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Residents needed to represent Chesterfield in 2020 Census

The 2020 Census is fast approaching! Each home will receive an invitation to respond to a short questionnaire—online, by phone, or by mail. The City of Chesterfield Department of Planning invites you to please participate, as this event only occurs once every ten years.



Why is it important to participate in the Census?

The U.S. Constitution mandates a headcount every 10 years of everyone residing in the United States. This includes people of all ages, races, ethnic groups, citizens, and noncitizens.

The population totals are used to determine the number of seats in the House of Representatives, and states also use the totals to draw legislative and school districts.

Population totals affect funding. The data collected in the census helps decision makers see how the community is changing. Approximately \$675 billion in federal funding is distributed to communities each year.

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Paper Shredding Event

Saturday, March 21, 2020 at 9 a.m. - Noon
Central Park West Pavilion.

Bring your paper to get shredded on site. 5 box limit, \$5 per extra box.

Earth Day

Saturday, April 25
9 a.m. - Noon

Outside recycling
Chesterfield Mall

FREE to attend. All ages.

This year, Earth Day will have an outdoor recycling drive-thru and tree/shrub giveaways **(Please note: paper will not be**

shredded at the event this year. See event above for paper shredding) For details, visit chesterfield.mo.us/chesterfield-earth-day-festival.html.



Chesterfield PD keeps your home safe while you're away

The Vacation Inspection Program is a service offered to Chesterfield residents by the Chesterfield Police Department. Residents can contact the Department to inform them they will be away from home. During the time specified, officers check the residence daily during the course of their regular patrol to verify that all is in order. This program is designed to help reduce the likelihood of a break-in and allow citizens to relax and enjoy their vacation knowing that their home is receiving additional police patrol. In the event that a problem does arise, the information provided to the police often assists in further investigation. To sign up for the program, complete the online form at chesterfield.mo.us/vacation-check-report.html or call the Chesterfield Police Department at 636.537.3000.



*Flip over
for the Spring Guide!*



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Mayor's Message

Happy Spring; As with the spring season, there are many new and different things that are of interest and have an effect on the how our city is able to provide services as well as our surroundings in general.

For those of you who have not heard, on Christmas Eve the Missouri Supreme Court handed down a decision regarding City of Chesterfield versus State of Missouri that challenged the constitutionality of State Statute 66.600 and 66.620 (otherwise known as the "pool tax"). Unfortunately, the lower court decision was upheld, which brings an end to our legal challenge. Although we are disappointed, we must accept the ruling, as there is no avenue for further appeal.

As an early reminder that the U. S. decennial census will be taking place this year; I ask that you please respond thoroughly and promptly to any questionnaires you may receive, as a significant amount of the revenues we receive are based on our population. It is only fair that we receive revenues based on a full and accurate count of our residents and inhabitants.

Ongoing in the Missouri Legislature are several pieces of legislation that could be very impactful or threatening to the revenues we depend upon to pay for the services our city provides. Among these are Senate Bills 526 and 529. SB 526 relates to the dramatic reduction of cable utility franchise fees that local government has historically and customarily received as a part of their annual revenues. Obviously, we are adamantly opposed to this bill, as it could reduce our revenues from this source by as much as 80% or more. Please consider asking our State Senators and



State Representatives to oppose this legislation.

An even more important piece of enabling legislation is SB 529, relating to the authorization of a use (or internet sales) tax for local governments. We are emphatically supportive of this legislation because as the amount of internet sales have increased, the amount of revenue generated from sales taxes has significantly decreased. This places a strain on local government because the services still need to be provided in spite of decreased revenues received. Additionally, this seems to be a fairness issue between traditional brick and mortar stores and the internet vendors. If enabling legislation is passed in the Missouri Legislature, ballot language would be put to our local voters for approval/disapproval of both the applicable county wide taxes, as well as the municipal taxes. Personally, I would not view this as an additional or new tax, but a necessary mechanism for local governments to receive what was originally intended when the underlying applicable tax was imposed/approved. I urge you to communicate your support of this issue to our legislators.

On a pleasant note, at this writing, The Staenberg Group (TSG) is planning to complete the acquisition of the remainder of Chesterfield Mall (exclusive of Macy's and Dillard's). We would anticipate a conceptual plan for a mixed use redevelopment to come forward later

this year.

No complete details as of yet, but we understand that Pearl Companies has purchased the approximately 77 acres surrounding lake #3 (north of YMCA) bordered by Chesterfield Parkway West, Burkhardt Place, and Wild Horse Creek Road. Ultimately, we anticipate a multi-use development to occur at this location with site infrastructure to begin in the fall of 2020.

BOARD of ELECTORS (Freeholders)

As of this writing, the City of St. Louis has yet to approve their slate of appointees, so it seems in question as to whether anything will come of this constitutionally provided process.

Looking forward to a great year in the City of Chesterfield; I hope to see you out and about!

Cordially,

Mayor, City of Chesterfield

Did you know?

Like most cities, the City of Chesterfield does not install speed bumps. Speed bumps are effective at slowing traffic in the immediate vicinity of a speed bump. However, they are ineffective at reducing overall speed and cause a number of maintenance problems. Additionally, their use is opposed by emergency response personnel, including police and fire.



Vote April 7 for the City Council Election Candidates



WARD I

Mary Monachella (incumbent)
Barron Rutledge

WARD III

Michael Moore (incumbent)

WARD II

Mary Ann Mastorakos (incumbent)
Ted Read

WARD IV

Tom DeCampi (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 www.stlouisco.com/elections. Additionally, registration forms can be mailed to you by calling City Hall at 636.537.4000. The deadline to register for this election is March 11.

Fourth of July Celebration

Come join us on July 4 at Chesterfield Mall at 6:30 p.m. for the 4th of July Fireworks Celebration that has grown to be the biggest and best fireworks show in the metropolitan area, presented by the City of Chesterfield. The Main Stage will feature live music by Push The Limit. The main viewing area will be at the Chesterfield Mall. The fireworks show will begin promptly at 9:15 p.m. The celebration will also feature food trucks and inflatables for the kids. Circus Kaput will also be performing. Lawn chairs, blankets, outside food, beverages and coolers are allowed (NO GLASS, please). No tobacco products.



Lock it or lose it

The Chesterfield Police reminds you to always lock your vehicles, secure your valuables and take your keys with you. In 2019, in an effort to increase awareness and reduce vehicle break-ins, the Chesterfield Police Department offered informational signs to subdivision trustees. These "Lock it or Lose it" signs are placed in participating subdivisions, as well in the City's parks and retail sectors as a reminder to our residents and visitors. If you see something suspicious, please contact us at 636.537.3000 or 911 in case of an emergency.



Holiday trash pickup

MEMORIAL DAY: MONDAY, May 25 All routes will run on a 1 day delay.



Knock, Knock. Who's there?

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.

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Will the 2020 Census be the same as 2010?

There are few new changes in 2020:

- The Census is building a more accurate address list and automating field operations.
- For the first time, you will be able to respond online, by phone, or by mail.
- The Census will use data that has already been provided to reduce in-person follow up visits.

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What are some ways that Census data is used?

- Drawing federal, state, and local legislative districts
- Attracting new businesses to state and local areas
- Forecasting future transportation needs for all segments of the population
- Planning for hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, and the location of other health services
- Forecasting future housing needs
- Planning government services
- Planning health and educational services for people with disabilities
- Planning urban land use
- Determining areas eligible for housing assistance and rehabilitation loans
- Planning investments and evaluating financial risk
- Spotting trends in the economic well-being of the nation

For more information, please visit <https://2020census.gov>. Thank you for your participation!

Emerald Ash Borer Update

In 2016, the City of Chesterfield implemented the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) plan, whereby each of the City's 6,709 public Ash trees will be removed over a seven year period due to a disease caused by the EAB. Once an area is affected (such as the City of Chesterfield) the EAB kills all Ash trees, making them brittle and hazardous to area motorists and pedestrians. Since the implementation of this program, 3,898 Ash trees have been removed within the City of Chesterfield.

The City of Chesterfield values its tree lined streets, and an integral part of the EAB plan is reforestation. In 2019, the City Arborist managed the replanting of 502 street trees, and over the last five years we have planted 2,100 street trees. If you are interested in the City of Chesterfield planting a tree in the public right of way in front of your home, please visit the City website at www.chesterfield.mo.us. Within the "resident" tab you can find the "Street Tree Program", which provides the Street Tree Program details, an Application, and our Tree Guide. The City plants trees twice a year – once in the spring and once in the fall. The Application deadline for the fall 2020 planting is August 31, 2020, and costs \$100 per tree request. The City subsidizes the majority of the total cost to plant these trees, which is approximately \$300 - \$325 per tree.

If you have questions regarding City trees, or the Street Tree Program, please contact the City Arborist at 636.537.4773.



Did you know...

...that the City of Chesterfield has an Information Technology Department that consists of IT and GIS?


IT – “Information Technology”

Pronounced “I.T.” It refers to anything related to computing technology, such as networking, hardware, software, the Internet, or the people that work with these technologies.

GIS – “Geographic Information Systems”

GIS tools are used to gather and analyze data and its geographical location. An unlimited number of attributes can be added to this data including longitude and latitude. Once data is collected and attributes are assigned, the information may be analyzed using GIS.

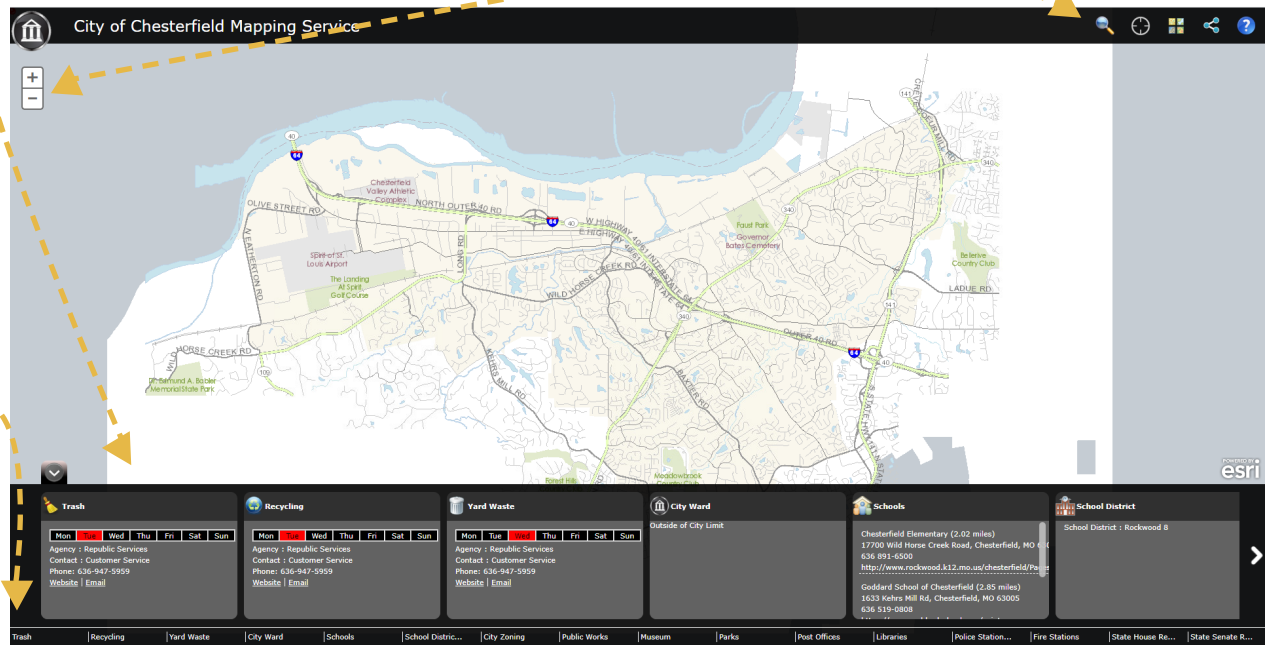
The IT department uses GIS to keep track of City assets such as roadway pavement, signs, sidewalks, curb ramps, park features, culverts and stormwater features to assist other City departments or consultants/contractors in analysis and project planning. Data from other entities such as St. Louis County, Metropolitan Sewer District, and utility companies are also utilized in the process. This department works together to bring you some really cool features on the City’s website, chesterfield.mo.us. One of them being the City Mapping Service. You can find this by heading to chesterfield.mo.us, looking at the left hand side under ‘Trending’, and click ‘City Mapping Service’. CHECK IT OUT!

Clicking on the  in the right hand side of the page will guide in using this application.

When the resident finds their address or uses their current location, the application will identify the appropriate service districts and closest facilities.

You can either Zoom in and click on ‘Your Residence’ or ‘Search by a Specific Address.’

Here is a list of relevant information that will be presented is a series of tabs at the bottom of the application: Trash, Recycling, Yard Waste, City Ward, Schools, School District, City Zoning, Public Works, Museum, Parks, Post Offices, Libraries, Police Station, Fire Station, State House Representative



The screenshot displays the 'City of Chesterfield Mapping Service' interface. At the top, there's a search bar and navigation icons. The main area is a map of Chesterfield, Missouri, showing streets, parks, and landmarks. Below the map is a navigation bar with several tabs: Trash, Recycling, Yard Waste, City Ward, Schools, School District, City Zoning, Public Works, Museum, Parks, Post Offices, Libraries, Police Station, Fire Station, State House Representative, and State Senate Representative. The 'Trash' tab is active, showing a calendar for the week of Monday through Sunday, and contact information for Republic Services, including a phone number (636-947-5959) and website/email links.

Honeysuckle removal

Honeysuckles invade a wide variety of natural communities: lake and stream banks, marsh, fens, sedge meadow, wet and dry prairies, savannas, floodplain and upland forests and woodlands. Chesterfield Parks, Recreation & Arts will have a honeysuckle removal event at Central Park on April 4 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Participants can register for the event by calling 636.812.9500 or emailing astagoski@chesterfield.mo.us. Participants will meet in the Central Park parking lot near the pool and limited hand tools will be available.



Requests for traffic control devices

Have you ever wondered how to request a Stop Sign, No Parking Sign, or other traffic sign on a City maintained street? This can easily be done by contacting the City at 636.537.4000 or using the 'Report a Problem' function on the City's website. You simply enter your request and contact information and a member of the Engineering Division of the Public Works Department will contact you to obtain additional information.

Please note that all signage in the City of Chesterfield must conform to the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices, or MUTCD. Additionally, No Parking Signs require 75% support of residents in the area, and 90% support from the adjacent property owners. Stop Signs must meet warrants (as defined in the MUTCD) and be supported by 75% of the area residents.

If you have questions regarding street signs, please contact the Public Works Department at 636.537.4762.



Did you know?

Stop signs should only be installed where a full stop is required, and never simply to slow traffic. Unwarranted stop signs lead to non-compliance (running stop signs) and can cause motorist speeds to increase before and after the stop sign.

Updates coming to CVAC

The Chesterfield Valley Athletic Complex is going to be even better in 2020! Synthetic infields are being installed in the facility's F Quad. The upgrades are part of a continuing partnership with the Chesterfield Baseball/Softball Association in order to provide the best facilities in the region for youth ball players. The change will have a huge impact on the ability to play through the wet weather which will attract more players and teams to play at the CVAC.

In addition to the synthetic infields, two new youth fields will be installed on the west end of the facility. The fields will be equipped with fences, dugouts, and lights with parking, restrooms, pavilions and concessions nearby. The primary usage of these fields will be for youth ages 10 and under. Both of these projects are expected to be completed by Spring 2020.

Riparian Trail will be extended one step closer to Levee trail

In late 2017, the City of Chesterfield obtained a grant to construct an extension to the Riparian Trail. For anyone not familiar with the Riparian Trail, it is a wooded trail which runs along the south side of Lydia Hill Road from the parking lot at Central Park to its temporary terminus at August Hill Road. This project (Phase II and III) will extend the trail north through the western portion of Central Park, across Wild Horse Creek Road, ending at Old Chesterfield Road (see map). The project is estimated to cost \$1.5 million, which will be offset by a \$1 million grant secured via the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). The remaining \$500,000 will be funded by the Chesterfield Valley Transportation Development District (TDD). The City's goal is to ultimately connect the Riparian Trail to the Levee Trail.

This project involved a substantial property acquisition from Chesterfield Village Incorporated (CVI), which included the donation of the Awakening. All property and necessary easements have been acquired and the City is compiling final bid documents, for an anticipated bid opening in May of 2020. This project will be constructed in the summer/fall of 2020.



Help Chesterfield PD fight crime

The Chesterfield Police Department has a Community Camera Program which asks citizens and businesses in Chesterfield to register their private surveillance cameras with the Department. If a crime occurs in a certain area, our investigating Officers will check our database to see who has registered a camera in the area. We will then contact those registered individuals and ask for permission to view selected portions of their recorded video. This program is entirely voluntary and citizens and/or businesses can opt out at any time if they wish. All of this information will remain confidential. If you wish to participate, please register online at chesterfield.mo.us/camera-registration.html or complete the paper form at the Chesterfield Police Department at 690 Chesterfield Parkway West.



CCEAC honors

The CCEAC was pleased to present the Mayor's Honor Certificate to Mr. Blake Pericich for completing the Blue Planet's GREEN Challenge. Blake worked with his family, his parents, friends and even school friends to show what he accomplished along the lines of "energy and water conservation." Congratulations, Blake!



CCEAC's Jeanne Tevlin, Blak Pericich, and CCEAC Chair, Darcy Capstick.

2020 Street Improvement Projects

2020 Concrete Slab Replacement Program: The City of Chesterfield will manage two concrete slab replacement projects in 2020. These projects will replace approximately 34,300 square yards of concrete slabs on 13 different residential streets. Residents adjacent to the planned replacement areas, along with subdivision trustees, will receive project notification by mail. All or portions of the following streets are scheduled for concrete slab replacement in 2020:

- Barons Way Drive
- Bonhomme Bluff Court
- Bonhomme Fork Court
- Bonhomme Ridge Court
- Chesterton Lane
- Greenleaf Valley Drive
- Greycliffe Drive
- Greystone Manor
- Horse Run Court
- Joyceridge Drive
- Mistflower Glen Court
- Schoettler Estates Drive
- White Robin Court

Did you know?

The City inspects and rates each of its 176 miles of public streets and 260 miles of sidewalk every three years? If you have questions regarding any City street, please contact the Public Works Dept. at 636.537.4762.

Old Chesterfield Road: This project includes the reconstruction of a failing culvert under Old Chesterfield Road, and an asphalt overlay on Old Chesterfield Road from Baxter Road to Wild Horse Creek Road. The City is currently finalizing bid documents for this project, which is scheduled for an April bid opening. Construction is expected to begin in the summer of 2020.

Schoettler Road Improvements: The City of Chesterfield will soon be constructing improvements on Schoettler Road near Clayton Road. This project will include the construction of a center turn lane from Georgetown Road to Schoettler Grove Court and a designated right turn lane near Clayton Road. This project will be bid in March, with construction to commence in the spring of 2020.

In order to safely and efficiently construct the project, Schoettler Road from Georgetown Road to Clayton Road will be temporarily restricted to one-way southbound traffic during a portion of construction. A signed detour will be established for northbound traffic. The detour will route vehicles from Clayton Road to Baxter Road - Old Baxter Road - Highcrott Drive - Schoettler Road. It is anticipated that the one-way restriction will be in place for six to eight weeks. A public meeting will be held in March to provide information on the project to area residents and Trustees.

Environment Speaker Series



JOURNEY OF TRANSFORMATION - March 25, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., City Hall, FREE

Sue Leahy will take you through her experiences in 12 years of native plant gardening. She will share basic design elements and talk about basic maintenance tips.

BEE KEEPING SEMINAR - April 9, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., City Hall, FREE

Learn about beekeeping with speakers Troy and Leslie Garner. Troy and Leslie are hobbyist beekeepers in Chesterfield. They will discuss their experiences as beekeepers and provide an introduction to honeybees.

RECYCLING THEN AND NOW - April 21, 9 a.m. - 10 a.m., City Hall, FREE

Republic Services will speak about all things recycling at Chesterfield City Hall. They will discuss all the new recycling rules and answer questions.

Register for these events by calling 636.812.9500 or emailing olderadults@chesterfield.mo.us.



Officers share their knowledge

On December 4, 2019, the Chesterfield Police Department appointed eight officers to a significant position of trust, as Field Training Instructors. These specially trained officers will have direct responsibility for on the job training and evaluation of our newest officers. Each of these Field Training Instructors have expressed their willingness to share their expertise and to go the extra mile to afford our newest officers with every opportunity to succeed. Each officer received silver chevrons for their collars and a new badge with gold raise that identifies them as "Field Training Instructors." Congratulations, officers!



Front Row L to R: Police Officers Todd Lantz, Russell Hesser, Ashley Saffa and Charlie Thompson. Back Row L to R: Police Officers Kyle Schreiber, Don Schlemmer, Chris Pollman and Jason Bromwich

A hairy situation

The Chesterfield Police Department participated in their first "No Shave November" in 2019. The Department raised \$2,600 in donations for Friends of Kids with Cancer.



Another incredible Backstoppalooza

Backstoppalooza 2019 raised over \$60,000, thanks to our nearly 25 private and corporate sponsors! To date, the Backstoppalooza benefit concert has raised nearly \$350,000 for Backstoppers! The concert was officially renamed "The Ed Nestor Memorial Backstoppalooza" in honor of Captain Ed Nestor who dreamed up the idea of this fundraiser in 2013. Unfortunately, Ed lost his battle to pancreatic cancer in January 2019, but his commitment to Backstoppers will live on for years to come with this annual concert. Please join us for the 8th Annual Ed Nestor Memorial Backstoppalooza concert on August 22, 2020.



Accessible ramps

Each year the City of Chesterfield uses Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding from St. Louis County to construct ADA compliant curb ramps. Over the last five years the City has replaced 80 curb ramps through this program, at no cost to City residents. This year the City will use CDBG funds to replace curb ramps within the Westbury Subdivision.



Did you know? The City of Chesterfield maintains an ADA Transition Plan which includes data on all sidewalk and curb ramps located within the City of Chesterfield. When any project is constructed that abuts a curb ramp, that ramp is reconstructed (if necessary) to comply with current ADA requirements. The City of Chesterfield reconstructed 50 curb ramps in 2019.

'Storybook Walk' is coming to Central Park

Central Park will be the host to the first ever Storybook Walk located in Chesterfield. Chesterfield Parks, Recreation and Arts has teamed up with the St. Louis County Library to create this new amenity that will allow visitors and their families to walk around Central Park and read a childrens book. Each station along the walk will consist of two pages of the book and every two months the book will change. The list of the books for the entire year will be listed on the City of Chesterfield website. Be sure to grab the kiddos and head for a stroll around Central Park Lake when the weather warms up.



Register now for Safety Town in June

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 hands-on activities both outside and in the miniature Safety Town city. All Safety Town sessions for 2020 will be held at the Chesterfield Elementary School, located at 17700 Wild Horse Creek Road in Chesterfield.

Registration preference will be given to children who have NOT previously attended a Safety Town session.

The program is hosted and staffed by the Chesterfield Police Department in cooperation with the Chesterfield Rotary

and the Chesterfield Kiwanis. The program is conducted for six, two-week sessions during the summer months.

The dates for Safety Town 2020:

Session 1: June 1 - June 12 (10 a.m. - Noon)

Session 2: June 1 - June 12 (1 p.m. - 3 p.m.)

Session 3: June 15 - June 26 (10 a.m. - Noon)

Session 4: June 15 - June 26 (1 p.m. - 3 p.m.)

Session 5: July 6 - July 17 (10 a.m. - Noon)

Session 6: July 6 - July 17 (1 p.m. - 3 p.m.)

Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 18 both online through the Safety Town portal chesterfield.mo.us/safety-town.html and by walk-in application at the Chesterfield Police Department.



Safety Town is one of the department's most popular programs. In addition to commissioned police officers, the Safety Town staff includes teen counselors from area middle and high schools who assist the police officers in leading the program. We are currently accepting Volunteer Applications via chesterfield.mo.us/safety-town-volunteers.html.

For more information, contact Officer Chad Meyer at 636.537.6769 or by email at cmeyer@chesterfield.mo.us.

Did you know?

There are many sponsorship opportunities available throughout Chesterfield Parks, Recreation and Arts. Call 636.812.9500 for more information on how to support the parks and increase awareness of your organization at the same time.



Calling all budding officers

If you are between the ages of 14 and 21, interested in police work and enjoy fun activities, then the Chesterfield Police Department has a unique opportunity for you.

Police Exploring is a program that allows young people to work with police officers to learn about the law enforcement profession. The program includes field trips, class instruction, hands on training, role playing, and includes a ride along program.

Meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., at City Hall, 690 Chesterfield Parkway West. Please email communityaffairs@chesterfield.mo.us or call 636.537.3000 for more information.



Parks, Recreation & Arts is hiring

Chesterfield Parks, Recreation and Arts has part-time, seasonal positions open now for the upcoming summer season! Visit chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html for more information on the positions. You can also:

- Apply via text at 636.324.8494
- Apply online at chesterfield.mo.us
- Apply in person at Chesterfield City Hall, 690 Chesterfield Parkway West, Chesterfield, MO 63017

We're Hiring!



'Mechanical Marvels' win the championship

The City of Chesterfield Department of Planning recently met with three teams in Grades 4-8 participating in the FIRST LEGO League (FLL) competition. FIRST LEGO is a global robotics competition designed to engage students in hands-on STEM experiences that boost confidence, increase their knowledge, and create healthy educational habits. The competition consists of three challenges: the Robot Game, the Innovation Project, and the Core Values. During these meetings with the FLL teams, the City provided general information about the Department of Planning, answered questions about comprehensive planning in general, and provided feedback on the teams' presentations.

One team, the "Mechanical Marvels", won the Championship Award in the FLL Qualifiers held on December 14, 2019, and continued on to win the Best Research Project Award in the FLL Regional Competition on January 12, 2020 for their Innovation Project. The problem the team

chose to address was: "Are kids really safe in schools during tornadoes?"



Their solution was to retrofit existing school hallways using carbon fiber reinforced polymer, which would increase the tensile strength of the walls. Retrofitting an existing building with a reinforced "safe room" is a relatively low cost option compared to building an entirely separate tornado storm shelter.

The team identified several advantages of reinforcing walls with carbon fiber and retrofitting hallways:

- It's a lightweight material and can be used in innovative ways.

- It does not rust and thus has a longer lifespan.

- The thin-walled carbon fiber-reinforced walls can be made by coating with resin and then integrating the fibers into existing material.

- Compared to other solutions, carbon fiber retrofitting does not reduce the current hallway capacity.

- Converting existing hallways reduces construction costs.

- The hallway safe room design takes advantage of existing concrete foundations and supported masonry to provide significant resistance to the uplift, overturning, and lateral movement of the safe room.

The "Mechanical Marvels" team consists of five kids from fifth to seventh grade. Their names are Allen Sunil, Sohan Paul, Josh Joseph, Logan Elick, and Aharon Abraham. Congratulations to the team on their hard work and accomplishment!

Get paid to upgrade

For a limited time, Ameren Missouri is offering an additional \$100 rebate through the Ameren Missouri Heating and Cooling Program over and above the existing program rebates. The promotion is designed to make it easy for customers to upgrade their heating and cooling equipment to a qualifying high-efficiency model. Find more information and apply today at <https://www.amerenmissourisavings.com/hvac>.



Pedal the cause raises over 4M

Pedal the Cause donated a record-breaking \$4.74 million donation to Siteman Cancer Center and Siteman Kids at St. Louis Children's Hospital. 100 percent of this donation will fund the best and brightest ideas in adult and pediatric cancer research at our local research institutions. This record-breaking donation brings the total funds donated by Pedal the Cause over the last 10 years to \$29,077,611. This money has funded 130 cancer research projects —

including 98 adult and 32 pediatric projects. Funds donated by Pedal the Cause in 2019 will be distributed to the most promising research projects in 2020, as determined by each institution. This year's donation was raised by 3,725 riders and spinners, 522 kids and over 1,107 volunteers who participated in the tenth annual Pedal the Cause — a cycling challenge and weekend community celebration with the goal of curing all cancers for everyone. Join us for the 2020 Pedal the Cause on September 26 and 27, 2020 at the Chesterfield Amphitheater!



The impact of a journey from Ireland to Chesterfield

By Ann Chrissos

Chesterfield Historic & Landmarks Preservation Committee

Dr. Samuel Smith Senior was born in County Derry, Ireland. He attended the University of Edinburg in Scotland where he obtained a medical degree. This was the leading medical school in the English speaking world at the time. Dr. Smith then moved to Pennsylvania where in 1786 he married Elizabeth Gordon (1765-1829), sister of George Gordon and Mary Gordon Mason. Smith petitioned the last Spanish governor, Don Charles Dehault Delassus, for a land grant in the Chesterfield area. On October 20, 1799 he received 450 arpents (375 acres) on the upper reaches of Creve Coeur Creek. This was several miles south of Gordon's land. Dr. Smith practiced medicine in the Chesterfield area until his death in 1807.

In 1810, the Widow Smith had a log house chinked with blocks of lime built near Conway and South Woods Mill Roads. This house was inhabited by Smith's descendants for the next hundred years. Dr. Smith's property went all the way to Clayton Road, which was originally named Smith Road in his honor. However, the name changed to Clayton Road in 1877 for

Ralph Clayton, who donated a large tract of land to the newly created St. Louis County. The Smith's oldest daughter Sadie married Robert Ramsey. They made their home in Marthasville, Missouri. During the War of 1812, Sadie, Robert and three of their children as well as their unborn child were massacred by Indians. Sadie, while milking a cow, was shot twice by Native Americans who had allied with the British against the Americans. Her husband and children were tomahawked to death.

Sadie's brother, Samuel Smith Junior (1805-1864), whom everyone called Neighbor, became a doctor like their father. He married Rachel Hibler (1808-1888) and their son, Winfield Scott Smith (1836-1892) served as a major in the Union Army during the Civil War. He was a member of 5th Company B Bonhomme Township. After the war, Winfield, who was married to Appolonia Bagby (1854-1922), worked as an Assessor in the new St. Louis County government. Henry Smith (b. 1793), another son of Samuel and Elizabeth Smith Sr., married Jane Watson in 1817. They settled on 200 acres in Manchester,

Missouri near the "Bacon Log Cabin" on Henry Road, which was named for him. Henry served as Justice of the Peace in old St. Louis County.

On October 4, 1816, Bonhomme Presbyterian Church was officially organized. Widow Elizabeth Smith was one of the charter members. She frequently offered her house for church services, baptisms and meetings until a log church was built in 1819. Ten years later, a fire destroyed it.

Dr. Samuel and Elizabeth Smith, Sr. are buried in the Conway Cemetery on Conway Road. Many of their descendants, including Samuel, Jr., Winfield and their wives are buried in the Old Bonhomme Church Cemetery.

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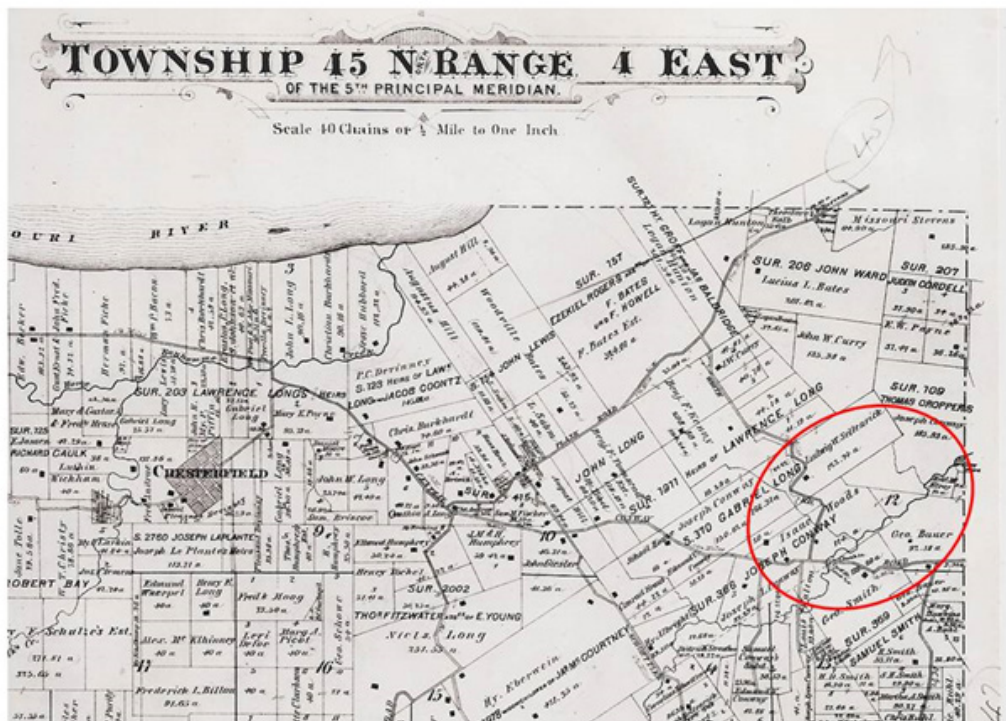
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This 1877 Plat Map shows the Smith property in the lower right hand corner. Courtesy of CHLPC.

MADD Awards



Traffic Unit Officers Todd Lantz, Matt Adams and Greg Rupp were recognized by MADD "Mothers Against Drunk Driving" for their tireless dedication to getting impaired drivers off the streets and keeping our community safe. Officers Lantz, Adams and Rupp's efforts resulted in a total of 46 DWI arrests in 2019.