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Chesterfield gets ready for another spectacular July 4 fireworks show

One of the biggest and most spectacular fireworks shows in the St. Louis metropolitan area is gearing up again. The City of Chesterfield's 9th Annual 4th of July Fireworks Celebration is set for Independence Day at 7 p.m. at Chesterfield Mall.

The celebration will feature a wide variety of entertainment for all ages. The main viewing area of the festivities will be at Chesterfield Mall, in the parking lot between Dillard's and Macy's.

The Main Stage, sponsored by Jim Butler KIA, will feature live music from the Vote for Pedro band from 7-9:30 p.m. Families can bring their children to the Kid Zone, an exciting area with clowns, the Bubble Bus, a stilt walker, bounce houses, giant slides, and airbrush tattoos. The Kid Zone fun will begin at 7 p.m. and is sponsored by Commerce Bank.

Food trucks and stands featuring other

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Jane Durrell, Chesterfield historian and former Councilmember, named Citizen of Year for 2013



Jane Durrell is honored by Mayor Bob Nation.

Jane Durrell is the 2013 Chesterfield Citizen of the Year.

Mayor Bob Nation made the announcement at the March 17 meeting of City Council. Durrell attended the meeting along with many of her friends and family to share in the celebration and expressed her appreciation in receiving the award.

Citizens of the Year are recognized for their contributions to the City of Chesterfield through volunteerism, working on community projects, and

overall civic contributions. A Citizens Selection Committee comprised of citizen committee and community volunteers presented their recommendation to the City Council following their review of several nominations.

Durrell has been a resident of Chesterfield for more than 45 years and served as a City Councilmember representing the residents of Ward I from April 19, 1999 through June 2, 2008, serving as President Pro Tem one year. During those years, she served on

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Mayor's Message

Many activities planned as City begins second quarter century

June 1 marked the 26th year since the incorporation of our City, and throughout last year there were many special activities and events in recognition of our 25th Anniversary.

This year we have many new and exciting activities planned for you to enjoy. Our Parks and Recreation Department has numerous concerts and events throughout the summer and fall at our beautiful Amphitheater, located just west of Chesterfield Mall. It is quickly gaining recognition as one of the premier outdoor venues in the region, so if you haven't checked it out, put it on your "must do" list this summer! The March issue of the "Chesterfield Citizen" newsletter gave a full schedule of the events and entertainment planned, and you can also find those events on our websites:

www.chesterfield.mo.us and
www.chesterfieldamphitheater.com.

Thanks to all those who helped by writing to their State Representatives and Senators urging support for legislation that would modify the sales tax distribution system in St. Louis County. At this writing, the State Legislature still has four more weeks in session, and it is too early to tell if there will be any legislative relief that will result in a more fair distribution system. By the time this issue arrives in your mailbox, we will know the outcome. At this point, we are guardedly optimistic and hopeful that meaningful change will occur. Just this week,

we had the opportunity to testify before the Ways and Means Committee of the State House of Representatives. I had never been in the Capitol before and can tell you that it was quite an experience. In the event we are not successful this year, we will continue the effort, because it is such an important issue ... and the current system is just wrong and certainly not sustainable.

Do you know your City Council rep?

The City Council is a legislative body whose members make important decisions that affect our everyday lives and the community we live in, having your best interests in mind. They make decisions on significant matters such as development of the City, public safety issues and spending funds wisely so that the residents have the most benefits from roadways, parks and other amenities. You may find it interesting to know that as the Mayor, I only get to vote if there is a tie, which is rare. Although there are veto procedures, a veto can be overridden with six of the eight Councilmembers' votes.

The reason I bring this topic to mind is to remind each of you that it is important to know your Councilmembers and give them your perspective on issues that may affect our city. I believe it is imperative that we have elected leaders who are willing to make hard decisions through their votes, as opposed to taking the easy route in order to be popular. You can easily find your Councilmember using the "Resident Information" portal on our website, found at the top of the "Quick Links" section of our home page. Just type in your address, and you'll find what ward you live in, your trash pick-up day and parcel number, among other information. You can then reference the City Council section of the website to see the City Council reps in that ward and how to contact them. They will be happy to hear from you, as am I.

Our Council is made up of eight members (two from each Ward). They are elected for a period of two years, and each year one of the two positions from each ward is up for election. There are four committees of council, and those Committees are consensus-building, in nature, with committee recommendations being forwarded to City Council for final

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Republic Services rolls out new online program

Republic Services, the City's waste hauler, is excited to announce a new program called "MY Resources." This program will give residents the capability to open an online account with Republic where they can pay bills, report a missed pick-up, schedule a pick-up, report a container repair, and much more.

Please take the time to visit the website at www.republicservices.com/corporate/home.aspx and view "MY RESOURCES."

Friday, July 4 Trash Schedule

Friday's routes will be moved to Saturday, July 5, for pick up.

Don't hesitate to pass along your perspectives to Council

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action. One Councilmember from each ward serves as a member of each Committee. Therefore, each Committee has four members, and the committees are Planning & Public Works, Finance & Administration, Parks & Recreation, and Public Health & Safety. Planning & Public works is the busiest committee and routinely meets on the first and third Thursday of each month. Other committees meet as required when there are agenda items. As is the case for all City Council meetings, every meeting of these council committees is open to the public.

One of the Councilmembers is elected by City Council, each year, immediately following the April election, to serve as President Pro-Tem, and I am happy to report that Ward 2 Councilmember Elliot Grissom has been selected to serve in this capacity again this year. He has been very helpful to me and has graciously filled in for me on several occasions.

Best wishes for a fun-filled summer! I look forward to seeing you at the various events, walking on the levee, the Riparian Trail, River's Edge Park and at various meetings!

Bob Nation



July 4 Celebration features much more than fireworks

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mouth-watering St. Louis favorites will be available. Feel free to bring lawn chairs, blankets and refreshments (please no glass bottles).

Parking is provided on the lots surrounding Chesterfield Mall, with handicap parking available. Shuttle buses will be traveling on Chesterfield Center Drive with stops where people can board to the viewing area. Shuttle buses equipped to handle wheelchairs will also be available.

The Fireworks Celebration is free to the public. This celebration is presented by the City of Chesterfield and sponsored in part by the Chesterfield Mall, Sachs Properties, Jim Butler KIA, and Commerce Bank.

It's against the law

A Chesterfield ordinance has long prohibited individuals from either selling or discharging fireworks, except by permit. Fireworks can be dangerous at times and can cause both personal injury and property damage.

It is unlawful for any person to manufacture, sell, offer for sale, ship or cause to be shipped into Chesterfield, any item of fireworks. This section applies to nonresidents as well as residents of the City.

It is also against the law for any person to explode, ignite or discharge any articles of fireworks within the city limits.

PREVIOUS CITIZENS OF THE YEAR

1989 Mark Beldner	1999 Larry Grosser
1990 Greg Franzen	2000 Lauren Strutman Dick Busch
1991 None Awarded	2001 Jade Gardner Bute
1992 None Awarded	2001 Betty Hathaway
1993 Rev. Carlton Norton	2002 Bill and Terry Wunderlich
Marilyn Norton	2003 Jerry Right
Laura L. Frame	2004 Lynn O'Connor
Jason Goldkamp	2005 Dan Rothwell
Pastor Jeff Perry and Members of St. Louis Family Church	2006 Phil & Kay Folsom
1994 Faith Martens Benton Taylor	2007 Maurice "Bud" Hirsch
1995 Robert H. Grant Judy LeDoux	2008 Kathy Higgins
1996 Darcy Capstick	2009 Don Wiegand
1997 Minna Waldmann	2010 Joan Schmelig
1998 Louis Sachs	2011 Mary K. Brown
	2012 Arland Stemme

Durrell has been a mainstay in effort to preserve area history

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the Planning & Public Works Committee and the Finance & Administration Committee of Council. She served as chairperson of the latter committee for three years.

Durrell has been a champion in preserving the history of Chesterfield by serving on the Chesterfield Historical and Landmarks Preservation Commission from 1990 to 1999, and again from 2008 to the present, serving as Chairperson for three of those years. While serving in this role, she worked to save the historic Farmer's Bank Building at the corner of Baxter and Old Chesterfield Road when the Baxter Road extension was constructed. She was also the editor and wrote two chapters of the historical book, "Chesterfield: From Untamed Wilderness to Thriving Municipality."

Lynne Johnson stated in her nomination of Durrell that "she is an energizing force in the Chesterfield Historic and Landmarks Preservation Committee, always volunteering to take on and complete responsibilities that others do not. She is a source of information on both the Chesterfield of today and of old, and enthusiastically inspires all of us."

Police Department follows the City in celebrating its first quarter century

The City of Chesterfield celebrated 25 years in 2013. This year, it's the police department's turn.

Chesterfield Police was formalized a year after the City under the direction of Ray Johnson.

On June 1, 1989, Chief Johnson conducted his department's first roll call, sending 49 officers out to patrol the streets of Chesterfield. In 2003, the department received international accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Accreditation (CALEA) after adhering to standards that further the department's professional level of service. And in 2012, Chesterfield Police was named a Flagship Agency of CALEA, receiving a perfect score – the first agency to achieve this!

Several members of the command staff have graduated from the FBI National Academy, and officers have received numerous awards for dealing with a variety of police-related issues, including dealing with the mentally ill, community policing and involvement in regional task forces.

Johnson remains at the helm of the department, which now includes nearly 90 commissioned officers and is celebrating its first quarter century.



Kids learn basic traffic safety under the watchful eyes of police officers and volunteers.

Safety Town gears up for summer sessions

Safety Town is a nationally recognized pre-school safety program that teaches 4-6 year olds about a wide variety of safety issues, including bicycle safety, water safety, school bus safety and stranger danger. The program includes classroom activities, as well as outside hands-on activities in the miniature Safety Town city. The program is hosted and staffed by the Chesterfield Police Department in cooperation with the Chesterfield Rotary and the Chesterfield Kiwanis.

The program is conducted in six, two-week sessions during the summer months. Safety Town is one of the department's most popular programs. In addition to commissioned police officers, the Safety Town staff includes teen

counselors from area middle and senior high schools who assist the police officers in leading the program. The sessions are as follows:

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

For further information about Safety Town, please visit www.chesterfield.mo.us/safety-town.html.

Chesterfield is ranked as one of the '10 Safest Places to Live in Missouri' in statistical study

Chesterfield is ranked third in the 2014 Movoto Real Estate's "10 Safest Place to Live in Missouri." The ranking was determined by the FBI's crime statistics from 2012 from the 75 cities with more than 10,000 people in the State of Missouri. The statistics were formed from three criteria: violent crime, property

crime, and the probability of the resident as a victim of crime.

Each city was ranked with a score from 1 to 75, and each crime was weighted by severity: violent crime accounted for 50%, property crime 30%, resident crime probability 20%.

Movoto is a real estate brokerage firm.

MISSOURI'S SAFEST CITIES

1. Town and Country
2. Ballwin
3. Chesterfield
4. Webster Groves
5. O'Fallon
6. Creve Coeur
7. Manchester
8. Maryville
9. Raymore
10. Nixa



Chesterfield Police Department Citizen Survey



The Chesterfield Police Department is committed to providing our citizens with the best service possible. This anonymous survey is a valuable tool that provides us with insight into how we are perceived, the quality of service we provide, and opportunities for improvement. Your participation in this survey process is vital. Please detach and return the survey to the Chesterfield Police Department, or complete online at www.chesterfield.mo.us/2014-citizens-survey Thank you in advance for your participation.

Please detach, complete and return survey to the Chesterfield Police Department. Thanks!

1. How many times have you had contact with the Chesterfield Police Department in the past year?
 0 times 1-3 times 4-6 times 7 or more

2. If you have had contact, what was it for?
 Crime Victim Witness Motor Vehicle Crash Traffic (violation, warning) House Watch
 Telephone Call Community Presentation Community Service Program Other

Please circle the number that best describes your rating of the following:

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Poor</u>
3. The competence of the officer (s)	10 9 8	7 6 5 4	3 2 1 0
4. The demeanor of the officer (s)	10 9 8	7 6 5 4	3 2 1 0
5. The fairness of the officer (s)	10 9 8	7 6 5 4	3 2 1 0
6. The courtesy of the officer (s)	10 9 8	7 6 5 4	3 2 1 0
7. Traffic enforcement in Chesterfield	10 9 8	7 6 5 4	3 2 1 0
8. Police visibility in the community	10 9 8	7 6 5 4	3 2 1 0
9. Police visibility in your neighborhood	10 9 8	7 6 5 4	3 2 1 0
10. Overall services provided by the City of Chesterfield Police Department	10 9 8	7 6 5 4	3 2 1 0

Please rate the following by placing an X on the corresponding line:

- | | <u>Low</u> | <u>Moderate</u> | <u>High</u> | <u>No
Opinion</u> |
|--|------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| 11. Your concern about becoming a victim of a lesser crime (vandalism, damage to property, theft) in Chesterfield | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 12. Your concern about becoming a victim of a serious crime (burglary, robbery, sexual assault). | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 13. How safe do you feel walking in your neighborhood at night?
<input type="checkbox"/> Very Safe <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat Safe <input type="checkbox"/> Not Safe <input type="checkbox"/> No Opinion | | | | |
| 14. Residence? <input type="checkbox"/> Rent <input type="checkbox"/> Own <input type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | | | | |
| 15. Please indicate whether the person completing this survey is: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female | | | | |
| 16. Age Group: <input type="checkbox"/> 10-18 <input type="checkbox"/> 18-25 <input type="checkbox"/> 25-35 <input type="checkbox"/> 35-45 <input type="checkbox"/> 45-55 <input type="checkbox"/> 55-65 <input type="checkbox"/> 65 & over. | | | | |

17. Have you been the victim of a crime in the past 5 years? Yes No

18. Within the City of Chesterfield? Yes No

19. Did you report the crime to the Police Department? Yes No If not, why?

Please check the appropriate box to indicate what YOU feel should be the priorities of the Chesterfield Police Department?	Very High	High	Medium	Low	Very Low	No Opinion
A. Providing 24 hour patrol services to the community						
B. Discouraging crime in general						
C. Notifying citizens of potential criminal activity						
D. Responding to crimes in progress or that have just occurred						
E. Responding to and investigating property crimes (i.e. vandalism, theft, etc.)						
F. Preventative Burglary Patrol						
G. Discouraging the sale of alcohol to minors						
H. Discouraging the sale of tobacco to minors						
I. Traffic crash reduction through visible traffic enforcement						
J. Enforcement of parking regulations						
K. Enforcing drunk driving laws						
L. Enforcing dog and cat ordinances						
M. Mediating neighborhood/family disputes						
N. Arresting individuals who use drugs						
O. Providing drug/violence prevention education to elementary and junior high students						
P. Police presence in the schools						

20. Please indicate where you get information about what is taking place in the City of Chesterfield. (Choose all that apply)

- Chesterfield Newsletter Chesterfield Journal West News Radio Television News Sources School District Newsletter Other _____

21. So that we can provide better police service to the entire community, please help us identify your neighborhood. Please list the nearest intersection to your home or business.

COMMENTS:

**Please return this survey to the:
 Chesterfield Police Department
 690 Chesterfield Parkway West
 Chesterfield, MO 63017
 Attn: Officer Michael Ryffel
 636-537-3000**

Sewer problems? Lateral repair program can save residents big bucks

Did you know that the City of Chesterfield administers a program, which covers up to \$15,000 in eligible costs for sewer lateral repairs?

This program is funded through an annual assessment to Chesterfield residents of \$28 per year, which is included in your total tax bill. The program covers the portion of the sanitary sewer that extends from the building foundation to the connection at the MSD sewer or a septic tank.

If you are experiencing a problem with your sewer lateral line, the first step is to contact a licensed plumber to have the line cabled. If the sewer lateral cannot be opened, or if the plumber indicates that there are problems with the lateral, contact Chesterfield Public Services at 636.537.4762. If you qualify, the City will contact its plumbing contractor to have your sewer lateral investigated utilizing a camera. City Staff will review the video, and any eligible deficiency will be corrected up to a total cost of \$15,000.

The program application and policy/procedures document can be obtained at City Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. These documents also are online at www.chesterfield.mo.us. The application fee was recently reduced to \$100 to make this program more affordable for residents.

**QUESTIONS ABOUT THE
PROGRAM WILL BE ANSWERED
BY THE PUBLIC SERVICES
DEPARTMENT AT 636.537.4762.**



Chesterfield's tree-lined streets play a big role in the City's aesthetic appeal.

Residential Street Tree Planting Program's goal is to replace declining trees between residential streets and city sidewalks.

The Residential Street Tree Planting Program provides for the planting of trees within City right-of-way (the space between the sidewalk and the street) along public residential streets.

In many areas of Chesterfield, street trees are declining in health due to age and health issues related to overpopulation of a few species. In a typical year, the City of Chesterfield removes approximately 500 street trees that are dead, hazardous, in poor health, or otherwise poorly located. Through the planting program, the City plants approximately 150-200 trees per year. The net effect is that the number of trees along residential streets is being reduced.

Trees provide significant economic, functional, and structural benefits that help improve the quality of life, real estate value, and sense of community. Street trees benefit all residents.

Although the City of Chesterfield does not require that residents replace most street trees when they are removed, the City does take pride in its tree-lined streets. It is our hope that most residents share this pride and similarly do not want to see the number of

**DEADLINE FOR APPLYING FOR A
STREET TREE TO BE PLANTED
THIS FALL IS AUG. 31.**

street trees reduced. It is for these reasons that the City of Chesterfield offers the Residential Street Tree Planting Program.

The program makes affording and planting street trees easy.

Street trees are planted through the program each spring and fall. If a resident has adequate space for a new street tree, an application can be submitted at anytime. In order to receive a street tree this fall, the deadline for applications is Aug. 31.

For more information and applications please visit www.chesterfield.mo.us/residential-street-tree.html. Hard copies of the application are available at City Hall.

If you have a street tree that is dead, severely declining, or hazardous, please contact City Hall to request an inspection.

SUMMER FUN!

Concerts, fireworks, Taste of St. Louis, movies headline Chesterfield's agenda of good times

Get Active Program

Get Active is a program designed to better our community by creating healthy lifestyle opportunities for residents. Chesterfield Parks & Recreation and St. Luke's Hospital have teamed up to help promote health and wellness by providing programs, events and information to individuals and families. To join, register at www.chesterfield.mo.us/get-active-registration.html.

Sounds of Summer Concerts

Wayman's Revelation will perform a tribute to the music of Steve Perry and Journey on Saturday, June 7, at 8 p.m.

Breakfast Club, one the area's best 80's rock cover bands, will take the stage on Saturday, June 21, at 8 p.m. Sponsored by Jim Butler KIA.



Well Hungarians, St. Louis' top local country and classic rock performers, will perform on Saturday, July 26, at 8 p.m. Sponsored by Delmar Gardens.



Spin the Bottle will provide a fun evening of classic rock and country on Saturday, Aug. 9, at 8 p.m. Sponsored by Jim Butler KIA.



Budweiser Taste of St. Louis moves to Chesterfield Sept. 19-21.

Magazine will perform a tribute to the music of Heart on Saturday, Aug. 23, at 8 p.m. Sponsored by St. Luke's Hospital.



Dogs of Society will sing the songs of the legendary Elton John on Saturday, Sept. 6, at 8 p.m. Sponsored by Jim Butler KIA.

All concerts are free and held at the Chesterfield Amphitheater. Outside food, beverage, lawn chairs and blankets are permitted for all free concerts. No glass containers or tobacco products are permitted.

Chesterfield Wine & Jazz Festival

Join us for the 2nd Annual Chesterfield Wine & Jazz Festival, the largest jazz party in the St. Louis region! The Midwest's finest outdoor jazz festival offers an exciting lineup of artists that showcase the best in contemporary, straight-ahead and fusion jazz. The event will be held at the Chesterfield Amphitheater on Saturday, June 28 from 3-10 p.m.

Christopher Braig and the Erika Johnson Quintet will kick off the event at 3 p.m. Ptah Williams: A Tribute to Chick Corea, will follow at 4:30 p.m., and Freddie Washington, featuring Maurice Carnes, will take the stage at 6 p.m. Bach to the Future, the chart-topping classical/jazz artists,



A Taste of St. Louis is tasty, indeed.

will perform at 7:30 p.m. The Grammy award-winning jazz icons, The Yellowjackets, will close the evening at 9 p.m.

Entrance is free to the public. No outside food or beverage, containers, coolers, tobacco, chairs or blankets will be allowed. Small beach towels are acceptable. The festival will be held rain or shine. The Chesterfield Wine & Jazz festival was founded by Rob Silverman and Michael Silverman as an extension of Autumn Hill Records and Autumn Hill Jazz.

Budweiser Taste of St. Louis

Friday, Sept. 19 – 4-10:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 20 – 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 21 – 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

Organizers of the Budweiser Taste of St. Louis and the City of Chesterfield are proud to welcome the region's largest "foodie" event to Chesterfield. The Taste, now located adjacent to the Chesterfield Amphitheater in Chesterfield Village, will include all of the great award-winning elements patrons have come to expect over the past 10 years. Admission to the festival grounds will remain free to the public and feature over 30 of the area's best restaurants, intense chef competitions and showcases, interactive sponsor activities, the

popular Kid City experience and a vibrant Art & Wine Walk. New in 2014, the Taste will feature ticketed celebrity chef showcases, concerts and VIP opportunities within the Chesterfield Amphitheater. Look for more details coming soon at tastestl.com.

Dive Clinics

Boys and girls ages 6-18 interested in learning diving techniques and skills are encouraged to sign up in the Dive Clinics program. Each participant will begin by covering the basics and will learn by building skills through drills based on the diver's skill level. On the last day of the clinic, there will be a diving demonstration and a mini-meet. Clinics are held at the Chesterfield Aquatic Center:

- June 16-20
- June 23-27
- July 14-18
- Monday-Friday 10:15-11:15 a.m.
- \$75 – General
- \$65 – Resident

Movies Under the Stars

What better way to spend a summer evening than watching a movie under the stars! The movies will be shown at sunset at the Chesterfield Amphitheater. There is a combination of fixed seating and lawn seating. You may bring your own blankets and refreshments (no glass bottles). Presented by the Kelly Hager Group.



Friday, June 13 (at dusk)

“Frozen” Join in the special sing-a-long experience of the Disney’s hit! The audience can sing along to their favorite songs with the help of a bouncing snowflake. Fearless optimist Anna sets off on



Chesterfield’s Amphitheater is an ideal setting for relaxing to summer music.

an epic journey-teaming up with rugged mountain man Kristoff and his loyal reindeer Sven to find her sister, Elsa, whose icy powers have trapped the kingdom of Arendelle in eternal winter.

Take your photo inside the Inflatable Snow Globe! Rated PG.

Friday, July 25 (at dusk)

“Despicable Me 2” This is the sequel to the wildly successful 2010 animated picture following Gru (voiced by Steve Carell), the ex-scheming evildoer-turned-parental figure, from animation company Illumination Entertainment. Rated PG.

Dive in Movie

Gather friends and family and cool off at this free Dive-in Movie Party on Friday, July 11, at 8 p.m. We will be showing the Disney classic, “Finding Nemo”, on a projector big screen at the Chesterfield Family Aquatic Center. No registration is required.

Everyone jump in for World’s Largest Swimming Lesson

Calling all children and adults! The nation’s top water safety and

training organizations are joining forces to present the World’s Largest Swimming Lesson on Friday, June 20, at 10 a.m. at the Chesterfield Family Aquatic Center. Registration begins at 9:15 am. Participants must be registered and on the pool deck by 10 am.

Tour de Wellness

Join in on June 8 for the 2nd Annual Tour de Wellness, supporting the St. Luke’s Hospital’s Center for Cancer Care. Enjoy a scenic ride through West County, beginning and ending at the Chesterfield Amphitheater. Participants can choose from beginner, intermediate and advanced routes. And don’t forget about the post-ride celebration featuring music, food, health exhibits and more! For more information, contact the St. Luke’s Hospital Office of Development at 314.205.6231. St. Luke’s Hospital Tour de Wellness is sponsored by St. Luke’s Hospital in partnership with Trailnet, Great Rivers Greenway, and the City of Chesterfield Parks & Recreation.

Olympic Swim Stroke Clinics

Saturday, June 7 & June 14, 7:45-9:45 a.m. (two separate classes)

- \$10 – Crocs Swim Team Member
 - \$20 – Residents
 - \$30 – General
- The Olympic Swim Stroke Clinics are for boys and girls ages 6-18. Each clinic will provide instruction in proper technique of the four Olympic strokes: freestyle, backstroke, butterfly, and breaststroke. The clinic will be led by Andy Ripp, an NCAA All American from Lake Forest College, at the Chesterfield Family Aquatic Center.

World Bird Sanctuary: Raptor Awareness

The World Bird Sanctuary will be at the Chesterfield Amphitheater on Saturday, June 21, from 10-11 a.m. to talk about raptors including falcons, hawks, owls and vultures, and will bring some of these feathered friends for attendees to watch. Call 636.812.9500 to register by June 16. All ages are welcome. No admission charge.

CAPY schedules Back to School party for Aug. 15 at pool

CAPY's annual Back to School Party is set for Aug. 15 from 8:15-11 p.m. at the Chesterfield Aquatic Center.

CAPY is the Chesterfield Alliance for Positive Youth, the mission of which is to promote healthy, safe and substance-free choices for the youth of Chesterfield.

This party is open to all Chesterfield-area middle school students. Parents are also welcome to stay and enjoy watching the kids have fun. Pizza, soda, water and cookies are provided at no charge.

The event will feature games, including the use of distortion goggles and the Wheel of Misfortune. These games, with the assistance of high school mentors, will help kids learn about the negative effects of substance abuse. The event is also meant to showcase to the kids that a good time may be had without the use of mood-altering substances. Educational literature concerning substance abuse issues will also be available for parents.

This annual event has grown over the years, and more than 200 kids are expected to attend.

The Rockwood Drug Free Coalition, The Alliance for Healthy Communities, Preferred Family Healthcare, the City of Chesterfield, and the Chesterfield Police Department also provide assistance for this event.

Senior Sampler is well attended

The Older Adult Task Force Senior Sampler proved successful.

The free event was held April 9 at City Hall with a theme of "Relax. Refresh. Renew." Participants received sample products, information, demonstrations and health screenings tailored to the 50+ community.



A sketch of the proposed park honoring veterans.

Effort to build Veterans Honor Park continues full steam ahead

Chesterfield honors, remembers and appreciates individuals who have served in our country's Armed Forces and helped preserve freedom. In partnership with the City, the Chesterfield Veterans Honor Park Committee plans to construct a monument site to honor those who answered the call to serve.

The Veterans Honor Park will be a place for families and individuals to gather in honor of veterans. To be built along the west side of Veterans Place Drive in Chesterfield

Central Park, the site will be inviting, uplifting, engaging and safe. Visitors will find opportunities for both educational discovery and contemplative retrospection.

The committee continues to raise funds for park construction. To make a donation, please visit our website at vhp.chesterfield.mo.us. Renderings of the park are available on the website or on the committee's Facebook page, Veterans Honor Park. For more information, please call 636.812.9500.



Tree planting ceremony honors Vietnam veterans, families

An April tree planting ceremony in Chesterfield Central Park Pavilion commemorated the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War. The ceremony was led in prayer by David Dishner, Chaplain of Vietnam Veterans of America Gary Hutchinson Chapter 1028. The Mary Hempstead Lisa Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution sponsored the ceremony to thank and honor Vietnam veterans, all veterans, and their families.

From left. Marion Howells, DAR Mary Hempstead Lisa Chapter; Thomas McCarthy, Chesterfield Parks & Recreation Director; Mike Erxleben, Marine Corps Drill Instructor.

Baxters, Beckemeiers were among Chesterfield pioneers

One in a series of stories spotlighting Chesterfield's pioneer families.

By Ann Chrissos • Chesterfield Historical & Landmarks Preservation Commission

Baxter

As you travel around Chesterfield, you will see the Baxter name on roads, subdivisions, apartment complexes, and businesses. Have you ever wondered who Baxter was?

Greene Berry Baxter, his wife Mourning Jones Baxter, and his 8-year-old son John moved from Kentucky to Missouri in 1818. Baxter purchased land at the intersection of present day Clayton and Baxter roads, the latter being named in his honor.

A Chesterfield connection was created when, in 1836, John settled on a farm located near Clarkson and Baxter roads. He continued to live on the farm after his marriage to Nancy Sappington in 1841. The next year, their son Hartley Sappington Baxter was born, followed by a daughter, Mourning Baxter, 17 months later.

John Baxter was one of the early settlers who helped build the Old Bonhomme Presbyterian Church on Conway Road. After his death on Sept. 10, 1844, he was buried in the Bonhomme churchyard, but his name lives on in Old Baxter Road, Baxter Lakes subdivision, Baxter Crossings Apartments, Baxter Gardens (landscaping company), among other sites located in Chesterfield.

Source: *The History of St. Louis County, Missouri* by William L. Thomas

Beckemeier

August G. Beckemeier (b. 1867) is another family name commemorated in Chesterfield.

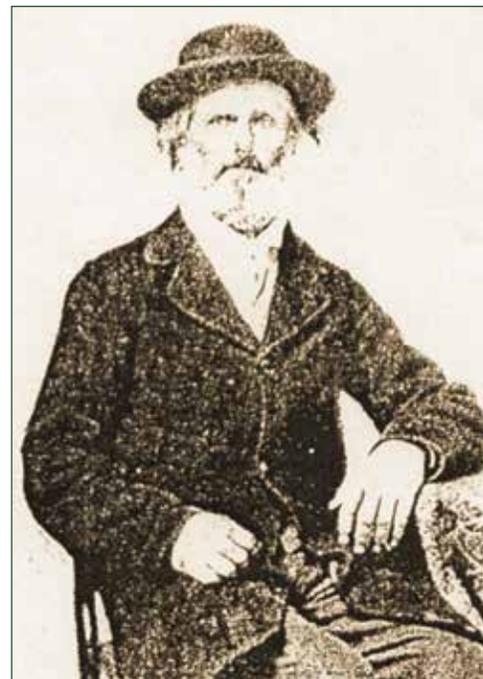
Beckemeier and his wife purchased a farm at 14415 Olive Street Road (Olive Boulevard today) from Charles Ober in 1903. The property included a small house near the road and a larger main residence behind it.

The Beckemeiers raised corn, wheat, potatoes, and hay along the Missouri River bottoms and grain, fruit trees and berries on the hill. Additionally, they raised chickens and peacocks.

After their daughter, Minna, married Fred Waldmann, the newlyweds lived in the Beckemeier home with Minna's parents. August died in 1957, but the Waldmanns continued to farm and raise peacocks. Their peacock flock swelled to 150 birds.

In May 1997, Minna presented the 54-acre farm to the Missouri Department of Conservation, per her father's request. On 45 acres of woodlands and 9 acres of grasslands, the state created the August G. Beckemeier Conservation Area, which offers a hiking trail, viewing bench, picnic table, and small parking lot.

The Beckemeiers and Waldmanns are buried in the St. John's United Church of Christ cemetery. However, the Beckemeier name lives on in Chesterfield.



Above: John Baxter settled in 1836 on a farm near what is now Clarkson and Baxter roads.

Below: The old house on Beckemeier property on Olive Street Road.



Source: Minna Waldmann, interviewed by Arland Stemme and Jane Durrell, September 1992.

July Lifelong Learning course at City Hall will spotlight Irving Berlin

The summer course for Lifelong Learning will be "Irving Berlin and the Musical Play." The course meets at City Hall Thursdays July 10-31 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Berlin is considered one of the greatest songwriters in American history, and his music forms a major part of the Great American

Songbook. Someone asked Jerome Kern once, "What place does Irving Berlin have in musicals?" He answered, "Irving Berlin is musicals." The class will watch "Annie Get Your Gun," "Call Me Madam," and "Miss Liberty."

"As always, we'll have a marvelous time listening to great music," facilitator Nancy



Harvey promises.

To register, go to www.lli.wustl.edu or call 314.935.4232.

New Members

Katie Kersting
 Gabrielle Nickel
 Callie Rood
 Zoelle Goff
 Jacob Mack

Recertifying Members

Nicole Moore
 Sarah Booth
 Mariel McMinds
 Lauren Schumacher
 Arya Naidu
 Allison Wills

Mayor honors 11 Stellar Green Youth

The Citizens Committee for the Environment (CCE) and Mayor Bob Nation have honored 11 young people for their conservation work in the community by designating them Stellar Green Youth Team members. Several individuals were also recertified.

The Youth Partners have participated in the City's annual Earth Day activities and recycle drives and continue to volunteer their time through sustainability-centered endeavors of their own creation. Many of these individuals have given their time



New and recertified members of the Stellar Green Youth Team.

through the CCE for more than the required two consecutive years and are involved in three or more projects. Approximately 60 youths have achieved

the Stellar Green Youth Team Award. Congratulations to the young citizens and their parents on their recognition of excellence.



Perry Eckhardt, Urban Forester at Missouri Department of Conservation, and Mindy Mohrman, Arborist/Urban Forester for Chesterfield.

City receives Tree City USA award

The City of Chesterfield received the Tree City USA award at the West County Earth Day Festival in April. This is Chesterfield's 17th year as Tree City USA recipient. In order to receive Tree City USA status, a community must have:

- a board or department for which tree care is a primary responsibility
- a community tree care ordinance
- a comprehensive community forestry program
- an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

Chesterfield wildlife habitat recertified for 9th straight year

Chesterfield has maintained its Certified Community Wildlife Habitat Status from the National Wildlife Federation.

In the spring of 2005, the City received the Status of Exceptional Merit from the NWF. The Citizens Committee for the Environment (CCE) and the community have successfully kept our community's wildlife habitat growing and evolving. CCE has added NWF-certified Habitat Gardens, provided sustainable gardening education, and has held events focused on sustainability throughout the previous year, adding sustainability metrics to our City's original certification. There are approximately 70 NWF-certified communities in 24 states throughout the United States.

For information on planting a habitat garden or certifying an existing one, contact City Hall.



Mayor Bob Nation recognizes the Citizens Committee for the Environment on helping the City achieve its National Wildlife Federation Certification.

Monthly Electronics Recycling

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



Big Truck Day at the Kemp Auto Museum in Chesterfield Valley is an annual favorite of kids and adults. The free event provides an opportunity to see large, working vehicles up close and personal.

Kemp Auto Museum hosts Big Truck Day on June 8

Kemp Auto Museum's annual Big Truck Day is set for June 8 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Kids and truck lovers of all ages can join us at this free, family-friendly event to have their faces painted, hear live music and get up close with some of the area's largest and loudest big trucks. Kids will have the opportunity to explore the inner workings of fire trucks, tractors, monster trucks and others which are normally seen only from a distance.

Please bring a non-perishable food item to support operation Food Search. Refreshments, including snow cones and BBQ, will be available for purchase.



Audubon Society recommends keeping cats indoors to prevent hunting, killing of wild birds

Submitted by Mitch Leachman
Executive Director, St. Louis Audubon Society

Many of you enjoy watching the courtship and nesting behavior from our native songbirds and may feed, provide water or have a native plant habitat in your landscape. To help protect the birds we enjoy watching, please consider keeping your cat indoors. It will benefit the cats, as well as the birds for the following reasons:

- Cats allowed outdoors risk attack by other cats, dogs and injury from cars and other vehicles.

- Cats allowed outdoors are much more likely to contract feline leukemia, distemper and other diseases.

- Cats allowed outdoors may bring ticks, mites, fleas and other pests into your home.

- Free-roaming cats will hunt birds and other small animals on instinct, regardless of appetite.

- Cats are stealth/ambush predators and can effectively hunt, even when declawed.

- Collars with bells have little benefit as birds have no reason to associate the ringing with danger.

- A recent report by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute estimates 2.4 billion birds are killed in the U.S. annually by free-roaming cats.

For more information, visit www.stlouisaudubon.org.

A variety of historical books may be purchased at City Hall

The Chesterfield area is featured in several books and in calendars that can be purchased at City Hall. Book titles include: *Chesterfield's Ancient Past*; *Chesterfield, Missouri: Cemeteries*; *Chesterfield, Missouri: From Untamed Wilderness to Thriving Municipality*; *A Guide to Chesterfield's Architectural Treasures*; *Historic Chesterfield Coloring Book* and *Why We Fought: Nazi Camp Liberators*.

Speakers on these subjects for adult and youth groups can be arranged by calling 636.537.4000.

Living Legacy Program

The City of Chesterfield is dedicated to continued progress and beautification. The Living Legacy program provides an opportunity for park supporters to donate funding for specific park amenities. The donations will fund the purchase and placement of the park feature and will include a plaque commemorating the donor on or adjacent to the improvement.

The donor will be provided a letter acknowledging the donation and also be provided a map of the location of the improvement. For information on how to purchase a commemorative brick, bench or tree, contact the Chesterfield Parks and Recreation Department at 636.812.9500 or parksandrec@chesterfield.mo.us.



The Bob Kuban Band kicks off the summer concert series on June 3 in Faust Park.

Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce Summer Concert Series set for new season



Summer concerts

All concerts begin at 7 p.m.

- June 3The Bob Kuban Band
- June 10Scott Laytham & Karl Holmes Duo
- June 17Trilogy Band
- June 24.....Spectrum
- July 8.....Everyday People
- July 15Gypsy Jones
- July 22Whiskey Dixon
- July 29Encore Band
- Aug. 5Rockin' Chair
- Aug. 12Billy Peek

Tuesdays June 3-Aug. 12 (except July 1)

Gates open at 5:30 p.m.; Music 7-9 p.m.

Restaurant-quality food available to purchase

Free to the public

The Tuesday night tradition continues at the Faust Park amphitheater this summer. Activities and prizes for kids provided at every concert. When the sun dips below the tree line, the lawn cools quickly and the music begins. Bring lawn seating and the whole family for live music under the stars. For band schedule, and rainout information, visit www.chesterfieldmochamber.com/summer-concert-series.

“The President’s Own” United States Marine Band Concert

Parkway School District is sponsoring a concert featuring the “The President’s Own” United States Marine Band on Tuesday, Sept. 9 at the Purser Center at Logan University.

The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. and is free of charge.

Parkway Central graduate Preston Hardage (class of 1999) will be touring with the Marine Band, playing trombone.



Master Sgt. Kevin Benbear sings “Where Is the Life that Late I Led?” from Cole Porter’s musical, “Kiss Me, Kate,” at the Marine Band’s concert last month in Alexandria, VA.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Brian Rust



Faust Park's Olden Days is a place to have fun ... and you might just learn something.

Faust Park Events

Faust Historic Village Open House

Select weekends from 1-5 p.m.

Dates: June 21 & 22, June 28 & 29, July 26 & 27, Aug. 23 & 24

Cost: Free

Faust Park will offer free tours through many of the historic homes and other buildings in Faust Historic Village on four more weekends this summer. Guides in period dress will be available to offer information and answer questions about the various 19th century structures, along with period gardens.

Feast in the Park at Faust

Dates: Thursdays, June 12, July 10, August 14 & Sept. 11

Time: 5-8 p.m.

Cost: Free

On the second Thursday of the month, Faust will host a Food Truck Party featuring fun menus from up to 15 trucks, along with beer, wine and live music. (No coolers allowed.)

For additional dates and locations, visit: stlouisco.com/parks. For more information, call 314.615.8328.

Olden Days of Summer

Dates: June 13, June 27 & July 11



Time: 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Cost: (Age 2-12) \$10/child in advance, \$15 day of event; Adults free with paid child
Location: Faust Park Historic Village

Families and day camp groups are invited to experience fun activities from the 1800s and beyond. Planned activities may include blacksmith demonstrations, rope making, candle-dipping, corn husk dolls, face painting, carousel rides, hayrides and more. To register, call 314.615.8344 or 314.615.8332.

New Book traces the namesake of Faust Park

One was a St. Louis saloon-keeper who built a prosperous restaurant business. One became a wealthy capitalist with a fashionable West End mansion. Another moved out of the city and became a successful farmer, whose land would one day honor his family's legacy: Faust Park.

Oysters to Angus: Three Generations of the St. Louis Faust Family (Bluebird Publishing) is a new book by local author Elizabeth Terry about the legendary family which helped shape St. Louis history. Published during the 250th anniversary of the city's founding, this as-yet untold story traces the Faust family from patriarch Tony Faust to son Edward Faust and grandson Leicester Faust.

Filled with historic photos and a colorful narrative, the book begins with Tony Faust's entry into the rough and rowdy St. Louis in the mid-1800's. Fleeing Germany like many others after the failed Revolution of 1848, Tony "clawed his way to social and financial standing by way of good investments, good humor and good luck," Terry writes. His son Edward became a wealthy industrialist, eager to shed his second-generation German immigrant status as World War I raged overseas.

Finally, Edward's son, Leicester, fled the city and established a self-sustaining farm in what is now Chesterfield. After building a successful agri-business, the Fausts donated 98.5 acres to St. Louis County in 1968 for the park, which bears the family name.

Terry is a St. Louis historian, researcher and writer. She holds a Master's in public history from James Madison University and directs the archives for a St. Louis church, Salem United Methodist. This is her first book.

Oysters to Angus is published by Bluebird Publishing of St. Louis. The book is available at Chesterfield City Hall for \$18. It is also on Amazon, at local bookstores, St. Louis County Parks locations, and www.etterryhistory.com.



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Above, "Kids create" at Chesterfield Arts Summer Art Camps.
Below, fun at the pottery wheels.



Artist Rachel Santel (at left) instructs a painting class at Chesterfield Arts.



Programs offer multiple opportunities for residents to explore their creative sides

Experience "traveling the world" through art, cartooning and illustration or create a three-dimensional Monster Mash sculpture at Chesterfield Arts.

Kids of all ages and abilities can cultivate their creativity at summer art camps through August 8. Adults aren't left out. Classes or workshops are offered for the adult set in jewelry-making, pottery, illustration and drawing

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