

## EX ALDERMAN NEWSLETTER 269 AND CHESTERFIELD 214



**March 20 2017**

**EMAILS OBTAINED ENCOURAGING ALDERSPERSONS TO HAVE SECRET MEETINGS WITH TOWN SQUARE DEVELOPER BOB BRINKMAN:** Bob Brinkman, the developer who was awarded the Town Square project based on his presentation to the Board of Aldermen, wanted to avoid those nasty public meetings where elected officers enmass question his development plans.

To avoid violating the Sunshine Law you cannot meet with four or more members of the Aldermanic Board without publicly posting the meeting. However by intentionally having meetings with individual or small groups of elected officials with the intent to get around the Sunshine Open Meetings Law could be considered a violation of Missouri law.

Of course this also allows Brinkman to tell one alderperson one thing and something else to another. You might think it is best for everyone to hear the same information, but apparently some alderpersons don't think so.



Bob Brinkman



Town and Country City Administrator Gary Hoelzer

Here are some of the emails we obtained concerning these private meetings with Brinkman.

**From:** Hoelzer, Gary A.  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 01, 2017 10:27 AM  
**To:** City Council; 'SGarrett@chgolaw.com'; McNamara, Ashley  
**Subject:** Meeting offer from Bob Brinkmann

Bob Brinkmann is extending an open invitation to meet with aldermen individually or in small groups to discuss any issues or concerns with the town square project. This affords the opportunity for an unfiltered conversation with Bob. If you would like to meet with him, I am providing the contact information below. Mary Machon can also assist in facilitating the meeting and I would be glad to help facilitate if you prefer. Their office number is (636) 537-9700 and their emails are below.

Gary

Bob Brinkmann  
[RBrinkmann@askbrinkmann.com](mailto:RBrinkmann@askbrinkmann.com)

Mary Machon (pronounced Ma-kan), Director of Development  
[MMachon@askbrinkmann.com](mailto:MMachon@askbrinkmann.com)

**Gary Hoelzer**  
City Administrator

City of Town & Country  
1011 Municipal Center Drive  
Town & Country, MO 63131  
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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Hoelzer, Gary A. [mailto:HoelzerGA@town-and-country.org]  
> Sent: Monday, February 27, 2017 8:14 AM  
> To: Jon Benigas <jbenigas@solutionscounseling.com>  
> Subject: Meeting with Bob Brinkmann

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> Jon,

> I have been told that you would appreciate a one on one meeting with Bob Brinkmann to discuss the issues related to town square. If you would like, I will ask Bob if he is available around 5:45 today before the work session to meet with you. Just let me know and I will try to coordinate your schedules.

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> Gary

> On Feb 27, 2017, at 1:30 PM, Jon Benigas <jbenigas@solutionscounseling.com> wrote:

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> Gary,

> Thanks for offering to set that up.

> Today will not work before the Board meeting. If we do not have a closed session, I could meet with him after the Board meeting.

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> Jon

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**Hoelzer, Gary A.**

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**From:** Hoelzer, Gary A.  
**Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2017 2:32 PM  
**To:** Benigas, Jonathan  
**Subject:** Re: Meeting with Bob Brinkmann

There is no closed session this evening, so you could meet him at approximately 745 at a place of your choosing. Or we could set something up over the next few days if more convenient. Call my cell if you would like to discuss; 314-568-5812.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Butler, Ald. Lindsey  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 01, 2017 7:31 PM  
**To:** Hoelzer, Gary A.  
**Subject:** Re: Meeting offer from Bob Brinkmann

Wonderful! Can't wait to meet with him soon.

Lindsey Butler  
Alderman of Town and Country, Ward 2  
Mobile (314) 556-1123

**From:** Fred Meyland-Smith [mailto:meyland@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 06, 2017 3:25 PM  
**To:** Hoelzer, Gary A.  
**Cc:** Crawford, Gussie  
**Subject:** Re: Meeting offer from Bob Brinkmann

Gary -

Gussie and I would like to accept Bob's offer to meet. Could you see if he is available Wed morning any time or after 2:30 in the PM. If he is available, we can meet him wherever it is most convenient for him.

Fred

**From:** Butler, Ald. Lindsey  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 07, 2017 3:46 PM  
**To:** Hoelzer, Gary A.  
**Subject:** Re: Meeting offer from Bob Brinkmann

Thank you for following up!

I need to wait until after spring break for a meeting with Brinkmann. I had a lot of meetings for city issues since the offer was extended to include everyone.

I can send you dates when I return if you are able to help me set up something.

Have a great week!

Lindsey Butler  
Alderman of Town and Country, Ward 2

**From:** Butler, Ald. Lindsey  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 08, 2017 7:59 AM  
**To:** Hoelzer, Gary A.  
**Cc:** City Council; SGarrett@chgolaw.com; McNamara, Ashley  
**Subject:** Re: Meeting offer from Bob Brinkmann

Is there a time frame on this offer? I am aware of at least 4 of the council that have already met with him or will be doing it today, but need to know if there is an expectation of having these meetings completed before Monday's BOA.

Thank you,

Lindsey Butler  
Alderman of Town and Country, Ward 2

**From:** Hoelzer, Gary A.  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 08, 2017 8:06 AM  
**To:** Butler, Ald. Lindsey  
**Cc:** McNamara, Ashley  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting offer from Bob Brinkmann

I cannot predict... I think it would be "nice" to have all meetings completed by Monday but certainly not necessary. Agreements are still very much in process and the more we can get nailed down the better. But I know you are very busy with a number of projects so the window does not close this week.

I really think it would be nice for all the alderpersons to hear what the developer is saying at the same time and not give the developer the chance to tell one person one thing and something else to another trying to get the project he wants passed.

Apparently a number of the members of the Board of Aldermen would rather do this in secret not only keeping information from the public, but from each other.

There is case law on intentionally having meetings with small groups of elected officials to avoid Sunshine Law regulations, but it can be very hard to prove.

- **Members of the board get together and talk about business outside of meetings. Is that a violation?**

Under the Sunshine Law, a meeting takes place when a majority or quorum of a public governmental body gathers to discuss or vote on public business (§ 610.010(5), RSMo, and *Colombo v. Buford*, 935 S.W.2d 690 (Mo. App. W.D. 1996)). Therefore, if less than a quorum of the public body meets to discuss public business, it is not a "meeting" as defined under the Sunshine Law. However, the Sunshine Law will apply to meetings of groups with less than a quorum when the entity is deliberately attempting to evade the Sunshine Law. *See, Colombo*, cited above. For example, a public governmental body may not purposely meet in groups with less than a quorum to discuss public business and then ratify those decisions in a subsequent public meeting.

**TOWN AND COUNTRY POLICE ACTIVITY FOR FEBRUARY 2017 AND YTD:**

Stats for Chief				
CATEGORY	FEB. 2017	YTD 2017	FEB. 2016	YTD 2016
Calls for Service	1721	3556	1744	3648
Reports Written	162	318	181	389
Vehicle Crashes	57	124	72	157
Criminal Reports	23	47	27	47
DWI Arrests	13	21	13	31
Misc. Arrests	28	46	27	55
Traffic Citations	351	534	303	686
Speeding	244	350	194	436
Traffic Warnings	385	600	198	347
Total Traffic Contacts	736	1134	501	1033

Felony DWI's

-Travis Merrell arrested 2/1/17 06:05 on Conway Grove Ln. W/M 29 yoa (1987) resides 11xx Bonanza St. Louis, MO 63043 **DWI-Felony (4 prior DWI charges;** 2 convictions, 2 no disposition)

-Charles Ross arrested 2/25/17 23:44 on Clayton/Country Life Acres W/M 23 yoa (1994) resides 39xx Hwy 79 O'Fallon, MO 63366 DWI (drugs)-Felony (2 prior convictions)

Misd DWI

-Jacob Kemp arrested 2/17/17 15:55 on 64/Ballas W/M 27 yoa (1990) resides at a PO BOX in Morse Mill, MO 63066 DWI (Drugs)- Misd

**SATURDAY MORNING FATAL ACCIDENT INJURES TOWN AND COUNTRY**

**OFFICER:** Town and Country Police were working several accidents on WB I-64 just

east of Hwy 141 on Saturday Morning 03/11/17 at 6:57AM during a snowfall and below freezing temperatures.



German Utrera-Velazquez, 53 of 3304 Russell in St. Louis was driving his 2000 Toyota Corolla too fast for the snowy pavement. When he attempted to slow down the car spun out of control and the driver's side door slammed into the rear of the police car killing Ultrera-Velazquez.

28-year veteran of the Town and Country Police Department Cpl. David Laughlin received moderate injuries.



**SPEEDER TRIES TO HIDE HIS DRUG DEALER KIT IN PANTS LEG:** Town and Country Police Officer Hamel was running speed control on NB I-270 on Thursday May 12, 2016 at about 8:22 PM. He clocked a red 2010 Cadillac doing 80 in the 65 MPH zone. He stopped the car just north of I-64 and contacted the driver, Larry D. Mitchell, Jr., 30, of Florissant.

Officer Hamel stated that Mitchell seemed nervous and that he saw an empty clear plastic baggie on the floor and smelled unburned marijuana in the car.



Officer Hamel returned to his patrol car and asked for an assist car. Officer Sapienza arrived and Officer Hamel had Mitchell exit the Cadillac. As Mitchell walked to the rear of his car he waddled, plus he had a large bulge in his pants. Officer Hamel now reported smelling even a stronger odor of unburned marijuana coming from Mitchell.

Mitchell became very nervous and Hamel handcuffed him and was then trying to pat him down, when Mitchell tried to distract him and shook his leg only to have a glass smoking pipe and a digital scale fall out of his pants leg.

The rest of the pat down found a baggie with 7.6 grams of marijuana in his pants.

He was arrested and later cited in Municipal Court for Speeding, Possession of Marijuana, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

I found it interesting that when I obtained the report there was no report after the arrest indicating the marijuana was sent to a lab and tested. Perhaps Judge Waldemer or an Associate Circuit Judge in Clayton would just roll one, light up and take judicial notice that it was marijuana.

**OUTCOME:** The case was transferred to the Associate Circuit Court in Clayton by Mitchell's Maplewood attorney. There Town and Country Prosecutor Ed Sluys thought he was representing one of Curtis, Heinz, Garrett and O'Keefe's North Country Municipalities that is desperate to get court revenue to continue operating. Sluys dismissed the Drug Paraphernalia charge, reduced the Possession of marijuana charge to LITTERING (no need for a lab test for that) and then reduced the speeding charge to ILLEGAL PARKING.

Mitchell was fined \$250 for Littering and \$250 for Illegal Parking. You might think Sluys could have successfully prosecuted a speeding ticket out of this with Mitchell getting 2-points, but instead Town and Country falls into with the same revenue collection centers as Velda City, Pine Lawn and Wellston.

**FOR SECOND TIME ART COMMISSION FAILS TO HAVE A QOURUM. SO FAR IN 2017 THEY HAVE HAD NO OFFICIAL MEETINGS.** At the January 11 Arts Commission there was no one there at the scheduled 6 o'clock starting time. At 6:02 one member showed up followed in 15 minutes by two more. There was no official meeting for lack of a quorum. Everything was continued to the March 8 meeting.

On March 8th three members were present plus the chair Skip Mange. Staff liaison Lindsey Hodge was present, along with John Baltrushunas of Maryville University, who is not a member of the commission as he is not a resident. Member William Schawacker made a rare appearance along with Mary Beth Wilson and Tim Bischof.



In January 2 minutes after the start time the first person shows up. In March these three staff, chair and guest look across the table to the three members who showed up.

Roberts Rules of Order requires one more than 50% to have a quorum. Many Town and Country Commissions were having trouble meeting the quorum number so the Board of Aldermen reduced the quorum number to one more than 40%. There are normally 10 public members and a voting member from the Board of Aldermen.

In other words they need four of the 10 to show up along with the aldermanic chair. The Green Team Commission had problems meeting this and it was dissolved. At times the Planning and Zoning Commission has the same problem.

The art commission should have 10 public members, two from each ward and two at large. Right now it only has six.

Despite there being no actual meeting for the second time in 2017 there was a discussion . The proposed document "**Acceptance of Public Art**" was on the agenda and had these breakdowns:

The following shall be considered in acceptance of permanent art in Town and Country:

- 1) If the proposed artist is qualified for an assignment of the character proposed.
- 2) If the proposed artwork fits conceptually and economically and has an appropriate visual impact.
- 3) Whether the scale and value of the proposed public art piece is reasonable and appropriate for the site and the nature of the development under consideration.
- 4) If the piece of art fits the public art collection as a whole.

Temporary art displays would only need approval of the Art Commission with a date of removal noted.

Mary Beth Wilson apparently forgot or was unaware that the Art Commission as all commissions merely provides advice to the Board of Aldermen.

"Artistically I find this offense," Wilson exclaimed of the proposed rules. Alderman Skip Mange had a quick response. Do you think he would stick up for the Board of Aldermen that he is a member of? The answer would be no.

"I'm not going to argue with you," he said when Wilson was done.

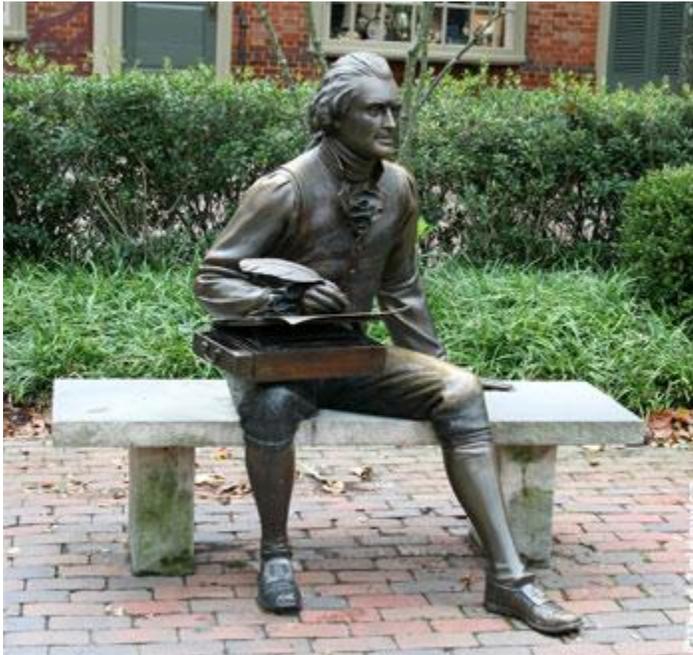
Skip Mange then brought up the desire to receive a gift of a \$100,000 statue of Thomas Jefferson on a bench writing the Constitution.

The statue is not unique there are many of them around the country. A Town and Country resident associated with the Christain Science Church and Principia School wanted to give a statue to the city, but wants to be able to have site approval.

"There are some side issues, I don't want to get into," said Mange.

Wilson then asked if there wasn't some feedback on Jefferson being a slave owner and impregnating at least one of his slaves a number of times.

Mange then admitted that was one of the issues.



Going from this topic to having paintings for Fathers' Day of African American Fathers was brought up by Wilson. She suggested having an Art Show by St. Louis artist Cbabi Bayoc at the Longview House. Bayoc has a feature called 365 Days of Dad. Here are some of the paintings:



The paintings are fun and of course the Town and Country Black Community of 276 people out of 11,000 (2.6%) is overdue a show of some sort in Town and Country.

The next Art Commission meeting is scheduled for April 12. It will interesting to see if they can have their first quorum of the year.

The city should consider passing an amendment that if a commission can't have a quorum for three consecutive meetings or for over 50% of the meetings in a year it should be abolished .

**A RESPONSE NOT FROM A REGULAR READER:** Accident and Mal-practice attorney Robert Pedroli sent out an email in support of Lynn Wright asking people to vote for Wright in the April election against Mike Cozad. The email used a list of subdivision trustees all over Town and Country, that clearly had come from City Hall at one time.



Pedroli

Pedroli did not hide the names and addresses of the email recipients, which clearly showed that the list he was using originated from City Hall. He apparently isn't very good with computers as he had to resend his email to me after the first one cut off an additional paragraph of name calling. While questioning my educational background, Pedroli did create a new word in the first sentence of his diatribe.

Here is the latest email from Mr. Pedroli followed by my response:

I apologize as my computer glitched and the prior email was sent without my intent. Below is what I intended to send.

Dear Mr. Hoffman:

Your recent purported "newsletter" has come to my attention. Apparently, you published one sided rants which included the following:

What is amazing is how stupid the person sending the email out was. **The stupid part of this is the sender Robert Pedroli.** He could have easily hidden all the recipients' email addresses, but he failed to do so. Also this list is old as it has a number of trustees who are no longer on their subdivision board and some who have moved out of state.

Pedroli did not even attempt to remove the trustees from Wards 2, 3 and 4. All this showed the email list came directly from city hall. The fact that someone associated with Wright did something stupid was no surprise.

Your purported newsletter constitutes disparagement and is without justification or excuse. I am not a part of any campaign. Your publication of these statements within a document called a "newsletter" is also misleading in my opinion. Your rant rag, and that is what it is, a rant rag, certainly is not journalistic or creditworthy in any regard.

Your grammar is just plain awful. The first and second sentences are not written in proper English. The balance of the writing is not properly punctuated. It appear to have been authored by a fourth grader of inadequate intelligence.

You publish what you claim to be a newsletter, but you are certainly not a journalist or a real provider of news. I would presume to believe that no news agency has accredited you or given you any credentials without cancelling those credentials. I would presume as much as you never contacted me for comment regarding your allegations and assertions. Your assertion that I am with the Lynn Wright campaign is also just plain wrong. You never even made an inquiry into this fact.

This email list was developed as part of an attempt to inform residents about the Ballas/Clayton Horton's drive-thru project. Many recipients are included because they requested emails on matters bearing upon the Ballas/Clayton project. You view the world through your own myopic lens and you certainly don't want to seek verification or confirmation of information. You just want to rant.

You have been in favor of the Horton's project from the beginning. I question whether you attack Wright and support Cozad because he may also be in favor of ruining the intersection with putting a drive-thru at an unsuitable lot at an unsuitable intersection. I don't know.

Therefore, it seems that you are just a whiny old ignorant jerk who likes to give one sided opinions under the guise of a purported newsletter. I am not actively involved in local politics nor have I ever been so involved except for voicing my opposition to the Ballas/Clayton fast food drive-thru project. Lynn Wright pledged her support to oppose any unsuitable development at that intersection, and therefore I wrote a nice note about my support for her. If you want to make it part of a larger conspiracy, then you are just "nuts."

Quite frankly, I don't want to have further dialogue with you on this matter, but I would review any response that you privately sent to me. I just think that you need to evaluate your rude and obnoxious words that you direct against private citizens. If you have facts and an argument, make it. Name calling is rude and immature. The world is full of rude and obnoxious conduct and such does not engender intelligent discussion or decision making.

**Kindest regards:**  
**Robert H. Pedroli, Jr.**  
Attorney at Law

**My Response:**

1) Pedroli claims he is just concerned about the Ballas Road and Clayton Road interest and not connected with any campaign. But after praising Lynn Wright he ended his email sent to subdivision trustees all over town with this:

I am attaching a Campaign postcard to this email. It is informative. If you are interested in placing a yard sign, please contact the campaign. I am not part of the campaign but I am a supporter and a concerned resident.

He then attached another email from a Lynn Wright supporter.

2) He referred to this newsletter as a "rant rag." In fact I have many supporting documents in every newsletter including the recipient list of Pedroli's email. I also publish quotes from meetings and interview people plus provide photographs from meetings. Over the years I have broken a number of stories that were later picked up by the mainstream press. The most recent was the Doorack Scandal in Chesterfield.

3) Pedroli claims the newsletter has no justification. However it has over 1,000 weekly readers.

4) Pedroli claims I have no journalist background. Most recently I was an editor for Navteq, Nokia owned company, which provided a traffic news service to area TV, Radio Stations, newspaper and government websites. I was a columnist for AOL local Patch.com sites. I was a sportswriter for a Washington Post owned group of 21 newspapers in Maryland. I was a sports columnist for the Salisbury Maryland Daily Times, I was a sportswriter for a baseball website and a baseball magazine. From 1990 to 2000 I was the Washington Correspondent for several public safety trade magazines covering both Congress and the Justice Department. I contributed articles to public safety magazines in Great Britain and China. For five years I worked while off-duty from a police job on the sports desk at the Kansas City Star. I also wrote major magazine articles that appeared in the St. Louis Magazine and the Washingtonian Magazine. I have written over 150 magazine news articles had over 100 photographs published and wrote over 1,000 sports articles for newspapers, magazines and websites. Plus I was a guest on radio and TV programs, including the Larry King Show on Mutual Radio, the

Mike Murphy Show on KCMO, WMAL Radio, WUSA TV and WRC-TV in Washington, DC. From 1969 to 1972 I was a radio disc jockey in St. Louis

So perhaps an expert as Pedroli claims to be, I don't have a background in journalism. He further stated that I certainly was never an accredited journalist. Here are just a few of my press cards (mostly sports) that I have tacked up behind my desk.



5) He accuses me of name calling and ranting. While I did call him stupid for not hiding his email list, he called me:

Rude, obnoxious, nuts, a ranter, whinny, old ignorant jerk and immature.

Pedroli beats me in name calling 7-to-1, plus uses age discrimination.

6) Pedroli accused me of being a supporter of the Tim Horton's proposal. He is correct. I supported a proposal that would generate tax revenue, provide a service and require the developer to make improvements to 25% of the intersection that instead the taxpayers will soon be paying for. Tim Horton's would not have brought more traffic to the area. The donut and coffee shop would have served those people who were already part of the daily traffic.

I felt a proper retail establishment, on property zoned for retail, that a city staffer recruited to come to the area would be better than an vacant lot.

7) Pedroli claims he carefully crafted his email list of people interested in Ballas and Clayton Rd vacant lot that I believe came out of the city hall listing trustees. A number of the people from all over town include some who have moved out of town. That included one trustee of the Mason Estates Suvdivision that moved out of town over two years ago to Memphis. I just have my doubts if he really cares how the northeast corner of Clayton and Ballas is developed.

8) Finally Pedroli claims my newsletter is full of spelling or usage errors. I admit having no editor and producing an 8,000 word weekly edition does result in some usage and spelling errors. However, Pedroli in his one email misspelled my name and had usage plus spelling errors. I'd say we are even.

**LINIDA ROBSON WINS!!!** Well sort of. At the March 6th Conservation Commission meeting Ald. Fred Meyland-Smith showed up just in time to see his opponent in the April aldermanic race win on an 8-0 vote to be the vice-chair of the commission. Of course she had no opposition and the Conservation Commission is loaded down with the few liberals in Town and Country as Mayor Jon Dalton attempts to keep a wide base of support.

**TRUTH IN ADVERTISING:** Below are two photographs being used by Lynn Wright in her campaign advertising fliers. Why not just use some from your high school yearbook Lynn?



Here are some recent photos we hve taken of Lynn at meetings:



This begs the question; exactly how old do you think those campaign photos are?

## UNAPPROVED CHESTERFIELD NEWSLETTER 214



March 20, 2017

**CHESTERFIELD CITY ATTORNEY WORKING AS A MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR NEXT DOOR TO CHESTERFIELD WANTS YOU AND I TO UNDERWRITE BAD DRIVER'S INSURANCE.** Chesterfield city attorney Chris Graville is also the prosecuting attorney next door at the City of Clarkson Valley.

In our Newsletter #265 on February 20 reported that only Ellisville provided court records from 2015 showing how many parking tickets the police issue (6) and how many people had moving traffic violations reduced to NO-Points Parking Violations (420). Chesterfield and Town and Country Municipal Courts would not provide me with the information or allow me to research court records at the time. Chesterfield said the information could not be gathered. Town and Country said REGIS who handles their court computer data base would want at least \$600 to develop a program to get the information. However, now both have provided the information and it will be featured in next week's newsletter.

The Ellisville Municipal Court and Police Department provided me with the information with no delay that in 2015 the police department issued **6 parking tickets** but the municipal judge Donald Anderson found **420 people guilty of Illegal Parking**. In 2016 the cops issued 10 parking tickets, but Anderson found 117 people guilty of Illegal Parking.

I went south on Clarkson Road to Chesterfield's neighbor, the City of Clarkson Valley, population of 2,648. The County Police patrol Clarkson Valley and write a number of speeding citations on Clarkson Road.

Chris Graville, the Chesterfield City Attorney, is the prosecuting attorney in Clarkson Valley. The Clarkson Valley Court Clerk provided me with the information that Town and Country and Chesterfield claimed at the time they were unable to do. I contacted the clerk late on a Friday afternoon and she had the information to me on the following Tuesday morning.

In 2015 the County Police filed **NINE (9) parking tickets** with the Clarkson Valley Court, while Chris Graville as prosecutor **amended 346 moving violations to No-Points Illegal Parking Violations**.

In 2016 the County Police filed **14 parking tickets** with the Clarkson Valley Court. However Graville as prosecutor and April Porter as judge **amended 314 moving violation cases to No-Points Illegal Parking**.

On the plus side the Clarkson Valley Court Clerk follows court rules and provides information that Town and Country and Chesterfield were slow to do.

On the dark side Judge Porter and Chris Graville force good drivers to underwrite the insurance of bad drivers by hiding serious moving violations from the drivers' license files and the insurance companies.



Clarkson Valley Prosecutor and Chesterfield City Attorney Chris Graville teams up with Clarkson Valley Municipal Judge and kickboxing instructor April Porter forcing good drivers to underwrite the insurance of bad drivers by allowing moving violations to be reduced to Illegal Parking cases with no points, hiding bad driving records from insurance companies. They also send a strong message to the police officers telling them catching people doing 20 miles over the limit is not big deal to them...the same as a parking ticket.

**HERE IS HOW YOU GET 300 AND 400 PARKING CONVICTIONS IN A YEAR WHEN THERE WERE ONLY 6-TO-14- PARKING TICKETS WRITTEN** This is a scheme of regional lawyers which occurs thanks to greedy cities and villages and their municipal judges and prosecutors.

Let's say someone gets a 92 MPH in a 60 Zone citation. They go to their lawyer at a "traffic ticket center law office." The lawyer then goes to the website [lawsourcelive.com](http://lawsourcelive.com). They enter the ticket information and court information for a \$3 fee. The entry is forwarded to the correct municipal prosecuting attorney.

The municipal prosecutor then offers an amended plea deal normally reduced to a Parking Violation with a huge fine, but no points and no record against the violator's drivers' license. The defense attorney and the defendant normally don't even have to show up to court, just send the money in. Most municipalities get what they want, which is MONEY!



Of course to get this you have to give something up. In this case it is justice and fairness.

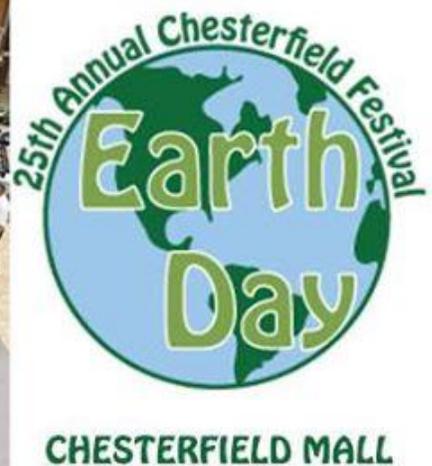
Here is what Town and Country and Chesterfield needs to do: They have to hire judges and prosecutors who do not deal with other courts as defense attorneys. They have to quit using lawsourcelive.com. They have to instruct the new judges and prosecutors there will be no reducing moving violations to parking violations. Retired Federal assistant prosecutors who are still under the age of 75 would be perfect as municipal judges.

But currently the Town and Country Board of Aldermen doesn't have the guts to stand up to the mayor and force the change. The same goes for the elected officials in Chesterfield.

Next week we will find out how many parking tickets Town and Country and Chesterfield Police wrote and how many people were convicted of illegal parking.

**MARIJUANA GROUP TO BE INCLUDED AT THIS YEAR'S CHESTERFIELD EARTH DAY AFTER ORIGINALLY BEING TURNED DOWN:** The Chesterfield Earth Day Celebration will be held on April 29 at the Chesterfield Mall. There will be one new booth that city staff did not want to be there.

That new participant is NORML, The National Organization for the REFORM of Marijuana Laws.



After being turned down for a booth by city staff, NORML threatened to sue citing First Amendment rights among other issues. The city relented and gave NORML a booth. They are anticipated to be collecting signatures for ballot issues making marijuana legal in Missouri.



Some of the vendors inside and outside of the Mall will include recycling and clothes donation for the needy. We don't think NORML will be offering any marijuana recycling or accepting donated grass for the needy.

Below are photos from when the Chesterfield Earth Day was held at the Amphitheater



**HARPO'S. Is it time review the liquor license at Harpo's? Police respond to another drunken fight last week.** This time it's between sisters, both drunk and one underage. Every month there are police calls or police incidents at Harpo's. In many cities excessive amounts of problems documented by the police at an establishment with a liquor license results in a suspension or revocation of the liquor license. However, I don't see Chesterfield anxious to do anything about it.

However, I do think more "bar checks" might be in order with uniform cops walking through the place at different times every night looking for underage drinkers or intoxicated subjects who are not supposed to be served.

This is from last week's Chesterfield Police Blotter:

**03/05/2017, 0115-0200 1XX HILLTOWN VILLAGE CTR Harpo's  
Peace Disturbance Intoxicated Subject**

**Brief Narrative Description: 24 and 20 yo females were intoxicated and fighting in parking lot. 20 yo female also cited for liquor violation.**

This is from the Chesterfield Police Department when I asked for a follow up:

No arrests on either, just summonses issued so no mug shots.

Hilltown Village – Grace Devasto age 20 issued summons for Peace Disturbance and MIP. Angela Devasto, age 24, issued summons for Peace Disturbance. Both Chesterfield residents.

The battling sisters live at 1510 Amisk St in Chesterfield.

20-year-old Gracie is a Parkway Central grad and according to her facebook page is a waitress at the popular Circle 7 Ranch restaurant and sport bar.

24-year-old Angela Devasto, had been a cocktail waitress at Bar Napoli in Clayton. Since October she has worked in marketing for a local architect firm.



In this corner Gracie



And in this corner Angela



Seaside photo possibly before the battle of the

bikini sisters.

Checking the Facebook pages of each fight contestant, Angela wins the "Alcohol Related Photos Award." It seemed as if in 50% of her photos she had a drink in her hand.

## **DIRECTOR OF FINANCE WANTS TO INCREASE BUSINESS LICENSE**

**FEES:** **Craig White**, the Chesterfield Director of Finance at a recent Finance and Administration meeting made a presentation showing that Chesterfield could gain more revenue if it charged business license fees based on gross revenue instead of square footage. Frankly this seems a little greedy to me, plus it penalizes businesses that work harder to attract more customers.

For instance pretend there are two ice cream stores at opposite ends of Chesterfield Valley. They are both the same size in square footage and pay the same for a business license. But one owner advertises more, has a slightly better product and better staff. He generates twice as much in sales as the other ice cream store.

The one store is producing more in sales tax revenue. It doesn't all go into the County Tax Pool which Chesterfield gets to keep 50% of. Chesterfield gets to keep closer to all the additional City Parks and Capital Improvement sales taxes generated.

So why penalize the ice cream store with more sales by increasing the cost of its business license? They are already generating more in tax money for the City in higher sales. Here is part of Craig White's presentation:

While the City's business license fee is based on the square footage of businesses, most cities employ calculations based on gross receipts and/or number of employees. During 2016, the City's taxable retail sales were approximately \$1.4 billion based on sales tax reports received from the State of Missouri. Gross receipt information for service/offices and manufacturing/warehouses is currently unknown.

A comparison of several area municipalities' business license fees, number of businesses, and other financial and demographic information is attached hereto. Chesterfield had both the highest number of businesses and highest amount of sales by a wide margin but has received relatively little in business license fee revenues relative to the other municipalities in the study (see analysis below).

Estimated Business License Revenue		License As % of Gen Fund Reve		Bus License Per Resident	
1 Brentwood	\$ 1,510,000	1 Creve Couer	1.2%	1 Creve Couer	\$ 10.85
2 Des Peres	\$ 1,103,158	2 Clayton	1.9%	2 Chesterfield	\$ 12.85
3 Bridgeton	\$ 1,040,000	3 Maryland Heights	2.6%	3 Manchester	\$ 16.46
4 Richmond Heights	\$ 991,817	4 Chesterfield	2.8%	4 Ballwin	\$ 22.00
5 Crestwood	\$ 747,000	5 Manchester	3.4%	5 Maryland Heights	\$ 22.93
6 Ballwin	\$ 668,834	6 Ballwin	3.5%	6 Clayton	\$ 28.03
7 Maryland Heights	\$ 630,000	7 Bridgeton	7.0%	7 Crestwood	\$ 62.71
8 Chesterfield	\$ 604,503	8 Richmond Heights	9.4%	8 Bridgeton	\$ 90.04
9 Clayton	\$ 446,808	9 Crestwood	11.1%	9 Richmond Heights	\$ 115.29
10 Manchester	\$ 297,766	10 Des Peres	11.4%	10 Des Peres	\$ 129.27
11 Creve Couer	\$ 193,500	11 Brentwood	12.6%	11 Brentwood	\$ 187.74

Business License Fees Per Business		Business License Rev Per Sales	
1 Creve Couer	\$ 240.67	1 Chesterfield	0.044%
2 Chesterfield	\$ 330.87	2 Creve Couer	0.053%
3 Maryland Heights	\$ 607.52	3 Maryland Heights	0.091%
4 Clayton	\$ 669.88	4 Clayton	0.155%
5 Manchester	\$ 714.07	5 Bridgeton	0.202%
6 Ballwin	\$ 1,084.01	6 Des Peres	0.204%
7 Bridgeton	\$ 1,300.00	7 Manchester	0.205%
8 Des Peres	\$ 1,814.40	8 Richmond Heights	0.217%
9 Crestwood	\$ 1,886.36	9 Brentwood	0.264%
10 Richmond Heights	\$ 1,944.74	10 Ballwin	0.293%
11 Brentwood	\$ 2,603.45	11 Crestwood	0.319%

License Type	Rate	Licenses	Square Footage		License Fee	
			Total	Average	Total	Average
Retail	\$ 0.08	612	4,668,985	7,629	\$ 344,446	\$ 563
Service and Office	\$ 0.04	1,251	7,981,772	6,380	\$ 284,373	\$ 227
Manufacturing and Warehousing	\$ 0.02	112	2,133,770	19,052	\$ 42,851	\$ 383
		1,975	14,784,526	7,486	\$ 671,670	\$ 340

**COMMITTEE VOTES TO KILL NEW TRASH CAN LEGISLATION:** A bill for a new trash can ordinance not allowing any trash cans to face a street was written by Public Works Director Jim Eckrich. At the recent Finance and Admin Committee meeting the bill was killed and not sent to the full city council for consideration.



Lynn Dull's house faces Wilson Manor Lane, her side garage faces Parsonage Drive but Dull has a Parsonage address despite her home facing Wilson Manor.

Lynn Dull's first issue with the city came up two years ago when she was cited by the Chesterfield Police code enforcement officer for illegally storing trash cans that allegedly faced the front of her property. Dull correctly maintained the trash cans did not face the front of her property, but were on the side of her house.

It turns out the complaint to the police came from then Councilwoman Connie Fults citing an anonymous neighbor. Fults then communicated by email with prosecutor Tim Englemeyer. Dull has been trying to get copies of the emails for two years.

Dull spent over \$7,000 to have the case dismissed on a lack of evidence. But she has been unable to see the emails. Englemeyer claims they fall under attorney-client privilege. So did City Attorney Chris Graville, since Englemeyer was paid by the city as prosecutor and Fults was a councilwoman.

Dull claimed as a defendant and a resident under the Sunshine Law she had a right to see what Fults was claiming she was illegally doing.

The F&A Committee refused to take the matter before the City Council as a whole on a 3-1 vote with only Tom DeCampi voting to release the emails.

The next issue was the bill to change the trash can law making it illegal for trash cans to face any street..

Here is some of the discussion from the last Planning and Public Works Committee meeting:

**Nathan Roach:** Lynn Dull is going to go to every house in Chesterfield and report every violator.

**Bridget Nations:** I went to every house in my subdivision. I found 11 houses that are in violation.

**Roach:** If you want that to be a community standard it will affect a lot of people.

**Nations:** That new subdivision off of Olive, there will be almost all the houses in violation.

**Justin Wyse (city planning director):** I don't know if there is a good answer. There is nothing from a land use perspective that it is either good or bad.

**Dan Hurt:** If it is not improving the situation why do anything about it? Let it (the bill) languish. I'm not anxious to change it if it doesn't make things better.

There was then a 3-0 (Barb McGuinness was missing) vote to table the bill.

Earlier this year Dull went out and found 44 similar violations in her ward to the one she was cited for after then Councilwoman Fults complained. She turned them into the police and Chief Johnson refused to take action.

Now Dull has gone outside of her ward and found more violations similar to the one she was cited for only to have the charge dismissed. The lists includes three addresses of elected officials.

**Trash Can Violations 3-08-2017**

- 44 15695 Cedarmill Dr.
- 45 15608 Highcroft Dr.

46	15659	Heathercroft Ct
47	15667	Heathercroft Ct
48	1806	Cayman Ct
49	1802	Cayman Ct
50	1805	Cayman Ct
51	1807	Cayman Ct
52	1809	Cayman Ct
53	15676	Heathercroft Ct
54	15670	Heathercroft Ct
55	15658	Heathercroft Ct
56	15644	Heathercroft Ct
57	15630	Heathercroft Ct
58	15618	Heathercroft Ct
59	1666	Old Baxter
60	1650	Old Baxter
61	15596	Century Lake
62	15649	Century Lake
63	6	Baxter Lane
64	8	Baxter Lane
65	18	Baxter Lane
66	20	Baxter Lane
67	13	Baxter Lane
68	3	Baxter Lane
69	15255	Brightfield Manor Dr.
70	1041	Specklewood Manor Ct
71	86	River Bend Dr.
72	85	River Bend Dr.
73	84	River Bend Dr.
74	83	River Bend Dr.
75	80	River Bend Dr.
76	49	River Bend Dr.
77	47	Witmer Dr.
78	95	River Bend Dr.
79	6	River Bend Dr.
80	91	River Bend Dr.
81	5	River Bend Dr.
82	15694	Cedarmill Dr.
83	15658	Cedarmill Dr.
84	15587	Cedarmill Dr.
85	1882	Cedarmill Dr.

86	1929	Cedarmill Dr.
87	1949	Cedarmill Dr.
88	1958	Cedarmill Dr.
89	1968	Cedarmill Dr.
90	1979	Cedarmill Dr.
91	2012	Cedarmill Dr.
92	2019	Cedarmill Dr.
93	2029	Cedarmill Dr.
94	14888	Pheasant Hill Ct.
95	14866	Long Branch Ct.
96	14860	Long Branch Ct.
97	2039	Lynn Bay Ct.
98	2009	Lynn Bay Ct.
99	2033	Lynn Bay Ct.
100	2041	Emerald Crest Ct.
101	2047	Emerald Crest Ct.
102	2033	Honey Ridge Ct.
103	14911	Country Ridge Dr.
104	15331	Highcroft
105	14558	Burnley Ct.
106	14551	Burnley Ct.
107	1571	Exton Lane
108	1566	Foxham Dr.
109	1454	Foxham Dr.
110	14539	Foxham Ct.
111	14536	Foxham Ct.
112	14535	Foxham Ct.
113	14542	Foxham Ct.
114	1585	Foxham Dr.
115	1586	Foxham Dr.
116	1594	Foxham Dr.
117	1605	Foxham Dr.
118	14592	Harleston Village
119	14608	Harleston Village
120	1606	Chalmers Dr.
121	1615	Chalmers Dr.
122	1623	Chalmers Dr.
123	14610	Adgers Wharf Dr.
124	14640	Adgers Wharf Dr.
125	14632	Adgers Wharf Dr.

126 226 River Valley Dr.  
127 298 River Valley Dr.  
128 297 River Valley Dr.  
129 282 River Valley Dr.  
130 279 Ridge Trail Dr.  
131 295 Ridge Trail Dr.  
132 363 Ridge Meadow Dr.  
133 310 Ridge Meadow Dr.  
134 317 Ridge Meadow Dr.  
135 354 Ridge Meadow Dr.  
136 329 Ridge Meadow Dr.  
137 350 Ridge Meadow Dr.  
138 330 Ridge Meadow Dr.  
139 332 Ridge Meadow Dr.  
140 340 Ridge Meadow Dr.  
141 338 Ridge Meadow Dr.  
142 337 Ridge Meadow Dr.  
143 259 Ridge Meadow Dr.  
144 344 Ridge Meadow Dr.  
145 331 Ridge Meadow Dr.  
146 348 Ridge Meadow Dr.  
147 316 Ridge Meadow Dr.  
148 320 Stonecrest Ct.  
149 325 Stonecrest Ct.  
150 328 Stonecrest Ct.  
151 367 Ridge Meadow Dr.  
152 368 Ridge Meadow Dr.

Here is her email to the City Administrator after finding the new "violations"

**From:** Lynn Dull [<mailto:jldull@sbcglobal.net>]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 13, 2017 12:59 PM  
**To:** [mgeisel@chesterfield.mo.us](mailto:mgeisel@chesterfield.mo.us)  
**Cc:** [tdecampi@chesterfield.mo.us](mailto:tdecampi@chesterfield.mo.us); [nroach@chesterfield.mo.us](mailto:nroach@chesterfield.mo.us)  
**Subject:** Trash Can Violations

Hello,

In an effort to make the City and Council aware of the magnitude of current trash can violators in Chesterfield, along with the unlawful tactics employed by the City regarding their ill perceived violation and unlawful ticketing and prosecution of a City Ordinance they do not understand, I am submitting a sampling of addresses with possible trash can violations for your investigation.

While I wish no harm to these individuals, the City has had 2 years to address the issues I raised. I met with you, followed up with emails and no response. Since no one has been held accountable and nothing has changed, I am left to assume that the unlawful treatment I experienced is the way the City conducts itself. Unfortunately, these residents will be subjected to the exact same unlawful treatment. Please note, however, when enforcing the Code, the word "visible" means what the dictionary says. It is objective for a reason. When discretion is allowed (substituting words such as screened, for example), laws are arbitrary and unenforceable. This will not only make the enforcement job much easier, it is the only fair (and lawful) way to do it.

The first 43 addresses were the violations the Chief of Police refused to investigate back in December 2015, when he decided the City could selectively enforce their varying interpretation and misunderstanding of their own law against only me. You have since indicated that the Chief of Police would no longer break the law as he did 43 times in ignoring these complaints. Violations 47-155, however were noticed on a more recent non-trash day and should be given priority.

I would also appreciate it if you would keep my Council Representatives updated on the status of these violations on a weekly basis so they can share with me.

I just expect all residents to be treated the same. It would be my expectation, however, for that treatment to be in compliance the law.

Thank you in advance,

Lynn

Perhaps next year Dull should receive the Citizen of the Year award for spending over \$7,000 defending herself against an action clearly aimed at only her driven by a then councilwomen while the city was full of similar "violations" that the police department refused to cite.



**CHESTERFIELD POLICE BLOTTER:** Here is what the thin blue line was dealing with last week. Unusual events are highlighted.

**CHESTERFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT Media Report March 8, 2017 - March 14, 2017**

**Time of Occurrence   Generic Address   Business/Location Name   Incident Type**

03/10/2017, 1200 1XX THF BLVD   Sam's   **Fraud Credit Card**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject used victim's debit card information to make purchases.

01/30/2017, 1200-02/02/2017, 1200 19XX MISTFLOWER GLEN CT **Fraud Credit Card**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject used victim's credit card information to make purchases.

03/08/2017, 0800-1700 19XX GATEMONT DR **Forgery Check**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject forged victim's signature on a check that was previously stolen.

03/12/2017, 0002 17XXX CHESTERFIELD AIRPORT RD **Larceny under \$750**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** 19 yo female ordered food but left restaurant without paying.

03/12/2017, 1358 11XX STILL HOUSE CREEK RD **Drugs Possession - Felony**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** 20 yo male in possession of narcotics and marijuana after overdosing on suspected heroin. Conveyed to hospital for treatment and evaluation.

03/12/2017, 2249 I64 HWY E & TIMBERLAKE MANOR **Drugs Paraphernalia**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** 26 yo male in possession of marijuana paraphernalia after being stopped for a traffic violation.

03/11/2017, 0419 DEEP FOREST DR & WILD HORSE CREEK RD **Drugs Possession - Misdemeanor** **Brief Narrative Description:** 21 yo male in possession of marijuana and paraphernalia after DWI crash investigation.

03/11/2017, 0200-03/11/2017, 0830 21XX COURTLEIGH LN **Runaway Juvenile**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** 16 yo male ran away from home.

03/11/2017, 1020 2XX THF BLVD Hongs Trading Company **Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** 58 yo female concealed costume jewelry and left store without paying.

03/11/2017, 1432 1XX LONG RD **Larceny under \$750 from Auto**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject broke out window on victim's vehicle and took a purse.

03/11/2017, 1300-1335 16XXX BAXTER RD JCCA **Larceny under \$750 from Auto**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject broke out window on victim's vehicle and took a purse.

03/06/2017, 2359-03/07/2017, 0400 16XXX WESTBORO CIRCLE DR **Property Damage to Vehicle**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject damaged the tires and electrical system to victim's vehicle.

03/11/2017, 1915 2XX THF BLVD Babies R Us **Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** 25 yo female concealed clothing and left store without paying. As officers attempted to stop subject's vehicle, vehicle refused to stop and no attempt to pursue was made.

03/10/2017, 0555 13XXX CONWAY RD Recovered Auto Stolen Elsewher Auto  
**Brief Narrative Description:** 34 yo male in possession of stolen automobile from other state.

03/10/2017, 0815 EAGLE MANOR LN & OLIVE BLVD **Peace Disturbance Road Rage**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** 72 yo male involved in a road rage incident where he displayed a baseball bat and BB gun.

07/08/2016, 1200-03/06/2017, 1200 2XX KENDALL BLUFF CT **Fraud Identity Theft**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject used victim's information to open up credit card account.

03/07/2017, 1200-03/08/2017, 1200 16XX WISHWOOD CT 6 **Fraud Credit Card**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject used victim's credit card information to make purchases.

03/10/2017, 1830 17XXX NORTH OUTER 40 RD H&M **Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** 18 yo female concealed clothing and left store without paying.

03/10/2017, 2150 OLIVE BLVD & RIALTO DR **Assault Common - Actual Assault**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** 26 yo male pushed victim after argument causing no injuries.

03/09/2017, 1425-03/09/2017, 1540 15XXX MEADOW OAK DR **Burglary Residential - Home**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject entered victim's residence by cutting rear screen door and took jewelry from inside.

03/09/2017, 1810 2XX CHESTERFIELD MALL Victoria's Secret **Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** 34 yo female concealed makeup and left store without paying.

03/09/2017, 1658 1XX LONG RD BP **Larceny under \$750 Gas Drive Off**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject pumped gasoline and drove out of gas station without paying.

03/09/2017, 0715-03/09/2017, 1800 3XX RENALDO DR **Burglary Residential - Home**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject entered victim's residence through unlocked rear window and took money.

03/09/2017, 1730-1840 17XXX NORTH OUTER 40 RD Club Fitness **Larceny over \$750 from Auto**

**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject broke out window on victim's vehicle and took a computer bag containing a laptop computer, wallet, and cell phone.

03/09/2017, 1403 E CHESTERFIELD PKY & OLIVE BLVD & W CHESTERFIELD PKY **Drugs**

**Possession - Misdemeanor Brief Narrative Description:** 45 yo male in possession of marijuana and paraphernalia after being stopped for a traffic violation.

03/09/2017, 1441 I-64 HWY E & TIMBERLAKE MANOR **Drugs Paraphernalia**

**Brief Narrative Description:** 24 yo male in possession of marijuana paraphernalia after being stopped for a traffic violation.

03/09/2017, 0425 2XX RENALDO DR **Burglary Residential - Home**

**Brief Narrative Description:** 28 yo male entered residence of acquaintance to confront homeowner over disagreement. After being confronted by homeowner, a struggle for a firearm ensued causing one round to be discharged. Subject left scene but was taken into custody later.

03/08/2017, 1550 17XXX CHESTERFIELD AIRPORT RD Bread Co **Larceny under \$750 Person**

**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject took wallet out of victim's purse and used credit cards to make purchases.

03/03/2017, 1253-1342 14XX MUMMA CT **Fraud Identity Theft**

**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject used victim's information to open credit accounts.

03/07/2017, 1930-03/08/2017, 1400 9X THF BLVD Supercuts **Larceny under \$750**

**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject took money from business safe.

03/07/2017, 2140 1XX THF BLVD Walmart **Larceny under \$750 Person**

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

02/26/2017, 0000-03/08/2017, 0000 6XX WATER WORKS RD **Fraud Checks**

**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject cashed fraudulent check using victim business account information.

03/07/2017, 1800-03/08/2017, 0650 15XX WESTMEADE DR **Stolen Vehicle Motorcycle**

**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject took motorcycle from apartment complex parking lot.

02/25/2017, 1200-03/08/2017, 1600 1 HAYBARN LN **Property Damage to House**

**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject broke out rear sliding glass door of residence.

Here is the update from the police department on our highlighted unusual cases of interest:

There was no arrest on the road rage. It was referred to muni PA as warrant application.

The suspect in the theft at Babies R Us has not been arrested.

**Zachary Wayhart, age 28, resides High Ridge MO was booked for Burglary 1<sup>st</sup>, and released pending application of warrants.**



Here is Wayhart's record prior to his Chesterfield Burglary 1st arrest.

04/01/16	Felony Possession of Controlled Sub	Jefferson Co Sheriff's Office
06/10/16	Domestic Assault	Jefferson Co Sheriff's Office
10/19/16	Burglary & Receiving Stolen Property	St. Louis County PD
01/14/17	Felony Tampering with Motor Vehicle	Franklin Co Sheriff's Office

**NEW HIRES BRINGS MONARCH'S FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC RANKS TO FULL STRENGTH.** On Thursday March 9, 2017 Scott Brazill, Alex Siebert and Matt Morrison were sworn in as new Monarch Fire Protection District firefighter/paramedics. That brings the squads to full strength at 102 FF/PM with 107 total counting command and admin officers.



District President Rick Gans swears in three new firefighter/paramedics.

Of course there is still one open slot, as Fire Chief Wayne Charles (Chuck) Marsonette remains suspended with pay and benefits pending trial on four felony counts of stealing (receiving stolen property) from his prior employer, Reliant Care where he was the company safety officer and pilot. His next court date is March 30.



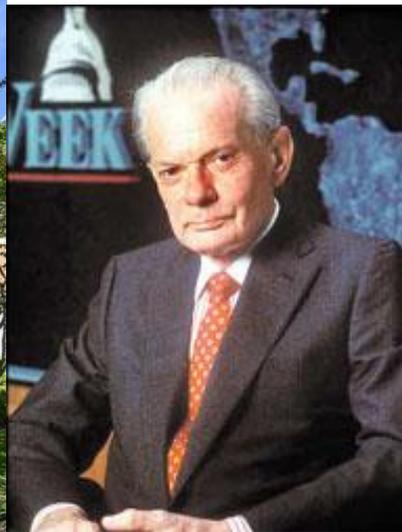
The civil suit filed by Reliant Care against Marsonette was moved to Federal Court on February 6th.

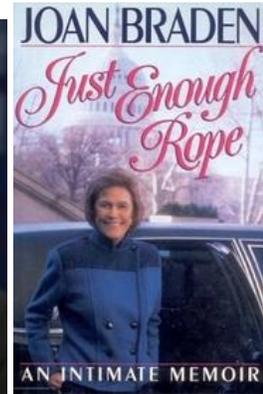
Under his employment contract Marsonette has to receive full pay while suspended since the charges do not involve his work as Monarch fire chief.

### **REAL ESTATE:**

If you are moving to the DC area, this just in...David Brinkley's former house in Chevy Chase Village is back on the market for just \$3,665,000.

Brinkley built the house at 111 E. Melrose in 1988. His next door neighbor was Tom Braden, the author of Eight is Enough, the original co-host on CNN's Crossfire with Pat Buchanan. Braden was a former OSS operative in WWII operating behind enemy lines and CIA employee before becoming a journalist. Despite Tom being the voice from "The Left" his wife, Joan worked for Henry Kissinger. I used to talk to the Bradens regularly when they walked their dog in Chevy Chase Village where I was a police captain. We exchanged Christmas cards until Joan's death in 1999.





This is the former home of Tom and Joan Braden at 101 E Melrose. It was built in 1898 and is valued at over \$3,000,000. It is on the corner of E. Melrose Ave. and Brookville Road. Some local DC historians claim George Washington helped survey Brookville Road before the Revolutionary War. But finding confirming data is difficult.

The Bradens moved to Alexandria Virginia in 1997. Joan died in 1999 at age 77 and Tom died in 2009 at the age of 92 after moving to Denver to be with two of his kids.

**HERE TODAY AND GONE TOMORROW:** S. Mason at Mason Grove Lane.



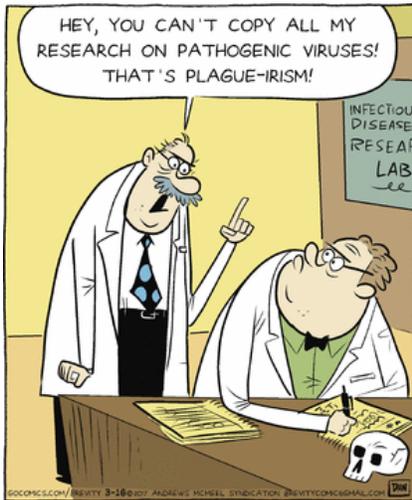


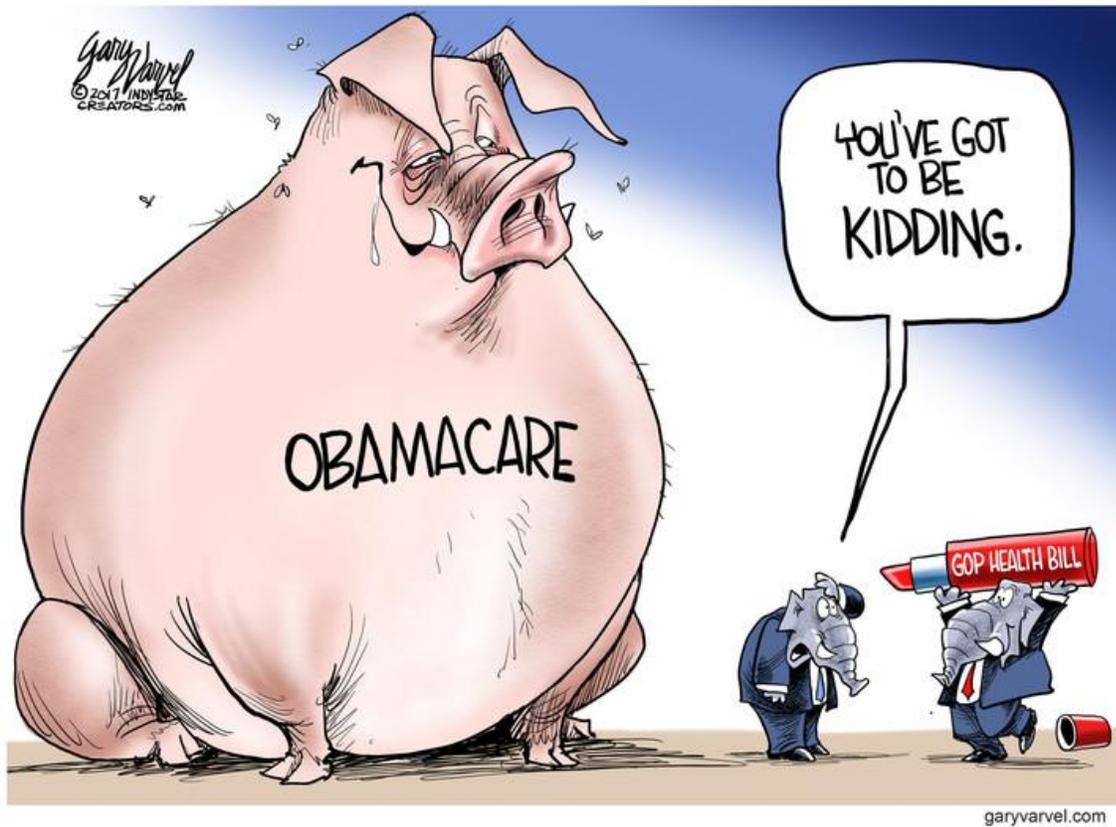
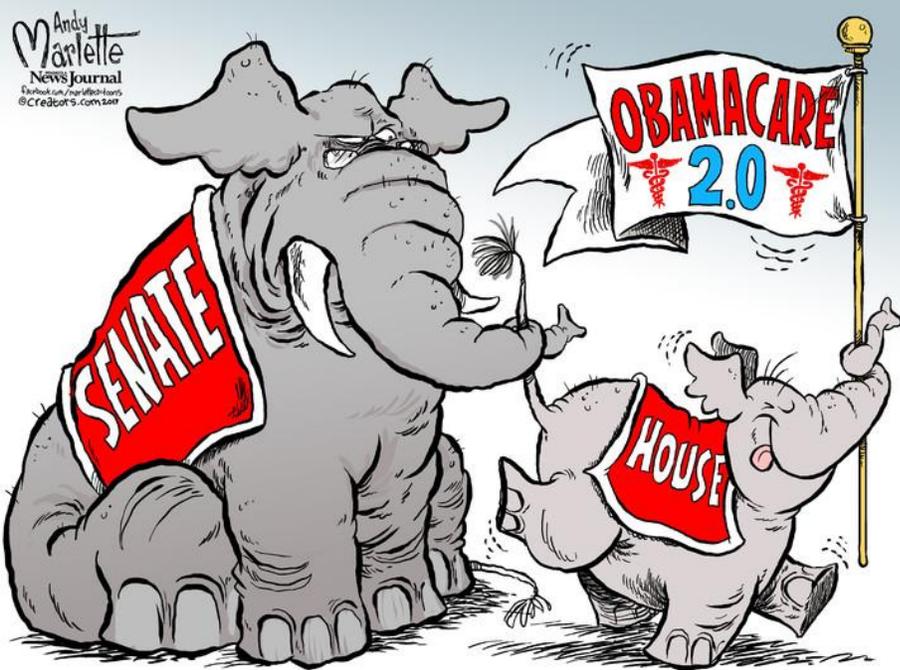
This house at 1826 Manor Hill was built in 1964 and will vanish 53 years later. It sold for \$495,000 in March of 2017. It has 2,339 square feet.

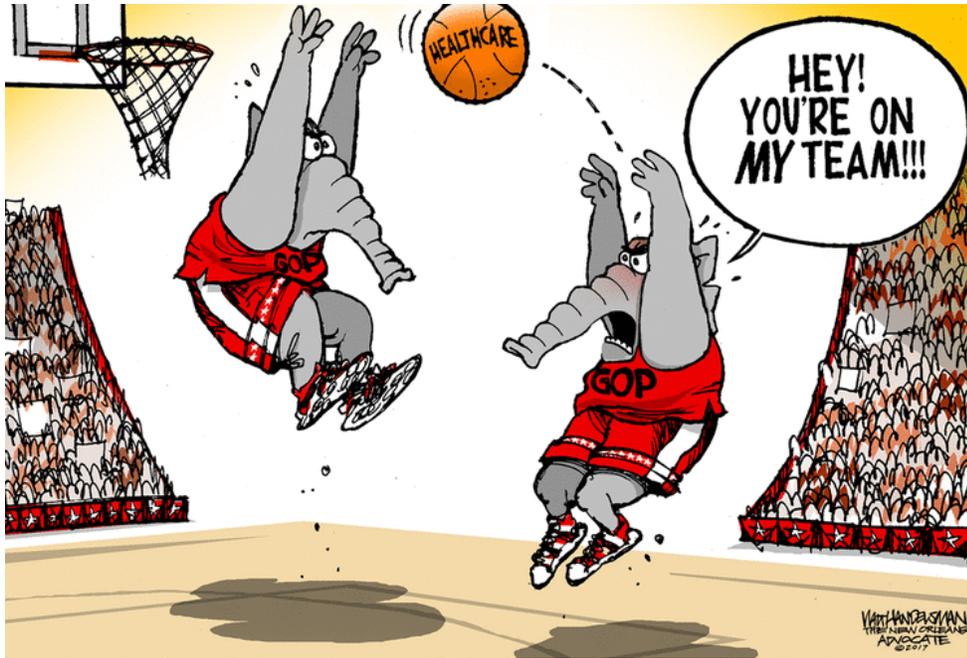


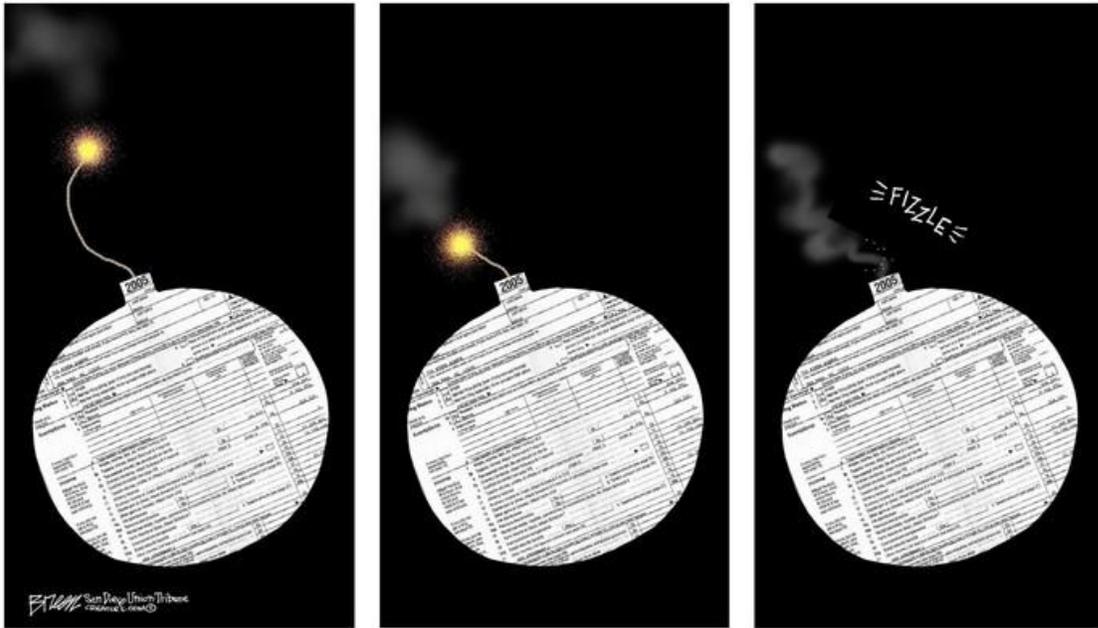
Kemp Home wants a mere \$1,890,000 to build this home for you at 1826 Manor Hill in the Thornhill Estates subdivision. It is on 1.32 acres and will be 5,200 square feet.

CARTOONS:









RACHEL MADDOW'S 'BOMBSHELL'



# March Madness





