



**Winter!** Some cold days, some snowy days, some rainy days, and some Indian summer days – welcome to Midwestern winters.

## Subdivision items –

**Baxter Road Realignment.** As many of you are already aware, the long awaited Baxter Road realignment project is finally expected to start this spring. The project will improve Baxter between Heathercroft Drive and Parkway West Middle School. Note that this puts one of our main entrances (Baxter and Country Ridge) right in the middle of the construction. The plans call for a continuous center turn lane, plus one thru lane in each direction. There will be 5 foot sidewalks on each side, as well as full curbing. Go to the city website for updates ([www.chesterfield.mo.us](http://www.chesterfield.mo.us)). A **Public Information Meeting** - to advise the public of the anticipated construction schedule, anticipated road closure, and other design elements - will be held at the Parkway West Middle School Gymnasium on January 12, 2011 from 6 – 8 PM. (Parkway West Middle School is located at 2312 Baxter Road).

**Annual Meeting.** The annual meeting was held on October 29, 2010. Two trustees were elected to 3-year terms; Adam Hale (elected to his 2<sup>nd</sup> term) and Kevin Prunty. The budget was presented and approved, with the subdivision assessment remaining at \$125 per year.

**Common ground dumping.** We have noticed, and been notified by fellow residents, of a few cases of yard waste (limbs, shrub and bush clippings, etc.) piled in our common ground. Chesterfield ordinance prohibits dumping yard waste in our yards or on common grounds. Such piles are unsightly, establish nesting grounds for vermin and make our subdivision look untidy and disorderly. We are required to put all 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 (636-537-4000).

**No Leafs in street gutters.** Thanks for your attention to leaf pickup and for keeping leaves out of city street gutters this fall / winter. This keeps the subdivision looking good, and prevents Chesterfield from issuing citations.

### **Selected Indenture Item:**

- **Trailers.** Indenture article VI-7 requires “that we shall not have ... trailer(s) on the street or parked on their lot in plain view”. We are working to resolve an issue or two. We will appreciate resident’s compliance.
- **Home Appearance.** Indenture article VI-4 requires that we “maintain our homes in good condition and appearance”. Appearance items include, but are not limited to, 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** – Our area is safe – but there has been criminal activity in the Chesterfield area. The best way to combat this activity is to be aware of activity surrounding our homes. The Neighborhood Watch (NW) program is a proven way to safely combat crime thru their proven techniques. We need to recharge our NW program so we can more effectively be on the outlook for criminal elements operating in and around our neighborhood. The first step is to have volunteers become NW captains. The subdivision is divided into districts with a captain needed in each – see the map on our website ([www.mf-ce.com/neighborhoodwatch.html](http://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](mailto:mfce.nw@gmail.com).

**Recent area criminal activity.** There have been quite a few recent criminal activities in and near our subdivision. These have ranged from vandalism to burglaries.

**Chesterfield break-ins.** In early December a Chesterfield subdivision had 2- break-ins. The criminals are being pursued. A green van may be implicated; it is either a Ford Econoline or Dodge Panel van.

**Car break-ins.** These occur in shopping parking lots, as well as near our homes. Many incidents near homes involved vehicles left unlocked.

**MF-CE thefts.** In the summer, several burglaries occurred, with cash from women’s purses the target.

**MF-CE criminal activities.** In the spring and early summer of 2010, there were several break-ins, and burglaries.

Use common sense to protect your property and valuables by locking doors (including cars as they contain garage door openers). Remove any valuables from sight inside cars.

**Increasing home & property security.** Be vigilant and watchful for situations that are not normal in our neighborhood. Do not confront a potential criminal, rather contact the Chesterfield police if you detect any unusual activities (636-537-3000 - or 911 in an emergency). Use common sense to make your home and property more secure:

- lock all home 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 or radio on timers
  - o put lights on timers
- a barking dog is a great deterrent
  - o recording?

## Hints & Tips –

**Christmas tree pickup:** Free disposal is available from Allied Waste; just put the tree out on our regular trash pickup day (cut in maximum 4' lengths, and free of all decorations).

**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 –

**No U-Turns.** As reported in the West Newsmagazine and the Journal, Chesterfield law is now consistent with St Louis County and the state of Missouri. U-turns are now prohibited in the following conditions:

- at intersections with an electric signal or policeman
- at a curve or approaching a hill
- at any place where the drivers vehicle would not be seen
- where a u-turn would interfere with other traffic

**Citizen Police Academy.** As reported in the "Citizen", this year's adult Police Academy, which allows participants to learn about various aspects of police operations, will start on Thursday February 3, 2011 from 7-9 PM. It will meet once per week for 9 weeks. The Academy will meet in the Chesterfield Police Department in City Hall. The registration deadline is January 21; call 636-537-6749 to reserve a space.

**Creative Community Award.** The West Newsmagazine reports that the award was made by the Missouri Arts Council (MAC). Chesterfield won the 2011 award by infusing the arts into its economic development. The centerpiece is "The Awakening", a sculpture by J. Seward Johnson, located in Central Park. The cities sculptures are currently valued at \$5M. Other art related entities including theatres for plays and ballet, as well as art galleries

**Levee Trail.** A "Citizen" article details the expansion of the pedestrian / bicycle trail segment that currently runs on the north side of Highway 40 from the Chesterfield Athletic complex to the Ice Rink. It has been expanded 2.5 miles westward and now connects to the Howell Island Access, providing a total of six miles of trail. The next phase, which will be constructed this year, will continue from the Howell Island Access to Centaur road. Eventually, when fully completed, the trail will be an oval of approximately 17 miles.

**Mural on the Wall.** As reported in the West Newsmagazine, the new 550 foot levee wall, starting at Edison and Baxter roads, will be the location of a community mural. Chesterfield Arts is coordinating the project, which will involve students from up to 30 schools in the 8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades. The actual painting has been rescheduled to the spring of 2011. It will be open to anyone in the community. The details will be communicated as they are scheduled.

**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](http://www.chesterfield.mo.us), and then click on the "E-Notifications" link on the left side near the bottom.

## Area News –

**Top Financial Grades.** The West Newsmagazine reported that both Parkway and Rockwood school districts have received the highest financial marks from an outside auditor. Both districts received an unqualified opinion on their financial statements – the best result an auditor can give a district.

**Rockwood tax increase / job cuts.** The district is faced with a \$7.5 M shortfall for FY 2012. Both a tax increase and cost reductions are being given considered to solve the problem. The District is using polls and surveys to judge the desires of the community. Survey respondents are generally happy with the districts quality education. The last time a tax increase was placed on the ballot was 1994; it was approved.

**Rockwood Educators achieve National Board Certification.** Nineteen Rockwood District teachers have earned National Board Certification. This is the top certification in teaching. It requires they go through a process of intensive study, expert evaluation, self-assessment and peer review.

**Parkway Superintendent.** Surveys and focus groups composed of members of the Parkway community have compiled issues of concern and desired superintendent traits, that will be used during interviews of three finalists. The district expects selection to be complete in January 2011.

**Art Fest Gala.** The West Newsmagazine reports that the Chesterfield Arts 12<sup>th</sup> annual "Art Feast", a fundraising gala, will be at 6 PM on Saturday February 5 at the Kemp Auto Museum. Cocktails, dinner an auction and live performances will be featured. Tickets are \$125. Call 636-519-1955 or visit [www.chesterfieldarts.org](http://www.chesterfieldarts.org) for more information.

**Page-Olive Connector.** The West Newsmagazine reports that Chesterfield is considering taking on the project of design and maintenance of the median of the new Page-Olive Connector that runs within the city limits.

## **Subdivision Contacts –**

**Website** – [www.mf-ce.com](http://www.mf-ce.com) - Containing news, schedules, forms, meetings, Neighborhood Watch, documents, etc.

**Trustee email** – [mfce.trustee@gmail.com](mailto: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 December 17, 2010. The next scheduled meeting is January 20, 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, Kevin Prunty, and Austin Peppin.

**Newsletter Ads.** Advertisements are available – see the last page(s) of this newsletter. Per issue business card ads are \$50 & the double size ads are \$100; the newsletter is published quarterly (January, April, July, October). Funds received help defray the cost of mailing the newsletter. We thank our advertisers for their support; however, no subdivision endorsement is intended or implied.



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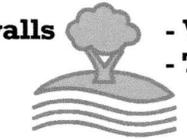
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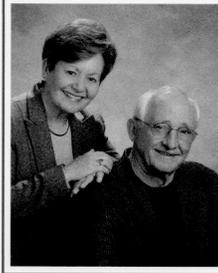
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