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July, 2011

Summer is here with a vengeance. The heat assures us we are in the summer season.

Subdivision items –

Baxter Road Realignment. The project continues to roll along, with something new every day it seems. In the last newsletter it was clearing the right of way (utilities, trees, etc.). This time, the utility companies are still working hard to relocate services where needed, including Ameren/UE, Laclede Gas, Missouri American Water, Metropolitan Sewer District, and communications utilities. Laclede's work is prominent now as they're relocating their gas mains including a rather deep excavation in the right northbound lane of Country Ridge (CR) at Baxter Road (BR). This will allow a key connection to be made at the bottom of this 15 – 16 foot hole. Other impending activities:

- Country Field (CF) will be closed at Baxter.
 - o Purpose – to rebuild CF and Baxter intersection.
 - o Closure start is July 7, 2011
 - o Approximate duration is 30 days
- Temporary Baxter lanes
 - o These will be on the north side of Baxter
 - o Construction currently underway
 - o Will run from south of CR to past CF
 - o Allow rebuilding of Baxter Road
 - 3 traffic lanes
 - Curbs, storm sewers, sidewalks
 - o Should be in operation by mid July 2011

Some surface work has begun at (CR) and (BR) to provide for a temporary stop light system. The new lights have been hung, and when their installation is complete, the original traffic light system will be completely removed. This work has resulted in the subdivision monuments being all or partially demolished. As the project moves forward . . . in the spring of 2012, Baxter Road at Country Ridge will be lowered and retaining walls constructed at the four corners of CR and BR. During this phase, Baxter road will be closed from CF to Islevue. 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. Betsey Simmons & Madeline Legler organized a July 4th celebration – a parade starting at 9:30AM at Parasol Park, and proceeding to Silverwood, and returning on Country Ridge. An enthusiastic crowd of approximately 75 kids & adults attended. Many thanks to Madeline & Betsey.

MF-CE Yard of the Month. This program runs from spring to fall. Thus far in 2011, the winners have been:

- **May 2011** - Ms. Barbara Rumph, 15701 Country Ridge Dr
- **June 2011** - Mr. Richard Artz, 2121 Fairway Bend Dr
- **July 2011** - Ms. Katherine Rus, 2129 Fairway Bend Dr.

Chesterfield Yard of the Month. The city awards city-wide winners of Yard of the Month. As reported in the West News Magazine, one of the May 2011 winners was Meadowbrook Way / Clarkson Estate residents Jerry and Lisa Griffin on Meadowbrook Way.

Street Slab Replacement. This project is nearly complete; it involved Shadyford, Strollways and Meadowbrook Way; work continues on Meadowbrook Way. Strollways in Meadowbrook Farm is complete, and nearing completion as it continues down the hill within Claymont Woods. There is a follow-on sidewalk project to repair broken and raised panels; this will be on-going for the next month or so.

Common ground dumping. We have noticed, and been notified by near-by residents, of a few cases of yard waste (limbs, shrub and bush clippings, etc.) dumped in the common ground. Chesterfield ordinance prohibits dumping yard waste in our property or on common grounds; these are unsightly, and habitat for vermin. 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).

E-mail distribution list.

Please join the subdivisions email list, to receive important messages and information. Just send an email message with name, address and email address to: mfce.trustee@gmail.com.

Selected Indenture Items:

The Indenture was created to state the standards of our subdivision. Compliance with the standards assures that our property values remain high and that our subdivision is a desirable place to live. We appreciate resident's cooperation and compliance with all Indenture matters.

- **Pools.** Indenture article VI-9 states "there shall be no above-ground pools erected, replaced or maintained".
- **Home Appearance.** Indenture article VI-4 requires that we "maintain our homes in good condition and appearance". This type of weather demands attention to these types of details. 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 –

We had a burglary of electronic equipment in the 2000 block of Meadowbrook Way. We also had various items stolen from a car in the 15000 block of Country Ridge. The best way to combat criminals is to be acutely aware of activity surrounding our homes. The Neighborhood Watch (NW) program is a proven way to safely combat crime using their proven techniques. We already have NW signs on entry streets to our subdivision; we next need to have volunteers become NW captains. The subdivision is divided into districts; a captain is needed in each (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. If you detect any unusual activities, do not confront a potential criminal; rather contact the Chesterfield police at 636-537-3000 (or 911 in an emergency). Also, use common sense to make your home and property more secure:

- lock all home windows & 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
 - o a barking dog is a good deterrent
- Solicitation; see item in *Chesterfield News* just below.

Chesterfield News –

Amphitheater summer activities. *Free* activities are available this summer at the new amphitheater:

Movies:

- July 8 – “Eat, Pray, Love” (PG-13)
- August 5 – “Toy Story 3” (G)

Music:

- July 16 – Griffin & the Gargoyles
- July 30 – That ‘80s Band
- August 13 – Soulard Blues Band
- August 27 – Erin Bode

Solicitation in Chesterfield. Solicitation is legal if the solicitors have a permit from City Hall. Always ask to see the permit (1-page on city letterhead, with raised city seal imprint). Report any non-permitted activities to the police at 636-537-3000. Also, free “No Solicitors, No Peddlers” stickers are available at City Hall for no charge

New Chesterfield Park. The April 13th West Newsmagazine reports that the city's first dog park is on track to open this summer. It will be located in the new 18-acre Eberwein Park, located at the NE corner of Baxter and Highcroft Drive (behind the Dierbergs shopping center at 1730 Clarkson Road). Two acres will be reserved for the dog park with separate fenced areas for small and large dogs. The park will also include a one-mile walking trail and a parking lot that will accommodate 20 cars

Trail update. The Chesterfield Citizen reports that Chesterfield is opening the next completed section of the Monarch-Chesterfield Levee Trail (MCLT), continuing to just north of the Howell Island access. This adds 2.1 miles of paved multiuse trail. This results in one segment of 6.1 miles starting on the north outer 40 side, and 1.9 miles adjacent to Edison road. Eventually, approximately 17 mile trail will circle Chesterfield valley.

Demolition of abandoned facility. The June 15th edition of the West Newsmagazine reports that the city is seeking demolition of the abandoned Chesterfield Manor Nursing Home, located in the 14000 block of Olive Blvd. The facility closed in 1998, and since that time 100's of calls have been received for various violations, including a major fire in

August of 2010. The structure is in dangerous condition and the city is concerned about the public's health and safety. The next step is moving forward with an administrative hearing, which should occur in the near future.

Area News –

West Nile Virus found in St Louis County. The St Louis County Department of Health reports that mosquitoes carrying West Nile Virus have been discovered in some county communities. No human cases have been reported. See www.stlouisco.com/HealthandWellness then “animal & mosquito control”, then “vector control” for control ideas.

April 5 Election. In the recent election, the following city officers were elected:

Mayor - Bruce Geiger	Ward III - Randy Logan
Ward I - Matt Segal	Ward IV - Bob Nation
Ward II - Derek Grier	

Rockwood School District job cuts. The April 6th West Newsmagazine reports that Rockwood has already saved \$1M. In addition, middle school principals have cut 6 positions for savings of \$360,000 and the high school principals have made full & part time cuts for savings of \$480,000.

Arts donations for Joplin. Chesterfield Arts has a summer-long program to collect art supplies for kindergartners through seniors in high schools in Joplin. New or gently used supplies can be dropped off at Chesterfield Arts, 444 Chesterfield Center / Suite 130. Or visit www.chesterfieldarts.org.

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.

Senior Discount for Trash Pickup. Allied Waste offers a service discount to residents 65 or older. Residents must mail proof of age (copy of drivers license), along with their addresses, to Allied Waste, 12976 St. Charles Rock Road, Bridgeton, MO 63044.

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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