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Trivia question. One of the columns in our newsletter has the same name as a show on a national media. Do you know (a) the name of the show, (b) the media / network on which it's presented, and (c) the host name? See "Neighborhood News" on our website (www.mf-ce.com) for the answer.

Website. Current events and news items are posted in the website as they happen. Check the "Neighborhood News" area often.

Email list. The first item sent to the MF-CE email list will be this newsletter. Resident email addresses were requested in the last newsletter and via an insert in the subdivision assessment statement. The email addresses will only be used by the trustees and not shared with other organizations. Also, the blind copy feature will be used when sending to the list, as this only displays each recipient's address, and not all addresses in the list – an email security issue. Join the list by sending your name, address & email address to mfce.trustee@gmail.com.

Common Ground.

Ball field. One of our residents has suggested that we provide a ball field in our common ground. This would only be available for use by residents. It would consist of a backstop, but with no other improvements. Let us know if you approve or disapprove of such an addition (see "Trustee email" in Subdivision Contacts at the end of this newsletter).
Tree Policy. Meadowbrook Farm / Clarkson Estates is blessed with 65 acres of common ground. For the past several years, there have been droughts, ice storms and heavy rains – each weakening susceptible trees. The subdivision follows law and insurance guidelines when dealing with problem trees in our common ground. In short, trees on the common grounds are held in a natural condition, thus the Subdivision does not cut down or remove live trees. If you have an issue with a common ground tree, download an Issue Report (www.mf-ce.com, *What's New*, then "Issue Report") and mail it to the Trustee address at the end of page 2 of this newsletter (*Trustee U.S. Mail*).

News & Notes.

- **Indenture.** Remember that no camper, trailer, or boat may be parked on the street or on a lot. Also, no commercial vehicle may be in view overnight (VI.7).
- **Refuse Collection.** In November, the Chesterfield City Council voted to extend the Allied Waste Services city-wide contract for refuse collection. The extension commences August 1, 2009, and has the following features:
 - Each customer will receive a no-cost 65 gallon recycling cart with lids and wheels by April 2009.
 - Senior citizens (65 and over) are eligible for a 10% discount against service fees.
 - Trash and recycle will continue to have a Thursday pickup day.
 - Yard waste – a separate service – will have a Wednesday pickup day.
 - The yard waste service price will be frozen for two years.
 - Optional one year contract extensions may be made after the end of the new contract (in 2014), upon council approval.
 - The Chesterfield city website has additional details: www.chesterfield.mo.us/, then click on "solid waste".
- **AmerenUE.** Much work is being done to upgrade the major (underground) feeder lines in our subdivision power grid. This is causing some congestion, and minor inconvenience, but this project will prevent power drops and improve the overall reliability of the commercial power within our subdivision. The first phase of the work is underway on Country Field, Winterhaven, Country Ridge, Parasol, and Shadyford. The second phase will be connection, with the third and final phase grounds restoration services. The estimate for completion of the first phase is the end of January 2009. See www.ameren.com/poweron for additional details.
- **Laclede Gas.** A rebate program has been established for certain thermostats and furnaces. Up to \$25 is available for Energy Star thermostats and \$150 for furnaces that are at least 92% efficient. In addition to the cash rebates, homeowners who use this higher energy efficiency equipment will pay lower gas bills. See - www.lacledegas.com, then "Energy Conservation".
- **Citizen Police Academy.** The Chesterfield Police Department is accepting applications for the 12th annual Citizen's Police Academy. The program consists of procedures, traffic, DWI enforcement, investigation, etc. Classes will be held weekly or nine weeks at City Hall beginning on Thursday February 5. To make reservations, call 636-537-3000 extension 6749.
- **Santa – 2008.** Santa visited Meadowbrook Farm / Clarkson Estates on December 16. Even though his arrival at Parasol Park was later than expected and the temperature was hovering near 20 degrees, there was a great turnout estimated at 45 people. Every child got their turn to tell Santa what they wished for during the holiday season. The event was sponsored by the Monarch Fire Protection District. See pictures of the event on the website in "Neighborhood News".
- **Bicycle.** The four mile Monarch Levee Trail, on the north side of Highway 40 in Chesterfield Valley, is a popular biking destination. Phase II expansion is well underway with raising of the Edison Road levy and trail paving running adjacent to Edison Road. This will eventually result in a trail length total of 17 miles.
- **Trustee Meetings.** There was a November 20 meeting, but no meeting in December due to the busy holiday season. The next meeting is January 29, 2009.

Hints & Tips.

- **Safety.** Chesterfield has a “no solicitation” ordinance. Anyone soliciting should have a city permit – if they do not, notify the police at 636-537-3000.
- **Snow.** When clearing your driveway of snow, pile snow on each side of your driveway – please do not shovel snow into the street. Also, if you clear 10-15 feet of the gutter in advance of your driveway, subsequent snow plow passes will drop snow there instead of in front of your driveway.
- **Before you dig** – a free service:
 - 1-800-DIG-RITE –or– www.mo1call.com
 All utilities locations will be marked.
- **Indenture.** If contemplating property changes, be sure to submit a Home Property Improvement Application (www.mf-ce.com/homeimprovementapp.html).

Our School Systems-

Our subdivision is fortunate to be served by two outstanding public school systems – Parkway and Rockwood. Strong school systems are certainly important to residents raising school-aged children. But they’re equally important to all homeowners – as the value of our homes are enhanced by the excellent school systems which serving us.

	Parkway	Rockwood
enrollment	18,212	22,229
# elementary	18	19
# middle	5	6
# high	5	4

See the information below for highlights of financial and academic performance by our school districts.

Nearby, there are also quite a few parochial and private schools available to serve our residents.

Finances. Both Rockwood and Parkway exhibited outstanding financial stewardship when each received “unqualified opinions”, the highest distinction available by the auditing profession. Both districts will report the findings to the state in an attempt to earn the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting for the seventh consecutive year. Last year, only five districts in Missouri earned this award – including both Parkway and Rockwood. Excellent financial performance assures that the districts are providing responsible stewardship of public funds.

Academics. The Rockwood School District received a perfect score on its Annual Performance Report (APR), having met all 14 performance indicators. In the fall of every year, the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education sends an APR to all school districts. The APR reports how each district performs on the Missouri Assessment Program (MAP), American College Test (ACT) results, attendance, dropout rate, and other factors.

Awards. Science teacher, Ms. Debbie Gremmelsbacher of Parkway South High School, recently earned National Board Certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. Nationally, less than two percent of the nation’s educators are bestowed with this certification. Fewer than 400 Missouri teachers have achieved National Board Certification.

Volunteers Needed-

We still need more subdivision residents to volunteer for two on-going projects.

Cul-de-sacs. The cul-de-sac program’s goal is to bring all islands in cul-de-sacs to a similar level of attractiveness and functionality. This will include appropriate plantings (native plants, robustness characteristics, drought resistance, etc.), fire hydrant compliance (if the hydrant is within the island), and associated issues.

There are 19 cul-de-sacs in our subdivision; currently 12 cul-de-sacs have volunteers.

Be sure your cul-de-sac has a voice – coordinators are still needed for:

Long Castle Forest Ct	Strollways
Setters Hill Ct	Timber Hill Lane
Shadyford Ct	Winterhaven Ct
Silverwood Lane	

Have a say in what happens to your cul-de-sac – this includes action, plantings, appearance, etc.

We would like at least one resident from each cul-de-sac to act as a point-of-contact for their island should any issues or problems occur. **To be a coordinator**, email your name, address, phone and email address to

mfce.culdesac@gmail.com.

The coordinators first task will be to determine which cul-de-sacs are in the greatest need of update and improvement. The cul-de-sacs will be improved over time, with two to three upgrades occurring per year, as needed.

Neighborhood Watch. A Neighborhood Watch initial start up meeting was held on November 5. We want to invite any interested resident to become part of this program – one that will add value to our subdivision. It involves citizens getting to know each other and working together in a program of mutual assistance, citizens being trained to recognize and report suspicious activity, and implementation of crime prevention techniques. The residents know our neighbors’ faces, vehicles and routines. By taking notice we keep all of our homes even safer than they currently are.

Please take a look at the program – to receive additional information send an email request to mfce-nw@gmail.com.

Subdivision Contacts:

Website – www.mf-ce.com

It contains subdivision news, schedules, forms, meetings, indenture, Neighborhood Watch, etc.

Newsletter ads. We offer business card size advertisements. Funds received are used to help defray the cost of mailing the newsletter. The ads are on the last pages of the newsletter. We thank our advertisers for their support; however, no endorsement is intended or implied by MF-CE or the trustees.

Trustee email– 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

Future Trustee Meetings. January 29, February 26, April 30, May 21 in 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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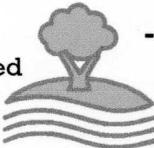
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