

County forum for seniors to address issues on aging

Thurs., May 10

What are Butterflies? 10-11 a.m., Rockwood Park, 3401 Courthouse Rd. Preschoolers will discover the life cycle of a butterfly during a short nature hike to look for caterpillars and butterflies. A parent or guardian must accompany the child.

The cost is \$4 per child. Registration is required. Part

Calendar

of the Exploring Nature with Small Hands series, sponsored by the Chesterfield County Department of Parks and Recreation. For more information or to register, call 748-1623.

Books & Bites Book Discussion Group, 10:30-11:30 a.m., LaPrade Library, 9000 Hull Street Rd. "Mystic River" by Dennis Lehane will be discussed. Call 276-7755 for information.

Chamber of Commerce monthly luncheon, doors open at 11:15 a.m., Brandermill Country Club, 3700 Millridge Pkwy. Featured guest speakers are Dave Clawson, head coach of the University of Richmond Spiders football team, and Anthony Grant, head coach of the Virginia Commonwealth University Ram's basketball team. Cost is \$10 per person. Seating is limited and registration is required. For more information or to reserve a seat, call 748-6364 or e-mail alison@chesterfieldchamber.com.

College Board meeting, 3 p.m., John Tyler Community College, Midlothian campus, 800 Charter Colony Pkwy., Administration Building, room B207. The public is invited to attend. A sign-up sheet will be made available 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the board meeting. Persons interested in addressing the board may sign up at that time. For more information, call 594-1530.

Book Discussion Group, 7-8 p.m., Ettrick-Matoaca Library, 4501 River Rd. "The Whole World Over" by Julia Glass will be discussed. Call 526-8087 for information.

Motivators Toastmasters Club meeting, 7:15 p.m., Central Library, 9501 Lori Rd. This organization helps people become more comfortable with public speaking. For more information, call Kimberly Johnson 768-9266.

Chesterfield County School Board meeting, 7:30 p.m., Public Meeting Room, County Administration Bldg., 9901 Lori Rd.

Fri., May 11

Alcoholics Anonymous weekly meeting, 1 p.m., Atrium conference room, Johnston Willis campus, CJW Medical Center, 1401 Johnston Willis Dr. A program for people who want to stop drinking or need support on the road to recovery. For information, call 330-2000.

Sat., May 12

Introduction to Touring Kayak, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Dutch Gap Conservation Area, 513 Coxendale Rd. This class is designed to teach the basics of flat-water kayaking and covers entries, exits, strokes, safety and the equipment needed to start kayaking. An optional tour of the Dutch Gap Conservation Area is included. Rental includes kayak and all equipment. Minimum age is 11 (youth ages 11-14 must be accompanied by a participating adult). The cost is \$49 (\$55 with rental). Sponsored by the Chesterfield County Department of Parks and Recreation. For more information or to register, call Greg Velzy at 748-1124.

Third Annual Chalkley School/Community 5K Run/Walk, 10 a.m., Chalkley Elementary School, 3301 Turner Rd. Event will be followed by the Family Fun Festival. For more information, call 674-1300 or visit www.chesterfield.k12.va.us/Schools/Chalkley_ES/home.htm.

Mon., May 14

Senior tennis, 9-11 a.m. weekly, Rock-

wood Park, 3401 Courthouse Rd. Chesterfield County Parks and Recreation Department is offering weekly tennis games for players of all levels, ages 55 and older. Previous tennis experience is necessary. Free. Participants should meet on courts 5-9. For more information, call 751-4135.

17th Annual Millwood School Golf Classic, 10:30 registration, Brandermill Country Club, 3700 Millridge Pkwy. There will be a shotgun start at noon, and the tournament will be run in a four-man captain's choice format. Sponsorships range from \$250 to \$1,250. Foursomes are priced at \$600. To register or to sponsor the tournament, call Lisa Bloom at 639-3200, e-mail lbloom@millwoodschool.org or visit www.millwoodschool.org.

Tues., May 15

Official Practice GED Test, 9 a.m.-noon, Capital Area Workforce Center, 7333 White Pine Rd. Take the Official GED Practice test-it will give you some indication as to whether you are ready to take the real thing or if you need to take prep classes. Limited seating. For more information or to register, call 271-8510.

Railroads Past and Present, 10:30 a.m.-noon, Chester Library, 11800 Centre St. A slide presentation by Randy Ridgely will provide a historical look at railroads throughout the United States. Refreshments will be served. This program is recommended for adults ages 55 and older and is part of the "Get in the Know" series. Sponsored by the Friends of Chesterfield County Public Library and the Chesterfield County Parks and Recreation Department. For more information, call 748-6314.

2007 Celebrate Chesterfield Business! 6-9 p.m., Sheraton Park South Hotel, 9901

In The Spotlight

Senior forum, May 16, 11:30 a.m., Lifelong Learning Institute, Watkins School Annex, 133801 Westfield Dr. Seniors are invited to participate in a moderated forum with county legislators to discuss pertinent issues on aging. Admission is free. Participants are encouraged to bring questions and a brown bag lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided. For more information, call 751-4135.

Midlothian Tpke. Chesterfield County Economic Development and Village Bank will host this event in honor of this year's Business Appreciation Week. Chesterfield County will present their annual First Choice business awards and Evan Wooton, President of Premier Pet Products, will speak about his successful history with the company. Admission is free, but seating is limited. For more information or to register, contact Tina Shreve, 318-8550.

Planning Commission monthly meeting, 7 p.m., Public Meeting Room, 9901 Lori Rd. For information, call 748-1050.

Bon Air Book Talks, 7-8 p.m., Bon Air Library, 9103 Rattlesnake Rd. "Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress" by Sijie Dai will be discussed. Call 320-2461 for information.

Wed., May 16

Senior golf, 8 a.m., weekly through Oct. 31, Providence Golf Course, 1160 S. Providence Rd. Chesterfield County Parks and Recreation Department is offering weekly golf games for players of all levels, ages 60 and older. Advance registration is required. \$27 fee (payable onsite) includes 18 holes of golf and a cart. For more information or to register, call 794-1097 or 272-1712.

Third Annual Kiwanis of Chesterfield Golf Tournament, 11 a.m. registration and lunch, 1 p.m. shotgun start, Independence Golf Club, 600 Founders Bridge Blvd. Proceeds to benefit Comfort Zone Camp and other youth service activities. The cost is \$150/individual, \$600/foursome. Sponsorships are available. Lunch, refreshments, buffet dinner and awards banquet are included. Registration deadline is May 11. For more information or to register, contact Dale McIntosh, 228-6206 or dmcintosh@fhhlc.com.

LOOKING AHEAD...

Friday, May 18

Disability Awareness Expo, 4:30 or 5:30 p.m. at O.B. Gates Elementary School gym and cafeteria. Ages 10-18. Plan to spend about one hour to learn what it is like to have a disability and to socialize with a person with a disability. There are 6 interactive stations for children to experience life with different disabilities. RSVP Sandy Spencer, 768-9538 or sandyspencer@comcast.net.

Have a special event coming up? Please e-mail your calendar items to calendar@chesterfieldobserver.com, mail them to P.O. Box 1616, Midlothian VA 23113, or fax them to 744-3269. Please include a contact name and number with your announcements.

Advertisement

"Average Joe" makes big money investing in real estate

Joe Mercadante has created enough income from real estate in 12 months to retire at the age of 35.

Rob Minton, Broker
REAL ESTATE AUTHOR

Thirty five year old Joe Mercadante stumbled across a Free Real Estate Investing Report that has helped him create enough monthly income in 12 months to quit his high paying corporate job.

According to Joe, "I started investing in properties using the strategy outlined in this free report in April of 2004. I have accumulated 20 homes that combined are paying me \$4,363 of cash flow each and every month. Plus I have locked in \$580,442 of profit. I plan on quitting my 9 to 5 job next month and will be able to live off of the income from my properties!"

Joe was amazed at the profits that could be obtained using this simple

investing strategy. He said that he never wanted to invest in real estate because he didn't want to spend his evenings and weekends fixing up homes. Joe isn't very handy and he didn't enjoy installing toilets, laying tile and painting.

Luckily, Joe read a real estate investing report entitled, "How to Make \$232,016 Each & Every Year Investing in Real Estate without Touching a Screwdriver" and learned a simple strategy for profiting from investing in nice homes in nice areas. Joe stated that the majority of homes he had invested in were in move in condition. In a few cases, his homes were so nice that he had rented his properties before he even got his keys at the closing.

Joe liked this approach because it

didn't require him to have the financial risk of having to pay the mortgage, taxes and insurance costs for a property during a rehab project.

Joe said that this approach eliminated the majority of the risk and, best of all; he could invest in his spare time. The approach seems to be working because Joe will be retiring from his \$120,000 a year corporate job at the age of 35.

To get a copy of the same FREE report Joe used to begin his real estate investing, call the real estate information center at 1-888-390-5568 and enter extension 200. Leave a message with your mailing address. Or, go to www.quitworksomeday.com.

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