

# CHESTERFIELD

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## 2019 marks the 20th year for the Annual Turkey Trot 5k & Fun Run

The 20th Annual Chesterfield Turkey Trot is a great way to spend time with family and exercise before the big meal, so you can really indulge! Start Thanksgiving Day the right way and sign up for the 5K or Kids Fun Run!

Thursday, November 28  
Chesterfield Amphitheater  
631 Veterans Place Drive, 63017

**5k Run/Walk** - 8:30 a.m.

Early Bird - \$20 through October 31

\$25 November 1 - 27

\$35 Race Day

Shirts guaranteed if registered by Nov. 10.

Awards given for top overall male, top overall female, and top three in each age group.

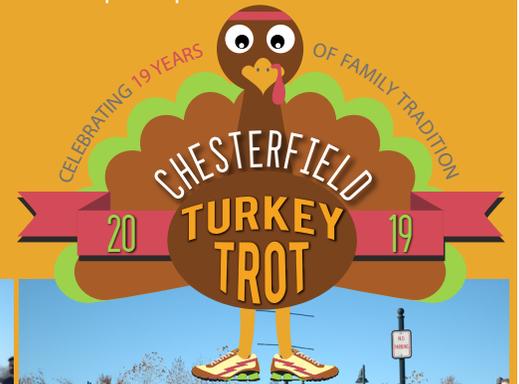
**Fun Run** - 9:30 a.m.

\$10 through Race Day

Shirts guaranteed if registered by Nov. 10.

Each participant receives a medal

Register at [chesterfield.mo.us/turkeytrot.html](http://chesterfield.mo.us/turkeytrot.html).



## Chesterfield PD needs you

The Chesterfield Police Department needs your help completing a survey that will allow the department to gain valuable knowledge and insight into various elements about the community. Please take a moment to fill out and mail the application in to the department. You will find the survey on **page 7**. Thank you for your participation!



11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Chesterfield City Hall  
690 Chesterfield Pkwy West

August 23  
WingNut  
Big Fat Greek Truck  
Tikiz

September 27  
Steak Louie  
Holy Crepe  
Destination Desserts

October 25  
Frankly Sausages  
Cha Cha Chow  
Sarah's Cake Stop

\*Food trucks subject to change



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# Mayor's Message



Greetings,

As the summer winds down it seems as though there are more and more things going on, and it's hard to know what to address in this quarterly message. This is a good thing!

### Development in Chesterfield

Rightfully so, this is a frequent topic of conversation within our community because we are all interested in how our city develops in the best interests of our residents and businesses.

I thought I would take this opportunity to express KUDOS to the public, city staff, planning commissioners, and elected officials who all play important roles in the zoning and development process. The entire process is detail oriented and must adhere to legal principles, as well as city code. Whereas some projects are fairly straight forward, others for various reasons are more complicated and sometimes controversial. As much effort has been put forth in providing clear cut and definitive guidelines, subjectivity and individual interpretation is not eliminated. We are always open to suggestions for improvement to the process.

On occasion we hear questions/complaints about cutting down of trees, open space, and traffic. On a project by project basis, not only is there comparison to the Comprehensive Plan, but there are also specific requirements for percentage of tree canopy and open space, as well as traffic studies (if warranted). Therefore, tree removal by private entities must comply with written codes.

### Contrast of "Board of Elector/Freeholder" relative to "Better Together"

Although for the time being, the Better Together organization has withdrawn their petition that would have allowed for a statewide vote on the imposition of a "Metropolitan City" over our entire St. Louis City and County, many who have followed this closely (including me) know the issue has not gone away, and are waiting for another re-introduction of a similar, but equally abhorrent plan.

As you know, the Municipal League of

St. Louis County unanimously voted to pursue the constitutionally provided "Board of Electors/Freeholders" process. Collection of petition signatures is required to trigger this process that is provided in Article VI, section 30a and 30b (<http://www.moga.mo.gov/MoStatutes/ConstHTML/A06030a1.html>) of the Missouri Constitution.

As of this writing the number of signatures collected is still about 2,000 shy of the 15,000 needed in St. Louis County. We need signatures on these petitions! Anyone interested in helping with this task can call your councilmember or me. If insufficient signatures are collected, I think this strengthens the Better Together position. I believe that elected leaders have an obligation to follow through on the process to see that this Board of Electors is appointed to meet and make recommendations for the betterment of government provided in our metropolitan area.

The link above allows you to read in one page the scope and process that would be triggered once sufficient validated signatures are turned in. The option "to formulate and adopt any other plan for the partial or complete government of all or any part of the city and county" seems sufficiently broad in scope that could allow reasonable suggestions/recommendations that could be considered and ultimately voted upon.

In talking and listening to residents and business people who were definitely not in favor of a state-wide vote of "Better Together", and probably not in favor of a merger of the city and county, there still seem to be a fair number of relatively well informed citizens who are in favor of "having a conversation." Appointment of a "Board of Electors/Freeholders" accomplishes this goal. Remember, the goal here is to talk only – any suggestions coming from this group would

then be put to the voters – you! I think it is in the best interest of our entire region to allow this process to occur.

I hope to see you out and about, don't hesitate to say hello and express your opinion or ask any question you may have. My supply of opinions is usually well stocked 😊.

Cordially, Mayor

*Bob Nation*

## Multiple City departments hiring

Looking for a new career? The search is over! The City of Chesterfield has openings all over the City:

- Finance Director
- Custodian - PT
- Building Attendant
- Customer Service - PT
- Police Officer
- Senior Civil Engineer
- Administrative Assistant - PT
- Concession Workers - Fall
- Concession Managers - Fall
- Parks Maintenance Worker
- Parks Facility Attendant - Seasonal

Apply today at <https://www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html> or in person at City Hall, 690 Chesterfield Parkway West, Chesterfield, MO 63017.

## Holiday trash pickup

### LABOR DAY: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Service will run one day behind throughout the holiday week, beginning with services scheduled for the holiday.



Parks Maintenance staff John Dalton, Fred Hardwick, and Matt Nolting install 'Dashes' at City Hall.

## New art in Chesterfield

Chesterfield has received two new pieces of art through the Sculpture on the Move program with the Creative Communities Alliance. The program allows 12 local communities to draw to receive sculptures for a two year loan, after which it may be purchased, removed by the artist, or submitted to be redrawn and moved to another city.

Chesterfield most recently received 'Dashes' by artist Jessie Cargas and 'Granny's Garden' by artists Lee Leuning and Sherri Treeby. 'Dashes' is located in front of City Hall and 'Granny's Garden' is located in front of the community garden at Eberwein Park. Find more information at <https://www.creativecommunitiesalliance.com>.



'Granny's Garden' at Eberwein.

## In Memoriam

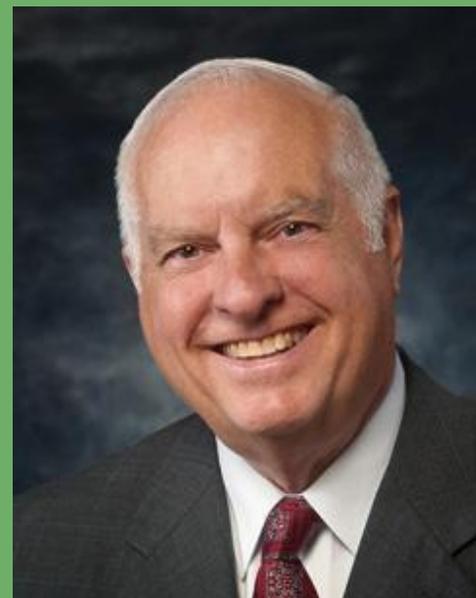
In Memory of Dr. Barry Flachsbart

It is with great sadness that we share the loss of Barry Flachsbart, long time advocate and one of the City's founding fathers.

Barry was appointed to the first Chesterfield Council on June 1, 1988. He was subsequently elected to serve Ward 1 in April of 1994 and then served until his passing in May of 2019.

During his service to Chesterfield, he was elected as President Pro-tem on three different occasions and served as Acting Mayor in 2010 – 2011. Prior to the City's incorporation, he served on the County Planning Commission.

Barry led campaigns that ultimately led to the incorporation of the City of Chesterfield and was a staunch ambassador for the City. He worked continuously to improve the City's infrastructure and development standards. He was a lifetime advocate for the Parks, Recreation & Arts department. His commitment, experience, dedication and service will be missed.



# Third Annual Subdivision Trustee Symposium on September 18

The City is hosting its third annual symposium for subdivision trustees to help you better serve your neighborhood. We will arm you with information you can use to help during your term as a trustee. City Department Heads will present information on services you may not be aware of that are provided by all areas of the operation and a manual will be provided as well. Some of the topic areas include:

- Police – Vacation checks for homeowners, speakers on a variety of topics such as home safety and identity theft at your subdivision meetings, deer hunting, Neighborhood Watch programs and code enforcement.
- Public Works – Sewer lateral program, street tree program, sidewalk and street repair/replacement and snow removal programs.
- Planning & Development Services – The permit process for decks or home remodeling/additions, planner of the day and how to look up development projects.
- Parks – Programs available including older adult programs, how to search for events and activities and amenities of our parks.

The City's web site contains a great deal of information that can sometimes be



challenging to navigate. We will show you the basics and how to easily find the most searched for information. This information-packed event will be held on Wednesday, September 18 from 6-7:30 p.m. at City Hall in Council Chambers. No registration required.

## Subdivision Trustee Update

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

as a public service by the City, to anyone requesting this information. If you are a new Trustee or know of any changes in your subdivision, please download the "Trustee Information Form" on the City's homepage, at [www.chesterfield.mo.us](http://www.chesterfield.mo.us).

Type keyword trustee form in the "search" box and click on the "GO" button, or use the Forms & Permits link and select Administration.

1. Complete the Trustee Information form.
2. Mail, fax or email as directed on the front of the "Trustee Information Form".

Please call the Customer Service Center at 636.537.4000 if you would like a "Trustee Information Form" mailed, emailed or faxed to you.

## Applications due for Street Tree program

The City of Chesterfield Residential Street Tree Program provides for the planting of Street Trees along public residential streets. Homeowners may apply for this program provided they have adequate space and choose a tree from the City's approved street tree list. This is a cost-sharing program. Homeowners are required to submit \$100 for each tree applied for, with the City contributing the remaining amount needed to plant the tree. Homeowners must agree to provide proper tree care, as described in the Tree Guide. The City's contractor will then install 2-1/2" caliper trees. Trees will be planted each spring throughout May and June, and each fall/winter throughout November and December. Please read the accompanying Policy and Procedures, Program

Application, and Tree Guide thoroughly for more details and to see if you qualify. Applications can be mailed, or can be dropped off at City Hall with the fee. Hard copies of these materials are available at City Hall. **Deadline for submitting completed applications is August 31, 2019.**

PLEASE NOTE: If there are existing trees in the right-of-way that need removal, the owner must call the City at 636.537.4000 to request that the trees be inspected for removal BEFORE filling out this application! Only dead, diseased, or hazardous trees will be considered for removal. Application and more information at <https://www.chesterfield.mo.us/residential-street-tree.html>.



## Hosting a special event in the City?

### I want to host a special event. Do I need permission from the City of Chesterfield?

As the weather gets warmer and warmer, you may be considering hosting an event such as a block party, tent sale, or carnival. The City classifies these events and others of a similar nature as Special Activities. A Special Activity is a temporary event that is outside the typical use of a property and that interferes with the flow of foot or vehicular traffic. These events may sometimes require special City services, such as the provision of barricades or police services.

Examples of a special activity include, but are not limited to: parades, craft fairs, block parties, fun runs, tent sales, and promotional events.

### How do I get a Special Activity Permit?

To apply for a Special Activity Permit, fill out the application form, which is available both online and at City Hall. A completed application includes the application form and a detailed plan or map that depicts different areas of your event as well as where parking

will be held. Completed applications must be submitted at least seven days before the date of your event, to [specialactivity@chesterfield.mo.us](mailto:specialactivity@chesterfield.mo.us).

### How long will this all take?

The City aims to have Special Activity Permits reviewed within five business days. If further information is necessary, the City will generally contact you within that time frame to guide you through the process and let you know of any issues with the application. Keep in mind that events that occur on public right-of-way may need to meet additional requirements and obtain permission from other government agencies. As always, the City has a Planner-of-the-Day who is available during working hours to ensure that any questions you have throughout the process can be answered as quickly and efficiently as possible. The Planner-of-the-Day can be reached at 636. 537.4733 or via email at [pod@chesterfield.mo.us](mailto:pod@chesterfield.mo.us).



## National Wildlife Federation takes field trip to Chesterfield

Chesterfield is an example of the wildlife conservation wonders that can happen when leaders and members of urban communities come together to restore, create, and protect wildlife habitat. Since 2001, and as the first and only National Wildlife Federation



Community for Wildlife in Missouri, Chesterfield has created many native habitats that have attracted back wildlife. As we have learned through recent scientific studies, even urban wildlife habitats are of great importance for wildlife conservation. Chesterfield's efforts paid off when native bees, birds, and butterflies, including our beloved migratory monarch butterfly, filled the new, 213 certified wildlife habitats. The passion for wildlife, the dedication of the Chesterfield community, and their success stories are worth telling. As part of its Annual Meeting – held in St. Louis, MO during the first week of June – National Wildlife Federation hosted a field trip to Chesterfield to

## What's coming to Chesterfield

Curious what new businesses or developments are making their way to Chesterfield? Visit <https://www.chesterfield.mo.us/active-development-listing.html> for up-to-date information. Check below for what's coming or currently under construction in Chesterfield:

- Watermark at Chesterfield Village



- Friendship Village
- Pfizer
- Chesterfield Hockey



- Aventura at Wild Horse Creek
- AVMATS Hangar
- Kiddie Academy



visit some of their greatest accomplishments. These included a native tallgrass prairie on the site of the homestead of former Missouri Governor Bates, at Faust County Park; the first certified Schoolyard Habitat located at the Butterfly House; the native landscaping at City Hall; a butterfly garden at Central Park; and the beautiful native habitat at their Amphitheater.

National Wildlife Federation staff and affiliate members joined the field trip to Chesterfield. Community leaders and volunteers guided the visit to the wildlife habitats. This was a great opportunity for a large group of conservationists to learn, enjoy, and witness a successful story about wildlife conservation.

# The Chesterfield Police Department Presents: National Night Out

On Tuesday, October 1, we will be celebrating National Night Out in Chesterfield. We will be joining forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the "36th Annual National Night Out" (NNO) crime and drug prevention event. National Night Out, which is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and the Chesterfield Police Department, will involve over 10,000 communities from all 50 states.

In addition to encouraging neighborhoods to host events, our Community Affairs Unit will be hosting a community-wide event at the Chesterfield Amphitheater from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., in partnership with the Monarch Fire Protection District and the Chesterfield Parks, Recreation & Arts Department, for that evening. We will have informational booths, vendors, police and fire vehicles for the kids, food trucks and games (including a parking space decorating contest for participating neighborhoods). More information will be released as details are finalized.

National Night Out is designed to 1: heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; 2: generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime efforts; 3: strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and 4: send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

That night, residents in neighborhoods throughout Chesterfield and across the nation are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police. The Chesterfield Police Department is looking forward to seeing everyone at the event for a little fun and a lot of community spirit as we all work toward the goal of preventing crime and addiction.

For more information or to reserve a parking space for your neighborhood to decorate, please contact Community Affairs Officers Chad Meyer at 636.537.6769 (cmeyer@chesterfield.mo.us) or Colt Brown at 636.537.6784 (cbrown@chesterfield.mo.us) and follow our Facebook Page.

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**FEATURING**  
**dogs of society**  
 the ultimate elton john tribute

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 24**  
**CHESTERFIELD AMPHITHEATER**  
 631 VETERANS PLACE DRIVE, CHESTERFIELD, MO 63017

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# Chesterfield Police Department Citizen Survey



The Chesterfield Police Department is committed to providing our citizens with the best service possible. This anonymous survey is a valuable tool that provides us with insight into how we are perceived, the quality of service we provide, and opportunities for improvement. Your participation in this survey process is vital. Please detach and return the survey to the Chesterfield Police Department, or complete online at [www.chesterfield.mo.us](http://www.chesterfield.mo.us). Thank you in advance for your participation.

1. How many times have you had contact with the Chesterfield Police Department in the past year?

0 times    1-3 times    4-6 times    7 or more

2. If you have had contact, what was it for?

Crime Victim    Witness    Motor Vehicle Crash    Traffic (violation, warning)    House Watch  
Telephone Call    Community Presentation    Community Service Program    Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle the number that best describes your rating of the following:

	Excellent		Good			Poor					
	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
3. The competence of the officer (s)											
4. The demeanor of the officer (s)											
5. The fairness of the officer (s)											
6. The courtesy of the officer (s)											
7. Traffic enforcement in Chesterfield											
8. Police visibility in the community											
9. Police visibility in your neighborhood											
10. Overall services provided by the City of Chesterfield Police Department											

Please rate the following by circling your response:

11. Your concern about becoming a victim of a lesser crime (vandalism, damage to property, theft) in Chesterfield.

Low    Moderate    High    No Opinion

12. Your concern about becoming a victim of a serious crime (burglary, robbery, sexual assault).

Low    Moderate    High    No Opinion

13. How safe do you feel walking in your neighborhood at night?

Very Safe    Somewhat Safe    Not Safe    No Opinion

14. Residence?    Rent    Own    Business    Other \_\_\_\_\_

15. Please indicate whether the person completing this survey is:    Male    Female

16. Age Group:    10-18    18-25    25-35    35-45    45-55    55-65    65+

17. Have you been the victim of a crime in the past 5 years?    Yes    No

# Chesterfield Police Department Citizen Survey, continued

18. Within the City of Chesterfield?      Yes      No

19. Did you report the crime to the Police Department?      Yes      No

If not, why? \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the appropriate box to indicate what YOU feel should be the priorities of the Chesterfield Police Department?

	Very High	High	Medium	Low	Very Low	No Opinion
A. Providing 24 hour patrol services to the community						
B. Discouraging crime in general						
C. Notifying citizens of potential criminal activity						
D. Responding to crimes in progress or that have just occurred						
E. Responding to and investigating property crimes (i.e. vandalism, theft, etc.)						
F. Preventative Burglary Patrol						
G. Discouraging the sale of alcohol to minors						
H. Discouraging the sale of tobacco to minors						
I. Traffic crash reduction through visible traffic enforcement						
J. Enforcement of parking regulations						
K. Enforcing drunk driving laws						
L. Enforcing dog and cat ordinances						
M. Mediating neighborhood/family disputes						
N. Arresting individuals who use drugs						
O. Providing drug/violence prevention education to elementary and junior high students						
P. Police presence in the schools						

20. Please indicate where you get information about what is taking place in the City of Chesterfield.  
(Choose all that apply)

- Chesterfield Newsletter      Chesterfield Journal      West News      Radio      Television News Sources  
 School District Newsletter      Other \_\_\_\_\_

21. So that we can provide better police service to the entire community, please help us identify your neighborhood. Please list the nearest intersection to your home or business. \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you for completing the survey! We appreciate your feedback!*

Please cut out and mail/drop off survey to :      **Chesterfield Police Department**  
 690 Chesterfield Parkway West  
 Chesterfield, MO 63017  
 Attn. Officer Michael Ryffel  
 636-537-3000



# Focus on Chesterfield Citizens Committee for the Environment

By Darcy Capstick

Chair, Chesterfield Citizens Committee for the Environment, Nat'l Wildlife Federation Steward

Chesterfield Citizens Committee for the Environment (CCE) focuses on clean air, fresh water, soils and biodiversity because all life depends on interactions between and among these quality life factors. Ever since yardwastes were banned from landfill in the early '90's, CCE has wrote competitive grants for backyard composters, education inserts in the City's quarterly newsletters, event support, Missouri Department of Conservation's Stewardship, and developing partners from local, regional, state and national sources to 'bring home' quality conservation, bioethics, and resilient policies, practices and procedures related to our Mission Statement.

Many practices the City has already institutionalized in its planning each year since the first Tree/now Earth Day for Tree City, USA and America/Missouri/Chesterfield Recycles Day every November since inception more than 22 years ago.

Altogether CCE has written, competed for and won 20 diverse grants in 29 years of Chesterfield's life.

CCE is still the first and only National Wildlife Federation (NWF) Certified Community Wildlife Habitat in Missouri and the ninth in the country. Some of Chesterfield's Parks are NWF Certified, as well as special native flora garden areas throughout the City. While native flora provides food, water, cover and place to raise young for the focus species of Chesterfield, the native birds and pollinators, all NWF Certified Garden Areas, provide these elements for our focus species.

To date, families are getting their home gardens NWF Certified, school are getting their NWF Schoolyards Certified, organizations are getting NWF Certified, and on "it grows," sometimes slowly, but the NWF Community Wildlife Habitat growing annually is sustainable for quality life factors through time.

Focusing on nature's services is perennially what CCE tries to do. Educating that these services are powered by free solar energy: healthy forests, prairies, marshes and streams,

and that they provide the 'quality life support services' humans cannot duplicate artificially (MDOC). These are the themes CCE tries to provide education about through its writings, partner handouts, and events:

- regeneration of soils,
- clean water and air, water and air quality
- recycling of nutrients (composting, mulching)
- recycling/proper disposals of wastes and poisons/hazardous wastes
- plant pollinators/pollination
- climate moderation

- healthy forests, forest floors; healthy greenspaces
- biodiversity
- native ecology
- energy conservation

We hope and trust that our community will maximize and magnify the CCE Mission Statement within the Parks, Recreation and Art's Department and City.

For more information on CCE, please visit <https://www.chesterfield.mo.us/citizens-committee-for-the-environment.html>.

## Make the most out of a mess

When storms leave a mess of trees fallen all around your yard, learn how to make the most of the mess. See the infographic below for tips:

### MULCH: Tree Care Basics

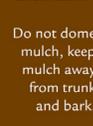
With proper planting and mulching, trees become valuable assets.

#### Mulch Your Trees

Use organic mulch such as wood chips, bark, pine needles and compost.



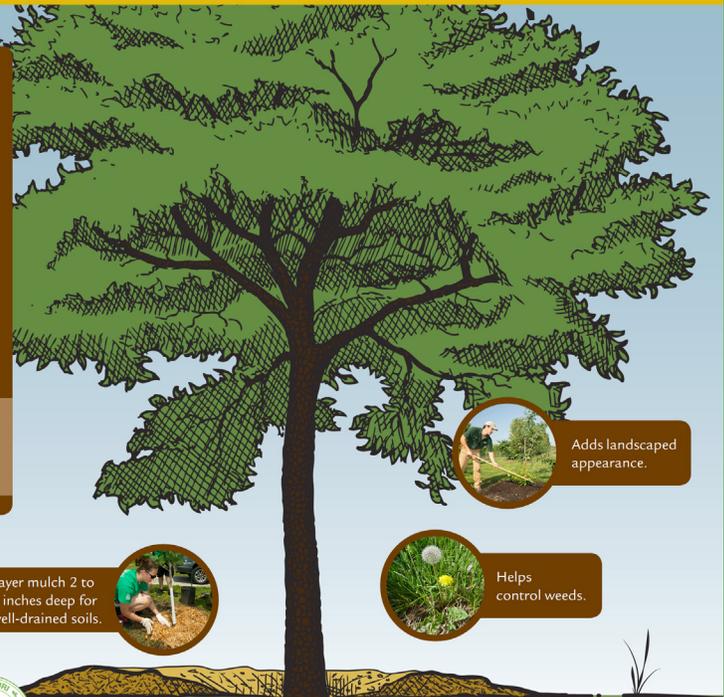
Use a donut shape, making sure not to pile mulch on the bark.



Do not dome mulch, keep mulch away from trunk and bark.

#### MULCH BENEFITS

- Maintains moisture and insulates soil
- Protects tree from lawn equipment
- Improves soil structure and fertility



Adds landscaped appearance.



Layer mulch 2 to 4 inches deep for well-drained soils.



Helps control weeds.

Wider mulched areas are better, extending ring out to the tree's drip line.



Sustaining healthy forests, fish and wildlife.  
mdc.mo.gov



[www.mocommunitytrees.org](http://www.mocommunitytrees.org)

# History museum celebrates one year

By Ann Chrissos

Chesterfield Historic & Landmarks Preservation Committee



Veterans' exhibit at the Chesterfield History Museum. Earl Bayer's uniform is on the right. Courtesy of Ann Chrissos, July 12, 2019.

The Chesterfield History Museum celebrated its first anniversary on July 29, 2019. The museum displays a wide variety of items from Chesterfield's past and beyond. Upon entering the museum, the visitor will see an exhibit devoted to Chesterfield veterans. This exhibit includes the World War II uniform of Earl Bayer. Bayer served as a gunner in a B-17, Flying Fortress. He was wounded on July 4, 1943 while flying over France on his eighth mission. After a month recuperating, he returned to his flying duty on the Lady Luck. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross, a Purple Heart, an Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, a Good Conduct Medal, a European Theater Ribbon, a Certificate of Valor and other commendations. He was a real Chesterfield hero.

A nearby exhibit is dedicated to Chesterfield's ancient past. It includes arrowheads, pictures of archeology sites and a variety of additional artifacts. Another exhibit includes farm equipment which had belonged to two area farmers: Rolla Barr and Gus Griffith. Across the aisle, Jack Leonard's dining room table is prominently displayed. It was around this table that Chesterfield's founders planned their strategies for incorporation. As one progresses deeper into the museum, a 19th century doctor's examination chair, a pedal sewing machine and a gramophone are on display. The gramophone records came from William Sutton's General Store in Monarch. There are several items from the Chesterfield Mercantile (present day Smokehouse) and furniture from Andy Kroeger's tavern (present day Annie Gunn's Restaurant) available for perusal. Additionally, the renowned sculptor Don Wiegand has some of his sculptures exhibited throughout the museum.

On Thursday, September 26, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. the museum will be hosting an archeology night. All are welcome to visit and learn more about the current archeology endeavors taking place in Chesterfield and to meet local author Mark Leach and sculptor Don Wiegand. The museum is located at 768 Chesterfield Mall on the upper level near the Dilliard building. It is open every Friday and Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m. and by appointment. Group tours are welcome. For more information call 314.952.4725.

## Girls Lacrosse Celebrates 5th Year

While some people spent a hot humid July weekend at the pool, nearly 1200 girls' lacrosse enthusiasts opted to participate in the fifth annual Route 66 Lacrosse Classic at the Chesterfield Valley Athletic Complex on July 13 and 14. Twenty teams representing Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Tennessee and Texas vied for two championship titles.

In 2014, a foursome combined their talent and passion for lacrosse to found Route 66 Lacrosse, LLC to promote and develop the sport of lacrosse by providing opportunities for competitive play and to instill foundational values of the sport that represent honoring the game and competing with class. Shortly after placing a stake in the ground, Tamara Boots, co-founder, passed away. Determined to realize the dream and to honor Tamara, the remaining co-founders, Keith Brisotti, Bob Panke and Jennifer Vogel continued their pursuit to provide tournament play for girls in the St. Louis metro area and beyond.

The tournament also accepts donations to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society throughout the weekend. "It's always an emotional event," Jennifer Vogel, co-founder, president and Chesterfield resident shared. "I know Tamara has her eye on us. Five years going strong plus recognizing the values she cared most deeply about - I have to believe she's smiling."

2019 marked the third year CVAC provided the Bermuda grass and fantastic facilities. The co-founders received rave reviews from parents about the Chesterfield Valley and all of its amenities. "We're living the dream and can't be more excited to share it with others!" said Vogel. Watch for next year's tournament next July.



# Wunderlich family has solid history in Chesterfield

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The Wunderlich family was an asset to the Chesterfield community from 1965-2007. Terry Conway Wunderlich was a descendant of Chesterfield's pioneer Joseph Conway through his son Samuel Conway. She was a St. Louis native, who grew up in the Brentwood area. She attended Brentwood High School and Washington University. Occasionally, her father would take her to the Bonhomme Presbyterian Church on Conway Road and to visit the Conway Cemetery. At the cemetery, Terry's aunt conducted a Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) ceremony honoring Joseph Conway. In spite of Terry's Presbyterian ties, her mother raised her to be a devout Catholic.

Terry's husband, William P. Wunderlich (1936-2007), was also born and raised in the St. Louis area. He attended Chaminade College Preparatory High School and St. Louis University. They married in 1962 and had two children, George and Kate. In August, 1965 the Wunderlichs moved to White Plains Subdivision in Chesterfield, Missouri where they lived until Terry moved to Maryland sometime after Bill's death in 2007. They quickly became very

active in the community. Both Terry and Bill taught Sunday school at the Ascension Church for over 25 years. In 1991, Bill was ordained a deacon in the Catholic Church and served the parish for the rest of his life. He was also active in the Knights of Columbus. Bill played a significant role in the Boy Scouts and became the unit commissioner as his son moved up in the Scouting ranks. Terry worked with the Girl Scouts as scoutmistress and district chairwoman while her daughter was a scout member. Terry was also a member of the DAR. Bill and Terry shared a love of history and they found a variety of outlets for studying, preserving and sharing it. They also passed their enthusiasm for history to their children.

After their move to Chesterfield, Bill served as the president of the Creve Coeur/Chesterfield Historical Society. When Chesterfield incorporated in 1988 and created the Chesterfield Historical Commission, he and Terry became members. Bill was elected vice chairman of the Commission at the time that Jane Durrell served as Chairperson. Later Bill and Terry became co-chairs of the Commission and

created a book committee to research and write a history of the Chesterfield area. In 2002, they were named Chesterfield's Citizens of the Year. As historical enactors, Bill and his son George participated in Civil War battles and mountain man events. The Wunderlichs gave school talks about Chesterfield's history while dressed in 19th century outfits. Terry also conducted tours of Governor Bates' home in Faust Park. Terry gave tours of Governor Bates' home. One summer Kate worked at Faust Park sorting Indian artifacts. These adolescent interests inspired George to obtain a masters degree in history and Kate to become an archaeologist. George later served as the Executive Director of the National Museum of Civil War Medicine in Frederick, Maryland.

The Wunderlich's love of country and community was best exemplified by their Fourth of July parades. Every year for over 30 years, Bill would put out a British flag on July 3. At 9:15 a.m. on July 4 friends and neighbors would gather at the corner of White Plains Drive and Fox Hunt, where children, dogs, bikes, tikes, red wagons, and strollers decked out in patriotic trappings would parade through the subdivision to the Wunderlich home. Bill would conduct an arms ceremony and replace the British flag with the Stars and Stripes. A moment of silence and prayer was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, then ribbons and prizes were awarded for the most patriotic or colorful decorations. The serving of donuts, coffee and Kool-Aid concluded the affair.

Bill and Terry Wunderlich witnessed tremendous changes in Chesterfield between 1965 and 2007. However, according to Terry, the "friendliness, neighborliness and casualness remained."

## SOURCES

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*Terry Wunderlich was interviewed by Arland Stemme on 30 August 30, 2007.*

*West Newsmagazine, Citizens of the Year, 12 March 2003.*



*William P. Wunderlich is seated. Standing left to right: Jean Speranza, Marcella Mertz, Terry Wunderlich and Dan Rothwell. This group prepared and presented the completed Chesterfield, Missouri: Cemeteries book to the City of Chesterfield in September 2000. Courtesy of Terry Wunderlich.*