

CHESTERFIELD

A QUARTERLY PUBLICATION OF THE CITY OF CHESTERFIELD

August 2004

www.chesterfield. mo.us

Volume XVI, Number 3

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

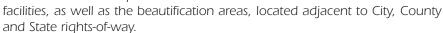
-Seniority by Ward-



CITY SCHEDULES ELECTION— Parks and Recreation November 2

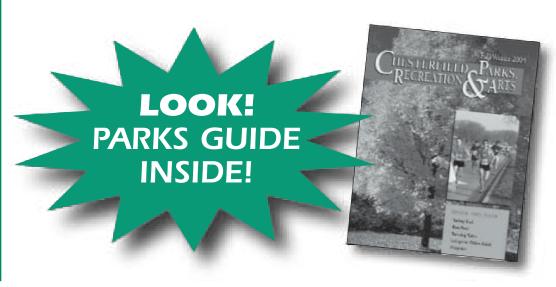
ayor John Nations recently announced that City Council has voted unanimously to place a proposal for a one-half cent sales tax, for "parks and recreation," on the November 2 election ballot. (See "Letter from the Mayor" in this Newsletter)

This proposal, if approved by a majority of Chesterfield voters, will establish a dedicated funding source, for the operation/maintenance of all parks and recreation



In addition, "Proposition P" will provide funding for the construction of additional improvements to the Chesterfield Valley Athletic Complex and the Family Aquatic Park, located within Chesterfield's Central Park, and the purchase of additional land for parks and recreational purposes.









From the Mayor

Proposition P~ November 2004

n the previous issue of the Citizen Newsletter in June, I wrote to you about the status of Parks and Recreation facilities and programs as well as provided some thoughts on current efforts to meet the rising demand for such services. It is clear from the many telephone calls, e-mails, and inquiries I received in response to that column that there is a strong interest in these issues from all parts of our community. MANY THANKS to all of you who have shared your thoughts with me and the members of the City Council. It is certainly inspiring to know so many of our citizens care so deeply about the future of our community. With your strong input, we have formulated a proposal that has strong and unanimous support of the City Council and me. This proposal will be on the ballot in November and will be known as Proposition P.

Proposition P provides for a sales tax in the amount of one-half of one cent for the purpose of providing funding for local parks. All of the money collected by this sales tax would be used exclusively for Parks and Recreation programs in the City of Chesterfield. One-half of the money collected would be used for ongoing operation and maintenance of the parks system because, unlike so many other cities, Chesterfield has no dedicated funding source for these programs and facilities. The other one-half of the money collected would be used to improve existing facilities as well as to acquire targeted greenspace in the neighborhoods. Improvements to existing facilities will include the construction of additional baseball, soccer, football, and multi-purpose fields at the Chesterfield Valley Athletic Complex (CVAC), improvements to the swimming pool at Central City Park, and the completion of the trail and sidewalk system throughout the City.

Providing positive recreational opportunities for all ages and abilities has been a priority since the City was founded in 1988. We now have more than 2,000 children participating in our community baseball and soccer programs, but we do not have the fields to sufficiently accommodate the games and the practice times which they require, which frustrates the players, their parents, the coordinators, and the coaches who volunteer so much of their time to these important community programs. A recent comprehensive survey showed that the people of Chesterfield support the construction of the long planned trail and side-

walk system, but we have not had the financial resources to accomplish this important addition to our community. That same survey also showed that people would like their City to look for opportunities to preserve remaining greenspace for use as neighborhood parks; but, again, your City has not had the financial resources to pursue these goals. *Proposition P* would provide many of the resources necessary to pursue and achieve these goals.

Proposition P is a quality of life issue that is worthy of your careful consideration.

The logical question to ask is, "Why doesn't the City have the money to do these things?" People see all of the development around town and naturally assume that means additional tax money for the City. In fact, your City government does not benefit financially from development the way many people naturally assume. Chesterfield is required by State law to be a "Pool City" with regard to sales taxes, which means that the general revenue sales taxes paid on purchases in Chesterfield go into the St. Louis County Sales Tax Pool, which is divided among the Pool Cities on the basis of population. Your City government does not benefit financially from the general revenue sales tax from the retail sales in Chesterfield any more than the other cities in the Sales Tax Pool. Consequently, even though retail sales in Chesterfield have been very strong, the revenue that Chesterfield receives through the general revenue sales tax has been essentially flat over the past three years, which has severely impacted the City budget. By contrast, all of the money collected by Proposition P would be used exclusively for parks and recreation programs in the City of Chesterfield. Finally, although we all pay substantial real property taxes, less than one percent (1%) of our real property taxes goes to City government, and the portion that does is dedicated to a bond issue from the 1990's and cannot be used for any other purpose. Many people are stunned to hear that Chesterfield, unlike so many other cities, does not have a general revenue property tax to support its operations.

I admit plainly that of all the things I

have accomplished and all the things I still hope to accomplish as your Mayor, asking you to pay more of your money for your City operations was something I frankly hoped



would be unnecessary. But given the financial constraints, you should realize that your City simply will not be able to maintain its current level of services across the entire spectrum of our operations if the voters do not approve this additional funding source. This year, as has been true the past two years, we are using money from Fund Reserves to maintain service levels to you, which means expenses are currently exceeding revenues. Given the high level of the Fund Reserves (which is about 60% of annual expenditures), I could not justify reducing service levels at this time. However, using Fund Reserves is not a long-term solution. The portion of Proposition P which would fund the ongoing operation and maintenance of the Parks system would alone provide enough revenue to stop the drain on Fund Reserves, while the portion dedicated to improving existing parks and purchasing additional greenspace would enhance the Parks system and increase the number of people of all ages and abilities to participate in and enjoy these programs and facilities.

If Proposition P does not pass in November, your City will not be able to continue its current levels of service and all aspects of our operations will be impacted. Before the City Council and I are forced to reduce service levels to you, however, I feel it is extremely important for you to have the opportunity to decide what type of government you want your city to have, what type of services you want it to deliver, and what type of community you want Chesterfield to be. This is the reason why so many of your fellow citizens as well as your City Council and I have worked diligently over the past year to formulate a proposal on which there is nearly unparalleled consensus and support.

If you have any questions or comments about this or anything else happening around town, I will, as always, be glad to hear from you.

John Malery

Chesterfield Arts CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Chesterfield Arts has an exciting line up of exhibits and performances this fall. For a full schedule listing, please visit their website www.chesterfieldarts.org or call (636) 519-1955 for more information.

EXHIBITIONS:

Group Show

Sept. 3 - Oct. 24

A selection of works by artists represented by Atrium Gallery, Duane Reed Gallery and Mad Art Gallery of St. Louis. Public reception: Sept. 17, 6-9 p.m.

Chinese Artists in Academia

Nov. 5 – Jan. 2 FREE

A rare selection of artwork by regional and national Asian art instructors from across the United States. Display in coordination with Art St. Louis. Public reception: Nov. 5, 6-9 p.m.

PERFORMANCES:

Grupo Atlantico

Sept. 4 - 3 p.m. FREE!

Art's Alive! presents dance, music and culture of the Caribbean. Westfield Shoppingtown–Chesterfield

Music at Bonhomme

Sept 26 - 5 p.m. \$3 donation

Concert featuring Laura Medendorp, soprano of the St. Louis Symphony Chorus and guest artists performing works by Vivaldi, Bach and Handel. Bonhomme Presbyterian Church, 14820 Conway Rd.

Opus Ensemble

Oct 8 - 7 p.m. Tickets: \$3/child

A family performance of the children's classic tale of Peter and the Wolf, as told through story and music. Call (636) 519-1955 for ticket information. Chesterfield YMCA Community Theater

Alexandra Ballet and YMCA Youth Orchestra

Nov 19 - 7 p.m. FREE

Art's Alive! presents a holiday favorite featuring a youth concert and scenes from the Nutcracker Ballet. Westfield Shoppingtown Chesterfield

Bach Society

Dec 4 - 7 p.m. \$3 donation at door

Music at Bonhomme Concert Series featuring a signature holiday concert. Bonhomme Presbyterian Church, 14820 Conway Rd.

Something for Everyone at Chesterfield Arts

hesterfield Arts has been busy offering all kinds of exhibits, classes, performances and special events for the community to enjoy. "We are so excited to be in our new location near the Mall," says Stacey Morse, Executive Director. "We already provide a wide range of great programs for our residents to enjoy and now we can also offer new and changing classes throughout the year as well."

This Fall will be full of great ways to get involved in the arts. COCA and Craft Alliance will be teaching classes at Chesterfield Arts, as well as many other talented instructors from the region. Classes will range from drawing and painting to more unique experiences in mosaics, stained glass, maskmaking and polymer clay creations.

For a full listing of classes visit their website www.chesterfield-arts.org. Or better yet, stop by the gallery to check it out for yourself. Chesterfield Arts is located in the 444 Chesterfield Center building across from Westfield Shoppingtown— Chesterfield.

St. Louis County Fair and Air Show Features the U.S. Navy Blue Angels

he 13th annual St. Louis County Fair and Air Show will be held September 3–6 on the fairgrounds at Spirit of St. Louis Airport.

Dates and Times

Friday, Sept. 3 5 p.m. – 10 p.m. (free admission)

Saturday, Sept. 4 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 5 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. Monday, Sept. 6 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

All fair proceeds are donated to benefit the Children's Miracle Network. To date the fair has donated \$1.2 million to CMN. Hospitals use this money to help provide cutting edge medical care to children.





Eighth America/Missouri/ Chesterfield Recycles Day

Pledge your commitment every Nov. 15 to recycling or buy recycled-content products. Communities across the country in all 50 states celebrate this day. You can learn more about this day at www.americarecyclesday.org



November/December

RECYCLE DRIVE

he next Recycle Drive for families and businesses will be held from **Oct. 30**- **Nov. 7** at Dierbergs Market Place and Schnucks Hilltown Village Center for magazines, catalogs, cardboard, chipboard, and textiles only.

From **Nov. 20 - Dec. 31** all telephone books can be recycled at City Hall, in the back parking lot and at Barron Communications in the Valley, 253 Chesterfield Industrial Boulevard.

Recycling guidelines can be found at the City's Website or at City Hall. Please follow these guidelines to avoid contamination!

Household Hazardous Chemical Collections

cal collections during the months of October/November, please call St. Louis County Department of Health-Waste Management Branch Hotline at (314) 286-9200, or use their website at www.stlouisco.com/doh/environ/recycler/wastemg.html after Labor Day.

or information on hazardous chemi-

Start Saving Now...

hose old athletic shoes to be recycled on Saturday, April 30, 2005! This recycling opportunity will accept used athletic footwear, any brand, without metal parts (ie cleats, spikes, eyelets, etc.) Details will follow in future issues of the citizen newsletter.

New Businesses

The following businesses are new in town since our last publication:

Advanced Technology International

400 Chesterfield Center, Ste. 400

Artworks Design, Inc.

16100 Chesterfield Pkwy, Ste. 215

Bankers Life & Casualty Co.

15450 S. Outer Forty Rd.

Broniec Associates, Inc.

1819 Clarkson Rd., Ste. 202

Chesterfield Motorsports

148 Chesterfield Industrial Blvd., Ste. E

Contract Installation Services

722 Goddard Ave.

Dillon International, Inc.

One First Missouri Center, Ste. 115

Enhance Rehabilitation

753 Goddard Ave.

Freescale Semiconductor, Inc.

16141 Swingley Ridge

Galleria Toscana

125 Chesterfield Towne Center

Global Image, Inc.

14567 N. Outer Forty Rd., Ste. 450

Guarantee Insurance Company

15450 S. Outer Forty Rd., Ste. 135

Key Financial Corporation

16647 Chesterfield Grove Rd., Ste. 170C

Lovely Nails Salon

12 Clarkson Wilson Center

Mastercuts #2417

23 Chesterfield Mall

Meridian Project Management LLC

14755 N. Outer Forty Rd., Ste. 518

Midway Delivery Services

722 Goddard Ave.

Nikco Sports

516 Trade Center Blvd.

Quizno's Subs

14817 Clayton Rd.

Serena Software

17295 Chesterfield Airport Rd.

SGO Designer Glass

732 Crown Industrial Ct., Ste. P

The Maytag Store

17233 Chesterfield Airport Rd.

Toy Tyme

17245 Chesterfield Airport Rd.

Veritas Gateway to Food and Wine

1722 Clarkson Rd.

Zee Medical, Inc.

757 Spirit of St. Louis Blvd.

All businesses located in the City of Chesterfield are required to obtain a business license. Businesses who have not done so should contact the Finance and Administration Department at (636) 537-4714.



City Council Actions

ORDINANCES | | | | |

Executes an agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for an Enhancement Fund program regarding the construction of the "Pathway on the Parkway" project (Ordinance No. 2073, March 15, 2004)

APPOINTMENTS

Matt Adams appointed to the Architectural Review Board.

Dru Thomas appointed to the Board of Adjustment.

Marilyn Donovan, Dianne Eifler, Kay Folsom, Joan Schmelig and Tina Worth re-appointed to the Chesterfield Beautification Committee.

Glenn Borgard and **Rodney Falgout** re-appointed to the
Chesterfield Community Development
Corporation Board.

Remo Fascia re-appointed to the Citizens Committee for the Environment.

Carol Broemmer, Steve
Domahidy, Clifford Frazier,
Christina and Robert Landram,
Dan Rothwell and Arland
Stemme re-appointed to the Historical
Commission.

Barry Gross re-appointed to the MIS Citizens Advisory Committee.

Jack Gillum appointed to the Public Works Citizens Advisory Group.

PROCLAMATIONS

Chesterfield Kiwanis Club for hosting the 16th Annual Civic Prayer Breakfast.

Chesterfield Lions Club in celebration of their 50th Anniversary.

Brooking Park for acknowledging "Homes for the Aging Week".

continued on page 4

Beautification Commission Announces 2004 Beautification Award Winners!

he City of Chesterfield's Beautification Committee is proud to announce the 2004 Beautification Award winners. All winners were chosen based on criteria out-

lined by the fourteen member volunteer Committee. The focus of the Committee is to preserve and enhance the natural beauty of rights-of-way through landscaping and the planting of trees, shrubs and greenery. The Beautification Awards are a way of recognizing those residen-

tial and commercial developments that best exemplify the goals of the Beautification Committee.

Awards were given in the following categories:

Subdivisions:

Countryside Scarborough Spyglass Summit

Small Business:

Annie Gunn's Bank Midwest Waterways Car Wash

Large Business:

Baxter Crossings Apartments City of Chesterfield City Hall Westmont Apartments



Water Features at City Hall

2004 Special Olympics Plane Pull/Family Fun Festival

issouri Law Enforcement will host this annual event beginning at 9 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 9 at the St. Louis County Fairgrounds, located at 180 N. Eatherton Rd. Team Registration (for the first 5 teams) will start at 9 a.m. This event is sponsored by USA Jet, 92.3 WIL, Shop 'n Save, St. Louis Family Church and Six Flags – St. Louis. **ENTRY FEE**: \$1,000 donation (per team) to Special Olympics Missouri.

Additional information and registration form can be obtained by contacting the Special Olympics Missouri – Plane Pull, c/o Chesterfield Police Dept., Attention: Captain Burnley, or the City's website www.chesterfield.mo.us



AARP 55 Alive Program

he Police Department is proud to announce a cooperative effort with AARP in providing the "55 Alive" driver safety program. AARP "55 Alive" is the nation's first and largest classroom driver improvement course. It provides a thorough review of the "rules of the road" with an emphasis on defensive driving practices. The eight-hour course is taught in two, four-hour sessions spanning two days. There are no tests, but a minimal student fee is charged. Graduates may also be eligible to receive a discount from their auto insurance carrier.

The driving course will be held at City Hall from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 18 and Tuesday, Oct, 19. Reservations are required.

For additional information or to register, contact Officer Mark Caswell at (636) 537-6769 or mcaswell@chesterfield.mo.us

Distinguished Budget Award Presentation

he Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has awarded the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award to the City of Chesterfield for its 2004 annual budget. The Distinguished Budget Presentation Award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting. Its attainment represents a significant achievement by management and elected officials of the City of Chesterfield. This award is the fourteenth consecutive Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the City.

In order to receive this award, the City had to submit its budget documents for review by a panel of independent budget experts. Using extensive criteria, the reviewers evaluate the effectiveness of the City's budget as a:

- A policy document
- A financial plan
- An operations guide
- A communications device Award-winning documents must be rated "proficient" in all four categories.

Citizen Police Academy

he Chesterfield Police Department is currently accepting applications for the Citizen Police Academy. This program is an overview of the Police Department and its operation. The classes are on Thursday evenings from 7 – 9 p.m. and run for ten weeks. Deadline for registration is Sept. 10. The first class will be held on Sept. 22.

Applications and more information can be obtained via the City's web page or at the Police Department at City Hall.

PROCLAMATIONS

continued from page 3

Highcroft Ridge Elementary, Green Trails Elementary, Incarnate Word, Linda Vista and Riverbend Elementary schools for participating in the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program.

Girl Scout Troop #111 Parkway
Central High School, Girl Scout
Troop #55 Bellerive Elementary
School, Girl Scout Troop #4437
Ascension School and Boy Scout
Troop #677 Ellisville United
Methodist Church for participating
in the flag ceremony at City Council
meetings.

Daniel Foster, Daniel McCluskey and **Daniel Nied** for having achieved the rank of Eagle Scout.

Logan College for celebrating 70 years in providing the highest quality of chiropractic education to young men and women throughout the state, the nation and the world.

St. Joseph Institute for the Deaf in celebration for serving as an international leader in auditory-oral education.

Whitney Weeks in celebration of having been crowned Miss Missouri and participating in the Miss USA Pageant in September.

Sydney Emmitt, Judy Forney and **Linda Givens** in gratitude and recognition for sharing their teaching talents with Chesterfield Day School.

Stepfamily Day in recognition for the invaluable contributions made by stepfamilies to American society.



September

- 6 Labor Day Holiday City Hall Closed
- 8 City Council City Hall, 7 p.m.
- **Planning Commission**City Hall, 7 p.m.
- **20 City Council** City Hall, 7 p.m.
- **Planning Commission**City Hall, 7 p.m.

October

- 4 City Council
 City Hall, 7 p.m.
- **Planning Commission** City Hall, 7 p.m.
- **City Council** City Hall, 7 p.m.
- **Planning Commission**City Hall, 7 p.m.

November

- 1 City Council
 City Hall, 7 p.m.
- **Planning Commission**City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 11 Veterans' Day Holiday City Hall Closed
- 15 City Council
 City Hall, 7 p.m.
- **Planning Commission**City Hall, 7 p.m.
- **25/26 Thanksgiving Holidays**City Hall Closed

Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT)

ollowing a major disaster, first responders who provide fire and medical services may not be able to meet the demand for emergency services for the first 72 hours of the disaster. Serious problems such as communication failures, road blockages and significant numbers of injured victims may prevent people from accessing those emergency services they have come to expect at a moment's notice. People may have to rely on each other for help in order to meet their immediate life saving and life sustaining needs.

It has been proven many times that under disaster conditions, family members, fellow employees, and neighbors will spontaneously try to help each other. This was the case following the Mexico City earthquake where untrained, spontaneous volunteers saved 800 people. Sadly to say, over 100 untrained volunteers lost their lives while attempting to save others. This is a high price to pay and is preventable through training.

Starting Sept. 22, the Chesterfield Police Department and Monarch Fire Protection District will co-host another 24-hour Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training program.

The CERT program provides an effective first-responder capability with the aid of citizen involvement. Acting as individuals or in teams during a disaster, trained CERT volunteers can fan out within a particular neighborhood or business complex extinguishing small fires, performing light search and rescue and rendering basic first aid for disaster victims.

This is the sixth CERT training session in Chesterfield. The training will be held on Wednesday evenings 6 p.m.-10 p.m., Sept. 22 – Oct. 27. For further details or registration, contact Police Capt. Graham Burnley at (636)537-3000 or gburnley@chesterfield.mo.us Information is also available on the City's Web Site.

VIPS

Volunteers in Policing

The Chesterfield Police are looking for additional people to staff the VIPS ("Volunteers in Policing") program. This is an opportunity to be a law enforcement volunteer and a chance to give something back to the community.

VIPS is part of a national network of citizen volunteer organizations.

As a volunteer, you can assist the Police in preparing and protecting the community against crime, terrorism and disasters. VIPS' activities will not place volunteers in inappropriate enforcement or dangerous situations.

As a volunteer, you can assist the Police by helping with crime prevention, public safety programs, children's programs, staffing exhibits and numerous other community related programs

Any adult, 21 years or older, with no serious arrests or convictions, may apply. Residents of Chesterfield will be given first consideration. For a VIPS application, contact the Chesterfield Police Department at (636) 537-3000 or at City Hall.

Police Department Hosts Law Enforcement Day

The Chesterfield Police Department will host the annual "Law Enforcement Day" at the Westfield Shoppingtown–Chesterfield, from 10 a.m.–3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 16. The event will feature displays and vehicles from regional, local, state and federal law enforcement agencies.

PARKS, RECREATION & ARTS

Fall/Winter Programs

LOAP

(Lafayette Older Adults Program)

- Tuesday Tales at the Carousel
- Conservation Series at City Hall
- Turkey Trot (Thanksgiving Day Run)
- Boo Fest
- NFL Punt, Pass & Kick

For more information, please refer to the Parks, Recreation and Arts activity guide or the City's website at www.chesterfield.mo.us



Chesterfield City Hall 690 Chesterfield Parkway West Chesterfield, MO 63017 PRST STD U.S. Postage PAID Chesterfield, MO Permit No. 23

Street Sweeping

he Public Works Department hires an outside contractor to sweep each City maintained street twice a year. The sweeping takes place, once in spring, immediately after the threat of snow has passed, and again in the fall.

Street sweeping is not intended to pick up leaves and must go around the large piles of leaves that residents have blown or raked into the street. The waste hauler will pick up residential leaves for a minimal charge, if the leaves are bagged and placed at the curb on the designated day.

REMEMBER,

IT IS AGAINST THE LAW
TO RAKE OR BLOW
LEAVES OR OTHER
DEBRIS INTO THE STREET
OR STORM SEWERS!
ORD. # 1733

The sweeping contractor is also

called in several times throughout the year to address debris and sand left after street repairs have been performed by the Public Works crews. Clean up after the larger street repair projects, which are performed by outside contractors, is the responsibility of the contractors after the projects are completed.

Street sweeping is performed primarily to address the normal accumulation of debris that end up in the curb line of our streets. Having the streets swept twice a year is sufficient to address that accumulation. The City recognizes the pride taken by the residents, in maintaining

their property. This maintenance helps to limit the accumulation of street debris.



5TH ANNUAL TURKEY TROT

Date: Thanksgiving morning,

Nov. 25

Time: 5k starts at 8:30 a.m.

Fun Run starts at 9:15 a.m.

Place: West County YMCA

(located off Chesterfield Parkway on Burkhardt Place)

Cost: 5k Run–\$15 (before 11/5);

\$20 (after 11/5)

Fun Run–\$6 (before 11/5);

\$8 (after 11/5)

Register: City Hall Mon.–Fri. 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (cash/check only) or online at www.active.com For more detailed information, please refer to the 2004 Fall Parks, Recreation and Arts Guide

