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Florence, Duff the Ace of Cakes headline a very tasty weekend

Foodies from throughout region gather at Amphitheater for Taste of St. Louis

The Ultimate Food Experience is finally here in Chesterfield!

Voted St. Louis' Best Food Event by St. Louis Magazine's A-List Readers' Choice Poll, the 10th annual Budweiser Taste of St. Louis will be held Sept. 19, 20 & 21 at the Chesterfield Amphitheater.

Food Network celebrities Tyler Florence and Duff the Ace of Cakes headline the event on the Bud Light Amphitheater stage. The event also features music by Big Head Todd and the Monsters, The Urge, Jeremiah Johnson, Dirty Muggs and That 80's Band. Taste of St. Louis will showcase more than 30 of the region's best restaurants on *Sauce Magazine's* Restaurant Row, the Art & Wine Walk, the Stella Artois Chef Battle Royale, Kid City and much more!



Chesterfield Amphitheater

Friday, Sept. 19
4-10 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 20
11 a.m.-10 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 21
11 a.m.-9 p.m.

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Chesterfield bans sale of e-cigarettes to minors

If you're under 18 and using an e-cigarette in Chesterfield, you are breaking the law.

City Council voted 6-1 last month to ban both the sale and possession of vapor nicotine products to minors.

Vapor products are electronic devices with liquid nicotine that makers claim lack the carcinogens found in tobacco. Usually called e-cigarettes, the products produce



a vapor instead of smoke. However, medical experts point out that while toxins are greatly reduced or eliminated, e-cigarettes deliver nicotine, an addictive substance which may be particularly harmful to minors whose brains are not fully developed.

Recycles Day *18th annual event offers many recycling opportunities*

The America/Missouri/Chesterfield Recycles Day Saturday, Nov. 8, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Central Park parking lot offers the opportunity for residents to responsibly recycle many household items. Items being collected at the free, convenient drive-thru event include:

- All single-stream items such as newspaper, glass, and plastics by Republic Services
- Bicycles by St. Louis Bicycle Works

- CFL light bulbs and tool-pack batteries by Home Depot
- Electronics (TVs, computers, small appliances) by MRC
- Used clothing, linens, and paired shoes by REMAINS, Inc.
- Shredding of confidential documents by CINTAS (five box limit)
- Fabric (clean and folded), yarn, needlework, sewing

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Mayor's Message

Summer winds down as events kick off an exciting autumn

Whew! We are almost through another Missouri summer. As I write this following a wonderful Fourth of July weekend, we still have a handful of concerts and movies scheduled at our amphitheater yet this summer. The most exciting event on the horizon is "Taste of St. Louis" that we will have the privilege of hosting over the weekend of Sept. 19-21.

Sales tax issue has not gone away!

The Missouri State Legislature adjourned on May 16 without any legislation that would benefit our city. Two bills were introduced and assigned to the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives. We were able to testify at a committee hearing in support of one of the two bills. Although compromise was offered by our

side, officials representing St. Louis County as well as its lobbyist were present to derail the proposed legislation. In spite of this, we will continue our efforts.

Although I have discussed the sales tax issue in previous issues of the newsletter, I have never described this angle or snapshot that shines a light on the gross facts of the distribution system. Each of the 57 sales tax pool cities (Chesterfield is a pool city) receives \$127 per capita, while the average of the 33 point-of-sale cities is \$207 per capita. (Point-of-sale cities keep all the sales taxes generated.) Even St. Louis County, which supposedly is watching out for the interests of the pool cities, receives \$136 per capita. These are glaring facts that illustrate a huge discrepancy in the distribution of revenues within St. Louis County.

At this point, we don't know how elections will turn out in the County or State, but I would suggest that everyone take the opportunity to let your State Representative and State Senator know that it is their responsibility to take action to change this outdated and onerous system that is mandated by state statute. Some legislators have remarked that the local leaders need to come up with a solution; however, I believe this is unrealistic as each municipality seeks to serve itself, instead of being receptive to modifications that are based on common sense, rationale and fairness.

I hope you will come out and enjoy the numerous activities we have planned for our residents this fall, and I'll see you on the trails!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Nation". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Subdivision trustee update

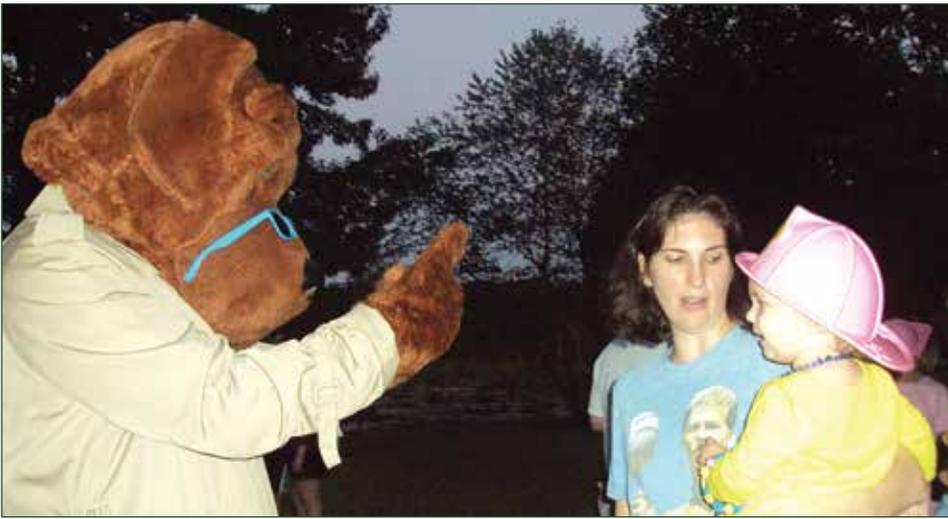
The City of Chesterfield is in the process of updating its comprehensive list of subdivision trustees. The City provides trustees with notices of public hearings and upcoming projects that affect your subdivision. The City will also provide trustees with ordinances and resolutions that have been adopted by City Council, which may be of interest to residents.

Trustee information is public information and is routinely provided, as a public service by the City, to anyone requesting it.

If you are a new Trustee or know of any changes in your subdivision, please download the Trustee Information Form on the City's homepage, at chesterfield.mo.us. Type keyword trustee form in the "search" box and click on the "GO" button, or use the Forms & Permits link and select Administration.

Mail, fax or email the form as directed on the front of the Trustee Information Form.

Please call the Customer Service Center at 636.537.4000 if you would like a Trustee Information Form mailed, emailed or faxed to you.



McGruff the Crime Dog makes a friend on National Night Out in Chesterfield.

Come outside Oct. 7 and help take a bite out of crime

Chesterfield residents are invited to participate in the 31st annual crime prevention event – National Night Out – on Tuesday, Oct. 7.

National Night Out is designed to promote police-community partnerships, crime prevention, and neighborhood unity. The event sends a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting crime. Neighbors often gather with food and games to celebrate the annual event, and the Chesterfield Police Department gives awards



for Best Participation and Best Program.

The event starts at 7 p.m. when citizens are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights, and spend the evening outdoors on porches, lawns, and front steps visiting with neighbors. Chesterfield Police Officers will be visiting residents in many neighborhoods during the event.

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

Hop off the bus, Gus, and walk or bike to school on Oct. 8

Tens of thousands of schools and millions of students, parents, and school staff are expected to participate in fun, healthy Walk to School events this fall. The national “Walk to School Day” is Oct. 8.

Holding a regular, annual Walk/Bike to School Day is a great way to get more people bicycling and walking in the community and help develop civic leaders’ interest and support for

improving bicycle and walking paths.

For a guide and more information for organizing a Walk to School event at your local school, go to <http://mobikefed.org/WTSD>. For further information about “Walk to School” events planned for Chesterfield schools, contact Officer Paul Powers at the Chesterfield Police Department at ppowers@chesterfield.mo.us or 636.537.6769.



Tip a Cop Event on Oct. 11 benefits Special Olympics

Tip-a Cop is scheduled for Oct. 11 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Red Robin Restaurant in Chesterfield. In conjunction with the Special Olympics, police officers volunteer as servers and encourage patrons to “tip” by donating to Special Olympics.

Prescription Drug Take Back event planned for this fall

The Citizens Alliance for Positive Youth (CAPY), in partnership with the Chesterfield Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), will sponsor another Prescription Drug Take Back Event Sept. 27 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Prescription and over-the-counter drugs are being used by teens and youth at parties or for experimentation. Even over-the-counter drugs can have unexpected and adverse health effects. The collection event helps avoid the improper use or abuse of these drugs and keeps them out of the watershed, allowing for a safe and proper disposal.

The event will be held at Chesterfield City Hall.

Please visit chesterfield.mo.us for event details in the near future or call 636.537.4000.

Warner’s Winter Warm Up

The City of Chesterfield will once again be participating in “Warner’s Winter Warm Up” sponsored by the Kurt Warner Foundation.

This event, founded by former Rams quarterback Kurt Warner and wife Brenda, allows residents to donate gently used coats that are later given to individuals in need.

Collection containers for the coats will be set up in the lobby of City Hall during the event, which runs Nov. 1-14.

Chesterfield approves contract extension with Republic Services for solid waste removal



The Chesterfield City Council recently approved a seven-year contract extension with Republic Services, which will be in effect until July 31, 2021.

As a result of negotiations by the City, the current rate, of \$13.51/month, which has been in effect since August 2012, will not increase until August 2015. The rate will then increase only 1.5% annually, with the last increase occurring on August 1, 2019.

That rate will remain in effect through July 2021. The result of the City's efforts will be a cost increase of only \$1.07, or less than one percent per year, for nine years. This contract extension enables residents to continue to receive quality services from a contractor committed to its partnership with our City, at an incredibly low price.

Research has determined that the monthly cost to Chesterfield residents, in 2021, will be almost \$1.00 less than the average cost currently paid by residents in all cities in St. Louis County. Currently, Chesterfield residents' solid waste costs are among the very lowest of all cities in the metropolitan area.

Other provisions that will benefit Chesterfield residents include:

- State-of-the-art automated solid waste collection, utilizing vehicles powered by compressed natural gas, which burns cleaner and quieter than diesel. With this in mind, 65- or 95-gallon garbage containers, on wheels, will be delivered to all customers at no charge in October. Current customers who rent solid waste carts will no longer be billed for this service, effective August 1, 2014.
- Wheeled 65-gallon recycling containers will continue to be provided

to all customers, at no charge. Everyone should already have received a recycling container. If not, please contact Republic Services at 636.947.5959 ASAP.

- A 10% discount will continue to be provided to all Chesterfield residents ages 65 and older.
- Optional yard waste services will NOT increase in cost through August 1, 2015, with rates increasing only 1.5% annually, through July 31, 2020. This optional service will continue to be available, for a minimum of three consecutive months, as determined by each resident.
- Christmas tree, pumpkin and jack-o'-lantern disposal is now included, at no charge.
- Republic Services will purchase, supply and empty trash containers weekly for every current and future bus stop in Chesterfield, at no charge.
- This contract extension includes no automatic escalators, for fuel or labor cost increases, as is common in many communities.
- Collection services at the Amphitheater and CVAC will increase during the months of high usage, at no charge.
- White goods (appliances) will continue to be collected, at a cost of just \$25 per item.

Sign up now if you desire fall leaf and lawn waste disposal from Republic Services

Residents in the City of Chesterfield can dispose of yard waste through the City's solid waste hauler, Republic Services, as detailed below:

- Current charge is \$14.22 per month, with a minimum three-month commitment.
- As part of the new contract, residents who commit to a full year of yard waste services will be charged just \$13.04 per month.

- Yard waste must be placed in 30-gallon paper yard waste bags, designated containers (32 gallons or less) clearly marked "Yard Waste Only", or specific yard waste containers, which can be rented through Republic Services.

- Tree limbs and branches less than six inches in diameter must be tied (with twine, no wire) in bundles, no larger than four feet in length by two feet in diameter. No item may weigh more than 50 pounds.

The Chesterfield Citizens Committee for the Environment continues to encourage all residents to either mulch or compost yard waste. These are the most environmentally friendly options currently available. However, recognizing that these options may not work for some residents, the City negotiated inclusion of the services/pricing listed above.

Please contact Republic Services at 636.947.5959 if/when you wish to initiate the yard waste collection option.

Curbside leaf removal is an expensive undertaking

Chesterfield is known for its lush, tree-lined streets and shady back yards. However, the leaves in the fall aren't quite as enjoyable when it's time to remove them.

A few neighboring cities provide automated leaf collection at the curb in the fall and spring. If Chesterfield were to offer this service, it would cost well in excess of \$1 million annually! This would include converting vehicles with the collection equipment, labor costs, increased fuel and landfill expenses. Other jobs our maintenance workers typically perform would be delayed or forgone, as leaf collection is very labor intensive – even with proper equipment.

The few municipalities which offer this service have taxing structures that provide funding for this service through a property tax or retain all of their sales tax and are not part of the St. Louis County Sales Tax Pool. Conversely, all of the sales tax generated within Chesterfield is captured by the sales tax pool and is shared with St. Louis County and all of the cities in the pool, based on population.

Even though it is a regional shopping destination, Chesterfield loses 55% of retail sales taxes to other communities. Property taxes initiated by the City are extremely low in Chesterfield, with only a dedicated tax of \$.03/\$100 of assessed valuation, which represents less than half of 1% of each property owner's annual property tax bill. Revenues from this property tax are dedicated for debt service on a previous parks bond issue, which is scheduled to be paid off in 2015 and therefore can't be used for anything else. Once this park debt service is retired, the City of Chesterfield will collect no property taxes.

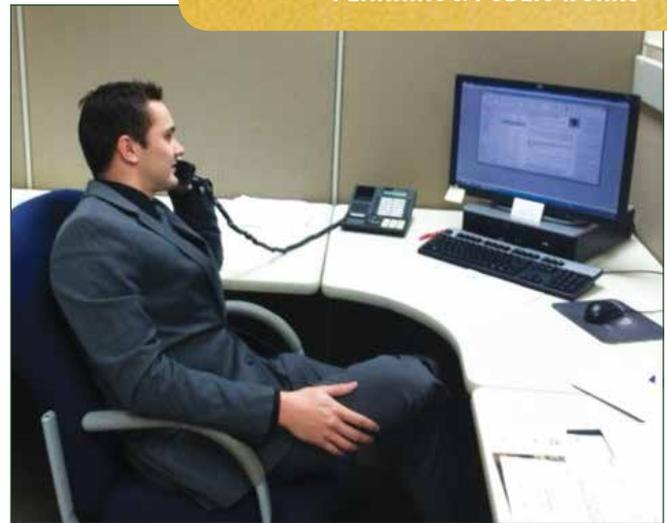
Republic Services, the City's waste hauler, does an excellent job of providing solid waste services to Chesterfield residents and offers the removal of unlimited yard waste, at a reasonable rate. (See story, page 4.)

Residents are encouraged to use mulching mowers to help eliminate the need for leaf removal. Mulching leaves returns nutrients to the soil. Residents who desire a leaf removal and vacuuming are encouraged to contact a lawn care service.

Planner of the Day program provides answers to development questions

Ready to start a new home-remodeling project? Want to know how to get a building permit? Or are you just curious about new construction you see around town? If you answered yes to any of these questions, our Planner of the Day program is here to assist you.

The City of Chesterfield provides a professional planner on staff available to assist you and answer any planning, zoning and development-related questions. The planner can be reached by phone and email – or feel free to come by in person. No appointment is



Aaron Hrenak answers calls as Chesterfield Planner of the Day.

necessary.

Typical concerns include obtaining a building permit, zoning of a particular property, and commercial developments under construction in the City. Last year alone we replied to more than 2,000 requests and questions.

The Planner of the Day is in the office Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m-5 p.m. at City Hall. Calls and emails will be answered the same day, or the following day if research is needed. Contact the planner at 636.537.5733 or pod@chesterfield.mo.us.

RGA buildings, new overpass are nearing completion

The RGA – Reinsurance Group of America – is moving its headquarters to the intersection of Chesterfield Parkway West and I-64, and the project is almost complete. The construction includes two office buildings of approximately 400,000 square feet, plus a parking garage. The buildings are scheduled to



The new Reinsurance Group of America buildings near completion.

open this fall.

Associated with this job is the reconstruction of the Chesterfield Parkway West overpass. This is a \$6 million MoDOT project to expand to eight lanes and improve circulation in the area. The bridge was scheduled for

completion on Aug. 1.

If you have any questions concerning this or any other City project, feel free to contact the City's Planner of the Day at 636.537.5733 or via email at: pod@chesterfield.mo.us.

Holiday Trash Pickup Schedule

LABOR DAY– Monday, Sept. 1

Monday routes picked up on Tuesday, Sept. 2
 Tuesday routes picked up on Wednesday, Sept. 3
 Wednesday routes picked up on Thursday, Sept. 4
 Thursday routes picked up on Friday, Sept. 5
 Friday routes picked up on Saturday, Sept. 6

THANKSGIVING – Thursday, Nov. 27

Thursday routes picked up on Friday, Nov. 28
 Friday routes picked up on Saturday, Nov. 29



Zoe Goff (left) and Lauren Schumacher from CCE Liaison GS Troop 2534 are juniors at Parkway West and earned their Silver Award by working in the Native Butterfly Garden at Eberwein Park.

Volunteers help beautify Eberwein Park with native wildflowers

The MDOC Community Stewardship Team 2014 Competitive Grant bolstered pollinators, plants, produce and people at Eberwein Park.

Several Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, leaders, parents, and Citizens Committee for the Environment members helped City Arborist

Mindy Mohrman plant 100 native wildflowers at the rain garden site at the Eberwein Park entrance this summer in an effort to enhance native plants and flowers among annual flowers. Native plants attract pollinators that help with overall ecology of the park and the pollination of the community gardens nearby.

Fall tips to help reduce the volume of hazardous household waste

Save a trip to the HHW Collection Center next spring, by following these easy tips!

Lawn and Garden

- Properly stored products can be effectively used for many seasons. Read the label for storage requirements.
- If dry material bags are torn, store in another container with a tight-fitting lid. Be sure to keep original labels intact and store container in a cool, dry location.
- If you don't want to store products for later, try to use them up. Missouri Extension advises using products up from mid to late October, and only at the rate that is specified on the bag or bottle. (Do not use fertilizer on Zoysia lawns after August.)

- Like all potentially hazardous household waste, sharing the chemicals with neighbors and community groups is advised for any product you can't use or store properly.

Lawn Mowers

- Toward the end of the mowing season, buy smaller quantities of gas, use it up or give to a neighbor.
- When ready to store a mower for winter, add a fuel stabilizer to leftover fuel or completely drain into a clean safety can.
- Store fuel away from freezing temperatures and sources of heat and flame.
- When mowing season returns, use fuel in a ratio of 1:5 old to new.

Chesterfield Family Gardening Grow-Off goes through March

Join 14 Chesterfield homeowners in 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 a yard and must be planted and maintained by the homeowners, rather than a professional service.

The competition began this spring and runs through March 15, 2015, allowing ample time for the garden to mature or for those planting fall gardens to participate. Participants can compete in large- and small-garden categories to win a variety of prizes, including 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. For more information, call 636.537.4713 or e-mail: jmello@chesterfield.mo.us

Electronics recycling set for 4th Saturday of month

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

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

The e-cycling collection site will be located at the east end of the Chesterfield Valley Athletic Complex on the Parks & Recreation Building parking lot at 17891 North Outer 40 Rd. Items can be dropped off the fourth Saturday of the month through November from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

There is a \$5 fee for small televisions, \$10 for large and \$15 for console or larger, with a limit of two per household. There is no charge for other electronic items.

Consider energy issues in October

October is National Energy Awareness Month, and amid anticipation of costumes and candy, the month offers a chance to talk about the country's energy security and the potential for a clean energy future.

There are numerous opportunities for learning about and joining in this national effort, including weatherizing your home, purchasing energy-efficient appliances and investing in renewable energy solutions. Learn about energy efficiency with Energy Star appliances and products that meet or exceed federal efficiency standards at energystar.gov or review "residential energy efficiency" at ameren.com/sustainability.

At City Hall, elementary and secondary students can check out "Your Blue Planet's GREEN Challenge (elementary or secondary edition) online or at City Hall; a Stellar Green Youth Team opportunity for kids. Conserving and observing energy efficiencies can save money, too.



**ENERGY
AWARENESS
MONTH**



Chesterfield Citizens Committee for the Environment presents Bart Connors from St. Louis Crisis Nursery with comfort bears and blankets made by Charity Sharity.

List of recipients for Comfort Bears, blankets grows

Bart Connors, Board Member of St. Louis Crisis Nursery, recently visited the Citizens Committee for the Environment and received a donation of 100 Comfort Bears and blankets that will be provided to children in stressful situations.

The bears and blankets are made possible by donations of "recycled" fabrics, sewing notions, yarn and other materials, which are collected every Earth Day and Annual Chesterfield/Missouri/America Recycles Event, including the one scheduled Saturday, Nov. 8, in Central Park.

See related article on page 1.

Hand-crafted donations have gone to ...

- St. Luke's Hospital
- Chesterfield Police Department
- Wings of Hope
- Lydia's House
- Girl Scout Troop #2534
- St. Louis Crisis Nursery

Youth in Science winners honored for environmentally related projects in Earth Day competition



Jack Garritano is the winner in the K-5 category. He is the son of Susan (above) and Anthony Garritano.

Students honored by Mayor, City Council

The Chesterfield Citizens Committee for the Environment and Mayor Bob Nation honored two winners following the Science Fair Competition at the 2014 Earth Day Festival.

- Jack Garritano, 10, won the K-5th grade category for his project, "Climbing with the Climate," which studied tulip growth at various temperatures.
- Kelly Maeda, 13, won for her project, "Weed Be Gone," which illustrated the effects of herbicides.

Congratulations to both winners on their spectacular projects!



Kelly Maeda, with parents Patti and Art Maeda, is honored for her first-place finish.



Lafayette Older Adult Program participants enjoy music before an outdoor luncheon.

LOAP offers fellowship opportunities for older adults

Lafayette Older Adult Program

2nd & 4th Mondays, September-May

10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Cost: \$2/per person

Ballwin Golf Course clubhouse

If you are 55 or older and interested in making new friends, hearing great speakers, playing bingo or cards, or going on exciting trips, plan on attending a meeting of the Lafayette Older Adult Program.

Join in the third annual LOAP meeting on Monday, Sept. 22 at 10 a.m. at the Chesterfield Amphitheater. The City of Chesterfield and Delmar Gardens Chesterfield Villas are



providing entertainment, lunch and bingo prizes! To sign up for this meeting or to learn more about LOAP and its regular meetings, call 636.812.9500.

County program screens workers for home repair, yard care



St. Louis County residents who are 60 years or older and need skilled workers to tackle minor home repair and yard work are invited to contact a program offered through St. Louis County's Department of Human Services.

The County Older Resident Programs (CORP) Home Care and Repair program provides the names of skilled workers for a wide range of home repair and maintenance services, plus housecleaning and other chores. All workers are interviewed and subject to reference and police record checks.

There is no charge to obtain the names of these individuals. However, fees for repair and maintenance services (often reduced for senior citizens) are negotiated between the customer and the worker. For additional information, please contact CORP, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. at 314.615.4021.

Expo provides resources for seniors and families

The 2nd Annual West Newsmagazine Better Living Expo will be held on Oct. 12 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Chesterfield DoubleTree Hotel at 16625 Swingley Rd.

The Expo will provide face-to-face opportunities for providers of goods and services to market to families, older adults and Baby Boomers, an affluent and growing market. Seminars, food and entertainment will complement the exhibits.

Admission to the public is free. For additional information, call 636.591.0010 or visit: newsmagazinetwork.com

Sachs branch library offer free classes on computers, movies, other topics of interest

The Samuel C. Sachs branch library in Chesterfield offers many computer classes free of charge each month, but registration is required. The classes fill up quickly, so call 314.994.3300 or go online at slcl.org and look for information in the section for the Sachs branch.

Other special interest classes are often planned, such as free movie programs, talks on a variety of technological devices and issues, craft programs, book discussion groups and more.

Knitting at Sachs

This group meets the second and last Mondays of the month from 7-8:30 p.m. Join the group to knit, crochet or work on other fiber arts. Bring in a project you have already begun, start a new one or share ideas and techniques with experienced knitters. Library staff members can provide assistance for beginners. Participants need to bring their own needles and yarn. All ages are welcome so this could be an intergenerational opportunity. No registration or fee required. The library is at 16400 Burkhardt Pl.

Drivers needed to provide transportation for older adults

The St. Louis County Older Resident Program (CORP) seeks residents with vehicles and willingness to help fellow citizens.

CORP's Neighbor Driving Neighbor program matches volunteers with older adults living nearby and needing rides for medical appointments. Having never learned to drive, or no longer able to do so, many older residents also are unable to access public or even senior transportation and are not able to afford taxis. Family members may live out of town, work full time or have serious health issues that impact their ability to help.

Through the efforts of dedicated volunteers, CORP's Neighbor Driving Neighbor program provides a vital link that enables seniors to stay healthy and remain living independently in the community. Volunteers use their own cars for rides that are scheduled in advance and are free of charge for seniors.



Volunteers sought to provide rides for older adults to medical appointments.

The program offers volunteers flexibility for designating preferred days and hours, as well as geographic areas to which they will drive. Orientation and mileage reimbursement, plus other educational and social activities also are available.

CORP provides many opportunities for helping older adults, utilizing professional skills, plus assisting with administrative activities. To learn more about this and other volunteer openings, contact Kylie Christanell at 314.615.4435 or kchristanell@stlouisco.com.



Course on writing is LLI's featured offering this fall at City Hall

The popular Write! course from the Lifelong Learning Institute is back this fall for a sequel at Chesterfield City Hall.

Facilitator Dennis Smith will oversee the course on Thursdays, Oct. 2-Nov. 20, from 1-3 p.m. The class was a hit last year at City Hall.

The course fosters a non-threatening environment in which participants are encouraged to bring ideas and tales to fruition. Each week the class will explore a different aspect of writing. Participants will be asked to contribute fiction, memoirs, poetry and plays but are free to select any genre.

LLI offers opportunities for people 55 and up and has operated for almost two decades at Washington University. A variety of course topics, including art, literature, history, theater, current events, politics, film, music, writing, science, economics and more, are presented at LLI's headquarters in Clayton on the west campus of the university.

In addition to the Chesterfield offering, LLI plans 38 week-long and seven four-week courses at the home facility. For more information and pricing, call the LLI office at 314.935.4237, or visit lli.wustl.edu.

Taste of St. Louis

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It'll be a weekend of culinary showcases, national food celebrities, outstanding music performances, beer and food sampling. The event schedule appears inside of the Parks & Recreation Fall Guide, included in this edition of the *Citizen*. Visit tastestl.com for ticket information.

Chef Christopher Lee prepares his winning Lobster dish in last year's Chef Battle Royale.



Photo by Todd Owyong

Recycles Day

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tools, notions, and accessories, and sewing machines by Charity Sharity

- New and used building materials and home supplies by Habitat for Humanity's ReStore program. See habitatstl.org
- Buttons, beads, popsicle sticks, pom-poms, Tempera paint, poster paint, crayons, board games and children's books by St. Louis

Teachers Recycle Center

- Expired and/or unused prescriptions and over-the-counter medications by the Chesterfield Police Department

Burkhardt name has been a part of area since 1887

By Ann Chrissos

Chesterfield Historic and Landmark Preservation Committee

The Burkhardt family name has been part of Chesterfield since 1887, and today the name lives on as a street in Chesterfield. The present day Burkhardt Place is off Chesterfield Parkway West, south of Interstate 64. It is part of the address for the Samuel C. Sachs Branch of the St. Louis County Library and the West County YMCA.

The Burkhardt name was originally associated with a tract of land between the railroad tracks and Olive Street Road (the north side of Old Chesterfield Road today). In 1887, Christian Burkhardt purchased 21 acres in the area. He had a plat map laid out for the Burkhardt Subdivision and began selling lots in the 1890s.

Development of the land began with the construction of a general store, which included a post office, saloon and hotel. Christian's son, Edward, who managed the store and served as postmaster, purchased a tract of land across the street from his father's holdings (south side of Old Chesterfield Road) in 1907.

Edward, who had inherited the general store upon his father's death in 1898, sold it in 1912, and two years later, he built the Farmers State Bank of Chesterfield, which included a new post office and telegraph office. In 1918, Edward filed a plat



*Photo courtesy of Donald Hoffman
Farmers State Bank of Chesterfield – remodeled 1999.*

map for Burkhardt Place. He then sold 11 small lots on which modest houses were built. Today, most of these homes are on the National Register of Historic Places along with the restored bank building located at the south corner of Old Chesterfield and Baxter roads.

Christian and Edward Burkhardt were instrumental in creating a town center for the agrarian area of Chesterfield. Their efforts were aided by the location of the railroad station; however, it was their vision and hard work that made the town of Chesterfield a reality. Their contributions were recognized with a street being named Burkhardt Place.

Source

The Chesterfield Historical Commission Book Committee, *Chesterfield Missouri: From Untamed Wilderness to Thriving Municipality*, 2011.

The Chesterfield area is featured in several books and in current and past calendars. These items are available at the Chesterfield City Hall. Speakers on the subjects for adult and youth groups can be arranged by calling 636.537.4000.



*Photo courtesy of Donald Hoffman
Edward Burkhardt and wife Lena standing before The Farmers State Bank of Chesterfield. Edward Burkhardt was the Bank's first president, 1914-1923.*



*Photo courtesy of Chesterfield Historic & Landmark Preservation Committee
The Burkhardt General Store did a lively business back in its day.*

Rombach family turned a farm into a cherished local tradition

By Ann Chrissos

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The Rombach Pumpkin Farm is well known throughout Chesterfield and beyond. Schools as far away as Wentzville schedule fall field trips to the farm.

The farm also hosts corporate and birthday parties. It is open to the public from Sept. 20-Oct. 31, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily for pumpkin purchases, hay rides, the Great Pumpkin Pyramid and a country store. The farm at 18639 Olive Street Road was originally owned by the Boisselier family in 1796 and later by Al Wilmas, sheriff of St. Louis County. The Gumbo Bottoms farm (today Chesterfield Valley) was purchased by Karl Rombach, Sr. in the 1920s.

Karl and his wife, Lena Santo Rombach (married Sept. 22, 1906), had ten children: Karl, Jr. (b. 1910), Marie (b. 1911), Ray (b. 1913), Albert (b. 1915), Bertha (b. 1918), Louise (b. 1919), Emil (b. 1922), Norman (b. 1923), Walter (b. 1924), and Lucy (b. 1925). Karl Sr. planted 150 acres in potatoes, 200 acres in cantaloupes, and 100 acres in sweet corn. In the 1930s, he began selling produce along old Highway 40.

Norman married Rosemary Emma Seeger on Jan. 20, 1950 at the St. John's United Church of Christ in Chesterfield. In 1952, Rosemary took over the operation of the produce



Photos courtesy of Susan Rombach Olendorff.

From left, Roy Niehaus, his father, Elmer Haas, Karl Rombach, Sr. (in truck), Ray Rombach, Karl Rombach, Jr. and Al Rombach. On bed of truck, Walter Rombach, Norman Rombach, Emil Rombach and unidentified man.



Norman Rombach and Rosemary Seeger on their wedding day – Jan. 20, 1950.

stand and created a small pumpkin display. To promote sales, she spoke at schools and

Sources

Marcia Rombach interviewed by Ann Chrissos, June 3, 2014.

The late Norman Rombach and his daughter, Susan Rombach Olendorff, interviewed by Arland Stemme, Feb. 1, 1995.

<http://rombachsfarm.com/>

businesses about the Rombach pumpkins. Her efforts led to a greater demand for pumpkins, which the family was able to satisfy. Norman, who died on July 1 at age 91, and Rosemary had four children: Norman (Chip), Steve, Susan, and Jeff.

For the past eight years, Chip and wife Marcia have been managing the approximately 70-acre pumpkin farm. The rest of the original acreage purchased by Karl, Sr. has been sold, and the other crops have been eliminated. Visiting the Rombach Pumpkin Farm every October has become an annual tradition for many area families.

Historical calendars for sale

The Chesterfield Historic & Landmark Preservation Committee 2015 calendars are now available for purchase.

The calendar features 14 sepia-tone photographs of Chesterfield buildings and sites,

as well as people who helped establish the area we now know as Chesterfield.

The 2015 calendars sell for \$2 each, and 1991-2014 calendars are available for \$1 each. A gift pack of the 10 oldest calendars (1991-2000) sells for \$5.

All calendars are available at the front desk

of City Hall, the Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce, Dierberg's Marketplace, Dierberg's Four Seasons, Old House in Hog Hollow, and Montgomery Bank.

For more information, call City Hall at 636.537.4000.

Faust Park features Feast, Festival, Historic Hayrides

Feast in the Park

Thursday, Sept. 11, 5-8 p.m.

Faust Park is hosting a food truck party, featuring food and live music with 14 operators offering signature menus. Coolers are not allowed during this event. Free entry.

Faust Heritage Festival

Sept. 20-21, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Return to Missouri's roots at Faust Park's Heritage Festival. Features include demonstrations of blacksmithing, pottery firing, woodworking and other traditional crafts. Numerous hands-on activities allow families to take part in the experience and even take home a handcrafted item. Admission includes hayrides, music, children's activities and rides on the St. Louis Carousel. Concessions are available. Call 314.615.8328 or email lritchey@stlouisco.com for historical crafter information. Admission: \$5 per person; \$2 children 4-12; free for children 3 and younger.

History Hayrides at Faust Park

Oct. 10 & 11, 6, 7 or 8 p.m.

Enjoy a hayride around Faust Park at dusk and wander through candlelit historic homes, where refreshments and storytellers await. Warm up with a bonfire and live music. All tickets are sold in advance. Call 314.615.8328 or 314.615.4386. Tickets can also be purchased on www.stlouisco.com/ParksandRecreation/ParkPages/Faust. Admission is \$10.



Patrons flock to the Faust Heritage Festival (above) to see demonstrations of historical techniques, such as (below) traditional spinning.



Faust Park's food truck party is scheduled Sept. 11 from 5-8 p.m.

St. Louis Carousel offers multiple programs, free rides to grandparents

Free Rides on Grandparents Day

Sunday, Sept. 7, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

All grandparents ride the carousel free on Grandparents Day.

Play and Ride

Thursdays, Oct. 2, 16, 30 & Nov. 13
10 a.m.-noon • \$8 a child per class

Enjoy going back and forth from great activities in the playroom to unlimited rides on the Carousel. Play and Ride is tailored for ages 5 and under. Parents or guardians must stay and assist their child with the fun. To register, call 314.615.8345.

Princess Tea Party

Saturday, Sept. 13, 10:30 a.m.-noon
\$15 a child

Little girls dress up as princesses, make



Rides on the St. Louis Carousel in Faust Park are part of many fall programs.

crafts, get pictures taken, have “tea” and ride the carousel. This party is designed for girls ages 4-7 years old. Must pre-register by calling 314.615.8345.

Super Hero Party

Saturday, Sept. 27, 10:30 a.m.-noon
\$15 a child

Superheroes come dressed to this fun-filled party. Each child will make a project, have a

picture taken, eat a snack and have a carousel ride. Must pre-register at 314.615.8345.

Senior Coffee Hour

Thursday Sept. 25, Oct. 23 & Nov. 20
10:30-11:30 a.m. • \$6 a person

Seniors age 50 and older can meet friends for a cup of java and some fun. Must pre-register by calling 314.615.8345.

Dramatic License Productions offers musical, regional premiere, holiday revue

The Great American Trailer Park Musical, with music and lyrics by David Nehls and book by Betsy Kelso, rolls onto the Dramatic License Productions stage Sept. 4-21. Directed by Ron Gibbs with musical direction by Stephen Eros, the adults-only fun fest is the story of a on-the-run stripper, who hides out in a north Florida trailer park. Armadillo Acres is home to an agoraphobic housewife, her toll-collector husband and three gossiping ladies, who narrate the story as a rockabilly score plays, and storms begin to brew!

In its regional premiere, Tina Howe's fantasy, Rembrandt's Gift, directed by Washington University Theatre's Annamaria Pileggi, runs Oct. 23-Nov. 9. Walter and wife Polly are on the verge of being evicted from their New York home due to his obsessive/compulsive behavior and hoarding. As their lives and marriage near disaster, in through the mirror steps the painter Rembrandt to remind Walter



and Polly that art can renew passions and change lives.

Wrapping up the 2014 season is DLP's annual winter favorite, A Holiday Musical Revue, Dec. 12-14. Directed and staged by Zachary Stefaniak, the show features four female vocalists, festive melodies and a few surprises to ring in the holiday season in style.

Dramatic License is a 501c3 nonprofit organization presenting professional theatre,

Schedule, tickets

Fridays, Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. with a special \$18 Preview Performance the first Thursday of each theatre production. Individual and group tickets are \$18-\$28 and are available online at www.DramaticLicenseProductions.org or at the door with a reservation - 636.220.7012.

cabaret and educational experiences at the 85-seat Dramatic License Theatre at Chesterfield Mall. DLP receives support from the Regional Arts Commission, Fox Performing Arts Charitable Foundation, Actor's Equity Association, and Volunteer Lawyers and Accountants for the Arts, as well as generous individuals.

Butterfly House

Paper Kites, Owls, Booterflies are the stars of the fall season

Paper Kite Festival

Sept. 6 & 13, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Experience flight and wonder at the Paper Kite Butterfly Festival. Watch paper kite butterflies fly throughout the tropical conservatory, and see kite building demonstrations, build origami butterflies, and decorate a kite to take home. Have fun while learning what makes butterflies and kites soar. Included with regular admission.

October Owls and Orchids

Oct. 1-31
More than 1,000 owl butterflies will take flight during the 4th Annual October Owls and Orchids event. The Butterfly House's 8,000-square-foot tropical conservatory generally houses 150 owl butterflies, which are easily recognized by their chocolate-hued wings and bright yellow markings that resemble an owl eye. Throughout October, there will be more than 10 times the standard number of these butterflies, which represent three species: *Caligo eurilochus*, *Caligo atreus* and *Caligo memnon*. Included with regular admission.

Additional after-hours events will be held on Tuesday evenings in October from 4-7 p.m.

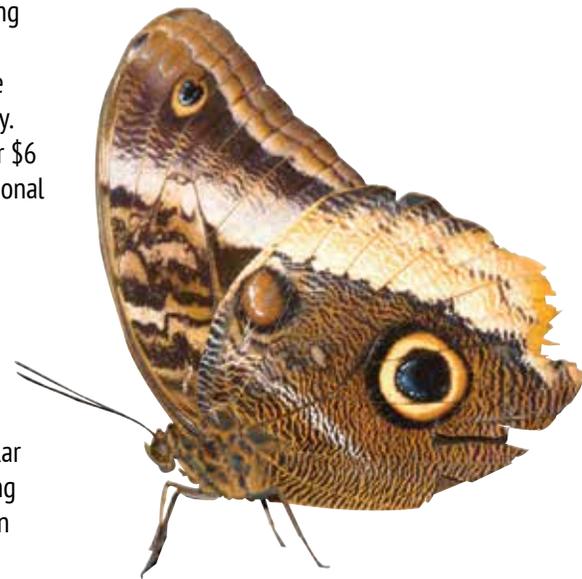


The Butterfly House in Faust Park consistently offers colorful collections of its winged favorites.

Owl butterflies are most active during evening hours and can be seen in flight during these limited attendance events. There will also be special visitors from the World Bird Sanctuary. \$3 for Missouri Botanical Garden members or \$6 for non-members. Pre-registration and additional information is available online at: butterflyhouse.org/owls.

Booterflies

Oct. 25
This new after-hours event is scheduled from 5-7 p.m. Play games, create spook-tacular crafts and visit sponsored Treat Houses during this family friendly Halloween event. Children can wear costumes and "trick or treat" in the outdoor Butterfly Garden and take home loot. \$4 for Missouri Botanical Garden members or \$8 for non-members. Pre-registration and



additional information is available online butterflyhouse.org.



Homeowners can help fight decline of birds

Populations of many common birds are in decline, according to the National Audubon Society. This includes 20 species which are down as much as 68%. Some species are down over 80%.

Healthy biodiversity depends on citizens

willing to reconnect with nature in their backyards. Ecosystem services provided by birds include insect pest control, ecotourism, clean-up of road kill, free shipping and dispersal of seeds, environmental monitoring, pollination and fertilizer.



Pumpkin Run, Kids Fun Run expected to draw more than 1,000

Bring the family to Chesterfield Valley on Saturday, Oct. 25 as more than 1,000 participants join in Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce's 13th Annual Gumbo Flats Pumpkin Run.

A Children's "Fun Run" is also on tap for ages



10 and under. Following the race, there will be a complimentary Finish Line breakfast/lunch buffet. Local businesses and restaurants supply an array of fruits, bagels, doughnuts, sandwiches, pizza, beverages and other items, to show their appreciation to participants.

All runners registered by Oct. 1 will receive a dry-fit long-sleeved shirt in the requested size. All those registered for the "Fun Run" will receive a specially designed Pumpkin Run T-shirt as well as a participation award.

Applications are available at the Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce office, 101 Chesterfield Business Parkway, Chesterfield, MO 63005 or online at www.chesterfieldmochamber.com. Participants can also register online at gumboflats.racesonline.com. There is a nominal on-line registration surcharge.

Race day registration begins at 6:30 a.m. with the run/walk starting at 8 a.m. The Children's Fun Run begins at 9 a.m. For more information, visit www.chesterfieldmochamber.com.

JA seeks volunteers to help mentor budding young entrepreneurs



Kids receive hands-on work experience in the Junior Achievement programs. Volunteers are needed to help guide the young participants.

Junior Achievement is the largest and fastest growing non-profit organization dedicated to economic education and entrepreneurship in the U.S.

With the help of passionate volunteers, JA motivates more than 140,000 students a year to develop the skills to navigate the 21st-century global marketplace. JA helps participants develop the confidence to enter the workforce and contribute.

With a new school year upon us, Junior Achievement is in need of volunteers, individuals who will encourage students to learn about



work readiness, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy. If you would like to share your experience with students and show the path to success, join JA by calling 636.728.0707 or visit JASTL.org.



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Kemp Museum puts Porsches, Jaguars on display this fall

Porsche Auto Show

Sunday, Sept. 21, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Enjoy fine German engineering at the "All Porsche Auto Show." More than 65 vehicles are estimated to be displayed, spanning 65 years of production. Also on hand will be each model of the 2014 Porsches.

The show will also feature a Porsche Cup race car. The event takes place on the tree-lined Sachs Courtyard of the Kemp Auto Museum. Admission inside the Kemp Auto Museum will be reduced to \$5 during the show. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

All Jaguar Auto Show

Saturday, Oct. 11, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Join the Jaguar Association of Greater St. Louis



Porsches will be out in force on Sept. 21 at the Kemp Auto Museum.

for its Annual Concours d' Elegance.

The show, though narrowed to the Jaguar brand, boasts stylistically diverse cars. Prewar examples will be joined by sports racing cars, a series of luxury saloons and a contemporary

crop of coupes, convertibles and E-types.

The event will be held on the plaza of the Kemp Auto Museum and is free to the public. 60 vehicles are expected to be on display.

For more information on past and recurring events, visit kempautomuseum.org or call 636.537.1718. Regular museum admission: \$9 for adults, \$7 for seniors (65 and older) and \$5 for children (12 and under).

Civic Orchestra opens 2014-15 season in November

The St. Louis Civic Orchestra has set dates for its 2014-15 season:

Saturday	Nov. 1	7 p.m.
Sunday	Dec. 7	3 p.m.
Saturday	Feb. 21	7 p.m.
Sunday	April 19	3 p.m.

The concerts will be held at Logan University in Chesterfield.

The Civic is partnering with Parkway School District this school year to utilize the excellent music facilities at Parkway Central Middle School and perform within Chesterfield's boundaries. The Civic will continue to provide Parkway music students workshops, master classes, and other educational opportunities.

For updates about the orchestra, follow



the Civic on Facebook and Twitter or email stlciviorch@gmail.com to receive concert announcements and newsletter.