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September Stroll

Chesterfield citizens, their friends and family are invited to walk or jog the new "Pathway Around the Parkway". Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend the City of Chesterfield's September Stroll. This event will take place from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 24, with the starting point at Central Park located on Chesterfield Parkway East.

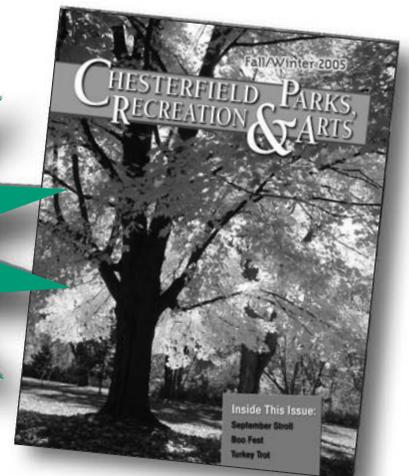


This family-oriented event is being planned to celebrate the opening of the new extra-wide pathway on Chesterfield Parkway. The pathway is an eight foot-wide sidewalk that runs along the Chesterfield Parkway from Olive Boulevard to Clarkson Road. The walk (up and back) is approximately 3 miles.

In addition to the stroll, preliminary plans include children's art activities, health-related exhibits, art projects and a variety of demonstrations.

Dogs are invited provided they are leashed and properly cared for (and cleaned up after).

Join in this new community event!



From the Mayor

Miracle in the Valley



In Chesterfield, we are accustomed to witnessing positive achievements as we strive to meet our goal of perpetuating a great community for our residents. On August 19th, part of this goal was achieved with the inaugural baseball games, played at the "Catch 22 Miracle Field", located within the Chesterfield Valley Athletic Complex (CVAC).

Talk about MIRACLES, let's talk about a real miracle; children who might not otherwise have the opportunity to play ball can now play ball. The City is honored to be the home of the first "Miracle Field" in the area, designed and constructed to enable children of ALL abilities to experience the thrill of being a ballplayer. The field is specifically designed to accommodate athletes with physical, emotional or mental disabilities. It incorporates a firm rubber artificial playing surface that is more forgiving and friendly for wheelchairs, walkers and children who may use braces. The surface, a proprietary material manufactured by MONDO U.S.A., is typically used for Olympic track applications.

The project was the brainchild of local resident and former Cardinal catcher, Mike Matheny, who was quoted in January of 2004, saying that he would like to construct a field for disabled children, somewhere in Chesterfield. Children simply want the opportunity to play ball, get some exercise and feel the excitement of hitting a ball or scoring a run. Although all of Chesterfield's facilities are handicapped accessible, something more was needed...something special... a place where MIRACLES can happen.

Chesterfield Staff contacted Mr. Matheny and offered to help. After a good deal of research and investigation, it became clear that the Miracle Field was the perfect complement to the existing athletic facilities at the 125 acre Chesterfield Valley Athletic Complex and a partnership was forged. The Miracle Field is special, but is only one of the thirteen baseball/softball fields at the complex. The athletes that will use the Miracle Field are overcoming many challenges, but they'll feel at home and in the middle of the athletic mix at the CVAC. Chesterfield is about inclusiveness and these athletes will step up to the plate alongside other athletes who have come from all over the country to play at one of the area's premier athletic complexes.

Mr. Matheny got the project going and committed the first \$100,000 for the project. Mr. Albert Pujols then committed another \$100,000, through the Major League Players Association Trust for Children. The Municipal Parks Grant Commission awarded the City \$250,000 and the City of Chesterfield allocated \$200,000 for the project, cumulatively

totaling \$650,000. As the project moved forward, several businesses offered to help with Mike's project. C. Rallo Construction and their employees donated the concrete flatwork. Fred Weber supplied the crushed stone under the field and all of the asphalt. Kaiser Electric designed and constructed the electric service for the field. Finally, the Plumbers and Pipefitters training school constructed the underground water services. Since that time, Mr. Matheny has purchased a state-of-the-art scoreboard, complete with video such that these "special" athletes can see their names and pictures and get a true major league experience. Mike continues to work to raise additional money, to construct fixed, stadium-style seating, with a covered canopy.

Estimated to cost in excess of \$270,000, the addition of individual, covered seating will create a true stadium feel and offer the experience of a lifetime for children, who, absent the effort of an entire community, would not have the opportunity to play ball like every other kid. Contributions can be made to the "Catch-22 Foundation" specifically designated for this purpose. For more information, please contact City Hall.

The Miracle Field is a signature component at the Chesterfield Valley Athletic Complex and is the first thing that visitors will see when entering the park. Located immediately west of the parking lot at the Chesterfield Valley Athletic Complex, it is attractively landscaped, architecturally striking with split-faced block, a metal roof and colorful monument signage. Concession stands, restrooms and a handicapped accessible playground are also located in the immediate area.

In the final analysis, the true test of a great community is not how many houses, buildings or miles of street we build, but rather how we improve the quality of life for everyone in and around our community. Building a better community takes all kinds of people, from all kinds of backgrounds, of all races and of many beliefs. I believe that the Miracle Field not only provides a great service to the community, but also makes Chesterfield a place we should all feel proud to call home.

John Nations
Mayor

City Council Actions

ORDINANCES ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

Amends Chapter 5 of the animals and fowl code regarding disposal of animal waste (Ordinance No. 2167, May 2, 2005)

Creates adult entertainment area regulations (Ordinance No. 2177, June 20, 2005)

APPOINTMENTS ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

Bud Gruchalla re-appointed to the Architectural Review Board.

Diann Kramolowsky, Marilyn Moonan and **Leon Zickrick** appointed to the Beautification Committee.

Leon Kravetz and **Gerald Schwalbe** re-appointed to the Board of Adjustment.

Jerry Right appointed and **Juliane Chana** and **Kathy Higgins** re-appointed to Chesterfield Arts.

Gene Schenberg appointed to the Chesterfield Community Development Corporation.

Mary Domahidy, Emory Jackson, Mark Raisher and **Arlene Taich** re-appointed to the Finance and Administration Citizens Advisory Committee.

Stan Dampier and **Bob DeFer** appointed to the Historical Commission.

Doris Frazier re-appointed to the Human Rights Commission.

Bob Defer appointed and **Lauren Strutman** re-appointed to the Landmark Preservation Commission.

Jodi Redler, Eileen Sellers and **Marc Semanoff** appointed to the Parks, Recreation and Arts Citizens Advisory Committee.

Philip Scissors and **John Waters** re-appointed to the Police Personnel Board.

Chris Barry and **Ronald Krusie** reappointed to the Public Works Board of Variance.

PROCLAMATIONS ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

Girl Scout Troop #646 from River Bend Elementary for participating in the flag ceremony at a City Council meeting.

Brooking Park in celebration of "Homes for the Aging Week".

Laura Steiner, Bridget Sayre, Audrey McFarland, Katherine Mannen, Sara Luckow, Leah Katz, Sarah Greene, and **Kinsey Coker** for having received the Girl Scout Gold Award.

Andrew Nowak and **Michael Wells** for having achieved the rank of Eagle Scout.

Doug Curran for his many years of coaching and mentoring the River Bend Dive team.

In recognition of **National Stepfamily Day**.

Friendship Village in celebration of their 30 years of business.

Chesterfield Beautification Committee – Award Winners

The Chesterfield Beautification Committee is pleased to announce the award winners for 2005 in the categories of Large Commercial, Small Commercial and Neighborhood Entrances.

The winners were judged on curb appeal, color, texture and maintenance. Season color and planting also were considered. The Committee is very proud of the way citizens and businesses have responded to the campaign to beautify Chesterfield. It is always a hard decision to pick only three winners in each category, as so many entries were worthy. The Committee looks forward to another year of beautiful commercial properties and inviting entrances to neighborhoods. The awards are as follows:

LARGE COMMERCIAL

- THF Realty
- Timberlake Corporate Center
- St. Luke's Hospital

SMALL COMMERCIAL

- Miller's Crossing Restaurant (Olive Rd. at Hog Hollow)
- Junior Chamber of Commerce (Olive Rd. by Post Office)
- Bank West (Olive Rd.)

NEIGHBORHOOD ENTRANCES

- Chesterfield Hills (S. Outer 40)
- The Knolls (Baxter Rd.)
- Belle Monte (Conway Rd.)



Chesterfield Garden Tour

Despite the heat, Chesterfield's first Garden Tour enjoyed a large turn out with over 650 participants and over \$8,000 raised to help fund beautification efforts throughout the City. Visitors came from as far away as Illinois and Kansas and had the opportunity to see some beautiful gardens and come away inspired.

The Committee wishes to thank the home owners for allowing visitations to their gardens: **Alison and John Andrews, Cam and Jules Gerard, Maureen and John McGinty, Maripat and Fred Monterubio, Debbie and Jeff Travers** and **Mary and Bradley Rosencrans**.

The Committee also wishes to thank the gift shops for their creative table displays: Mary Tuttle's, Floribunda, The Mulberry Tree, Ltd. and F.O.B. St. Louis.

Thanks are extended to the sponsors: Design & Construction Services and the Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce.

And, a very big thank-you to all the volunteers.

The 2006 Chesterfield Garden Tour will take place on Saturday, June 24. To get involved or suggest a garden, please contact Tina Worth at (636) 537-0113.

Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT)

Following a major disaster, first responders, who provide fire and medical services, may not be able to meet the demand for emergency services, for the first 72 hours of the disaster. Serious problems, such as communication failures, road blockages and significant numbers of injured victims, may prevent people from accessing those emergency services they have come to expect, at a moment's notice. People may have to rely on each other for help in order to meet their immediate life-saving and life-sustaining needs.

It has been proven many times that under disaster conditions, family members, fellow employees, and neighbors will spontaneously try to help each other. This was the case following the Mexico City earthquake where untrained, spontaneous volunteers saved 800 people. Sadly to say, over 100 untrained volunteers lost their lives while attempting to save others. This is a high price to pay and is preventable through training.

Starting September 14, the Chesterfield Police Department and Monarch Fire Protection District will co-host a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training program.

The CERT program provides an effective first-responder capability with the aid of citizen involvement. Acting as individuals or in teams during a disaster, trained CERT volunteers can fan-out within a particular neighborhood or business complex, extinguishing small fires, performing light search and rescue and rendering basic first aid for disaster victims.

The training will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6 -10 p.m., beginning Sept. 14. For further details contact Sgt. Steve Lewis at (636) 537-3000 or slewis@chesterfield.mo.us. A registration form can be obtained from the City's website, at www.chesterfield.mo.us. Please download, complete the application, and mail to Sgt. Lewis, c/o Chesterfield Police Department.

Chesterfield Citizen VIP's Help Police Curb Speeders

The Volunteers in Policing (VIPs) are helping the Police Department address traffic concerns throughout neighborhoods in Chesterfield. The Volunteers in Policing is a group of citizens who volunteer their time to help in various areas working with the Police Department.

The Chesterfield Police Department recently enacted the Volunteer Radar Survey program, which sends these VIPs into local neighborhoods in Chesterfield where speeders are prevalent. The VIPs are equipped with volunteer traffic safety vests, a radar gun and a sharp eye. They record license plates of cars found to be exceeding the posted speed limit, and turn this information in to the Police Department. Letters are generated to the owner of that vehicle, advising him/her that their vehicle was identified as having been speeding at a specific time and location. The Volunteers do not have any direct contact with the violators and are there only to record information. No tickets are issued based on the citizen radar, but the letters do advise the registered owner of the location and speed that his/her vehicle was traveling, and encourages him/her to comply with the posted traffic regulations. The main goal of this program is to slow down speeders and make neighborhoods safe. There has been a great deal of positive feedback on the program and it is scheduled to continue throughout the year. If you observe these VIPs hard at work in YOUR neighborhood, please take the time to honk and wave!



Police Department Seeks Input from Residents

As a part of the Police Department's on-going professional accreditation program through the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies Inc. (CALEA), the Department is conducting a satisfaction survey of its citizenry. Conducted once every three years, this survey will help the Department evaluate its overall performance and will inform the Officers of the attitudes and opinions of those whom are served. The Police Department is requesting that an adult member of each household complete the survey. The Police Department welcomes the opportunity to receive your feedback and to address the citizen concerns that are identified in this survey.

Thank you for taking the time to assist us in coming to an understanding of how we might better serve you. Should you have any questions regarding this survey, please contact the Bureau of Professional Standards at (636) 537-6737. For your convenience, you may choose to complete this survey by visiting the City's website at www.chesterfield.mo.us.

September

- 5 Labor Day Holiday**
City Hall Closed
- 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.

October

- 3 City Council**
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 10 Planning Commission**
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 17 City Council**
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 24 Planning Commission**
City Hall, 7 p.m.

November

- 7 City Council**
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 14 Planning Commission**
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 11 Veterans' Day Holiday**
City Hall Closed
- 21 City Council**
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 24/25 Thanksgiving Holidays**
City Hall Closed
- 28 Planning Commission**
City Hall, 7 p.m.

Calendar of *Art* Events

THE GALLERY AT CHESTERFIELD ARTS

ArtFiber St. Louis (formerly Art Quilt Alliance)
Sept. 6 – Nov. 6

An exhibition featuring contemporary quilts and fiber works by artists Marianne Axboe, Drew Donnelly Benage, Carole Braig, Joyce Briscoe, Chris Burton and Pat Owoc. Exhibit is part of "Innovations 6", a regional collaborative exhibition.

Opening reception: Friday, Sept. 16 from 6 – 9 p.m.

Bus Tour: Saturday, Oct. 1 (multiple galleries)

Artist Talk: Saturday, Oct. 8 from 11 a.m. – noon **FREE!**

Call for information and reservations (636) 519-1955.

RE-VISIONS

Nov. 11 – Jan. 8

Exhibition featuring mixed media collages, monotype prints, assemblages and works on paper by Patricia Vivod, Ruth Kolker, Diana Hansen and Carol Corey.

Opening reception: Friday, Nov. 11 from 6 -9 p.m.

ART'S ALIVE AT WESTFIELD SHOPPINGTOWN - CHESTERFIELD

Holiday Event: Saturday, Nov. 18 from 7 - 8 p.m. – FREE!

Chesterfield Arts kicks off the holiday season with a special performance by the West County YMCA Youth Orchestra and excerpts from the classic ballet "The Nutcracker" performed by the Alexandra Ballet. Special guest arrival by Santa to follow.

For additional information, or to join our mailing list, please visit our website at www.chesterfieldarts.org.

Chesterfield Arts Open House

Chesterfield Arts invites you to an open house with free art activities, artist demonstrations, refreshments and giveaways for all ages! Join them at the new gallery and classroom facility to learn about art classes, upcoming performances and art events in Chesterfield, as well as the many ways they contribute to the arts and culture of our community. View the artwork on display and enter your name for great attendance prizes! And, if you join Chesterfield Arts during the Open House, you will receive a "Chesterfield Arts" tote bag, as a free gift!

All activities are free. Reservations are appreciated due to the limited space.

When: Sunday, Sept. 18

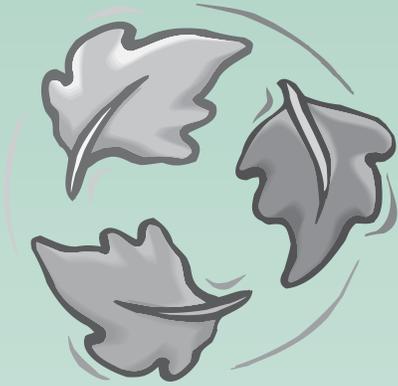
Time: 1 - 4 p.m.

Where: Chesterfield Arts; 444 Chesterfield Center (across from the California Pizza Kitchen entrance of Chesterfield Mall)

Did You Know? *Chesterfield Arts...*

- Offers art classes for all ages, year round?
- Has placed close to \$2 million of sculpture throughout the City of Chesterfield for all citizens to enjoy?
- Organizes family and classical music performances throughout the community?
- Has an art gallery that sells artwork and jewelry, promoting regional artists?
- Needs YOUR support to continue all of their great programming in Chesterfield!

Learn more about Chesterfield Arts membership, upcoming events and art classes by visiting their website at www.chesterfieldarts.org or calling (636) 519-1955.



Annual Fall Recycle Drive

Textiles, cardboard, chipboard, magazines and catalogs may be recycled from Oct. 29 through Nov. 6 at Dierbergs Market Place, 1730 Clarkson at Baxter Road. Clean out your house for the holidays! This FREE opportunity augments family curbside recycling and anyone can join in. Please follow Recycle Drive guidelines to avoid contamination. Flyers are at City Hall.

Thanks for your outstanding participation in all recycling opportunities!

NOTE: Families can now recycle telephone books at the curb. See America/Missouri/Chesterfield Recycles Day article. Get a "Think Resources, NOT Trash" flyer at City Hall.



Procedure for Trash Collection of Large Items and/or Construction Materials

You can arrange for collection of most large items, at the curb in front of your house, by calling Allied Waste (formerly Midwest Waste), at (636) 947-5959, **at least one week prior to the date of collection.** "Large items" include the following: washers, dryers, water heaters, couches, chairs, loveseats, beds, trash compactors, dishwashers, microwave ovens, conventional ovens/ranges/stoves, wood stoves, air conditioners, refrigerators/freezers and dehumidifiers.

There will be a one-time charge of \$25.00/item.

Construction materials, such as drywall, bricks, lighting fixtures, electrical conduit, carpet, flooring, bathroom and kitchen fixtures, lumber and roofing materials, can be scheduled for collection, by following this same procedure. The cost for collection of these construction materials will be \$50.00/pick-up truck load.

Please call Allied Waste at (636) 947-5959 for more information.



Is Trash Immortal?

Household refuse typically goes into a plastic bag, out to the curb and into a garbage truck – never to be seen again. Or so it seems. Trash lives on long after it leaves the home. In fact, it may live too long.

How long does it take for some commonly used products to biodegrade?

Plastic soda bottles	Forever
Glass bottles	1 million years
Batteries	100 years
Aluminum + tin cans	50 – 100 years
Plastic bags	10 – 20 years
Plastic-coated milk cartons	5 years
Orange peels	6 months
Paper	2 – 5 months

Far too much household waste does not decompose, or it decays so slowly you might not notice. Organic waste that should decompose quickly in landfills often does not because it is overly compacted or is in plastic bags that seal out oxygen and soil microbes.

The longest-lasting wastes are certain plastics, which seem to live forever. More plastics, though, are being made from cornstarch polymers, says biochemist Lawrence Wackett of the University of Minnesota. "They can tune the biodegradability to make it last six months or a year."

It All Comes Back To You

Pledge your commitment to learn more about recycling and practice the 3 R's! Get the **Think Resources, NOT Trash** flyer at City Hall to minimize family time spent. Note: Increased types of plastics and paper fiber materials can now be recycled curbside. Learn more at www.swmd.net. Celebrate this Nov. 15 when communities like Chesterfield across the country in all 50 states, try to do a better job of recycling and buying recycled content products. Remember: producing products from recycled materials is more efficient in terms of natural resource consumption and environmental impact VERSUS virgin material extraction and processing!

Learn more about Nov. 15 at www.americarecyclesday.org. Visit City Hall's table-top exhibits on "Single Stream Recycling". Help keep remanufacturable materials out of landfills, another diminishing resource and become a catalyst for conversation!



Household HAZARDOUS Chemical Collections

For October/November collections, call St. Louis County Department of Health – Waste Management Branch Hotline: (314) 286-9200 or use their website www.stlouisco.com/doh AFTER Labor Day. St. Louis County, Department of Health may also be contacted AFTER Labor Day, at (314) 615-8958.

Historical Commission Hosts Bus Tour

The Historical Commission is hosting a bus tour of approximately 50 historical homes from 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Oct. 22. The 36-mile tour will include historic homes in Faust Park and the six original sites of the old town, which is now within the city limits of Chesterfield. Dan Rothwell, historian and author of the "A Guide of Chesterfield's Architectural Treasures", will be the tour guide.

The bus will leave from the parking lot at City Hall. The cost is \$15 and the tour is limited to 24 people. There will be a waiting list for late comers. For reservations, call Terry Wunderlich at (636) 532-3134.



Conservation Facts About Recycling

1. Every ton of recycled office paper saves 380 gallons of oil.
2. Recycling one ton of plastic saves the equivalent of 3.85 barrels of oil.
3. Recycling one ton of glass saves more than a ton of natural resources.
4. Recycling aluminum saves 95% of the energy used to manufacture virgin aluminum and the 36 billion aluminum cans landfilled in 2001 had a scrap value of \$600 million!

(Taken from St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District's current Progress Report.)

Holiday Trash Schedules

For Labor Day, Monday's trash will be picked up on Tuesday, Tuesday's on Wednesday, Thursday's on Friday and Friday's on Saturday.

For Thanksgiving holiday, the Monday and Tuesday schedule remains the same. Thursday's pick up will occur on Friday and Friday's on Saturday.

If you have any questions, please call (636) 537-4711.

Chamber Of Commerce Event

WHAT: Gumbo Flats 4th Annual
Pumpkin Run

WHEN: Saturday, October 29,
2005

WHO: Any person young or old

WHERE: Chesterfield Towne
Center in Chesterfield
Valley, corner of Long Rd
and Edison Avenue

Cost: \$15.00 if received before Oct
15, Late or Race day \$20,
Children under 14 are \$10
before Oct. 15 and \$15.00
for late or race day registra-
tion

Contact: Chamber of Commerce
for more information
636-532-3399



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Upcoming Parks/Rec Activities

K-9 SPLASH

What: A chance for dogs and their owners to enjoy
the pool.

Who: Dogs and their Owners

When: Tuesday, Sept. 6 at 4:30 p.m.

Where: Chesterfield Family Aquatic Park

Cost: \$7/dog; \$3/person

(Participants **must**
bring a copy of your
dogs most recent
vaccinations)



BOO FEST

What: Event includes trick or treating, carousel rides,
refreshments, games, entertainment, goodie
bags, and more.

Who: Children ages 10 and under

When: Monday, Oct. 31 from 6 – 8 p.m.

Where: Faust Park

Cost: \$6 Per Person (includes adults); Under 2 is
FREE with paid adult

6TH ANNUAL TURKEY TROT

What: 5K Run/Walk and 1K Kids Fun Run

When: Thursday, Nov. 24 at 8:30 a.m.

Where: West County Family YMCA

Cost: 5K - \$15 before 11/4; \$20 after 11/4
Fun Run - \$6 before 11/4; \$8 after 11/4



Chesterfield Police Department Citizen Survey



The Chesterfield Police Department is committed to providing our citizens with the best service possible. This anonymous survey is a valuable tool that provides us with insight into how we are perceived, the quality of service we provide, and opportunities for improvement. Your participation in this survey process is vital, and it will be greatly appreciated. Please detach and return the survey to the Chesterfield Police Department.

Are you a resident of the City of Chesterfield? Yes _____ No _____

Do Officers of the Chesterfield Police Department perform their duties in a courteous and respectful manner? Yes _____ No _____

Do the Officers of the Chesterfield Police Department present a positive and professional image? Yes _____ No _____

In general, do you feel the police are needed to provide a safe community? Yes ___ No _____

In general, do you feel the Chesterfield Police do a good job of providing Police service to the community? Yes _____ No _____

What services would you like to see the police provide for the community?

During the past year, have you or someone else at your address had contact with a member of the Chesterfield Police Department? Yes _____ No _____

If you answered "Yes" to this question, what type of contact did you have? Please check all that apply.

Reported a Crime _____	Witness to a Crime _____
Victim of a Crime _____	Involved in Accident _____
Needed Information _____	Witness to Accident _____
Public Event _____	
Other _____	

If you are a Chesterfield resident, please identify any problems or concerns that exist in your neighborhood.

**THANK YOU FOR ASSISTING THE CHESTERFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT
AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCREDITED AGENCY**