



City offers help to disabled, physically challenged residents

Chesterfield will provide a Driveway Apron Snow Removal Program this winter to assist disabled and physically challenged residents in the removal of windrows that accumulate in the front of residential driveway aprons after snowplowing operations.

Windrows are created when a large amount of snow from the street rolls off the edge of the plow blade and accumulates at the base of the driveway apron. During significant snow events, windrows at the base of residential

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driveways can become quite large, re-freeze, and sometimes be difficult to remove.

Driveway Apron Snow Removal operations will begin ONLY after completion of all snow and ice removal operations on public streets and at City facilities. The snow accumulation from the driveway apron must exceed two inches during any single snow event and will

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It's update time for the Sachs Branch Library

The Samuel C. Sachs Branch Library will close Dec. 12 for renovations for up to nine months.

Several new features will be introduced, including family rest rooms, private study rooms, dedicated programming areas for kids and quiet reading areas called "living rooms." A café area with vending machines and tables will offer a place to relax, and children's areas will be expanded and equipped with more interactive learning stations. New computers, furniture

and carpeting are also part of the plan, including comfortable seating areas.

During the closure, patrons are directed to the Daniel Boone Branch at 300 Clarkson Road in Ellisville. Items can be returned to any open St. Louis County Library location. For updates on the renovation, see www.slcl.org.



City issues call for Citizen of Year nominations

The City of Chesterfield is requesting your nominations for the Citizen of the Year award.

Many residents contribute to the community in a significant manner each day without reward or recognition. This is an opportunity to nominate someone who has brought honor upon themselves and the community as the result of an outstanding accomplishment or simply by being actively involved in the community.

Nominees' actions should benefit the overall Chesterfield community and its residents in some manner through volunteerism, work performed on community projects, and overall civic contributions.

Ideally, individuals nominated should be Chesterfield residents. If not, the accomplishments being recognized should take place in the City.

Nomination Guidelines

- One nomination per person per household (spouses can be nominated jointly).
- Previously nominated individuals can be re-nominated.
- A nominee cannot serve on the Selection Committee.
- A nominee cannot serve in an publicly elected position.
- The person nominating an individual cannot serve on the Selection Committee.
- City Employees will not be considered for the award.

Nominations can be submitted electronically by filling out the form on the City's website at chesterfield.mo.us and are due Feb. 5.

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Bob Nation

636.537.4711

Term Expires: April 2017

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Term Expires: April 2016

Seat vacant

Term Expires: April 2017

*Remainder of term to be filled
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Term Expires: April 2017

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Term Expires: April 2017

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Mayor's Message

Fall events are successful; Sales tax reform is on hold

I am writing this in early October and have been taking advantage of the superb weather and making good use of the many trails available in our community. The recent big events of Taste of St. Louis and Pedal the Cause were huge successes. Pedal the Cause raised \$3 million for cancer research. We were also privileged to have the St. Louis Scottish Games and Cultural Event at Spirit Airport in late September. We are excited that we anticipate each of these events will return next year.

Development

Our city continues to benefit and grow with quality commercial and residential developments, such as the recently opened Mercy Virtual Care Center, continued expansion of the St. Luke's Hospital West Campus, a handful of new subdivisions, two new hotels, and additional retail at Chesterfield Blue Valley. Chesterfield Grove, a 95-bed assisted living facility, has been proposed at the intersection of Chesterfield Parkway West and Justus Post Road. Additionally, there is the prospect of a new high-end multi-family residential development at the corner of Chesterfield Parkway West and Lydia Hill Drive. We have recently applied for a Regional Parks Grant of \$500,000 that, if approved, will enable moving forward to a ground breaking of the Veterans Honor Park.

Sales Tax

I purposely did not address the ongoing sales tax issue in the last newsletter for two reasons. First, I thought that some of you may be tiring from discussion on the subject, and, second, there was no ultimate success in the legislative session that ended this past May. Unfortunately, scandal in the House of Representatives and filibuster in the Senate adversely impacted ultimate success of the legislation we supported. Just to review, this legislation would have allowed our city and six others to retain a minimum of 50% of the 1% countywide pool sales tax generated within municipal boundaries. This concept would honor the fact that, as a host municipality, expenses are incurred by us for police protection, road maintenance, and other categories of expense that are not incurred by the county and other municipalities that share in the revenue but not the expense of providing these required services.

In the 2015 legislative session, two of the three state senators representing portions of Chesterfield, Senator Eric Schmitt and Senator Jill Schupp, acted to block passage of legislation that would have helped our city. We can only hope that they will join Senator Dave Schatz (who has been a strong supporter and sponsor) in supporting this very modest and responsible legislation. State Representative Sue Allen and Representative Mike Leara have been the other strong leaders in support of our just cause.

Meanwhile, the lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the state statute that dictates the manner of redistribution of revenues seems to be moving very slowly. I wish I had more to report on this topic, but all we know at this point is that St. Louis County was approved to intervene as a defendant, and a handful of other cities have also asked to be approved as defendants. I suppose it is fair to say that it has attracted attention. Please feel free to contact me if I can provide any information relevant to the current statute or our efforts to affect legislative improvements.

As we approach the holiday season, I wish each of our wonderful Chesterfield residents a warm and hearty Happy Holidays!

Sincerely

Bob Nation



Nancy Greenwood

1943-2015

Chesterfield City Councilmembers and staff are among the many area residents saddened by the passing of Ward 1 Councilmember and former Mayor Nancy Greenwood on Sept. 18.

Mrs. Greenwood was first elected to City Council in April 1990, just two years after Chesterfield became a city, and served two terms, until stepping down in April 1994. She then returned and served as Mayor from April 1997 until April 2001. After some time to focus on her career, she returned to politics in April 2013 as a City Councilmember and was re-elected this past April.

Mayor Greenwood's name has been added to a plaque, permanently attached to a wall on the back of City Hall, adjacent to a the fountain area, which is called the "Larry Grosser Memorial Plaza" in honor of the late Councilmember. The marker memorializes Councilmembers, volunteers and employees who have passed while in service to the City.

Many City Councilmembers and staff expressed wonderful memories of Nancy. Fellow Ward 1 Councilmember Barry Flachsbart recalls the day that Nancy made the decision to get involved with politics:

"Betty Hathaway and I were discussing the upcoming election, where my seat on the Council was up for election. But I was planning



Nancy Greenwood proudly wears a Public Works T-shirt, presented here at the 2000 Public Works Week lunch at the maintenance facility. The shirt had a No. 1 on the back. "She wore it proudly, not only then, but for other celebrations and events," recalled Mike Geisel, Director of Public Services. "I knew she was proud of us, and it made us better!"

to run for Mayor (1990), so we needed to think of a good, strong candidate for my seat. We recalled that the Greenwoods had actively supported the kinds of things we believed in, so we decided to ask Steve Greenwood to consider running.

"When we asked him, he immediately said 'you need to be talking to Nancy!' That was clearly an outstanding suggestion and led to her first (of many) victories at the polls. She always campaigned on the theme "Neighborhoods First." That was never an anti-business stance – she was, after all, involved in small businesses herself – but a clear indication of the priorities for good, quality development which ensured that neighborhoods remained viable."

Reactions of others include:

Ward 3 Councilmember Mike Casey recalls: "I served under Nancy while she was Mayor and served on her Moratorium Panel. I found her to be very connected to the residents and the City, always looking for the best way to handle an issue. There are not many like Nancy, and we were fortunate to have her leadership."

Ward 3 Councilmember Dan Hurt: "Nancy made family her primary concern and included Chesterfield as her extended family. She was a fiscal conservative with the character of

our neighborhoods being very important. Her contribution to Chesterfield helped make it a great community."

City Administrator Mike Herring recalls when Nancy played a critical role in the acquisition from Monsanto of the property where City Hall is now located. "Then City Attorney Doug Beach and I had been in negotiations with Monsanto for months regarding the acquisition of property for our new City Hall. It became really frustrating, as the negotiations were at a standstill. Nancy, who knew and accepted no limits, simply picked up the phone and called Bob Shapiro, who was the CEO of Monsanto at the time, and requested a meeting. She and I went to meet him at his office in Creve Coeur and, using her negotiating skills, her charm and that ever-present smile, we had a deal by the end of the meeting.

"Additionally, regarding the design of the building, Nancy thought it was really important that the first thing people saw was not a sea of parking but a beautifully landscaped building, close to the intersection and that the entrance be designed in such a way as to welcome people, as though with open arms. That is one of the many legacies that Nancy left for our community. She was

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Filing for City Council will begin on Dec. 15

On Tuesday, Dec. 15, at 8 a.m., candidate filing for the Office of Councilmember in each of the City's four wards will begin in the City Clerk's office, 690 Chesterfield Parkway West. After Dec. 15, hours for filing during the candidate filing period will be 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Candidate filing will close Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2016, at 5 p.m. The election will be April 5.

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, an inhabitant 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.

For additional information, please call the City Clerk at 636.537.6716.

Voter registration

Citizens may register to vote at City Hall or most St. Louis County public libraries.

The Missouri Voter Registration Application is also available online at www.stlouisco.com/elections.

The deadline to register to vote in the April municipal election is March 9.

Holiday trash pickup

Christmas – Dec. 25

Routes will be collected on Saturday, Dec. 26.

New Year's Day – Jan. 1

Routes will be collected on Saturday, Jan. 2.

Christmas tree disposal

Republic Services will pick up Christmas trees the entire month of January on yard waste pick-up day 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.

Curbside textile pickup begins in January

USAgain, a national textile recycler in St. Louis, is teaming up with the City of Chesterfield and Republic Services to pick up textiles from residents' curbside.

USAgain will route trucks to households on the first Saturday of each month starting Jan. 2 to collect clothes and shoes from curbside. Prior to the launch of the program, households will receive flyers with instructions on what is acceptable through the program. The recycler



will accept all clothes; household textiles such as sheets, drapes, towels and accessories; and shoes, including those that are stained, ripped, mismatched or out-of-fashion. This program for curbside textile recycling will service the 13,500 households of Chesterfield.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Americans throw away 70 pounds of clothing, linens and other textiles every year.

Police Department offers AARP Smart Driver Course

The AARP Smart Driver Course will be presented Wednesday, Jan. 27, by the Chesterfield Police Department in cooperation with AARP.

The updated, research-based course teaches valuable defensive driving skills, provides a refresher of the rules of the road, safety strategies and tips for how to adapt one's driving to compensate for changes that may come about with aging. The four-hour course is taught in a single morning session and does

not involve a test. Fees are \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for others.

Course graduates may check with their insurance carriers to see if discounts are available.

The course will be conducted 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at City Hall. Reservations are required. For further information or to reserve a seat, please contact Officer Paul Powers at 636.537.6769 or ppowers@chesterfield.mo.us.

Colleagues share memories of former Mayor Greenwood

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a great supporter of our employees and me and was always a comforting voice of reason during the entire time I worked with her."

Police Chief Ray Johnson: "One of the most important and most enjoyable aspects of life's journey is the people we meet along the way. I'm certainly reminded of that when I think of Nancy Greenwood. It was obvious that she appreciated the people around her, and she always made sure that others knew and felt that appreciation. And, it was impossible to know Nancy and not appreciate her. A great lady with an enormous heart, a sincere, dedicated member of City government, and a friend; she will be sorely missed by all."

Ward 4 Councilmember Bruce DeGroot: "I looked up to Nancy and considered her my friend. I always appreciated her common

sense, conservative approach to local government and tried to emulate it."

Mike Geisel, Director of Public Services, recalls her devotion to employees. "I will always remember Nancy's frequent acknowledgements and support. Whenever there was a contentious issue or I was feeling a little pressure, I could be sure that Nancy would call or pull me aside and give me words of encouragement. Even when we disagreed with regard to a policy or procedure, she was polite and supportive. She was always there to celebrate with staff and her sincere appreciation for the work we did. In spite of her obvious contributions, she frequently credited Chesterfield's success as being the result of professional and dedicated employees. I know that my job was more enjoyable knowing that I had Nancy in my corner. Nancy was proud of Chesterfield, and proud of us. She obviously achieved much during her tenure as an elected official, but my memories will always be the personal relationship she shared with me."

City Hall is host to art exhibits

Painting, photographs and sculptures from regional artists are now being featured in art exhibits at Chesterfield City Hall.

Printed guides offer visitors artist bios, synopsis of the displayed art, and a map of the exhibit gallery.

City Hall will feature several exhibits throughout the year, showcasing a variety of artists and styles. The exhibits are open Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Details are available on the City's web site, www.chesterfield.us. Search for "exhibit."



Have you noticed the latest sculpture added to the City's collection? It's a coyote by artist Harry Weber and is displayed near the barn in Eberwein Park.

Discount 2016 Aquatic Center passes go on sale in February



Tags for Eberwein Dog Park are available soon

Drop by City Hall and pick up a 2016 dog tag so that your favorite family member will not miss going to the park in January!

The park is open only to Chesterfield residents, and each dog must wear a dog park tag. Dog tags will be available the first week of December, and patrons can register their dogs online or at City Hall. To register a dog, show proof of residency, documentation that the dog has been spayed or neutered, and a rabies record. The gate code will not change for 2016 until mid-January.

Start planning for those nice warm days of summer and purchase a Family Aquatic Center Season Pool Pass at a discount. The Chesterfield Parks, Recreation and Arts Division offers an Early Bird Special for its 2016 passes. Receive 10% off the general or resident rate for a family of four by purchasing a season pass from Feb. 1- March 31.

Pavilion Rental

Starting Feb. 16, reservation permits for the use of the pavilion in Central Park may be obtained at City Hall by Chesterfield residents and businesses. The pavilion is available seven days a week from 9 a.m. to dusk.

Chesterfield Amphitheater

Chesterfield Amphitheater, located in the heart of the City, is an open-air venue that is matchless in the St. Louis region. Available for rental for corporate events, weddings, graduations or concerts, it offers lush landscaping, beautifully designed terraces, and state-of-the-art technology that provides excellent acoustics.

Older Adults

A variety of programs are offered monthly to benefit those 55 and up in Chesterfield. Sign up to receive news and updates about these educational opportunities, events, programs and trips offered through the City of Chesterfield by e-mailing jmello@chesterfield.mo.us or calling 636-537-4000.

For more information on any of the above items please call 636.812.9501 or visit chesterfield.mo.us.

Parks app

Download the free Chesterfield parks, recreation & arts mobile app today. Search for "Chesterfield Parks" in your app store. With the click of a button, you can:

- Check athletic field status.
- Add events to your calendar.
- Register for programs.
- Purchase VIP/PIT tickets at the Amphitheater.
- View facility hours and fees.
- Connect with friends, and more.



Scouts help clean Faust Park landscape

More than 60 Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts joined the Citizens Committee for the Environment on Oct. 10 at Faust Park and removed five dump

truck loads of bush honeysuckle and other invasive plants from the grounds, including the native prairie area near the Governor Bates

mansion. The Girl Scouts also planted three species of native milkweed to help Monarch butterflies.

OASIS offers array of classes for residents 50 & over

Discover more about history, art and the world with OASIS, now offering classes for those age 50 and over in Chesterfield! Below is a sampling of some of the 20 classes that will be offered in Chesterfield this winter. To register or learn more about OASIS classes and events, call 314.862.4859 ext. 24 or check out www.oasisnet.org/STL.

Secrets of J. Edgar Hoover and the FBI

Bev Schuetz, History Talks

Examine the exciting history of America's most powerful crime fighting agency and the manipulative, calculating man who ran the bureau with an iron-fist – J. Edgar Hoover. Learn about his secretive abuses of power and bizarre personal behavior. We'll cover the most significant cases from the gangster wars to organized crime to cyber crime in this exciting overview of the fabled but sometimes flawed FBI.

Wednesday, Dec. 9, 1-3 p.m.

West County YMCA Theater

Fee: \$12

Costumes by Edith Head: Part 2

Mary Saputo

Join us for the second part of an unforgettable walk through Old Hollywood with Edith Head, the iconic costume designer whose list of clients reads like a Who's Who of an era gone by.

Monday, Feb. 1, 1-2 p.m.

Fee: \$10 • City Hall

Art Tour of Chesterfield City Hall

Sukanya Mani, City Art Coordinator

Get a behind-the-scenes tour of the latest art exhibit at City Hall. The exhibit's curator will give a history of the artist and provide context plus an artist's perspective on each piece.

Thursday, Feb. 25, 10:30-11:30 a.m. • Free

Great Decisions: Foreign Policy Association

Roy Overmann, Webster University

Investigate eight of the major foreign policy challenges facing Americans in 2015-16 in this thought-provoking series from the Foreign Policy Association, which is led by a Webster University professor. A textbook and videos provide background information, current data and policy options for each issue and serve as the focal text for discussion. Discussion topics include Middle East Alliances, ISIS, The Kurds, Migration, The Koreans, the United Nations, Climate Change, and Cuba & the United States. Class fee includes textbook.

Thursdays, Jan. 25-March 17, 1-3 p.m.

Fee: \$50; Sessions: 8 • City Hall

Chesterfield Men's Roundtable

Daniel Steinmeyer & Bill Ballard, facilitators

Join in the examination of Chesterfield issues, St. Louis County issues, St. Louis issues ... if we get time, we'll also solve U.S. and world problems. The group meets the first and third Mondays of each month.

Monday, Feb. 1 & 15, March 7 & 21, April 4 & 18, May 2 & 16, 9-11 a.m.

Fee: \$12; Sessions: 8 • City Hall

Electronics recycling moves to new location

Chesterfield's electronics recycling is on the move ... to a new location. When the service resumes in February, items can be dropped off at the Granny 8 Mortgage building on the northeast corner of Baxter and Clayton roads.

Web Innovations & Technology Services (WITS), the City of Chesterfield, and Pro Computers team up to provide residents with the site for electronics, white goods, and scrap metal items. Also accepted are all software and tapes, anything with a cord, and batteries, including household batteries, free of charge.

Pro Computer charges \$20 to collect CRT computer monitors and \$35 for CRT and projection TVs. This is paid directly to Pro Computers.

WITS, Inc., a not-for-profit reuse charity, will continue to collect working and reusable items for its community programs.

Items NOT accepted include:

- Clothing, shoes, toys, linens and dishes.
- Household hazardous chemicals or paint.
- Wood items, furniture or other non-electronics, unless they are primarily metal.

Items can be dropped off on the 4th Saturday of the month from February through November (excluding April) from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. To confirm items accepted, call Pro Computers at 314.761.6234.

Early entrepreneurs joined with farmers to shape Chesterfield

By Ann Chrissos

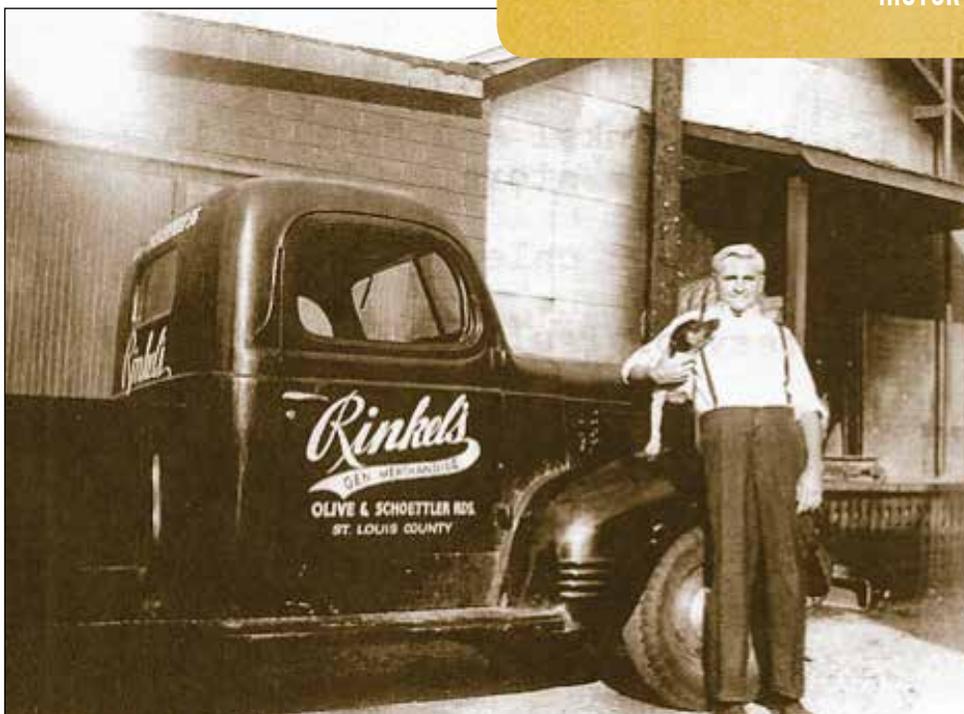
Chesterfield Historic & Landmarks Preservation Committee Member

Most early Chesterfield settlers were farmers; however, some non-agrarian entrepreneurs also made the area their place of residence and business. The Hochs and Rinkels were two such families.

Johann Michael Hoch (b. 1805, d. 1860) married Salomea Sarah Wuest (b. 1807, d. 1858) in Alsace-Lorraine, France. They came to America with the first five of their nine children, sometime between 1842 and 1847. These included Michael (b. 1830, d.?), John Leon (b. 1832, d. 1907); Edward (b. 1836, d. 1903); Clementine Barbara (b. 1837, d.?). and Barbara Orthas (b. 1842 in Germany, d. 1904). The birthplace of their sixth child, Salomea Sarah (b. 1845, d. 1909) is uncertain, but their last three children, Dorothea (b. 1847, d. 1912, Henry C. (b. 1849, d. 1938) and Maria Magdalene (b. 1852, d. 1918) were born in the United States.

Dorothea was born in New Orleans and the two youngest in Manchester, MO. Their father, according to the *Daily Missouri Democrat* newspaper dated Jan. 18, 1860, worked as a brewer in Manchester. He died from a gunshot wound while sitting quietly in Herman Dorle's tavern. Dorle, after threatening to kill his wife with a gun, angrily threw the weapon on a table, causing it to discharge. The shot killed Hoch when it lodged in his stomach.

Hoch's youngest son, Henry, was only 11 at the time of the shooting. When Henry reached adulthood, he became a brick maker and went into business with his brother Edward. Around 1880, Henry built a German-style brick



John Rinkel and dog Manilla in front of his store, circa 1940. Photo courtesy of Pauline (Polly) Rinkel.

cottage at what is now the Walgreens site on Chesterfield Parkway East near Olive Boulevard. He and his wife, Lena Mertz, raised their three children, Clementine, John Henry and Edward J., in this house. (The Hoch home and the Mertz cabin have been relocated to the Faust Historic Village in Faust Park).

Henry took over the ownership and operation of the General Merchandise store which had been established around 1850. It was located near his home at the current site of Charlie Gitto's restaurant. In 1924, he sold the business to John Rinkel, and the name changed to Rinkel's Market.

Initially, John Rinkel (b. 1880, d. 1958) and wife Anna (b. 1883, d. 1968) operated the store with the help of John's brother-in-law. The Rinkel's son, Nelson, also worked there after school. After John's death in 1958, Nelson and his wife, Polly nee Pauline Kirk, continued the business while raising their four children, Jack, Margaret, Ronnie and Joyce.

2016 historical calendars glimpse Chesterfield past

Are you looking for a unique gift item?

The Chesterfield Historical & Landmarks Preservation Committee 2016 calendars make a great gift for a hostess, neighbor or the local history buff.

The calendar features 14 sepia-tone photographs of Chesterfield buildings and sites, as well as people who helped establish the area now known as Chesterfield. The 2016 calendars sell for \$2, and 1991-2015 calendars are \$1. A gift pack of 10 oldest calendars (1991-2000) is \$5. All calendars are available at the front desk of City Hall, the Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce, Dierberg's Marketplace

They retired on Jan. 31, 1982. Sachs Properties acquired the site in December 1986.

From its founding in 1850 until its demise in 1982, the General Merchandise/Rinkel's Market provided a necessary service and a popular place to shop, thanks to early Chesterfield entrepreneurs. Many of the early Hochs are buried at the St. John's United Church of Christ Cemetery, 15370 Olive Blvd. in Chesterfield.

Sources

Aaron Kindlesparger, interviewed by Marcella Mertz, 2001.

Polly Rinkel, interviewed by Jane Durrell and Arland Stemme, 1991.

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& Dierberg's Four Seasons, Old House in Hog Hollow, Faust Park Carousel House, Schnucks Hilltown and Kehrs Mill & Clarkson locations, and at Montgomery Bank.

City Hall's front desk also has copies of Mark Leach's books, "Why We Fought" and "Chesterfield's Ancient Past" for \$15.



Guess who's coming to dinner

The **Emerald Ash Borer** has arrived in West St. Louis County.

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is an exotic wood boring beetle that was first discovered destroying ash trees in Michigan around 2002. Since then, the beetle has been found in parts of Ontario, Ohio, Maryland, Virginia, Indiana, Illinois and Missouri. Recently, the destructive insect was spotted in Creve Couer.

Emerald Ash Borer kills ash trees by damaging the sapwood and preventing fluid transport throughout the tree. Once infested, trees usually die in 3-5 years.

The City of Chesterfield has long been aware of the large number of ash trees in the public right of ways (typically the area between the sidewalk and street). Since 2010, city staff has been working diligently to reduce the number of ash trees in anticipation of the EAB arrival. Significant progress has been made as crews remove dead and declining trees.

However, there are still approximately 6,500 ash trees lining city streets. As the EAB population expands, an increased mortality of ash trees is expected for the next 3-5 years. City staff will be increasing efforts to address this issue by determining priority areas and continuing to remove trees. Due to the large volume of work ahead, the City will be prioritizing to address the potential hazard of standing, dead trees. Please be patient as we work through this devastating event.

The City has a Residential Street Tree Planting program to assist homeowners who would like to plant trees within the city right of way. The goal of this program is to increase the diversity and ultimately the overall health of the urban forest. When choosing trees, residents are encouraged to choose species that aren't overused in their area. Information and materials for this program can be found on the city website. www.chesterfield.mo.us. Search "residential tree."

Permit system keeps water quality high

Did you know that grading and land-disturbance activities in Chesterfield are subject to a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources? The same system regulates activity in St. Louis County and is followed by MSD.

Permit requirements cover a wide range of factors which impact water quality, including posting pet waste disposal signs, ensuring that development sites contain proper silt and erosion control, and bi-annual street sweeping. Additionally, the City must operate its facilities in such a manner to minimize exposure to storm water. City personnel receive annual training in proper water quality practices.

To contribute to maintaining high water quality, remember that all storm water inlets drain to creeks and streams. Please ensure that no trash, lawn waste, debris, or chemicals are washed or dumped into storm water inlets. Additionally, if you plan a grading project, please contact the City to determine whether a permit is necessary.



New Businesses in City of Chesterfield

So far this year, over 200 business licenses have been reviewed and approved. While several of these were existing businesses renewing licenses, many were for new businesses and service establishments opening their doors in our community. The following is a list of a few of these new businesses providing goods and services in the City:

- America's Kids** Taubman Prestige Outlets
- Big Dog Sportswear** Taubman Prestige Outlets
- Burlington** Chesterfield Blue Valley
- Club Fitness**..... Taubman Prestige Outlets
- Gander Mountain**..... Chesterfield Blue Valley
- Internal Medicine Of West County**14897 Clayton Rd.
- Janie & Jack**..... Taubman Prestige Outlets
- Orange Theory Fitness**.....1674 Clarkson Rd.
- Pacific Kitchen & Homes** Chesterfield Commons
- Papaya Clothing**..... Taubman Prestige Outlets
- Pedi Luxe Footwear**.....Simon Premium Outlets
- Rachel's Grove**Chesterfield Towne Centre
- Rally House** Chesterfield Commons
- Smoothie King**..... 1721 Clarkson Rd.
- St. Luke's Urgent Care Center**17417 Chesterfield Airport Rd.
- Sushi Ai** Chesterfield Commons
- Sweet Beginnings Photography**.....Chesterfield Mall
- The Shoe Show**Chesterfield Mall
- Weber's Front Row Pub & Grill**Chesterfield Towne Centre

City's planners reach out with theme of 'Healthy Communities, Healthy People'

Each year the American Planning Association sponsors National Community Planning Month to raise the visibility of the important role that planning plays across the United States.

This year's theme was "Healthy Communities, Healthy People," and Chesterfield celebrated the theme by hosting several outreach events during October. For local municipalities, planning is critical to ensure orderly growth, protect and enhance the quality of life and realize the vision for the community. Services include everything from code enforcement, permit reviews, land-use research, zoning analysis, site-plan reviews and comprehensive planning, to community outreach and support to homeowners and business owners. The Planning and

Development Services Division strives to provide outstanding service and community support to enhance the quality of life, environment and growth for the citizens of Chesterfield.

Wild Horse Elementary: Paper City Activity

Staff coordinated with Rockwood School District's Partners in Education program to create a Paper City Activity with several first grade classes. With almost 100 kids participating, the event was held at Wild Horse Elementary as part of the community outreach to celebrate Community Planning Month.

The event provided an introduction to Urban Planning and Land Use Planning by allowing students to plan their own city. After a brief discussion on the



Chesterfield's John Boyer discusses the role of a city planner at the Junior Achievement Career Fair. Jessica Henry also represented the City.

foundation of and importance of planning, students worked in small groups to design a city using a base map to coordinate where offices, schools, restaurants, and houses should be located.

JA Career Fair

Planners John Boyer and Jessica Henry participated in Junior Achievement of Greater St. Louis' Career Fair this fall. The

career fair is designed to help high school students discover potential fields of study and the various career paths available. Approximately 100 students stopped by and visited the City Hall booth. They learned what it is like to be a city planner, the type of projects undertaken, and what education is necessary to be a planner.

Erosion problem from creek closes Riparian Trail

The Riparian Trail is closed while an erosion problem is addressed.

The trail is comprised of crushed stone and boardwalk and meanders through the wooded area along Chesterfield Creek near Lydia Hill Drive and Central Park.

As users of the trail have likely observed, Chesterfield Creek is cutting into this area, causing substantial erosion which is threatening adjacent utilities and portions of the trail. The City has contracted with Intuition and Logic, LLC to design improvements to the creek area and address the erosion problems. Kuesel



Not so happy trails to you . . . Chesterfield Creek erosion exposes a pipe along the Riparian Trail.

Excavating is the contractor for this project.

Work began as scheduled in October. The Riparian Trail is expected to reopen to the public June 1.

The trail is part of a three-phase plan to construct a pedestrian trail from the Family Aquatic Center to Old Chesterfield Road and eventually the Monarch-Chesterfield Levee Trail.

Tips for clearing snow from driveway entrances

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

This can be very frustrating, but snow must be plowed from the centerline of the street to the curb, and City crews are unable to remove snow windrows from the more than 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 snowplowing operations are in progress.



Clare White shows her skills at one of the Art Unleashed homeschool classes – “Traveling through Art History.”

Art classes offered by Art Unleashed

Art Unleashed offers a variety of art classes for students of all ages and abilities, scout workshops, and birthday parties with art projects.

The first “Drop and Shop” for kids K-5th grade is set for Dec. 11. Register a child for a night of creativity while you holiday.

Art Unleashed, 13379 Olive Blvd. in Chesterfield, also partners with other community organizations to offer special events, programs and classes. Artwork created by adults at Blank Canvas Studios will be on display at Art Unleashed during December. Blank Canvas

Studios operates as an art-based day program for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Feel free to stop by to view the work.

A few of the collaborative classes beginning in January include a collage workshop for girls offered through “Photo Explorations,” “Artful Animals” in which students create artwork to be displayed at the Dog Museum, and “Storybook Illustrations” which will focus on creating illustrations based on the Grannie Annie stories written by local teens.

For more information on classes, activities and events, visit www.ArtUnleashed.org or email info@artunleashed.org, or call: 636.627.7735.



Faust Historic Village will be aglow in candlelight in special December event

Appropriate for all ages

Friday, Dec. 11 – 6-9 p.m. •
Saturday, Dec. 12 – 5-9 p.m.

Admission: Tickets at the entrance. Adults \$8; Children (4-12) \$5; Children under 4, free



Responding to many requests, the Historic Village will be decorated for the holidays. Attend for an old-fashioned 1850s holiday experience.

Customs of 1850 will surround guests on self-guided tours through the festively adorned rooms with historically dressed docents in attendance. Call 314.615.8328 for advance tickets.

Tax volunteers sought to aid seniors

The County Older Resident Programs, CORP, a division of the St. Louis County Department of Human Services, is seeking volunteers for the 2016 tax preparation program.

Are you good with numbers? Volunteers are needed to assist County residents who are 60 or older and have moderate incomes. Volunteers will prepare and file federal & state tax returns electronically at sites in south & west county. Experience preparing tax

returns is helpful. Training will be provided in January. Like working with people? Volunteers are needed at various sites & days as greeters and appointment schedulers. Training will be provided. Volunteers will be VITA-certified and will begin volunteering at CORP sites mid-January and continue through mid-April. Interested individuals may contact Mike Nickel at mnickel@stlouisco.com or 314.615.4559.

City can help in removing snow

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be measured in accordance with National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) guidelines. The program is designed to provide an additional service to qualifying residents in order to provide better access for emergency situations.

To qualify for the program, Chesterfield residents must live in a private, single-family residential home and have a diagnosed medical condition preventing them from removing snow from their driveway. To request this service, residents must complete three forms: Participant Information Form, Physician Confirmation Form and Participant Release Form, which are available on the City’s website, chesterfield.mo.us/forms-and-permits.html under the Public Works drop down menu.

Applications must be received at least two weeks prior to a snow storm to allow for application review and processing. For additional information, please call the City of Chesterfield Department of Public Services at 636.537.4762.

Butterfly House keeps busy with winter plans

Through Jan. 3: Winter Jewels.

The Butterfly House offers its annual Winter Jewels celebration, which includes a treasure hunt through the Animal Exhibit Hall and fairy houses in the tropical conservatory. Included with regular admission.

Dec. 5, 6, 12, 13, 19 & 20

Supper with Santa.

Visit the Butterfly House from 4:30-7 p.m. and see Santa before he makes his big trip around the world. Tickets are \$20, \$15 for Missouri Botanical Garden members, and include a pasta dinner from Noodles & Company, cookies, hot cocoa, crafts, a picture with Santa, a walk through the Tropical Conservatory, and a photo booth. Space is limited, and reservations are required.

Jan. 4-29

Closed for renovations and annual maintenance.

Jan. 30-31, Feb. 6-7

Hot! Hot! Hot!

Two weekends of tropical-themed fun from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day, featuring steel drum music, a toddler sandbox, crafts and face painting. Included with regular admission.

For more information, call 636.530.0076 or visit: www.butterflyhouse.org.

IcePlex will be hopping during holiday season

Hardee's IcePlex will be a busy place the next few months with youth and adult hockey games and tournaments, figure skating and speedskating. The popular Skate with Santa and Holiday Show is scheduled Dec. 6 at 2 p.m.

Expanded public sessions during December will allow many to experience skating for the first time. For more information about the IcePlex, or to book a party, go to www.HardeesIcePlex.com or contact Eric Finch at Eric@HardeesIcePlex.com or 636.537.4200.

The facility's three ice sheets generate 700,000 visitors to Chesterfield annually.



Stages Performing Arts Academy's 2015 production of "Honk"

STAGES introduces Triple Threats Teens program

STAGES Performing Arts Academy will introduce its newest program, Triple Threats TEENS, at its inaugural full-scale production of *Into The Woods*.

Created following the success of Triple Threats, STAGES' intermediate level premier performance group, Triple Threats TEENS, offers an advanced program for the serious student performer who wishes to prepare and pursue a collegiate and/or professional career in musical theatre.

Into The Woods will run Dec. 4-6 at the state-of-the-art Kent Center for Theatre Arts in Chesterfield. Special holiday-themed pre-show activities and games are scheduled one hour prior to performances, along with milk & cookies and a photo opportunity with Santa. All-inclusive tickets are \$15 for general admission. Call the box office at 314.821.2407.

Proceeds from *Into The Woods* will help send STAGES' Triple Threat TEENS on an educational experience this spring to New York City, where they will take part in master classes, Broadway workshops, and experience the magic of the Great White Way.

In partnership with the Fox Performing Arts

Charitable Foundation, the Academy now offers a new musical theatre workshop and comprehensive master class series. This year's offerings, which include Disney's *Newsies* (Jan. 19-31), will expose students to professional Broadway actors, directors, and choreographers, providing the opportunity to further enhance skills and gain invaluable knowledge and training from some of the brightest stars on Broadway and regional theater.

This February, the Academy will produce its second annual Academy

Production, *Annie Jr.* The irrepressible comic strip heroine takes center stage in one of the world's most loved musicals.

The Academy also has open registration for quarter and semester classes, Jan. 4-April 30. Classes are available for all ages and include new offerings of *Once Upon A Time*, performance prep, ballet technique, and more!

For information about productions or class registration, call 636.449.5775 or visit www.StagesStLouis.org.

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'Peter and the Wolf' headlines Civic Orchestra show on Dec. 6

"Peter and the Wolf" will be featured at the Dec. 6 performance by the St. Louis Civic Orchestra, in collaboration with the Parkway Central High School Theater Department.

The resident orchestra of Chesterfield will also present holiday favorites, including the Festive Sounds of Hanukkah, with the Parkway Central Middle School Chorus.

The Civic is proud to perform with these talented groups in

partnership with the Parkway School District. The concert will begin at 3 p.m. at Logan University's William D. Purser, DC Center. Tickets are now available online (stlco.org), and will be available at the door the evening of the performance.

Remaining 2015-16 Concerts

Dec. 6, 2015 - 3 p.m.

Peter & the Wolf Plus Holiday Favorites

Feb. 20, 2016 - 7 p.m.

Play Like a Girl: Celebrating Women in Music

Philharmonic celebrates holidays Dec. 4

The St. Louis Philharmonic Orchestra kicks off the holiday season with its annual Holiday Pops Concert at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, in Purser Auditorium at Logan University.

The orchestra will play many holiday favorites, including Silent Night, Little Drummer Boy, Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem, Sleigh Ride, and The Polar Express. There will also be an old-fashioned sing-a-long. As an added treat, the Philharmonic welcomes the

Kirkwood Children's Chorale of Greater St. Louis, under the direction of Raynard Brown.

The Philharmonic asks attendees to join in supporting the U.S. Marine Corps' "Toys for Tots" campaign. Marines will be on hand to accept new, unwrapped toys and gifts for underprivileged children. Monetary gifts are also welcome.

For tickets or assistance, call 314.421.3600.

Thank you for the Veterans Park donations!

Donors from May 12 through Oct. 9

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One More Pound recycling challenge is issued

The Chesterfield All-in-One Recycling™ Household Challenge kicked off at the Nov. 7 Chesterfield/Missouri/America Recycles Day event.

The Chesterfield Citizens Committee for the Environment is asking each household to recycle just one more pound of recyclable materials over the next year.

The goal is to help our community go from diverting 40% of solid waste from landfills to a 50% diversion rate!

Often-ignored things to consider recycling include bathroom items! Shampoo bottles, tissue boxes, toilet paper centers, and packaging from toothpaste or cosmetic items. It all adds up, and one pound is approximately the amount that will fill a reusable grocery bag!

