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July, 2009

Summer is here! Our homesteads are looking good.

Along these lines, Chesterfield Beautification Awards are taking a new direction this year. The focus is on homeowners' front yards. They'll be judging on design, display, maintenance and seasonal colors. Every yard will be recognized twice each year. Nominate your yard or your neighbors – *it'll be great to have some award winners in the subdivision*. Fill out forms and turn them in:

http://www.mf-ce.com/docs/beautification_award.pdf

Subdivision items

- 4th of July Parade. There will be a Meadowbrook Farm / Clarkson Estates parade for our kids and grandkids. The participants are encouraged to decorate their bikes, wagons, scooters, strollers, etc. The parade will begin on July 4th at 10:00AM from two locations (Parasol Park and Woodland Field Ct). Parade participants will be accompanied by the Country Ridge Jug Band composed of subdivision residents. Both parade groups will proceed on Country Ridge and march toward each other; the Parasol group heading SW and the Woodland Field group proceeding NE. They will meet in the vicinity of Fairway Bend and Country Ridge. Each group will then return to their respective starting point. Many thanks to event organizers Betsey Simmons, Madeline Legler and Carrie Earnhart for their hard work to make this event happen.
- Cul-de-sac project. We had the inaugural cul-de-sac project meeting on May 26th. Twelve coordinators attended – and good discussion resulted. The 1st order of business is to grade the 19 cul-de-sacs so we will know which ones have the greatest need for updates. When funds become available we will work on the most deficient ones first. The cul-de-sac coordinators are visiting all circles and filling out their ballots, which are scheduled in by the end of June.
- Trash containers. We have received the new recycle containers – while handy, they are large. This means another container that must be placed out of sight per Chesterfield ordinance; they must be out of sight (behind a fence or in the garage) except on trash pickup day. Empty trash containers at the curb make the subdivision look cluttered – it is important to put the containers out of sight as soon as possible. And, non-compliance could result in a Chesterfield PD ticket.
- Website. Our webmaster, resident Kevin Pfarr, has made site navigation much easier, as well as making future website expansion possible. The “tabs” across the top of the page are now gone, replaced by a maroon bordered box entitled “What’s Inside” on every page. A new item was created – “Documents”. This has allowed us to add more reference documents and make them easier to find. Also, always check Neighborhood News often.

Indenture

The indenture is the subdivision document that provides a functioning community structure with goals of strong property values and a good quality of life. This makes the indenture 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:

- Vehicles, etc.. “... owners and guests shall not have any deteriorated or unlicensed vehicles, nor any boat or camper or trailer on the street or parked on their lot in plain view. No commercial vehicle shall be parked on the street or in view overnight.” (Article VI.7). These types of violations affect the aesthetics of the subdivision. Enforcement assures a positive reaction of visitors and owners alike – as it makes our subdivision a desirable place to live, which maintains property values.
- Property enhancements. The indenture stipulates that any property additions or modifications must first be reviewed and approved to assure they meet subdivision standards (Article III.5). See our website (www.mf-ce.com/homeimprovementapp.html).
- Additions. Some types of structures and enhancements are expressly prohibited, including above-ground pools (VI.8), the installation or replacement of chain link fencing (VI.9) and storage sheds (VI.10).

Hints & Tips

- Recycle materials. The original recycle tub was easy to fit in the garage. This made it easy to directly place recycle materials into the tub. The new wheeled container may be too large for our garages – and it must be out of sight per Chesterfield ordinance. An idea is to use a Rubbermaid type container in the garage to receive materials, and then empty it into the wheeled recycle container during the week.
- Recycle container at the curb. The container is emptied mechanically, and should be rolled to the curb with the handles and wheels toward the house.
- Energy Rebate Program. Installation of Energystar thermostats and high-efficiency heating equipment may make you eligible for cash rebates. Visit www.lacledegas.com/conservation
- Safety. Chesterfield has a “no solicitation” ordinance. Anyone knocking on your door must have a city permit – if they do not, notify the police at 636-537-3000.

- Before you dig – a free service:
 - 1-800-DIG-RITE –or– www.mo1call.com
 All utility locations will be marked.

Area development news –

The West Newsmagazine reports that Schnucks Corporation wants to develop the land at the south east corner of Kehrs Mill and Clarkson. This property is in Ballwin – and while not in our city of Chesterfield, it is very close to us and traffic may affect us. The City of Chesterfield disapproves of this development (by a vote of 7 – 1). Mayor John Nations conveyed our resolution to the city of Ballwin. The Chesterfield resolution mentioned traffic concerns, as well as student safety issues in nearby Rockwoods schools (Marquette High School, and Kehrs Mill Elementary). In addition, local residents in the vicinity of the development have been very vocal in opposition to the development.

Nevertheless, the June 23rd St Louis Business Journal reported that the City of Ballwin unanimously approved construction plans for the new Schnucks.

Community Items –

Walkable and Bikeable Chesterfield. Chesterfield has partnered with Trailnet (www.trailnet.org) to determine the best way to connect residents to our recreation areas such as Chesterfield Valley Athletic Complex, Central Park, and the Family Aquatic Center. The first forum was held on June 17; approximately 45 people attended.

Chesterfield is currently implementing a plan to have a 17 mile loop in Chesterfield Valley. Currently two segments (4 mile (north of 40) and 2 mile (adjacent to Edison between Baxter and Long)) are complete and in use. Other routes will be added, and more forums will be held in the future.

Attention Runners. Local events:

Date	Start	Event
4-July	8:00am	Mascoutah Meltdown 5K
11-July	8:00am	Hofbraufest 5K
12-July	7:00am	South County YMCA Triathlon
12-July	7:30am	All-Star Charity 5K
19-July	7:30am	Ballwin Triathlon
26-July	8:30am	Wildwood YMCA 5K
2-Aug.	7:00am	FLEET FEET Runner's Club Flat Five
8-Aug.	7:00am	Wood River Triathlon
8-Aug.	8:00am	Run, Walk & Roll Away from Violence 5K
8-Aug.	8:00am	Summer Racewalk Duet 5K
8-Aug.	8:00am	Free Wheelchair Mission-Midwest 5K
15-Aug.	7:30am	Scorcher Four Mile
15-Aug.	8:00pm	Hecker Tiki Trot 5K
16-Aug.	TBA	Alligator's Creek Triathlon
22-Aug.	8:00am	St. Paul Strassenlauf 5K/2K
23-Aug.	8:00am	Summer Racewalk Duet 10K

For more information, visit: <http://www.fleetfeetstl.com/racetiming/calendar.htm>

Stingray Exhibit at Saint Louis Zoo. There are several new friends to meet at the zoo! The Saint Louis Zoo has recently unveiled its temporary exhibit, *Stingrays at Caribbean Cove*, which will be on display May 1 - September 30, 2009 and is located next to the Lakeside Cafe. The exhibit features 32 stingrays, which visitors can watch, touch and even feed as these gentle and fascinating ocean creatures glide through a tropical saltwater habitat. Designed for hands-on, safe family fun, the 17,000-gallon pool includes 28 cownose and four southern stingrays. It's an experience that some kids (and grown-ups!) will remember for a lifetime...

Admission to *Stingrays at Caribbean Cove* is \$3 for the general public and \$1.50 for Zoo friends. Everyone can get in for free during the first hour the zoo is open (8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.).

For more information, visit: <http://www.stlzoo.org/home/featurednews/stingraysatcaribbeancove/>

Neighborhood News. Check our website with new timely issues posted on a regular basis.

Volunteers Needed-

Neighborhood Watch. This program was previously active in the subdivision (there is still some signage on Country Field, Country Ridge and Strollways), but active support has waned in recent years.

Even safe communities such as our subdivision, do have instances of crime and vandalism. One of the best ways to combat such occurrences is through resident diligence – noticing and paying attention to non-normal activities. I think some do this as a matter of course, but Neighborhood Watch formalizes and brings that mindset to more residents

Neighborhood Watch can help prevent vandalism and similar crimes. We should get active in the program again.

Take a look at the 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.

Subdivision Contacts:

Website – www.mf-ce.com - containing news, schedules, forms, meetings, Neighborhood Watch, etc. Improved website navigation was incorporated in June 2009.

Newsletter ads. Advertisements are available – see last pages of the newsletter. Funds received help defray the cost of the mailing. We thank our advertisers for their support; however, no endorsement is intended or implied by MF-CE trustees.

Trustee email– mfce.trustee@gmail.com

Ask a question, find 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

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Trustee Meetings. The most recent meeting was held on May 21, 2009. There was no scheduled meeting in June, and none is scheduled for July or August due to summer break. The current schedule of meetings is September 24, 2009, October 29, 2009 (Annual Meeting), November 19, 2009, January 28, 2010, February 25, 2010, April 29, 2010, and May 20, 2010. Meetings are held at the Kehrs Mill Elementary library at 7:30 p.m. Check the website for any changes.

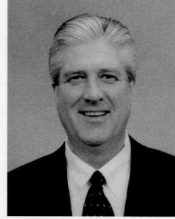

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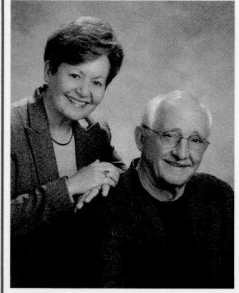
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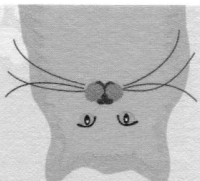

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