

# PARKS, RECREATION & ARTS 2020 ANNUAL REPORT



The Parks, Recreation & Arts Department strives to provide the community with an environment that enhances their quality of life. Our entire department works all year long to provide the community with beautiful parks, fun recreation programs for all ages, popular trails, great concerts, and more! Take a look inside for a quick recap of 2020!

# SPORTS AND WELLNESS

## Fields

4 synthetic infields were added to the F quad, as well as 2 new baseball/softball fields.



## Shamrock Run

The Shamrock Run on March 7 turned out to be a great event! 383 runners enjoyed the flat route and sunshine and the little ones had a great time on our Lil Leprechaun route. We look forward to keeping the tradition going next year!



## Virtual Summer Run Challenge

The Chesterfield Virtual Summer Run wrapped up July 31. 60 participants signed up online, ran a 5k or 10k, and logged their time. They will receive a medal and shirt in the mail. Most participants were excited for the opportunity to be a part of this virtual event, while we look forward to having in person runs this will serve as a good substitute. This program is in partnership with Big River Running.



# SPORTS AND WELLNESS

## Turkey Trot

The 21st Annual Chesterfield Turkey Trot was virtual this year and had 270 participants. Runners received a long sleeve shirt with their registration and logged their run times through RunSignup. This year, we also offered the opportunity to sign up for the Turkey Leg Challenge. The challenge went from November 1 to Thanksgiving Day. Challenge participants set their own mileage goal for the month of November and tracked their progress online. They also received a half-zip pullover and a finisher medal.



## Yoga in the Park

A partnership with Offbeat Yoga brought outdoor, socially distanced yoga classes that were very well received. This went until September. Offbeat also aided in providing Virtual Yoga on the CVAC social media throughout the pandemic.



## 2020 by the numbers

47 tournaments cancelled

26 weeks cancelled

15,527 hours lost

Estimated over 8,000 kids in CBSA unable to play Spring/Summer league

Estimated nearly 2,500 teams, 35,000 kids unable to play baseball/softball tournaments

Estimated loss of \$435,000 in field rental revenue

Estimated loss of over \$3,000,000 in economic impact

# OLDER ADULTS

## Early in the year...

2020 had a great start for our seniors before COVID made programming a bit tricky. Seniors were able to enjoy Tai Chi, Topgolf for Seniors, Bingo and Pizza, Vitamin ZZZ - The art of sleep, Pump It Up for Cardiovascular Disease, Golden Lunch Bunch, a Casino Outing and Educational Seminars.

## Drive Thru Dinner Kit

On September 17, we had 80 seniors pick up a free meal kit, provided with help from Help Me Susan, Senior Insurance Concepts, Brookdale – Senior Living Center, Clear Path, Experienced In Home Care, Senior Learning Institute – Ted Gottlieb. The recycled bags that held the meals were from our own CCEAC. Our seniors were very appreciative and loved the gesture.



## Drive Thru Senior Sampler

We had such a successful event for our first time Drive through Senior Sampler. The weather was amazing! There were 52 vendors, which generated \$2,040. Midwest Regional Bank, Senior Insurance Concepts and Help Me Susan, West News Magazine were sponsors for the event. Michael Cane with Historical Committee handed out the New Calendars. The vendors were great and decorated their trunks for Halloween themed. They had so much fun with it! We had 103 cars, with most cars holding more than one person.



# OLDER ADULTS

## Turkey Dinner Kit

Thirteen businesses participated in the 'Everything but Turkey' bags that were distributed to 100 seniors on November 23. The gratitude from the seniors portrayed this day was tremendous. They were very thankful during these difficult times and to have a reason to leave the house for a purpose. Small conversations were had to brighten up there day!



## Joy Bags

Santa and his helpers passed out Joy Bags to seniors on December 17. With over 30 sponsors, the bags were filled with so many goodies that brought so much happiness to all who received them.



“It was great fun going through the bag; so many nice things from the sponsors. We appreciate everyone's generosity. Thank you again! !  
- Diane Holidman



“Thank you...It was fun to get. I appreciate what you are doing for seniors in Chesterfield. Stay healthy, stay safe.”  
- Ilene Brooks

## COVID Cancelled Programs

Pickleball Clinics

Educational Series

Top Golf

Golden Lunch Bunch

LOAP

Tai Chi

CCE Environmental Programs

Senior Shuffle

Environmental Seminars

Bike Rides

# RECREATION

## Glow Bingo

Glow Bingo earlier this year was a success with multiple families attending.



## Virtual Easter Egg Hunt

A Virtual Egg hunt took place in lieu of an in-person hunt and it was very well received by many! Kids and adults both participated.



## Chesterfield Food Drive

The Food Drive held at Central Park on May 2 brought in over 8,000 meals for St. Louis Area Food Drive! A very huge thank you to the volunteers who helped put it on; Friends of the Park, members of the Parks Advisory Committee and City employees.



## Storybook Walk

The StoryBook Walk at Central Park provides an outdoor education adventure through Central Park. This new addition to Central Park is a great way to engage families in health, literacy and environmental awareness. The walk consists of 18 stations around the Central Park lake, each station consisting of two pages out of a child's book handpicked by staff from the St. Louis County

Library. The route starts at the front of the Central Park playground and runs in a loop around the lake. After you complete the walk make sure to stop by the St. Louis County Library to check out other fun and exciting books.

## Candy Cane Bags

Due to the Candy Cane Hunt being cancelled due to COVID, we transitioned into take home bags. Many people were happy to receive this alternate item filled with goodies and activities for the their kiddos.



## COVID

## Cancelled Programs

Youth Fishing Derby  
Women's Self Defense with Xtreme Krav  
4th of July Celebration  
Youth Archery

# RECREATION

## Concessions

With COVID and so many restrictions, the concession stands were only open for one weekend in March.

## Pavilion Rentals

East Pavilion rentals = 25  
West Pavilion rentals = 31  
TOTAL rentals for 2020 = 56  
CANCELLATIONS: 22

## Community Garden

Parkway Community Garden members = 44  
Eberwein Community Garden members = 53  
TOTAL garden members for 2020 = 97

## Dog Park

We had 323 resident members and 13 non-resident members of the dog park in 2020.

## Feed the Masses

Chesterfield joined 18 other surrounding Cities for the Feed the Masses Food Drive in November. The results each week to their Facebook page. Food donations went to Circle of Concern. Chesterfield came in 9th with 1,450 food items donated.

## Logan Park

We have partnered with Logan University for a city park on Logan's campus along Schoettler Road. This is the first and only park in Ward 3. A 4-acre parcel of land near the south campus entrance, provided by Logan, will be developed and maintained by Chesterfield Parks, Recreation & Arts. The park, which will be called Logan Park, will include a small, ADA-accessible playground with rubberized surface and multiple structures, native educational garden, and small pavilion with restroom facilities. On-site parking will also be available. The park will be built in phases, pending funding. Chesterfield Parks, Recreation & Arts is currently seeking grant money from the St. Louis County Municipal Park Grant Commission to cover a portion of the cost. For updates on Logan Park, follow @ChesterfieldParks on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram or sign up for bi-weekly emails at [chesterfield.mo.us/e-newsletters.html](http://chesterfield.mo.us/e-newsletters.html).

## CHESTERFIELD CITIZENS ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### Recycles Day

On November 7, we held a recycling drive for only electronics and paper shredding in the Central park parking lot. Midwest Recycling Center collected 19,143 pounds, up by a few pieces from 2019, while American Document Destruction shredded 16,550 lbs.



# AQUATICS

GIS developed an App for the aquatic center to track maintenance/repairs/information of all aspects of the facility (filters, pumps, lights, plugs, chemical feeders, etc).

City Council voted to close Chesterfield Family Aquatic Center on May 4 for the 2020 season.

## Training

Recreation Manager Kelly Snider completed all co-teaching sessions to become an Ellis and Associates International Lifeguard Training program (ILTP) Instructor Trainer. Kelly is one of 150 ILTP IT's within the Ellis and Associates International Organization.

## Pool Maintenance

- New CHL tank
- Leisure Pool leak on gun line was fixed with a new valve
- Comp. Pool was painted
- Capri installed automatic fill on the Splash pad as well as new chemical tubing
- New piping was installed in Endless River surge tank due to a broken flange
- Lap pool had new ball bearings and impeller installed on pump
- All pool lights were fixed
- Lap pool grates gaps were fixed
- Lap pool dive shoots were replaced
- Lap and endless river painted (warranty work)
- Endless river were power washed
- Leisure pool was cleaned, power washed, and patched
- Splash pad flooring was removed
- ADA Audits were completed



## COVID Cancelled Programs

- Crocs Swim Team
- Crocs Dive Team
- Mini Crocs Swim Team
- All levels and sections of Swim Lessons
- Water Polo
- Padi Seal Team Scuba Camp
- Discover Scuba Experiences (3)
- River Walk Club
- Dive in Movies (2)
- Water Fitness Classes (2)
- Tot Times
- Crocs Diving Clinics
- Special Events Days (3)
- Lifeguard Classes
- Youth Triathlon
- Youth Try-Athlon



# ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

## Artist Reception

On January 7, a reception was held to congratulate Dan and celebrate his work. Around 70 people attended and it was a great success! Artist Dan held a small Q&A in the multipurpose room in addition to giving a brief speech. Everyone had a wonderful time and enjoyed the arts and refreshments.



## Art Exhibit

On October 13, the 4th Quarter Art Exhibit was installed at City Hall. This exhibit featured watercolor work by the late Tom Millerbaugh and was displayed until the end of 2020.



## 2020 By the numbers

Cancelled - 19 ticketed concerts that were expected to sell an estimated 47,000 tickets and gross over \$1.5 million

Cancelled - Pedal the Cause, Jazzfest, KSHE Car Show, The Point's Eat and Treat, Food-Bank's Rock Out for Hunger along with 6 other charitable events, which amounted to an estimated \$39,000 loss.

Cancelled - Movies Under the Stars

Cancelled - Sounds of Summer Concert Series

## Events

On September 12, Chesterfield Amphitheater was home to Pedal the Cause Kids Challenge Car Parade and Pure Barre Chesterfield's 5 year Anniversary outdoor pop-up class.



# MAINTENANCE HIGHLIGHTS

New Central Park pavilion project



Amphitheater entertainment area



Installed Storybook Walk



F Quad turf infields at CVAC



Repainted CFAC Endless River



Rebuilt Eberwein Dog Park Water feature

