



**SUMMARY OF MEETING MINUTES
CHESTERFIELD CITIZENS ENVIRONMENTAL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Thursday, November 20, 2025 6:00 PM
Conference Room 102-103

I. CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

II. ATTENDANCE Wayne Dunker, Parks Director, Kari Johnson, City Liaison, Jeanne Tevlin, Chair(Ward IV), Rob Kilo Assistant Chair(Ward IV), Laura Houck, Secretary(Ward 111), Marvin Clark (Ward 11), Susie Mlynarczyk(Ward 111), Jessica Eilerman (Ward 1), Donna Pecherski (Ward 11), Bessie Thrasher(Ward 11)

We have two vacancies for Ward 1 and 1 vacancy for Ward 111.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY

A. Approval of 2025-10-23 meeting results: Jessica Eilerman made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Bessie Thrasher seconded the motion.

IV. COMMITTEE RECAPS/FOLLOW UPS

- A. Honeysuckle Hack Saturday Nov. 1 Those in attendance were Jessica Eilerman, Katie Siech, Jeanne Tevlin, Wayne Dunker, Kari Johnson, cub scouts and Marvin Clark
- B. NWF Network Wide zoom mtg – Monday, November 3, Laura Houck and Rob Kilo were in attendance of the NWF zoom mtg. There are now 375 communities: There are currently 180 certified communities and 195 registered communities. Three new communities have been certified, and three new communities have been registered. Trees for Wildlife has an open application period for spring from November 15 to December 15. They partner with community-based organizations to give away or plant trees. The work we do continues to make a meaningful impact. One community adopted a plant program where people could donate to purchase a plant. Another group hosted a speaker series at the library focused on native plants and pollinators. Additionally, many states offer Master Naturalist classes for anyone who may be interested.
- C. Demonstration Garden – Monday, November 3, One more work day will finish the clean-up. Jessica Eilerman will speak with her chapter about helping plan out the garden. A repeating pattern is popular now with 2-4 plants repeating.

- D. Two facts for “Did You Know?” Keep sending ideas to Kari.
- E. Republic Services – Susan Piazza / replacement introduction. Susan Piazza said that none of our loads have exceeded the contamination level meaning that none of the loads had to be sent to the landfill. Kari will put this statement on the Did you know area of the Parks Facebook Page. Susan Piazza is retiring at the end of the year. It was suggested that we invite her replacement to our meeting so we can get to know each other.

V. UPDATE ON EVENTS AND DEADLINES

- A. NWF certification renewal will be done in December. It was stated that homes that were certified more than 15 years ago or schools that were certified more than 5 years ago may need to be certified again. Darcy Capstick may have a list. Kari will check her papers.
- B. Focus for 2026
 - 1. Earth Day – April 18, 2026, Red Key will cover the costs. There will be a tree planting for Arbor Day.
 - 2. Trucks n Treats – October 3, 2026
 - 3. Trunk or Treat Senior Sampler – October 8, 2026
 - 4. Honeysuckle Hacks – TBD
 - 5. Bags for Benches: This will begin in the spring. The bench may possibly be put in the demonstration garden.
 - 6. Demonstration Garden: A Photo diary is needed for this project.
 - 7. Informational handouts
 - 8. Additional Ideas Forestry management plan: plant seeds/trees in Central Park will happen in the spring.
 - 9. Honeysuckle removal will be spring and fall.
 - 10. Paper shredding event will be next fall
 - 11. We may add a make-up take back with Earth Day. Donna Pecherski will talk to Ulta and Laura Houck will talk to someone at Nordstrom Rack about being present at our recycling event or if they will take a large amount of make-up to be recycled.
 - 12. Sacred Heart in Eureka has a place where American flags can be received. Chesterfield City Hall will also take American Flags.
 - 13. We went through the “bundle” that will be handed out at events. Two pages will be taken out. Possible places to leave the bundle would be the Y, City Hall by the Police Station. The Sachs Library.
 - 14. Marvin and Jessica will do a pilot about handing out the packet at subdivision meetings. They will check on passing out the packet and report back on the interest. Rob Kilo mentioned contacting the Chamber about notifying various companies(examples: RGA, Edward Jones, Bunge) when an event will occur where

we need extra help-eg. honeysuckle removal. Often times, there may be people at these companies who need volunteer hours.

15. Jeanne Tevlin will check on lights out for birds and report back.

STAFF UPDATE:

Paper Shredding for the fall: Kari is applying for a grant to cover the cost.

Street Tree: Geoff Wegrzyn has an icon that shows that the tree is a Missouri Native Tree.

If the city council passes the budget, we will have more areas for honeysuckle removal. Currently, we have a 3 year program.

December 11 meeting is our holiday meeting. We will be having heavy appetizers.

Bring your own cup. Jeanne Tevlin will bring Christmas dishes, napkins and forks.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – 7:28 PM

Next meeting Thursday, December 11, 2025

The Chesterfield Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee will consider and act upon the matters listed above, and such other matters as may be presented at the meeting and determined to be appropriate for discussion at that time.

PERSONS REQUIRING AN ACCOMMODATION TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING SHOULD CALL (636) 812-9500 AT LEAST TWO WEEKDAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

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