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Upcoming Events

Save the Date!
National Night Out
Kick-Off

June 29
5 p.m.

Westchester Commons
Shopping Center
15786 WC Main St.

Kindergarten Readiness Event

Chesterfield County Public Schools' Office of Family and Community Engagement hosted its yearly Kindergarten Readiness event on May 2 for families and rising kindergarteners. Attendance for this event has doubled each of the three years it has been offered. This year's attendance was an impressive 1,750 participants.



Twenty-five departments and agencies, including the Chesterfield County Police Department's Child Safety Section, addressed parents about services provided for families. In addition, activities and giveaways created an engaging, educational, and fun event for a large, appreciative audience.

Officer Friendly Visits with STEPP

STEPP (Success Through Education and Proactive Policing) is the Child Safety Program taught by Child Safety Officers in all Chesterfield County elementary schools. One of the lessons for kindergarten classes is "Officer Friendly." The CSOs teach the students about community helpers, focusing on police officers, and the various ways they can help people. Included in this lesson is a review of gun safety rules.

Following the classroom portion, the CSOs schedule a visit to the elementary schools with



Officer Schaffer talks to kindergarten students at Gordon Elementary.

an SRO who can meet the students, teach them about a police officer's job, and give them a brief tour of their police car. This introduction to the police department provides each child with a valuable opportunity to learn how police officers can be a helpful and important part of their lives.



2019 Senior Day “A Roaring Success”

On May 1, Chesterfield TRIAD held their 20th Annual Senior Day, roaring into the 20's with over 700 senior citizens in attendance. Here are some highlights:

Kevin Bacon (top left) returns as emcee. Lt. Colonel Kelly (top center) greets the crowd. Jess Robison (top right) gives seminar on senior safety. Senior Advocate Debbie Preston (middle left) was interviewed. Vendors and public safety officers share knowledge with attendees. Triple Crossing Jazz Project kept the party jumping.





Summer Safety for your Pets

Summer is rapidly approaching, and it is very important to take extra steps to ensure your furry family members are safe during warm weather. The number one summer pet safety tip is to never leave your pet unattended in a vehicle during warm weather. It takes only 10 minutes on an 85-degree day for the inside of your car to reach 104 degrees, and cracking the windows does not help! During hot weather, it is always safer to leave your pets comfortably at home. When taking your dog for a walk, plan for the cooler hours of the day to avoid overheating. It is also important to stay off hot surfaces, like asphalt, because it can easily burn your dog's paws. During warm days, ensure your pet has unlimited access to fresh, cool water and shade when outside. Some breeds have more difficulty handling the heat than others, especially those with short muzzles like the Boston Terrier and Pug. Breeds with long coats may also struggle more with rising temperatures. When in doubt, it is always best to leave your pet at home where they are safe and comfortable in the air conditioning!

Facts pulled from American Veterinary Medical Association

Featured Adoptable Pet



This happy girl is Tina! She is a Shepherd mix that is approximately 5 years old. She loves life and just wants to spend her time lounging around and laying her head in your lap getting rubbed. She will run up to you to give kisses. She is such a sweet girl and will roll over to try to convince you to give her belly rubs. Tina will sit on command and she really likes treats. She came in with another dog so she appears to do well with other dogs. If you have another dog at home, bring him or her in for a meet and greet to make sure that it will be a good fit. Come visit us to meet Tina!

Welcome To the Community Services Team!

Lieutenant Steve Fortier

Prior to his employment with Chesterfield County, Steve Fortier was a sergeant in the U.S. Army Military Police Corps, providing security to diplomats throughout Europe and Africa. After Sept. 11, 2001, he was reactivated by the Army and became the non-commissioned officer in charge of AWOL apprehensions and to the Game Wardens of Fort Lee.

A member of the Chesterfield County Police Department since September 1999, Fortier's early assignments included community policing officer and detective. In these areas, he held numerous additional duties: general instructor, driving instructor, firearms instructor, patrol rifle instructor, field training officer, evidence technician, marine patrol, and the criminal apprehension suppression team. Following Hurricane Katrina, he became part of the task force that responded to assist the Hancock County, Mississippi, area with law enforcement patrols and area security.



In 2007, Fortier was promoted to sergeant and assigned to the Forensic Unit until spring 2010. He served in the Uniform Operations Bureau until 2011, when he was assigned to the Training Academy as the specialty sergeant, overseeing the Enon Driving Facility for which he also coordinated facilities implementation and developed the curriculum, lesson plans, and overall groundwork for the course. Promoted to lieutenant in 2012 and transferred to Uniform Operations, Fortier commanded a night platoon in the South District. After receiving a knee injury while helping his officers arrest a burglary suspect, he was transferred to command the School Safety Unit. In January 2016, Fortier returned to Uniform Operations and commanded a day shift platoon in the North District. Two years later, he was moved to the Office of Professional Standards, where he remained until his current assignment with crime prevention.

Sergeant George Turner



Sergeant George Turner comes to the Community Services Division with several years of experience in many areas of the police department. First assigned to the Uniform Operations Bureau in 2003 as a road officer, he worked mainly in the southern portion of Chesterfield County. During his time as a UOB officer, George was a member of the Criminal Apprehension and Suppression Team (CAST) and the Special Enforcement Team (SET). In 2012, he transferred to the Special Investigations Division as a member of the Vice and Narcotics Unit, where he served for two years prior to being promoted to sergeant in 2014 and assigned as a road supervisor. From 2016-2019, George was assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division as the Forensic Unit sergeant until transferring to Community Services Division as the Crime Prevention sergeant in May 2019. He has also been a DUI instructor and field training officer, and is currently a general instructor with the department. George holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Fayetteville State University and a master's degree in criminal justice from Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.

A family man, George has a wife and a 5-year-old son. He enjoys travel, music, movies, and family activities. His favorite sports teams are the Pittsburgh Steelers, the Houston Astros, and the Houston Rockets.

Andrea Ramat

On April 20, the Animal Services Unit added another member to its supervisory team. Andrea Ramat was promoted to Animal Services Supervisor and will oversee shelter operations. Andrea previously served as an Animal Services Officer and a Senior Kennelmaster. She has almost nine years of service with Animal Services. Among many things, Andrea brings with her experience, knowledge of shelter operations, and a sincere passion to help animals in our community. She is excited to expand her responsibilities and join the team of social media managers for the unit.



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Neighborhood Watch Program

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