



Rendering of the proposed Chesterfield Veterans Honor Park in Central Park.

Plans move forward for Veterans Honor Park

In partnership with the City of Chesterfield, the Chesterfield Veterans Honor Park Committee plans to construct a monument site to honor those who have answered the call to serve in the Armed Forces of the United States.

The Veterans Honor Park will be constructed in Central Park, along Veterans Place Drive near the entrance to the Chesterfield Amphitheater. The area will provide Chesterfield residents a place to honor friends and relatives who are

serving or have served in the military, even if that person has never lived in Chesterfield.

City Council has authorized funds for the design of the park, with services provided by Powers Bowersox Associates, Inc. Plans include flags representing all five branches of the military and also the POW/MIA and U.S. flags. The design will include a water feature, with a continuous flow of water over a large star

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Who will be Chesterfield's 2013 Citizen of Year? Nominations are now open

Nomination Guidelines

One nomination per person per household (spouses can be nominated jointly).

Previously nominated individuals can be re-nominated.

A nominee cannot serve on the Selection Committee.

The person nominating an individual cannot serve on the Selection Committee.

City employees will not be considered for the award.

Nominations can be submitted electronically by filling out the form on the City's website at www.chesterfield.mo.us and are due by Feb. 3.

The City of Chesterfield is requesting nominations for the Chesterfield "Citizen of the Year" Award.

Many residents contribute to the community in a significant manner each day without reward or recognition. This is an opportunity to nominate someone who has brought honor upon themselves and the community as the result of an outstanding accomplishment or simply by being actively involved in the community.

Citizens to be selected for recognition

should meet the following criteria:

- Actions being recognized should benefit the overall community of the City of Chesterfield and its residents in some manner through volunteerism, work performed on community projects, and overall civic contributions to the community.
- Individuals nominated should preferably be a resident of the City of Chesterfield. If not, the accomplishment should take place in the City.

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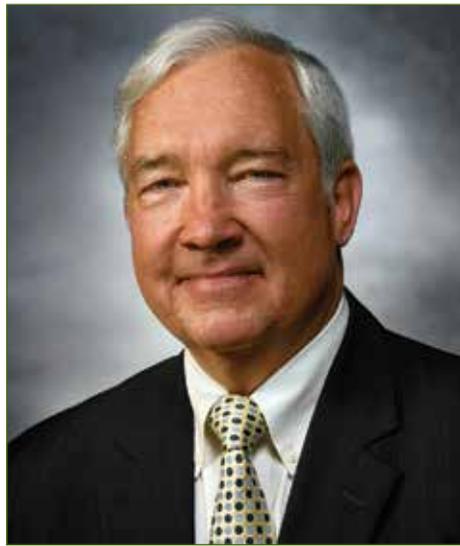
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Mayor's Message

Sales tax from Chesterfield helps keep other cities afloat

Due to lead time for publication, I am writing this in mid-October. We have been very fortunate with the weather cooperating for many events and concerts held at the amphitheater over the summer and fall. We hope that many of you were able to enjoy these activities that have been provided through the generosity of our corporate sponsors during our 25th Anniversary.

Over this past weekend, I ran into a resident, and we were discussing what all was going on in our city over the weekend, and she remarked to me, "we don't even have to leave the area; we have it all in Chesterfield." Somehow, that struck a bell, and I thought that would be a good quote to include in the newsletter.

Did you know Chesterfield doesn't retain all of its sales tax?

One of the things I would like to address and share with you is the way the system works for what is called the "St. Louis County Sales Tax Pool." Although the City of Chesterfield is doing fine financially, we bear a disproportionate load of supporting our region by giving up more than half of the sales tax that is generated in Chesterfield. This may not sound so bad, but as Chesterfield has become a retail powerhouse in the county, the growth of sales tax revenue in the remainder of the county has not kept pace. Just using the example of sales

tax revenues from our new outlet malls, we find ourselves in the unenviable position of giving up 93.5% of the sales tax that we would otherwise capture, while incurring additional expenses such as additional law enforcement etc.

Although Chesterfield is the second largest city in St. Louis County with a population of 47,464, we are only 6.5% of the total "pool population" that is comprised of other pool cities and unincorporated St. Louis County. Unincorporated St. Louis County has a population of 321,000, which is 45% of the total pool population. For example, we estimate that the outlet malls will generate new sales revenue of \$200 million per year, which would generate \$2 million of sales tax locally (the City's 1%) but is actually captured by the sales tax pool. The distribution of this \$2 million is as follows:

\$900,000 St. Louis County
\$145,800 to Florissant
\$130,000 to Chesterfield
\$99,000 to Wildwood
\$725,000 other pool cities in the County.

Arguably this small additional revenue of \$130,000 received by the City of Chesterfield is not enough to pay for the cost of providing additional essential services to these developments. Although the city does have a half-cent park sales tax and a half-cent capital improvement tax (of which we keep the majority), we cannot pay for general operating expenses from those funds.

Due to a 1984 law passed by the Missouri General Assembly, we are required to remain a part of this sales tax pool. Other cities, such as Clayton, Bridgeton, Maplewood, Richmond Heights, Des Peres and Creve Coeur receive their sales tax revenues on a "point-of-sale" basis, which means they keep all of the sales taxes generated within their borders. Using the example above, if the outlet malls were located on Manchester Road, east of I-270 in Des Peres, Des Peres would receive the entire \$2 million. As if that weren't bad enough, many of the members of the sales tax pool do not generate even the amount they receive from the pool. For example, the County generates approximately \$30 million and receives more than \$43 million from the pool.

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Candidate filing for Councilmembers begins Dec. 17

On Tuesday, Dec. 17, at 8 a.m., candidate filing for the office of Councilmember in each of the City's four wards will begin in the City Clerk's office, 690 Chesterfield Parkway West.

After Dec. 17, hours for filing during the candidate filing period will be 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Candidate filing will close Tuesday, Jan. 21, at 5 p.m. The election will be held April 8.

See Page 2 for list of current Councilmembers and term expirations.

Qualifications

To run for a seat on the City Council, candidates must be at least 21 years of age prior to taking office, a U.S. citizen, an inhabitant of the City for one year prior to the election, and a resident of the ward in which they are running for six months prior to the election.

For additional information, call the City Clerk at 636.537.6716.

To register

To vote in the April municipal election, you may register at City Hall or most St. Louis County public libraries. The Missouri Voter Registration Application is also available online at www.stlouisco.com/elections. The deadline to register to vote in the April election is March 12.

Revised AARP Smart Driver Course set Jan. 14 at City Hall

The Chesterfield Police Department proudly announces a cooperative effort with AARP in providing the AARP Smart Driver Course Jan. 14.

This is a newly updated, research-based, four-hour course. It teaches valuable defensive driving skills, provides a refresher of the rules of the road, safety strategies and tips for how to adapt one's driving to compensate for change 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.

The course will be held on Tuesday Jan. 14, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at City Hall, 690 Chesterfield Pkwy West. Reservations are required. For further information or to reserve a seat, contact Officer Paul Powers at 636.537.6869 or ppowers@chesterfield.mo.us.

Beware of telephone fraud claiming relative needs \$\$\$

Be leery of urgent phone calls claiming that a relative is in trouble and requires money. This currently is a favored ploy of scam artists who often prey on elderly citizens and pretend a grandchild is in jail and requires funds for bail or legal services, usually in a foreign country. The caller frequently only refers to a grandson, and the victim unwittingly supplies the name.

The Chesterfield Police Department is investigating a case of fraud in which an elderly resident was contacted by a group of scammers and convinced that her grandson was being held in prison. The scammers were able to deceive the victim through an elaborate series of phone calls and lies, resulting in over \$250,000 being wired to a bank in Peru.

The Chesterfield Police Department warns residents to verify any circumstance in which they are contacted and asked to send money to another country.



Rothmel honored for service on police board

Police Personnel Board President Phil Folsom (left) presents a plaque of appreciation to Steve Rothmel for his service as a member of the Personnel Board. Rothmel served from January 2001 until April 2013.

County tax system is being reviewed, may be changed

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Wildwood generates \$1.7 million and receives \$4.46 million. University City generates \$2.2 million and receives more than \$4.45 million.

The bottom line of all this is that the pool tax system is antiquated and outdated and serves to support municipalities that either cannot or have chosen not to support themselves by allowing a diverse tax base that pays for services that residents expect. As I

mentioned above, the state legislature created this unsustainable sales tax distribution system, and it is the only entity that can correct the problem. St. Louis County is the only county in the state that has a system like this, and it is one of a very few in the entire country.

A Joint Interim Committee of the state legislature has been appointed to study this issue, along with other issues affecting St. Louis City and St. Louis County. I urge you to keep abreast of the work of this committee and communicate to your state representatives and senators your support for modifying and simplifying the current system to limit the

amount of sales tax revenue that any one city should contribute to the sales tax pool. Including the anticipated sales tax revenue generated by our outlet malls, we will soon be losing over 58% of every sales tax dollar that we generate to St. Louis County and other cities in the pool.

Now that I have that off my chest, I would like to wish everyone a happy holiday season and best wishes for a great 2014!

Bob Nation

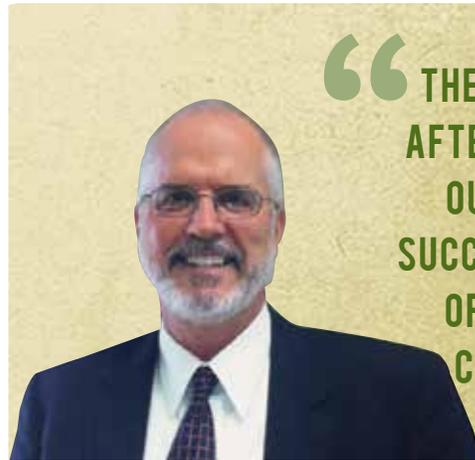
City Administrator reflects on Chesterfield's first quarter century

As 2013 and our year-long celebration of Chesterfield's 25th Anniversary is coming to an end, I have been asked to share some of my reflections.

I was interviewed for the position of City Administrator in the Spring of 1988, shortly after the successful incorporation vote, which occurred in April of that year. I was employed at that time as Ballwin's City Administrator.

The actual incorporation ceremony took place at Center Court at the Chesterfield Mall on June 1, 1988. The first City officials were Mayor Fred Steinbach, Councilmembers Barry Flachsbarth, Jack Neiner, Bob Frank, Jade Bute, Ward Overall, Audrey Peeler, Charlie Fawcett and Dick Hrabko. The Oaths of Office were administered by then Chief Justice of the Missouri Supreme Court, Chip Robertson.

Following that ceremony, everyone adjourned to the Doubletree Hotel for a reception, and then the first official meeting of City Council took place, during which hundreds of ordinances were adopted, including the ordinance that established the City Administrator position. The Mayor and City Council officially voted to confirm my hiring as Chesterfield's first City Administrator, and I became Chesterfield's first full-time employee!



“THE FLOOD OF 1993, JUST FIVE YEARS AFTER OUR INCORPORATION, PROVIDED OUR BIGGEST CHALLENGES... WE SUCCESSFULLY MANAGED THE PROCESS OF RECOVERY AND TURNED THOSE CHALLENGES INTO OPPORTUNITIES.”

– City Administrator Michael Herring

At that time, City Council meetings took place at the old City Hall, 922 Roosevelt Parkway, within an unfinished part of that office building, with concrete floors, while the space for “City Hall” was being finished, across the main entrance lobby. The volume of unresolved issues and questions seemed at times to be overwhelming! However, much of what our first Mayor/City Council accomplished during the first few months following our incorporation is still in place and serving the needs of our community today, which certainly reflects the vision and commitment to excellence that all shared.

By the end of 1988, our first department heads and members of my executive staff had been hired, and City Council had adopted my recommendations for establishing the four standing committees of City Council, which are still functioning as they were originally

designed. We contracted with St. Louis County for public works services until Oct. 1, 1988. Chief Johnson and I worked to create his departmental structure and hired the members of our first Police Department. Many started their employment with us in May 1989.

The Flood of 1993, just five years after our incorporation, provided our biggest challenges. However, under the leadership of Mayor Jack Leonard and our entire City Council, we successfully managed the process of recovery and turned those challenges into opportunities. The Chesterfield Valley has now become one of the strongest tax-generating, job-creating assets in our entire region. Shopping, dining and employment opportunities abound, adding to Chesterfield's quality of life and ensuring our position as a major point of destination within our region.

Looking back on all that we have

accomplished these past 25 years, I cannot adequately express how proud I am to have been given the unique opportunity of serving as Chesterfield's City Administrator. I would certainly be remiss if I didn't take this opportunity to officially thank the eight mayors and 38 City Councilmembers who have served this community since 1988 for their confidence in me as their City Administrator and for their collective support of our entire management team.

Chesterfield's complete story has not yet been written. Our job is not done, and current Mayor Bob Nation and the entire City Council continue to dedicate themselves to Chesterfield's success, having re-affirmed our City's commitment to excellence! In many ways, our future is even brighter than it was, in 1988! Our potential is endless! Happy New Year! Here's to the next 25 years!!!

Embrace Chesterfield heritage with a 2014 history calendar; it makes a great gift for the holidays

Are you looking for a unique gift item? The Chesterfield Historical & Landmarks Preservation Committee 2014 calendar makes a great hostess gift or a present for neighbors or the local history buff.

The calendar features 14 sepia-tone photographs of Chesterfield buildings and sites, as well as people who helped establish the area now known as Chesterfield.

The 2014 calendar sells for \$2, and 1991-2013 calendars are available for \$1 each. A gift pack of 10 oldest calendars (1991-2000) is \$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.

The Magnificent Eight

City salutes the mayors who helped mold Chesterfield into a regional powerhouse



Mayor Fred Steinbach
June 1, 1988-Jan. 11, 1990



Acting Mayor Charles Fawcett
Jan. 11, 1990-April 16, 1990



Mayor Jack Leonard
April 16, 1990-April 16, 1997



Mayor Nancy Greenwood
April 16, 1997-April 16, 2001



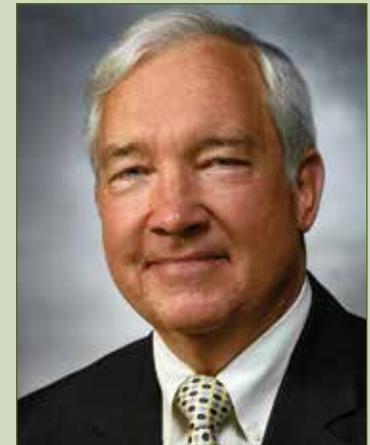
Mayor John Nations
April 16, 2001-Oct. 18, 2010



Acting Mayor Barry Flachbart
Oct. 18, 2010-April 20, 2011



Mayor Bruce Geiger
April 20, 2011-April 17, 2013



Mayor Bob Nation
April 17, 2013-present

Help Wanted! *Can you uncover the history of your neighborhood?*

Would you like to know if an Indian village, a farmhouse, or a cornfield formerly occupied the space where your neighborhood is now? The Chesterfield Historic and Landmarks Preservation Committee would like families of school-age children to research the history of their subdivisions or neighborhoods.

Try to answer questions such as:

- Have any archeological artifacts been found?
- What was on the land in the late 19th century?
- When was your subdivision or neighborhood built and who was the developer?
- Can you find pictures from soon after the subdivision construction?
- Who has lived in the subdivision the longest? Ask them what it was like.
- Did any famous people live there?
- What traditions does your neighborhood have?
- What schools do the children in your neighborhood attend?
- Have any memorable events happened in your subdivision?

All participants will be awarded a certificate and recognized at a City Council meeting.

Please send research to the committee either by email attachment to Doscielo@AOL.com or by mail to CHLPC, Chesterfield City Hall, 690 Chesterfield Parkway W., Chesterfield, MO 63017.



When it snows, don't park your vehicle on streets designated as snow routes. Such cars and trucks can be ticketed, towed ... or buried by a passing snow plow!

When the white stuff falls, thou shalt not park on a street designated as a snow route

Certain streets within Chesterfield are designated as snow routes and are identified as such by signs posted along these streets.

City ordinances prohibit parking on designated snow routes during snowfall events of two inches or more. Parking that obstructs snow removal equipment is prohibited on all streets during any snow event. If your car is on the street, it can be ticketed and/or towed.

Driveway shoveling tips

Many times during a snow event, a snowplow truck will go by and fill in the end of a freshly cleared private driveway with snow from the roadway. Snow must be plowed from the centerline of the street to the curb

To help reduce the size of the windrow of snow across your driveway, residents can clear an area of the street gutter 10 to 15 feet in advance of your driveway. In doing this, you create a "pocket" for the snow to drop off before the plow reaches your driveway.

What could prove more inconvenient, the snow plows will be forced to go around the car, and the vehicle may be buried by an icy mound of heavy packed snow.

Parking may resume once the street has been cleared curb to curb. Your cooperation is appreciated and will assist the City in providing the best snow removal possible.

Updates on City projects:

Monarch Chesterfield Levee Trail

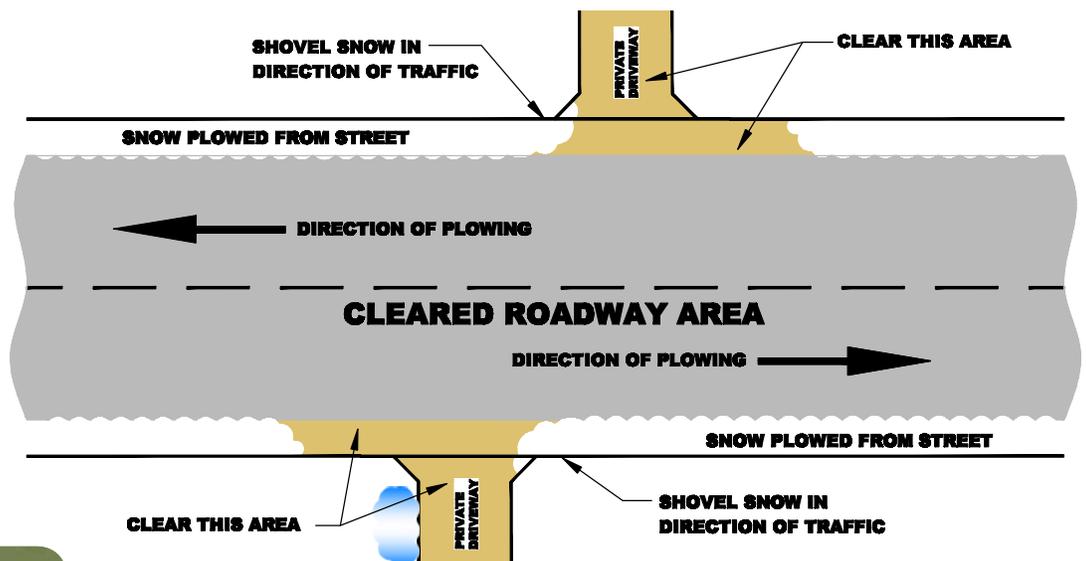
While this project is substantially complete, the section of the trail at the east end, which passes under I-64/Highway 40 in close proximity to Bonhomme Creek, has been closed due to safety concerns. Safety barriers are being installed and erosion issues are being addressed.

Additionally, staff is currently exploring potential trail alignments, which will extend north of I-64/Highway 40 to the Hardee's IcePlex. Construction is anticipated in 2015, as work cannot begin until the Army Corps of Engineers completes its work on the pump station project in that area.

Chesterfield Valley Athletic Complex

Work continues on providing additional amenities at the Chesterfield Valley Athletic Complex. Four dugouts will be constructed this winter in the E Quad, located to the east of the central parking lot. This will complete the phased dugout reconstruction project started in 2011.

Also, covers to the bleachers have been installed in the F Quad, at the northeast area of the complex. The covers feature solar panels, which are expected to reduce electric usage by \$4,500 annually. Additionally, Parks maintenance crews are working on projects to beautify the complex.



Dog tags, pool passes, facility rentals for 2014 are now available

Eberwein Dog Park

Be sure to drop by City Hall and pick up 2014 dog tags so that your favorite family member will not miss out on going to the park in January. The park is open only to Chesterfield residents, and each dog must wear a dog park tag.

Dog tags are \$30 and available at City Hall during normal business hours or online at www.chesterfield.mo.us/eberweindogpark.html. To register your dog, you will need to have proof of residency, documentation that the dog has been spayed or neutered, and a rabies record.

Early sale of pool passes

Chesterfield Parks and Recreation Department is offering an early bird special for its 2014 Aquatic Center season passes, starting on Jan. 2. When purchased by March 31, residents receive 10% off a family-of-four season pool pass. The Aquatic Center is moving to a new swipe system for season pass holders. **All season pass holders need a new card for the 2014 season.** For more information call 636.812.9500 or visit www.chesterfield.mo.us.



Chesterfield's canine residents need new dog tags to use the dog park in 2014.



Residents with season passes to the Aquatic Center will use a swipe card, similar to this one.

Pavilion rental

Starting Jan. 2, reservation permits for the use of the pavilion in Central Park may be obtained at City Hall. The pavilion is available seven days a week from 9 a.m. to dusk. For more information call 636.812.9500 or visit: www.chesterfield.mo.us.

Amphitheater rental

Chesterfield Amphitheater, located in the heart of Chesterfield, is an open-air amphitheater that is unique to the region. It offers lush landscaping, beautifully designed terraces, and advanced technology that provides acoustic perfection for any event.

The scenic wooded trails surrounding the venue beautifully complement what can be an idyllic setting for events such as concerts, graduations, weddings, and corporate events.

For more information, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 636.812.9500 or visit: www.chesterfieldamphitheater.com.



The Chesterfield Amphitheater offers a unique setting for weddings. Photo by Katie Beach.

Category Mayor's Choice



"4th of July Parade in Chesterfield Farms Subdivision" by Tom Friel

Category Nature



"Faust Park Trail" by Ben Bresnahan

The winners

These are the top entries in the five categories of Chesterfield's 25th Anniversary Photo Contest. Photos submitted will be on display through the end of the year in the food court, near Subway, at the Chesterfield Mall.

Winners in categories of Nature, People & Most Creative were chosen by the Public Art Committee of Chesterfield Arts. The People's Choice category was decided by a public vote.



Category Most Creative



"Awakening and The Moon" by Dan Borders

Category People



"Twinkle Tree in Ladue Farms" by Cheryl McDonald

Category People's Choice



"Harper At Chesterfield Amphitheater" by Bonnie Turner.



The Ultimate Utensils Project

Second annual Youth in Science Competition at Earth Day set for April 26

Chesterfield-area youth are encouraged to participate in the Second Annual Youth in Science Competition at the 23rd Annual Earth Day April 26.

Compete as an individual, in pairs or as a team to create a project as it relates to sustainability in science, technology, engineering, math or robotics.

Last year's winners included "The Ultimate Utensil Project," which analyzed various types of disposable utensils; "Absorbing Madness," which looked at food-based alternatives to cleaning up oil spills; and "Destined for Wind," demonstrating how the shape of the blade can affect the amount of energy produced by a wind turbine.

Applications are available on the City's web site by searching for Science Fair. For more information contact James Mello at jmello@chesterfield.mo.us or call 636.537.4000.

Sunny side up

Chesterfield plans Feb. 20 fair at City Hall to spread the word on solar-energy benefits

The Chesterfield Citizens Committee for the Environment will host a Solar Fair Feb. 20 at City Hall for residents and business owners to learn more about solar energy.

The open-house format for the event encourages attendees to interact with exhibitors and learn about energy-efficient solar sources that can reduce standard energy costs in homes and businesses.

The Solar Fair is scheduled Thursday, Feb. 20, from 4 to 8 p.m. in City Council chambers. For more information, search Solar Fair on the City's website or call 636.537.4000.



At the time of this publication, the exhibitors are:

- Brightergy
- Microgrid Solar
- Earth First Solar
- Day and Night
- Solar
- IBEW Local 1
- Pure Power Ameren

Ted Jansen, St. Louis Composting receive official Green Team recognition

The Citizens Committee for the Environment recently recognized two recipients for Green Team designations.

St. Louis Composting has long been a partner of CCE, having participated in numerous Earth Day events. Also honored was the late Ted Jansen, a resident and beekeeper who was recognized for his efforts in educating about pollinators and for providing local honey. Family members accepted

the award on his behalf.

These were the 54th and 55th recipients of the Green Team emblem from the CCE. Honorees are chosen for their outstanding or innovative environmental efforts. The recipients educated citizens and facilitated change by encouraging the reduction, reuse or recycling of solid waste materials destined for landfills and/or helped enhance world conservation.



Green Team recipients are recognized at the Aug. 19 City Council meeting.



Displaying donated blankets and bears are (from left) Donna Pecherski, Libbey Tucker, Darcy Capstick, Ben Keathley, Bob Ernst (all from CCE). Doug Clements, president of Wings of Hope is in the back.

Chesterfield Care Bears blanket kids with kindness

The Chesterfield Care Bears is a project spearheaded by Darcy Capstick, Chairperson of the Chesterfield Citizens Committee for the Environment, in partnership with the regional group Charity Sharity, which distributes clean and reusable fabric remnants to area sewing groups which

make “comfort bears” and blankets.

This delivery of more than 40 bears and 10 blankets to Wings of Hope will help comfort children in need. The Chesterfield Police Department and the Pediatric Unit at St. Luke’s Hospital have also received bears from the organization.

City environmental committee joins Garden’s biodiversity effort

The City of Chesterfield recently became a partner with the Missouri Botanical Garden’s BiodiverseCity St. Louis program.

BiodiverseCity St. Louis recognizes the region’s reliance on biodiversity and natural systems. The area depends on biodiversity not only for the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the food we eat, but also for basic health, livability, and economic prosperity. Biodiversity also clothes, cures, inspires, and enriches. Biodiversity drives economies and makes life possible.

The Chesterfield Citizens Committee for the Environment will actively participate in this effort and represent the City’s interests through education, public engagement and creating awareness of the importance of biodiversity.



Monthly recycling for electronics, clothing, other items will return in February

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 the 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, beginning in February, 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.



Members of the Chesterfield Citizens Committee for the Environment, local Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, students and teachers from Chesterfield Elementary spent a Saturday in October removing invasive bush honeysuckle from the grounds at Chesterfield Elementary.



Party guests dancing with dolls in *The Nutcracker* with Alexandra Ballet presented by Chesterfield Arts, Dec. 14 & 15.

Performing Arts

Nutcracker helps usher in holidays

Join Chesterfield Arts and Alexandra Ballet for a narrated, short-length adaptation of this timeless classic. Kids are invited to create holiday ornaments with Chesterfield Arts then enjoy the show. Through dance and music, Alexandra Ballet brings the beauty and excitement of this magical story to children of all ages at the Purser Center at Logan University. Two performances only.

Saturday, Dec. 14, 7 p.m. & Sunday, Dec. 15 at 2 p.m.; Tickets: Adults \$16.50, Children \$11.50. 636.519.1955 or visit www.ChesterfieldArts.org.

Group & Logan University student discounts are available.

Arts education

Winter art classes begin Jan. 13

Join Chesterfield Arts for adult art classes and after-school art



programs for children 4 and up. Taught by professional artists and each designed for varying skill levels, classes in drawing, painting, pottery, sculpture, jewelry making, screen printing, and encaustics (painting with wax) enhance creativity.

Visual arts

The Gallery features extended hours, demos

In addition to featuring exhibits of traditional and innovative artwork by professional artists, The Gallery at Chesterfield Arts will be open until 9 p.m. every Wednesday beginning Jan. 8 and feature free artist demos and “make and take” projects for kids and adults.

The Gallery at Chesterfield Arts is located across from American Girl, Chesterfield Mall. For more information, call 636.519.1955 or visit www.ChesterfieldArts.org.



Spring art classes for all ages and abilities begin Jan. 13 at Chesterfield Arts.



Exhibit coordinator Jenny Donaldson shows off handmade jewelry to guests in The Gallery at Chesterfield Arts.

Dramatic License Productions sets winter lineup

A Holiday Musical Revue

Dec. 13-15

Dramatic License Productions presents its annual tribute to the holidays, featuring professional vocalists and musicians performing classic and contemporary holiday tunes from Broadway and beyond. Directed and staged by Pamela Reckamp.

A Valentine Cabaret: Love Songs from Broadway

Feb. 14-16

Dramatic License Productions' annual three-night salute to Cupid, features some of Broadway's best love songs performed by St. Louis' vocalists and musicians.

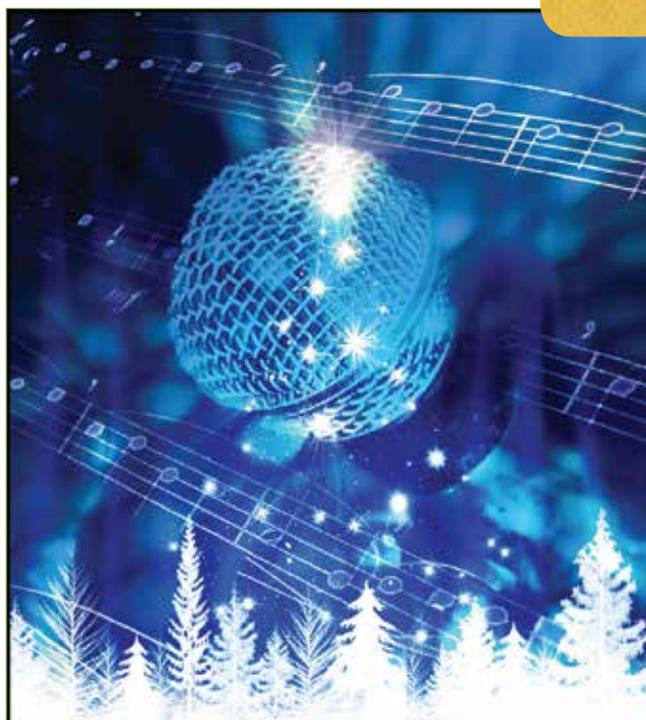
The show takes the audience through the stages of romance, including the search for love, finding love, losing love and eternal love.

Shirley Valentine by Willy Russell

Feb. 27-Mar. 16

Feeling stagnant and in a rut, housewife Shirley Valentine finds herself regularly talking to the wall while preparing her husband's meals. When her best friend wins a trip-for-two to Greece, Shirley packs her bags, leaves a note on the door and heads for a week of rest and relaxation.

What she finds is a new attitude and her inner "girlfriend" in this funny and touching story, starring Teresa Doggett, a Kevin Kline Award winner. In addition to the regular schedule, there is a special preview performance Feb. 27 in which all seats are \$18.



A HOLIDAY MUSICAL REVUE

Ring in the New Year with a little song and dance. Family fun for Everyone!

December 13 - 15



Teresa Doggett stars in "Shirley Valentine" Feb. 27-March 16.



Dramatic License winter performance schedule, ticket information

Performances are Friday & Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$18-25 with discounts for students, seniors (60+), military and theatre personnel, and groups of 10 or more.

www.DramaticLicenseProductions.org or 636.220.7012 for reservations. Seating is limited.

Winter jewels sparkle and flutter at Butterfly House through Jan. 5

The Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House invites the public to escape cold weather and surround themselves with nature's "jewels" during the Winter Jewels celebration. Enjoy the warm temperatures inside the conservatory and observe the regal Monarch butterflies.

For the first time in the Butterfly House's 15-year history, hundreds of Monarch butterflies will populate the conservatory. Best known for their migration to the south, Monarchs can be found in South America and even stray into Australia, Hawaii and parts of Southeast Asia.

The conservatory will also feature white flowers and foliage for a winter-like scene in tropical temperatures. Games and activities will teach children about the diversity of jewel-toned insects, and live animal encounters will also be part of the weekend programming.

Winter Jewels runs through Jan. 5 and is included with regular admission. The Butterfly House is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily and except Mondays is closed Dec. 25. Regular admission is \$6 adults, \$5 for seniors (age 65+) and \$4 for children age 3-12. Children 2 and younger are free.

Supper with Santa

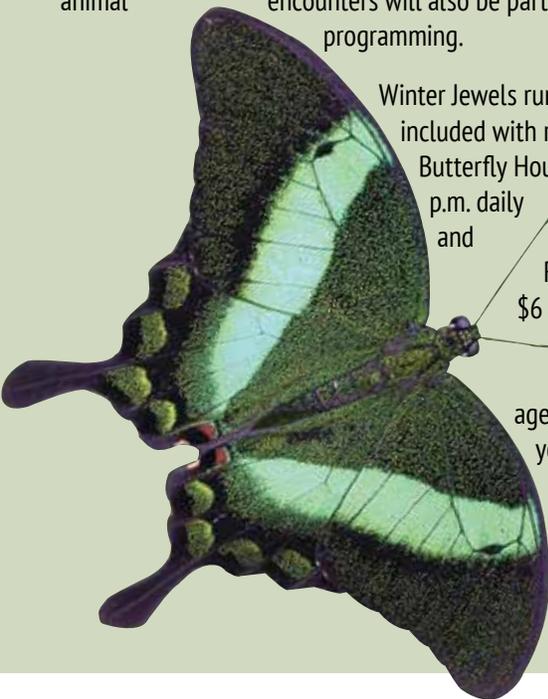
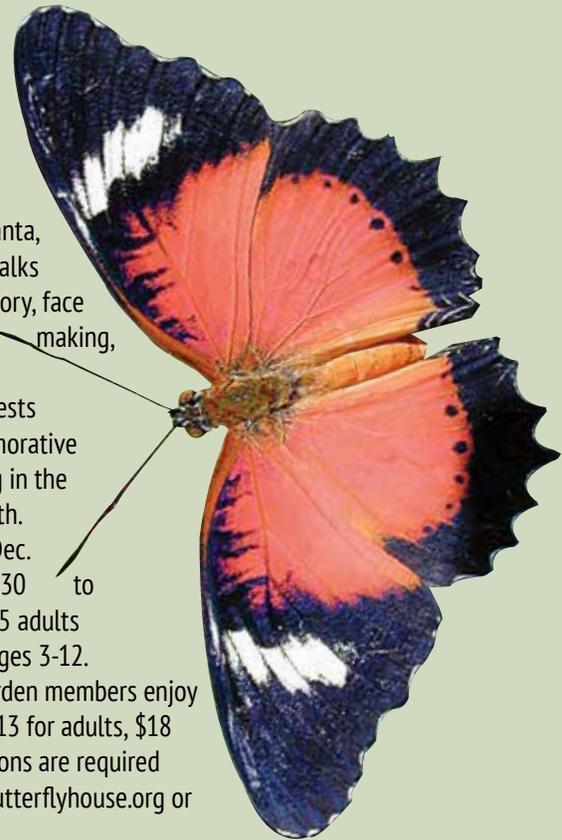
Santa will stop by for the 2nd annual Supper

with Santa. Tickets include a spaghetti dinner, picture with Santa, butterfly hunt night walks through the conservatory, face painting, ornament making, story time, cookies and hot chocolate. Guests will receive a commemorative bookmark after posing in the Fun Photo Events booth. Suppers will be held Dec. 7, 8, 14 and 15 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Admission is \$15 adults and \$20 for children ages 3-12. Missouri Botanical Garden members enjoy a discounted rate of \$13 for adults, \$18 for children. Reservations are required and can be made at butterflyhouse.org or 636.530.0076.

January-February

The Butterfly House will be closed Jan. 6-31 for maintenance and will reopen in February. Join the Butterfly House for Hot Hot Hot on Feb. 8-9 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Featured are tropical-themed, kid-friendly activities, games and crafts, live steel-drum music, toddler sandbox, and face painting. This is for children ages 3 to 8 with their families and is included with Butterfly House admission. Free for Missouri Botanical Garden members.

The Butterfly House is located in Faust Park at 15193 Olive Blvd. in Chesterfield. For more information, visit www.butterflyhouse.org.



Don't forget about food and water for birds as winter gears up

Submitted by St. Louis Audubon Society

As the hours of sunlight wane and temperatures fall, residents typically spend less time outdoors and can easily forget the local birds. Yet, a few simple actions can have tremendous benefit. First, whenever and wherever possible, consider leaving the old growth in your garden.

Birds will eat many of the seed heads in the fall and winter. Finches have likely worked over coneflowers some time ago.

Goldenrod seeds were eaten by sparrows in many backyards last January.

Dense old growth can provide shelter to birds and other critters in landscapes.

The woody stalks of many larger plants can house beneficial insects that are overwintering.

Avoid the urge to "clean" your plant beds when collecting leaves this fall. Wait until spring to remove/cut back old growth, only when the new, green growth comes along. This may not

be acceptable in a highly visible, front-yard butterfly garden, but there are places in most landscapes where this approach works.

Also, don't forget water. Winter can be a very difficult time for birds to find water, especially during extended cold snaps when much of it is frozen. Ideally, consider acquiring a bird bath heater. They're not expensive and can be found online or at local hardware, home improvement or bird specialty stores. But don't let the lack of a heater stop you. On above-freezing days, a simple, shallow dish with fresh water will suffice.



Many of the top Short Track speedskaters from around the country take over Hardee's IcePlex in March for the National Age Group Championships.

Hardee's IcePlex plays host to a variety of skaters from beginners to Olympic hopefuls

The Hardee's IcePlex in Chesterfield Valley will be humming with activity the next few months with hockey tournaments, figure skating, speedskating and the Winter Festival.

The Festival will be held Dec. 26 through Jan. 1 and includes expanded public sessions, free skating and free skate lessons.

Several hockey showcases and national tournaments are set from December through March.

One high-profile event is the America's Cup Short Track Speedskating Final/National Age Group Championships, which will be held March 21-24, with many of the nation's

best skaters in all age classes expected to participate. These skaters are striving to make the next Winter Olympics team.

For more information, visit HardeesIcePlex.com, e-mail Eric Finch at Eric@HardeesIcePlex.com or call 636.537.4200.

St. Louis Civic Orchestra will celebrate the holidays with a little help from their friends

The St. Louis Civic Orchestra is excited to gather some friends to help celebrate the season with its annual holiday concert, which will include many favorites. The orchestra will once again be joined by Bob Kramer's Marionettes, as well as a great vocal quartet put together by Kathy Lawton Brown of RAF-STL, to lead the songs of the season. Kids of all ages are invited to this fun, festive concert.

Saturday, Dec. 7, 8 p.m. • William D. Purser, DC Center, Logan College

Other 2013-2014 concert dates

Saturday, Feb. 15, 8 p.m.

Sunday, April 13, 3 p.m.

Tickets

Tickets are on sale now. Individual tickets and group rates are available, as well as discounts for students and seniors.

Social media

Social media users may connect with the orchestra on Facebook and Twitter to stay current on activities.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/StLouisCivicOrchestra



Twitter: @StLCivicOrch

Or, sign up for email updates at www.StLouisCivicOrchestra.org.



Course at City Hall will examine work of 3 musical innovators

Examining three innovative Tony winners is on tap in the next Lifelong Learning course at Chesterfield City Hall. "The Musical Play: Breaking the Rules" is facilitated by Nancy Harvey and runs Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon Jan. 8-Feb. 26.

The course will look at the innovations of three

men who collaborated to groundbreaking effect: lyricist Fred Ebb, composer John Kander and choreographer Bob Fosse. Fosse adapted Ebb and Kander's award-winning musical Cabaret into a film in 1972. It won eight Academy Awards. In 1974 Kander, Ebb and Fosse, contributed to Liza, a concert for Liza Minnelli on Broadway. Chicago (1975) is a musical with music by Kander, lyrics by Ebb and a book by Ebb and Fosse. Fosse also choreographed the original production, and his



style is strongly identified with the show.

All LLI courses are peer-taught. The courses are not for credit and there are no exams or grades. For more information on this and other LLI courses, visit www.lli.wustl.edu or call 314.935.4237.

Veterans Honor Park would be in front of Amphitheater

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with the emblems of the military branches reflecting in the pool below. Visitors can sit on benches surrounding the water feature to contemplate and enjoy the surroundings.

"The Veterans Honor Park will be a wonderful addition to Chesterfield's beautiful Central Park," said Jan Misuraca, a member of the Veterans Honor Park Committee. "We have been working for many years to raise funds and awareness to enable us to build and dedicate a monument that will serve as a place to learn, reflect, share life stories and celebrate the lives of those who have served. We are pleased to see that our hard work and dedication to this project is coming to fruition."

The committee is working to continue to raise funds for the construction of the memorial. If you are interested in supporting the Veterans Honor Park or would like more information, please e-mail: chesterfieldhonorpark@gmail.com or call 636.812.9500.

CHESTERFIELD CALENDAR

December

- 2 **City Council**
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 9 **Planning Commission**
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 17 **Candidate Filing Begins**
City Hall, 8 a.m.
- 24 **City Hall Closed**
Christmas Eve Holiday
- 25 **City Hall Closed**
Christmas Holiday

January

- 1 **City Hall Closed**
New Year's Holiday
- 6 **City Council**
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 13 **Planning Commission**
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 21 **Candidate Filing Closes**
City Hall, 5 p.m.

- 20 **City Hall Closed**
Martin Luther King Day

- 22 **City Council**
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 27 **Planning Commission**
City Hall, 7 p.m.

February

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

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

- 17 **City Hall Closed**
Presidents' Day
- 19 **City Council**
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 24 **Planning Commission**
City Hall, 7 p.m.

HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

Christmas

Wednesday, Dec. 25

Monday routes will not be affected.

Tuesday routes will not be affected.

Wednesday routes will be picked up on Thursday, Dec. 26.

Thursday routes will be picked up on Friday, Dec. 27.

Friday routes will be picked up on Saturday, Dec. 28.

New Year's Day

Wednesday, Jan. 1

Monday routes will not be affected.

Tuesday routes will not be affected.

Wednesday routes will be picked up on Thursday, Jan. 2.

Thursday routes will be picked up on Friday, Jan. 3.

Friday routes will be picked up on Saturday, Jan. 4.

Happy Holidays to All!