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Chesterfield Neighbors

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Contact the Chesterfield Board of Directors at board@chesterfieldhomeowners.com.

Upcoming Chesterfield Board Meetings:

June 29, 2009
September 28, 2009
December 28, 2009
(Annual Meeting)

Board meetings are held at 7:00 pm at Valley Community Bank, 75 S. Randall Rd., North Aurora

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President's Report

Brian Rominski

Spring is here again, and it's time for some much needed improvements around the neighborhood. The Board has accepted proposals from Acres Landscaping to replace seven trees and to provide new mulch in the main entrance area.

After a long and frustrating wait, ComEd finally repaired the damaged turf areas at the main entrance and along Butterfield Road. This was a joint effort with the Village to put the pressure on ComEd.

The Board also accepted a proposal from Acupaving Inc. to remove and replace a portion of the wetlands bike path at the far east end of our property and to fill major cracks on the remainder of the path.

After the spring rain finally stopped, V3 Companies was able to conduct a burn of the wetlands area. A second burn will be conducted in the fall, weather permitting. V3 Companies

will also be providing weed control measures in the wetlands throughout the summer.

The 2009 North Aurora Community Garage Sale will be held on July 31 and August 1 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, as part of North Aurora Days. For a \$10.00 fee, residents holding garage sales will be listed on a map showing sale locations and in an advertisement in the *Beacon News*. Applications are available at the Village Hall and the Messenger Library. Please contact the Village for additional information.

The Board has also been advised that the Village will be issuing tickets for vehicles parked on your driveway that block the sidewalk. This is a Village ordinance as well as an Illinois Department of Motor Vehicle Code ordinance.

Have a safe Summer!

Treasurer's Report

Jeffery Henderson

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Chesterfield Building Science 101

Put Your Hands in the Air and Raise the Roof

Brian Rominski

Some may call me a conspiracy theorist, and I don't want to make you paranoid, but roofs are everywhere. It's true! Matter of fact, you probably don't even think about roofs until one is leaking on your head, your hi-def television, or your Burberry rug.

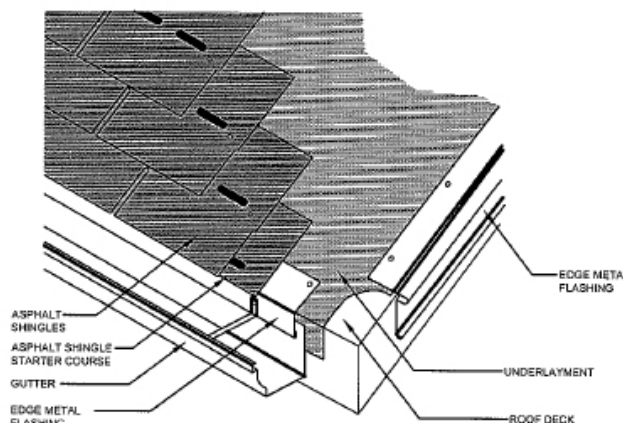
Roofs can generally be divided into two main categories: low slope and steep slope. Most residential roofs fall into the category of steep slope. All of the roofs we have in Chesterfield are steep-slope roofs.

A typical steep slope roof assembly consists of the following:

- Roof Deck (plywood)
- Underlayment (felt paper)
- Roof Covering (shingles)

An important concept to understand is that a steep-slope shingled roof is not waterproof. "What gives? I paid a ton of money for this house and the roof is not even waterproof? If that's the case, why doesn't the roof leak every time it rains?" If you have a properly installed roof assembly (based on the National Roofing Contractors Association Technical Guidelines) the answer is simple. We can thank our underappreciated friend, gravity!

Our steep-slope roofs are considered water shedding not waterproof. Steep-slope systems use



gravity to shed water from one course to the next, thus draining roof surfaces.

So remember, if you ever have to repair your roof, and you hire a contractor, make sure they know what they're doing. If they've never heard of the National Roofing Contractors Association Technical Guidelines, talk to someone else. No one wants a leaky roof, and no one wants a "tail-light warranty." (That's a warranty that's good only as far as you can see the contractor's tail lights.)

In the next issue of Chesterfield Building Science 101 we'll talk about mold and why everyone is making such a big deal about it.

Rules & Regulations Corner

Brian Rominski

The Chesterfield Homeowners Association has restrictions on renting or leasing your house. These restrictions can be found in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions, Article VII, Covenants and Restrictions As To Use and Occupancy, Item (m):

(m) Leasing of Dwellings. Any lease or rental agreement concerning an individual Dwelling must be in writing and be subject to the requirements of the Association. No Dwelling may be leased or rented for an initial term of less than six (6) months. A copy of each executed lease or rental agreement shall be supplied to the Board within ten (10) days after the lease is executed and prior to occupancy. The Association is hereby expressly deemed to be a third party beneficiary of any such lease; any violation of the Declaration, By-Laws, or rules and regulations shall be deemed a default under such lease entitling the Association to exercise any and all remedies under the lease or available at law or equity, regardless of the Owner's action or inaction in response to such default.

Wildlife in my own backyard

Denise Vancil

It was a gorgeous, cloudless summer day. The grass was cool under my feet and the corn was three feet high. Working out in the backyard didn't feel like work at all, especially when I saw three beautiful deer grazing in the corn field. A doe with her two yearlings kept coming closer and closer to the edge of my yard. I thought about running into the house and grabbing my binoculars, but I feared that my movement would scare them away. There was no one to share this sight with, and in a moment the doe and her yearlings were gone! They galloped back towards the woods, white tails flickering with joy.

Did you know that deer can run as fast as 36 miles per hour? They must be able to run quickly to flee from hungry predators like wolves, coyotes and humans. Deer are also incredible jumpers. They can jump as high as 8½ feet and as far as 30 feet!

Deer are such gentle creatures, yet, they can wreak havoc on your garden and landscaping. I've seen hoof prints out back, and our hyacinths, tulips, and crocuses have been nibbled to the ground.

Mom and I went to the St. Charles Garden Walk last year. One fabulous garden full of every hosta, fern, and flower you could imagine had these white and green things on bamboo sticks everywhere. The garden-master said they were cakes of soap; the scent keeps the deer. And he had many acres of wide-open spaces around his property for



herds of deer to gather and be attracted to his garden. So, Mom and I figured if the soap trick is good enough for this seasoned gardener, it is good enough for us. We hung pieces of the sweetest smelling soap in a nylon stocking from our trees, and that seems to work. So far, none of our trees or shrubs has been eaten.

Life is good when we have days like these – sunshine, warm breezes, trees, flowers, and gentle deer in the distance. They make good memories too.

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Recipe Corner

Denise Vancil

If you like spicy dishes with a creamy, tomato sauce, here is one for you to try. Enjoy!

Thai Sauce with Chicken or Shrimp

1 med. onion, finely chopped	3 Tbsp. dried parsley
3 cloves garlic, finely chopped	1 Tbsp. Argyle Street Asian Blend seasoning*
3 chicken breasts or	3 green onions
14 oz. package of cooked large shrimp	¼ cup cashews
1 (26 oz.) can tomato sauce	3 tsp. corn starch
1 can coconut milk	Basmati rice cooked in chicken broth

Sautee onion and garlic in a bit of canola oil. Brown chicken breasts, whole, seasoned with salt/pepper with the garlic and onions on each side until cooked, and then remove chicken to a plate. If you use uncooked shrimp, brown them with the onions and garlic, 3-4 minutes on each side, then remove to a plate.

Add tomato sauce, coconut milk, parsley and Thai seasoning. Simmer 15 minutes. If the coconut milk was really thick, you might be able to forego the corn starch to thicken the sauce. If the milk was thin, mix the corn starch ¼ cup of water, and slowly stir it into the sauce to avoid lumps. Chop the chicken into bite-size chunks, add back to sauce (or add your shrimp). Warm thoroughly. Serve over basmati rice and garnish with green onions and cashews. Goes great with Mandarin Orange Salad (see recipe, page 6).

* A combination of toasted and black sesame seeds, lemon grass, ginger, cilantro, onion, garlic, chile peppers, coriander, white pepper, and salt; available from The Spice House in Geneva.

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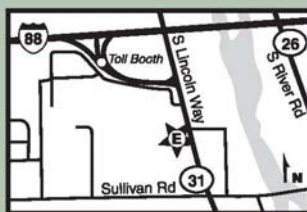
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Recipe Corner (continued from page 5)**Mandarin Orange Salad**

Mixed greens
Chopped onion – sweet Vidalia or red
1 (large) can mandarin oranges (drain liquid and save it)
Honey Sesame Sticks (Trader Joe's)
Olive oil
Balsamic vinegar
Orange juice
Mustard

Spread torn mixed greens on salad plates, sprinkle with chopped onions, and a few oranges (about 7-8 pieces per plate). Top with honey sesame sticks. Make a dressing out of the liquid from the oranges by adding 4 parts olive oil to 1 part balsamic vinegar (or less vinegar, but that is my preference). Add ½ cup orange juice and a drop or two of orange oil (if you have it). One teaspoon of mustard in the dressing will help to keep it mixed. If you're not up to making a dressing from scratch, you can fall back on the standard dressing I use: olive oil and balsamic vinegar.

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