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City requests nominations for 2016 Citizen of the Year

The city of Chesterfield is officially requesting nominations for the Chesterfield "Citizen of the Year" award.

Many residents contribute to the community in a significant manner each day without reward or recognition. This is an opportunity to nominate someone who has brought honor upon themselves and the community as the result of an outstanding accomplishment or simply by being actively involved in the community.

Citizens to be selected for recognition should meet the following criteria:

- Actions being recognized should benefit the overall community of the city of Chesterfield and its residents in some manner through volunteerism, work performed on community projects, and overall civic contributions to the community.
- Individuals nominated should preferably be a resident of the city of Chesterfield. If not, the accomplishment should take place in the city.

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Chesterfield welcomes Mike Geisel as new City Administrator

Mike Geisel has been selected by the Mayor and City Council as Chesterfield's next City Administrator.

Mr. Geisel has spent nearly 28 years serving the city of Chesterfield. He first was appointed in 1988 as the Assistant City Engineer, was promoted to the Director of Public Works and then the Director of Public Services. As Director of Public Services, Mr. Geisel was responsible for planning and zoning; engineering; street and sewer maintenance; fleet services; buildings and grounds; and parks, recreation and arts. Prior to joining Chesterfield, Mr. Geisel worked for the cities of Maryland Heights and St. Charles, as well as the Georgia Power Company. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Missouri-Rolla and a Master's in Business Administration from the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

"This decision culminates a several month process that included an extensive candidate search," said Mayor Bob Nation. "We are impressed by Mr. Geisel's credentials and experience, are fully supportive of his appointment and have every confidence in his ability to serve the city of Chesterfield. Mr. Geisel has already served the city in a series of positions with increasing responsibility and has earned the opportunity to help lead us on a road of continued success as a community."



Mr. Mike Geisel was named City Administrator on August 22, 2016.

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Enhance your home's curb appeal with a new tree from city program

The city of Chesterfield Residential Street Tree Program provides for the planting of trees within the city's right-of-way along residential streets. Homeowners may apply for this program if there is adequate space and if a tree is chosen from the city's approved street tree list.

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Bob Nation

636.537.4711

Term Expires: April 2017

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314.434.7326

Term Expires: April 2017

Barry Flachsbart

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Term Expires: April 2018

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314.795.2200

Term Expires: April 2017

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314.495.1810

Term Expires: April 2018

WARD III

Dan Hurt

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Term Expires: April 2017

Randy Logan

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Term Expires: April 2018

WARD IV

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Term Expires: April 2017

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Greetings and happy holidays!

There are many topics I would like to mention to keep you abreast of changes and improvement within our city and at City Hall.

Transparency Portal

In furthering our efforts to be transparent in financial matters, there is a transparency portal on the home page of the city's website. Upon clicking on this tab, the public can gain access to an array of budgetary information including the annual budget, employee salaries, and much more. Transparency for City Council business can be accessed by clicking on Agendas/Minutes. In general, I would add that there is a wealth of information that is posted and periodically updated on the website for those who are able to spend a little time exploring.

Budget Review

Shortly after our newly appointed City Administrator Mike Geisel took over, the City Council and I were provided an economic briefing by our Director of Finance, Craig White. This picture suggested that, although the city is healthy financially, we could no longer continue to spend money in the same manner as in recent years and expect to meet future financial obligations. A series of budget review meetings were scheduled to allow Councilmembers to review our budget in a more in-depth manner. At this writing, it appears that there will likely be a significant reduction in funding of third party organizations or events, especially if a public purpose cannot be clearly identified. Also, following several years of providing employee merit increases well above annual CPI advances, the city may engage a consultant to perform a comprehensive

analysis of the total compensation package in relationship to the market.

Senator Dave Schatz

The next thing I would like to address is the appreciation all Chesterfield residents should have for State Senator Dave Schatz. With the passage of HB 1561, sponsored by State Representatives Sue Allen and Mike Leara, Chesterfield will now benefit by being able to keep 50% of the pool tax that is generated in our city. Although it was the House Bill that was eventually signed by the governor, Senator Schatz sponsored an identical bill in the Senate that was also passed by both Houses. In my mind, he demonstrated that he is a principled legislator who was willing to spearhead and take on this issue. Due to the fragmented legislative districting, Senator Schatz is one of three senators that represent a portion of Chesterfield. I strongly believe that Senator Schatz deserves the loyalty of Chesterfield voters.

Ward 4 Council Vacancy

We currently have an anticipated City Council vacancy in Ward 4. Councilmember Bruce DeGroot was the victor in the November general election. We congratulate him and thank him for his service to the city of Chesterfield. Upon Bruce's resignation, it will be my privilege (with the approval of a majority of remaining Councilmembers) to appoint a successor, who would serve until the upcoming April election. So, if any Ward 4 residents may be interested in serving, please let me know of your interest.

Bus stop shelters, finally!

After a two and a half year effort, there will finally be eight passenger shelters installed at various bus stops in Chesterfield Valley. These will be funded by the Chesterfield Valley Transportation Development District (TDD) at a cost of \$130,432. The TDD is completely separate from the city of Chesterfield budget and has funded many transportation related projects in the Valley and is supported by a 3/8 cent Valley-wide sales tax.

As always, don't hesitate to contact me or one of your Councilmembers if you have any questions or comments!

Bob Nation



Mr. Geisel was sworn in on Monday, August 22 in City Council Chambers.

National search concludes Geisel as most qualified candidate for City Administrator

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“I am humbled and honored by the trust and confidence that Mayor Nation and the Chesterfield City Council have shown me,” Mr. Geisel said. “I have been privileged to be part of the Chesterfield community for almost 28 years, during which time I have developed many lifetime friendships. My family and I are extremely excited that the city has selected me to be their City Administrator such that I can continue to contribute to the city I love. I am eager to work with our exceptional staff to make the Chesterfield community proud.”

The selection process involved rigorous national search, which garnered more than 40 applicants. Finalists participated in an interview process that included multiple components over two days: a community tour, a department director meet-and-greet, and interviews with the Mayor and City Council.

Citizen of the Year nomination forms due early February

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Nomination Guidelines

- One nomination per person per household (spouses can be nominated jointly).
- Previously nominated individuals can be re-nominated.
- A nominee cannot serve on the Selection Committee.
- A nominee cannot serve in a publicly elected position.
- The person nominating an individual cannot serve on the Selection Committee.
- City employees will not be considered for the award.

Nominations can be submitted electronically by filling out the form at chesterfield.mo.us and are due no later than February 3, 2017. The winner will be selected by a committee of residents and awarded at a City Council meeting in March.

AARP Smart Driver Course scheduled for January 25

The Police Department and AARP will offer another AARP Smart Driver Course on Wednesday, January 25 at City Hall from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This research based, four-hour course teaches valuable defensive driving skills, provides a refresher of the rules of the road, safety strategies and tips for how to adapt one's driving to compensate for changes that may come about with aging. This is a single morning session and does not involve a test.

Fees are \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for others. Course graduates may check with their auto insurance carriers to see if insurance discounts are available for taking this course.

Reservations are required. For more information or to reserve a seat, please contact Officer Paul Powers at 636.537.6769 or ppowers@chesterfield.mo.us.

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Holiday trash pickup

CHRISTMAS DAY: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

Monday through Friday routes will not be affected.

NEW YEARS DAY: SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

Monday through Friday routes will not be affected.

New senior transportation service ITN Gateway coming to West-and Mid-County

The lack of senior transportation services in the region has been identified as a need to address by Chesterfield's Older Adult Task Force and was also identified in St. Louis County's Age Friendly Community Action Plan. Over the past several months, a steering committee was formed with input from other communities in the West-and Mid-County regions to address this deficiency for routine transportation services for seniors, resulting in the offering of a new transportation option for area residents.



The ITN Gateway program will use volunteer drivers to provide transportation to area older adults.

Independent Transportation Network (ITN) is a national non-profit transportation system that has been in existence for over 20 years, meeting the transportation needs of America's aging population. It currently operates a very successful operation in St. Charles County and will be expanding service to a defined area in St. Louis County. ITN is membership-based and utilizes volunteer drivers to provide affordable, high-quality, door-through-door and arm-through-arm services for seniors aged 60 and over and adults who are visually impaired. Individuals purchase annual memberships for \$50 or \$75 per couple and are provided rides to anywhere they want to go within the service area for any reason, 24 hours, 7 days a week at a cost of only \$1.50 per mile with a \$2.50 pick-up fee. No money ever exchanges hands with the drivers and customers receive a monthly itemized statement.

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Term Expirations

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Filing for Mayor and City Council will begin on December 13

On Tuesday, December 13, at 8 a.m., candidate filing for the Office of Mayor, to serve a four-year term, and the Office of Councilmember, in each of the city's four (4) Wards, to serve a two-year term, will begin in the City Clerk's office at City Hall. After December 13, hours for filing during the candidate filing period will be 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Candidate filing will close Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 5 p.m. The election will be held April 4, 2017.

Qualifications

To run for the Office of Mayor, candidates must be at least 30 years of age, a citizen of the United States and a resident of the city at the time of election for two (2) years prior to the election. To run for a seat on the City Council, candidates must be at least 21 years of age prior to taking office, a citizen of the United States, an inhabitant of the city for one (1) year prior to the election and a resident of the Ward for which they are running for six (6) months prior to the election. For additional information, please call the City Clerk at 636.537.6716.

Voter registration information

Citizens may register to vote at City Hall or most St. Louis County public libraries. The Missouri Voter Registration application is also available online at stlouisco.com/elections. The deadline to register to vote in the April municipal election is March 8, 2017.

New businesses in the city

So far this year, over 150 new business licenses have been reviewed and approved. Congratulations to these businesses recently opening in our community.

618 SPIRITS.....	618 SPIRIT DRIVE, SUITE 125
ADVANCED TRAINING AND REHAB.....	14515 N OUTER 40 ROAD, SUITE 110 & 170
ALLIANCE TITLE GROUP.....	17050 BAXTER ROAD, SUITE 200
ANIMEGGROLL.....	291 CHESTERFIELD MALL, SUITE 880
BELFOR PROPERTY RESTORATION.....	616 SPIRIT VALLEY E DRIVE
BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY.....	636 TRADE CENTER BOULEVARD
BES*TEC*4U.....	16616 BENTON TAYLOR DRIVE
BLO BLOW DRY BAR.....	1644 CLARKSON ROAD
CHANGING LIVES HOME HEALTHCARE SERVICES.....	1839 ROCKMOOR DRIVE
CHIMI'S FRESH MEX.....	60 FOUR SEASONS SHOPPING CENTER
COTTON CUTS LLC.....	14612 BIG TIMBER LANE
EDWARD JONES.....	16020 SWINGLEY RIDGE ROAD, SUITE 201
ESAB GROUP, INC.....	16253 SWINGLEY RIDGE ROAD, SUITE 200
EVOLUTION GOLF PERFORMANCE & FITNESS.....	17676 CHESTERFIELD AIRPORT ROAD
FIX TIME 3 LLC.....	291 CHESTERFIELD MALL
GLOBAL WELDING TECHNOLOGIES.....	17708 HORSE CREEK COURT
HUNAN EXPRESS, LLC.....	1713 CLARKSON ROAD
INVISIBLE INK.....	17404 CHESTERFIELD AIRPORT ROAD
KUTTING EDGE INTERIORS.....	622 S GODDARD AVENUE, SUITE C
LEMON LIME QUILTING.....	14612 BIG TIMBER LANE
LUXE HAVEN AGING & ACNE AESTHETICS.....	16020 SWINGLEY RIDGE ROAD, SUITE 350
MARINA'S SPA SERVICE.....	189 CHESTERFIELD BUSINESS PARKWAY
NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL.....	217 CHESTERFIELD TOWNE CENTER
PAPA MURPHY'S PIZZA.....	179 HILLTOWN VILLAGE CENTER
ROCK N BREWS.....	17258 CHESTERFIELD AIRPORT ROAD
SALON TRIO.....	13447 OLIVE BOULEVARD
ST. LOUIS DOORS & CLOSETS.....	180 CHESTERFIELD INDUSTRIAL BOULEVARD
STUDIO TE'RAGE, LLC.....	264 CHESTERFIELD MALL, SUITE 756
SWEET BUDS KITCHEN.....	125 CHESTERFIELD TOWNE CENTER
THE HOT POT.....	137 CHESTERFIELD TOWNE CENTER
THE SHACK.....	14810 CLAYTON ROAD
THE SOUND ROOM II.....	17373 CHESTERFIELD AIRPORT ROAD
WEBB MASON, INC.....	16052 SWINGLEY RIDGE ROAD
YOGABED.....	716 CROWN INDUSTRIAL COURT, UNIT E



Christmas tree disposal

Republic Services will pick up Christmas trees the entire month of January on your regular yard waste collection day at no additional charge. The tree must be free of all decorations, including tinsel, garland, ornaments and lights. It must also be cut into sections shorter than 4 feet.

Curbside textile recycling pick-up to remain quarterly

Please note that USAgain, a national textile recycler in St. Louis, will be collecting clothes and shoes curbside on the first Saturday of each quarter. The scheduled pick-ups in 2017 will be:

Saturday, January 7
 Saturday, April 1
 Saturday, July 1
 Saturday, October 7

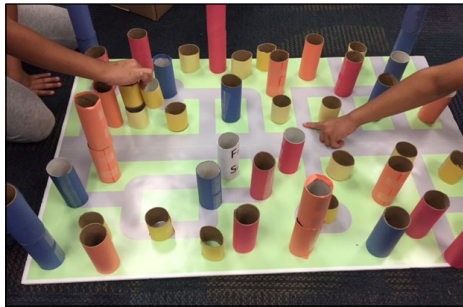
The recycler will accept all reusable and non-reusable clothes; household textiles such as sheets, drapes, towels and accessories; and shoes, including those that are stained, ripped, mismatched or out-of-fashion. Reusable clothes are especially needed as USAgain supplies to local not-for-profits who sell them. For more information, please contact Republic Services at 636.947.5959.



The city of Chesterfield's Planning & Development Services Department staff.

Chesterfield elementary students build paper city

In celebration of National Community Planning Month, the Planning Department staff coordinated with Rockwood School District's Partners in Education program to create a paper city activity with several 1st grade classes. With almost 100 kids participating, the event was held at Wild Horse Elementary as part of community outreach. The event provided an introduction to urban planning and land use planning by allowing students to build their own city. After a brief discussion on the foundation of and importance of planning, students worked in small groups to build their own city using a base map to coordinate where they thought different uses like office, schools, restaurants, and houses should be located. The staff enjoyed teaching the future planners, engineers and architects!



Students broke up into groups of five to build individual segments of a city before merging them together.



From left: Mayor Nation presents Planning & Development Services Director, Aimee Nassif, with a city of Chesterfield proclamation on October 5, 2016.

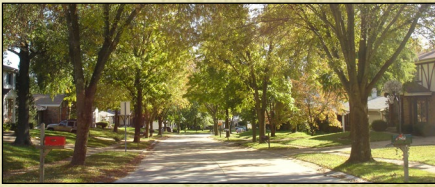
The importance of community planning

Each year the American Planning Association sponsors National Community Planning Month to raise the visibility of the important role that planning plays across the United States. For local municipalities, planning is critical to ensuring orderly growth, protecting and enhancing the quality of life and realizing the vision for the community. The services provided include everything from permit reviews, land use research, zoning analysis, site plan reviews and comprehensive planning and mapping services to community outreach and support to homeowners and business owners alike. The Planning & Development Services Department strives to provide the outstanding service and community support to enhance the quality of life, environment and growth for the citizens of Chesterfield.

This year's theme for National Community Planning Month is Civic Engagement. For Chesterfield, public input and civic engagement is at the core of what we do and why we do it. Success of our public meetings can be measured by the involvement and input that we receive. Planning Commission meetings are generally held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. There is availability for members of the public to speak about any item on the agenda and to ask questions at each meeting.

There are many ways which you can get involved with the community and planning activities, like becoming a community volunteer! The city has a variety of citizen boards and committees which specialize in areas such as historic preservation, architectural review and the environment. Currently, there are vacancies on the city's Architectural Review Board, Board of Adjustment and the Chesterfield Landmarks and Preservation Committee. For more information, please contact the Planning & Development Services Department at 636.537.4746.

For up-to-date information about projects under review, visit our Active Projects Database at chesterfield.mo.us, call the Planner of the Day at 636.537.4733 or email at pod@chesterfield.mo.us.



RIGHT-OF-WAY

Did you know the area between the sidewalk and curb is considered public right-of-way? Any construction or physical disturbances within the public right-of-way, including sprinkler systems, invisible fences, the planting or removal of trees and driveway replacements, requires a permit from the Public Services Department. If a street does not contain sidewalk, the public right-of-way is typically considered the area within twelve feet of the back of curb.

Movable objects should not be kept in the public right-of-way, including basketball goals and decorative landscape boulders. If you have any questions regarding an object in the public right-of-way, please call 636.537.4762.

WATER QUALITY

Did you know that in order to permit grading and land disturbance activities, the city of Chesterfield-along with 58 other municipalities, St. Louis County, and MSD-operate under a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources? Permit requirements cover a wide range of topics which impact water quality, including posting pet waste disposal signs, ensuring that development sites contain proper silt and erosion control, and biannual street sweeping. Additionally, the city must operate its facilities in such a manner to minimize exposure to storm water and train its personnel annually in proper water quality practices.

If you are wondering what you can do to improve water quality, remember that all storm water inlets drain to creeks and streams. Please ensure that no trash, yard waste, debris or chemicals are washed or dumped into storm water inlets. Additionally, if you are planning a grading project, please contact the city to determine whether a permit is necessary.

Tree Guide assists residents with recommended tree species and proper care

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This is a cost-sharing program and homeowners are required to submit \$100 for each tree applied for, with the city covering the remaining amount needed to plant the tree. Trees will be planted each spring and fall, but applications can be submitted anytime. Applications received before January 31, 2017 will be eligible for spring planting; applications received before August 31, 2017 will be eligible for fall planting. The Street Tree Planting Program will plant over 300 trees this fall, doubling the 2014 fall planting record of 140 trees. For all parties that have applied or are interested in the Street Tree Planting Program, please note:

- If you would like the location moved after the flag has been placed, please call 636.537.4000 as soon as possible. Trees will not be moved after they have been planted.
- The city's contractor is responsible for calling in utility locations.
- It is the homeowners responsibility to locate irrigation lines under planting site.
- After locations have been marked and utilities located, the tree will be planted within the next couple months. Please be patient and leave the flags in place until the tree is planted.
- The contractor will water the tree when it is planted. Afterwards, it is the homeowners responsibility to water the tree. The one-year warranty does not cover trees that do not receive proper care as described in the Tree Guide (see link below).
- Please read the Tree Guide carefully to ensure every effort is made to provide the first choice of tree species. Please note that availability of one particular species cannot be guaranteed. In this case, the city will plant the second or third choice, as needed.
- The city inspects each tree after it is planted to determine that the tree meets specifications. A second inspection will be completed before the one-year warranty period, and the contractor will replace any trees that have died or are in poor condition.



Red Maples, a street tree recommendation, has beautiful fall foliage.

For the Residential Street Tree Planting policy and procedures, program application and the Tree Guide, visit chesterfield.mo.us/residential-street-tree.html. Applications can be mailed or dropped off at City Hall. Hard copies of these materials are available at City Hall during regular business hours. If you have any questions about the Street Tree Program or would like to know if you qualify, please call 636.537.4000.



Kids of all ages enjoy the splash playground at the Family Aquatic Center.

Early bird pool passes and rentals available at City Hall this winter

CHESTERFIELD FAMILY AQUATIC CENTER SEASON POOL PASSES

Start planning for those nice warm days of summer and purchase your Chesterfield Family Aquatic Center Season Pool Passes at a discount! The Chesterfield Parks, Recreation & Arts Department is offering an Early Bird Special for its 2017 Family Aquatic Center Season Passes. Receive 10% off the general or resident rate for a family of four by purchasing a season pass from February 1 through March 31, 2017.

CENTRAL PARK PAVILION & GAZEBO RENTAL

Starting February 21, reservation permits for the use of the pavilion in Central Park may be obtained at City Hall by Chesterfield residents and businesses. The pavilion and gazebo are available seven days a week from 9 a.m. to dusk. Please contact ampinfo@chesterfield.mo.us for more information.

CHESTERFIELD AMPHITHEATER RENTAL

Chesterfield Amphitheater, located in the heart of the city, is an open-air amphitheater that is matchless in the St. Louis region. Available for rental for your corporate events, weddings, graduations or concerts, it offers lush landscaping, beautifully designed terraces, and state-of-the-art technology that provides excellent acoustics for every event. Please contact ampinfo@chesterfield.mo.us for more information.

TAGS FOR EBERWEIN DOG PARK ARE AVAILABLE SOON AT CITY HALL

Drop by City Hall and pick up a 2017 dog tag so that your favorite family member will not miss out on going to the park in January! The park is open only to Chesterfield residents, and each dog must wear a dog park tag. Dog tags will be available the last week of December at City Hall during normal business hours. To register your dog, you will need to have proof of residency, documentation that the dog has been spayed or neutered and a rabies record. To renew dog tags online, visit chesterfield.mo.us/dog-park-registration-form.html.

TRAIL SPOTLIGHT: MONARCH-CHESTERFIELD LEVEE TRAIL

The Monarch Chesterfield Levee Trail is an 11 mile long trail that encompasses the majority of commercial, industrial and recreational land uses in Chesterfield Valley. The new Boone Bridge path, completed in June 2016, connects the Monarch Levee Trail in St. Louis County to the Katy Trail in St. Charles County. The Monarch Chesterfield Levee provides an exceptional trail riding experience for over 250 miles.



Living Legacy adds art to list of park amenities for donation funding

The Living Legacy program provides an opportunity for park supporters to donate funding for specific park amenities. Your donation will fund the purchase and placement of the designated park feature, and includes a plaque commemorating the donor on or adjacent to the improvement. Donor will be provided a letter acknowledging the donation and also be provided a schematic map depicting the location of the improvement.

The specific park amenities include art sculptures, benches, trees or a picnic table and can be included in any of our parks or facilities. To apply for this program, visit chesterfield.mo.us/living-legacy.html.

3 v 3 basketball tournament coming to Chesterfield Valley Athletic Complex in July

The Slam Jam is a 3v3 basketball tournament for boys and girls ages 10 and up of all skill levels. The tournament will be Saturday, July 29 at the Chesterfield Valley Athletic Complex from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. The tournament will run all day and will culminate with a title game on the championship court for each division. Food vendors, a kids play area, shaded relaxation station and various competitions, such as the three point competition and skills challenge, will go on throughout the day. All teams will play a minimum of three games and will receive event shirts. All games will be played on the parking lot located in the eastern portion of the complex.

All teams will be made up of a maximum of four players. All players must bring age identification to the event (photo ID, birth certificate, etc). Team schedules, shirts and other team swag will be provided at the check in table. The schedule will be posted to chesterfield.mo.us no later than July 26, 2017. Each team is guaranteed three games. First place teams in each division will receive player medals. Courts, hoops and one game ball will be provided by the city of Chesterfield. Any additional equipment will be provided by the team.

Registration is available at chesterfield.mo.us/3v3slamjam.html or in person at City Hall for all participants. Participants will be divided by gender and age: 10/11, 12/13, 14/15, 16-18, 19+ (age as of July 29, 2017). All players interested in participating in the skills challenge or three point competition can register online as well.



Stay social with sizzling senior events

For those who are 55 or older, Senior Sizzlers offers you the opportunity to socialize with area residents, Y members and those from other organizations that have senior programs.

Holiday BINGO

Tuesday, December 6
1 p.m.
West County Family Y
Free. Call 636.532.3100 to register.



Join us for the Holiday BINGO at the West County Family Y on Tuesday, December 6! Celebrate the holiday season with a little friendly competition! To reserve your seat, call 636.532.3100. Sponsored by Brooking Park and St. Andrews Resources for Seniors.

Eagle Watching and Pere Marquette

Tuesday, January 17
8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Alton, Illinois
\$59/person
Registration forms can be found at chesterfield.mo.us.

Enjoy a full day of viewing bald eagles! The day includes a chartered bus for transportation, continental breakfast, overview of the eagles and birding, step-on guided eagle and bird tour of the area and a fabulous family-style lunch at Pere Marquette including fried chicken, sides and dessert!

Garden Glow at the Botanical Garden!

Join us for the Garden Glow at the Missouri Botanical Garden! This event features a million lights surrounding visitors with a spectacle of unique installations amid some of the Garden's most iconic locations. The date is yet to be determined. For event updates, sign up for our older adult e-newsletter at communications@chesterfield.mo.us.



Are you 55 or older and interested in making new friends, hearing great speakers, going on exciting trips and playing cards? Meetings of the Lafayette Older Adult Program (LOAP) are open to residents of Ballwin, Chesterfield, Ellisville, Manchester, Wildwood, Winchester, the Parkway School District, and Rockwood School District. For more information, call 636.812.9500.

LOAP MEETINGS

Cost: \$2
Time: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Location: Ballwin Golf Course
333 Holloway Road
Ballwin, MO 63011

Coffee, soda and dessert provided. Please bring your own sack-lunch.

*Special luncheons may involve separate fees.



Citizens Committee for the Environment (CCE) and the volunteers from the Girl Scout Troop 863, Boy Scouts New Horizons District and the Order of the Arrow standing next to two piles (featured left and right of group) of invasives from Faust Park.

Invasive Bush Honeysuckle no match for scouts

Nearly 40 Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and their leaders joined members of Citizens Committee for the Environment on Saturday, October 22 at Faust Park to remove and eradicate invasive bush honeysuckle and other invasive plants from Governor Bates' Prairie. While it might smell good in the spring, this type of honeysuckle is a detriment to the environment because it rapidly spreads and secretes chemicals into the soil that kills other plants, thus reducing habitats for wildlife, such as butterflies. The volunteers removed five dump-truck loads of the invasive plant, resulting in an improved quality of nature in the park.

West County Family Y helps butterflies and enhances the Wildlife Community Habitat

The West County Family Y's native butterfly garden was installed in October with the help of various National Wildlife Federation (NWF) Community Wildlife Habitat Partners, including The Butterfly House, Greenscape Gardens, Pure Air Natives, Girl Scout Troop #1050, Y staff, city Councilmember Guy Tilman and members of the Citizens Committee for the Environment. This garden effort culminated a week of education at the Y for sustainable gardening practices, especially for butterflies. It is located behind the Y, along the trail that circles the lake in Central Park.



Student volunteers participate in the native butterfly garden planting at the Y.

Water - our most precious resource

Did you know that less than 2% of the Earth's water supply is fresh water? Help to restore and conserve Missouri's fresh water and waterways for people and wildlife by keeping fats, oils and grease (FOGs) out of your drains.

FOGs are found in meats, fish, butter, cooking oil, gravy, sauces, mayonnaise, salad dressings, batters, cheeses and food scraps. FOG sticks to the inside of sewer pipes and restricts wastewater flow, causing blockages. To avoid this, cool all fats, oils and grease in empty cans, secure the lids and place cans in trash when full.

MSD blockages are costly, can cause sewer overflows that damage the system and pollute our waterways.

There are a limited number of can lids available at City Hall, which are available on a first-come-first-serve basis.

TIPS ON CONSERVING WATER

- Avoid running water down the drain when there may be another use for it such as watering plants or cleaning.
- Water your lawn only when it needs it in the morning or in the early evening.
- Take short showers instead of baths. A full bathtub requires about 36 gallons of water.
- Store drinking water in the refrigerator rather than letting the tap run every time you want a cool glass of water.
- Don't leave the water running when brushing your teeth or shaving. Get in the habit of turning off the water when it's not being used.

Tips found at scwd.org



Close-up of a Black-Eyed Susan (Rudbeckia hirta), a native wildflower featured in the Amphitheater garden.

Chesterfield Amphitheater pollinator garden becomes a Certified Wildlife Habitat

On September 29, 2016, the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) officially recognized the Chesterfield Amphitheater as completing the requirements to be Certified Wildlife Habitat. The grounds contain .84-acres that are planted with native flora that are particularly supportive of the diversity of wildlife and provide food and water sources, places for cover and raising their young. Additionally, the NWF recertified the city of Chesterfield as a Community Wildlife Habitat, remaining the only such community in the state of Missouri. For more information about the NWF or how you can certify your backyard habitat, please visit nwf.org.



CCE members, Anusura Gupta (holding certificate in the center) and parents (featured right).

Inaugural “Blue Planet’s GREEN Challenge” youth honored

As part of the Good Neighbor Pledge program, Anusura Gupta organized his family to help conserve native, natural and energy resources by completing the Blue Planet’s Green Challenge at the Secondary Level! The Citizens Committee for the Environment encourages youth to become active stewards of their environment at a young age. By completing various activities such as turning off lights, using CFL bulbs, changing the thermostat or planting a native tree, they can earn a certificate and special recognition from the committee. Learn more about the Good Neighbor Program, visit chesterfield.mo.us/good-neighbor-pledge.html.

Chesterfield residents excelled at the One-More Pound Recycling Challenge

Last November, the Citizens Committee for the Environment challenged each household to increase their household recycle volume by just one pound of recyclables in a 12-month period. We are proud to report that Chesterfield residents exceeded this challenge, recycling 375,300 more pounds or roughly 17 more pounds per household, according to data from Republic Services!

Chesterfield is once again, a leader in recycling efforts in the region. Thank you for helping achieve this goal and continuing to recycle one more pound!

Register your native landscape for the 2nd Annual Family Native Gardening Grow-Off

Did you plant a new landscape area this fall using native plants that will attract wildlife and pollinators? Be sure to enter the Grow-Off contest issued by the Citizens Committee for the Environment. Twelve families competed in the first annual Native Gardening Grow-Off last year.

There are both large and small garden competition, and top participants will be recognized at City Council meeting in 2017 and will receive an annual membership to the Missouri Botanical Garden. Should top participants’ gardens qualify, they will be added as a part of the city’s Certified Community Wildlife Habitat through the National Wildlife Federation. For more information, visit chesterfield.mo.us/family-gardening-grow-off.html.

ITNGateway program to start in spring of 2017

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The service is provided by volunteers and some part-time paid drivers, who are screened with a criminal background check and motor-vehicle check. Drivers provide references, are thoroughly interviewed, screened and trained. Friendly volunteers will take passengers for any reason, anywhere, anytime within the service area.

Utilizing data provided by St. Louis County, concentrated population areas of older adults (25% of the population or more) were found along the West- and Mid-County corridor. Therefore, for the pilot program, the service area will generally be Highway 109/ Edison to the west, Manchester Road to the south, Page Avenue to the north and McCausland/Skinker to the east. Residents living within specific zip codes within those boundaries are eligible for the service. After an 18 month trial period, expansion of the service area will be considered.

The target start date for the program is spring of 2017. Currently, ITNGateway is raising funds and seeking grants for operational costs for the service. Business owners who would benefit from senior transportation can help facilitate this program by making charitable contributions. Volunteer drivers are also being sought, with a minimum commitment of only five hours per month. Volunteers can earn credits that other family members or friends can use for ITN's services or can get reimbursed for mileage. If you are interested in making a donation, volunteering or would like to sign up for the service, please email info@itngateway.org.

Exciting educational courses offered through OASIS programming

OASIS has partnered with the city of Chesterfield to bring learning opportunities to City Hall. All classes will be held in the Council Chambers.

THE LONG STORY OF ANTI-CATHOLICISM IN AMERICA

Friday, December 9. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Fee: \$19.

Explore the Protestant Reformation's connection to North America, the Election of 1960, the Constitution and conditions that cause religious bigotry in telling the story of anti-Catholic prejudice in American history.

ST. LOUIS DISASTERS AND SURVIVORS

Monday, December 12. 1-3 p.m. Fee: \$19.

Learn about the terrible calamities endured by the people of St. Louis. From the cholera epidemic to the great cyclone of 1896, hear the remarkable and inspiring stories of the people who refused to give up when these horrific events struck St. Louis.

HOLLYWOOD CLASSIC CHRISTMAS

Friday, December 16. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Fee: \$15.

Enjoy your favorite holiday classic film clips from such endearing movies as "The Bishop's Wife," "Holiday Inn," "White Christmas," "It's a Wonderful Life" and more! Learn fun trivia surrounding these blockbusters while reminiscing.

THE MORMONS IN MISSOURI AND BEYOND

Friday, December 2. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Fee: 19.

This class will present the story of the Mormons in Missouri, Illinois and their trek to the Great Salt Lake Basin. It is a story of perseverance, planning and eventual accommodation.

THE ADAMS FAMILY SERIES

by Joan Musbach, MA. \$19 per session.

Explore four generations of the Adams Family, whose family history is also our nation's history. Each week we will dig into a different era of history and the Adams Family generation's role in it.

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First Generation: Sam, John & Abigail
Tuesday, February 7. 1-3 p.m.

Second Generation: John Quincy and Louisa
Tuesday, February 14. 1-3 p.m.

Third & Fourth Generations
Tuesday, February 21. 1-3 p.m.

THE STIRRING STORY OF THE GERMANS IN ST. LOUIS

by Bev Schuetz, History Talks.

Thursday, February 9. 1-2:30 p.m. Fee: \$19.

Trace the amazing history of German immigrants as they made their mark in the St. Louis region. You will be captivated by the stories of the Lemp and Busch dynasties – the St. Louis version of royalty.

CHESTERFIELD MEN'S ROUNDTABLE

Monday, February 6 & 20, March 6 & 20, April 3 & 17, May 1 & 15. 9-11 a.m. Fee: \$12.

Chesterfield issues, St. Louis County issues, St. Louis issues – if we get time, we'll also solve the U.S. and world problems. This group meets first and third Mondays of each month.

THE MAKING OF "GONE WITH THE WIND"

by Mary Saputo. Friday, February 24. 1-2:30 p.m. Fee: \$17.

Regarded as one of the top 100 films of all time, bringing the popular novel "Gone With the Wind" to the silver screen was not a simple process. Learn about the delays, the struggles to find just the right stars to portray lead characters and the multiple script rewrites in this fascinating multi-media lecture.

To register for the OASIS programs, call 314.862.4859 x24 or visit oasisnet.org/STL for more information.



The St. Louis Philharmonic Orchestra is one of the oldest of its kind in the United States.

The St. Louis Philharmonic Orchestra's Popular Holiday "Pops" Spectacular returns

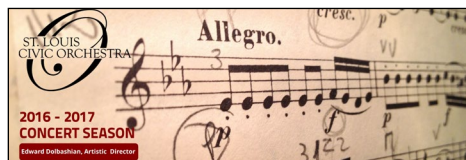
The St. Louis Philharmonic Orchestra, under the direction of Robert Hart Baker, will perform the popular, festive holiday "Pops" on Friday, December 9 at 8 p.m. in the Purser Auditorium, located on the campus of Logan University with special guests, the Women's Hope Chorale of St. Louis. This evening of seasonal music will bring in the holiday cheer for everyone in attendance.

Also at this concert, you will have an opportunity to contribute to "TOYS FOR TOTS" under the sponsorship of the United States Marine Corps. You may either donate an unwrapped toy in its original packaging or simply contribute financially. Admission is \$20. Tickets may be purchased directly through PayPal at stlphilharmonic.org. Call 314.421.3600 for ticket information.

Celebrate the holidays with the St. Louis Civic Orchestra

This December, the St. Louis Civic Orchestra is excited to present 'Twas the Night Before Christmas with theater students from Grand Center Arts Academy, as well as present selections from The Nutcracker Suite by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky and contemporary holiday arrangements.

Over the past few seasons, the Civic has enjoyed using the February concert to "celebrate" diversity through music. Earlier in 2016, they celebrated women in music; in 2015, they celebrated African American composers. This coming February, the Civic will celebrate the sounds of Latin America, with composers including Manuel de Falla, Astor Piazzolla and Joaquín Rodrigo. The Civic will also present Capriccio espagnol, Op. 34, by the Russian composer Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov.



2016-2017 UPCOMING CONCERTS

'Twas the Night Before Christmas
Sunday, December 4, 2016 at 3 p.m.

Celebrating: Latin America
Saturday, February 18, 2017 at 7 p.m.

Frager & Franck
Sunday, April 23, 2017 at 3 p.m.

The St. Louis Civic Orchestra is proud to perform at the William D. Purser, DC Center on the campus of Logan University, as well as a summer pops concert at the Chesterfield Amphitheater. For updates about the Civic, be sure to follow them on social media, visit stlco.org or email stlciviorch@gmail.com to receive concert announcements and newsletters.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FORUM

Tuesday, January 31
8-9 a.m.
Mercy Virtual Center
\$40 for members. \$50 for guests.

CASINO NIGHT

Monday, February 3
10 a.m.
Cheer Legendz
\$40-\$50.

For questions, call 636.532.3399 or visit chesterfieldmochamber.com.

Learn more about Art Unleashed at Family Day this January

Looking for unique gifts during this holiday season? Art Unleashed has both children and adult workshops where you can make the perfect gift! From felted flowers to ornament making to clay gingerbread houses, participants will learn specific art techniques while creating gifts with a personal touch. Register for a workshop at artunleashed.org and make the perfect gift, ready for wrapping! Gift certificates for classes and workshops are also available for holiday gifts.

New classes and workshops beginning in January 2017 for both children and adults are also listed online at artunleashed.org. In addition to the regularly scheduled classes, Art Unleashed is happy to schedule private workshops, scout workshops, birthday parties and more! Please call 314.628.1024 or email info@artunleashed.org for more information.

Curious what Art Unleashed is all about? Visit the free Family Day on Sunday, January 8, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Winter-themed art projects will include snowflake painting, snowmen sculptures and demos on the pottery wheel! The event will be held at 13379 Olive Boulevard in the Woodchase Plaza Shopping Center.

Butterfly House celebrates the holiday season with festive events

WINTER JEWELS

December 1-31

Included with regular admission.

Escape the winter weather and head to the Butterfly House for the annual Winter Jewels celebration. Go on a treasure hunt through the Animal Exhibit Hall and discover fairy houses in the tropical conservatory.

SUPPER WITH SANTA

December 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18

5-7 p.m.

\$20 general. \$15 members and children.

Free for children 12 months and younger.

Before making his big trip around the world, Santa is stopping by the Butterfly House! Don't miss Supper with Santa, where fun family memories are sure to be made. Enjoy a delicious pasta dinner, hosted by Noodles & Co. To see how the butterflies get into the holiday spirit, guests will take night strolls through the Tropical Conservatory. Santa's Workshop stations will offer children the chance to make fun crafts, including keepsake ornaments, and act silly in the photo booth. After dinner, visit Mrs. Claus' Cookie Kitchen for cookies and hot cocoa. The evening would not be complete without getting a souvenir picture with the guest of honor – Santa! Space is limited and reservations are required.



Native to the forests of Central and South America, the Blue Morpho's dazzling, metallic blue is all in the eye of the beholder: their wings are not actually colored blue, but are lined with many tiny scales that only allow blue light to escape.

JANUARY 1-27: BUTTERFLY HOUSE IS CLOSED FOR RENOVATIONS AND ANNUAL MAINTENANCE. REOPENS FOR HOT!HOT!HOT! ON JANUARY 28-29 FROM 10 A.M. TO 3 P.M.

HOT! HOT! HOT!

January 28-29

10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Included with regular admission.

Shake off the cold weather blues and join the Butterfly House for two weekend of tropical-themed fun. Enjoy steel drum music, a toddler sandbox, crafts and face painting.

MORPHO MANIA

February 1-28

Included with regular admission.

Morpho Mania at the Butterfly House moves to February this year. Visit February 1 through 28, to see these magnificent blue creatures. In addition to live butterflies, the Butterfly House will host a preview piece for this summer's Missouri Botanical Garden exhibit, "Garden of Glass: The Art of Craig Mitchell Smith" during Morpho Mania.

The Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House is located in Faust Park at 15193 Olive Boulevard. See mobot.org or call 636.530.0076 for more information.

Candlelight tours return to Thornhill home in Faust Park

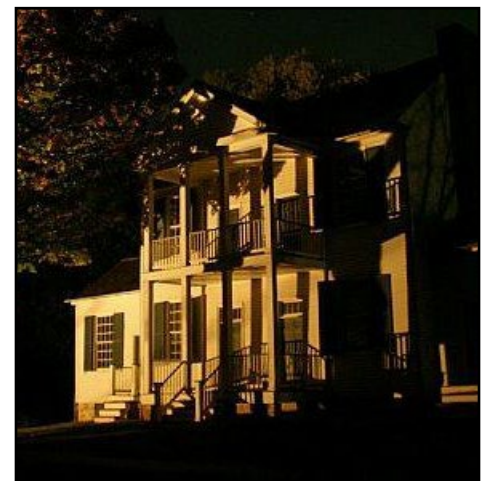
December 9, 6-9 p.m.

December 10, 5-9 p.m.

\$8/adult. \$5/children ages 4-12. Free for age 3 or below.

(credit card use by advance purchase only)

Come experience the beauty of a holiday at Thornhill, the 200-year-old home of Governor and Mrs. Frederick Bates, located in Faust Park. The customs of the 1820s will surround guests on this self-guided tour through the festively adorned rooms with historically dressed docents in attendance. For more information, call 314.615.8328 or visit stlouisco.com/parks/faust.



The Thornhill home illuminates during the tours in the evening.



The farm of Albert and Amelia Wilmas, located on the hill west of Ascension Church on Wild Horse Creek Road and Santa Maria Drive in the early 1900s. Courtesy of Marian Wilmas Hackmann.

Wilmas family built strong influence in Chesterfield and St. Louis County

By Ann Chrissos

Chesterfield Historic & Landmarks Preservation Committee

The Wilmas family members were active Chesterfield farmers as well as participants in St. Louis County government. The parents of Anton Wilmas emigrated from Germany to the United States in the late 1830s. Toward the end of 1848, they moved to St. Louis County with their three year old son, Anton (1845-1921). On January 31, 1871, Anton married Louise Reinke (b. 6 Jan 1853, d. 10 Nov 1925). She was the daughter of John Dietrich Reinke (1821-1910) and Luise Wilhelmine Kleinsorg (1828-1883). Dietrich Reinke was one of the original Ballwin pioneers. He owned a farm on Clarkson Road where Louise and her two brothers and four sisters grew up.

Anton's third son, Albert August (b. 4 Nov 1870, d. 15 Jan 1949) was the first Wilmas to live in Chesterfield. He married Amelia Schag (b. 24 Aug 1875 in Orville, MO, d. 6 Dec 1939) on March 18, 1898. They spent the first years of their marriage in Ellisville. In 1906, Albert purchased hill property, located near Wild Horse Creek Road and Santa Maria Drive, on which he built a house and barn overlooking the city of Chesterfield. Albert served as Director of the Chesterfield School Board and was active in Republican politics for more than 30 years. In 1913, he was elected Judge of the County Court from the Second District. Two years later, he became a Collector of Revenue for St. Louis County. He served two four-year terms from 1915-1923. The next year, he was elected County Sheriff and served until 1928. After leaving public office, Albert Wilmas spent the next 12 years cultivating his farm land in the Missouri River Bottoms. He became known as one of the largest potato growers of the area.



Albert August and Amelia Schag Wilmas. Courtesy of Marian Wilmas Hackmann.

Albert and Amelia had two children: Clifford Albert (b. 20 Nov 1899, d. 18 Nov 1989) and Vervivon Regina (b. 9 Aug 1902). Clifford attended Chesterfield School and Mrs. Griffith's Sunday school class at the Chesterfield Baptist Church. Both were located on Wild Horse Creek Road. He married Ethel Jo Walker (b. in Lake, MO, d. 3 Sept 1977) on November 27, 1924. Cliff became a well known Chesterfield farmer. He acquired the 225-acre Charles Andreas' farm. Like his father, he grew many acres of potatoes. He also produced corn, cantaloupe and wheat. After several years of drought and floods, he retired from farming. For a time, he worked as a deputy tax collector for Willis Benson in the St. Louis County tax collector's office in Clayton. In 1974, he took a part-time position at the Washington University Tyson Research Center, where he worked until his death in 1989.


Clifford and Ethel Jo Wilmas had two daughters: Marian Jane (b. 25 Dec 1925) and Marjorie Ann (b. 16 Feb 1919, d. 25 Nov 2001). Marian married Clarence Hackmann, Jr. of Creve Coeur and they resided in Chesterfield. Marjorie married George O'Rourke of High Ridge.

Some of the Wilmas family is buried in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery in Ellisville and others are buried in Bellerive Heritage Gardens in Creve Coeur. The Wilmas' provided food and services to Chesterfield and the wider community.

SOURCES

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Are you looking for a unique gift item for the holidays? Purchase a 2017 historic calendar!

The Chesterfield Historic & Landmarks Preservation Committee's 2017 calendars make a great gift for a hostess, neighbor, teacher or the local history buff. The calendar features 13 sepia-tone photographs of Chesterfield buildings and sites and people who helped establish the area now known as Chesterfield, including a map.

The 2017 calendars sell for \$2, and 1991-2016 calendars are \$1. Gift packs of the 10 oldest calendars (1991-2000), plus another set of 10 (2001-2010) are sold for \$5 each. All calendars are available at the front desk of City Hall, the Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce, Dierbergs Marketplace and Dierbergs Four Seasons, Old House in Hog Hollow, Faust Park Carousel House, Schnucks Hilltown and Schnucks Kehrs Mill & Clarkson, and at Montgomery Bank.

There are also copies of the history book "Chesterfield, Missouri: From Untamed Wilderness to Thriving Municipality" for \$25; "Cemeteries of Chesterfield" for \$10; a historical coloring book for \$5; as well as Mark Leach's books, "Chesterfield's Ancient Past" and "Why We Fought: Nazi Camp Liberators of St. Louis" each for \$15 at the front desk at City Hall.

Art Exhibit at City Hall begins newest rotation in January 2017

The city of Chesterfield will be debuting their newest Art Exhibit at City Hall, beginning the week of January 9 through March 31, 2017. The exhibit will be on display in the City Hall lobby, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (excluding holidays) and will feature two-dimensional artwork, including mixed media, paintings, photographs and sculptures from established regional artists.



Art Specialist, Sukanya Mani, gives a guided tour of the Art Exhibit at City Hall.

A guided tour of the Art Exhibit will be offered on Tuesday, January 17 at 10 a.m. The tour will cover general overviews to in-depth explorations of the current exhibit and will last between 45 to 60 minutes. An Artist Reception will be held on Friday, January 20 from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose room at City Hall. The reception will offer an intimate setting for art enthusiasts to meet the artists and an opportunity to discuss the inspiration behind their artwork. The event is free to attend and light hors d'oeuvres and cocktails will be served. To RSVP or sign up for tours, contact Sukanya Mani at 636.812.9523 or smani@chesterfield.mo.us.

Sponsorships help connect residents and businesses

The Chesterfield Parks, Recreation & Arts Department is seeking sponsorship opportunities for a variety of events and recreational programs in 2017. These events and programs would not be possible without the support and partnership of the local community businesses and organizations. These sponsorships in return offer promotional incentives to help promote businesses in appreciation for their support.

As an event sponsor, your organization will receive visibility through a variety of marketing, advertising, signage and/or media coverage. There are a variety of sponsorship opportunities to suit any company or organization's vision and needs. Sponsorship opportunities are limited in number. Therefore, we encourage you to contact us to discuss your sponsorship as soon as possible to ensure you receive the sponsorship level of your choice that fits your needs best. Please contact parksrecandarts@chesterfield.mo.us or call 636.812.9503 for more information.