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## Please Don't Park on Streets During Snow Removal!

**C**ity ordinances prohibit parking on designated snow routes during snowfall events of two inches or more. Parking that obstructs emergency snow removal equipment is prohibited on all streets during any snow event, and can result in your car being towed. If you are parking on the street, please consider the width of a truck equipped with a snow plow. Unfortunately, if your car is parked on the street, the accumulated snow gets pushed around the vehicle and will require a significant effort to free your car. Parking can resume once the street has been cleared curb to curb.

Your cooperation is sincerely appreciated and will assist us in providing the best snow removal possible. During snow removal, residents can call City Hall for updates.



## Candidate Filing for Municipal Officials Begins Dec. 13

**O**n Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 8 a.m., candidate filing for the Office of Councilmember in each of the four Wards will begin in the Office of the City Clerk, 690 Chesterfield Parkway West. After Dec. 13, hours for filing during the candidate filing period will be 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Candidate filing will close Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2006 at 5 p.m. The election will be held April 4, 2006.

### QUALIFICATIONS

To run for a seat on the City Council, candidates must be at least 21 years of age prior to taking office, a citizen of the United States, a resident of the City for one year prior to the election and a resident of the Ward from which they are to be elected for six months prior to the election. For additional information, please call the City Clerk at (636) 537-6715.

### Current Elected Officials

### Term Expiration

Mayor John Nations. . . . . April 2009

#### Ward I

Councilmember Barry Flachsbart . . . . . April 2006

Councilmember Jane Durrell . . . . . April 2007

#### Ward II

Councilmember Barry Streeter . . . . . April 2007

Councilmember Bruce Geiger . . . . . April 2006

#### Ward III

Councilmember Dan Hurt . . . . . April 2007

Councilmember Mike Casey . . . . . April 2006

#### Ward IV

Councilmember Mary Brown . . . . . April 2007

Councilmember Connie Fults . . . . . April 2006

(Note: Councilmembers listed by seniority within each Ward)



To be able to vote in the April 4, 2006 municipal election, you may register at City Hall, any County public library or State motor vehicle registration office. Registration forms can be mailed to you by calling City Hall at (636) 537-4000. The deadline to register to vote in the April 4 municipal election is March 8.



## From the Mayor

# Development Update

**W**e have become accustomed here in Chesterfield to seeing many new homes and businesses under construction on a continuing basis over the past few years, and we seem to take it for granted perhaps that "construction traffic" is a part of our everyday life. In the constant hustle and bustle of daily life, it is easy to overlook that we have many good things happening around town, from greater options in housing choices, to greater shopping and employment opportunities than existed even five years ago. As part of our plan to make Chesterfield a "full service community," you are now much more able to meet the needs of everyday life of working, shopping, and recreating right here rather, driving elsewhere.

With this column, I want to share with you some details about three particularly prominent projects which will have long-term benefits to the quality of life here in Chesterfield, and indeed the entire St. Louis Region.

One of the most significant stories of 2005 is the announcement by **Pfizer** that it will expand their current research facility here in Chesterfield. Already a globally renowned research center for injectable protein-based pharmaceuticals, Pfizer will invest approximately **\$200,000,000** in its Chesterfield facility, to expand it by 330,000 square feet. The expanded facility will allow Pfizer to consolidate research operations now located at several different locations around the St. Louis region. The expansion of Pfizer has several extremely important benefits for our City. First, it is one of the most successful job retention efforts this year. More than 1,000 jobs (many held by Chesterfield residents) will remain in our area, and other jobs from around the region will be moved to the facility. The quality jobs at Pfizer and the many people who hold them add significantly to the high quality of life here in Chesterfield. Second, it shows that this region can compete globally for the best employers and the best employees, which has extremely significant ramifications for the future of our region. Third, it enhances **our image, and that of the** region, as a leader in this important research industry. Being a leader in this industry has been a goal around which much effort has been directed in the past few years. Finally, it shows how powerful our partnerships can be when we energize our efforts with other levels of government and the private sector toward the unifying goal of attracting and retaining the best employees doing the best work. So many of our residents moved to Chesterfield for the opportunity to work at this facility, and I am delighted their futures appear so bright at Pfizer.



Much progress is already evident at **Westfield Shoppingtown Chesterfield.**

The Chesterfield Mall was constructed in the mid-1970s, and last significantly modified in the mid 1990s. In 2002, Westfield America purchased the Mall from its original owners and vowed to modernize and re-develop the facility into a premier shopping destination. A visit to the facility will quickly confirm their commitment. Scheduled for a March, 2006 "Grand Re-Opening," Westfield is currently undertaking a \$71,000,000 renovation and expansion of its Chesterfield facility. Although you can readily see many renovations already completed inside, the project includes a 200,000 square foot addition, which will have a 14-screen movie theater and 14 new retailers. There will be a new food court on the lower level and the theater will occupy the entire third level of the addition, with the new retailers on the second level. Although all of the new retailers have not been announced, the new Westfield Shoppingtown Chesterfield will include a Cheesecake Factory and a Cladaugh Irish Pub. I am also proud of Westfield's commitment to our community by hosting the annual "Drug Awareness Day" in March, sponsored by the Chesterfield Drug Abuse Task Force and designed to focus attention on that important subject. Westfield contributes its center court and much of their employees' time for this important event.

The new **Drury Hotel** at the southwest corner of Clarkson and I-64 is moving toward completion, with a scheduled opening early in 2006. The hotel will have 275 rooms and 11 floors with 4,000 square feet of meeting space. It will also have a first-of-a-kind restaurant for the St. Louis area: Stoney River Legendary Steaks. Situated on one of the highest points in the City, the hotel will immediately be a landmark and will, with our other hotels around town, enhance the City as a destination and meeting place.

Although the development around town warrants much attention, it is important to remember that Chesterfield has never been about just commercial development, or development of any particular nature for that matter. It's about building an unsurpassed quality of life. In all of our efforts, we strive to achieve that great goal.

John Nations  
Mayor

## Ancient History Award Honors Contributors of Chesterfield's Past

**D**id you know that Chesterfield has been inhabited for at least 11,000 years? Archaeologists have found tools, weapons, and other evidence of Paleoindian settlers, some of the earliest known residents of North America. These ancient hunters stalked now-extinct animals such as mastodon and long-horned bison on the bluffs overlooking the Missouri River. Over the next 10,000 years, Chesterfield's residents – like many other North American cultures – developed better technologies and farming methods. By ten centuries ago we were a suburb of the great city of Cahokia.

The Chesterfield Landmark Preservation Commission, in cooperation with the City of Chesterfield, has created a new award to recognize those who have made significant contributions to our understanding of this ancient past. The Chesterfield Ancient History – Leonard Blake Award is named in honor of the late Leonard Blake, whose archaeological work in the 1940's first brought attention to this region's rich heritage. The new award was proposed by Mark W. Leach, member of the Chesterfield Landmark Preservation Commission and author of **A Guide to Chesterfield's Ancient History** (available through the City of Chesterfield).

Nominations for the 2006 Chesterfield Ancient History – Leonard Blake Award are now being accepted. All nominations will be reviewed by the Chesterfield Landmark Preservation Commission and Planning Commission, and submitted to the Mayor and City Council for final approval. The award will be presented at a designated Chesterfield City Council meeting.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE CHESTERFIELD ANCIENT HISTORY – LEONARD BLAKE AWARD?

Nominees may be organizations or individuals. They should meet the following criteria:

- Actions being recognized may include, but not be limited to: professional archaeological excavation, documentation/publication, preservation, and education.
- Nominees need not reside in Chesterfield. However, the work for which they are being recognized should focus on Chesterfield.

### NOMINATION GUIDELINES

- One nomination per person.
- Nominations will be accepted from residents and non-residents of Chesterfield.
- Previously nominated individuals can be re-nominated.
- A nominee cannot serve on the Selection Committee.

To recommend an individual or organization for recognition, please contact City Hall at (636) 537-4000 for a Chesterfield Ancient History – Leonard Blake Award Nomination Form. Complete the form and return it to: Marty DeMay, City Clerk, City of Chesterfield, 690 Chesterfield Parkway West, Chesterfield, MO 63017 or on the City's website at [www.chesterfield.mo.us](http://www.chesterfield.mo.us) The Nominating Form must be used for all nominations, and entries must be postmarked by **Feb. 11, 2006**.

## Subdivision Trustee Update

**T**he City of Chesterfield is in the process of updating its comprehensive list of Subdivision Trustees. The City provides trustees with notices of public hearings and upcoming projects that affect your subdivision. The City will also provide trustees with Ordinances and Resolutions that have been adopted by City Council, which may be of interest to residents.

If you are a new Trustee or know of any changes in your subdivision, please do one of the following:

1. Fax this information to the Customer Service Center at City Hall at (636) 537-4798
2. E-mail updates to: [trusteeupdates@chesterfield.mo.us](mailto:trusteeupdates@chesterfield.mo.us)
3. Call the Customer Service Center at (636) 537-4000



## City Council Actions

### APPOINTMENTS ■ ■ ■

**Jerry Right** appointed to the Architectural Review Board

**Alan Baudler** appointed to the Board of Adjustment.

**Joan Schacht** appointed to the Historical Commission.

**Chuck Forge** appointed to the MIS Citizens Advisory Committee.

**Bridget Nations** appointed to the Parks, Recreation and Arts Citizen Advisory Committee.

### PROCLAMATIONS

#### HONORING ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

**Brad Schlosser**, who won first place in the "Class C" Chess Tournament and was ranked as a "Top 100" chess player, at the age of twelve.

**Cub Scout Troop #597**, from Ascension Catholic School, for participating in the flag ceremony at a City Council meeting.

**Devon Cramer**, member of Girl Scout Troop #111, received the Gold Award, Girl Scouting's most coveted award.

**Friendship Village**, in celebration of their thirty years as a retirement community.

Former-Mayor **Jack Leonard**, who passed away October 3.

## Chesterfield "Citizen of the Year" Call for Nominations

**M**ayor John Nations and the Chesterfield City Council are officially requesting nominations for the Chesterfield "Citizen of the Year" Award.

Many residents contribute to the community in a significant manner each day, without reward or recognition. This is an opportunity to nominate someone who has brought honor upon him or herself and the community through an outstanding accomplishment or service-minded volunteers who are simply involved and helpful.

Application forms can be obtained from the office of the City Clerk at City Hall, by calling (636) 537-6715 or on the City's website at [www.chesterfield.mo.us](http://www.chesterfield.mo.us). Applications are due no later than **Feb. 10, 2006**.

## Chesterfield Citizen's Police Volunteer Program

### "LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN & WOMEN"

**T**he Volunteers in Policing (VIPs) are helping the Police Department address traffic concerns throughout neighborhoods in Chesterfield. The Volunteers in Policing is a group of citizens who volunteer their time to help in various areas working with the Police Department.

The Chesterfield Police Department recently enacted the Volunteer Radar Survey program, which sends these VIPs into local neighborhoods in Chesterfield where speeders are prevalent. The VIPs are equipped with volunteer traffic safety vests, a radar gun and a sharp eye. They record license plates of cars found to be exceeding the posted speed limit, and turn this information in to the Police Department. Letters are generated to the owner of that vehicle, advising him/her that their vehicle was identified as having been speeding at a specific time and location. The Volunteers do not have any direct contact with the violators and are there only to record information. No tickets are issued based on the citizen radar; but the letters do advise the registered owner of the location and speed that his/her vehicle was traveling, and encourages him/her to comply with the posted traffic regulations. The main goal of this program is to slow down speeders and make neighborhoods safe. There has been a great deal of positive feedback on the program and it is scheduled to continue throughout the year. If you observe these VIPs hard at work in YOUR neighborhood, please take the time to honk and wave!

For additional information, please contact Lt. Steve Lewis at (636) 537-3000, or at the City's website [www.Chesterfield.mo.us](http://www.Chesterfield.mo.us).

## Lafayette Older Adults Program

**A**re you interested in making new friends, hearing great speakers, going on exciting trips, playing Bingo or cards? If you are 55 or older, this is a great group with which to become involved! Best of all, residents of Ballwin, Chesterfield, Ellisville, Manchester, Winchester, and the Rockwood School District pay only \$1.00 for each meeting. Day-trips and special luncheons involve separate fees. Trip space is limited and is first come-first served. Prepayment is required for all luncheons and trips.

**Upcoming events are: Dec. 12 – Holiday Breakfast and Dec. 16 Tree-mendous Holiday Tour.**

More detailed information is available at regular meetings, or by calling (636) 227-7508.

## Chesterfield Beautification Committee Update

**T**he 2005 Garden Tour, sponsored by the Chesterfield Beautification Committee, was a huge success. Proceeds from the tour, which totaled over \$8,000, were donated to the City to replace trees in City right-of-way.

The tree replacement project was recently awarded to a local nursery, Baxter Gardens, and took place through the months of Oct. and Nov.

This Swamp White Oak, located on Clarkson Road near Chesterfield Parkway, is an example of one of the trees recently planted.



## Art Feast 2006 – Chesterfield Arts' Annual Gala Event!

**W**hile many of you are just now gearing up for the holiday season, plans are already underway for an event to put some fun into the New Year. Mark your calendar now for **Art Feast 2006**, a star-studded evening that supports the cultural programming of Chesterfield Arts. **Art Feast** will take place on Saturday, Jan. 28 at the Kemp Auto Museum, the **newest** feature in Chesterfield showcasing one of the best collections of Mercedes vehicles in the world. The perfect setting for this star-studded event!

**Art Feast** has been sold out the past three years and promises to be a sell out in 2006! This one-of-a-kind event kicks off with a silent auction of unique items including a variety of artwork created by artists from the entire region, music and entertainment.

Call Chesterfield Arts at (636) 519-1955 for tickets, or to inquire about corporate sponsorship opportunities. Tickets are \$125 per person and are tax deductible. Chesterfield Arts is a non-profit organization. Proceeds from **Art Feast 2006** support annual programming, exhibitions, concerts, classes and public art in the community.

## Calendar of Art Events

### "RE-VISIONS"

Nov. 11 – Jan. 8

An exhibition featuring mixed media collages, prints and works on paper by Ruth Kolker, Patricia Vivod, Diana Hansen and Carol Corey. In addition, fine jewelry by The Society of Midwest Metalsmiths will be available. Opening Reception: Friday, Nov. 11 from 6 – 9 p.m. **FREE**

### SAINT LOUIS SYMPHONY

Dec. 2

Chesterfield Arts will present a special holiday concert by members of the Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra through their "Music at Bonhomme" series at Bonhomme Presbyterian Church, 14820 Conway Rd. 7 p.m., cost \$3 donation at door. Call for reservations (636) 519-1955.

### "ARTISTS AS MENTORS"

Jan. 13 – March 12

A special exhibition featuring a selection of professional artists, who are also professors of art at colleges and universities throughout the region. Opening Reception: Friday, Jan. 13 from 6 – 9 p.m. **FREE**

### ART FEAST 2006

Jan. 28, 2006

Join Chesterfield Arts for their signature gala on Saturday, Jan. 28 at the new Kemp Auto Museum. Auction, music, entertainment and more! Tickets are \$125 per person. Call for reservations (636) 519-1955.

For **Winter 2006 New Classes**, please check our website at [www.chesterfieldarts.org](http://www.chesterfieldarts.org) for new classes beginning in January.

## December

- 5 City Council**  
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 12 Planning Commission**  
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 23 Christmas Holiday**  
City Hall Closed (one-half day)
- 26 Christmas Holiday**  
City Hall Closed

## January

- 2 New Years Day Holiday**  
City Hall Closed
- 4 City Council**  
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 9 Planning Commission**  
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 16 Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday**  
City Hall Closed
- 18 City Council**  
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 23 Planning Commission**  
City Hall, 7 p.m.

## February

- 6 City Council**  
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 13 Planning Commission**  
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 20 Presidents' Day**  
City Hall Closed
- 22 City Council**  
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 27 Planning Commission**  
City Hall, 7 p.m.

calendar

## Business to Business Expo

**O**ver 80 businesses and organizations will showcase their products and services at the Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce 15th Annual Business Expo from 4 – 7:30 p.m., on March 9, 2006 at the Doubletree Hotel and Conference Center, 16625 Swingley Ridge Road.

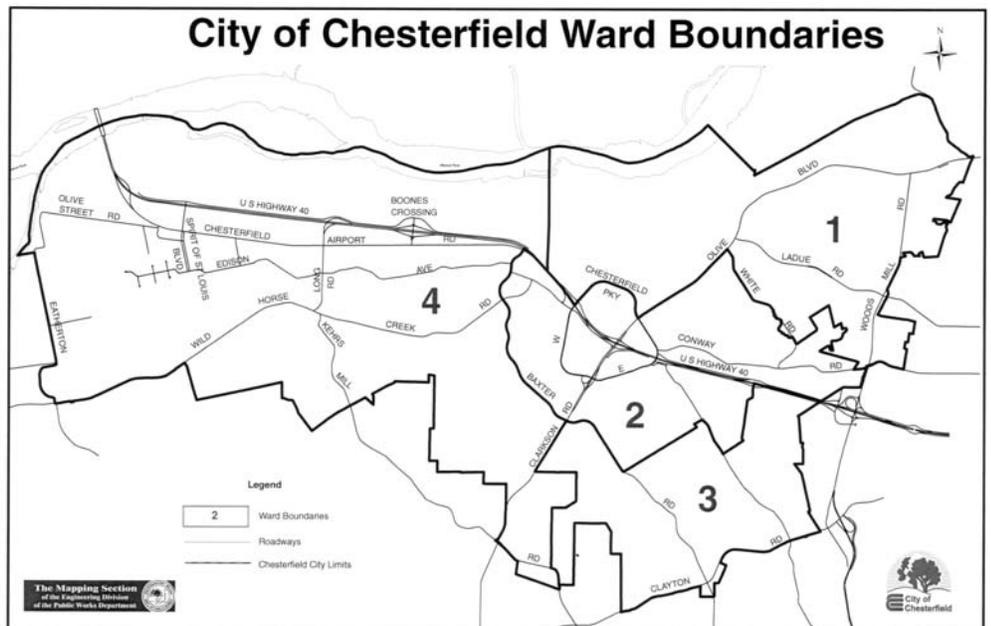
The Business Expo is an excellent opportunity for attendees to view product demonstrations and speak face-to-face with industry professionals in a relaxed atmosphere. If that is not enough to entice visitors to the Expo, exhibitors will be offering fabulous giveaways and raffle prizes. Area restaurants will be on hand with free food and drink.

Attendees should bring plenty of business cards, as there will be an exorbitant amount of leads generated at this impressive event.

Call the Chamber at (636) 532-3399 for more information.

## Ward Map

**M**any residents call City Hall to ask in which Ward their residence is located. With this in mind, the map below may help. As always, please feel free to call City Hall at (636) 537-4000, if you have any questions pertaining to the various Wards located in the City.



## Backyard Resource Compost

**C**omposting involves the conversion of leaves, grass clippings and twigs into rich organic matter that can be added to the soil. Composting is a sustainable gardening practice promoting healthy soil that, in turn, produces healthier plants. Healthy plants can perform their jobs of cleaning the air and conserving the soils, all of which helps to maintain a healthier environment. Composting is a practical and convenient way to transform backyard wastes into a resource. If you have trees, shrubs, garden and planter boxes, you have use for compost. By composting, you help your community meet a top priority for solid waste management, **by reducing waste.**

City Hall has free copies of brochures on yard waste management, including "Homeowner's Composting Guide" and "Building the Compost Pile and Mulch: Your Tree's Best Friend".

## Holiday Paper Wastes and Phone Books

**P**lease recycle your old or surplus telephone books, AS WELL AS your holiday gift wrappings, paper gift bags, cardboard and chipboard gift boxes, holiday cards, envelopes, catalogs, junk mail and so much more in your **curbside recycle bin!** Please recycle everything that can be remanufactured. Pick up a free copy of the "Think Resources NOT Trash" flyer at City Hall.

## Christmas Tree Pickup

**A**s part of the City-wide solid waste hauling contract, during the month of January 2006, Allied Waste will pick up Christmas trees at NO CHARGE from single family residences. Residents should put Christmas trees at the curb on their regular day of garbage collection service.

Please be sure to remove all trimmings from your tree before setting it out for pick up. In addition, please remove any wrappings or plastic bags you might have used to remove the tree from your home.

For more information, contact Allied Waste at (636) 947-5959.

## Environmental Programs

**A** series of FREE educational programs that help raise awareness about various environmental and nature-related topics has been scheduled to take place at City Hall:

**DEC. 7 AT 7 P.M. "Wildlife Conflict Management"**, presented by the Missouri Department of Conservation, will examine the interactions of wildlife and landowners. The purpose of the program is to educate the public about these interactions and assist landowners in arriving at solutions to resolve any problems.

**JAN. 19 AT 7 P.M. "Put Native Plants to Work on Your Home Landscape"** is also presented by the Missouri Department of Conservation. Native plants are beautiful, naturally resilient, functional and attract birds and butterflies to yards. This program will present information about the value of native plants in home landscaping, as well as practical advice on how to use native flowers, grasses, shrubs, vines and trees to bring more beauty into home gardens.

## "Innovative Building Design and Energy Efficiency"

**L**earn about the latest building innovations, regarding energy efficiency and environmental responsibility in corporate, residential, municipal and education/institutional settings, at the Regional Excellence in Energy and Environmental Design seminar, scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2006, from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at City Hall. Those who could benefit from this seminar include:

- Developers
- Design Professionals
- Code and Planning Officials
- Elected Officials and Municipal Staff
- Realtors
- Home Owners
- Anyone involved in educational facility decision-making

You will see examples of award-winning buildings, which anchor community growth. Presentations will be given by Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, accredited professionals, residential developers, educational planners, business persons, health professional, elected officials and representatives of Ameren and Laclede Gas Company. Exhibitors will demonstrate various tools for energy and resource conservation. A continental breakfast will be provided.

Seating will be limited, so please RSVP as soon as possible and no later than Feb. 17, 2006, to Kelli Krebs at (636) 537-4711 or E-mail [kkrebs@chesterfield.mo.us](mailto:kkrebs@chesterfield.mo.us).

### Holiday Trash Schedules

**S**ince the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays fall on Sunday, there will be **NO CHANGE** in the trash pickup schedule this year, during this upcoming holiday period.

## Elected Officials

### Mayor

John Nations  
636-537-4706

### Councilmembers:

#### Ward I

Barry Flachsbart  
314-434-0471  
Jane Durrell  
314-469-1439

#### Ward II

Barry Streeter  
636-537-0261  
Bruce Geiger  
636-532-9661

#### Ward III

Dan Hurt  
636-532-2035  
Mike Casey  
636-532-7116

#### Ward IV

Mary K. Brown  
636-532-0833  
Connie Fults  
636-537-5269

-Seniority by Ward-



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## Keep Your Driveway Free From Snow!

**C**learing snow from the street frequently results in blockage of previously cleared driveways. We know that this can be very frustrating, but drivers cannot always control where snow will drop from the plow. It will always drop when snow has been cleared from the side. To minimize a large wind row of snow across your driveway, you can clear an area of the street gutter 10 to 15 feet in advance of your driveway. In doing this, you create an area for the snow to drop off before the plow reaches your driveway. Our drivers are unable to remove the snow wind rows from the over 16,000 housing units in Chesterfield.

