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## COMING ATTRACTION

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**Chesterfield residents are asked to bring tree debris curbside by 9 a.m. on Monday, July 12 to be collected by the city.**

(Source: Cathy Lenny)

## NEWS BRIEFS

### CHESTERFIELD

#### Storm cleanup continues

Mayor Bob Nation has declared a local state of emergency in the city of Chesterfield after a massive storm hit the area on Saturday, June 19.

The storm caused electrical outages and numerous trees and branches to fall.

Having declared a local disaster, the city can participate in a cleanup effort, said City Administrator Mike Geisel at the City Council meeting June 21.

Geisel reported that there were over 50 trees down across the city. Winds were so strong that one home on Highcroft Drive had a tree that was uprooted and fell onto the house.

After the storm, the city's street maintenance team began immediately clearing the roadways and right-of-ways that posed a safety hazard.

Residents will need to gather the tree debris and bring it to the right-of-way at the back of the curb. From there, the city will collect and dispose of it, Zachary S. Wolff, assistant city engineer said. The clearing process will occur systematically following the snow removal routing maps.

"This is a significant effort and we expect the entire cleanup to take over a month," Wolff said. "Damage was widespread throughout the city, but it seems that the west and southwest portions of Chesterfield were the hardest hit."

Collection will include private streets as well. In order to start the process, subdivision trustees will need to send a letter to the City of Chesterfield (Attn: Director of Public Works) requesting this service and authorizing the city to access private streets.

Debris must be at the curbside by 9 a.m. on Monday, July 12. However, once the ini-

tial tree debris removal effort is completed, a second round will start to continue the removal of material from properties.

For those unable to clear debris or those in need of assistance to clear their yards, council member Gary Budoor (Ward 4) has offered to serve as a volunteer, independent from the city, to recruit volunteers to help those in need. Budoor can be reached by email at [gbudoor@chesterfield.mo.us](mailto:gbudoor@chesterfield.mo.us) or by phone at (636) 410-0259.

As a result of the clean-up efforts, there may be a delay on other projects such as street tree trimming, the removal of ash trees and others, but the city will continue work on capital reconstruction projects, Geisel said.

Weekly updates regarding the debris removal process will be provided at [chesterfield.mo.us](http://chesterfield.mo.us).

### Amphibious floatplane heads to Nicaragua

On June 17, Wings of Hope staff and volunteers gathered around a red Bush Hawk amphibious floatplane that Wings of Hope mechanics have been working on in the nonprofit's hangar at Spirit of St. Louis Airport in Chesterfield for the past several months. After a brief blessing and dedication ceremony, the pilot crew for MiracleAir, a Canadian-based nongovernmental organization, took off.

Wings of Hope is working with MiracleAir to establish a base in Nicaragua, where the plane will provide free emergency medical evacuation flights to indigenous people along the Miskito Coast, a remote region with little access to medical care.

Anchored in Chesterfield but with bases worldwide, Wings of Hope provides humanitarian aid to the world's most vulnerable communities. In the U.S., the nonprofit's Medical Relief & Air Transport (MAT) Program provides medical air transport services, free of charge, to individuals who need specialized medical care that is not available to them locally. Using aircraft specially outfitted with stretchers to accommodate fragile and non-ambulatory patients, volunteer pilots fly individuals to hospitals and treatment centers in 26 states within a 600-mile radius of Chesterfield.

Learn more at [wingsofhope.ngo](http://wingsofhope.ngo).

### EUREKA

#### Former Rams star aids in water relief

Former St. Louis Ram and two-time Super Bowl champion Chris Long along with partners water technology company Xylem Inc. and the Water Well Trust provided access to clean water to a Eureka family on June 23.

Previously living without clean, running water in their home, the Illert family relied on bottled water and rainwater for cooking and cleaning, but this all changed when the Hometown H2O program donated a water well system, equipment, well drilling and pump installation. The family now has reliable access to clean, potable water for the first time.

"It feels like we won the lottery," Sarah Illert said. "It means the world. It really is life changing for us. We are so grateful to have clean water to cook with, do our laundry, clean the dishes, and take clean showers and baths."

Hometown H2O – a program launched in early 2020 – is a united effort to address

domestic water scarcity issues that currently leaves more than 2 million Americans without access to clean water. It is a partnership between Long and his foundation's Waterboys initiative, Xylem Inc. and nonprofit partner Water Well Trust. Its mission is to assist in ongoing water well projects to provide rural communities with reliable, safe water access that can lead to better overall health and improved quality of life.

Long established the Chris Long Foundation and his Waterboys initiative in 2013 with a goal of providing clean, accessible drinking water to 1 million people. To date, Waterboys ([waterboys.org](http://waterboys.org)) has raised over \$5 million with the help of over 40 professional athletes and fans, providing clean drinking water to more than 395,000 people as a result.

### MANCHESTER

#### City announces Veterans Family Scholarship Program

A scholarship program developed by the Manchester Veterans Commission to assist veteran's families facing economic challenges is now available.

This scholarship can be used by the children of veterans to participate in programs such as summer camps, swim lessons, sports and more. Scholarships are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis and are awarded based on need.

The scholarship application can be found at [manchestermo.gov](http://manchestermo.gov) and once completed can be submitted in person to Manchester Parks, Recreation and Arts, 359 Old Meramec Station Road, or by email to Becky Jones at [bjones@manchestermo.gov](mailto:bjones@manchestermo.gov).

Applications must be received at least seven days prior to the beginning of a program.

If interested in donating to the Veterans Family Scholarship program, contact the parks office at (636) 391-6326, ext. 100.

### WILDWOOD

#### Don't wait, vote now

Public voting continues for the annual Wildwood Photo Contest through July 14 with a professional panel of judges giving the final selection on July 30.

Wildwood residents can vote by clicking on the Photography Contest link on [cityofwildwood.com](http://cityofwildwood.com). The option to vote for multiple photos is available. Winner will be announced no later than Aug. 1. The winners will receive a prize awarded by the city along with recognition on the city's website. Winning photos will be used on Wildwood's website, social media and print publications.



**A Bush Hawk amphibious floatplane awaits departure from Wings of Hope in Chesterfield.**

(Source: Wings of Hope/Carol Enright)