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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 6

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

- Ward I – Barry Flachsbart (incumbent)
- Ward II – Bruce Geiger (incumbent)
- Ward II – Brian Gers
- Ward III – Brian Calderwood
- Ward III – Mike Casey (incumbent)
- Ward III – Marcia McDonald
- Ward IV – Connie Fults (incumbent)

The Mayor serves a four-year term of office. Councilmembers serve for two years. Mayor John Nations' current term will expire in April 2005, as well as the current terms of office for Councilmember Jane Durrell – Ward I, Councilmember Barry Streeter – Ward II, Councilmember Dan Hurt – Ward III and Councilmember Mary Brown – Ward IV.



To be able to vote in the April 6, 2004 municipal election, you must be a registered voter. You may register at City Hall, any county public library or state motor vehicle registration office. 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 12.

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



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PARKS GUIDE  
INSIDE!**



## From the Mayor

# 2003 In Review. . .

**I**n many ways, 2003 will be remembered as one of the most challenging years for your City government since the City was founded sixteen years ago. Because of these challenges, and, more importantly, our responses to these challenges, I am proud to report to you not only that the overall condition of Chesterfield is strong, but also that there has never been a year when I have been more proud of our performance and the dedication of the men and women who are devoted everyday to delivering quality services to the people of Chesterfield.

The economic times in which we have been living have posed challenges to every level of government all across our Country, including here at home in Chesterfield. Governmental revenues have been essentially flat over the past four years during which the demands for municipal services have been constantly on the rise. We are able to meet these financial challenges better than most communities due primarily to two important factors. First, over the years we have adopted and implemented sound budgeting practices to build the financial strength of the City so that we can meet these economic challenges without affecting service levels to the residents. In 2003, we used monies from the Fund Reserves (currently in excess of \$10 million) to sustain service levels, yet our Fund Reserve level at the end of the year will remain in excess of 50% of the anticipated expenses for 2004, which will continue our strong financial position. Secondly, there is an unsurpassed dedication to searching for new ways to enhance our abilities to deliver municipal services. Virtually every day of the year, we are formulating and implementing new policies and practices to enhance performance and productivity so that you receive the most from every dollar spent by your City government. As you will immediately realize, this is not easy. It

takes constant review and evaluation of operations, aggressiveness in pursuing available grants for targeted projects, streamlining processes, a "can do" attitude, and a commitment to make your City government second to none in quality and efficiency. I take this opportunity to commend City Council and staff for their diligence in pursuing excellence in every aspect and at every level of our operation.

Regarding our financial condition, the question asked of me more than any other is, "With all of the residential and commercial development in Chesterfield, why are revenues not growing too?" The answer is that the development in Chesterfield does not translate into a direct financial benefit for your City government. Chesterfield is what is known as a "pool city", which means that the general revenue sales taxes collected from sales in Chesterfield are "pooled" with other sales taxes generated around St. Louis County, and then distributed based on the population of the Cities in the St. Louis County "pool". Consequently, the General Fund of the City of Chesterfield benefits proportionally no more from the sales in our City than do the General Funds of other cities in the "pool". Conversely, however, we do share in the general revenue sales taxes generated in other cities in the "pool". If Chesterfield were a "point of sale" city (which means we would collect all of the general revenue sales tax generated within the City; but would not share in the general revenue sales taxes of other cities), Chesterfield would have approximately \$5 million more in general fund revenue. Chesterfield's classification as a "pool" city was established by State law based on the date of the City's incorporation and cannot be changed without a change in the State law. Along with several other cities, Chesterfield unsuccessfully challenged this classification many years ago. Additionally, your City government is not financed by a

general revenue real property tax. The only portion of your real estate taxes which goes directly to your City government is \$00.06 per \$100 of assessed valuation for a bond issue in the 1990s. By way of example, a home appraised for tax purposes at \$250,000 will pay less than \$29 in annual real property taxes to the City of Chesterfield. The City is not allowed to collect more with this tax than is required to pay off the bonds supported by the tax and none of the money can be used for general revenue expenditures. The portion of your real property tax paid into this fund represents less than 1% of your total real property tax bill.

Despite the challenges we have faced, your City has had a solid year of accomplishments.

The chief responsibility of the office of the City Clerk is to be the repository of the official records of the City, but their responsibilities affect many aspects of our operation. In 2003, the office coordinated more than 300 public meetings, processed more than 6,300 pool passes, processed the enrollment for more than 3,900 individuals in parks and recreation programs, and coordinated the development and distribution of the Chesterfield Citizen Newsletter.

The Department of Finance and Administration is responsible for all fiscal matters of the City, and also oversees the operation of the Municipal Court, as well as all information systems. It was a year of change in the F&A Department as Jan Hawn, the original F&A Director who had been with the City since 1988, left to take a position with the City of Bellevue, Washington. We have welcomed new F&A Director Jeremy Craig, who brings years of municipal experience to the position, most recently with the City of Creve Coeur. Even though the Department has



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many additional demands on its time and resources because of the challenging financial circumstances described earlier, it has maintained its award winning performances by again earning the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, as well as the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award.

The Department of Planning has had another demanding year given the nature and pace of development in the City. The Department coordinates the planning and zoning work of the Planning Commission, the Architectural Review Board, Board of Adjustment, Landmark Preservation Commission, the Planning & Zoning Committee of the City Council, and the City Council itself. In 2003, it handled the zoning and oversight for development in the City with an estimated \$140,000,000 in construction costs. It coordinated the work of 21 meetings of the Planning Commission, as well as 26 meetings of various committees of the Commission, all in addition to coordinating the work of 22 City Council meetings and approximately 20 meetings of the Planning & Zoning Committee of City Council. It coordinated the agendas, packets, and staff reports of 8 meetings of the Landmark Preservation Commission, as well as the establishment of 3 properties for nominations for historic district designation. It processed 13 rezoning petitions, 51 site development plans, and responded to 3,442 requests for information from the public. Finally, the Department has been responsible for implementing the new Property Maintenance Code signed into law in 2003.

2003 was a year of great accomplishment and pride for our Police Department, which was awarded full International Accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). Only 1 percent of the law enforcement agencies in this country have achieved this honor. The Department received this recognition not only because of its effective policing practices, but also because of the Department's willingness to extend itself into areas and programs that are often overlooked by most law enforcement agencies. For example, our officers receive cultural and sensitivity training on a regular basis and all

new employees tour and receive training from the staff of the Holocaust & Learning Museum. To remain in close contact with both adults and young people throughout our community, the Department offers training academies that are geared specifically toward each of these segments of our population. Fostering great concern for our teens the Department ensured that lines of communication remained open between our adolescents and the Chief of Police through the "Adolescent Police Advisory Board." Most importantly, our police officers have done everything in their power to assure the safety of our kids by facilitating ongoing programs such as Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) and Safety Town. The Department assigned officers full time to each of our middle and high schools to ensure a daily police presence and providing a comfortable and secure learning environment for all. Finally, we are extremely proud that the FBI statistics now show that Chesterfield is the safest large city (populations in excess of 40,000) in the State of Missouri.

The Public Works Department is responsible for the maintenance and operation of all City property, including streets, sidewalks, parks, and buildings. It is responsible for the maintenance and snow removal on more than 160 miles of City streets, as well as for plan review on many developments around town. An indication of the dedication of our Public Works Department is shown by the many notes, e-mails, and telephone calls I received from residents complimenting the Department's snow removal during the winter of 2002-2003, which turned out to be one of the worst winters in many years. In addition to its ongoing responsibilities regarding streets and sidewalks, in 2003 the Department reviewed 782 separate plans related to developments, evaluated the condition of approximately 80 miles of City streets to maintain the Department's multi-year pavement maintenance and reconstruction plan, completed 80 work orders requiring engineering analysis, supervised the construction of the \$1.9 million Highway 340 Enhancement Project which added 7200 feet of sidewalks and 2900 feet of landscaped medians to that thoroughfare, com-

pleted crack sealing on more than 25 miles of streets, supervised the construction of handicap access ramps at 16 intersections along Stablestone and Green Trails Drive, as well as on Appalachian Trail, administered the contracts for the re-construction of River Valley Drive, administered the contracts for the re-construction of Old Baxter Road, administered and inspected the Residential Sanitary Sewer Lateral Repair Program involving 84 sewer lateral lines throughout the City, administered the contract for the design of the Meadowbrook Farm Storm Water Channel project, cooperated in an administrative effort with the Shenandoah Subdivision for the development of a storm water basin plan for certain drainage channels located in the subdivision, bid and administered contracts for the replacement of more than 1500 slabs of sidewalk concrete, through its maintenance division, processed more than 1,700 work orders on various projects throughout the City, received a grant from the Ameren Smart Lights program for the installation of lights on fields at the Chesterfield Valley Athletic Complex (CVAC), hosted the City's 3rd annual Turkey Trot Thanksgiving Day Run involving more than 1600 participants, hosted the American Amateur Youth Baseball World Series at the CVAC, coordinated the activities of more nearly 10,000 hours of usage on the CVAC fields on 220 days throughout the year, oversaw the operation of the Family Aquatic Center which had an attendance of nearly 30,000, and obtained the re-certification of the City as a "Tree City USA".

In closing, I will re-assert my pledge to you that your City Council and I will be working to make Chesterfield even better in 2004. Everyday, we will work to have a government which lives up to my "3-Rs" of government: Responsible, Responsive, and Representative. Everyday, we will work to make Chesterfield a better place to be.

I hope each of you have a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2004.

John Nations, Mayor

## City Council Actions

### ORDINANCES ■■■■

Prohibits a false declaration of one's name, address and/or driving status when being questioned relative to a violation (January 5, 2004)

### APPOINTMENTS ■■■■

**Howard Rosen** appointed to the Chesterfield Community Development Corporation.

### PROCLAMATIONS ■■■■

**Westfield Shoppingtowns** for sponsoring the fund raising event, "Westfield Works Wonders," for Missouri charities.

**Dominic Raineri** for his heroic effort in assisting Chesterfield Police in the apprehension of a robbery suspect.

**Jerry Right** for his inestimable contributions to the entire St. Louis Region.

**Michael Andrew Chapman, Adam C. Didier, Brian Andrew Hoffman, John Horton, Gregory Walter Jenke, Mark Chrostopher McGavic, Jeffrey Scott Schwartz, Christopher Richard Scheerer, Paul A. Vendt** and **Bryan Stephen Whitman** for having achieved the rank of Eagle Scout.

**Girl Scout Troop #4380 and Girl Scout Troop #4001** for participating in the Flag Ceremony for City Council meetings.

**St. Luke's Hospital** for being recognized as one of the top 100 hospitals in the country for cardiac care.

# Chesterfield Celebrates!

## The 200th Anniversary of the Lewis and Clark "Corps of Discovery"

**T**wo hundred years ago the Lewis and Clark "Corps of Discovery" made its way upstream on the Missouri River passing by the area we now call Chesterfield. Native Americans were the only human residents of the area at that time. Legend tells us that the Native Americans watched from the bluffs along the Missouri River as the Lewis and Clark keel boat made its way up the river.

The Chesterfield Historical Commission invites you to join in celebrating the 200th Anniversary of the Lewis and Clark "Corps of Discovery." These special programs are designed to be informative and entertaining. All events are free and will be held at City Hall.

### "MEET SACAGAWEA"

Wednesday, March 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Sacagawea, a Native American woman, traveled with her husband and baby son with the "Corps of Discovery." She was familiar with the territory and she knew the secrets of survival in the harsh wilderness. Authentic Native American artifacts will be on display for viewing before and after the program.

### "U.S. MILITARY AT THE TIME OF LEWIS AND CLARK"

Thursday, April 22 at 7:30 p.m.

The clothing, weapons, supplies and discipline of the men that participated in the "Corps of Discovery" were all influenced by the US military at the time of Lewis and Clark. Learn about the clothing, guns and punishment of men on the expedition.

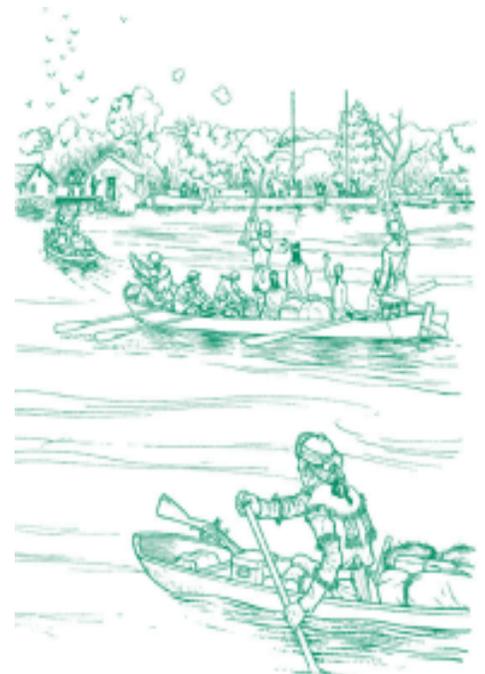
### "THE INFLUENCE OF FRENCH COLONIALISM ON THE CORPS OF DISCOVERY"

Wednesday, May 12 at 7:30 p.m.

French explorers and fur trappers were a driving force in westward expansion. Learn about the fur trappers and mountain men and how the consumer demand for beaver fur impacted the westward expansion.

Funding for these programs is provided by the Chesterfield Historical Commission.

For additional information, please contact Bob or Chris Landram at (636) 733-0495 or email: [Bobland2@juno.com](mailto:Bobland2@juno.com). For more information, visit <http://www.lewisandclark.state.mo.us/>.



# calendar

## MARCH

- 1 City Council**  
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 8 Planning Commission**  
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 15 City Council**  
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 22 Planning Commission**  
City Hall, 7 p.m.

## APRIL

- 6 Municipal Election**  
Please Vote!
- 14 Planning Commission**  
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 19 City Council  
(Installation of  
newly-elected officials)**  
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 26 Planning Commission**  
City Hall, 7 p.m.

## MAY

- 3 City Council**  
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 10 Planning Commission**  
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 17 City Council**  
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 24 Planning Commission**  
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 31 City Hall Closed**  
Observation of Memorial Day

## Safety Town

**T**he Chesterfield Police Department and the Chesterfield Rotary, 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 classroom 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, to 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 the Parkway Early Childhood Center, 14605 Clayton Road. This year's sessions are:

- Session 1: June 14 – June 25 (10 a.m. – Noon)
- Session 2: June 14 – June 25 (1 – 3 p.m.)
- Session 3: June 28 – July 9 (10 a.m. – Noon)
- Session 4: June 28 – July 9 (1 – 3 p.m.)
- Session 5: July 12 – July 23 (10 a.m. – Noon)
- Session 6: July 12 – July 23 (1 – 3 p.m.)

Registration night will be held from 6 – 8 p.m. on Wednesday, 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.

## New Art Classes Offered at Chesterfield Arts!

**R**eady to shake off the winter chills? Looking for something new and creative to do this spring? Check out all of the new art classes being offered at Chesterfield Arts.

Chesterfield Arts has moved into a new space near the mall. The facility includes a great exhibition space and a classroom for art classes, workshops, lectures...you name it! The first series of classes has been coordinated in conjunction with COCA and Craft Alliance and are geared for children, teens and adults.

Try your hand at a drawing, painting, jewelry or maybe stained glass. We are also offering a special Lunch & Learn Workshop Series on Wednesdays that features a box lunch, lecture and art project. Bring a friend and enjoy a unique day of art.

These programs are great for everyone, ages five and up. No previous art experience needed! See the attached flyer for details or call Chesterfield Arts for additional information at (636)-519-1955.

## Drug Awareness Day at the Mall

**T**he Chesterfield Drug Abuse Task Force is proud to announce the 12th Annual "Drug Awareness Day." The event will be held from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 6 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 [ctoleman@chesterfield.mo.us](mailto:ctoleman@chesterfield.mo.us)



## 13th Annual Tree/Earth/Arbor Day – “Families on the Prairie”

**A**ctivities will take place from 9 a.m. - noon on Saturday, April 24 at Central Park. In order to achieve “National Wildlife Federation Certification” for the community, it is important that residents participate in establishing backyard habitat gardens. Those who attend this event are eligible to obtain, on a first-come/first-served basis, free trees, items that will help to establish native bird/butterfly backyard habitats and recycled-plastic backyard composters.

“Families on the Prairie Day” is an event celebrating conservation and has been scheduled from 10 a.m. noon on Saturday, May 15 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. Events are held rain or shine, so please plan accordingly.

## 2004 Spring Recycle Drive/Telephone Book Recycling

**S**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 this next event, scheduled for **April 17 -25**, at the **Schnucks Hilltown Village Center (Olive Blvd.)** and the **Dierbergs Market Place (Clarkson Road)**.

Telephone books ONLY may be brought to City Hall and Barron Communications, Inc., 253 Chesterfield Industrial Blvd., March 8 – April 11.

## Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) Programs

**T**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 beginning April 28 – June 2. For CERT registration information, please call Police Capt. Graham Burnley at (636)-537-3000 or e-mail him at [gburnley@chesterfield.mo.us](mailto:gburnley@chesterfield.mo.us). Information is also available on the City’s website [www.chesterfield.mo.us](http://www.chesterfield.mo.us).

## Citizens Police Academy

**T**he Chesterfield Police Department will host the Citizens Police Academy, beginning March 25. There will be two (2) one-hour classes, each Thursday evening from 7 – 9 p.m. for ten weeks. The Academy graduation will be on May 27. This program gives interested persons an overview of the Police Department’s operation and is designed to accommodate anyone over the age of twenty-one.

An application can be downloaded from the City’s web site ([www.chesterfield.mo.us](http://www.chesterfield.mo.us)) or picked up at the Police Department. Applications need to be returned no later than March 12. For more information contact Sgt. Steve Rainy at (636)-537-3000.



## Chesterfield Beautification Awards

**T**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

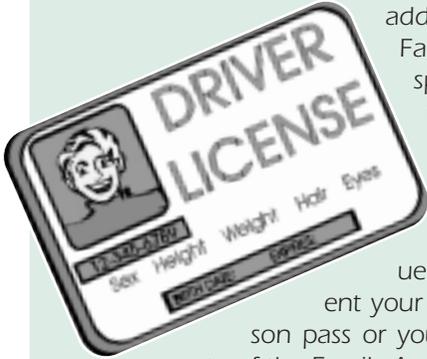
Chesterfield Journal and on the City’s web site. Deadline for nominations is June 1. Applications are available at City Hall or by calling Kay Folsom at (636)-532-2503. This award program was established with the goal in mind of making Chesterfield a more beautiful and livable place in which to reside.



# Park and Recreation Updates

**T**he Chesterfield Park, Recreation and Arts Division has made a couple of changes and additions for the 2004 swim season. As the result of a \$200,000 grant from the Missouri Municipal League's St. Louis County Parks Municipal Grant Commission, the Division will be adding a "Splash Playground" to the Chesterfield Family Aquatic Park. A Splash Playground is a splash pad from which water shoots from water features installed within the splash pad. The splash pad is a zero depth entry pool. Water features are located above and below the ground.

In addition, the Division has discontinued Resident I.D.s. Now, you only have to present your **DRIVER'S LICENSE** when receiving a season pass or you may show your drivers license at the front gate of the Family Aquatic Park in order to receive the resident rate.



## What's Happening?

**O**ften times City Officials and City Staff are asked questions as to the type of development going in a particular area, when residents see land being cleared and foundations being dug. In an attempt to answer these questions and to keep the residents "up to speed" as to what is being developed in the City, this article will appear in each issue of the Chesterfield Citizen newsletter, when there is development news to report. The following businesses were recently approved and may already be in operation. These projects, among others, can be found on the City's website [www.chesterfield.mo.us](http://www.chesterfield.mo.us).

Pottery Direct  
Retail  
Chesterfield Airport Rd./Baxter Rd.

Saltwater Cowboy  
Restaurant  
Long Rd./Wildhorse Creek Rd.

Sheridan's Ice Cream Parlor  
Drive-thru  
Olive Blvd./Chesterfield Pkwy.

Kemp Automobile Museum  
Museum  
Chesterfield Airport Rd./  
Chesterfield Commons Dr.

Modern Homes by Dolnick  
Retail  
Chesterfield Airport Rd./  
Public Works Dr.

## Show Business In Chesterfield!

**T**here's no business like show business and there's no school like the STAGES Performing Arts Academy! Opening March 15 at 444 Chesterfield Center Drive (in the former Casa Gallardo building across from Chesterfield Mall), the Academy will feature a unique year-round curriculum for ages 3 to adult in the musical theatre disciplines – voice, dance and drama. The facility will boast several dance, acting and vocal studios, male and female locker rooms, and a green room. Classes will range from "Movin' To The Beat", an introduction to dance and rhythm for the pre-school crowd, to "The Best of Broadway", a four-week musical theatre intensive workshop for 9 to 18 year olds. Instruction for all experience levels in acting, voice, and jazz, ballet and tap dance will also be offered. For more information about the STAGES Performing Arts Academy call (314) 821-2412.

The school will ultimately be part of the STAGES ST. LOUIS Performing Arts Center and Academy slated to open in late 2006 at the corner of Highway 40 and Chesterfield Parkway West.

STAGES ST. LOUIS is a non-profit, professional company currently in its 18th season of presenting classic musical theatre. The 2004 season will feature "Gypsy" (May 28-June 27), "The Sound of Music" (July 16-August 15), and "Camelot" (September 3-October 3). For tickets or more information call (314) 821-2407.



# Sidewalk Problems and Repairs

**T**he City of Chesterfield is committed to providing safe and continuous sidewalks throughout the City. However, keeping sidewalks in that condition can be very challenging.

It may surprise you to know that there are nearly 300 miles of sidewalks in the City of Chesterfield. Many of our sidewalks pre-date the City's incorporation. As a result, they were placed directly on soil grade, without a foundation below frost level, which makes them very vulnerable to upheaval by freezing/thawing. Additionally, as trees grow, the roots raise the sidewalk and cause displacement. Other actions can cause sidewalk damage as well. For instance, when lawn edgers are used along the sides of the walk, stormwater is concentrated along the edged area, washing out the soil material beside and underneath the sidewalk. Sometimes residents will water their lawns too extensively, causing areas adjacent to sidewalks to become saturated. This allows the sidewalk to move, settle or be displaced.

One method used by the City to immediately address sidewalk displacement problems is to have an asphalt crew install a temporary ramp, which eliminates the separation until the sidewalk can be permanently repaired. Permanent repairs are completed within a few months, but that schedule is often dictated by need and funding availability. The most serious problems get attention first.

The worst sidewalks (anything with a lip of over 3") are a top priority. The City currently does not have the ability to address small cracks through the sidewalk, or areas where the cement finish has come off, leaving an exposed aggregate look. Sidewalks with a lip of one-inch (+/-) are being addressed with a sidewalk grinder, which restores a smooth transition from slab to slab.

Residents are urged to report the need for sidewalk repairs, by calling (636) 537-4000.



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## Residential Sanitary Sewer Lateral Repair Program

**A**re you experiencing a problem with your sanitary sewer lateral? If the answer is "yes", then you may be eligible to participate in the Residential Sanitary Sewer Lateral Repair Program. The program will cover the cost of certain repairs up to a maximum of \$15,000. There is a \$200 non-refundable cost to every participant, which must accompany the application.

The program application and policy/procedures documents can be obtained at City Hall, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. These documents can also be accessed online at the City's website, [www.chesterfield.mo.us](http://www.chesterfield.mo.us).

Recognizing that this program does not apply to those residential buildings with more than (6) units, the City Council has authorized the refund of the \$28 fee to those property owners that do not qualify for the program. In order to obtain the refund, the property owner must complete a refund form and submit a copy of their paid 2003 real estate tax bill. The paid tax receipt can be obtained from the St. Louis County Department of Revenue, at no charge, by calling their Customer Service Department at (314) 615-5500. The refund form is available at City Hall, and can also be accessed online at the City's website. It will take approximately two weeks to process the refund.

If you have any questions regarding the Residential Sanitary Sewer Lateral Repair Program, please contact the Public Works Department at (636) 537-4762.

