



The River Bend Association Annual Meeting August 18, 2021

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WELCOME MESSAGE

Good evening and welcome to the 2021 River Bend Association Annual Meeting. We wish we could meet with you in person, and appreciate your patience and participation.

Over the past 18 months, the River Bend Association (RBA) has tried to help keep everyone engaged and connected while we get through this pandemic. We celebrated Window Walks and Driveway Happy Hours that kept us safe and social. Neighbors helped neighbors with groceries and other needs with which loved ones far away could not help. Thanks to you, that is what makes this neighborhood an even better place to live.

In the 1960s and 1970s, this area we call River Bend was a part of St. Louis county with little cohesion and little resident participation in government. So the RBA was formed. As a government watch group and nucleus of the east side, west side, and historic homes along River Valley Drive, they identified the need for our area to become its own municipality. The RBA was born to protect our property values and rights. In 1988 that dream became reality, and the City of Chesterfield was chartered to include the four wards we know today; who all wanted the same protection, identity, and sense of community. The pool (now called the River Bend Community Center or “RBCC”) was a place where all these groups socialized but required private membership.

We invite you continue the RBA tradition that continues to be the glue that keeps the residents, trustees, the RBCC and local governments on the same page.

RBA President
Melissa Heberle

OUR MISSION

River Bend Association (RBA) is a non-profit, non-partisan organization. We are a separate organization from your Trustees and from the River Bend Community Center (RBCC). Our mission is to improve public services and living conditions within the River Bend community while protecting our property values. The RBA gathers and disseminates information on important local issues and events that impact our neighborhood. It also expresses the opinion of our members as needed to public officials on matters that relate to our community. We ask for your continued support by renewing your membership during our annual enrollment coming this October.

For only \$12.00 per year, the RBA provides you with our informational emails, an annually updated River Bend Directory, and a set of holiday luminaries to be set out on December 24th. We also pay for and maintain the riverbendstates.org website, and provide post-parade bomb pops and water to all who attend the River Bend Fourth of July parade and celebration. We host private social media groups where you can find your information faster and interact in an online forum setting. Members may ask to join the Facebook page or Next Door “River Bend Association”

Remember, you may choose not to have your email address published in the directory, but still receive River Bend Update emails from us. I want to assure you that we keep your email addresses confidential. In fact, all directors sign a confidentiality agreement to protect our members contact information. We believe that these informational emails are a tremendous benefit to RBA members. If you are not receiving our periodic emails, email us at riverbendassociation@gmail.com, or visit our website www.riverbendstates.org and fill out the contact form.

RBA President
Melissa Heberle

RIVER BEND ESTATES

THREE SEPARATE ORGANIZATIONS

Trustees



Annual Assessment: \$95+
Positions: **3** East Side, **3** West Side,
2 River Valley Court North, **3**
River Valley Court South

River Bend Community Center (RBCC)



**Annual
Membership:
\$245 - \$525**

River Bend Association



Annual Membership: \$12

RBA Vice President
McLeod Patton

RBA MEMBERSHIP

- Highest membership level in years
- 78% of residents are members of RBA
- Membership dues increased to \$2 to \$12 for 2021

Year	Members
2021	302
2020	282
2019	295
2018	282
2017	285
2016	269

RBA Vice President
McLeod Patton

RBA WELCOME BASKETS

- We welcome all new River Bend residents
- Baskets are assembled by RBA, using St. Louis–made products
- In 2020 we delivered 21 baskets
- In 2021 we have delivered 15 baskets



RBA Secretary
Sarah South

RBA FINANCIAL REPORT

Profit & Loss Summary

Membership Year	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Income							
Annual Membership	\$4,557	\$2,993	\$3,119	\$3,258	\$3,351	\$3,309	\$2,843
Miscellaneous Income	\$0	\$0	\$20	\$0		\$55	\$100
Total Income	\$4,557	\$2,993	\$3,139	\$3,258	\$3,351	\$3,364	\$2,943
Expenses							
Annual Enrollment Expense	\$219	\$294	\$271	\$686	\$358	\$167	\$273
Annual Meeting Expense	\$250	\$222	\$217	\$220	\$161	\$289	\$0
Bulk Mail/PO Box Expense	\$386	\$331	\$321	\$372	\$520	\$302	\$0
Directory Expense	\$721	\$737	\$715	\$514	\$622	\$585	\$584
Fourth of July Expense	\$0	\$43	\$24	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Luminary Expense	\$1,155	\$459	\$1,071	\$943	\$870	\$911	\$882
Miscellaneous Expense	\$11	\$57	\$1,279	\$71	\$492	\$505	\$1,698
Office Supplies & Software	\$0	\$282	\$140				
Website Expense	\$573	\$251	\$700	\$235	\$180	\$0	\$0
Welcome Basket Expense	\$815	\$927	\$743	\$610	\$408	\$540	\$0
Total Expenses	\$4,130	\$3,603	\$5,481	\$3,651	\$3,611	\$3,299	\$3,437
Net Income	\$427	-\$610	-\$2,342	-\$393	-\$260	\$65	-\$494

RBA Treasurer
Laura Smythe

RBA COMMUNICATIONS

The Facebook logo, consisting of the word "facebook" in white lowercase letters on a blue rectangular background.The Nextdoor logo, consisting of the word "nextdoor" in white lowercase letters on a green rectangular background.

- Currently 104 Members in the facebook group
- Currently 111 Members in the nextdoor group
- If you are a member of the RBA & want to be in these Social Media groups, please email us at:
RiverBendAssociation@gmail.com

HISTORY: WHY IS RBCC INDEPENDENT?

When Burton Duenke was building River Bend Estates in the fifties and sixties, it was a time when people were retreating from municipal pools to more private pools. He started building the River Bend Bath & Tennis Club (RBB&T) in 1963.

Rather than making it mandatory for all River Bend residents to join, he designed it to be a private club where a certain percentage of the membership could join from outside the neighborhood. Members had to buy a bond certificate in order to join the RBB&T. Those bonds were dissolved in the 1990s.

Since it had been the social nucleus of River Bend, the name was changed to River Bend Community Center in 2001. In 2006-2007, a group of residents tried to rally support to create a community improvement district (CID), where everyone in River Bend would become a member; this would finance a total re-build of the RBCC. While that was not successful, the pool continues today with an average of 120 private memberships, and sponsors many social events open to the neighborhood.

RBA President
Melissa Heberle

CHESTERFIELD CITY COUNCIL REPORT

Dear Friends,

We would like to thank the River Bend Association for this opportunity to share some information about city business and what's going on in town.

In 2020 COVID 19 took a huge chunk out of City revenues. As you know, the city relies primarily on sales taxes to provide the services that we all count on like police, parks, public works and planning and zoning. With many businesses being forced to close during the pandemic and folks not going out, the city suffered an over 5 million dollar loss. Thanks to a fiscally conservative council and administration, the city was able to continue to make payments on its long term debt in spite of the revenue loss. However the City did have to furlough staff, close facilities and cancel activities. In the fall of 2020, the city received about 3.5 million in CARES Act funding from the federal government which helped plug some of the holes. In 2021, things began looking up with sales tax revenues finally beginning to improve. In the very near future, the city expects to receive around 9 million in RESCUE Act funding from the Feds. Parks activities including the pool, concerts at the Amphitheater, and CVAC athletic events have resumed. However, due to concerns about the Delta variant and liability issues, the City is following CDC guidelines so Council has gone back to Zoom meetings. The city is monitoring the situation.

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Mary Monachella
Barb McGuinness

CHESTERFIELD CITY COUNCIL REPORT

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As you may know, the city approved zoning for a Total Access Urgent Care for the Steak and Shake property. However Doctor Bruckel is no longer part of that organization and their site plan has not been finalized. Council also approved The Residences at Hog Hollow, a new subdivision for the old Chesterfield Manor nursing home site. Additionally the City got a free park, thanks to land on loan to us from Logan College. The Park facilities will be installed as grants are obtained.

Just recently, after the huge storm we had in June, the city public works department spent a month picking up tree limbs and debris all over town. This work was not planned or budgeted... but it was the right thing to do. Also Council has been holding electronic sign requests to the ordinance standard height of 6 feet in locations near residential areas. This is especially important for Olive Blvd in Ward 1 where there are multiple churches and several small businesses that may erect such signs. Residents frequently remind us that they do not want Olive to become another Manchester Road.

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CHESTERFIELD CITY COUNCIL REPORT

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We still have no real information as to the plans for Chesterfield Mall. Nothing has been submitted to the Planning Department. The Staenberg Group bought the property. This is the same company that largely developed Chesterfield Valley after the flood of 1993. Their latest project in Chesterfield is an entertainment venue called The District. It is transforming the Taubman outlet mall located on the same side of the highway as Top Golf and features an awesome upscale theater with capacity of up to 3,000 called The Factory. As you know, there are vacant Malls sitting all over this country, so we are very grateful that a reputable developer bought ours. Please click on Active Developments on the City's home page (www.chesterfield.mo.us) for the status of the many projects that are underway in our city.

We are both here to serve you. Please contact either of us at any time. Mary Monachella and Barb McGuinness

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RBA INTERNAL MATTER

➤ River Bend Elementary

Expect traffic delays due to more parents dropping off students

Ways to support RBE: drop off **Clorox wipes**, volunteer to be a **guest reader** for a class (can be done virtually), and/or volunteer for the **beautification** of the landscaping

Should the school add a bike rack for families to use after school and on weekends?

Please let Janet Baldwin Heptig know at 314-542-0391

• National Night Out

- October 5, 2021, 6-8 PM
- In partnership with the Chesterfield Police Dept.
- Small gatherings throughout River Bend East and West
- Neighborhood Captains Needed
- Jill Anderson – 314-238-4459 or andersonjill@sbcglobal.net



Janet Baldwin Heptig
Jill Anderson

RBA EXTERNAL MATTERS

- Maryland Heights development plan for the Howard Bend Planning Area
- Olive/River Valley Intersection

Vice President
Mcleod Patton

CLOSING REMARKS

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