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October, 2011

Fall is upon us; the hummingbirds have departed, there's a definite chill in the air and the leaves are changing.

Subdivision items –

Annual Meeting. It will be held on October 27, 2011, at the Kehr's Mill Elementary library beginning at 7:30pm. The agenda will include voting for two Trustees, each to 3-year terms, a budget presentation, and approval of the subdivision assessment at \$115 per year (\$10 reduction from last year). The trustees play an important role in maintaining the quality of life within our subdivision (see "[Board of Trustees Duty Summary](#)" on our website Documents page). We need civic-minded residents willing to give approximately six hours each month to maintain the quality of our subdivision. If you want to be placed on the ballot, U.S. Mail your full name & address to the subdivision PO Box (in the Newsletter "Subdivision Contacts" section) – it must be received no later than Oct. 7th, 2011. If you are unable to attend the Annual Meeting, you may request an absentee ballot to be received by Oct. 17th.

Baxter Road Realignment. Work on the project has speeded up this quarter, and major sub-projects have been moved on the project timeline. On July 18th, Country Field (CF) was closed at Baxter, so it could be rebuilt from Baxter to Long Gate. This work was completed on schedule, but could not be used as the new west lanes of Baxter were not yet paved. The next phase was construction of storm water sewers, and curbs along the west lanes of Baxter.

At this point, the project timeline was changed due to availability of men and machinery. The major reschedule item involves closure of Country Ridge (CR) at the west lanes of Baxter. The first step is paving of the new west lanes of Baxter from start of construction from the north toward CR. This will allow the new CF to be connected to the temporary Baxter lanes. CR cannot be closed until CF is open (this assures at least one entry / exit from Baxter).

On September 26th, CF was opened to traffic, and CR was closed at the west lanes of Baxter. Almost immediately, crews started lowering the west lane of Baxter / CR while the temporary lanes continued to carry Baxter Road traffic. It is expected to take 6-7 weeks to complete this construction.

When the west lanes of Baxter have been lowered, crews will install an irrigation & power utility system that will provide electricity and irrigation service to the 4 corners of CR and Baxter. Then, the 2-west lanes of Baxter will be paved, and temporary lane traffic will be switched to the new Baxter west lanes.

Lowering of the east lane of Baxter, as well as construction of the east lane of Baxter to the northern end of the project will then begin. It is anticipated that his part of the project will take approximately 45 days to complete.

For additional information, visit the St Louis County website:

<http://www.stlouisco.com/YourGovernment/CountyDepartments/HighwaysandTraffic/Construction/ConstructionProjectStatus>

Indenture / Chesterfield Ordinances.

Trash containers - Chesterfield ordinance. Trash containers can only be in sight on the day of service pickup. At other times, the containers must be out of sight (in a garage, behind a fence, etc.)

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.

- ❖ **Common ground dumping.** We have noticed, and been notified 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).
- ❖ **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.

MF-CE Yard of the Month. This program runs from spring to fall. During the 3rd quarter of 2011, the winners have been:

- ❖ July 2011 - Ms. Katherine Rus
- ❖ August 2011 – Mr. & Mrs. Francis Rybak
- ❖ September 2011 – Mr. & Mrs. Michael Olszewski
- ❖ October 2011 – Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Pardo

Neighborhood Watch –

Program Volunteers Needed for Neighborhood Watch. 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 proven techniques. We already have NW signs on entry streets to our subdivision; we next need to have volunteers become NW captains. Current volunteers are:

- S. Stansbery - T. Rothwell
- M. Dana - J. Lee
- A. Peppin

The subdivision is divided into districts (see www.mf-ce.com/neighborhoodwatch.html), with at least one captain needed in each. Also, please review the NW documentation. To volunteer or for more information, send an email to mfce.nw@gmail.com.

Crimes in our midst. (Info from the Suburban Journal)

- ❖ 8/3/11; Parasol; theft of a briefcase, watch and laptop
- ❖ 8/31/11; Vineyard; stolen wallet
- ❖ 9/1/11; Rose Gate; theft of GPS, radar detector, lock box
- ❖ 9/2/11; Silverwood Ln; stolen wallet w/credit cards

Crimes in Town & Country. In the 8/10/11 Suburban Journal, the T&C police warned about burglars entering homes. Many times this was due to unlocked outside cars, or unlocked home doors.

In the 8/17/11 West Newsmagazine, it was reported that the T&C police regained custody of a man believed to be responsible for residential burglaries committed in West County. Its possible this perpetrator was involved in some of our burglaries.

Chesterfield News –

Solicitation in Chesterfield. Solicitation is legal with a permit; always ask to see any solicitor's permit. Report any non-permitted solicitation to the police at 636-537-3000. Free "No Solicitors, No Peddlers" stickers are available at City Hall.

Eberwein Park. Eberwein Park is 18-acres while the dog park uses just 2-acres. The dog park is fenced into 2 separate areas – one for large dogs, the other for small dogs. Dogs must be registered in order to use the park. The park officially opened at 9AM on September 1st, with about 20 dogs making full use of the new facilities.

Trail Update. The Monarch-Chesterfield Levee Trail (MCLT) now runs from the Hardees IcePlex on the north side of highway 40, continues past the Chesterfield athletic fields, proceeds under the highway 40 bridges, then currently ends at Centaur Road – for a distance of 8.1 miles. There is another section of the trail adjacent to Edison Road between Long and Baxter – for a distance of 1.9 miles. Eventually, both current sections will be inter-connected, creating a 17 mile trail that will circle Chesterfield valley.

Chesterfield Makes Low-interest Loans. The July 6th edition of the West Newsmagazine reported that the city will make loans available to residents who make their homes more energy efficient. The Sustainable and Verifiable Energy Savings (SAVES) loan program makes available loans of \$2,500 to \$15,000 for from three to ten years in duration. Program details are available on the website – stlouiscountysaves.com.

Area News –

Rockwood School District is delaying a tax proposal. The Suburban Journal reports that there will be no Rockwood tax increase proposal on the November ballot, but one may be on the April 2012 ballot. To put an item on the April 3rd ballot would require a board decision by January 23, 2012.

Rockwood Accreditation. The Suburban Journal reports that the Rockwood School District has maintained full accreditation, according to preliminary Annual Performance Report (APR) data released by the Department of elementary and Secondary Education (DESE).

Schnucks at Kehrs Mill. Work appears to be restarted on this project, first approved in mid 2009. A zoning change was allowed to stand in late December 2010 by the St Louis County Circuit Court.

Major Development is Planned. A Hyatt Place hotel is planned to be built next to the Drury Inn located adjacent to Chesterfield Mall.

A High-end Outlet Mall is Considered. A high-end outlet mall is being considered in Chesterfield Valley on the north-east corner of Boones Crossing and Highway 40. The partners involved are Taubmann Centers Inc., and OutletPartners LLC.

Boone Bridge Span. The Suburban Journal reports that the 80 year old westbound span will be replaced in late 2014. A new span, complete with a dedicated bicycle lane, will be built up river from the current bridges – it will become the eastbound lanes, while the current eastbound span would switch to carry westbound traffic. The old (westbound) bridge will be demolished in 2015. MODOT plans to award contracts in July 2012, with the new bridge opening by the end of 2014.

Gumbo Flats Walk/Run – October 29th. The Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce is holding the 10th annual event which will start at the intersection of Long and Edison Roads. There will be a 10K (6.2 mile), 5K (3.1 miles) and a ½ mile fun run for kids. Following the runs, there will be a "Finish Line" breakfast / lunch buffet for all participants at no additional cost. Early registration (before 10/10/11) is \$20; \$25 on day of the event. See www.chesterfieldmochamber.com for complete details.

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 E-mail. mfce.trustee@gmail.com

Ask a question, find who to call, etc.

Resident E-mail Distribution List. We use this email list to send important messages and information to our residents. ***To join***, send an email message with your name, address and email address to: mfce.trustee@gmail.com.

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 September 21, 2011. The next scheduled meeting is October 27, 2011 – the Annual Meeting – 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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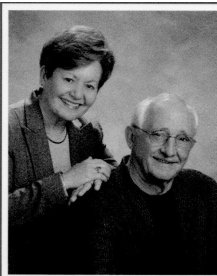
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