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St. Louis Area Foodbank President/CEO Meredith Knopp, Chesterfield employee Gavin Johnson, and volunteers help unload donations from trunks.

## Thank you from Chesterfield PD

On April 17, ten-year-old Wildwood resident, Hannah Imig raised over \$2,400 which she used to purchase gift cards for Chesterfield Police Department after she heard on the news that Officers and civilian employees volunteered to take a 10% cut of their pay to prevent furloughs resulting from the pandemic.



## Chesterfield Parks, Recreation and Arts holds Covid relief food drive

The Covid-19 epidemic has left many without access to daily necessities like food. The St. Louis Area Foodbank is there to help those in need in 26 counties across Missouri and Illinois. On Saturday, May 2, Chesterfield held a food drive in Central Park to collect items for the foodbank to prepare Covid Relief packages. The community came through in great capacity, with the final total being 8,000 meals provided! For more information about upcoming food drives or how to donate to the St. Louis Area Foodbank, visit <https://stlfoodbank.org/>.

# STORYBOOK WALK

Looking for a way to get out and about in Chesterfield? Check out our Storybook Walk at Central Park. The walk starts by the playground at Central Park. As you walk, you will find pages of a book along the way. Complete the walk and the book at the same time! It's the perfect way to get some fresh air, exercise and let kiddos practice those reading skills! Grab the whole family and head to Central Park. Be sure to practice social distancing! The book changes every two months, so check back often to read a new book. The Storybook Walk is a partnership with St. Louis County Library. For more information or to see what books are coming, visit [chesterfield.mo.us/storybook-walk.html](https://chesterfield.mo.us/storybook-walk.html).



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# Mayor's Message



Fellow Residents,  
First of all, I want to thank our **City Administrator, Mike Geisel**, for giving us his insight and perspective on how our City is dealing with and responding to COVID-19. Please read it in its entirety if you have not already.

The hard decisions that have recently been made, including furlough of employees, non-opening of family aquatic center, and cancellation of 4th of July Celebration, have not been made lightly. Staff brought forward these recommendations based on not only financial considerations, but health and safety, as well as liability concerns. We really do pride ourselves on the services our City is able to provide, so it is very disappointing that health concerns and financial realities seem to force our decisions.

Most municipalities in St. Louis County are heavily reliant on sales taxes as a source of revenue to fund City operations/services. Chesterfield is not alone in this environment. Generally speaking, these revenues are not received until two months after they are generated: Therefore, at this point, we are relying on projections as to the magnitude of the revenue shortfalls. I expect that on a percentage basis, most cities will be affected similarly and significantly. I will say that I believe our staff (as well as the majority of our elected body) has made excellent recommendations in dealing with the pandemic on a short term basis, while preserving the City's long term goals.

### We still need Wayfair Legislation

At this writing, the Missouri Legislature has not successfully dealt with the need for an internet sales/use tax to benefit state and local government revenues. Missouri is one of two states that has not passed this badly-needed legislation that would tend to balance the playing field between local brick and mortar stores versus online retailers, but more importantly, restore revenue to state and local government. More importantly, once the State Legislature successfully addresses the issue, you as a local taxpayer, will have the opportunity to vote on this specific issue. There is no local sales/use tax unless the constituents of each municipality authorize it. These revenues are needed

to pay for services that are provided (i.e., public safety, parks, public works, etc.). Over time, it is conservatively estimated that greater than 15% of sales tax revenues have been eroded by online sales that have not been subject to the applicable tax. The need for this tax is accentuated by COVID-19 economic impact.

If this legislation is not passed in the regular session, it is contemplated that the Governor may call a special session this summer to deal with this issue. Your voice matters! Please consider emailing or otherwise contacting Senators Dave Schatz, Andrew Koenig, and Jill Schupp, and Representatives Dean Plocher, Bruce DeGroot, Derek Grier, Paula Brown, and Tracy McCreery to indicate your strong support for this legislation, so that you can have an opportunity to vote on leveling the playing field for our local businesses. The message is simple; we need Wayfair Legislation without other tax offsets and without unrelated cable franchise fee reductions that will enrich the cable companies at the consumer's expense. The sales/use tax is not a new tax. It is simply recovering taxes that have been lost to out of state and internet sellers, to the detriment of our local businesses. They will know what this means. Thanks for your help in this matter!

### Better Brighter Days Ahead!

In spite of the uncertainties of our future, I am optimistic and even confident, that we as a community will "get through this together" and there are better days ahead. As I write this, just today it was announced that the businesses can begin to re-open on May 18. The City of Chesterfield will do all we can to facilitate and expedite the re-opening process of our business community, and in fact has passed an ordinance that provides specifics.

My hope is that you will comply with safety guidelines and stay well! God bless!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Nation". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

## A letter from the City Administrator

By the time this article reaches your home, I hope that your families are healthy, the community health concern has subsided, and the economy has begun to recover.

As I write this article, the State Stay at Home Order has expired, but the County Executive has announced that he will allow businesses to begin re-opening on May 18. By the time you read this, the Order may have ended, but it is vitally important to share the underlying reasons for some of the City's decisions during this difficult time. The COVID-19 pandemic has been devastating to individuals, businesses and government.

I am certain that over the last few weeks, you have heard news or reports of the City's actions to reduce costs. Unfortunately, these stories are mostly accurate. As a resident, business owner, or even a frequent visitor of Chesterfield, you should have the most current and up-to-date information.

The Stay at Home Order restricted the City to performing only "essential" operations. Like everyone else, we had to adhere to social distancing recommendations and limit the gathering of people, including employees. This forced the cancellation of activities and the closure of facilities. At this time all Spring Programs have been cancelled and the date when activities will fully resume is unknown. While the City's workload was reduced in some areas, our revenues were adversely affected and we were forced to take quick action.

The closure of restaurants, entertainment venues, athletic facilities,

and businesses in Chesterfield caused an immediate loss of the revenues that fund our City operations. The City's sales tax revenues, utility tax revenues and motor fuel tax revenues have been dramatically impacted. In fact, more than fifty percent of Chesterfield's annual revenue comes from sales tax. The City of Chesterfield does not assess any property tax. Residents and business owners pay property taxes to various taxing districts like the School District, Fire District, Metro Zoo and Museum District, The Metropolitan Sewer District, the Special School District, Sheltered Workshop, and the Library District. You pay no property tax to the City of Chesterfield. The City of Chesterfield is dependent primarily on sales taxes. Due to the Stay at Home Order and the closure of businesses (retail and restaurants), those tax dollars will not be forthcoming. While we do not yet know the duration of the event and the ultimate magnitude of the losses, the City currently forecasts revenue losses of between \$6 and \$9 million.

We are making every effort to reduce expenses at this time. We have no other option than to aggressively reduce our costs in the near term. We have delayed deferred purchases, some scheduled capital construction contracts, and all other non-essential expenses. Even with millions of dollars of reduced expenditures, we will not be able to "save" enough to cover the revenue shortfall. We are fortunate that the City has been fiscally conservative over the years and has a substantial "fund reserve" set aside. This pandemic will challenge us

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## Recycling request from Republic Services

PLEASE DO NOT PUT THESE NONRECYCLABLE ITEMS INTO YOUR REPUBLIC CURBSIDE RECYCLE BINS AS THEY CONTAMINATE THE LOAD:

- \*plastic bin liners
- \*other plastic bags full or empty, or plastic sheeting: NO bread bags, ziplocks, dry cleaning bags, sandwich bags, etc. NO plastic bags.
- \*non-recyclable single-use plastic items
- \*hoses
- \*fencing, garden liners, and garden decorations
- \*appliances
- \*sports equipment

These contaminants were recently cited in an April 2020, Republic audit of Chesterfield Recycling Routes. See: [www.recyclingsimplified.com](http://www.recyclingsimplified.com).



## Holiday trash pickup

**Independence Day: Sat., July 4**  
Monday through Friday services will not be affected.



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and consume a significant portion of that fund reserve to cover our revenue losses.

In addition to general revenue, the City also collects specific sales taxes that are designated for defined purposes, such as Police, Parks, and Capital Projects. These funds are restricted by law, for these specific purposes and cannot be used for other activities. For example, the City receives a portion of the County-wide sales tax for Proposition P (Public Safety). 2020 Proposition P revenues are budgeted at \$2,670,500, and are used exclusively to fund the Police Department. There is absolutely no diversion of that money whatsoever. Similarly, the City also collects ½ cent sales taxes for Parks and for Capital Projects. Those revenues are also used solely for those purposes.

We are extremely proud of all of our employees. However, during times like these, much attention is deservedly

directed to our Internationally Accredited Police Department. These men and women are afforded great respect and will continue to be provided the resources they need to do their job in the most professional manner possible. The Chesterfield Police Department, with 99 commissioned law enforcement officers, is the largest municipal Police Department in St. Louis County. The residents and businesses of Chesterfield can be assured that they will continue to provide superior services, response and patrols. Likewise, all other City Departments will continue to serve the City residents, including our professionally Accredited Public Works Department and Parks Department.

As proud as we are of each employee group and the services it provides, we simply cannot maintain “business as usual” with revenue reductions of this magnitude. Accordingly, the City of Chesterfield was forced to temporarily

furlough a substantial portion of its workforce. This is very painful in every aspect, but we are doing what we must to manage what is a catastrophic loss of revenue. While any furlough is unfortunate, we hope these will be temporary and that revenues rebound quickly.

I hope that by the time the next newsletter is issued the safety concerns have been reduced and the economy has begun to recover. When that occurs I will return with a much better article articulating the many programs and services provided by the City. Until then, stay safe.



Mike Geisel, City Administrator

## Vector Control for local nuisances

It's spring and the wet and warmer weather brings us many things we love. Unfortunately, it will also bring about the return of mosquitoes. You can reduce the mosquito population by ensuring that there are no areas of standing water around your home, which allows 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 to be 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.



## Looking to start an at home business?

Congratulations, if you're looking at starting a business! We understand the process can be exciting, but also daunting and cumbersome, and we are here to help you understand the types of businesses that can and can not be run from a home.

The City has a set of regulations to ensure that residential neighborhoods are not negatively impacted by businesses operating out of homes. The objective of these regulations is to ensure that any home-based business is located and conducted so that the average neighbor wouldn't be aware of its existence or be disrupted by it. While not an exhaustive list of all regulations, some of the most common limiting regulations that prevent people from operating a home-based business within Chesterfield are:

- The business will take up more than 25% of your home
- You will require one or more employees who live outside of the home
- You will have more than 2 patrons at once or outside the hours of 7 a.m. and 9 p.m.
- The work that you do creates excessive noise, smoke, odor, heat or glare

A full list of regulations can be found in the City's Code Section 31-04-14A.18, and has been compiled for convenience as a part of the business license and home occupation permit applications under the forms and permits section of the City's website.

If you can not have a business within your home because you do not meet the criteria, there's no need to worry. The City of Chesterfield has a thriving business community and has various areas throughout the City where office, retail, and commercial space is available for your new business.

Once you find a space which may be suitable for your business, you may want to check with the City before signing a contract! The City of Chesterfield has ordinances which allow specific uses in specific areas. As with all other planning related questions, our Planner-of-the-Day will always be happy to look up the ordinance for a specific location and provide you with this information.

The Planner-of-the-Day can be reached via telephone at 636.537.4733 or via email at [POD@chesterfield.mo.us](mailto:POD@chesterfield.mo.us).

## Did You Know...

The City of Chesterfield is home to Reinsurance Group of America Inc (RGA) which is one of the 2019 Fortune 500 businesses, ranking at #251. The list ranks companies based on total revenue?



The Government Finance Officers Association has awarded the City of Chesterfield the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from 1991 - 2019 and the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from 1989 - 2018?

There are over 2,400 licensed businesses operating within the City of Chesterfield?

The City's Capital Projects are funded exclusively via a 1/2 cent sales tax. This revenue can only be spent on capital improvements, including street and sidewalk projects. Revenue from the Capital Projects sales tax is held in a separate fund, and budgeted separately each year. If you ever have questions regarding a capital project in the City of Chesterfield, please contact the Public Works Department at 636.537.4762.

## Police Officer receives second award

The men and women of the Chesterfield Police department congratulate Police Officer Kyle Tyndell, as he receives the department's Life Saving Award for the second time in his career. In the fall of last year, Officer Tyndell performed CPR on a man who had collapsed on the parking lot of a Chesterfield apartment complex. As a direct result of Officer Tyndell's efforts, the man was successfully resuscitated. Officer Tyndell was previously decorated for another life he was instrumental in saving. Congratulations Officer Tyndell!



L to R Officer Kyle Tyndell & Sergeant Gary Gunn

## Police Captain graduates from the FBI National Academy

On March 13, 2020, Captain Cheryl Funkhouser graduated from the FBI National Academy, alongside 254 other law enforcement officers representing 49 states and the District of Columbia. Internationally known for its academic excellence, The National Academy offers 10 weeks of advanced communication, leadership and fitness training. Participants must have proven records as professionals within their agencies to attend and on average, these officers have 21 years of law enforcement experience.

Since its inception in 1935, 52,795 graduates have completed the program, representing the top 1% of officers in law enforcement. The National Academy is held at the FBI Training Academy in Quantico, Virginia, the same facility where the FBI trains its new special agents and intelligence analysts. The Chesterfield Police Department is extremely proud to have five current employees who have attended and graduated from the FBI National Academy.

Congratulations, Captain Funkhouser!



## June is National Pollinator Month

Twelve years ago our U.S. Senate unanimously approved a week in June, (22 – 28 this year), as National Pollinator Week to mark a necessary step addressing declining pollinator populations. The National Wildlife Federation (NWF) in addressing the seriousness of the pollinator decline has embraced the entire month of June as National Pollinator Month. Our community has been addressing the declining biodiversity of our pollinators with native flora gardens since 2000. Our Community Gardens include vegetable plants and along with the native flora gardens enhance pollinator-friendliness and habitat health!

For all the residents, businesses, organizations, schools, houses of worship, and our city and parks spaces which have been planting and taking care of the native flora spaces, Monarch Butterflies and our native bees and other pollinators, thank you! More of these types of 'backyard' or schoolyard or business yard gardens are necessary,

so please consider adding your native pollinator gardens to Chesterfield's National Wildlife Federation (NWF) Certified Community Wildlife Habitat, in its 16th consecutive year of improving quality nature, by getting your gardens NWF Certified so they can be counted!

Approximately one out of three bites of food comes to us as the result of pollinator actions. Approximately 80% of all plants need pollinator help. June is the month to plant non-invasive, nectar-producing plants for pollinators which make possible cabbage, avocados, strawberries, blackberries, apples, peaches, various beans, coffee, carrots, peppers, grapes and so much more. The overall health of our habitat needs your help!

To learn more, check out 'The 4 P's Make Chesterfield A Better Place,' and 'Without Plants We're Toast'; both are at [chesterfield.mo.us/citizens-committee-for-the-environment.html](http://chesterfield.mo.us/citizens-committee-for-the-environment.html).

## You can help water quality

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

If you are wondering what you can do regarding water quality, please remember that all storm water inlets drain to creeks and streams. Please ensure that no trash, debris, or chemicals are washed or dumped into storm water inlets. Additionally, if you are planning a grading project, please contact the City to determine whether a permit is necessary. For more information, please contact 636.547.4000.



## Turf fields are in

The synthetic infields are installed at Chesterfield Valley Athletic Complex'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.



## Levee trail closure update

The Monarch-Chesterfield Levee District is currently replacing storm water pump discharge pipes and constructing improved backflow prevention structures at Pump Station 4 and Pump Station 6. This project has necessitated the closure of the Levee Trail at both locations. Work on Pump Station #4 (off of North Outer 40) began on January 14, 2020 followed by work on Pump Station #6 (off of Edison Road) starting on January 20,

2020. Closure of the Levee Trail in those two locations also occurred on those dates. The trail closure at Pump Station #4 is anticipated to last until the end of June 2020 and the trail closure at Pump Station #6 is anticipated to last until mid-June 2020. The City will work with the Levee District to re-open the Levee Trail as quickly as possible once these projects are completed.



75% of Chesterfield City residents have responded online, by mail or by phone to the 2020 U.S. Census. Thank you for the amazing response! Before too long residents will see Census Bureau staff canvassing the City for those addresses that have not yet responded. Overall the City has had great response from our residents and we hope to see these numbers keep climbing. For more information, please visit <https://2020census.gov/en.html>.



## Keep Chesterfield clean

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 streets staff spends 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.

Would you like to receive text updates on major road closures, emergency situations, missing persons and more? Sign up at [nixle.com](https://nixle.com)!





## Do yoga from the comfort of your own home

Offbeat Yoga is bringing the studio to you! Join Chesterfield Parks, Recreation and Arts and Offbeat Yoga as we provide virtual yoga videos every Saturday at 7 a.m. on the Parks Facebook page! Use these convenient videos to do yoga at home, on your own time and be sure to tune in every Saturday for a new video. For more information on Offbeat Yoga, visit <https://offbeat-yoga.com/>.



## Get in a quick Sunday morning sweat fest

Join Xtreme Krav Maga every Sunday at 11 a.m. for a free, body-weight workout you can do from home! You can watch and join today's workout on the Parks Facebook page every Sunday morning.

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## Adult Softball

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays, beginning August 3  
Chesterfield Valley Athletic Complex  
Games 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Join us for another exciting season of Adult Softball this fall! Coed will play on Monday nights and Men's league will play on Tuesday and Thursday. Each league is a 6-week double header league. Teams are guaranteed 12 regular season games plus one playoff game. To register, visit [chesterfield.mo.us/adult-softball.html](http://chesterfield.mo.us/adult-softball.html). Deadline to register is July 22.

### MONDAY COED

Resident: \$480 Non-Resident: \$600

### TUESDAY/THURSDAY MEN'S

Residents: \$540 Non-Resident: \$675

More information and registration at [chesterfield.mo.us/adult-softball-fall.html](http://chesterfield.mo.us/adult-softball-fall.html).



## Fall Youth Soccer

Chesterfield Recreation Youth Soccer League will give area youth the opportunity to learn and develop soccer skills!

Resident: \$72  
Non-Resident: \$87



League Information  
Saturdays, Sept 12 - Oct 24  
Games starting no earlier than 9 a.m.

Participants receive  
Uniform shirt, socks and soccer ball

Registration  
Participants will register individually and will have the ability to request a coach and/or teammates. Head coaches will receive their child's registration free.

Age groups: 3/4, 5/6 CO-ED  
Boy / Girl Divisions: 7/8, 9/10, 11/12

More information and registration at [chesterfield.mo.us/fall-youth-soccer-league.html](http://chesterfield.mo.us/fall-youth-soccer-league.html).

## Virtual Summer Run Challenge

June 1 – July 31

Cost: \$20 for 5K or 10K

Just because we can't be together does not mean we can't stay active! This summer join the Chesterfield Parks, Recreation and Arts Department in partnership with Big River Running for our Virtual Summer Run Challenge!

Choose your distance and your route and hit the road, while maintaining social distancing of course. Participants who complete a 5K or 10K receive a medal and shirt. Just register for the distance you are going to run, once completed log your time. Pretty simple! You can run outdoors or on a treadmill, no restrictions. The run must be completed between June 1 and July 31. For more info or to sign up go to [chesterfield.mo.us](http://chesterfield.mo.us) or to [bigriverrunning.com](http://bigriverrunning.com).





## Who owns the area in front of my house between the sidewalk and street?

This area is considered public right of way. The adjacent property owner is responsible for the maintenance of this area, including cutting the grass. However, there are many public amenities, including street signs and street trees, located within the public right of way. Any construction or physical disturbances within the public right of way, including sprinkler systems, invisible fences, the planting or removal of trees, and driveway replacements,

requires a permit from the Public Works Department. If a street does not contain sidewalk, the public right of way is typically considered the area within twelve feet of the back of curb. Movable objects should not be kept in the public right of way, including basketball goals and decorative landscape boulders. If you have any questions regarding an object in the public right of way, please contact 636.537.4762.

## DAILY VIRTUAL RECREATION CHALLENGES!



**WE ARE POSTING FUN ACTIVITIES THAT KIDS CAN DO AT HOME ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA EVERY DAY!**

**FOLLOW US TO GET IN ON THE FUN!**



**@CHESTERFIELDPARKS**



**SCAN ME**

## Chesterfield PD thanks the community

On April 20, two Chesterfield residents raised money to support Chesterfield Police Department with a claw machine filled with toilet paper. We are honored with the support from our community as our Officers and civilian employees of the Department recently took a voluntary pay cut to prevent furloughs.



The Chesterfield Police Department would like to thank all the residents and organizations that donated personal protection equipment to the Department during the Covid-19 pandemic. It is with your help that our Officers were able to remain safe while protecting the City. Thank you!



The Chesterfield Police Department Safety Town sessions for summer 2020 have been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Department will have virtual lessons available through their YouTube channel. More information will be posted on the Department's Facebook page as it becomes available.

## Chesterfield PD helped citizens celebrate during the COVID crisis

Throughout the months of March and April, the Chesterfield Police Department participated in various parades and birthday celebrations during the stay-at-home order to encourage positivity and social distancing. Officers even had the honor of riding in one special resident's parade to celebrate his last dose of chemo!

During the Covid-19 pandemic, Chesterfield Police offered to respond to calls from elderly, high risk, and vulnerable citizens seeking assistance in getting medications and/or essential items. This is in addition to our normal patrol duties.

We also want to remind those with loved ones in the area that we have always and will continue to check on their welfare if requested.



## 2020 Pool season

Chesterfield Family Aquatic Center will not be open for the 2020 season due to the COVID-19 epidemic.



## Fourth of July Celebration

The Chesterfield Fourth of July Celebration in cancelled for 2020 due to the COVID-19 epidemic.



## Backstoppalooza sponsorships are still available

Backstoppalooza is an annual Backstoppers fundraiser concert held at the 4,000+ seat Chesterfield Amphitheater. Last year, the event was renamed The Ed Nestor Memorial Backstoppalooza Concert to honor Chesterfield Police Captain Ed Nestor who created the event in 2013 but unfortunately lost his battle to pancreatic cancer in January of 2019. In cooperation with the Chesterfield Police Department, the Monarch Fire Protection District, the Rotary Club of West St Louis County and the City of Chesterfield Parks Department, this concert brings in over 4,000 music fans every year and has raised nearly \$350,000 for Backstoppers since its inception. This year's event is scheduled for Saturday, August 22, 2020 and features the national touring band, Dogs of Society, featuring Billy the Kid, The Definitive Billy Joel Tribute.

Backstoppers, Inc. 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 death and serious injuries sustained by several police officers in the past year have seen increased support for BackStoppers but such support has historically often been short-lived. Because Backstoppalooza is an annual event, we assure that the families of our fallen heroes continue to receive support for many years to come.

Sponsorship opportunities start at \$250.00 and progressively increase to a Platinum Record Sponsorship; available for just \$5,000.00. The sooner we receive confirmation from sponsors of their intent to support Backstoppalooza we can begin including your company's name in our event advertising pieces. Please visit [chesterfield.mo.us/sponsorship.html](http://chesterfield.mo.us/sponsorship.html) or contact the Chesterfield Police Department at 636.537.3000 for more details.



# History of the land that would become Chesterfield

By Ann Chrissos

Chesterfield Historic & Landmarks Preservation Committee

Richard Caulk was born in St. Paul's Parish, Kent County, Maryland on December 30, 1767. On February 20, 1796, he married Sarah "Sally" Long (b. 17 June 1774, d. Feb. 1851) in Harrison County, Kentucky. She was the daughter of Lawrence and Priscilla Long. Shortly after their marriage, they accompanied the Long family to Bonhomme Township, Missouri where they had been awarded Spanish Land Grants. Caulk and Long were some of the earliest settlers in the district. Lawrence Long brought many slaves with him and settled on 1000 arpens (an arpen = 0.85 acre) in the Chesterfield area. He quickly erected a flour mill and a saw mill on his property. This fulfilled the Spanish requirement to improve the property. Richard Caulk was appointed Syndic (judge) by the Spanish governor and held this position until 1804. He also served as commandant in the absence of James Mackay, the official commandant. These positions lead to a life long dedication to public service.

Richard Caulk served gratuitously as Syndic and part-time commandant of San Andre (the village in Bonhomme Township founded by James Mackay) where he conducted trials. In 1797, the Spanish governor Trudeau awarded him with a grant of 4,000 arpens on the Missouri River in Meramec Township. On September 29, 1804, shortly after the Louisiana Territory became part of the United States, Caulk was one of nineteen signers of a "memorial" addressed to the U. S. Congress. These men were petitioning Congress to recognize and honor the rights which had existed under Spanish rule. They represented all American settlers in Upper Louisiana who feared they would lose their land grants. This action set the stage for Caulk's future involvement in the governance of this nascent U. S. territory. In 1805, three men from outside of St. Louis were appointed to serve as judges in the St. Louis Court. These included Richard Caulk, Alexander McNair and

Joseph Allen. By 1809, Caulk became a member of the first territorial House of Representatives. Other members from the St. Louis area included David Musick, Bernard G. Farrer and William C. Carr. On January 10, 1809, Caulk was issued 800 arpens of land in Bonhomme Township, Missouri in addition to his previous holdings. Three years later, the United States went to war with Great Britain.

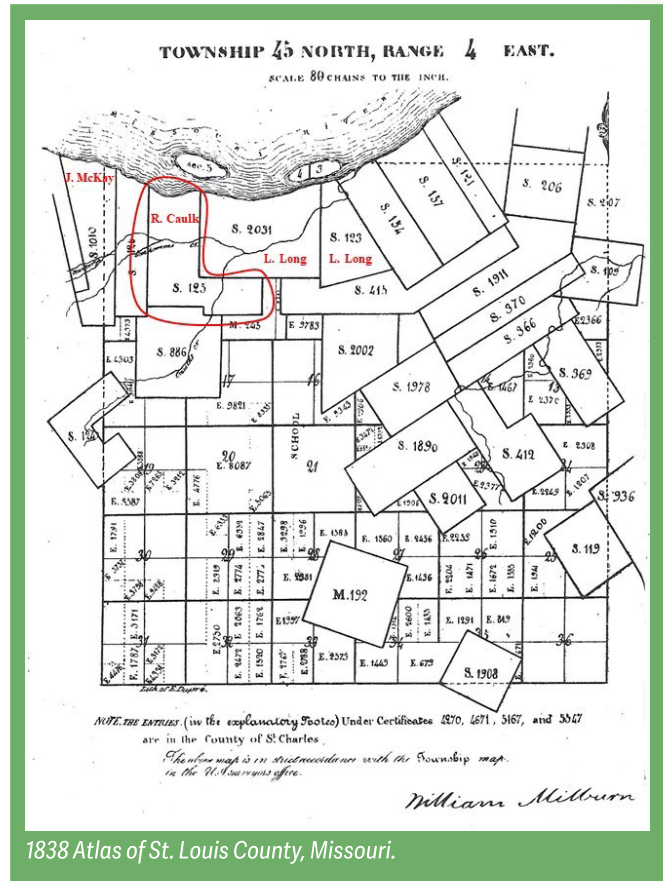
During the War of 1812 Richard Caulk served in the Missouri Militia. He was a lieutenant under the command of Colonel McNair and Captain Joseph Conway. After the war, he retired to his Bonhomme property with his wife Sally and four daughters: Priscilla L., Sarah L., Rowena and Eliza. On February 1, 1818, Caulk sold a portion of his land along with two brick buildings to Justus Post. It was on this land that Post platted a town and named it Chesterfield. Richard Caulk died in 1822 at the age of 54 in Bonhomme (Chesterfield) and was buried in the Long family cemetery. Caulk's Creek, a tributary of Bonhomme Creek, ran through his property and was named for him. Richard Caulk played an important role in the early history of Chesterfield.

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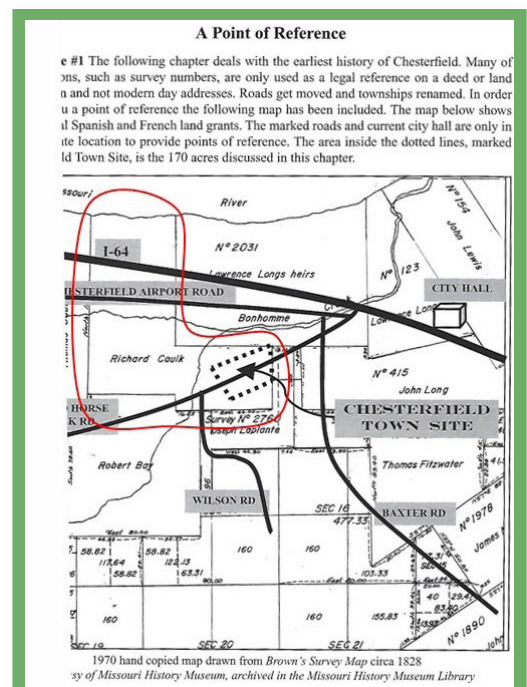
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Caulk's land extended from the Missouri River to Wild Horse Creek Road. The dotted rectangle indicates where Justus Post planned to build the town of Chesterfield. This map can be found in *Chesterfield, Missouri: From Untamed Wilderness to Thriving Municipality*.



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## Chesterfield parks and trails are the perfect place to get away close to home

Chesterfield has over 597 acres of beautiful parkland and trails available right in your own backyard! Here's a little cheat sheet to all the amazing Chesterfield trails you and your family can enjoy:

### Central Park Trail

A 1.24 mile trail that loops around Central Park Lake. Currently home to our Storybook Walk.

### Eberwein Park Trail

A 0.82 mile trail that can be broken into two different loops.

### Rivers Edge Trail

A 2+ mile crushed limestone walking trail with breathtaking scenery and wonderful wildlife.

### Monarch Levee Trail

The Monarch-Chesterfield Levee Trail is an 11-mile long trail that encompasses the majority of commercial, industrial and recreational land uses in Chesterfield Valley.

### Riparian Trail

A half-mile crushed stone and boardwalk trail meanders through the woods and along Chesterfield Creek.

### W.F. Dierberg Meditation Park Walking Paths

A 2-acre park that features walking paths, open green space, park benches, a butterfly garden and a fountain.

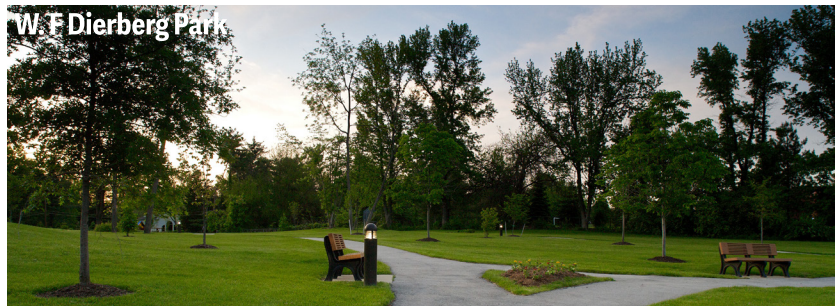
For more information and maps, please visit [chesterfield.mo.us/trails.html](http://chesterfield.mo.us/trails.html). See you out and about in our parks and on our trails! Remember to always practice social distancing!



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