

Eberwein-Howe house gets historic improvement grant

By Alice Fugate

Chesterfield Landmarks Preservation Commission

The Eberwein-Howe House, located at 1734 Old Baxter Road, is the 2009 recipient of the City's historic improvement matching grant.

The Chesterfield Landmarks Preservation Commission established this grant program to support the preservation and restoration of historic structures and archaeological sites. Structures

must be listed on the Chesterfield Historic Register in order to qualify for grants.

The Eberwein-Howe House started as a log cabin built around 1850 by Henry Eberwein Sr. Later, clapboard siding was added over the exterior logs, but the original log cabin ceilings remain visible inside.

The original entry may have been a so-called dog run, an open area between two structures that was used for outdoor cooking to

minimize heat and fire risk. The Howes purchased the home in 1933 and modernized the structure, adding a bathroom, bedroom, and garage.

Today, the Eberwein-Howe House is in the hands of Charlene and Al Doty. They used the historic improvement grant to replace an old cracked driveway. They also added transoms and a storm door to protect the 1930s-era front door.

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Parkway medians will be enhanced

Medians in Chesterfield Parkway are getting a makeover.

The City Council recently approved a proposal brought forth by the Chesterfield Beautification Committee to enter into an agreement with St. Louis County for maintenance and enhancement of the Chesterfield Parkway medians.

The committee adopted a consensus position that improvements to the Chesterfield Parkway medians were a "critical component of the City's vision to create a unified, attractive and sustainable landscape" for those medians, in order to "enhance the areas most visible to citizens and visitors coming into the heart of Chesterfield."

Over the past year the Beautification Committee has worked with City staff and consultant Land Design Services to identify opportunities for proposed landscape planting, irrigation and hardscape features which would enhance approximately two miles of

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Mayor's Letter



Many accomplishments makes 2009 a year in which we can take great pride

Chesterfield is truly an amazing community. This year, we have been fortunate to accomplish many good and lasting things, which continue to position us as one of the premier communities in the country. Whether it's bringing public art to the region, building new streets, opening a new business thereby expanding our economic opportunities, or adding new parks, we are a community committed to enhancing – everyday – the quality of life for all our residents. In this, my annual year-end review, I'd like to highlight some of those accomplishments for you.

The signature cultural achievement of 2009 has been the addition of The Awakening sculpture to our new Downtown Chesterfield area. This sculpture and the 20 traveling life-like sculptures placed about town created quite a buzz and garnered Chesterfield Arts and the City a great deal of media attention. The Awakening was made possible only by the beneficence of Louis Sachs, founder of Sachs Properties, who, more than 40 years ago, laid out the first vision of what has become Chesterfield. This sculpture area, adjacent to Central Park, is destined to become our central gathering place, where people can experience art, walk on a trail, see a play, or fish in a lake. You'll see it begin to take shape in 2010 with the creation of the amphitheater, trails, and other amenities. In order to guide the future of public art in Chesterfield, our staff worked with Chesterfield Arts, many Chesterfield residents, and a consultant – VIA Partnership – to create a Public Art Master Plan that I am proud to say was adopted by the City Council this fall.

Another partnership resulted in a significant access improvement to I-64 with the construction of the Spirit of St. Louis interchange. MoDOT, St. Louis County, Duke Realty and the City partnered to fund this interchange that will improve access to the west end of the Chesterfield Valley and Spirit

Airport, along with the Chesterfield Valley Athletic Complex. Additionally, the Public Works division bid and constructed two miles of street reconstruction projects, replaced 1.75 miles of sidewalks, and constructed the new Veteran's Place Drive in the Downtown Chesterfield area.

In an effort to communicate with our residents more effectively, a new City website was rolled out in 2009, enabling us to add real-time information more easily. It contains information about everything the City has going on and includes a Community Calendar, so you can know about activities and events around Chesterfield. Recognizing the importance of social media, the Police Department began Twittering to give you traffic and public safety updates.

With the help of residents and businesses, the Planning Department updated the City's Comprehensive Plan and worked with St. Louis County to improve the coordination of occupancy permit and building permit approval. Our successful Planner of the Day program responded to over 1,000 requests for assistance this year.

The Parks & Recreation Department found a new home with the completion of a facility that houses all employees and equipment in one area. Four new ball fields were constructed at the Chesterfield Valley Athletic Complex, in addition to the paving of several new parking areas. Many of you are enjoying the latest addition to the Monarch-Chesterfield Levee Trail, which is located adjacent to Edison Avenue between Long Road and Baxter Road. Perhaps most importantly, this year we added significantly to our parks inventory by purchasing ground for future use. I am proud that the City completed the purchase of the 18-acre Eberwein Farm at Baxter and Old Baxter roads – a goal of the City from its inception in 1988. Also, we have purchased the remaining 30-acre property to the east of the Chesterfield Valley Athletic Complex, thereby completing the original commitment to the

people of Chesterfield when the voters approved Proposition P in support of the parks in November 2004. Finally, we have entered into a lease with an option to purchase the property at the northeast corner of Baxter Road and Old Chesterfield Road at the entrance to Chesterfield Valley. The intention at that location is to have a park, which will include a trailhead for the Levee Trail.

The Police Department reached a milestone and celebrated its 20th anniversary as a department in June. I believe it says a great deal about the quality of our department and our officers that 31 of the original 50 department members who began service with the City on June 1, 1989, are still serving the people of Chesterfield. Already internationally accredited, this year the Police Department received the highest honor in the International Law Enforcement Community by being named a "Flagship Agency" by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. Finally, we were proud to have a member of our command staff attend the prestigious FBI National Academy.

This year, we worked to partner with other community agencies to foster the sense of community that we so often discuss at neighborhood and subdivision meetings. Our 4th of July event is known as one of the best in the region, and with festival events such as Taste of Chesterfield, Strassenfest, Play Day in the Park, Turkey Trot, Tree Earth & Arbor Day Events and Safety Town, we are working toward bringing you family-oriented events that can be enjoyed by everyone.

As proud as I am of the accomplishments, they have taken on additional significance this year because of the economic challenges being faced by all cities, including ours. While the economy has been, and will continue to be, a great concern to all of us, I am proud to report that the financial condition of your city

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FROM CITY HALL

Candidate filing for City Council begins Dec. 15

On Tuesday, Dec. 15, at 8 a.m., candidate filing for the office of Council member in each of the city's four wards will begin in the Office of the City Clerk, 690 Chesterfield Parkway West.

After Dec. 15, hours of the filing period will be 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Candidate

filing will close Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2010, at 5 p.m. The election is April 6.

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 in which they are running for six months prior to the election.

A list of Council members and term expirations is shown on page one.

To vote in the April election, you

may register at City Hall and most St. Louis County public libraries. The Missouri Voter Registration Application is also available online at www.co.st-louis.mo.us/elections.

The deadline to register to vote in the April election is March 10.

For additional information, call the City Clerk at 636.537.6716.

Mayor's Letter

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government is strong. We have planned diligently since the last economic downturn eight years ago to build our fund reserves to record levels and enable your city government to continue to provide the high level and high quality of services you have come to expect, all while keeping your taxes among the lowest in the St. Louis region.

While you may hear in the coming weeks that our expenditures are slightly higher than our revenues, please understand that this is precisely what we plan for during the good years so that we can maintain the highest level of services to you without any additional tax burden on our residents. This is the purpose of building our fund reserves to record levels - the proverbial "saving for a rainy day." It is this discipline that has allowed Chesterfield to become and remain the only city in Missouri with Moody's highest bond rating.

In closing, I express my thanks to all of you for your invaluable support over the years. And to all of you who find a way to give back to the community in so many wonderful ways, it is really because of your volunteer spirit that Chesterfield is now so widely viewed as one of the best places to live.

As we look toward 2010, I renew to each of you that we will be working every day - every day - to make Chesterfield an even better place to be.

With my best wishes for a wonderful season and a healthy and prosperous New Year,

John Nations, Mayor

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City solicits Citizen of the Year nominations

Mayor John Nations and the Chesterfield City Council are requesting nominations for Chesterfield's "Citizen of the Year."

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 themselves and the community as the result of an outstanding accomplishment - or simply by being actively involved in the community.

Citizens to be selected for recognition should meet the following criteria:

Actions recognized must benefit the overall Chesterfield community and its residents in some manner through volunteerism, work on community projects, or overall civic

contributions to the community.

Nominees must be residents of Chesterfield.

Nomination Guidelines

- One nomination per person per household (spouses can be nominated jointly).
• Previously nominated individuals can be re-nominated.
• Neither a nominee nor a person making a nomination can serve on the Selection Committee.
• City Employees will not be considered for the award.

Application forms are available at www.chesterfield.mo.us under the "Forms & Permits" section. Applications are due Feb. 5.

Optional yard waste collected on Wednesdays

Yard waste collection, which is an optional service, occurs citywide on Wednesdays.

A three-month commitment is required, at a cost of \$40.23.

Tree limbs and branches less

than six inches in diameter must be tied (with twine - no wire) in bundles no bigger than 4 feet long by 24 inches in diameter.

Call Allied Waste at 636.947.5959 to request this service.

New web feature provides valuable information

Ever wondered what ward you live in, what day the trash is picked up, or who your Sub-division Trustees are? Check out the new Resident Information

Portal on the City's web site for detailed information. Found on the home page in the lower right hand corner at:

www.chesterfield.mo.us

Christmas tree disposal set

Allied Waste will pick up Christmas trees the entire month of January on regular trash pick-up days at no additional charge. The tree must be free of all decorations including tinsel, garland, ornaments and lights. It must also be cut shorter than four feet in length.

CENSUS

Counting ...

Citizens:

Stand up and be counted in the 2010 United States Census

The U.S. Census – a count of everyone residing in the United States – will be conducted in 2010. The 10-question, one-page questionnaire will be sent to households by U.S. Mail in March. Census workers will then visit households which do not return the questionnaire to ensure a complete count of residents.

It is very important that all residents be counted, as this helps local decision makers plan new roads, medical facilities, child-care facilities, senior citizen facilities, schools, businesses and more. Additionally, each year the federal government allocates funds to states and communities based, in part, on census data.

And more importantly for Chesterfield, the population figure is used to determine our share of the St. Louis County sales tax pool. Since we are a pool city, Chesterfield does not keep all of its sales tax but instead contributes sales tax to a county account, from where it is redistributed to pool cities based on population.

So, be counted in 2010. It's very important to you, your neighbors and your community.

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Trees:

City is compiling streetside inventory of 'wooden residents'

How many trees line the streets of Chesterfield? The City will soon know.

Public trees provide more than the traditional values of aesthetics and shade. They also provide numerous environmental benefits, including temperature moderation and cooling, reduction of air pollutants and energy conservation. Trees also increase property values.

Unlike other components of the City's infrastructure, trees, with proper care, will continue to increase in value each year. The City has taken a proactive step to effectively manage its urban forest by hiring the Davey Resource Group to perform an inventory of street trees located within the public right of way – the area between the sidewalk and the street.

The inventory collects data on each tree, including location, species, size, condition, and other pertinent information. This inventory will assist in effectively managing street trees and will help budget and plan removals, schedule tree maintenance, and increase species diversity. To help cover the cost of this inventory, the city applied for and was awarded a \$10,000 Tree Resource Improvement and Maintenance (T.R.I.M.) Grant through the Missouri Department of Conservation.

The inventory began this fall.

COMMUNITY NEWS



The Waterloo German Band entertains the crowd at Strassenfest.

Chesterfield's first Strassenfest nets big bucks for local charitable causes

Thousands of people attended the first Strassenfest held in Chesterfield.

Although weekend rain and competition from competing events were a factor, local charities generated more than \$106,000 for local causes.

The Boy Scouts will be buying new tents with the money they

earned picking up trash and helping with traffic control. Other participating charities included the

Jaycees, Kiwanis, Knights of Columbus, Kennedy High School, the German Cultural Society, Special Olympics, and Wings of Hope, as well as other non-profit organizations.

Plans are currently being made for Strassenfest 2010.



19th Business to Business Expo set for March 11 at Doubletree Hotel

On Thursday, March 11, the Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce will hold the 19th Annual Business to Business Expo at the Doubletree Hotel and Conference Center, 16625 Swingley Ridge Rd., from 4-7 p.m.

As a much anticipated event, the Business to Business Expo is a "don't miss" opportunity for businesses to establish contacts with clients and other vendors as well as showcase their products and services to the thousands in

attendance. In 2009, more than 75 businesses exhibited at this annual event.

For information on reserving booth space for the Expo, contact the Chesterfield Chamber at 636.532.3399 after Jan. 1. The Chamber encourages early reservations for booth space as this is a sellout event.

The event is free to attend and open to the public. Visit www.chesterfieldmochamber.com to see 2009 vendors and photos.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Mr. & Mrs. J. Seward Johnson (left) are joined by Mayor John Nations and Stacey Morse, Executive Director of Chesterfield Arts.

The Awakening

Chesterfield unveils much-anticipated giant sculpture by Seward Johnson

A giant arrived in Chesterfield this fall, drawing the eyes of the region to this very out-of-the-ordinary addition.

The Awakening by American sculptor Seward Johnson arrived via two flatbed trucks from The Johnson Atelier in Hamilton, NJ, on Sept. 21. The 4,700-pound cast aluminum sculpture found a home near Chesterfield Parkway West and Lydia Hill Road, adjacent to Chesterfield's Central Park. But it remained covered until the grand unveiling Oct. 10.

The clear, October morning provided the perfect backdrop for a community celebration that included hands-on art activities for all ages, such as the "My Awakening"

T-shirt contest where participants interpreted the sculpture in a do-it-yourself T-shirt design. Other activities included a 3D flag sculpture project, led by the National Charity League, and the chance for people to sign their names as a part of the "My Awakening" sunset mural on a St. Louis Arts in Transit Metro bus.

World percussion ensemble JOIA led an upbeat musical parade, as members of the Chesterfield Arts Board of Directors, Mayor John Nations, children from the community, and sculptor Seward Johnson uncovered the 70-foot long, 17-foot high giant.

Several thousand people participated in the event and



A small boy, apparently shorter than one foot, admires the large American flag which added to the atmosphere of the unveiling ceremony.

enjoyed the chance to be some of the first to interact with the sculpture and snap fun photos. The sculpture is a permanent addition to the Chesterfield Arts Outdoor Art collection, a landmark in the community, and another step toward making Chesterfield a "city of art."

View the plein air works of 17 regional artists celebrating The

Awakening and outdoor art in Chesterfield Arts' Outside In exhibit in the gallery Nov. 13 through Jan. 2.

More arts: Chesterfield Arts presents a classic, holiday favorite, *The Nutcracker*, on Sunday, Dec. 20. This family-friendly performance includes dancers from Alexandra Ballet with Tony Award-winning guest artist Lara Teeter in the role of Godfather Drosselemeyer. . . . Creative opportunities will also abound in 2010, as visual art classes for all ages and in all mediums begin again at Chesterfield Arts in January. For more information about performances, classes, outdoor art in Chesterfield, or more ways to get involved, visit www.chesterfieldarts.org, call 636.519.955, or email info@chesterfieldarts.org.

The Herd is Growing... THF Realty, developer of the Chesterfield Commons, installed four additional colorful horses behind the shopping center along Edison Road. Look for them at Edison and RHL Drive, with some also grazing on the berm behind Sam's Club. The kinetic sculptures of these lifesize animals were created by Santa Fe artist, Frederick Prescott.



CITIZEN COMMITTEES

Nominations being accepted for 5th Ancient History Award

By Alice Fugate

Chesterfield Landmarks Preservation Commission

Nominations for the fifth annual Chesterfield Ancient History-Leonard Blake Award are now being accepted.

The honor, presented by the Chesterfield Landmarks Preservation Commission in cooperation with the City of Chesterfield, recognizes individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to the understanding of our area's ancient past. "Ancient" is defined as involving cultures which existed in this area prior to European contact.

The award is named for the late Leonard Blake, an amateur archaeologist whose work documenting prehistoric Native American sites led to a large swath of Chesterfield – the Bonhomme Creek Archaeological District – being placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Past recipients include amateur archaeologist Richard Martens, Parkway school teacher Michelle Weisenborn, home builder Dennis Hayden, and HEC-TV.

Nominations for the award are due Feb. 10 and will be reviewed

by the Chesterfield Landmarks Preservation Commission and Planning Commission. They will be submitted to the mayor and Chesterfield City Council for final approval. The award will be presented at a City Council meeting.

For a nomination form and guidelines, go to www.chesterfield.mo.us and click on Forms & Permits. Click on the Administration drop-down menu and choose Ancient_History_Nomination_Form.pdf. You may also contact Chesterfield City Hall at 636-537-4000.

2010 calendars available from Historical Commission

The Chesterfield Historical Commission 2010 calendars are now available. The calendars feature black & white photographs, maps, plats or illustrations of Chesterfield buildings and sites, as well as people who helped establish the area

we know as Chesterfield.

The calendars sell for \$5. 2001-2009 calendars are available for \$2. A gift pack of 10 older calendars (1991-2000) sells for \$15.

All calendars are available at the front desk of City Hall. For more information, call City Hall at 636.537.4000 or Arland Stemme at 314.275.2031.

Historical calendars \$5 each City Hall

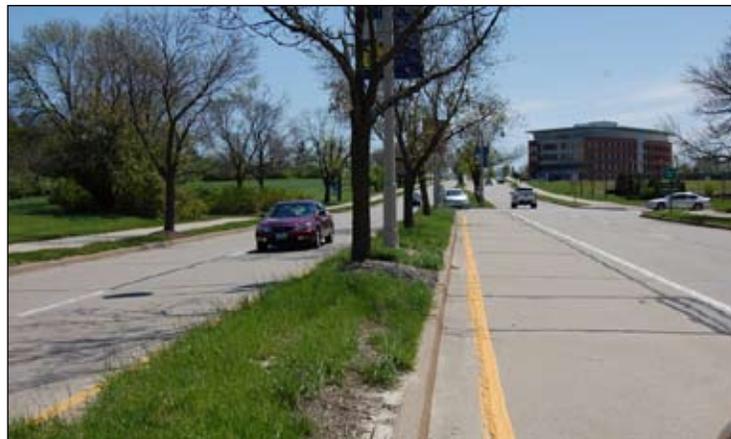
Median work

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Chesterfield Parkway West medians – from I-64/Highway 40 to Olive Boulevard and from I-64 to Fontaine Drive.

Kay Folsom, Chair of the Beautification Committee, said: "Early in the process, the committee came up with an overall landscape design concept. This concept was to create a clean and impressive landscape image within the City's Parkway system."

As part of this plan, a preliminary plant material list was developed, which specified drought tolerant and hardy trees, shrubs and perennial flowers. Special attention was given to plant material which would produce seasonal color, compact growth and would be salt and pollution tolerant. Annual planting beds would be featured at



The nondescript medians of Chesterfield Parkway will get makeovers.

the ends and middle of the medians to provide accent color and attention.

Work on the enhancements is expected to begin in late winter to spring, starting with the removal of all existing trees and bushes. This will be followed by installation of irrigation, turf renovation, excavation, bed preparation, and addition of top soil. Next will be

the incorporation of trees, shrubs, grasses, turf grass and mulch. The project is expected to be completed by late spring of 2010.

"The Beautification Committee is extremely excited about this project and is convinced that, upon its completion, Chesterfield's overall quality of life will be greatly enhanced," Folsom noted.

Historic house

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Says Charlene Doty: "Once the storm door is on, we can remove and restore the original door, plus save

energy from the harsh northern wind. We are so grateful to Chesterfield and the Landmarks Preservation Commission for making these improvements possible. We love this old house! It has been a journey."

For more information on the Chesterfield Landmarks Preservation Commission and the Chesterfield Historic Register, please contact Alice Fugate at alice@fugatepublications.com or 314.576.6980.

Recycle gift wrap, phone books at curb

Add to holiday greenery by choosing sustainable practices that conserve energy!

Recycle old or surplus telephone books as well as holiday gift wrapping, paper gift bags, cardboard and chipboard gift boxes, holiday cards, catalogues, plastics #1-#7 (no #6), and so much more in your curbside recycle bin!

Help our community achieve the county-wide stipulation of 50% diversion in 2010! For more information on recycling, visit

www.chesterfield.mo.us.

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

International visitors: *Belgian officers pay a call on Chesterfield Police*

Police in Brussels, Belgium, may soon be using some techniques learned from Chesterfield officers.

The city recently hosted three police officers from Brussels, following a visit by Chesterfield officer Steve Aspinall, whose parents once resided in Brussels. Aspinall met the Belgians, who were so interested in Aspinall's stories of American policing that they decided to visit and see for themselves.

The Belgium officers, Kim Vogels, Alex Mpotos, and Mike Arnouw, were most



Chesterfield's Steve Aspinall (in uniform) with Belgium visitors (from left) Kim Vogels, Alex Mpotos, Steve Aspinall and Mike Arnouw.

impressed with the Chesterfield Ride Along program and a visit with Chief Ray Johnson. They recounted stories of their home country and the difficulty of policing in their environments as compared to Chesterfield. The officers spoke of policing in communities where the support for the police was not as obvious as here.

The officers were given patches and Chesterfield Police Challenge coins as well as other police memorabilia. Their next stop was New York City before heading home.

13th edition of Citizen Police Academy gears up in February

Applications for the 13th Citizen Police Academy are being accepted by the Chesterfield Police Department. The program teaches participants about various areas of the police operation, including patrol procedures, traffic and

DWI enforcement, crime scene investigation, and role playing. This year's adult class will start Feb. 4, and meet on Thursdays for nine weeks. To reserve a spot, call the Chesterfield Police Department at 636.537.3000 Ext. 6749. Deadline for

registration is Jan. 22. Classes will meet at the Chesterfield Police Department, 690 Chesterfield Parkway West. The academy is not limited to residents of Chesterfield. Maximum class size is 20.

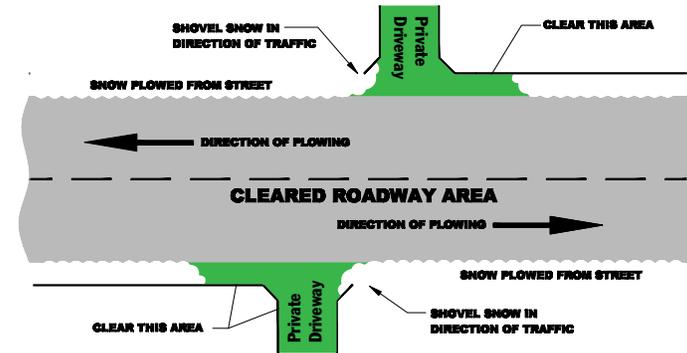
PUBLIC WORKS

Tips for clearing snow from driveways

Clearing snow from the street frequently results in blockage of driveways that you've worked hard to clear. Many times during a snowfall, a plow truck will go by and fill in the end of a freshly cleared private driveway with snow.

The City understands that this can be very frustrating, but snow must be plowed from the center line of the street to the curb, and crews are unable to remove snow windrows from the 16,000 private driveways in Chesterfield.

To help reduce the size of the windrow 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 a "pocket" for the snow to drop off before the plow



reaches your driveway. Please be extremely careful when working next to the roadway, especially when plowing operations are in progress.

Parking in the snow

When those snowflakes start falling, watch where you park! Certain Chesterfield streets identified by signs are designated snow routes. City ordinances prohibit parking on these routes during

snowfalls of two inches or more.

Parking that obstructs emergency snow removal equipment is prohibited on all streets during any snow event. If a car is on the street, it can be ticketed and/or towed. Plus, if snow plows have to go around a car, the vehicle may be buried by an icy mound of packed snow.

Parking can resume once the street has been cleared curb to curb.

PARKS & RECREATION

Early bird specials: Aquatic Center passes on sale in January

Chesterfield Parks and Recreation Department is offering an early bird special for its 2010 Aquatic Center season passes, starting Jan. 4. Receive 10% off the general or resident rate for a family of four by purchasing your season pass before March 31. Call 636.537.4000 for more info.

Pavilion rental

Beginning Jan. 4, reservation permits for the use of the pavilion may be obtained at Chesterfield City Hall.

The pavilion is available seven days a week from 9 a.m. to dusk, April 1 to Oct. 31. Occupancy is limited to 75.

Help for older residents is available at county office in Clarkson-Wilson Center

The St. Louis County Older Resident Program (CORP) helps older adults remain in their homes, living a fulfilling and independent life. In Chesterfield, the St. Louis County Dept. of Human Services provides this assistance at 74 Clarkson-Wilson Center.

Services include Neighbors Helping Neighbors, socialization services, professional services and Lifelong Learning. If you or someone you care about can benefit from any of these services, call the

office at 314.615.4516.

CORP is seeking volunteers during weekday morning hours to respond to phone calls and perform administrative functions, as well as type and proofread legal documents at its office at 74 Clarkson-Wilson Center. Training, free parking and mileage reimbursement are available. For additional information, please call Jack Jablonow, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at 314.615.0931. (TTY for the hearing impaired: 314.615.4425.)

CHESTERFIELD CALENDAR

December

- 7 City Council
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 14 Planning Commission
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 15 Candidate Filing Begins
City Hall, 8 a.m.
- 24 City Hall Closed at Noon
Christmas Eve holiday
- 25 City Hall Closed
Christmas holiday

January

- 1 City Hall Closed
New Year's Day
- 4 City Council
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 11 Planning Commission*
City Hall, 7 p.m.

- 18 City Hall Closed
Martin Luther King Day
- 19 Candidate Filing Closes
City Hall, 5 p.m.
- 20 City Council
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 25 Planning Commission*
City Hall, 7 p.m.

February

- 1 City Council
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 8 Planning Commission*
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 15 City Hall Closed
Presidents' Day
- 17 City Council
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 22 Planning Commission*
City Hall, 7 p.m.

* Tentative

HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULES

Christmas Day Friday, Dec. 25

Friday routes will be picked up on Saturday, Dec. 26.

New Year's Day Friday, Jan. 1

Friday routes will be picked up Saturday, Jan. 2.

All other routes will be picked up on the regular schedule.



Kids learn theatre skills in STAGES program.

STAGES is taking enrollment now for spring semester of theatre training

The STAGES Performing Arts Academy, the home for professional musical theatre training in the St. Louis area, will begin its spring semester on Jan. 12.

Courses in acting, singing, dance, and musical theatre are available for preschoolers through adults of all skill levels. Old favorites such as Dance Combo, Improvisation, and Singin' Kids Classics are back again, along with new classes,

including performance workshops for serious students; Broadway Dancers for 5-8 year olds; and Broadway Babies for even the youngest of budding stars.

Scholarships and payment plans are available. For a full list of classes and to enroll a student today, contact the Academy at 636.530.5959, visit www.stagesstlouis.org, or stop by the studios at 444 Chesterfield Center near Chesterfield Mall.

Civic Orchestra plans Christmas concert

The annual Christmas Concert of the St. Louis Civic Orchestra, featuring the Kirkwood Children's Choir, is set for 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, in the William D. Purser Center on the Campus of Logan College of Chiropractic.

Various holiday classics will be performed, including "Carol of the Bells", "Jingle Bell Rock" and "Sleigh Ride."

Ticket prices are \$10 for adults

and \$5 for children and seniors.

Tickets are not available in advance but may be purchased at the door the evening of the show. Go to www.stlouiscivicorchestra.org for updated information throughout the season.

The first concert of 2010 will be Feb. 20, feature saxophonist Leo Saguiguit, and present Berlioz, Roman Carnival Overture, Glazunov, Concerto for Saxophone, Brahms, Symphony No. 2.

Gumbo Flats Pumkin Run draws large turnout

More than 1,800 people laced up their running shoes and participated in the 8th Annual Gumbo Flats Pumkin Run/Walk.

The Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce-sponsored event was deemed a huge success, bringing more runners, walkers and businesses together than ever. A Children's Fun Run for ages 8 and under was added this year and organized by the Chesterfield Young Professionals.

"The event was fantastic, and this year, we were blessed with perfect weather," said Joan Schmelig, president of the Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce. "We were also excited to add the Children's Fun Run with more than 50 children participating. I want to extend a thank you to all our sponsors, donators and Finish Line Party participants for making this another successful event."

The 2010 Pumkin Run will be held on Oct. 23.



And they're off in the 8th Gumbo Flats Pumkin run.



The first Children's Fun Run for ages 8 and under also proved a popular activity.

Welcome mat is out at Lafayette Older Adult Program

If you are 55 or older and interested in making new friends, hearing great speakers, and playing bingo or cards, this could be the group for you.

Residents of Chesterfield, Ballwin, Ellisville, Manchester, Winchester, and the Rockwood School District participate in this program.

LOAP meetings

Time: 10 a.m. on the second and fourth Mondays from September through May.

- Place: Ballwin Golf Course, 333 Holloway Rd.
- Cost: \$1*
- Provided: Coffee, soda, and dessert.
- Bring: Your own sack lunch
*special luncheons involve separate fees.

Holiday Brunch

The Dec. 14 meeting will begin at 10 a.m. and feature the Annual Holiday Brunch. Entertainment will be provided by a Parkway band from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. with brunch following the entertainment. After brunch, cards and bingo will be played. Bring your appetite and holiday mindsets!

Meeting dates for early next year are:

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| January 11 | February 8 |
| January 25 | February 22 |

FAUST PARK



Faust Park puppet shows are scheduled Dec. 29-30... and include a free ride on the carousel

Carousel will close for repairs Dec. 31-March 5

The St. Louis Carousel at Faust Park will close for a couple of months to repair the main bearing. The 88-year-old carousel must be disassembled for the repair. The plan is for the carousel to close Dec. 31 and reopen March 5. The carousel is open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. daily except Mondays and Christmas Day through the end of the year.

Candy Cane Hunt at the Carousel

Carousel reindeer are hiding candy canes in Faust Park for children age 2-10 to find Dec. 5. A few special canes have prizes attached! Preregistration is required.

Candy Cane Hunt begins at 10 a.m. Tickets are \$5 and must be purchased in person at the St. Louis Carousel Gift Shop.

Winter Break Puppet Shows

Treat the kids to a morning of fun during winter break. Visit the St. Louis Carousel and enjoy a puppet show and a complimentary ride on the carousel.



Carousel horses will be out to pasture at the start of 2010.

Dec. 29, 9:30 a.m. — "Circus Hi-Jinx"

Dec. 30, 9:30 a.m. — "Frosty the Snowman"

Tickets are \$5 (12 months and under free with paid adult) in advance and \$6 at the door. Free carousel ride after the show.

Call 314.615.8383 or stop by the carousel gift shop to purchase tickets.

Thornhill Sweethearts Dinner

Faust Park is accepting

reservations for the annual Sweethearts Dinner at Thornhill on Saturday, Feb. 13 inside the historic home of Missouri's second governor, Frederick Bates. Availability is limited to 40 adults per seating at 5 and 8 p.m. Tickets are sold in advance for \$65, with a portion tax deductible. The four-course catered meal features grilled steak served by period-dressed staff. For reservations, call 314-615-8FAU.

Singles event set at Kemp Museum

The Kemp Auto Museum is reinventing Valentine's Day for St. Louis singles by hosting its third annual Single Mingle event on Thursday Feb. 11 from 7-11 p.m.

The event will feature fun and interesting ways to meet and greet other St. Louis singles, including a dance contest, rounds of speed dating, and a photo booth, where "what happens in the booth stays in the booth!"

The cost to attend is \$30 per person in advance or \$40 at the door. Admission includes complimentary food and drink tickets.

Proceeds from the Single Mingle cocktail event will benefit the Fred M. Kemp Foundation, which supports the museum. For more information, call 636.537.1718 or visit www.kempautomuseum.org.

The museum is at 16955 Chesterfield Airport Road.

Bandits offer birthday special

The Bandits hockey club can help make a child's birthday party a winner at Hardees Ice Plex..

Partygoers will skate with the Bandits before a game, participate in an on-ice intermission activity, receive game-day pucks, get a private autograph session in the locker room, have food and drinks, and much more.

The Bandits are also offering a special "Skate With Santa" event Dec. 6 from 1-3 p.m. for all ages..

For more information, including party pricing, team schedule and ticket information, contact the Bandits office at 636.536.4882 or visit www.stlbandits.com.