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-Seniority by Ward-



Chesterfield Volunteer Selected as Citizen of the Year

According to Mayor John Nations, "Jerry Right is the epitome of volunteerism, by giving generously of his time and talent to the people of Chesterfield, as well as to various organizations throughout the entire St. Louis region." At a recent ceremony at a City Council meeting, Mr. Right was recognized by Mayor Nations as Chesterfield's Citizen of the Year for 2003.

Mr. Right's dedication at St. Vincent DePaul, located in St. Louis, included serving meals to the poor, sleeping in the men's shelter once a month and chairing and serving on various committees associated with the church. Also, he has given his time and talent to the Eugene Field House and Toy Museum and St. Louis City's "Operation Brightside."

Jerry and his wife, Marjorie, are members of Forest Park Forever, St. Louis Art Museum, History Museum, Landmarks, St. Louis Science Center, Carondelet Historical Society and Trailnet.

Mr. Right has served as a Board Member of the Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce for the past six years, serving as Treasurer, Secretary and Vice-President, as well as volunteering for a myriad of programs and events sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

He has led and organized history tours of St. Louis City for seniors and has been a member of the Kiwanis Club of Chesterfield since 1996. Each year Mr. Right is involved in the Kiwanis Annual Prayer Breakfast, and has served in every office of that organization.

Mr. Right has been dedicated to the City and its people by serving nine years on the Parks, Recreation and Arts Citizen Advisory Committee, five years as a member of the Planning Commission, as a member of the Comprehensive Plan Committee, member of Chesterfield Arts Board of Directors and co-chaired the Events Committee for the City's 10th Anniversary. He has participated in the DARE program, Drug Abuse Task Force and both the "Best of Chesterfield" and "The Taste of Chesterfield". He has volunteered for many events, such as the "Gobble Wobble" and "Save the Minna Waldman House".

The entire St. Louis Region has benefited from the selfless dedication and energy of Jerry Right.



Recipient Jerry Right accepts award from Mayor John Nations

From the Mayor

Summertime & Recreation...

As summer approaches, we naturally turn our thoughts to the opportunity to spend more time with family and friends and to enjoy being out of doors. At City Hall, we have been especially busy getting our parks and recreation facilities ready for your enjoyment this season. Since I get many questions this time of year from so many of you regarding our parks and recreation programs, I thought this column would be a good time to discuss some of our major parks and recreation programs and facilities, as well as to provide some thoughts on future parks plans.

The City currently owns and operates about 212 acres of parkland, the principal components of which are our Central Park, with the Chesterfield Family Aquatic Center, located just off the Chesterfield Parkway, as well as the Chesterfield Valley Athletic Complex, where baseball, softball, and soccer fields are located. Nearly 30,000 people visited the Chesterfield pool last summer, and more than 200,000 people participated in and attended sporting events at the CVAC. We are proud to have more than 2,000 kids on soccer teams in the fall and more than 2,000 kids on baseball and softball teams in the spring and summer, all in addition to our extensive adult leagues in both soccer and baseball/softball. Additionally, the City has entered into cooperative relationships with both the Rockwood and Parkway school districts to provide additional playground equipment at several elementary schools, which can be used as neighborhood parks when the schools are not in session. This past year, through a cooperative arrangement with the Dierbergs family, the City acquired ground at River Valley and Olive for future park use.

In addition to the major park facilities, the City has also emphasized making the community more "walkable", by promoting the construction of sidewalks and trails. A major component of the recently completed enhancement project on Olive and Clarkson Boulevards (which included the installation of landscaped medians) was the construction of the sidewalks which run along those thoroughfares and now connect many of our neighborhoods to the Chesterfield Parkway. This year, we will break ground on the "Pathway On The Parkway" project, which will include trails around both sides of the Chesterfield Parkway. These two projects were made possible by the availability of grant funding, which I compliment our staff for pursuing aggressively, to bring such amenities to our community. Hopefully, in the not too distant future and with resources permitting, we will begin construction of a trail system, which will connect the "Pathway On The Parkway" with a trail which will be located on top of the new levee in Chesterfield Valley. Ultimately, the trail system on the levee will be part of an interconnected system, linking cities all along the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers.

City Council, the Parks Citizens Advisory Committee, City Staff, and I have been formulating plans to meet the demands for parkland, facilities, and programs as well as to provide the necessary financial resources to operate and maintain them. These demands include acquiring green space in our neighborhoods, completing the trail system, constructing additional baseball fields in the Valley so that teams may have sufficient space available for practices, as well as for games. Most of us remember being able to play on a City field at almost

any time, but that it not the case in Chesterfield due to the high demand for field time, coupled with the limited number of fields the City has had the resources to construct. Simply stated, the City has not had the money necessary to construct and maintain additional ball fields to provide unrestricted access to ball fields, or to finish the trail system, nor to acquire additional ground in the neighborhoods to establish neighborhood parks.

Most people are surprised to learn that, unlike so many cities, Chesterfield has no dedicated funding source for its parks programs. Rather, we spend approximately \$1.7 million dollars from the general fund to support these programs. Part of the proposal which we have been formulating, with extensive input from residents, will also address the critical need to provide a dedicated funding source for a portion of the operations and maintenance costs of these facilities and programs.

In the coming months, you will be hearing more about the plans for the future of Chesterfield parks and recreation. We anticipate that we will soon have a plan which will have the unanimous support of City Council and me, and one which we believe will be worthy of your consideration. In the meantime, as always, if you have any comments on these or any other issues affecting our community, I will be glad to hear from you at any time.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

John Nations, Mayor




City Council Actions

APPOINTMENTS ■■■■■

Pat Hutton appointed to the Beautification Committee.

Jim Ellis and **Enrico Garavaglia** appointed to the Drug Abuse Task Force.

Steve Lander and **Jerry Right** appointed to the Landmarks Preservation Commission.

Gene Schenberg appointed to the MIS Citizens Advisory Committee.

PROCLAMATIONS ■■■■■

Drug Abuse Task Force for hosting the 12th Annual Chesterfield Drug Awareness Day at the Westfield Shoppingtown Chesterfield.

Girl Scout Troop #4375 River Bend Elementary School, Girl Scout Troop #2567 – Parkway Central Middle School and **Girl Scout Troop #982 – Shenandoah Valley School** for participating in the Flag Ceremony for City Council meetings.

Harrison Pearl and **Kyle Van Ittersum** for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

John Michael Camp, Joey Clamp, Ryan Meader and **Blake Moody** for advancing into the Boy Scout program.

Rajiv Tarigopula for winning the Post-Dispatch Spelling Bee and participating in the Scripps National Spelling Bee competition in May.

St. Louis Amateur Blues AAA Hockey Association for an outstanding hockey season and winning the Mid-American Hockey League trophy.

Free Pool Party!!!!

The Chesterfield Drug Abuse Task Force is sponsoring a free pool party from 8:15 – 11 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 20, at the Family Aquatic Park. This event is for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. Refreshments, games and a DJ will be provided, as well as appropriate supervision and encouragement.

City of Chesterfield Comprehensive Plan Receives Award

The City of Chesterfield Comprehensive Plan has been selected as “2004 Outstanding Plan” by the St. Louis Metro Section of the American Planning Association.

The Chesterfield Plan is the official statement of the Planning Commission, regarding policies and recommendations concerning the future land use and physical development of the City. The Department of Planning would like to thank the many citizens who participated in public meetings, the 22-member Citizens Advisory Committee and the Planning Commission for their work on the Plan.

The Comprehensive Plan may be viewed on the City’s home page at www.chesterfield.mo.us.

Additional Service from the Department of Planning

Over the last several years, the Department of Planning has provided the “Planner of the Day” program. Citizens can call (636) 537-4733 or come to City Hall during the week from 8:45 a.m. until 5 p.m. and a professional Planner will be available to answer development-related questions.

To further assist citizens, the “Planner of the Day” may now be reached via email at pod@chesterfield.mo.us. Questions regarding planning and zoning may be sent to this address and the “Planner of the Day” will respond.

Everything You Wanted to Know About Permits!

The City of Chesterfield contracts with the St. Louis County Department of Public Works to provide permitting and inspection services. The review of plans, collection of fees and issuance of permits are handled by St. Louis County. However, before obtaining any permit, or beginning any construction project, a zoning approval must be obtained from the City of Chesterfield.

Zoning approval signifies that the property can be used as requested and that the location of a proposed structure is within the legal limits of the property lines as delineated by regulations contained within the City of Chesterfield Zoning Ordinance. Please be advised that some sites have regulations that are more restrictive as part of conditions of the ordinance governing a particular Zoning District, Planned Environmental Unit or Landmark Preservation Area.

Petitioners are urged to visit the County web site at www.stlouisco.com/pubworks or contact the St. Louis County Department of Public Works at (314) 615-7155 for submittal requirements, permitting information and a detailed list of work that does not require a building permit and/or zoning approval.

For questions about the permit process, please contact the Planner of the Day at (636) 537-4733.

Chamber of Commerce Announces Concert Schedule

The Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce announces its summer Tuesday night Concerts in the Park series. These free concerts start at 7 p.m. at Faust Park. The concession stand opens at 5:30 p.m. Please bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating purposes. Children's entertainment is scheduled during intermission and is sponsored by Chesterfield Parks, Recreation and Arts.

June 8 Bob Kuban Band - The Chamber will host a "Sweet Sixteen" birthday celebration for the City of Chesterfield, complete with cake and fireworks.

June 15 St. Louis Symphony

June 22 Spectrum

June 29 Power Play

July 13 Yessir

July 20 Michael W. Brooks Band

July 27 Trilogy

Aug 3 Scott Laythem/Karl 'Trickee' Holmes Duo

Aug 10 Everyday People

Aug 17 Bob Kuban Band

For more information, call the Chamber of Commerce at (636)532-3399.

Residents may bring in last year's season pass cards to be renewed; however, residency must still be proven. All season pass-holders, ages 2 and over, are required to have an individual season pass card.

A limited number of General Season Passes will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis to any non-resident. To receive a General Season Pass, visit City Hall during regular office hours.

Swim Lessons

Swim lessons are taught by certified instructors, and have a maximum student/instructor ratio of 8/1 (10/1 for "Shrimp"). Due to a 4-student minimum, classes may be combined when necessary. Class sizes are limited. Registration has begun. Register in person at City Hall during office hours. **For all classes, the deadline to register is 5 p.m. Thursday, before they begin.**

MORNING LESSONS

\$45 General/\$36 Resident Discount The following lessons meet four days per week (Monday - Thursday) for two weeks:

Session 1: June 14 - June 24

Session 2: June 28 - July 8

Session 3: July 12 - July 22

Session 4: July 26 - Aug. 5

*Morning lessons cancelled due to weather will be made up on Friday morning at the normal class time.

EVENING LESSONS

\$45 General/\$36 Resident Discount The following lessons meet two days per week (Tuesday and Thursday) for four weeks:

Session 5: June 15 - July 8

Session 6: July 20 - Aug. 12

*Evening lessons cancelled due to weather will be made up on the next Tuesday or Thursday evening at the normal class time.

"NEW" Splash Playground

The Chesterfield Parks, Recreation and Arts division will be adding a Splash Playground to the Chesterfield Family Aquatic Park. A Splash Playground is a splash pad from which water shoots out of various fixtures. This project was made possible by a \$200,000 Grant, which the City obtained from the Municipal Parks Grant Commission of St. Louis County.

Season Pool Passes

Seaon pool pass cards may be obtained or renewed at Chesterfield City Hall, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. **The Park and Recreation Division has discontinued Resident I.D.s.** Now, you only have to present your **driver's license** when receiving a season pass or show your license at the front gate of the Chesterfield Family Aquatic Park, to receive the resident rate.

Evening Extended Hours

You and your family are invited to four evenings of fun and swimming at the Chesterfield Family Aquatic Park. Half-price admission for everyone starting at 5 p.m. Concession stand will be open.

DATES: July 3, July 4, July 17 and July 31

TIME: 5 – 10 p.m.

JUNE

- 7 City Council**
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 14 Planning Commission**
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 21 City Council**
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 28 Planning Commission**
City Hall, 7 p.m.

JULY

- 5 City Hall Closed**
Independence Day Observed
- 7 City Council**
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 12 Planning Commission**
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 19 City Council**
City Hall, 7 p.m.

- 26 Planning Commission**
City Hall, 7 p.m.

AUGUST

- 9 Planning Commission**
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 16 City Council**
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 23 Planning Commission**
City Hall, 7 p.m.

Resident Appreciation Night

FREE! As a way of saying “Thank You” for a wonderful pool season, you are invited to an evening of swimming, music and fun at the Chesterfield Family Aquatic Park. Squeeze in a few more laps in the competition pool or a plunge down the water-slide one last time before the pool closes for the season. Concession stand will be open. This is simply the City’s way of saying, “Thanks for a great summer!”

DATE: Saturday, Aug. 21
TIME: 7:15 - 10 p.m.

Recycle Drive

Aug. 14-22

Labeled drop-off bins will be located next to Olive Boulevard at Schnucks Hilltown Village Center. Please follow the instructions on containers to avoid contamination.

Call (636) 537-4000 for a 2004 Recycle Drive flyer or check the City’s website under Citizens Committee for the Environment.

St. Louis County Fair and Air Show Features the U.S. Navy Blue Angels

The 13th annual St. Louis County Fair and Air Show will be held Sept. 3–6 on the fairgrounds at Spirit of St. Louis Airport.



Dates and Times

- FRIDAY, SEPT. 3** 5 – 10 p.m. (free admission)
- SATURDAY, SEPT. 4** 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.
- SUNDAY, SEPT. 5** 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.
- MONDAY, SEPT. 6** 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

All fair proceeds are donated to benefit the Children’s Miracle Network. To date the fair has donated \$1.2 million to CMN. Hospitals use this money to help provide cutting edge medical care to children.



Grand Finale Event

Backyard Bird/Butterfly Habitat Gardens

Join the Citizens Committee for the Environment and your Community Habitat Team from 7–9 p.m. on Wednesday, June 23 at the Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House and Education Center, 15193 Olive Boulevard, for the last scheduled Team event. Receive native habitat garden giveaways and learn about sustainable gardening practices for smaller native birds/butterflies.

Pre-registration requested by calling (636)530-0076, ext. 10.

Chesterfield Beautification Awards

The Chesterfield Beautification Committee, in an ongoing effort to preserve and enhance the beauty of the City, is pleased to announce the fourth Chesterfield Beautification Committee award competition. This honor will be given to three neighborhood entrances, three small commercial businesses and three large commercial businesses, based on outstanding design, display, maintenance, seasonal color and texture.

Let the Beautification Committee know which businesses and subdivisions you find attractive and respond with a nomination for an award. These awards will be presented at a City Council meeting in September followed by photos in the Chesterfield Journal and on the City's web site. Deadline for nominations is July 1. Applications are available at City Hall or by calling Kay Folsom at (636)532-2503.

Art in the Park Day!

A free community art event at Faust Park

Chesterfield Arts presents the "Art in the Park", a *FREE* community arts event at Faust Park on Saturday, June 26 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

"Art in the Park Day" is a fun, community celebration of the arts in Chesterfield. The day long event will feature all kinds of activities for young and old alike including workshops in music and dance, an interactive water orchestra by Worldways Children's Museum, performances, lots of art projects with guest artists from Craft Alliance and much, much more!

Grab your kids, friends and family and join the fun! Best of all—it's *FREE!* No experience needed - everyone's an artist here!

For more information, just contact Chesterfield Arts at (636)519-1955 or check out their website at www.chesterfieldarts.org



"No Solicitors, No Peddlers" Stickers

"No Solicitors, No Peddlers" stickers, are available free of charge at City Hall. If a solicitor will not show his/her permit or violates any part of Ordinance No. 91, please call the Police Department at (636) 537-3000.



Remember: Buyer Beware!

New Businesses

The following businesses are new in town since our last publication:

ALDO Shoes
Amazing Love Christian Store
Amore, Today's Bridal & Fashions
Bremen Bank & Trust Company
Callisto Communications, LLC
Castus Low Carb Superstore
Casual Male Big & Tall
Chesterfield Collectibles
Chesterfield Surgery Center
Cobitco, Inc. (Packaging)
Convergent Communications of St. Louis
Focus Financial Mortgage, Inc.
Farotto's Pizzeria

Golden Oak Lending
Handbag Heaven
Immerge Sports Management
Imo's Pizza
In-Step Designs
Lueders Construction Co.
Lueders Real Estate LLC
Miller's Crossing Restaurant
Mimi's Café
Newport Homes, Inc.
Pacific Beach Tanning Studio
Park's Martial Arts
Solutions Counseling Associates
St. Louis Bicycle Co.

Stock & Associates Consulting
Engineers Tag Time Creations
The Forrester Group
The UPS Store
Total Maintenance Services
Tri-County Pools
Trinity Pilates Center
Tristar Business Communities
Vision Able Surveillance Solutions
White House/Black Market
Wild Cat USA
Yoshi's Restaurant

All businesses located in the City of Chesterfield are required to obtain a business license. Businesses who have not done so should contact the Finance and Administration Department at (636) 537-4714.

Joggers Do's and Don't's

In Chesterfield, running and walking continue to be extremely popular pastimes. Each year, more and more people in our community take up running and walking because it is a quick, inexpensive way to stay fit. Your safety and that of your loved ones is a vital component to any successful exercise program. Here are a few tips that can assure a safe and enjoyable exercise experience:

- Plan your outing! Always tell someone where you are going and when you plan to return
- Wear an identification tag or carry a driver's license
- Wear reflective clothing/materials
- Walk or run with a partner or a dog
- Refrain from wearing headsets. Headsets diminish awareness.
- Consider carrying a cellular phone
- Vary your route
- Avoid exercising in unpopulated and unlighted areas
- Always run/walk against traffic
- Stay clear of parked cars or bushes
- Carry a flashlight if running/walking at night

Stay alert! Sometimes runners and walkers can get lured into a "zone." This is where they become so focused on exercise that there is a loss of awareness regarding what is going on around them.

By following these simple rules, you can assure your safety and that of those around you.

Downspouts and Hillside Erosion

Each year the Department of Public Works receives phone calls about erosion problems on hillsides in established subdivisions. Most of the runoff in these subdivisions comes from roofs. This water can and should be controlled by attaching drain pipes to the downspouts. Generally, a 4-inch diameter flexible pipe is sufficient.

These pipes should be extended to the bottom of any near-by hills or slopes. If the pipes are stopped at the top of the hill or slope, then the erosion problem may be worse than not having any pipes at all. Please note that no pipe is allowed to discharge within 10 feet of your property line and placing a drainage pipe on someone else's property without permission is illegal. Alternatively, with a permit from the Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD), the pipes can be connected to a storm inlet.



Holiday Trash Pick Up Schedule

There will be no change in the trash pick-up schedule for the July 4th holiday.

Due to the Labor Day holiday, Monday's trash service will be picked up on Tuesday, Tuesday's service on Wednesday, Thursday's on Friday and Friday's on Saturday.

Chesterfield Police Hosts "National Night Out"

From 7–9 p.m., on Tuesday, Aug. 3, residents are invited to join millions of citizens and law enforcement agencies across the nation in supporting this unique crime and drug prevention event. The program is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for and participation in local anti-crime efforts, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community relations and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and safe.



Citizens are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights, and spend the evening outdoors. Some neighbor-

hoods will be hosting a variety of special events including block parties, cookouts, rallies, youth events and flashlight walks. Police officers will be visiting residents in many of the area neighborhoods. Police officers accompanied by McGruff, the crime dog, will distribute McGruff badges and St. Louis Cardinal Baseball safety cards to children in the area.

The neighborhood group that has the largest number of participants per capita and the best overall program will be recognized by having that neighborhood's name engraved on a plaque, permanently displayed at City Hall. In addition, the winning neighborhood will have a sign affixed at the subdivision entrance in recognition of the award.

Neighborhood groups interested in participating in the event should contact the Bureau of Community Affairs, (636) 537-3000 prior to July 31.

Midwest Waste— Garbage/Recycling and “Optional Services”

Midwest Waste is the service-provider, with which the City of Chesterfield currently contracts for the basic services of garbage and recycling, as well as a variety of optional waste disposal services, like yard waste. Services are provided one day each week per ward on the following days: Ward 1 - Monday; Ward 2 - Tuesday; Ward 3 - Thursday; Ward 4 - Friday. It might surprise you to know that, in all four Wards combined, Midwest Waste has just under 25,000 collection opportunities per week, for just garbage and recycling. Solid waste collection in Chesterfield is a major undertaking!

New residents can sign up for waste disposal services, by contacting Midwest Waste at (636)947-5959. Additionally, existing customers who wish to contact Midwest Waste, with a billing question or to start/stop optional yard waste service, for example, may also do so by calling (636)947-5959.

In addition to limiting the number of collection vehicles driving on the streets in Chesterfield's neighborhoods and controlling prices via competitive bidding, the City of Chesterfield, via its contract with Midwest Waste, is committed to assisting residents in obtaining the highest quality service. IF A SERVICE MISS OCCURS, you are urged to contact Midwest Waste directly at (636)947-5959, or City Hall at (636)537-4711. You may also report service misses, via the City's website, at www.chesterfield.mo.us. Once you reach our website, look for the “Highlights” sections and then click on the link titled “Solid Waste Collection Services”. When you reach that screen, look for the blue link (midwestwaste.stl@awin.com). Click on that to send an e-mail directly to Midwest Waste. A copy automatically goes to the City. If you decide to call and are prompted to leave a message, please provide your name, address, phone number and the type of service that was missed. Very



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often, by working with on-site supervisors provided by Midwest Waste, the City can ensure that a service miss is collected that same day. IF A SERVICE MISS OCCURS FOR A SECOND TIME, please immediately call City Hall, at (636)537-4711. City staff will then work directly with Midwest Waste, on your behalf, to resolve any problems that you might be experiencing.

Whenever a miss occurs, if it is reported to Midwest Waste or the City of Chesterfield, it will be formally entered into the computer system at Midwest Waste and the on-site Supervisor will work to insure that the miss is picked up that same day. If this does not occur, a credit will then be issued to your account. Again, this will only occur if the miss is reported to Midwest Waste or to the City of Chesterfield. The City of Chesterfield and Midwest Waste have the same goal: to eliminate ALL service misses. However, if a miss occurs, the goal is to have that miss collected on the



SAME DAY. If that does not happen, Midwest Waste will issue a service credit to your account.

As noted above, yard waste is an OPTIONAL service and you must contact Midwest Waste to start and stop this service. Please remember that yard waste is a three-month option that will automatically renew each time, unless you notify Midwest Waste to cancel.