

EX ALDERMAN NEWSLETTER 220 AND CHESTERFIELD 165



By John Hoffmann

March 22, 2016

THINKING ABOUT BUYING A TESLA? PROP V WILL COST YOU

MORE: If Prop V the car sales tax proposal passes on April 5 at the polls and you live in Town and Country or Chesterfield and are thinking about buying a Tesla all electric car get ready to fork over \$1,522 more in sales taxes for your car. The sales tax proposals in T&C and Chesterfield are for cars purchased from non-dealers in Missouri and out of state dealers. The Missouri State taxes would be collected but under the Hancock amendment voters have to decide if they want to tax themselves at the local level.



The average price of a Tesla is currently \$101,500. If you add on a 1.5% municipal sales tax that equals \$1,522.

The reason that a Tesla purchased after April 5 would not be eligible for municipal sales taxes if these propositions fail is that Teslas are not sold by car dealers. They are sold direct from the manufacturer.

TOWN AND COUNTRY NEWSLETTER GIVES INCORRECT INFORMATION OF SALE TAX BALLOT ISSUE AND THEN IN SOME ISSUES OMITTS THE CANDIDATE STATEMENTS. We reported last week how the City of Town and Country posted incorrect information of the Prop V Sales on its website. It was immediately corrected after we called them on it.

The very next day Mayor/Cigarette Lobbyist and Stealer of a Widow's Property Jon Dalton gave the same incorrect information in a speech at the Coffee with the Mayor. Then the next day the City's newsletter arrives in my mailbox with the same incorrect information about Prop V.

A conflict of interest Meanwhile in Jefferson City Dalton has registered "Enough about Taxes, LLC" as a client with his Lobbying work. The address of this client is Dalton's law firm and the phone number rings at the desk of Dalton's private secretary. Then his paralegal at his law firm is the registered agent for "Enough About Taxes."

It seems to me that since there is no PR about who is behind this group and what it stands for, alderpersons should be asking the mayor so there is no conflict of interest. I wrote my alderwoman and if you live in Town and Country I'd suggest you do the same thing, just to make sure there is nothing being hidden that could be embarrassing. Because it sure looks like Armstrong-Teasdale and Dalton are trying to hide something.

Here is what I wrote followed by the response I got from my alderwoman:

On Mar 16, 2016, at 1:48 AM, John Hoffmann <johnhoffmann@charter.net> wrote:

Since you are my elected representative I have a question for you.

What is the "Enough About Taxes, LLC" that is using the address of the mayor's law office and the phone number direct to the Mayor's desk about?

The LLC registered agent is a paralegal with the mayor's law firm.

Without knowing what it stands for or is about there is a clear question of a possible conflict of interest with his duties with the city.

Could you answer these questions for me?

John Hoffmann

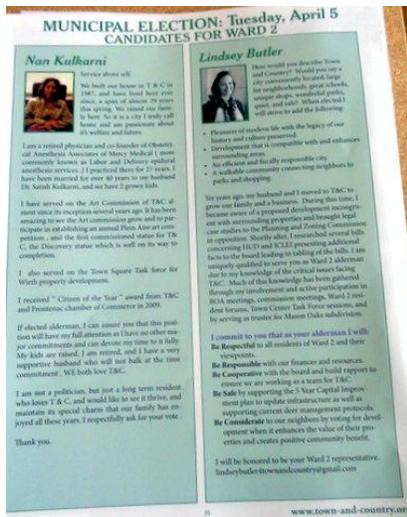
John,

I am not familiar with the Mayor's clients nor do I know what type of business Enough About Taxes, LLC is. If you know of a specific conflict of interest regarding this firm and T&C please let me know.

Thanks,

Tiffany

MISSING FROM THE CITY NEWSLETTER: A portion of the city's newsletter went out with the page containing the candidate statements in the only contested race between Nan Kulkarni and Lindsey Butler missing. My city newsletter arrived with the page, but Butler's arrived without the page.



I found it interesting that the number one issue in Ward 2 for the last eight years has been deer and deer management. Neither candidate mentioned deer in their statements in the city's newsletter.

Dr. Nan Kulkarni's first mailer did not mention deer, but she tells me her second mailer will. Lindsey Butler's first mailer did list deer control as an issue.

PLEASE DON'T CALL IT A MAGAZINE OR ITS CONTENTS ARTICLES: Town and Country Living really isn't a "magazine." They have almost zero editorial costs since they have readers write the content. The content pieces are not really articles, since there is no basis to check for accuracy or fairness. It is pretty much an advertising rag mailer sent to everyone's house in Town and Country with some pages containing non-advertising filler.

That said it seemed to me to be quite outrageous to run a two-page spread on Lindsey Butler as a candidate for the Ward-2 Council and not at least offer to have Nan Kulkarni, her opponent, fill up a similar amount of space.



An outstanding photo of Lindsey

Lindsey was smart as she got her position (which in this piece mentioned deer control) mailed free of charge to everyone's home in Ward 2. Alderwoman Tiffany Frautschi got similar coverage last year, but it was before the filing date opened, not three weeks before the election.

Here is the email I sent to Dana Young the Chesterfield resident who puts together and mails this advertiser Town and Country Living out once a month:

From: John Hoffmann [mailto:johnhoffmann@charter.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2016 11:53 PM
To: 'dana.young@n2pub.com'
Subject: question

How do you have Town and Country covered when three weeks before an election you only do one profile of the only two candidates in Town and Country races?

How do you justify this? The other candidate has only lived in Town and Country for 27 years.

In your publisher notes you used the words "articles" and "magazine." Those words might infer to an unsuspecting reader that there is a hint of journalism in your publication. But clearly there is not a drop of ethics. Granted your mailer consisted of content written for free by people with self serving goals, keeping your costs down.

But not to offer space to the other candidate is beyond unprofessional. (I know you did not because I talked to her Tuesday afternoon.)

Apparently fairness is not a consideration. Perhaps you could at least stop calling the publication a "magazine" and its content "articles/"

John Hoffmann

Here is the response:

From: Dana Young [mailto:dana.young@n2pub.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2016 12:49 PM
To: John Hoffmann
Subject: Re: question

John

We print articles submitted by residents, period....I don't look for equality, it is not journalism, it is a neighborhood newsletter with content submitted by residents. Anyone who has an article of interest can submit it.

Regards

P.S.

I am presently out of town, if you would like to meet for coffee next week, Let me know.

Dana Young AD
Town and Country Living
[314-740-4653](tel:314-740-4653)
dana.young@n2pub.com

MARCH COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR: We reported last week how Mayor/Cigarette Lobbyist/Snatcher of Widow's Property and Business by Eminent Domain for an Underfunded Night Club District Jon Dalton began his "March Coffee with the Mayor" by lying about the April Ballot issue on allowing city sales tax to be collected on the purchase of out-of-state cars and in-state cars from non dealers. He forgot to mention the part about the in-state sales.

The one-hour event on Friday March 11 featured State Senator Jill Schupp, State Rep. Sue Allen and State Rep and former Pine Lawn Municipal Judge Dean Plocher. Unfortunately just like at annual subdivision meetings Dalton talked on and on constantly patting himself on the back before a large crowd. It was a half hour before we heard from the state legislators.



I spoke privately to the three legislators.

DEAN PLOCHER UPSET WITH REPORTS OF AMOUNT OF REVENUE HE PRODUCED FOR THE CITY OF PINE LAWN AS THE MUNICIPAL JUDGE. I asked Dean Plocher if the Pine Lawn Municipal Court would call back cases involving the former Chief of Police Ricky Collins and Ast. Police Chief Blakeney and dismiss any convictions since both are well documented as giving perjured testimony.

Plocher said that those two were not allowed to testify by the city prosecutor and other officers had to write the citations and appear as witnesses. Keep in mind the former Police Chief Ricky Collins can't work as a police officer anywhere else in Missouri, due to a rape he is accused of committing in a bathroom at the Schnuck's store on Natural Bridge Road. The former assistant chief Steven Blakeney is serving time in Federal Prison for falsely arresting a woman running against the former mayor on trumped up charges. The mayor who kept Plocher on the bench is also in Federal Prison in connection with the same case. Plocher accepted a guilty plea to an amended charge by the women who was framed and did not do anything illegal.



My next question really pissed Plocher off. I mentioned that his court was generating over 40% (actually 48%) of the general revenue for tiny Pine Lawn (3,425 population and 0.6 sq mile). Plocher collected \$1.7 million annual in court fines, while Chesterfield with 32 square miles and 48,000 residents only collected \$1.2 million in court fines.

"That is wrong it is not true," Plocher said of the 48% of the city's general fund being from court fines. That caused me to ask how much was from court fines. "30-percent!" said Plocher. That 30% if true would move Plocher's former court from the fourth worst to the eight worst in the County.

County Municipalities Rely on Traffic Ticket Revenue to Operate

*by Anna Stalker
Published December 10, 2014*

Outside the courthouse in Pine Lawn, Missouri, the unsteady sidewalk is coated in cold rain, and fog blurs the lights of nearby industrial buildings. The court entrance is brightly lit beneath a green awning, as uniformed cops cluster near the glass door. Last year, Pine Lawn depended on court fines and fees to **make up 48.12% of its general operating budget**. The small municipality takes up just 0.6 square miles in North St. Louis County, and almost a third of its citizens live below the poverty line. State law dictates that a municipality cannot use court fines and fees to fund more than 30% of its yearly budget, but in 2013, 21 county municipalities funded over 20% of their budget in this way. According to a recent [study](#) by Better Together, a local nonprofit collecting economic data about the St. Louis region, eight municipalities illegally exceeded the 30% cap.

This from the Arch Defenders White paper on Muni Courts

As Ray Downs from the RiverFront Times reported, the amount collected through the municipal courts seems to be inversely proportional to the wealth of the municipality. For example, **the City of Pine Lawn is 96 percent black, and "its per capita income a measly \$13,000. In 2013 the city collected more than \$1.7 million in fines and court fees."** 23 Conversely, **"the affluent west-county suburb of Chesterfield, with a population of 47,000 (about fifteen times bigger than Pine Lawn) and a per capita income of \$50,000, collected just \$1.2 million from municipal fines, according to statistics compiled by the state."** 24

BETTER TOGETHER STUDY that shows the percentage of muni court fines that make up the city's general fund.

MUNICIPALITIES COLLECTING OVER 20% OF GENERAL REVENUE FROM MUNICIPAL COURT FINES & FEES
MUNICIPALITY % OF GENERAL REVENUE FROM FINES & FEES

- CALVERTON PARK 66.32%
- BELLA VILLA 57.38%
- VINITA TERRACE 51.83%
- PINE LAWN 48.12%**
- NORMANDY 40.61%
- SAINT ANN 37.47%
- EDMUNDSON 34.86%
- MOLINE ACRES 31.06%
- BELLERIVE 29.38%
- COOL VALLEY 29.11%

PLOCHER IN MY FUNNIEST PHOTO OF THE WEEK: I had left my metal water container at the Longview Farmhouse and returned an hour after the meeting was over to get it. Keep in mind the male demographics at that meeting were white and old.

Plocher was the youngest male there and the best looking. However there were plenty of younger women at the meeting. When I returned I found that Plocher was surrounded an hour after the meeting was over.



Plocher surrounded

It was odd seeing Sen. Jill Schupp at a function being hosted by a Republican Lobbyist. It was even odder to hear her say, "You have a wonderful mayor."

I asked Jill about **why there is no big move for municipal court reform** and at least make it illegal to reduce moving violations to parking tickets. Schupp said it would be a tough sell for legislators to tell voters that they can't go to a "ticket fixing" law firm and spend \$350 and get out of a speeding ticket.

I asked if it was alright for the good drivers to have to underwrite the bad drivers' insurance since the parking tickets do not go on driving records for insurance companies to find. She said that maybe she would consider it after her last term before she was forced out due to term limits, but it would still be tough to pass.

So a corrupt system continues due to elected officials being afraid to do the right thing.



Jill Schupp

THE MAYOR CANCELS CASUAL FRIDAY FOR A NUMBER OF PEOPLE AT CITY HALL: Normally on Fridays employees get to wear casual clothes to work. That was not the case on Friday March 11 for Coffee with the Mayor. Most of the City Hall Staff was at the Longview Farmhouse. I'm not sure why, but my guess would be to bail out Dalton if he got a tough question he couldn't handle. None the people there were wearing polo shirts or jeans.

I was at City Hall later in the day and two employees were wearing casual clothes. They both said they did so figuring they could avoid going to the Coffee with the Mayor.

They were just one person short from having enough members of the Planning and Zoning Commission for a quorum at the event. They have had to cancel two recent Planning and Zoning meeting as not enough members were present.



Just some of the city employees in forced attendance at Coffee with the Mayor without their normal Friday polo shirts or jeans.

One positive note, with a deficit budget, lots of Starbucks coffee and snacks were on hand and there were plenty of leftovers that should have gone to city hall for workers and cops. On the next Monday at the 9:30 Ward-2 Residential Forum there were no treats or drinks, but a pretty good size crowd.



BUSINESS: SIX BUCKS...ER I MEN STARBUCKS IS COMING TO A NEW LOCATION IN TOWN AND COUNTRY CROSSING: Despite there being a Starbucks

inside the Target store and one at Mason Village Center, we understand there will be a new Starbucks with a drive through at the Town and Country Crossing Shopping Center. The Starbucks should be close to the Clayton Road entrance in the northwest end of the center.



IF YOU LIKE ST. LOUIS STYLE PIZZA THIS IS BAD NEWS, BUT IF YOU HATE ST. LOUIS PIZZA THIS MIGHT BE ALRIGHT: In the last year we did a review of Katie's Pizza in Rock Hill and wrote it was overpriced and made us wish we were across the street at Farotto's. We hear the Katie's is now coming to Town and Country and will be opening in The Clayton Road Village Shopping Center (where the mortgage center, Einstein's Bagels and Jimmy John's are located on the southeast corner of Woods Mill and Clayton Road.) Meanwhile the Northeast corner of Clayton and Ballas Roads remains an empty lot and eyesore after alderpersons turned down a Tim Horton's.

WITH A DEFICIT BUDGET THE CITY SUDDENLY WANTS TO SPEND \$17,700 IN UNBUDGETED MONEY FOR A SURVEY: You might think with a current \$705,395 budget deficit maybe the alderpersons might lay off spending down the reserve except for truly important and necessary projects. Well if you are talking about the Town and Country Board of Aldermen you would be wrong.

First-read was a bill to spend \$17,700 for Terry Jones, PhD at the University of Missouri St. Louis to conduct a survey of residents of what they want. The money was not in the 2016 budget passed in December of 2015.

Dalton, kept referring to Jones as "Doctor Jones" but I don't believe he can write a prescription like my vet, dentist or doctor can, so I'll refer to him as Mr. Jones.

Jones last did a survey in 2008 for the city on deer and asked an ambiguous question that screwed up the entire survey allowing the results to be treated completely different by each opposing side.

Here is what I know that residents want: for the cops , fire department or ambulance to show up in five minutes of being called , for the streets to be plowed and for there to be a nice park to go to.

Ald. Gussie Crawford moved to make this sponsored by the Board as a Whole. So much for anyone squeezing nickels! If I'm contacted I'll say I want a city government that doesn't spend \$17,700 on an unbudgeted survey while the budget is operating in a deficit.

ORIGINAL ARCHITECTURE REVIEW BOARD MEMBER DIES: Carl Scheibal, 76, was an original member of the Town and Country's ARB . He died on Saturday March 12. Scheibal was an electrical engineer and spent 31 years I the Air Force Reserve and Missouri Air National Guard retiring as a Colonel.



Scheibal lived with his wife Jean at 12562 Windmoor Place.

THORNHILL SUBDIVISION RESIDENTS GO AFTER TRUSTEES AT ARCHITECTURE REVIEW BOARD MEETING. At the March 14 Architectural Review Board Meeting a number of residents from the Thornhill subdivision were present and they were not getting along. They were there over the plans to tear down an original home and replace it with a very large house at 13354 Thornhill Drive.

A number of residents complained about how the house did not match any other styles in the subdivision. Members of the ARB then got them to admit there were at least four other oversized homes that have been built in the subdivision.

But then Randy Stevens, president of the board of trustees of the subdivision, a former brewer at A-B, spoke in favor of the house and how the builder has changed plans and been cooperating with the trustees.

Stevens has little credibility since he tried to get the police commission to approve allowing golf carts to be operated on the narrow, curvy and hilly streets, claiming the vast majority of the residents wanted the golf carts to "enhance socialization." Another

resident did a scientific survey that showed Stevens had lied and the vast majority of the residents abhorred the idea of golf carts on the streets of the 121 home- subdivision.

At the April 2015 trustee election Stevens who was not up for reelection refused to step down as president and two board members quit. Stevens replaced them by appointing two neighbors who were new to the subdivision and did not know any better.

Former alderman Steve Hamilton, whose wife resigned from the board over Stevens, spoke. He pointed out that trustee Tim Welsh (who ran a bit of a smear campaign in losing to Tiffany Frautschi for alderman last year) of having a conflict of interest since he had represented the property owner, Muhammad Attique in some legal dealing involving his businesses.

This brought out outrage from Stevens. One of the non-elected replacement trustees also spoke in not so kindly terms to the long time local residents. What all this means is that the April subdivision meeting should be interesting.

Then I went up and spoke and pointed out that requested changes might be slow in coming with the plans since Attique has still not paid \$6,884 in back real estate taxes on the property.

Of course none of this had any effect on the ARB as the members voted unanimously to approve the building plans. Some heated words between neighbors continued outside of City Hall.



THEN FIVE DAYS LATER THIS:



Four blocks of homes were without water for 5-hours on a Friday evening. What's next a gas leak and explosion? Neighbors reported the builder's construction crew tried to flee the scene after rupturing the water main and neighbors were forced to call the police.

MARIETTE PALMER WANTS PIZZA! The city's official kook, whacko, goof and gadfly Mariette Palmer was the only speaker from the public at the Board of Alderman Meeting on March 14. At first she repeated herself. For at least the 15th time since moving to town in 2006 I heard Palmer claim she and her husband's lawsuit against zoning laws in St. Louis County in 1980-81 which they lost was the reason that Town and Country annexed a huge portion of land. (In reality Police protection was the top reason and zoning was secondary along with a smaller more responsive form of government.)

But then Mariette completely changed gears and said there needed to be pizza delivered at Board of Aldermen meetings because elected officials should not have to make decisions on empty stomachs.



MEDIA: INTERESTING POST DISPATCH ARTICLE ON THE TOWN AND COUNTRY TOWN SQUARE PROJECT THAT MISSED A FEW

FACTS: In the Sunday March 20 edition of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch there was a feature article by reporter Jesse Bogan on the Town and Country Town Square project. Frankly it was one-side and did not give the whole story. Bogan claimed the Town Square would be a "gathering place" for the community and did not bother to mention the Longview Park and Farmhouse/Community Center located 1/2 mile down the road or the 499 acre Queeny Park 1.5 miles down Mason Road.

He also did not give both sides to the finance issue or the story in general.

Here is a link to the story.

http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/metro/what-makes-a-community-a-town-some-country-and-now/article_10990514-1be2-5f6d-8d7a-7733d4c6658b.html

Here are my comments to the story posted in the online sections comments section:



[John Hoffmann](#) ·
[Town and Country, Missouri](#)

Several items about the Town Square Project. Town and Country bought a piece of property the land owners had been unable to sell for 10 years. The city paid \$2.3 million plus the land owners got a \$1-million tax write off. The city staff estimated it will cost \$1.3 million to develop the property with infrastructure, storm water retention plus parking and a retail area. The staff also estimated it would cost \$80,000 a year to maintain the property. Suddenly you are looking at

taking over 30-percent of that cash reserve.

Secondly the city bought the property with no plan on what to do with it. Currently there is talk of having two restaurants in the retail area. Skip Mange stated he did not want a restaurant that would draw people from all over West County. Good luck finding a businessman and restaurateur who doesn't want to be too successful.

Thirdly forget about concerts. The lot is 8.8 acres. Two acres or more will be for water retention to keep the improved lot from drowning a subdivision behind and below it. Two acres are for the retail. Plus there is parking. This leaves 3.5 acres for a park. This area will abut two subdivisions and a condo complex where the residents will not stand for night time concerts. Also there is already a large city park 1/2 mile west on Clayton Road which is a fine gathering place and the 499 acre Queeny Park 1.5 miles down Mason Road.

Finally how do you have a square on just one side of the street? It has been rumored that the mayor wanted to buy property from Principia for a new City Hall across the street . Mange fueled these rumors when he gave a power point talk at a subdivision meeting and brought the subject up. He later said it was a "mistake." If that came to be most of that large cash reserve would vanish. I am kind of surprised the reporter missed these issues.

Here is a reply to my comments which was pretty much on the mark:



[Michael Ryan](#) ·
[St. Louis](#)

I am not surprised at all that the reporter missed those issues. It read like a Chamber of Commerce press release.

UNAPPROVED CHESTERFIELD NEWSLETTER 165



March 22, 2016

CITY OF CHESTERFIELD SEIZES COUNCILMAN CANDIDATE'S POLITICAL SIGNS LOCATED AT CITY HALL ON MARCH 15 ELECTION DAY. Throw the first amendment out the window and piss off a possible future member of the city council and some current council persons plus the leaders of the local GOP township. City Staff outdoes itself last Tuesday.

I don't know about you about when I go to the polls in the spring I expect to see people campaigning outside of the polling place for the August primary or a ballot issue in November. That was true for the Presidential Primary election on March 15. Connie Fults had her signs all over the JCC and other Ward 4 Polling Places. She and her husband worked the voters coming and going. Her opponent Tom Decampi was also working the polls and had volunteers at several polls all with signs up.

So it was interesting when City Council Ward 2 candidate Pat Flynn had his signs removed from in front of the polling place at City Hall. City Director of Service Mike Geisel took the signs saying the Interim City Attorney Harry O'Rourke had said only signs of candidates on the ballot for that day could be up. The signs were taken by the city late in the morning.

Apparently former State Senator Jane Cunningham, who was part of a GOP support group backing several candidates for the April 5 election, felt that O'Rourke was violating candidates' first amendment rights.

She said she called the Board of Elections and got an opinion that there was no such prohibition and such campaigning was considered a first amendment right. She called Mike Geisel back and the signs were returned and put back up around 4 PM. She said she was told the city had an agreement with the BOE to prohibit such signs on election day at City Hall, but no one could locate it.

I found it to be amazing that the City Staff fell into this trap. If there is no agreement they are clearly violating a first amendment right of a candidate. If there is an agreement it looks petty enforcing it since the signs are allowed at all other polling places in the city. I got a copy of the agreement and there was nothing in the agreement with the BOE to prohibit or seize signs and the BOE specifically mentions where signs should be placed.

The proper thing for Geisel to say when he received a complaint from an opponent of Kelly would have been, "I am a little busy right now. I will get to it first thing tomorrow."

Here is what I did: I sent a Sunshine request to City Hall asking to see the city policy prohibiting election signs at polling places for current or future elections and any agreement with the Board of Elections allowing such a prohibition.

From: John Hoffmann [mailto:johnhoffmann@charter.net]

Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2016 12:48 AM

To: 'Vickie Hass'

Subject: Missouri Sunshine Request

March 16, 2016

TO: Vickie Hass. City Clerk
City of Chesterfield

RE: Missouri Sunshine Request

This is a request under the Missouri Sunshine Open Records Law for the following:

Any City of Chesterfield policy concerning on **election day** while the city hall is being used as a polling place against placing candidate signs for the election in progress or for a future election to be held at that poll on property associated with the city hall polling place.

And/or any written agreement between the City of Chesterfield and the St. Louis County Board of Elections prohibiting or allowing a prohibition of such signs on election day.

John Hoffmann

Here is the response:

John,

I have attached a copy of the Polling Place Agreement for 2016 between City of Chesterfield and St. Louis County Board of Elections as you requested.

The City has no individual policy directly dealing with “Any City of Chesterfield policy concerning on election day while the City Hall is being used as a polling place against placing candidate signs for the election in progress or for a future election to be held at that poll on property associated with the City Hall polling place”.

Thanks,

Vickie Hass
City Clerk

BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS
12 SUNNEN DR
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63143



POLLING PLACE DESIGNATION FOR TAX-SUPPORTED PUBLIC BUILDINGS - 2016

TOWNSHIP: CHE
NAME OF BUILDING: CHESTERFIELD CITY HALL
ADDRESS: 690 CHESTERFIELD PKY W
CHESTERFIELD MO 63017

Pursuant to Section 115.117, the above-mentioned building has been designated for use as a polling place for elections in 2016. DATES OF REGULAR ELECTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS: MARCH 15, APRIL 5, AUGUST 2, AND NOVEMBER 8, 2016. You will be notified immediately if, and when, your building is needed for any special election.

The premises will provide access to the building for the delivery and recovery of the voting equipment (up to 6 days prior and 6 days post-election); access from 5:00 am to approximately 8:00 pm or as necessary to complete voting process; access to parking; access to restroom facilities; provide tables, chairs, electrical outlets for voting equipment and maintain a suitable and appropriate comfort level of heat and air; shall allow electioneering by candidates and campaign signage, as required by law, 25 feet from the building entry. No employee of the building shall interfere with the conduct of the election nor restrict access to voters or election officials on Election Day.

ROOM/AREA DESIGNATED FOR VOTING: Multi Purpose Room PHONE: 636-537-5609

MORE FROM THE POLLS: I heard from one person working a poll in Ward-4 that Connie Fults' husband complained about about this newsletter, claimed Ethics' Commission complaints against Connie had been dismissed (they have not) and called me fat. This caused the person to say, "Huh, what did you say." Apparently Mr. Fults responded that I had high cholesterol instead of calling me fat again.

He should have stuck with fat. He is correct. I'm fat. Often when people ask me, "How are you;" I respond with how I'm trying to keep up with the tweeter age and say "I am FST." They look confused and I respond, "Fat and Sixty-Three."

While my overall heath is horrible the one good thing is my cholesterol. For a year now it has been at 185 or a little less.



Fat me (on the right)



Connie

CITY ATTORNEY PUTS IN WRITING THREE TIMES THAT WAS NO CONTRACT WITH LAWYER TRYING IMPEACH MAYOR, BUT NOW CLAIMS THERE IS A CONTRACT: At the Monday March 7 meeting Interim City Attorney tried to claim there was a contract between Chesterfield and lawyer Kevin O'Keefe but he put in writing three times there was not a written contract.

Here are written responses to Sunshine Law Requests concerning any contract between the City of Chesterfield and Kevin O'Keefe or his law firm.

October 27, 2015 from Interim City Attorney Harry O'Rourke to attorney Chet Pleban:

The following are the responses to your requests for records in your letter of October 21, 2015:

1. The Contract with Kevin O'Keefe and or his law firm.

Response: There is no such contract

October 13, 2105 from Interim City Attorney Harry O'Rourke to me in response to a Missouri Open Records Sunshine request:

From: Harry O'Rourke [mailto:horourke@smhhlaw.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2015 2:15 PM
To: John Hoffmann
Cc: 'Vickie Hass'
Subject: RE: Missouri Sunshine Law Open Records request

Dear Mr. Hoffmann,

I have been asked to respond to your sunshine request of last Thursday (see below). **There is no contract for legal services with Mr. O'Keefe or his law firm and the City of Chesterfield or its City Council.** Further, Mr. O'Keefe has not yet submitted a bill for his services, and no fees have been paid to him yet. Therefore, there are no documents to produce responsive to your request.

October 13 from Interim City Attorney to Jane Cunningham in response to an Open records request:

From: Harry O'Rourke <horourke@smhhlaw.com>
Date: October 13, 2015 at 2:22:39 PM CDT
To: "jane.cunningham7@gmail.com" <jane.cunningham7@gmail.com>
Subject: response to request for information

Dear Ms. Cunningham,

This email is in further response to your request for information from last Thursday, as clarified by your email to me of last Friday evening.

There is no contract for legal services with Mr. O'Keefe or his law firm and the City of Chesterfield or its City Council. Further, Mr. O'Keefe has not yet submitted a bill for his services, and no fees have been paid to him yet. Therefore, there are no documents to produce responsive to your request.

NOW A CONTRACT IS SUDDENLY PRODUCED THAT DOESN'T LOOK MUCH LIKE A CONTRACT: After denying in writing there was a contract for legal services with

Kevin O'Keefe to two different Missouri Sunshine Law requests on October 13 and another one on October 27, suddenly Interim City Attorney Harry O'Rourke in March of 2016 produces what he claims is a contract dated July 17, 2015.

The alleged contract does not look like a contract but merely a letter that Kevin O'Keefe made a note on the bottom and signed his first name without dating it.

There is a follow up memo. O'Rourke lists possible witnesses and suggests that they all be interviewed at City Hall. Included on the list is Connie Fults as a witness. Fults was not present when Mayor Nation swore in the closed office of Ast. City Administrator Libby Malberg-Tucker and she has been a vocal political opponent of the mayor for several years.



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ATTORNEYS AT LAW

Harold V. O'Rourke
horourke@smho

July 17, 2015

Mr. Kevin O'Keefe
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Curtis, Heinz, Garrett & O'Keefe, P.C.
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Clayton, Missouri 63105

RE: City of Chesterfield

Dear Kevin:

It was a great pleasure to meet you earlier this week. With this letter, and as we discussed, I confirm my wish to retain your services on behalf of the City of Chesterfield, to conduct an investigation into the recent allegations concerning Mayor Bob Nation.

The City Council has authorized me to retain outside counsel to conduct an investigation of the interaction between Mayor Nation and [REDACTED] that took place on July 1, 2015. Your investigation also may include any relevant surrounding information you believe may be relevant to understand the context of this latest interaction between the Mayor and [REDACTED]. While I do not want to open every can of worms that may exist, your investigation can expand to other relevant factors that you believe would help the Council make a determination of how best to respond to the latest allegations against the Mayor.

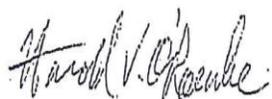
After you conduct your investigation and research the matter, please prepare written findings of fact and a recommendation to the Council on how to respond to the matter. In your recommendations, please discuss your opinion as to the extent of potential liability, if any, that the City may face based on your findings regarding the allegations against the Mayor.

As we discussed, your rate for this will be \$300.00 per hour for your services, not to exceed a cap of \$10,000.00. If during the course of the investigation, you find significant and serious allegations that you would recommend exploring further and would require additional funds, please let me know as early as possible, so I can address that with the Council. You can and should send your invoices directly to me.

I am enclosing with this letter a copy of the report of [REDACTED], as well as a list of names of individuals you may wish to contact for initial interviews. Thank you for your

assistance in this matter. If you need anything from me during this process, please let me know and I will do everything I can to assist.

Very truly yours,



Harold V. O'Rourke

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THANKS, HARRY.
THIS LETTER REPEATS THE TERMS
WE DISCUSSED AND AGREED TO.
I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU.
-Yuri

MEMORANDUM

TO: Kevin O'Keefe
FROM: Harry O'Rourke *HO*
DATE: July 17, 2015
RE: City of Chesterfield Investigation – list of potential witnesses

Here is a list of individuals you may want to contact for initial interviews. Mike Herring is directing all City employees that you choose to interview to make themselves available to you, and to be open and honest with you.

Please contact Mike Herring or his assistant Pam Shelton to arrange for a conference room at City Hall to conduct the interviews. They can also help schedule any employee to meet with you if you wish.

Mike Herring suggested that you interview the Mayor off campus. I will leave that up to you. If you do wish to meet off campus, with the Mayor or anyone else, I will make my offices available to you at your convenience, if you wish.

1. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
City of Chesterfield
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
2. Hon. Bob Nation
Mayor
City of Chesterfield
E-mail: bnation@chesterfield.mo.us
3. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
City of Chesterfield
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
4. Mr. Michael Herring
City Administrator
City of Chesterfield
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City Hall Phone: (636) 537 – 4000

5. Ms. Connie Fults
Councilmember and President Pro-Tem
City of Chesterfield
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6. Mr. Michael Geisel
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City of Chesterfield
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It is interesting that in the above memo to Kevin O'Keefe the City Administrator is suggesting who O'Keefe should interview as part of his "independent investigation."

At a City Council meeting in early November when the question of transparency came up Fults made the statement "the City has nothing to hide." If that is the case why on three occasions did the city lie when responding to Missouri Sunshine Law Requests claiming there was no contract with Kevin O'Keefe? Or is the City now lying in March of 2016 when they produce a July 2015 letter claiming that it is a contract?



Interim City Attorney Harry O'Rourke in search of a clue and possibly a new lie. In October three times he claimed there was no contract for legal services with Kevin O'Keefe in 2015 and then in March 2016 claims a letter from July was a contract. He then claims election signs outside of a polling place are illegal on March 15 and has a city department head seize the signs. Turns out they are perfectly legal. The longer O'Rourke is employed by the city the more likely there will be a lawsuit thanks to his incompetence.

DEREK GRIER, FORMER BOY COUNCILMAN WITH BREAKING NEWS AT CITY COUNCIL MEETING: At the March 7 Chesterfield City Council meeting the actual meeting was led off with citizen comments.

Those speaking included Derek Grier. The former councilman who in 2015 announced he would not seek reelection so he can spend more time with his wife and kids and promptly three months after leaving office announced he was running for the state rep's seat in the 100th District, claimed to have news.



Grier who was a tied to the anti Mayor Nation group of Connie Fults, Mike Casey, Elliot Grissom (who is still on the Council despite moving miles out of Chesterfield to the City of Wildwood) stated that the Council has an invoice for legal service and should pay it. and "get this behind them." (Half the council disagreed and voted against paying it in a closed session.)

The second thing he wanted to say was to tell the Council that the City Administrator Mike Herring was retiring at the end of the month. (Like the council was not aware of this.)

He said thirdly that he wanted to announce "tonight" that he was running for state representative in the 100th District. Grier apparently has had a head injury and is suffering from memory lapses. He announced this sometime ago as on September 4, 2015 when he filed an election committee with the Missouri Ethics Commission for this race, after announcing he would run in July of 2015. He has had a campaign website set up for over seven months. If he thinks he is just announcing this he is either delusional or as mentioned suffering from head trauma.

In rechecking his website he still does not mention he attended Principia High School and Principia College, exclusive enclaves only for members of the Christian Science Church. It might be hard to get elected to a position where you debate and vote on health care issues if you don't believe in doctors, medicine or hospitals.

Checking his 4th Quarter Campaign finance report Grier claimed to have \$6,115 on hand at the end of 2015. Interestingly for the fourth quarter Grier claimed to have

collected only \$1,000 from people who he knew their names and address and \$2,443 from people who he did not know their names or addresses.

At the same time Grier's opponent Mike Allen, the husband of current State Rep. Sue Allen who is term limited out of office at the end of 2016, had \$32,194 in contributions at the end of 2015. In the fourth quarter Allen collected \$9,176. Also Allen knew the names and addresses of everyone giving him a campaign contribution.

DRIVE THROUGH FOR PANERA BEARD IN FOUR SEASONS SHOPPING CENTER PASSES AT THE PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: I counted nine people in the room from St. Louis Bread Co./Panera Beard, all ready to answer a question if one should come up. There was one question handled by project attorney Mike Doster. The plans were approved 4-0 and passed on to the City Council.



Planned front of the Panera's



Existing view of Mongolian BBQ



Overview of planned drive through

44-YEAR-OLD BALLWIN WOMAN CHARGED WITH SUPPLYING BOOZE TO MINORS AT HOTEL PARTY WHERE 19-YEAR-OLD WAS ARRESTED FOR

CHOKING GIRLS: On Wednesday night/Thursday morning March 10 at 2:50 AM Chesterfield Police were dispatched to a disturbance at the Comfort Inn at 18375 Chesterfield Airport Road.

Things escalated after the call was made. Chesterfield Police ended up arresting **Cole Sanders, 19**, of St. Peters for Minor in Possession of Alcoholic Beverages, Peace Disturbance and Assault. He was cited for the minor offenses and released pending warrant application on the assault charges.

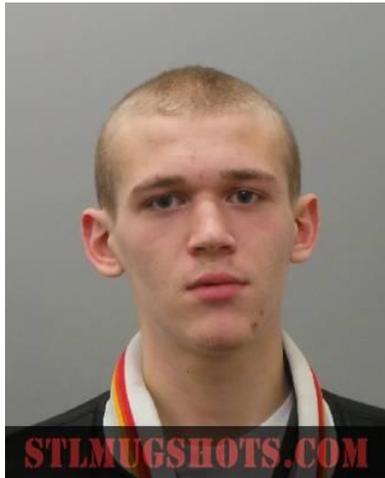
However what really got our attention was that well known fraud check-passer **Jennifer Stauffer, 44, of Chesterfield** was cited for "Social Hosting Underage Drinking" at a hotel room. (Look at Cole's mug shot. Do you think any of the girls he was reportedly choking fought back?)



This was not Cole Sanders' first mug shot.

Sanders' arrest record:

01/09/15 Possession of Controlled Substance
06/17/15 Felony Stealing O/\$500 **St. Peters PD**
(PG on 12/04/15 Placed on 5-year probation term)
08/30/15 Tampering With An Auto **Wentzville PD**
Attempt to Deliver Cont Sub to a Jail **Wentzville PD**
(PG on 12-4-15 Placed on 5-year probation term)
10/30/15 Misd Stealing U/\$500 **St. Charles PD**
03/10/16 Assault, Minor in Possession, Peace Dist **Chesterfield PD**



Here is **Jennifer Stauffer's** arrest information that we could find:

07/18/04 Felony Check Forgery **Des Peres DPS**
PG 08/17/07 sentenced to 7-years prison but immediately
placed on probation 03/02/09 Probation revoked sentenced to prison
01/30/06 Felony Check Forgery **Creve Coeur PD**
PG 08/17/07 sentenced to 7 years prison but immediately placed
on probation. 03/02/09 Probation revoked sentenced to prison.
02/26/06 Felony Bad Check **Ladue PD**
PG 08/17/07 sentenced to 7 years prison, but immediately placed on
five years probation. 03/02/09 probation revoked and sentenced to prison
03/06/06 3 counts of Felony Check Forgery **Clayton PD**
PG 08/17/07 sentenced to 7 years prison but immediately placed
on 5 years probation. 03/02/09 probation revoked sentenced to prison
03/08/06 5 counts Felony Bad Checks **Chesterfield PD**
PG 08/17/07 sentenced to 7-years jail but immediately placed

on 5-years probation. 03/02/09 Probation revoked sentenced to prison

03/23/06 Passing Bad Check misd **St. Charles County**
 PG 2/27/08 2-year probation term
 3/27/08 Probation Revoked sentenced to 6 months Jail

07/12/06 Felony Account Closed Check **Stone County MO**
 PG 10/14/09 Sentenced 2 years Prison

08/10/06 Felony Forgery **St. Charles County**
 PG Guilty 02/06/09 sentenced to 2 years prison

09/19/07 Felony Check Forgery **Town and Country PD**
 Fel Attempt Passing Bad Check **Town and Country PD**
 PG 5/20/08 5-year probation term
 03/02/09 Probation Revoked sentenced to 2 years Prison

05/20/08 Felony Passing Bad Check **Ladue PD**
 PG 08/28/09 Sentenced to 2-years Prison

05/21/12 2 counts Passing Bad checks **Bourbon PD**
 PG 08/30/13 Fined \$50 on each count

06/06/12 2 Counts Passing Bad Checks **Franklin County**
 01/07/15 PG Sentenced to 90 days jail, then placed on 2-years probation

07/03/13 11 Counts of Felony Check forgery **Creve Coeur PD**
 PG 10/23/14 sentenced to 7-years prison but immediately placed on
 5-years probation. Probation Violation warrant issued 10/14/15 released
 on bail hearing continued into 2016

05/26/15 2 counts Felony Passing Bad Check **Chesterfield PD**

Here are civil judgments against Stauffer:

01/20/02	\$5,674 judgment from may Department Store	Not yet Satisfied
04/19/05	\$964 judgment in small claims court	Satisfied 08/09/06
04/27/07	\$250,944 judgment by Pulaski bank	Not yet Satisfied
07/25/14	\$1,487 judgment filed by Missouri DOR	Not yet Satisfied

Stauffer has used addresses in O'Fallon, Chesterfield and Ballwin but the most used address over a number of years has been 1446 Westmeade Dr. Chesterfield MO 63017.

A YEAR AFTER OUR STORY ON A SEX PERVERT EXPOSING HIMSELF IN CHESTERFIELD APARTMENT AND CONDO WORKOUT ROOMS NEW CHARGES ARE FILED: It was on March 29, 2015 when we wrote about Marlin Brimm who had past conviction of Exposing himself. He was arrested after a foot chase at 8:36 in the morning on October 1, 2014. Brimm for several days had hung out in gym or indoor

pool rooms of Chesterfield apartment and condo complexes lying with just a towel across his midsection. When an attractive woman would enter he would expose himself.

He told police that he would expose himself to women in hopes of arousing them and wanting them to have sex with him. One victim went against stereotype and reported to police that Brimm's penis was "small."



Brimm



Workout room and indoor pool where he exposed himself.

In connection with his arrest Chesterfield seized his cell phone and found numerous images of women's private areas taken with the phone. At the time Brimm had been a shoe salesman at Sak's Fifth Avenue in Plaza Frontenac. Chesterfield police detectives turned the phone over to Frontenac Police detectives.

The problem Frontenac detectives were having was identifying the victims in the photos. The three year statute of limitations was closing in. The St. Louis County Prosecutor's Office wanted at least three victims identified before they would issue an arrest warrant for Felony Invasion of Privacy of Multiple Individuals.

The third victim was found and identified photos on the phones as being her early last week. A felony warrant was issued on March 17.

As a side note we reported last year, Brimm's parents run the Agape Christian Community Church in Belleville. At the time he was listed on the

church's website as Brother Marlin Brimm, Church Operations Manager and the church's minister of music. As of March 18, 2015 he was still listed in those positions on the church's website.

THE CHESTERFIELD POLICE BLOTTER:



**CHESTERFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT
Media Report March 9, 2016 - March 15, 2016**

Time of Occurrence	Generic Address Business/Location Name	Incident Type
03/05/2016, 1200	1200 6XX BROOKMONT LAKE CT	Fraud Identity Theft
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's information to open up auto loan account.		
03/13/2016, 2000 - 03/14/2016, 0020	8XX BRAE CT	Larceny over \$500 from Auto
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject entered victim's unlocked vehicle and took a purse.		
03/11/2016, 1200	1200 1X WHITE PLAINS DR	Fraud Identity Theft
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's information to open up credit card account.		
03/13/2016, 1500	21XX WHITE LANE DR	Larceny over \$500 from Residence
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took ring from residence.		
02/05/2016, 1200	02/05/2016, 1200 14XXX WHITE BIRCH VALLEY LN	Fraud Identity Theft
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's information to open up PayPal account.		
03/14/2016, 1015 - 03/14/2016, 1045	2XX CHESTERFIELD MALL Bread Company	Larceny under \$500 from Person
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took wallet out of victim's purse. Credit cards were later used at nearby stores.		
12/20/2012, 1200	1200 5XX GILEAD DR	Fraud Identity Theft
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's information to open up Ameren UE account.		
03/13/2016, 1145	03/13/2016, POST RD & TOWNHALL CT	Ordinance Violation Dog Running Loose
Brief Narrative Description: 19 yo male failed to secure dog causing dog to run loose in neighborhood.		
03/13/2016, 1245	1245 15XXX DUXBURY WAY	Property Damage to Vehicle
Brief Narrative Description: 30 yo male dented rear of vehicle after argument over speeding vehicles in neighborhood.		

03/13/2016, 1555 17XX CLARKSON RD Dierberg's **Larceny under \$500 Shoplifting**
Brief Narrative Description: 42 yo male concealed alcohol and food items and left store without paying.

03/12/2016, 1730 - 03/12/2016, 1750 18XXX OUTLET BLVD Nike **Larceny over \$500 Shoplifting**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject grabbed shoes and ran out of store without paying.

03/12/2016, 0215 1XX HIGH VALLEY DR **Assault Common - Actual Assault**
Brief Narrative Description: 44 yo male pushed victim after argument causing no injuries.

02/11/2016, 1200 14XXX DELTONA DR **Fraud Identity Theft**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's information to open up credit card account.

03/10/2016, 1500 4X FOUR SEASONS SHPG CTR Ju Ju B's **Larceny under \$500 Shoplifting**
Brief Narrative Description: 16 yo female concealed clothing and left store without paying.

02/27/2016, 1510 1510 16XX CLARKSON RD T-Lynn's Boutique **Larceny under \$500 Shoplifting**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject concealed clothing and left store without paying.

03/11/2016, 1347 4X CHESTERFIELD MALL Macy's **Larceny under \$500 Shoplifting**
Brief Narrative Description: 26 and 17 yo females concealed shoes and left store without paying.

03/11/2016, 1254 - 03/11/2016, 1506 14XXX GREENCASTLE DR **2 Harassment/Threat Phone**
Brief Narrative Description: 40 yo male making unwanted phone calls and texts to victim.

03/11/2016, 1838 1XX THF BLVD The Roth Store **Ord Violation Possession of Theft Device**
Brief Narrative Description: 44 and 32 year old males in possession of prohibited theft device after shoplifting investigation.

03/11/2016, 1830 17XXX CHESTERFIELD AIRPORT RD Chick Fil A **Harassment/Threat by Mail**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject sending threatening text messages to victim.

03/11/2016, 1845 2XX CHESTERFIELD MALL Spencers **Property Damage to Business**
Brief Narrative Description: 16 yo male damaged merchandise while inside store. During investigation, 17 yo male found to be in possession of marijuana paraphernalia.

03/11/2016, 2129 EDISON AVE & LONG RD Chesterfield Levee Trail **Drugs Possession - Misdemeanor**
Brief Narrative Description: 16 yo male in possession of marijuana and paraphernalia after suspicious vehicle stop.

03/11/2016, 2245 - 03/11/2016, 2250 15XXX KINGSMAN CIR **Property Damage to Mailbox**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject damaged victim's mailbox.

03/10/2016, 2053 20XX WINTERHAVEN CT **Violation of Ex-Parte/Full Ord Ex-Parte**
Brief Narrative Description: 15 yo female violated the conditions of a court order of protection by calling victim.

03/07/2016, 1245 17XXX WHITE ROBIN CT **Harassment/Threat Texting**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject sent threatening text to victim.

02/01/2016, 1130 - 03/10/2016, 1130 2XX AMBRIDGE CT Baywood Villages Condo Association **Larceny under \$500** **Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject took security camera and monitor from condo building.

03/10/2016, 0250 18XXX CHESTERFIELD AIRPORT RD Comfort Inn **Assault Common - Actual Assault**

Brief Narrative Description: 19 yo male was intoxicated and struck and choked victims after argument. **45 yo female was also charged with hosting social party for minors with alcohol present.**

01/29/2016, 1141 - 03/09/2016, 0930 4XX N WOODS MILL RD Parkway Central Middle School

Harassment/Threat Texting

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject sending threatening text messages to victim.

03/08/2016, 1200 21XX ENGLEWOOD TER **Fraud Credit Card**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's credit card information to make online purchase.

03/09/2016, 1411 2XX CHESTERFIELD MALL Victoria's Secret **Larceny under \$500**

Shoplifting

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subjects concealed fragrances and left store without paying.

03/08/2016, 1630 17XXX CHESTERFIELD AIRPORT RD **Mobil Fraud Deceptive**

Sale/Advertising

Brief Narrative Description: 33 yo female sold victim stolen phone through Craigslist.

02/29/2016, 1954 13XX SALTBOX DR **Harassment/Threat Texting**

Brief Narrative Description: 60 yo male sending threatening text messages to victim.

The unusual amount of crimes for last week in Chesterfield were the five Harassment/Threat cases by texting. They weren't all kids. The last suspect was a 60-year-old man. Plus there were five identity fraud cases last week and none so far this year have involved tax returns.

REAL ESTATE: 11 Apple Tree Ladue \$4,850,000- 2015 Real Estate Taxes \$47,884. The 8,544 square foot house has 4 bedrooms, nine bathrooms and eight fireplaces. It was built in 1998.

The owner is John Brauch, Jr. 70, CEO of Interstate Cleaning Corporation. His second wife Catherine, 56, died on December 17, 2013.

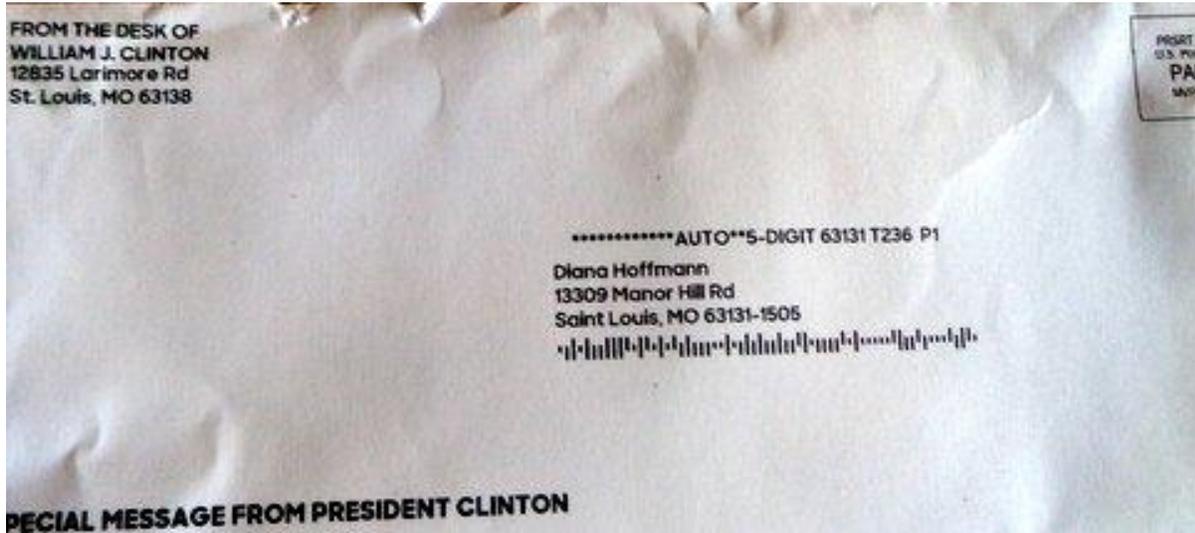


Brauch also owns property at the Villas of Nooning Tree in Chesterfield and a smaller house at 2 Sunnymeade in Ladue that he bought in 2014.

Instead of eight fireplaces the house on 2 Sunnymede has one. Instead of nine bathrooms it has two. I think there is about to be a tear down.

WHO KNEW BILL CLINTON HAD A ST. LOUIS OFFICE? A letter was received at our house last week urging my wife to vote of Hilary Clinton. The return address was "From the desk of William J. Clinton 12835 Larimore Rd St. Louis, MO 63138.

There is no such address in St. Louis County or the 63138 zip code. According to google maps there is no building but if there would ever be a 12835 Larimore Road it would be where there is an open field now behind the Plumbers and Pipefitters Union Hall about one block off Riverview Road in Spanish Lake.



ART: The Art Commission keeps trying to turn the Longview Farmhouse into a quasi art gallery. However for the last 30 years there has been an impression collection hung in Town and Country that most people don't know about.

Paul Cornoyer was born in St. Louis in 1864. He was well known in St. Louis and had a mural in the Planter's Hotel and a large painting of a view of St. Louis that featured the Eads Bridge. However he is best known for his impressionistic painting of New York City, where he lived after spending five years painting in Paris. His New York City paintings are intentionally known. He died at age 59 after moving to Massachusetts where he had continued to paint and teach.

There are nine of his paintings are on display at the library at Visitation Academy on Ballas Road. They can be viewed by the public by appointment as to not disturb students using the library. Here are a few.



Paul Cornoyer



This collection is currently hung above bookshelves. You would think it might make a nice exhibition for a few weeks at the Longview Farmhouse when Visitation is out on summer recess.

ART II Of course let's look at the important art exhibit currently at the Longview House. It is birds by Jeff Kapfer. It is not R-rated like some of shows were (especially the show by Maryville University students). It apparently is popular too because a couple of the pieces have "sold" signs by them. However, to me they looked like commercial graphic designs for logos to a Fried Chicken Restaurant or a bar in the Florida Keys.

I then check Jeff's bio and saw that his degree from Webster University is in Graphic Design.



ELLIOTT DAVIS COMES TO A CHESTERFIELD CITY COUNCIL MEETING: Elliott Davis and a cameraman from KTVI, were waiting in the hallway leading from the City Hall lobby to the rear conference room. Elliott didn't know there was a rear entrance many elected officials use to enter the building. He was looking for Connie Fults or Mike Casey.

While a story about Fults two weeks from the election might seem like a cheap shot, what Davis was working on was real and showed the city has been hiding a boondoggle of a land purchase that Fults voted for that the city under long time city administrator Mike Herring has hidden violating state laws since March 16 of 2009.

Bill 2697 was not on the printed agenda or on the PDF agenda on city's website for the March 9, 2009 City Council meeting. It is also not on the minutes for that meeting, but it was voted on. Then Mayor John Nations and City Administrator Mike Herring appeared to have violated, disobeyed and completely disregarded the Missouri Sunshine Open Meetings and Records Law. Bill 2697 called for a 10-year lease of an empty lot for \$85,000 a year with an option to buy the property at end of the lease for \$1,000,000.

I'm told that it was voted on in secret executive session and passed 6-0 with Barry Flachsbart and Bob Nation not being in attendance. Voting for the bill were Connie Fults, Mike Casey, Dan Hurt, Bruce Geiger (who was later mayor until 2013) and Councilpersons Schenberg and Erickson who are no longer on the council.

All votes in executive session must be made public and made part of the public record. Bill 2697 became Ordinance 2513. The bill and vote are not listed on any minutes. Ordinance 2513 is not found on the city's website database of all ordinances. This had completely been hidden.



Here are photos of the empty lot the city is paying \$85,000 a year for and then an additional \$1,000,000 in 2019 on Old Chesterfield Airport Road near Baxter Road.

Elliott Davis was on the trail of Connie Fults and Mike Casey because they voted for it. They would be good ones to ambush because Casey is sarcastic and Fults gets dramatic. Of course Dan Hurt also voted for it and Davis did not seem to be after him. Too bad! Hurt loves to talk and often says stupid things.

Also Davis apparently was unaware that Bruce Geiger and former Mayor John Nations were at the meeting to join in the love fest for outgoing City Administrator. Geiger voted for it and John Nations and his staff violated the Sunshine Law Open Records provision.

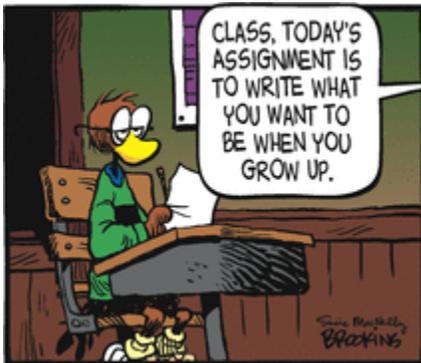


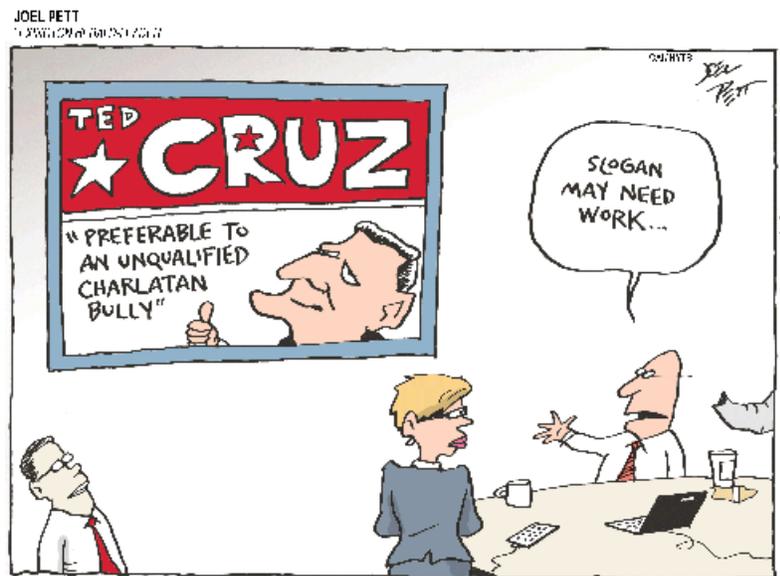
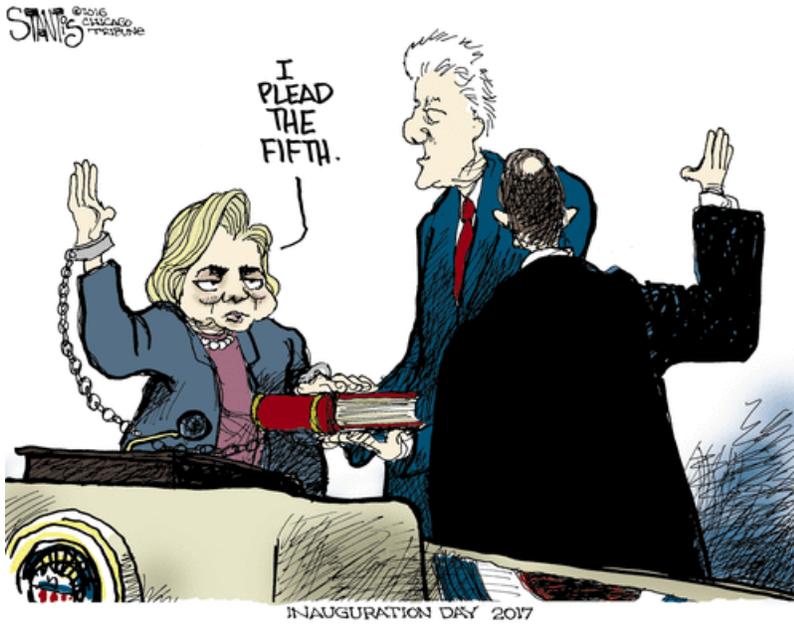
The "You Paid For It" man uncovering something that smelled rotten in Chesterfield.

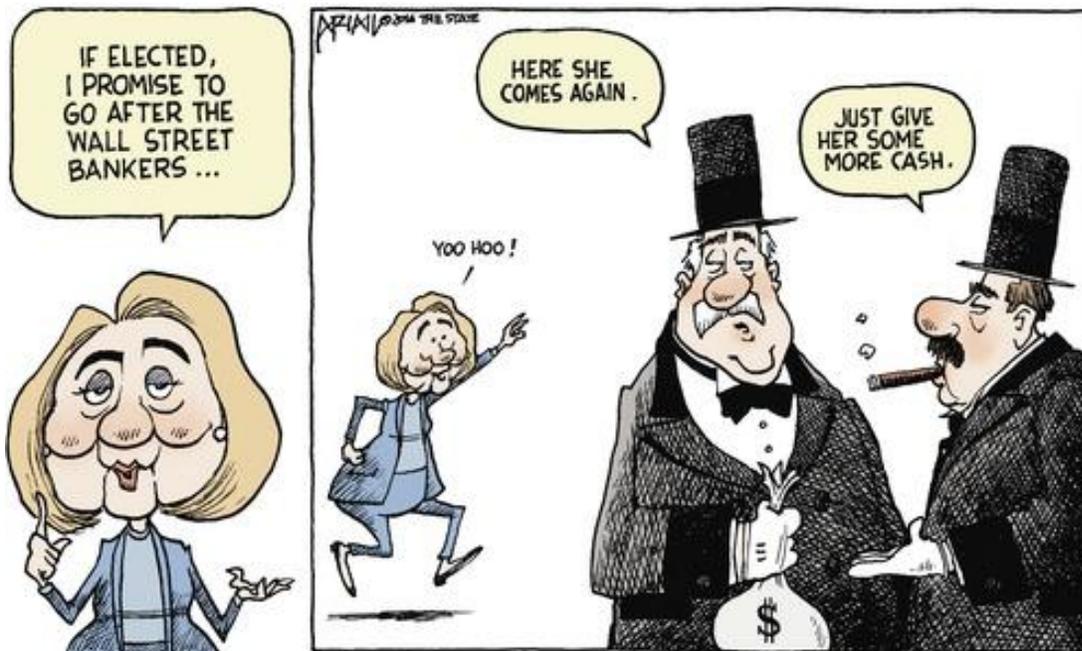
Frankly this is a great story. First the amount of money for the old Doorack Brickyard vacate lot. Secondly the fact that it is hidden from public documents and there was a clear violation of Missouri Open Records Law. Violating open records and other Missouri laws regulating local government seem to be occurring regularly in Chesterfield. The only thing that makes me suspicious is uncovering this nine-year-old mess and going to Fults two weeks before the election. However, some might say it is a public service to voters.

I'd like to see Elliott also go interview John Nations who quit being mayor to head Bi-State/Metro Transit (while having no experience in Transit Services) and handles tens of millions of tax dollars. If he was for this deal what is going on at Metro Transit?

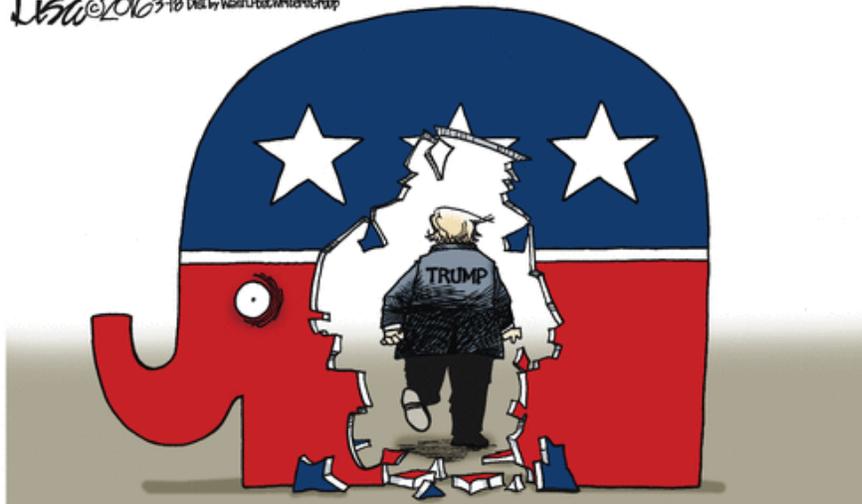
CARTOONS: Some weeks I find my favorite comic strip "Shoe" somewhat lame and not very funny. Last week was the complete opposite of that. Strip originator the late Jeff McNelly's widow Suzie McNelly and Gary Brookins had a pretty good week.







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Party Crasher

