

September street festival will benefit local charities



Sept. 18-20

Friday: 5-11 p.m.

Saturday: Noon-11 p.m.

Sunday: Noon-6 p.m.

Come join in the fun on the Chesterfield Parkway Sept. 18-20 as Strassenfest continues its 49 years of charitable fundraising. This family-oriented street festival takes place between The Sachs Library at Burkhardt Place and the west entrance to Chesterfield Mall at Lydia Hill Drive. Many people are surprised to learn that over the past decades,

Strassenfest in Chesterfield

Strassenfest has raised \$8 million for local charities. Your participation supports local groups raising money for local causes. In addition to continuous live entertainment on multiple stages, Strassenfest will feature a wide variety of food and beverage booths, a

Children's Village with a petting zoo, jugglers, storytellers, carnival rides, games, arts & crafts area, and more. For band schedule and additional information, visit: www.strassenfest.org. Free parking shuttles will run from Chesterfield Mall.

Documentation of ancient history earns HEC TV Blake Award from Chesterfield

Representatives from HEC-TV were presented with the 4th annual Chesterfield Ancient History-Leonard Blake Award at the June 1 meeting of the Chesterfield City Council. HEC-TV is St. Louis' leading producer of education, arts, and cultural television programming.

The award recognizes individuals and organizations for significant contributions toward a better understanding of the various ancient cultures that flourished in Chesterfield for more than 10,000 years. Higher Educational Consortium – TV (HEC-TV) has produced and aired

four television programs featuring Chesterfield's ancient past, including Blake Mound, which is the largest surviving Native American burial mound in St. Louis and St. Louis County.

The award is named for Missouri's preeminent amateur archaeologist, Leonard Blake. The late Dr. Blake's documentation in the 1940s of prehistoric Native American archaeological sites in the area led to a large swath of Chesterfield being placed on the National Register of Historic Places as Bonhomme Creek Archaeological District.

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Guess who's turning 60

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Whether you enjoy a fast-moving hockey game or excellent theater, Chesterfield has you covered. Check out a couple of opportunities. **Page 6**

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Bronze figures around the city are paving the way for J. Seward Johnson's sculpture, The Awakening. **Page 7**

Chesterfield raided!

That's what the evidence shows. The good news is that it happened 800 years ago. **Page 9**

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Mayor's Letter



City is delivering on promise of parks expansion

I would guess that most of you have experienced one or more of our parks amenities this summer, whether it be a walk on the new levee trail, a swim at the Family Aquatic Center or taking in your child's ball game at the Athletic Complex. I am proud that we have created one of the premier park systems in the country in a relatively short amount of time, and we were able to do so with your help through the passage of Proposition P in 2004, a half-cent sales tax dedicated to parks. We have delivered on all projects promised with Phase I of the plan and are moving forward with Phase II, which will bring even more amenities in the coming years.

City Council recently approved the acquisition of 18.5 acres of property known as the Eberwein farm at Baxter Road and Old Baxter Road in the center of our city for use as park land. Plans for this property are not yet defined, but it's in a great location that has nearly endless possibilities. We are proud to add this

property to our park lands and achieve one of the most important parks goals since the City was founded in 1988.

Additionally, City Council voted to move ahead with the completion of \$16.5 million of Phase II projects which will include expanding the Central Park area to include an amphitheater, a stream walk, trails and bridges around the newly created lakes, a linear park adjacent to the location of the new sculpture called *The Awakening* in our new downtown area, and a riparian trail connecting the area of Monarch Trace to Wild Horse Creek Road. At the Chesterfield Valley Athletic Complex (CVAC) you can expect to see the completion of a 700-space parking lot, a loop road connecting to the north of the fields to improve access, improvements to existing buildings, and the addition of four baseball/softball fields and concession areas.

The City is in a strong financial condition to be able to continue to deliver on the projects

promised with the passage of Proposition P in 2004. We have worked hard to manage your money wisely and do more with less when necessary in order to make these enhancements possible.

We are committed to wisely using funds to enrich the lives of our citizens through the creation of new parks, updating and adding park amenities, creating trails, preserving green space, and reaching out to every element of our population, including those with special needs through the creation of Miracle Field at the CVAC. We have worked hard over the years to build a park system in which you can be proud, and I hope you will take the opportunity to take advantage of all that our parks and recreation programs and amenities have to offer.

John Nations, Mayor

Course offered for new, prospective small business owners

If you've just started or are thinking of starting your own business – don't become a statistic!

Starting a new business is a big investment of time and money that demands special skills and knowledge. It's important to find out early in the process if being a business owner is right for you.

Learn the fundamentals of starting or growing a small business through an eight-week course sponsored by the City of Chesterfield and the Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce. The course is designed to assist new small business owners and those contemplating starting

a business by reviewing basic principles of owning and running such an enterprise.

Throughout the course, participants will have a hands-on opportunity to create a business plan or validate an existing one. Other topics include:

- Utilizing cash as a strategic tool
- Handling tax and legal obligations
- Insurance needs
- Negotiating with customers and suppliers
- Managing stress
- Setting business goals
- Financial planning

As a participant you will also engage in meaningful class discussion

with peers. This course will not only teach the fundamentals of starting a small business but will provide opportunities to network and meet successful small business owners.

The curriculum is written and taught by Richard J. Sacks, developed from his 25 years of experience as a small business consultant and lecturer. It is based on his book, "The Twelve Commandments for Small Business: A Practical Guide to Beating the Odds," which has been ranked No.1 among the "Hot New Releases" on Amazon.com and among the best-selling paperbacks at BarnesAndNoble.com.

The course will begin on Sept. 24, from 6-9 p.m., and continue each Thursday for eight weeks. The fee for the 8-week program is \$150 per person, which includes the curriculum book and business plan guide. For course information or to register, call 636.537.6720 or email scantlon@chesterfield.mo.us. Or register online at: www.chesterfield.mo.us – click on the "Fundamentals of Small Business" button. Checks and credit cards will be accepted.

More information on "The Twelve Commandments for Small Business" curriculum is available at www.twelvecommandments.biz.

From City Hall

Chesterfield is just steps away from a bicycle and pedestrian master plan

The City of Chesterfield and Trailnet, Inc. are gearing up for the second public forum for the city's bicycle and pedestrian master plan.

Trailnet, Inc. is a non-profit organization that promotes healthy, active living. In April, Chesterfield partnered with Trailnet, Inc. to develop a long-range plan to increase bicycle and pedestrian accessibility, connectivity, and safety.

On June 17, city residents attended the first public forum to learn more about creating a walkable and bikeable community and to share their experiences of walking and bicycling in and around Chesterfield. Trailnet, Inc. and the City of Chesterfield have analyzed these comments and other



information to identify projects that will improve the city's bicycle and pedestrian network.

In addition to infrastructure projects, the planning team will also propose a number of

programs that will educate adults and children on bicycle and pedestrian safety and encourage residents to take advantage of the growing number of sidewalks, trails, bike lanes and bike routes. These recommendations will be presented to City residents at the second public forum on Wednesday, Sept. 16, from 5:30-8 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Chesterfield residents are encouraged to attend.

For more information, please contact Kevin Neill, Bike Walk Planner at Trailnet, at 314.436.1324 x118, or Ben Niesen, Civil Engineer at City of Chesterfield, at 636.537.4750. More information: www.chesterfield.mo.us/bike.html, www.trailnet.org/chesterfield.php

You can help keep storm runoff from polluting Chesterfield's water supply

Stormwater is rain that falls on roofs, lawns or paved areas such as driveways, parking lots and roads. It is then carried away by a system of man-made and natural landscapes (storm drains, streets, drainage ditches, and creeks). As it flows over the land surface, stormwater picks up, or is contaminated by, dirt, chemicals, pet waste, garbage, and other pollutants. This untreated water is discharged into our local streams, rivers, ponds and lakes.

Why should I care?

Contaminated or polluted stormwater can lead to significant water quality problems:

- Sediment clouds water making it difficult for aquatic plants to grow.
- Excess nutrients deplete oxygen levels. Fish and other aquatic organisms can not survive when oxygen levels decrease.

- Household hazardous wastes (insecticides, pesticides, paint/solvents) can poison aquatic life.
- Bacteria and other pathogens (found in fecal waste) discharged cause health hazards.
- Polluted stormwater often affects drinking water sources.

Here are some ways to help minimize stormwater pollution:

Lawn & garden maintenance

- Use fertilizers and pesticides sparingly.
- Select native plants and grasses that are drought and pest resistant.
- Compost yard waste or utilize the yard waste collection service provided by Allied Waste. For more information regarding yard waste collection, contact Allied Waste at 636.947.5959.
- Plant grass or vegetation where soil is exposed; cover piles of dirt and mulch.

Trash and debris

- Place litter in trash bins.
- Never place trash or yard waste into storm drains or creeks.

Hazardous waste, paints, solvents

- Store substances properly.
- When using outdoors, clean up spills immediately.
- Never rinse painting equipment where the rinse water can run into the storm drain.
- Dispose of excess paints/solvents during household hazardous waste collection programs. For more information regarding these programs, contact St. Louis County Department of Health at www.stlouisco.com/doh/waste/waste_mg.html or 314.615.4285.

Pet waste

- Dispose of pet waste by placing in the trash, flushing down toilet or burying in the yard at a depth of at

least six inches.

- When walking your pet, pick up the waste and dispose of it properly.
- Routinely remove pet waste from your yard and dispose of properly.
- Do not dispose of pet waste near storm drains, ditches, creeks or bodies of water.

Vehicle maintenance & repair

- Check your vehicle for leaks.
- Clean up spilled fluids with an absorbent material such as kitty litter or sand.
- Recycle used oil and automotive fluids at participating service stations. Never dump these materials down the storm drains, in ditches or creeks, or place in the trash. Jiffy Lube, located at 13490 Olive Blvd. in Chesterfield, collects used oil. For more information, contact Jiffy Lube at 314.275.9499.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Best of Chesterfield

Music, food and fun are on the menu at day-long street festival

St. Louis families, food lovers and music fans are invited to come out to the Best of Chesterfield, a day long celebration of Chesterfield's mouth-watering culinary stars and our best local and regional musicians.

Attendees will enjoy food from the best restaurants in and near Chesterfield, plus music, kid-friendly activities, and more.



The festival will be in the Herman Stemme Office Park at 16023 Swingley Ridge Rd.

Proceeds benefit The Howard Park Center, which is dedicated to meeting the individual

development and education needs of infants, young children, teens and their families – with specific attention to children with mild to severe developmental delays. Their



Saturday, Sept. 12
11 a.m.- 8 p.m.
16023 Swingley Rd.

mission is to provide all children, regardless of their ability, with a strong foundation to learn, grow and attain their highest potential.

Live music is on tap all day, along with kid-friendly games and activities. All food samplings sell for \$2-7.

This event is presented by Benton Homebuilders and sponsored, in part, by Action for Autism.

From City Hall

Seniors can obtain discount of 10 percent on trash pickup

Chesterfield City officials have negotiated an agreement with the City's waste hauler, Allied Waste, to begin offering a 10% discount for services to residents who are age 65 and older.

Residents must mail proof of their age, along with their address, to Allied Waste, 12976 St. Charles Rock Road, Bridgeton, MO 63044.

A copy of a driver's license or birth certificate will satisfy this requirement. Once this information is received, Allied Waste will apply the proper discount.

Proper placement of trash, recycle containers helps

Trash and recycling trucks with automated devices are now being utilized to provide better, more efficient service. Proper placement of your receptacles is very important for optimum efficiencies. Please remember to properly place your container at curbside for pickup utilizing these guidelines:

- Place cart one foot from curb or edge of street.
- Place the cart four feet away from any mailbox, tree or automobile.

- Place the container ten feet from cars parked in street.
- If you have multiple carts, please allow three feet between carts.
- Remember to place the arrows on the lid towards the street and handles toward the house.

If you still have one of the small blue recycling bins, place it at the curb on your regular pick up day, and it will be recycled into lids for the new 64-gallon containers.

Young citizens honored by Chesterfield for efforts on behalf of environment

Chesterfield's greenest young people have been honored.

On July 30, the City of Chesterfield honored young citizens from kindergarten through college who have qualified to be members of the Stellar Green Youth.

Mayor John Nations presented

each of the 27 recipients with a certificate prior to a reception in their honor. Honorees included Green Trails Elementary School 'recycling rappers,' Boy and Girl Scouts, high school Key Club members, and other youth who have participated and volunteered

at various events backed by the Citizens Committee for the Environment.

The program encourages young people to participate with CCE in at least two conservation events, projects and/or programs over a period of two or more years. Their

efforts promote and encourage environmental conservation and sustainability. Program information and application are available at: www.chesterfield.mo.us. All youth mentors, scout leaders, teachers, and parents are encouraged to learn about this civic opportunity.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

St. Louis Civic Orchestra blows out 60 candles in new Chesterfield home

The St. Louis Civic Orchestra (SLCO) is gearing up for its second season in its new digs —the Purser Center on the campus of Logan College of Chiropractic in Chesterfield.

SLCO moved from Clayton in 2008 and now shares the talents of 65 classically trained musicians with the community. The members of the orchestra include graduates of musical conservatories, retired symphony musicians, and

professionals who play and teach. This is SLCO's 60th season.

"Our guests can expect to hear a very fine, enthusiastic community orchestra with an impressive range of music in a family appropriate atmosphere," says Ray Randall, SLCO board president and member of the orchestra. "Our conductor leads with passion and a great sense of humor. We

host soloists from around the globe, and partner with other St. Louis organizations to deliver a

high-quality cultural experience at an amazing value."

The 2009-2010 season concert dates are: Nov. 7, Dec. 12, Feb. 20, April 10.

A May concert is also planned, with date and location to be announced.

The SLCO's annual Christmas Concert on Dec. 12 has special

appeal. The orchestra will host the St. Louis Children's Chorus in a performance ideal for the whole family. The orchestra hopes to feature performers from Stages St. Louis in one of the performances as well.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children and seniors. Tickets are sold at the door the evening of the show and are not available in advance. Check www.stlouiscivicorchestra.org for updates throughout the season.

Concert dates:
Nov. 7, Dec. 12
Feb. 20, April 10
Logan College

Gumbo Flats Pumpkin Run/Walk adds children's fun run

Hundreds will lace up their running shoes Saturday, Oct. 23 for the Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce's Eighth Annual Gumbo Flats Pumpkin Run/Walk. The 10K (6.2 miles) and the 5K (3.1 miles) courses are out and back.

This year the Chamber is proud to introduce a half-mile Children's Fun Run for ages 8 and under.

Registration begins at 6:30 a.m., with the run/walk starting at 8 a.m. The

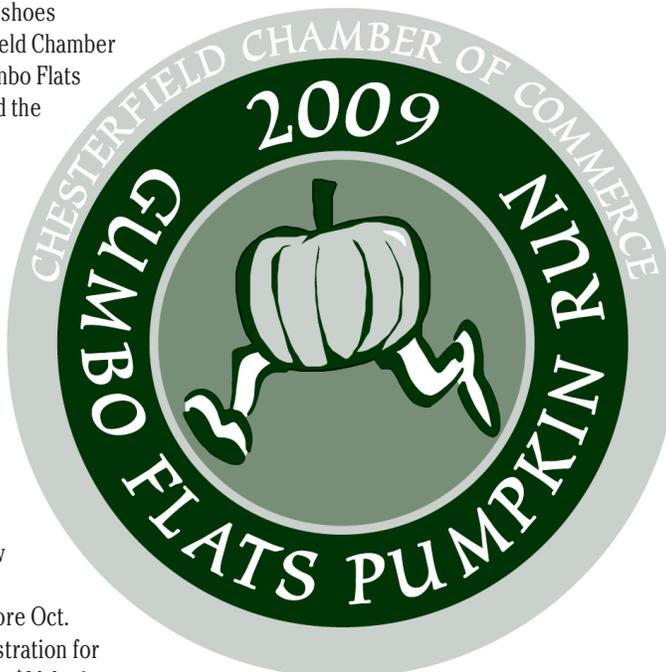
Children's Fun run begins at 9 a.m. Following the race there will be a complimentary

Finish Line Breakfast/lunch Buffet for all attendees. Local businesses and restaurants supply an array of food to show their appreciation to all participants.

Early registration is \$20 if received before Oct. 9. Late or race day registration is \$25. Registration for youth age 9-14 is \$15 if received by Oct. 9, or \$20 for late or race day registration.

The first 1,400 registrants will receive a classic long-sleeved T-shirt. The Children's Fun Run for ages 8 and under is \$10. There is a separate shirt style for participants in the Children's Run.

Applications are available at the Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce office, 101 Chesterfield Business Parkway,



Chesterfield, MO 63005, or at www.chesterfieldmochamber.com.

Participants can also register online at www.active.com. Search for Gumbo Flats Pumpkin Run. There is a nominal online registration surcharge.

A portion of proceeds from this year's event will benefit Wings of Hope.

Older Resident Program seeks a helping hand

Do you have a few hours a month to make a difference in the life of an older neighbor?

That's all it takes to help an older adult continue to maintain a fulfilling and independent lifestyle. The St. Louis County Older Resident Programs (CORP) offers many wonderful volunteer opportunities to be of service to your older neighbors.

Transportation to medical appointments is the most critical need. But there are many ways you can help, including serving as phone receptionists to schedule appointments and provide information for older adults who call for legal assistance; typists for simple legal documents (wills, Powers of Attorney, etc.); and proofreaders for typed documents.

All of these volunteer positions offer training, flexibility in scheduling, plus mileage reimbursement. Help us help others. For more information, contact Jack Jablonow at 314.615.0931.

To volunteer:
Call Jack
Jablonow at
314.615.0931

The Chesterfield Turkey Trot is set for Thanksgiving morning.

For details, see pages 3-4 of Parks & Recreation Guide.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Ice Kings: Chesterfield-based Bandits seek 4th straight crown

Four consecutive championships! That will be the goal of Chesterfield-based St. Louis Bandits as they prepare for the upcoming North American Hockey League season.

The Bandits have won the Robertson Cup as league champions the past three seasons.

Oct. 9
Home opener
7:05 p.m.
Iceplex

The Bandits play home games at the Hardee's IcePlex in Chesterfield Valley

at the Boone's Crossing exit of I-64. The NAHL is the oldest Junior 'A' Hockey League in the United States. The team is comprised of top 17- to 20-year-old players and has produced 44 college hockey players and three NHL draft picks.

Whether it's the action on the ice, the passion of the fans, the affordable prices, or even just the



The three-time defending champion St. Louis Bandits are preparing to open their quest for another league title.

food from the concession stands, a St. Louis Bandits game offers something for everyone in your family. There's never been a better time or way to enjoy a hockey game. For more information, contact the Bandits office at 636.536.4882, or visit <http://stlbandits.com/>.

UPCOMING BANDITS HOME GAMES

7:05 p.m. starts	
Oct. 9 - Texas Tornado (home opener)	Oct. 30 - Topeka Roadrunners
Oct. 10 - Texas Tornado	Oct. 31 - Topeka Roadrunners
Oct. 21 - Springfield Jr. Blues (Day game, D.A.R.E. School Day Program – starting time TBA)	Nov. 1 - Topeka Roadrunners
	Nov. 20 - North Iowa Outlaws
	Nov. 21 - North Iowa Outlaws

Guys and Dolls ends STAGES season; Academy classes for all ages start soon

STAGES ST. LOUIS presents its final production of the 2009 season – Frank Loesser's *Guys and Dolls* Sept. 4-Oct. 4 at the Robert G. Reim Theatre.

Featuring one of the greatest musical scores in this history of American theatre, *Guys and Dolls* is a bright and brassy story about love, marriage and all that a roll of the dice can bring you. For tickets and additional information: 314.821.2407 or visit the website at www.stagesstlouis.org.

The fall semester at STAGES Performing Arts Academy, 444 Chesterfield

Centre, will run through Sept. 9-Dec. 19. Weekly classes in singing, dancing, acting and musical theatre are available for residents of all ages. Master classes are available.

The academy will take its programming into the community with 12 outreach programs. Access the Arts programming, our classes for student with special needs, will be available to students in the Special School District at Parkway Central and Parkway South high schools.

See a full course guide and register at www.stagesstlouis.org or call the STAGES Academy at 636.530.5959.

Warner's Warm-Up Coat Drive is set

The Kurt Warner First Things First Foundation, in collaboration with Operation Food Search, is sponsoring their 9th annual Warners' Warm-up Winter Coat Drive.

The two-week coat drive will be held from Nov. 16-29 and encourages the donation of new or gently used winter coats. The collected coats will be distributed to a network of homeless shelters, outreach centers, and schools throughout the St. Louis Metropolitan area.

The Chesterfield collection box is located at City Hall. For more information, contact Marci Pritts at 877.FIRST.13.

HARDEE'S ICEPLEX EVENTS

- Hardee's Family Skate – 2-4 p.m. most Sundays
- 2009 Holiday Ice Show, featuring Skate with Santa – Sunday, Dec. 6
- 2009 Winter Extravaganza, featuring free skating lessons – Dec. 28-29
- Learn to Skate Program Winter Session I – Tuesdays & Saturdays starting Jan. 3

Hardee's IcePlex is located at 16851 N. Outer 40 Drive, in Chesterfield Valley at the Boone's Crossing exit of I-64 and features two professional hockey-sized rinks and an International-sized rink that accommodates nearly 2000 spectators. Hardee's IcePlex is host to several figure skating clubs, the St. Louis Blues Alumni team, most of the top local high-school hockey clubs, the largest adult hockey program, and a very successful Learn-to-Skate and Learn-To-Play Hockey programs for kids 4-12.

To learn more about the Hardee's IcePlex and schedule of events, visit www.HardeesIcePlex.com or contact Eric Finch at 636.537.4200.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS



"Unconditional Surrender"



"Bestseller"

Meet the neighbors



"Le Promenade"

20 of Johnson's bronze sculptures pave the way for arrival of 'The Awakening'

As part of the celebration of *The Awakening*, which arrives in Chesterfield this October, Chesterfield Arts is presenting an interactive exhibit of 20 of J. Seward Johnson's well-known bronze figures throughout the community.

The figures are on display through Oct. 31 at the Chesterfield Mall, Sachs Branch Library, City Hall, Chesterfield Arts, Central Park and

the Chesterfield Valley Athletic Complex. Many of these fun and life-like sculptures depict people in everyday situations – a little girl reads a book, two painters hard at work, a fisherman looking to reel in the next big catch, and many more.

Each sculpture is featured in a free narrated audio tour – simply call the toll free number (1.866.933.3996) and press the tour

stop number located at each of the sculptures. You will hear a short message with interesting details about the piece and the artist's inspiration for creating it.

Maps of the exhibit are available at each sculpture or can be downloaded at: www.chesterfieldarts.org.

For more information, visit the website or call 636.519.1955.

Junior Achievement seeks help to teach about business, financial responsibility

Would you like to help young people learn about business and financial responsibility? Junior Achievement of Mississippi Valley (JAMVI) is looking for volunteers.

Located in the Chesterfield Valley, JAMVI is a licensee of JA Worldwide, which is the largest and fastest-growing provider of economic education for youth. Founded in 1943, JAMVI has become the sixth largest JA Worldwide office

in the United States.

The local operation encompasses 26 counties in Missouri and 18 counties in southwestern Illinois. During the 2008-2009 school year, more than 127,000 K-12 students in 700 schools participated in the hands-on, activity-based curriculum, focusing on financial literacy (responsibility), entrepreneurship, and work readiness. Programs are

offered in parochial, private, public schools and education centers in and around St. Louis, with satellite operations in outlying areas.

JAMVI's office is located within the Dennis and Judy Jones Free Enterprise Center in the Chesterfield Valley, which is also home to JA's 5-12 grade capstone education programs, JA Biz Town and JA Finance Park – a unique venue to St. Louis.

Junior Achievement is currently looking for volunteers to present the curriculum during the 2009-10 school year.

If you are interested in volunteering, or would like to have JA programs at your school, contact Tracie Roberson at 636.728.0707 x228 or troberson@jastl.org.

To learn more about JA and ways to support the organization visit www.jastl.org.

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Tweet, tweet: *Twitter helps the police get the word out*

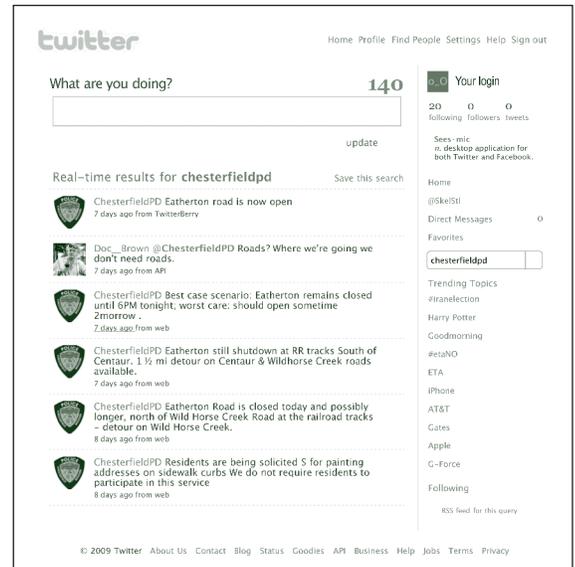
Chesterfield Police Department, seeking to provide an additional communication tool for its citizens, began using Twitter June 16. The agency will provide information and updates via twitter relative to road closures, ongoing incidents that directly affect the community, and other matters where the public and media need to be notified immediately.

This will not replace any other methods of communication being used by the police department, but will serve as an additional tool for reaching the community. Neighborhood leaders and local businesses now have another option for getting updates quickly.

The goal for our partners in the

Neighborhood Watch Program, subdivision trustees, and the Chesterfield business community is to use this tool to notify members of these groups of current events and direct them to the appropriate communication outlet.

For example, the police may send out a notice or “tweet” that would direct a neighborhood watch member to our website to receive information about a neighborhood issue. It may also be used to warn businesses of a road closure or impending issue that directly affects them. Individuals wishing to follow the Chesterfield Police on Twitter may visit www.twitter.com and search for “CHESTERFIELDPD.” Or, go to the Chesterfield Police Website and click on the Twitter link.



AARP safety program will help older drivers

The Chesterfield Police Department proudly announces a cooperative effort with the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) in providing the “55 Alive” driver safety program.

AARP’s “55 Alive” is the nation’s first and largest classroom driver improvement course. It reviews the rules of the road with an emphasis on defensive driving practices. The four-hour course is taught in a single morning session and does not involve a test. AARP members can attend the course for a nominal fee of \$12. Non-members can attend for a fee of \$14.

Graduates of the course may be eligible to receive a discount on their auto insurance. Please verify this with your auto insurance carrier.

The course will be held on Sept. 23, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Chesterfield City Hall, located at 690 Chesterfield Parkway West. Reservations are required. For further information or to reserve a seat, contact Officer Paul Powers at 636.537.6769 or: ppowers@chesterfield.mo.us.

Emergency response training scheduled by police and fire

Do you know how to react to a disaster? Chesterfield Police and the Monarch Fire District do – and they are willing to share their knowledge.

The two agencies will conduct Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training classes on Wednesdays from Sept. 16 through Oct. 21. The sessions will be at 6 p.m. at City Hall, unless otherwise announced.

The CERT Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area. Training includes basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned

in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

To register, complete the online registration forms on the police website at www.chesterfield.mo.us/cert.html.

Questions about the program may be directed to Chesterfield Police Captain Graham Burnley at 636.537.3000.

Safety Fair set for City Hall Sept. 12

The tips you learn at Chesterfield’s Safety Fair could prevent an injury or save a life.

Chesterfield Police will be hosting the Safety Fair on Saturday, Sept. 12, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. on the parking lot of City Hall.

There is no charge, and activities include: child fingerprinting, bicycle helmet fittings, child safety programs, child car seat installations, traffic safety, Internet safety, a display by ARCH medical helicopter, an impaired driving simulator, a mini safety town, and more. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

Join in for a day of family fun and helpful safety information.

**Sept. 12
11 a.m.
to 3 p.m.
City Hall**



CHESTERFIELD HISTORY

Circa 1200: Remains of ancient village found in valley

Torched stockade wall is evidence of hostile action in area

Chesterfield Historic Commission member Stan Dampier discovered the remains of an 800-year-old Native American Mississippian-era market center community in the western end of the Chesterfield Valley. The site has been named the Dampier Site in his honor.

Excavations of the site are being conducted by the Archaeological Research Center of St. Louis. Joe Harl, principal investigator of the site, believes the village dates to about 800 years ago.

It was during this time period that the large mounded cultural centers at Cahokia Mounds, downtown St. Louis, and East St. Louis wielded a great amount of influence over smaller villages, such as the Dampier Site. As their populations grew, these centers became increasingly dependent upon resources flowing in from cities and villages throughout the area. Ear ornaments covered in copper from the Great Lakes and marine shell jewelry from the Gulf of Mexico have been found at the Dampier Site, showing evidence of a trade relationship with the cultural centers near St. Louis.

The Missouri River would have been equivalent in importance to Interstate 70, providing a flow



ABOVE: Pieces of broken pottery found at the site similar are to the complete pot shown in background (complete pot not from the Dampier Site).

RIGHT: Stan Dampier, Chesterfield Historic Commission, and Joe Harl, Archaeological Research Center of St. Louis.



of goods and ideas to and from numerous villages across Missouri. There would have been a lot of traffic flowing past the Dampier Site during ancient times. A startling discovery at the site indicates that not all of it was friendly.

Archaeologists have uncovered sections of a large stockade wall that encircled the village.

Constructing such a defensive wall would have required a significant amount of labor and natural resources. The people of the village certainly would not have gone to all that effort, had they not felt it was necessary. Apparently it was, as evidence suggests the entire wall was burned to the ground.

The public will have an

opportunity to hear more about the findings at future meetings, so check the City's Community Calendar for these updates. Anyone interested in receiving email updates on excavations at the site, may email Mark Leach at Leachmrk@charter.net.

Local author provides free copies of book on Chesterfield's ancient history

The Chesterfield Landmarks Preservation Committee (CLPC) is now offering complimentary copies of the book, "A Guide to Chesterfield's Ancient History,"

written by Chesterfield resident and historian, Mark Leach.

The book presents a cultural history of the City's ancient inhabitants. One copy per person

is available at City Hall.

The books are made available by Leach and the CLPC to increase outreach and to give information to citizens about

Chesterfield's ancient past.

The book will be available at City Hall as well as at various City-sponsored events while supplies last.

CITIZEN COMMITTEES

YARD-OF-THE-MONTH AWARDS

August-September



Ward 1: Mike & Jeanne Anglin,
596 Eagle Manor Lane



Ward 2: Richard & Mary Ann
Tenge, 440 Hunter Hill



Ward 3: Kevin & Margaret Gallagher,
1576 Yarmouth Point Drive



Ward 4: Jim & Kathy Murray, 1710
Baxter Forest Valley Court

The Beautification Committee recognizes that each of these homes presents an interesting and attractive front yard featuring color, texture, and maintenance. Some of the aspects the committee looks for in a well groomed yard are: mowed grass, neatly edged flower beds, trimmed grass along sidewalks curbs, absence

of leaves and debris, and trees that are trimmed and in good condition.

“Chesterfield is filled with beautiful homes and lawns,” says committee member Janet LeGrand. “It is very hard to make a value judgement on an outstanding yard, but when you see one that takes your breath away, you have found what we

June-July



Ward 3: Edward Syrup,
14848 Brook Hill Drive



Ward 4: Nordine & Katherine
Cheikh, 16534 Baxter Forest Ridge

refer to as a show stopper.”

The committee members encourage you to drive by these lovely homes and yards and see what the extra effort of the homeowner brings. “We are proud of all the homes Chesterfield has, but these are a few that are exceptional,” LeGrand said.

See larger versions of these photos on page 13.

Historical, Landmark commissions seek volunteers

By Joan Schacht and Alice Fugate

Openings are available on Chesterfield’s Historical Commission and Landmark Preservation Commission, providing great volunteer and resume enhancement opportunities.

The Historical Commission gathers, preserves and shares the history of Chesterfield. We acquire and preserve artifacts and documents, and produce publications, articles, a calendar and exhibits. We hope to bring local history alive for the enjoyment and education of our citizens.

The Landmark Preservation Commission researches

and documents historic and prehistoric sites in the Chesterfield area. We are creating the Chesterfield Historic Register to protect our area’s heritage and make it an asset to our community. We advocate for local preservation and promote the enjoyment of history for all.

If you enjoy history or simply want to learn more about where you live and are willing to lend a hand, we encourage you to check us out.

Our main request? Enthusiastic volunteers who care about Chesterfield. No experience is necessary. We are looking for the following:

- Speakers and re-enactors who enjoy sharing our heritage
- Volunteers with knowledge of databases to help organize archives
- Researchers
- People with project management skills
- Writers
- Photographers
- Public relations volunteers
- Bloggers and web page designers
- Grant researchers
- Archaeology buffs

For more information, contact Joan Schacht at 636.532.1152 or jeschacht@yahoo.com

Family forum offered for parents, teens

A Family Forum sponsored by the Chesterfield Alliance for Positive Youth is scheduled Oct. 22 and will feature author and international speaker Dr. Tim Jordan. Jordan is a development and behavioral pediatrician who has addressed topics including discipline, motivation, teen issues, bullying, grades, behavior management in the classroom, self-responsibility, and work-family balance.

**Oct. 22
7-8:30 p.m.
City Hall**

Parents and their children in fifth grade and above are invited. You won’t want to miss this informative and helpful evening. Resource handouts will also be available. The forum will be held at City Hall from 7-8:30 p.m.

The Chesterfield Alliance for Positive Youth welcomes interested citizens to join the committee, which meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the Chesterfield City Hall at 7 p.m.

The mission of the committee is to promote drug- and alcohol-free lifestyles for the youth of Chesterfield through alternative activities and events. It provides information to assist in making positive choices.

ENVIRONMENTAL & RECYCLING



The Green City

"It isn't easy being green," Kermit the Frog lamented. But Kermit didn't live in Chesterfield, which offers residents multiple ways to aid the environment. This page details some of the latest efforts, including multiple recycling opportunities.

Fall recycle drive set at Dierbergs Market Place

Get your space prepared for the holidays by recycling magazines, catalogs, cardboard, chipboard, and textiles Oct. 24 through Nov. 1, at the entryway to Dierbergs Market Place, 1730 Clarkson Road. This free opportunity supplements curbside recycling, and anyone can join in.

To avoid contamination, follow recycle drive guidelines, online at www.chesterfield.mo.us

Hazardous Chemicals

For hazardous chemical collections call St. Louis County, Department of Health – Waste Management Hotline: 314.286.9200 or visit www.stlouisco.com after Labor Day for information on collection locations, dates and times.

Prescription Drugs Pollute

Help conserve clean water by properly disposing of prescription drugs. Visit www.smarxtdisposal.net for information.

Electronics, mowers among items in monthly recycling collections

Do you have nonfunctioning or outdated electronic equipment or appliances cluttering your dwelling? If so, we've got the solution.

Web Innovations & Technology Services (WITS), a not-for-profit organization, and the City of Chesterfield have teamed up to provide West County residents with a monthly drop-off location for all their electronics.

The e-cycling collection site will be located at Chesterfield Valley Athletic Complex on the parking lot of the Parks & Recreation Administration Building at 17891 North Outer 40.

Items can be dropped off every fourth Saturday of the month from January through October from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The November collection date will be on Nov. 14 at City Hall during the annual Chesterfield Recycles Day event (see story below).

Fees: Monitors, Screens, Laptops and appliances larger than microwaves are \$5 to recycle. Televisions are \$10 for up to 24", \$15 for 24 to 40" and \$20 for console and big screen.

Pick up service: Business and residents can also request a low-cost pick up service. All donations,

**4th Saturdays
10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Parks & Rec
Building
N. Outer 40**

ACCEPTED ITEMS

- Computers, laptops, monitors (\$5 fee), printers, cables and peripherals (keyboards, mice etc.)
- Networking equipment, telecommunications, phones, clocks, etc.
- TVs (see fee schedule), VCRs, stereos and like audio/video-/satellite/cable equipment
- CDs, VHS tapes, DVDs, cassettes, DAT, and all software
- Home electronics, blenders, toasters, etc.
- All white goods: washers, dryers, dishwashers, furnaces and A/C equipment (\$5 fee)
- Electrical: cabling, communication machinery and equipment
- Lawn equipment: tools, mowers, tillers, etc.
- Old motors, transformers, other electrical equipment
- Car and lead-containing batteries

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED

- Paint
- Tires
- Chemical or hazardous substances
- Wood products

fees and costs are tax deductible.

For more information or to schedule a pickup:

e-mail rdavis@witsinc.org
call 314.382.1650
or visit www.witsinc.org.

October is Energy Awareness Month

Learn about energy efficiency with Energy Star appliances and products, which meet or exceed federal efficiency standards, at www.energystar.gov. Check out residential energy efficiency programs at www.ameren.com/energyefficiency. Consider saving energy with these green tips:

- Use recycled and rechargeable batteries.
- Run your washing machine on cold when possible.
- Dry clothes naturally on a clothesline.
- Clean your dryer's lint trap
- Use recycled-content products that don't come directly from trees (plastic lumber, recycled newspaper cabinetry, etc.)
- Switch to a low-flow showerhead.
- Organize your freezer/refrigerator to find things quickly.
- Use a slow cooker to help prepare meals.
- Use a microwave oven.
- Use a full dishwasher instead of doing the dishes by hand.
- Cover your spa or hot tub when it's not in use.
- Use a timer on your pool pump.

Special Recycles Day set for Nov. 14 at City Hall

Plan to bring your family to the 13th America-Missouri-Chesterfield Recycles Day Saturday, Nov. 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at City Hall – rain or shine.

Vendors, including the Alpine Shop, will be giving away a limited supply of recycled-content products, along with an assortment of freebies for the kids. Educating children about the importance of recycling will be the

focus of the event and a special activities area using recyclable materials will be featured.

Free confidential document shredding will be provided by Cintas. E-cycle electronics with Web Innovation Technology Services (see story above for eligible items, fees).

**Nov. 14
10 a.m.
to 2 p.m.
City Hall**



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CHESTERFIELD CALENDAR

September

- 5** Family Aquatic Center
*Extended Evening Hours
Half-Price Admission (5-10 p.m.)*
- 7** City Hall Closed – Labor Day
- 8** K-9 Splash
*Family Aquatic Center
4:30-7 p.m.*
- 9** City Council
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 10** Planning & Public Works Committee
City Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- 12** Safety Fair
City Hall, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Best of Chesterfield
*16023 Swingley Ridge Rd.
11 a.m.-8 p.m.*
- 14** Planning Commission
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 18-20** Strassenfest
*Chesterfield Parkway West
Friday, 5-11 p.m.
Saturday, noon-11 p.m.
Sunday, noon-6 p.m.*
- 21** City Council
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 24** Planning & Public Works Committee
City Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- 28** Finance & Administration Committee
City Hall, 5:30 p.m.

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

October

- 5** City Council
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 8** Planning & Public Works Committee
City Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- 10** The Awakening Unveiling & Community Play Day
*Downtown Chesterfield,
west of Chesterfield Mall
10 a.m.-2 p.m.*
- 12** Planning Commission
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 19** City Council
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 22** Planning & Public Works Committee
City Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- 24** Pumpkin Run/Walk
*Chesterfield Valley
6:30 a.m. Registration*
- 26** Planning Commission
City Hall, 7 p.m.

November

- 2** City Council
City Hall, 7 p.m.

- 5** Planning & Public Works Committee
City Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- 9** Planning Commission
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 11** City Hall Closed – Veteran’s Day
- 16** City Council
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 19** Planning & Public Works Committee
City Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- 23** Planning Commission
City Hall, 7 p.m.
Finance & Administration Committee
City Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- 26** Turkey Trot 5K
- 26-27** City Hall Closed
Thanksgiving holidays

HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULES

**Labor Day
 Monday, Sept. 7**

Monday routes will be picked up
 Tuesday, Sept. 8th
 Tuesday routes will be picked up
 Wednesday, Sept. 9th
 Wednesday routes will be picked up
 Thursday, Sept. 10th
 Thursday routes will be picked up
 Friday, Sept. 11th
 Friday routes will be picked up
 Saturday, Sept. 12th

**Thanksgiving
 Thursday, Nov. 26**

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday routes will not be affected
 Thursday routes will be picked up on Friday, Nov. 27th
 Friday routes will be picked up on Saturday, Nov. 28th

Street light out? Here’s how to report the problem

Each residential subdivision is responsible for the streetlights within the subdivision. The trustees of your subdivision lease the lights from AmerenUE.

You can either notify your trustees, or you can report the light

directly to AmerenUE at 314.342.1000. Note the pole number before calling and give AmerenUE this number along with the address of the light. The pole number is on a tag which is typically located at the top of the pole, just under the fixture.

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See page 10 for details.

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