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Beautification Committee Seeks Unique Residential Gardens for 2008 Garden Tour

Do you have a unique flower garden, an outdoor entertaining area or other landscaped area that you take pride in? Share it with the community during the next Spring Garden Tour, in 2008, hosted by the City's Beautification Committee. Currently, the Committee has three gardens secured for the event but is looking for an additional three to round out the selection.

"We are seeking original ideas that homeowners have designed or planted themselves," stated Beautification Committee Chairperson Kay Folsom. "Chesterfield is fortunate to have many beautiful homes and we know the gardens are out there as well."

The Committee has hosted two successful garden tours and would like to host another, if they secure the quality and quantity of gardens required to hold such an event. By starting the selection process now for the 2008 event, they plan to find a good mix of gardens for viewing by the public. Proceeds from the tours have gone toward community beautification projects, such as tree plantings in the medians and bulb plantings around City Hall.

If you would like to submit your garden for consideration, please contact Ms. Folsom at (636) 579-9577 or at bokays@swbell.net.

Small Business Program Offered



INCUBATOR PLUS

In order to assist small business owners and those thinking about starting a new business, the City of Chesterfield and the Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce are partnering to offer "The Twelve Commandments for Small Business: A Practical Guide to Beating the Odds." The course will begin on March 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Louis County Enterprise Center, located at 743 Spirit 40 Park Drive in Chesterfield Valley.



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From the Mayor

George Bernard Shaw once stated that “the American city should be a collection of communities where every member has a right to belong. It should be a place where every man feels safe on his streets and in the house of his friends. It should be a place where each of us can find the satisfaction and warmth which comes from being a member of the community of man.” Chesterfield is just the type of community of which Shaw was referencing. We are one of the safest communities in the country and one that strives to provide the highest quality of municipal services to enhance the overall quality of life for all our residents. I am pleased to report to you that 2006 was another successful year for your City and your City government.

In July, by partnering with Westfield Chesterfield and Sachs Properties, the City was able to bring to Chesterfield our first annual Fourth of July Celebration. An estimated 15,000 people took part in the celebration which included live entertainment, refreshments and a fabulous fireworks display. Look for an even more successful event in 2007.

Several enhancements to build on Chesterfield’s quality of life were either completed or put into motion in 2006. Thanks to the funds generated by Proposition P, the parks and recreation sales tax approved by voters in 2004, we were able to provide several improvements to the Chesterfield Valley Athletic Complex (CVAC) this past year, including the addition of walking paths among the fields, enhanced landscaping, paved parking lots and roadways, new pavilions, a concessions facility and additional restroom facilities. Over 340,000 players, coaches, spectators and officials utilized the complex last year to play a variety of youth, high school, college and adult sporting events. Utilization of the CVAC increased over 14% to a record 14,305 hours, with baseball and softball being the most popular sport. Additionally, over 200 youth baseball teams from across the country descended upon Chesterfield to participate in the American Amateur Youth Baseball Alliance World Series. I would especially like to thank all the parents who encourage their children to participate in these sports and spend countless hours coaching and offering their support. The success of the CVAC wouldn’t be possible without you.

Improvements began on the Chesterfield Family Aquatic Center which include the addition of a 250’ lazy river, two slides and a new children’s play area. The improvements will be completed in time for opening day on May 26, 2007. We are working to enhance the master plan of Central Park to include future improvements such as an amphitheater, two additional lakes, walking trails, a boat house and additional roadways and parking to complement Sachs Properties’ Downtown Chesterfield project adjacent to the park. In our efforts to continually maintain safe walking paths and road-

ways, our public works employees replaced 1211 slabs, or 1.15 miles, of sidewalks and 42,370 square yards, or 2.8 miles, of streets.

You have heard me say many times that the City of Chesterfield has the best and brightest employees of any municipality, and in 2006, we were honored to have one of our employees recognized nationally. Director of Public Works and City Engineer Mike Geisel was named a 2006 Top Ten Public Works Leader of the Year by the American Public Works Association. The APWA selected 10 outstanding public works professionals from across the U.S. and Canada for their professionalism, expertise and career-long dedication and service.

The Chesterfield Beautification Committee continued to enhance and beautify our surroundings by using the proceeds from the Garden Tour and volunteer assistance to plant thousands of bulbs and native perennials around City Hall and by directing the planting of trees, shrubs and greenery in the public rights-of-way. Additionally, the Committee awarded several subdivisions and businesses with Beautification Awards. And for the ninth year in a row, the National Arbor Day Foundation and the National Association of State Foresters awarded the City with the Tree City USA designation.

Residential and commercial development continues to be strong in our community with over 1.3 million square feet of space having been reviewed and approved through our planning process. In response to concerns from residents and businesses, the City approved the creation of the Wild Horse Creek Overlay District, which provides development criteria for the 110 acres located north of Wild Horse Creek Road, commonly referred to as the “bow tie”. New standards on building heights, retention of open space, parking limitations and preservation of natural features will ensure that this area will be compatible with the neighborhoods of which it is such an integral part.

In the area of commercial development, Duke Realty and Gundaker Commercial have partnered to redevelop the former St. Louis County Adult Correctional Center site in the Chesterfield Valley. This 32-acre development called Spirit of St. Louis Corporate Center will house two “Class-A” multi-story office buildings along Highway 40 with retail and restaurant outlot space along Chesterfield Airport Road to serve the employees of the campus. Demolition of the correctional center is to begin in mid-2007. The redevelopment of this site into a more appropriate and compatible use has been a long-term goal, which I am glad to report is nearing realization.



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Lafayette Older Adults Program

Are you interested in making new friends, hearing great speakers, going on exciting trips, playing Bingo or cards? If you are 55 or older, Lafayette Older Adults Program (LOAP) may be just what you are looking for. LOAP is available to older adults in our community as a result of a cooperative effort involving the cities of Ballwin, Chesterfield, Ellisville, Manchester, Wildwood and Winchester, and the Parkway and Rockwood school districts. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Ballwin Golf Club located on Holloway Road, just south of the Ballwin Aquatic Center. There are usually 65-80 people in attendance. Participants bring a sack lunch. Coffee, tea, soda and dessert are provided.

At a typical meeting, people usually visit and socialize from 10-10:30 a.m. At 10:30 a.m., the entertainment will start, varying from a band or singer providing musical entertainment to a doctor, historian or other speaker giving a presentation. The entertainment usually lasts about an hour, followed by lunch. Bingo is available for the remainder of the time.

Regular meetings cost \$1; day trips and special luncheons are optional and involve separate fees. Trip space is limited with reservations on a first-come, first-served basis. Prepayment is required for all luncheons and trips. Detailed information and registration forms are available at all LOAP meetings. For more information, call (636) 537-4777.

Political Sign Placement

If you plan on placing a political campaign sign on your property, please be aware that the City of Chesterfield Zoning Ordinance requires that these signs only be erected on private property. Signs should not be placed in the right-of-way, which is generally a distance of seven (7) feet from the curb. This is a safety precaution since signs in the right-of-way could be a distraction to drivers and could limit or block visibility. The City of Chesterfield will remove and dispose of signs that are in the right-of-way.

We Thought You'd Like to Know...

Many of you may have noticed a couple of new red and blue creatures in Chesterfield Commons and wondered just what they were and why they were there. THF, the developer of Chesterfield Commons, has graciously donated and placed two sculptures in the common area behind Lowe's. The subject of each sculpture is a horse made by artist Fred Prescott. They are kinetic sculptures, meaning they move when touched. The artist welded spatial planes of metal together to form the mechanical creations. Once welded, each piece is powder coated. This style of painting prevents chipping and ensures the finish is suitable for the outdoors.

Prescott is widely acknowledged to be one of the most important kinetic sculpture artists of our time. He is recognized for his technical proficiency and whimsy of his subject pieces. He is 46 and resides in Maui, Hawaii. He grew up working in his father's metal fabrication shop, leading to his comfort in welding. Prescott's approach to his work is to create original concept drawings and reduce them to simple shapes that he fabricates and welds. The welded planes create movement to the eye in ways that leave the viewer guessing about the angles of the pieces.



Home Addresses Painted on Curbs

Have you been given flyers recommending that your home address be painted on your curb? The City of Chesterfield does not endorse nor recommend this practice. Emergency personnel and delivery people do not look at the curb for your home address. City of Chesterfield Ordinance No. 337 states that all buildings and structures having a post office address must list the street number on the face of the building and/or on the mailbox.

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Quality health care that is easily accessible is something we all value to have in our communities, and in Chesterfield, it is this quality of life component that sets us apart from so many others in the region. In 2006, we were fortunate to have several health care providers choose to expand their locations in Chesterfield. Outpatient facilities lead the way in new development occurring in Chesterfield due to an increasing nationwide trend for providing outpatient services brought about by improved imaging technologies and new surgical techniques.

We are fortunate to have a medical facility of the caliber of St. Luke's Hospital in Chesterfield, which is constructing new facilities to include outpatient services, physical rehabilitation care, and administrative office space, in addition to a new cardiovascular intensive-care unit at the main campus. St. John's Mercy Medical Center is constructing a new 50-bed rehabilitation hospital along the North Outer 40 Road that incorporates the existing rehabilitation unit from the main hospital in Creve Coeur. Washington University School of Medicine and Barnes Jewish Hospital have partnered to operate an outpatient orthopedic facility south of Highway 40 in east Chesterfield. Pepose Vision Institute is expanding to a new \$7.8 million facility along Clarkson Road. Increased demand for eye care and correction has led to this local expansion.

Since its incorporation in 1988, public safety has been one of our top priorities and I'm proud to report that we have one of the best and most respected police departments in the country and one of the lowest crime rates as well. Statistics published by the Missouri Attorney General's office consistently show that Chesterfield is the safest city in Missouri with a population over 40,000. Our staff of 97 police personnel handled 54,745 calls for service in 2006 and managed over 10,000 pieces of evidence. Chesterfield once again completed a three-year process during which they adhered to strict international guidelines set by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies.

I often refer to Chesterfield as a "City of Volunteers" and without your help, the many achievements over the years would not be possible. Recognized for their efforts in volunteering, Dan Rothwell was named the 2005 Citizen of the Year, and Richard Martens was given the first Leonard Blake Ancient History Award. Both men have long contributed their time, knowledge and talents to make Chesterfield a better place.

This year holds many more exciting things for our residents, including a summertime movie series on the plaza at City Hall, the expanded Chesterfield Family Aquatic Center, more improvements to the CVAC, transportation improvements, and the kick off of the Downtown Chesterfield project. Be

assured that your elected officials and City staff are working to continually improve our quality of life by striving to meet what I call the "3 Rs" of government: Responsible, Responsive and Representative. I renew my commitment to you that everyday we are working to make Chesterfield a better place to live.

Best regards to you and your family during the coming year.

John Nations
Mayor

March

- 5 City Council**
YMCA, 7:15 p.m.
- 12 Planning Commission**
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 19 City Council**
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 26 Planning Commission**
City Hall, 7 p.m.

April

- 3 Municipal Election**
Please vote!
- 9 Planning Commission**
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 16 City Council (Installation of newly-elected officials)**
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 23 Planning Commission**
City Hall, 7 p.m.

May

- 7 City Council**
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 14 Planning Commission**
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 21 City Council**
City Hall, 7 p.m.
- 28 City Hall Closed**
Observance of Memorial Day
- 30 Planning Commission**
City Hall, 7 p.m.

Key Police Initiatives Prove to be Advantage for Residents

It has been one year since the Police Department committed to implementing and expanding two key initiatives. The programs known as “Community Oriented Policing & Problem Solving” and “Crisis Intervention” were designed to address ongoing yet often unidentified needs within our community. In one year’s time, these programs have contributed to easing the suffering of those in crisis and identifying and curtailing neighborhood criminal activity while still in its infancy.

Community Oriented Policing & Problem Solving (COPPS): Staffed with specially trained officers, the COPPS unit addresses community needs and concerns, both in schools and in each of our residential areas. This unit does not replace the permanently assigned sector officers; rather it supplements their efforts with a team of uniquely trained officers who are charged with devoting much of their time to addressing citizen-specific needs and concerns. Some examples of COPPS-related assignments include issues related to mental illness, drug activity investigation, animal complaints, noise complaints, prowlers, excessive parties, trespassing, graffiti or other nuisance related issues. COPPS officers address these issues from a problem-solving standpoint and strive to continuously monitor such situations from detection to resolution. Throughout the past year, the unit has received scores of tips as well as a significant amount of criminal intelligence from the community. Based on this information, COPPS officers have conducted investigations and surveillance that have resulted in excess of twenty-five felony charges and over sixty misdemeanor charges. In addition, the unit has resolved over seventy non-criminal neighborhood problems.

Crisis Intervention Team (CIT): While somewhat prevalent yet not often discussed, there is a segment of our community who suffer from mental illness-related issues. The Police Department took note of this ever increasing need and in 2006 expanded CIT. This team now consists of 16 officers who have been uniquely trained to intervene with those persons who are mentally ill or who find themselves in various stages of mental health crisis. These officers receive special training through the National Alliance for Mental Illness. CIT officers respond to all mental health-related calls. It is the role of these officers to establish a rapport with the person in crisis, assist them in obtaining immediate professional support and later follow up with the individual while in a non-crisis environment. CIT officers are often called upon to intervene in ongoing mental health issues that may directly affect the neighborhood as a whole. As with COPPS, support and resolution is the goal of CIT. In the past year, CIT officers have intervened in 91 mental health crisis issues. Of these 91 cases, 80 have been referred to mental health professionals for evaluation and treatment.

COPPS and CIT are proven concepts that transcend the traditional reactionary approach to law enforcement and supplement it with a more proactive problem solving model.

If you would like more information, or have need for the services of either program, or would like a member of the program to address your group, please contact Sgt. Christopher Connelly at (636) 537-6750.

Safety Town

Registration for Safety Town will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m., on Wednesday, April 4, at City Hall. Registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Preference will be given to children who reside in the City of Chesterfield and who have not previously attended Safety Town.

Safety Town will be held at the Parkway Early Childhood Education Center, 14605 Clayton Road, for six sessions this summer. The program is for 4, 5, and 6-year-old children **only**. Children cannot be younger than 4 years of age or older than 6 years of age at the beginning of the session in which they are enrolled.

Only parents, guardians or family members will be allowed to register their children. If all sessions are not filled at the April 4 registration, application forms will be available on the City’s

website and at the Chesterfield Police Department. Children do not have to be residents of Chesterfield or members of the Parkway School District to attend.

The session dates and times are as follows:

Session 1	June 11-June 22	10 a.m.-noon
Session 2	June 11-June 22	1-3 p.m.
Session 3	June 25-July 6	10 a.m.-noon
Session 4	June 25-July 6	1-3 p.m.
Session 5	July 9-July 20	10 a.m.-noon
Session 6	July 9-July 20	1-3 p.m.

For additional information, contact the Chesterfield Police Bureau of Community Affairs at (636) 537-3000.

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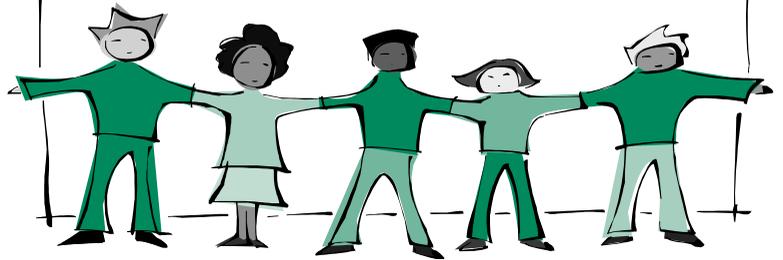
Small Business Program Offered

The program serves as a rules-of-the-road course for entrepreneurs, providing them with the frame of reference needed to be successful and will be presented over 14 weeks in 90-minute sessions each Thursday. The presenter is entrepreneur and consultant Richard Sacks of the Sacks Group, who covers everything from utilizing cash as a strategic tool to human resource issues and managing stress.

The cost for the 14-week program is \$150 per person. Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted. For program information or to register, call (636) 537-6720 or visit www.chesterfield.mo.us.

Families on the Prairie Day at Faust Park

Join the Citizens Committee for the Environment, Community Habitat Team and historical exhibitors on May 12 and 13 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in celebration of the 200th anniversary of Frederick Bates' settling in Chesterfield. President Thomas Jefferson appointed him Secretary of the Territory and Land Commissioner. See a native tall grass prairie and receive free native flora to help your family establish plantings for a butterfly garden. Your garden can be certified by the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) like more than 23 family gardens, since Chesterfield was certified in the spring of 2005.



16th Annual Tree, Earth and Arbor Day: Sustainability... Everyone's Job!

On Saturday, April 28, 2007 in Chesterfield Central Park, 16365 Lydia Hill Drive, from 9 a.m. to noon, celebrate 16 years of conservation of native and natural resources, and meet state, regional and local exhibitors showcasing sustainability. Learn to audit your energy efficiencies and reconnect with nature. Make sustainable choices by e-cycling household electronics, recycling used athletic shoes and participating in our annual recycle drive. Additionally, a limited amount of native trees and shrubs will be available for attendees, including Redbud, Flowering Dogwood, Spicebush, Buttonbush, Ninebark and Witch Hazel.

E-cycle family household electronics and other items. Acceptable items include PC parts, phones, pagers, printers, faxes, scanners, clocks, telecommunications equipment, telephone equipment, audio equipment, video equipment, VCRs, tape recorders, stereos, DVD players, DVDs, CDs, cables, cassettes, videos, kitchen appliances, "spent" house/garden metals, curling irons, radios, irons and electric skillets. Please note that Hazwaste recycling fees apply for the following: TV=\$10; Computer Monitor=\$5.



Recycle old and/or used athletic shoes with Chesterfield Police Department and Monarch Fire Protection District personnel. Recycling these shoes keeps them out of landfills and allows them to be remanufactured into indoor/outdoor athletic surfaces. Tie them together, make sure they are mud-free and have no metal parts (e.g., cleats, spikes, eyelets, blades, zippers, etc.).

Visit www.stlouiseearthday.org or www.chesterfield.mo.us to learn more about these opportunities or pick up a "Tree Day" flyer at City Hall.

Subdivision Trustee Update

The City of Chesterfield is in the process of updating its comprehensive list of subdivision trustees. The City provides trustees with notices of public hearings and upcoming projects that affect their subdivisions. The City will also provide trustees with City Council adopted ordinances and resolutions which may be of interest to residents.

Please be advised that trustee information is public information and is routinely provided, as a public service by the City, to anyone requesting this information.

If you are a new trustee or know of any changes in your subdivision, please download the "Trustee Information Form" on the City's website at www.chesterfield.mo.us.

1. Type keyword **trusteeform** in the "infoFinder" box and click on the blue "GO" button, or use the Forms & Permits | City Clerk link.
2. Complete the Trustee Information form.
3. Mail, fax, or email the form as directed.

Please call the City Hall Customer Service Center at (636) 537-4000 if you would like a Trustee Information Form mailed, emailed, or faxed to you.



AARP Older Driver Course

The Chesterfield Police Department is proud to announce a cooperative effort with AARP in sponsorship of the "55 Alive" driver safety program. AARP "55 Alive" is the nation's first and largest classroom driver improvement course. It provides a thorough review of the "rules of the road" with an emphasis on defensive driving practices. The eight-hour course is taught in two, four-hour sessions spanning two days. There are NO tests but a minimal student fee (\$10) will be charged. Graduates may also be eligible to receive a discount from their auto insurance carrier.

The Chesterfield course will be held on Tuesday, May 22 and Wednesday, May 23 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day at City Hall. Reservations are required and attendance for both days is required.

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



Commercial Recycling and Chesterfield Area Recycling Directories Now Available

Due to recent revisions of St. Louis County's Solid Waste Ordinance, the City has been directed to achieve a 50% diversion of solid waste going to landfills by 2010. To aid in this effort, the Citizens Committee for the Environment just released the following flyers: "Waste Haulers Providing Recycling to Commercial Entities and Recycling Service Providers for Commercial Businesses" and "Chesterfield Area...What and Where to Recycle...At Home, At Work, or At School." Various additional recycling flyers are available, especially on Single Stream Recycling which is the most inclusive of commingled recyclables collection available for families and, now, for businesses. To obtain the flyer, visit the City's website at www.chesterfield.mo.us and search for "Commercial Recycling" in the Info finder box. Flyers are also available at City Hall.





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April Recycle Drive

The Citizens Committee for the Environment thanks EVERYONE for their efforts in recycling magazines, catalogs, cardboard, chipboard and textiles since 1996! The free Earth Day Recycle Drive is April 21-29 at Dierbergs Market Place, 1730 Clarkson at Baxter Road. Labeled drop-off bins will be located alongside Clarkson Road. Please follow the guidelines to avoid contamination and to ensure future free recycling opportunities. Learn more about textiles on the City's website or pick up a flyer!

You may drop off your leftover chemicals at events sponsored by St. Louis County Department of Health on weekends during April and May. For additional information, please call the Waste Management Hotline at (314) 286-9200 or visit the website at www.stlouisco.com.

