

PARKS, RECREATION, & ARTS

MONTHLY REPORT - MARCH 2023



UPDATES FROM PARKS DIRECTOR, TW DIECKMANN

Staffing Updates

The following staff changes recently occurred:

- Mariah Wegener started as Recreation Specialist in the Arts & Entertainment division

Chesterfield Valley Athletic Complex Turf Infields Project

Project is complete. Punch list is complete, except removal of one piece of rental equipment by contractor.

Eberwein Park

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

Aquatic Center Feasibility Study

We were recently awarded a \$7600 MUNI planning grant. The city pays remaining costs. The general goal is to assess our current facility, conduct market and demographic research, and determine next steps. Staff are reviewing multiple proposals. We intend to recommend a firm to the Parks, Recreation, and Arts Citizens' Advisory Committee first. After that, we plan to bring our recommendation to council for consideration.

Logan Park

Contractors are almost done pouring the concrete trail. Curbs are next, then base rock and parking lot paving will begin. Park staff are putting the final touches on the playground as weather permits. Water and electrical connections are in progress. Work on pickleball courts has yet to begin.

Read on for all the exciting things happening at Chesterfield Parks!



251

Dog park members to date

992

Community Center participants this month

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



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 January-March exhibit features work from Sarah Lorentz, Leona Busse, and Jack Clark. This exhibit was removed the last week of March. The April-July exhibit will be installed the first week of April.

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



Leona Busse
Yellowstone Mountains



Jack Clark
Forest Park Bandstand



Sarah Lorentz
The Great Balloon Glow



Movies Under The Stars

The 2023 Movies Under the Stars series will feature two movies laser projected onto the amphitheater roof. *Minions: The Rise of Gru* will be shown Wednesday, June 7, and *Family Camp* will be shown Wednesday, August 9.



Breakfast in America

On Monday, March 13, we announced the Breakfast in America - A Supertramp Celebration show that will take place Friday, June 2. Tickets for this show went on sale Friday, March 17, and sold over 300 tickets in the first day.



Rock Out Hunger

On Wednesday, March 22, Rock Out Hunger presented by the St. Louis Area Foodbank went on sale. The event will feature performances by FatPocket, Dirty Muggs, and School of Rock Ballwin.



Open Highway Music Festival

On Tuesday, March 21, we announced the 2023 Open Highway Music Festival with four-time grammy award winner Jason Isbell & The 400 Unit as the headliner. Tickets for this event went on sale Friday, March 24.



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CONCERT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jason Isbell to Headline St. Louis' Open Highway Music Festival

Concertgoers will get some of the first-ever live listens for the country star and his band's new album

By Katie Lawson on Wed, Mar 22, 2023 at 3:43 pm

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Courtesy All Eyes Media

Jason Isbell and The 400 Unit join a talented lineup at Open Highway Music Festival.

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The Open Highway Music Festival has finalized its headliner: Americana star Jason Isbell and The 400 Unit will be the featured act.

With the band's new album, *Weathervanes*, debuting on Friday, June 9, concert goers will be some of the first live listeners for the new songs during the Friday, June 16, and Saturday, June 17, festival. The decorated singer and songwriter has won four Grammys throughout his career. *Weathervanes* is his first self-produced album.

Other featured guests include Blackberry Smoke, S. G. Goodman, The Heavy Heavy, and many more.

The Riverfront Times covered the announcement of the Open Highway Music Festival Wednesday, March 22. The full article can be viewed by scanning the QR Code below.



RECREATION



Community Center

We had 498 people enter the Community Center this month. An additional 494 people attended our other programs.

EggStravaganza Prep: We officially stuffed all the eggs before the event date! Staff went to area sponsors and vendors to get promotional pictures.



Aquatics

All pool programs and passes went live in February. We are currently taking registrations

- Pool Passes Sold: 186
- Swim Team Registrations: 101
- Dive Team Registrations: 17
- Swim Lesson Registrations: 42
- Dive in Movies: 14
- Y-Kiki Programs: 10

This month started Thursday work days at the pool. Staff started to deep clean the managers' office, concession stand, and both restrooms.

Capri replaced the lap pool filter sand March 14th. Some of their upcoming projects include: new anchors for the slide main drains and PVC welds in the river pump room.

Basket Weaving Class

Our basket making classes are growing in popularity! For our March "It Takes Two" class, we had 14 participants.



All seasonal positions are live and we currently have applications for the following:

- Lifeguards: 9
- Head Guards: 4
- Pool Managers: 2
- Aquatic Aid: 11
- Recreation Intern: 2

Card Making

We had 6 participants join us in March.



Older Adult Bingo

The March 8 meeting had 88 seniors in attendance. Friendship Village was the sponsor. Everyone enjoyed their St. Patrick's themed clothing. At the March 22 Bingo, we again had 88 seniors in attendance. Senior Learning Institute was the sponsor.



Tot Time

March 10: We had 4 kids attend and made four leaf clover magnets.

March 24: We had a total of 12 kids attend. The kids had lots of fun playing with each other, and really enjoyed the "prize walk" game. We handed out coloring books and crayons as prizes donated by the Monarch Fire Protection District.



Family Bingo

This month, Mid America Law, LLC sponsored family bingo. We had over 114 people! The theme was "Everything Green" and everyone had a blast!



Senior Panel Discussion

Ask the Lawyer

Lawyers were there to discuss wills, trusts, advance directives, power of attorneys, probate, and more. Questions were answered by St. Louis Area Estate and Elder Law Attorneys. Attendees were also offered a free State of Missouri Health Care Directive to complete. There were 41 in attendance.

Diabetes Alert Day presented by St. Luke's Diabetes Alert Day is a one-day "wake-up call" that focuses on the seriousness of diabetes and the importance of understanding your risk. Glucose screenings, diabetes risk-assessments, and education resources to learn more about health and wellness were offered at this program. There were 21 participants.



Golden Lunch Brunch

For the March 15 lunch, this group went to the Hearth Room Café. 20 seniors enjoyed a great lunch and lively conversations.

Cinema Days

This month we watched *Singing in the Rain*. We had 5 people join us. Popcorn and light refreshments were provided.



Yoga

This month we welcomed new yoga instructor, Jamie Blackson. Jamie is a certified yoga instructor and Marine Corps Veteran. She offers Chair Yoga and Morning Flow on Wednesday mornings and Gentle Yoga on Thursday mornings. Participants are really enjoying her classes.

Logan Nutrition Talk

Hannah Gravot, a student dietitian from Logan College, presented Healthy Snacking, Healthy Aging Nutrition Seminar to nine seniors. Everyone enjoyed a healthy snack at the end.



Recycle Right

Susan Piazza, with Republic Services, discussed what you can recycle and what happens to recycled waste. Nine residents were in attendance.

Everything Green Bunco Night

We held our first Bunco Night March 28. We had 10 participants. The theme for the evening was "Everything Green".



Senior Shuffle

March 16 to Briarcrest was cancelled due to staffing and elevator issues. We will be rescheduling in the fall.

LOAP

At the March 13 meeting, there were 24 Chesterfield residents in attendance. Several had a great time dancing to Greg Worzel music.

The March 27 meeting had 27 Chesterfield residents in attendance. The program was on the Great St. Louis Fire of 1849, and was presented by historian Barnes Bradshaw. This fire almost caused the entire downtown area of St. Louis to burn. He discussed the role of Thomas Targee, who finally saved the City from destruction.



Bridge

There were a total of 45 bridge players.

Mahjong

We had a total of 10 people playing Mahjong.



Dog Park

Dog park memberships keep growing. We currently have 238 residential and 13 non-resident members.



Spring Youth Soccer League

Games started March 25. Final schedules included 24 teams with a total of 268 participants.

The numbers are the following:

- 3/4 age group: 138
- 5/6 age group: 79
- 7/8 age group: 23
- 9/10 age group: 23
- 11/12 age group: 5

SPORTS & WELLNESS



The Sports and Wellness division is up and going with the 2023 season. CBSA, Perfect Game, SLYSA, NFL Flag, Missouri Baptist University sand volleyball and many more have already played here this season!

Baseball/Softball

Chesterfield Baseball & Softball Association

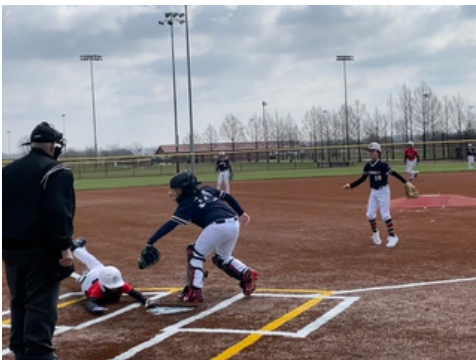
CBSA hosted their first week of games and completed a season opening tournament.

Perfect Game

Perfect Game hosted a tournament every weekend. Each hosting more teams than the previous.

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 started their season at the beginning of March. This group will have soccer games on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays through the end of May.

MO-KAN NFL Flag

NFL Flag Football had their first games at CVAC this month. We look forward to seeing them every Saturday.

Miscellaneous Users

Marquette Lacrosse is currently practicing weekdays.

Volleyball

Archway Sports

Archway Sports will start league and clinic play at the end of April with some tournaments as well.

Programs

Adult Softball

Registration for Adult Softball closed March 22. We maxed out our men's league with nine teams. We also have four teams registered for the co-ed League. Games begin April 3.

Summer Camp

Registration for Summer Camp opened February 6. Every week is maxed out. Camp is eight weeks, and starts June 8.



Shamrock Run

The 6th Annual Shamrock Run was hosted at CVAC March 11. There were just under 300 participants, and made just over \$8,300 in registration fees.



ESPORTS

Esports, short for electronic sports, is a form of competition using video games. Esports often takes the form of organized, multiplayer video game competitions. We have partnered with Mission Control to run Esports this year. Mission Control uses an admin platform, for organizers, and a mobile app for players, to gather communities by structuring recreational esports leagues. We are excited to start our first session of Esports this April!

CVAC Usage

CVAC Field Rental/Program Revenue 2023 YTD - \$110,893.35

Total Complex Hours 2023 YTD - 1,434.5

CVAC Tournaments Estimated Economic Impact YTD - \$100,250

PARKS



Central Park

- Stained the wood ceilings for the East pavilion
- Bridge repairs on trails
- Cleaned restroom facilities
- Added mulch to landscape beds and trees
- Worked on pool list
- Glued wall caps on lake trail wall



Pavilion Rentals

We had our first pavilion rental in March. Residents may reserve a pavilion online or in person at City Hall.



Amphitheater

- Installed walkway pavers
- Trenched communications wire behind wall
- Cleaned and prepped for painting on stage pillars
- Stained dumpster enclosure



Chesterfield Parkway Community Garden

- Cleaned plots
- Emptied compost container
- Repaired boards
- Top dressed walkways

Dierberg Park

- Fertilized



River's Edge Park

- Removed graffiti

City Hall

- Renovation project
- Sprayed weeds
- Fertilized
- Mowed sod that was placed last fall
- Installed Prop U signs throughout the city





Eberwein Park



- Laid sod and put down grow blankets inside the dog park
- Added garden mix to raised beds
- Added gravel to walking paths in the community garden
- Repaired damaged irrigation



CVAC

- Backfilled and graded around infields and foul area on E quad
- Installed new irrigation perimeter zones on all E quad infields
- Laid sod on all areas of E quad



- Removed tree by Boone bridge that had sustained beaver damage

- Assisted Kirkwood Fence with new gate and foul pole installation
- Made fence repairs and installed tie downs on all infield fences
- Installed new top rails on fences at dugout entrances
- Removed graffiti and painted F quad dugouts





Logan Park

- Next Level Construction is forming and pouring concrete for the trail
- Repaired Logan University's irrigation that was broken during construction
- Worked with the electrician to trench, install conduit, and backfill for electrical service



Rights of Way

- Started mowing, string trimming, and blowing off all areas
- Mulched landscape beds on Swingley Road
- Applied pre-emergent herbicide on turf
- Helped CVAC crew with sod project
- Worked with Certified Backflow for annual testing of all removable backflows
- Planted shrubs on Olive and Woodsmill medians



PHOTO OF THE MONTH

