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April, 2009

**Spring has sprung!** The Bradford Pear and Redbud trees are in full bloom. The daffodils, crocus and other early flowers are up and beautiful. That's the good news – the bad news is that spring also brings chores. The sweet gum trees have a huge bounty of sweet gum balls. Many of the oaks held onto their leaves until now. Both need to be raked and cleaned up. Some of our houses have mildew on the siding on the north side. The grass is getting green and in some cases, begging to be mowed. Trees and shrubs probably need minor pruning and shaping. It's a good idea to go out in front of your home, and just take a look – this makes it easier to see what needs to be done to get everything ship shape again.

Along these lines, Chesterfield Beautification Awards are taking a new direction this year. The focus is on homeowners' front yards. They'll be judging on design, display, maintenance and seasonal colors. Every ward will be recognized twice each year.

You can nominate a yard to be considered by filling out a form at city hall or online:

[www.chesterfield.mo.us](http://www.chesterfield.mo.us) then enter "beautification awards" in the infoFinder.

### Indenture.

The rules within the indenture may make us grumble, but remember they are there to protect our property values. This makes the indenture important to all of us. Enforcement of the rules falls to the trustees – a voluntary position. We thank all residents for their cooperation when issues do arise.

Some types of structures and enhancements are expressly prohibited, including above-ground pools (VI.8), the installation or replacement of chain link fencing (VI.9) and storage sheds (VI.10).

Further, the indenture stipulates that any property additions or modifications must first be reviewed and approved to assure they meet subdivision standards (Article III.5). Our website ([www.mf-ce.com/homeimprovementapp.html](http://www.mf-ce.com/homeimprovementapp.html)) contains information and forms.

### Selected Indenture items:

- Lot condition. "Every lot owner shall maintain their home and lot in good condition and appearance." (Article VI.4). If just a few homes ignore this article the subdivisions look & feel declines. As good neighbors, we must keep up with mowing, pruning, paint, trim, siding mildew etc. Another area affecting appearance are items in view that don't belong – such as empty plant pots, bags (mulch, fertilizer etc.), bags of refuse, trash cans, etc.
- Single Family homes. "All lot owners shall be used only for single family residential use" (Article VI.1). Multiple families may not cohabitate in one of our houses.

### Subdivision items

- Trash containers. They may not be visible from the street side of the house at any time other than on trash day (this is a Chesterfield ordinance). If needed, simple barriers are available to shield the trash container(s) from public view. Non-compliance could result in a ticket.
- Website. Current events and news items are periodically posted to our website ([www.mf-ce.com](http://www.mf-ce.com)) as they happen. Check the "Neighborhood News" area often (home page, left side). There are many recent additions.
- Cul-de-sac project. We now have volunteer coordinators for almost all circles (exceptions, Setters Hill and Strollways). We will schedule a meeting for volunteers in April – during which the program will be discussed and the next course of action determined.
- Email list. The subdivision resident email list continues to grow. We now have 225 currently on the distribution list – composed of 163 returned post cards (part of the assessment fee mailing this year), and 52 addresses received via email (send email address, along with your name and street address to [mfce.trustee@gmail.com](mailto:mfce.trustee@gmail.com)). Add your name to the list today.
- Common Ground. The board has not been able to find a way to provide a "ball field" in our common ground. All common ground is either unlevel, covered with trees or adjacent to resident's back yards. All of these conditions are mutually exclusive for such an addition due to accessibility and potential noise. Therefore this idea has been dropped.

### Hints & Tips.

- Safety. Chesterfield has a "no solicitation" ordinance. Anyone knocking on your door must have a city permit – if they do not, notify the police at 636-537-3000.
- Before you dig – a free service:
  - 1-800-DIG-RITE –or– [www.mo1call.com](http://www.mo1call.com)All utility locations will be marked.

## **Area Parks & Recreation –**

A recent "transplant" to the area volunteered to do a little research – and the result might surprise you. Check out family summer fun below – many activities are free.

### Near-By State Parks

- Castlewood State Park (1401 Kiefer Creek Road)  
Castlewood State Park offers 1,818-acres, stretching nearly five miles on both sides of the Meramec River. The park offers shelter areas, play structures, and 15 miles of trails for hiking, biking, and equestrian enthusiasts. For more information, contact 636-227-4433.
- Babler State Park (800 Guy Park Drive)  
Babler State Park – the largest in the area – boasts 2,441-acres of scenic beauty. Greeted by a massive stone gateway, visitors to the park will find trails, camping grounds, equestrian activities, swimming pool, shelter/picnic areas and play structures. For more information, contact 636-458-3813.

### Near-By St. Louis County Parks

- Faust Park (15185 Olive Boulevard)  
Chesterfield's own Faust Park offers something for everyone. It is home of the Butterfly House, the St. Louis Carousel and Gallery, Thornhill, the Historic Village, Webster University's Community Music School, and play structures. Check out the free Summer Concert Series, this year presenting the Bob Kuban Band, Scott Laytham & Karl "Trickee" Holmes, Cornet Chop Suey, Billy Peek, Spectrum, X-Jazz & Swing Band, Hudson & the Hoodoo Cats, Trilogy, Ralph Butler, and Yessir.
- Queeny Park (550 Weidman Rd & 1675 S. Mason Rd)  
Queeny Park is home to the Greensfelder Recreation Complex and the Dog Museum (314-821-3647). It also offers 45-minute hayrides along the rolling trails of its beautiful scenery. To reserve your seat for a hayride, call 314-615-4386. Additionally, eight unlighted courts are available for tennis matches!
- Creve Coeur Park (2143 Creve Coeur Mill Road)  
Creve Coeur Park offers 1,185 acres of scenic beauty with its 320-acre lake with sailboat coves and wildlife areas, twelve picnic sites, four picnic shelters, athletic fields, archery range, tennis courts, Frisbee disc golf, polo field, and four playgrounds; truly something for everyone! The park features more than 11 miles of trails for biking, running, walking and skating that wrap around its lakes and extend over the Missouri River (on the Page extension) making connection to the KATY trail. For more information, visit: <http://www.co.st-louis.mo.us/parks/trailmaps/trail-crevecoeur.pdf>.

### City of Chesterfield Parks

- Central Park & The Family Aquatic Center (16365 Lydia Hill Drive)  
The 38-acre Central Park is being developed by the City of Chesterfield in stages. Currently the park consists of the Family Aquatic Center, which features a 25-yard competitive pool, a leisure pool with slides, play structures, splash-spray ground with a wading pool, lazy river with hydrotherapy pool and two slides. Season pool passes are available. For more information, visit [www.chesterfield.mo.us](http://www.chesterfield.mo.us). Central Park also features playgrounds with a play component area for age two through five, and another play component for ages five through 12. The park has swing sets, benches, picnic tables and "funbrellas."
- W.F. Dierberg Meditation Park (13701 Olive Blvd)  
The 1.88-acre W.F. Dierberg Meditation Park that consists of trails and green space.
- Railroad Park (17410 Edison Avenue)  
Railroad Park is 34-acres of undeveloped land that will be used in the future for passive recreation.

### Chesterfield FREE Activities

- July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks Celebration  
Chesterfield has one of the biggest and best fireworks displays in the metro area. 2009 marks the fourth annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration for the City of Chesterfield, presented by the City of Chesterfield and sponsored in part by Chesterfield Mall. Children's entertainment will begin at 7:00 p.m. – and a free concert can be heard from 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Fireworks will launch at 9:30 p.m.!
- Movies on the Plaza  
Spend your summer evening outside watching a movie – at sunset in front of Chesterfield City Hall on the fourth Friday of each month. While you should plan on your own refreshments (no glass bottles), the City of Chesterfield will provide free popcorn!
  - Friday, June 26 – Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa
  - Friday, July 24 – Kung Fu Panda
  - Friday, August 28 – Mamma Mia!

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## **Community Items –**

**Municipal Election.** The General Municipal Election will be held on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Chesterfield, Monarch FPD and Parkway School District officials are on the ballot.

The March 25<sup>th</sup> edition of the Journal had a comprehensive section containing biographies of all who are running.

**Neighborhood News.** Check our website for 8 new items.

## **Volunteers Needed-**

**Neighborhood Watch.** This program was previously active within the subdivision (there is still some signage on Country Field,

Country Ridge and Strollways), but active support has waned in recent years.

After watching the "Police Beat" column in the Journal for a couple of weeks, you can see our little mecca, while inherently safe, is not immune to occasional problems:

- an assault on Courtleigh Lane
- theft from a car on Country Ridge Drive
- residence front window broken on Silverwood Court
- a burglary on Courtleigh Lane

Neighborhood Watch can help prevent and solve these and similar crimes. We should get active in the program again.

**Please take a look at the program** – Go to our website ([www.mf-ce.com/neighborhoodwatch.html](http://www.mf-ce.com/neighborhoodwatch.html)) to review the documentation there. If you have questions, send an email to [mfce.nw@gmail.com](mailto:mfce.nw@gmail.com).

## **Subdivision Contacts:**

**Website** – [www.mf-ce.com](http://www.mf-ce.com) - containing news, schedules, forms, meetings, Neighborhood Watch, etc.

**Newsletter ads**. Advertisements are available – see last pages of the newsletter. Funds received help defray the cost of the mailing. We thank our advertisers for their support; however, no endorsement is intended or implied by MF-CE trustees.

**Trustee email**– [mfce.trustee@gmail.com](mailto:mfce.trustee@gmail.com)

Use to ask a question, e.g. who to call, etc.

**Trustee U.S. mail**–

For complex issues or detailed queries (common ground, trees, etc.), download an Issues Report from the website and mail to:

Meadowbrook Farm / Clarkson Estates

Board of Trustees

PO Box 6781

Chesterfield, MO 63006-6781

**Trustee Meetings**. There was a February 26th meeting, but no meeting in March due to spring break scheduling conflicts. The next meeting is April 30, 2009. Meetings are held at the Kehrs Mill Elementary library at 7:30 p.m.

**Trustees**. Don Baird, Scott Eiler, Meredith McMIndes, Mike Olszewski, Michele Withers.



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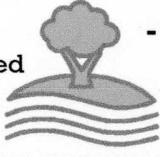
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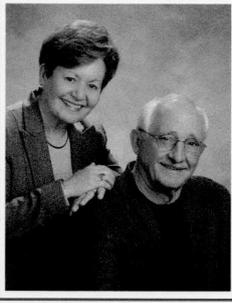
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