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**Memorandum
Department of Planning & Public Works**



To: Planning and Public Works Committee
From: Shawn Seymour, Senior Planner
Date: 01/19/2012
**RE: Chesterfield Historic and Landmark Preservation Committee:
Nomination for the Leonard Blake Ancient History Award.**

Summary

On December 14th, 2011 the Chesterfield Historic and Landmark Preservation Committee (CHLPC) reviewed a nomination for the Leonard Blake Ancient History Award (LBAHA). The LBAHA is presented to those individuals or organizations that have made a significant contribution toward the understanding of Chesterfield's ancient archeological record and was established in 2005.

The nomination of Michael and Neathery Fuller was presented to the CHLPC on December 14th, 2011 for the LBAHA. By a unanimous decision, the CHLPC voted to recommend the aforementioned nomination to the City Council for the awarding of the LBAHA.

Attached is the nomination form.

Respectfully submitted,

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Senior Planner

CC: Michael G. Herring, City Administrator
Rob Heggie, City Attorney
Michael O. Geisel, Director of Planning & Public Works
Aimee Nassif, Director of Planning & Development Services



ANCIENT HISTORY AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Date:

Name of Nominee: Michael & Neathery Fuller

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Description of accomplishment or action and why you believe this individual merits this award.

- 1) Neathery Batsell (later to become Neathery Batsell-Fuller) discovered and led a Washington University excavation of a 1,000 year old farm house in Faust Park in 1981. Michael (later to become Neathery's husband), assisted with the excavation. The Fullers created a webpage dedicated to the site, which may be found via Internet search using the search words "The Thornhill Site."
- 2) The Fullers have created numerous webpages featuring a number of significant Chesterfield archaeological sites: The Martens Site, The River Bend Estates & River Bend East Sites, The Thornhill Site, Blake Mound and The Dampier Site.
- 3) The Fullers contributed to Chesterfield's book (out of print) "A Guide to Chesterfield's Ancient History" (City of Chesterfield – 2002).
- 4) Michael Fuller participated in the documentary "Uncovering Ancient St. Louis," which featured a number of Chesterfield sites, including the mound and cave at the Blake Mound Site. The documentary aired on PBS and is available on the web-based channel, The Archaeology Channel.
- 5) The Fullers have partnered with a local mound preservationist in the restoration & preservation of Chesterfield's Blake Mound. Blake Mound is the largest surviving Native American burial mound in St. Louis County. Their efforts have included holding archaeological annual field schools through St. Louis Community College, involving students in restoring looting/grave robber damage, as well as re-excavating looter spoil piles to recover and repatriate human remains.