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City Fest will toast Chesterfield's first quarter century on June 1

To thank residents and the business community for all our mutual successes over the past 25 years, the City of Chesterfield is planning a community-wide event for Saturday, June 1, along Veterans' Place Drive and at the Chesterfield Amphitheater.

This family-fun event will

feature free admission for Chesterfield residents to the Family Aquatic Center starting at 10 a.m. when Midwest Pool will be presenting water safety demonstrations. From noon-2 p.m., there will be music and fun activities for everyone.

City Fest starts at 3 p.m.

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22nd Earth Day expands opportunities to learn, recycle, and help others

Plan on joining the celebration of environmental considerations on Saturday, April 27, as Chesterfield celebrates its 22nd Annual Earth Day Festival.

This popular community event puts sustainability into action and embraces the conservation of native and natural resources as well as energy.

Officially, the event is from 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. Hopefully, the techniques espoused are practiced every day.

Earth Day will present diverse opportunities for recycling, education and supporting local businesses. Numerous vendors will be selling up-cycled and recycled arts and crafts, in addition to providing information on a variety of ways to sustain the environment. Children can create a recycled art project with help from Chesterfield Arts, Teachers Recycle Center, and Home Depot.

Operation Food Search



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will be collecting food and personal care items on its Most-Needed List. Visit EVie, the St. Louis Science Center's electric truck full of new, interactive exhibits that teach about energy basics, electric vehicle technology and related environmental concerns.

500 native trees such as redbuds, dogwoods, elderberries and other varieties will be given away, along with a variety of other items, including wild-flower seeds.

New this year is the Science Fair component, in which youth will showcase science exhibits to be judged by science professionals from around the state. Students interested in participating can find the application on the City's web site by searching "science fair." Awards will be presented at noon at the Amphitheater.

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June 1, 1988. On that day, twenty five years ago, the City of Chesterfield became a reality. The St. Louis County Executive appointed the first Mayor and eight City Council members. There was no City Hall, no Police, Public Works or Parks & Recreation Department; no citizen committees, and just one employee, our City administrator, Mike Herring. Nor was there a mechanism in place to provide funds needed to sustain city operations. At the first City Council meeting, hundreds of ordinances, copied from St. Louis County, were read and approved so that the City would have legal standing.

The first election for a Mayor and City Councilmembers was held in April 1989. Seven employees were hired initially, including our Police Chief, Ray Johnson, and Mike Geisel, who now serves as our Director of Public Services.

The City assumed Public Works responsibilities, including snow removal, from St. Louis County, on Oct. 1, 1988. Many of our trucks and plows were purchased used from the City of Maryland Heights. The Chesterfield Police Department came into existence on June 1, 1989 when 48 individuals were sworn in. A half-cent sales tax was passed to fund a comprehensive plan to replace or upgrade streets throughout the City. The flood of 1993 devastated what was then called Gumbo Flats, and Tax Increment Financing (TIF) was utilized to help with the recovery and installation of public infrastructure. Development flourished.

Through an effort initiated by the City and its partners, "Gumbo Flats" faded from our vocabulary and has been replaced by what is now known simply as "The Valley." Our residents then passed a half-cent parks sales tax, and we now have one of the finest parks and recreation systems in the County. From the very beginning, the objective of your government was to provide quality services, at a minimal cost, to our residents and to have a City government you can be proud of.

Chesterfield is now home to more than 47,000 residents and 2,100 businesses. Property values in Chesterfield have grown to an assessed valuation of approximately \$1.8 billion. We have an internationally accredited police department and a nationally accredited parks

Mayor's Message



Our City can be proud of a quarter century of achievement

department. Total tax revenues generated within Chesterfield now exceed \$225 million annually, benefitting the State of Missouri, cities throughout the county, as well as our public schools and the Monarch Fire Protection District. In short, we have become a city providing a high quality of life for our residents and an economic engine for the region.

Only a small portion of those taxes actually stay with the City of Chesterfield. In fact, the property tax that you pay directly to the City of Chesterfield represents less than half of one percent of your total property tax bill, and that tax is obligated for debt service on a previous bond issue.

That was our first 25 years. Now fast forward to June 1, 2013 when we kick off our next quarter century. We invite all of our residents and friends to help celebrate our 25th anniversary with a special day of activities and free concerts at the amphitheater, followed by

a fireworks extravaganza. We have many other special activities and surprises planned throughout the year, and some are described elsewhere in this newsletter. I hope you will take part in our year-long celebration; I know you will enjoy all that is planned. While we have accomplished much in our short history, I continue to believe our best is still ahead of us.

As I write this, it is with the knowledge that this will be my last Mayor's Message as I have decided not to seek re-election. These past two years have been some of the most active and successful in our short history, highlighted by the following:

- The dedication of the Chesterfield Amphitheater
- The opening of Eberwein Park & the Dog Park
- The addition of the Riparian Trail near Central Park
- Additions to the Monarch-Chesterfield Levee Trail system
- Increased funding to the arts
- Expanded partnerships with the Parkway Schools and the Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce
- Approval of the Mercy and RGA developments
- The construction of two outlet malls with openings this August
- Stabilization of our budget with expectations that both 2012 and 2013 will produce small surpluses
- Maintained our AAA bond rating
- Budgeted to add five new staff in 2013, two police officers and three people in the parks department – the first staff additions in five years

It has been my honor and privilege to be the Mayor of our great city these past two years. I thank each and every one of you for your thoughts, suggestions and support. I leave knowing our City is financially strong, has an outstanding City Council and an exceptionally talented staff. I will always look back on my 12 years as an elected official with pride and cherish the many friendships I have made. With the successes realized these past twenty five years, I am confident the future is very bright.



Chesterfield police officer Steve Borawski speaks to elementary school students.

Chesterfield Police increases security measures in schools within the city limits as a precaution

In response to the December 2012 shootings at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown CT, the Chesterfield Police Department implemented a pilot program to increase officer presence at all schools within Chesterfield. The program was accomplished through the reallocation of police resources and resulted in no cost to schools.

Previously, the Police Department provided four school resource officers to the Parkway middle and

high schools within the city. There are, however, additional public and private elementary schools within Chesterfield, as well as one private high school.

The current approach provides one full time officer who splits time among the schools. The officer will be in each school several times throughout the week and will meet with staff to assist in updating intruder-response plans, training staff on response to school incidents, and ad-

dress the needs of each school. The officer will also be available to speak with parents and concerned citizens about school-related issues.

The purpose of the program is to provide an enhanced presence, varying times and locations daily to increase visibility and awareness at the schools.

The schools have praised this response with positive comments from the Parkway and Rockwood school districts.



In Memorium

Detective Christopher Simpson passed away on Feb. 12. Detective Simpson was in his 35th year of law enforcement and served with distinction the past 25 years with the Chesterfield Police Department.

Candidates line up for Mayoral, City Council Elections April 2

In order to vote ...

To register to vote in St. Louis County, you must be: 18 years of age by Election Day, a U.S. Citizen, and a resident of St. Louis County.

You can register to vote at City Hall, most libraries and schools, and at motor vehicle registration offices.

The Missouri Voter Registration Application is available online at www.stlouisco.com/elections.

Additionally, registration forms can be mailed by calling City Hall at 636.537.6717. The deadline to register for this election is March 6.

Chesterfield's government will have a different look following the April election. New faces will occupy the mayor's office plus at least two of the city's four wards where no incumbents are on the ballot.

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CITY ELECTIONS



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Safety Town

Session 1

June 3-June 14
10 a.m.-noon

Session 2

June 3-June 14
1-3 p.m.

Session 3

June 17-June 28
10 a.m.-noon

Session 4

June 17-June 28
1-3 p.m.

Session 5

July 8-July 19
10 a.m.-noon

Session 6

July 8-July 19
1-3 p.m.

Older Driver Program

April 10
9 a.m.-1 p.m.
City Hall

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Chesterfield Officer Joe Smith supervises a talk to preschool children about the proper way to board and exit a school bus.

Safety Town provides kids with vital street smarts

Parents wishing to enroll their preschooler in Chesterfield's Safety Town should circle April 10 on their calendars. That's the signup night at City Hall for the popular sessions which take place in June and July.

Safety Town is a nationally recognized pre-school safety program which teaches 4-, 5- and 6-year-olds about a variety of issues including bicycle safety, water safety, school bus safety and stranger danger. The program includes classroom activities as well as outside hands-on activities

in the miniature Safety Town city. It is hosted and staffed by the Chesterfield Police Department in cooperation with the Chesterfield Rotary, the Chesterfield Kiwanis and Parkway School District. The program is conducted for six, two-week sessions.

In addition to commissioned police officers, the Safety Town staff includes teen counselors from area middle and high schools. All sessions will be held at Parkway Early Childhood Center, 14605 Clayton Road, Ballwin, MO 63011. Registration

preference is given to those children who have not previously attended a Safety Town session. Children receive a Safety Town T-shirt, bicycle helmet and a Safety Town coloring book included in the cost.

The fee for the program is \$10, with signups Wednesday, April 10, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. See this year's session dates and times at left:

For further information about Safety Town, contact Officer Paul Powers at 636.537.6769 or ppowers@chesterfield.mo.us.

AARP program gently reminds seniors of safe-driving practices

The next AARP Older Driver Safety Program is scheduled April 10.

It is sponsored by the Chesterfield Police Department in cooperation with the American Association of Retired Persons.

This 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 \$12. Fee for non-members is \$14.

Graduates of the course may be eligible to receive discounts on auto insurance. Check with individual insurance carriers.

The course will be held on Wednesday, April 10, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Chesterfield City Hall. Reservations are required.



Participation in the AARP Older Driver Safety Program can help keep motorists from being in situations such as the above.

For further information or to reserve a seat, contact Officer Paul Powers at ppowers@chesterfield.mo.us or 636.537.6769.

Chesterfield plays host to Citizen Police Academy 15

The Chesterfield Police Department is accepting applications for its 15th session of the Citizen Police Academy.

The program teaches participants about various areas of police operations including patrol procedures, traffic and DWI enforcement, crime scene investigation, and criminal investigations. The program also includes some role-playing activities.

This session will begin on Monday, May 13, and will meet once a week from 7-9 p.m. for nine weeks. The academy is open to any person 21 years or older. Classes will meet at the Chesterfield Police Department, 690 Chesterfield Parkway West.



A County police officer at St. Louis County Communications explains to Chesterfield Citizen Police Academy participants about policies and operations.

Applications may be picked up at the Police Department or downloaded from the city web site, on Police Department page under Community Programs. Deadline for

registration is April 29.

Class size is limited to 20. For further information, contact Lieutenant Cheryl Funkhouser at 636.537.6780.



Citizen Police Academy

Begins May 13
Meets Mondays
for 9 Weeks

Info: Call
Lt. Funkhouser
636.537.6780

Teens give input to Chesterfield Police through Advisory Board

An ongoing aspect of the Police Department's philosophy of open communication is the Adolescent Police Advisory Board.

The board includes representatives from the freshmen through senior classes of schools in the City. The Chesterfield school resource officers assigned to the schools meet with teachers and principals and recommend students to serve on the board. Once appointed, the student members generally serve four years, with new members being recruited from the ranks of incoming freshman classes.

The board meets at police headquarters with the chief of police three times each school year for approximately an hour. The students are transported to and from police headquarters by their school resource officers, who also participate in the meetings.

Every meeting has an agenda of topics of mutual interest and concern. In addition to receiving information directly from the chief's office, student board members are requested to survey their school



Police Chief Ray Johnson (left) meets with the Adolescent Police Advisory Board.

classmates prior to each meeting and bring questions and information to the table for discussion or clarification.

A specific unit of the police department often is highlighted, and the board is provided with an overview of that unit's role in the overall department operations. Police training tapes are often shown, particularly when the training can be applied to students' situations. At a

recent meeting, the group viewed a police training tape on the proper methods of stopping traffic violators. Since many of the students are new, or soon-to-be, drivers, the emphasis is placed on where and how a young driver should react when stopped by a police officer.

With a clearer understanding of various aspects of police operations, the board members share this information with classmates.

Chesterfield police chief heads Major Case Squad

Chief Ray Johnson was named in January to head the Greater St. Louis Area Major Case Squad. The squad formed in 1965 and is comprised of 500 homicide investigators from a 13-county region. It is activated to investigate homicides and other serious crimes in the area.

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Hyatt Rise

Construction is well underway for a new eight-story hotel in Chesterfield. Located adjacent to the Drury Hotel at Clarkson Road and Highway 40, the Hyatt Place hotel will feature 145 guest rooms, a two-story lobby with amenities that include a gallery, dining area, lounge areas and indoor pool. The Hyatt Place will include a connection to the Drury Hotel through a shared underground garage. The new hotel is scheduled to open later this year.

Need a building permit? Here's how to acquire one

With signs of spring appearing, many people are inspired to tackle home improvement projects. Whether it be a basement finish, kitchen remodel, or room addition, the Planning & Development staff is here to help!

The City of Chesterfield contracts with St. Louis County for the issuance of building permits. Before heading to St. Louis County, you will need a Municipal Zoning Approval from the City (also known as an MZA). The MZA form is available on our website and there is no review fee. All that is necessary is one completed application form (MZA) along with 5 copies of your plans.

If you are doing exterior work, you will also need to notify the adjacent property owners and your subdivision trustees. Our review time is 1-3 days. If you need help with your application or would like to ask us any questions regarding how to obtain a permit or if a permit is necessary, call 636.537.4733 and talk to the Planner of the Day.

Chesterfield's Planner of Day has answers to many queries

While you are out and about in the City, do you ever see some construction underway and wonder what is being built? Or have you seen a public hearing sign and wondered what the property owner is requesting to build?

If so, you can ask Chesterfield's Planner of the Day.

The Planner of the Day is a City program which makes a professional planner available Monday thru Friday to answer questions about new development, new businesses coming to town or the status of a project. The planner can also tell you what structure setbacks are for things like a swimming pool or deck and how to get a building permit.

You can call, email or stop by in person Monday thru Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The phone number is 636.537.4733 and email is: pod@chesterfield.mo.us

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City plan embraces bicyclists, walkers

Chesterfield has recently become a top spot for walkers and bicyclists with our numerous trails and bike paths – the result of a February 2010 decision in which the City adopted a Bikeable Walkable Community Plan.

Creating a bikeable and walkable environment does not happen overnight. The process can take years, but, with a bicycle and pedestrian master plan in place, Chesterfield can phase improvement projects over time to maximize the use of public rights of way for biking and walking.

Residents may have noticed the “Bike Lane” constructed as part of the Edison Avenue Asphalt Overlay Project, along with “Bike Route” signs constructed along Country Ridge Drive. As the plan is further implemented, there will be a number of other “Bike Route” and “Share the Road with Bicycles” signs posted throughout the City. Motorists should keep an eye out for pedestrians and cyclists in these areas.

The City of Chesterfield created the Bikeable/Walkable Plan in partnership with Trailnet, a regional leader in establishing healthy and active communities through the use of bicycle and pedestrian accommodations. The creation



Mutual courtesy enables bikes and autos to share the roads of Chesterfield

of the plan included substantial public involvement and coordination with City residents, St. Louis County, and the Missouri Department of Transportation.

Once implemented, the planned facilities are intended to provide residents the opportunity to engage in active lifestyles, thus providing health benefits and reducing traffic. The plan

focuses on safety and connectivity, linking residents to parks, schools, local businesses, and other amenities through an interconnected network of trails, on-street bike facilities such as bike routes and bike lanes, sidewalks, and crosswalks.

Should you wish to review the plan or view the associated maps, these documents are available on the City’s web site by searching for “bike plan.”



City plans concrete replacement, other street improvements

The City’s 2013 street improvement plans include replacing numerous concrete slabs on 17 residential streets. Residents adjacent to the planned replacement areas along with subdivision trustees will receive project notification by mail.

Slab replacement work is scheduled to begin this spring and will likely extend into the fall. Residents will be notified before work begins on their streets. Additional information will be available under the City Projects tab on the City’s website.

Asphalt mill and overlay

The City of Chesterfield is scheduled to “mill and overlay” the asphalt pavement on Lei-

man Drive and Old Clarkson Road. This project will consist of the removal (milling) of the top portion of the asphalt and the application of a new asphalt driving surface.

Mill and overlay projects are generally constructed fairly quickly, and residents who utilize these streets can expect work to begin around June and last four weeks.

Upcoming Road projects

The City of Chesterfield makes every effort to obtain grant money. Most recently the City used grant funding to overlay Edison Avenue and to reconstruct Appalachian Trail (Phase I) from Olive Boulevard to Beaver Creek Road.

Funded future projects

The City of Chesterfield has secured grant funding for the following projects:

- Ladue Road resurfacing – scheduled for construction in 2014
- Timberlake Manor Bridge reconstruction – scheduled for construction in 2014
- Appalachian Trail (Phase 2) reconstruction from Beaver Creek Road to White Road – scheduled for construction in 2015
- South Greentrails Drive reconstruction – scheduled for construction in 2016

The City also is currently studying future improvements to Schoettler Road, including the replacement of the Schoettler Road Bridge. The results of this study will be used to apply for future federal funding.

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Streets scheduled for slab replacement

- Brandsford Point
- Burnham Court
- Carriage Crossing Lane
- Cedarmill Drive
- Chaise Ridge Road
- Glen Cove Drive
- Glen Valley Drive
- Hunters Way Drive
- Monterra Drive
- Renaldo Drive
- Ridge Crest Drive
- Shady Valley Drive
- Summer Blossom Lane
- Ticonderoga Drive
- Towles Farm Court
- Wellington Estates Drive
- Winter Run Court



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These finalists will vie to be commissioned to design outdoor sculpture as part of City's 25th Anniversary celebration.

Competition will add to City's sculptures

Presented by PNC Arts Alive with major funding from the City of Chesterfield

Chesterfield Arts launched the 2012-13 University Sculpture Competition last September, inviting a diverse selection of university and college students to submit site-specific proposals for a permanent outdoor sculpture that will be installed and unveiled this September as a part of the City's 25th Anniversary.

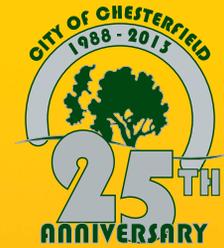
Eligible students are working on their BA, BFA or MFA and live within a 125-mile radius of Chesterfield.

A juried selection panel reviewed the entries and narrowed the field to five finalists: Jennifer Allison, Rod Callies, Melissa Gollance, Jerry Moss and a team of three, Jose Garza, Jon Orosco and Michael Powell. The winner will be selected in March.

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OUT OF THE ORDINARY

The area selected for the sculpture is a wooded site overlooking the lake along the stream walk in Central Park near the Chesterfield Amphitheater. Upon completion, the stream walk site and the associated sculpture will reflect the importance the community places upon these themes, as well as the unique ability of art to convey thoughts, ideals and values, to stimulate questions, and to evoke joy, wonder and mystery.

The University Sculpture Competition presents an opportunity to differentiate Chesterfield. For more information, visit www.chesterfieldarts.org



City Sculptures

Chesterfield already has an impressive collection of outdoor art, including "The Awakening," a portion of which is depicted below.



Chesterfield – say cheese!

How do you see Chesterfield? 25th Anniversary photo contest is underway

As part of its 25th Anniversary celebration, the City is hosting a photo contest for residents. Throughout the year, submit any photos taken at any of our community events, concerts, sporting events, subdivision events or just scenery around Chesterfield.

E-mail the photos to: photocontest@chesterfield.mo.us and include your name, phone number, and a description of

where the photo was taken.

Entries will be accepted through Sept. 20 and will be on display through Oct. 31 at Chesterfield Mall, where patrons can vote for their favorites. The top three winners will be featured in the December issue of The Citizen newsletter and online, as well as receive prize baskets from the City.

Let's see Chesterfield through your eyes!

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EARTH DAY ENVIRONMENT



Receiving the Green Team Award from the Chesterfield Home Depot are Pro Desk Supervisor Bill Baldwin (orange apron left) and Manager John Marshall (orange apron right). They are joined by Citizens Committee for the Environment members (from left) Su Ghosh, Debbie Harrison, Donna Pecherski, Ken Denson, and Darcy Capstick.

Home Depot honored by CCE for recycling efforts

Home Depot's color may be orange, but Chesterfield has declared the Chesterfield store green.

At the Feb. 20 City Council meeting, the Citizens Committee for the Environment presented Chesterfield's Home Depot with a Green Team award. John Marshall, Store Manager and Bill Baldwin, Pro Desk Supervisor attended and accepted the honor.

Home Depot has participated in numerous Earth Day and Recycles Day events, collecting CFL and fluorescent light bulbs plus tool battery packs for recycling.

Recipients of the "Green Team" emblem from the CCE are distinguished in their outstanding or innovative environmental efforts. They have educated and facilitated change by

encouraging the reduction, reuse or recycling of solid waste materials destined for landfills and/or helped enhance native/natural world conservation.

Home Depot is the 53rd recipient of this award from the Committee.

The Citizens Committee for the Environment is a volunteer committee of the City of Chesterfield and has been in existence for 23 years.

Household Hazardous Waste Center

St. Louis County is putting the finishing touches on its new Household Hazardous Waste collection center. In the next Chesterfield Citizen, look for more information about when and where to dispose of household chemicals and paint.

Area food banks will benefit from items donated by public at Earth Day in April

Operation Food Search is a new partner for Chesterfield's Earth Day Festival.

Operation Food Search is a St. Louis-area food bank that fights hunger by collecting and distributing food and personal care items – free of charge – to those in need throughout the bi-state region. It also provides nutrition education programs, an innovative weekend backpack program, and environmentally friendly green initiatives.

Each month, the agency distributes more than 2 million pounds of food and necessities to 230 food pantries and shelters, including



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Circle of Concern, enabling them to feed 150,000 people each month, including more than 50,000 children.

Here's what's needed

Look for the Operation Food Search collection truck outside the Chesterfield Amphitheater along Veterans' Place Drive during the Earth Day Festival and donate these most-needed items:

Food

- Canned Meats & Fish
- Canned Vegetables
- Oatmeal Packets
- Canned Fruit (in Juice)
- Canned Chili & Ravioli
- Whole Grain Pasta/Brown Rice

Other supplies

- Deodorant
- Toothpaste/Toothbrushes
- Diapers/Baby Wipes
- Feminine Hygiene Items
- Bath Soap/Shampoo
- Adult Incontinence Items

Electronics recycler also will collect clothing and toys on last Saturday of the month

Web Innovation & Technology Services, Inc. (WITS), a not-for-profit organization, continues collecting electronic items for recycling on the last Saturday of each month. But now, WITS also collects clothes, shoes, toys and baby items to donate to families in need.

The collection site is located at the east end of the Chesterfield Valley Athletic Complex on the parking lot of the Parks Administrative & Maintenance Facility at 17891 N. Outer 40. Items can be dropped off from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

No fees are charged, however, donations to cover handling expenses are appreciated.

Accepted items:

- Clothing & shoes of all sizes, toys and baby items
- Computers, laptops, monitors, printers, cables and peripherals (keyboards, etc.)
- Networking equipment, telecommunications, phones, clocks, etc.
- TVs, VCRs, stereos and audio/video/satellite/cable equipment
- Home electronics, blenders, toasters, etc.
- ALL White Goods: washers, dryers, dishwashers, furnaces and A/C equipment
- Electrical, cabling, and communication machinery and equipment
- Lawn equipment, tools, old mowers, tillers, etc.
- Old motors, transformers, and all electrical equipment
- Car and lead-containing batteries
- CDs, VHS, DVDs, cassettes, DAT, and all types of software

Do not bring: Paint, tires, chemicals, hazardous and wood products will be not be accepted.

Businesses and residents can also request a low-cost pick up service. All donations are tax deductible.

For more information call 314.382.1650 or visit:

www.witsinc.org



Earth Day recycling opportunities

Nearly anything can be recycled at our drive-thru recycling event held in the Aquatic Center parking lot at 16365 Lydia Hill Drive from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Items that will be collected at no charge are listed at right:

Earth Day Stage Schedule

At Chesterfield Amphitheater:

- 9 a.m.** – Opening Ceremony, Tree City USA Award Presentation & Stellar Green Youth Team Recognition
- 9:30** – Dance Performance by Soorya Dance Company – combines Indian classical movements with modern dance forms for a fusion of eastern and western styles.
- 10** – Petropolis Dog Tricks and Enrichment
- 10:30** – Recycled Sounds: Chesterfield's version of Stomp, an interactive event for kids ages 5-17.
- 11:30** – Music by the Woo Daddies
- Noon** – Winners of Science Fair Announced
- 12:15 p.m.** – Music continues by the WooDaddies
- 1:00** – Serengeti Steve – Reptile Education Show

Audubon Society partners with Environmental Committee

In an effort to create greater appreciation for the St. Louis Audubon Society, the Chesterfield Citizens Committee for the Environment recently created a partnership to promote awareness.

The St. Louis Audubon Society was established in 1916 as the St. Louis Bird Club, and in 1944, the Bird Club became the first

local Audubon chapter in the United States. Today, the chapter includes nearly 3,000 members from eleven counties in Missouri and Illinois plus the City of St. Louis. The aims of the St. Louis Audubon Society are to:

- Conserve native plants, animals, and their habitats.
- Understand the environmental interrelationships of man with natural resources, including abiotic resources such as soil, air and water.
- Promote and support the protection and conservation of our local, regional, and global natural systems.
- Support conservation and environmental research.

The St. Louis Audubon Society maintains an active calendar of events, including birding trips, meetings and special events. If you are interested in finding out more about joining, call 636.599.7390 or visit

www.stlouisaudubon.org.

EARTH DAY ENVIRONMENT

Recyclables

- All single stream items such as newspaper, glass, and plastics by Allied Waste
- CFL & fluorescent light bulbs & tool pack batteries by Home Depot
- Electronics (TVs, computers, small appliances & garden equipment) by MRC Recycling
- Used clothing, linens, & paired shoes by Remains, Inc.
- Shredding of confidential documents by CINTAS (5-box limit)
- Buttons, beads, board games & children's books by St. Louis Teachers Recycle Center
- New and used building materials by Habitat for Humanity's ReStore program. See habitatstl.org
- Unwanted/expired over-the-counter & prescription drugs by Chesterfield Police & Chesterfield Alliance for Positive Youth



Need help getting there?

Many options are available to assist older adults with transportation

By Bonnie Solomon & Karen Bono
Chesterfield Older Adult Task Force

As we grow older, transportation can become a major challenge and yet vital for maintaining the quality of life and independence of our older adults and their caregivers. The following is a sampling of transportation assistance options for Chesterfield residents. Their services, eligibility criteria, fees, capabilities, types and scope of routes & hours of operation are varied. A list of additional resources may be obtained from the Mid-East Area Agency on Aging (MEAAA) at 636.207.0847.

Metro Transit – St. Louis: Curb-to-curb public transportation offered both to the general public and to persons whose disabilities prevent use of regular, accessible, fixed route transit services. For Call-A-Ride – 314.652.3617 and for Call-A-Ride Plus (designed for customers who meet the Americans with Disability Act criteria) – 314.982.1510.

Older Adult Transportation Services (OATS): 314.894.1701

St. Andrew's Senior Solutions:
314.726.5766

St. Andrews Resources for Seniors System and St. Luke's Hospital provide a transportation/escort service for medical, social and family events. A paid personal assistant who is credentialed and background checked accompanies the client at

all times. 314.726.5766.

CORP Neighbors Driving Neighbors: 314.615.4516

The St. Louis County Older Resident Program provides volunteers who've had thorough background checks to transport County residents aged 60+ to and from medical appointments, local stores for essential shopping and other essential locations. There is no charge for the service.

Volunteer drivers needed by county program

Volunteers are being recruited by Neighbor Driving Neighbor, a program of the St. Louis County Department of Human Services' County Older Resident Program (CORP). The program matches volunteers with older adults living nearby and who need rides for medical appointments.

Volunteers use their own cars for

rides that are scheduled in advance and are free of charge for seniors. Orientation and mileage reimbursement, plus other educational and social activities, also are available. To learn more about the Neighbor Driving Neighbor program or other volunteer openings, call CORP at 314.615.4018 or e-mail Patty Gramke at pgramke@stlouisco.com.

Washington U's popular LLI lineup comes to City Hall

One of the first steps the Chesterfield Mayor and City Council are taking in response to the Older Adult Task Force recommendations is a new alliance with the Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI).

At its Clayton location, LLI offers courses that emphasize peer learning and active class participation by senior adults.

Starting April 3, a course on the Dead Sea Scrolls will be taught at Chesterfield City Hall on Wednesday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon for eight weeks. The course will be facilitated by Sheldon Enger and focus on the collection of ancient documents discovered in caves near the Dead Sea.

The Dead Sea Scrolls contain not only the earliest known texts of the Jewish Bible ("Old Testament"), but Jewish texts from the third century BCE through 68 CE. In this course, participants will discuss the more significant insights gained from publishing the scrolls. (Lecture, discussion, video.) The cost of the 8-week course is \$145.

All LLI courses are peer-taught. Courses are not for credit, and there are no exams or grades.



Ruth Hyman and Marian Steen at the Lifelong Learning Institute.

A listing of all the courses is online at: www.lli.wustl.edu. There are offerings in art and architecture, contemporary issues, creative writing, economics, film studies, history, literature, math/science/technology, music, and philosophy. Knowledgeable members plan, develop, and present the courses. When you enroll in a course, you become a member of LLI and will receive course listings and the LLI newsletter.

For more information and registration, visit the website or call 314.935.4237.

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Classic luxury cars on display at Kemp in May

Kemp Auto Museum's annual spring show highlighting some of the rarest and finely designed automobiles in existence is set for May 19, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

The Concours d'Elegance is an outdoor show with no admission charge. Proceeds from refreshments benefit Ranken Jordan Pediatric Hospital.

More than 70 vehicles are chosen for the show and appear in special and traditional classes. These include Duesenberg, Packard, Ferrari, Mercedes-Benz, Rolls-Royce, and Jaguar, along with lesser known vintages. Emphasis is often placed on auto-



This classic automobile was one of the stars of a previous Concours d'Elegance.

mobiles produced in the late 19th century and beyond, many of which have won prestigious regional and national Concours awards at Pebble Beach in California and Amelia Island in Florida. Some hold a heritage of

celebrity ownership; others stand out for their exceptionally limited production series.

For more information, call 636.537.1718 or visit: www.kempautomuseum.org.

Blue Morphos bask in spotlight at Butterfly House during March

Enjoy the beauty and warmth of a rainforest without ever leaving Chesterfield during the Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House's March Morpho Mania.

Nearly 3,000 Blue Morpho butterflies will be in free-flight inside the 8,000-square-foot tropical conservatory for this annual event. Visitors have an opportunity to see the largest collection of Blue Morpho butterflies in the United States.

In March, the Butterfly House will be open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be activities for children in the newly reno-

vated Lopata Learning Lab, including rainforest-themed crafts and a science station to view butterfly scales through a microscope.

Visitors are welcome to bring hand-held cameras to capture images of the butterflies inside the conservatory.

March Morpho Mania is included with Butterfly House admission of \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors (ages 65 and over) and \$4 for children (ages 3 to 12). Children ages 2 and under and Missouri Botanical Garden members are free. For more information, call 636.530.0076



Junior Achievement sets summer-camp schedule for kids 8-12

Imagine getting paid twice in one day, voting at City Hall, speaking on a live television show, being the mayor or renting a cell phone for the day – as a kid.

Junior Achievement of Greater St. Louis (JASTL) is offering three summer sessions for 8- to 13-year-olds to do all of this and more during the weeks of June 10-14, June 17-21 and June 24-28 at JA BizTown, located in the Chesterfield Valley at 17339 North Outer 40.

The Donald O. Schnuck JA BizTown is a mini-city in which kids discover how the real world works.

Kids become JA BizTown citizens where they work in one of 17 businesses, make financial decisions, pay taxes, and donate to charity.

During the 2012-13 school year, nearly 100,000 Missouri and southwest Illinois students will take specially designed, in-class lessons before spending a day at JA BizTown. For the summer sessions, as many as 200 children will jump right in at JA BizTown, adopting roles as producers and consumers in the simulated economy.

Ages 8-9: JA Biz Wizards Camp is June 10-14 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Campers will learn how to start

and run a business.

Ages 10-12: JA BizTown Camp is June 17-21 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Campers will learn how to figure business expenses, operate a business, manage savings and checking accounts, become responsible consumers, operate JA BizTown, and more!

Ages 11-13: The final session is the JA Young Entrepreneurs Camp from June 24-28 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Campers will run JA BizTown, develop a business plan and become an entrepreneur.

For more information or to register for any of the summer camp sessions, call 636.728.0707 or visit www.jastl.org.

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Performers from the younger side of the Academy put their acting skills on display.

STAGES opens doors to budding young actors

STAGES ST. LOUIS offers opportunities for budding thespians to sample theater skills.

At the STAGES Performing Arts Academy, the mission is to inspire passion, creativity and curiosity within students. Through fun, hands-on classes, students gain quality professional training in the musical theatre arts while developing confidence and life skills.

With classes in acting, dancing, and singing for ages pre-school through high school, students have the ability to grow and advance their skills. Whether a child is serious

about pursuing the arts or just needs an outlet for creativity, STAGES has something for every age and skill level.

STAGES will offer an eight-week sampler session beginning March 4, as well as special Spring Break camps March 18-22. These sampler sessions and camps offer students the opportunity to participate in shorter classes while still receiving the same quality training as the full-year programs. Special themed classes for pre-school students encompass popular characters from movies, books, and theater.

STAGES Performing Arts Academy accepts students at any experience level and welcomes new and continuing students.

Eight-week sampler classes begin March 4. Fees are \$155-\$175, and scholarships are available for all classes.

One-week Spring Break camps run March 18-22. Each camp is \$100 for the week.

For more information and to register, visit www.stagesstlouis.org or call the Academy at 636.449.5775. Classes are held at 444 Chesterfield Center.

2013 STAGES Schedule

May 31-June 30
Always ... Patsy Cline

June 19 – June 30
Disney's Cinderella
(Theatre for Young Audiences)

July 19 – Aug. 18
Legally Blonde, The Musical

Sept. 6 – Oct. 6
My Fair Lady

STAGES sets schedule for 27th season

The friendship of a country music legend and a Texas housewife is inspiration for the musical which will kick off STAGES ST. LOUIS' 27th season.

Told through the heartfelt and hilarious memories of housewife Louise Seger, "Always ... Patsy Cline," focuses on the fateful evening at Houston's Esquire Ballroom when Louise hears of the singer's passing at age 30. Combining down home country humor, unbridled heartache and 27 of Cline's unforgettable hits such as "Crazy," "Walking After Midnight," and "Sweet Dreams," this show is a piece of genuine Americana.

Subscriptions begin at \$99. Single-show tickets, which go on sale April 8, range from \$20-\$55.

Shows are in the, 376-seat Robert

G. Reim Theatre at the Kirkwood Civic Center, 111 South Geyer Road. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 314.821.2407 or visit www.stagesstlouis.org.

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Where Musical Theatre Comes Alive!

STAGES moves Academy, headquarters to new location

STAGES ST. LOUIS will permanently establish its Performing Arts Academy and Administrative Center in the former Kol Am Building on Chesterfield Parkway East.

The new facility is projected to open this spring and will house 30 full-time staff and 40 part-time instructors. The building will include three dance studios, two acting studios, two voice studios, a multi-purpose student lounge, a welcome center and box office, administrative

offices, and a performance hall with flexible seating to be used for main stage rehearsals, dance classes, and other purposes.

Purchase price is \$2.8 million, and Frontenac Bank, the seller, is making a \$100,000 gift to STAGES as part of the transaction. The purchase price plus renovation and related costs total \$4 million. STAGES is conducting a capital campaign to secure full funding for the project, and, to-date, has received pledges of \$2.5 million.

April concert features young competition winners

Three young competition winners are featured in the April concert of the St. Louis Civic Orchestra.

The final spring concert is April 20 at Logan College. In the spotlight will be three winners of the orchestra's Florence Frager Young Artist Competition that recognizes students who have competed in a rigorous audition process to perform with the orchestra.

"This year, we have clarinet, violin and marimba players on the program," orchestra president Larry Levin said. "These performers from around the entire metropolitan area represent some of the best young musicians St. Louis has to offer. To bring them to Logan and Chester-



field is most definitely a plus for the community."

Also on the April program is Howard Hanson's Symphony No. 2, the "Romantic." This piece is one of the standards of American 20th century orchestral repertoire. Its nickname is indicative of the beautiful and lyrical sounds evoked by Hanson.

On May 11, the orchestra returns to the Chesterfield Amphitheater in Central Park for its third pops concert. The Orchestra was part of the inaugural concert at the outdoor venue in 2010 and performed there again last year.

"We are thrilled to have such a great and expanding collaboration with the City of Chesterfield," Levin said. "Having a home city that makes the arts such an integral part of its community outreach is quite special for us."

The outdoor concert in May is free. The April show requires tickets, with information about pricing available by visiting: www.stlouiscivicorchestra.org.

Ex-governor's home – Thornhill – will be spotlighted in May

On Mother's Day weekend, May 11-12, visitors to Faust Park can drive the gravel road behind the Butterfly House for a free tour of the Thornhill estate. The open house runs from 1 to 5 p.m. each day.

Thornhill is the name given to the original home of Missouri's second governor, Frederick Bates, built circa 1819. The restored estate includes the house, detached kitchen, barns, granary, and other buildings, along with a family cemetery.

Guides in period dress provide information and answer questions. Free admission. For more information, visit www.stlouisco.com/faust or call 314.615.8328.

New picnic shelter

Faust Park has a new covered



Guides in period dress help visitors to the Thornhill Estate on Mother's Day weekend.

picnic shelter with a capacity of 150. It is located close to parking, the playground and rest rooms and near the entrance to the Historic Village. The Butterfly House and St. Louis Carousel also are close by. Rental is \$125 per day – for reservations, call 314.615.4386.

Arts and crafts are front and center in juried events at Faust festival

The Faust Fine Arts and Crafts Festival is scheduled May 18-19 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The festival is a juried event featuring a variety of artists and crafters and held in the Historic Village of Faust Park at 15185 Olive Blvd.

Maestros of arts and crafts line the street of the village as well as inside the historic homes. Visitors can stroll the village, enjoy the talent, listen to the music and sip Missouri wine from Edg-Cliff Winery.

Children will have an opportunity to view how various arts and crafts are made, receive face painting, and make a craft. Food will be available for purchase. Admission is \$3.

For more information contact Tonya at 314.615.8482 or toconnell@stlouisco.com.

City Fest

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along Veterans' Place Drive where there will be enjoyable events for kids of all ages, including inflatables, balloon artists, magicians, face painting, food trucks/vendors, entertainment and more!

A Celebration Ceremony will take

place recognizing the formation committee, former mayors, City Councilmembers and 25-year employees of the City on stage at the amphitheater in the early evening.

Local entertainment will begin on stage at the Amphitheater at 4 p.m., and the day will end with a fantastic fireworks display! Search for City Fest on the City Web site for more information.

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10 a.m.-5 p.m.

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Theatre for Kids Series offers production of 'The Frog Prince' in June

Dramatic License Productions is offering a Theatre for Kids Series (T4K) May 31-June 9.

The series features "The Frog Prince," the tale of a Princess, a witch and a princely frog. Children learn the concept of "Don't judge a book by its cover" in this endearing story by Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm, adapted by St. Louisan, Mark Bedell.

T4K (Theatre for Kids) performances are Friday, June 7, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, June 8, at 11 a.m. & 2 p.m.; and Sunday, June 9, at 2 p.m. in the Artropolis wing of the Chesterfield Mall. Single seats are \$12. Tickets for groups of ten and more are \$10. For additional information, www.dramaticlicenseproductions.org or 636.220.7012.



CHESTERFIELD CALENDAR



March

- 4 **City Council**
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 7 **Planning & Public Works Committee**
City Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- 11 **Planning Commission**
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 18 **City Council**
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 21 **Planning & Public Works Committee**
City Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- 25 **Planning Commission**
City Hall, 7 p.m.

April

- 2 **Election Day**

- 8 **Planning Commission**
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 17 **City Council**
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 18 **Planning & Public Works Committee**
City Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- 22 **Planning Commission**
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 27 **Earth Day**
Central Park Amphitheater,
9 a.m.

May

- 6 **City Council**
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 9 **Planning & Public Works Committee**
City Hall, 5:30 p.m.

- 11 **Civic Orchestra**
Central Park Amphitheater, 8 p.m.
- 13 **Planning Commission**
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 20 **City Council**
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 23 **Planning & Public Works Committee**
City Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- 25 **Family Aquatic Center Opens**
Central Park, 10 a.m.
- 27 **City Hall Closed**
Memorial Day Observed
- 29 **Planning Commission**
City Hall, 7 p.m.

Holiday Trash & Recycling

Memorial Day Monday May 27

Monday routes will be picked up on Tuesday, May 28

Tuesday routes will be picked up on Wednesday, May 29

Wednesday routes will be picked up on Thursday, May 30

Thursday routes will be picked up on Friday, May 31

Friday routes will be picked up on Saturday, June 1

