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Chesterfield **Boomers** asked about **City services**

According to the 2010 U.S. Census, 36% of Chesterfield residents are over the age of 55, and 53% are over the age of 45. Clearly, a large portion of Chesterfield's population will be of retirement age within 5-10 years. As our residents change, we expect that their demands for public services will also change.

The City of Chesterfield strives to provide its residents with the highest level of service. In order to measure the changing needs of our residents, the City is conducting this survey. The results will be used to make informed decisions about



future policies and programs in order to better serve our residents.

If you are age 55 or older, please fill out the pull-out survey in the center of the newsletter by rating each statement from 1 to 5, with 1 being least important/accurate, and 5 being most important/accurate.

You can mail it back to City Hall, or complete it online at www.chesterfield.mo.us/55plus.html

Nominations sought for City's 'Citizen of Year'

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.

Nomination guidelines

- One nomination per person per household (spouses can be nominated jointly).
- Previously nominated individuals can be renominated.
- A nominee cannot serve on the Selection Committee.
- The person nominating an individual cannot serve on the Selection Committee.

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County launches *Recycling Becomes Me* program

St. Louis County Department of Health's Solid Waste Management Program has launched the first ever county-wide recycling education campaign. Called "Recycling Becomes Me," the campaign features preposterous visuals

interjecting common recycling containers into unexpected situations. The idea is to show, in an attention-getting manner, that everyone recycles – or can recycle. Recycling becomes me, and you!

The goal of the campaign is to

celebrate and expand the current culture of recycling in the County and ensure everyone is recycling everything they can. Residents in Chesterfield have access to singlestream recycling, which means no sorting of recyclables is required.



Either curb-side or at our quarterly recycle drives, everything can be

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MAYOR	COUNCIL MEMBERS							
	WARD I		WARD II		WARD III		WARD IV	
Bruce Geiger	Barry Flachsbart	Matt Segal	G. Elliot Grissom	Derek Grier	Mike Casey	Randy Logan	Connie Fults	Bob Nation
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Term Expires April 2013	Term Expires April 2012	Term Expires April 2013						



Our City's outlook remains rosy for multiple reasons

"Chesterfield's best days lie ahead." That was the headline of my first Mayor's Message in the June 2011 Chesterfield Citizen. Six months later, as we bring the year to a close, those words are truer than ever.

Heading into 2011, we were cautiously optimistic about the economy. So far we are still very optimistic! Year-to-date sales tax receipts, which account for about 50% of all revenues, continue to exceed prior year levels, reversing a trend of the last two years. In the Valley, the two vacant big box stores have been filled with Big Lots and the scheduled spring 2012 opening of Ross Dress for Less. Aldi and Gordmans recently opened for business, and several new restaurants are planned, including Tahoe Joe's and Bandana's BBQ. Two national developers have announced their intention to open high-end premium outlet malls in the Valley. Realizing that the market can only support one, we will wait to see which prevails.

At the Chesterfield Mall, American Girl announced plans for its eighth store nationally — and its only store in Missouri — opening next spring. This is an exciting addition not only for the Mall but for the City as well, as it will attract people from within a 150-mile radius to Chesterfield to shop, eat and enjoy the amenities our city offers. Another welcome addition is EdgeWild Restaurant and Winery that will give new life to the Bahama Breeze site.

Mercy Medical, a large health care provider, announced plans for a \$90 million state-of-the-art virtual care center to be built in Chesterfield. This facility will employ up to 400 highly trained and highly paid technicians. Mercy plans to eventually construct an orthopedic hospital and centralize their headquarters in Chesterfield. More good news arrived when St. Louis County Library announced plans to construct an \$18 million Center for Family History, a unique facility in our region and one of only three in the country.

Our Parks Department has had an outstanding year. The completion of the Chesterfield Amphitheater, the beautiful Central Park



Mayor Bruce Geiger held a roundtable meeting with several Chesterfield business people recently. They included reps from Academy of St. Louis, Chesterfield Sports Fusion, Hardee's Ice Complex, Katalyst Surgical, The Sound Room, Technology Partners, and Verified Service Reports. It was a great exchange of information and the business outlook is a positive one for this group!

amenities, the Riparian Trail, the Levee Trail from the athletic fields to Centaur Road, four new ball fields, plus the ring road and additional parking facilities at the Chesterfield Valley Athletic Complex would, by themselves, have made 2011 an outstanding year. However, Parks also completed the initial phase of the Eberwein Park, including the walking path and the incredibly successful dog park with over 1,000 Chesterfield dogs registered. While doing all this, the Parks Department also achieved accreditation from the Commission for Accreditation of Parks & Recreation Agencies (CAPRA). Ours is one of only three accredited parks systems in the state and one of only 90 nationwide! Come out and enjoy all we have to offer.

Earlier this year the Missouri Arts Council awarded Chesterfield the 2011 Creative
Community Award for incorporating art and culture in our lives. We are fortunate to have two outstanding non-profits, Chesterfield Arts and Stages St. Louis, in our community. Both organizations have effective and creative programs for children and adults of all ages and effectively champion Chesterfield throughout the region.
Additionally, the St. Louis Civic Orchestra brings a wonderful musical dimension to Chesterfield.

As we close 2011, one additional item is taking shape that will undoubtedly be front and center in 2012; that is the St. Louis County 1% sales tax distribution system. Thirty four years after voter

approval and eighteen years after the state legislature last modified the voter plan, we have joined an effort along with many other cities to modify the system. Our plan would keep more sales tax revenues at the municipal level closest to the residents, reward — not penalize—cities that have the ability to create sustainable economic growth and more clearly define the role of St. Louis County government.

With a highly educated population, excellent public schools, a city government that is fiscally strong and committed to delivering outstanding services, a vibrant park system, and broad cultural opportunities, Chesterfield's demographics continue to be attractive to businesses and individuals alike looking for opportunities to invest and live.

I want to thank all of you for your support, including so many who give so much to make our city special. Please know your elected officials and city staff are committed to making Chesterfield the premier city in the region. Combined with your efforts, we will continue to be able to say "Chesterfield's best days lie ahead."

Please accept my best wishes for a joyful season and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Bruce Leizer

Bruce Geiger, Mayor

FROM CITY HALL

Filing for City Council will begin on Dec. 13

On Tuesday, Dec, 13, 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. 13, 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. 17, 2012, at 5 p.m. The election will be held April 3.

Qualifications

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

For additional information, call the City Clerk at 636.537.6716.

Term Expirations

April 2012 Councilmembers

Barry Flachsbart – Ward I G. Elliot Grissom – Ward II Mike Casey – Ward III Connie Fults – Ward IV

April 2013

Mayor

Bruce Geiger

Councilmembers

Matt Segal – Ward I Derek Grier – Ward II Randy Logan – Ward III Bob Nation – Ward IV

Voter registration information

Unregistered citizens 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 for registering to vote in the April municipal election is March 7.

City program can help finance subdivision projects

Does your aging subdivision need improvements that would benefit those in the entire subdivision? Items such as detention pond issues, retaining walls, private street replacement or repairs or curb and guttering?

The City has a program that may help finance these projects that are often beyond the scope of annual assessments. State-legislated mechanisms allow municipalities to finance public improvement projects in their communities. These are known as either a Neighborhood Improvement District (NID) or a Community Improvement District (CID).

Chesterfield Hill subdivision is our first, and currently only, project under the Neighborhood Improvement District program. It is using a loan from the City to finance the cleaning of

two non-functioning detention ponds, which had become a property code violation due to the odor. Seventy percent of voting homeowners in the subdivision agreed to share in those costs to be repaid as an annual assessment on their property tax bill over a period of 20 years.

Several other subdivision trustees are currently exploring this financing mechanism with homeowners to see if it would be a good fit for repairs that are needed in their common area property.

To see if your subdivision project would be a good candidate for this program, contact Libbey Tucker, Assistant City Administrator for Community Services & Economic Development, at 636.537.6721 or: ltucker@chesterfield.mo.us.

Chesterfield calendars are on sale now

The Chesterfield Historical Commission 2012 calendars are now available and at a lower price than in past years!

The calendars feature 12 or more black and white photographs, maps, plats or illustrations of Chesterfield buildings and sites, as well as people who helped establish the area we now know as Chesterfield.

The 2012 calendars sell for \$2. 2001-2011 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. For more information, call City Hall at 636.537.4000.

Sign up to get City notifications via e-mail

Receive up-to-date information in areas such as City news, community events, environmental information, and parks updates in your e-mail inbox!

Just sign up by going to the

City web site at www.chesterfield.mo.us and click on the Web Mail/E Notifications link at the left of the home page. You can also follow us on Facebook — City of Chesterfield, MO.

Past Citizen of Year recipients

1989 Mark Beldner	1998 Louis Sachs			
1990 Greg Franzen	1999 Larry Grosser			
1991 None awarded	2000 Lauren Strutman Dick Busch			
1992 None awarded	2001Jade Gardner Bute			
1993 Reverend Carlton Norton	Betty Hathaway			
Marilyn Norton	2002 Bill and Terry			
Laura L. Frame	Wunderlich			
Jason Goldkamp	2003 Jerry Right			
Pastor Jeff Perry	2004 Lynn O'Connor			
& members of the	2005 Dan Rothwell			
St. Louis Family	2006 Phil and Kay			
Church	Folsom			
1994 Faith Martens	2007 Maurice "Bud"			
Benton Taylor	Hirsch			
1995 Robert H. Grant	2008 Kathy Higgins			
Judy LeDoux	2009 Don Wiegand			
1996 Darcy Capstick	2010 Joan Schmelig			

Nominations

1997 Minna Waldmann

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 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 Feb. 3.

POLICE

AARP Driver Safety course set Jan. 11

The Chesterfield Police Department proudly announces a cooperative effort with the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) in providing the "AARP Driver Safety Program" driver safety course.

Jan. 11 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Reservations 636.537.6769

The four-hour Safety course course reviews the rules of the road with an emphasis on defensive driving practices. It is taught in a

single morning session and does not involve a test. Fees are \$12 for AARP members, \$14 for others.

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

The course will be held on Wednesday Jan. 11, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the City Hall. Reservations are required.

For further information or to reserve a seat, please contact Officer Paul Powers at 636.537.6769 or via e-mail at: ppowers@chesterfield.mo.us.

Recycling

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placed in the same container. For further details about recycling, the campaign, what you can and cannot recycle visit:

www.RecyclingBecomesMe.com

Over the next several months and into next year, residents will encounter the campaign around the county through radio and community newspaper advertisements, at various events, as well as online. You might even get recognized for showing great recycling behavior!

CITIZEN COMMITTEES

Holidays bring recycling opportunities

Help the "Recycling Becomes Me" endeavor and make an effort to recycle paper gift wrappings, paper gift bags and boxes, greeting cards, catalogs and cardboard, along with plastics #1-#7 (no #6), and so much more in your curbside recycle bin.

This will help to achieve the

City and County's goal of increasing recycling numbers in 2012! For more information go to: www.recyclingbecomesme.com

Also recycle batteries and light bulbs locally during the winter holidays at Batteries Plus in the Chesterfield Valley.





Mayor Bruce Geiger with Chesterfield Citizens Committee for the Environment co-chairs Ken Denson and Darcy Capstick and honorees, from left, Sarah Booth, Mariel McMindes, Nicole Moore, and Lauren Schumacher.

Four Girl Scouts welcomed to Stellar Green Youth Team

Mayor Bruce Geiger and the Chesterfield Citizens Committee for the Environment recognized four Girl Scouts from West Middle Troop #2534 at the Nov. 7 City Council meeting as new members of the Stellar Green Youth Team.

This program recognizes youths who volunteer at three Citysponsored environmental events

over the course of two years. Forty five youth have been recognized to date.

Those recognized by Mayor Geiger are Sarah Booth, Nicole Moore, Mariel McMindes, and Lauren Schumacher. Their co-leaders are Meredith McMindes and Diana Schumacher. These individuals, along with the rest of the troop, are working with Parks

staff to design and plant a butterfly garden in Eberwein Park as part of their Silver Award Scout project.

Mayor Geiger also presented a proclamation to Katie Zufall, Community Development Manager of the Girl Scout Council of Eastern Missouri headquarters, in recognition of the 100-year anniversary of Girl Scouts.

Chesterfield remains state's only Certified Wildlife Habitat community

The City of Chesterfield is the only community in the state of Missouri and one of fewer than 75 communities in the United States that carries this certification!

The Chesterfield Citizens Committee for the Environment (CCE) initiated registration with the

National Wildlife Federation in 2001, and after several years of hard work, the City was named a Community Wildlife Habitat™ Community by the National Wildlife Federation in 2005.

A Community Wildlife Habitat is a community that provides habitat for wildlife throughout the community –

in backyards, on school grounds and in public areas such as parks, community gardens, places of worship and businesses. It is a place where the residents provide habitat for wildlife by providing the four basic elements that all wildlife need: food, water, cover and places to raise young.

PLANNING & PUBLIC WORKS



Tips for clearing snow from driveway entrances

Clearing snow from the street frequently results in blockage of driveways that you've worked hard to clear.

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. Officials know that this can be very frustrating, but snow must be plowed from the centerline of the street to the curb, and City crews are unable to remove snow windrows from

over 16,000 private driveways in Chesterfield.

To help reduce the size of the windrow of snow across your driveway, you 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. Please be extremely careful when working next to the roadway, especially when snowplowing operations are in progress.

Watch where you park when the snow falls

When those snowflakes start falling, watch where you park!

Certain Chesterfield streets identified by signs are designated snow routes. City ordinances prohibit parking on these routes during snowfalls of two inches or more. Parking that obstructs emergency snow removal equipment is prohibited on all streets during any snow event.

If a car is on the street, it can be ticketed and/or towed. Plus, if snow plows have to go around a car, the vehicle may be buried by an icy mound of packed snow. Parking can resume once the street has been cleared curb to curb.



Survey suggests City has too many Ash trees near streets

The City of Chesterfield recently completed an inventory of all the trees between sidewalks and the street. The results of the inventory showed that ash species made up more than 36% of the City's street trees.

Professionals recommend that a healthy urban forest should contain no more than 10% of a single species. Many of these ash trees are dead or declining due to symptoms brought on by overpopulation, and they now require removal. Dead and declining ash trees are a hazard, and they can also be an attractant to the Emerald Ash Borer, an invasive insect pest.

The Emerald Ash Borer has devastated ash species in other midwestern and eastern states, and it was first discovered in Missouri in Wayne County three years ago. That area has been quarantined, and it is now prohibited to move ash wood into or out of the county. The USDA, Missouri Department of Conservation, Missouri Department of Agriculture, and Missouri Department of Natural Resources have been working to monitor the population, and thus far have not discovered any insects outside of the quarantine area. However, the City is taking a pro-active approach and is removing some of the dead or declining ash trees to reduce the potential for an infestation and to protect healthy ash trees from possible damage.

The City applied for and was awarded a Tree Resource Improvement and Maintenance grant (T.R.I.M) from the Missouri

Department of Conservation to assist in the removal of dead and declining ash trees. If you believe that you have an ash tree that is dead or declining and is located in the right-of-way area between the sidewalk and the street and you would like it to be inspected for removal, call the city at 636.537.4000. Please be aware that the city only removes trees that are dead or declining past the point where remedial steps can be taken to save the tree.

If you have space for a new tree, the Residential Street Tree Planting Program assists homeowners in planting street trees.

Information can be found at www.chesterfield.mo.us, under the Residents menu, or program materials can be picked up at City Hall.

PARKS & RECREATION

Amphitheater

Chesterfield Amphitheater features lush landscaping, beautifully designed terraces, and state-of-the-art technology that provides fabulous acoustics.

It is ideal for events ranging from concerts, to graduations, weddings, or corporate gatherings.

For questions regarding availability for bookings, contact the Parks and Recreation Department, 636.812.9500 or visit:

www.chesterfieldamphitheater.com

Dog tags on sale Dec. 5

Drop by City Hall and pick up 2012 dog tags so that your favorite family member will not miss going to Eberwein Dog Park in January. The fee is \$30.

The park is for Chesterfield residents only, and each dog must wear a dog park tag. To register a dog, bring proof of residency, documentation that the dog has been spayed or neutered, and rabies and Bordetella records.

For more information, visit www.chesterfield.mo.us/eberweindogpark.html

Aquatic Center pass special

Chesterfield Parks and
Recreation Department is offering
an early bird special for its 2012
Aquatic Center season passes,
starting Jan. 3. Receive 10% off the
general or resident rate for a family
of four by purchasing a season
pass before March 31. For more
information call 636.812.9500 or visit
www.chesterfield.mo.us

Pavilion rental

Starting Jan. 3, 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, April 1 to Oct. 31. For more information call 636.812.9500 or visit:

www.chesterfield.mo.us

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Chesterfield Arts continues tradition with Nutcracker

A holiday tradition continues Sunday, Dec. 18, as Chesterfield Arts presents The Nutcracker, with a narrative performance by Alexandra Ballet.

The Nutcracker Sunday Dec. 18 2 & 6 p.m. Peformances are at 2 and 6 p.m. at The Purser Center located at Logan College of Chiropractic.

The talented students of Alexandra Ballet will be joined by professional dancers to present this one-hour holiday

extravaganza about an enchanting young girl, Clara (Zoe Malinski), who receives a magical gift from Godfather Drosselmeyer (Tony Award-winning Lara Teeter) on Christmas Eve. The ensemble includes:

The Nutcracker (Ravi Shastri), Sugarplum Fairy (Jasmine Smith), Snow Queen (Sarah



Elizabeth Agan) and Snow Cavalier (Elisha Malinski). Once again the production will be narrated by Anne-Marie Ruhlin.

Tickets are adults \$15, children (12 & under) \$10 and may be purchased online at www.chesterfieldarts.org or by calling 636.519.1955.

Artists Trunk Show offers holiday gifts

Looking for a gift for a family member or friend? Consider shopping at the first Artist Trunk Show at Chesterfield Arts, 444 Chesterfield Center.

More than 17 artists will be offering a wide range of gift items from jewelry and sculpture to wall hangings, photographs, accessories and more.

Sale hours: Dec. 9 – 6-8 p.m.; Dec. 10 – 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Dec. 16 – 4-8 p.m.; Dec. 17 –10 a.m.-4 p.m.

For more information call Chesterfield Arts at 636.519.1955 or visit www.chesterfieldarts.org.

Handmade scarves and unique pottery pieces are among the items at the Chesterfield Arts Artist Trunk Show.







Save the date for Chamber's 21st annual Business EXPO March 8

Be the first in line at the 21st Annual Business EXPO and Showcase presented by the Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce.

Over 80 businesses and organizations will participate in showcasing their products and services at the Doubletree Hotel and Conference Center.

Attendees will have the opportunity to discover new and important information about the area businesses through product demonstrations and personal

contact with industry professionals as well as receiving up-to-date news from local organizations and menu samples from favorite restaurants.

The EXPO is a perfect place to meet potential clients in a face-to-face environment without the hassle of phone tag, or re-connect with clients from the past. The EXPO is free and open to the public!

For exhibitor or general information, call the Chamber at 636.532.3399 or visit: chesterfieldmochamber.com

St. Louis Civic Orchestra sets next two concerts

Dec. 10: Holiday Favorites and Prokofiev's "Peter and the Wolf" narrated by Judge Stephen N. Limbaugh, Jr. and featuring the Kramer's Marionettes.

Feb. 18: Love is in the Air, featuring Shadow Catcher by Ewazen and Dvorak's Symphony No 9.

All concerts are presented at the William D. Purser Center at Logan College, 1851 Schoettler Rd., Chesterfield. Concerts begin at 8 p.m.

Tickets are available online at www.stlouiscivicorchestra.org or at the door. Adults \$12, seniors \$7, students \$7.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Butterfly House invitation: Go spy a kite!

'Snow in Tropics' exhibit features a thousand Paper Kite butterflies

The Paper Kite, one of the most delightful butterflies at the Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly

'Snow in Tropics' Dec. 1-31 9 a.m.-4 p.m. House, conjures visions of gently floating snowflakes amid the greenery of the indoor tropical conservatory. Throughout the month of December, their numbers will snowball to well over 1,000

butterflies in flight! Witness this magical Snow in the Tropics, Dec. 1-31 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesdays through Sundays (closed Mondays). The event is included with Butterfly House admission.

Paper Kite butterflies (Idea leuconoe) are native to Southeast Asia. These large, showy animals are known for their unhurried flight and wings of white with distinctive black markings.

Paper Kites are also flower lovers, feeding off sugar-rich nectar.

Normally, the
Butterfly House is home
to about 200 Paper Kites. The
lush, 85-degree indoor conservatory will
be resplendent with the addition of dozens
of white orchids, contrasting with the reds
and greens of the tropical foliage, trees and
other flowers surrounding the scene. Bring a
hand-held camera to capture a perfect family

holiday photo! (Please, no tripods, monopods or external flash equipment.)

As an added gift, visitors will also get to see a rare display of Paper Kite chrysalides.

"The chrysalis of this butterfly is one of the more striking, with bright yellow or gold backgrounds and black spots or markings — people often wonder if they are real," said Mark Deering, interim director of the Butterfly House. "We typically hang these chrysalides in our behind-the-scenes butterfly laboratory, but during December we are dedicating a special area for visitors to see a collection of these ornamental wonders."

Saturday, Dec. 3, 10 and 17 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Stop by the Lopata Learning Lab to create a shiny, glittery gift.

The Butterfly House is located at 15193 Olive Blvd. at Faust Park. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$4.50 for seniors (ages 65 and over), and \$4 for children (ages 3 to 12). Children ages 2 and under and Missouri Botanical Garden members are free. The Butterfly House is closed on Mondays and on Christmas Day.

butterflyhouse.

For more information, visit www.



Hockey, skating events highlight busy schedule at Hardee's Iceplex

Hardee's IcePlex will be a busy place the next few months with hockey and tournaments, figure skating, speedskating and the popular Winter Festival.

Fun things to do include a Skate with Santa and Holiday Ice Show Sunday, Dec. 4, free children's skate lessons during Winter Festival Dec. 28-30, and the nearly 60-team Arctic Blast tournament (Jan. 13-16).

Hardee's IcePlex and its three ice sheets are expected to generate millions of dollars to local businesses over the next few months because of the several

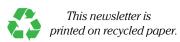


hundred thousands of visitors to the facility. Recognized in 2008 as the Spirit of Chesterfield award-winner by the Chesterfield Chamber, the many events at the IcePlex bring business to hotels, restaurants, and multiple shopping locations.

For more information about the IcePlex, visit www.HardeesIcePlex. com, email Eric Finch at Eric@HardeesIcePlex.com or call 636.537.4200.



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CHESTERFIELD CALENDAR

December

- 5 City Council City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 12 Planning Commission *City Hall, 7 p.m.*
- 13 Candidate filing begins City Hall, 8 a.m.
- 23 City Hall closed Christmas Eve Holiday Observed
- 26 City Hall closed Christmas Holiday Observed
- 30 City Hall closed New Year's Eve Observed

January

- 2 City Hall closed New Year's Holiday Observed
- 4 City Council City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 16 City Hall closed

 Martin Luther King Day
- 17 Candidate filing closes City Hall, 5 p.m.
- 18 City Council City Hall, 7 p.m.

February

- 6 City Council City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 20 City Hall closed Presidents' Day
- 22 City Council City Hall, 7 p.m.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

County program can drive volunteers to satisfaction

Would you like to find a cause near your home, where you can contribute time and really help out?

If so, you may be interested in a program offered by the Saint Louis County Department of Human Services' County Older Resident Program (CORP). CORP's Neighbor Driving Neighbor program matches volunteers with older adults living nearby and needing rides for medical appointments.

Many older residents 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 out when needed.

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 at least 5 days in advance and are free of charge for the senior.

The program offers volunteers flexibility for designating preferred days and hours, as well as geographic areas to which they will drive.

Orientation, defensive driving training 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 program or other volunteer openings, call CORP at 314.615.4516 or e-mail tlabovitz@stlouisco.com.

Sweethearts Dinner set for Faust Park Feb. 11

A unique Valentine celebration will take place on Saturday, Feb. 11 at Thornhill in Faust Park.

The four-course catered meal

features grilled steak and red wine served by perioddressed staff inside Thornhill, the historic home of Missouri's

Sweethearts Dinner Saturday Feb. 11 5 & 8 p.m.

second governor, Frederick Bates.

Availability is limited to 40 adults per seating at 5 and 8 p.m. Tickets are sold in advance for \$65 each, with proceeds used for preservation of the historic buildings in Faust Park.

For reservations, call 314.615.8328 or 314.615.8332.

Curbside Christmas tree pickup provided

Allied Waste will pick up Christmas trees the entire month of January on Wednesdays (yard waste day) at no additional charge. The tree must be free of all decorations including tinsel, garland, ornaments and lights. It must also be cut shorter than four feet.

Holiday Trash & Recycling

Since the Christmas and New Years holidays are on Sundays, collection routes will not be affected.