

# THE COUNTY CONNECTION

*A newsletter written by and for employees of St. Louis County Government*  
*Charlie A. Dooley, County Executive*

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## Can't get enough of The County Connection?

Every issue, there are some submission materials that don't make it to the final printed copy. Here is that material from the Spring Issue.  
Enjoy!

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FEATURES**

### *One Can Make a Difference...*

Darris Mischeaux, son of MARY WEBSTER (P&R), had a wonderful experience during the summer/winter of 2005, when he volunteered to assist families who suffered from the devastating storms in Kingston, Jamaica, and the gulf coast area of New Orleans, Louisiana (Katrina). The tasks where he provided his assistance involved repairing roofs on homes of affected families, in addition to offering assistance using his skills in the electrical field. His most gratifying experience was when many expressed their sincere appreciation for those who volunteered their time, skills, and resources during this critical point in their lives.

Darris is already making plans to revisit Louisiana during February 2006 to continue his assistance in this devastated crucial area.

she tried to sleep to avoid "jet lag". However, in the seat next to her sat a very large gentleman, which left little room for finding a comfortable position. The plane could not land in London due to the fog, and they had to make an emergency landing in Manchester to take on fuel (fire trucks were standing by). In addition, for security reasons, the passengers could not leave the plane for at least an hour, thereby causing the toilets to overflow.

In spite of her harrowing and uncomfortable first experience, Christine admits she was hooked on travel from the start. If you are planning a trip overseas, Christine has a few tips for the first time traveler. First, you must be adaptable, and second, always be prepared. Bring medications for sleeping, stomach disorders, etc. Last, but not least, it is helpful to do research on the country you are visiting.

Her experience has been, "you don't go to England to eat", but she loved Bath (an old Roman town). Ireland has beautiful scenery, very rural. France for Christine centers around the fabrics, which are not very expensive considering the quality. Russia has history, beautiful museums and breathtaking palaces. However, her favorite country is Italy. It has everything: beautiful scenery, art, history, delicious food and gorgeous men.

Christine is currently reading, "A Thousand Places to See Before You Die", and, as a result, has chosen Germany for her next adventure.

## *Traveler*



Christine Newport

CHRISTINE NEWPORT (Jus Svc), a Case Manager for the Electronic Home Detention Program and Community Center for Alternative Programs, just completed her second Master's degree program. She is also studying to become a Master Doll Maker. In her spare time, she acts and designs and sews costumes for a theater group.

As you can see, Christine is a very busy person, and she likes to reward herself every other year with a trip abroad. She has been to Paris, England, Italy, Ireland and Russia. Her initial introduction to international travel was trying. Christine planned her first trip overseas to England. On the long flight

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"I'd like to take another trip overseas with my daughters. I might even ask Chad (see Page 4) to go along. He'll be retiring in April after 31 years. I've always sorta liked that guy."

THERESA CASE (BOE)



# MORE Department Notes

## Parks & Recreation

### ANNUAL EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARDS

#### Outstanding Service / Achievement Award

Larry Ailor, Steve Sindel and Ted Smith

#### Team Achievement Award

##### *MOT Turntable Team*

Jim Worton	Jerry Levy
Molly Butterworth	Dan McKeever
Nick Ohlmann	Jerry Boyer
Larry Ailor	Mike Shelton
Therese Brady	Dean Ponticello
Ted Link	Andy Miller
Don Richter	Ed Spindler
Keith Ehlen	Steve Earl
Paul Steffens	Carl Niswonger
Barbara Bernsen	Mark Heinhold
Bob Fisher	Matt Stevens
Jimmy McIntosh	Charlie Johnson
Bob Swainberc	Michael Clermont
Robin De Turk	Le Andre Muhammad
	Derrick Carothers

##### *MOT Maintenance Crew Team*

Larry Ailor  
Keith Ehlen  
Paul Steffens  
Don Richter  
Ted Link

##### *Asphalt Crew/OPS Team*

John Dependahl  
Ken Dunn  
Bob Fisher  
Robert LaBoube  
Joseph Switzer  
Lloyd Tiller  
Scotty Wilson

#### Volunteer Management Award

Bob Dunsford  
Marilyn Behle  
Jesse Salas

##### Mentor Award

Eric Johnson  
Margaret (Muggs)  
Michaelree  
Shaun Dulz

#### Outstanding New Professional

Katie Temporiti

#### Customer Service Award

Tim Emmons

#### Innovator Award

Sue Kuhnert  
Gwen Weidknecht  
Bill Briggs

County Executive CHARLIE DOOLEY presided over the grand re-opening of the Queeny Park Ice Rink on February 6. ORF

Construction rebuilt the regulation-size rink, including the floor, the refrigeration system, the dasher boards, and other mechanical and building improvements. Jacobs Facilities, Inc. provided the designs and construction management. Funding came from the Metro Parks tax passed by voters in 2001. Mid State Hockey Association has already reserved ice time for their annual playoffs.

## Board of Elections

Election Office Donates Food to St. Patricks Center - For the fourth year in a row, Election Board staffers dug into their pockets to donate food to St. Patrick's shelter downtown. Beginning after the Thanksgiving holiday, the appeal went out by KATHY KENNEDY that canned goods were needed to help St. Louis' needy get through the winter. Last December more that 20 boxes of food were delivered to St. Patrick's Center downtown by MELISSA MOORE, left, and KATHY PERKINS.



**Melissa Moore and Kathy Perkins deliver the donated goods.**

## H&T / PW

In February and earlier this month, Public Works' Neighborhood Preservation Division hosted an instructional class for St. Louis County landlords. The two-night seminar offered prospective and new small-scale rental property owners insight into the financial and regulatory realities that come with their investment. The course was co-sponsored by Neighborhood Preservation, the University of Missouri Extension Service and the St. Louis Real Estate Investors Association. Attendees at the sold-out courses were counseled on tenant selection, leases, legal issues, marketing, codes and regulations, property maintenance, budgets, business plans, bookkeeping and record keeping.

## NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations to MARY ANN COOPER (Rev) on the birth of her new grandson, Stevie, on February 12, 2006.

LINDA SCHUELLER (Rev) is proud as a peacock of her new grandson, Zane Edward Boroughf born February 13, 2006, at 9:18 A. M. weighing in at 7 pounds 4 ounces and 19 3/4 inches long, our congratulations go out to her and husband, Carl.

KATIE TEMPORITI (P&R), Administrative Assistant, gave birth to her son John Joseph Temporiti III, on Saturday, January 14, at 11:59pm.