exciting day at [Six Flags St. Louis](#). With attractions ranging from the [St. Louis Science Center](#) to [The Magic House](#), there's no lack of venues to discover and experience.

Community Involvement

If you're seeking out new friends or want to immerse yourself in the O'Fallon community, there are plenty of options available to you. The O'Fallon Public Library offers the Books and Brew monthly book club, the City Fest is an annual festival dedicated to bringing the community together, and the O'Fallon Garden Club gives you a chance to give back to the community while making life-long connections.

Additionally, if you want a deeper look into our police force and how they operate, we offer the six-week Citizens Police Academy course to bridge the gap between the community and the police who serve us.





Find a sense of community like nowhere else

Whether you're new here or a life-long resident, we hope you'll enjoy everything O'Fallon has to offer our residents and visitors.

Visit ofallonillinois.org to learn more about building your life in O'Fallon.

