

CHESTERFIELD PARKS, RECREATION, & ARTS

MONTHLY REPORT - APRIL 2023



TREE CITY USA



Staffing Updates

The following staff changes recently occurred:

- Bryan Johnson was hired as a Parks Maintenance Worker
- Jeff Presson was promoted to Senior Maintenance Worker
- Alex Ringhausen was promoted to Senior Maintenance Worker
- Jim Russom was promoted to Parks Supervisor
- Collin Thornhill, Parks Maintenance Worker, left for another opportunity

CAPRA

Staff hosted a virtual visit with the Commission on Accreditation of Parks and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) in mid-April. After much time and effort, staff were informed we are being recommended for reaccreditation after meeting all 154 standards. A perfect score is rare. We appreciate all the help we received from other city departments throughout the process. It is a team effort. Final confirmation of reaccreditation must come from the Commission itself. We anticipate to hear from them in June.

Chesterfield Valley Athletic Complex Turf Infields Project

We hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony with Perfect Game April 29. Thank you all for attending.

Eberwein Park

Eberwein Park Trail reconstruction project is currently in progress. The concrete trail has been constructed. Final soil grading and seeding remain. Staff anticipate completion by the end of May 2023.

Logan Park

Contractors have poured the concrete trail, parking lot curbs, and pickleball courts. Base rock has been placed in the parking lot with paving to follow. Parks staff will install shade structures on the playground. Water and electrical connections are complete.

Aquatic Center Feasibility Study

Council approved a proposal from Capri / Water's Edge May 1. Staff meet virtually with the vendor May 17. We expect first steps to start in June.





The art exhibit at City Hall is free and open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday - Friday.

The April-June exhibit features work from Kelene Monsterlove, Kim A. Bouldin-Jones, and Dimitrina Kutriansky. We will be hosting an artist reception on May 25 which will allow each artist to promote their work and speak with guests while enjoying drinks and hors d'oeuvres.



The 2023 Art Exhibit at Chesterfield City Hall will showcase the following established regional artists:

April - June

Kelene Monsterlove
Kim A. Bouldin-Jones
Dimitrina Kutriansky

July - September

Mary Drastal
Judy Stroup
Sandy Haynes

October - December

Jodie Maurer



Kelene Monsterlove

Inside Looking Out



Kim A. Bouldin-Jones

Golden Paris



Dimitrina Kutriansky

Daybreak



Gary Allan and Tracy Lawrence with Payton Smith

On Wednesday, April 5, we announced the addition of Payton Smith to the Gary Allan and Tracy Lawrence show that is taking place at the Chesterfield Amphitheater on May 19.



Blues Traveler with Big Head Todd and the Monsters

On Tuesday, April 11, we announced the Blues Traveler with Big Head Todd and the Monsters show that will take place Friday, August 18. Tickets for this show went on sale Friday, April 14.



Cashless Information

On Wednesday, April 26, we made our first announcement of the Chesterfield Amphitheater making the transition to a cashless venue. The concession stand and bars will be accepting debit, credit, prepaid cards, and mobile payments while external vendors such as food trucks and merchandise tables will accept all forms of payment including cash.



Sound System Installation

Our new sound system was installed on Tuesday, April 18. These T-10 acoustic sound systems will give our guests a better sound experience than ever before!



Front of House Installation

On Tuesday, April 25, our new front of house was installed. This will allow our concert goers a better experience and view of the stage from behind the front of house system.



CVAC has been busy this month with baseball, softball, soccer, lacrosse, volleyball, flag football, as well as several new users. We are a few months into the season, and are excited for what is to come still.

Baseball/Softball

Chesterfield Baseball & Softball Association / Perfect Game

Along with daily league play from CBSA in April, CVAC hosted four Perfect Game tournaments and one CBSA tournament. The weather in April brought some strong storms, but the synthetic turf infields have greatly reduced the number of rainouts. Communications between the City and Perfect Game have been fantastic as we work together to offer the best paying experience possible.

Miscellaneous Users

We do our best to accommodate field requests. CBSA and Perfect Game play daily, but we try to find a place for other groups in the complex outside of priority user schedules.



Multi-Purpose Fields

SLYSA

St. Louis Youth Soccer Association is getting close to the end of their season. They have soccer games on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays through the end of May.

MO-KAN NFL Flag

NFL Flag Football have had some exciting games on the fields. They will continue into May.

Miscellaneous Users

Marquette Lacrosse practices weekdays with a few game-days mixed in. Wildwood and Chesterfield YMCA are practicing at CVAC on Mondays and Fridays for their spring youth soccer programs. They started games this month.

Volleyball

Missouri Baptist Volleyball

Practices occur weekdays at CVAC.

Archway Sports

Archway Sports began volleyball clinics at the end of April and will continue into May.

Programs

Summer Camp

Registration for camp filled quickly. Every week is maxed out with most waitlist weeks maxed out as well. We are in the hiring process, and need one or two more before we can extend the enrollment. Final preparations are being completed to ensure camp is once again a success.

Adult Softball

We are halfway through the adult softball season with some great games happening. Thanks to the new synthetic turf infields, we have not had a rainout, and are on track for playoffs at the end of May.



ESPORTS

April was the beginning of our esports league. It's a small group, but everything is going great. We also opened registration for our summer leagues. Games offered for all ages: Super Smash Bros, Fortnite, Rocket League, and MLB The Show 23.



Ribbon Cutting

The official ribbon cutting ceremony for the synthetic turf infields was held April 29. Staff, City Council, City leadership, and Perfect Game attended. The event ran smoothly and was a great way to reinforce our partnership and commitment to creating a top tier venue for youth sports.



CVAC Usage

- CVAC Field Rental/Program Revenue 2023 YTD - \$139,463.85
- Total Complex Hours 2023 YTD - 5,627.5
- CVAC Tournaments Estimated Economic Impact YTD - \$1,040,424.50



Community Center

We had 355 people enter the Community Center this month. An additional 216 people attended other programs.

Special Event

Earth Day was held April 29 at the Central Park parking lot. We had four vendors accepting e-recycling, two vendors for educational purposes, and, seed/plant/compost/tree giveaway stations. The compost giveaway was a huge success. The truck was empty within the first hour. The e-recycling side had low attendance compared to years past. There were four other paper shredding events on the same day. A business down the street also had e-cycling and paper shredding going on at the same time. We plan to evaluate our Earth Day exact model moving forward.

Basket Weaving Class

Three attended this month's basket weaving class April 18.



Card Making

Five participants joined us to make a variety of fun spring cards.



Tot Time

On April 7, we held Tot Time at the Community Center. We offered an egg hunt in the Kid Zone. We had five kids and five adults attend. On April 21, 13 children attended Tot Time. They enjoyed coloring their own flower pot and planting seeds in them to take home to watch grow.



Babysitting 101

We had 15 participants attend. Participants learned how to prepare to become a responsible babysitter and basic CPR training.





Senior Panel Discussion

This seminar completed discussion on Advance Directive and other estate planning tools, as well as introduced the importance of ongoing financial and tax planning. 22 seniors attended.

Heritage Museum Art and History

This was a Chesterfield historical presentation about early Chesterfield settlers. These pioneers were farmers and so much more. Their tales involved political careers, military exploits, premeditated murders, and severe hardships. They are some of the people who laid the foundation for modern Chesterfield.

Golden Lunch Brunch

Lunch was enjoyed at the Le Bonne Bouchee Restaurant. 19 seniors attended.





Yoga

Yoga had 11 participants this month.

Creativity Breaks

Two people attended our first creative break activity. Both enjoyed painting birdhouses and were excited to take them home. We hope participation grows with future offerings.



Pickleball Clinics

Our pickleball season for 2023 began April 25 with intermediate and beginner clinics. Our clinics are run by Callahan Pickleball Academy. The intermediate clinic had five participants and the beginner clinic had 13.

Dog Park

On Friday, April 29, we hosted our "Puppuccinos in the Park" event. We had 50 dogs join us for a yummy puppuccino treat. Our dog park membership keeps growing. We currently have 270 residential members and 14 non-residential members.



Senior Shuffle

On April 20, 19 seniors toured Briarcrest Estates, one of the many living centers around the area. This gave them the opportunity to ask questions and tour facilities to find the best fit for their needs.



Bridge

Bridge had of 50 players this month.

Mahjong

There were 16 participants playing Mahjong this month.

Mahjong Lessons

This was our first time hosting Mahjong lessons with Phyllis. Eight participants attended.

LOAP

At the April 10 meeting, seniors were entertained by Stacy McClenahan who played popular music that they enjoyed. Some of them danced in front of the crowd, while others danced in their chairs. 23 seniors from Chesterfield attended. The April 24 meeting had 22 seniors from Chesterfield. Entertainment was by a husband-and-wife duo - Art and Nancy. Strawberry shortcakes were served for dessert.



Older Adult Bingo

On April 12, bingo was sponsored by Brooking Park. We had 89 seniors. On April 26, bingo was sponsored by Delmar Gardens Chesterfield Villas. We had 90 seniors. Prizes were awarded to winners along with an attendance prize.

Senior Trips



Friday, April 14, the LOAP group took a trip to see the Clydesdales at Warm Springs Ranch in Booneville, which sits on 300-plus acres. This is a breeding farm for the Budweiser Clydesdales which features a mare/stallion and foaling barn, 10 pastures, and is home to 70+ Clydesdales ranging from foals to stallions. After touring Warm Springs Ranch, we had lunch at Les Bourgeois Vineyards.

St. Louis Cardinals

25 seniors went to the Cardinal/Diamondbacks game April 19. The Cards played hard and brought in a win, 14-5!



Made in STL Day Trip

A step-on tour guide from the Missouri History Museum joined us for a Tour de St. Louis. The tour took us through hidden neighborhoods along the riverfront, stopping to learn about everything from bricks to boats to bananas.



Aquatics



All pool programs and passes went live in February. We are currently taking registrations. Our numbers to date are:

- Pool Passes Sold: 241
- Swim Team Registrations: 108
- Dive Team Registrations: 17
- Swim Lesson Registrations: 56
- Dive in Movies: 17
- Y-Kiki Programs: 13
- Dive Clinics: 4

We contracted with Capri to assist with some repairs at the Aquatic Center. They also helped re-anchor the main drains in the lap pool and finished frames and anchors in the endless river.

All seasonal positions are live. We currently have applications for the following:

- Lifeguards: 34
- Head Guards: 6
- Pool Managers: 2
- Aquatic Aid: 25
- Recreation Intern: 1



Staff are working to prepare the aquatic center for opening day May 27. The lap pool and leisure pool are filled. Staff are working on chemicals/cleaning. Staff hosted the first lifeguard certification class April 29-30, and certified 10 lifeguards. We are continuing to work with area schools to get the word out that we are in need of staff. Maintenance helped paint the lap pool, anchor the SDS netting, and with various tasks.



Pavilions

East Pavilion

Booked 4 of the 10 weekend days (1 day for city events)

Booked 3 of the 20 weekday days (0 days for city events)

Booked overall 7 of 30 days

West Pavilion

Booked 8 of the 10 weekend days (1 day for city events)

Booked 2 of the 20 weekday days (0 days for city events)

Booked overall 10 of 30 days



Central Park

- Repaired wall at Butterfly Grove
- Installed weed barrier
- Added screenings
- Formed and poured base for sculpture
- Washed and set tables out on Veterans
- Started up stream-walk
- Put up umbrellas in playground and pool
- Fixed/maintained restrooms



River's Edge Park

- Installed rocks in a U-shape for the outdoor education area
- Laid mulch trail entrance for paddleboarding and kayaking





Amphitheater

- Took burlap off trees
- Mulched bed areas
- Changed and installed sun screens on VIP deck at the amphitheater
- Painted back wall and pillars on stage
- Irrigation repair



Chesterfield Parkway Community Garden

- Performed daily tasks
- Made repairs to hose and garden boxes

City Hall

- Installed sod
- Removed overgrowth from fence



Rights of Way

- Picked up trash on all areas
- Continued mowing, string trimming, and blowing off all areas
- Sprayed weeds on all areas
- Started running tests on irrigation and making repairs where needed
- Removed dead tree limbs from Clarkson/40
- Plant Winterberry bushes





Eberwein Park



- Removed fence panels and turf blankets inside the dog park
- Started water features inside the dog park
- MSD inspections
- Repaired damaged irrigation at Eberwein and Clarkson medians
- Mowed grass at Railroad Park
- Mowed grassy area behind Lowe's



CVAC

- Performed artificial turf maintenance including dragging synthetic and dirt infields and warning tracks
- Sprayed weeds in warning tracks



- Cleaned drainage ditches
- Helped with pickleball court renovation
- Mowed levee trail and wetland trail multiple times
- String trimmed fence lines



- Turned on all irrigation pump houses
- Attended synthetic turf demonstration seminar
- Repaired 3 mainline leaks in E quad
- Ordered new drag mats and assembled for synthetic turf
- Fixed irrigation leaks on B5 and B2
- Installed "protect the field" signs
- Assisted with ribbon cutting ceremony with Perfect Game for synthetic turf infields



CVAC - continued

- Painted soccer fields and foul lines
- Watered sod and newly planted trees
- Aerified new sod



- Top dressed low spots and filled in gaps between the sod
- Filled in holes in outfields that kids dug out with cleats
- Mowed baseball and soccer fields
- Put down fertilizer on baseball fields



- Put down pre-emergent herbicide on soccer fields
- Repaired irrigation and tested system
- Painted pickleball courts
- Put in new sleeves for posts
- Installed pickleball nets and measured for the correct height
- Cleaned up yard, and moved equipment for asphalt sealing
- Sprayed for broadleaf weeds





Logan Park

- Met with project contractors.
- Next Level Construction was on site working on forming and pouring the trail around the park. They have one small section of trail left to complete. They have also formed and poured concrete around the bathroom. In addition, all parking lot curbs are complete.
- Contractor Castle was on site backfilling and grading around poured trails and retaining wall, and working on drainage swales.
- Bombshell had re-surveyors out so they can begin construction of the pickleball courts.
- Electric service has been completed.
- JL Contracting started the water connection for the restrooms
- Continued mowing, string trimming, and blowing where possible.
- Installed swings, Omni Spinner, and Boogie Board to playground.
- Started working on playground shade canopies.





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