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Elected Officials

Mayor

John Nations 636-537-4706

Councilmembers:

Ward I

Barry Flachsbart 314-434-0471 Jane Durrell 314-469-1439

Ward II

Barry Streeter 636-537-0261 Bruce Geiger 636-532-9661

Ward III

Dan Hurt 636-532-2035 Mike Casey 636-532-7116

Ward IV

Mary K. Brown 636-532-0833 Connie Fults 636-537-5269

-Seniority by Ward-



Municipal Election April 5

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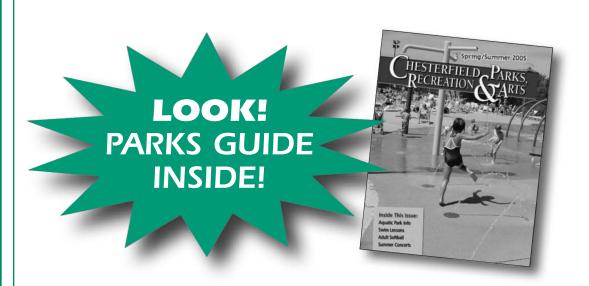
his year the following individuals have filed for the office of Mayor and Councilmember in each of their respective Wards as follows:

Mayor John Nations (incumbent)
Ward I – Jane Durrell (incumbent)
Ward II – Barry Streeter (incumbent)
Ward III – Dan Hurt (incumbent)
Ward IV – Mary Brown (incumbent)

The Mayor serves a four-year term of office. Councilmembers serve for two years.

To be able to vote in the April 5, 2005 municipal election, you must be a registered voter. You may register at City Hall, any county public library or state motor vehicle registration offices or online at www.stlouisco.com/elections. Additionally, registration forms can be mailed to you by calling City Hall at (636) 537-4000. The deadline to register to vote in this election is March 9.

Please make plans to vote on April 5! Polls open at 6 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. If you need information regarding your polling place, please call the St. Louis County Board of Election Commissioners at (314) 615-1800.







From the Mayor

2004 In Review...

n keeping with tradition, I devote my first column of the year to reviewing the major accomplishments of the past year as well as looking ahead to the major goals for the current year. Seldom have the opportunities for the coming year been so heavily dependent on the accomplishments of the previous year.

For the past couple of years, the financial condition of the City has been the major topic at subdivision meetings as well as business and civic gatherings. As

has been frequently pointed out in this space, the demand for City services was surpassing the City's ability to continue to deliver the quality services you had rightfully come to expect. In November, however, the voters approved Proposition P, which is a one-half percent sales tax devoted to parks and recreation, and which, significantly, will allow your City government to continue to provide high quality services.

Your City government is dedicated to providing the highest quality municipal services in an effective and efficient manner, and even in the difficult financial times through which the City has passed, we have maintained the high quality of our service levels. Our efforts

in these times have made all the more significant to us the recognition of two national publications which accorded Chesterfield in 2004 the distinction of being one of the finest communities in the Country. Earning these distinctions in difficult times makes me all the more confident of what will be able to achieve in the next four years as I begin my second term as your Mayor.

In 2004, our Public Works Director and City Engineer Mike Geisel was named the St. Louis Engineer of the Year by the St. Louis Branch of the American Public Works Association, which was a well-deserved

honor for his commitments to his profession and the people of Chesterfield. His Department is responsible for more than 160 miles of roads, side-

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walks, all City property (including fields, the swimming pool, and City Hall), as well as running the Parks & Recreation programs. In 2004, the Department of Public Works attended to the replacement of more than 26,000 square yards of concrete street replacements, crack sealing on 26 miles of streets, oversaw the recon-

struction of River Valley Drive, evaluated the condition of more than 80 miles of streets, completed the construction of Edison Avenue in the Valley, reviewed approximately 608 separate plans related to developments around the City, and installed 21 sidewalk access ramps in the neighborhoods. In the Parks & Recreation area, the Department has designed the Miracle Field, four football fields, as well as additional soccer fields at the Chesterfield Valley Athletic Complex. We look forward in 2005 to the Miracle Field providing access to sporting events for persons with all levels of ability, as well as welcoming youth football programs in the Valley.

I am often told that many of our residents moved to Chesterfield because "we just like the way our City looks." While the credit for the City's appearance is certainly a team effort involving all aspects of City staff, the responsibility for the planned and quality appearance of so much of our community falls on our Planning Department, which is charged with reviewing every development plan and re-zoning request in the City, and advising many of our boards and commissions on best development practices. In 2004, the Department coordinated 66 meetings and prepared 337 agenda items for five separate boards and commissions. It responded to more than 3,600

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Mayor's Letter (cont'd. from page 2)

separate requests for information, developed a new Tree Manual to consolidate all landscaping guidelines, and drafted new ordinances for the following areas: Museum & Arts District, Lighting requirements, Display Home Parking, Residential Service Areas, Home Occupations, Kennels, and Medical uses.

It would be difficult to state in this column all the ways in which our Police Department touches your lives and all of the programs which it undertakes during the year. I would like to point out, however, that in 2004 the Department maintained its selective international accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) and that the commitment of the men and women who quard the public safety now comprise what is widely regarded as one of the finest Police Departments in the Country. From programs such as "Safety Town" which targets our youngest citizens, to the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program in elementary schools, to the Teen Police Academy, to School Resource Officers in High Schools, to safety workshops for businesses and individuals, to the Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) and Volunteers in Policing (VIP) programs, our Police Department works 24 hours a day to ensure a safe community built on partnerships with citizens of all ages. The devotion of the Department is also reflected in an important fact: according to the FBI, Chesterfield is the safest large City in the State of Missouri.

The challenging financial times have posed special challenges for the Finance & Administration Department, which oversees all financial aspects of our operations. In 2004, the Department negotiated the re-financing of some of the City's debt, oversaw the special election in November for Proposition P, and continued its unbroken string of being recognized by the Government Finance Officers Association with both the Distinguished Budget and Auditing Awards.

Overseeing all of the Departments is our City Administrator Mike Herring, who was the first employee hired when the City was incorporated in 1988. In addition to his daily duties of supervising City operations, putting into effect all Ordinances and Resolutions passed by City Council, and implementing the directives from the Mayor, his extra efforts on behalf of the people in 2004

included securing the grant funding for two signature projects: the Pathway On The Parkway and the Pathway On The Levee in the Valley, both of which will be enjoyed for generations. Mike serves on the Board of Directors of the Missouri Municipal League and is part of a select group to have been accorded "Credentialed Manager" status by the International City Management Association.

The City Council has been extremely productive in 2004. The financial challenges we encountered required a redoubling of efforts to continue to provide a high level of municipal services in difficult times. There were several special meetings of the whole Council, in addition to the many regular meetings of the full Council as well as its four standing committees. The future for Chesterfield is much brighter because of the actions and extra efforts put forth by the Council this year, and I commend each of them for their service.

As I have said many times, the real strength in Chesterfield lies in the multitudes of our people who volunteer their time to various community and civic endeavors. From the volunteers who serve on City Boards and Commissions, to the volunteers at our schools, places of worship, and neighborhoods, and to the parents who devote their energies on behalf of the thousands of kids in our athletic programs, it is because of your commitment that Chesterfield is "The City Of Volunteers" and it is because of you that we are one of the best cities in the Country.

I renew my commitment to each of you that everyday we will be working to administer a government which lives up to my "3 R's" of government: Responsible, Responsive, and Representative. Everyday we will be working to make Chesterfield a better place to be.

John Nations, Mayor



to reside.

Chesterfield Beautification Awards

he Chesterfield Beautification Committee, in an on-going effort to preserve and enhance the beauty of the City, is pleased to announce the fifth Chesterfield Beautification Committee Award competition. This honor will be given to three neighborhood entrances, three small commercial businesses and three large commercial businesses based on outstanding design, display, maintenance, seasonal color and texture.

Let the Beautification Committee know which businesses and subdivisions you find attractive by responding with a nomination for an award. These awards will be presented at a City Council meeting in August, followed by photos in the Chesterfield Journal and on the City's website. **Deadline for nominations is June 1.** Applications are available at City Hall or by calling Kay Folsom at (636) 532-2503. This award program was established with the goal in mind of making Chesterfield a more beautiful and livable place in which

Chesterfield Offers First Garden Tour

ith spring around the corner, it's time to think warm thoughts and come out of hibernation. If you enjoy seeing beautiful flowers or like marveling at backyards that rival the grandeur of The Hanging Gardens of Babylon, be sure to mark your calendar for the City of Chesterfield's first Garden Tour, scheduled from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, June 25.

Starting in April, tickets will be available for purchase at City Hall for \$15 each. They can also be ordered online through the City's website at www.chesterfield.mo.us. The Garden Tour is a joint venture, sponsored by the Chesterfield Parks and Recreation Department and the Chesterfield Beautification Committee. Proceeds will support projects that enhance the beauty of Chesterfield. Monies collected for the 2005 event are going to be used to replace damaged trees as determined by the City's Public Works/Parks Department.

The Chesterfield Beautification Committee is still looking for event sponsors. Those interested should contact Kay Folsom at (636) 532-2503.

City Council Actions

APPOINTMENTS | |

Steven Spencer re-appointed to the Public Works Board of Variance.

Jack Geibe re-appointed to the Police Personnel Board.

Richard Clawson appointed to the Architectural Review Board.

Steve Lander, Mark Leach and Dan Rothwell re-appointed to the Landmark Preservation Commission.

PROCLAMATIONS | | | |

Martha Harvey in celebration of her 24 years as an educator.

Chabad Lubavitch in celebration of Chabad Week.

Ascension School, Chesterfield Day School, Chesterfield Elementary School, Kehrs Mill Elementary School, Shenandoah Valley Elementary School and Wild Horse Elementary School for participating in the DARE program.

Michael Barnes, Brian Casalone, Ryan McQuinn, Justin Perry and Nicholas Zotos for having achieved the rank of Eagle Scout.

Citizens Committee for the Environment in celebration of the 14th Annual Tree Day and Arbor Day.

Slogan Contest!!!

ut on your thinking cap and create a slogan for Chesterfield! For example, Florissant is known as the "City of Flowers". Write your own slogan that reflects the special nature of Chesterfield.

The contest is open to all residents, students and employees. Simply submit your suggestion, 5 words or less, no later than April 30. Please send your entry to Mindy Mohrman at City Hall or e-mail her at mmohrman@chesterfield.mo.us. The author of the winning entry will receive recognition and the winning slogan may be used on City limit signs in the future. Good luck to all!



March

- **City Council** City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 14 **Planning Commission** City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 21 City Council City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 28 **Planning Commission** City Hall, 7 p.m.

April

Preston Ridge

Shadow Wood

Court

Preston Ridge Drive

■ Timber Point Court

Timberbluff Drive

- **Municipal Election** Please vote!
- 11 **Planning Commission** City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 18 City Council (Installation of newly-elected officials) City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 27 **Planning Commission** City Hall, 7 p.m.

May

- 2 **City Council** City Hall, 7 p.m.
- **Planning Commission** City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 16 **City Council** City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 23 **Planning Commission** City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 30 City Hall Closed Observance of Memorial Day

Selective Slab Replacement **Projects**

his year's slab replacement projects will be bid by the end of February. Current plans call for approximately 44,000 square yards of pavement to be replaced, but the actual quantity will be determined after bids are received and evaluated. The planned work is spread over portions of 21 different streets. The streets currently planned for construction are listed below. Once bids have been opened, residents and subdivision trustees adjacent to the proposed reconstruction projects will be notified by mail. Construction is expected to start in April or May and extend into fall.

- Beagle Lane
- Cedar Grove Court
- Clovertrail Drive
- Land O Woods Drive
- Marygold Court
- Primwood Drive Sunbridge Drive
- Walfield Lane
- White Birch Valley
- White Birch Valley
- Bristol Ridge Court
- Country Ridge Drive
- Doverfield Court
- Farm Valley Drive
- Grayson Ridge Court
- Heathercroft Court
- Heathercroft Drive

Drug Awareness Day at the Mall

he Chesterfield Drug Abuse Task Force is proud to announce the 13th Annual "Drug Awareness Day." The event will be held from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 9 at Westfield Shoppingtown – Chesterfield. "Drug Awareness Day" introduces kids to healthy recreational activities that will lead them in the direction of a "tobacco, alcohol and drug free life." The event includes performances by many local school and community groups and booths where information regarding tobacco, alcohol and drug abuse prevention materials for kids and their parents can be obtained. All are welcome to enjoy this event.

The mission of the Chesterfield Drug Abuse Task Force is "to identify and implement ways to stop the abuse and illegal use of drugs and alcohol in the Chesterfield area." Residents of Chesterfield who are interested in becoming a member of the Task Force can e-mail Officer Duecker at sduecker@chesterfield.mo.us

Stages – St. Louis

e a part of the Stages St. Louis 2005 Season! Dream the impossible dream with Man of La Mancha (June 3 - July 3), cut loose with **Footloose** (July 22 - Aug. 21), and experience vintage Broadway at its best with **Hello, Dolly!** (Sept. 9 – Oct. 9). A special midsummer treat for the whole family will be Free To Be...You And Me (Aug. 3 – Aug. 21). Dance! Act! Sing!

Let your star shine at the Stages Performing Arts Academy across from Chesterfield Mall. Classes in the musical theatre arts are offered year round for all ages and skill levels.

For more information call (314) 821-2407 or visit www.stagesstlouis.org.

These projects are made possible, in part, by the allocation, this year, of an additional \$500,000, by City Council, bringing the total amount appropriated citywide, for Capital Street/Sidewalk Improvement projects, to just over \$2.5 million.

Grated Trough Replacement. A total of three grated troughs are planned to be replaced during 2005. Replacement of the trough will consist of a complete removal of the existing trough, some of the adjacent pavement, and installation of a new trough and pavement. The specific locations are 14974 Chateau Village Drive, 1338 Carriage Crossing Lane, and 1506 Timber Point Court. These locations were chosen based on the structural condition of the existing troughs as determined during a periodical review of all the existing troughs within the City.



Families on the Prairie Day

"Families on the Prairie Day" is a Community Habitat Team event scheduled from 10 a.m. – noon on Saturday, May 14, at Gov. Bates' Thornhill mansion at Faust Park. Activities for the entire family will be available, including the opportunity to observe natural bird and butterfly habitats. "Grow Native" demonstrations and ideas for tall grass prairies and native gardens for residents' own back yards will also be available. Events are held rain or shine so please plan accordingly.

Paper Re¢y¢ling Return\$

n Chesterfield, there are 26 locations where you can recycle newspapers, magazines, catalogs, white office/school papers and junk mail! Schools and houses of worship are participating in this free PAPER RETRIEVER PROGRAM. These organizations earn money while diverting trash papers from landfills. 100% of the recycled newsprint from the waste paper collected in the Green and Yellow Paper Retriever Bins throughout the St. Louis Area, including Chesterfield, is recycled.

In December 2004, Chesterfield families and businesses recycled 60.89 tons of waste papers in the 26 locations throughout Chesterfield! The 60.89 tons of recycled waste papers saved 183 cubic yards of landfill space and spared 426,230 gallons of water from the manufacturing process!

Information about this project will be available at the "14th Annual Tree, Earth, and Arbor Day: Conservation of Native Resources" on Saturday, April 30 at Central Park (See Related Article). To learn more about this recycling program, please log onto www.PaperRetriever.com or call (314) 381-3700.

Green Team Members

he Citizens Committee for the Environment (CCE) will "Green Team" its 48th and 49th conservation partners. This "thank-you" and award program was initiated with grant funding initially obtained in 1996. "Green Team" emblems and CCE's logo will be given to "Choose Environmental Excellence – Gateway Region" and "St. Louis Earth Day" to thank them for partnering with CCE through the years. Both organizations are outstanding in their regional environmental education efforts and for pursuing quality choices for our natural world. They both help CCE to sustain its conservation goals. "CEEGR" has placed tabletop exhibits at City Hall. Please visit their website at www.ceegr.org for information about recycling in our region. "St. Louis Earth Day" sustains one of the largest Earth Day celebrations in the country (www.stlouisearthday.org). Both organizations will be in attendance at the 14th Annual Tree, Earth Day and Arbor Day event, on April 30.

2005 Spring Recycle Drive/Telephone Book Recycling

ince 1996, the City has sponsored recycling drives. The Citizens Committee for the Environment (CCE) urges everyone to bring magazines, catalogs, cardboard, chipboard, and textiles to the next events, scheduled for April 23 –May 1, and Oct. 29 – Nov. 6 at the Dierbergs Market Place and August 13 – 21 at the Monarch Fire Protection District Headquarters at 13725 Olive Boulevard.

Telephone books ONLY may be brought to City Hall and Barron Communications, Inc., 253 Chesterfield Industrial Blvd., March 1 – April 8.

14th Annual Tree/Earth/Arbor Day – "Conservation of Native and Natural Resources"

elp conserve native and natural resources! Recycle old athletic shoes and ecycle household electronics at this event for FREE! Meet recyclers and learn how to improve your opportunities. Those who attend this event are eligible to obtain, on a first come/first served basis, flowering dogwood, redbud, spicebush, ninebark, short-leafed pine and deciduous holly. Support native bees, birds and butterflies. Celebrate art, help Missouri Habitat Helpers, meet Community Habitat Team Members and see how they help our community. On display will be recycled-content products, native/natural giveaways and restoration tips for your own garden.

The event will take place rain or shine on April 30. Check the City's website for quidelines for recycling events and this e-cycling opportunity.

Park and Recreation Updates...

Season pool pass cards may be obtained or renewed at City Hall Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. To receive a season pool pass card, you must present an official Missouri driver's license with a valid Chesterfield address listed. Residents may bring in last year's seasonal pass cards to be renewed; however, residency must still be proven. All season pass-holders ages 2 and over, are required to have an individual season pass card.

In addition, the City has discontinued Resident I.D's. Now, for those seeking daily admission, you only have to present your **driver's license** at the front gate of the Family Aquatic Park in order to receive the resident rate.

Safety Town

he Chesterfield Police Department and the Chesterfield Rotary Club, in cooperation with the Parkway School District, will be conducting a free nationally-recognized preschool safety program known as "Safety Town."

Safety Town, one of the Police Department's most popular programs, utilizes class-room activities, as well as outside, hands-on activities in a miniature Safety Town city. Safety Town is intended for 4, 5 and 6-year olds and utilizes Junior and Senior High School counselors from area schools will assist the on-site Police Officers who lead the program.

Safety Town students attend the program for two weeks, two hours per day, either in the morning or afternoon. A total of 204 preschoolers will be able to participate in this year's program. Preference will be given to those children who have NOT previously attended Safety Town and are Chesterfield residents. The sessions will be held at River Bend Elementary School, 224 River Valley Drive. This year's sessions are:

Session 1: June 13 – June 24 (10 a.m. – noon)

Session 2: June 13 – June 24 (1 – 3 p.m.)

Session 3: June 27 – July 8 (10 a.m. – noon)

Session 4: June 27 – July 8 (1 – 3 p.m.)

Session 5: July 11 – July 22 (10 a.m. – noon)

Session 6: July 11 – July 22 (1 – 3 p.m.)



Registration night will be held from 6-7:30~p.m. on Thursday, April 7 at City Hall in the Council Chambers.

NOTE: Selection is on a "first come, first served" basis. For further information, contact the Chesterfield Police Community Affairs Division at (636) 537-3000.

Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) Programs

he Chesterfield Police and the Monarch Fire Protection District will co-host 24-hour Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training programs.

During this time of increased emphasis on homeland security, CERT has provided an avenue for citizens to better prepare themselves for emergency circumstances that may arise within the community.

CERT is about readiness, people helping people, rescuer safety and doing the most good for the greatest number. Through this training, citizens will be equipped to manage utilities, extinguish small fires, provide basic medical aid and preserve the lives of their neighbors and co-workers.

The next CERT training sessions have been scheduled from 1 – 5 p.m. on Wednesdays from April 27 – June 1. For CERT registration information, please call Police Capt. Graham Burnley at (636) 537-3000 or e-mail him at gburnley@chesterfield.mo.us. Information is also available on the City's website www.chesterfield.mo.us.

Holiday Trash Schedule

Trash collection for the Memorial Day Holiday will be as follows: Monday's trash will be collected on Tuesday and Tuesday's on Wednesday, Thursday's on Friday and Friday's on Saturday.

AARP Older Driver Course

The Chesterfield Police Department is proud to announce a cooperative effort with AARP in providing the "55 Alive" driver safety program. AARP's "55 Alive" is the nation's first and largest classroom driver improvement course. It provides a thorough review of the "rules of the road" with an emphasis on defensive driving practices. The eight-hour course is taught in two, four-hour sessions spanning two days. There are NO tests

but a minimal student fee is charged.
Graduates may also be eligible to receive a discount from their auto insurance carrier.

The Chesterfield course will be held on Wednesday, March 23 and Thursday, March 24, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day. The location will be the Chesterfield City Hall.

Reservations are required.

To inquire further or to register, contact the program coordinator, Officer Mark Caswell at (636) 537-6769 or mcaswell@chesterfield.mo.us.

Citizens Police Academy

The Chesterfield Police Department will host the Citizens Police Academy, beginning March 31. There will be two one-hour classes, each Thursday evening from 7 – 9 p.m. for ten weeks. This program gives interested persons an overview of the Police Department's operation and is designed to accommodate anyone over the age of twentyone.

An application can be downloaded from the City's web site (www.chester field.mo.us) or picked up at the Police Department. Applications need to be returned no later than March 23. For more information, contact Sgt. Greg Lehman at (636) 537-3000.

Chesterfield Ancient Archaeology

1,000-Year-Old Farm House and 11,500 Year-Old Campsite

oin Professor Michael Fuller (St. Louis Community College), Dennis Hogan (St. Louis County Parks) and Richard Martens (Missouri Archaeological Society) for a discussion on two of Missouri's most significant ancient archaeological sites. While separated by about 10,000 years, both sites were excavated by scientists from Washington University and both are located within eyesight of the entrance to Faust Park. You will be amazed just how much has been learned about Chesterfield's ancient inhabitants.

The "Archaeology of the Thornhill and Martens Sites" event will take place from 9 -11:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 23 at Faust Park. This program is sponsored by St. Louis County Parks and Recreation.



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Chesterfield: The First 10,000 Years

By Alice E. Fugate, Chesterfield Landmark Preservation Commission



a) 150 yearsb) 300 years

c) 10,000 years or more

Chesterfield's river bluff location was just as attractive to home buyers in 8000 B.C. as it is today. Archaeologists have discovered tools, weapons, houses, pottery, and other evidence that Native Americans have lived here for at least that long.

Two of the most important archaeological sites in Chesterfield are Martens (under today's Nooning Tree and Shenandoah subdivisions) and Thornhill (a hilltop in present-day Faust Park). Inhabitants of the Martens site may have hunted mastodon and long-horned bison as early as 9550 B.C. Hunters and farmers occupied the Thornhill site from approximately 8000 B.C. to 1100 A.D.

Among other finds, researchers excavated a thousand-year-old house (contemporary with Cahokia in Illinois) that burned shortly after being stocked with a rich harvest of corn.

Want to learn more? Come to Faust Park on April 23, 9-11:30 a.m., when

Prof. Michael Fuller, Dennis Hogan, and Richard Martens will speak on "The Archaeology of the Thornhill and Martens Sites." Call



(636) 391-0922 for reservations and further information. The \$3 fee includes admission to the 1819 Thornhill Plantation home, residence of Missouri's second governor, a national historic landmark and – at a mere 186 years old – an example of relatively recent habitation in Chesterfield.

Journeys Into The Past...

"Colonial Trek"

hesterfield residents and other history enthusiasts are invited to journey back 200 years and enjoy a living history program sponsored by the Chesterfield Historical Commission at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday March 16 at City Hall. Admission is free.

The program will feature documented stories and music from the early colonial times in Missouri. Dianne Moran, an award winning folklorist, will be joined by Pat Frank, a musician, composer, and vocalist, to present an evening of informative stories and entertaining music. The program is interactive and designed to appeal to people of all ages. There will be a display of articles from the colonial era. The audience will have the opportunity to handle the articles and to ask questions.

For more information, contact Robert or Christina Landram at (636) 733-0495.

