

EX ALDERMAN NEWSLETTER 224 AND CHESTERFIELD 169



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NO BALLOTS FOR EVENING VOTERS! TOWN AND COUNTRY WARD TWO ELECTION AT THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRECINCT RAN OUT OF BALLOTS.

Instead of running out of ballots at the beginning of the day, they apparently ran out of ballots at the end of the day with an hour left for voting at the Good Shepherd Church on Mason Road. On Wednesday April 13 at the Art Commission meeting member Dr. Nan Kulkarni read a letter she had sent to the Missouri House Committee on Urban Affairs on the circumstances.

Kulkarni complained about the tactics she faced by her opponent Lindsey Butler during the campaign by filing complaints with the Ethics Commissions or calling her and threatening to file complaints.

"I was warned it would be a mud sport," she said.

The day before the election she was very upset when Amy Anderson, who decided not to run for reelection sent out an email using what Kulkarni claimed was her email list collected as the alderperson in doing her duties and not a political voter list, urging people to vote for Lindsey Butler. Kulkarni stated she knew it was Anderson's email list compiled as an alderwoman and not political as some of Kulkarni's friends and supporters got the email from Anderson.

But on Election Day, Kulkarni stated that she learned of them running out of ballots not from election officials but from a voter leaving the poll.

"Do you know what is going on in there," she was asked by the voter at about 6:20 PM.

That was when she found out that they had run out of ballots. Kulkarni said poll workers started giving ballots printed for Ward-3's uncontested race and told voters to write in either Kulkarni or Butler's name.

Kulkarni said there were 51 compromised makeshift ballots. She lost by 70 votes so even if all 51 ballots were for her, she still would have lost. But she wonders how many voters were confused and just did not write in any name.

"I was a bit player in a comedy of errors," she said. "This was like an election in the third world country."



Nan Kulkarni at the recent Art Commission meeting.

She said when she verified the ballot shortage with the Board of Elections she was told she could file a lawsuit in the Circuit Court.

"Excuse me, I told them. You screwed up and I have to go to a court of law. I don't think so," she said.

Kulkarni filed to run for Alderwoman at exactly the same time Any Anderson withdrew from the race. Two days later Lindsey Butler filed.

I asked Kulkarni if she had the backing of Anderson when she filed.

"She told me she would support me," Kulkarni said.

Lindsey Butler stated that she originally was not going to run even when Anderson was talking about getting out of the race. She added that she decided to run only because Kulkarni filed, adding that she was unimpressed with Kulkarni's work on the Town Square Task Force dealing with what to do with the \$2.3-million purchase of the vacant Wirth Property that the Wirth family had been unable to sell for a decade.

I confirmed that they ran out of Ward-2 ballots with Gary Fuhr at the Board of Elections on Thursday April 14. Fuhr confirmed everything that Kulkarni had said was correct. He said the poll workers used paper ballots and changed the precinct number to "221" for Ward 2 and had the voters write in the name of Kulkarni or Butler.

He said all the ballots were counted, but they were not listed in the original final count as they had to be examined the next day. He added that the count was almost even between Butler and Kulkarni on the modified ballots.

In the first count the race results were 303-232 in favor of Butler. After the modified ballots were counted Kulkarni picked up one vote with a final result of 328-to-258.



Voters coming and going at the Good Shepherd Church on Election Day in mid-afternoon before they ran out of ballots.

The thing that amazed me on the ballot snafu was that by noon the poll workers could not see that they would likely run out of ballots.

TOWN AND COUNTRY POLICE POLICE STATS FOR MARCH 2016:

The following activity was reported by the Police Department during the month of March



Officers responded to a total of 1835 calls for service and wrote a total of 202 reports, including:

- 88 Vehicle Crashes
- 35 Criminal Reports
- 17 Driving While Intoxicated (1 Felony and 16 Ordinance)
- 33 Misc Arrests (Traffic, Fugitive, Warrant arrest, etc)
- 342 Traffic Citations issued (213 speeding)

Felony DWI is Michael Gannon WM 31 yoa resides 200 block of Stage Coach Ln. in St. Peters. He was arrested 3/29/16 on Interstate 64 at 141.

2016 Town and County Police Activity Report Jan- March

The following activity was reported by the police department during the month of Jan:

Officers responded to a total of 5483 calls for service and wrote a total of 591 reports, Including:

- 245** Vehicle Crashes (**190** Jan-Mar 2015) (**188** Jan-Mar 2014)
- 82** Criminal Reports (**147** Jan-Mar 2015) (**85** Jan-Mar 2014)
- 48** Driving While Intoxicated arrests (4 Felony, 1 Misd, 43 Ord) (**49** Jan- Mar 2015) (**70** Jan-Mar 2014)
- 88** Misc Arrests (Traffic Charges, Fugitive charges, Failure to Appear, etc) (**127** Jan-Mar 2015) (**140** Jan-Mar 2014)
- 1028** Traffic citations issued (649 speeding) (**1,402** Jan-Mar 2015) (**1,447** Jan-Mar 2014)

DEER-VEHICLE CRASHES DOWN SLIGHTLY IN MARCH: There were only three Deer-Vehicle crashes for the month of March in Town and Country. This is down from six in March of 2015. There have been nine deer-vehicle encounters in 2016 YTD compared to 14 in 2015. Here is where the March metal versus venison collisions occurred:



March 18 7:34 PM Ramp WB I-64 to SB I-270 Ward 1
March 23 12:57 PM Ramp WB I-64 to NB Hwy 141 Ward 4
March 28 5:26 AM NB Hwy 141 at Clayton Road Ward 3



2016 Deer Accident Locations

I-64 Ballas to Mason 1 Wards 1 and 2
I-64 Mason to Hwy 141 1 Ward 4
Mason Road (Clayton to south city limits) 1 Ward 2
Clayton Road (Mason to Woods Mill) 2 Ward 3
Woodsmill Road 1 Wards 3 and 4
Highway 141 3 Wards 3 and 4

IRS FRAUD CASES DOWN IN BOTH TOWN AND COUNTRY AND CHESTERFIELD:

From the first of the year through the first week in April Town and Country had just four reported IRS Identity Theft false filings. In 2015 Town and Country took 48 IRS fraud reports in March alone.

After having their crime stats totally skewed last year with the IRS Fraud cases Chesterfield is not taking a criminal report. Here is what Chesterfield PD is doing when contacted by a resident about an IRS Fraud case this year:

...we adopted a new plan for 2016 Tax ID fraud cases. When called, the officer has a packet containing information on how to contact the credit agencies and IRS to properly report the incident. The officer then only takes minimal information and fills out a piece of paper which is turned in here to the station. The concept behind this is that the crime truly wasn't committed in Chesterfield but more than likely overseas or definitely out of State. Adding these stats to our crime numbers wasn't very accurate. However, if a suspect can be determined a full police report can be taken. I don't have our official numbers do far this year but I can

get them if you want. I would assume they would be comparable to Town and Country's.

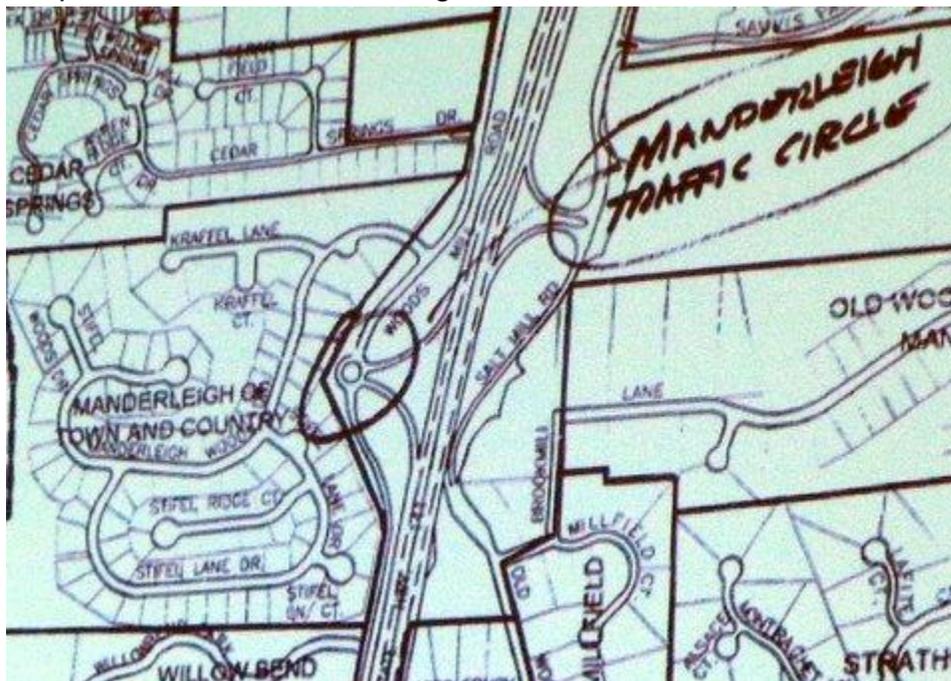
In 2015 through April 15 Chesterfield police had taken over 500 IRS Fraud reports.

TOWN AND COUNTRY ABOUT TO APPROVE FOUR BEAUTIFICATION GRANTS:

At the next Board of Aldermen meeting four Beautification Grants will be approved and money issued to subdivisions of rich people using tax money to fix up private property. Here are where the grants are going:

Manderliegh: The Manderliegh subdivision along Woods Mill Road will get \$5000. They planned to use the money not on the subdivision entrance, but on the State of Missouri MoDOT roundabout located on Woods Mill in front of the subdivision. The \$5,000 is half the amount the subdivision wants to spend. They plan to plant holly bushes and other trees in the roundabout.

The city got permission from MoDOT to do improvements at this roundabout and then will pass them on to Manderliegh.



Here are the problems and why Manderliegh and the City are shooting themselves in the foot.

1) You really don't want to invest money into State Highway property because at any time without consideration MoDOT can alter, change or move the roundabout and your investment in plantings will vanish.

2) Liability! In Maryland I was a court recognized expert on traffic circles (roundabouts) and would often testify in civil lawsuits involving accidents in traffic circles. The reason I was an expert was that Chevy Chase Circle at Connecticut and Western Avenues was one of the busiest traffic circles in the State, and I oversaw the police department that had jurisdiction on half of the intersection. (The State Line between Maryland and Washington, DC went through the center of the circle.) This was where six lanes of Connecticut Avenue intersected with four lanes of Western Avenue, plus three other streets all feeding into the traffic circle. Clear sightlines across the circle were not important as a driver's concern was traffic to their left. There was actually a fountain in the center of the circle.

However the roundabout traffic circle on Woods Mill just south of the entrance to Manderleigh only has four intersection points; the single NB and SB lanes of Woods Mill and to the east the exit from Hwy 141 and an entrance to Hwy 141. With this being a small circle it means traffic moves quickly around it. It can be important to be able to see across the circle to view all traffic entering and exiting the circle. If there is a view obstruction and especially if you are driving a low to the ground car, you can be at a great disadvantage. If there is a crash and view obstruction is an issue due to plantings in the circle The City of Town and Country and the Manderleigh subdivision could be defendants. They currently claim the plantings should not create a view obstruction. Common sense tells me otherwise.



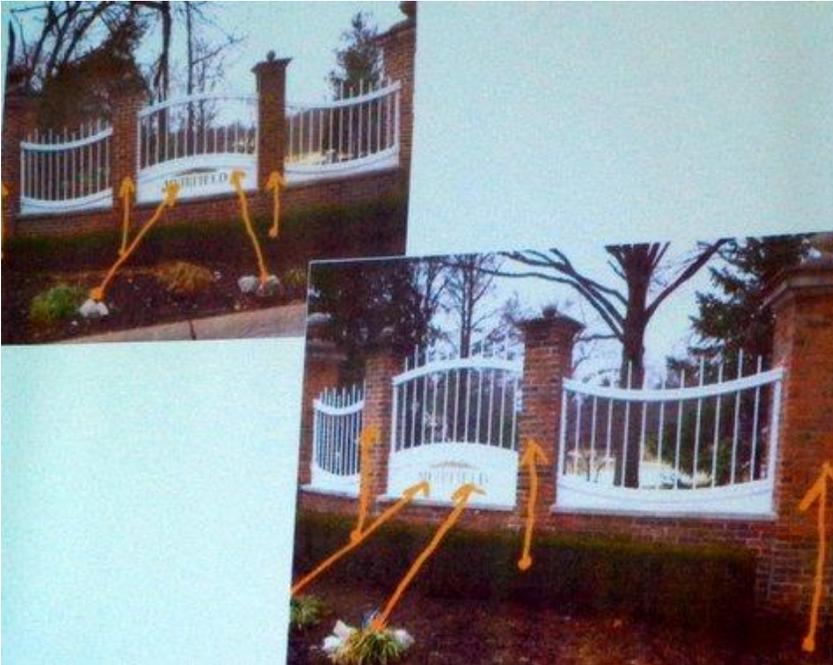
3) No Water. There is no water to the circle. Maintaining plant health would mean taking water to the circle. That would mean blocking a lane of traffic. The traffic circle is only one lane wide. This is an impractical and dangerous situation.

At the Aldermanic Agenda review meeting no one brought up these issues. In fact it was a love fest. Alderwoman Lynn Wright thanked the residents in the Manderleigh subdivision for doing this. A representative of the subdivision thanked the alderman for offering \$5,000 in grants.

MUIRFIELD: Skip Mange twice has said "The Muirfield Subdivision is just about the furthest north you can go in Town and Country." If it is "just about the furthest north" I'd love to have Skip tell what is further north. Muirfield is the subdivision with the highest per capita residents of all of applications for grants. It sits on top of the Bellerive Country Club golf course off of Mason Road.

Muirfield was the only subdivision not to ask for the \$5,000 maximum. They only wanted \$2,465 to pay for lighting on their monument signs at the entrance to the subdivision.

New rules for subdivision grants exclude money for maintenance of monument signs. The lighting apparently does not fall under that classification.



Arrows point to where up-lighting would shine on entrance monuments.

VILLAGE ON CONWAY As mentioned grants cannot be used to maintain monument signs. However the money is apparently okay to rebuild monument signs that collapse. That is what the Village on Conway wants \$5,000 for. It will likely be approved. The monument sign in front of the subdivision fell down.



THORNHILL GETS \$5,000 FOR PLANTINGS AND TO MAINTAIN INVASIVE HONEYSUCKLE. Subdivisions applying for grants have to submit bids. The company that was going to replant the entrances to the Thornhill Estates subdivision with an open entrance on Topping Road and a gated entrance on Mason Road submitted a bid that included "removing Honeysuckle." The woman who is charge of the subdivision entrances wrote on the bid "Honeysuckle Stays." So the subdivision where I live will continue to help spread invasive nuisance plants.

My wife had volunteered one year to take care of the Mason Road entrance and spent a half of a day clearing out the Honeysuckle only to have the same woman go off on her. Thornhill is also wasting subdivision funds on annuals that will die in November. However the grant money cannot be used for annuals. They claim to be spending a total of \$13,500 for plants. Here is an idea; next year lower annual dues instead.

Thornhill is asking for and will receive a full \$5,000 grant.



Thornhill entrance off of Topping Road



Here is the gates entrance off of Mason Road.

1938 STATELY MANSION DECLARED DANGEROUS. DEADBEAT OWNER CLAIMS HE CAN FIX IT UP IN 4-MONTHS. The Dangerous Building Hearing on Wednesday April 13 resulted in the Southern style mansion located along Clayton Road just east of the Special School campus declared as a dangerous building.



The person sitting as hearing officer was interesting to start with. By city code it was the Building Inspector, Neil Cantwell, a former cop and longtime building inspector. As the enforcement agent he would normally be issuing citations. But on Wednesday he was the judge. He had been denied access to house owned by the owner Frederick Clifford.

First was the main witness. Capt. Robert Hearsay... eh...I mean Capt. Bob Arthur who testified how the police had responded to the house on calls for "open doors," "suspicious persons" often teenagers in the house drinking, smoking pot or having sex and a burglary where juveniles were arrested trying to steal items, including a grandfather's clock left in the house by Clifford. Arthur stated that officers who had a legal reason to be on the property took photos of the condition of the house and out buildings. Arthur was not on these calls and testified to what was in reports and what he was told, thus making him for this hearing "Captain Hearsay."



Here are the photos:



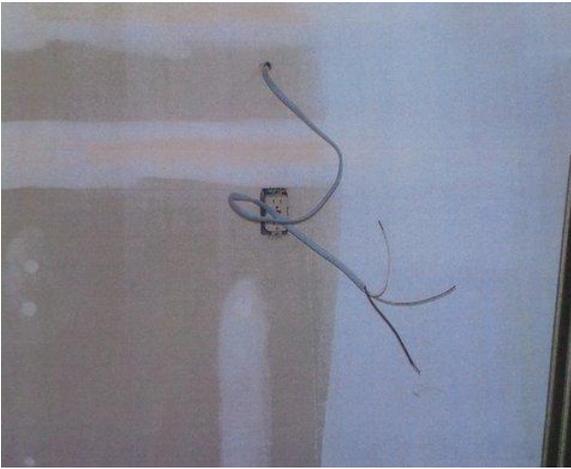
This is my photo of the front exterior. All the rest are by the police.



garden shed and greenhouse

outbuildings, barely standing





The owner of the property is Frederick Clifford, who has \$1.2 million in court judgments against him that we could find. There could be more.



Frederick Clifford

Despite not appearing to have any money, Clifford testified that while the house is now inhabitable that it would take very little work to make it livable. He estimated he only needed four months. He complained that the exposed wiring shown in a photo is the only one in the house. Cantwell indicted he didn't know since Clifford has not invited him on the property.

Clifford also complained that some photos depicted the bedroom over the garage for servants that has not been used since the 1940s. He also said other photos showed the "family room" which has not been finished since he bought the house in 1989.

After Clifford went on and on about how unfair it was to claim that one exposed electrical wire indicated there were more in the house, Cantwell reminded him that the city had been notifying him about code problems with the house for four years and he had not addressed any of them.

Clifford said he had been a good neighbor before and will be a good neighbor again.

Clifford's ex-wife's attorney was present and had testified earlier in hearing that there was a court order (the divorce judgment) that Clifford remove his wife's name from the property and he has refused to do that.

Rena and Todd Abrams live behind the house on Clayton Forest were at the hearing. They disagreed with Clifford's "good neighbor claim." Rena testified.

"The property has gone downhill every single day since it was vacant," she said.

"We have had so many promises of things he would do but never did. He is not at the property enough to care about it or keep it up. What is he going to do with the greenhouse? It has been an eyesore for a long time," said Abrams.

She also complained about people walking around the property and trying to go into the house.

After the testimony Neil Cantwell declared the house as being dangerous and a hazard. He continued the matter to May 11 at 10 am to see if Clifford was actually making serious repairs at the property.

Don't forget that Clifford has a history of abandoning and not caring for property. This house on Sanibel Island Florida appears to have been abandoned and is for sale in terrible condition.



Clifford's abandoned house in Sanibel, Florida.

I also have to wonder with all the bank, business and government taxing agencies having over \$1,000,000 in liens against Clifford, how he can produce money to fix up the house without having it seized to pay liens.

IT'S OFFICIAL! TIFFANY HAS TURNED INTO A POLITICIAN: At the Ward-2 forum at Longview Farmhouse on Monday morning April 11 Alderwoman Frautschi gave less than transparent answers to questions dealing with Mason Road and deer in Queeny Park.

A topic at the meeting with guest speaker Park Director Ann Nixon was planned and possible trails. The discussion included sidewalks (called trails to obtain grant money) from Clayton Road to the 499 acre St. Louis County Queeny Park. It was mentioned how totally dangerous it is to try and walk on sections of Mason Road without sidewalks.

Then the discussion changed to the current planned trail (narrow sidewalk) that the city is asking for grant money for is very dangerous as it crosses Mason Road from side to side depending where some existing sidewalks are.

The discussion went on for a while.

I then stated that back in 2009 and 2010 I had requested obtained lists where all the traffic tickets were written. On Mason Road between Clayton Road and the South City Limits the police had only written five traffic citations each year. I said while it was harder to find a violator on Mason Road than on I-270, but when you do it is a much

better citation than writing someone for being 15 over the limit on the Interstate.
Perhaps we needed some more traffic enforcement on Mason Road south of Clayton.



Tiffany then said the police were increasing enforcement on Mason Road south of Clayton, including backing into the front area of the AKC Dog Museum to run radar.

After that statement I spoke with a day watch sergeant and asked about the increased enforcement on Mason Road. He told me there wasn't any. I asked if there had been a directive about increased enforcement to start. He again said there had been none.

Next I asked Police Chief Pat Kranz about increased enforcement on Mason Road. He first thought I was making my annual complaint about a lack of enforcement.

"Like I told you before it is difficult to work traffic on that section of Mason Road because there is nowhere to pull violators over," said the Chief. I stopped him and said I was not complaining I was following up on a comment that there was a directive to do more enforcement.

"I didn't make one and there is none to my knowledge," said Chief Kranz.

I requested the information of traffic citations for 2015 and YTD in 2016.

In 2015 the Town and Country Police made 13 traffic stops or accident investigations on S. Mason Road south of Clayton Road where at least one traffic citation was issued. That breaks down to basically one traffic stop or accident a month with a ticket issued every 28 days.

So far in 2016 the number is higher. There have been 9 traffic stops or accidents investigated with a traffic violation citation being issued. That breaks down to one traffic stop or accident investigation with a ticket issued every 11.5 days.

However, the police department is not actually concentrating more enforcement on S. Mason Road per directives as suggested by Frautschi.

DEER: Next I made the statement that S. Mason Road would not be significantly safer until St. Louis County Parks Department begins to cull the deer herd in Queeny Park like park systems are doing all over the Midwest, Mid-Atlantic states and New England.

Frautschi then said that City Administrator Gary Hoelzer had made a request for St. Louis County to do that with the new County Executive Steve Stenger and the new County Parks Director and he was turned down.

Frautschi made it sound like it was a formal request which I thought was great, because I could obtain a copy of the request and the rejection letter from Stenger.

I contact Gary Hoelzer and told him I would be asking for the letter he wrote Stenger and the Director of Parks about deer. He stated he never wrote a letter. I asked him exactly what he did and what kind of a rejection he received.

He said he mentioned it in passing at an event where Stenger was in attendance and Stenger nodded. Gary stated he felt Stenger was blowing him off, but Stenger never said "No" and Hoelzer had never contacted the Director of Parks Gary Bess.

I asked another person that was at the meeting if he had the same impression I did listening to Tiffany that the police were ordered to do more traffic enforcement on S. Mason Road and a request for lethal deer control in Queeny Park was made and turned down. He said he got exactly the same impression. For all this criticism Frautschi is still doing a far superior job when compared to former Alderman Tim Welby.



Frautschi embellishing things a bit at the monthly Ward-2 Residents forum. She also wanted to know why I was taking her photo as if she never read this newsletter. I was a smartass and stated that it was unusual to see a woman over 40 wearing a horizontal striped dress and black go-go-boots.

JUDGE DUEKER REVOKES NO-POINTS, NO-FINE PROBATION TO THREE-TIME CONVICTED DRUG DEALER FOR 99 MPH SPEEDING. HOWEVER THE JUDGE THEN PLACES THE SAME GUY ON A NO-FINE NO-POINTS PROBATION FOR DWI: On 09/10/15 Alvin Wang was placed on a No-Fine, No-Points probation by Judge

Joe Dueker for speeding 99 MPH in a 60 zone on January 12, 2015 in Town and Country.

Wang has been convicted three times for crimes associated with drug dealing. He had his probation on drug dealing charges revoked and he spent a short amount of time in jail.

You might think that would make him illegible for probation, but that is not the case when he is appearing before Judge Dueker.

Less than two months after receiving probation on 11/10/15 for speeding 99 MPH Wang was arrested for DWI and Improper Lane Use by the Highway Patrol.



I pointed this out to the admin aide in charge of the Town and Country Police records Unit and she notified the County Probation Office.

Now here is the good news and bad news. Dueker revoked Wang's probation for Speeding, hopefully he will get the 2-points on his record and he was fined \$250.

Now here is the **BAD NEWS**. Dueker was also hearing his DWI charge. Clearly at this point Wang no longer deserves any probation sentences, but that is exactly what he got. Dueker accepted his plea to DWI and placed him on a No-Fine, No-Points SIS probation for 2-years. He was fined \$50 for the Improper Lane Use.

The 24-year-old Wang gives an address of 4049 West Pine right in the middle of St. Louis University. A perfect place for a ex-con drug dealer.



Judge Dueker is the same guy who set bond for the Parkway-6, the 17 and 18-year-old high school students, who used semi-automatic rifles and handguns in a robbery of two women at an apartment in West County at \$250,000 cash and when the kid with the richest parents made bond he lowered the rest of the bonds to \$10,000 and \$2,500.

Dueker was an assistant prosecutor for County prosecutor Bob McCulloch for 15 years when he was appointed to the bench. His wife, attorney Jane Dueker, worked for Democratic Governor Bob Holden and more recently worked on the campaign of Democratic County Executive Steve Stenger.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING ON SATURDAY WATCH OUT On Saturday April 23 at the Town and Country City Hall Parking Lot, Rain or Shine there will be a electronics recycling event. TVs and basically anything with a cord and plug will be accepted. BUT BE ADVISED IT ISN'T FREE ANYMORE! The one item many of us are trying to get rid of are picture-tube TVs. Those used to be free at recycling events. . They are now costing you between \$20 and \$40 dollars.

At the electronic recycling in Manchester on odd numbered months there is a \$15 TV fee.

Here are the charges to recycle at Chesterfield's regular event on the Sear's parking lot at Chesterfield Mall on April 30.

CRT TV's that are 26" and under will cost \$20.00 each to properly recycle.

- CRT TV's that are 27" and above will cost \$40.00 each to properly recycle.
- Console/DLP/Rear Projection TV's will cost \$50.00 each to properly recycle.
- Plasma, LED, LCD TV's are accepted for free.

Here is a chance for some spring cleaning of that dark corner in the basement but if it is a TV it will cost you. .



In April of 2014 they were taking all sizes of TVs at no charge at the city electronic recycling events.

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WOMAN ON PROBATION FROM GEORGIA STEALS THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS FROM AREA BANKS AFTER STEALING CHECKS. SHE BREAKS IMPORTANT RULE OF CRIMINALS; DON'T GET GREEDY! Constance Helms, 40, from Griffin, Georgia with a background of narcotics, check fraud and theft arrests moved into the St. Louis area staying at a motel in Hazelwood beginning on December 19, 2015. Her trip was interrupted and she had to move from the LaQuinta Inn to an address on South Central Avenue in Clayton, Missouri. (County Jail)



Here is how Helms ended up spending Christmas, New Years and beyond as the guest of St. Louis County.

On December 23, 2015 at about 1:30 PM Helms had a stolen wallet with a check book that had been stolen from the YMCA in Maryland Heights. She had a Missouri license with the victim's name and address but with her (Helms') photo on it. She was at the US Bank at 1795 Clarkson Road in Chesterfield. She had just cashed checks for \$1,000 and \$950.

She had already fled in a black Jeep Cherokee when police were called. Now if you had just stolen \$1,950 from a bank, you might consider getting out of town or at least the municipality you just committed the crime in. I have discussed this in past newsletters, one of the best places to get away with crime is in the City of St. Louis because often most of the police are out of service on other calls and you get extra time to make your get away. The next best best to do the crime is in a small municipality where the only cop on duty is busy raising revenue writing traffic tickets.

The worst place to do the crime is in a large affluent suburb where the cops don't have a lot to do and where they can concentrate on you.

Helms was still in Chesterfield when she drove north on Clarkson Road and continued on it after I-64 where it changed to Olive Blvd. Her next stop was at the US Bank at Hilltop Village. The bank staff had been wised up to Helms and her car by the people at the Clarkson Road branch.

At 2:30 the police were called and five officers responded. They quickly found Helms in the black Jeep in the drive up lane. She had tried to cash more stolen checks in the name of the Maryland Heights theft victim. Again the checks presented were in the amount of \$1,000 and \$950.

Apparently Helms had done some shopping, because at the time of her arrest she had only \$1,720 in cash in her purse, not the \$1,950 she had just stolen. Police also found eight wigs, several gift cards, another check ready to cash in the name of the victim and a pill bottle of Valium that was not in Helms' name.

Officers found Missouri license plates over out of state plates on the car.

At the police station she refused to make a statement. She was from Griffin, Georgia and officers discovered several days later she was on probation in Georgia.

On Christmas Eve the St. Louis County Prosecutor's issued four felony Forgery Warrants. A judge set bail at \$30,000.

Helm sat in jail. She was indicted by a Grand Jury on February 3.

OUTCOME: On March 3, 2016 Judge Ellen Ribaldo did something truly amazing.



Judge Ellen Ribaldo

Ribaldo was a defense attorney with Ladue attorney Scott Rosenblum before being appointed to the bench by Gov. Jay Nixon. (Rosenblum is the guy who while drunk crossed the center line on McKnight Road driving his Bentley and crashed head on into an average guy driving his just purchased 15-year-old pickup truck badly injuring the driver. Chesterfield prosecutor Tim "Let'em Loose" Engelmeyer was named a special prosecutor and dropped the DWI and had Rosenblum plead guilty to Careless Driving.)

Keep in mind that Helms had come to St. Louis at Christmas time to steal residents' wallets, ID and checks and then steal from the residents' bank accounts, all while she was on probation for crimes committed in Georgia.

On March 3 Helms pled guilty to all four counts of forgery and Judge Ribaldo would not give her a record of conviction let along sentence her to prison. Instead she placed her on No-Record SIS probations for five years. She was ordered to make restitution to the bank and the wallet theft victim on installments. She also claimed the time Helms was in jail waiting to appear in court to count as Shock Jail time. Helms was immediately released.

CHESTERFIELD POLICE BLOTTER: Here are the calls and crimes documented last week by the Chesterfield Police:



CHESTERFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Time of Occurrence Generic Address Business/Location Name Incident Type

04/12/2016, 1830 18XXX OUTLET BLVD **Larceny under \$500 Shoplifting**

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

03/28/2016, 1200 18XX PARSONAGE DR **Fraud Identity Theft**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's cell phone account information to order new phone.

03/27/2016, 0000 - 04/07/2016, 1200 14XX JENWICK CT **Fraud Checks**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject sent victim fraudulent check and attempted to have victim send money back.

04/11/2016, 1429 1XX THF BLVD Sam's **Trespassing Private Property**

Brief Narrative Description: 26 yo female trespassed on private property after previously being warned.

04/11/2016, 1525 - 1540 13XXX OLIVE BLVD IMAC Regeneration Center **Stolen Vehicle Automobile**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took victim's work van after it was left unattended with keys in the ignition in rear of business. Vehicle later located with tools missing from inside.

04/11/2016, 1722 3X FOUR SEASONS SHPG CTR Clarkson Eyecare **Larceny over \$500 Shoplifting**

Brief Narrative Description: 51 yo male concealed eyeglass frames and left store without paying.

04/10/2016, 1830 1XX SAYLESVILLE DR **Larceny over \$500 from Residence**

Brief Narrative Description: 28 yo male took extension ladders from residence.

04/09/2016, 0048 OLIVE BLVD & WHITE RD **Curfew**

Brief Narrative Description: 15 yo male out after curfew.

04/09/2016, 1100 14XXX CLAYTON RD Mobil **Larceny under \$500 Gas Drive Off**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject pumped gasoline and drove out of gas station without paying.

04/09/2016, 1050 - 1143 16XXX NORTH OUTER 40 RD Hardees Ice Complex **Larceny over \$500 from Auto**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject broke out window on victim's vehicle and took a purse.

04/09/2016, 1300 18XX SCHOETTLER RD Logan College **Property Damage to Vehicle**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject broke out window on victim's vehicle.

04/09/2016, 1430 - 1450 2XX CHESTERFIELD MALL Claire's **Larceny under \$500 Shoplifting**

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

04/07/2016, 1200 14XX WESTMEADE DR **Larceny under \$500 from Person**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took blank checks from victim's check book. Checks were later cashed outside jurisdiction.

04/08/2016, 1300 3XX N WOODS MILL RD Parkway Central High School **Assault Common - Actual Assault**

Brief Narrative Description: Two 16 yo females struck each other after argument causing no injuries.

04/08/2016, 0125 14XXX TRAMORE DR 2 **Assault Common - Actual Assault**

Brief Narrative Description: 46 yo female scratched and punched victim after argument causing minor injuries.

04/08/2016, 0715 164 HWY E & CLARSKON **Drugs Paraphernalia**

Brief Narrative Description: 26 yo male in possession of marijuana paraphernalia after being stopped for a traffic violation.

05/25/2015, 1200 16XX OLD BAXTER RD **Fraud Identity Theft**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's information to access IRS website.

04/08/2016, 1715 4 MCBRIDE AND SON CENTER DR IHOP **Larceny under \$500 Business**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subjects left restaurant without paying bill.

04/08/2016, 1938 3XX E CHESTERFIELD CTR Drury **Drugs Possession - Misdemeanor**

Brief Narrative Description: 32 yo male in possession of marijuana and paraphernalia after being stopped for a traffic violation.

04/07/2016, 0957 13XXX OLIVE BLVD McDonalds **Drugs Possession - Misdemeanor**

Brief Narrative Description: 26 yo male in possession of marijuana after disturbance investigation.

04/07/2016, 1237 2XX CHESTERFIELD MALL **Larceny under \$500 Shoplifting**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject concealed doll dresses and left store without paying.

04/07/2016, 1710 3XX THF BLVD Gordman's **Larceny under \$500 Shoplifting**

Brief Narrative Description: 26 yo male concealed clothing and left store without paying.

03/18/2016, 1200 - 04/04/2016, 1200 3XX S WOODS MILL RD 205 Brooking Park **Fraud Credit Card**

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

04/06/2016, 1753 1XX THF BLVD Walmart **Larceny over \$500 Shoplifting**

Brief Narrative Description: 27 yo male took duffel bag and video game systems and walked out of store.

04/07/2016, 1942 18XXX OUTLET BLVD Sunglass Hut **Larceny over \$500 Shoplifting**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject concealed sunglass frames and left store without paying.

04/07/2016, 1944 CONWAY RD & S WOODS MILL RD **Drugs Possession - Misdemeanor**

Brief Narrative Description: 20 yo male in possession of marijuana and paraphernalia after being stopped for a traffic violation.

04/06/2016, 0045 2XX S WOODS MILL RD St. Luke's Hospital **Peace Disturbance Other**

Brief Narrative Description: 43 yo female being loud in hospital waiting room and refusing to leave the property.

04/01/2016, 1700 - 04/06/2016, 0900 18XXX EDISON AVE Pro Motion **Larceny under \$500 from Auto**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took license plate off of business vehicle.

04/06/2016, 1240 18XXX HAGER LN **Larceny over \$500 from Residence**

Brief Narrative Description: 62 yo female took power tools from residence.

04/06/2016, 1314 15XXX STROLLWAYS DR **Fraud Deceptive Sale/Advertising**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject attempted to convince victim to send money for fraudulent tax scheme.

04/06/2016, 1543 OLIVE BLVD & RIVER VALLEY DR **Drugs Possession - Felony**

Brief Narrative Description: Two 20 yo males and one 18 yo male in possession of marijuana and paraphernalia after being stopped for a traffic violation.

04/05/2016, 1905 18XXX OUTLET BLVD Sachs Fifth Avenue **Larceny over \$500 Shoplifting**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subjects grabbed clothing and ran out of store without paying.

04/06/2016, 1614 2XX CHESTERFIELD MALL Finish Line **Fraud Credit Card**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subjects used fraudulent credit card to make purchases.

03/01/2016, 1000 - 04/06/2016, 2000 1XX THF BLVD Walmart **Larceny over \$500 Employer**
Brief Narrative Description: 25 yo male took money from cash registers while working for employer.

CITY ATTORNEY FOR CHESTERFIELD. Rest assured Harry O'Rourke is not long for the title as Chesterfield City Attorney. The interim city attorney has enough council people dismayed with his quality of work that he will soon be history. Mayor Bob Nation for several months had been trying to get Dan Vogel appointed as City Attorney to replace O'Rourke but could not get any council member to make the motion or second it. We now understand that Vogel is no longer in the running for the job.

FOOD: SMITTY'S OPENING UP SECOND LOCATION Smitty's the almost iconic neighborhood bar and grill known for its delicious food and reasonable prices is expanding. They are not moving into the dry cleaner's next door on Clayton Road and Baxter. They are opening a Smitty's at 7278 Manchester Road in Maplewood moving in after "A Pizza Story" went out of business. The location is about 1-1/2 blocks from the St. Louis City Limits.



New Location in Maplewood



The Original Location in Chesterfield

We have been told that the Maplewood location will have the same menus. But one Smitty's employee is not sure if the blue plate specials will be the same or on the same

days. The Wednesday Fried Chicken Specials that fills the parking lot and creates lines in Chesterfield, would have some competition in Maplewood with two well known Fried Chicken places, Porter's on Big Bend and Gus's Fried Chicken on Manchester Road.



One good thing for Chesterfield patrons is that Tammy, a long time cook who lives in Webster Groves, will not be switching to the closer Maplewood location, but will still be working nights in Chesterfield.

ADULT NIGHTCLUB IN MANCHESTER CLOSES: Verbally I had predicted this place, NV Social Club, would be out of business by the end of April after its November opening in the National Way Shopping Center on Manchester Road at Highway 141. I was off by a month. The place closed up at the end of March.



The Men's restaurant with waitresses in leather and low cut tops was supposed to be open all day and into the late night. They never were opened in the day.

The place had several strikes going against it. First it was hard to find and you could not turn left into the center from westbound Manchester Road. A family restaurant that was there in 2014 only last about four months. Secondly you can't have a place so close to home that wives and girlfriends can easily drive by the parking lot to see if you are checking out hot babes and making a sexist ass of yourself. That is why guys will drive to Sauget, Illinois to do that.



Former Wait Staff at NV Social Life

The owners have not had the decency to announce the closing on their website that still lists hours from 11 am to 1:30 am. The phone number to the place has been disconnected.

As a side note, the Shell gas station and convenience store at the on the southwest corner of Manchester Road and Highway 141 next to NV Social Life also has gone out of business.

MEDIA: CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH WEST COUNTY EMS & FIRE

PROTECTION DISTRICT: Sara Dayley, possibly best known in the baseball crazy town of St. Louis as the daughter of former Cardinal lefty reliever Ken Dayley, quit her job in 2015 at the KSDK TV newsroom to take a job as the media and PR person with the West County EMS and Fire Protection District. Normally this job falls to the fire Marshall.

She has now announced that she will also be working at KTVI part time as an anchor.

The problem Joe Holleman of the Post-Dispatch has been writing about is that she could as an employee of KTVI unfairly spin events involving the West County EMS & FPD. The way I see it is just the opposite. As the media and PR person at the Fire District she would be in the position to steer photos taken at fire and crash scenes by command officers to her second employer first before other media outlets.



The News Director at KTVI is taking a wait and see attitude.

No Transparency At WCMSFPD: It is interesting that in the last three years at the Monarch Fire Prevention District with a new Pro-Taxpayer Board of Directors replacing a Pro-Union Board, Monarch salaries are posted on the website and if you called at the fire district they would tell you over the phone.

Joe Holleman at the Post-Dispatch is finding things are different at West County EMS & Fire Prevention District. He called to find out Dayley's salary and they refused to tell him. Instead they told him to file a Sunshine Request and they would respond in three days. The whole point of Dayley's job is to assist with media inquiries. Shouldn't she answer Holleman's question concerning public information without him having to file a Sunshine Open Records Request?



versus



Fire Chief Ernie Rhodes Post Dispatch Columnist Joe Holleman

This is typical of arrogant people in power who think they are better than the public they serve. Many years that I work in law enforcement for city and county governments I dealt with records. Whenever I received a records request from a reporter that did not

involve days of research, I supplied that information as fast as possible and NEVER demanded that they fill out of Sunshine Law or Freedom of Information Request nor did I ever charge them for copies.

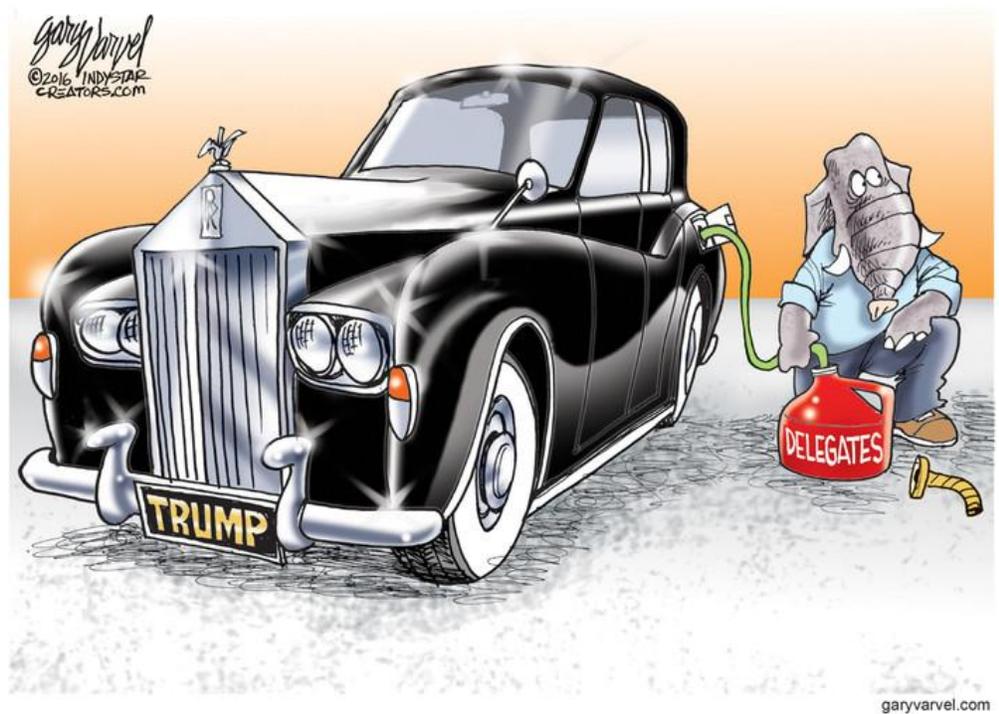
The theory is why piss off someone who buys ink by the barrel, paper by the roll or has to fill four hours of TV time a day with local news. Give them what they want and be their friend. Don't piss them off and give them another story about how you are trying to hide public records.

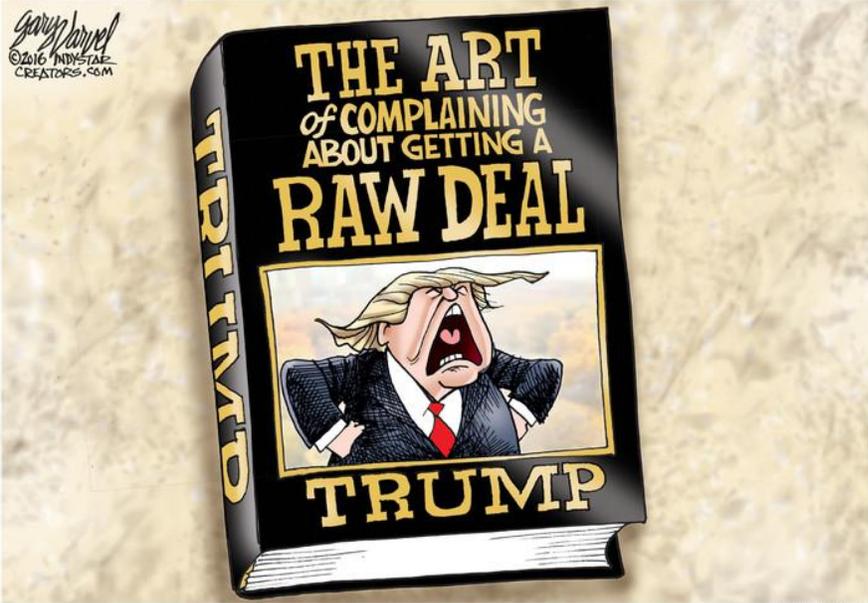
That is not the approach being taking by WCEMS&FPD when asked for the public information of how much someone makes. That takes no time to look up. I would have hoped that Sara Dayley would have been smart enough to call Joe Holleman and tell him how she makes. After all media/PR spokespersons are suppose to supply the media with public information.

CARTOONS:



With ticks out in full force and concerned about Lyme disease, Shelly always shrink-wrapped the kids before they went out.

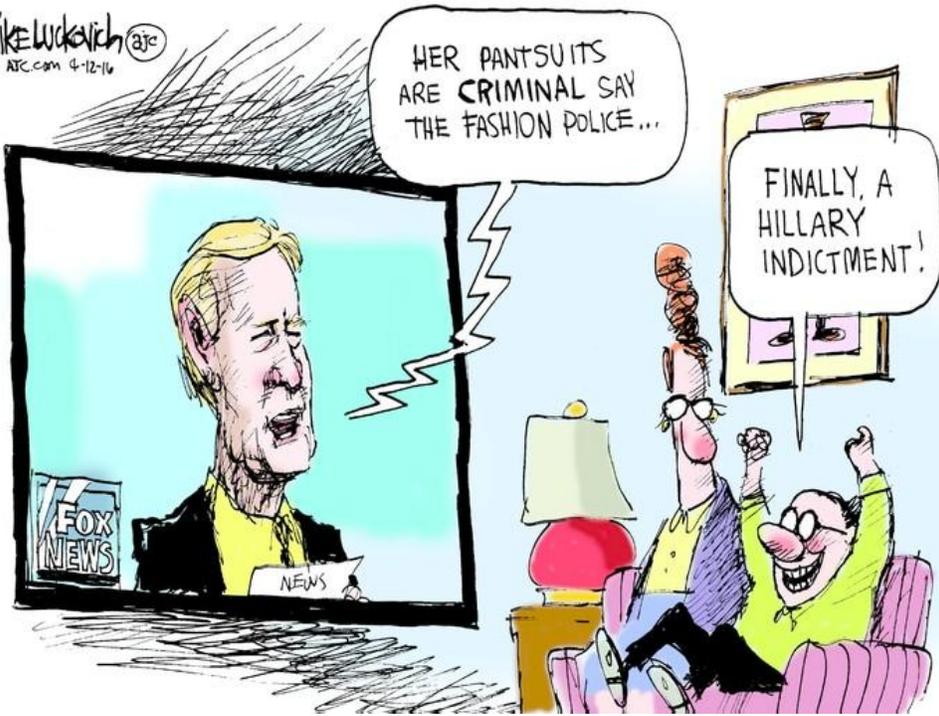




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