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By John Hoffmann

July 04, 2016

ANOTHER CRASH AND ANOTHER CASE WHERE A RESIDENT DOES NOT GET CITED: We wrote about this accident two weeks ago. A young woman in the Honda CRV came to a stop because of oncoming traffic and a tree limb blocking her lane. Behind her was the 22-year-old son of a resident driving a Jeep Wrangler that was technically registered to Dad. The jeep was driving too fast for condition coming out of a blind curve and at some point was following the Honda Too Closely. At the last second the driver of jeep swerved and overturned in the ditch that is next to Queeny Park.

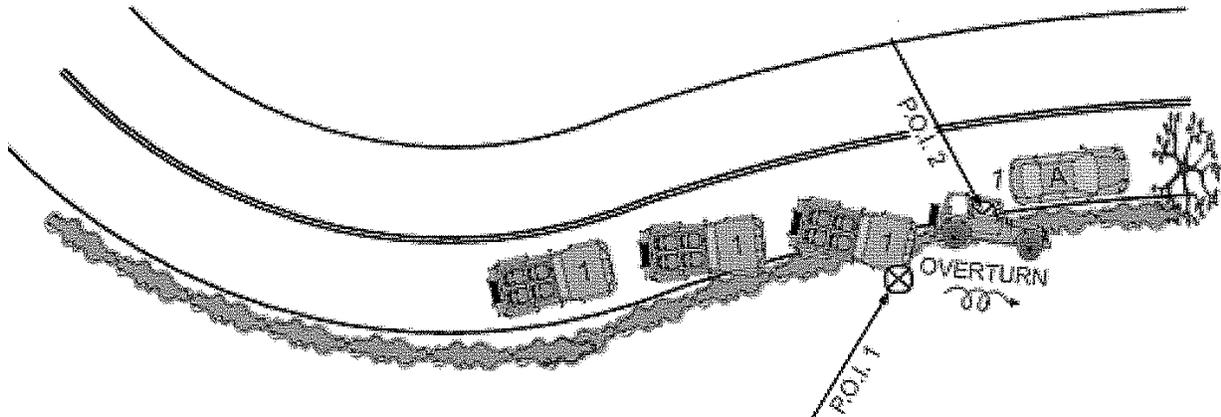


For some time there has been a push in the law enforcement community to stop calling collisions "accidents" and start calling them crashes. The reason is that 99-percent of the type the collision is caused by some harmful actions by one of the drivers, such as speeding, inattention, failure to yield and many other reasons.

The Town and Country Police Chief Pat Kranz corrects me anytime I say the word "accident" and reminds me it was a "crash."

Last month the Town and Country police wrote hundreds of traffic citations to people who were not in crashes as the police claim they are trying to reduce crashes. So it amazes me when people cause a crash the police issue no traffic citation. Often these "crashes" with no citations involved "residents."

While the Town and Country Police will arrest a resident for DWI in a heartbeat, they seem to give a lot of breaks to residents in "crashes."



That was the case of the overturned jeep. The driver was clearly at fault, but was issued no citation.

There was something else that I found interesting when I got the police report.

The Honda CRV was apparently not hit by the Jeep so the vehicle and driver were not listed as Vehicle #2 on the accident report. However the Town and Country police officer who wrote the report claimed there were no witnesses. See the checked box on his report and the narrative from the report. (below)

DRIVER 1 STATED HE WAS OPERATING VEHICLE 1 TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND IN THE 1400 BLOCK OF MASON ROAD FOLLOWING VEHICLE "A". DRIVER 1 ADVISED VEHICLE "A" SUDDENLY APPLIED ITS BRAKES TO AVOID DEBRIS ON THE ROADWAY. DRIVER 1 STATED HE APPLIED THE BRAKES OF VEHICLE 1 CAUSING THE VEHICLE TO SKID. DRIVER 1 SAID HE STEERED THE VEHICLE TO THE RIGHT IN AN EFFORT TO AVOID COLLIDING WITH VEHICLE "A". DRIVER 1 ADVISED VEHICLE 1 TRAVELED OFF OF THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ROADWAY ACROSS A DITCH AND STRUCK AN EMBANKMENT. DRIVER 1 STATED THE VEHICLE TRAVELED UP THE EMBANKMENT AND OVERTURNED IN A COUNTER CLOCKWISE MANNER STRIKING THE SIDE OF THE DITCH AND COMING TO REST ON ITS DRIVER SIDE.

NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED AT THE SCENE. VEHICLE 1 WAS EXTRACTED FROM THE DITCH BY MCNAMARA'S TOWING AND DRIVEN FROM THE SCENE.

I drove up on this accident right after it happened. **Clearly there was a witness.** It was the woman in the Honda that saw the Jeep overturn and skid past her on its side. Not only did she witness the accident, she heard the first words out of the reckless driver's mouth before he had a chance to think and come up with a story that marginalized his fault.

I'm sure an insurance adjuster would have liked to speak with her. To claim there was "no witness" is an out and out lie. What really surprised me was that two supervisors signed off on this report without the witness listed. The driver of the Jeep was marked at fault, but was not cited.

Here is an accident from 2014 where the driver was going so fast on Topping Road that she drove off the road and crashed into a tree. There was no citation issued.



More recently someone driving too fast on Clayton Road during morning rush hour drove off the road and took out of fence when at the last minute he noticed 20 cars

stopped in front of him for the red light at Clayton and Des Peres Road. (see below)
There was no citation issued.



TOWN AND COUNTRY SEES SEVERAL FELONY CASES DROPPED BY THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE DUE TO A LACK OF COOPERATION BY THE VICTIM/WITNESSES.

Just before the trial was to start the St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney's Office dropped the statutory rape charges against former Principia Upper School employee Zachery Retzlaff as the victim was refusing to cooperate with the prosecution. Retzlaff had relatives who were an administrator at Principia and an uncle who was on the board of trustees. The "victim" had moved in with Retzlaff and was being kept out of contact with her parents.



In a civil suit by the mother of then 16-year-old it was alleged that Retzlaff was involved in group sex with teenage girls who lived in the dorms at the school and that the school was aware of the activity and had simply told Retzlaff to stop and did not fire him. The lawsuit is on the homepage of our website.

The victim's mother was a teacher at the school. The lawsuit was dropped when the victim turned 18. She dropped out of school and moved in with Retzlaff. Mom has filed a new lawsuit claiming she was fired as a teacher because she filed the first lawsuit.

ARMED ROBBERY CHARGES DROPPED AGAINST CEDAR SPRINGS RESIDENT:

Kalaun Gray, 26, who was charged with Armed Robbery and Armed Criminal Action of a Phillips 66 gas station-food mart in Bridgeton on October 13. Gray was alleged to have put a gun into the ribs of the overnight clerk.

In December Gray was charged with Robbery for choking the female victim and then stealing a cell phone at an apartment in Bridgeton.

According to a spokesman with the County Prosecuting Attorney's Office both robbery charges were dropped when the victims refused to continue to cooperate with the prosecution of Gray.



May 14, 2015 Dest of Prop Oct 13 Armed Robbery Dec 12 Dest of Property Dec 13 Robbery

Each time Gray was booked he claimed he lived with his father Anthony Gray at 14361 Cedar Springs Parkway a gated subdivision in Town and Country off of Woods Mill Road. Gary's father changed his name to Gray from Gay. He used to be a lawyer for the family of Michael Brown and is currently the City Attorney of Pine Lawn.

The Johnson County prosecutor in Warrensburg is attempting to revoke Gray's probation on a Fraudulent Use of a Credit Device. The court date on that case is on July 29, 2016.

There are still three charges pending against Gray in St. Louis County. Gray is charged with Felony Unlawful Possession of a Weapon and 2-counts of felony Possession of Controlled Substance resulting in a September arrest in Florissant. His next court appearance is scheduled for July 20.

Here is the Probable Cause Statement by a Florissant Police Officer when charges were finally filed after the lab report was received on the drugs:

Date: January 20, 2016

I, ²⁶ Mark Nardoni, DSN 0637, Florissant Police Department, knowing that false statements on this form are punishable by law, state that the facts contained herein are true. I have probable cause to believe that on September 9, 2015, at 307 Dunn Road, Kalaun Gray, Black, Male, DOB 09/20/1989, 5'10", 145lbs, committed one or more criminal offense(s).

Count: 01 UNLAWFUL USE OF A WEAPON - CLASS D FELONY

Count: 02 POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE - CLASS C FELONY

Count: 03 POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE - CLASS C FELONY

The facts supporting this belief are as follows: Defendant was staying in a Motel 6. Police were attempting to arrest Tarran Bell on felony warrants who was also staying at that room. Bell gave consent to search to room revealing: 4 Hydrocodone; 6 oxycodone pills. Gray gave consent to search his car which reveals a loaded gun. Bell stated that the marijuana was his, the pills and the gun belonged to Gray. Gray stated that the pills were his, that he had no knowledge of the gun although the car was his.

Mark Nardoni, DSN 0637, Florissant Police Department

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GOLF CARTS WON'T GO AWAY: Here is the latest from the Thornhill Estates lying trustees. First Tim Welby (former trustee and alderdope) asked the new Police and Public Safety Chairperson Gussie Crawford to put approving unlicensed golf carts back on the agenda to be operated on approved subdivision streets. Several weeks later he called Crawford back and tells her that the Thornhill Board of Trustees have voted unanimously to try and get permission to operate golf carts on in the subdivision.



Keep in mind after Welby and Trustee President Randy Stevens twice lied to the Police Commission about the huge resident support for golf carts on the streets, a resident with a background in market research 18-months ago went door to door contacting residents. He found there was overwhelming opposition to golf carts.

To top all this off a week after informing Alderwoman Crawford of the unanimous vote by the trustees in favor of golf carts, the trustees emailed out a quarterly newsletter to all the residents and did not mention the topic of golf carts at all.

Police Chief Declares a portion of Thornhill unsafe for parking. Chief Pat Kranz ordered the city to put up No Parking Anytime signs for 90 days on a private street. Due to view obstructions because of a blind hill in 12900 block of Thornhill Drive Public Works & Director of City Services Craig Wilde and Police Chief Pat Kranz declared parking on that section of Thornhill unsafe.

He is an email Chief Kranz sent me:

From: Kranz, Patrick W. [mailto:KranzPW@town-and-country.org]

Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2016 3:59 PM

To: John Hoffmann
Cc: Wilde, Craig
Subject: RE: question

After conferring with Craig Wilde I issued an emergency order in response to numerous complaints about the large number of vehicles parked in front of or nearby 12951 Thornhill (all in a row) causing a traffic hazard to vehicles approaching from the west. The order is temporary in nature and will expire in 90 days or less, at which time the signs will be removed.

Pat

Patrick Kranz
Chief of Police
Town and Country Police Department



If the police chief and public works director think Thornhill's blind spots are a safety issue, do you really think golf carts are a good idea?

For those who live anywhere in Town and Country who would like to reach the police commission on this issue I'd suggest emailing Alderwoman Gussie Crawford at

hwcrawf@sbcglobal.net

and maybe cc Alderwoman Lindsey Butler

ButlerL@town-and-country.org

and Tiffany Frautschi

FrautschiT@town-and-country.org

and maybe even cc Police Chief Pat Kranz at

kranzpw@town-and-country.org

WARD 1 STILL SEEING MORE THEFTS: The first of the year we wrote about daylight burglaries occurring in Frontenac, Des Peres and the east end of Town and Country. The burglaries stopped on Super Bowl Sunday when the Frontenac Police arrested Robert Delp in the act of burglarizing a house off of Geyer Road and setting off the alarm. At the time Delp was still a Department of Corrections Inmate living in a Halfway House in downtown St. Louis He would take a bus to Frontenac and Town and Country from the Halfway House to commit burglaries. When you are depending on Metro Transit as your getaway driver your chances of being caught are good. Delp is now back in prison.



The latest Ward-1 Felony Theft was on June 20 during the overnight hours from Sunday to Monday when a black 2008 Ford Expedition was stolen from the one block long street **Embassy Row off of Bopp Road near Clayton Road.**

The license plates were caught on a gas station video surveillance along with the photo of a man leaving the car and entering the Gas Station/Food Mart. The car was later recovered in North St. Louis.

The Town and Country Police then got KMOV to air the gas station photo. The case is still open.



THE SURVEY SAYS: SELL PRESERVATION PARK! The city spent \$17,700 of unbudgeted funds without seeking bids or requests for proposals for Terry Jones of UMSL to do a survey of residents in Town and Country. The results are in and they came up the way Mayor/Cigarette Lobbyist Jon Dalton wanted them.

Out of 11,000 residents, 968 completed the survey equaling an 8.8% return. 87% thought Town and Country was going in the right direction. 98.8% rated Town and Country an excellent or good place to live.

The Number dropped on the Town Square project to just 63% who like the project a "great deal" or "quite a lot."

Where the numbers turned into a negative involved Preservation Park! 70.6% of the survey takers thought the city should sell the park which has gone into disrepair with parts of it closed, as the city puts money into the Town Square project.

56.4% thought the city should sell it to an educational institution for a lower price. But that boat has sailed. Nearby CBC High School has money problems and Missouri Baptist University just built a football stadium on their property that abuts Preservation Park. 43.6% believed the city should sell it to an office building developer for the most cash possible.

STATE AUDITOR FINDS OUR NEW STATE REPRESENTATIVE WHILE PINE LAWN MUNICIPAL JUDGE CHEATED THE STATE OUT OF \$400,000 AND CHEATED CITIZENS BY ALLOWING ILLEGAL FEES AND FINES:

Dean Plocher who Republican leaders picked in 2015 to run for the vacant seat of John Diehl. (Diehl as speaker of house resigned in the middle of a sex scandal involving a teenage college freshman intern.)

Plocher is a lawyer, but was also the Municipal Judge in scandal plagued Pine Lawn, Missouri recently rated by the online website 24/7 Wall St. as the poorest city in Missouri. While Plocher was judge, the mayor and assistant police chief were sentenced to Federal Prison in a shakedown forcing a store owner to make a false complaint against a woman running against the mayor, Sylvester Caldwell, for stealing an election sign. Caldwell was also shaking down the store owner for bribes as well as a towing company owner.

The woman with the false trumped up charge pled guilty to Littering in front of Plocher and was fined. Normally a defendant has to admit to an offense.

A year-long audit of the the Pine Lawn Municipal court including a large portion of time when the court was under Plocher's authority resulted in a ranking of POOR by the State Auditor. This is from the audit report:

Municipal division records are not maintained in an accurate, complete and organized manner. Division personnel could not locate 3 of 60 case files requested during the audit, and some files lacked necessary records, such as tickets, dockets, or warrants. The Prosecuting Attorney does not sign all tickets processed by the division, and his approval of amended or dismissed tickets is not always documented. The police department also collects a \$10 bond processing fee, but state law does not allow for this fee.



Here is more from the audit report:

The city police department and municipal division lacked procedures to adequately account for all tickets issued and could not locate 17 of 25 missing tickets selected for review from approximately 640 tickets that were unaccounted for during the audit period.

The city failed to accurately calculate excess revenues from traffic violations, and based on auditors' calculations, more than \$400,000 should be remitted to the Department of Revenue for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015.

Since Plocher left Pine Lawn the police department has been disbanded.

So the Republican Township leaders give us a guy to replace a state rep (who was forced to resign as Speaker of the House due to a sex scandal) with a person whose court as a Municipal Judge was rated POOR with \$400,000 not turned over to the State of Missouri, where complaints before the judge were not properly filled out and where case files were missing and could never be found.

EINSTEIN BROTHER'S BAGELS TO CLOSE TO BE REPLACED BY KATIE'S PIZZA AND OVERPRICE ITALIAN: In the not too distinct future Einstein Brother's Bagels, a popular morning gathering spot will close and Katie's Pizza will be moving in. I always liked Einstein's and often would take some bagels in to share when I worked as a TV/radio news editor at the MoDot Traffic Management Center.

If you check the restaurant reviews on our homepage I did not care for a dinner I had at Katie's on Manchester. However, I am aware of a number of devoted fans of Katie's



REAL ESTATE: For Sale: A Ralph Fournier Mid-Century Modern on Greenwich Green. The price does seem a little high at \$985,000 for a one story 3-bath house. But houses by the gifted architect and World War II bomber pilot are special.





The home is owned by Gerald and Michaela Kursar. He is an ophthalmologist with an office in Bridgeton. The biggest drawback to this house is that it is located directly next door to deer loving whacko, Marietta Palmer.

1914 Karlin Drive Here Today, Gone Tomorrow: This house is actually in pretty bad shape without any updating and missing some maintenance over the years. The house is for sale by owner with Dennis Hayden Custom Homes ready to build. The asking price for a tear down is \$550,000 for a one-acre lot.



13600 Clayton Road: This house used to be a stable/barn that were combined into a house. 70 years ago it was a hunting club. There is a For Sale sign in the property in the front of the house. Their most recent owners moved out of the house two weeks ago.



The house sits on 2.2 acres. It has 4,271 square feet and three stalls, er I mean bedrooms. The asking price is \$959,500.



This is actually the main entrance and front door on the north side of the house. The house has no basement. Located behind it on a separate 4-acres of ground is a dilapidated barn used by a landscaping company and behind that is a small house that is rental property.

The current owner is Dr. David Wu and Lee Deborah Hsiu Lu



WESTMINSTER UPDATE: There is no movement in the Westminster Christian Academy lawsuit over Town and Country's refusal to allow football stadium lights on the field next to long established subdivisions. Lawyers for Town and Country filed a proposed order in their behalf in May and WCA filed one in June.

However WCA did hire a basketball coach. They hired Dale Ribble, former head coach at Lindenwood University and most recently an assistant coach at UMSL. Ribble has bounced around the state as a head coach or an assistant coach, including stops at State Fair CC in Sedalia, Drury and Hastings College in Nebraska. He played for Charlie Spoonhour at Southwest Missouri State.

COMING UP NEXT WEEK: We cover the Public Forum on new house issues in Town and Country. The power point presentation is available online now and you can skip the unnecessary pontification by Mayor/Cigarette Lobbyist Jon Dalton and alderman Fred Meyland-Smith. Here is the link:

<http://mo-townandcountry.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/1421>

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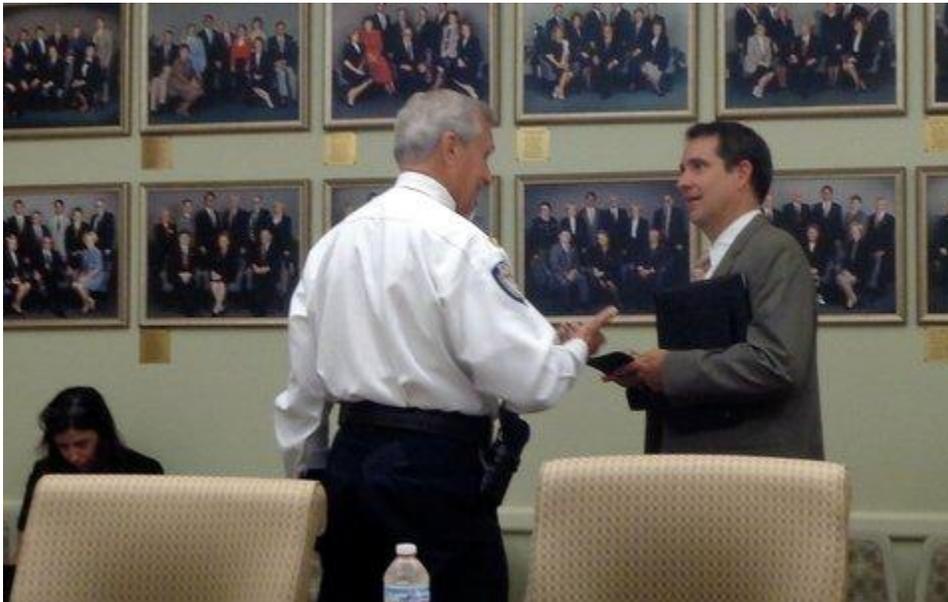
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CHESTERFIELD GIVES LOCAL ELECTED POLITICIANS EXACTLY WHAT YOU SHOULD NOT GIVE POLITICIANS! Wasting Money Again:

Having worked in municipal and county government for a long time I was shocked to see something going on in Chesterfield that is normally associated with small and often corrupt cities. It is the custom of giving police like badges in a leather wallet size/badge case to elected officials.

If you remember Ellisville Mayor Adam Paul was brought up on a number of bogus impeachment charges by a group of councilpersons that did not want him to stop a Wal Mart development getting tax breaks. One of the charges was that Paul asked the Police Chief if he got a badge. He asked because a former mayor had shown him his badge and asked if he got his yet. The Ellisville Police Chief Tom Felgate stopped giving out badges on the belief they badges would only lead to trouble. He is very right.

At a June Chesterfield City Council meeting I saw Police Chief Ray Johnson handing out a City Councilman badge and badge case to new Councilman Tom DeCampi.



I asked around and found out that all the councilpersons have badges and badge cases. My question is WHY?

Are they going to pull out their badge and make a "Councilperson Arrest"? Will they flash the badge at someone who ran a stop sign and have them pull over? What they are most likely going to do is if they get pulled over by a police officer for a traffic violation and try to get out of the ticket. It might work in Chesterfield, but outside of Chesterfield it will piss off the right cop who will look for reasons to write a second ticket.

These badges are completely unneeded and a waste of tax money. Chesterfield needs to get rid of stuff like this before they start whining about the tax pool.



A former Ellisville mayor's badge that became part of a bogus impeachment of the mayor. After a Circuit Judge cleared Mayor Paul the former mayor from the 1980s give him the badge. Paul does not carry it around

OOPS! MONARCH TO THE RESCUE: On June 26 at about 6:10 pm a Monarch Fire Protection District pumper crew and battalion chief arrived at the parking lot of a strip shopping center on Clarkson Road and surrounded a compact car.



After four or five minutes it was clear as to what was the problem. The driver of the car had not only locked her keys in the car, she did it before she removed her small child.



REQUESTS FOR CRICKET FIELD MADE TO CITY COUNCIL: At the June 20th Chesterfield City Council meeting there was a request from a group that included a large number of young people for Cricket Pitches (playing fields) in Chesterfield. The city currently has baseball, softball, football, soccer and lacrosse being played on fields at the city's Athletic Complex along the Missouri River.

I asked Director of Services and Interim City Administrator Mike Geisel about adding Cricket pitches to the athletic complex and how much Lacrosse is now being played at the complex. Here is his response:

From: Mike Geisel [mailto:mgeisel@chesterfield.mo.us]
Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2016 7:31 AM
To: John Hoffmann
Cc: Thomas McCarthy
Subject: RE: question

We host Lacrosse use on our multi-sport fields, depending on scheduling and usage. We have used both the A & B group fields for Lacrosse at various times. We do not have “dedicated” Lacrosse

fields, but use each field for a variety of different sports and configure them as needed.

Right now, we're investigating the physical requirements and related financial impacts of providing cricket pitch(es). We have a couple of options, but can't really determine yet whether or not they would be suitable. A full cricket pitch consumes a significant amount of ground.



CHESTERFIELD PROJECT UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

WARD 2: Watermark at Chesterfield Village –A Site Development Plan for 3, 4 story multi-family structures–Site Development Plan is under review.



BLDG 2 FRONT ELEVATION

Future site of RaboAgri Finance headquarters. Located at 14767 North Outer 40; office building with structured parking



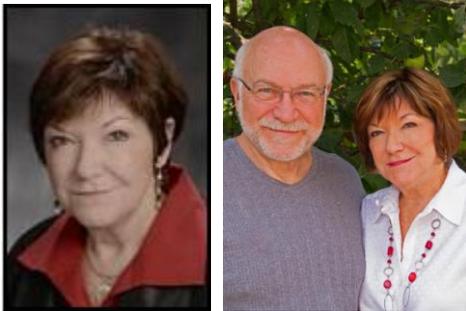
WARD 4: TOP GOLF USA IMPRINT TAKING OVER ICE HOCKEY ARENA: 22.2 acres; Construction likely in the spring of 2017.



There was no opposition speakers to the project at the June 27 Chesterfield Planning Commission meeting.

EMAIL BEING CIRCULATED TRIES TO TIE CANDIDATE MIKE ALLEN TO SCHOTTLER ROAD APARTMENT PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT. ALLEN SAYS IT IT NOT SO. WHAT DO THE CAMPAIGN RECORDS SAY? There is an email that was cc'ed so many times that it took on a life of its own concerning opposition to the 300 unit apartment complex proposed for Schoettler Road and South Forty Outer Road. The

email was sent by Fred Sussman on June 23, 2016 two days after State Rep Sue Allen sent a letter to Chesterfield city official saying she was withdrawing her support of the proposal.



Mike and Sue Allen

Sussman's email points out that Allen's husband, Mike, who is running to replace his wife Sue (term limited out) this year, was a college classmate and longtime friend of the developer, Tom Kaiman's father James Kaiman. He inferred that was the reason for Allen initial support of the project, especially since she does not live in Chesterfield.

Here is the email:

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 23, 2016, at 1:59 PM, Fred Sussman <fsussman@ceofocus.com> wrote:

I have included an email sent by MO State Representative, Sue Allen to myself and I believe many Chesterfield residents, Tuesday, June 20, 2016. In this letter, Representative Allen "withdraws" her support for the development. It has come to my attention that the letter is for public consumption only and that in fact Sue Allen has emailed or communicated in some other way with each Council Member indicating that she is 1) fully supportive of the project and would like to see it approved and 2) sending the letter for public consumption only. While I do not have absolute fact to support this hypocritical and purely political action on her part as of yet, I ask that each of you respond to me with confirmation or denial of such communication by Representative Allen.

Representative Allen's letter concludes with the statement, "... that this is a local Chesterfield matter..." And also confirms she is not a resident and thus truly should have no opinion or voice on this matter. This begs the question of why is she involving herself at all? The answer, I believe, is that it has also been communicated to me that Ms. Allen's husband is very good friends with the father of Mr. Kaiman of KU Development. Thus, Representative Allen's motivation is purely for her own and/or a friend's personal gain, and most certainly a conflict of interest, similar to that of Council Member Nations. This is reprehensible behavior by an elected state official whose responsibility is to represent the people, not their friends.

Again, I request each recipient of this letter to respond by email with your confirmation or denial of receipt of a separate email, phone call or other communication from Representative Allen regarding her support for the project despite her open letter to the Citizens of Chesterfield.

I briefly spoke to Mike and Sue Allen on Saturday as they walked in the Town and Country parade. Mike said his really didn't have any close ties to Tom Kaiman's father, James Kaiman and the whole thing is ridiculous. Sue Allen denied reconnecting with the councilpersons after she sent the second letter withdrawing any support for the project. I believe her. The councilpersons I contact denied ever being contacted by Allen after her letter withdrawing support.

However there is clearly a connection since Mike's college buddy has been giving Sue and him campaign contributions since 2007. The contributions are not large like the ones Sue got from the casinos, railroads (anyone know of any railroad tracks in her district?), drug companies, medical professional associations and home builders, but there have been 10 contributions in the last 10 years, totaling \$1,175.

09/17/15	\$250	Jim Kaiman Chesterfield
11/12/15	\$ 50	James Kaiman Chesterfield

TO Citizens to elect Sue Allen

10/31/13	\$100	Jim Kaiman Chesterfield
11/04/12	\$100	Jim Kaiman Chesterfield
05/24/12	\$200	James Kaiman Chesterfield
04/15/11	\$ 50	James Kaiman Chesterfield
11/06/10	\$100	James Kaiman Chesterfield
03/24/10	\$ 25	James Kaiman Chesterfield
10/14/08	\$100	James Kaiman Chesterfield
08/06/07	\$200	James Kaiman Chesterfield

Since Rep. Sue Allen does not even live in Chesterfield this seemed like a perfect issue to keep her nose out of and not piss off any voters in the upcoming election involving her husband. She apparently did not see that and pulled a Todd Akin. I don't think it will be as serious as Todd's blunder only because Derek Grier is tied as close to developers as Mike Allen or closer, plus Derek isn't as smart as I used to think Mike Allen was.

Also keep in mind that a big wheel in the opposition to the project is former Mayor Bruce Geiger, who is also a supporter of Derek Grier.

Sussman has also sent out emails saying that Councilwoman Bridget Nations should recuse herself from voting on this because she is good friends and a neighbor of the developer.

In response to Sussman's emails Councilman Bruce DeGroot fired back an email on Friday June 24 first stating he supported their positions but then lecturing Sussman on sending out such emails. He finished the email with the following:

"Again, it is my belief that reckless allegations like these do not help you achieve your goal. My hope is that we can all take a deep breath and deal only in facts rather than speculation. Thank you."



Here is DeGroot at a recent Council meeting paying closer attention to his texts and emails than the City's business. A good idea for him would be to turn off his device when the meeting starts, but perhaps he was responding to Sussman when I snapped this photo.

POLICE BLOTTER: Here is what the Chesterfield Police were responding to and dealing with last week:



CHESTERFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Media Report June 22, 2016 - June 28, 2016

[Time of Occurrence](#) [Generic Address](#) [Business/Location Name](#) [Incident Type](#)

06/28/2016, 0724 S OUTER 40 RD & WOODROYAL EAST DR **Drugs Possession - Misdemeanor**
Brief Narrative Description: 16 yo male in possession of marijuana after being stopped for DWI.

06/27/2016, 1042 2XX THF BLVD Petsmart **Fraud Credit Card**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's credit card information to make purchase.

06/28/2016, 1410 2XX CHESTERFIELD MALL Hot Topic **Larceny under \$500 Shoplifting**
Brief Narrative Description: 16 yo female concealed clothing and left store without paying. After contact with the police, stolen jewelry was also recovered along with marijuana and alcohol.

06/28/2016, 1550 1XX THF BLVD Best Buy **Larceny under \$500 Shoplifting**
Brief Narrative Description: 18 yo female concealed CD's and left store without paying.

11/29/2015, 1200 17XXX WILDHORSE MEADOWS CT **Fraud Identity Theft**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's information to open up PayPal account.

05/12/2016, 1200 15XXX CHAMISAL DR **Fraud Deceptive Sale/Advertising**
Brief Narrative Description: Report of fraudulent contractor work that was improperly performed.

06/28/2016, 2024 1XX THF BLVD Walmart **Larceny under \$500 Shoplifting**
Brief Narrative Description: Two 18 yo males took electronics and walked out of store without paying.

06/28/2016, 2326 BROOKING PARK & WOODS MILL COVE DR **Drugs Possession - Misdemeanor**
Brief Narrative Description: 20 yo male in possession of marijuana after being stopped for a traffic violation.

06/22/2016, 1127 2XX CHESTERFIELD MALL Sophora **Fraud Credit Card**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's credit card information to make purchase.

06/27/2016, 1330-1820 21XX WHITE LANE DR **Larceny over \$500 from Residence**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took dog from rear or residence.

06/27/2016, 2100 20XX CLAYMILLS DR **Assault Common - Actual Assault**
Brief Narrative Description: 17 yo male shot victim in leg with BB gun causing minor injuries.

06/26/2016, 1418 2XX THF BLVD Lowe's **Larceny over \$500 Shoplifting**
Brief Narrative Description: 63 yo male and 22 yo female took plumbing merchandise and returned it for store credit.

06/25/2016, 2200-06/26/2016, 0630 13XX CHERRY GLEN CT **Property Damage Landscaping**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject spray painted graffiti on fence and on sidewalk.

06/25/2016, 1414 17XXX NORTH OUTER 40 RD Sunglass Hut **Larceny under \$500 Shoplifting**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subjects concealed sunglasses and left store without paying.

06/25/2016, 0014 BAXTER RD & WILD HORSE CREEK RD Liquor Violation Minor in Possession
Brief Narrative Description: 19 yo male and 19 yo female in possession of alcohol after being stopped for a traffic violation.

06/16/2016, 0700-06/25/2016, 1000 16XXX WESTBORO CIRCLE DR **Stolen Vehicle Motorcycle**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took motorcycle from parking lot.

06/25/2016, 1420 13XXX FORESTLAC DR **Stolen Vehicle Automobile**
Brief Narrative Description: 22 yo male took vehicle from family member without permission.

06/25/2016, 1700 1XX THF BLVD Walmart **Assault Common - Actual Assault**
Brief Narrative Description: 53 yo female struck victim in the face after argument causing minor injuries.

05/03/2016, 1000-2300 2XX CHESTERFIELD MALL Chesterfield Mall **Larceny under \$500 from Auto**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject entered victim's unlocked vehicle and took clothing.

06/22/2016, 1200 - 06/23/2016, 1430 1 1ST MISSOURI CTR First Bank **Larceny under \$500 from Auto**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took license plate off of vehicle.

06/03/2016, 1200 - 06/24/2016, 1250 2XX AMBRIDGE CT 305 **Fraud Identity Theft**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's information to open up credit card accounts.

06/24/2016, 1233 18XXX OUTLET BLVD Sunglass Hut **Larceny under \$500 Shoplifting**
Brief Narrative Description: 36 yo male concealed sunglasses, a watch, and clothing from three different stores.

06/24/2016, 1348 17XXX CHESTERFIELD AIRPORT RD Amini's **Drugs Possession - Felony**
Brief Narrative Description: 26 yo male in possession of heroin, Xanax pills, and paraphernalia after being stopped for a traffic violation.

06/24/2016, 2039-2045 6X THF BLVD Dick's Sporting Goods **Larceny over \$500 Shoplifting**
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject grabbed clothing and ran out of store without paying.

06/23/2016, 1025 15XXX PICARDY CREST CT **Assault Common - Actual Assault**

Brief Narrative Description: 68 yo female pushed victim after argument causing no injuries.
06/23/2016, 1859 17XXX NORTH OUTER 40 RD Taubmann Outlet Mall **Drugs Possession - Misdemeanor**

Brief Narrative Description: 33 yo male in possession of marijuana after being stopped for a traffic violation.
06/23/2016, 1730-800 17XXX NORTH OUTER 40 RD Coach **Larceny over \$500 Shoplifting**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subjects concealed watches and left store without paying.
06/23/2016, 2215 20XX MOORGATE DR **Assault Common - Actual Assault**

Brief Narrative Description: 26 yo female slapped victim in the face after argument causing minor injuries.
06/23/2016, 1430 3XX THF BLVD Home Depot **Larceny under \$500 Shoplifting**

Brief Narrative Description: 35 yo male concealed power tool and left store without paying. After being stopped by police, also found in possession of heroin, paraphernalia and stolen property.
06/20/2016, 1530 3XX N WOODS MILL RD Parkway Central High School **Assault Common - Actual Assault**

Brief Narrative Description: 18 yo male pushed victim after argument causing no injuries.
06/23/2016, 0241 18XXX OUTLET BLVD Saks Off 5th **Burglary Commercial - Business**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subjects broke out front window of business and took clothing and purses.
06/23/2016, 2214 20XX COUNTY CORK DR **4 Fraud Identity Theft**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's information for apartment lease application.
06/23/2016, 1440 6XX SPIRIT DR Mohela **Harassment/Threat Phone**

Brief Narrative Description: 57 yo male made threatening phone call to victim.
06/21/2016, 1030 - 06/23/2016, 1415 14XXX CLAYTON RD Briarcrest **Larceny under \$500 from Residence**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took prescription medication from apartment.
06/19/2016, 1600 10XX GREYSTONE MANOR PKY **Ordinance Violation Dog Running Loose**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown dog ran into yard and bit victim's dog.
06/16/2016, 2325 2XX CHESTERFIELD INDUSTRIAL BLVD Green Guys Landscaping **Larceny over \$500 Business**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took landscaping trailer from rear of business.
06/22/2016, 1230 9X LONG RD Walgreens **Fraudulent Prescription**

Brief Narrative Description: 26 yo male passed fraudulent prescription to pharmacy.
06/21/2016, 1200 - 06/22/2016, 1545 8X WESTMEADE CT **Stolen Vehicle Motorcycle**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took victim's motorcycle which was parked in apartment parking lot.
06/22/2016, 1736 20XX SIR JEFFERY CT **Fraud Identity Theft**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's information in an attempt to open up a credit card account.
06/22/2016, 1822 18XXX OUTLET BLVD Aldo **Larceny under \$500 Shoplifting**

Brief Narrative Description: 27 and 16 yo females concealed shoes and left store without paying. Both subjects also in possession of stolen clothing from other stores and prohibited theft devices. Subjects initially gave officers incorrect information to identify themselves.
06/22/2016, - 1955 16XXX MEADVIEW ST **Stolen Vehicle Motorcycle**

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took motorcycle which was parked in apartment complex parking lot.
06/22/2016, 2325 16XX OLD BAXTER RD Chesterfield Dog Park **Curfew**

Brief Narrative Description: 16 yo male and female out after curfew.
06/22/2016, 1750 - 1800 17XXX NORTH OUTER 40 RD Solstice **Larceny over \$500 Shoplifting**

Brief Narrative Description: 27 and 16 yo females concealed sunglasses and left store without paying.

Through May there had been six motor vehicle thefts all year in Chesterfield. Last week there were four. Three were stolen motorcycles from apartments. The other one shows

why it is nice to live in West County. The car was not stolen by some stranger in the middle of the night or off a shopping center parking lot. It was taken without permission by a family member.

Dog Gone: If you noticed the "dog theft" notation. We checked back with the police department and learned that the dog is back home as it apparently got out of the fenced backyard and was not stolen.

COMING NEXT WEEK: CITY COUNCIL FINANCIAL WORKSHOP MEETING. We were the only member of the public to attend a 3-hour Financial Workshop for the Chesterfield City Council. Due to space limitations this week, we will have our coverage of the event next week. But here is a message from Interim City Administrator Mike Geisel and Finance Director Craig White, the Council and staff needs to change its ways in spending before 2022. However the power point presentation is available and here is the link to it:

http://www.chesterfield.mo.us/webcontent/CouncilPackets/6-28-2016_City_Council_Finance_Discussion_packet.pdf

COMING NEXT WEEK: NEIGHBORHOOD OPPONENTS SPEAK OUT AGAINST ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY. **Three times they were warned that with current zoning it could be worse:** We made it for two hours of the Planning Commission meeting on Public Comments on the proposed Nursing Home, Assisted Living facility for Baxter and Wildhorse Creek Road. Photos and comments by citizens will be covered in next week's newsletter.



POPULAR CHESTERFIELD RESTAURANT IS OUT OF BUSINESS. THEY WERE NOT LOSING MONEY; THEY LOST THEIR LEASE. Krieger's Pub and Grill the popular Sports Bar on Clarkson Road between Chesterfield Parkway and Baxter Road closed for good on Friday night June 24. They were not losing money or suddenly had

high labor costs. Their landlord would not renew their lease as he had a new tenant. Krieger's had been at this location for 25 years.

Here is what the owner Matteo Terzo wrote the the Kreiger's facebook page:

Sadly, and with great regret, I must announce that after 25 years of business Krieger's landlord has elected not to renew my lease. Unfortunately I am left with no choice but to close the doors. Friday night June 24th will be our last night of service.

I would like to recognize my staff, who I not only consider friends, but have become like family to me for their many years of dedication. Without them Krieger's would not be Krieger's.

On behalf of the whole Krieger's family I would like to thank our many regular customers, who have also become our friends, for their loyal support. It has been a pleasure serving you.

Please join us Friday night June 24th to lift up a cold pint and reminisce about all the good years we've had. \$2.00 drafts until the kegs run dry!

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You

Matteo



On the Sunday two days after the last meal and beer were served, while I was taking photos, a number of would-be customers of all ages were arriving for diner only to have to make a fast change of plans.

WE WERE RIGHT ON OUR RESTAURANT REVIEW OF WINFIELD'S: We did not give Winfield's A Gathering Place, a sports bar and restaurant on Manchester Road at Woodlawn in Kirkwood co-owned by former Cardinal outfield Jim Dwyer, a very good review 18 months ago. Its last day in business was Saturday July 2.



WHY NOT CALL IT "WHERE'S WALDO?" The empty Zydeco Blues restaurant in the hard to find and get to Des Peres Square that now sees most of its traffic to doctors' offices or the Missouri License Fee office, will soon reopen under a new name.

Moving into the building will be a place called Circa St. Louis with will provide traditional American meals featuring St. Louis favorites, like toasted ravioli, thin crust pizza, pork steaks and we can only hope Goey Butter Cake for dessert. The walls covered will be covered with photos and artifacts from the St. Louis area.

The problem with these places is that while you are trying to eat, people will come over to see what is on the wall behind your table or booth. Or you will be one of the people learning over someone's mashed potatoes to get a better look at the photo of the downtown Scruggs Vanderroot's and Barney Department Store.



With the lack of success of any restaurant in this location that can only be reached by one-way divided eastbound Manchester Road; I think for a restaurant to be successful you have to add an additional element to the "going out for dinner" trip. Make it adventure. Call the place "Where's Waldo" and challenge people to find it.



OVERHEARD AT RECENT MEETINGS:

WENDY GECKLER LOST HER SOUL, OR WAS IT SOLE? I figured out sometime ago that planning commission member, liberal and Connie Fultz supporter Wendy Geckler was a tiny, elderly bombshell who would go on the attack if you disagreed with her or defeated a candidate she had supported. In recent years anytime Geckler would walk up to the speaker's microphone for public comments at the start of council meetings you could count on her saying something nasty about Mayor Bob Nation.



Geckler about to speak on a topic before a Council meeting, but starting first with an attack on Mayor Bob Nation.

So at the June 15 Planning Commission meeting as members were walking to the dais and Geckler announced, "I lost my soul!" I thought that everyone has known that for months or longer. Another member said, "Wendy has lost her soul."

Then it became clear that I was misunderstanding what was being said. While I thought Geckler had lost her soul, on this night they were discussing Geckler's cheap shoes and that she had lost her "SOLE."

NEW MAYOR? At the June 6th Chesterfield Agenda Review meeting the Finance and Administration Committee Chair Bruce DeGroot who has never seemed very sure of himself in this position announced when called on by Mayor Bob Nation, "I believe

Mayor Flachsbart (Councilman Flachsbart) will have a motion to make." Calling Flachsbart "mayor" cause Mayor Nation to comment.

""What is there something I don't know?"

REAL ESTATE: 10088 Litzsinger Road in Ladue is for sale. Many people in West County found out about this house being on the market when the edition of Town and Style arrived in the mailbox on June 23. In a true sign of a realtor in Snoburbia, there was no price listed on the full page Gladys Manion Realtor ad. Our checking showed an asking price of **\$4,200,000**. Of course that price was before England voted to leave the EU.



The house, 7,951 sq ft is on 2.61 acres in the most exclusive enclave in St. Louis, Ladue. It has only five bedrooms with 5-full baths and 3 half baths. It has a mere three-car garage, but has two separate workout rooms. You have to share the pool with your spouse and the rest of the family.

Tax records show the house (built in 1993) is currently under the name of the Leslie Lux Trust. Prior to 2012 it was in name of Paul S. and Leslie Lux husband and wife. Current taxes in 2015 were \$35,164.

Paul S. Lux is an orthopedic surgeon with offices on North Forty Outer Road in Chesterfield. Lux currently has two malpractice suits pending the courts; good reasons to have the house in a trust.



Leslie Lux runs an interior design firm, LPL Interiors. Her website gives a range for services between \$1,000 and \$150,000. LPL Interiors' address is 10088 Litzsinger Road.



Here is a photo from Ladue News taken this year at the St. Louis Press Club's Beauty Buzz at Nieman Marcus. Leslie Lux is in the middle. Are you thinking what I'm thinking?

BASEBALL ANNOUNCING: During a recent Dodgers-Brewers game long time Dodger announcer Vin Scully made some interesting comments during play by play. It used to be fun to tune in radio broadcasts from around the country as team's long time announcers often had free rein with what they would say. There was of course Harry Caray, but also Jon Miller in Baltimore and now in San Francisco, Bob Uecker in Milwaukee, Ken Harrelson in Chicago not to mention the late Phil Rizzuto in New York, Harry Kalas in Philly, Skip Caray in Atlanta, Ernie Harwell in Detroit, Joe Garagiola with the Cardinals and NBC and Lindsey Nelson with the Mets. With these guys you never knew what they were going to say in between pitches or during pitching changes. I

didn't mention the likes of Jack Buck or Mel Allen because they were very professional most of the time. An exception might be for Buck when he would have his college alum at Ohio State Jonathan Winters sit in and do a couple of innings when the Cardinals were in LA.

Now a days with a few exceptions if you plan be be listening to a baseball game on the radio, you best take some No-Doz. Scully, Uecker and Jon Miller are exceptions to that rule.

What Vin Scully said recently got a lot of press, because Vin worked in South American politics in between pitches. Here is how it went with Brewer third baseman Hernan Perez came to the plate at Dodger Stadium in the sixth inning on June 17th.

Perez, 25 years old, originally drafted by the Tigers. Lives in Venezuela. Boy, can you imagine, you're a young kid playing in the United States, you're from Venezuela, and every time you look at the news it's a nightmare. A bunt attempt is missed—runners are holding, 0-and-2. Socialism failing to work, as it always does, this time in Venezuela. You talk about giving everybody something free and all of a sudden, there's no food to eat. And who do you think is the richest person in Venezuela? The daughter of [Hugo Chavez](#). Hello! Anyway, 0-and-2.



Scully is 88 and announced he was retiring at the end of this season, his 66th year broadcasting Dodger baseball starting in 1950 with the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Here is a link to the play by play and comments:

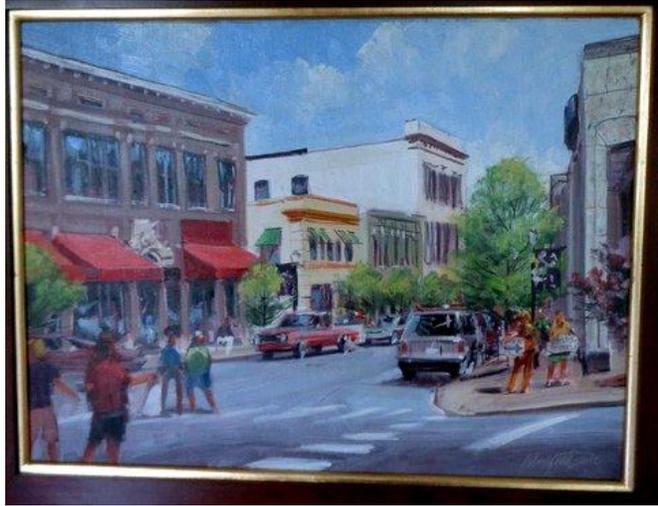
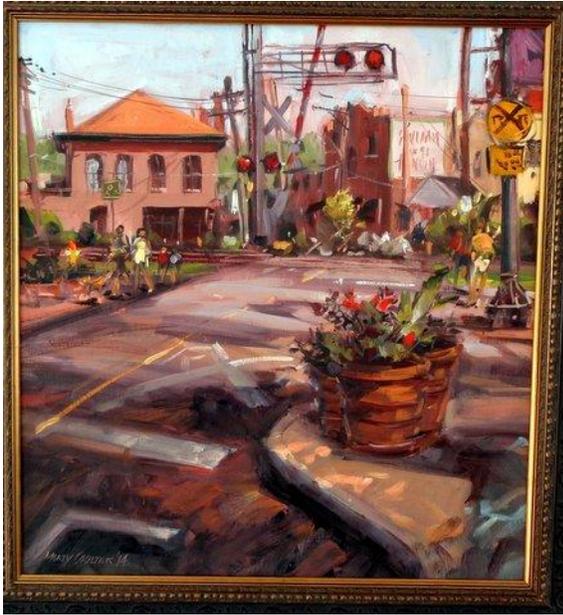
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ART IN THE PARK: The Marty Coulter Art show opened recently at the Longview Farmhouse. I found it interesting. Marty is a very good Plein Air painter. Marty, from Washington, MO, often wins at area Plein Air events.

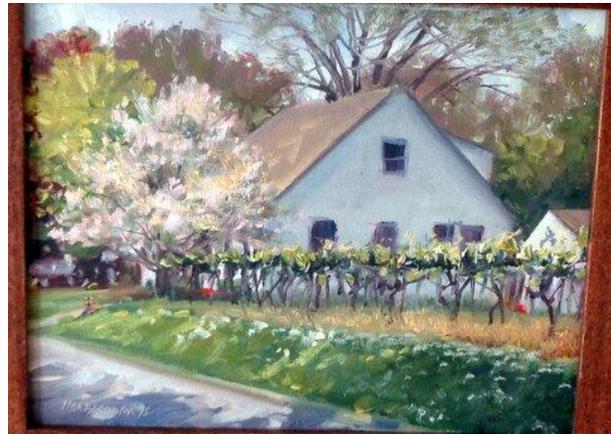
I know I am a cynic, but well over half of the paintings currently hung at the Longview Farmhouse look to me as if there were paintings Marty did at the Spring Webster Groves Plein Air event or from the weeklong event in Augusta, MO that Marty could not sell.

There were several I liked. There are a couple with kids in the paintings, one holding a fish and the other feeding a sheep. But, who is going to buy these unless it is your kid or your sheep?

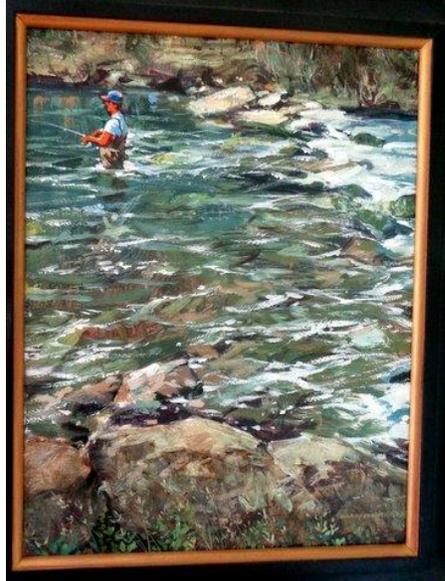
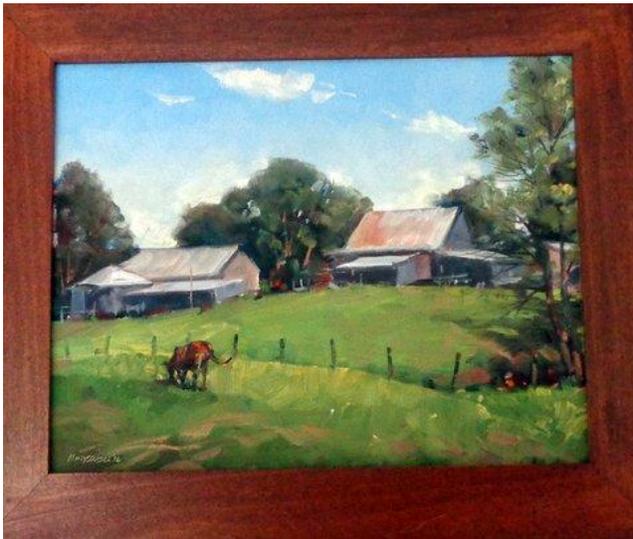
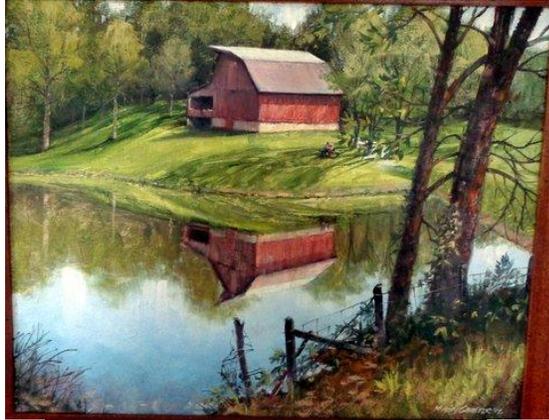




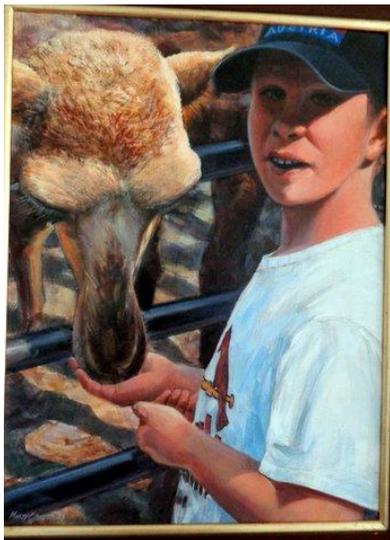
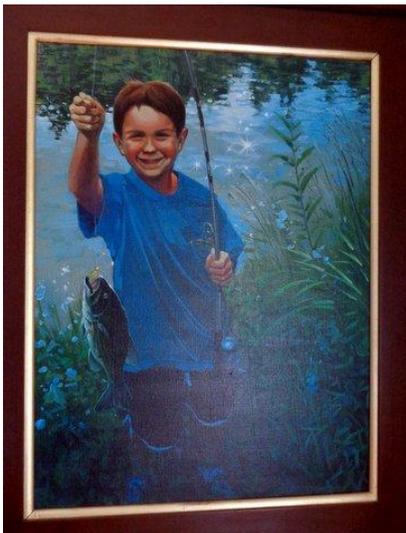
Both of these are of Gore Avenue in downtown Webster Groves. I have to believe that Marty did these at the Webster Groves Spring Plein Air event held at the Monday Club on S. Maple Avenue every spring that did not sell.



These appear to be from the week long springtime Augusta, MO plein air competition.



At the weeklong Augusta event painters would go to other venues in south St. Charles County. The barn and horse were painted in New Melle.

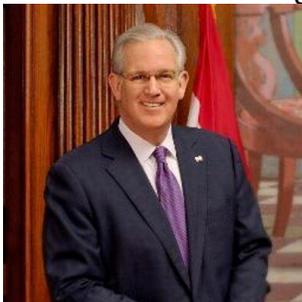


Below is the one that might sell in Town and Country; a rich man's midlife crisis play toy:



THIS JUST IN; GOVERNOR SIGNS BILL THAT ALLOWS CHESTERFIELD TO KEEP A LITTLE BIT EXTRA OF SALES TAX \$\$\$: We had this week's newsletter all edited and put together when we learned from Chesterfield Mayor Bob Nation that on Friday afternoon Governor Jay Nixon signed the House Bill 1561 that will cap the cut to the St. Louis County Sales Tax Pool at 50% on general sales tax by cities in the Tax Pool.

Gov. Nixon had earlier vetoed a similar bill passed in the Senate due to too many unrelated riders being added to the bill.



Gov Nixon



Mayor Nation

The bill signed into law might allow Chesterfield to keep a small amount more of the general sales taxes generated in large sums at malls, shopping centers and outlet malls. In recent years Chesterfield gave up as much as 54% of general sales tax to the County Tax Pool. Most recently Chesterfield was keeping 48%.

The catch for Chesterfield to get the additional 2-percent in revenue equaling about \$230,000 is that cities currently in the Pool have to receive at least as much money as they got in 2014.

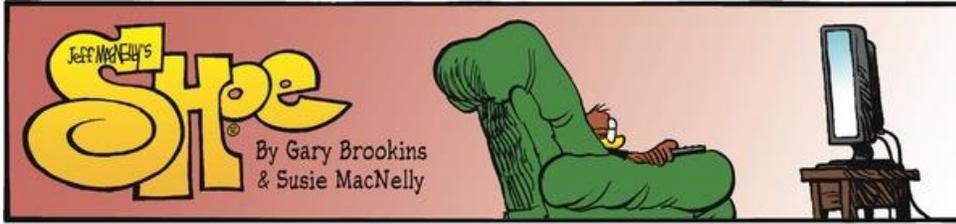
In the 1970's cities were allowed to join the Tax Pool along with the money from sales taxes would be shared. Other cities could be a "point of sale" city were they could keep almost all of the general sales taxes generated. In 1983 a law was passed that required all areas annexed or newly incorporated after 1983 to be in the tax pool. That is how you have hybrid cities that have commercial areas that are point of sale and others that are in the Tax Pool that were annexed after 1983. Chesterfield was formed in 1988.

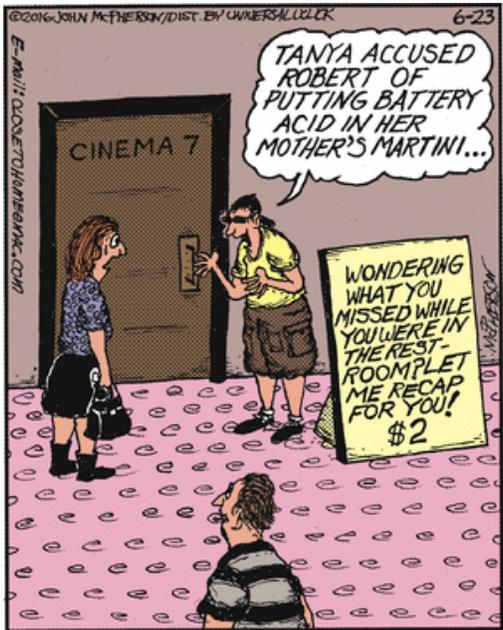
The tax pool has allowed small cities in North County to survive after poverty and crime moved in from St. Louis and viable businesses moved out. Cities that are under 1/4-mile in size with populations between 200 and 4,000 exist thanks to mostly traffic tickets and the sales tax pool. Meanwhile cities consisting of large homes and wealthy residents but small or no commercial districts like Clarkson Valley and Wildwood also exist because of the Tax Pool.

The lawsuit Chesterfield has filed against the State of Missouri seeking a declaration that the Sales Tax Pool is unconstitutional since the only First Class County that it affects is St. Louis County is still on. However, now that there is a new law governing the Sale Tax Pool the suit will have to be amended.

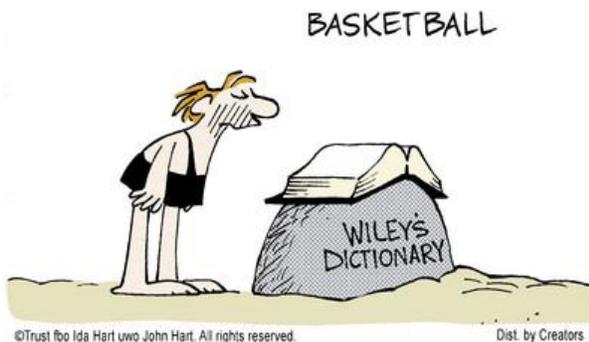
Finally keep in mind that Chesterfield has a separate Parks and Capital Improvement Sales Taxes where they keep almost all the money generated.

CARTOONS:





Ronnie stumbles onto a gold mine.



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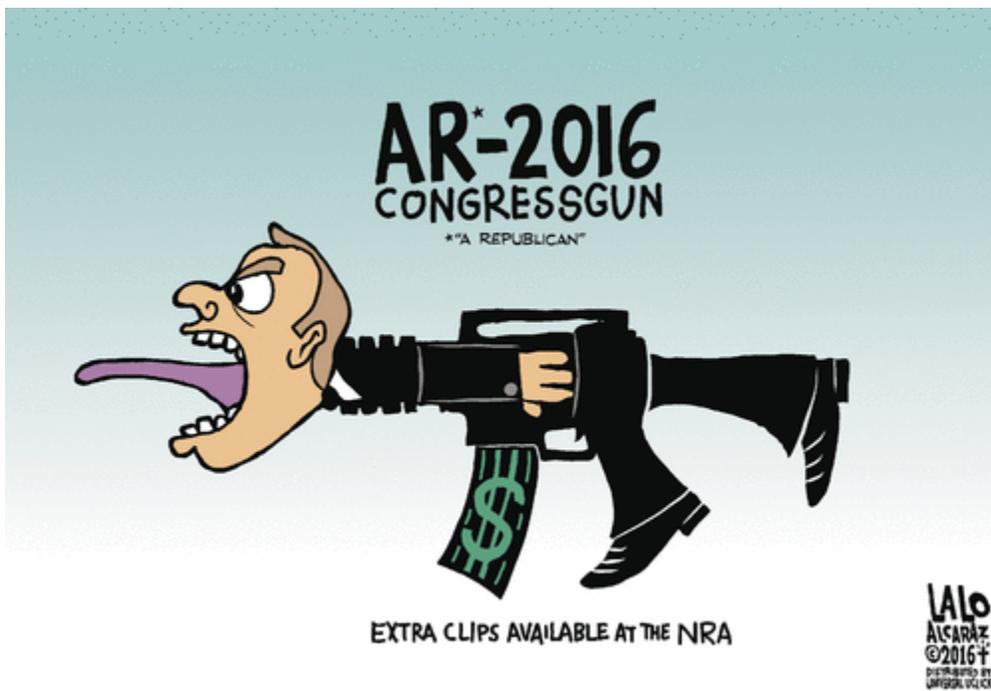
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