



Summary of Meeting Minutes CHESTERFIELD CITIZENS ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, March 26, 2026, 6:00 PM
Conference Room 102-103

I. CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 6:02PM

II. ATTENDANCE: Kari Johnson, City Liaison, Wayne Dunker, Chesterfield Parks Director, Jeanne Tevlin, Chair(Ward IV), Laura Houck, Secretary(Ward III), Donna Pecherski(Ward II), Bessie Thrasher(Ward II), Su Ghosh(Ward III), Jessica Eilerman(Ward I), Hari Dwivedi(Ward IV), Visiting Council persons, Pat Tocco(Ward II), Merrell Hansen(Ward IV)

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY

- A. Approval of 2026-2-19 meeting results. Bessie Thrasher made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Seconded by Donna Pecherski.

IV. COMMITTEE RECAPS/FOLLOW UPS

- A. Invasive Honeysuckle removal: Riparian Trail update – This will be discussed after Earth Day.
 - a. Saturday May 2 – 9am. Volunteers needed
- B. Bundle update: Kari added to the What/Where document about where to recycle American flags. This bundle will be handed out at Earth Day. We need about 300 copies to pass out. Kari will have them copied.
- C. End of year brochure: Su Ghosh completed the end of the year brochure. Su reminded everyone to take pictures at events and send them to her.
- D. Demonstration Garden update – Jessica: Jessica suggested that the trend for small space gardening is to plot off sections for 4-6 plants and repeat throughout the garden. A few members of her chapter will come help devise a plan. Her chapter has master gardeners and naturalists. We will meet on the Monday after Easter from 1-2PM to finish weeding the garden and edging. Please come help if you are available.
- E. Bags to Benches Program The Parks Dept. is having trouble convincing Schnucks to sponsor us for our plastic bag recycling.
- F. Milk jugs to trash cans – Rob - The plastic milk jugs are taken from landfills and not collected. We will not participate in the venture.
- G. New approach for recycling information – Did you know? Don't forget to send Kari any "Did you know" facts
- H. NWF Zoom update -March 16 – Jeanne/Rob - Jeanne Tevlin stated that all gardens will be certified online from now on and not by mail.

V. UPDATE ON EVENTS AND DEADLINES

- A. NWF Zoom schedule – 3pm
 - a. May 11 – Vaishali/Rob
 - b. Aug 24 – Vaishali/Rob
 - c. Dec 7 – Vaishali Rob

- B. Earth Day – April 18, 2026 – Update: Please arrive at 8AM
 - Paint recycle Grant-Paint busters will be there.
 - Red Key Realty – E-cycle and Paper Shredding
 - Trees, Plants and seeds: Jost Greenhouse will donate plants again. The Parks Dept has leftover baggies we can use for each plant. We have CCEAC stickers for each plant. This will be done the day before Earth Day.
 - Tie in Paul Revere Theme: Kari will print American flags for the top of the tricorn hat that Jeanne purchased on Amazon. We will put the words: reduce, reuse, recycle on each of the sides of the hat.
 - Define work positions, times and responsibilities
 - Seed sorting
 - April 17th will be a work day to tag tree seedlings to give away.

VI. CCEAC Member Comments (2 minutes per person)

VII. PARK UPDATES

- A. Arbor Day Tree Planting Tree will be planted on April 17. The tree will be planted in Central Park with a plaque for the 250th celebration of our country. Geoff will bring a sugar maple tree to plant.
- B. America 250th There are a variety of events planned for this celebration.
- C. Fall Recycling event **There will be a Fall Environmental Day which will include paper shredding, E-cycling, tree planting and seed spreading, honeysuckle removal. The tentative date is November 7**

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 7:30

Next meeting Thursday, April 23, 2026

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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