

# CHESTERFIELD PARKS, RECREATION, & ARTS

MONTHLY REPORT - APRIL 2024



TREE CITY USA



# ART EXHIBIT CHESTERFIELD

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 was installed the first week of April and features artwork from artists Tom Friel, Phyllis Miller and Christina Walton.



The 2024 Art Exhibit at Chesterfield City Hall will showcase the following established regional artist:

**April - June**

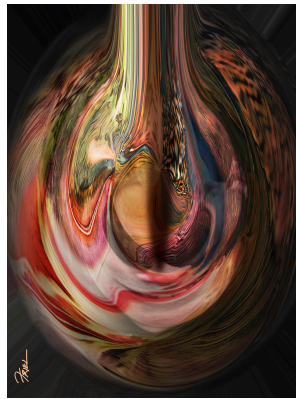
- Tom Friel
- Phyllis Miller
- Christina Walton

**July - September**

- Amelia LaChance
- Abigail Xenos
- Kimberly Yates

**October - December**

- Beth House
- Mark Koritz
- Del Rae



**Tom Friel**  
*Capriciously Cosmic*



**Phyllis Miller**  
*City of Mozart*



**Christina Walton**  
*Daniel*

## JJ Grey & Mofro with Cedric Burnside

On Saturday, April 20, we kicked off our 2024 concert season with a performance by JJ Grey & Mofro, with opener Cedric Burnside. We sold 1,726 tickets, and had a sold-out VIP experience that included a meet & greet with JJ Grey.



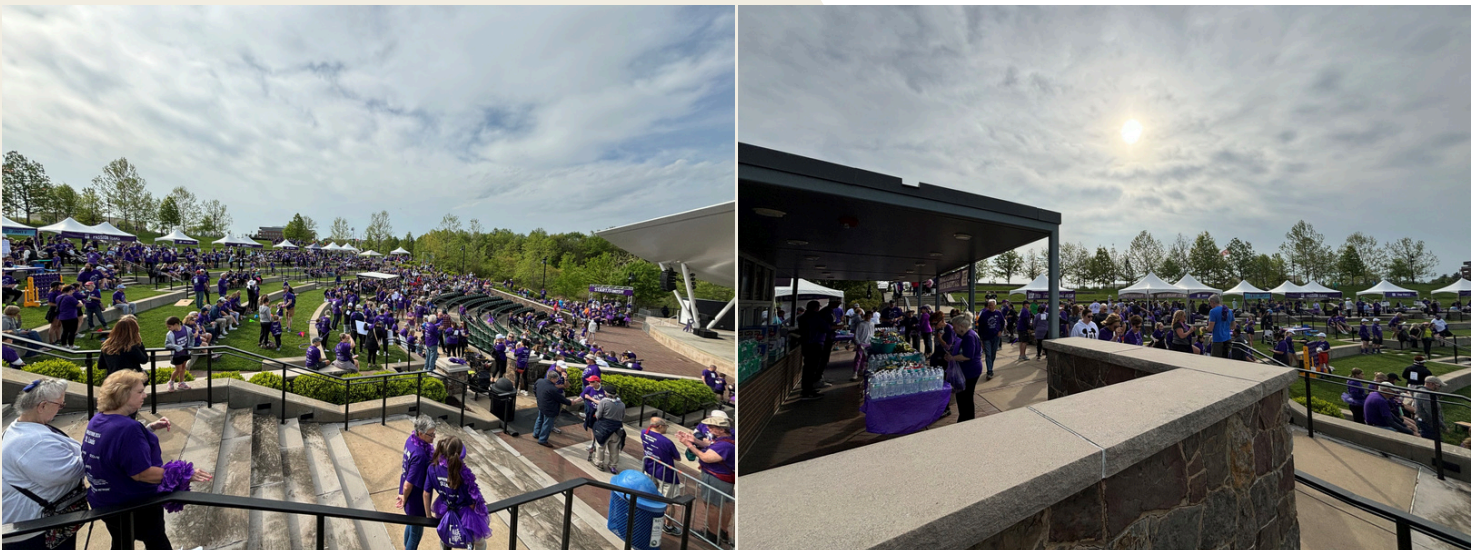
## Mr. Blue Sky

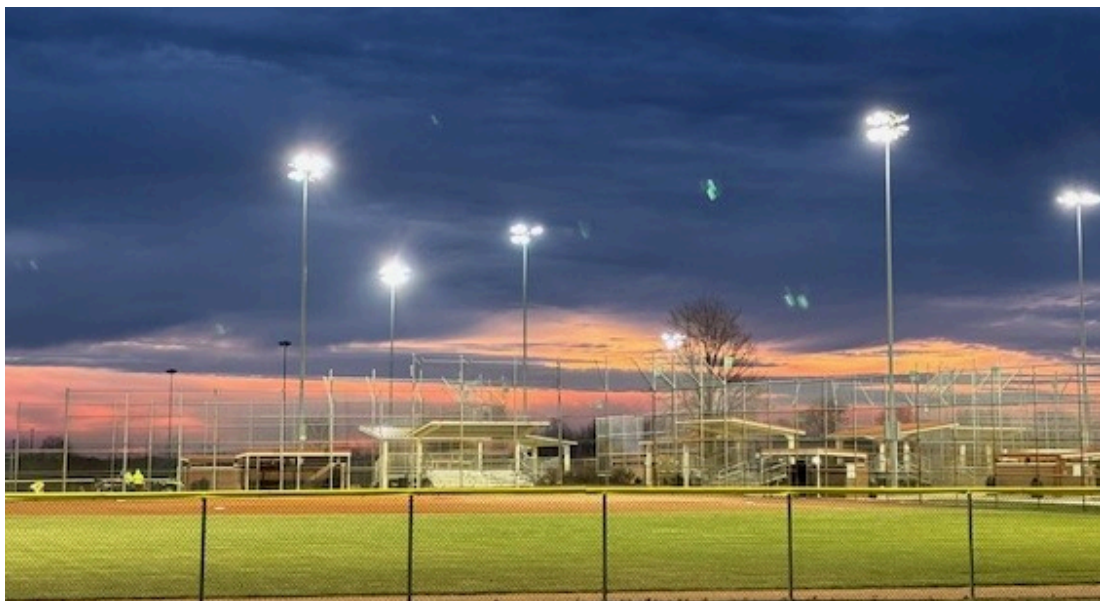
On April 22 we announced Mr. Blue Sky will be performing on September 13 on all social media platforms. Tickets went on sale April 26.



## PanCAN PurpleStride USA 2024

On April 27 the Chesterfield Amphitheater hosted PanCAN's PurpleStride walk to end Pancreatic Cancer. Survivors, families, caregivers, researchers, and supporters took steps to honor and support everyone affected by the disease.





## **Baseball/Softball**

### **CBSA**

CBSA began spring season games, and have been keeping the fields busy each night of the week. They have been battling April weather, but still managed to host two tournaments on top of their league games,

### **Perfect Game**

Perfect Game split the weekends with CBSA, and hosted two tournaments. They continue to bring out of town teams to our area while keeping several local teams in the competition.

### **Miscellaneous**

We have been accommodating as many coaches and teams as we can to fill any open field space within the busy CBSA and PG schedules.



### Multi-Purpose

Multi-purpose fields have been busy with lacrosse, youth soccer and flag football. We will continue these sports going into the summer.



### Volleyball

Beach tennis has been on our courts for April. Starting in May, we will have more regular usage during the week with league play and tournaments.



### Miracle Field

Miracle League began their season in April. It is great having them out at the complex three days a week!



### Pickleball

Spring weather was a challenge, but pickleball clinics are fighting through it. We had several participants at each clinic.



## Adult Softball

Leagues began in April and are off to a good start. We are maxed out with nine teams in both the men's league and COED league. We had several competitive games, and are excited to see who the winners will be!



## Youth Soccer

Chesterfield youth soccer league has been great at the complex. Our volunteer coaches have also been outstanding! They are the reason this program runs. We have a couple weeks left until the season wraps up in May.



### CVAC Usage

- Field Rental/Program Revenue 2024 YTD - \$291,424.64
- CVAC Field Hours Used 2024 YTD - 4,939.75
- Estimated Tournament Economic Impact 2024 YTD - \$4,507,750

## Community Center

We hosted various activities at the Community Center in April. We had 411 people come through our doors, and 849 people attended our events/programs. On April 13, we had a children's chess tournament rental had around 70 kids competed.

## Job Fairs

Staff attended three job fairs at Eureka, Rockwood Summit, and Lafayette High Schools. Kids were educated about our summer job opportunities.



## Earth Day

Earth Day was a great success! Recycling had over 400 cars drive through. We had over 250 cars receive free compost, trees and native flowers/seeds. Our Garden Club handed out to patrons tomato plants they grew from seeds.





## Aquatics

Hiring for seasonal staff went online January 5.

So far, we have the following applicants:

- Lifeguard- 58
- Manager- 2
- Headguard- 6
- Aquatic Aide- 21
- Swim Coaches- 1
- Dive Coaches- 2

April 20-21, we held our first lifeguard training. Seventeen lifeguards were certified. We were able to use Rockwood Summit High School indoor pool for the water portion of training on Saturday and Sunday.



Staff are working hard to prepare the facility for opening day May 24.

### **The following things were done:**

Concessions stand cleaned, stocked and serviced by CSI company  
Splash pad area was cleaned, and pumps are in working condition.

Animals and features were installed.

Lifeguard room storage was cleaned and organized.

First aid supplies were stocked and organized.

Lounge chairs were put out and power washed.

Competition pool was power washed and made ready to fill April 30.

Beach grates were put back in.

Cash drawers were taken out of concession stand.

Funbrellas were put up inside facility.

### **Lazy River and SDS update:**

Painting crews have been painting the SDS feature, and working to fill cracks inside the lazy river. Paint started April 25 on the lazy river.

## Older Adult Activities

The April 10 Bingo event was sponsored by The Grande of Chesterfield, featuring fantastic prizes and a gourmet meal for lunch. It was announced we will be relocating to The Commons in late August. There were 74 seniors in attendance. On April 24, the Senior Learning Institute sponsored Bingo, drawing the highest attendance of the year with 102 seniors.

On April 8, seniors were entertained by Sherry & Jerry Ragtime Music. Nineteen Chesterfield seniors attended. On April 22 Sterling Lloyd sang some of the seniors' all-time favorites. Twenty-one Chesterfield residents attended.



We hosted “Death, Dying and Funerals – Navigating End of Life Decisions” educational talk April 2. Despite the undeniable statistic that 100% of us will face death eventually, it remains a topic often avoided in conversation. Some undoubtedly contemplate it, a few accept it, but for the majority, it's a subject they shy away from. Instead of being able to focus on emotional healing and supporting those in mourning, families often find themselves addressing these issues. Forty-two seniors participated in this discussion.

On April 18, 12 seniors embarked on a tour of The Grande at Chesterfield. They explored the facility, and had the chance to tour inside a couple apartments.

Thirteen seniors gathered for lunch and conversation at Lester's Sports Bar and Grill on April 11.

In April, 90 seniors played Bridge and 35 played Mahjong.

### **LOAP Trip to Sheldon Concert Hall**

On April 17, LOAP seniors attended a musical performance by Sweetie and the Toothaches. Following the performance, they went to Hodack's for lunch, then to Chocolate. Chocolate. Chocolate., where we indulged in sweet treats.

### **Senior Trip to Amish Country**

On April 25, 40 seniors embarked on a trip to Arthur, IL to explore the Amish community. Upon arrival, a guide led us on a tour of the town. We then had the pleasure of visiting an Amish home for lunch, where we were treated to a delicious meal of fried chicken, meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, noodles, green beans, homemade bread, and pie. Following lunch, we had some leisure time for shopping before returning home.



### **Mahjong Lessons**

Our beginner Mahjong lessons at the Chesterfield Community Center had 15 participants. Each were eager to learn the new game.

### **Intermediate Bridge Lessons**

Twelve participants took their Bridge knowledge to the next level. This intermediate bridge class helped each student become stronger players.



## Youth Activities/Special Events

### Tot Time

The past two Tot times included making springtime cards and also setting up sunflower plants to take home. Kiddos had fun with both the activities and free play.

### Kids Movie Night

A total of 29 people attended our kid's movie night. Families enjoyed popcorn, cookies, and refreshments while they watched the "Trolls" movie.



### Puzzle Party

We had six teams participate in this event. The first-place team completed their 300-piece puzzle in under 30 minutes. Everyone enjoyed time with friends after completing their puzzle.

### Girl Scout Archery Class:

We hosted five Girl Scouts for a 1-hour archery clinic to complete a badge requirement.



### Babysitting 101:

Eight eager participants learned the fundamentals of starting a successful babysitting business, effective communication strategies with parents to interactive role-playing scenarios. Everyone gained valuable insights and practical skills. They also received essential training in basic First Aid, ensuring they're well-prepared for any situation.

## Dog Park

Dog park members come together to socialize and exercise their furry companions. With a total of 266 members, it's a bustling environment filled with wagging tails and happy barks. It's a place where friendships are formed, and bonds between dogs and humans are strengthened through shared experiences.



## Garden Club

Master gardener, Xavier Kaighin, spoke to a group of 23 people about tree planting and health. It was educational, and members took a lot of valuable information away.



## Puzzlepalooza

Seven teams joined us on a Thursday afternoon for a little puzzle race. Each team was given the same 300-piece puzzle. The first place team finished in just under 40 minutes. Every team was able to finish in the 2-hour time frame.





### **Pavilion Rentals**

#### East Pavilion - Central Park

Booked 6 of 8 weekend days (2 for city events)

Booked 1 of 22 weekday days (1 for city event)

Booked overall 7 of 30 days (3 for city events)

#### West Pavilion - Central Park

Booked 7 of 8 weekend days (2 for city events)

Booked 2 of 22 weekday days (1 for city event)

Booked overall 9 of 30 days (3 for city events)

#### Logan Park Pavilion

Booked 4 of 8 weekend days

Booked 1 of 22 weekday days

Booked overall 5 of 30 days



## Central Park

- Tree removal
- Pool paint prep
- Mulched flower beds
- Sprayed weeds in Veterans Honor Park
- Graded ground and set storage unit
- Plumbing repairs
- Repaired art sculpture, Flow lotos flower
- Set up fence at the amphitheater and panels for event season





### Rights of Way

- Mowed, string trimmed, picked up trash and blew off all areas
- Sprayed weeds on all areas
- Lane closure on Olive for median maintenance
- Started installing irrigation backflows
- Ran irrigation tests and made repairs
- Removed downed limbs from storm damage
- Serviced mowers
- Storm damage clean up on Parkway medians
- Mulched Parkway medians





### City Hall

- Removed daffodils
- Irrigation repair



### River's Edge Park

- Spread wood chips on trail





## Eberwein Park



- Laid sod in the dog park
- Put down turf blankets in the dog park
- Put up temporary fencing in the dog park
- Replaced bad pump and started water features in the dog park



### CVAC

- Daily field crew set up
- Synthetic turf and dirt infield maintenance
- Storm damage clean up and repairs
- Irrigation wiring repairs and replacement in F quad due to lightning strike



- Irrigation audits and repairs
- Excavated areas for new A3 dugouts and shade structures
- Turned on all irrigation pumps



### CVAC continued

- Replaced light at the concession stands
- Changed out menu board on the concession stands
- Trenched in new irrigation wire in F quad
- Mowed soccer fields and baseball fields for the first time
- Sprayed weeds
- Put new lacrosse goals together



- Painted soccer fields, lacrosse fields, flag football and foul lines
- Cleaned up along Kurtz Road; picked up debris along walls and curbs
- Fixed the gate to the walk-in cooler at the OMB
- Pulled weeds in raised beds





### Logan Park

- Performed daily playground and trail inspections
- Blew debris off trails, pickleball, and pavilion daily
- Mowed, string trimmed, blew off all surfaces
- Installed trash can pavers
- Planted daylilies around park entrance sign



- Power washed pavilion and playground
- Planted legacy tree and installed plaque
- Installed gabion rock around parking lot circle
- Removed rock from construction entrance, added topsoil and seeded
- Installed Treegator bags on new trees for watering

### Dierberg Park

- fountain clean up



# PHOTO OF THE MONTH



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