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July, 2010

Summer! The subdivision's first "Yard of the Month" has been selected – the travelling award yard sign will be installed soon (it's currently being created). Five yards were selected for consideration, with first place awarded to Jerry & Lisa Griffin on 2078 Meadowbrook Way. *Congratulations!*

Subdivision items –

Subdivision Beautification. Are any Garden Club members living in our subdivision? Would anyone like to serve on a Beautification Committee? The committee will determine work that needs to be done, prioritize the projects, etc. They will also nominate and pick "Yard of the Month" winners – outstanding yards we can be proud of. If interested – just send an email to mfce.trustee@gmail.com.

MF-CE Chesterfield Tree Trimming. Chesterfield completed raising the canopy of our street trees (trees between curb & sidewalk) during the late winter and spring of this year. This has greatly improved the appearance of our subdivision. However, the trees were dormant when the work was done, so now is a good time to scan your street trees for any dead limbs - if any are present, just notify Chesterfield and report the problem.

Likewise, if you have any dead street trees, notify Chesterfield (636-537-4000). The trees will be removed at no cost to the homeowners.

Yard Waste. All yard waste (grass clippings, leaves, tree limbs, bush trimmings, etc.) must be bagged and picked up by Allied Waste. Chesterfield ordinance prohibits dumping yard waste on our common grounds. Please report any dumping you observe (636-537-3000).

Street Slab Replacement Project. Areas being rebuilt include from Country Ridge to Rosegate Lane, and the middle of the Fairway Bend cul-de-sac to Country Ridge. This work is almost complete.

Subdivision Indenture.

The indenture is the document that provides a functioning community structure for our subdivision, with goals of strong property values and a good quality of life. When we all comply with the rules in the Indenture, the aesthetics of the subdivision are greatly improved, which assures a positive reaction from both visitors and owners. Our subdivision therefore becomes a more desirable place to live, keeping our property values strong. *The indenture is 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.

Selected Indenture Items:

- **Trash Cans.** All homeowners are doing a great job keeping trash containers out of sight – this keeps the appearance of our subdivision neat and orderly. A Chesterfield ordinance dictates that our trash cans cannot be visible from the curb side of our homes - except on trash pickup day.
- **Home Appearance.** Indenture article VI-4 requires that we "maintain our homes in good condition and appearance". Since our homes are in close proximity to those of our neighbors, keeping our homes orderly, in good shape & appearance assures we are acting as Good Neighbors. Appearance items included, but are not limited to, bags of mulch / soil, stacked containers & pots, painted items that don't match (e.g. garage doors, etc.), missing siding & trim, cluttered porches, etc.
- **Violations.** We have been working with a few homeowners to clear up a few Indenture violations. Examples are cluttered house/yard situations, and boat & trailers. We want to thank the good neighbor homeowners who have provided full cooperation.
- **Leaves - Gutters.** Remember, raking leaves into the street gutters is a *Chesterfield ordinance violation*. Keeping the street gutters clear is important for many reasons: (a) to prevent clogs in storm drains, (b) leaves are slippery hazards, (3) to keep the subdivision looking good. Please bag any leaves for yard waste pickup.

Hints & Tips –

Residential Sewers: An article in the March 2010 Chesterfield Citizen mentions that problems with the sewer from the main to your home (lateral) may be eligible for the Residential Sanitary Sewer Lateral Repair Program. Details and forms may be accessed at www.chesterfield.mo.us or call city Planning & Public Works at 636-537-4762.

Valuable Information: Access "Resident Information Portal" on the Chesterfield website (link just above). The portal link is on the lower right hand corner of the home page. Here are the Information types you may access – [Address](#) | [Parcel](#) | [Subdivision](#) | [One Call](#) | [Trustees](#) | [Maps](#) | [Ownership](#).

Electronic Recycling: Web Innovations and Technology Services (WITS), a not-for-profit organization, will offer monthly drop-offs for unneeded electronics. Collections will be held from 10 am to 4 pm every fourth Saturday through November. Collections will be at the Chesterfield Valley Athletic Complex (17891 North Outer 40). Items will be accepted at no charge, but a small donation is requested. All donations are tax-deductible. Accepted items include computers, monitors, TV's, Stereos, home electronics, washers, dryers, lawn equipment, car batteries. Note that paint, tires, chemicals, hazardous waste, etc. will not be accepted; for a complete list of items see – www.witsinc.org.

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 –

Mosquitos. As reported in the "Citizen", the city has contracted with St Louis County to provide mosquito control services. Spraying is done on Sunday nights. Any residents who have mosquito complaints should contact Chesterfield (636-537-4000) or the St Louis County Health Department (314-727-3097).

CERT. A "Citizen" article seeks residents to become part of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training program. Trained people will provide first response support to any disaster that occurs in the community in tandem with police and fire departments. The training will be held on September 15 through October 20 on Wednesdays from 6 – 10PM. For further information or to register, contact Captain W. Graham Burnley at gburnley@chesterfield.mo.us or 636-537-3000.

Upgrade of Chesterfield Parkway. Landscaping improvements are being made on the northwest and southwest corners of the parkway. This will provide a consistent look throughout the parkway, and assure the plantings are easily maintained. This parkway is considered the front door of Chesterfield, and therefore must present a good image.

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.

New Chesterfield Park. The city recently bought property on the NW corner of Baxter and Old Baxter (behind Dierbergs); it is also known as the Eberwein Property. Initial plans indicate a dog park will be one element of the park. As reported in the Journal, there has also been some public outcry as the city plans to demolish some historic buildings on the property. Further information will be available on the city website (www.chesterfield.mo.us) or call the Planning and Development Services Director (636-537-4749).

Mural on the Wall. As reported in the West Newsmagazine, the new levee wall starting at Edison and Baxter roads, will be the location for a community mural. Chesterfield Arts is coordinating the project which will involve students from up to 30 schools in the 8th through 12th grades. The actual painting will be accomplished in one day, and will be open to everyone in the community – the date is Saturday October 9, 2010.

Field of Excellence. As reported in the "Citizen", Chesterfield is one of only four municipalities to be awarded the Field of Excellence Award for the Chesterfield Athletic Complex. The award was made for fields that display quality, originality & creativity, and for the hard-working crews who care for them.

Neighborhood Watch –

Meadowbrook Farm / Clarkson Estates Attempted Burglaries & Break-ins. From 6/25 to 6/30 there have been several criminal activities within the subdivision:

- A break-in on Meadowbrook Way
- A burglary on Silverwood Ct
- Two burglaries on Thistlebriar

Then earlier during the spring, several other incidents were reported:

- Theft of a purse on Fairway Bend
- Theft from an open garage on Long Castle Forest Ct

In several of these cases, entry was from the rear via common ground access. Women's purses seem to be a theft of choice. The purses and non-cash contents were scattered near the target homes (money seems to be their goal).

Be vigilant and watchful for situations that are not normal in our neighborhood. Contact the Chesterfield police if you detect any unusual activities (636-537-3000 - or 911 in an emergency).

Increasing Home Security. Use common sense to make your home more secure:

- lock all doors
- lock automobiles (garage openers are inside)
- remove valuables from sight
- if not at home
 - o stop mail (or neighbors pick-up)
 - o stop papers (or neighbors pick-up)
 - o put TV or radio on timers
 - o put lights on timers
- a barking dog is a great deterrent
 - o real -or- taped

Take a look at the Neighborhood Watch 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.

Area News –

Rockwood Schools. The Journal reports that the district has cut their 2010 – 2011 budgets by \$6.8M due to cuts in income (sales tax and state funding formula). Areas with the greatest reductions are staffing, maintenance & technology, transportation and curriculum.

New Schnucks. There has been no detectible activity on this project from a legal or construction aspect; it is located at Kehr's Mill and Clarkson. There is citizen opposition due to the legality of tax incentives, and to safety of students attending the high school located across Clarkson.

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 May 20, 2010. The next scheduled of meeting is July 15, 2010 at Sach's Branch Library at 7:00PM. Any changes will posted on the subdivision website.

Trustees – Don Baird, Scott Eiler, Adam Hale, Mike Olszewski, Austin Peppin.

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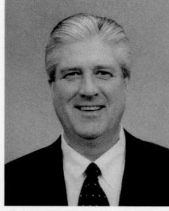

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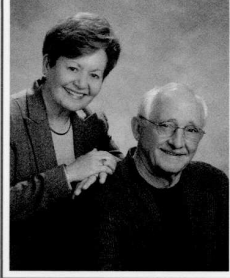
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