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Strassenfest in Chesterfield



Guess who won this pig race at last year's Strassenfest.



German music, children's rides and bratwurst will once again be featured at Strassenfest in Chesterfield, returning this year on the first weekend in October on the Chesterfield Parkway in Downtown Chesterfield, just west of the

Oct. 1-3
Friday
4-11 p.m.
Saturday
10 a.m.-11 p.m.
Sunday
10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Chesterfield Mall. Opening ceremonies will be Friday evening, followed by bands playing a variety of German music. Non-profit organizations participating in

last year's Strassenfest generated almost \$100,000 for their causes. Benefiting organizations included Wings of Hope, Make a Wish Foundation, local Boy Scout troops, the Jaycees, and the Knights of Columbus.

This year's Strassenfest will feature four of the five original beers from the German Oktoberfest.

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Stan Dampier holds his award after presentation by Alice Fugate and Mayor John Nations.

Dampier honored for discovery of prehistoric village

Stan Dampier was presented with the 2010 Leonard Blake-Chesterfield Ancient History Award by Mayor John Nations and Alice Fugate, Chairperson of the Landmarks Preservation Commission.

Dampier alerted archaeologists to the existence of prehistoric Native American artifacts and village features which were being uncovered while the City of Chesterfield built a stormwater reservoir on 30 recently acquired acres.

His actions led to the excavation of a major prehistoric village site by the Archaeological Research Center of St. Louis.

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Mayor's Farewell Message

It is with very mixed emotions that I write this to you, my final Letter from the Mayor. I will be ending my term on October 18 to become the new President and Chief Executive Officer of Metro. President Pro Tem Barry Flachsbart will become Acting Mayor until April 2011 when there will be an election for the remaining two years of the term to which you elected me in 2009.

It has been one of the great privileges of my life to serve as your Mayor since 2001. When I began, I made a simple pledge to all of you that I would work to have a city and a city government of which you could rightfully be proud. I have worked every day to be true to that pledge and I am very proud of all that we have accomplished.

Together, we have put the City on a very strong financial foundation, improved city services, expanded our parks system, expanded many fold the number of our residents who are involved in our parks and athletic programs, preserved important green spaces, dedicated the new City Hall, enhanced the quality of streets, expanded the miles of our sidewalks and paths to connect our neighborhoods, expanded parks and recreation opportunities to all segments of our society including – importantly - the disabled who now have opportunities we could only dream of a few years ago. We have fostered the arts, strengthened our partnerships with our schools,

substantially strengthened our economic base, and started the July 4th celebration in our Chesterfield which has quickly become the finest in the region.

These are not my accomplishments. They belong to you. As I leave, I am very proud that Chesterfield is respected across our region and across the Country.

I have been fortunate to work with the finest city employees to be found in any community in the country. Led by City Administrator Mike Herring (the first employee hired by the City in 1988 and widely recognized as one of the finest City Administrators in the Country), our accomplishments would not have been possible without their invaluable devotion to providing the highest level of municipal services and to always accept the challenge to perform their services better and better with each passing year.

I express my thanks to the City Council, and all who have served on the Council over the years. We have faced many challenging times and difficult decisions over the years, and I have always been proud to observe that their professionalism and integrity have set an example which should be emulated in every City. We are very fortunate indeed to attract to the public service such individuals deserving of the respect of the citizens and the region.

I express my thanks to all of you. You inspired me to give the City its motto of being "The City of Volunteers". It is because of the devotion of all of you who find a way to give back to the community by volunteering in your neighborhoods, your places of worship, the schools, coaching the kids, for the City, and in so many other ways that Chesterfield has become the great City that is. Thanks for all that you do and for all the support you have given to me and my family over the years.

Most of all, I want to thank my family. Over the past decade, Bridget, Jack, James, Elizabeth, and Katie have known many days and nights when I was not home because of commitments elsewhere. I know they have become known to many of you and we are grateful for all of the friendships we have made and will keep through the years. Without their love and support my service simply would not have been possible.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your Mayor.

John Nations, Mayor

PeerSpectives Executive Roundtable will be offered in Chesterfield

Being a business owner can be extremely rewarding and, at times, challenging and lonely. Wouldn't it be nice to learn from other business owners' experiences and have a confidential forum to share your business successes and challenges as well as vet new ideas? The Edward Lowe Foundation's PeerSpectives Executive Roundtable program offers just that!

Based on peer learning, the PeerSpectives program helps second-stage entrepreneurs and business executives enhance leadership and decision-making abilities to help take their high-potential companies and careers to new heights.

The City of Chesterfield Economic Development Department has teamed up with The University of Missouri Extension Small Business and Technology Development Center and will launch their first PeerSpectives Roundtable. The

roundtable includes 8-12 business executives from noncompeting industries and provides a confidential forum where participants share and learn from one another's challenges and experiences.

First session:
Oct. 13
Fee: \$79/month
\$948 total
Application due:
Sept. 20
Info:
636.537.6720

A trained facilitator from the Small Business & Technology Development Center, who is an expert in peer learning, maintains balanced discussions to release the genius of the group. Participants learn from the experience of others rather than getting advice from others. Roundtable criteria include:

- Participants must be for-profit business owners, CEOs or primary decision-makers.

- Businesses must have at least five employees and minimum revenue of \$500,000.
- Participants must be willing to commit to the program for one year.
- Businesses must be located in Chesterfield.

The roundtable will hold monthly, four-hour sessions for 12 months, beginning Oct. 13, in Chesterfield. The program fee is \$79 per month for twelve months. Total payment of \$948 is due at the first meeting.

For more information or to fill out an online application, visit www.Chesterfield.mo.us and search for "PeerSpectives." Applications are due by Sept. 20 at 5 p.m. The selection committee will review applications, and selected participants will be notified prior to the first meeting. For more information, call 636.537.6720.

FROM CITY HALL

Four Metro routes now serve the City

Since voters of Chesterfield and other communities in St. Louis County invested their trust and new financial resources through passage of Proposition A, Metro has made several changes and upgrades to the system.

The transit agency has restored services, added 20 new bus routes and increased MetroLink train frequency by 25 percent.



Metro

Metro is hiring 120 new operators and other support staff needed to restore service, not to mention that the expanded services are enabling hundreds of people to connect to jobs, including more than 800 who work in Chesterfield businesses, and many Chesterfield commuters who work in Clayton and downtown St. Louis.

Due to increased demand, Chesterfield now has four bus routes serving residents and businesses! The routes and prominent stop information are listed to the right. Fares range from \$2 one way to \$2.75 round-trip. A weekly pass is \$23.50 and a monthly pass is \$68. MetroBus fare is purchased on the bus, and exact cash fare is required.

For residents headed to work or a meeting in Clayton, expect that ride to take approximately 35 minutes from Chesterfield Mall. Then, it's an easy ride downtown from there on MetroLink to catch a game or get to work without worrying about traffic! For more information on schedules and routes, see Metro's web site at www.metrostlouis.org.



Metro routes, stops in Chesterfield

258 Clayton-Chesterfield

New route – Stops include: Edison & Spirit Airport, Long & Chesterfield Airport Rd., Chesterfield Mall, Delmar Gardens Chesterfield, Ballas MetroBus Center, Clayton MetroBus Center.

158 Ballas-West County

New route – Stops include: St. John's Hospital, St. Luke's Hospital, Delmar Gardens Chesterfield, Delmar Gardens West, Ballas MetroBus Center, Clayton MetroBus Center.

58X Twin Oaks Express

New route – Travels between Chesterfield Mall and Downtown St. Louis along Clarkson Road, Manchester, New Ballwin Road, Big Bend Boulevard and I-44. Specific stops in Chesterfield include: Clarkson & Highway 40.

98 Chesterfield Hanley

Existing route – Stops include: North Hanley Station, Fee Fee & Westport Plaza, Olive & Ballas, St. John's Hospital, Ballas Bus Center, St. Luke's Hospital, Mason & South Outer 40.

Fireball Run will make a pit stop in Chesterfield Sept. 30

Chesterfield will be a stop near the finish line of the 2010 Fireball Run Adventurally, a 3,500-mile motoring rally.

Competitors are expected to arrive at the Chesterfield stop Thursday, Sept. 30, between 5 and 7 p.m. at St. Louis Motorsports (Lamborghini/Bentley dealerships), the host location. The public is invited to view the specialized vehicles participating in the race. Villa Farotto will have food and beverage for sale, and Blues Plus will provide entertainment.

Arrival:
Thursday,
Sept. 30
5-7 p.m.
Restart:
Friday, 9 a.m.
St. Louis
Motorsports

The next morning at 9 a.m., competitors will line up in front of

St. Louis Motorsports at 1 Arnage Blvd., to begin the next leg to Cedar Rapids, IA, with Chesterfield Mayor John Nations waving the green flag to restart the race.

Teams will travel over 3,500 miles in nine days, driving vehicles such as Lamborghinis, Dodge Challengers, the *Back to the Future* car, and KITT from *Knight Rider*. Along the way, teams look for clues and complete challenges to earn points. In addition, there are racing challenges, the first of

which will take place at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

Proceeds help the recovery effort for missing and exploited children. Each team is assigned a child from its home region along with posters to disperse along the route. A decal featuring the child is affixed to the vehicle. To date, the effort has assisted in the recovery of 33 missing children.

Participants in this year's Fireball Run include the noted Lamborghini test driver, Valentino Balboni; CEO of Luxury Lifestyle, Jacques Milon; CNN commentator and president of the Klaas Kids Foundation, Marc



Klaas; and president of USAC Racing, Kevin Miller.

The Fireball Run Adventurally is safety sanctioned by the United States Auto Club (USAC) and has been welcomed by city leaders and law enforcement in many cities.

The rally starts Sept. 23 in Henderson, NV, and concludes Oct. 2 in Galena, IL. For more info: www.fireballrun.com

FROM CITY HALL

Course offered for small business owners

If You've Just Started or Are Thinking About Starting Your Own Business... Register for the Fundamentals of Small Business Program to Enhance your Success!

Starting a new business is a big investment of time and money that demands special skills and knowledge. It's important to find out early in the process if being a business owner is right for you.

Learn the fundamentals of starting or growing a small business through a ten-week course sponsored by the City of Chesterfield and the Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce. The course is designed to assist new small business owners and those contemplating starting a business by reviewing basic principles

of owning and running such an enterprise.

Throughout the course, participants will have a hands-on opportunity to create a business plan or validate an existing one. Other topics include:

- Utilizing cash as a strategic tool
- Handling tax and legal obligations
- Insurance needs
- Negotiating with customers and suppliers
- Managing stress
- Setting business goals
- Financial planning

As a participant you will also engage in meaningful class discussion with your peers. This course will not only teach the fundamentals of starting a small business but will provide opportunities to network and meet other successful small

business owners.

The curriculum is written and taught by Richard J. Sacks, developed from his more than 25 years of experience as a consultant and lecturer on small business and based on his book "The Twelve Commandments for Small Business: A Practical Guide to Beating the Odds."

The Fundamentals of Small Business course will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 22, 6-9 p.m., and continue each Wednesday for a total of ten weeks. The fee for the 10-week program is \$170, which includes the curriculum book and business plan guide. For course information or to register, call 636.537.6720 or register on-line at www.chesterfield.mo.us and click on the "Fundamentals of Small Business" button. Checks and credit cards will be accepted.

Want to be 'In the Know?'

Sign up for the City's e-mail notification feature that will deliver to your e-mailbox In-box information on topics that you've selected!

Be among the first to learn about various topics such as upcoming community events, environmental information, and public safety events. Receive notification when the latest Citizen newsletter is online in full-color!

To register, look for the Web Mail/E-Notification link to the left of the City's home page at www.chesterfield.mo.us. Provide your e-mail address and click on the categories for which you'd like to receive information.

The skinny on trimming street trees

Tree trimming is an ongoing activity as the City's street tree population matures.

The Street Maintenance Division of the Department of Planning & Public Works systematically trims trees along City streets to provide adequate clearance for vehicles and pedestrians. Trimming is also necessary to maintain the health of the trees. Please note that the City's responsibility is limited to those trees located within a public right of way. Trees located on private property are the responsibility of the property owner.

Trees are trimmed on a five-year cycle and are also trimmed ahead

of scheduled street reconstruction projects, and in response to storm damage. The trees are cut back to provide 12 feet of clearance over streets, and 10 feet of clearance over sidewalks.

Prior to initiating tree trimming operations in an area, the Street Maintenance Division distributes notices to all adjacent property owners. Residents who want to trim the street trees in front of their homes themselves are asked to contact the Street Maintenance Division at 636.537.4000. It is important to note that all street trees must be trimmed to the City's specifications.

PUBLIC WORKS

Have Rover go in tall clover ... and other valuable tips for pet walks

Calling all Chesterfield dogs to help keep our water clean. And residents whose canine pals don't read *The Citizen* might need to help out, too.

Here's the scoop on the situation:

Pet waste left in yards comes into contact with stormwater when it rains. The stormwater then becomes contaminated and carries pollutants into storm sewers, which drain the untreated water directly to area streams.

Dogs are major contributors to this environmental problem, though other pets have been known to chip in. Together, however, we can make a difference.

Acceptable pet waste management options include:

- Put the waste in a sealed bag and place in the trash.
- Flush down the toilet (do not flush plastic bags or kitty litter.)
- Bury waste in the soil at least six inches deep (away from gardens).

Minimize pollution by having pets do their No. 2 in tall grass away from storm inlets. This acts as a filter and allows for natural decomposition.

Dog and cat waste must be handled carefully because it contains bacteria, viruses and parasites that can infect humans and cause serious illness. Always wash your hands after handling pet waste.

Do not place pet waste in compost piles or around vegetable gardens where pathogens can contaminate food products. All poop is not created equal and depends on the donor's diet. While the by-products of veggie eaters (cows, horses) make good fertilizer, avoid using that of carnivores such as dogs and cats.

Waste, recycling rate has changed

Trash talk is cheap. Getting it picked up, however, is costing just a

little bit more.

As a result of previous negotiations between the City and Allied Waste, rates for residential garbage and recycling collection

services will increase only 37 cents a month, effective Aug. 1. The new rate of \$12.74/month (\$38.22/quarter) is guaranteed for 12 months, through July 31, 2011.

PLANNING & PUBLIC WORKS

Pedestrian bridge will help citizens safely cross Highway 40/I-64

A pedestrian bridge is being planned to span Highway 40/I-64 just west of Chesterfield Parkway East. And more signs for bicyclists on city roads are on the way.

These improvements stem from a long-range plan to increase bicycle and pedestrian accessibility, connectivity, and safety. The plan was developed by the City of Chesterfield in partnership with Trailnet, Inc. in April 2009.

Earlier this year, the City Council adopted the Chesterfield Bikeable Walkable Community Plan to enhance the transportation, recreation, and fitness infrastructure in Chesterfield. The plan presents goals and objectives, delineates bicycle and pedestrian facility components, and concludes with a detailed implementation strategy.

It is a tool to help City staff and elected officials implement future infrastructure improvements in the City as resources and local support become available.

The Howard R. Green Company is designing the pedestrian structure crossing Highway 40. It's one of many projects recommended in the plan to remove pedestrian barriers and help facilitate safe pedestrian travel on roadways around Chesterfield.

For more information, contact Kevin Neill, Bike Walk Planner at Trailnet, 314.436.1324 x118, or Ben Niesen, Civil Engineer, City of Chesterfield, 636.537.4750. Additional information is also available at www.chesterfield.mo.us/bike.html and at www.trailnet.org/chesterfield.php



Citizens who enjoy the Levee Trail will have additional sections available next spring.

It's full steam ahead on Monarch-Chesterfield Levee Trail

Construction of two new sections of the Monarch-Chesterfield Levee Trail is underway.

L. Krupp Construction was selected to build the levee trail from the north and west end near the Chesterfield Valley Athletic

Complex to the Howell Island Access. The trail will follow the levee for most of the segment – except at Boone's Bridge where the trail will go under Highway 40.

The trail is expected to be completed next spring. With this addition, the north link of the trail

will stretch more than 6 miles. The following phase will connect Howell Island to Centaur Road and is expected to be constructed next year.

For additional information, contact the City of Chesterfield Department of Planning & Public Works.

City opens an express lane for municipal zoning reviews

Chesterfield's Planning and Development Services Department is excited to offer a new service – Express MZA Review.

This service provides same-day review for all municipal zoning applications (MZA) for interior remodeling, finishing, or other work within a residential structure. To receive same-day

turnaround, applications must be submitted by 10 a.m. and include all necessary documents and signatures. These applications will be reviewed and ready for pick-up by 3 p.m. the same day.

Approval of the MZA is the first step in obtaining a building permit with St. Louis County. Once the MZA is approved, the paperwork

is submitted to St. Louis County for final review and issuance of a building permit.

For more information about the Express MZA Review Service, contact Kristine Kelley in the Planning and Development Services Department at 636.537.4748 or kkelley@chesterfield.mo.us.

Don't stay in the dark – how to report a non-functioning street light

Each residential subdivision is responsible for the streetlights within the subdivision. The trustees of subdivisions lease the lights from AmerenUE.

You can either notify your trustees, or report the light directly to AmerenUE at 314.342.1000. Note the pole number before calling and give AmerenUE

this number along with the address of the light.

The pole number is on a tag which is typically located at the top of the pole, just under the fixture.

CITIZEN COMMITTEES



Garden Tour is a hit with participants

The Garden Tour, sponsored by the Chesterfield Beautification Committee, was a huge success on June 12. The beautiful day brought out garden enthusiasts from all over the state. The committee thanks volunteers and participating homeowners for their hard work.

Chesterfield Alliance for Positive Youth Fall Forum examines bullying, suicide

Is your child being harassed at school, on email or on social networking sites such as Facebook? It's happening more frequently, and parents may not be aware that their child is being affected. The outcome can be hurtful or even tragic.

The Fall Forum of Chesterfield Alliance for Positive Youth (CAPY) features Chesterfield mother Laura Logsdon, whose motto is, "Be a Positive Light." She will present information on bullying, harassment and teen suicide and discuss the signs that can indicate there is a problem and what you can do about it.

The effects of bullying often go unnoticed and can lead to serious situations. Logsdon has delivered her message to over 10,000 students in schools, scouting groups, churches, and sport teams. She has also appeared on TV and radio.

**Wednesday,
Oct. 13
7-9 p.m.
City Hall**

Parents with children in grades 6-8 are invited to attend (with or without their children). Mark your calendars and plan on joining this very important discussion. Registration is not required.

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Chesterfield Police sets AARP driver course

Older drivers can tune up their driving skills Oct. 5.

The Chesterfield Police Department presents the AARP Driver Safety Program from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at City Hall.

The course is the nation's first and largest classroom driver improvement course for drivers 50 and over. It reviews the rules of the road with an emphasis on defensive driving practices. The four-hour course is taught in a single morning session and does not involve a test.

The course fee is \$12 for AARP members, \$14 for non-members.

Graduates of the course may be eligible for a discount from their auto insurance carrier.

Reservations are required to attend the course. For further information or to reserve a seat, contact Officer Paul Powers at 636.537.6769 or ppowers@chesterfield.mo.us.

Community Emergency Response Team offers volunteer training

The next opportunity to acquire the knowledge and skills to become an auxiliary first responder during emergencies starts Sept. 15.

That's when the 24-hour Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training program begins, under the auspices of the Chesterfield Police Department and the Monarch Fire Protection District.

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.

Individual civilian volunteers are trained as neighborhood,

business, and government teams to serve as auxiliary first responders. These groups provide immediate assistance to victims in their area, organize spontaneous volunteers who have not had training, and collect disaster intelligence that will assist professional responders with prioritization and allocation of resources following a disaster.

CERT is a positive and realistic approach to emergency and disaster situations where citizens can make a difference.

The training will be on Wednesday evenings 6-10 p.m., Sept. 15-Oct. 20. For further details or registration, contact Chesterfield Police Capt. W. Graham Burnley at 636-537-3000 or gburnley@chesterfield.mo.us. Information is also available on www.chesterfield.mo.us.

10th Warner drive for winter coats set

Chesterfield residents are invited to join the Chesterfield Police Department in helping Kurt Warner warm up less fortunate neighbors.

The Kurt Warner First Things First Foundation, in collaboration with Operation Food Search, is sponsoring its 10th annual

Warner's
Warm-up
Winter Coat
Drive Nov.
1-14.

**Winter Coat
Collection:
Nov. 1-14
City Hall**

New or gently used coats can be dropped off at the collection box at City Hall. The collected coats will be distributed to a network of homeless shelters, outreach centers, and schools throughout the St. Louis area.

The Chesterfield collection box is located at City Hall.

For more information contact Marci Pritts at 877-FIRST-13.

CITIZEN COMMITTEES

Go green Chesterfield's recycling opportunities upcoming this Fall

Fall Recycle Drive

Oct. 23-31

Dierbergs Market Place - 1730 Clarkson Road

Recycle Bins will be located in Dierbergs parking lot. This year textiles will be collected as well as single stream recyclables.

Textile Recycling Guidelines

- Blankets, linens, towels and paired shoes are accepted.
- Clothing and linens should be placed in bags.
- Shoes can be boxed or bagged separately.

Please do not include:

Hangers, wet clothing, pillows, rugs, metal cleated shoes, skates, spiked heels, material scraps, severely damaged shoes and clothing

Single Stream Recycling Guidelines

Accepting:

Plastics #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, & #7, aluminum cans, trays & foil, packaging & gable top containers (milk and juice cartons), tin cans, paper of any kind (no metal clips, spirals, ring binders), chipboard (cereal, gift boxes, etc.), carrier stock (soda carrying cases), paperback books (no hard-cover books).



Container Criteria

- All containers are to be empty and rinsed.
- No motor oil, insecticide, herbicide or hazardous chemical containers.
- No plastic film (no plastic sheets, tarps, or wrap).
- No expanded foam or clear polystyrene.

For a detailed list of accepted items and single stream recycling guidelines view the City's website at www.chesterfield.mo.us. Please place

only what is requested in the labeled drop off bins to avoid contamination.

14th America/Missouri/Chesterfield Recycles Day

Saturday, Nov. 13, 9 a.m.-noon.

Parks Administration & Maintenance Facility, 17891 North Outer 40

Shred confidential documents with Cintas (5-box maximum), E-cycle electronics with WITS, recycle used clothing, linens, paired shoes (textiles) with Remains, Inc., and drop off your single stream recycling to Allied Waste. Also, Home Depot will be collecting compact fluorescent light bulbs and plastic garden pots. Check the City website at www.chesterfield.mo.us for guidelines. This event is rain or shine.

Fall Household Hazardous Chemical Collections

For hazardous chemical and paint collections, call St. Louis County, Department of Health – Waste Management Hotline: 314.615.8989 or visit www.recyclesaintlouis.com for information on collection locations, dates and times.

Archaeology Month features two free discussions at Chesterfield library

September is Archaeology Month in Missouri, a state-wide celebration of discoveries and events in human history. Two discussions on archaeology, both free and open to the public, are scheduled at Chesterfield's Sachs Branch of the St. Louis County Library.

The Dampier Site: A 1000-Year-Old Ceremonial and Market Center

Uncovered on the Missouri River Floodplain Wednesday, Sept. 15, 7 p.m.

Speaker Joe Harl, Archaeological Research Center

The Dampier Site was uncovered in Chesterfield 5-6 feet below the surface during digging for levee improvements on the Missouri River floodplain. Just as various stores and restaurants use this valley today, nearly 1000 years ago people established a large market at

the Dampier Site. Archaeologists have uncovered shops that sold ornate pottery, including several pieces from the lower Mississippi River valley, marine shell beads and whelk shells from the Gulf of Mexico, copper ornaments from the Great Lakes, mica from the Appalachian Mountains, and pumice from the Rocky Mountains.

The Dampier Site is providing great insight into the overall Mississippian economic and social system and helps explain the influence Cahokia in Illinois exerted on east-central Missouri.

Talking Turkey: Archaeological Treasures of Asia Minor

Wednesday, Sept. 22, 7 p.m.

Speaker Alice Fugate, Mound City Archaeological Society, Chesterfield Landmarks Preservation Commission

For millennia, people have fought over and founded empires in Asia Minor, making Turkey a treasure of important archaeological sites spanning at least 9,000 years. These sites include Neolithic Catalhuyuk, considered the world's first town. Other Turkish treasures include Troy, Ephesus, Pergamon, Constantinople, Cappadocia, and the Anatolian caravanserai that catered to travelers on the ancient silk road. The presentation includes a visual tour of Turkey's unique archaeology and culture.

The Sachs Branch of the St. Louis County Library is located at 16400 Burkhardt Pl. For more information on Archaeology Month, contact the Missouri Archaeological Society at 417.836.3773 or visit <http://associations.missouristate.edu/mas/archaeologymonth.html>

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Faust Park festival features fine art, hayrides, music, children's activities

The Faust Folk and Fine Arts Festival is gearing up for a late September run.

The event is set for Sept. 25-26 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Faust Park and will feature:

- A hay wagon for a free ride to the 19th century Historic Village which features tours plus traditional demonstrations of blacksmithing, rope making, pottery firing and other historical arts & crafts.
- A juried fine arts sale featuring premier artists with original work in oil and acrylics, water color, metal works, sculpture, wood and more.
- Concessions, live music, and children's activities.
- Admission includes unlimited rides on the St. Louis Carousel.

For registration, jury and booth fees, call 314.615.8482 or email toconnell@stlouisco.com. Booths are \$75 for a 10'X10' space.

Admission is \$5, free for 4 and under.

History Hayrides at Faust Park

Faust Park is featuring hayrides after dark Oct. 29-30.

History Hayrides
Oct. 29-30
Admission: \$10
\$5 for kids 3-12

After the hayride, participants can wander through

**Folk & Fine Arts:
Faust Park
Sept. 25-26
10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Admission: \$5**

features tours plus traditional demonstrations of blacksmithing, rope making, pottery firing and other historical arts & crafts.

Hands-on demonstrations of historical techniques are a highlight of the Folks & Fine Arts Festival

candlelit historic homes where refreshments and storytellers await. Warm up with a bonfire and live music. Call 314.615.8328 to reserve spots on one of the following slots:

Friday, Oct. 29

6-7 p.m. 7-8 p.m. 8-9 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 30

6-7 p.m. 7-8 p.m. 8-9 p.m.

Admission is \$10, \$5 for ages 3-12, free for children under 2 with a paid adult.



Civic Orchestra opens season Oct. 30 with Russian program, top violinist

The St. Louis Civic Orchestra is gearing up for an opening-night concert Oct. 30 that will feature a Russian program with

internationally acclaimed Argentine violinist, Alejandro Drag.

The concert, led by Artistic Director Edward Dolbashian, will

be at 8 p.m. at the Purser Center, located on the campus of Logan College of Chiropractic. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children and

seniors.

Visit www.stlouiscivicorchestra.org for a schedule and more information.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Butterfly House welcomes owls, orchids in October

The Butterfly House isn't using the alphabet to schedule events. It's a coincidence that October will feature owls and orchids.

All month, the Faust Park attraction will be host to nearly 100 blooming orchids in its 8,000-square-foot tropical conservatory. And, the collection of owl butterflies will expand from 150 to approximately 2,000 for the month. The October Owls and Orchids experience is included with Butterfly House admission.

Owl butterflies (*Caligo eurilochus*, *Caligo atreus* and *Caligo memnon*) are most recognizable at roost, when the markings on the underside of their wings are prominently displayed. The name comes from these markings, which resemble a bright yellow owl eye, surrounded by rich, chocolate-colored feathers – a useful defense mechanism to scare away predators. Hungry owl butterflies feast on a diet of carrion, tree sap or juice from decaying fruit in the wilds of their native Costa Rica and Surinam. At the Butterfly House, strategically-placed tree trunks slathered in squashed banana will be on the menu throughout the month.

"Our owl butterflies will cling to fruit-covered trees during the day, so it's an ideal time for guests to get an easy, up-close look at large groups of these fascinating animals," said Mark



Deering, collections manager at the Butterfly House. "No where else in the world will you find this concentration of owl butterflies."

Owl butterflies are most animated at dawn and dusk. While other creatures are settling in for the night, owl butterflies swoop through the conservatory at top speeds in groups of a dozen or more, seeking out food and mates. Tuesdays offer an opportunity to see the action, with expanded hours from 4 to 7 p.m. Visitors may explore on their own or take a guided tour with

Butterfly House staff at 6 p.m.

Real owls from the World Bird Sanctuary will make a guest appearance Tuesday, Oct. 19, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Throughout October, the Lopata Learning Lab features hands-on family activities designed for ages 3-12. Visitors can see the four stages of an owl butterfly's life, make a colorful orchid mask, experience different smells and textures, play matching games, and paint with watercolors.

Meanwhile, nearly 100 blooming orchids will provide a treat for both the eyes and the nose. Stroll through the warm conservatory to spot Phalaenopsis, Cattleyas and Dendrobiums in all their glory, nestled alongside peacock flowers, powder puff trees, jungle geraniums and other tropical plants. Bring along your camera; handheld photography is welcome for personal use only. Tripods, monopods and external flash equipment are not permitted.

**Oct. 1-31
9 a.m.-4 p.m**
(closed Mondays)
Extended hours
Tuesdays
Oct. 5, 12, 19 and 26
4-7 p.m.
**Butterfly House
Faust Park**
Exhibits included
with admission
Info: 636.530.0076

Puppets, Preschool Pumpkins and Trick or Treats planned at St. Louis Carousel in Faust Park

Fun Friday Puppet Shows at the Carousel

Fridays, Oct. 1-Nov. 19
Doors open at 9:30 a.m.
Puppet Show 10 a.m.-10:30 a.m.
Children and parents will enjoy entertaining puppet shows and a complimentary twirl on the carousel after the show.

Tickets \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door. (12 months & under free with paid adult)

To purchase tickets, call 314.615.8383 or stop by the St. Louis Carousel Gift Shop.

Preschool Pumpkins

Wednesday & Thursday, Oct. 27-28, 10:30-11 a.m.

Dress in your Halloween costume (optional) and decorate mini pumpkins to take home.

Parents must stay and assist their child with the project.
Ages 3-5. Advance registration required.

\$10/class includes supplies and carousel ride for child and parent

after program.
Register at the Carousel Gift Shop or call 314.615.8383 starting Sept. 1.

Carousel Trick or Treats

Sunday, Oct. 31, 2010
10 a.m.-4 p.m.
All visitors in Halloween costumes receive candy after their carousel ride. All rides are \$1.

Older Resident Programs offer resources

As one ages many new challenges arise. Fortunately, the transition can be a little easier for St. Louis County seniors, thanks to St. Louis County Older Resident Programs.

Since 1975, CORP has offered services to support county residents age 60 and over in maintaining

independent, meaningful lifestyles in the community. Whether a resident needs a ride to the doctor or grocery store, help with minor housekeeping or maintenance, a friendly visit or call, or help with legal questions or taxes, CORP can help.

Besides the services CORP

offers there are many other opportunities available. Classes are offered in gerontology/successful aging and basic computer skill training. Older residents also have the opportunity for other pursuits through special interest clubs and social events offered by CORP.

Since most CORP services are provided by trained, neighborhood-

based volunteers, rewarding volunteer opportunities abound. CORP is built upon the commitment of caring people who share their time and talents so that others can live with dignity and independence.

To request services or volunteer, call 314.615.4516 or visit www.co.st-louis.mo.us/dhs//CORP.html.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Gumbo Flats Pumpkin Run beckons runners, walkers

Chamber provides family friendly atmosphere with inclusion of Children's Fun Run and Finish Line Party

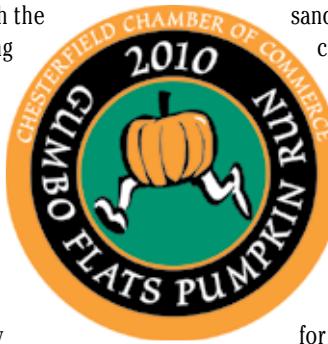
Hundreds will lace up their athletic shoes on Saturday, Oct. 23, for the Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce's 9th Annual Gumbo Flats Pumpkin Run/Walk.

The 10K (6.2 mile) and 5K (3.1 mile) courses are out-and-back routes located in Chesterfield Valley. This year, the Chamber is pleased to again include a half-mile Children's Fun Run for ages 8 and under. Children are encouraged to wear Halloween costumes.

Race-day registration begins

at 6:30 a.m., with the run/walk starting at 8 a.m. The Children's Fun run begins at 9 a.m.

Following the race will be a complimentary Finish Line Party with a breakfast/lunch buffet for all attendees. Local businesses and restaurants supply an array of fruits, bagels, doughnuts,



sandwiches, pizza, frozen custard and other items to show their appreciation to all participants.

Early registration is \$20 if received before Oct. 8. Late or race-day registration is \$25. Registration for ages 9 to 14 is \$15 if received by Oct. 8, \$20 afterward. Children's Fun Run for ages 8 and under is \$10.

Applications are available at the

Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce office, 101 Chesterfield Business Parkway, Chesterfield, MO 63005 or at www.chesterfieldmochamber.com. Participants can also register online at www.fleetfeetstlouis.com/gumboflats.htm. There is a nominal on-line registration surcharge.

A portion of the proceeds benefits Wings of Hope.

**Early registration deadline: Oct. 8
Fees: \$20 adults
\$15 age 9-14
\$10 Fun Run**

Kemp Auto Museum sets shows featuring Ferraris, Porsches

Ferraris on the Plaza

Sunday, Sept. 12, Sachs Plaza

The streamlined bodies and shine of these Italian cars will be on display.

Porsche Auto Show

Sunday, Oct. 17, Sachs Plaza

These two-door sports cars will idle side by side on the museum's outdoor plaza.

Each show runs 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is \$5. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. For more information, contact Rodger Van Ness at 636.537.1718 or visit www.kempautomuseum.org.

The Kemp Auto Museum displays historically significant and artistically inspired automobiles from the earliest to the contemporary for public enjoyment and educational enrichment. The Kemp collection includes rare and vintage European automobiles from the turn of the century to modern day.



Traditional German dancers are a highlight of the Strassenfest, scheduled Oct. 1-3 on Chesterfield Parkway, just west of the Chesterfield Mall.

Strassenfest

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See the details on the new website, www.strassenfest.org, where you can get all the up-to-date information on bands, activities, and schedules along with pictures from last year's Strassenfest in Chesterfield. Strassenfest is a combined effort among Strassenfest, Inc., Sachs Properties, Chesterfield Mall and the City of Chesterfield.



Troop 597 Boy Scouts used the money they earned at Strassenfest to purchase tents and attend the Boy Scout Jamboree in Forest Park this summer.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Make Your Mark Community Mural Project

*Oct. 9, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Intersection of Edison Boulevard & Baxter Road
Free & open to the public*

Part of the American Arts Experience, Chesterfield Arts is facilitating a community mural project to paint the new flood wall. A leadership team of students grades 8-12 in the West County region will create and coordinate the paint-by-number design that all ages are invited to help paint. The goal is to create a highly visible work of art created for and by the community that will enhance the visual appearance of the wall and highlight the new Great River Greenway recreation trail on the levee. For more information visit www.chesterfieldarts.org or call 636.519.1955.

Fall classes for all ages

Starting Sept. 7

Whatever your age or skill level, Chesterfield Arts offers classes and workshops throughout the fall. New this year, try a collaborative class with Shakespeare Festival St. Louis such as "Fairies, Forests & Midsummer Magic" that mixes the performing and visual arts. Also enjoy pottery, painting, watercolor and more. For a full schedule, visit www.chesterfieldarts.org or request a brochure by calling 636.519.1955. Register for classes online or by phone.

New season of readings

Sept. 8 at 7 p.m.

Free & open to the public

Hear talented authors from across the region in Chesterfield Arts' River Valley Readings series,



The Beauty Queen of Leenane

Oct. 7-24

Thursday-Saturday, 8 p.m.

Sunday, 7 p.m.

ARTropolis, Chesterfield Mall

starting a new season this fall. Enjoy refreshments, a chance to meet authors, and the literary musings of poets, fiction and non-fiction writers who are making a splash on the St. Louis writing scene. All River Valley Readings are free and open to the public. For more information visit www.chesterfieldarts.org or call 636.519.1955.

Blues Style: Imaging Improvisation

Opening Reception: Oct. 1, 6-9 p.m.

Exhibit runs Oct. 1-Nov. 13

Free & open to the public

Part of the American Arts Experience happening all over St. Louis this October, journey through the history of the Blues with artist Solomon Thurman in

Set in Ireland, this dark comedy by Martin McDonagh features a macabre twist of deception and secrets as a spinster battles her manipulative mother for what could be a last chance at love.

Tickets: Adults \$20, Students/Seniors (60+) \$18, Groups (10+) \$15. Seating is limited.

Reservations required:

636.220.7012

Purchase tickets or get more info at www.DramaticLicenseProductions.com

the Gallery at Chesterfield Arts. Like Blues lyrics and music, each painting explores structure, spontaneity and improvisation, composing an experience through images. The Gallery at Chesterfield Arts is open Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information visit www.chesterfieldarts.org or call 636.519.1955.

Chesterfield Arts' High School Writing Contest

Submission Deadline: Nov. 19

Winners reading: Dec. 8, 7 p.m.

High school writers in West County are invited to enter Chesterfield Arts' High School Writing Contest for a chance to

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Rodgers & Hammerstein's State Fair

Sept. 3-Oct. 3

With a soaring score by Rodgers and Hammerstein, *State Fair* returns to a simpler time when winning blue ribbons for prized boars, serving up mincemeat, and finding true romance on the midway were annual rites.

State Fair follows the Frakes as they leave behind the routine of the family farm for three days of adventure at the annual Iowa State Fair. Featured songs include "It's A Grand Night For Singing" and the Academy Award-winning song, "It Might As Well Be Spring."

For tickets: 314.821.2407 or www.stagesstlouis.org

2010 Fall Academy Classes

Passion, creativity, curiosity. STAGES Performing Arts Academy's mission is to inspire these attributes within students of all ages while providing the highest quality professional training in the musical theatre arts.

The sequential curriculum, unique Access the Arts specialized and inclusive classes, and STAGES' scholarship programs provide a range of opportunities to any interested student.

For more information and a full class schedule visit www.stagesstlouis.org or call 636.530.5959. Fall classes are enrolling now.



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CHESTERFIELD CALENDAR

September

- 1 City Council
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 2 Planning & Public Works Committee
City Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- 4 Family Aquatic Center Extended Hours
Half-Price Admission
(5-10 p.m.)
- 6 City Hall Closed
Labor Day
- 7 K-9 Splash
Family Aquatic Center, 4:30-7 p.m.
- 13 Planning Commission
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 20 City Council
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 23 Planning & Public Works Committee
City Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- 27 Planning Commission
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 30 Fireball Run Community Event
Lamborghini/Bentley Dealerships, 5-7 p.m.

October

- 1-3 Strassenfest
Chesterfield Parkway West
- 4 City Council
City Hall, 7 p.m.

- 7 Planning & Public Works Committee
City Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- 11 Planning Commission
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 18 City Council
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 21 Planning & Public Works Committee
City Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- 25 Planning Commission
City Hall, 7 p.m.

November

- 1 City Council
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 4 Planning & Public Works Committee
City Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- 8 Planning Commission
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 11 City Hall Closed
Veteran's Day
- 15 City Council
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 18 Planning & Public Works Committee
City Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- 22 Planning Commission
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 25 Turkey Trot 5-K
25-26 City Hall Closed

Thanksgiving

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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win cash prizes and participate in the reading celebration. Three places will be awarded in poetry or prose categories. For contest guidelines and submission details, visit www.chesterfieldarts.org or call 636.519.1955.

Exhibit featuring Adam Long

*Opening Reception: Nov. 19, 6-9 p.m.
Nov. 19 through Jan. 8
Free & open to the public*

See new works in the Gallery at Chesterfield Arts from organic, figural sculptor Adam Long, as he explores new frontiers in earthworks and environmental art. Long's works examine man's interaction with nature, how science helps us understand our environment, and what it means to be

HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULES

Labor Day – Monday, Sept. 6

Monday routes will be picked up
Tuesday, Sept. 7.

Tuesday routes will be picked up
Wednesday, Sept. 8.

Wednesday routes will be picked up
Thursday, Sept. 9.

Thursday routes will be picked up
Friday, Sept. 10.

Friday routes will be picked up
Saturday, Sept. 11.

a human who needs the natural world. The Gallery at Chesterfield Arts is open Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Learn more about the artist at www.adamlongsculpture.com or www.chesterfieldarts.org.

Arts Alive! The Nutcracker featuring Alexandra Ballet

*Dec. 19, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.
Tickets on sale: Nov. 1*

Chesterfield Arts presents Alexandra Ballet in this holiday favorite. Share the joy and whimsy of this narrated performance with world-class dancers at Logan College's Purser Center.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for children (12 & under). Purchase tickets at www.chesterfieldarts.org or by calling 636.519.1955 starting Nov. 1.

Thanksgiving – Thursday, Nov. 25

Monday-Wednesday routes are not affected.

Thursday routes will be picked up
Friday, Nov. 26.

Friday routes will be picked up
Saturday, Nov. 27.