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Groundbreaking Ceremony for Chesterfield SportsComplex Set for November 10 Chesterfield Hockey Association Launches Partnership with Maryville University

Chesterfield, MO – Chesterfield Hockey Association will break ground on the new Chesterfield SportsComplex in a ceremony on Saturday, November 10, 2018 from 10:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Development for the complex began in September and is expected to take 11 months to complete. The grand opening is estimated for late summer 2019.

Attending the groundbreaking ceremony will be city officials from Chesterfield, board members of Chesterfield Hockey Association, developers and contractors for the project, club members and donors.

The 84,000 square-foot facility will feature two NHL-sized rinks, seating for approximately 2,000 spectators, a second-floor viewing platform, locker rooms, team meeting rooms and offices. The estimated cost for the complex is \$21.5 million and funding will come from charitable contributions, bank financing and funding from the Chesterfield Valley Transportation Development District for public infrastructure improvements associated with the project.

Mark Kraus, Board President for Chesterfield Hockey Association said, “We are thrilled to get this project underway and that we will be adding two sheets of ice to the St. Louis community, which is in great need of more rinks. This project would not be possible without the support of Maryville University, our many donors, the city of Chesterfield and the members of our club. We look forward to recognizing those folks at the ceremony.”

Chesterfield Hockey Association and Maryville University have entered into a long-term partnership that includes underwriting from Maryville as well as an agreement for the university’s men’s and women’s hockey teams to make the SportsComplex their home. The university was instrumental in helping the project come to fruition and will help with the sustainability of the complex because of their use of ice during non-peak hours. They are the largest leaseholder of the complex.

“Partnering with Chesterfield Hockey Association on this complex is a win-win. Our new collegiate hockey teams need ice they can both practice and compete. Having a state-of-the-art facility nearby gives them a convenient and welcoming place to call home,” said Mark Lombardi, PhD, president of Maryville University. “We look forward to supporting this complex and the greater hockey community it will serve.”

In addition to Chesterfield Hockey Association and Maryville University, several local high schools committed to using the new facility include Marquette, Lafayette, Parkway West, St. Louis Priory, and Ft. Zumwalt West.

Chesterfield Hockey Association will continue to focus on their fundraising efforts during the construction phase in order to raise an additional \$800,000 before the grand opening next summer. The Association was founded in 1995 as a not-for-profit corporation established for the development and operation of amateur youth hockey in far west St. Louis County. CHA enrolls about 400 players each season and hundreds more in spring and summer leagues.

For additional information about the Chesterfield SportsComplex, visit chesterfieldsportscomplex.org.