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**Upcoming
Chesterfield
Homeowner Meetings**

November 7, 2011
7:00 PM

Annual Meeting
December 5, 2011
7:00 PM

Board meetings are held at First State Bank (formally known as Valley Community Bank), 75 S. Randall Rd., North Aurora

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Homeowner Meeting

The Chesterfield Board has scheduled a homeowner meeting for November 7, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. The meeting will be held in the lower level of First State Bank (formally known as Valley Community Bank).

Annual Homeowner Meeting

Chesterfield Homeowners Association Annual Meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. The meeting will be held in the lower level of First State Bank (formally known as Valley Community Bank). Homeowners who are not able to attend the meeting, please fill out the proxy you will be receiving in November and return it to Kelly Henry at Baum Property Management.

Chesterfield Wetlands

Thank you to the residents who helped plant 3,534 plants back in May. Twenty different species of plants were hand planted. We are happy to report that on a recent walk with V3, we looked at the plants that were planted in May and the planting was a success. All of the different species are doing great. Next spring and summer there should be lots of different colors of plants blooming in our wetlands.

Why did we plant these plants? Wetlands are extremely valuable resources. Wetlands provide a habitat for many species. Many endangered species, about one third of the endangered species in Illinois depend on wetlands for a home. Wetlands also improve water quality. The vegetation slows down the flow of water and allows materials and sediments to drop to the bottom. Ninety percent of these sediments are absorbed by the wetlands. If these sediments were not absorbed, they would create problems when they moved on to other bodies of water.

In our wetlands, we have many different types of birds. Many migrating birds use wetlands as a resting place between flights. On our walk, we saw many different species of birds. Everything from hawks to yellow finches.

Volunteers will be needed to help with a seed planting that will be taking place in late November right before it snows.

At the annual meeting, there will be pictures of some of the species of plants that were planted. There will also be some pictures showing how the wetland looks now compared to three years ago.



For up-to-date information, see our web site at
www.chesterfieldhomeowners.com

Chesterfield Lake



Picture Taken By Toni

Water lilies are aquatic perennial plants with round, floating leaves known as pads. They are botanically known as *Nymphaea Odorata* and are native to the United States.

Water lily pads float on the water's surface or just below it. The circular-shaped pads grow up to 11 inches in diameter, are bright green on top, and have reddish-purple veining underneath. Each pad has a slit that reaches to the center, stopping where the stem attaches to the pad. Lily pads appear in late spring and flower buds will begin to form in late May.

Water lily pads produce fragrant white flowers with yellow centers that open in the morning and close by noon. Pad stomata (tiny openings on the foliage from which carbon dioxide and other gases pass in and out) is on the upper part of the leaf surface rather than the bottom like most plants. Lily pad flowers die off by September and the plant begins to produce green fruit that contains many seeds for next year's crop.

Lily pads offer shade to small aquatic creatures as they float on the water's surface. You may see insects or small toads crawling on their surface.

The Native Americans of the eastern United States used lily pads as cooling compresses and their roots in medicines.

Water lily pads create dense patches that can be problematic for other aquatic plants and fish. Water lily's can become invasive.

The leafy part of the plant does not provide food for pond inhabitants, but ducks like to eat the berries and wildlife such as beavers and deer like to eat the lily pads.

Fox Valley Park District Chesterfield Park

By Toni

How lucky we are to feel spoiled! And we have been you know... spoiled for the last 10 years!

The small park adjacent to the lake and behind the savannah of trees along Pine Creek Drive has gone unnoticed ... the only activity we've seen there is minor going's-on during annual North Aurora Days! The tiny little gem of a park had fallen under the radar and we should consider ourselves fortunate, lucky to have it been overlooked all these years! Until now!!

The Fox Valley Park District owns the park area. They mow and maintain the park as well as the savannah of trees; and provide maintenance and upkeep of the children's playground. Chesterfield subdivision owns and maintains the lake and some footage around the lake.

In an agreement with Fox Valley Park District, B.A.N.A. (*Batavia Aurora North Aurora*) (<http://www.banayouthfootball.org/Home>) a youth football tackle team for boys ages 6-14 living in Batavia, Aurora and North Aurora have been practicing football at the park.

Other than the annual North Aurora Days, we've never had to share the space with any outside activity or traffic, so we may be feeling somewhat possessive and intruded upon! All this activity is new to us and just as we teach our children, we must share!

The BANA organizers are making every attempt to respect our privacy. They've instructed their traffic to enter/exit using Pine Creek Drive; they have an excellent clean up plan in place as they leave the park and street areas litter free after each practice. BANA arranged to have a new porta-potty brought in and had it tucked back into the tree area so it's not easily seen from the street.

All in all, the little park may be limited in usage and may not be conducive to other sports-like activity. It does mean for a short time, we share our streets with other traffic; we hear new sounds and see new faces. The child-like voice of a 6 year old doing his best to yell these encouraging words to his team mates: "Auh you weddy?" "Auh you weddy?" can only bring a smile to your lips!

Management Company Monthly Inspection

Once a month our management agent, Baum Property Services, inspects our entire subdivision looking for violations of our homeowner’s association rules and regulations. Some of the things they look for are:

- Trash cans or recycle bins being stored in the front or side of homes
- Lawns that need to be mowed or that have lots of weeds
- Missing siding, damaged wood trim, damaged garage doors, damaged screens, mailboxes falling down. etc..
- Items being stored in front or on the sides of homes
- Fences not being maintained
- Items being used or stored on common areas

These inspections and notices help to keep our neighborhood looking great. Residents who receive a violation notice are given a certain amount of time to correct the violation. If you receive a violation notice, please take care of the violation as soon as possible. Residents who fail to comply can be fined as stated in the Association Handbook that is posted on the Chesterfield web site: www.chesterfieldhomeowners.com/handbook.htm

Tips To Help You Prepare Your Home For Winter

- ❖ **Have Your Furnace Inspected** - Change for filters monthly
- ❖ **Check the Exterior, Doors and Windows** - Inspect exterior for crevice cracks and exposed entry points around pipes; seal them. Use weather stripping around doors to prevent cold air from entering the home and caulk windows.
- ❖ **Inspect Roof, Gutters & Downspouts** - Replace worn roof shingles. Clean out the gutters and use a hose to spray water down the downspouts to clear away debris.
- ❖ **Check Foundations** - Rake away all debris and edible vegetation from the foundation. Seal up entry points to keep small animals from crawling under the house. Seal foundation cracks. Mice can slip through space as thin as a dime.
- ❖ **Install Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors** - Buy extra smoke detector batteries and change them when daylight savings ends. Install a carbon monoxide detector near your furnace and/or water heater. Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to make sure they work. Buy a fire extinguisher or replace an extinguisher.
- ❖ **Prevent Plumbing Freezes** - Locate your water main in the event you need to shut it off in an emergency. Disconnect and drain all garden hoses. Insulate any exposed plumbing pipes.
- ❖ **Service Weather-Specific Equipment** - Drain gas from lawnmowers. Clean, dry and store summer gardening equipment. Service or tune-up snow blowers. Buy a bag of ice-melt or sand.
- ❖ **Get the Fireplace Ready** - If the chimney hasn't been cleaned for a while, call a chimney sweep to remove soot and creosote. Inspect the fireplace damper for proper opening and closing.

Peggy O’Dea

Although Peggy O’Dea wasn’t a real resident in Chesterfield (*she lived in the Christian Life Retirement Center on Mitchell Road*), she was a familiar face.

Miss Peggy was always seen pushing her fancy little dog, Rosebud, in a pet stroller and as she’d make her way around the blocks, would stop to impart a little Irish antidote to make the day brighter. Peggy O’Dea passed on Friday, July 1, 2011. Chesterfield residents send our sympathy to the family of this proud, strong Irish soul.

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Chesterfield Forum/Chesterfield Bulletin Board

As stated in the last Chesterfield Newsletter, everyone who joined the forum had to confirm that they are still a resident of Chesterfield Homeowner Association in order to have access to the Chesterfield Forum/Bulletin Board site.

If you no longer have access to this website, you will need to re-join. The link to the forum website is on the Chesterfield Homeowner Association web site: <http://www.chesterfieldhomeowners.com/>

You will need to provide the following information:

1. Homeowner(s) names
2. Homeowner address

This information will be compared to the master homeowner list.

Anyone who does not provide this information will not be added until the information has been provided.

Thank you for your assistance with keeping this site for Chesterfield Residents only.

Chesterfield Neighbors

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www.chesterfieldhomeowners.com

Chesterfield Resident Services

Do you offer a service that others members in our community would be interested in? Babysitting, lawn work, house cleaning, handyman service, dog walking, etc. If you would like us to include your service in our next newsletter, please send email to board@chesterfieldhomeowners.com. Remember you can also post on the Chesterfield Forum.



Do you want to be added to the email list of special notices and receive the newsletter electronically? Return your resident census form. Census forms can be found on our website under documents. Once we receive your form, your email will be added to the list.

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