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Second Annual Garden Tour

Saturday, June 24 (10 a.m. – 3 p.m.)

Can you feel it? Your step is a little lighter, the sun a little brighter and the lure of the outdoors is almost unbearable as you sit at your desk working. Spring is in the air! The greenery and flowers are overflowing at the home stores and you just can't wait to feel a little dirt in your hands. At this year's Garden Tour, gardeners and spectators alike will enjoy everything from container gardening to speaking with a homeowner who is a member of the Rose Society to learn just how does his garden grow, with over 300 varieties, no less!

The Beautification Committee of the City of Chesterfield will host its **Second Annual GARDEN TOUR** to be held on **Saturday, June 24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**, rain or shine. Tickets to view six private gardens are now available at Chesterfield City Hall, 690 Chesterfield Parkway West or via the City's webpage, at www.chesterfield.mo.us. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 the day of the tour, at City Hall.

Patio tables will be set in each garden for outdoor entertaining ideas. These floral displays and table settings are presented by



Mary Tuttle's; F.O.B. St. Louis, Inc.; Floribunda Inc; The Mulberry Tree, Ltd.; Botanicals on the Park and The French Wench Antiques.

St. Louis Master Gardeners from the Missouri Botanical Garden will be available at each garden to answer plant and gardening questions. Members from the Rose Society, the St. Louis Hosta Society, Federated Garden Clubs of Missouri and the St. Louis Herb Society will be available for tour visitors.

For more information or to volunteer call (636) 537-4000. Volunteers will receive free tickets to attend the tour.

City Hall - A Natural Landscape

The landscaping at City Hall is a unique natural design. The City urges you to take some time to get to know this landscape and find out why native Missouri plants make a great addition to any area.

Anyone interested in touring the grounds on his/her own may come by City Hall and pick up a City Hall Landscape brochure. It is full of useful information about the interesting plant species, maintenance requirements and future plans. Keep in mind that most of these plants bloom in summer, so that is the best time to see them. Guided group tours are also available. Please call Mindy Mohrman at (636) 537-4773 for a guided tour, or more information on the landscaping.



From the Mayor

Parks & Recreation

As the weather turns warmer and summer is upon us, we reach the time of year when we look forward to spending more of our time outdoors with family and friends enjoying the many opportunities our community offers in the way of recreational amenities and activities. With your strong support, your City government has been working diligently to improve and expand the recreational opportunities in Chesterfield, and with this issue of the Citizen Newsletter, I will bring you a sort of status report on some of the major activities and expansions.

I am particularly pleased to share with you that, for the first time in the history of Chesterfield, the City will host a *July 4th Fireworks celebration*. The fireworks display will be in the Towne Center area near our Central Park, the Y.M.C.A., and the Sachs Branch of the St. Louis County Library. We're hosting this event in cooperation with Westfield Shoppingtown Chesterfield (where parking will be available) and Sachs Properties. The Ralph Butler Band will provide entertainment, so please make plans to bring your families (and portable chairs!) and join your friends and neighbors for what promises to be a very enjoyable inaugural event for the City.

Trails. Last fall, we completed construction of the first major phase of the Pathway On The Parkway, which consists sidewalks and trails on both sides of nearly all of the Chesterfield Parkway, and the project was opened to the public with a ribbon-cutting and the September Stroll. Also, sidewalks were constructed along Olive / Clarkson to connect our neighborhoods with the Pathway On The Parkway. It has long been a priority to provide our residents with more pedestrian opportunities. This year, we are developing plans with the Great Rivers Greenway District for the construction of a trail system on the levee in the Valley, which will ultimately connect with other trails in Maryland Heights, Hazelwood, Florissant, and the City of St. Louis. We envision that in the not too distant future, you will have access to a trail system which will take you all along the Missouri River as well as across the River to the Katy Trail in St. Charles County. Ultimately, we will connect the Pathway on the Parkway with the trail system in the Valley to provide one of the most extensive trail systems in the Country.

Chesterfield Valley Athletic Complex: Over the past year, the improvements at the CVAC have substantially furthered the overall goal of providing sports and recreational opportunities to persons of all ages and all abilities. The completion

and dedication of the Miracle Field in August has allowed us to provide previously unavailable opportunities for some of our most special neighbors to participate in sporting events.

Of all of the projects and programs with which I have been connected over the years, its fair to say that none has done more to fill my heart or to make me proud than the Miracle Field. Additionally, we have added lights to five baseball/softball fields, constructed three new soccer fields, constructed two new multi-purpose fields for football and soccer, constructed new football practice fields, and, for the first time, brought a football program to the City of Chesterfield. Not only is the CVAC now home to several thousand athletes, but hosts more than a quarter of a million visitors per year as one of the very best athletic facilities in the region providing nearly unparalleled opportunities for our young people.

Central City Park / Family Aquatic Park: The 38 acre Central City Park located on the Chesterfield Parkway will ultimately be one of the jewels of the Chesterfield Park System. The Master Planning includes construction of walking trails, a lake, and parking areas. The planning continues and we hope to finalize a plan in the near future in partnership with the other property owners surrounding the park, including Sachs Properties, St. Louis County, and the Y.M.C.A. Improvements to the pool will include a new lazy river, slides, and a new childrens play area. Unfortunately, the improvements for the pool will not be constructed until after the 2006, so we will have to look forward to them when the pool opens in 2007, and we hope you will share our belief that the improvements to the pool will be worth the wait.

Land Acquisition: One of our most important legacies will be to provide for additional greenspace in our neighborhoods, both for the enjoyment of current residents, but also for future generations. Since Chesterfield was incorporated in 1988, we have seen a great deal of progress as we have seen our population grow from about 32,000 to nearly 50,000 residents. With your support of Proposition P in November of 2004, your City now has some resources to acquire and preserve some of the greenspace and natural beauty of our area. We are currently reviewing our opportunities to acquire ground in our neighborhoods which would be of sufficient size to provide a community benefit, would enhance the quality of life for the greatest numbers of



From the Mayor cont'd

our residents, would help ameliorate the effect of the encroachment of commercial development in or near residential areas, would provide the greatest opportunities for neighborhood enhancement and recreational opportunities, and would allow the greatest benefit to the community and the residents for each dollar spent. As you will immediately appreciate in a City the size of Chesterfield, the demands and opportunities will far surpass the resources at our disposal, but the City Council, Staff, and I will be working diligently to devote your resources in keeping with these principles.

As is true of every aspect of your City's operation, parks and recreation is part of our overall goal to create an unsurpassed quality of life of which you may rightfully be proud

I hope all of you have a safe and enjoyable summer.

John Nations,
Mayor

Dan Rothwell Selected as "Citizen of the Year"



L to R: Rene Rothwell, Dan Rothwell and Mayor Nations.

The City of Chesterfield has selected Dan Rothwell as the 2005 Citizen of the Year. A professional historian and authority on frontier life in this area, Dan serves as an officer of the Historical Commission and originated the Century Homes program for Chesterfield. He is a founding member of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, of which he now serves as Chairman, and has authored the book, "A Guide to Chesterfield's Architectural Treasures." Additionally, he serves on the Citizens Committee for the Environment and assisted the City in its efforts to become **recognized** as a Certified Local Government by the Department of Natural Resources' State Historic Preservation Office. Dan has been congratulated for all the time and effort put forth to ensure that the history of Chesterfield is not forgotten, and for his efforts to enhance Chesterfield's quality of life.

Holiday Trash Schedule

For the July 4th holiday, Monday routes will not be affected. Tuesday routes will be picked up Wednesday, Thursday routes will be picked up Friday and Friday routes will be picked up on Saturday.

If you have any questions, please call the Allied Waste Customer Service Department at (636) 947-5959.

Summertime Conservation Tips

Conserving natural resources helps sustain clean air and water, healthy soil and biodiversity – all factors of quality life. Consider:

- **Maximizing** curbside recycling – pick up a "Think Resources, NOT Trash – Single Stream Recycling – flyer at City Hall – they fit inside a cupboard door! (Recycle plastics #1 - #7, no #6), junk mail, phone books and so much more!
- **Removing** invasive bush honeysuckle from your backyard – pick up a "Wanted Dead not Alive" Invasive Bush Honeysuckle Brochure from City Hall.

- **Buying** recycled-content products – pick up a "Buying Recycled Means Closing the Loop" flyer from City Hall.
- **Planting** a native flora for butterflies garden or interplant butterfly host plants in your garden areas – pick up a "Butterfly Gardening and Conservation" booklet or "Butterfly Berm" garden plan at City Hall or check out www.grownative.org.
- **Carpooling** for air quality – or walking for health – to City Hall for your conservation handouts!

See related article on curbside recycling.

Back to School Pool Party

The Chesterfield Drug Abuse Task Force will be hosting its annual pool party at the Chesterfield Family Aquatic Center, on Lydia Hill Drive, behind Chesterfield Mall, from

8:15 p.m. - 11 p.m.
on Friday, Aug. 18.

The party is open to all middle school students, grades 6 – 8 and is limited to the first 250 students.

Admission, food and prizes are free!

Kick off the new school year with a Splash Bash!

City Council Actions

APPOINTMENTS

Diann Kramolowsky appointed to the Chesterfield Beautification Committee.

Mark Leach appointed to the Historical Commission.

PROCLAMATIONS

To **Donovan and Judith Collins** for performing a community service by picking up trash along the right-of-ways in the City.

To **Matthew Richard Streeter, Robert Eric Jenke, Mathew Jacob Schneider, Benjamin C. Walker, and Mitchell Allen Wallace** for having achieved the rank of Eagle Scout.

To **Cub Scout Troop #569 and Girl Scout Troops #2202, #1554, #982 and #2567** for having performed the flag ceremony at a City Council meeting.

To **Rajiv Tarigopula** for having won the Post Dispatch Spelling Bee for the fourth consecutive time. He will compete in the National Spelling Bee in May, 2006, representing St. Louis (Chesterfield) in that competition, for the fourth consecutive year.

To **Molly Elizabeth Anderson** for receiving the Girl Scout Gold Award.

To **Linda Vista Catholic School** in celebration of the school's 40th Anniversary.

To **Green Trails Elementary, Highcroft Ridge Elementary, Incarnate Word Elementary, Linda Vista Elementary School, Riverbend Elementary and St. Joseph Institute for the Deaf** for having participated in the D.A.R.E. Program.

Chesterfield Police Hosts "National Night Out"



From 6:30 - 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 1 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 fighting back.

Citizens are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outdoors. Some neighborhoods 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 of the community.



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 at (636) 537-3000 prior to July 21.

St. Louis County Fair & Air Show



The St. Louis County Fair and Air Show will be held over the Labor Day Holiday weekend, Sept. 1 - 4, on the fairgrounds at Spirit of St. Louis Airport. The fair will feature breath-taking pyrotechnic displays and death-defying air shows, on a daily basis. The Red Baron returns, as well as many other exciting aerial acts. See your local newspapers for the fair schedule.

Dates & Times

Friday, Sept. 1 5 – 10 p.m. - **Free admission day.**
 Saturday/Sunday, Sept. 2/3 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.
 Monday, Sept. 4 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

General admission is \$8. Admission for children, ages 6 to 12, and Senior Citizens, 60 years old and older, is \$4. Children under 6 are free.

For more information, visit www.stlcofair.org or call 636 530-9386.

4th of July Fireworks Celebration

The City of Chesterfield will be celebrating 4th of July 2006 with a bang! The City will be putting on one of the largest fireworks displays in the metro area. The fireworks will be shot off near the Westfield Shoppingtown - Chesterfield Mall. The Mall parking lot and surrounding areas will provide spectacular views of the display. The Ralph Butler Band will perform in the Mall parking lot, prior to the fireworks. Bring your lawn chairs and coolers for this fun and free event. **NO GLASS BOTTLES, PLEASE.** Music starts at 7:30 p.m. with fireworks to follow at approximately 9:30 p.m. For more information please call (636)537-4000 or visit www.chesterfield.mo.us.

Beautification Committee Requests Nominations

The Beautification Committee is asking for your help in identifying properties worthy of recognition from the City in categories of Small Business, Large Business and Neighborhood Entrances. Keep your eyes open for unique landscaping that exhibits curb-appeal, color and texture of plantings, and overall excellence in maintenance.

Please include the nominee's name (business or subdivision), nominee's address, the category of the business or neighborhood entrance, along with your name and phone number and why you chose this nominee.

Please send your nominations to:

City Hall
 Attention: Beautification Awards
 690 Chesterfield Parkway West
 Chesterfield, MO 63017

Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce Presents:

Concerts in the Park

Concessions open at 5:30 p.m. and concerts begin at 7 p.m. These events are FREE, open to the public and held on the following Tuesdays, in Faust County Park, 15185 Olive Blvd.:

June

June 6 - Bob Kuban Brass
 Special Birthday Party for the City of Chesterfield, complete with cake, prizes and a FIREWORKS display, courtesy of the City of Chesterfield.
 June 13 - Ralph Butler Band
 June 20 - Cornet Chop Suey
 June 27- Trilogly

July

July 11 - Yessir
 July 18 - Spectrum
 July 25- St. Louis Brass

August

August 1 - Everyday People
 August 8 - Scott Laythem & Karl "Trickee" Holmes Duo
 August 15 - Bob Kuban Band



Please bring a blanket or lawn chairs for seating purposes. There is pre-concert/intermission entertainment for children. For more information, contact the Chesterfield Chamber office at (636) 532-3399.

June

- 5 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.

July

- 4 Independence Day**
City Hall Closed
- 10 Planning Commission**
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 17 City Council**
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 24 Planning Commission**
City Hall, 7 p.m.

August

- 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.

Workers Needed For Older Adult Home Care & Repair Program

Individuals who are 18 years and older are needed to provide yard work, house cleaning and minor home repair services for St. Louis County older adults. These services are offered through the St. Louis County Department of Human Services' County Older Resident Program (CORP). Workers are independent contractors and are not bonded nor insured by this program. They should enjoy interacting with persons 60 years of age and older and be willing to give free estimates and discounted services. Except for cleaning services, workers are expected to provide their own tools and equipment.

Individuals who will work in West St. Louis County are particularly needed. All CORP workers must schedule an interview, submit references, and complete a police record check form.

To work South of Highway 40, please call Kathy Paulsen (314) 615-4021.

To work North of Highway 40, please call Victor Kalk (314-615-7446.



Wanted: Good Pet Neighbors

With a little care and responsibility, your dog or cat can be a good neighbor in your subdivision. Unfortunately, the common nuisances reported about pets are animals (cats and dogs) on the loose, animal waste left on someone else's property and excessive barking and howling.

By municipal law, your pet must be on a leash or confined on your property. In addition, it is against City ordinances to allow your dog to bark continuously. Likewise, a "pooper scooper" law is in effect.

Breaking these ordinances can result in a fine or more serious penalties. So, please be a caring and responsible pet owner and neighbor.

To file a complaint, please call the Police Department at (636) 537-3000.

"No Solicitors, No Peddlers"

Stickers are available free of charge at City Hall. If a solicitor will not show his/her permit or refuses to leave your property, upon request, please call the Police Department at (636) 537-3000.



**NO SOLICITORS
NO PEDDLERS**

Solicitors and peddlers must register at City Hall. Contact Police at 636-537-3000 regarding violators.

The American Public Works Association, representing 27,000 members in the United States and Canada, has selected Michael O. Geisel, PE, CFM, Director of Public Works/City Engineer of the City of Chesterfield, as one of the 2006 Top Ten Public Works Leaders of the Year! This national award recognizes the significant contribution and impact Mr. Geisel has had on the quality of life in the City of Chesterfield, during his 18 years of employment and his 24 years of service in the field of Public Works. The National President of the APWA came to Chesterfield to present the award to Mr. Geisel at a ceremony held at City Hall on May 23, 2006, during National Public Works Week.



Geisel managed the design and construction of City Hall in 2001 and the Public Works Facility in 1996, and has successfully planned and delivered projects and services related to multiple ballot proposals related parks, streets, sidewalks. Of special note is the Catch 22 Miracle Field for athletes with special needs, which was inaugurated in 2005. Geisel was also instrumental in coordinating the City's recovery from the Great Flood of 1993, and instrumental in the creation and implementation of an infrastructure and stormwater Master Plan for Chesterfield Valley.

Police Department Seeks CALEA Re-accreditation

From April 1 – 5, the Police Department participated in an on-site assessment for re-accreditation with CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc.). Three assessors representing CALEA examined 446 internationally set standards with which the Police Department voluntarily complies. After a rigorous review, it was determined by the Assessment Team that the Department meets all applicable standards and their findings will be made to the full CALEA Commission who, in turn, will make the final determination, in July, 2006.

The Re-accreditation process was a three-year long endeavor during which time the Chesterfield Police Department was required to document compliance with all applicable standards for the entire three-year cycle. The Chesterfield Police Department is very proud to have originally obtained CALEA Accreditation in July, 2003, becoming one of the only **SEVEN** Departments in Missouri to be so recognized.

Archaeological Information Available

Are you interested in Missouri's "ancient history" and looking for a resource that you and your children can enjoy together, including archaeological information about the greater Chesterfield community? Check out: <http://coas.missouri.edu/mas/macquest>, which was created by Mr. Mark Leach, a member of Chesterfield's Landmarks Preservation Commission. The MAC (Missouri's Ancient Cultures) Quest Program combines up-to-date archaeological information with Missouri State Fourth Grade Social Studies Standards, to create an educational website that is fun and easy to use. MAC Quest is actually the result of a cooperative effort among the Landmarks Preservation Commission, the Missouri Archaeological Society and the River Bend Elementary School, located in the Parkway School District. In fact, River Bend Elementary School sits atop one of the sites discussed in the program.

HAPPY EXPLORING!

Sidewalk Repairs Still a Priority

The City is committed to providing safe sidewalks throughout the community and actually maintains over 300 miles of sidewalks. Sidewalks are typically 4" thick and placed directly on prepared soil. Sidewalks are built as slabs, without a foundation, which makes them vulnerable to the freeze/thaw cycle, which can cause heaving. Although the City prides itself on its tree-lined streets, these are almost always planted in the right-of-way adjacent to the sidewalk. Tree roots raise the sidewalk and cause odd displacements between sections of sidewalk. In addition, using a lawn edger down the sides of the sidewalk causes water to drain beside and under the sidewalk, washing out the base. The worst

sidewalks (offsets of over 3") are the first priorities. Sidewalks are not removed or replaced simply because they are cracked, but only when they have been dislocated, causing a hazard, or if the cement finish has come off leaving an exposed aggregate look.

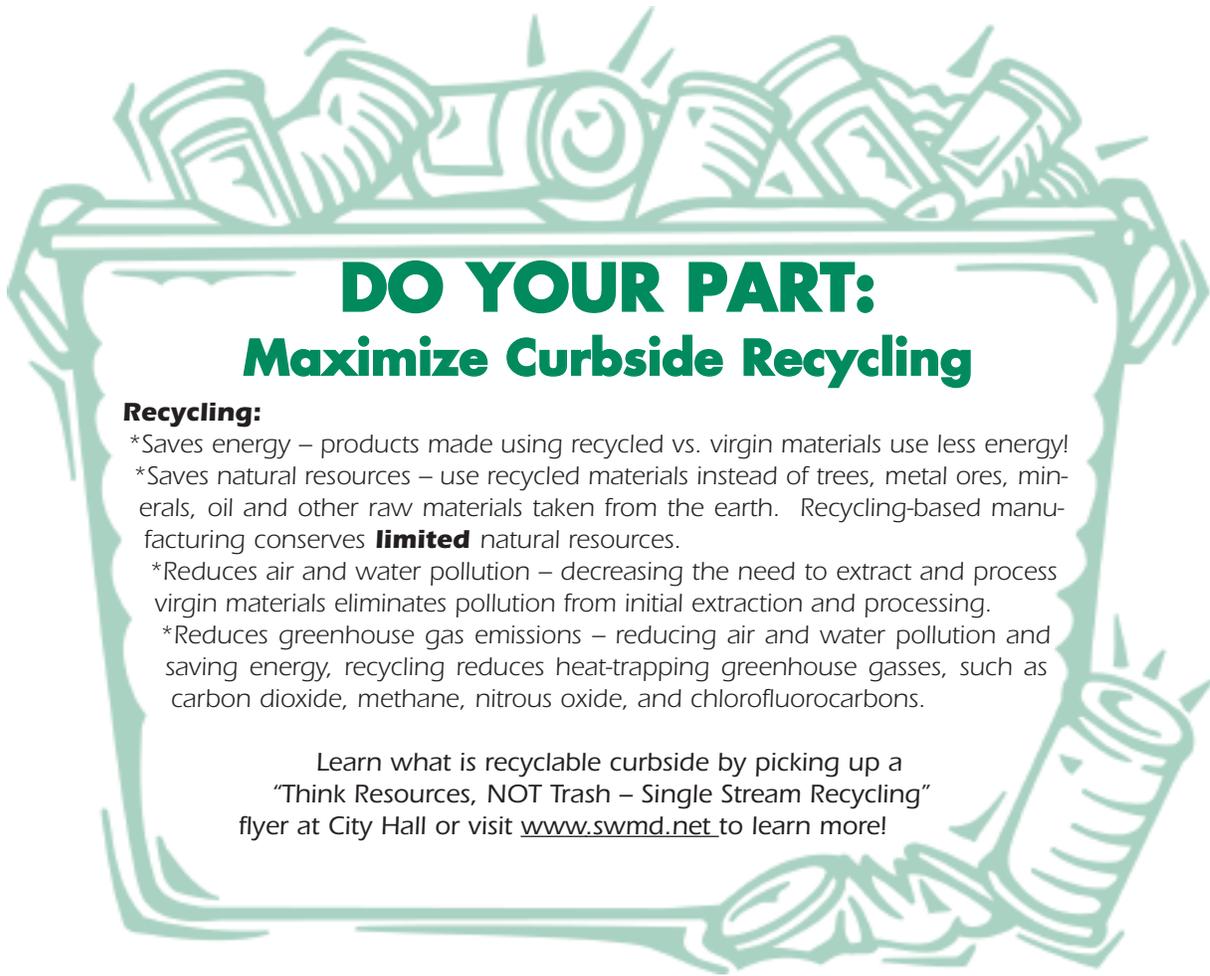
By continuing to direct in-house efforts, as well as increasing contractual efforts, the City has steadily reduced the number of sidewalk repair locations. At the same time, the severity of the defective sidewalks has been reduced. Sidewalk repairs will continue to require an enormous commitment of resources and manpower.

Please call (636) 537-4000 to report any sidewalk concerns.



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Recycling:

- *Saves energy – products made using recycled vs. virgin materials use less energy!
- *Saves natural resources – use recycled materials instead of trees, metal ores, minerals, oil and other raw materials taken from the earth. Recycling-based manufacturing conserves **limited** natural resources.
- *Reduces air and water pollution – decreasing the need to extract and process virgin materials eliminates pollution from initial extraction and processing.
- *Reduces greenhouse gas emissions – reducing air and water pollution and saving energy, recycling reduces heat-trapping greenhouse gasses, such as carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, and chlorofluorocarbons.

Learn what is recyclable curbside by picking up a
“Think Resources, NOT Trash – Single Stream Recycling”
flyer at City Hall or visit www.swmd.net to learn more!