

EX ALDERMAN NEWSLETTER 221 AND CHESTERFIELD 166



By John Hoffmann

March 29, 2016

COPPER THIEF HITS IN TOWN AND COUNTRY: We read in the paper or see on TV where thieves are wrecking AC units attached to businesses and churches in St. Louis and in North County towns, like Wellston, Jennings, Ferguson and Pine Lawn to steal some copper to take to a junkyard. It has now come to Town and Country.

The thief was captured by the Bridgeton Police on March 15, 2016 while in the act of stealing copper from rooftop A/C units on St. Charles Rock Road. Tra Farrow, 22, of Alton, IL was arrested after a patrol officer heard noise on the roof of a shopping center and called out a fire district ladder truck for officers to go onto the roof. According to Paul Schankman of KTVI police had estimated Farrow had done over \$46,000 damage and would have gotten only about \$400 for the copper from a salvage yards.



Photo taken of screen of KTVI

newscast. In the early 1970 s when I was in the police academy and then out in field training we were required to keep the window on our police car down unless it was raining or well below freezing, so you could hear things. That stayed with me the rest of my life, I still drive around with my window cracked open. Nowadays you will see officers will all the windows up with the A/C going or on a cell phone or with a radio blaring. It always disappoints me when I see that. It's a good thing the Bridgeton officer was listening that night.

After the Bridgeton arrest Farrow was connected to destruction of property and copper thefts from air conditioners in Florissant on April 17, 2015 and in Town and Country on February 16, 2016 from rooftops in the Manchester Meadows Shopping Center. The thefts and damage were mostly from the A/C units over the vacant WalMart and Home Decorator Stores.



Tra Farrow

According to court documents Farrow caused over \$290,000 worth of damage to AC units in Manchester Meadows. The sad thing is his bond for the charges has only been \$15,000 and he has been allowed to post 10% or \$1,500.

WARD TWO GET TOGETHER WAS LIKE CHANGING CHANNELS FROM USA NETWORK TO BBC-AMERICA.

At the monthly Ward-2 Get Together in March, the featured speakers were City Attorney Steve Garrett and new City Prosecutor and often P&Z attorney Ed Sluys. Garrett is from St. Louis. Sluys is from London. He looks like and talks as if he could be John Oliver's cousin.

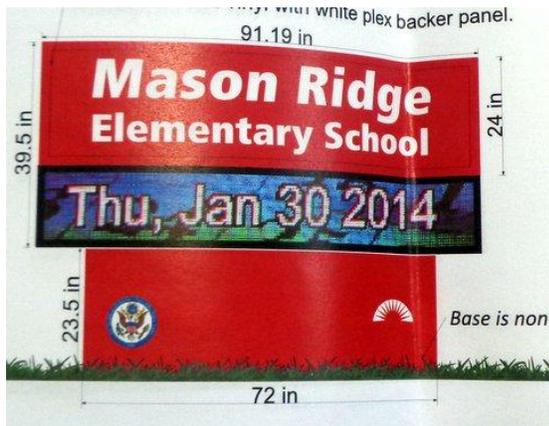
When these two guys switched off back and forth on a topic it was literally like changing the TV set from the USA Channel to BBC-America. Garrett described it as Jon Stewart and John Oliver. Jon Stewart? I didn't know that Steve Garrett was from New York and was Jewish.

Their talk was mostly about subdivision indentures. The last part of their talk was what they should have started with as their first topic before some people left, "The City Does Not Enforce Indentures."



MASON RIDGE ELEMENTARY GIVES UP ON IDEA OF ENTERING 21 CENTURY:

The Mason Ridge Elementary School of the Parkway School District on Mason Road at I-64, has withdrawn its request for an LED sign in front of the school that would have been the same size as the old style sign there now.



One observer said, "It was too red." Regardless of the reason it is back to going out in the rain and cold with a box full of letters to be hung in an attempt to get the word out. Someone with the PTO simply said they decided to spend the money on other projects. I don't buy that answer. I think it was because they did not feel like wasting money fighting the city and anti-modern sign Alderman Fred Meyland-Smith.

FIVE OVERNIGHT THEFTS FROM AUTOS IN TOWN AND COUNTRY: They happened overnight Sunday March 13 into Monday March 14 all over town. Two thefts were in the Pebble Acres subdivision between Conway Road and Ladue Road in Ward 4. There were two thefts from the Williamsburg Estates subdivision that sits at the corner of Clayton Road and Mason Road in Ward 3 with entrances from each major road. The final theft was from Windmoore Road along I-270 south of Clayton Road in Ward 1.

SUSPECT IN AREA BURGLARIES FROM MASON VALLEY PLEADS GUILTY TO SEVEN FELONIES: This was the lead to our story on May 31, 2015:

"There is nothing like having a sentimental attachment to a piece of jewelry only to have your 19-year-old drug addict son kick in the back door and steal it."

The parents of Alexander LeGrand, 20, later dropped the charges of the burglary of their home at 1628 Mason Knoll Road committed by their son. But he had plenty of other charges.



Alexander LeGrand after his May 2015 arrest of his parents' home.

On May 19, 2015 he was involved with a Stealing Over \$500 felony in Kirkwood.

On May 14, May 15 and May 16 he and others were involved in three burglaries and thefts in unincorporated St. Louis County. He was indicted on all seven felonies.

Prior to racking up all the felonies arrests LeGrand was arrested twice for Stealing Under and once for DUI, all handled by municipal courts.

On March 3, 2016 LeGrand pled guilty to the seven felonies. He was represented by attorney Scott Rosenblum.

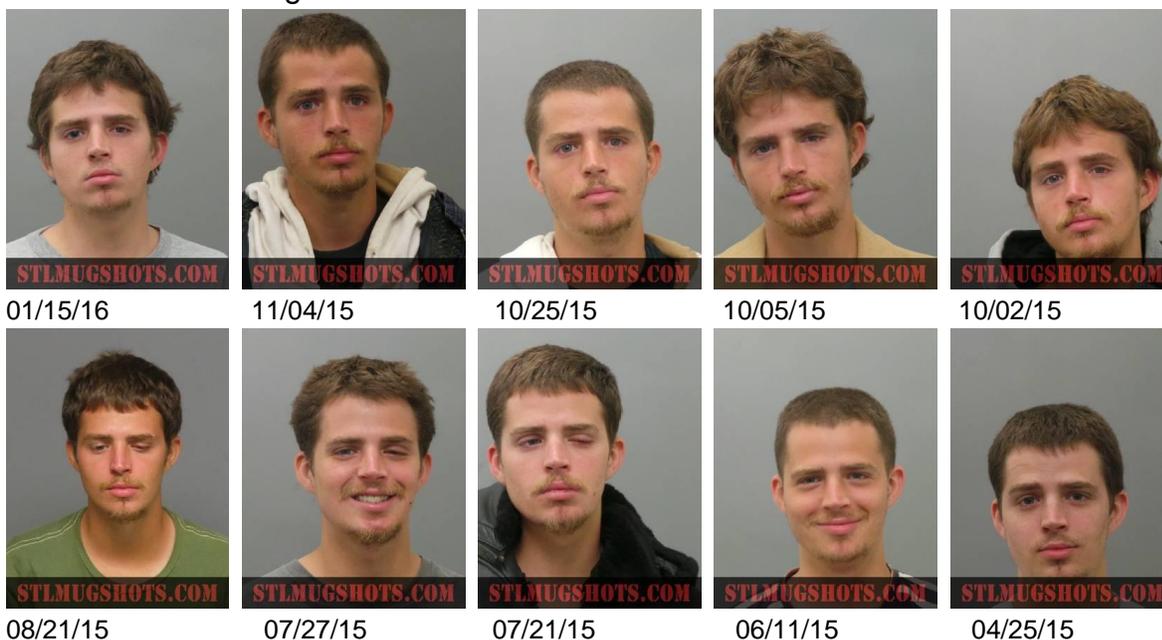
Judge Colleen Dolan sentenced LaGrand to a five-year probation term.

Here are four of the mug shots we could find of LeGrand over a one year period.



THE MANY FACES OF JAMES EDWARD O'NEAL: Regular readers may remember how we have run the mug shots of James O'Neal who gives an address of the Frontenac Trailer Park on the South Outer Forty Road when he is arrested. The arrests are always minor and we have only been able to track down one to Frontenac for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. We went to a number of municipal courts in the area trying to find out what police department was arresting him. The number one charge is for Soliciting Without a Permit. We thought he was likely going door to door. We were wrong.

A regular Newsletter reader told us in November that she had seen Edwards either begging or selling something in South County at an off ramp from I-55. Since then he has picked another arrest. This one for Stealing U/500, however, I don't know where. But here are his mug shots over the last nine months.



OOPS! CAMPAIGN PROMISE BY NAN KULARNI VIOLATED STATED LAW: Okay it was an obscure state law and good luck getting a busy county prosecutor to take the case. In a campaign mailer Nan wrote that she would not take a salary. Instead she would donate the money to the art commission or other funds. Unfortunately that is a violation of Missouri State Law RSMo 115.63 7. (You cannot promise not to accept a salary or how you would donate your salary as an elected official.)

(4) On the part of any candidate for election to any office of honor, trust, or profit, offering or promising to discharge the duties of such office for a less sum than the salary, fees, or emoluments as fixed by law or promising to pay back or donate to any public or private interest any portion of such salary, fees, or emolument as an inducement to voters;

This doesn't mean you can't refuse to accept a salary or for you to donate your salary once you are elected. It simply means you can't use that as a campaign promise.

For instance everyone in New York City and much of the nation knew that billionaire and former NYC Mayor Michael Bloomberg did not accept a salary. I used to return a portion of my salary for the one meeting a year I missed and in the second year of my one term I was giving up most of my salary as an alderman to charities of constituents' families where there had been a death. But apparently you cannot use such information in a campaign.

This is not a slam at Nan but it is to point out what a pain it can be running for local office, although the law makes sense as such a promise could hurt less wealthy people running for office.

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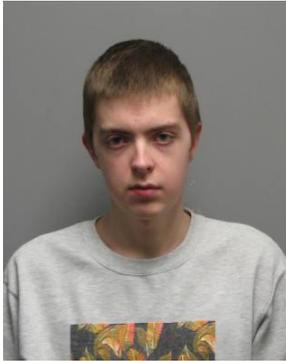
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CHESTERFIELD CRIME STATS AND ACTIVITY FOR FEBRUARY 2016:

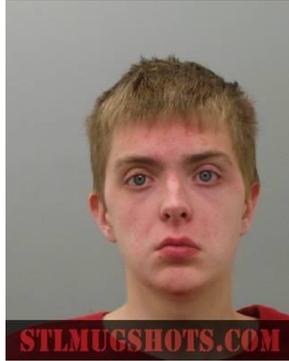


CRIME	Feb 2016	2016 YTD	Feb 2015	2015 YTD
Non-Forcible Rape	0	1	0	0
Forcible Rape	0	1	0	0
Sex Offense	1	1	2	2
Robbery	0	0	0	1
Assault	20	40	19	46
BURGLARY				
Residential	6	6	0	3
Commercial/business	0	3	1	2
LARCENY				
Felony	18	30	25	50
Misdemeanor	39	88	37	72
Auto Theft	1	3	1	3
Arson	0	0	1	1
Checks & Fraud	32	51	85	98
Vandalism	18	31	9	20
Drug Violations	7	20	10	16
DWI	7	17	14	29
TOTAL	149	292	204	343
ARRESTS				
Adult	116	238	144	270
Juvenile	25	36	9	27
TRAFFIC				
VEH Crashes	139	274	108	243
Injury Crashes	29	56	14	40
Warnings Issued	606	1284	228	265
Parking Citations	22	58	12	41
Traffic Citations	792	1654	707	1644
Recovered Cars	0	0	0	1
Radio Assignments	4131	8522	3754	8003
Alarms	113	243	127	268

CHESTERFIELD NEWEST BAD BOY: The one person with a chance of taking Theodore "T-Fed" Federer's title of Chesterfield's Bad Boy is Liam Peterson, 19, of 15616 Quail Meadows Drive. Peterson spent Christmas in jail after pleading guilty to drug law violations. The newest question is will he clean up his act or will there be more arrests this summer?



2014 mug shot



2015 mug shot

Just the at the first of year we reported how Peterson had been arrested in Chesterfield in February of 2014 in a most unusual case. Peterson had allowed a friend to drive his parents' Chrysler 2000 sedan, he and others sniffed aerosol in whip cream cans to get high. As the car was going west on I-64 Peterson had his friend slow down so he could throw empty aerosol cans at a car in the right lane. That car happened to be operated by an off-duty Kirkwood police officer. The officer called Chesterfield Police and followed the Chrysler to IHOP where arrests were made.

In 2014 Chesterfield had a number of traffic and criminal cases against Peterson and instead of building a record of conviction, Chesterfield prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer reduced most violations to non-criminal and non-moving.

- 01/21/14 Speeding Reduced to Illegal Parking \$150
- 02/07/14 Speeding 26-30 MPH Over Limit Reduced to Illegal Parking \$225 fine
- 02/07/14 Following Too Closely dismissed
- 02/08/14 Possession of Drug Paraphernalia Reduced to Littering \$250 fine
- 02/08/14 Littering (Throwing the Whip Cream can at a car) \$100 fine
- 12/12/14 Improper Lane Use fined \$50
- 12/12/14 Driving While Revoked reduced to Illegal parking fined \$325
- 12/12/14 OMV Without Financial Responsibility (No Insurance) dismissed

UPDATED: Here were his 2015 criminal arrests with recent pleas:

- 06/11/15 Felony Possession of Drugs Bridgeton PD

**On 12/18/15 Pled Guilty and placed on Probation for 5-years
Probation required Peterson be in school or employed by
January 11, 2016 and he was ordered to jail until January 11.
when the probation would begin.**

Minor in Possession of Alcohol

**On 02/18/16 The Alcohol charge was amended to Peace Disturbance
\$150 fine**

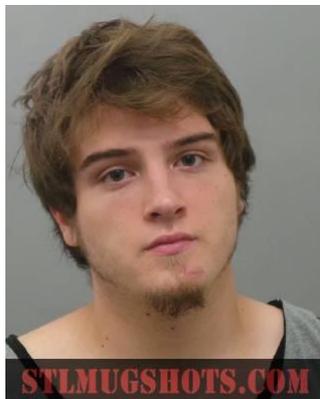
- 06/20/15 Felony Possession of Drugs (other than marijuana) Ballwin PD
Charges filed on 10/5/15 after lab tests. **Peterson pled guilty a week
before Christmas and was given a nice present from Judge Gloria
Reno who put him on a 5-year SIS probation term.**
- 07/01/15 State of Missouri filed suit to receive \$695 from Peterson in forfeiture
money having been obtained illegally (**still pending**)
- 09/06/15 2 Counts Felony Possession of of Drugs Missouri Hwy Patrol Camden Co
& Misdemeanor Possession of Marijuana & Possession of Drug Para
These cases are still pending next court appearance 4/5/16.
- 11/19/15 Order of Protection ordering Peterson not to communicate, stalk or come
within 500 feet of respondent issued for 1 year

**CHESTERFIELD 18-YEAR OLD PLEADS GUILTY TO BURGLARY FIRST DEGREE
IN KIRKWOOD AND GETS 5-YEAR PROBATION TERM:** Joshua LaRose, 18 of 1166
Vespasian in Chesterfield was charged with Burglary First Degree on July 15, 2015. He
was the wheelman while his accomplices put on ski masks and armed with a machete
and other weapons broke out the the glass to a sliding door at a Kirkwood apartment
while the residents were sleeping.

On January 11, 2016 LaRose pled guilty and was placed on a 5-year probation term.
By the end of February his partners in crime, Cody Champion (unincorporated West
County) and Jacob Smith (Fenton) had both pled guilty and received similar sentences.



LaRose



Champion



Smyth

CHESTERFIELD POLICE BLOTTER: See last week's crime and police activity.



CHESTERFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT Media Report March 16, 2016 - March 22, 2016

Time of Occurrence Generic Address Business/Location Name Incident Type

11/15/2015, 1200 2 CAPRICE DR Lou Fusz Ford **Checks Account Closed**
Brief Narrative Description: 42 yo male passed account closed check to business.

03/22/2016, 1015 1XX HILLTOWN VILLAGE CTR Schnucks **Larceny under \$500 Shoplifting**
Brief Narrative Description: 20 yo male grabbed alcohol and ran out of store without paying.

03/22/2016, 1257 1257 18XXX OUTLET BLVD Saks Off Fifth Avenue **Drugs Possession - Misdemeanor**
Brief Narrative Description: 23 yo male in possession of marijuana while working

02/05/2016, 1200 1200 15XXX CHAMFERS FARM RD **Fraud Deceptive Sale/Advertising**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject sold victim fraudulent event tickets online.

03/22/2016, 1420 -1450 17XXX NORTH OUTER 40 RD Johnston & Murphy **Larceny under \$500 Shoplifting**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject concealed shoes and left store without paying.

03/22/2016, 1414 18XXX OUTLET BLVD Gap **Larceny under \$500 Shoplifting**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject concealed clothing and left store without paying.

03/22/2016, 1725 4X CHESTERFIELD MALL Macy's **Larceny under \$500 Shoplifting**
Brief Narrative Description: 22 yo male concealed clothing and left store without paying.

03/22/2016, 1830 2XX CHESTERFIELD MALL Chesterfield Mall **Possession of Stolen Property Clothing**
Brief Narrative Description: 18 yo male in possession of stolen clothing from multiple stores. Also in possession of alcohol.

03/22/2016, 2224 APPALACHIAN TRL & FRIENDSHIP VILLAGE DR & OLIVE BLVD **Drugs Possession - Misdemeanor**
Brief Narrative Description: 53 yo male in possession of marijuana after being stopped for a traffic violation.

03/17/2016, 1200 15XXX COUNTRY RIDGE DR **Fraud Identity Theft**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's information to open up multiple credit accounts.

03/15/2016, 1605
03/15/2016, 1615 4X THF BLVD Target **Larceny over \$500 Shoplifting**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject grabbed cell phones and ran out of store without paying.

03/21/2016, 1550 2XX CHESTERFIELD MALL Claire's **Larceny under \$500 Shoplifting**

Brief Narrative Description: 14 and 13 yo females concealed jewelry and left store without paying.

03/21/2016, 1510-545 11XX RICHLAND DR **Property Damage to Vehicle**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject damaged tire on victim's vehicle.

03/21/2016, 1915 18XXX OUTLET BLVD Coach **Larceny under \$500 Shoplifting**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject concealed two purses and left store without paying.

03/20/2016, 0255 GLEN COVE DR & STABLESTONE DR **Drugs Paraphernalia**

Brief Narrative Description: 17 yo male in possession of marijuana paraphernalia after being stopped for a traffic violation.

03/19/2016, 1843 CHESTERFIELD AIRPORT RD & LONG RD **Drugs Possession - Misdemeanor**

Brief Narrative Description: 30 yo female in possession of marijuana and paraphernalia after being stopped for DWI.

03/19/2016, 0250 19XX LONE TRAIL LN Assault Common - **Actual Assault**

Brief Narrative Description: 21 yo male with mental illness was becoming violent and was transported to hospital for evaluation. During transport, subject bit officer in arm causing minor injuries.

03/17/2016, 2100 1XX HILLTOWN VILLAGE CTR Schnucks **Fraud Credit Card**

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

03/17/2016, 1200 14XXX WETHERSFIELD TERRACE CT **Fraud Identity Theft**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's information to open up loan account.

03/19/2016, 1530 4X CHESTERFIELD MALL Macy's **Larceny under \$500 Shoplifting**

Brief Narrative Description: Two 22 yo females concealed clothing and left store without paying.

03/19/2016, 1620 2XX CHESTERFIELD MALL Lady Footlocker **Larceny over \$500 Shoplifting**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subjects grabbed clothing and ran out of store without paying.

03/19/2016, 1000-1330 9X THF BLVD Sunshine Drapery **Larceny under \$500 from Person**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took wallet out of victim's purse after it was left unattended behind counter.

03/19/2016, 1930 4X CHESTERFIELD MALL Macy's **Larceny under \$500**

Brief Narrative Description: 20 yo male concealed clothing and left store without paying.

03/18/2016, 0715 2XX CORDOVAN COMMONS PKY **Assault Common - Actual Assault**

Brief Narrative Description: 25 yo male and 33 yo female pushed each other after argument causing no injuries.

03/18/2016, 1253 14XXX RUTLAND CIR **Fraud Credit Card**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's debit card information to make purchases.

03/18/2016, 1832 18XXX OUTLET BLVD Children's Place **Larceny over \$500 Shoplifting**

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

03/17/2016, 0004 13XXX KINGSCROSS LN 4 **Assault Common - Actual Assault**

Brief Narrative Description: 64 yo male struck victim after argument causing minor injuries.

03/17/2016, 0115 14XXX CALCUTTA DR **Assault Common - Actual Assault**

Brief Narrative Description: 25 yo female was intoxicated and struck victims after argument causing minor injuries.

03/17/2016, 1100-1440 1XX HILLTOWN VILLAGE CTR Elements Massage **Larceny under \$500 from Auto**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject broke out window on victim's vehicle and took a purse. Credit card from the purse was later used to make purchases.

01/13/2016, 0110 - 02/28/2016, 0420 1XX THF BLVD Walmart **Larceny over \$500 Employer**

Brief Narrative Description: 25 yo male took cell phones while working for employer.

03/16/2016, 2000 - 03/17/2016, 1558 BURNHAM CT & WILDHORSE PARKWAY DR **Property Damage**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject damaged gazebo in subdivision common ground.

03/17/2016, 1627 17XXX NORTH OUTER 40 RD Foot Locker **Larceny over \$500 Shoplifting**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subjects grabbed clothing and ran out of store without paying.

03/17/2016, 1927 18XXX OUTLET BLVD St. Louis Premium Outlet Mall **Larceny under \$500 from Person**

Brief Narrative Description: 28 yo male took victim's purse after it was left unattended on mall bench.

03/16/2016, 1430 8 FOUR SEASONS SHPG CTR Dierberg's **Larceny under \$500**

Brief Narrative Description: 41 yo female concealed cosmetics and left store without paying.

03/11/2016, 1530 16XX OLD BAXTER RD Chesterfield Dog Park **Peace Disturbance Other**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject created a disturbance in dog park after disagreement with victim.

03/15/2016, 0951 - 03/16/2016, 1200 14XXX GREENCASTLE DR 2 **Violation of Ex-Parte/Full Order**

Brief Narrative Description: 40 yo male violated the conditions of a court order of protection by calling ex-wife.

FROM THE CHESTERFIELD DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ABOUT A COUNTY ROAD PROJECT:

Baxter Road Improvements Slated to Begin in Early April

March 17, 2016

Work will begin early next month on St. Louis County's \$1.5 million Baxter Road resurfacing project.

A total of 1.6 miles of Baxter (that segment of the road resting between Clarkson Road and Wildhorse Creek Road in Chesterfield) will be improved under the project. Pavement Solutions, LLC will perform the work, under the supervision of the St. Louis County Department of Transportation engineers.

The project is scheduled to be finished by the end of this summer, and will include removal and replacement of deteriorated curbs and sidewalks, construction of wheelchair-accessible sidewalk ramps and removal and replacement of the road's existing pavement.

This segment of Baxter Road carries 17,400 vehicles a day, and is an integral component to St. Louis County's arterial road system.

There will be periodic lane reductions and related restrictions during the project. For more information, visit <http://www.stlouisco.com>.

RIVER VALLEY ROAD CLOSURE DELAYED THANKS TO ONE RESIDENT: On Monday March 21, Andy Shanfeld of 171 Henning Drive in the River Bend Subdivision filed a letter with the city claiming that the easement rights the River Bend Community gave to the City for a Cul-de-sac as part of road closure at the Maryland Heights City Limits were not the subdivision's to give. Development in the Howard Bend flood plain that River Valley Road leads to has started. Upon completion if the River Valley Road is not closed the subdivision could see as as much as a 14 times increase in traffic. River Valley Road is one of the two roads that can reach the development from busy Olive Street Road in Chesterfield.

The City approved the plan to close the road in November. A large number of residents cheered when the plans were approved. More residents were present at the March 21 meeting as the City Council was planning on approving the funds for the road closure.

Shanfeld remained silent throughout an 18-month process of the subdivision requesting help from the city, followed by Planning and Engineering studies and legal review.



Now when the money is to be allotted he is claiming that a contract from 1962 for the land in question from the developer Burton Duenke was supposed to revert back to the all residents in 20 years.

However Shanfeld was silent about land rights in 2012 when the Board of Trustees sued St. Louis County over under paying for subdivision common ground used in the extension of Hwy 141. The Subdivision was awarded \$913,000 at that time and Shanfeld made no claim.

Residents believe that Shanfeld is upset about the closure because he uses River Valley Road to get to Maryland Heights as part of his work.

The residents have claimed their two primary concerns were first safety and secondly a dramatic drop in property values if the main street became a major throughway.

Here is the letter that Shanfeld filed with the City:

Andrew B. Shanfeld and Beverly Shanfeld

171 Henning Drive
Chesterfield, Missouri 63017

March 21, 2016

City of Chesterfield
690 Chesterfield Parkway West
Chesterfield, MO 63017
ATTN: Mike Herring, City Administrator

River Bend Estates
338 Ridge Trail Drive
Chesterfield, MO 63017
ATTN: Curt Wintrose, East Side Trustee

Re: Proposed Closure of River Valley Drive - Ownership Common Land of River Bend Subdivision

Gentlemen:

We are writing to you as the owners of Lot 171 of River Bend Estates 2nd Addition, known and numbered as 171 Henning Drive, Chesterfield, Missouri 63017

Enclosed is a copy of General Warranty Deed dated June 8, 1962, recorded in Book 4846 Page 96 of the St. Louis County Recorder's Office, by which the original developer of the River Bend Subdivision deeded and conveyed certain Common Land of the Subdivision to the Trustees of the Subdivision for a period of twenty (20) years, after which time the applicable Common Land of the Subdivision became vested in the Lot Owners of the Subdivision, as Tenants in Common.

Also enclosed is a copy of Title Commitment No. 5288STL effective date 8/4/2015, issued by Old Republic National Title Insurance Company, confirming that the Lot Owners of the Subdivision own the applicable Common Land of the Subdivision as Tenants in Common, as provided and contemplated by the 1962 Deed.

As you know, pursuant to Right of Way Dedication instrument dated January 20, 2016, recorded in Book 21869 Pages 0454 thru 0461 of the St. Louis County Recorder's Office, the current Trustees of the Subdivision have purported to convey a portion of the applicable Common Land of the Subdivision to the City of Chesterfield, for the construction by the City of the turn-around to effect the closure of River Valley Drive.

Any conveyance of the applicable Common Land requires the written agreement of all of the Lot Owners of the Subdivision, as the Tenants in Common Owners of the applicable Common Land. As the Owners of a Lot on the Subdivision, we did not and we do not agree or consent to the conveyance of any portion of the Common Lands of the Subdivision to the City, and we did not and we do not agree or consent to any change in use of the Common Land or any construction of any roadway in the Common Land.

Please be advised that: (a) we, along with the other Lot Owners of the Subdivision continue to own the applicable Common Land as Tenants in Common; (b) the 2016 Deed by the Trustees to the City of Chesterfield is wholly ineffective to grant or convey any interest whatsoever in the Common Land to the City of Chesterfield; (c) the 2016 Deed by the Trustees to the City of Chesterfield is slander of title; and (d) any entry by the City of Chesterfield onto the Common Land described in the applicable deeds, and any construction activity by the City of Chesterfield on the applicable Common Land, will be actionable trespass.

As a Tenant in Common Owner of the applicable Common Land, we intend to fully assert our ownership right in the Common Lands, and we intend to hold applicable parties liable for slander of title, for damages and for actionable trespass, by all appropriate legal proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew B. Shanfeld


Beverly Shanfeld

Cc: Roger Herman, Esq.

The first thing that crossed my mind being a worst case scenario person was if Shanfeld got his way and blocked the road closure, was after traffic increased from 1,200 cars a day to 14,000 cars was seeing a child leaving or going to the elementary school in the front of the subdivision hit by a vehicle.

The residents should look at Shanfeld's home as he is claiming to run a construction business out of a modest subdivision home.



This is the corporate headquarters of Shanfeld Construction Co. Be careful of the sweet gum balls

A subdivision resident in the crowd has an interesting comment on Shanfeld. "He is lucky I don't have death ray eyes because if I did the cleaning crew at City Hall would be sweeping up his ashes right now."



PAY THE MONEY BEFORE YOU SIGN THE CONTRACT AN ODD WAY OF DOING BUSINESS: The City of Chesterfield and the City Council have fallen into a very bad habit that was pointed out by Councilwoman Barb McGuinness at the March 21 agenda review meeting.

Before the Council was a resolution for the annual contract for Stages St. Louis and The St. Louis Civic Orchestra for putting on shows and concerts. This would be great if the contract ran from April to April, but it doesn't.

It runs from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 and \$6,300 had already been paid to Stages on January 12. McGuinness asked the very reasonable question of "How can you pay tax money before the contract is approved?"

She was told by several people, elected members and staff that it had always been done this way and not to worry about.

Paying people or organizations money before a contract is completed or legislative approval is passed is a very odd way to run a government. The fact that the City of Chesterfield has been doing this for years tends to put in question all the claims from certain elected councilpersons on what a great job Chesterfield City Council does.

This resolution passed on a 6-1 vote with McGuinness voting against it and Bruce DeGroot abstaining due to a family member being connected with Stages.

"I hope I'm missing something...because I cannot imagine why anybody ever thought this was a good idea," said McGuinness after the vote.

INTERESTING HOST FOR MODERATE TOM DECAMPI'S CAMPAIGN EVENT: I found the fact that the Gordon Gundaker, realtor and developer is holding a RSVP meet and greet an interesting event. A regular reader of the newsletter sent along the below flier and some comments.

We live in Chesterfield's ward 4, with an interesting council race between Connie Fults and Tom DeCampi. They provide some opposing views for sure, but Tom strongly opposes taxpayer subsidies to private developers per the attached mailing piece just received in the mail. What's really ironic is that he's having a reception at Gordon Gundaker's house. Gordon himself has received his share of TIF and CID funds for his projects at Gundaker Commercial, of course as one of the biggest private developer in the St. Louis area.

It is interesting that even a developer is turning against Connie Fults. DeCampi campaigns as a slow growth guy against many tax incentives given to developers.



Fan and Gordon Gundaker

enthusiastically invite you to a reception at their home

*58 Pacland Estates Drive
Chesterfield, Missouri 63005
to meet*



Tom DeCampi
Candidate for City Council

*Thursday, March 31, 2016
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm*

*★ Attendance is limited to the first eighty
reservations because of limited parking. ★*

Please RSVP to
(636) 530-0982 or Taxpayers4Tom@gmail.com
www.Taxpayers4Tom.com

Valet Parking Available



MONARCH FIRE DISTRICT AND FIREFIGHTERS UNION REACH AGREEMENT ON NEW FIT-FOR-DUTY PROGRAM:

At the March 16th Monarch Fire District Board Meeting it was announced that the board and the fire union have come to an agreement. GREAT MAYBE A NEW CONTRACT? No. It is an agreement for a Minimum fit for Duty Policy that involves an annual test.

The test will be of specific lifting, bending, carrying that firefighters and paramedics are expected to do. They must lift and carry 95 pounds (half the average weight of a person). Another one is getting into to their full gear including air pack with the air pack working . This includes getting into fire resistant bunker pants-boots, coat, hood, gloves, helmet, air pack and mask in 2 minutes and then repeat.

Another test involves ladder climbing while hoisting five-42.5 pound weights and using a 10-pound sledge hammer while on the ladder. There are a number of other tests, including dragging hose and a dummy of a human body. Frankly it is nice to see practical tests.

I say this because about five years ago a 60-year-old St. Louis Police sergeant successfully passed a physical performance test in the Police Academy gym that included a lot of running that he had not done. Two minutes after passing the test he dropped dead of a heart attack.

FOLLOW THE MONEY: This information is from the 8-Days Before Election Reports candidates who spend over \$1,000 are required to file:



TOWN AND COUNTRY WARD 2

NAN KULKARNI: This one was easy. The only person to contribute to Nan Kulkarni's campaign was Nan Kulkarni. She gave herself \$2,500. It always nice to be able to tell people that you are not looking for any money, that you just hope to get them to the polls and get their their vote.

LINDSEY BUTLER: Lindsey raised \$975 in the last month. \$525 were donations less than \$100 that don't have to be listed on the report.

Here are the two people who gave \$100 or more in the last month:

\$150	William and Karen Frederick	Kings Glen Dr	Town and Country, MO
\$300	Jennifer Harbaugh	Wheaton Hill Ct	Town and Country, MO

CHESTERFIELD WARD 1:

2-year term:

Barry Flachsbart: The original councilman from 1988 filed the only typewritten and easy to read report. He was the only contributor in the last 30 days. Flachsbart gave \$1,300 and went right out for a combined mailer that he and Barb McGinnuess were sending out to ward residents.

Flachsbart's original opponent Mark VonDonsel (formerly Mark Peterson) announced he was moving and dropped out of the race, but his name stayed on the ballot.

1-year term:

Barb McGinnuess: Barb is another Chesterfield original (original P&Z member from 1988) and currently the person on the Council with the largest amount of common sense, McGinnuess accepted no contributions in the last 30-days and her expenses were for campaign mailers.

David Kaplan: Did not form a committee and by law cannot raise or spend more than a \$1,000 without forming a committee on file with either the Board of Elections or the Missouri Ethics Commission. Kaplan has signs so he doesn't have enough for a ward wide mailer without topping the \$1,000 mark.

CHESTERFIELD WARD 2:

Patrick Flynn: Flynn collected \$2,450 in the last month. Here are his contributors in the last 30 days:

\$1,000	Cunningham Campaign Committee	Chesterfield. MO
	This is form remains of former Senator Jane Cunningham's campaign funds. This money cannot be moved to personnel bank accounts by former	

candidates, but can be given to other campaign committees
 \$500 John Gruender Chesterfield, MO
 \$200 John Hammond Chesterfield, MO
 \$200 Gordon Gundaker, Jr. Chesterfield, MO
 \$100 Caryn Lamping Ladue, MO (wife of former MO Senator)
 \$100 Dan Capps (Real Estate Management) Creve Coeur
 \$100 Daniel Koziatek St. Charles
 \$100 Richard McGahan Chesterfield, MO
 \$50 Donald Guenther Chesterfield, MO
 \$50 Robin Harris (President of Monarch Fire Prevention District) Chesterfield
 \$50 William Kerchoff Chesterfield, MO

GUY TILMAN: Tilman did not collect even 1/10 as much as Flynn in the last 30 days. He reported collecting \$200 to go with the \$250 for a whopping total of \$450. Tilman did apparently loan himself \$1,524. Here are his two contributors over the last 30 days:

\$100 Bruce Geiger (former Chesterfield mayor)
 \$100 Mike Whelan Chesterfield, MO

Lynn Schmidt: Schmidt did not form a committee or file any reports with the BOE or Ethics Commission. She cannot spend over \$1,000.

CHESTERFIELD WARD 3

Dr. ALAN POLITTE: The Politte Campaign has received \$1,375 since the last report which was on February 25. Here are the newest contributors of \$100 or more:

\$1,000 Cunningham Campaign Committee Chesterfield, MO
 \$100 Barbara Burnside Chesterfield, MO
 \$100 James Bonzon Chesterfield, MO
 \$100 Residential Design Services Chesterfield, MO

RANDY LOGAN: Logan was his only contributor. He gave his campaign \$3,609 and he spend \$3,609 on printing and mailing costs.

CHESTERFIELD WARD 4:

TOM DECAMPI: The challenger to Ethics Law Violating incumbent Connie Fults, who thinks it is okay to pay groups thousands of dollars without contracts having been voted

on and in place, has been raising some substantial amounts of money. In the last 30 days he took in \$3,526.

\$1,000 Cunningham Campaign Committee Chesterfield, MO
\$400 Dr. James Coyle Chesterfield, MO
\$500 William Shannahan Chesterfield, MO
\$500 Brenda Talent (CEO Show-Me-Institute) Chesterfield, MO
\$500 Al Morgenhaler (President American Air Charters) Wildwood, MO

DeCampi also collected \$536 from persons giving less than \$100. I think that the \$500 from the wife of former U.S. Senator Jim Talent and occasional panelist on Donnybrook, Brenda Talent goes a long way as not only a contribution and but an endorsement from a very respected person in Chesterfield.

CONNIE FULTS: For the first time in 20 months Fults actually filed a required report on time with the Board of Elections. Her 8-day report was filed 3 1/2 hours before the deadline. Prior to this Fults has been tardy filing over 10 required reports and received 19 warning letters from the BOE staff.

The other interesting thing was that Fults, who claims she is the "councilperson of the people" received three large contributions from DEVELOPMENT or COMMERCIAL PROPERTY MANAGERS. She appears to be more the Councilperson for Developers." Here is her campaign activity in the last 30-days.

\$1000 Builders Bloc Management Co. Former McBride & Sons building division.
\$500 Trident Group (Commercial Property Managers) Chesterfield, MO
\$500 Thomas Fleming Chesterfield, MO
\$250 D. W. Hayes (NDESCO Commercial Real Estate Broker) Wildwood, MO
\$200 Mary Brown (former councilwoman) Chesterfield MO
\$180 Citizens for Connie Fults (Former campaign committee)
\$100 Barb Navert Chesterfield, MO
\$100 Robert Eggmann (Commercial Litigation and Bankruptcy Lawyer) Clayton, MO
\$100 Wendy Geckeler Chesterfield, MO

THE INTERESTING PEOPLE I KNEW IN THE 1990s. With the nomination of **Merrick Garland** for the Supreme Court it took me back to when I was a police captain in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Garland was a top Federal prosecutor over DC and later the entire DOJ. He also oversaw the Oklahoma City bombing case.

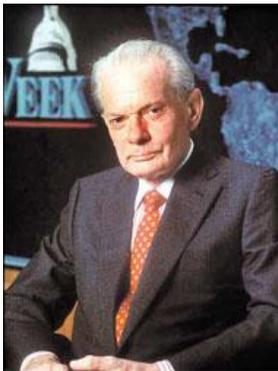
He used to live on the south side of Chevy Chase Village and I would stop and shoot the breeze with him if he was out raking leaves or doing spring yard work. As a Federal prosecutor we would exchange small talk on the criminal justice system.

I had retired from Chevy Chase when he was confirmed to the District of Columbia Court, but I sent him a note congratulating him and he was nice enough to send a thank you note back.



Merrick Garland, I knew him when he still had black hair.

Working in Chevy Chase put you in contact with some interesting people. **David Brinkley** lived in a huge house and a small piece of land. He had a woodworking shop in his basement. I'd see him the most when he was in pajamas and a bathrobe walking out to pick up his Washington Post. He used to give a big annual party at the house. I remember there were far more government security details on guests when George H.W. Bush was president than when Bill Clinton was.



An actual Supreme Court Justice you would see regularly in the spring and early summer was **Sandra Day O'Connor**. America's first female justice liked to garden. She lived at 4 Oxford Street, three doors off of Connecticut Avenue.

For eight weeks a year she would be back in Arizona and her house would be on the police vacation check list. If I was working on a Saturday my wife was known to come down and be a ride-along just long enough to do a vacation check at O'Connor's house so she could see her backyard garden.



George Will lived in a turn of the century three story wooden house that was one of the largest houses in town. His first wife lived about five blocks away with their son, Johnny, who was around 20 with some mental disability issues. Johnny was very friendly and you would see him all the time walking between his house and his dad's place. George in the `90s had an older red SAAB convertible with a Chicago Cubs bumper sticker.



You could see liberal news commentator **Mark Shields** every Sunday before and after 10:30 Mass at the Blessed Sacrament Church on the corner of Western Avenue and Brookeville Road. Shields was an usher and would help people being dropped off in and out of cars.



Political columnist, commentator, author and the original host of CNN's Crossfire **Tom Braden** was the voice from the left to Pat Buchan's voice from the right. Braden lived in a huge frame house on the corner of Brookeville Road and E. Melrose Avenue, next door to David Brinkley at 111 E Melrose.

Besides Crossfire, Braden wrote the book "Eight is Enough" about life with himself and his wife Joan and their eight kids. The TV Show based very loosely on the book ran from 1977-to-1981.

Braden, from Iowa, joined the British Army at the outbreak of WWII and then joined the OSS once the US entered the war.



Tom Braden died at age 92 in 2009.

Braden and his wife walked their dog for 30-minutes to an hour almost every night. I always carried dog biscuits in my pocket. I would stop, get out of the police car, give a biscuit to the dog and talk to the Bradens on a regular basis. We traded Christmas Cards for years even when he sold the big house and moved to a condo in Alexandria Virginia.

Former Drug Czar and Republican stagiest and now radio talk show host Bill Bennett lived in two different houses in Chevy Chase. I was on first name basis with the family's King Charles Spaniel. I also wrote a feature magazine piece with Bennett on U.S. Drug Strategy. But what I remember the most about Bennett was being at his house one evening around 7:30. I don't remember why I was there, probably about a security matter, but what I remember was that he and his wife had Nickelodeon on the TV and where watching Rocky and Bullwinkle. If I had been home and not at work, that is exactly what I would have been watching.



The last really well know and memorable person that I would talk to when I got a chance was **Sam Dash**. Out of high school Dash joined the Army Air Corps and was a

bombardier in Europe in WWII. In 1950 was the District Attorney in Philadelphia. He later was a law professor at Georgetown University. However he became intentionally famous as the Democratic Counsel in the Watergate Investigation of Richard M. Nixon.

I first met him when I stopped him for running a stop sign one day. When I had his license and realized who he was, I immediately told him that for what he had done for the country I could never write him a traffic ticket. He promised to be more careful. After that like Merrick Garland, whenever I would see Dash working on his yard or garden on Newlands Street I would stop and chat him up for five minutes.



From the center right to left, Head Counsel Sam Dash, Committee Chair Sen. Sam Irvin, Sen. Howard Barker and counsel plus later senator and movie actor Fred Thompson.

The one local Washington DC connection I had was with WMAL radio personality Andy Parks. I appeared on his morning show once when DC Radio legend Bill Trumbull was sitting in and posed for a photo of Trumbull strangling Parks while I was about to hit him with a black jack.



One time Parks asked if I could arrange to pull him over while he was broadcasting the morning show from the Oscar Meyer Wiener Mobile. When the Wiener Mobile went into Chevy Circle and exited onto Northbound Connecticut Avenue an officer pulled behind it and hit the siren. While there were 45,000 cars a day using Connecticut Avenue, at 7:30 am they were all going south into DC.

The thing that was really peculiar was the officer I had available to do the stunt was Margot Hawkins. Margot is the daughter of a magazine journalist. When she was growing up her father was the bureau chief for U.S. News and World Report in London. Despite being an American Margot had a distinctive British accent. As she played the part reading Andy Parks the riot act while he was on the air for operating a wiener in a careless manner it sounded like they were on King's Road in London.



UP JUMPED SPRING: Here is a link to the jazz standard by Freddie Hubbard:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8jdJhAzaua0>

Here is a much shorter and very much faster version by the Buddy Rich Band.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6StxfywsEMA>

But this piece isn't about music. It is about our spring explosions. This year it is about the trees and political signs. Unlike most years when the flowering trees bloom usually it is followed the next day with high winds, a thunderstorm with hail or a heavy wet snow. Not this year. The trees with blossoms were around for over a week. Here are a few shots of trees.



This is not a spectacular tree but I featured it because it is likely to be its last year with us. This house on Thornhill Drive is for sale by a builder, who wants to tear it down and likely the Magnolia by the front door with it for a new extra large size house.



Woodmark Drive Town and Country.



These on Schoetler Road in Chesterfield

momentarily focus your eye away from the power lines.



Pinetree Lake Drive in Town and Country



Muirfield Drive off Mason Rd



From the rear of Muirfield subdivision located along the north side of the Bellerive Golf Course, off of Mason Road.



I got to this one in the Arrowhead subdivision in Chesterfield about 4-days too late as you can see all of the petals on the ground. But the reflection in the pond still makes a nice spring view thanks to the deep colors.

Then there are the signs:



Lindsey Butler's sign is excellent with her name on a white background. I like the fact that Nan Kulkarni got the fact that she is a MD even if she is retired and her use of a stethoscope. The bad thing about her sign is it has the date of the election. If she wins or loses and runs again she has to buy all new signs.



Barb McGuinness wins this sign war in Chesterfield's ward 1. She is using the fact that she is the only "Barb" on the ballot to her advantage as her name is very big. Kaplan has some slogan on the bottom of his sign that is wasted space since you can't read it driving by. Kaplan has a lot of signs in the Greentrails area while McGuinness has the most in subdivisions north of Olive.



Barry Flachsbart might have the most clean, least cluttered sign I have ever seen.



Guy Tillman with a simple easy to read sign. His opponent Pat Flynn with a supersized easy to read sign.



We saw Dr. Alan Politte signs all over Ward 3 and did not see even one belonging to his opponent Randy Logan. Alan did the same thing that Nan Kulkarni did. He has the election date on his sign. A wasteful move.



Connie Fults was using the same signs she has used in previous elections. Decampi has the regular size sign and the super sized sign. I understand that Connie has Tom about 2-to-1 in their subdivision, but driving around I noticed where two years ago lots and yards that had Fults' signs, this year have Decampi signs.

CARTOONS:





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BY DAN THOMPSON





"For heaven's sake! A grown man jealous of a dog! Just roll over and get some sleep, you whiner!"



