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April, 2011

Spring! March was in like a lamb – and out like a lamb?!? Wonder what that means? We’ve had temperatures from 80 to 20, snow, flowers in bloom & ice. Yup it’s spring alright.

Subdivision items –

Baxter Road Realignment. The project officially started as projected – March 2011. It is well underway, with multiple utilities working to clear the right of way for this roadway improvement project. Its scope is Baxter Road from Heathercroft on the NW to Claymont Estates on the SE. There will be a center, continuous turn lane, and a traffic lane in each direction. Also, there will be continuous curbs, storm sewers and sidewalks on both sides. The roadway will be built to make curves less sharp and banked the correct way. Major construction points for us are at Country Ridge (intersection with Baxter will drop about five feet), and Country Field (will be rebuilt from Baxter to Long Gate).

There will be some road closures – these are forecasted to be of relatively short duration. The closures will never be during the same period:

- Country Field (CF) from Baxter to Long Gate Court
 - o Current closure start is between July 1 & 15, 2011
 - o Approximate duration is 30 days
- Lowering Country Ridge (CR) at Baxter about 5 feet
 - o Closure from south of Country Field to south of Isleview
 - o Current closure start is spring/summer 2012
 - o Approximate duration is 90 days

Our Monument Park (at CR and Baxter) will be rebuilt, with a new retaining wall & fence, and an additional sidewalk. There will be retaining walls at the remaining three corners of Baxter and CR, all with new subdivision signs. The entire project is expected to be complete by December 2012.

For additional information, visit the St Louis County website: <http://www.stlouisco.com/YourGovernment/CountyDepartments/HighwaysandTraffic/Construction/ConstructionProjectStatus>

July 4th Celebration. It would be great if we can bring back the 4th of July celebration this year. There has been large attendance in previous years. Betsey Simmons will be organizing the affair, but she will need volunteers to help – please contact Betsey directly at betseyjs@yahoo.com.

Street Slab Replacement. This spring and summer, 3 of our subdivision streets will have defective slabs replaced. The streets involved are – Meadowbrook Way Drive, Strollways Drive, and Shadyford Court. When the dates for these projects are scheduled, we will update the website and/or send emails to the subdivision email list. If you want to join the subdivisions email list, send a message with name, address and email address to: mfce.trustee@gmail.com.

Yard of the Month. This program began last year, and was very popular. It will be active again this year, starting in May. Work hard on your yards so the coveted Yard of the Month sign resides in your yard for a whole month.

Common ground dumping. We have noticed, and been notified by fellow residents, of a few cases of yard waste (limbs, shrub and bush clippings, etc.) piled in our common ground. Chesterfield ordinance prohibits dumping yard waste in our property or on common grounds; these are an eyesore. We must all put yard waste (grass clippings, leaves, tree limbs, bush trimmings, etc.) in bags to be picked up by Allied Waste. Please report any dumping you observe to Chesterfield (636-537-4000).

Selected Indenture Item:

- **H/PIA.** Planning any changes to the outside of your home or lot? Article IV.5 requires the submission of a Home / Property Improvement Application (on the documents page of the website). This is for the subdivisions integrity and the homeowner’s protection. If the homeowner installed products with no H/PIA form, and those products were not allowed (sheds, chain link, above ground pools, etc.) the products would need to be removed at the owner’s expense.
- **Trailers.** Indenture article VI-7 requires “that we shall not have ... trailer(s) on the street or parked on their lot in plain view”. We are working to resolve an issue. We will appreciate resident’s cooperation & compliance.
- **Home Appearance.** Indenture article VI-4 requires that we “maintain our homes in good condition and appearance”. Appearance items include mildew on siding, bags of mulch / soil, stacked containers & pots, painted items that don’t match (e.g. garage doors, etc.), missing siding & trim, cluttered porches, etc.

Neighborhood Watch –

We need captains for the Neighborhood Watch program – Our area is safe – but even Chesterfield has some criminal activity. The best way to combat these illegal actions is to be aware of activity surrounding our homes. The Neighborhood Watch (NW) program is a proven way to safely combat crime thru their proven techniques. We need to recharge our NW program; the first step is to have volunteers become NW captains. The subdivision is divided into districts; we need a captain in each – see the map on our website (www.mf-ce.com/neighborhoodwatch.html). Also, please review the NW documentation. To volunteer or for more information send an email to mfce.nw@gmail.com.

Increasing Home & Property Security. Be vigilant and watchful for situations that are not normal in our neighborhood. Do not confront a potential criminal, rather contact the Chesterfield police if you detect any unusual activities (636-537-3000 - or 911 in an emergency). Use common sense to make your home and property more secure:

- lock all home doors
 - o including garage to kitchen door
- lock automobiles (garage door openers are inside)
- place valuables out of sight
- if not at home
 - o stop mail / papers (or neighbors pick-up)

- o put a TV / radio and lights on timers
- a barking dog is a great deterrent
- o recording?

Hints & Tips –

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.

Memorial Day Trash Pickup Schedule: Monday 5/30 is a Holiday. So our Wednesday routes will be picked up Thursday 6/2, & Thursday routes will be picked up Friday 6/3.

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 –

Chesterfield makes the “Top Ten Town” list. The February edition of “Missouri Life” magazine named Chesterfield a Top Ten Town - number 2 on the list.

The factors that were used to make the selections were size between 2,500 to 50,000, and favorable data in education, crime and employment statistics. Also considered were quality of life factors such availability of libraries, performing arts, parks, trails, churches, restaurants, health care, etc.

Chesterfield Amphitheater. The March 2nd West Newsmagazine reports that the new Chesterfield Central Park Amphitheater will have a full schedule on opening day on Saturday May 21st. The new facility will accommodate more than 2,500 patrons from either a blanket on the lawn or from one of 300 stadium style seats. The opening day festivities will begin with a military band and flag presentation, then move on to a variety of performances with dancers, gymnasts, & school musicians. An up and coming local talent, Josh Golden, will kick off the evening performances which will also include Planet Boogie and Edwin McCain.

RV Parking Restrictions. It was reported in the February 23rd West Newsmagazine that at the February 7th City Council meeting, the vote was 5 – 2 to restrict RV parking within the city of Chesterfield. The new ordinance defines an RV as “any type of vehicle used primarily for recreational pleasure”. Included are travel trailers, motor homes, boats, jet skis and trailers used to transport RVs.

RVs are limited to parking for 72 hours twice a month on a driveway or private road within 500 feet of a house. Parking an RV on the street is limited to 24 hours and for only twice a month.

Chesterfield Layoffs. On March 9th, the West Newsmagazine reported that the city eliminated some jobs last year, including 5 police, 1 staff member and 2 vacant positions. The city was expecting the 2010 census to reveal growth over 50,000, but in actuality there was little or no growth. The city claims to have the recommended ratio of 1.7 officers per 1,000 residents.

No U-Turns - Reminder. As reported in the West Newsmagazine and the Journal, Chesterfield law is now consistent with St Louis County and the state of Missouri. U-turns are now prohibited in the following conditions:

- at intersections with an electric signal or policeman
- at a curve or approaching a hill
- at any place where the drivers vehicle would not be seen
- where a u-turn would interfere with other traffic

Bike Route. The Citizen reported, and you may have noticed, that the Country Ridge / Schoettler Valley bike route is marked and ready for use. It runs from Country Ridge at Clarkson to Schoettler Valley at Chesterfield Parkway.

Trail Expansion. As reported in the West County Journal, Chesterfield has received a \$100,000 federal grant to construct a 900 foot section of the 1.5 mile Riparian Corridor Trail. This trail runs generally along Chesterfield Creek. The trail will be a boon to nature lovers, as well as providing safe and accessible connections between neighborhoods, schools, and parks.

Area News –

April 5 Election. In August of 2010, John Nations, longtime Chesterfield Mayor, resigned and took the head post at Metro Transit, operator of the St Louis area bus and light rail services. Barry Flachsbar, councilman, is the current acting mayor. There are four candidates running for mayor (as listed in the Voters Guide, March 25, 2011); Bruce Geiger, Richard H.Riley, Joseph Gambino, Dan Hurt.

Also on the ballot are council members, school board members and Fire Protection board members.

Parkway Schools change start & end times. Planning time - the West County Journal reported that Parkway school district is changing the start and end times for the 2011-2012 school year. The new schedules are:

- High schools > 7:45am – 2:40pm
- Middle schools > 8:15am – 3:30pm
- Elementary schools > 8:55am – 3:50pm

Be sure and check the Parkway website for any changes as the new school year approaches

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 March 24, 2011. The next scheduled meeting is May 19, 2011 at Kehr’s Mill Elementary Library at 7:30PM. Any changes will be posted on the subdivision website.

Trustees – Don Baird, Scott Eiler, Adam Hale, Austin Peppin, and Kevin Prunty.

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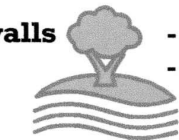
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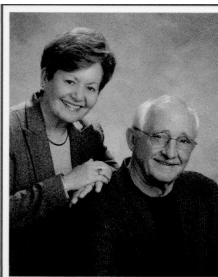
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