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Recycles Day offers residents document shredding, e-cycling and more

The annual Recycles Day event offers the opportunity for residents to responsibly dispose of and recycle numerous household items.

Recycles Day will be on Saturday, November 4 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the Central Park parking lot, located at 16365 Lydia Hill Drive.

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Newest public art sculpture “Flow” to be installed in Central Park

The City of Chesterfield will install the newest public art sculpture, “Flow,” in Central Park by late summer/early fall. The artist, St. Louis-based sculptor Leland Drexler-Russell, was selected as the winner of the Public Art Contest held by the Parks, Recreation & Arts Department in December 2016, for his design of “Flow.” Drexler-Russell is a local sculptor with an architectural background. He has created large-scale art since 2009, inspired by his enthusiasm of architecture and mechanical engineering for many of his projects, including “Flow.” The sculpture, located near the bridge, contains four broadleaf cattail clusters and a large lotus flower with solar panels located in the petals. These petals powered by the sunlight, harvest energy to the lotus flower creating a glow at night, resting on a lily pad on the lake. The sculptures represents natural elements native to Missouri.

“St. Louis was originally a river city, and Chesterfield shares that same heritage,” said Drexler-Russell. “Prior to being called Chesterfield, the area was called Gumbo Flats. I wanted it to be a homage to the river, encompassing the life and vibrancy of the Ozarks.”

Leland Drexler-Russell received a bachelor of arts in Environmental Design from The Evergreen State College, Olympia, WA, leading sustainability efforts in the college’s housing facilities. His work has appeared at True/False Film Festival, Artica and Art on The Beltline Atlanta, among other venues. **For up-to-the-minute updates on the installation date, please download the free Chesterfield Parks, Recreation & Arts mobile app.**



The lotus flower portion of the sculpture (above) has solar panels in the petals that power the art sculpture at night. The sculpture will be placed by the bridge in Central Park.



Powered by the solar panels, this is an example of the lotus flower to be placed on the lily pad.

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Hello again! By the time this message reaches you, summer will be winding down and we will be looking forward to fall. I hope you were able to take in one of our many events, concerts or movies this summer and have been able to walk through the spectacular new Veterans Honor Park. Many residents have told me how much they appreciate the wonderful events we offer that add to their enjoyment of Chesterfield.

Chesterfield Valley Transportation Development District (CVTDD)/ Hockey Support

At the end of my portion of the previous quarterly newsletter, I provided a brief introduction to the Chesterfield Valley Transportation Development District (CVTDD), which was authorized by State law (RsMo 238.200-238.275) and established in 2005. I shared information about the significant transportation/infrastructure projects that have already been funded by the CVTDD. When a TDD is established, State law only allows the registered voters within the proposed district to vote. Accordingly, for the CVTDD, only a handful of subdivisions in the vicinity of Kehrs Mill and Wild Horse Creek Roads ultimately were the approval authority for the authorized projects and parameters of the TDD. Logically, and as permitted by statute, if there are any proposed modifications to the TDD, those same registered voters within district are allowed to approve or disapprove.

The alternative allowed by the State, would be for the commercial property owners within a district to establish and govern a

TDD without any voter approval whatsoever. For obvious reasons, we believe that establishing a TDD by a vote of the residents in the TDD is preferable to the alternative of creating a taxing district with little public oversight. Following the recent closure of the Hardee's Iceplex, the local non-profit youth hockey association, Chesterfield Hockey Association, represented by The Staenberg Group and Mia Rose Holdings, approached the CVTDD board to ask for consideration of support to extend the sunset of the TDD tax in order to provide funding for qualified transportation infrastructure associated with the development and construction of a new two-sheet (NHL-sized) ice rink that would serve the local youth hockey community. They did not ask for, and would not be eligible to receive, any TDD funds for construction of the ice rink itself. At the TDD board meeting held June 19, the board (consisting of Chesterfield City Administrator Mike Geisel, St. Louis County Executive Steve Stenger, St. Louis County Assistant Director of Transportation Stephanie Leon Streeter, and myself) unanimously approved Chesterfield Hockey Association's request to put the issue on a TDD Ballot, and let the voters within the district express their opinion. While the total cost of the facility is projected to be just under \$23 million, the proposed ballot proposal limits the TDD support to a maximum of \$7 million, and only if that amount is expended for qualified, eligible expenses. Chesterfield Hockey Association would also seek \$8 million from charitable contributions, and the remainder of the funding would be provided by a conventional loan.

Under different circumstances, it would have been difficult for me as a CVTDD board member to justify support for the ice rink that essentially will be a private, non-profit facility to be partially funded by sales tax dollars paid by shoppers in Chesterfield Valley. However, in addition to recognizing the vacuum that has resulted from the closing of Hardee's Iceplex, we were able to scrutinize their business plan, feasibility study, and an economic impact projection that translates to a direct financial benefit to the City of Chesterfield and, in turn, to our residents.

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Unofficial survey conducted showed overwhelming support for CVTDD

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It has long been my belief that our City exists in order to provide services to our residents and businesses. Revenues are needed to pay for the services provided and I believe that the revenues (sales taxes) generated by area businesses that are directly attributable to sports complex clientele, will be sufficient to justify TDD support of this project.

Furthermore, if this modification to the CVTDD is approved by the voters in the district (that also allows up to a maximum 15 year extension to the sunset of the collection of the 3/8 cent tax, although realistically the extension is expected to be much shorter) there will be language included in the development agreement to provide at least partial reimbursement to the City of Chesterfield as successor to the CVTDD. I might add that an unofficial survey was conducted with more than 5,000 responses and 95% approval of the CVTDD support.

In conclusion, after thoroughly reviewing the proposal and with specific financial limitations, I believe that it is reasonable and justifiable to allow the voters in the district to approve or disapprove the modification of the TDD resource (without affecting the budget of the City in any way) to assist a non-profit organization to develop and provide a new ice skating facility for our community.

Sincerely,

Bob Nation

New City Ordinances regarding drones, trash containers and short-term home rentals



This summer, the Chesterfield City Council passed several pieces of legislation that residents should know. Many homeowners are taking opportunities to make a little extra cash by opening up spare rooms for vacation rentals through websites and apps like AirBnB, raising several concerns of Chesterfield residents. According to Ordinance 2958, it is now illegal for homeowners who occupy or reside in a single-family dwelling in Chesterfield to rent any portion of their homes for a period of less than 30 days to any person who is not a family member. This legislation was enacted to promote neighborhood safety and aesthetics. Violation of this ordinance is a misdemeanor and could include fines up to \$1,000 and/or jail time.

Drones or “unmanned aircraft systems (UAS)” are becoming more popular and easier to obtain. Ordinance 2957 places several restrictions on the operation of drones including where, when and for what purpose they can be used. This includes operating only on private property with the property owner’s consent and the UAS must stay within the line of vision of the operator. They cannot be operated over large crowds, including City sponsored events, over accidents, fires or crime scenes or for the use of surveillance. Hours of operation should only be during daylight or within 30 minutes of the official sunrise and sunset. A registration for the UAS issued by the FAA must be presented upon request. If being remotely operated for commercial purposes, FAA licensing must be available or on display.



Ordinance 3153 amended the placement of single-family residential waste containers. Containers are to be stored inside the garage or within any side or rear yard so they are screened or not visible from a street which abuts the property. The maximum number of containers that can be stored is seven at any given time. Containers can be placed at the curb for pick up no earlier than 5 p.m. on the day prior to the collection day and should be removed and returned to storage before midnight on the day of collection.

The full ordinance language for each of these can be found on the City’s website by typing “ordinance index” in the search box at chesterfield.mo.us.

Food Truck Feasts wrap up fall season at City Hall

The area’s best food truck vendors are serving delicious lunch specials on select Fridays from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at City Hall (food trucks are subject to change):

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

The Southerner
Russo’s
Wayno’s
St. Louis Kettle Corn

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Steak Louie
Que Sazon
Global Quesadilla
The Sweet Divine

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

Pi-Pizza
Straubs
Yo Salsa
Sarah’s Cakestop



Subdivision Trustee Update

The City of Chesterfield is in the process of updating its comprehensive list of Subdivision Trustees. The City provides trustees with notices of public hearings and upcoming projects that affect your subdivision. The City will also provide trustees with Ordinances and Resolutions that have been adopted by City Council, which may be of interest to residents.

Please be advised that Trustee information is public information and is routinely provided, as a public service by the City, to anyone requesting this information.

If you are a new Trustee or know of any changes in your subdivision, please download the "Trustee Information Form" on the City's website at chesterfield.mo.us.

Type keyword "trustee form" in the search box and click on the GO button, or use the Forms & Permits link at the top of the home page and select Administration.

1. Complete the "Trustee Information Form"
2. Mail, fax or email the form as directed on the front of the "Trustee Information Form"

Please call the Customer Service Center at 636.537.4000 if you would like a "Trustee Information Form" mailed, emailed or faxed to you.

Holiday trash pickup

LABOR DAY: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

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

THANKSGIVING DAY: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Thursday routes will be picked up on Friday, November 24.

Friday routes will be picked up on Saturday, November 25.



Pavers in the Donor Plaza at Veterans Honor Park.

Veterans Honor Park paver submissions due September 15

Honoring a loved one or thanking our Armed Forces on a pressed concrete paver in the Veterans Honor Park is the perfect gift for friends and family. Anyone who is interested in donating a paver will need to complete their submission by September 15, 2017.

The Veterans Honor Park is a place for families and individuals to gather in honor of veterans. The park is located along the west side of Veterans Place Drive in Chesterfield's Central Park. Visitors will find opportunities for both educational discovery and contemplative retrospection.

To donate a paver, visit vhp.chesterfield.mo.us/donate.html. If you are interested in a bench, please email vhp@chesterfield.mo.us.

First Annual Subdivision Trustee Symposium to be held September 13

Calling all subdivision trustees! The City is hosting its First Annual Trustee Symposium for subdivision Trustees to help you better serve your neighborhood. The Symposium will arm you with information you can use to help during your term as a Trustee. City Department Heads will present information on services you may not be aware of that are provided by all areas of the operation and a manual will be provided as well. Some of the topic areas include:

- **POLICE.** Vacation checks for homeowners, speakers on a variety of topics such as home safety and identity theft at your subdivision meetings, deer hunting, neighborhood watch programs and code enforcement.
- **PUBLIC WORKS.** Sewer lateral program, street tree program, sidewalk and street repair/replacement and snow removal programs.
- **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES.** The permit process for decks or home remodeling/additions, Planner-of-the-Day and reviewing development projects.
- **PARKS.** Programs available including older adult programs, searching for events and activities and available amenities of our parks.

The City's website contains a great deal of information that can sometimes be challenging to navigate. We will show you the basics and how to easily find the most searched for information.

This information-packed event will be on Wednesday, September 13 from 6-7:30 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers. No registration required. **For questions contact Libbey Tucker at 636.537.6721 or ltucker@chesterfield.mo.us.**

New and exciting topics offered through OASIS

OASIS has partnered with the City of Chesterfield to bring learning opportunities for older adults to City Hall. All classes will be held in the Council Chambers. **To register for the OASIS programs, call 314.862.4859 x24 or visit oasisnet.org/STL for more information.**



RELIGION, FOUNDING & THE FOUNDERS

Monday, November 13 & 20, December 4 & 11
1-3 p.m. Fee: \$80. Sessions: 4. Instructor: Joan Musbach, MA.

Interest is keen regarding the role of religion in the founding of America and the religious faith, or lack thereof, of the Founding Fathers. We will bring historical truth by investigating such topics as the relationship of religion to the settling of the British Colonies in North America; the religious and intellectual context from which the Founding Father emerged; the religious beliefs and practices of the five most prominent Founding Fathers; the nature and influence of religious ideas in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution and the context and wording of the First Amendment.

WHEN THE BOUGH BREAKS: CHILDREN OF WOMEN IN PRISON

Wednesday, September 13
1-3 p.m. Fee: \$20. Instructor: Jill Evans Petzall, Filmmaker and Artist.

Meet the filmmaker, and view her documentary, "When the Bough Breaks." The film is an up-close look at children coping with their mother's incarcerations. Each story illustrates policy gaps between the judicial and social service systems that are supposed to serve them. These children are six times more likely than their peers to end up in prison. The documentary is a powerful reminder that the system must be changed if these children are to have an emotionally healthy future.

FILM DISCUSSION: JEWISH STORIES

Wednesday, November 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29
1-3 p.m. Fee: \$65. Sessions: 5. Instructor: Bob Cohn, Film Reviewer for The Jewish Light

View and discuss some light-hearted and amusing films that tell Jewish stories.



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.

FALL MEETING SCHEDULE

Monday, September 11
Monday, September 25
Monday, October 9: CHILI DAY
Monday, October 23
Monday, November 13: THANKSGIVING LUNCH
Monday, November 27
Monday, December 11: HOLIDAY LUNCH

Healthy Senior Day planned on October 12

Join us at the Chesterfield Family YMCA for Healthy Senior Day on Thursday, October 12 from 9:30 a.m. to Noon. This is a free community event designated to provide active older adults ages 55 and up with educational opportunities that can help them live with greater health and happiness.

To help promote a healthy lifestyle, healthy food and beverages will be served as well as older adult activities.

For more information about this event, contact 636.532.3100.

Two Medicare seminars offered in October

Stacy Haberstroh of Senior Insurance Concepts will be presenting information on "Putting Together the Medicare Puzzle" on October 12 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. and October 17 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at City Hall. Medicare can seem like putting together a puzzle with missing pieces. Gather important information about Medicare choices, and learn how you can solve your puzzle. The event is free, however, registration is requested. **Please email olderadults@chesterfield.mo.us or call 636.812.9500 to reserve your seat.**

Connect with older adults at Sizzler events

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

For a full list of older adult events and Sizzlers, visit chesterfield.mo.us.





Chesterfield Police Officers hand out sticker badges to kids during National Night Out event in 2016.

Chesterfield Night Out scheduled for October 10

Chesterfield residents are invited to participate in the 34th annual crime prevention event, Chesterfield Night Out, on Tuesday, October 10. National Night Out is designed to promote police-community partnerships, crime prevention and neighborhood unity. The event sends a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting crime. Neighbors often gather with food and games to celebrate the annual event, and the Chesterfield Police Department gives awards for Best Participation and Best Program.

The event is from 6:30 to 9 p.m. and citizens are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outdoors on porches, lawns and front steps visiting with neighbors. Chesterfield Police Officers will be visiting residents in many neighborhoods during the event. **For more information about participating, contact Officer Chad Meyer at cmeyer@chesterfield.mo.us or 636.537.6769.**



Chesterfield Police “serve” community to benefit Special Olympics

The Chesterfield Police Officers will trade in their handcuffs to spend the day at local restaurants serving you! Each Friday through the month of October, officers will serve the community for tips at a different restaurant each week. 100% of the tips donated to the officers will benefit Special Olympics! Restaurant locations, dates and details will be coming soon. **Please visit chesterfield.mo.us for more information or like the Chesterfield Police Department's Facebook and Twitter pages for updates!**



Insurance discounts may be offered after completing course.

AARP Smart Driver Course scheduled for September 20

The Police Department and AARP will offer another AARP Smart Driver Course on Wednesday, September 20 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 adapting one's driving to compensate for changes that may happen 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 after completing this course. Reservations are required. **For more information or to reserve a seat, please contact Officer Chad Meyer at 636.537.6769 or cmeyer@chesterfield.mo.us.**

Journey tribute, Revelation, headlines Backstopper Fundraiser Concert

BACKSTOPPALOOZA HAS RAISED \$150,000+ FOR BACKSTOPPERS SINCE 2013!

The 5th Annual Backstoppalooza fundraiser concert, presented by GO! Magazine/St. Louis Post Dispatch, Grey Eagle Distributing, Hesse Martone and Merrill Lynch, will be on Saturday, August 26 at the Chesterfield Amphitheater, beginning at 6 p.m. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. The concert is free to attend and is open to the public. All merchandise, food, beverage and donations will benefit Backstoppers, Inc., an organization that provides immediate financial aid and other support to the families of Police Officers and Firefighters who lose their lives in the line of duty.

The headlining band for this year's Backstoppalooza concert is REVELATION/A TRIBUTE TO JOURNEY! Revelation/A Tribute to Journey started from the love and respect for the musicians, making up one of the best bands from California, Journey. Revelation/A Tribute to Journey are five talented musicians that capture the sounds and magic of the band. Danny Wayman with his amazing vocal ability, perfectly emulates the vocal style of Steve Perry. With dedication and emphasis on detail, Revelation/A Tribute to Journey is a band that brings a new meaning and energy to the word "tribute."

Dog's Breakfast, a St. Louis Rock-Blues band, will kick off the event at 6 p.m.

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Unused coats taking up closet space? Donate them!

The Police Department will be participating in the Warner's Warm-Up coat drive November 1-14, 2017. This annual event was introduced in 2001 and since then more than 200,000 coats have been donated throughout the St. Louis area. Area residents are encouraged to donate new or gently-used winter coats at Chesterfield City Hall during that time period which will be provided to St. Louis area schools, shelters and social services centers so those who need them most will benefit. The collection boxes will be located in the lobby of Chesterfield City Hall.

WARNERS' WARM-UP

Don't leave unused prescription drugs around the house; Take Back Event offers safe and proper disposal

The Chesterfield Police Department is partnering with the Drug Enforcement Administration to conduct a medication take back event on Saturday, October 28, providing a convenient drive-thru collection point in the circular drive located at the main entrance of City Hall. This event will be made available to residents between 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. In the event of rain or inclement weather, the collection point will be located immediately inside the main doors of the building. Residents are encouraged to turn in their unused, unwanted prescriptions and over the counter medicines at the event. Items that will not be accepted at the event include illegal drugs, syringes, intra-venous (IV) solutions or injectables, radioactive medicines, bio-hazardous materials, inhalers or compressed air cylinders, glass thermometers or other medical devices and bulk medication from businesses (such as pharmacies, doctor's offices or hospitals). **For more information, please contact commaffairs@chesterfield.mo.us.**

FAQ on building permits, easements and setbacks

WHERE CAN I PUT MY DECK? (OR ANY OTHER STRUCTURE)

Setbacks and easements are the two most important things to consider when deciding where to build a structure. Every property has a set of structure setbacks from the front, rear and sides of the property lines as determined by either the Unified Development Code or a site specific ordinance. These are codes and ordinances sometimes shown on surveys, which you may have received when you purchased a home, or when a survey was completed. Any structure on your property must be located outside of these setbacks.

Once you know your structure setbacks, you will need to make sure you don't have any easements in your way. An easement is a grant by a property owner to a public or private utility company for the purpose of installation, improvement and maintenance of public or private utilities. If a utility company has infrastructure installed within an easement on your property, there may be a time when the utility company needs to update or repair the infrastructure. They have the right to remove any structure in the way without replacing or repairing it. Occasionally easements were granted, but utilities were not installed.

Typically, easements are located along the property lines to ensure maximum usability of a property; however, easements are sometimes found through the center of a property if the developer deems it necessary to provide adequate utilities and services to the development. You can find the location of any easement(s) on a survey of the property. They are also available on the City's website through the resident information portal at chesterfield.mo.us/resident-information-portal.html, or you can contact the Planner-of-the-Day to find the record plat or plan of the development as they are typically shown on these as well.

If you find that there are easements on your property and you wish to build on or over them, you will be required to provide the City with easement releases (sometimes referred to as an encroachment) from all utility companies.

For your convenience, the Planner-of-the-Day can provide you with a contact sheet and checklist of those entities. If a utility company is unable to grant an easement release or encroachment, a building permit cannot be issued.

DO I NEED A PERMIT FOR THE WORK I WANT TO DO?

The best way to find out if a permit is needed is to ask St. Louis County by calling 314.615.7155. It is important to note that St. Louis County requires permits for a wide variety of project types, including plumbing and electrical; however, not all of these require review by the City of Chesterfield as described in this article.

WHAT IS THE PROCESS TO OBTAIN A BUILDING PERMIT?

The process has three major check points: Municipal Zoning Approval, Building Permit and Occupancy Permit. The first step is to obtain Municipal Zoning Approval from the City of Chesterfield. This application allows the City to check for setbacks, easements, and determine if the City's zoning code is being followed. For this submittal, you will want to submit the fully completed one-page application which can be found in the Forms and Permits section of our website, under Planning and Development Services, along with five copies of your plans. The application form provides guidelines for plan processes and the information needed for the most popular applications; however, a plan reviewer may ask for more information as necessary.



Once the zoning approval is granted, the applicant will be notified that the plans are ready to be picked up. You'll find that you have four of the five plans originally submitted and they are stamped and signed with City of Chesterfield approval. These four sets of plans must then be taken to St. Louis County for a building permit.

The second step is to obtain a Building Permit from St. Louis County. Finally, once the work has been completed and St. Louis County has performed any final inspections necessary, they will send an Occupancy Permit to the City of Chesterfield certifying that the work has been completed according to the approved plans. If necessary, the City will conduct an inspection to ensure the work complies with the City approval, and the City of Chesterfield will release the occupancy permit to the property owner.

HOW LONG WILL THIS ALL TAKE? The City aims to have all Municipal Zoning Approval applications reviewed within three business days. If further information is necessary, the City will generally contact you within that time frame to guide you through the process and let you know of any issues with the application. The City also has a Planner-of-the-Day who is available during working hours (Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.) to ensure that any questions you have throughout the process can be answered as quickly and efficiently as possible.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Planner-of-the-Day: 636.537.4733 or pod@chesterfield.mo.us

St. Louis County: 314.615.7155

Eastern portion of Monarch-Chesterfield Levee Trail closed until 2018

There are two closures on the Monarch-Chesterfield Levee Trail that will be in effect until 2018. The trail adjacent to the Chesterfield Valley Athletic Complex and North Outer 40 Road will be closed at Long Road due to Pump Station work being performed by the United States Army Corps of Engineers. While it was initially planned that the Levee Trail would only close temporarily, the project now requires that the Levee Trail close for the duration of the project, which is expected to be completed by March 15, 2018.

Access to the trail at the former Hardees IcePlex (east trailhead) will be closed during the construction of the new Top Golf development. The trailhead access will be closed until the construction is complete, which we anticipate will be into the summer of 2018. The actual trail is not closed; however, we are encouraging all trail users to access the trail at the western trailhead, located at the Chesterfield Valley Athletic Complex A/B Fields parking lot (see map below). The Monarch-Chesterfield Levee Trail connects to the Katy Trail at the Boone Bridge.

All trails and parks maintained by the City of Chesterfield can close due to maintenance repairs or to eliminate any possible safety hazards at a moment's notice. We encourage all trail and park users to download the Chesterfield Parks, Recreation & Arts free mobile app or to like us on Facebook (City of Chesterfield and/or Chesterfield Parks, Recreation & Arts) for up-to-the minute notifications.



New Pfizer building brings new jobs to area

At the corner of Olive Boulevard and Chesterfield Parkway West, construction is underway for Pfizer Bioplace - a \$236 million research campus. This building will contain 295,000 square feet of research and office space, accommodating approximately 470 employees from their current facilities on the Monsanto campus in Chesterfield and at the Missouri Research Park in Weldon Spring, and will add an estimated 80 jobs, with the expansion to be complete in mid-2019. **To view the progress happening real-time behind the fence, check out the Clayco construction cam: <https://app.oxblue.com/open/clayco/pfizer>.**



Rendering of Pfizer Bioplace.

Bugs, Bats and Boy(Scouts)

Support for local Scouts from Chesterfield Parks, Recreation & Arts

In April, the Sellers triplets were in full force when the family dedicated many hours of service to the River's Edge Park in Chesterfield. Andrew, Justin and Nathan, triplets from the Scott & Eileen Sellers family, all received badges from Boy Scout Troop 631. Some of their volunteer service hours were completed while working with Chesterfield Parks, Recreation & Arts Department.

"We have four boys and all were active in Boy Scouts. We wanted our sons to have a way to learn at an early age about the outdoors, especially adding some high adventure. These adventures allowed them to participate in trips they would never have access to these activities on their own," says Eileen Sellers.

The Sellers boys have enjoyed many character-building adventures, from spending the night on a battleship to backpacking and hiking 10 days in the outdoors of New Mexico.

To earn an Eagle Scout badge, boys under the age of 18 are required to volunteer six months or longer, earning at least 21 merit badges and living the principles of the Scout Law daily. The Eagle Scout is the highest advancement rank in Scouting.

Andrew and Nathan logged Boy Scout hours benefiting local schools. Andrew's service, a wooden shed for safety equipment, was made for Shenandoah Elementary School. Nathan's service included mobile carts and stationary shelves for the Parkway Central Middle School Band.

Justin approached Tom McCarthy, Parks, Recreation & Arts Director, regarding potential projects for the department. While there were many projects available, one of the pressing projects involved reducing the mosquitos in the River's Edge Park.

Justin led a team of volunteers (including family members Andrew, Nathan, Ryan, Eileen and Scott Sellers) and logged more than 115 hours from May through August in 2016, constructing and installing bat boxes in trees at River's Edge Park. These Bat Boxes offer hundreds of bats a place to sleep. Although this may make some cringe, bats are helpful to the parks because they can consume as many as 1,200 mosquitoes an hour. Bat houses are built to replicate a bat's natural sleeping environment – tree bark. In the woods, bats sleep between the tree and the bark; these homes provide cover.

Chesterfield Parks, Recreation & Arts appreciates all community members who volunteer their time and effort to improving our parks. There are many service projects that need more volunteers, from clean-up to serving on a committee. **If you are interested in project hours, please contact Parks, Recreation & Arts for ways to get your project moving forward at 636.812.9500.**



Scott Sellers installs the Bat Boxes at River's Edge Park.



Photo of Bat Box at River's Edge Park.

Local farmers, restaurants line Central Park for Party Off the Parkway

Party Off the Parkway is an exciting FREE community event in Chesterfield's Central Park. Stop by on the first Thursday of every month until October to enjoy great food from local food trucks and restaurants, live music, pop-up beer gardens, a farmers market, Get Active programs, art events for kids, plus much more! Stop by between 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. for new experience! The next two events are scheduled for September 7 and October 5. **For event details, check out the Parks, Recreation & Arts Fall Guide or visit chesterfieldamphitheater.com.**



Local farmers/vendors at the July event.

Grant provides new recycle containers to be added to Amphitheater in 2018

The St. Louis County Department of Public Health Waste Management Program recently awarded Chesterfield Parks,



Recreation & Arts a grant to cover the cost to provide the Chesterfield Parks system with consistent, uniform recycling units at the Chesterfield Amphitheater. The grant from St. Louis County totaled \$11,500 with an additional 10% to be covered with an in-kind match from the Parks, Recreation & Arts Department. The new units will be co-located next to landfill units at the Chesterfield Amphitheater as a pilot project. Significant research has been dedicated to this project by the Chesterfield Citizens Environment Committee, the Parks, Recreation & Arts Department and many others on staff. Our goal is to reduce landfill waste, recycle and reuse materials for a healthier planet. The new recycle containers will be added before the Amphitheater season begins in 2018.



St. Louis Bicycle Works offers kids the chance to earn a free bike and learn about bicycle safety and maintenance from volunteers.

Bicycles, textiles and more accepted at 2017 Recycles Day event

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Items that are being collected at the convenient drive-thru event include:




- 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
- Fabric and sewing notions.....Charity Sharity
- Documents for shredding *5-box limit per car..... American Document Destruction
- **Onsite document shredding is available. Limited capacity.**
- Prescription and over-the counter medications.....Chesterfield Police Dept. and CAPY

**Fees for TVs include: CRT TVs 26" or less - \$30/each. CRT TVs 27" or more - \$50/each. Console/rear projection TVs - \$50/each.*

Capacity is limited. First come-first served.

What's the buzz about?

Did you know that pollinators are necessary for at least 35% of the world's food production? According to the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), pollinators produce thriving food products such as apples, blueberries, pumpkins, almonds. It's also used with vanilla, chocolate, coffee and tequila. In the U.S. alone, the bees are busy producing \$40 billion in products each year. The USDA NRCS has many tips to help the pollinators in a home garden:

-  Reduce or eliminate pesticides.
-  Provide a bird bath/fresh water.
-  Create a pollinator friendly garden.

Be friendly to the pollinating animals in the area to help the next season of food crops!

Source: Pollinator Partnership

Compost Your Pumpkins and Jack-o-Lanterns Curbside!

Don't throw your fall pumpkin decorations the trash - compost them instead! Republic Services will accept pumpkins and jack-o-lanterns in your yard waste container or paper lawn bags, if you have this service. Please make sure the pumpkins are candle and foil free before adding to yard waste.



Buggin' Out at the Butterfly House this fall!

PAINT & SIP PARTY

Wednesday, September 13 from 5-7 p.m.
\$50 members. \$63 nonmembers.

Pinot's Palette joins the Butterfly House for a night of relaxation and painting! Everyone will learn how to expertly paint a colorful butterfly on canvas. Explore the Conservatory at night and enjoy wines from local vendors and light snacks too. Advance reservations required; for ages 21 and up.

BUG HUNT

Saturday, September 16 & Sunday, September 17 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Free for members. Included with Butterfly House admission.

Head outside and explore insects in their own habitat! Children can play exciting games and complete crafts to take home. Special guests include the Magic House and the St. Louis Art Museum to lead the fun, bug-related activities. Adults will be able to pick up information on attracting butterflies and other pollinators to their gardens. The actual bug hunts will be led by staff entomologists in the surrounding park land. Field sessions will be ongoing throughout the day with staff on hand to identify the bugs you catch. For families with children ages 2 and up.

LIGHT YOUR GOURD

Sunday, September 24 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
\$42 members. \$50 nonmembers.

Create your own home décor out of "nature's lampshade," the gourd! You will learn how to prep dried gourds for crafting, cutting and sanding inside and out. Learn interesting techniques to carve, paint, dye, stain and light up your gourds. This class uses natural dried gourds, so each project is unique! Materials and tools will be provided during the class. A list of where to find materials will also be provided.

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 info.



Attendees celebrate the spirit of Halloween at Wicked Wings and Wine last October.

BOOTERFLY HOUSE

October 1-31 (excluding Mondays) from
Free for members. Included with Butterfly House admission.

Creep on over to the Butterfly House this October as they celebrate all things creepy and crawly. Meet new frightful friends in the Scorpion's Lair, watch out for the Botanicals Gone Mad in the Conservatory and spy on spectacular spiders with Little Miss Muffet!

Storytime with Little Miss Muffet

10:30 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.

Live Carnivorous Plant Feedings

11:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

FALL 2017 YOGA SERIES

Tuesdays, October 10, 17, 24 & November 7 & 14 from 5-6 p.m.
\$64 members. \$77 nonmembers.

Enjoy five, all-levels, Tuesday evening yoga sessions in the tranquility the Native Garden. Keep the post yoga bliss going with stroll through the Butterfly House Conservatory. Please bring a yoga mat.

WICKED WINGS AND WINE

Wednesdays, October 18 & 25 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
\$20 members. \$31 nonmembers. \$15 designated drivers.

As twilight approaches, sample local brews and wines while you learn about the Owl butterflies, which are most active at dusk.

Encounter other spook-tacular live animals featured during the event. Take a stroll through the torch lit garden and enjoy festive music. Dare to try the chocolate ants or barbecued meal worms! Don't worry, other light appetizers will also be provided. Advance reservations required for ages 21 and up.

ADVENTUROUS EATING: LEARN TO COOK INSECTS

Saturday, October 21 from 6-7 p.m.
\$24 members. \$30 nonmembers.

Insects are gaining acceptance as a sustainable and nutritious food source. In this class, you will be able to sample real edible insects cooked right in front of you. The menu will include "chocolate chirp" cookies, deep-fried BBQ waxworms, sautéed crickets, and may include other seasonal selections. You will also learn about the worldwide use of insects as food and the specific insect foods that are becoming more widely available in this country.

Each student will be given factory-sealed packages of roasted crickets and cricket powder to take home and try in recipes that our bug chef will provide. The chef will also provide sources for acquiring the other ingredients used in the demonstration dishes. With Halloween just around the corner, this class will prepare you to make your Halloween party one your guests will never forget! People with allergies to shellfish should not consume insects.

Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce Pumpkin Run slated for October



Saturday, October 21 from 8-10 a.m.

5K Registration: \$25 through September 30

\$30 through October 20

\$35 on race day

10K Registration: \$30 through September 30

\$35 through October 20

\$40 on race day

Children's Fun Run (ages 10 & under)

Registration: \$15 through race day

Hundreds of community members participate each year for the annual Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce Gumbo Flats Pumpkin Run/Walk. The 5K and 10K runs are out and back courses. The Chamber also hosts a half-mile Children's Fun Run for ages 10 and under. Costumes are encouraged for kids and adults alike!

All registrations before October 1 are guaranteed a long sleeve tech shirt in requested size. Registrations received from October 1-15 are guaranteed a shirt, but not specific sizes. Registrations received from October 16 through race day are not guaranteed a shirt. Separate shirts will be provided for the Children's Fun Run participants. Awards are given to the first, second and third place male and female overall winners and finishers in various age categories. All Children's Fun Run participants will receive a completion award. **Applications are available at fleetfeetstlouis.com or call 636.532.3399.**

Civic opens season with Mendelssohn & Shostakovich

This September, the Civic will present two amazing works - Symphony No. 5 in D major/D minor, Op. 107, known as the Reformation; and Symphony No. 5 in D minor, Op. 47 by Shostakovich. In December, the Civic brings back the popular Peter & the Wolf and the annual holiday music celebration, this year including Klezunteit Klezmer!

February's concert will feature the beautiful Symphony No. 5 in E minor, Op. 64 by Tchaikovsky, as well as the Overture to Candide by Bernstein. In April, the Civic will present the winner of the Florence Frager Young Artist Competition. The competition, which started in the mid-70s and was named after a member's mother in 1993, has allowed the Civic to support young talent in the community and showcase them with a full symphonic orchestra for more than 40 years. Auditions will take place this fall for the competition.

2017-2018 FULL CONCERT SEASON

Saturday, October 28, 2017 at 7 p.m.

Sunday, December 3, 2017 at 3 p.m.

Saturday, February 17, 2018 at 7 p.m.

Sunday, April 22, 2018 at 3 p.m.

The St. Louis Civic Orchestra, founded in 1949, is proud to be the resident orchestra of the City of Chesterfield and is appreciative of the support received from the City of Chesterfield, the Missouri Arts Council (MAC), the Regional Arts Commission (RAC) and local patrons. The St. Louis Civic Orchestra is pleased to perform these concerts 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.**

ST. LOUIS
CIVIC ORCHESTRA



Bjorn Ranheim, Cello Soloist.

Philharmonic Orchestra offers two great programs at Purser Auditorium

2017-2018 OPENING NIGHT

Friday, October 13 at 8 p.m.

Conductor Robert Hart Baker and Soloist Bjorn Ranheim, Cello.

The program includes Tchaikovsky: Romeo and Juliet; Saint-Saëns: Cello Concerto No. 1 in A minor, Op. 33; Rossini: Overture to "William Tell"; Wagner: Ride of the Valkyries from "Die Walküre"; Wagner: Magic Fire Music from "Die Walküre"; Wagner: Siegfried's Rhine Journey from "Götterdämmerung"; and Wagner: Siegfried's Death & Funeral Music from "Götterdämmerung."

THE MUSIC OF WEBER, DAVID, AND RACHMANINOFF

Friday, November 17 at 8 p.m.

Conductor Robert Hart Baker and Soloist Matt Frederickson, SLPO Principal Trombone.

The program includes Weber: Overture to "Der Freischütz"; Ferdinand David: Concertino No. 4, Op. 4 for Trombone & Orchestra; Rachmaninoff: Symphony No. 2 in E minor, Op. 27; The same forces collaborated in the latest DVD, "2010 Holiday Pops Concert".

The Saint Louis Philharmonic Orchestra has been providing classical music since 1860 and consists of 100 non-paid members. **For more information, call 314.421.3600.**



Kids learn how to cross-cut saw, as well as other interesting demonstrations at the Heritage Festival.



Explore the candlelit historic homes on the History Hayrides.

Faust Park Heritage Festival and Hayrides continue this fall

FAUST HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 16 & Sunday, September 17 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
\$5/person. \$2/children 3-12. Free for children 3 and younger.

Faust Park invites you to explore Missouri's roots and relive the 1800s at their annual Heritage Festival. Historic homes and barns come to life with demonstrations of blacksmithing, pottery firing, woodworking and many other traditional crafts. Numerous hands-on activities allow families to take part in the experience and perhaps even take home a handcrafted item, made by you or the professionals. Admission includes hayrides, music, children's activities and rides on the St. Louis Carousel. Food and concessions are available. **Call 314.615.8328 or email lritchey@stlouisco.com for historical crafter participation.**

HISTORY HAYRIDES AT FAUST PARK

Friday, October 6 & Saturday, October 7
6, 7, or 8 p.m.
\$10/person

Come out at dusk or beyond for a hayride around Faust Park. Then wander through candlelit historic homes, where refreshments and storytellers await. Warm up with a bonfire and live music. All tickets are sold in advance. This is an all-weather event. Groups welcome. **Call 314.615.8328 or 314.615.4386. Tickets can also be purchased from stlouisco.com/parks/faust.**

Art Unleashed fall classes include workshops for kids and adults

The fun continues at Art Unleashed this fall with weekly art classes for both children and adults in the areas of drawing, painting, sculpture and pottery, as well as specialty workshops. Children will enjoy one-day workshops on Saturday mornings designed around a specific project. For adults, there are "Cocktails and Creativity" workshops designed to be a creative night out for friends or couples, and a great opportunity to try a new form of art! No previous art experience necessary. Art Unleashed provides beverages and light snacks. A different project will be completed each workshop. In addition to its regularly scheduled classes and workshops, Art Unleashed is happy to schedule private workshops, scout workshops, birthday parties and more! **Please call 314.628.1024 or to view all classes and workshops, visit artunleashed.org.**



STAGES continues its 31st season with a timeless tale of love and loss beginning September 8

Set on a tropical naval base in WWII, South Pacific is one of the most powerful musicals of all time. This multi-award-winning classic from Rodgers and Hammerstein will sweep you away with breathtaking drama and some of the finest music ever written for the American stage including "Some Enchanted Evening," "I'm In Love With A Wonderful Guy," "Younger Than Springtime," and "There's Nothin' Like A Dame." Join STAGES at the Robert G. Reim Theatre in Kirkwood for a dangerously romantic tale you won't want to miss. This production runs September 8 through October 8. **For more information or to purchase tickets, call 314.821.2407 or visit stagesstlouis.org.**

Experience high quality arts education programs at the STAGES Performing Arts Academy. With offerings in disciplines spanning voice, dance, and drama, the STAGES' academy strives to inspire curiosity, creativity, and passion in students of all ages. Enjoy exciting classes in an array of experience levels in full year, semester and quarter sessions. **To register, call 636.449.5775 or visit stagesstlouis.org and click on the Performing Arts Academy tab.**



Children of Charles and Lena Stemme from left to right: Charles, Hulda Stemme Vohsen, Frederick, Ernest and Lillian Stemme Burkhardt. Courtesy of Arland Stemme.

Stemme family remains prominent members of community for generations

By Ann Chrissos

Chesterfield Historic & Landmarks Preservation Committee

Many generations of the Stemme family have lived and worked in Chesterfield, contributing to its development. Charles (Karl) Simon Stemme (b. 1 Nov 1857, d. 3 Mar 1938) was born in Muhlhausen, Germany. He was the son of Frederick Wilhelm (1826-1889) and Willa Stemme and he had four siblings: Hermann, Minnie, Wilhelm, and Caroline. Charles, Hermann and Minnie immigrated to the United States at different times. In 1869, Charles settled in Lake, Missouri near Olive Boulevard and Hog Hollow Road. He worked for area farmers until he had saved enough money to buy his own farmland. He eventually acquired 192 acres. Forty-five acres, located on the north side of Olive Street Road, were purchased from Daniel J. Talbot in the late 1870s. The property included a log house which sat high on a hill at 13969 Olive Street Road in Lake, Missouri. Charles also acquired 50 acres on the south side of Olive Street Road, which is now Westbury Manor Subdivision, and 97 acres in the Missouri River bottoms near the St. Louis County Water Company (Missouri American Water Company today), which the family still owns. The Stemme family raised corn, wheat and soybeans.

Stemme and his bride, Lena Eisenhardt (b. 18 Mar 1866, d. 12 June 1899) began their married life in the log cabin. They gradually added onto the house as their family grew.

They had six children: Charles, Jr.; Louis (1884-1892); Hulda; Frederick (1893-1969); Ernst; and Lillian. Louis contracted scarlet fever at the age of four and died. He was buried in the Arminia Lodge Cemetery located at Highway 141 and Olive Boulevard. Lillian was only two years old when her mother died at the age of thirty-three. Following Lena's death from complications of possibly being gored by a bull, her sister Mary and Mary's husband Herman Kuhlmann raised her youngest daughter Lillian. Lena had been the youngest of seven children.

Besides being a farmer and family man, Charles was a prominent member of the Lake community. He served as the director of Lake School and worked with Felix Queathem the school board president and clerk William Dierberg to provide his children with a quality education. He was also one of the seventeen founding fathers of St. John's Evangelical & Reformed Church in Bellefontaine at 15370 Olive Boulevard and he served as the church council secretary. Additionally, family legend holds that Charles loaned Mr. Zierenberg money to replace his general store after it was destroyed by fire in 1918. The store was located near the Stemme home on Olive Street Road.

Charles' son Frederick (1893-1969) inherited the house and part of the farm upon his

father's death in 1938. He and his wife Louise Vohsen (1898-1990) lived in the house and raised their three sons Walter, Stanley, and Wesley. At an early age Wesley began working around the farm. He continued to farm the family's land after his marriage to Arland Lea Resch in 1957. Wesley and Arland have three children: Warren, Jay and Alane. In the bi-centennial year 1976, the farm was proclaimed a century farm because the same family owned it for over one hundred years. The property containing the Stemme house was sold in 1995 and the house was demolished so that Eagle Ridge Subdivision could be built. The original logs were given to the Overland Historical Society for use in the construction of a vintage barn. Wesley's son, Warren continues to farm the remaining Stemme acreage.

Charles, Sr., his wife Lena, their son Frederick and daughter-in-law Louise are buried in the St. John's United Church of Christ Cemetery. Descendants of Charles Simon Stemme continue to be active members of the Chesterfield community.



Home of Charles Simon and Lena Stemme. Courtesy of Creve Coeur/Chesterfield Historical Society.

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Lewis is currently previewing the new album for sold-out crowds at festivals and headline dates across the country.

Aaron Lewis takes the stage at Chesterfield Amphitheater on September 1

Aaron Lewis will be performing at Chesterfield Amphitheater on Friday, September 1, presented by Mike Judy Presents and Chesterfield Amphitheater. Known for genuinely gritty lyrics and hard rock anthems, Aaron Lewis is getting back to his Country roots with his first album on Dot Records entitled *SINNER*. Lewis comes out of the gate “with both fists flying” on the lead single “That Ain’t Country” - where he laments the current state of “Country, if you call it that,” and pines for the sound of his honky-tonk heroes. The Bocephus-styled musicality and Lewis’ accessible vocals showcase the “pain, heartache and desperation,” a bedrock of traditional Country that is often missing from the airwaves today.

Produced by Country legend Buddy Cannon (George Strait, Merle Haggard, George Jones), and recorded over 16 intense hours at Nashville’s Blackbird Studios, *SINNER* captures Lewis’ mindset, a laid back soundtrack that is reminiscent of the genre’s most honest and musically adventurous artists. Gates open at 6 p.m.; show starts at 7 p.m. **Tickets are available at ticketfly.com.**

Taste of St. Louis returns to Amphitheater September 15-17

The Taste of St. Louis, also known as “The Ultimate Food Experience,” will be at Central Park September 15 through 17, 2017. The Taste is a three-day festival that offers foodies from around the region the opportunity to sample delicious food in a wide array of culinary delights from the region’s finest restaurants along with live entertainment from Dirty Muggs and more! **Visit chesterfieldamphitheater.com for details.**



Photo courtesy of Pedal the Cause.

Ride to cure cancer; register for Pedal the Cause

Pedal the Cause, a cycling event that raises funds to support cancer research at Siteman Cancer Center and St. Louis Children’s Hospital, will return to Chesterfield Amphitheater on September 23 and 24, 2017. One hundred percent of funds raised by participants pass through Pedal the Cause and go to a variety of cancer research projects at Siteman Cancer Center and St. Louis Children’s Hospital. **Visit pedalthecause.org to register.**

