

# KERN LAKESIDE PAVILION

## IN LAFAYETTE PARK



On Sunday, November 9, 2014, the Lafayette Park Conservancy hosted a Dedication Ceremony for the Kern Lakeside Pavilion. Formerly known as “the boathouse”, the Kern Pavilion has undergone a beautiful restoration. It has been renamed in honor of Maximillian G. Kern, “The Man Who Made St. Louis Beautiful”. Kern designed Lafayette Park and Forest Park; and he laid out Westmoreland and Portland Places, the Compton Heights Reservoir, Benton Park, and Hyde Park. The Dedication Ceremony commemorated the 150th anniversary of Kern’s tenure as Superintendent of Lafayette Park from 1864-1869.

The boathouse was constructed in 1909 as a shelter in case of inclement weather. It was a popular and necessary addition to the Park, but by the 1970s its condition had deteriorated and it was rarely used. Its potential as an event space was obvious but funds for its restoration were not available until recently.

This restoration project was funded by the Near Southside Improvement Corporation, which is the TIF set up to benefit the Lafayette Square

neighborhood. For more history on this important project and some “before” photos, please check out the [Lafayette Park Conservancy’s webpage](#) on the subject.



### **Kern Pavilion Specifics:**

- Rental fees are \$80/hour, with a minimum of four hours. In addition, a \$500 security deposit is required for all events.
- The City has a set of preferred caterers for events at the Kern Pavilion. These caterers are the only companies permitted for use at the Kern Pavilion. All food and drink, including alcoholic beverages, must be provided by one of these caterers. (see below)
- It is available for rent from 8:00 AM to 12:00 midnight, seven days a week.
- Maximum capacity: 60 people for a seated event, 100 people for a cocktail reception.
- A tent can be rented from a private source and placed on the north side of the building.
- The pavilion is handicapped accessible.

- A full list of terms and conditions should be obtained from the City; this list is not comprehensive.

**To check availability or make a reservation for Kern Pavilion call 314-289-5389. Availability cannot be checked online.**

**To make arrangements in person come to the Parks Department: 5600 Clayton Avenue In Forest Park**

**(Directions: Take I-64 (Hwy 40) to the Hampton Ave. exit. Make a right turn into the park, past the roundabout. Follow the road to the right until you come to a second roundabout, stay right. Continue straight and the Parks Department is on the left.)**

If you have made reservations by telephone, an appointment to sign the contract and pay the rental fee (check or money order only!) is required to ensure someone is available to assist you.

When you call or come in to make a reservation you will need to know the following information:

- Contact Person (Participant 1)
- Participant 2
- Address
- City/State/Zip
- Phone No.
- Cell No.
- Email Address
- Park Requested
- Location Requested
- Date Requested
- Time of Event
- Time Needed with Setup & Cleanup
- Est. Attendance
- Will you be selling food/beverages?
- Will you be selling alcoholic beverages?

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### **Authorized Caterers List**

#### ***Butler's Pantry***

1414 Park Avenue  
St. Louis, MO 63104  
Phone: (314) 664-7680  
Fax: (314) 664-9866  
[www.butlerspantry.com](http://www.butlerspantry.com)

#### ***Hendri's Events***

4501 Ridgewood Avenue  
St. Louis, MO 63116  
Phone: (314) 752-4084  
Fax: (314) 752-0216  
[www.hendris.com](http://www.hendris.com)

#### ***Salt + Smoke***

6525 Delmar Blvd.  
St. Louis, MO 63130  
Phone: (314) 727-0200  
Fax: (314) 862-2337  
[www.saltandsmokestl.com](http://www.saltandsmokestl.com)