

# County appoints Magnolia Green planning board

The Chesterfield Board of Supervisors has appointed **Art Heinz** of Heinz Insurance; **Debi Girvin** of Shamin Hotels; **Mac Bullock** of Getloaded.com; **Buddy Whitfield** of IBM; and **Manuel Flores**, retired Brigadier General, to serve on the

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lower Magnolia Green Community Development Authority Board. The independent board will oversee the financial duties of road improvements on Otterdale and Woolridge roads paid for by property owners in Magnolia Green. Chesterfield and the developer signed an agreement earlier this year.

In other announcements:

**Sonic** has opened its first Midlothian drive-in at 13900 Raised Antler Circle with skating carhops. The franchise group owner is **John Platten**.

**Vocelli Pizza** recently opened in the Oxbridge Shopping Center on Hull Street Road under the ownership of **John Iacunato**, who plans to open nine more locations in the next three years. The Web site is [www.vocellipizza.com](http://www.vocellipizza.com).

Chesterfield resident **Meg Garrahan** and her sister, **Janet**, have started a new weekend fitness boot camp for adults called Beachfront Boot Camp. The Web site is [www.beachfrontbootcamp.com](http://www.beachfrontbootcamp.com).

**PrecisionIR Group**, a worldwide provider of web-based communication solutions and online investor relations services, has purchased Vodium, a streaming media communications company based in Washington, D.C.

**William "Chip" Potter**, controller of Lumberberg Automation in Midlothian, was one of five nominees for the Virginia Business 2007 CFO of the Year Award in the Small Private Companies category as reported in the July 2007 issue of Virginia Business magazine.

Major **Warner Williams** has retired after 27 years of service in the Chesterfield Police Department. During his first year with the department in 1980, he was selected as "Rookie of the Year."

Firefighter **Kevin Goins** has retired after 30 years from the Chesterfield Fire and EMS Department.

**Douglas Hanky** is retiring Sept. 1 from the Chesterfield Medical Services Department as a firefighter after 27 years of service.

**J. Kirk Seither** retired Aug. 1 as a firefighter specialist from the Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department after 25 years.

**William F. Moss** has retired from the Utilities Department after 30 years.

**Sandra W. Coleman** is retiring from the Commissioner of Revenue Office after 28 years.

**Chesterfield County** has received eight achievement awards from the National Association of Counties and 11 awards from the National Association of County Information Officers.

**Janet Hall** (Matoaca District) and **Mark D. Waitkus** (Bermuda District) have been appointed to the Youth Services Citizen Board for three years. Also representing Bermuda District, **Christian Garland** of Thomas Dale High School has been appointed for a one-year term.

**Charles J. Kehoe**, the first-ever director of Virginia's Department of Youth and Family Services, was given the prestigious E.R. Cass Award by the American Correctional Association. The award is presented annually to the most dedicated persons in the field of corrections. Kehoe is currently vice president of marketing and communications for G4S Youth Services, LLC in Richmond where he develops prospects for the management and operation of juvenile correctional facilities.

**Joshua Phillip Logan Williamson** (Troop 879) and **Max William Hrank** (Troop 800) have attained the rank of Eagle Scout.

Midlothian residents **Lindsey** and **Zachary Stevens** and **Rachel Murphy-Weast** recently helped the law firm of Christian & Barton assemble 160 backpacks filled with school supplies for the YMCA's Bright Beginnings Program.

**Michelle Raymond**, of Chester, was recently selected for the ODAC All-Academic Team during the Old Dominion Athletic Conference. Raymond is a student at Sweet Briar College and former graduate of Thomas Dale High School.

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with allies at the state, regional, consultant, real estate and developer levels, we seek to identify, contact and inform as many target businesses as possible about the possibility and benefits of operating in Chesterfield. All aspects of direct marketing are employed in this effort including print advertising, mail, telephone, Internet, prospect visits and missions.

Current missions include both domestic and international direct visits to selected areas and companies, as well as trade shows of targeted industries. Included in this outreach effort is continual contact with allies at all levels keeping them informed with the latest information about the county's direction, available sites and buildings, and with attraction initiatives and incentives.

In addition to the marketing outreach, the New Business Attraction Program responds to the continual inquiries of prospects and allies. These inquiries can be as simple as available sites and building information to a complete proposal including all aspects of the county's location, geography, transportation options, labor force, quality of life, government services, taxes, fees, educational system and incentives as it relates to a specific project.

The final task of the New Business At-

traction Program is to assist the company with its relocation by providing assistance in permitting, licensing and startup issues in an effort to get the business started and profitable as quickly and as efficiently as possible. The department of economic development works with the other departments of the county's Community Development Division on a continuing basis to improve the permitting and approval process. The effort of these departments has resulted in Chesterfield having one of the most streamlined and efficient approval processes in the commonwealth, and since "time is money," this is a competitive advantage for locating in the county.

All of these efforts are coordinated with and supported by the Meadowville and Existing and Small Business Divisions for a complete program.

Currently, the New Business Attraction Program consists of one development manager and one project manager and shares another project manager with the Existing Industry Program. However, with that said, all members of the economic development department are prepared and willing to work with prospects whether it is an existing business expansion or new business location.

## Runoff remnants



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**Heavy rains earlier this month** caused a pond in the Lakepointe development on Hull Street Road to overflow twice, turning the water orange from the runoff from nearby retail and construction. Lakepointe's association president says the runoff has created an island of silt in the pond despite previous dredging.

## Hot dog case is solved

A Chesterfield woman was arrested on Aug. 18 after she was accused of stealing two Dachshund show dogs from a Hensley Road home. Deidre O'Malley allegedly took the dogs late last month during a domestic dispute with another woman. O'Malley is charged with larceny of animals or poultry.

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#### He said, she said

A situation of he said, she said ended in a 69-year-old Chesterfield man being arrested for brandishing a firearm and object penetration on Aug. 13. According to police, a domestic dispute occurred between Ethridge N. Ayers Sr., of the 2200 block of Holding Pond Lane, and 24-year-old Helen M. Shaw who was living in the same home. Shaw accused Ayers of assaulting her while Ayers accused Shaw of bringing drugs into the house.

Both were arrested by police. Shaw is charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana.

#### Cameras help VDOT cash in

Since going online last February, cameras at the toll booths along Powhite Parkway in the county have collected more than 54,000 images of possible toll violators. The cameras were installed to help the Virginia Department

of Transportation (VDOT) catch motorists who speed through toll booths without paying a toll. Violators receive a notice in the mail detailing the date of their violation and a photo of the license plate taken at the time of the violation. They are responsible for paying the toll and a \$25 administrative fee. If they fail to pay the bill, they may be taken to court.

From Feb. 1 to July 31, VDOT has collected \$331 in previously unpaid tolls and \$9,849 in administrative fees. So far, there have been no court proceedings for unpaid tolls.

#### ACT scores are up

The average ACT score of Chesterfield graduates increased this year, as did the number of Chesterfield graduates taking the college admission and placement exam.

Chesterfield County's 2007 graduates earned an average composite score of 21.5, up from 21.1 last year. This year, 784 Chesterfield graduates took the ACT, up from 603 in 2006. Overall and in every subject, the county's school system exceeded or matched average ACT scores for Virginia and for the United States.

Administered in all 50 states, the ACT is a curriculum-based achievement exam that predicts how students will perform in college coursework. The highest possible score is 36.

## Chamber hosts candidate debates

Candidates for the Chesterfield Board of Supervisors and the 11th District State Senate will face off during debates hosted by the county's chamber of commerce for its membership and the general public. The following debates have been scheduled:

- Midlothian District - Sept. 13, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Holiday Inn Select Koger Center, 1021 Koger Center Blvd. during the chamber's monthly luncheon. Registration is required, and the cost is \$10 including lunch.

- Dale and Clover Hill Districts - Oct. 10, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Cultural Center of India, 6641 Iron Bridge Pkwy. during the chamber's monthly luncheon. Registration is required,

and the cost is \$10 including lunch.

- Matoaca District - Oct. 17, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Cosby High School, 14300 Fox Club Pkwy. Registration is recommended. Free.

- Bermuda District - Oct. 23, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Chester Middle School, 3900 W. Hundred Rd. Registration is recommended. Free.

- 11th District State Senate - Oct. 30, 6:30-9:30 p.m., John Tyler Community College, 13101 Jefferson Davis Hwy. Registration is recommended. Free. Co-sponsored by the Chesterfield Business Council.

To register for any of the above debates, call 748-6364 ext. 4 or e-mail [dolores@chesterfieldchamber.com](mailto:dolores@chesterfieldchamber.com).