

Envision Chesterfield aims to define a future concept for the City

Envision Chesterfield officially kicked off in January! So what is it exactly?

Envision Chesterfield is the Comprehensive Plan update process for the City of Chesterfield. While the planning horizon for a Comprehensive Plan is typically 20-30 years, it's important to review and update the plan in the interim to ensure the vision described in the plan is still the vision residents have for the community.

The City's existing Comprehensive Plan, which can be viewed at chesterfield.mo.us/comprehensive-plan.html, was adopted in 2009. Since that time, many of the plan's goals have been completed and new opportunities have been presented. With extensive public participation, residents will create a playbook for the City that outlines the steps needed to achieve the community's vision. Citizen participation is key, instrumental and very much needed in this process.

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Earth Day festival returns for its 28th year

Grab your recyclables and head to Chesterfield Mall on May 5 to help us celebrate Earth Day.



Looking at the future of Chesterfield Parks

Chesterfield Parks, Recreation and Arts is currently in the process of updating a Parks Master Plan to establish priorities for the future improvement of parks, recreation facilities, programs and services within the Chesterfield community.

The first step in the process is to figure out what the citizens of Chesterfield are looking for in their Parks, Recreation and Arts department and its future. The needs, desires and opinions of Chesterfields residents were taken into consideration through a series of surveys, public meetings, presentations, and focus groups. Once compiled, a meeting was scheduled to release the results to the public.

The next phase was to take all the information and form a Master Plan for the future of the Parks, Recreation & Arts department. Now that this is complete, citizens are invited to attend a meeting unveiling the new Master Plan. This meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 15 at 6 p.m. at Chesterfield City Hall.**

The meeting is open to the public.

For more information, please call 636.812.9500 or visit www.chesterfield.mo.us/parks-master-plan.html.



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THE SPRING GUIDE**

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Mayor's Message

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL CHESTERFIELD RESIDENTS

CHESTERFIELD – HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

“The government closest to the people serves the people best.” – Thomas Jefferson

As many of you know, in 1988 the residents of Chesterfield incorporated, primarily driven by the perceived neglect of their representation at the County Government, to provide local government control. Chesterfield was created as a non-partisan, professionally-run city to avoid political patronage and interference in the day to day operations. As with other communities in St. Louis County, residents were unhappy that their input was not valued, as commercial development was encroaching into residential areas. Streets were deteriorating and police officer sightings were rare. Chesterfield, and other communities, elected to become cities to promote their individual priorities. These cities established their own volunteer planning commissions, consisting of their own residents, to receive and review development proposals and offer recommendations to the elected officials, ensuring that the local community voices were heard and heeded.

On the one-year anniversary of Chesterfield's incorporation, the Chesterfield Police Department rolled onto the streets of Chesterfield with the mission to improve the delivery of services by being a customer based, service oriented professional agency focused on community policing. The Chesterfield Police Department obtained CALEA (Commission of Accredited Law Enforcement Agencies) Accreditation soon thereafter and has received re-accreditation as a flagship meritorious agency not less than five times since. They are leaders in the metropolitan public safety community, serving on the major case squad and numerous multi-jurisdictional task forces.



The City next addressed the neglect of its infrastructure. The Chesterfield community addressed the prior neglect of its streets by improving construction standards for new development to achieve a 30-year design life. Street thickness was increased, a rock sub-base added, added under-drains and a filter layer all to ensure that new streets being built would last and not be a burden on its taxpayers. Chesterfield residents then approved a sales tax to remove and replace the old, sub-standard streets and to ensure that once replaced they would be cared for and maintained. A professionally run public works department ensures the infrastructure is managed and resident concerns are addressed efficiently. Unlike the City of St. Louis or St. Louis County, the City of Chesterfield Department of Public Works is internationally accredited by the American Public Works Association.

City residents then prioritized creation of our parks system, purchasing land and constructing Central Park the same year the City was fighting the great flood of 1993. Subsequently, the City built the athletic complex, the amphitheater, acquired public art, Rivers Edge park, Eberwein park, and Dierberg's park. We manage other properties, trails, and programs. The Parks Department manages the countless acres of manicured road medians and landscaping along the highway quadrants as our residents have prioritized these improvements. Unlike the City of St. Louis or St. Louis County, the City of Chesterfield Parks Department is nationally accredited by the Commission of Accredited Parks Agencies (CAPRA).

Even though Chesterfield does not levy any

municipal property tax, and we only capture roughly half the 1% pool sales tax generated within the City, we've accomplished these things while being fiscally responsible. The City has maintained a fund reserve exceeding 40% of the City's annual operating expenses, and has managed to save \$8 million for the proverbial emergency rainy day. Over and above the savings in fund reserve, the City has set aside more than \$4 million the last two years in an effort to retire our debt earlier than planned. By any means or measure, Chesterfield is a success story. Chesterfield proves that Thomas Jefferson was correct in asserting that government closest to the people serves the people best.

BETTER TOGETHER

The organization "Better Together" was formed in 2013, and has created the impression that the problems of the St. Louis region were caused by fragmentation and the fact that there are too many municipalities. The plan developed by the Better Together committee members strips away authority and responsibility of providing basic municipal services as we know them today from existing municipalities. Control over policing, public works, courts, and zoning is transferred to the central government located in downtown St. Louis. The 33 newly-designated Municipal Service Districts would be left with the responsibility of managing the parks, collecting trash, and providing an advisory planning commission function.

All revenues currently coming to the municipalities, other than utility taxes and property taxes (Chesterfield receives no property tax) would be diverted to the "Metropolitan City of St. Louis." The language indicates that the debts, obligations, pension liabilities, salaries, health benefits, etc., etc., of the heretofore "City of St. Louis" shall be distributed and assumed throughout the entire newly created "Metropolitan City of St. Louis". Language also seems to indicate that a similar assumption of debt would be applicable to the St. Louis City Fire Department.

(This predatory power and money grab would

be voted on statewide in November 2020, after a multi-million dollar campaign, financed in large part by billionaire Rex Sinquefeld.)

MUNICIPAL LEAGUE ALTERNATIVE

In response to this forced reorganization plan of the City and County, the Municipal League of Metropolitan St. Louis has unanimously supported a "Board of Freeholders," which could create a plan for re-organization that would ultimately be voted on separately by the voters in St. Louis City and St. Louis County. This plan is supported by the Missouri State Constitution. The time-frame for this process would be that:

1. Three percent of signatures of city and county voters from last gubernatorial election would be collected this spring
2. Within 10 days following certification of petition, appointment of a 19 member Board of Freeholders would be made by the Mayor of St. Louis, St. Louis County Executive (with approvals by respective board and council), and Governor
3. Within 30 days after appointment, board would begin to meet to consider a plan of re-organization
4. Board would have no more than one year to agree upon a plan (or not to agree)
5. If such a plan is constructed and agreed upon, it would be put to the voters of the city and county separately, and if approved by each entity, would become effective as agreed upon.

MY VIEW

The City of St. Louis has serious economic and crime issues that certainly need to be addressed and ameliorated. However, the best method to achieve this goal is through mutual input and agreement among BOTH city and county members. For this reason, I fully support the municipal league in their previously described efforts.

By my estimation, the proposed "Better Together" plan equates to a giant

hostile takeover of municipalities to financially bail out the city of St. Louis at the expense of the taxpayers of St. Louis County. (The City of St. Louis Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of 2018 shows an outstanding city debt of 2.8 billion dollars!). St. Louis County would likely experience a decrease in the caliber of its services, coupled with an increase in property and sales taxes to feed this new enormous government.

If passed, the "Better Together" plan will cause the following:

* The proposed governmental structure shifts from a non-partisan, professional management, to a centralized, strong Chicago-style patronage system. All power is placed in a centralized distant government.

* Your voice will be diluted. Chesterfield is a city of 47,484 residents, divided into four wards. Each ward includes roughly 12,000 residents who can and do regularly call or meet with their elected officials. They have an individual and strong voice in the operation of the City. Contrast this to the proposed structure, which includes populations of over 1.3 million, broken into 33 representative districts. Each district will represent approximately 40,000 residents. Clearly, your voice and representation will be diminished.

* Chesterfield's assets will be seized and confiscated by the Metro-City. All assets of the City of Chesterfield become the property of the Metro City, including all reserve deposits. Initiative petition: Page 7, paragraph 9, second half of paragraph "...property, contracts, records, and personnel of a municipal district related to providing or securing a general district service shall be transferred to the Metro City...". All of the City's assets, including trucks, plows, art, police cars, absolutely everything that we saved and acquired becomes the property of the Metro City.

* Despite the proponents assuring you that the proposed Metro City would not bail out the debt of the City of St. Louis, the initiative petition states otherwise. Page 9, last sentence

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of paragraph b of the initiative petition states, "The metropolitan city may assume any outstanding obligation of the St. Louis Municipal Corporation, provided that no such assumption shall impair any obligation of contract."

* While the proponents assert efficiency and reduced costs, they've made sure to ensure that the newly elected representatives are compensated at higher levels and with built in annual increases. While a County Councilmember currently makes \$20,000, the proposed Metro City district representatives will be compensated at the level of a current City of St. Louis representative, roughly \$37,000, increased annually based on a percentage equal to the average increase recommended by the Civil Service Commission.

* Finally, the petition empowers the Metropolitan City to simply dissolve whatever is left of Chesterfield after the takeover. All they need to do is to pass an ordinance and we no longer exist.

This is a very important time for the region. This is a time for serious people to discuss serious reforms. However, the Better Together plan was hatched by unelected city representatives behind closed doors, without collaboration with county members, and without any meaningful debate. Over the next several months, please take the time to study the issues and become educated as to the actual facts and not be swayed by careful sound bites and misdirection.

I suggest that you refer to the text of the

actual initiative petition which Better Together has submitted to the Secretary of State. We have provided a link to the document for your convenience: https://www.chesterfield.mo.us/webcontent/admin/docs/BetterTogether/Petition_20-042.pdf.

Missouri House of Representative Paula Brown of Missouri District 70 has requested that we provide her e mail address such that you can let her know your feelings on the proposed statewide vote and the better together plan specifically. Please e-mail her your thoughts at Paula.Brown@house.mo.gov.

Sincerely, Mayor

Bob Nation

Vote April 2 for the City Council Election Candidates

WARD I

Barb McGuinness (incumbent)

WARD III

Dan Hurt (incumbent)

WARD II

Ben Keathley (incumbent)
David Behlke

WARD IV

Michelle Ohley (incumbent)



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 636.537.4000. **The deadline to register to vote for this election is March 6.** The Missouri Voter Registration Application is also available online at www.stlouisco.com/elections.

Who's knocking on my 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 this requirement.

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 you can call the Customer Service Center at 636.537.4000 and request that a sticker be mailed to you.

Holiday trash pickup

MEMORIAL DAY: MONDAY, MAY 27

All routes will run on a 1 day delay for the remainder of the week.



Comprehensive plan wants to ensure quality of life for residents

Comprehensive plans...

...Establish a vision for the city

...Provide policy guidance for growth, development & conservation

...Contain action items directed at the City to implement the vision

What is a Comprehensive plan? A comprehensive plan is a policy document that details the City's long-term vision and goals, and outlines the steps necessary to achieve them. The plan is intended to guide growth and development in an organized, efficient, and sustainable manner. To do so, it looks to the future to anticipate trends and issues that could impact how growth and development occur. The plan is long range in scope, focusing on the ultimate needs of the community rather than the pressing concerns of today.

With the first step, Community Kick-Off, complete, we moved to On The Table. During On The Table, we invited families, neighbors, colleagues, and friends – old and new – to pull up a chair, share a meal or coffee, and discuss the ways in which they – as individuals and as a collective – can, and do, work to improve



Community Kick-Off on January 29, 2019.

the quality of life and economic vitality in Chesterfield. Big ideas can spring from small conversations and people invest in what they help create. For the Envision Chesterfield process, we are committed to bringing people together to create a more generous, vibrant and engaged community.

Once the month long step was over, all participants were invited to complete a short email survey about their conversations that covered important issues and themes, big ideas, and what mattered most to them. A report highlighting the survey responses will be issued by the Envision Chesterfield team after compiling answers and will help inform efforts during the next step -Planapalooza.

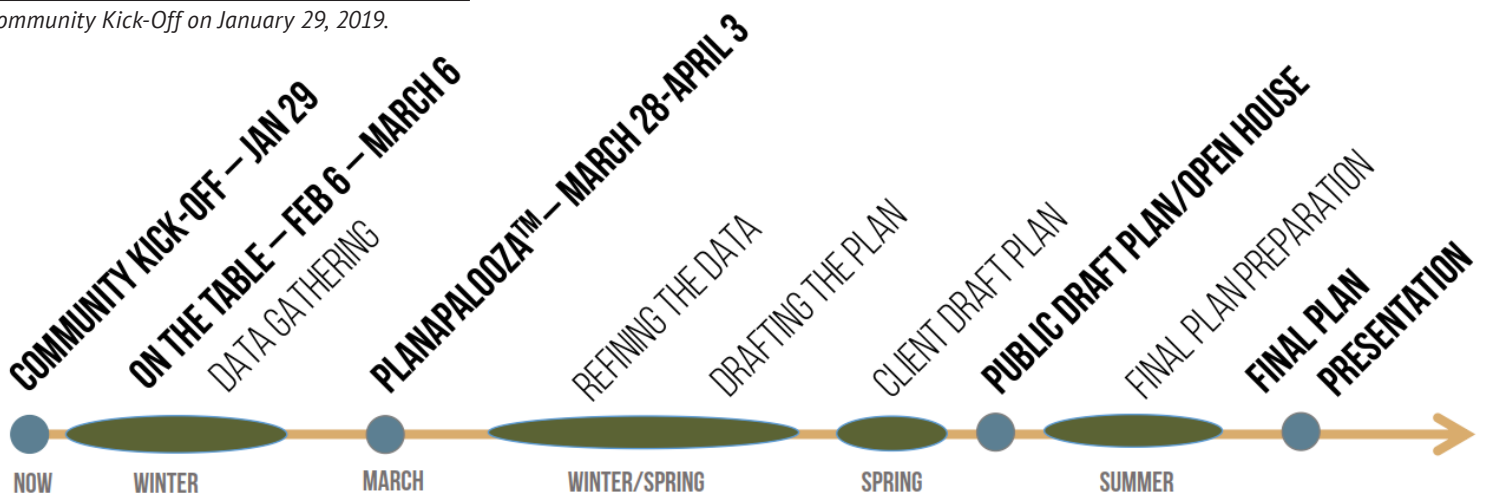
Planapalooza will run from March 27 to April 3, 2019. It will be a hands-on workshop for the whole community. More information about this step will be released closer to the launch date.

To follow along with our progress, be involved in the events and meetings, and stay informed, visit EnvisionChesterfield.com or follow @EnvisionChesterfield on Facebook. Here, questions and ideas can be offered up in between meetings and events, so that your voice can be heard throughout the entire process. We greatly appreciate citizens taking the time to help us with this endeavor. It will prove beneficial for the current community and for our City's future.



Elements of an updated Comprehensive Plan...

- Vision & Themes
- Conservation & Growth Framework
- Chesterfield Today
- Community Character
- Local Economy
- Housing & Neighborhoods
- Natural Environment
- Transportation
- Community Facilities
- Recommendations/Strategies
- Concept Studies
- Driving Success



Registration for the 2019 Safety Town Program opens in April

Online Registration for the Chesterfield Police Department's 2019 Safety Town Program will begin at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, April 10 on the City of Chesterfield's website (<https://www.chesterfield.mo.us/safety-town.html>). Walk-in applications will also be accepted at the Chesterfield Police Department beginning at 8 a.m. on the same date. Preference will be given to applicants who have not previously attended Safety Town.

Safety Town is a nationally recognized preschool safety program which teaches 4 to 6 year-olds about a wide variety of safety issues, including 911/police, fire safety, animal safety, bicycle safety, water safety, school bus safety, playground 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. The program consists of six, two-week sessions running from June 3-July 19.

Safety Town is one of the Chesterfield Police Department's most popular programs. In addition to commissioned Police Officers, the Safety Town Staff includes teen counselors from area middle and high schools who volunteer and assist the Police Officers in leading the program. We are currently accepting Volunteer Applications via <https://www.chesterfield.mo.us/safety-town-volunteers.html>.

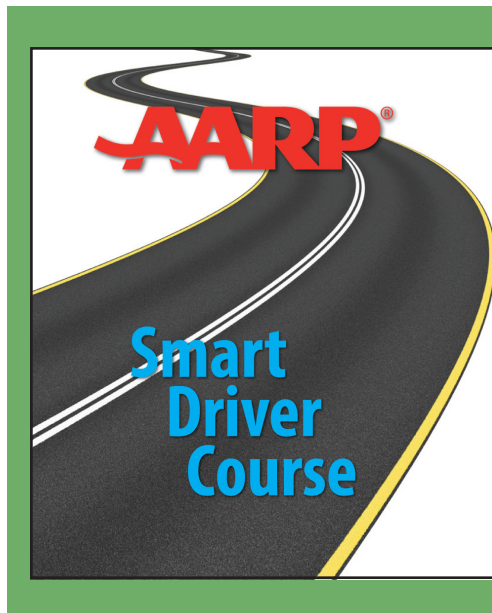
All of the Safety Town sessions for 2019 will be held at Chesterfield Elementary School, located at 17700 Wild Horse Creek Road in Chesterfield. The sessions will be held at the following



times:

- Session 1: June 3 - June 14 (10 a.m. - Noon)
- Session 2: June 3 - June 14 (1 p.m. - 3 p.m.)
- Session 3: June 17 - June 28 (10 a.m. - Noon)
- Session 4: June 17 - June 28 (1 p.m. - 3 p.m.)
- Session 5: July 8 - July 19 (10 a.m. - Noon)
- Session 6: July 8 - July 19 (1 p.m. - 3 p.m.)

For more information, contact Officer Chad Meyer at (636) 537-6769 or at cmeyer@chesterfield.mo.us.



AARP Smart Driver Course is back

The Chesterfield Police Department proudly announces a cooperative effort with AARP in providing the AARP Smart Driver Course. This is a newly updated, research based, 4 hour course. It 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 and/or new advances in vehicle technology. The course is taught in a single morning session and does not involve a test or driving. 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 upon completion of this course.

The course will be held on Thursday, April 25, 9a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Chesterfield City Hall in the City Council Chambers. Reservations are required.

For further information or to reserve a seat, please contact Officer Chad Meyer at 636.537.6769 or via e-mail at cmeyer@chesterfield.mo.us.

Cops, Cannoli, and Conversations

Chesterfield residents are invited to join Chesterfield cops for some open conversation and delicious food that Viviano's is known for. The public event will be held at Viviano's Festa Italiano (150 Four Seasons Shopping Center) on Wednesday, March 13th from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.



Would you like to receive text updates on major road closures, emergency situations, missing persons and more? Sign up at nixle.com!



Police to Co-Host West County Citizens Police Academy

The Chesterfield Police Department has joined with our neighboring agencies to once again offer the opportunity to attend a Citizens Police Academy.

Class #21 of the West County Citizen's Police Academy will begin on March 5, 2019. This academy is nine weeks long and will meet every Tuesday night at 7 p.m.. The classes will be held at the Chesterfield Police Department and the other member agencies of the academy including; Creve Coeur, Des Peres, Town & Country, Ladue, Olivette and Frontenac.

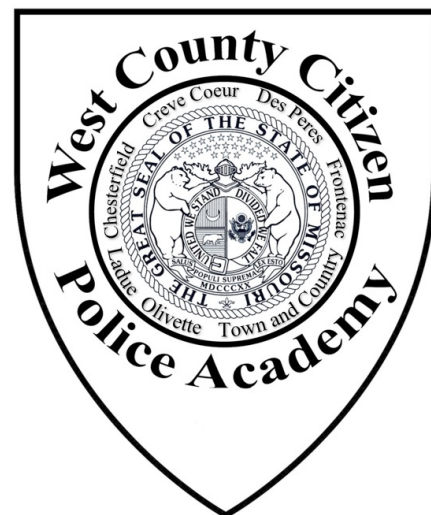
Topics to be covered include:

- Constitutional Law
- Criminal Law
- Traffic Enforcement
- DWI Investigation
- Criminal Investigation
- Police Weaponry and Weapons Safety

All participants will be provided the opportunity to complete a police ride-along, police role-play scenario, and shoot

police handguns in the firing range.

The academy is open to all residents over the age of 18. A criminal background check of all applicants will be completed, and a waiver must be signed. Contact the Chesterfield PD Crime Prevention Officer at 636.537.6769 or the Creve Coeur PD Crime Prevention Officer at 314.442.2075 for more information. Register through the Creve Coeur Police Department website by following this link; <http://www.creve-coeur.org/FormCenter/Police-Department-Forms-6-6/Citizen-Police-Academy-Sign-Up-46-46>.



Bring unused and old drugs to City Hall

Too often, unused prescription drugs find their way into the wrong hands. That's dangerous and often tragic.

The Chesterfield Police will be participating in the DEA National Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, April 27 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.. We will be accepting prescription medications at both Chesterfield City Hall and Clarkson Valley City Hall. No syringes or inhalers will be accepted at either location.



BACKSTOPPALOOZA

CAR SHOW

MAY 18

PREMIUM OUTLET MALL
18521 OUTLET BLVD., CHESTERFIELD, MO 63017

REGISTRATION 10:30 A.M.

AWARDS 4:00 P.M.

PRE-REGISTRATION FEE \$20

DAY OF EVENT FEE \$25

COMMEMORATIVE
DASH PLAQUE
TO FIRST 100
PARTICIPANTS

POLICE, FIRE, AND OTHER FIRST RESPONDER VEHICLES
WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT BACKSTOPPERS, INC.

Help keep Chesterfield clean and save our local wildlife

Please remember that it is a violation of City Code to litter or dump material of any kind on City streets, in City parks, or in any stream. City maintenance staff spend time each day picking up litter from City property. All litter which is not removed eventually finds its way, typically via storm sewers, to a City stream. Litter is not only unsightly, but it can be harmful to creek vegetation and aquatic life.. Let's work together to keep Chesterfield clean!



Warmer weather brings the usual pests back to the area


Soon it will be spring, and the wet and warmer weather will bring us many of the things we love. Unfortunately, it will also bring about the return of mosquitoes. You can reduce the mosquito population by ensuring there are no areas of standing water around your home, which allow the mosquitoes to breed. Eliminating these areas is the single most effective means to reduce the mosquito population.



In the City of Chesterfield, problems with mosquitoes are addressed via contract by St. Louis County Vector Control. St. Louis County Vector Control professionals provide both larviciding and adulticiding services within the City of Chesterfield. Larviciding is conducted by treating known mosquito breeding sites with EPA registered mosquito larvicide. Adulticiding is accomplished by spraying using truck mounted Ultra-Low Volume (ULV) machines.

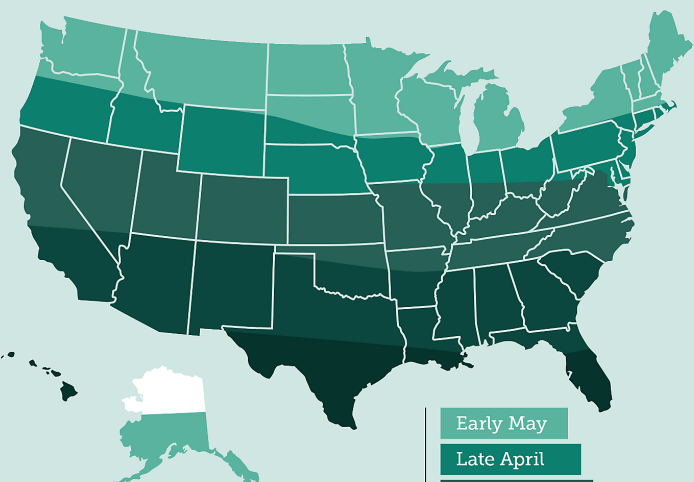
Residents that maintain bee hives, or do not want their property sprayed for other reasons, are able to request that their property be placed on a "No Spray" list. Additionally, residents can request to be notified via email when St. Louis County Vector Control will be spraying in their area. Those who wish to be contacted via email, or placed on the "No Spray" list, can do so by contacting St. Louis County Vector Control at 314.615.0680. Residents may also contact the Vector Control "Spray Hotline" 314.614.4BUG to find the location of where adulticiding (spraying) will occur that evening/night.

If you are having problems with mosquitoes, or would like more information, please contact St. Louis County Vector Control at 314.615.0680.





WHEN IS MOSQUITO SEASON IN YOUR STATE?

AVERAGE TIME MOSQUITO SEASON STARTS IN EACH STATE



source: MosquitoMagnet.com





When temperatures reach a consistent 50 degrees, mosquito eggs begin hatching and mosquito season begins.

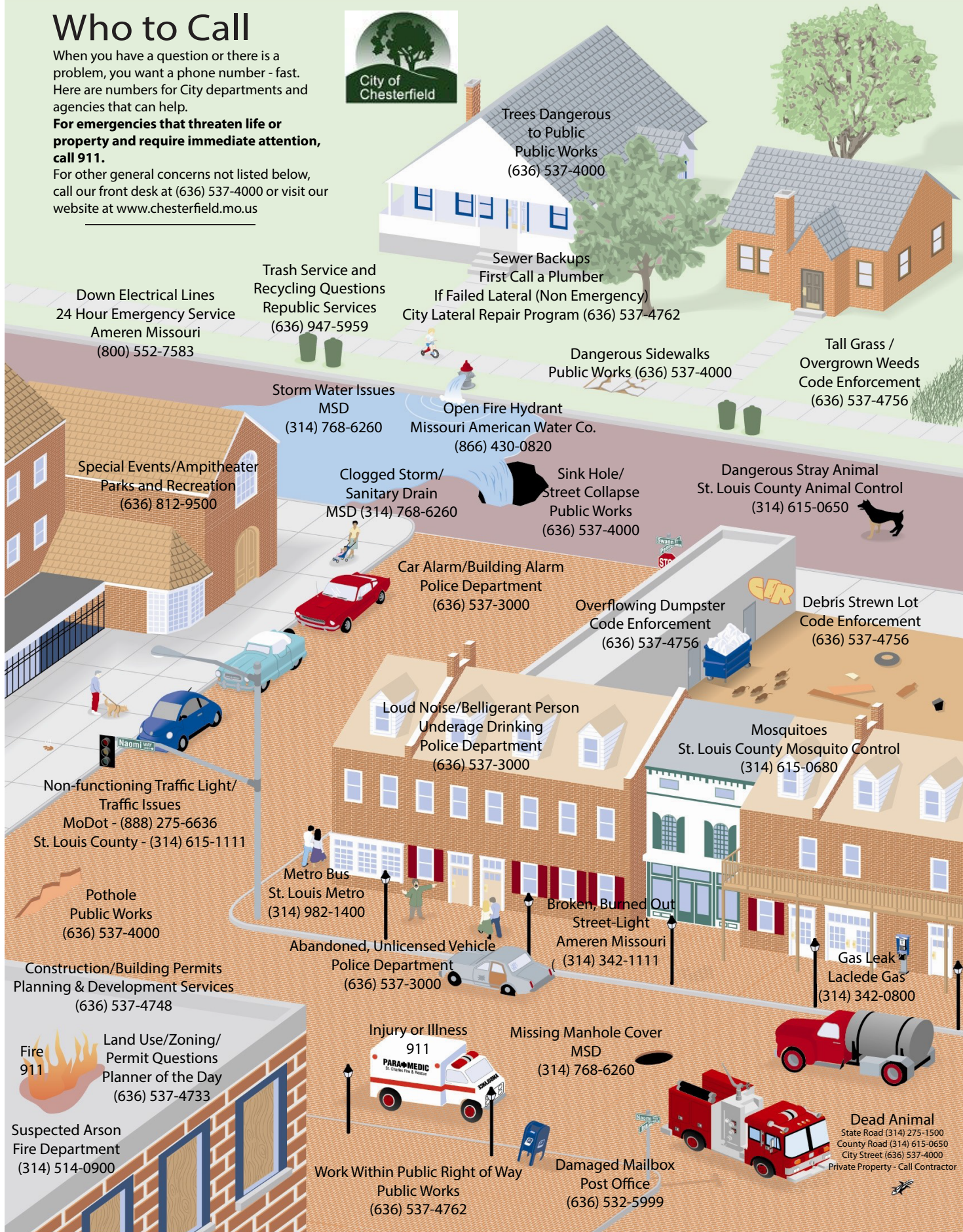
- Early May
- Late April
- Early April
- Early March
- Early February

Who to Call

When you have a question or there is a problem, you want a phone number - fast. Here are numbers for City departments and agencies that can help.

For emergencies that threaten life or property and require immediate attention, call 911.

For other general concerns not listed below, call our front desk at (636) 537-4000 or visit our website at www.chesterfield.mo.us



Trees Dangerous to Public
Public Works
(636) 537-4000

Sewer Backups
First Call a Plumber
If Failed Lateral (Non Emergency)
City Lateral Repair Program (636) 537-4762

Tall Grass /
Overgrown Weeds
Code Enforcement
(636) 537-4756

Dangerous Sidewalks
Public Works (636) 537-4000

Trash Service and
Recycling Questions
Republic Services
(636) 947-5959

Down Electrical Lines
24 Hour Emergency Service
Ameren Missouri
(800) 552-7583

Storm Water Issues
MSD
(314) 768-6260

Open Fire Hydrant
Missouri American Water Co.
(866) 430-0820

Special Events/Ampitheater
Parks and Recreation
(636) 812-9500

Clogged Storm/
Sanitary Drain
MSD (314) 768-6260

Sink Hole/
Street Collapse
Public Works
(636) 537-4000

Dangerous Stray Animal
St. Louis County Animal Control
(314) 615-0650

Car Alarm/Building Alarm
Police Department
(636) 537-3000

Overflowing Dumpster
Code Enforcement
(636) 537-4756

Debris Strewn Lot
Code Enforcement
(636) 537-4756

Loud Noise/Belligerent Person
Underage Drinking
Police Department
(636) 537-3000

Mosquitoes
St. Louis County Mosquito Control
(314) 615-0680

Non-functioning Traffic Light/
Traffic Issues
MoDot - (888) 275-6636
St. Louis County - (314) 615-1111

Metro Bus
St. Louis Metro
(314) 982-1400

Broken, Burned Out
Street-Light
Ameren Missouri
(314) 342-1111

Pothole
Public Works
(636) 537-4000

Abandoned, Unlicensed Vehicle
Police Department
(636) 537-3000

Gas Leak
Laclede Gas
(314) 342-0800

Construction/Building Permits
Planning & Development Services
(636) 537-4748



Land Use/Zoning/
Permit Questions
Planner of the Day
(636) 537-4733

Missing Manhole Cover
MSD
(314) 768-6260

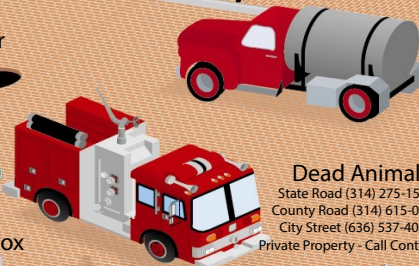
Injury or Illness
911



Suspected Arson
Fire Department
(314) 514-0900

Work Within Public Right of Way
Public Works
(636) 537-4762

Damaged Mailbox
Post Office
(636) 532-5999



Dead Animal
State Road (314) 275-1500
County Road (314) 615-0650
City Street (636) 537-4000
Private Property - Call Contractor

Remembering Police Captain Ed Nestor

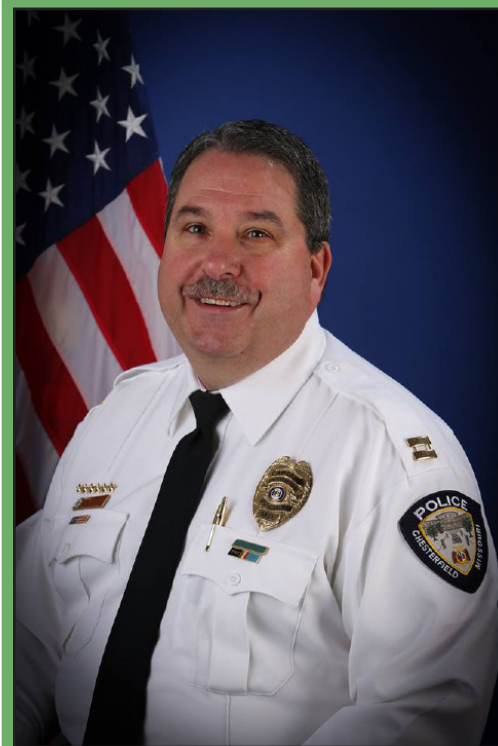
Capt. Ed Nestor of the Chesterfield police Department recently lost his battle with pancreatic cancer and passed away on January 30, 2019. Capt. Nestor was well known and respected by his peers throughout the St. Louis law enforcement community. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Ed Nestor began his law enforcement career with the University City Police Dept. After 10 years with that department, Ed joined the Chesterfield Police Dept. as one of the original officers back in 1989 when the department was initially formed. Ed brought a wealth of knowledge and determination to the job and he was very instrumental in helping form the department and developing it into the professional, internationally accredited organization it is today.

In the Department's early years Ed was pretty much the face of the Chesterfield Police Dept. as he was chosen to serve as the departments Public Information Officer. He was on the news and in the media on a regular basis and everyone came to know and recognize Ed Nestor. He did a great job in that capacity and his talents became quickly apparent. So much so, that during the "Great Flood" of 1993 Ed was temporarily detached from the Police Dept. to serve as the official spokesperson for the City Administrator's office and for the entire City of Chesterfield. As expected, Ed was the consummate professional and did a fantastic job in fulfilling that role.

Another one of Ed's early assignments within the Police Department, was as the Officer in Charge of our DARE program. DARE is the drug abuse resistance program taught in the schools by Police Officers, and Ed was very passionate about DARE. Ed was not only one of our first DARE instructors, he was instrumental in establishing the program for the department and for implementing DARE in the local schools; where all the teachers, parents, and the kids of course, all loved Ed. He was a big hit with everyone! He also assisted many other local agencies with creating and establishing THEIR own DARE programs.

Not only did Ed make a name for himself with DARE locally, he was also a major player on the National DARE scene. In 1992 he was the National DARE Officer of the year, and he served as chairman of the National Dare Conference



Captain Edward Nestor
January 12, 1957 - January 30, 2019

which was hosted here in St. Louis that year.

However, police work and DARE weren't Ed's only passions. He was passionate about his music also, and was the lead singer in two rock and roll bands. Over the past several years he really blossomed into quite a singer, and he played a mean harmonica, as well! And he was a wealth of knowledge when it came to rock and roll music. It was pretty difficult to stump him on any rock and roll trivia and he ran many rock and roll trivia nights for various charities.

Ed's love for music proved to very valuable in another way too. In 2013 the Chesterfield Police Dept. suffered the unfortunate loss of two Chesterfield officers while on duty, actually, just one month apart. In both cases, Backstoppers, the local charitable organization that provides financial aid and support to the families of first responders, police, fire and

EMS personnel who lose their life in the line of duty, stepped up to the plate. Backstoppers was there for the families of the Chesterfield fallen officers, and were a real God-send and a true blessing for those families, as they always are.

All of those in the Department were of course familiar with Backstoppers and many had supported them individually, but when the officers witnessed first-hand the compassion, support, and the financial assistance Backstoppers provided to the families of the officers, they all wanted to do something more to show their appreciation and to help Backstoppers to continue their services to other unfortunate families of fallen first responders.

While many were all standing around wringing hands as to what might be done, Ed, drawing on his musical talents and his love for music, conceived the idea of a rock and roll show; a musical fundraiser for Backstoppers. Other members of the department and the City jumped in to help, but Ed certainly did most of the work in organizing the event; contacting sponsors, securing the donations of food and money, lining up bands, and, seeing to everything else behind the scene that such an event requires. Ed and his band even performed at the events themselves. He even came up with the clever name for the event: "Backstopalooza".

The first event held at the Chesterfield Amphitheater netted close to \$50K for Backstoppers. It has now become an annual event and has raised over a quarter million dollars for Backstoppers! It's quite a legacy to leave, and it's clearly Ed's legacy. And, following his lead, every member of the Chesterfield Police Department is now committed to making certain Backstopalooza continues in Ed's name and in his memory. We're only on this earth for a short period of time. And, our lives are, and should be, about making a difference. Ed's life has made a difference in the lives of so many others in so many ways. He will be sorely missed by the many people whose lives he touched. Ed leaves behind a wife Cathy, a son Tom, and a daughter Anne.

Haas home provided for future generations

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Chesterfield Historic & Landmarks Preservation Committee

Fred Haas (1891-1961) married Selma Klaustmeir (1896-1971) and they had two sons: Walter (b. 21 Dec 1916) and Elmer (b. 30 Nov 1920). Walter attended Adams School on Ballas and Clayton Roads and graduated from Weber School before the family moved to Chesterfield in 1928. Fred Haas purchased twenty-five acres and had a house built in 1911 by the Lynch (Lintz) family. It was located on Conway and Olive Street Roads where the Fidelity Investments stands today. The house had three floors, but the third floor was only used for storage. There was a summer kitchen to the right and rear of the house. Two rooms in the house were rented to Helen and Tom Bastean. The property had fourteen sinkholes on it. Fred's and Selma's younger son Elmer attended Bellefontaine School on Conway Road. The family shopped at Rinkel's Market, Mrs. Ficke's Store and the Chesterfield Grain Elevator.

The Haas' next door neighbors were the Fred



Home of Mr. & Mrs. Fred Haas on Conway and Olive Street Roads. It faced Highway 40. Photo taken in March 1966. Courtesy of Fred Haas.

Ravens family. Frank and Ernie Schneider, two brothers, lived on the north side of Conway Road. Haas also acquired one hundred-forty acres on the other side of Conway Road which he planted with a variety of crops. Elmer Haas married Louise Rombach in 1941. They had four children: Thomas, Jackie, Robert and Lisa. Elmer's brother Walter married Dorothy Jacob (b. 15 Dec 1923) in 1942 at the St. John's Lutheran Church in Ellisville. The couple never had any children. In 1953 they built a house on Schoettler Road. Walter continued to farm

his father's land until 1957 raising vegetables, raspberries, potatoes, sweet potatoes and straw.

In 1998 the Chesterfield Arts, Inc. purchased a 1978 watercolor of the Haas Home from John Pils to commemorate the tenth anniversary of Chesterfield's incorporation. The house no longer stands today.

SOURCES

Walter and Dorothy Haas were interviewed by Arland Stemme on 21 Sept 1993 and on 30 Sept 2005.

Lets keep our Tree City USA Streets lined with trees

The City of Chesterfield Residential Street Tree Program provides for the planting of trees within City right of way along public residential streets. Homeowners may apply for this program provided they have adequate space and choose a tree from the city's approved street tree list. This is a cost-sharing program. Homeowners would be required to submit \$100 for each tree applied for, with the City contributing the remaining amount needed to plant the tree. The city's contractor will then install 2-2 ½" caliper trees. Trees will be planted each spring and fall, and applications can be submitted anytime. Applications received before January 31 will be eligible for Spring planting, and applications received before August 31 will be eligible for Fall planting. Street Tree Planting Program documentation regarding the Policy and Procedures, Program Application, and Tree Guide are all available on the City of Chesterfield's website. Hard copies of these materials are also available at City Hall. Applications can be mailed, or can be dropped off at City Hall. More information can be found at <https://www.chesterfield.mo.us/residential-street-tree.html> or by contacting the City Arborist at 636.537.4000.



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