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April, 2010

Spring! Crocus, daffodils, tree buds, greening grass. . . but also wet soggy leaves, spiny sweet gum balls, etc.; this is spring's good with the bad. Many homeowners have already cleaned up the remnants of last fall's huge leaf production – but the windy conditions have distributed leaves in all of our yards; most of our yards could be spruced up.

Subdivision items –

Subdivision beautification. We would like some **volunteers** to form a Beautification Committee. They will determine work that needs to be done, prioritize the projects, etc. We may use “homeowner work days” to get some projects completed. An existing area of need is our corridor along Baxter Road – send an email to mfce.trustee@gmail.com.

Cul-de-sac project. Silverwood Ct. was the cul-de-sac with the greatest need as the result of the polling by the Circle Committee; it has been updated and is complete. The circle coordinators for Long Gate Ct. and Shadyford Ct. are evaluating proposed update plans. These two are the next in line for most in need of updating. They should be complete this spring

Chesterfield tree trimming in our subdivision. Chesterfield has completed lifting the canopy of our street trees (between curb & sidewalk). This has greatly improved the appearance of our entire subdivision. We encourage all homeowners to keep small limbs trimmed off their street trees – this will maintain the well groomed look we currently enjoy.

Subdivision Indenture.

The indenture is the document that provides a functioning community structure for our subdivision, with goals of strong property values and a good quality of life. When we all comply with the rules in the Indenture, the aesthetics of the subdivision are greatly improved, which assures a positive reaction of visitors and owners alike. Our subdivision therefore becomes a more desirable place to live, keeping our property values strong. *The indenture is important to all of us.* The trustees are entrusted to perform duties as detailed in the indenture. We thank all residents for their cooperation when indenture issues arise.

Highlighted Indenture items:

- **Violations.** We have been working with a few homeowners to clear up Indenture violations. Examples are yard sheds, cluttered house/yard situations, and trailers. We want to thank the good neighbor homeowners who have provided full cooperation. We're working with a few still in non-compliance.
- **Home appearance.** Indenture article VI-4 requires that we “maintain our homes in good condition and appearance”. Since our homes are in close proximity to those of our neighbors, keeping our homes orderly, in good shape & appearance assures we are acting as Good Neighbors. Appearance items included, but are not limited to, bags of mulch / soil, stacked containers & pots, painted items that don't match (e.g. garage doors, etc.), missing siding & trim, cluttered porches, etc.
- **Leaves - street gutters.** Remember, raking leaves into the street gutters is a *Chesterfield ordinance violation*. Keeping the street gutters clear is important for many reasons: (a) to prevent clogs in storm drain, (b) leaves are slippery hazards, (3) to keep the subdivision looking good. Please bag any leaves for yard waste pickup.
- **Trash Cans.** Our trash cans cannot be visible from the curb side of our homes - except on trash pickup day. This is dictated by a *Chesterfield ordinance*. At all other times, the cans must be placed in the garage, behind fencing or behind decorative barriers. Non-compliance can result in a ticket from the city of Chesterfield.

Street slab replacement project. The City has notified us that portions of Fairway Bend will be rebuilt this year. At this time, there is no schedule for the work, as weather plays a major role. As schedules are set, we will use the yard signs in our parks and place notices in Neighborhood Events on the website. Areas to be rebuilt include from Country Ridge to Rosegate Lane, and the middle of the Fairway Bend cul-de-sac to Country Ridge.

Hints & Tips –

Residential Sewers: An article in the March 2010 Chesterfield Citizen mentions that problems with the sewer from the main to your home (lateral) may be eligible for the Residential Sanitary Sewer Lateral Repair Program. Details and forms may be accessed at www.chesterfield.mo.us or call city Planning & Public Works at 636-537-4762.

Valuable Information: Access “Resident Information Portal” on the Chesterfield website (link just above). The portal link is on the lower right hand corner of the home page. Here are the information types you may access – [Address](#) | [Parcel](#) | [Subdivision](#) | [One Call](#) | [Trustees](#) | [Maps](#) | [Ownership](#).

Web mail program: Chesterfield has a new list-serve that delivers info to your email box. Go to the city website at www.chesterfield.mo.us, and then click on the “E-Notifications” link on the left side near the bottom.

Electronic recycling: Web Innovations and Technology Services (WITS), a not-for-profit organization, will offer monthly drop-offs for unneeded electronics. Collections will be held from 10 am to 4 pm every fourth Saturday through November. Collections will be at the Chesterfield Valley Athletic Complex (17891 North Outer 40). Items will be accepted at no charge, but a small donation is requested. All donations are tax-deductible. Accepted items include computers, monitors, TV's, Stereos, home electronics, washers, dryers, lawn equipment, car batteries. Note that paint, tires, chemicals, hazardous waste, etc. will not be

accepted; for a complete list of items see – www.witsinc.org.

Posted Speed Limit:

Our posted speed limit on all of our residential streets is 25MPH. Protect our children - be cautious that your speed doesn't 'creep up'.

Share the Roadway:

Be mindful of walkers, runners & bicyclists sharing our streets. Many residents enjoy the beauty of our subdivision, such as runners, bikers and playing children. Be alert and remember to give pedestrians the right-of-way. Bicycles must obey the same rules of cars, as they are considered vehicles.

Full Stop Please:

Did anyone happen upon Parasol and Country Ridge on Wednesday 3/24? The Chesterfield Police were there enforcing complete stops at what is, perhaps, our busiest intersection. Remember - no rolling stops.

Emergency 911 flashing light. A St. Charles area resident has designed a kit with a special switch that will make your porch light flash after 911 services are called. This makes your home easier for emergency workers to find. See the following story, with contacts - <http://www.kmov.com/video/featured-videos/Flashing-buld-helps-911-calls-85446917.html>.

Senior discount for trash pickup. Allied Waste is now extending a discount to their trash pickup services to residents 65 or older. Residents must mail proof of age, along with their addresses, to Allied Waste, 12976 St. Charles Rock Road, Bridgeton, MO 63044. Proof of age is satisfied by a copy of your driver's license.

Chesterfield News –

New Chesterfield Park. The city recently bought property on the NW corner of Baxter and Old Baxter (behind Dierbergs); it is also known as the Eberwein Property. This will be developed as a City Park. Plans and details are being made at this time, and further information will be available on the city website (www.chesterfield.mo.us) or call the Planning and Development Services Director (636-537-4749).

Faust Park.

The Faust Park carousel. The carousel has reopened following renovation and repair.

The Faust Art & Folk Festival. The festival returns to Faust Park this year, again offering art, music, crafts, etc. It will be held on May 15 – 16 (from 10 am to 5 pm). For more information call 314-615-8482.

Chesterfield trail system. Chesterfield has partnered with Trailnet (www.trailnet.org) and has approved a walk-able & bike-able community master plan. This master plan outlines a future that includes bike lanes, multi-use trails and other pedestrian and bicycle friendly amenities throughout the city. The plan also will connect with similar facilities in neighboring communities. Implementation will be on a project by project basis, and will be prioritized based on state, county and city plans. Remember that part of Chesterfield's trails are already open in Chesterfield Valley – 4 miles on the north side of highway 40, and almost 2 miles adjacent to Edison Road just east of Long road. These will eventually be connected and will encircle the valley.

Area Items –

Schnucks – Clarkson & Kehrs Mill. Razing and grading work has started on this project. As reported in the 3/24 West Newsmagazine, some controversies continue however, most notably relating to the TDD (Transportation Development District) which will provide funding that is needed for the projects road/traffic improvements. The proposed TDD will collect an extra 1% sales tax in the new store(s) to fund these necessary improvements. Accusations abound that the TDD was ushered in without public hearings or meetings. Ballwin declares that none were needed, as the traffic improvements are on state (Clarkson) and county (Kehr's Mill) roads, not city streets. Rulings on this latest round of motions and investigation are expected April 6th. Stay tuned as this project progresses . . .

West County Walk. A 5K (3.1 mile) benefiting the St Louis Affiliate of Susan G Komen for the Cure will be held at 8:30am on Sunday May 9th starting at Lafayette High School. Visit www.thewestcountywalk.com for more details.

Neighborhood Watch –

Meadowbrook Farm / Clarkson Estates Theft. A car window was reported broken and two iPods stolen on February 23rd in the 15500 block of Country Ridge Drive. The damage value was \$350.

Take a look at the Neighborhood Watch program – Go to our website (www.mf-ce.com/neighborhoodwatch.html) to review the documentation there. If you have questions, send an email to mfce.nw@gmail.com.

Thefts of convenience. This winter, Chesterfield police continue to be dealing with “grab-and-go” crimes. These are opportunistic crimes – where valuables are left in plain sight in cars, making them very tempting for thieves. Do continue to place all valuables out of sight, particularly cell phones, MP3 players (such as an IPOD), GPS units, packages, purses and laptops. Thefts have occurred at Chesterfield businesses (Chesterfield Valley, Chesterfield Mall, etc.) and at / near homes.

Subdivision Contacts –

Website – www.mf-ce.com - containing news, schedules, forms, meetings, Neighborhood Watch, documents, etc.

Trustee email – mfce.trustee@gmail.com

Ask a question, find who to call, etc.

Board of 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. The most recent meeting was held on February 22, 2010. The current schedule of meetings is April 29, 2010, and May 20, 2010. Meetings are held in the Kehrs Mill Elementary library at 7:30 p.m. Any changes will be posted on the subdivision website.

Trustees – Don Baird, Scott Eiler, Adam Hale, Mike Olszewski, Austin Peppin.

Newsletter ads. Advertisements are available – see last page(s) of the newsletter. Per issue business card ads are \$50 & the double size ads are \$100; the newsletter is published quarterly (January, April, July, October). Funds received help defray the cost of mailing the newsletter. We thank our advertisers for their support; however, no endorsement is intended or implied by the subdivision.

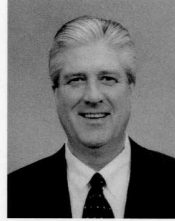

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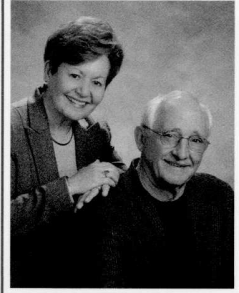
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