



City Administrator, Michael Herring

Chesterfield's first and only City Administrator to retire in March

Chesterfield's first and only City Administrator, Mike Herring, will retire at the end of March. Mr. Herring began his 27 and a half-year career with the City of Chesterfield in 1988, and was the City Administrator in Ballwin prior to that. He has had the unique opportunity to work among community leaders who saw a bigger vision for Chesterfield and led its incorporation in 1988. Imagine the daunting, yet exciting, task of starting a city, already with 28,000 residents, from scratch!

He assembled a top-notch team for his executive staff, including Chief Ray Johnson to lead the Police Department, which was ultimately established on June 1, 1989, and Mike Geisel who was hired as the Assistant Director of Public Works. Both are still employed at the City, and he credits them, along with other members of his start-up team, as being critical to the City's long-term success.

In those start-up days, the City Hall was located in an office building of Sachs Properties on Swingley Ridge Road. It was hard to concentrate amongst all the construction and bustle and he recalls that while opening a drawer of the donated office furniture, the handle came off in his hands with the contents spilling into the dusty floor. What a dichotomy of the beautiful building City Hall now occupies, with all its modern amenities.

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Veterans Honor Park is funded in part by the generous individual and corporate donors, as well as the major donor, AEP River Operations.

Veterans Honor Park scheduled to break ground in spring

The City of Chesterfield and the Veterans Honor Park Committee is proud to announce plans to move forward on the construction of the Veterans Honor Park. The Veterans Honor Park Committee has raised \$500,000 in donations and the City has committed to match an additional \$500,000 for the design and construction. The City also received a grant of approximately \$525,000 from the St. Louis County Municipal Parks Grant Commission.

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Earth Day Festival celebrates 25 years

The Chesterfield Citizens Committee for the Environment will host the 25th Chesterfield Earth Day Festival on Saturday, April 30 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Chesterfield Mall. This is a FREE community event for all ages to enjoy! Participants can enjoy visiting with informational exhibitors and vendors selling up-cycled and recycled art and craft items. Nearly anything that can be recycled will be collected at the drive-thru recycling area on the Sears lower level parking lot. Items that are not accepted include thermostats, smoke detectors and alkaline batteries. Most items are free of charge, but certain fees may apply to TVs. Availability to accept items based on vendor capacity. **First come, first-served.**

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We have many positive things to report in this issue, some of which have been in the evolution stage for some time.

First of all, it is my proud pleasure to announce that the Veterans Honor Park Committee, headed by Mrs. Jan Misuraca, has reached its goal of raising \$500,000 toward the cost of this project. The City had previously committed \$500,000, and challenged the Committee to raise an equal amount in donations. We are extremely excited to announce that the City has also received a grant of approximately \$525,000 from the Municipal Parks Grant Commission. Staff has been authorized to seek bids for the project and it is our hope that the successful bidder will also include donations of either labor or materials to help fund this project, which is estimated to cost approximately \$2 million. If all goes well, a ground-breaking will be scheduled later this spring. A special thanks to the all of the members of the citizen volunteers on the Veterans Honor Park Committee, members of the City's staff who have assisted them, AEP River Operations as a major donor, as well as all the generous individual and corporate donors! If you would like to make a donation or purchase a paver, please visit vhp.chesterfield.mo.us.

Next, I would like to report that the City of Chesterfield has completely eliminated the small property tax (\$.03/\$100 of assessed valuation) that we were previously authorized to collect, through 2015. Due to a conservative approach to budgeting, the City has been able to set aside significant Fund Reserves over the years. And, from

the amount set aside, City Council used approximately \$1.3 million to fully-fund the last two years of debt service payments on a previously-approved property tax supported bond issue. As a result, it was not necessary to impose the City's property tax in the year 2015. Although most homeowners' property taxes went up this past year, due to increases by other jurisdictions, it was partially offset by the absence of the small amount that went to Chesterfield. Thanks to our City Council for this accomplishment!

Approximately two years ago, a citizen suggested that there was a need for bus shelters to be provided at some of the bus stops, to give shelter to those who use public transportation to their places of employment. A funding source was identified through the Chesterfield Valley Transportation Development District and coordination began with St. Louis County, Bi-State Development Agency (Metro), and property owners to provide shelters at some of the bus stops located primarily in the Valley. Now that most required easements have finally been obtained, installation of these shelters is anticipated this summer. Trash collection will also be provided at these locations by Republic Services, at no additional cost. Thanks to our City Administrator for identifying the funding source and thanks to all the coordinating parties! I must also give credit to District 7 County Councilman Mark Harder for his help in moving the project along.

A relatively new concept or term is that of "Transparency Portal." I am pleased to announce that we will soon be providing access to additional information, via the City's website. Through the efforts of the City's Finance and Administration Committee, which is currently Chaired by Councilmember Barry Flachsbart, citizens and any other interested parties will soon have access to monthly check registers, monthly financial reports, annual budget information and employee salary/benefit information. We are currently investigating how to expand the information provided regarding all proposed zoning or development issues. We welcome your suggestions for additional information that would be of interest or value to you.

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Senate and House Bills have been filed for sales tax pool reform

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As a reminder, five of our eight City Council seats are up for election/re-election on April 5, 2016. I urge you to exercise your right to vote! All seats are contested and I encourage you to become familiar with the issues and candidates in order to be an informed voter.

Additionally, City Council voted unanimously to join with cities across our region and across Missouri, by placing an item on the April 5 ballot which, if approved, will simply continue the current practice of requiring Missouri Sales Tax on vehicles purchased out-of-state and from non-dealers.

The Missouri Department of Revenue has estimated that the potential annual loss of revenue, for the City of Chesterfield alone, would be approximately \$170,000. As explained by the St. Louis County Municipal League, the biggest potential losers, however, would be the many car dealerships, located on this side of the Mississippi River.

Sales Tax Legislation Update: Senate Bill 788 and House Bill 1561 have again been filed that would allow any sales tax pool city to keep a minimum of 50% of the county-wide 1% pool tax generated within its boundaries. These bills are very modest and reasonable, by any objective perspective. In spite of the innocuous nature of the bills, we anticipate vigorous opposition to their passage. SB 788 has again been assigned to Senator Eric Schmidt's Jobs, Economic Development, and Local Government Committee, and we appreciate any support that he may provide to this common sense legislation.

Sincerely,

Bob Nation

Holiday trash pickup

MEMORIAL DAY: MONDAY, MAY 30

Monday through Friday routes will be picked up on the following day.

Vote April 5 for the City Council Election Candidates**WARD I (1 YEAR TERM)**

Barbara McGuinness

David Kaplan

WARD II

Guy Tilman

Pat Flynn

Lynn Schmidt

WARD III

Alan Politte

Randy Logan

WARD I

Barry Flachsbart (incumbent)

Mark Van Donsel

WARD IV

Connie Fults (incumbent)

Tom DeCampi

To register to vote in St. Louis County, you must be 18 years of age by Election Day, a U.S. Citizen and a resident of St. Louis County. You can register to vote at City Hall, most libraries and schools and at motor vehicle registration offices. The Missouri Voter Registration Application is available online at stlouisco.com/elections. Additionally, registration forms can be mailed to you by calling City Hall at 636.537.6717. The deadline to register for this election is March 9.

Veterans Honor Park will honor past, present and future veterans

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The project will be completed in two phases; Phase One will include the heart of the park design; granite monument fountain, military seals and threshold pavers, paved sidewalks, inner ring precast benches and flagpoles. Phase Two of the construction will enhance the street approach by creating a sanctuary occupied by arcing benches orbiting around a central monument fountain to provide a calm yet engaging space for the community to honor and recognize veterans.



A model of the park is on display in the lobby at City Hall.

The Veterans Honor Park Committee has been authorized to seek bids for Phase One of the project in March. Bidders (and their proposed sub-contractors) will be encouraged to consider including donations as part of their bid for the project. Donations will effectively reduce the bid amount which the City will use to determine the overall lowest and best bid. Donations for the project will be tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. The bids will be awarded in May with construction to start soon after.

The Veterans Honor Park Committee will continue to raise funds for the park through donations. Support from the public is critical to the construction of Phase Two. To make a donation or to see renderings and the site plan of Phase One, visit vhp.chesterfield.mo.us.

Stop solicitors at the door

The arrival of nicer weather often means an increase in solicitors – individuals or groups going door-to-door to sell items or services or request donations. While this activity is legal in Chesterfield, solicitors are required to obtain a permit and might have to pay a fee. Charitable and religious organizations, as well as political canvassers, are exempt from paying a fee.

If someone knocks on your door with something to sell or a cause to promote, you have the right to ask to see their permit, which is a one-page document typed on official City of Chesterfield letterhead, and has the City's raised seal affixed to the document. If they are unable produce a permit, you are encouraged to report the person(s) to the Police Department at 636.537.3000. "No Solicitors, No Peddlers" stickers are available free of charge at City Hall or call 636.537.4000 to have a sticker mailed to you.

City bids farewell to Michael Herring

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During his career in Chesterfield, Mr. Herring worked with 40 Councilmembers and 8 Mayors to continually position the City to be successful and a city of choice in the region. Mr. Herring has been at the helm of the City during some very difficult times, including the Flood of 1993 – only five years after the City was incorporated. He recalls standing on the levee on July 30 when it broke at about 10:30 p.m. The Corps of Engineers, Public Works staff and community volunteers had been working to shore up the levee for weeks when the Missouri River just became too powerful to be contained any longer. “It seemed to be happening in slow motion,” Herring recalls. “It was such a surreal feeling as we left for our own safety with the water slowly rolling into the Valley behind us. It’s amazing to see the economic engine that the Chesterfield Valley has become for the entire region.”

Another aspect of the City for which is particularly proud is that of our tremendous Parks, Recreation and Arts Division, which was created in 1994. This was possible through an \$11 million bond issue that led to the purchase of Chesterfield’s first park, Central Park, which now houses the Chesterfield Family Aquatic Center, a playground, a pavilion, the Chesterfield Amphitheater, along with a lake and trail system and soon, the Veterans Honor Park.

He also worked with political leaders during 2004 to successfully place a ½-cent sales tax on the ballot, known as Proposition P, which passed with overwhelming support. This tax has helped fund numerous amenities including the Chesterfield Valley Athletic Complex and the Chesterfield Amphitheater. “Seeing a great concert at the Amphitheater and experiencing the great food at the Taste of St. Louis has been among my favorite things to do in Chesterfield. Twenty seven years ago I never dreamed this would even be possible and now it’s the focal point of our



Mr. Herring’s (fifth from left) strong leadership helped to rebuild Chesterfield after the Flood of ‘93.

community—our central gathering place. It’s one of the things of which I am most proud to have been a part of,” said Herring.

Also during his tenure, several departments have met the stringent requirements to become internationally accredited. Those include our Police Department (CALEA), our Parks Recreation & Arts Division and most recently our Public Works Division has reached accreditation status. “I’m very proud of our management team and employees who collectively have to work together and across division and department lines to achieve this status,” Herring states. “It’s a testament to the outstanding team I’ve helped put in place

to ensure that Chesterfield remains a strong city for years to come and I’m very proud of their hard work and commitment to reach and maintain these accreditations.”

Over his tenure, he has fostered numerous partnerships within the community, and ensured a long-standing partnership with the Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce, in addition to numerous other partnerships with various agencies and non-profits in the community, including strong relationships with the Parkway and Rockwood School Districts.

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From left: Mr. Herring with Mayors Steinbach, Fawcett, Nations, Geiger and Nation.

AARP Smart Driver Course coming April 12

The Police Department and AARP will offer another AARP Smart Driver Course on April 12 at City Hall from 9 a.m.-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.

Herring leaves strong legacy in Chesterfield

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Perhaps the most important partnership he has worked to create is the St. Louis Area Insurance Trust (SLAIT), wherein cities pool their resources for property and casualty insurance and most recently health-insurance. The health insurance pool has become a model for other cities and is very successful among the participants. By encouraging employees to take responsibility for their wellness, Chesterfield and other participating cities have benefitted greatly through lower insurance claims resulting in lower premiums for employees and costs for the City.

Mr. Herring’s plans for the future include spending time with his wife Vicky, golfing, riding the trails on his bicycle, kayaking, and fine tuning his ukulele skills! “I am deeply honored to have had the opportunity to serve our community, as City Administrator,” he said. “I take immense pride in all that we have accomplished, and am thrilled to note that Chesterfield’s future is just as bright, if not brighter, than our past!”



Safety Town is a nationally accredited child accident prevention program that introduces safety awareness and preventive procedures to children.

Safety Town registration night is April 13; includes six sessions

Safety Town is a nationally recognized preschool safety program which teaches 4, 5 and 6 year olds about a wide variety of safety issues including bicycle safety, water safety, school bus safety and stranger danger. The program includes classroom activities, as well as outside hands-on activities in the miniature Safety Town city.

The program is hosted and staffed by the Chesterfield Police Department in cooperation with the Chesterfield Rotary, the Chesterfield Kiwanis and the Parkway School District. The program is conducted for six, two-week sessions during the summer months.

Safety Town is one of the department’s most popular programs. In addition to commissioned Police Officers, the Safety Town staff includes teen counselors from area middle and senior high schools who assist the police officers in leading the

program. All Safety Town sessions for 2016 will be held at the Parkway Early Learning Center, located at 14605 Clayton Road in Ballwin. Registration preference is given to those children who have NOT previously attended a Safety Town session.

For more information about Safety Town, please contact Officer Paul Powers at 636.537.6769 or ppowers@chesterfield.mo.us.

OPEN REGISTRATION NIGHT

Wednesday, April 13 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall

SAFETY TOWN SESSIONS

Session 1	June 6-June 17 (10 a.m.-noon)
Session 2	June 6-June 17 (1 p.m.-3 p.m.)
Session 3	June 20-July 1 (10 a.m.-noon)
Session 4	June 20-July 1 (1 p.m.-3 p.m.)
Session 5	July 11-July 22 (10 a.m.-noon)
Session 6	July 11-July 22 (1 p.m.-3 p.m.)

Active Projects database features new interactive map

The Planning and Development Services Division recently updated the Active Projects database to include an interactive map! This map allows you to see exactly where the project is located with the latest updates and status of all development projects throughout the City. The database also includes the name, location and type of project under review and the status of the project with contact information.

Simply click on the option to “view map of all active projects” to see all the properties with development proposals. The link to the Active Projects database and this map is located at chesterfield.mo.us/active-projects.html or call Planner of the Day at 636.537.4733.

Community growth spurs increase in permit reviews

Chesterfield continues to remain a highly sought after community to live, work and play. Permit reviews remain high for everything from new businesses and services, to residential home developments. Here are a few of the development projects happening around the community:

CAVENDER'S BOOT CITY. Construction began on a new retail store in the Chesterfield Blue Valley Development. Headquartered in Texas, this will be the first store in the St. Louis area, and the second in Missouri.



THE GROVE ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY. Brinkmann Constructors is working on a new assisted living facility located at the intersection of Chesterfield Parkway West and Justus Post Road. Plans call for this to be a three-story, 96-bed assisted living facility with accessory uses. Construction should begin this spring.



BUR OAKS. Located on the north side of Wild Horse Creek Road and west of Long Road, this Pulte Homes development will include 35 new single family detached homes. Amenities of the development will also include an exercise trail with outdoor equipment, children's playground area and community gathering area.



Residential Street Tree Planting program to counter growing Ash Borer problem

The City of Chesterfield has long been aware that there is a large population of Ash trees in public right-of-way (typically the area between the sidewalk and street). Since 2010, City staff has been working diligently to reduce this population in preparation for a possible Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) infestation by removing dead and declining Ash trees. Through these efforts we have successfully reduced the population of Ash trees from 36% of our total street trees to 28%. However, there remains approximately 6,700 Ash trees lining city streets. As the EAB population expands, it will kill all of the City's Ash trees. Ash trees infested with EAB quickly become brittle and fall apart, creating potential hazards to public safety.

The City of Chesterfield will address the EAB crisis by implementing a program to systematically remove all of the City's public Ash trees within the next seven years. We will begin by removing all Ash trees which are dead, declining, or show evidence of EAB infestation. Once those trees are removed, we will strategically schedule subsequent removals in order to lessen the immediate impacts on individual neighborhoods. Please be patient as we work through this devastating event.

If a tree in front of your home has been scheduled for removal, you will be notified by mail before the removal takes place. If you have a declining Ash tree in City right-of-way adjacent to your home that you would like to be considered for removal, please call us at 636.537.4000, or fill out a work request at chesterfield.mo.us/report-a-problem.html.

The City has a Residential Street Tree Planting program to assist homeowners who would like to plant a replacement tree within city right of way. Trees must be of an approved species to ensure the tree can thrive and ultimately help improve the overall health of our Urban Forest. To learn more about the Emerald Ash Borer and the City's Action Plan, visit chesterfield.mo.us/residential-street-tree.html.



The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is an exotic wood boring beetle that was first discovered destroying Ash trees in Michigan in 2002. EAB kills Ash trees by damaging the sapwood and preventing fluid transport throughout the tree. Once infested, trees usually die within 3-5 years. Ash trees are the only species at risk from this insect.

Street improvements scheduled for 2016

BROADMOOR CONDOMINIUMS NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT. The Broadmoor Condominiums, which is comprised of the Commons of Broadmoor, the Gardens of Broadmoor, and the Greens of Broadmoor, have created a Neighborhood Improvement District (NID) in order to reconstruct the private streets located within these subdivisions. This project, which will be privately funded by the subdivisions through the NID, will likely begin in April and will include the replacement of each street located in these subdivisions. There will be a total of 20,500 square yards of concrete slab replacement as part of this project.

SCHOETTLER ROAD BRIDGE. The City of Chesterfield makes every effort to obtain grant monies when available. Most recently the City used grant funding to overlay Edison Avenue, to construct a new bridge on Timberlake Manor Drive, to reconstruct Ladue Road, and to reconstruct Appalachian Trail. In addition to the projects described above, the City of Chesterfield has secured grant funding for the replacement of the Schoettler Road Bridge. That project is currently in design, and is scheduled for construction in 2017.

RIPARIAN TRAIL. Chesterfield Creek, which is adjacent to the Riparian Trail south of Central Park, is incising, causing substantive erosion which is threatening adjacent utilities and the trail. An erosion control project has been designed by the City's engineering consultant, Intuition and Logic. This project is currently being constructed by Kuesel Excavating Company, and should be completed by June 1, at which time the Riparian Trail will re-open.



GREENTRAILS DRIVE SOUTH. The City of Chesterfield has obtained a federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) grant to fund 70% of the costs to reconstruct Greentrails Drive South from Ladue Road to White Road. Construction on this project will likely begin in late spring and continue through the fall.

CHESTERFIELD PARKWAY EAST PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE. In 2015, the City of Chesterfield secured a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant to fund 50% of the cost to construct a pedestrian bridge over I-64 near Chesterfield Parkway East. This project will provide a safe means of crossing I-64 for both pedestrians and bicyclists. Construction on this project should begin this summer and will be completed in early 2017.



BAXTER ROAD. We are pleased to inform you that St. Louis County has plans to improve Baxter Road from Clarkson Road to Wild Horse Creek Road in 2016, with work beginning in April. This will include replacing sections of deteriorated concrete from Wild Horse Creek Road to just south of August Hill Drive. From August Hill to Clarkson, the deteriorated concrete sections will be replaced and a 2.5 inch layer of asphalt will be placed on top. The project also includes the placement of ADA ramps at the sidewalk intersections and replacement of sidewalk sections that have become trip hazards. For questions, call the St. Louis County Project Manager at 314.615.1150.

OTHER PROJECTS. The City of Chesterfield maintains 175 miles of public roads and 300 miles of sidewalk. However, there are several roads in the city limits which are either private or maintained by other agencies. For example, the Missouri Department of Transportation maintains I-64, Olive / Clarkson, Boone's Crossing, Long Road, and parts of Wild Horse Creek Road. St. Louis County maintains Chesterfield Parkway, Baxter Road, White Road, Kehrs Mill Road, Chesterfield Airport Road, and several other roadways. Besides the improvements to Baxter Road mentioned earlier, St. Louis County has plans to improve the Chesterfield Parkway and Kehrs Mill Road in 2017. Additional information on these projects can be obtained by contacting the St. Louis County Department of Transportation at 314.615.8504.

Concrete slab replacement projects

These projects are expected to be completed in 2016 and will involve the replacement of 42,400 square yards of concrete slabs on 20 different residential streets. Residents adjacent to the planned replacement areas, along with subdivision trustees, will receive project notification by mail. The streets scheduled for slab replacement are listed below:

- Brook Hill Court
- Brook Hill Drive
- Brook Hill Lane
- Cedar Mill Drive
- Chesterfield Estates Drive
- Cochero Drive
- Delta Ridge Court
- Heathercroft Drive
- Jenwick Court
- Kimwood Court
- Kulkarni Court
- Ladue Farm Court
- Ladue Farm Drive
- Maple Ridge Court
- Park Forest Drive
- Riverdale Court
- Swingley Ridge Drive
- Sunny Wind Court
- Torreador Drive
- York Ridge Court

Slab replacement work will begin in April and will likely extend into the fall. Additional information will be available under the City Projects tab located on the City's website at chesterfield.mo.us/city-projects.html.



Don't let shoes collect dust-DONATE!

The City of Chesterfield in partnership with Shoeman Water is helping to provide safe water to people around the world by hosting a shoe drive in 2016. Shoes of any size and in new or gently used condition can be dropped off at various locations listed below.

Not only do the shoe drives provide the funding for water programs, but the shoes enter a secondary market and become available to micro-businesses and entrepreneurs in developing countries. Entrepreneurs have the opportunity to purchase your donated shoes and resell them in markets in places like Guatemala, Haiti, and others. People in these countries then have the ability to purchase used shoes at a much more affordable price than buying new shoes. In this way, the funds raised from the shoe program cover their overhead costs and allow every penny from donations and fundraisers to go to water projects. For more information about Shoeman Water, visit shoemanwater.org.

DONATION CENTERS

City Hall (690 Chesterfield Pkwy W)
Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
636.537.4000

Parks, Recreation & Arts Administration Building (17891 N Outer 40)
Monday-Friday: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
636.812.9500

There will also be donation opportunities at local events and recreation facilities. Look for the logo next to the event, recreation program or facility flyer.



BEFORE: Eberwein Park pond previously hosted a number of undesirable bushes and shrubs.



AFTER: The removal of the invasive bush honeysuckle will make room for native plant species.

Eberwein Park pond undergoes makeover

Chesterfield was awarded a \$40,000 grant through the Missouri Department of Conservation's Back to Nature STL Grant Program. The project will fund improvements to the existing pond at Eberwein Park, including removal of unwanted species and installation of desirable native aquatic species which will draw amphibian, reptile, bird, and insect species to the area.

The project also includes reduction of turf around the pond and installation of trees to expand the current wood line. This will ultimately enhance the water quality of the pond. Local Master Naturalists have partnered with the City to perform surveys that will record the species which utilize the pond as the improvements are made. We hope to watch as species diversity improves over the course of the project.

The City's match will include the construction of a walkway and dock structure which will allow park visitors to get closer to the area where they can observe the habitat at work. The project began in the spring of 2015. Currently, invasive bush honeysuckle has been removed from around the pond edges, and the area is being prepared for the installation of native plant species this spring.

If you are interested in helping with the project, the City will be hosting a Volunteer Planting Day in order to plant native trees in current turf areas that border the pond. Stay tuned for the date, tentatively planned for fall of 2016.

3rd Senior Sampler moves to West County YMCA on April 8

The Chesterfield Older Adult Task Force, in partnership with the West County Family Y, is hosting the 3rd Annual Senior Sampler on Friday, April 8 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at West County Family Y, located at 16464 Burkhardt Place in Chesterfield. This free event is for persons 50+ who will be offered sample products, product and services information, demonstrations and health screenings.

For more information about this event, call 636.537.4000.



The Sampler has over 40 vendors specializing in health, wellness and services for older adults.

OASIS SPRING PROGRAMS

OASIS has partnered with the City of Chesterfield to bring learning opportunities to City Hall this Spring. For the class schedule, visit chesterfield.mo.us/oasis-programs.html or call 314.862.4869.



Senior Walking Club starts April 20, meets every Wed

Wednesdays, April 20 through May 27 8 a.m. (see Parks Guide for locations)

Grab a friend and come out and exercise on the beautiful trails in Chesterfield! Every week, the Senior Walking Club will meet at a new park and walk the trail to see and learn about native trees, plants and wildlife, while getting some great exercise! There will be a representative from the Parks, Recreation & Arts Division, West County Family Y or Delmar Gardens of Chesterfield to guide the walks. Attendance will be taken each week. If you attend all four weeks of walking, you will receive a two-day pass to the River Walk Club at the Chesterfield Family Aquatic Center! These passes are only valid for the 2016 season, beginning on May 30. Sponsored by Delmar Gardens of Chesterfield and West County Family Y.

For those of you that are 55 or older, the Senior Sizzlers gives you the opportunity to join other Chesterfield residents, members of the West County Family YMCA, and different organizations that have programs for seniors. Want reminders for Older Adult Programs? Email lbobrzynski@chesterfield.mo.us to be added to our monthly email list!



Mondays, September through May 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Ballwin Golf Course (333 Holloway Road)

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. Coffee, soda and dessert provided. Please bring your own sack-lunch. For the LOAP schedule, please see the Chesterfield Parks, Recreation & Arts Spring Guide. For more information, call 636.812.9500.

*Special luncheons may involve separate fees.

CORP class offers "tech tips" for easier travel

The St. Louis County Department of Human Services County Older Resident Programs (CORP) class, "Technology Tips for Making Travel Plans" will be on Thursday, March 31 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at City Hall. The class is free to adults 50 and older and offers ideas to assist you in planning, recording and sharing your trips using your computer, whether it is a desktop, laptop, smart phone or tablet.

To register, contact Karen Bono, Age Smart Age Well Program Coordinator for the St. Louis County Older Resident Programs, at 314.615.4474 or kbono@stlouisco.com.

Pickleball is back!

Spring is just around the corner which means its time to dust off your pickleball paddle! The season begins April 5 every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Chesterfield Valley Athletic Complex next to the Parks Administration Office. Individuals that do not have their own paddle and balls, can come into the Park Office and pick up the equipment and return when finished. All that is needed to borrow the equipment is a valid drivers license. This fun sport combines many elements of tennis, badminton and ping-pong.



Top row from left: Akshaj A Variath, Joshua Gollapudi, Ronak Mohanty, Devaang P Nair. Bottom Row from left: Ajay Eisenberg, Alexander Joseph, Ann Joseph, Aishani Komath.

Team Robolution lights the way in educating and promoting the proper recycling of light bulbs

Team Robolution is a group of local nine year olds competing in the First Lego League (FLL) Robotics Challenge. Beyond the robots and programming, each group must also research and execute a project based on the theme of this year, TRASH TREK. The team chose to focus on light bulbs. Through their research they learned about the types of light bulbs and which represent the best choice for the environment. They learned that some bulbs (i.e., CFLs) contain mercury, a toxin that can be released into the environment if not properly recycled.

They also surveyed over 80 households across the West County area to learn about light bulb usage and recycling practices. The survey showed that the most efficient and environmentally friendly choice of LEDs accounted for only 15% of light bulbs in homes, with 34% CFL usage and 51% still having low efficiency and non-recyclable Incandescent bulbs. Moreover, >90% of respondents were not recycling light bulbs, and most were unaware of how and where light bulbs could be recycled, such as Lowe's and Home Depot. The team's goals are to 1) Reject the Incandescent Light Bulbs, 2) Recycle the CFLs and 3) Reach for the LEDs. They will partner with local charities to distribute light bulbs, meet with city officials and local businesses to promote energy efficiency and recycling, and help educate the community on making the right choice about buying and promote recycling of light bulbs.

Turn out the lights!

Turn out your lights for International Earth Hour on Saturday, March 19 at 8:30 p.m. and show your commitment to a better future. Earth Hour started in 2007 as a lights-off event to raise awareness about climate change. For more information on International Earth Hour and for fun ideas for your family's participation, visit earthhour.org.

Curbside textile recycling coming in 2016; more info to follow

As you may know, the City of Chesterfield and Republic Services has teamed up with USAgain, a national textile recycler in St. Louis, to collect clothes and shoes curbside on the first Saturday of each month. We still do not have a firm start date, however Republic Services and USAgain will send out a mailer to every resident, along with a call blast to every resident on the Friday before pick up.

Each household will also receive flyers with instructions on what is acceptable through the program. The recycler will accept all clothes; household textiles such as sheets, drapes, towels and accessories; and shoes, including those that are stained, ripped, mismatched or out-of-fashion. This program for curbside textile recycling will service the 13,500 households of Chesterfield.

ACCORDING TO THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, AMERICANS THROW AWAY 70 POUNDS OF CLOTHING, LINENS AND OTHER TEXTILES EVERY YEAR.

Residents can help sustain healthy habitats in their gardens too

Follow these four simple tricks in your garden to help sustain healthy bird and pollinator habitats in your own yard:

1. Plant a native trees and wildflowers-they takes less water to grow!
2. Compost yard wastes to conserve water.
3. Install a rain barrel to conserve fresh rainwater and hold soil in place.
4. Eliminate chemicals in your garden to protect the pollinators.

Visit arborday.org for free trees and grownative.org and plantsofmerit.org for free seeds. We will also have informational literature and tips about native gardening at our Earth Day Festival on April 30!

Earth Day brings the Big Muddy Visitor Center to the mall

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Free confidential document shredding will be provided by Shred-It (five-box limit). And the Citizens Alliance for Positive Youth (CAPY) and the Chesterfield Police Department will be collecting prescription and over-the-counter medications, inhalers, ointments and patches.



The Opening Ceremony will commence at 10 a.m. and the Conservation Awards will take place on the stage near the Food Court at noon. New this year, Big Muddy National Fish and Wildlife Refuge will have a Mobile Visitor Center parked outside near Jared's Jewelry. Participants are invited to tour the Visitors Center throughout the event to learn more about the organization's commitment to conserving America's fish, wildlife, and plants.



A look inside the Big Muddy Mobile Visitor Center.

Millennium Green Heritage Grove to be honored at annual Arbor Day tree planting this year

Missouri Arbor Day Tree Planting will be on Friday, April 1 at the Chesterfield Valley Athletic Complex (CVAC). The planting will be dedicated to the Millennium Green Heritage Grove, created from the 2000, with a new plaque. Please dress for the weather and join the Citizens Committee for the Environment and Mindy Mohrman, City Arborist, for the planting new native trees and woody shrubs to help reforest Chesterfield!

Items collected at Earth Day Festival at Chesterfield Mall

The popular recycling drive-thru takes place on the Sears lower level parking lot. Limited capacity exists for most vendors, so **first come/first-served**. The drive-thru is open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 30. The following items are being accepted:

- All single-stream recyclables (glass, plastic, paper, cardboard, etc.).....Republic Services
- Bicycles.....St. Louis Bicycle Works
- Electronics, TVs, computers and small appliances*.....MRC Recycling
- Used clothing, linens and paired shoes.....Remains, Inc.
- New and used building materials.....Habitat for Humanity
- Buttons, beads, board games and children's books.....St. Louis Teacher's Recycle Center
- Fabric and sewing notions.....Charity Sharity
- Confidential Document Shredding *5-box limit per family; **limited capacity**.....Shred-It
- Prescription and over-the counter medications.....Chesterfield Police Dept. and CAPY

*Fees for some TVs apply.

2nd Annual Family Native Gardening Grow-Off Competition opens March 15

As a homeowner, you can participate in Chesterfield's Family Native Gardening Grow-Off by creating a new garden in your yard that attracts wildlife and helps restore habitat for pollinators, birds, butterflies, and small mammals. Gardens may be planted in any part of your yard with the minimum area of 50 square feet. All gardens MUST be planted and maintained by the homeowners, rather than a professional service.



The 2015 winning garden belongs to Cathy Rosenberg in Ward 1.

The competition begins on March 15, 2016 and applications will be accepted through March 17, 2017 - allowing a full year for the garden to mature. Gardens will be reviewed by Committee members and/or City staff in late summer of 2017 and a winner announced in the fall. The winner will receive an annual membership to the Missouri Botanical Garden!

In addition to the amount and variety of native plants used, the following items will be used as primary criteria for garden evaluation:

- Food sources: native plants, seed producers, berries, fruits, nuts, nectar producers.
- Water sources: pond, stream, water garden, birdbath.
- Cover for animals: mature native trees, thicket/native shrubs, roosting box.
- Nesting places: mature native trees, thicket/native shrubs, other native vegetation, nesting box (birdhouse), pond.

To apply, visit chesterfield.mo.us/family-gardening-grow-off.html.

For additional resources, gardening tips, and information on native plants, please visit the Chesterfield Citizen Committee for the Environment webpage at chesterfield.mo.us/citizens-committee-for-the-environment.html.

Breakfast with a hungry caterpillar and spring fling top list of events at Butterfly House

MARCH MORPHO MANIA

March 1-31
Tuesday through Sunday (closed Mondays)
10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Adults: \$6
Seniors (ages 65 and older): \$5
Children (ages 3 to 12): \$4
Children ages 2 and younger and Missouri Botanical Garden members are free.

Visit the Butterfly House in March to enjoy the beauty of a rainforest without ever leaving Missouri! March Morpho Mania® offers visitors an opportunity to see the largest collection of Blue Morpho butterflies in the United States. March Morpho Mania® is included with regular admission.

The Blue Morpho is one of the largest butterflies at the Butterfly House and has a six-inch wingspan. Blue Morphos also have tiny scales on their wings which refract light and produce flashes of blue that bewilder predators in nature. Common Blue Morpho butterflies (Morpho peleides) are native to Central and South America.

The last admission is sold 30 minutes prior to closing each day. Visitors are encouraged to arrive no later than one hour prior to closing to fully enjoy the experience. For the safety of our butterflies, strollers will be restricted in the Butterfly House.

SPRING FLING

Saturdays and Sundays in April
10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Celebrate the important insects that help to make the gardens grow! Each week will highlight a different beneficial insect through fun facts, crafts, games, and other family friendly activities. Come and learn more about a different pollinator each weekend! All activities are included with regular admission.



March Morpho Mania brings nearly 3,000 Blue Morpho butterflies to the Conservatory. Photo courtesy of Heather Osborn.

BREAKFAST WITH THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR

April 23 & 24
9-10 a.m.
Members: \$15
Nonmembers: \$20

Join The Very Hungry Caterpillar for brunch at the Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House! You'll be munching on a smorgasbord of The Very Hungry Caterpillar's favorite foods. Guests will meet live caterpillars and butterflies, listen to readings of Eric Carle's The Very Hungry Caterpillar book and explore our interactive Bug Stations. This special day will be captured by a souvenir photo with The Very Hungry Caterpillar! Reservations required; space is limited.

FANCY TEA WITH MOMMY AND ME

May 1
Morning Tea: 10-11:30 a.m.
Afternoon Tea: 2-3:30 p.m.
Members: \$15
Nonmembers: \$20

Grab your favorite gal for a tea party where you can eat tasty treats and sip on delightful drinks! No party would be complete without some fabulous take-home favors. Learn about the beautiful and fancy butterflies at this "can't miss" party. Reservations required; space is limited.

For more information about these events, visit butterflyhouse.org or call 636.530.0076.

Art camps and classes are available this spring at Art Unleashed

Art Unleashed is currently taking registrations for spring art classes as well as summer art camps. This spring, children will have the opportunity to explore the world of color, abstract art and pottery for the garden. Adults can choose from pottery and painting classes as well as several one and two night wine workshops.

These workshops are a great opportunity to have a creative night out with friends, family or coworkers. Summer camps for children Preschool-12th grade begin the week of June 6 and run through August 5. Students will be able to take classes in a variety of subjects, including drawing, painting, pottery, sculpture and more. Each week, different themes will be explored to provide students the opportunity to take multiple sessions throughout the summer, which will enable them to expand their knowledge of specific subjects and techniques.

For more information about the classes and camps, please visit artunleashed.org.



Travel back in time this spring at Faust Park



Tea with Nancy is hosted by Nancy Bates.

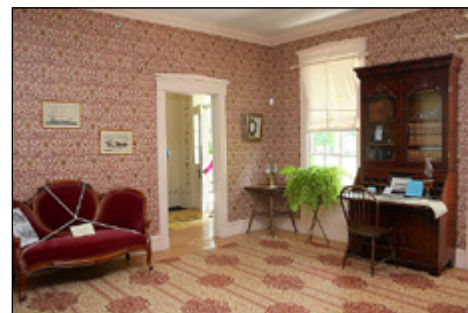
TEA WITH NANCY

Saturday, April 30
10 a.m.-noon and 2-4 p.m.
Faust Park Thornhill estate
\$30/person
All ages

You are invited to step back in time to the 1800s and join the wife of Missouri's second governor for full tea. Nancy Bates will be hosting in character for this special event on the grounds of the historic Thornhill home in Faust Park. Don't forget to wear your "tea party" best to share polite conversation, along with a light meal. Space is limited. Reservations must be made in advance by calling Lori at 314.615.8336 or lritchey@stlouisco.com.



Summer kitchen gardens shown above.



The Conway House parlor setting.



Thornhill Estate Open House is free to attend.

Saturday & Sunday
April 23 & 24, May 7 & 8, May 14 & 15,
August 27 & 28
1-5 p.m.
Faust Park Thornhill Estate
Free for all ages

Walk or drive down the gravel road behind the Butterfly House to find this distinctive 200 year old treasure. The house was restored to its 1820 appearance and is partially furnished. The estate also includes a detached kitchen, period barns, a smokehouse, ice house, orchard and family cemetery. Period dressed guides offer a glimpse into Missouri's past.

FAUST HISTORIC VILLAGE OPEN HOUSE

Saturday & Sunday
March 19 & 20; June 18 & 19, June 25 & 26,
July 30 & 31
1-5 p.m.
Faust Park
Free for all ages

The historic homes in the Village will be open to tour on select weekends at no charge. Guides in period dress are available to answer questions about the structures as well as the volunteer-attended heritage gardens. A special presentation is planned on the March weekend to honor Women's History Month. Learn about the history of the homes from women who lived there in the 1800s!

For more information about these events, call 314.615.8328.



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, March 23, 11:15 a.m.-1 p.m.
Persimmon Woods
\$25 for members. \$30 for guests.

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Thursday, March 31, 5-7 p.m.
Rupp Chiropractic
Free for members. \$15 for guests.

FIRST THURSDAY COFFEE

Thursday, April 7, 7:30-9 a.m.
Chesterfield Montessori School
Free for members. \$15 for guests.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, April 20, 11:15 a.m.-1 p.m.
Old Hickory Golf Club
\$25 for members. \$30 for guests.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION SOCIAL MEDIA

Thursday, April 21, 8-9 a.m.
Chamber Office

GOLF CLASSIC

Monday, April 25, 10 a.m.
Persimmon Woods

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Thursday, April 28, 5-7 p.m.
First State Bank - Chesterfield
Free for members. \$15 for guests.

FIRST THURSDAY COFFEE

Thursday, May 5, 7:30-9 a.m.
St. Luke's Urgent Care
Free for members. \$15 for guests.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, May 18, 11:15 a.m.-1 p.m.
The Landings at Spirit Golf Club
\$25 for members. \$30 for guests.

For questions about any of these events, contact the Chamber of Commerce at 636.532.3399 or visit chesterfieldmochamber.com.

The Blacksmiths of Chesterfield

By Ann Chrissos

Chesterfield Historic & Landmarks Preservation Committee

The Chesterfield area was primarily agrarian in the nineteenth century, but supporting businesses such as general store proprietors, saloon keepers, wagon makers and blacksmiths also existed. Blacksmiths were extremely important to successful farmers because they made, repaired and sold farm equipment, household utensils and horseshoes. Consequently, hardworking blacksmiths could be found in the eight communities that comprised the Chesterfield area: Lake, Bellefontaine, Chesterfield, Gumbo, Bonhomme, Eatherton, Centaur and Orville.



Zierenberg's brick blacksmith shop. Pictured l-r, Herbert Zierenberg and John Hecklemann. Courtesy of Herbert and Lillian Zierenberg.

Lake (Hog Hollow) was a small settlement centered around present day Olive Boulevard and Hog Hollow Road. The first blacksmiths to serve this community were Mike Walters, Peter Silver, William and John Dierberg and John Heckelmann. In 1900, Ernst W. Zierenberg (b. 1878, d. 1953) acquired a general merchandise store when he married Wilhelmina Schaeper (b. 1877, d. 1953). It had been built in Lake by her father, Herman Schaeper in 1880. Ernest, Wilhelmina and their two sons, Ernest H. (b. 1909, d. 1949) and Herbert C. (b. 1912, d. 2001) lived over the store. This building also housed a big hall used for church services, dances, circuit court and other community affairs. Additional businesses within this structure included a post office, saloon, blacksmith shop, weigh station and rooms for Drummers

(salesmen) to spend the night. A fire destroyed the large frame building in 1918 and Zierenberg replaced it with two separate brick structures, one to house the store and the other for the blacksmith shop. Other businesses occupy these buildings today. When the frame one room Lake School House, located to the left of the blacksmith shop, was replaced in 1925 with a two room brick structure, Zierenberg purchased it for a warehouse. He is buried at St. John's United Church of Christ Cemetery.



Jacob Seeger's blacksmith shop in Bellefontaine. Seeger is on the left and one of the boys is his son John. Courtesy of CHLPC.

Bellefontaine (Hilltown) was the community just west of Lake and was located at the intersection of Olive Boulevard (Olive Street Road) and Chesterfield Parkway (Schoettler Road), north of I-64/40. Jacob Seeger (b. 1856, d. 1931) was Bellefontaine's blacksmith. He had three children with his first wife: Rose, who married Henry Stemme; Bertha, who married William Stemme; and John (b. 1884, d. 1931), who married Magenta Bruns (b. 1890, d. 1976). Seeger's blacksmith shop supported his family and provided a valuable service to residents. Seeger had one son, William Louis Seeger, Sr. (b. 1898, c. 1983) by his second wife, Emma Mohr. William, Sr. purchased acreage along White Road where he grew apples, peaches and other produce. He sold his crops at a stand on Olive Boulevard, which he started in 1911. It provided for his wife Duetta Grieb and their four children: Quentin, Rosemary, Arleen and William, Jr. William, Jr. and continued to operate the stand after his father's death. Many of the Seegers are buried in the St. John's United Church of Christ Cemetery.

West of Bellefontaine was the town of Chesterfield. It was established along Olive Street Road and Wild Horse Creek Road (Old Chesterfield and Baxter Roads today).



Hyde family near the turn of the 20th century. Courtesy of Joan Kilby

Christian Burkhardt created Chesterfield when he purchased uncultivated land and laid out lots which he sold for houses and businesses. William Koch purchased a 150 foot frontage lot in 1897, on which he built a white frame house with a horse shoe mounted above the front door (16651 Old Chesterfield Road). In 1903, Koch sold the 50 foot wide section to the west of his house to Henry and Elizabeth Hyde. Henry (b. 1862, c. 1917) was born in Grover, Missouri to English immigrants. His wife Elizabeth (b. 1862, d. 1918) was born in Bellefontaine, Missouri to Charles Andreas, a German immigrant. They had three children: Walter Lee (b. 1887, d. 1966); Richard (b. 1888); and Georgia Sue (b. 1892). Henry had been supporting his family as a carpenter and mechanic, but he used the 50 foot-wide property to establish a blacksmith business. Nine years later, Henry was able to purchase the Koch house next door to his business. (This building was demolished after the 1993 flood). In 1914, he leased the blacksmith shop to B. Hinds with the stipulation that one upstairs room would be used by John Winderlie. Three years after her father's death, Georgia Sue and husband August Conrads sold the Hyde property to George C. Ruppel, Jr. By then the blacksmith trade was in decline. The Hydes are buried in the St. John's United Church of Christ Cemetery.

Continuing west, the next town was Gumbo (Chesterfield Valley), named for its gumbo soil (a fine silty soil which forms a sticky mud when wet). Gumbo was centered around the intersection of Chesterfield Airport and Long Roads. At the turn of the twentieth century, that crossroads consisted of Wetzel's General Store, a hotel, Kroenung's store, a post office and P. W. Gluck's blacksmith shop. Cultivated fields were to the south and west of this business district.



Henry Schiller's blacksmith shop in Bonhomme, circa 1888. Henry is in the building at the anvil. He died from pneumonia at the age of 23. Courtesy of Ruth Schiller.

The community of Bonhomme (French for good man) was the most western point for the daily mail-stage on the Olive Street route. It was located near Howell's Ferry and consisted of several houses, a store, grist-mill, post office and a blacksmith shop operated by Thomas Bayer. Bayer (b. 1814, d. 1892) arrived in the Chesterfield area from Bavaria, Germany in 1840. He quickly established a carpentry business, which he expanded to include blacksmithing and wagon making in order to meet the needs and demands of his neighbors. Henry Schiller (b. 1865, d. 1888) also operated a blacksmith shop in the area for a short time.

South of Bonhomme was the community of Eatherton (Monarch) which sprang up near the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific rail line. William Sutton's general store at the northwest corner of Eatherton and Centaur Roads became the heart of the settlement because it also housed the post office, saloon and hotel. Across the street from the general store was a blacksmith shop where farm implements were sold.



William Preston Calvert's blacksmith shop in Orville, MO.

The last two settlements along the Chesterfield mail route were Centaur and Orville. Centaur, like Eatherton, was a railroad settlement. According to Dan Rothwell, "...by 1909, the small community boasted a building housing the lime company offices and a general store, a blacksmith shop, a lime quarry with kiln, hotel, lumber mill, church, a one room schoolhouse, a post office and a stave factory." Orville was centered around the intersections of Eatherton and Orville Roads and is part of the City of Wildwood today. Its early blacksmith was William Preston Calvert, who moved to Orville in 1892. He opened his blacksmith shop next to the schoolhouse.

The fact that every settlement in the Chesterfield area had a blacksmith indicates the importance of this occupation in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Blacksmithing not only provided necessary goods and services to the areas' residents, but also created jobs and supported the owners and their families. The blacksmiths of Chesterfield worked hard at this hot and dirty job so their communities and families could prosper.

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CHLPC wants your photos

Do you have interesting Chesterfield area photos from the 1960s or earlier which the Chesterfield Historic & Landmarks Preservation Committee could digitally copy and return to you? The photos submitted of community gatherings, old buildings or neighborhood scenes could appear in a future Chesterfield Historical Calendar or other publication. Photos should be labeled with any descriptive, identifying information (who, where, date, etc.) and your contact number or email address. Please also include a signed note to release your photos for the Committee's use.

You can drop off the photos at the front desk of City Hall or contact Lynne Johnson at 636.537.4746.


Historic books and calendars on sale at City Hall

The CHLPC continues to sell its many publications at the front desk at City Hall. The books are popular and informative about the City of Chesterfield and include "Chesterfield, Missouri: From Untamed Wilderness to Thriving Municipality", the City's official history book, \$25; "A Guide to Chesterfield's Architectural Treasures", \$15; "Chesterfield's Ancient Past", \$15; "Why We Fought: Nazi Camp Liberators of St. Louis", \$15; "Cemeteries of Chesterfield", \$10; "Chesterfield Historical Coloring Book", \$5.

2016 Historical Calendars are \$2 each, with issues available of all prior years, 1991-2015, each \$1. Packages of the first and second 10 years are available for \$5 each. 2016 calendars are also available at Montgomery Bank and Schnucks Hilltown, and both calendars and books are available at Chamber of Commerce, Old House at Hog Hollow, Dierbergs Four Seasons, and Dierbergs Marketplace.

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Civic Orchestra honors 400th anniversary of Shakespeare

April 2016 marks the 400th anniversary of William Shakespeare's death and the Civic is excited to celebrate his life through music. Presenting "Shakespeare in Music" on April 17, the orchestra will be performing Prokofiev's Romeo and Juliet, as well as showcasing the winners of the 2016 Florence Frager Young Artist Competition. This competition gives a local high school student the opportunity to perform one movement of a concerto with a full symphony orchestra and has been held for over 40 years.

The Civic is also delighted to perform its annual pops concert outside at the beautiful Chesterfield Amphitheater on May 19. Please make plans to come out for this fun, free concert!

Tickets and additional information are available at stlco.org or email stlcivicorch@gmail.com to receive concert announcements and newsletters.



STAGES' unique Summer Performance Workshops will include timeless classics like "Willy Wonka KIDS" and "Footloose."

STAGES St. Louis celebrates Diamond Anniversary Season

Over the past thirty years, STAGES has been gifted with many successes as its musical productions continue to be recognized for quality and excellence.

Registration is now open for summer camps June 6 through August 5. The ever-growing Academy continues to expand with exciting new Acting and Dance Intensive offerings for teens! Day camp themes include Broadway Babies, Puttin' on the Hits, Journey to Oz, Princess and Jedi classes, Imagination Exploration and more! Classes are held Monday through Friday at various times. **To register call 636.449.5775 or visit stagesstlouis.org. Chesterfield residents save 10% on registration, which is up to a \$16 savings per student!**

Join STAGES this summer for its celebratory season! The milestone line-up launches with the wedding of the year in its Mid-Western premiere, "It Shoulda Been You" on June 3 through July 3. Tumble down the rabbit hole with STAGES into the madcap and whimsical world of Disney's "Alice in Wonderland" June 15 through July 3 for a fantastic adventure the whole family can enjoy! The season continues with one of STAGES most frequently requested return shows, "The Drowsy Chaperone" July 22 through August 21. Audiences will rejoice for this season's grand finale, the divine musical comedy, "Sister Act" September 9 through October 9. Single tickets go on sale April 4. To purchase tickets, call 636.449.5775 or visit stagesstlouis.org.