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## Post Flood Improvements to Chesterfield Valley Paid Off Early

It's a monumental time in the City of Chesterfield. Widely known as one of the most successful public financings in the State of Missouri, the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District that allowed the City to install approximately \$75 million of public infrastructure improvements in the Chesterfield Valley, following the Flood of 1993, has been paid off....10 years ahead of schedule! This accelerated payoff is the direct result of the economic engine that has grown in the Valley, to create nearly 12,000 NEW jobs and over 600 NEW businesses, since that time.

At the December 3, 2007 meeting, the Chesterfield City Council officially voted to retire the TIF debt, which, when issued, was committed to various infrastructure improvements throughout the Valley. The capital projects that were financed by the TIF include:

- Improvements to the Monarch-Chesterfield Levee, which will lead to providing protection at the 500-year level;
- Construction of a new overpass on I-64 at Boone's Crossing;



Chesterfield Valley

- Construction of Edison Avenue, which provides a second, major east-west roadway running parallel and interconnected with Chesterfield Airport Road;
- Construction of water and sewer lines, in the west end of the Chesterfield Valley, and;
- Construction of various interior drainage improvement projects within the Valley.

These infrastructure improvements, coupled with the **private** investment of new and pre-existing businesses have created an economic engine, unrivaled in West St. Louis County.

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## Chesterfield Secures Highest Bond Rating

Moody's Investors Service, an independent, national bond-rating company, having just completed a review of Chesterfield's proposal to take advantage of lower interest rates by refinancing some existing Parks debt, has awarded the City of Chesterfield its **"Aaa" Rating**. This determination was based largely on our City's successful management of its many fiscal obligations and its overall financial strength. This rating is a measure of the quality and safety of a bond, based on the issuer's financial condition and indicates the likelihood that a debt issuer will be able to meet scheduled interest and principal repayments. Typically, Aaa is highest (best), and D is lowest (worst) with the Aaa rating carrying the smallest degree of investment risk. The successful closure of the Chesterfield Valley Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District, discussed in the article above, is just one example of the City's solid financial standing. As a result, Chesterfield has now become the **ONLY CITY in MISSOURI** to attain this **"Aaa" Rating** from Moody's.

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## MAYORS LETTER

## Development Continues to Be Strong in Chesterfield

It's a phrase I like to hear over and over again--"It's an exciting time to be in Chesterfield!" As residents and business owners, we are fortunate to live in an area of the region that continues to thrive and grow. As spring draws us to look toward renewal, we can continue to expect a great deal of renewal and new beginnings within our community in the coming months. Some of the larger projects, like Downtown Chesterfield, are finally beginning to take shape and if you haven't noticed—the former Adult Correctional Center at Chesterfield Airport Road and Spirit Boulevard is gone. It was demolished by Duke Properties to prepare the site for new capital investment and jobs in the coming years. Additionally, grading has begun on many new projects within the city, so I wanted to be sure you are up to date on what's coming to your community.



**Downtown Chesterfield.** One of the most exciting projects in Chesterfield's history is the creation of Downtown Chesterfield. Since Chesterfield is only 20 years old, it does not have the traditional downtown or main street areas that are typical in most communities. This new development, located directly west of Chesterfield Mall along the Chesterfield Parkway, is being developed by Sachs Properties and is the crown jewel of the vision Louis Sachs has had for the urban core of the city, known as Chesterfield Village, since its inception in the early 1970s.

The first phase of the project is 20 acres and is what you see under construction now at the corner of Lydia Hill and Chesterfield Parkway West. Central Park Square I is the five story office building and parking garage that will be ready to open in April. Two local companies, Abengoa Bioenergy and Memco Barge Company will occupy most of this building. The infrastructure work will also be complete this spring for the retail and restaurant area and additional office building that will be located directly to the north of the office building. Construction on these facilities should start this fall.

Phase II of the project is larger, containing 100 acres and is bounded by Chesterfield Parkway West and Chesterfield Airport Road. It will be a mixture of office, retail, restaurants, and residential space. Initial plans are for 1.7 million square feet of commercial space and 1,000 residential units. The two lakes are still under construction and will begin filling with water and be ready to stock with fish in late 2009. They will also include paddle boats and other amenities such as trails that will connect to the Chesterfield Valley. The City created a new zoning category to

accommodate the development in this phase called a "Planned Commercial & Residential District" or PC&R District, to allow for a higher density of retail, businesses and living areas.

**Chesterfield Mall.** As you may know, CBL Properties from Chattanooga, Tennessee, purchased four malls around the region including our very own Chesterfield Mall. The new General Manager Kelly Adkins states, "CBL is delighted to be in St. Louis. We recently added a regional office to Chesterfield Mall, which complements the operations and future development of our new properties in St. Louis. This year we will welcome new retailers including **Coach**, **Fossil** and **Olga's Kitchen**, just to name a few." CBL is one of the largest mall Real Estate Investment Trusts in the United States and owns, holds interests in or manages 136 properties including 83 market dominant enclosed malls and open-air centers from coast to coast. CBL is an active developer of new regional malls, open-air centers, lifestyle and community centers.

**Chesterfield Valley.** THF Realty has created the nation's longest strip center in Chesterfield at nearly two miles long with over two million square feet of space. The project is nearly built out, but there are a couple of additions coming in 2008. **Ethan Allen Furniture** is constructing a new store at the east end of the development in front of Target. **54th Street Grill** will be going near Chick-Fil-A and Amini's on the western end of the development, and **Sansai Japanese Grill** will be locating next to Qdoba.

Other new restaurants coming to the Valley include an independent restaurant called **Blue Ocean** featuring seafood and steaks, and will locate near the Kemp Auto Museum. Another independent, **Pita Company** will locate in the western part of the Valley near Long Road in the center with Art Trends Gallery.

Several Car dealerships have found a niche in Chesterfield, and two are under construction in the Valley. **Saturn of West County** will locate at Long Road and Highway 40/164 and the **Lamborghini** dealership is building next to the Bentley dealership.

Chesterfield has become a destination for all things recreation. Kids of all ages can enjoy activities at places like Velocity Sports, Skyzone and Bounce U in the Chesterfield Valley, and we're pleased to welcome the latest addition to the mix, **Ozzie Smith Sports Academy & Indoor Batting Cages**. This baseball training facility will locate next to the Humane Society along Edison Road.

Additionally, a new office condo complex is being built on the north side of Highway 40 west of the Hummer dealership. This facility, developed by NAI Desco and Keystone Construction, will offer convenient office locations for businesses in West County.

**West Valley Development.** Those who travel Old Olive and Eatherton Road often know there's a great deal of activity going on in the westernmost part of the City. Infrastructure work at the **Spirit of St. Louis Airport** was completed this past summer to add several taxiways, and sites were prepared for new hanger and office/warehouse facilities. Further west, you'll find groundwork



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## Post Flood Improvements to Chesterfield Valley Paid Off Early

Following the Flood of 1993, City leaders and business owners within Chesterfield committed to building back the Chesterfield Valley, better and more vibrant than it was before. Reflecting upon the 15 feet of flood water that had forced the evacuation and relocation of businesses, shut down I-64/Highway 40 and closed Spirit Airport-one of the region's busiest airports, City Council declared the entire Valley a "redevelopment area", in October, 1994.

The elected officials who served in office at the time of this decision were Mayor **Jack Leonard**, Ward 1 Councilmembers **Barry Flachsbart** and **Colleen Hilbert**, Ward 2 Councilmembers **Ed Levinson** and **Bill Devers**, Ward 3 Councilmembers **Dan Hurt** and **Alan Politte** and Ward 4 Councilmembers **Linda Tilley** and **Mike Cullen**. According to City Administrator **Michael G. Herring**, "The success of the TIF and the overall redevelopment of the Valley, is the direct result of the progressive vision of the City, over time, with successive Councils and successive Mayors committed to the goal of redevelopment and to maximizing the TIF's ability to create the environment, within which redevelopment could occur."

**Mayor John Nations**, a former Chairperson of the TIF Commission, states that, "For recovery to occur, the Valley needed a significant 'jump-start'. We needed to restore confidence within the development community and educate our citizens as to the benefits that would result, if a TIF were established. I am very pleased that we have arrived at a point where our difficult decisions of the past are producing the many benefits for which we have worked so long."

**Michael Staenberg**, President of THF Realty and developer of the two million square feet that make up the Chesterfield Commons retail district in the Chesterfield Valley, feels their development has also been a catalyst for other development in the area. "The City clearly demonstrated a commitment to rejuvenate the Valley through development, like Chesterfield Commons, that would ultimately become an economic engine," said Staenberg. "THF Realty is grateful to have been selected for this tremendously successful public-private partnership that has breathed new life into the Valley and made Chesterfield a nexus of commerce."

**Joan Schmelig**, President of the Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce, remembers well the challenges the business community faced following the flood and applauds the City and community leaders for their vision. "Congratulations to the City of Chesterfield for working to manage the growth and development in the Valley that has led to the early payoff of the TIF debt," she said.

"The Chesterfield Valley TIF is one of the most successful public and private partnerships in the country which will create long lasting benefits for residents in Chesterfield and throughout St. Louis County," says **Mayor Nations**. "The success of the Chesterfield Valley has exceeded all projections and I'm proud that it serves as a strong example to our region of the many benefits which can be achieved by constructing strong partnerships with broad consensus to improve the quality of life for our residents and business owners."

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occurring for the **Spirit Valley Business Park**, also being developed by NAI Desco. New tenants include **Vermeer Equipment** and **Chesterfield Fence**. Holthaus Realty is developing the 20-lot **Wings Corporate Estates**, along Eatherton Road, and will welcome back **Natoli Engineering** and **American Piping**, a local expansion. On the north side of Olive is the much anticipated **Blue Valley** development. This project, located east of Rhombek's Farm, will be a mixed-used development and will serve as the western gateway to Chesterfield. Tentative plans are for infrastructure work to begin in 2008.

**Chesterfield Valley Athletic Complex Expansion**. In addition to enjoying covered bleachers this season, patrons of the burgeoning Chesterfield Valley Athletic Complex will notice the construction of a parks maintenance facility on the east end with more amenities to come. Additionally, the first phase of the levee trail has been completed, extending from Summit Ice Complex to the CVAC.

It is one of our most important responsibilities to you to build a quality and sustainable community that enhances our quality of life and all that we do is designed to further our goal of creating a community here in Chesterfield that you will be proud to call your home.



John Nations  
Mayor

## Need to Get Rid of Your Yard Waste?

If you have started cleaning up your yard preparing it for spring and summer plantings, you can have it conveniently picked up at your curb along with your other waste collection provided by Allied Waste. The cost is either \$39.06 per quarter or \$13.02 monthly. There is a three month minimum commitment for this service. Please contact Allied Waste for additional information or to sign up for this optional service by calling 636-947-5959.



## 17th Annual Tree, Earth, and Arbor Day Children...Conservation... Connect Them! Saturday, April 26, 2008, Central Park, 9 a.m. – Noon E-cycling offered from 8 a.m. – Noon



Celebrate 17 years of native and natural resource conservation! Meet with over 20 state, regional and local exhibitors with information on how we can protect and preserve our natural resources. Recycle used athletic shoes, shred confidential documents, and e-cycle electronic items for FREE at the event. Visit the Team for Regional Excellence in Energy and Environmental Design to learn more about sustainable energy and conservation choices for your homes and businesses. Free tree giveaways include redbud, spicebush, buttonbush, witch hazel, and deciduous holly. Remember to bring a bucket to transport your tree home. Also, the Beautification Committee will announce the winner of the Chesterfield's inaugural Signature Garden-Public Place Honor Award. Learn how you and your family or business can participate in this environmentally-friendly garden initiative! Visit [www.stlouiseearthday.org](http://www.stlouiseearthday.org) and our city's website to learn more.

### E-cycle at 17th Annual Tree Day

E-cycle family household electronics and small appliances at Tree Day. FREE e-cycling for phones, PC parts, pagers, printers, faxes, scanners, clocks, telecommunications equipment, telephone equipment, audio equipment, video equipment, VCRs, tape recorders, stereos, DVD players, DVDs, CDs, cables, cassettes, videos, kitchen appliances, house/garden metals, curling irons, radios, irons, electric skilllets. Hazwaste recycle fees apply ONLY to TVs for \$10.00 AND monitors for \$5.00.



### Got old or used athletic shoes?

Join the efforts of our Fire and Police Protection Personnel to recycle athletic shoes at Tree Day from 9 a.m. to Noon. Doing this helps keep these shoes out of landfills so they can be remanufactured into indoor/outdoor athletic surfaces! Tie them together, make sure they are mud-free and have no metal parts (e.g., cleats, spikes, eyelets, blades, zippers, etc.).



### April Community Recycle Drive

Help sustain community recycling of magazines, catalogs, cardboard, chipboard, and textiles! Since 1996, this **FREE** "Earth Day" Recycle Drive was initiated especially for residents that do not have access to curbside recycling. Everyone can participate in Chesterfield's Annual Recycle Drive from **April 19 – 28 at Dierbergs Market Place, 1730 Clarkson at Baxter Road**. Labeled drop-off bins will be located at Dierbergs Market Place next to Clarkson Road. Please follow the guidelines to avoid contamination and to ensure future free community recycling opportunities. Learn more about what can be recycled by searching "recycle" on the City's website or pick up a flyer at City Hall.

### Spring Household Hazardous Chemicals Collection

As you do your spring cleaning, please remember that improper disposal of leftover household chemicals can be especially harmful to the environment and pose a risk to public health. Drop off your leftover chemicals or paint at collection events sponsored by the St. Louis County Department of Health on weekends this Spring. After mid-March, find out collection dates, locations, and acceptable materials at the County's web site: [www.stlouisco.com](http://www.stlouisco.com) or call the Waste Management Hotline: 314.286.9200.

## City Preparing an Arts Master Plan

The Chesterfield City Council has contracted with a local consulting firm, Via Partnership, to create a Public Art Master Plan. Chesterfield continues to thrive as a community which places a great deal of value on cultural activities, as proven by the success of Chesterfield Arts, Stages St. Louis, the Kemp Auto Museum, and outstanding galleries such as Fine Art Limited and Don Weigand Studios. With a focus on placemaking, the goal of the public art plan will be to build new community landmarks and gathering places, enhance aesthetics, foster a sense of pride, create hands-on encounters with art, build new connections - both geographically and socially, highlight local history and bring joy and wonder into our daily journey.

Via Partnership will be facilitating a community focus group, called Imagine Art Here, in February to involve residents and stakeholders in the visioning process for the future of public art in Chesterfield. They will then take that information, along with other research, and create a plan for art in Chesterfield for approval by city council.

## Chesterfield to Host Third Garden Tour

The Chesterfield Beautification Committee once again promises to deliver on providing the region with an outstanding tour of five gardens throughout the Chesterfield community. The event will be held on Saturday, June 7 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., rain or shine.

According to Committee Chairperson, Kay Folsom, “One of the goals of the Beautification Committee for this year’s Garden Tour is to help gardeners explore and find solutions to challenging landscape issues, such as deep shade, uphill topography, and drainage problems.” Master Gardeners, assigned by Leon Zickrick, Past President of Master Gardeners of St. Louis, will be stationed at each of the locations to answer questions.

The Honorary Hostess for this year’s event is prominent local author and gardening expert, Barbara Perry Lawton. She has over 1,500 published articles to her credit, and has earned regional and national honors for her writing and photography. Ms. Perry Lawton currently has a regular column in the *Gateway Gardener* and has written regularly on gardening topics for *St. Louis Homes & Lifestyles* and the *Post-Dispatch*, and has served as manager of publications for the Missouri Botanical Gardens. Additionally, Ms. Perry Lawton has written and published several books and will be present to talk to visitors on the tour and signing her latest book, *Hibiscus: Hardy and Tropical Plants for the Garden*.

Adding their expertise to the event are Cindy Gilberg, garden design consultant and teacher at the Missouri Botanical Gardens,

and Robert Weaver, editor of *Gateway Gardener*, a local gardening newspaper. Ms. Gilberg is currently employed by Whitmire Wildflower Garden at Shaw Nature Reserve in Gray’s Summit after 25 years ownership of Gilberg Farms, a very successful gardening center in Chesterfield. Ms. Gilberg will be on hand to emphasize the use of native plants in home landscaping. Additionally, Jeff Travers, local botanist and “Hostaphile” (with over 600 Hosta varieties in his own garden) will be available to speak with visitors about plant location and will provide information on dealing with wildlife encroachment.

“We consider this year’s tour to be one of informational and educational exploration,” says Folsom. “Our hope is to share with the visitor as much knowledge, advice and joy for gardening as one can pack into an afternoon in June.” Tickets are \$15, and can be purchased from City Hall at 690 Chesterfield Parkway West or by calling 636-537-4000 or through the City web site at [www.chesterfield.mo.us](http://www.chesterfield.mo.us). A map of the garden locations will be provided with the ticket purchase. Additional tickets will be available at the gardens the day of the event.

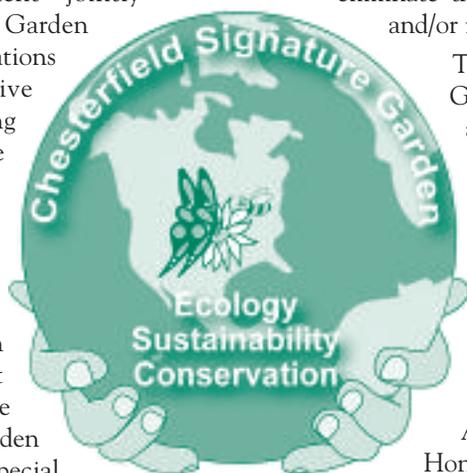


## Chesterfield’s Signature Garden Program Unveiled!

Resulting from a collaborative effort, Chesterfield Arts, Inc., the City’s Beautification Committee, and the Citizens Committee for the Environment jointly announce the Chesterfield Signature Garden Program! Residents, subdivision associations or businesses who are utilizing native plantings and sustainable gardening practices in their landscapes are encouraged to apply for inclusion in the program. The program encourages using native plantings that are recommended by the Missouri Department of Conservation ([www.grownative.org](http://www.grownative.org)) and the Missouri Botanical Garden ([www.plantsofmerit.org](http://www.plantsofmerit.org)) to promote best practices for sustainable gardening. Those who apply and meet the Signature Garden standards will receive a certificate and special acknowledgment by Mayor John Nations.

The gardens must contain environmentally friendly native plants and include those that help our pollinators, especially

butterflies, who are most sensitive to environmental factors. Gardens or landscaped areas can be any size or shape, and eliminate the need or use of pesticides and use compost and/or mulch.



Those interested in receiving the Signature Garden designation are asked to complete an application, which can be found on the City’s web site at [www.chesterfield.mo.us](http://www.chesterfield.mo.us) by searching keyword “signature garden” or call 636-537-4000 for more information.

Those who already have the designation of a Certified Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation are automatically part of this program, but are also encouraged to complete an application for acknowledgment.

Additionally, each year a special “Public Place” Honor Award will be given. This year, the first winner of the Signature Garden Public Place Honor Award will be announced at the Tree Day event on Saturday, April 26 in Central Park.

## Positions Are Available on Chesterfield Landmarks Preservation Commission



*The Ravens-Queathem house, begun around 1859, is listed on the Chesterfield Historic Register. Today it is a thriving business known as the Old House in Hog Hollow, located at 14319 Olive Blvd.*

**D**id you know that people have been living in the Chesterfield area for over 10,000 years? Our community has a rich heritage that spans prehistoric and historic times, including approximately 140 archaeological sites and more than 30 buildings erected before 1900. Chesterfield also has three buildings and one historic district listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Unfortunately, most of our archaeological sites have been destroyed, and over the past decade four of our 19th-century structures have been torn down.

If you're interested in history, architecture, archaeology, or preservation, consider joining the Chesterfield Landmarks Preservation Commission. The Commission was formed to protect and promote the city's historic, archaeological and architectural character and resources. Our goals are to:

- Identify buildings and sites that are historically and architecturally significant.
- Inform and educate citizens about our heritage.
- Help owners of historic properties to maintain and preserve their historic character.
- Work with the Chesterfield city government to protect our community's heritage.

You don't need to be a professional historian or preservationist; our members have a variety of backgrounds. We are looking for people who are interested in getting involved and helping us preserve the historic character of our area. For more information, please contact Alice Fugate at 314-576-6980 or email [Alice@fugatepublications.com](mailto:Alice@fugatepublications.com).

## Historical Commission Seeking Information for History Book

**T**he Chesterfield Historical Commission has formed a committee to write a definitive book about the history of Chesterfield. We are seeking your assistance in gathering documents, stories and photographs that might make a valuable contribution toward this effort. Any materials submitted will be returned. If you have information you would like to share, please contact committee chairperson, Ann Chrissos, at [gchrissos@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gchrissos@sbcglobal.net) or call 636-519-0408.

## Photo Contest Announced

**W**hile driving around Chesterfield, have you ever been suddenly aware of scenery you had not previously noticed, and wished that you had a camera to capture the moment? Whether it be a picture of a beautiful wooded area, a landscaped entrance to a subdivision or a business, an unusual view of a very distinctive and recognizable building or landmark, like City Hall or the Drury Hotel--there are so many possible subjects for your photos within our City.

The City of Chesterfield would like to have an archive of those images you find meaningful in our City. We encourage you to e-mail your photos to Libbey Malberg, Assistant City Administrator for Community Services and Economic Development, at [lmalberg@chesterfield.mo.us](mailto:lmalberg@chesterfield.mo.us). Please include your name, address (street and e-mail) and phone number, along with your photo. Please note that all photos submitted will become the property of the City of Chesterfield and that printed photos are not accepted. The deadline for submissions is August 31.

The winning photo will be selected by Chesterfield employees and will be featured on the front page of an upcoming issue of the Chesterfield Citizen newsletter and the City's web site. It is likely that other photos will be used in future promotional materials as well. In addition, the winner will be recognized by Mayor John Nations, at a City Council meeting where he will present them with an official Proclamation!

Enjoy your travels around our beautiful City. If you are driving and want to take a photo, be sure to pull off the road so that you can safely take your picture. We are looking forward to receiving your photos!



# Calendar of Events

<p><b>MARCH</b></p> <p>3 City Council City Hall, 7 p.m.</p> <p>10 Planning Commission City Hall, 7 p.m.</p> <p>17 City Council City Hall, 7 p.m.</p> <p>24 Planning Commission City Hall, 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>APRIL</b></p> <p>2 Safety Town Registration City Hall, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>8 Municipal Election Please vote!</p> <p>10 Incubator Plus Class Starts 6-9 p.m. City Hall (Registration Required)</p> <p>14 Planning Commission City Hall, 7 p.m.</p> <p>19-27 Community Recycle Drive at Dierberg's Clarkson &amp; Baxter Road</p>	<p>26 Tree Day Event Central Park, 9 a.m. - noon</p> <p>23 City Council (Installation of newly elected officials) City Hall, 7 p.m.</p> <p>28 Planning Commission City Hall, 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>MAY</b></p> <p>5 City Council City Hall, 7 p.m.</p>	<p>12 Planning Commission City Hall, 7 p.m.</p> <p>19 City Council City Hall, 7 p.m.</p> <p>24 Chesterfield Family Aquatic Center Opens Central Park</p> <p>26 City Hall Closed Memorial Day Observed</p> <p>28 Planning Commission City Hall, 7 p.m.</p>
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## Municipal Election April 8

This year the following individuals have filed for the office of Councilmember in each of their respective Wards as follows:

**Ward I –Barry Flachsbart (incumbent)**

**Ward II – Bruce Geiger (incumbent)**

**Ward II - Laurie Bennett**

**Ward II – Lynn O'Connor**

**Ward III – Mike Casey (incumbent)**

**Ward III – Jon Harris**

**Ward IV – Connie Fults (incumbent)**

**Ward IV – Natalie Bocis**

Councilmembers serve a two-year term of office.

To be able to vote in the April 8, 2008 municipal election, you must be a registered voter. You may register at City Hall, any St. Louis County public library, at a driver's licensing office while applying for or renewing a driver's license, or at the office of the St. Louis County Board of Election Commissioners. You can also download a voter registration form at [www.stlouisco.com/elections](http://www.stlouisco.com/elections). Additionally, registration forms can be mailed to you by calling City Hall at (636) 537-4000. The deadline to register to vote in this election is March 12.

Please make plans to vote on April 8. Polls open at 6 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. If you need information regarding your polling place, please call the St. Louis County Board of Election Commissioners at (314) 615-1800.

## Registration begins for Safety Town

The Chesterfield Police Department, Chesterfield Rotary and Chesterfield Kiwanis, in cooperation with the Parkway School District, will once again be conducting the nationally recognized preschool safety program known as "SAFETY TOWN".



Safety Town, one of the police department's most popular programs, utilizes classroom activities, as well as outside hands-on activities in the miniature Safety Town city. Safety Town is intended for 4, 5, and 6 year olds and utilizes Junior and Senior High School counselors from area schools to assist the on site police officers who lead the program.

Safety Town students attend the program for two weeks, two hours per day, either in the morning or afternoon. Preference will be given to those children who have NOT previously attended Safety Town. The sessions will be held at the Parkway Early Childhood Center, 14605 Clayton Road. This year's sessions are;

**SESSION 1: JUNE 2 – JUNE 13 (10:00 AM – 12:00 NOON)**

**SESSION 2: JUNE 2 – JUNE 13 (1:00 PM – 3:00 PM)**

**SESSION 3: JUNE 16 – JUNE 27 (10:00 AM – 12:00 NOON)**

**SESSION 4: JUNE 16 – JUNE 27 (1:00 PM – 3:00 PM)**

**SESSION 5: JUNE 30 – JULY 11 (10:00 AM – 12:00 NOON)**

**SESSION 6: JUNE 30 – JULY 11 (1:00 PM – 3:00 PM)**

An open registration night for Chesterfield SAFETY TOWN 2008 will be held on Wednesday, April 2, 2008, from 6:30 PM until 8:00 PM at the Chesterfield City Hall, 690 Chesterfield Parkway -West, in the Council Chambers. Space is limited.

For further information contact the Chesterfield Police Community Affairs Division at 636-537-3000.

## Tree Trimming



**T**ree trimming is an ongoing activity as the City's tree population matures into larger and, in some cases, problematic trees. The Street Maintenance Division of the Department of Planning and Public Works systematically trims trees along the City's streets to provide adequate clearance for trucks, buses, pedestrians and cyclists. Tree limbs can damage vehicles and can be a real hazard for individuals using the sidewalks and streets. Trimming trees is also necessary to maintain the health of the trees themselves. Limbs that are damaged by passing vehicles leave open tree wounds, inviting a variety of diseases to attack the tree. As directed by the City Council, trees are trimmed to provide a minimum of twelve (12') feet of clearance over the street and ten (10') feet of clearance over the sidewalks. Realizing that certain vehicles can be up to 16 feet tall, our trimming is conservative.

The Street Maintenance Division systematically trims all of the trees located in the city's rights-of-way by addressing about one-fifth of the entire city each year. This method provides for regular scheduled trimming of trees in any area on not less than a five year cycle. In addition to the scheduled five year trimming, the City trims trees ahead of any scheduled construction projects so the trees do not sustain critical damage from the large trucks and other construction equipment on such a project.

In addition, the Street Maintenance Division accomplishes emergency tree trimming and removal throughout the year, in response to storms and dead trees. The City's responsibility is limited to those trees located within a public right-of-way, and we can not trim trees on private property.

Prior to initiating tree trimming operations in an area, the Street Maintenance Division distributes a notice to all adjacent property owners advising them of our pending activity. Residents who want to trim the trees in front of their own homes are asked to contact the Public Works Division at 636-537-4000. It is important to note that all trees must be trimmed to the City's specifications.

## Levee Trail Open for Use

Time to lace up those sneakers and get moving on the first section of the new Levee Trail! Located in the Chesterfield Valley, the paved 3.8 mile trail runs along the top of the levee from the Summit Ice Complex to the Chesterfield Valley Athletic Complex and is open for public use.

## Attention Entrepreneurs!

**Would you like to learn how to run a successful business in just 21 hours and get paid for it?**

To assist small business owners and those thinking about starting a new business, the City of Chesterfield and the Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce have again partnered to offer a dynamic program called Incubator Plus®. Students begin by attending a course called "The Twelve Commandments for Small Business: A Practical Guide to Beating the Odds," beginning Thursday, April 10 from 6-9 p.m. at Chesterfield City Hall and continuing each Thursday for seven weeks.

The curriculum is written and taught by Richard J. Sacks, based on his 25 years of experience as a consultant and lecturer on small business. The book of the same name on which the program is based has been ranked No. 1 among the "Hot New Releases" on Amazon.com and among the highest on the list of paperback books at BarnesAndNoble.com.

The program focuses on reviewing the basic principles of running a small business, ranging from utilizing cash as a strategic tool, negotiating, managing stress, handling human resources and much more. Students who score 90% or higher on the final exam will receive \$500 to be used for their business. These funds are available through a grant from the Missouri Department of Economic Development. Additional tangible benefits made available by supporting businesses will be offered to those scoring 80% or higher, along with two years of free continuing education seminars.

Cathy Perry of Designs of the Interior in Chesterfield took the course in 2007 and stated that she loved the class. "It was worth the time and money, and it filled in a lot of details I had not had the time to research myself."

The fee for the 7-week program is \$150 per person, which includes all materials. For program information or to register, call 636-537-6720 or email [lmalberg@chesterfield.mo.us](mailto:lmalberg@chesterfield.mo.us). Registrations accepted on-line at [www.chesterfield.mo.us](http://www.chesterfield.mo.us). Click on the "Incubator Plus" button. Checks and credit cards will be accepted for payment.

More information on "The Twelve Commandments for Small Business" is available at [www.twelvecommandments.biz](http://www.twelvecommandments.biz).



**INCUBATOR PLUS**

# NEW LICENSED BUSINESSES IN CHESTERFIELD

<p><b>RESTAURANTS</b></p> <p><b>THE ORIGINAL PANCAKE HOUSE</b> 17000 Chesterfield Airport Road</p>	<p>17304 Chesterfield Airport Road</p> <p><b>SERVICE/PROFESSIONAL</b></p>	<p><b>DIRECT ALLIANCE GROUP</b> 18281 Edison Avenue, Ste 80</p> <p><b>DONGIN DEVELOPMENT USA, LLC</b> 44 Spirit of St. Louis Boulevard, Ste F</p>	<p>106A Four Seasons Center</p> <p><b>MERCY HEALTHCARE, INC.</b> 42 Four Seasons Center, Ste 132</p>
<p><b>RETAIL</b></p> <p><b>BEACH BOYS INDOOR/OUTDOOR SUPERSTORE</b> 7 Arnage Boulevard</p>	<p><b>UNIQUE GIFTS</b> 47G Chesterfield Mall, Ste 188</p> <p><b>A&amp;K RAILROAD MATERIALS, INC.</b> 1415 Elbridge Payne Road, Ste 135</p>	<p><b>EQUITY ONE FRANCHISORS, LLC</b> 15455 Conway Road, Ste 315</p> <p><b>GOLDEN KEY DEVELOPMENT, INC.</b> 744 Spirit of St. Louis Boulevard, Ste F</p>	<p><b>MIDWEST VETERINARY REFERRAL CENTER</b> 17709 Edison Avenue</p>
<p><b>FIRESTONE</b> 16950 Chesterfield Airport Road</p> <p><b>FOREVER 21</b> 291 Chesterfield Mall #846</p>	<p><b>AIRLINK COMMUNICATIONS, INC.</b> 17841 Edison Avenue</p> <p><b>ALL ABOUT VACATIONS</b> 200 Long Road, Ste 140</p>	<p><b>GREEN JACOBSON &amp; BUTSCH, P.C.</b> 300 Chesterfield Center, Ste 240</p> <p><b>HAPPY NAIL</b> 14768 Clayton Road</p>	<p><b>ONE SOURCE BUILDERS &amp; LANDSCAPING, INC.</b> 18173 Edison Avenue, Ste E</p> <p><b>PHARMA-VATION CONSULTING, LLC</b> 1201 Turnberry Ridge Court</p>
<p><b>GOIGAMES</b> 9000 Chesterfield Mall</p> <p><b>HANGEROOS</b> 291 Chesterfield Mall #R009</p>	<p><b>BI-STATE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES</b> 17838 Chesterfield Airport Road</p> <p><b>CHESTERFIELD VALLEY DERMATOLOGY, PC</b> 100 Chesterfield Business Parkway, Ste 110</p>	<p><b>HUGO FRIDA MENA PUBLISHER</b> 15943 Meadow Oak Road</p> <p><b>J AND L LOGISTICS</b> 1367 White Road</p>	<p><b>SAESOLVED</b> 64 Conway Cove Drive</p> <p><b>SALON BB</b> 17516 Chesterfield Airport Road</p>
<p><b>INKSTOP, INC.</b> 1626 Clarkson Road, Ste C</p> <p><b>PERFUMANIA #434</b> 291 Chesterfield Mall #1100</p>	<p><b>CISCO SYSTEMS</b> 16401 Swingley Ridge Road, Ste 400</p> <p><b>COVENANT HEALTH &amp; WELLNESS CENTER, LLC</b> 714 Spirit 40 Park Dr, Ste 145</p>	<p><b>K. BATES STEEL</b> 17829 Edison Avenue</p> <p><b>KLEMM &amp; ASSOCIATES, LLC</b> 14780 Clayton Road</p> <p><b>KROMITE, LLC</b></p>	<p><b>SALON BRANCA</b> 116 Chesterfield Towne Center</p> <p><b>SUNG ARCHITECTURE, LLC</b> 744 Spirit of St. Louis Boulevard, Ste F</p>
<p><b>RAPID REFILL INK</b> 128 Chesterfield Commons East Road</p> <p><b>THE WALKING COMPANY</b> 231A Chesterfield Mall</p>			<p><b>TOTAL BODY WELLNESS, LLC</b> 510 Baxter Road, Ste 10N</p>
<p><b>T-MOBILE</b></p>			<p><b>THAT FINISHING TOUCH</b></p>

## Improvements Coming to a Street Near You

As directed by City Council, city staff has identified several streets needing repairs throughout the City. In addition to maintenance performed by City work crews, two residential street slab replacement projects and three storm sewer grate replacement projects are expected to be completed this year.

*Selective Slab Replacement Projects.* Plans call for approximately 38,000 square yards of pavement to be replaced over portions of 18 different streets. The streets currently planned for construction are listed below. Residents adjacent to the proposed replacement areas, along with the subdivision trustees, will be notified by mail.

- Atwell Court
- Big Timber Lane
- Bridgeway Drive
- Cedarmill Drive
- Country Oak Drive
- Finger Lake Drive
- Lake Tahoe Drive
- Mill Spring Court
- Ponchatrain Lake Drive
- Reelfoot Lake Drive
- Strawbridge Court
- Sugarberry Court
- Summer Ridge Drive
- Tealcrest Drive
- Turnberry Court
- Wildhorse Parkway
- Wilson Farm Road
- Wilson Manor Drive

Construction is expected to start in April or May and extend into the Fall. Residents will be notified before work begins on their streets. Additional information will be available under the Public Works section of the City's web site.

*Grated Trough Replacement.* A total of three grated troughs, the storm sewer grates that extend across the entire width of pavement, are planned to be replaced during 2008. Replacement of the trough will consist of a complete removal of the existing trough, some of the adjacent pavement, and installation of a new trough and pavement. The specific locations are 396 Greentrails Drive, 314 Calliope Place and 17692 Wildhorse Parkway. These locations were chosen based on the structural condition of the existing troughs as determined during a periodical review of all the existing troughs within the City.



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## Get Your 2008 Tickets Now!

**S**TAGES ST. LOUIS has just the thing to get your mind off the winter whites and blues - a red-hot 2008 season subscription to STAGES! Start making plans now for warmer weather when you can get out and enjoy the frenzied and fabulous **Thoroughly Modern Millie** (May 30 – June 29), the inspiring and iconic **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat** (July 18 – August 17), and the sparkling and spirited **The Music Man** (Sept. 5 – Oct. 5).

And as a subscriber you can pre-purchase single tickets to our Family Production of Disney's **The Jungle Book** (August 6 – 17) before they go on sale to the general public. A season subscription secures you the best seats to the best shows - all for the lowest price. Get your subscriptions now by calling 314.821.2407 or going online to [www.stagesstlouis.org](http://www.stagesstlouis.org) and set aside a few evenings for magic this summer!

## Stages Summer Courses Now Enrolling!

Get your shining star to get off the couch and into the spotlight this summer! The STAGES Performing Arts Academy will soon begin taking registrations for the summer 2008 semester. Half-Day and Full-Day workshops are available for all ages and skill levels, plus classes that meet only one night a week. A full list of courses is available by calling the Academy at 636.530.5959 or visiting the STAGES website at [www.stagesstlouis.org](http://www.stagesstlouis.org). And don't forget to ask about Spring Break camps. This summer, let your talent bloom at the STAGES Academy!

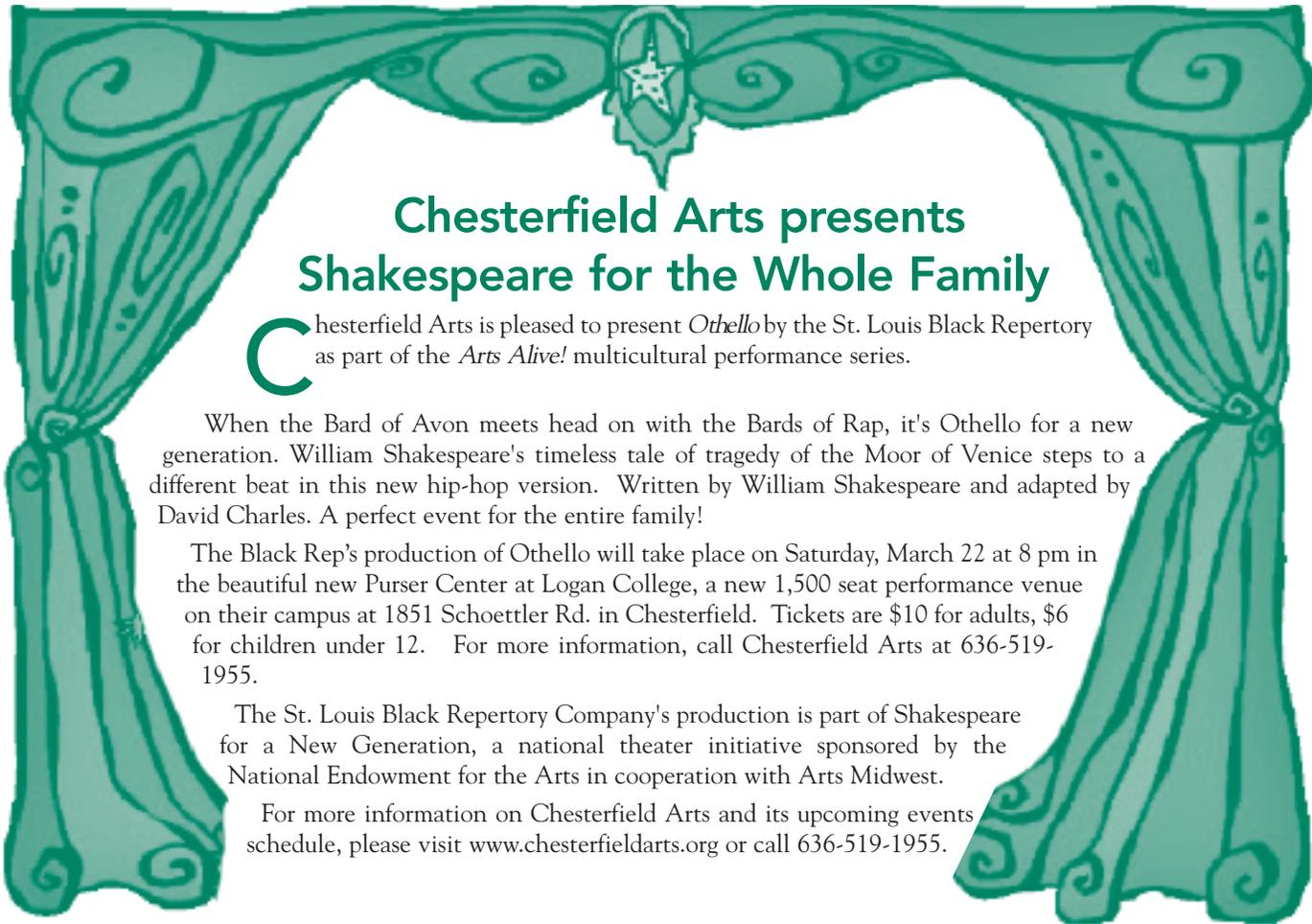
Did you know that there's an on-line calendar listing of events and activities in the West County area? It's called the West County Calendar and can be found at [www.westcountycalendar.com](http://www.westcountycalendar.com). Also, you can post event listings free of charge!

## 17th Annual Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce Business to Business Expo

**T**he 17th Annual Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce Business to Business Expo, sponsored by Midland States Bank, is a must attend event. Chesterfield area businesses will gather Thursday, March 6 from 4 – 7:30 p.m. at the Doubletree Hotel & Conference Center to showcase the best that the area has to offer in services, retail and business solutions. Last year, nearly 2,000 attended the Expo and this year is sure to bring even more attendees.



The event is an excellent opportunity for attendees to view product demonstrations and speak face-to-face with industry professionals in a relaxed atmosphere. Meet with vendors and learn about solutions for your business challenges. There will also be raffles, food and drinks. Attendance at the Expo is free. For more information go to [chesterfieldmochamber.com](http://chesterfieldmochamber.com) or call 636-532-3399.



## Chesterfield Arts presents Shakespeare for the Whole Family

**C**hesterfield Arts is pleased to present *Othello* by the St. Louis Black Repertory as part of the *Arts Alive!* multicultural performance series.

When the Bard of Avon meets head on with the Bards of Rap, it's *Othello* for a new generation. William Shakespeare's timeless tale of tragedy of the Moor of Venice steps to a different beat in this new hip-hop version. Written by William Shakespeare and adapted by David Charles. A perfect event for the entire family!

The Black Rep's production of *Othello* will take place on Saturday, March 22 at 8 pm in the beautiful new Purser Center at Logan College, a new 1,500 seat performance venue on their campus at 1851 Schoettler Rd. in Chesterfield. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$6 for children under 12. For more information, call Chesterfield Arts at 636-519-1955.

The St. Louis Black Repertory Company's production is part of Shakespeare for a New Generation, a national theater initiative sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts in cooperation with Arts Midwest.

For more information on Chesterfield Arts and its upcoming events schedule, please visit [www.chesterfieldarts.org](http://www.chesterfieldarts.org) or call 636-519-1955.

## 2008 Concerts in the Park



The Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce proudly announces its 21st season of Summer Concerts in Faust Park. Concerts are scheduled for the following Tuesday evenings beginning at 7 p.m.

- July 22 – Spectrum**
- July 29 – Billy Peek**
- August 5 – Trilogry**

**August 12 – Bob Kuban Band**

Concession stand opens at 5:30 p.m. Concessions include hot dogs, bratwurst, ice cream, chips, popcorn, candy, soda, beer, wine, water, and more! Bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating. Entertainment for the children before the concert and at intermission is provided by Chesterfield Parks & Recreation. Admission is FREE!!! For more information, contact the Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce, 636-532-3399 or go to [www.chesterfieldmochamber.com](http://www.chesterfieldmochamber.com)

- June 3 – City's 20th Anniversary Celebration with the Bob Kuban Band**
- June 10 - Cornet Chop Suey**
- June 17 - Yessir**
- June 24 - Ralph Butler Band**
- July 1 - NO CONCERT DUE TO THE HOLIDAY**
- July 8 - Hudson and the Hoo Doo Cats**
- July 15 – Scott Laythem and Karl "Trickee" Holmes**



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## Join us for the City's 20th Anniversary "Birthday" Party June 3, 7 p.m. at Faust Park

**D**id you know that it was just 20 short years ago that Chesterfield officially became incorporated as a City? The impetus for wanting to control our own destiny as a City came about over a zoning issue in 1985. At the location of what is now Montgomery Bank and the Monarch Fire Station on Olive Street, Dierbergs wanted to construct one of its first "mega-stores" at this location. Additionally, there was other commercial development under consideration by St. Louis County that threatened the quiet, wooded residential area.

Later to become Chesterfield's third Mayor, Jack Leonard, and several other residents of the nearby River Bend subdivision, banded together to protest this proposed development. Others at that same meeting, who went on to become City Councilmembers, were Barry Flachbart and Betty Hathaway, along with Douglas Beach (who became Chesterfield's City Attorney.) John and June Schroeder and Barbara McGuinness were also among the first to become involved in the incorporation movement. This group worked diligently over the next year, attending meeting after meeting, communicating the rationale of Chesterfield's incorporation to others in the community.

The first time the vote went before the residents in 1986, it failed by 667 votes! At that time the proposed City Limits went as far as Queeny Park. The area to be incorporated was then scaled back to an area closely resembling today's Chesterfield. A month later, a

new petition was created and the group spent another year diligently working to communicate with the residents about the proposed incorporation. During that time, there were rumors of possible annexations of Chesterfield Mall by adjacent cities, as well as ongoing zoning battles with St. Louis County. The next vote, in 1988, passed overwhelmingly!

How far Chesterfield has come in the past 20 years! The City and the Chamber of Commerce **invite you** to come together as a community to **help us celebrate on June 3**, at the first concert in the Chamber's summer concert series, held in Faust Park. In addition to the fantastic music of Bob Kuban and children's activities, there will a fabulous fireworks display, provided by the City of Chesterfield and birthday cake for everyone!

The event is free and begins at 7 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs, picnic baskets and prepare for Chesterfield's largest birthday celebration so far!

