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Chesterfield Garden Tour

Chesterfield's second annual Garden Tour has been scheduled for Saturday, June 24, rain or shine, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.. Come visit six private gardens - rose gardens, shady paths, dry creek beds, a rock retaining wall, waterfalls and an outdoor Tuscan style shower room will await you. Outdoor tables will be set by Mary Tuttle's, F.O.B. St. Louis, Inc, Floribunda Inc, The Mulberry Tree, Ltd., Botanicals on the Park and The French



Wench Antiques to give you great entertaining ideas. Master Gardeners from the Missouri Botanical Garden will be available to answer plant and gardening questions. Members from the Rose Society, Hosta Federation, Federated Garden Clubs of Missouri and the St. Louis Herb Society will also be available to tour visitors. The Herb Society will have books on How to Grow Herbs in the Midwest and The St. Louis Herb Society Cookbook both available for purchase, as well as curry powders and flavored vinegars.

For more information or to volunteer call (636) 537-4000. Tickets will be \$15 in advance, beginning April 3 at City Hall and \$20 the day of the tour. Tickets may also be purchased on the City's website at www.chesterfield.mo.us.

**LOOK!
PARKS GUIDE
INSIDE!**



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From the Mayor

2005 in Review

This past year was one of many great additions to our City's quality of life and long term sustainability as a community, perhaps more than ever before. The project announcements and decisions made by City Council will greatly impact our City for years to come. It was also a year of collaboration. The efforts of many different individuals and agencies helped to contribute to the great things that happened within our midst during the past year. From entertainment to healthcare and biotech expansions, Chesterfield witnessed growth in all economic sectors. Over one million square feet of new commercial space was approved, creating and/or retaining nearly 2000 jobs in the region. These project announcements and approvals represent over \$400 million of capital investment in Chesterfield and the region.

Pfizer announced they would be investing \$200 million in a new 330,000 sq. ft. research facility—the only expansion investment the company is making in the world—and they chose Chesterfield. At an estimated cost of just over \$30 million, St. Luke's Hospital plans to add outpatient medical buildings and expand the hospital facility. Funds continue to be raised for the Stages St. Louis facility, a \$23 million investment to construct a new theater and performing arts center, within Chesterfield Village. Westfield's Chesterfield Shoppingtown redevelopment is nearly complete and scheduled to open in March, with a new 14-screen AMC Theater, Cheesecake Factory and Claddagh's Irish Pub, along with 14 new retailers, representing an investment in our community of \$71 million. Additionally, the 275-room Drury Plaza Hotel is will open in May, along with a new Stoney River Legendary Steakhouse, adjacent to the hotel.

In addition to the private investment that fuels our growth, our citizens directly benefited from the foresight and planning of City Council and our talented Staff. The Miracle Field, at the Chesterfield Valley Athletic Complex (CVAC), was dedicated in August and will allow people of all abilities to experience the thrill of playing baseball. This was a collaborative effort, funded by private donations and businesses, along with contributions from the City and grant funds. The project was awarded the Outstanding Achievement in Local Government Award by the East-West Gateway Council of Governments and received an award from the 2005 Governor's Council on Disability.



Your foresight in passing Proposition P for Parks allowed for the construction of four new football fields and two new soccer fields at the CVAC, in 2005. Over 300,000 participants and/or spectators utilized the CVAC last year. Additionally, Chesterfield hosted the AAYBA National World Series—two weeks of championship baseball, having untold economic impact in our area. Additionally, we have secured grant funds which will allow for the construction of a multi-purpose trail system, on the Monarch-Chesterfield Levee, surrounding the Chesterfield Valley. We estimate that the first phase of this project, from the Summit Ice Complex to the CVAC, will be completed in 2006.

Residents also benefited from the completion of the Pathway on the Parkway, which includes an 8-10 foot wide sidewalk along Chesterfield Parkway West, decorative lighting, additional landscaping and improved traffic signalization. This was also a collaborative effort utilizing federal highway grant funds, St. Louis County funding, private donations and City funds generated by the 1/2 cent sales tax for capital improvements. Many of you participated in the opening of the "Pathway", with the September Stroll.

During 2005, your City Council appropriated \$2.56 million for concrete street repairs, road- resealing projects, sidewalk replacements and the installation of several handicap ramps throughout the city.

Chesterfield is known for being a tree city and for taking pride in our city's appearance. We improved upon this commitment in 2005 with additional plantings, throughout the City. The Beautification Committee hosted the City's first "Garden Tour" in June, which was enormously successful and the profits from that event were donated to the City, to help fund our continued beautification efforts. Additionally, the Central City Park is being master planned to be expanded to include several lakes and other amenities.

Your Planning Commission and Planning Staff spent numerous hours in meetings and public hearings to amend the City's "Comprehensive Plan", to include the Wildhorse Creek Sub-Area, also known as the "bow-tie" area. Their hard work and dedication will ensure prudent planning and

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development well into the future for this important area of our community.

In August, the City Council approved my plan to consolidate our economic development efforts, as a City government function and approved the creation of the Assistant City Administrator for Economic & Community Development position. Subsequently, the Chesterfield Development Advisory Council was established, to advise the City Council and me with regard to the retention and expansion of our economic base. I plan to appoint all members of this important committee, in the near future.

What's in store for 2006? Look for roadway improvements to begin in the Chesterfield Valley due to the passage of a Transportation Development District (TDD), last fall. The additional 3/8 cent sales tax, which will be paid by shoppers in the Valley, will fund \$25 million of infrastructure improvements in the coming years. The first project will be the realignment of the intersection at Wildhorse Creek Road, Long Road and Kehrs Mill Road. Chesterfield is partnering with St. Louis County to construct this project, which is currently in the final design stages, after receiving a great deal of public input.

An agreement reached with the Monarch-Chesterfield Levee District, at the end of 2005, will result in water and sewer infrastructure improvements in the west end of the

Chesterfield Valley. This will open up growth opportunities for light industrial and warehousing, along with retail and commercial businesses in that area. With this growth you can expect to see road improvements to Old Olive and Eatherton Road, as the area develops.

2005 was truly a pinnacle year for Chesterfield and 2006 looks to be outstanding as well. I extend my heartfelt thanks to the many volunteers throughout our community who devote their precious time and talents to make our community better. I commend the actions and dedication of the City Council and our Staff for their work in 2005. Everyday, the Administration and the City Council are working to improve the quality of life throughout Chesterfield. Everyday, we work to have a City and a City government of which you may rightfully be proud. Everyday, we work to have a City government which lives up to my "3 Rs" of government: Responsible, Responsive and Representative. Everyday, we're working to make Chesterfield a better place to be!

Best regards for the coming year as we all work together to continue to make Chesterfield one of the premier communities in the country.

John Nations
Mayor

Mayor Nations Receives Regional Appointments

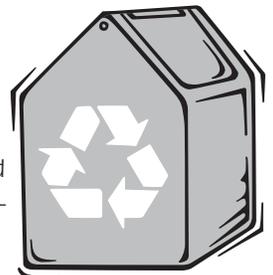
Mayor John Nations has been selected by County Executive Charlie Dooley to serve on the Board of Directors for the East-West Gateway Council of Governments, which is a regional planning agency, serving the entire metropolitan area. Additionally, Mayor Nations will soon become President of the St. Louis County Municipal League. These appointments will insure a strong "Chesterfield/West County" voice, as regional decisions are being made.

**CONGRATULATIONS,
MAYOR NATIONS!**

Spring Recycle Drive

The Citizens Committee for the Environment thanks businesses and families for sustaining recycling participation with magazines, catalogs, cardboard, chipboard and textiles, since 1996! The next recycle drive will be April 22 – 30 at Dierbergs Market Place, located at 1730 Clarkson Road at Baxter Road.

Labeled drop-off bins will be located next to the Clarkson Road side of the parking lot. Please follow the guidelines to avoid contamination and to insure future free recycling opportunities for everyone.



Family Court Seeks Male Mentors

Currently, the St. Louis County Family Court has twenty (20) male teenagers, ages 12 - 16, who are awaiting the opportunity to build a productive relationship, with a "male mentor". Mentors provide support and companionship for these teenagers as, together, they participate in team-building and social skill development exercises, as well as discussions of personal responsibility. Mentors are provided training and on-going supervision by Court staff.

If you are interested, mentors must be 21 years old and be willing to give at least eight hours of volunteer time, per month. Please call Barbara Ann Hughes, Deputy Juvenile Officer, at (314) 615-8446, for more information and to enroll in this program.



City Council Actions

APPOINTMENTS

Alan Baudler appointed to the **Board of Adjustment**.

Chuck Forge appointed to the **MIS Citizens Advisory Committee**.

Maureen Feltz appointed to the **Parks, Recreation and Arts Citizens Advisory Committee**.

Barbara Loveland appointed to the **MIS Citizens Advisory Committee**.

PROCLAMATIONS

To **Chabad Lubavitch**, in celebration of the Jewish promotion of greater awareness of the concepts of education, morality and decency among all people.

To **Michael Salvatore Ferranto, Scott Stephen Hall, Michael E. Koschoff, Bradley H. Sayre** and **Ian Joseph Wrobel**, for having achieved the rank of Eagle Scout.

Re: **Native American Heritage Month in November**.

To **Douglas R. Beach**, for having served as City Attorney since June 1, 1988 and noting his appointment as a St. Louis County Associate Circuit Court Judge.

To **Julie Silver**, for her many accomplishments on the Parkway Central Varsity Softball Team, in the Symphonic Orchestra, National Honors Society, Senior Women, Mu Alpha Theta (Math Honors Society) while maintaining a 4.0 GPA at Parkway Central High School and having been awarded the Prudential Spirit of Community Award and "Do the Right Thing" Award, presented to her from St. Joseph's Institute for the Deaf.

To **Ascension School, Chesterfield Day School, Chesterfield Elementary, Kehrs Mill Elementary, Shenandoah Valley Elementary, Wild Horse Elementary**, for participating in the D.A.R.E. program.

To **Cub Scout Troop #597**, from Ascension School (George Frank, Ryan Ruckert, Ryan Wildorf, Trey Erbs, Stephen Deay, Jake McFerron and Wilson Hayward) for participating in the flag ceremony at a City Council meeting.

Historical Commission Presents... *Heroes, Villains, Indians Wars and Disasters*

The Historical Commission will present a slide presentation "Chesterfield - Then and Now". The presentation, narrated by Bill and Terry Wunderlich, Chairpersons of the Historical Commission, will enlighten everyone as to who lived in their neighborhood so very long ago. This **free** presentation will bring to life heroes, villains, native Americans, wars and disasters.

The presentation will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 8 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) Programs

The 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 save the lives of their neighbors and co-workers. Following the Mexico City earthquake, untrained, spontaneous volunteers saved 800 people. Sadly to say, over 100 untrained volunteers lost their lives while attempting to save others. This is a high price to pay and is preventable through training.

The next CERT training sessions have been scheduled from 6 – 10 p.m. on Wednesday evenings, from April 26 – May 31. For CERT registration, please call Police Capt. Graham Burnley at (636) 537-3000, e-mail him at gburnley@chesterfield.mo.us, or visit the City's website at www.chesterfield.mo.us.



Avoiding Spring Nuisances

The transition from one season to another often brings an increase in the number of nuisance complaints to the City of Chesterfield. Did you know that the City has an ordinance about nuisances? Here is a list of some of the common violations observed at this time of the year.

- Pools and ponds of stagnant water, which can attract mosquitoes or other vectors.
- Animals which may be dangerous or cause annoyance to other residents in the area.
- Trash, yard waste, junk.
- Grass and weeds, that are twelve inches or higher.
- Dead or decaying trees.
- Dilapidated structure.

As you're doing your spring cleaning, remember to look around your property to see if there are any violations. The City of Chesterfield Nuisance Ordinance can be viewed on the website, at www.chesterfield.mo.us. Then enter "1989" in the "search box" and click on the link. If you'd like to report a potential nuisance, contact the Department of Planning at (636) 537-4746.

Chesterfield Arts Presents...

ELEMENTARY ART SHOWCASE & MURAL PROJECT

March 17 – April 16

The Gallery at Chesterfield Arts will showcase the work of emerging young Chesterfield Artists in grades K through 8, representing public, private and parochial schools in our community. This exhibit, which runs through April 16, will also feature a community mural project themed "What is Special about Your Community." Each school represented in the exhibit will decorate a panel to hang in the gallery windows during the run of the show.

ST. LOUIS IRISH ARTS

March 18, 7pm

Chesterfield Arts presents an evening of energizing music and dance performed by this world-class company. Co-sponsored by Rockwood Community Education, the performance will be held at Marquette High School. Tickets are \$4 for children under 12 and \$8 for adults.

EQUINOX CHAMBER QUINTET

May 21, 5pm

Bonhomme Presbyterian Church will host the Equinox Chamber Quintet. They will be performing a masterful and diverse concert featuring a mix of classical and world music compositions, including "A Walk through Shaw's Garden" by John Lampkin, "Summer Music" by Samuel Barber, "Dark Winds Rising" by Phillip K. Bimstein. A donation of \$5 at the door is suggested.

Chesterfield Arts offers classes throughout the year for all ages and levels. For information about any of our upcoming events or classes, please call (636) 519-1955 or visit our website at www.chesterfieldarts.org.

March

- 6 City Council**
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 13 Planning Commission**
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 20 City Council**
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 27 Planning Commission**
City Hall, 7 p.m.

April

- 4 Municipal Election**
Please vote!
- 10 Planning Commission**
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 17 City Council (Installation of newly-elected officials)**
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 24 Planning Commission**
City Hall, 7 p.m.

May

- 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.
- 29 City Hall Closed**
Observance of Memorial Day

calendar

Allied Waste Establishes New Website

Allied Waste (Midwest Waste) now has a website available to serve the needs of all of its solid waste customers. Feel free to visit stl.disposal.com (do NOT enter "www") for the answers to any questions you might have. Additionally, as a new service, it is now possible to pay your bill directly from this website! Updated information regarding Allied Waste's mailing address, phone numbers, holiday schedule, special announcements/bulletins, as well as information regarding various service options, are all available through this website. Again, just type stl.disposal.com on your web browser!

Allied Waste - Holiday Schedule - 2006

Please note that Allied Waste will observe the following holidays, during the remainder of 2006 and into early 2007:

Memorial Day - Monday, May 29, 2006 (Monday affected, each day of collection will take place one day later.)

Independence Day - Tuesday, July 4, 2006 (Monday unaffected; every other collection day will take place one day later.)

Labor Day - Monday, September 4, 2006 (see above)

Thanksgiving - Thursday, November 23, 2006 (Monday and Tuesday unaffected; Thursday and Friday collections will take place one day later.)

Christmas - Monday, December 25, 2006 (see above)

New Year's - Monday, January 1, 2007 (see above)

If you have questions or need to report a service miss, please call (636) 947-5959, or send an e-mail to midwestwaste.stl@awin.com.

Safety Town

Safety Town is a preschool safety program for 4, 5, and 6 year olds sponsored by the Chesterfield Police Department, the Rotary Club of Chesterfield and the Parkway School District and is held at the Parkway Early Childhood Center, 14650 Clayton Road.

Each session is conducted for two consecutive weeks, Monday through Friday, for two hours per day. The children learn about a variety of safety issues through classroom interaction, as well as through interactive play outside in the miniature town. The town comes complete with buildings, stop signs and electric signals.

This year's sessions are:

- June 5 - June 16 (10 a.m. – 12 p.m.)
- June 5 – June 16 (1 – 3 p.m.)
- June 19 – June 30 (10 a.m. – 12 p.m.)
- June 19 – June 30 (1 – 3 p.m.)
- July 3 – July 14 (10 a.m. – 12 p.m.)
- July 3 – July 14 (1 p.m. – 3 p.m.)



Preference will be given to those persons who complete the registration forms at the official registration night and who are Chesterfield residents. This preference does not apply to those children who have previously attended Safety Town. Registration forms received during the official registration session will be processed on a **“first come, first served”** basis. **(Please do not get to City Hall before 5 p.m.)**

Registration forms will be available at the Police Department, 690 Chesterfield Parkway West, after April 7, for those who cannot attend the open registration. However, forms turned in after the registration night will be processed after all others from registration night.

For further information contact the Chesterfield Police Community Affairs Division at (636) 537-3000.



AARP Older Driver Course

The Chesterfield Police Department is proud to announce a cooperative effort with AARP in providing the “55 Alive” driver safety program. AARP’s “55 Alive” program is the nation’s first and largest classroom driver improvement course. It provides a thorough review of the “rules of the road” with an emphasis on defensive driving practices.

The eight-hour course is taught in two, four-hour sessions spanning two days. There are NO tests, but a minimal student fee of \$10 is charged. Graduates may also be eligible to receive a discount from their auto insurance carrier.

The Chesterfield course will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, April 4 and Wednesday, April 5 at City Hall. **Reservations are required** and attendance is required for both days.

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

Police Department Seeks Renewal of International Accreditation

On April 1 the Chesterfield Police Department will seek its first reaccreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). This is a three year process during which the Police Department must adhere to strict international guidelines of policing and organizational practices. In early April, three Accreditation Assessors will arrive in Chesterfield to review policies and examine procedures to verify compliance with internationally set standards. There will also be an opportunity for citizens to contact these assessors and support the Police Department’s efforts in retaining their internationally recognized status during this review period.

From 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. on Sunday April 2, a dedicated phone line will be available for the public to contact the Assessors. The Assessors can be reached by calling the Police Department’s dedicated line (636) 537-6745.

From 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., on Monday April 3, there will be an open hearing in the City of Chesterfield Council Chambers, located at 690 Chesterfield Parkway West, where citizens will, again, have the opportunity to voice their opinions about the Police Department and their efforts in retaining accredited status.

Got Old Athletic Shoes?

Kee them out of landfills by recycling them with Firefighters and Police Officers, from 9 a.m. – noon on Saturday, April 29 at Chesterfield Central Park. These old shoes can be remanufactured into indoor and/or outdoor athletic surfaces, such as athletic courts, soccer/football field, tracks and playgrounds.

Please tie them together and make sure they are mud-free and have no metal parts (ie cleats, spikes, eyelets, blades, zippers, etc.)



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15th Annual Tree, Earth and Arbor Day

Healthy Habitat... air, water, soil biodiversity! From 9 a.m. – Noon on Saturday, April 29 join in the 15th Annual Tree, Earth and Arbor Day celebration at Central Park. There will be state, regional and local exhibitors who will explain what they are doing to enrich our eco-region. Native trees, such as Flowering Dogwood, Redbud, Spicebush and Buttonbush and exhibitor giveaways will be distributed on a first come, first served basis. Please bring a reusable container for your trees.

Additional information can be found at www.stlouisearthday.org or the City's website at www.chesterfield.mo.us. Flyers are available at City Hall.

