

The Budweiser Taste of St. Louis moves to Chesterfield



Organizers of the Taste of St. Louis and the City of Chesterfield are proud to announce that the region's largest "foodie" event is calling Chesterfield its new home!

The Taste will take place adjacent to the Chesterfield Amphitheater in Central Park and will include the same great award-winning elements patrons have come to expect over Taste of St.

Bluesweek Festival is moving from the City of St. Louis to the Amphitheater. See [Page 16](#) and *Parks Guide* for further details.

Louis' past ten years.

Admission to the festival grounds will remain free to the public and feature over 30 of the area's best restaurants, intense chef competitions and showcases, interactive sponsor activities, the popular Kid City

experience, and a vibrant artist village.

New in 2014, the Taste will feature ticketed celebrity chef showcases, concerts and VIP opportunities within the Amphitheater.

Details soon at www.tastestl.com

Earth Day revolves over to Parkway West High for 23rd edition

Chesterfield's Citizens Committee for the Environment is proud to partner with Parkway Schools in hosting the 23rd Annual Earth Day Festival on April 26! The event will move from Central Park to Parkway West High School, 14653 Clayton Rd. Hours are 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Participants at the new West County Earth Day Festival can enjoy visiting indoors with informational exhibitors and vendors selling up-cycled and recycled arts & crafts items. The giveaways of 500 trees and native plants will continue, as will drive-thru recycling.

Kids can make projects from recycled materials with Chesterfield Arts and "VanGo", the mobile unit of treasures, sponsored by St. Louis Teachers' Recycle Center. Operation Food Search will be collecting food and personal-care items on its Most-Needed List. The 2nd annual Science Fair Competition will host area youths competing in projects that are related to sustaining or improving the environment. Interested students can find the application on the City's web site by searching "science fair." Food trucks and musical entertainment will round out the festive atmosphere.

See [Pages 6-7](#) for more details.



Photo by Dawn DeBlaze

The Chesterfield JazzFest, which included Paul Taylor last year, returns to the Amphitheater in June.

Concerts, special events, fireworks will entertain residents this year – for free!

As the Chesterfield Amphitheater enters its fourth season, it promises to continue delivering quality entertainment for residents at no cost!

This season's lineup includes several popular tribute bands, including the opening concert on June 7 with "Wayman's Revelation," a Steve Perry/Journey tribute band, followed by "Magazine" and "Dogs of Society", which are tributes to Heart and Elton John.

Special events this season include a

performance by the St. Louis Civic Orchestra to open the season on May 10, the West County Talent Bash in May, and the return of Jazz Festival in June.

Chesterfield's popular July 4 event promises to deliver a spectacular fireworks event with entertainment by regional favorite "Vote For Pedro."

See the *Parks Guide* inside for concert dates, more events and other opportunities for fun.

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Mayor's Message

A call to action: speak up for your city's right to a fair share

As the saying goes, spring has sprung, and we are looking forward to another year of recreational activities provided by our outstanding Parks & Recreation Division. Speaking of which, I would like to commend and congratulate our staff for the successful application and award of a \$272,000 grant for development and improvement of our newly acquired "River's Edge Park," located adjacent to the Monarch-Chesterfield Levee Trail, behind the Taubman Prestige Outlets. As a reminder, now is the time to renew your membership in our dog park and secure a plot in our community garden.

Help us help you!

As I contemplate what the most important and timely topic is for this issue of our quarterly newsletter, I would like to reiterate how fortunate and unique Chesterfield is and has become as a community within which to live, recreate and do business. The history of our incorporation, the flood, and the resultant recovery/development is truly remarkable and mind-boggling to me.

In spite of our successes, we face a huge challenge which has to do with the redistribution of our sales taxes throughout St. Louis County. As I described and outlined in the December newsletter, the current sales tax system mandates that Chesterfield receives only 6.5% of sales tax dollars generated within our community from the

WE CURRENTLY PROJECT THAT WE WILL LOSE APPROXIMATELY 57% OF THE TAXES WE GENERATE WITHIN CHESTERFIELD TO THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY SALES TAX POOL FOR REDISTRIBUTION TO THE COUNTY AND OTHER CITIES.

recently opened outlet malls. This paltry and unfair distribution is not nearly enough revenue to pay for the additional expenses that our City has incurred.

In a more conventional and traditional system, which, by the way, is currently enjoyed by many other cities in St. Louis County and ALL cities throughout the rest of Missouri, our City would receive 100% of this additional tax revenue. Therefore, we are asking for help from our state legislators to fix this unfair, outdated tax system. For your information, we currently project that we will lose approximately 57% of the taxes we generate within Chesterfield to the St. Louis County Sales Tax Pool for redistribution to the county and other cities.

I am asking a favor of each resident and business owner in Chesterfield. That favor is to write a letter, send an e-mail or make a phone call THANKING our state representatives and state senators for their consideration and assistance in fixing this problem with the St. Louis County "Pool" tax. Your participation is extremely timely, because this legislative session concludes in mid-May. If a large number of Chesterfield residents show their concern regarding this issue, it will assist those legislators committed to helping us solve this problem.

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CHESTERFIELD

Municipal Election • April 8

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Letters, phone calls can stem
plundering of City's tax base

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The address for each legislator is their name, followed by their room number, at 201 West Capitol Avenue, Jefferson City, MO 65101. Their e-mail addresses are first.last.name@house.mo.gov or first.last.name@senate.mo.gov. Thanks to the last re-districting, Chesterfield is now crisscrossed by no fewer than SIX State Representative districts and THREE State Senate districts.

As a result, I would suggest that you contact, and thank for their consideration, EACH of the area's legislators listed in the chart to the right. For those of you with email, the task is quickly accomplished by copying and pasting your message for each person. See "shortcut" at top right of the chart.

I realize this is an unusual request, but I think it is worthy of your time and consideration. Many years ago, the Missouri state legislature created this outdated and antiquated tax system and applied it only to St. Louis County cities. Accordingly, it will require today's state legislators to fix it. This is the reason I am asking for your help, in order that Chesterfield can receive a more fair distribution of the tax dollars which are currently generated within our City. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact one of your City

How to contact legislators representing Chesterfield

By mail

Legislator's name
Legislator's room number
201 West Capitol Ave.
Jefferson City, MO 65101

By phone

By email

Shortcut

Call up the electronic version of this page at www.chesterfield.mo.us/chesterfield-citizen.html. Click on email address to generate email. You can write one email then copy & paste it for each legislator.

State Representatives

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Councilmembers or me directly. Thank you for your help!

For a more detailed explanation of the disparity of the Sales Tax Pool, please refer to the Mayor's Message in the Chesterfield Citizen from December 2013, which can be

found under the Publications section of our web site:
www.chesterfield.mo.us/chesterfield-citizen.html

Bob Nation

16th Citizens Police Academy set to begin May 12, runs nine weeks

The Chesterfield Police Department is accepting applications for its 16th Citizen's Police Academy.

The program enables participants to learn about various areas of the police operation including patrol procedures, traffic and DWI enforcement, crime scene investigation, and criminal investigations. The program will also include some role-playing activities.

The session will begin on Monday, May 12, and meet once a week for nine weeks from 7-9 p.m.

The academy is open to any person 21 years or older. Classes will meet at the Chesterfield Police Department, 690 Chesterfield Parkway West.

Applications may be picked up at the Chesterfield Police Department or downloaded from the city web site <http://www.chesterfield.mo.us/citizen-police-academy.html>. The deadline for registration is April 21, and class size is limited to 20. For further information, contact Sergeant Steve Rainey at 636.537.3000 or srainey@chesterfield.mo.us.

AARP Smart Driver Course scheduled April 8 at City Hall

The Chesterfield Police Department is proudly continuing its cooperative effort with AARP in providing the AARP Smart Driver Course. This is a four-hour course that teaches valuable defensive driving skills, provides a refresher on the rules of the road, safety strategies and tips for adapting one's driving to compensate for changes that may come with aging. It is taught in a single morning session and does not involve a test. Fees are \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for others.

Course graduates may check with their auto insurance carriers to see if discounts are available for taking this course.

The course will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Chesterfield City Hall. Reservations are required. For further information or to reserve a seat, please contact Officer Paul Powers at 636.537.6769 or via e-mail at ppowers@chesterfield.mo.us.



Safety Town teaches preschoolers the safe way to interact with traffic.

Safety Town registration set for April 16 at City Hall; sessions will begin on June 2

Safety Town is a nationally recognized pre-school safety program which teaches 4, 5 and 6 year-olds about a wide 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.

The program is hosted and staffed by the Chesterfield Police Department in cooperation with the Chesterfield Rotary Club, the Chesterfield Kiwanis and the Parkway School District. The program is conducted for six, two-week sessions during the summer months.

Safety Town is one of the department's most popular programs. In addition to commissioned police officers, the Safety Town staff includes teen counselors from area middle and senior high schools who assist the police officers in leading the program. All Safety Town sessions will be held at Parkway Early Childhood Center at 14605 Clayton Rd. in Ballwin.

Registration preference is given to children who have not previously attended a Safety Town session. Fee for the program is \$10.

Safety Town Sessions

Session 1	June 2-13	10 a.m.-noon
Session 2	June 2-13	1-3 p.m.
Session 3	June 16-27	10 a.m.-noon
Session 4	June 16-27	1-3 p.m.
Session 5	July 7-18	10 a.m.-noon
Session 6	July 7-18	1-3 p.m.

The children receive a Safety Town T-shirt, bicycle helmet and a Safety Town coloring book, which are included in the program fee.

An open registration night for Chesterfield Safety Town will be held on Wednesday, April 16, at 6:30 p.m. at Chesterfield City Hall. Registration forms will be available on the City's website after this date. Applications for each session will be accepted through the Friday before each session begins. If sessions are full, names will be placed on a waiting list.

For further information about Safety Town, please contact Officer Paul Powers at 636.537.3000 or ppowers@chesterfield.mo.us.

With goals accomplished, City Beautification Committee says so long for now

After quarter century of service, group votes to become inactive

Dear fellow citizens,

The Chesterfield Beautification Committee has served the City for the past 25 years as a resource for making recommendations, establishing criteria and having hands-on involvement in numerous projects for the beautification of the City through landscaping.

We evolved from focusing on highway beautification to having more emphasis on projects that involved beautifying, rehabbing, and adding landscaping to the City's public places. Projects included:

- Plantings at Highway 40 & Clarkson Road and the Timberlake Manor interchange
- City limits signs
- Redesign and implementation of median landscaping on the Chesterfield Parkway
- Four garden tours, with proceeds funding replacement of trees on Clarkson Road
- Purchase of colorful iron benches placed along the Chesterfield Parkway
- Assist with container plantings and upkeep at the Chesterfield Amphitheater
- Establishment of an herb garden at Eberwein Park.

We are now faced with the result of our own success, having completed all projects deemed relevant to the City. After 25 years, Chesterfield has grown and prospered and become a much admired and appreciated City. The Beautification Committee's commitment to excellence has left our City with an exceptional landscape plan that will continue to grow and beautify our streets, interchanges, and highways. Through the committee's contribution, City officials and staff recognize the importance of excellence in landscaping

Among the accomplishments of the Beautification Committee is the placement of flowers on the gazebo bridge in Central Park,



The Beautification Committee gathers at one of the iron benches it helped acquire. Front row, from left, Kay Folsum, Maripat Monterubio and Susan Glei. Back Row, from left, Marilyn Donovan, Bob Barnes, Judie Giles, Carol Barnes, Karen Belobrajdic and Tom McCarthy.

and will continue to prioritize exceptional landscaping as an integral part of every project.

The committee members take great pride in the direction we have given the City, and we will always be interested in any projects suggested by the citizens of Chesterfield in the pursuit

of excellence in our landscaping. It has been a pleasure to work for the greater good of Chesterfield.

Sincerely,

The Chesterfield Beautification Committee



Native landscaping program discounted for City residents

From the St. Louis Audubon Society

As the weather warms into spring, many residents begin thinking about landscaping improvements and changes. Using native plants appropriately in your landscapes can be an interesting way to add interest, and it brings benefits beyond aesthetics. Native plants are suited for our climate, improve water quality, and best of all, provide habitat for birds and butterflies.

The City of Chesterfield has partnered with the St. Louis Audubon Society to provide the opportunity to improve habitat for birds within residents' own landscapes at a reduced cost. The Bring Conservation Home Program provides habitat restoration advice at residential yards by Habitat Advisors trained in a variety of conservation practices for suburban landscapes. The program fee, currently \$50, has been reduced to \$25 for Chesterfield residents.

The Bring Conservation Home program envisions an ever-growing mosaic of small, private nature sanctuaries for birds, butterflies, and other animals, helping to reverse the population decline of many species and inspire families with nature encounters at home. Habitat Advisors will perform a landscape survey and provide you with a written report detailing simple steps to improve the habitat value. A follow-up visit can be performed upon request, and with



Hummingbirds enjoy red plants, such as this solitary monarda flower.



compliance to the initial recommendations, residents can earn one of three different levels of achievement – silver, gold, or platinum. Once certified, residents have the option of acquiring a yard sign that highlights the accomplishment.

“Stepping beyond our traditional landscapes of turf grass and ornamental plants can be challenging even for a seasoned gardener,” said Mitch Leachman, St. Louis Audubon Society Executive Director. “The rewards, however, are amazing and can include Monarch butterfly and songbird migration, pollination, predation, and even courtship behavior – all courtesy of native plants in your own landscape.”

Interested residents should apply with the St. Louis Audubon Society at www.stlouisaudubon.org/BCH/. After receipt of application, the resident will be contacted to schedule a visit by a habitat technician.

For other questions or interest in non-residential property types, including commercial sites, please contact Mitch Leachman at mitch@stlouisaudubon.org.

City gardening contest will reward the creation of natural habitats

As a homeowner, you can qualify for Chesterfield's Family Gardening Grow-Off by creating a new garden that helps restore habitat for pollinators, birds, & butterflies! Gardens can be planted in any part of your yard, but they must be planted and maintained by the homeowners, rather than a professional service.

This competition begins on March 13 and runs

through March 13, 2015, allowing a year for the garden to mature or for those planting fall gardens to join in. Participants can compete in large- and small-garden categories to win a variety of prizes, including a membership to the Missouri Botanical Garden and gift certificates to local nurseries. After being evaluated by the City's arborist, the winners will be announced in October 2015 and recognized at a City Council meeting.

Applicants who apply at the 23rd annual Earth Day Festival on April 26 will receive a Native Gardening starter kit consisting of five native plants from Grow Native plus planting and other educational information. Supplies are limited to the first 12 applicants.

Search for “Gardening Grow-Off on the City's web site for an application or call 636.537.4000 for more info.

Monthly electronics recycling returns on fourth Saturdays

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

Other items collected include all sizes of reusable clothes, shoes, toys and baby items that will be donated to families in need.

The e-cycling collection site will be located at east end of the Chesterfield Valley Athletic Complex, north of the Parks & Recreation Building parking lot at 17891 North Outer 40. Items can be dropped off the fourth Saturday of the month, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be a fee of \$5 for small televisions, \$10 for large, and \$15 for console or larger, with a limit of two per household.

A complete list of acceptable items can be found at www.witsinc.org



Bicycles recycle, and so do home materials along with many other items on Earth Day, April 26.

Items to be collected at 23rd annual Earth Day Festival at Parkway West High

A wide variety of items can be recycled at the drive-thru recycling event to be held on the parking lot of Parkway West High School April 26 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Items that are being collected at no charge include:

- All single-stream items such as newspaper, glass, and plasticsRepublic Services
- CFL light bulbs & tool pack batteriesHome Depot
- Electronics (TVs, computers, small appliances & garden equipment)MRC Recycling
- Used clothing, linens, and paired shoes.....Remains, Inc.
- Shredding of confidential documents (five-box limit)CINTAS
- Buttons, beads, board games & children’s books.....St. Louis Teachers Recycle Center
- New & used building materials, home suppliesHabitat for Humanity ReStore program. See habitatstl.org
- Bicycles St. Louis Bicycle Works
- Over-the-counter & prescription medications..... Chesterfield Police Dept.
- Fabric and sewing notionsCharity Sharity



Hill, Eberwein names live on

By Ann Chrissos and Lynne Johnson
*Chesterfield Historical & Landmarks
 Preservation Commission*

Many of the places and street names in Chesterfield commemorate families who settled here.

Hill

The August Hill family is one example. A shopping center, a housing development, and two streets bear the Hill name. August Hill, Sr. (b. 1814, d. 1890) and his wife, Maria E. Weinrich (b. 1823, d. ?) arrived in the Chesterfield area of Bellefontaine around 1837. They purchased farmland along Olive and Clarkson roads for \$18,000 from a man named Humphreys and hired Otto Nelkier to build their house. Chesterfield Mall now occupies this site. The area along Olive/Clarkson Roads became known as Hilltown in honor of August Hill, Sr., and today a shopping center on Olive Boulevard bears the name Hilltown Village. August and Maria had three children – Ernst, Mary and Augusta. In 1888, Ernst married Mary Woerther, and they also had three children – August E., Ernst V., and George E.

August E. (d. 1971) and his wife Lydia (d. 1963) continued to live on his grandfather August's property called Orchard Hill Farm. While August farmed, Lydia taught school at Melrose, Bellefontaine, and Fern Ridge schools. Since Lydia's teaching positions left her husband in need of help, Donald Karl, a teenager who lived with the Hills, took over feeding chickens, milking cows, trimming fruit trees, and performing various other chores. During the summers, Lydia sold peaches from a roadside stand near their house. Today, you can find August Hill Road off Baxter Road, Lydia Hill Drive off Chesterfield Parkway West, and August Hill, a development of attached homes, on Conway Road.

Eberwein

Have you been to the City of Chesterfield's



Ernest and Mary Hill (center) with sons (from left) Ernest, George, and August Jr., plus their dog, Romeo.
 Courtesy of Sachs Properties

Eberwein Dog Park? It occupies the site of the former Eberwein Farm on Old Baxter Road, south of Clarkson. You can still see the original red farm barn at the dog park. In 1878, that farm covered 427 acres south of the present I-64 between Schoettler and Baxter roads.

Henry Zacharias Eberwein arrived by ship in New Orleans from Gottingen Prewsen, Germany, in 1835 and bought his farm property the same year. He built his second farmhouse in the 1850s and lived there until his death in 1888. That house still stands on Old Baxter Road, across from the dog park. The youngest of Henry's sons, Ernst Eberwein (b. 1852, d. 1939), built the 1895 white farmhouse, which, with the remaining barn, was purchased by the City of Chesterfield for a park in 2009.

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*August Hill Jr. and wife Lydia
 by their market truck
 on Orchard Hill Farm.*

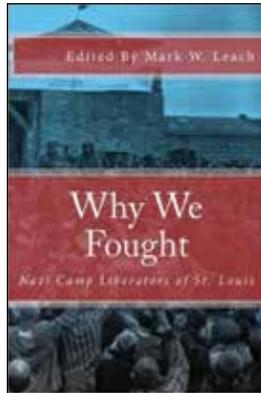


Courtesy of Sachs Properties

New WWII book raises funds for Chesterfield's Honor Park

Proceeds from a book about area residents' experiences in WWII will go to the construction of Chesterfield's Honor Park.

Why We Fought – Nazi Camp Liberators of St. Louis, edited by Chesterfield resident Mark W. Leach, features accounts by locals involved in WWII: 5 Holocaust survivors, 7 POWs, and 27 Nazi camp liberators. Revenue from books purchased at Chesterfield City Hall will go to build the proposed park, which is to be constructed in Central Park near the entrance to the Amphitheater to honor those who served in this country's armed forces.



A statement from the book's back cover sets the stage: "The victorious spring of 1945 unexpectedly brought two vastly different groups together in the midst of battle. One group was made up of soldiers from the most powerful and affluent nation in the world. The other was Hitler's 'undesirables,' mostly impoverished people who'd been born and raised under persecution and oppression. On the surface, the two groups couldn't have been more different. In reality, they had a great deal in common. Both had been torn away from their lives and dreams by powerful forces beyond their control. Both had suffered their own versions of hell, complex mixtures of horrors, lost lives, and noble acts of bravery and sacrifice. The soldiers rarely talk about the war. Yet as some people have begun to deny the horrors of the Holocaust, the liberators of St. Louis have come forward to set the record straight. This is their story."

Several of the people featured in the book have

ties to Chesterfield. Holocaust survivor Ben Fainer lives in Creve Coeur but for a number of years owned a business in Chesterfield's Hog Hollow area. Long time Chesterfield resident Frank Huelskoetter was captured during the Battle of the Bulge and spent the remainder of the war as a prisoner in Germany. Lastly, David Lupo, who was among the soldiers who first opened the gates of Dachau, also resides in Chesterfield. A chapter devoted to how German and Italian prisoners were treated at camps in the St. Louis area, including the camps that existed in the Chesterfield Valley, stands in stark contrast to the horrendous treatment of prisoners held in Nazi camps.

Huelskoetter says this of his capture: "So after the Germans got us all lined up, they march us down the road. There was a road leading out of the town, and they march us down the road, maybe, a quarter of a mile and then stop us, and tell us to stand off to the left in the field, there. And then a German truck came up, and we thought, 'Oh, they're going to take us somewhere now.' But, instead they unloaded machine guns. And they set up the machine guns on the road facing us as we were standing in the field, there. And at this point, why, I figured, 'They're going to shoot us. And this is the end of the war and the end of me, too.'"

More history

Books on Chesterfield's history can be purchased at City Hall. They include *Chesterfield's Ancient Past* (paperback) for \$15 and *Chesterfield Missouri, From Untamed Wilderness to Thriving Municipality* (hardback) for \$25.

Residents can volunteer to help preserve Chesterfield heritage

Would you like to get involved with identifying and preserving Chesterfield's heritage? The Chesterfield Historic and Landmark Preservation Committee (CHLPC) is looking for volunteers to help with several projects or to participate on the committee.

CHLPC would like input on buildings or areas in Chesterfield which you consider historic or

significant because of architecture, important events occurring there, or being irreplaceable. We also would like help in compiling and distributing the 2015 Chesterfield historic calendar and other CHLPC publications.

Please email the Chairperson, Lynne Johnson at doscielo@AOL.com with your ideas or for more information about the CHLPC.



Courtesy of Dorothy Hill

Ernest Hill and Mary Woerther on their wedding day, April 26, 1888.

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Ernst married Estella Kummer, and they raised their four children on the farm. The Eberwein children went to the one-room Bellefontaine School on Conway Road in Chesterfield, currently the August Hill gated development. Since I-64/US 40 had not yet been constructed, it would have been easy for the kids to run from the Eberwein Farm across the valley to the school on Conway. Where did the family shop? Their groceries came from Rinkel's Market where Charlie Gitto's Restaurant is now. There were no department stores or malls so everything else came from either Sears or Montgomery Ward catalogs.

Sources

Donald Karl, interviewed by Jane Durrell and Arland Stemme in May 1991.
Kathleen Collins, Sachs Properties, Inc., & Dorothy Steiner Hill provided additional information from picture captions.
Nolene Eberwein, interviewed by Marcella Mertz in January 2001.

Volunteers sought to teach computer skills to older adults

Age Smart. Age Well. is seeking volunteers knowledgeable in computer technology to teach computer education classes to participants age 50 and older.

Volunteers will help small groups of participants understand how to use smart phones, social media, SKYPE, Picasa and Photolmpact. The classes are hosted at different locations in St. Louis County, and scheduling is done with a priority on the convenience of the volunteer instructors.

Age Smart. Age Well. is a program run by the St. Louis County Older Resident Programs (CORP). Since 1975, CORP has helped older adults maintain a meaningful, independent lifestyle in their communities through a network of volunteers. Call 314.615.4435 or email: kchristanell@stlouisco.com for more information or to volunteer.



Classes on sonnets, writing comprise spring offerings of Lifelong Learning

Great Poems in Small Packages: Sonnets

Chesterfield City Hall

Wednesdays: April 2-May 21, 10 a.m.-noon

Facilitator: Ben Sandler

Class size is limited to 25.

This is a course for people who like poetry as well as those who want to like it but don't get it, or who don't like it but think they should. It is also an introduction to the sonnet, only 14 lines but the English language's oldest and most versatile form. Within the sonnet form, the class will range far and wide, from Shakespeare to Millay, to Owen and Nemerov and Billy Collins, from cats to crocodiles, love to lust, sewing machines to supermarkets. The emphasis is on enjoyment. The class will read a sonnet and talk briefly about how it works its magic – its images, ideas, rhythms, sounds – then move on. The touch is light. There isn't emphasis on biographical, social, or historical context. (Supplement of readings to purchase.)



WRITE!

Chesterfield City Hall

Thursdays: April 3-May 22, 1-3 p.m.

Facilitators: Helen Schrader and Dennis Smith
Class size is limited to 12.

Don't keep that story, memoir or poem captive inside your head. Join the WRITE group and bring your ideas and tales to fruition in a creative and non-threatening environment. Each week the class will explore an aspect of writing at which you can try your hand. Participants will be asked to contribute fiction, memoirs, poetry and plays, but they are free to select any genre. One class session will be a field trip to a gallery or museum.

Information, registration

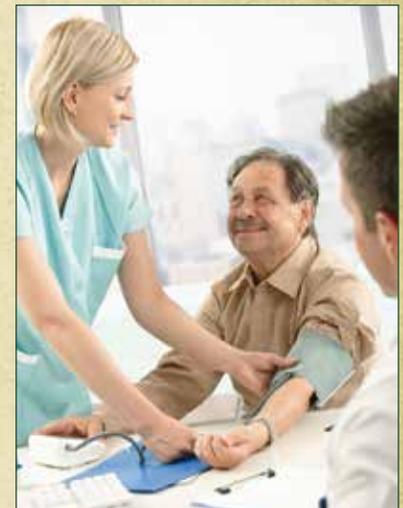
If you would like to learn more about Lifelong Learning or register for the course, please go to www.lli.wustl.edu or call 314.935.4232.

Chesterfield sponsors Senior Sampler April 9

The Chesterfield Older Adult Task Force is planning a Senior Sampler on Wednesday, April 9, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Chesterfield City Hall.

With a theme of "Relax. Refresh. Renew," the free event is for persons 50+ who will be offered sample products, product information, demonstrations and health screenings. Participants also may attend a "Taste of Chesterfield" in the Mosaic Café 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. See if your key will open the Treasure Chest for a great prize!

For more information, call 636.537.6721.



Trash, recycling discounts for seniors 65 years and older

Did you know that those 65 and older can receive a 10% discount on trash and recycling

services in Chesterfield? Just send a document with your proof of age to: Republic Services, 12976 St. Charles Rock Road, Bridgeton, MO 63044.

Construction ahead

City plans improvements to streets and roads

2014 Concrete Slab Replacement

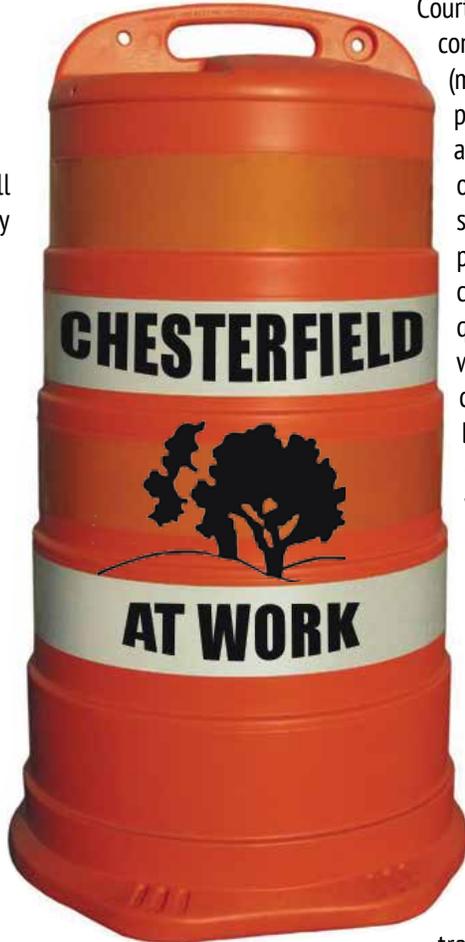
Several residential streets concrete slab replacement projects are expected to be completed this year. Plans call for 35,500 square yards of concrete slabs to be replaced on 14 residential streets. Residents adjacent to the planned replacement areas, along with subdivision trustees, will receive project notification by mail. The streets scheduled for slab replacement are:

Autumn Glen Court
Brook Hill Drive
Brook Hill Manor Court
Cedar Creek Road
Chaise Ridge Road
Copper Trail Court
Federal Way
Hidden Oak Road
Logan Hill Drive
Seven Gables Court
Sir Jeffrey Court
Sir Ryan Drive
Summer Blossom Lane
Wellington Estates Drive

Slab replacement work is scheduled to begin this spring and will likely extend into the fall. Additional information will be available under the City Projects tab located on the City's website page.

Asphalt Mill and Overlay

The City of Chesterfield is scheduled to mill and overlay the asphalt pavement on Cochero Drive, Toreador Drive, Bentley Place, and Savonne Court. This project will consist of the removal (milling) of the top portion of the asphalt and the construction of a new asphalt riding surface. Mill and overlay projects are generally constructed fairly quickly, and residents who utilize these streets can expect work to begin in June and be completed in only a few weeks.



Ladue Road Reconstruction

In late 2012, the City acquired the maintenance responsibility for Ladue Road, which was previously a County Arterial Roadway. Prior to this transfer, St. Louis County had obtained a federal grant to resurface Ladue Road. After studying the roadway, the City believes that a concrete reconstruction

would be a more appropriate treatment to Ladue Road at this time. Accordingly, the City plans to reconstruct Ladue Road this year utilizing full depth concrete. This project, estimated at \$2,200,000, will be partially funded through a federal grant (\$1,400,000) and through St. Louis County (\$350,000). Plans are still being finalized, but this project will likely be bid in early spring, with construction commencing in late spring. A public meeting was held in November to discuss this project, and more details will be provided to area residents as information becomes available.

Timberlake Manor Bridge Project

The City will reconstruct the Timberlake Manor Bridge later this year. This project will be funded (80%) through a federal grant obtained by city staff. Easement acquisition was recently finalized, and the project should be bid later this winter. Construction should commence this spring and be finished by the fall.

Upcoming Road projects

The City makes every effort to obtain grants when available. Most recently the City used grant funding to overlay Edison Avenue and to reconstruct Appalachian Trail from Olive to Beaver Creek (Phase I). The City has currently secured grant funding for the following projects:

- Appalachian Trail reconstruction from Beaver Creek to White Road (Phase II) – scheduled for construction in 2015
- South Greentrails Drive reconstruction – scheduled for construction in 2016
- Schoettler Road Bridge – scheduled for construction in 2017

A wider Chesterfield Parkway bridge over I-64 will be constructed beginning this spring

The Chesterfield Parkway West bridge over I-64 will be closed for four months this year for construction of a new, larger replacement.

The bridge takes traffic over I-64 near Chesterfield City Hall to the north and

Chesterfield Mall to the south.

The new bridge will increase the number of lanes from five to eight, with eight-foot sidewalks on both sides of the bridge. Construction on the \$6 million project

is scheduled to start this spring and be completed in early fall.

The project is partially funded by RGA, which will open its new headquarters on Chesterfield Parkway West this fall.

Blue Morpho butterflies return to Faust Park

March Morpho Mania

March 1-31- Open every day
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Included with Butterfly House admission. All free for Missouri Botanical Garden members.

March brings a special kind of madness to the Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House –the annual March Morpho Mania. Thousands of breathtaking Blue Morpho butterflies flood the Butterfly House's tropical conservatory.

Native to forests of Central and South America, the Blue Morpho's dazzling, metallic blue is all in the eye of the beholder: their wings are not actually colored blue but are lined with many tiny scales that allow only blue light to escape. And what a sight to behold: thousands of these creatures catching the light in the sunny conservatory.

Despite their opulence, wild Morpho peleides prefer to stay in the forest understory, feeding on fermenting fruit, tree sap, even decomposing animals – keeping their wings folded to avoid catching the eye of would-be predators. But during mating flights, Blue Morphos rise high into the canopy, attracting mates with their iridescent splendor.

Throughout March, visitors will learn about the critical role butterflies play in nature, and how the Butterfly House is involved with butterfly conservation efforts in Costa Rica.

BUGjar Club

Tuesdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

March 4, 11, 18 and 25

April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

May 6, 13, 20, 27

Included with General Admission

Join the Butterfly House's BUGjar Club and learn about butterflies and insects. This drop-in program for young children will highlight a different bug each month. The hour sessions will include a bug-themed book, craft and lessons about insects and the natural world from Butterfly House staff members and



The Blue Morpho retakes center stage in March at the Butterfly House in Faust Park

volunteer docents.

Visit www.butterflyhouse.org for more information.

Blue Morpho Butterfly Pastels Class

March 20 & 26

5 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

\$40 members; \$50 nonmembers (\$15 materials fee). Adults only

Pastels are a fabulous way to capture the beauty of Blue Morpho butterflies on paper. Their vibrant colors are exciting and forgiving to work with. The class will teach basic techniques through material demonstrations as well as individual instruction using mounted Blue Morphos and photographs. Participants will walk through the Butterfly House to see the beauty of Morphos in flight then go into the classroom to create a butterfly of their own. Pastels are supplied.

Little Bugs

March 31, April 7, 14, 21, 28, May 5 (Monday Series)

April 3, 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8 (Thursday Series)
10-11 a.m.

Advanced Registration Required
\$90 members; \$108 nonmembers (price is per series – a total of six classes)

This expanded program debuts in spring and is designed for children 2-4. Each course includes six sessions and offers toddlers and their caregivers the chance to learn more about bugs

and butterflies. Sessions include a craft, story time, snack and a walk through the Butterfly conservatory. When weather permits, nature walks outside will also be included. Children will learn more about animals, practice basic math and literacy skills and connect with nature and their caregivers. For more information and to register for the Little Bugs program, visit www.mobot.org/classes.

Fancy Tea with Mommy and Me

May 3, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Reservations Required

Members: \$10/child and \$8/adult

Nonmembers: \$15/child and \$13/adult

The Butterfly House is feeling fancy and throwing a tea party with tasty treats and delightful drinks. The party will feature fabulous take-home favors, and participants will learn about beautiful and fancy butterflies. Reservations required; space is limited.

Exploring Encaustic Wax Painting

May 12, 5-8 p.m.

\$49 members; \$62 nonmembers (\$20 materials fee)

To register: www.mobot.org/classes

The ancient technique of applying colored wax to canvas is enjoying a resurgence. Using electric irons and metal tools, Rachel Santel will teach participants to use colored waxes to make images of flowers on paper. All materials provided. Designed for adults only.

Faust features free open houses in historic homes

Most visitors to Faust Park have never seen the interior of the historic homes in the park. There's a chance to remedy that this spring in the Historic Homes Open House.

There are three areas with historic homes. The most visible is Faust Historic Village, a collection of homes, barns and other vintage structures that were brought into the park for preservation.

Situated in opposite corners of the park are two original estates. The original Faust family home has been repurposed as part of Webster University School of Music. That leaves what the history staff considers to be the crown jewel of Faust Park – Thornhill. That is the name that Missouri's second governor, Frederick Bates, bestowed on the home he had built, circa 1819. It's now the oldest surviving Missouri governor's home.

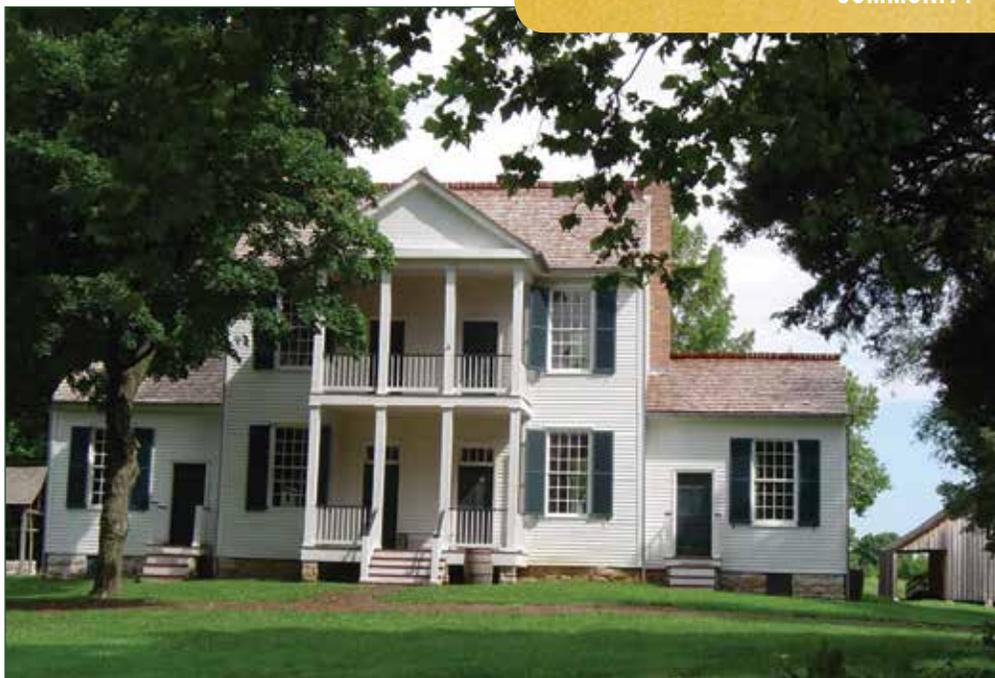
Free open houses are scheduled this spring and summer. Staff and volunteers in period dress will provide information and answer questions. For more information about the historic homes, visit www.stlouisco.com/faust or call 314.615.8328.

New 2014 schedule

Faust Historic Village will be open on March 29 & 30; April 26 & 27; June 21, 22, 28 & 29; July 26 & 27.

Thornhill Estate will be open on May 10, 11, 17 & 18; Aug. 23 & 24

Hours for all dates are 1-5 p.m.



Thornhill, the home of Missouri's second governor, Frederick Bates.



The Davis home (above) and the Conway home (right) are part of Faust's Historic Village. The structures depict life in earlier years and were moved to the park from elsewhere in the Chesterfield area to save them from demolition.



St. Louis Carousel at Faust Park

Play & Ride

On Wednesdays in March, enjoy going back and forth from great activities in the playroom to unlimited rides on the Carousel between 10 a.m. and noon.

This program is for children ages 5 and under. Parents or guardians must stay and assist their child. \$8 per class (includes

armband for attending adult).

Call 314.615.8383 for more information or to purchase advance armbands.

Fun Friday Puppet Shows

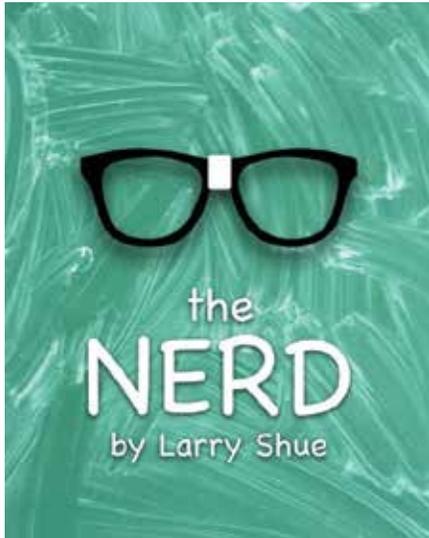
The Carousel hosts a puppet show on Friday mornings at 10 a.m. through March 21. Doors will open at 9:30 a.m. with the show beginning at 10 a.m. All shows are approximately 30 minutes long.

\$6 per person in advance and \$8 per person the day of the performance. Ticket price includes one carousel ride after the show.
Mar 7 – Three Bears
Mar 14 – The Frog Prince
Mar 21 – The Grasshopper & the Ant

Call 314.615.8383 for more information or to purchase advance tickets.

“The Nerd’ launches fifth Dramatic License season

This year marks the fifth season of Dramatic License Productions’ professional theatre, cabaret and educational experiences in its 85-seat black box, Dramatic License Theatre in Chesterfield Mall. 2014 productions include a light-hearted comedy, two Broadway-style musical revues plus a full-length country/rock musical; a ribald comedy and the regional premiere of a fantasy-filled “dramedy.”



Zachary Stefaniak

Larry Shue’s ribald comedy, *The Nerd* (May 1-18) concerns an inappropriate doofus named Rick Steadman who, unannounced, visits his former war-buddy Willum and more than overstays his welcome. The play is directed by St. Louis actor/director John Contini.

Individual and group tickets (\$18-28) are available online at www.DramaticLicenseProductions.org or at the door with a reservation, 636.220.7012.

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For more information, visit:
www.DramaticLicenseProductions.org
or call 636.821.1746



A reprise of “Always ... Patsy Cline” opens April 22 at STAGES in Westport Plaza.

STAGES set for season of musical theatre performance, classes and youth camps

Experience theater at STAGES Performing Arts Academy this spring and summer. Located in the new state-of-the-art Kent Center for Theatre Arts in Chesterfield, STAGES offers the St. Louis region top-quality classes in the musical theatre disciplines of voice, dance, and drama.

Registration is open for musical theatre Spring Break Camps, March 17-22. The week-long classes are offered for preschool through eighth grade and include an array of professional musical theatre training, featuring “Adventures in Wonderland,” “Acting Studio: Hunger Games,” “Musical Theatre: Teen Beach,” and more. Classes are held Monday through Friday at various times.

The Academy also has open registrations for the Spring Quarter Session, March 3-May 3, and Summer Camps, June 9-Aug. 8, for preschool through high school. To register, call

636.449.5775 or visit:
www.stagesstlouis.org.

STAGES has a new look, to complement its continued growth in the Performing Arts Academy and musical theatre productions in Kirkwood. STAGES is now also in Westport Plaza in Maryland Heights.

After a soldout run last June, *Always... Patsy Cline* opens in STAGES’ new home at The Playhouse at Westport Plaza, April 22. Tickets are on sale now, and single tickets to the mainstage season, which includes *They’re Playing Our Song* (May 30-June 29), *Disney’s Sleeping Beauty* (at The Skip Viragh Center for the Arts at Chaminade, June 18-29), *How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying* (July 17-Aug. 18), and *Fiddler On The Roof* (Sept. 5-Oct. 5), go on sale April 7. Call the box office at 314.821.2407 or visit www.stagesstlouis.org

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Young at Art

March 14-April 18, Monday-Friday, 10a.m.-5 p.m.

The Gallery at Chesterfield Arts (444 Chesterfield Center) presents an exhibit of paintings, pottery and sculpture by senior artists Jack Sedwick, Virginia Dragschutz and Stan Gellman. A free opening reception, 6-8 p.m., Friday, March 14 includes the exhibit, food, beverages and discussion with the artists.



The Gallery at Chesterfield Arts will feature the "Young at Art" exhibit March 14-April 18.

WEDNESDAYS AFTER HOURS

Happy Hour

Wednesdays, March 12 & April 9, 5-7 p.m.

Stop by The Gallery at Chesterfield Arts after work and enjoy free drinks and artist demonstrations with regional professional artists. Call 636.519.1955 for more information. No registration required.

Free Family Art Workshops

Wednesdays, March 19 & April 2, 6-8 p.m.

Families can participate in free art activities at The Gallery at Chesterfield Arts and take home their own original piece of art! Call 636.519.1955 for more information. No registration required.

Art Uncorked: Painting Workshop

Wednesday, March 26, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Guests can enjoy adult beverages and hands-on instruction in painting on canvas with professional artist Rachel Santel at The Gallery at Chesterfield Arts. Fee: \$35. Visit www.ChesterfieldArts.org for more information and registration.



Pottery is among the art forms on display at The Gallery at Chesterfield Arts.

Young competition winner will perform movement from Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto April 13

The winner of the Florence Frager Young Artist Competition will be featured in St. Louis Civic Orchestra's concert April 13. Violinist Julia (Gee O) Son will perform the first movement of the Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto. The concert is at 3 p.m. at the Purser Center at Logan College of Chiropractic.

In addition to the concerto, the orchestra will perform the Prelude to Hansel and Gretel by Engelbert Humperdinck, as well as the Reformation Symphony: Symphony No. 5 in D major/D minor by Felix Mendelssohn.

To close out the season, the orchestra will again open the Chesterfield Amphitheater season on May 10 at 6 p.m. with the annual pops concert. This is a free event under the stars.

More information about upcoming concerts can be found at stlouiscivicorchestra.org. Please join the mailing list to be kept up-to-date with the most recent St. Louis Civic Orchestra news. The orchestra also invites the public to like it on Facebook (facebook.com/StLouisCivicOrchestra) for additional news and updates.





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Bluesweek Festival brings blues, brews and barbecues to Amphitheater Memorial Day weekend!

Enjoy performances by legendary local and national blues artists, delicious BBQ by the same producers as the Wildwood Barbecue Bash, and a wide selection of cold brews from Anheuser-Busch at the Bluesweek Festival May 24-25 at the Chesterfield Amphitheater.

The festival was held last year at the Soldiers Memorial in Downtown St. Louis.

Admission to this year's street festival



outside of the amphitheater is free and offers interactive activities, great food, beverages, music and fun vendors. The headline concerts

will be held inside the amphitheater with general admission tickets starting at \$10 and VIP seats starting at \$25.

The festival supports the building of the National Blues Museum in St. Louis. Make plans now to attend the number one Blues festival in the Midwest – The Bluesweek Festival. For more information, visit www.bluesweek.com.

National speedskating events coming to Iceplex this spring

Sports fans who didn't get their fill watching the Winter Olympics have another chance to witness more action.

The 2014 National Age Group Short Track Speedskating Championship and American Cup Short Track finals will be contested in Chesterfield at the Hardee's Iceplex March 21-23. The two separate competitions run concurrently.

Top speedskaters of all ages will be coming from around the country to compete in the age group competition, while the American Cup finals features the next generation of U.S. Olympic speedskaters. The Missouri Speedskating Association is host of the events, which feature more than 200 skaters competing for three days.

US SPEEDSKATING
2014 NATIONAL AGE GROUP
SHORT TRACK
SPEEDSKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS
AMERICAN CUP FINALS

MARCH 21-23
CHESTERFIELD, MO
Friday 10am-8pm / Saturday 10am-6pm / Sunday 10am-4pm

Holiday trash pickup

May 26 Memorial Day Schedule--all regular pick up days moved one day forward that week with Friday's pick up occurring on Saturday.