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Claymont Estates Subdivision Undergoes Beautification Project

Utilizing MoDOT Funding Submitted by:

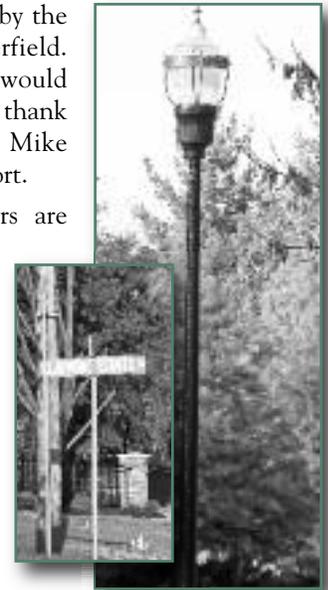
Recently the Claymont Homeowners Association completed a two-year project to beautify their subdivision with two major capital improvements. New street lights were added for the safety and beautification as well as a complete rework of the frontage property along Clayton Road. The projects were funded by MoDOT when they expanded Clayton Road.

The projects were a culmination of cooperative work of the Trustees, Enhancement Committee, MoDOT, the City of Chesterfield, and the 105 homeowners of the Claymont Estates Subdivision over a two and a half-year period.

Utilizing a competitive bid process, Ameren UE and Schaeffer Electric won the contracts for the street lights and Baxter Gardens was the successful bidder for the frontage project, including was a

walkway provided by the City of Chesterfield. The trustees would especially like to thank Councilmember Mike Casey for his support.

The homeowners are proud that the beautification not only benefits the Claymont Estates homeowners, but the City of Chesterfield.



Residential Street Tree Program

For the first time, the City of Chesterfield has created a Residential Street Tree Program which provides for the planting of trees within City rights-of-way along public residential streets.

Homeowners may apply for this program provided they have adequate space and choose a tree from the city's approved street tree list, which is available online and at City Hall. This is a cost-sharing

program; homeowners would be required to submit \$100 per

tree, with the City contributing

the remaining amount needed to

plant the tree. The city's

contractor will install 2-2 1/2"

caliper trees each spring and fall,

and applications are being

accepted year round. For more

information, residents can call

636-537-4000 or visit our website

at www.chesterfield.mo.us and

search keywords "Street Tree

Program" for more guidelines, an

application and Tree Guide.



Sewer Lateral Tax Refund Update

Starting with the 2008 tax year, St. Louis County will no longer include the \$28 sewer lateral fee on real estate bills for residential buildings with more than six (6) dwelling units. Therefore, the City of Chesterfield will no longer be issuing refunds. Please call 636-537-4714 with questions.

MAYOR'S LETTER

2008 in Review



As I look back at the City's 20 years of existence as a municipal government, there are so many things to be proud of. Although we are a young city, Chesterfield is strong in cultural heritage, community involvement, and provides services and amenities that more mature cities cannot match. As reflected within our

Mission Statement, our continued commitment to providing excellence in services and to enhancing our overall quality of life was clearly evident this past year.

There has been a great deal of activity in the new **Downtown Chesterfield** this past year. The construction of the Central Park Square I with its new flagship tenants, Abengoa Bioenergy and AEP/MEMCO Barge Co., is a testament to our strong business environment. The next phase will bring retail and restaurant facilities and a second office building. The lakes will begin to fill with water next spring, as this area continues to take shape. **Central Park Road** connecting Lydia Hill to Burkhardt Place is under construction and will open up Central Park and the Downtown area for all sorts of opportunities for festivals, public art and community events upon its completion in 2009. Sachs Properties and the City of Chesterfield are working diligently to create a central "sense of place" for our residents.



I know many of you have utilized the **Levee Trail** this summer and fall and we are working to complete the next phase from Long Road to Baxter Road in 2009. Although it was a rainy season, the Chesterfield Valley Athletic Complex (CVAC) was in use over 12,000 hours for our ballplayers of all ages and abilities, as well as attracting three national and three regional tournaments. In December, we will be opening the new **Parks Maintenance Facility** on the east end of the CVAC that will house all of our park maintenance equipment and all of our employees in one location, allowing us to more efficiently provide parks services and maintenance. Phase II park projects will include further improvements to this area, including additional fields and parking on the east end of the complex. In only its third year, our **Fourth of July** celebration is now regarded as one of the finest in the region and you can be assured we will continue the tradition in 2009.

Our **citizen committees** were very busy this year, with the Beautification Committee hosting the Third Garden Tour which showcased several beautiful gardens within Chesterfield. The Citizens Committee for the Environment also had a busy year in hosting their most successful Earth Day/Tree Day event in April, having

record attendance and unprecedented amounts of items collected for recycling. The Alliance for Positive Youth hosted several social events to educate our youth about living a substance-free lifestyle. While it is difficult to mention some committees and not others, our "City of Volunteers" is indeed fortunate that so many of our citizens volunteer so much of their valuable time to improve the community for all of us in so many wonderful ways. To all of you who donate your time to the community, whether it be as a member of a city committee, for your Church or place of worship, for our schools, for our subdivisions, for our kids sports teams, or any other of the many worthwhile endeavors around town, I extend to you my heartfelt thanks for all that you do to enrich the lives of all of us.

Our **Public Works** crews did an excellent job of keeping our streets clear from snow and ice during the long winter and implemented a new street tree program for residents this fall (*see related article in this issue*). They responded to over 2200 work orders, replaced 1.75 miles of sidewalks, and constructed two miles of street reconstruction projects. Improvements were made to Old Baxter Road this year, and residents can expect to see improvements on Stablestone/Greentrails Drive North in 2009.

The **Planning Department** reviewed over 800 requests for Municipal Zoning and rezoned over 200 acres of land. Their work led to the opening of the expanded Wal-Mart Supercenter in the Chesterfield Valley, along with several new restaurants and service businesses throughout the City.

Our entrepreneurial development program, Incubator Plus®, graduated 45 individuals who are just starting a business or considering starting one. The program will help them to be more successful and better able to grow and add jobs here at home. Even though this has been a difficult year for the economy, we saw the establishment of nearly 200 businesses in 2008, which is similar to the number created in 2007.

Our outstanding **Police Department** was re-accredited by the Commission for Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies, distinguishing itself as one of the few municipal police departments in Missouri to achieve that distinction. This year, more officers were assigned to the traffic division and business patrol to ensure that we have safe travel in our neighborhoods and business centers throughout the City. The Neighborhood Watch programs and National Night Out efforts remain strong in our community as neighbors make a concerted effort to watch out for one another.



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Nominations for 4th Annual Ancient History Award

The Chesterfield Landmark Preservation Commission, in cooperation with the City of Chesterfield, is pleased to announce that nominations for the 4th annual Chesterfield Ancient History – Leonard Blake Award are now being accepted. The award recognizes individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to the understanding of our area's ancient past. "Ancient" is defined as prehistoric, that is, the cultures that existed in this area prior to European contact.

It is named in honor of the late Leonard Blake. Blake was an amateur archaeologist whose work documenting prehistoric Native American sites led to a large swath of Chesterfield being placed on the National Register of Historic Places, such as the Bonhomme Creek Archaeological District.

Past recipients include amateur archaeologist Richard Martens, Parkway school teacher Michelle Weisenborn and home builder Dennis Hayden.

All nominations for the award are due February 11, 2009 and will be reviewed by the Chesterfield Landmark Preservation Commission and Planning Commission. They are then submitted to the Mayor and Chesterfield City Council for final approval. The award will be presented at a designated Chesterfield City meeting.

For a nomination form and guidelines, go to www.chesterfield.mo.us and type Ancient History in the Search Box or call 636-537-4000.

Chesterfield "Citizen of the Year" Nominations

Mayor John Nations and the Chesterfield City Council are officially requesting nominations for the Chesterfield "Citizen of the Year" Award.

Many residents contribute to the community in a significant manner each day without reward or recognition. This is an opportunity to nominate someone who has brought honor upon themselves and the community as the result of an outstanding accomplishment or simply by being actively involved in the community.

Citizens to be selected for recognition should meet the following criteria:

- Actions being recognized should benefit the overall community of the City of Chesterfield and its residents in some manner through volunteerism, work performed on community projects, and overall civic contributions to the

community.

- Individuals nominated should be residents of Chesterfield.

Nomination Guidelines

- One nomination per person per household (spouses can be nominated jointly).
- Previously nominated individuals can be re-nominated.
- A nominee cannot serve on the Selection Committee.
- The person nominating an individual cannot serve on the Selection Committee.
- City Employees will not be considered for the award.

Application forms can be obtained on the City's website at www.chesterfield.mo.us. Search: Citizens of the Year. Applications are due no later than February 6.

Candidate Filing for Mayor and Municipal Officials Begins December 16

On Tuesday, December 16 at 8 a.m., candidate filing for the office of Mayor and Councilmember in each of the four wards will begin in the Office of the City Clerk, 690 Chesterfield Parkway West. After December 16, hours for filing during the candidate filing period will be 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Candidate filing will close Tuesday, January 20, 2009 at 5 p.m. The election will be held April 7, 2009.

Qualifications

To run for the Office of Mayor, candidates must be at least 30 years old, a citizen of the United States and a resident of the City at the time of election for two (2) years prior to the election.

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

Declaration of Candidacy forms are available on line at www.chesterfield.mo.us. For additional information, please call the City Clerk at 636-537-6716.

Current Elected Officials	Term Expiration
Mayor John Nations	April 2009
Ward I	
Councilmember Barry Flachsbart	April 2010
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(Note: Councilmembers listed by seniority within each ward)

To be able to vote in the April municipal election, you may register at City Hall or most St. Louis County public libraries. The Missouri Voter Registration Application is also available online at www.stlouisco.com/elections. The deadline to register to vote in the April municipal election is March 11.

Passion. Creativity. Curiosity.

At the STAGES Performing Arts Academy our mission is to inspire these attributes within students of all ages while providing the highest quality professional training in the musical theatre arts. Our sequential curriculum, as well as our unique Access the Arts and scholarship programs, provide a range of opportunities that reveal the beauty of the performing arts to any interested student. So whatever your age or experience level--whether you're a new or continuing student--enroll and discover your artistic home at STAGES.

Unique within the St. Louis region, STAGES' Access the Arts programs consist of classes, workshops and performance opportunities that enable area youth with physical, cognitive or developmental delays to fully participate in the musical theatre arts.

STAGES Academy Spring 2009 Classes Begin January 12! Join us this spring and you can take advantage of your past training with our NEW Acting and Musical Theatre Performance Classes. Improve your audition repertoire for film and theatre in the MINI-Teen classes Audition: Cold Readings and Camera Commercial Intensive. Seize the opportunity to continue developing your particular vocal skills with more challenging material while progressing toward individualized study.

Visit our website at www.stagesstlouis.org to view a list of courses offered and to enroll online. Please contact the Academy at 636-530-5959 with any questions. All classes are held at the STAGES Academy at 444 Chesterfield Center across from Chesterfield Mall.

Metro Announces New Express Service for Chesterfield

A new express bus service connecting Chesterfield and Clayton at the Metrolink Station will coincide with the reopening of the New I-64. The route, named 258 West County Express, will pick up passengers at a Park/Ride lot on the northwest corner of Chesterfield Mall and continue non-stop via I-64 to the Clayton Metrolink Station at Central and Shaw Park Drive. The projected travel time between Chesterfield and Clayton is estimated to take 30 minutes, including one additional stop at the Ballas Transit Center. Rush hour service will operate every 15 minutes and off peak service will operate twice an hour.



Another new route has been added, 157 Ballas West County, which will serve commuters along Clayton Road between Clarkson and the Ballas Transit Center. The route will serve Edward Jones and Missouri Baptist Hospital as well.

For details including route maps, schedules and fares, go to www.metrostlouis.org or call Metro at 314-231-2345.

Chesterfield Arts invites you to Art Feast 2009 on January 24

Art Feast 2009 marks the 10th annual gala to be held on January 24 to benefit Chesterfield Arts' mission to provide quality programming in the visual and performing arts, promote public art and arts education and to act as a resource for arts information in the West County region. This spectacular night at the Kemp Auto Museum will be highlighted by visual and performing art featuring the diverse and rich talent that exists in the St. Louis region. The evening will also feature a silent auction of premium items, including vacation packages and tickets for local sporting and cultural events; unique items including behind-the-scenes tours and private in-home VIP events; and original artwork created and donated by area artists exclusively for this occasion. With over 150 items, there will be

something for everyone!

Chesterfield Arts is working to expand the arts in a rapidly growing area and contribute to the growth of our community and the region. Its diverse programming offers many opportunities for children and adults including classes, performances, exhibitions, community events, an exceptional public art program and unique partnerships with leading art institutions throughout St. Louis.

Don't miss the opportunity to attend the premier gala in West County and show your support for the arts & culture in your neighborhood. Contact Chesterfield Arts at 636-519-1955 for tickets.



St. Louis Civic Orchestra Moves to Chesterfield

Holiday Concert-December 13 at 8 p.m.

The St. Louis Civic Orchestra (SLCO) has a rich history of performing timeless music in the St. Louis area, and we are fortunate that they are now located in Chesterfield at the William D. Purser Center at Logan College at 1581 Schoettler Road. As part of this partnership, the Orchestra will present its annual Holiday Concert on December 13 at 8:00 p.m. at the Purser Center.

The evening's entertainment will feature a variety of winter performances, including Sergei Prokofiev's "Troika" from the Lieutenant Kije Suite, Mozart's sleigh ride and the ever popular "Sleigh Ride" by Leroy Anderson. In between the sleigh rides,

the orchestra will also perform classic holiday medleys and will conclude with a collection of performances by St. Louis' only Klezmer big band.

Ticket prices are \$10 for adults, \$5 for seniors and students and \$5 each for groups of 10 or more (cash or check only). Tickets may be purchased at the box office the evening of the concert, or reserved by calling 314-865-2045. All seating is general admission. For more information regarding this concert as well as the SLCO, please visit our website at www.stlouiscivicorchestra.org.

Tip For Clearing Snow From Driveway Entrances

Clearing snow from the street frequently results in blockage of driveways that you've worked hard to clear. Many times during a snow event, a snow plow will go by and fill in the end of a freshly cleared private driveway with snow from the roadway. We know that this can be very frustrating, but snow must be plowed from the centerline of the street to the curb, and City crews are unable to remove snow windrows from over 16,000 private driveways in Chesterfield.

To help reduce the size of the windrow of snow across your driveway, you can clear an area of the street gutter 10 to 15 feet in advance of your driveway. In doing this, you create a "pocket" for the snow to drop off before the plow reaches your driveway. Please be extremely careful when working next to the roadway, especially when snowplowing operations are in progress.



Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce Holds Annual Business to Business Expo on March 12

On Thursday, March 12, the Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce will hold their 18th Annual Business to Business Expo at the Doubletree Hotel and Conference Center, 16625 Swingley Ridge Rd., from 4 p.m.-7 p.m. This much-anticipated event is a don't miss opportunity for businesses to establish connections with clients and other vendors as well as showcase their products and services to the thousands of attendees at the Expo. Last year, over 75 vendors exhibited at

this annual event!

For registration information or to reserve a booth space for the 18th annual Business to Business Expo, contact the Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce after January 1, 2009 at 636-532-3399. The Chamber encourages early registration for this sell-out event. Visit www.chesterfieldmochamber.com to see last year's vendors and photos.



Located in the Chesterfield Valley, the Hardee's IcePlex is the largest ice skating facility in Missouri with three rinks and just over 115,000 square feet, the facility includes private meeting and party space for up to 100 people, and a spacious lobby that can accommodate up to 500 guests for corporate and social events. It is conveniently located at 16851 N. Outer 40 Drive in Chesterfield Valley at the Boone's Crossing exit of I-64.

The largest customers of The Hardee's IcePlex are the Chesterfield Hockey Association and the St. Louis Amateur Blues, both nationally competitive, amateur programs that develop and prepare players for high school, collegiate and professional hockey opportunities. Last year, three local youth teams were named national champions or won season ending national tournaments. In addition, the Hardee's IcePlex is home to



Kelly Chase's two-time National Champion Junior "A" Bandits Hockey Club, which represents the highest amateur level in organized hockey.

UPCOMING EVENTS THIS WINTER

(Please go to www.HardeesIcePlex.com for our latest schedule)

The Radio Disney DJ Skate – 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on most Saturdays

The Hardee's Family Skate – 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on most Sundays

The 2008 Holiday Extravaganza featuring Skate with Santa Sunday, December 7, 2008

The US Short-Track Speed Skating Championships with Apollo Ohno December 16-21, 2008

The Learn to Skate Program Winter Session I – Tuesdays & Saturdays starting Jan 3, 2009

The Chesterfield Hockey Association's Arctic Blast Tournament January 17, 2009

To learn more about the Hardee's IcePlex, our advertising opportunities, or our commitment to youth sports, please visit www.HardeesIcePlex.com or contact Eric Finch at 636-537-4200.



Enhance Your Leadership Skills and Knowledge of Chesterfield

Leadership Chesterfield provides a forum of education and growth for emerging leaders of the Chesterfield community. The Chamber has established a program wherein participants can meet government and community leaders once a month for seven months in order to better understand the issues, challenges and future plans of our community. In addition, participants build business and personal contacts by developing and fostering relationships with other class members. The program covers education, the history of Chesterfield, arts

and culture, economic development, city government, and health.

Participants are selected through an application process based on professional standing, diversity, community involvement and leadership aspirations. A maximum of 30 individuals can participate as members of this year's class and are chosen by a selection committee.

For further details or to obtain an application after January 1, contact the Chamber office at 636-532-3399 or visit www.chesterfieldmochamber.com.

Chesterfield Alliance for Positive Youth Seeks Volunteers

We need your help! The Chesterfield Alliance is a citizen's committee whose mission is to promote an alcohol, tobacco and drug-free lifestyle for the youth of Chesterfield. This is accomplished by providing alternative activities, events and information to help youth to make positive choices. If you are looking for an opportunity to become involved in your community and impact the lives of youth, this could be the place for you.

The committee meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Chesterfield City Hall, 690 Chesterfield Parkway West. Join us in helping the youth of our community make healthy and safe choices. Your involvement and ideas can make a difference!

Contact the committee at cfunkhouser@chesterfield.mo.us or call 636-537-4000.

Activities of the Alliance for Positive Youth:

- Acoustic Café for high school students involves local high school students, and their bands perform at the Hub at the YMCA.
- Back to school pool parties for middle school students at the Chesterfield Family Aquatic Center.
- Information Forums for adults
- Red Ribbon week participation
- Informational Brochures
- Drug Awareness Day

Chesterfield Police Department Seeks Renewal Of Their International Accreditation

On December 6, 2008, the Chesterfield Police Department will seek its second 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 December three Accreditation Assessors will arrive in Chesterfield to review policies and examine procedures to verify compliance with internationally set standards. During this review period there will be an opportunity for citizens to contact the assessors to offer comments regarding the Police Department's efforts in retaining their internationally recognized status.

On Sunday, December 7, 2008 from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m., a dedicated phone line is available for the public to contact the Assessors. They can be reached by calling the Chesterfield Police dedicated line 636-537-6745. Additionally on Monday, December 8, 2008 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., there will be an open public hearing in the City of Chesterfield Council Chambers, located at 690 Chesterfield Parkway West, where citizens will have the opportunity to voice their opinions about the Police Department and their efforts in retaining accredited status.



Chesterfield Police to Host Citizen Police Academy

The Chesterfield Police Department is accepting applications for its 12th Citizen's Police Academy.

The program allows participants to learn about various areas of the police operation including patrol procedures, traffic and DWI enforcement, crime scene investigation, and role playing. Classes will meet weekly for nine weeks at the Chesterfield Police Department, 690 Chesterfield Parkway West

beginning Thursday, February 5. The academy is open to both residents and non-residents of Chesterfield. Class size is limited to 20 people.

To make a reservation for the academy, call the Chesterfield Police Department at 636-537-3000 Ext. 6749. The deadline for registration is January 23.

Energy Saving Tips for Winter

This winter, save money and stay warm. Keep your energy bill and your pollution output low this winter by taking a whole-house approach to heating.

- During the heating season, keep the draperies and shades on your south facing windows open during the day to allow the sunlight to enter your home and closed at night to reduce the chill you may feel from cold windows.
- Set your thermostat as low as is comfortable when home.
- By resetting your programmable thermostat from 72 degrees to 65 degrees for eight hours a day (for instance, while no one is home or while everyone is tucked in bed) you can cut your heating bill by up to 10 percent.

- Weatherize your home—caulk and weatherstrip any doors and windows that leak air.
- Properly maintain and clean heating equipment.
- Replace furnace filters regularly.
- Check the insulation in your attic, ceilings, exterior and basement walls, floors, and crawl spaces to see if it meets the levels recommended for your area.

Source: US Department of Energy www.energy.gov

Don't throw away your old TV sets following the transition to HDTV! Recycle them at our Tree/Earth Day event on Saturday, April 25 at Central Park.



Holiday Wrappings – Please Don't Trash Them!

Recycle your old or surplus telephone books AS WELL AS your Holiday paper gift wrappings, paper gift bags, cardboard and chipboard gift boxes, Holiday cards, junk mail and catalogues, plastics #1 - #7 (no #6's), and so much more in your curbside recycle bin!

Christmas Disposal Provided by Allied Waste

Allied Waste will pick up your Christmas trees the entire month of January on your regular trash pick-up day for no additional charge. The tree must be free of all decorations including tinsel, garland, ornaments and lights. It must also be cut shorter than four feet.



Mayor's Letter- continued

I want to reassure you that despite the challenging economic news, your City government remains in a very strong financial position. In good economic times we maintain the fiscal discipline necessary to put us in a position to make it through the difficult times like these without raising taxes and without reducing service levels to you. In addition, we work diligently to create an economic mix which is not dependent upon any one industry or any one employer. While our policy is that we will have a fund reserve level of 40% of annual expenditures, in recent years we have actually increased the reserve balance to 67% of expenditures to be certain that we can and we will maintain the high levels of municipal services you have come to expect. I believe it says much about our policies and our priorities that in a difficult economic year like 2008, we have improved our services to you in many ways while reducing the Chesterfield portion of your property taxes by 50%! Also, in March of this year, Chesterfield became the first City in the State of Missouri to receive the triple-A Bond Rating from Moody's Investors Services.

As you might expect, I am extremely proud of many aspects of our performance in virtually all areas of our operations over these past several years, and I am particularly proud of our record of delivering the highest

level of services in such an efficient and effective manner.

All that we do in City government is about one thing: You. It's about what type of a community you want to live in, what you want your neighborhoods to be, what business opportunities are in keeping with your neighborhoods and sense of vision, what type of recreational opportunities you want for you and your family, what types of partnerships with our schools and other levels of government can enrich your quality of life, and how together we can work to ensure that our future is even brighter than our past. I assure you that these are the things which are on my mind everyday as your Mayor.

I renew my commitment to each of you that everyday we will be working to have a City and a City government of which you will rightfully be proud, that everyday we will be working to deliver service by what you have come to know as my "3 R's" of government: Responsible, Responsive, and Representative, and that everyday we will be working to make Chesterfield a better place to be.

With our very best wishes from Bridget, Jack, James, Elizabeth, Katie, and me to you and your family for a happy, safe, and prosperous 2009.

