

EX ALDERMAN NEWSLETTER 278 AND CHESTERFIELD 223



May 22, 2017



TOWN AND COUNTRY POLICE CHIEF PLANS TO RETIRE ON SEPTEMBER 1. Pat Kranz , who became Town and Country Police Chief when John Copeland retired while holding the City Administrator and Police Chief jobs back in 2013. Copeland held both titles for 10 years after the City Administrator Brent Hobgood quietly left office after some DWI issues while driving city cars.

Kranz and Gary Hoelzer were both captains under Copeland and both applied for the city administrator's job. Hoelzer was hired as City Administrator and Kranz as police chief. Several weeks ago word came out of Ellisville that Hoelzer had applied for the Chief of Police job there and finished second in the hiring process. Some are hoping he applies for the T&C top cop job.

MAYOR MAKES SOME NEW COMMISSION CHAIR ASSIGNMENTS AND PASSES ON A COUPLE THAT NEED TO BE CHANGED: Town and Country Mayor and former longtime cigarette lobbyist and walking conflict of interest Jon Dalton announced the Aldermanic assignments for the new year after the April Elections. No one new was elected to the Board of Aldermen, but Dalton saw fit to shuffle part of the deck.

PLANNING AND ZONING: The P&Z meetings will continue to be 15 minutes longer than necessary as Dalton kept the official windbag of the Board of **Alderman Fred Meyland-Smith** on the P&Z Commission. Meyland-Smith and mayor each have a seat and a vote on P&Z. Dalton refuses to do his duty and rarely shows up for meetings, as voting means he might upset someone.

Meyland-Smith has shown a history of going against the Constitution and court rulings. He has been against church signs and flag poles despite the fact that churches fall under the first amendment when it comes to signs and structures that don't present

a danger. Meyland-Smith while on boards at Missouri Baptist Medical Center voted as a P&Z member and an alderman on proposals and projects at the hospital.

It has been time for a change in this assignment for some time. But Fred has backed the mayor in the last elections and this is clearly a reward. A better assignment for Fred would be the Art Commission which due to a lack of interest has had only one meeting out of four scheduled so far this year.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD: **Jon Benigas** remains the chair of this board. Benigas' background is that he is a marriage counselor for men. Benigas had been the chair of the Green Team, where there had been six liberals (who can be hard to find) and one conservative. The Green team was folded by Dalton in 2016. It had trouble having meetings as it was unable to meet the relaxed quorum requirement of Town and Country and never had a full member roster.

It is interesting that Benigas lives in a subdivision of Cedar Springs that was annexed into Town and Country. The houses don't meet most of T&C standard zoning codes with front facing garages and the lots are very small and under the normal 1 acre.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION: **Lindsey Butler**, who is very sharp for a newly elected official is stuck with this group for another year. With the Green Team Commission gone, this is where Dalton is putting the liberals. Lindsey is a good researcher and likes to keep a watch on excess spending. Dalton is keeping her hidden on this commission. I would not be surprised with 2-years on this commission and having to sit next to Dalton at all the meetings, plus raising some small kids if Lindsey doesn't file for reelection. I hope that is not the case, but...

PUBLIC WORKS AND STORM WATER: After two years Tiffany Frautschi is being moved off this commission. **Skip Mange** is replacing her. Skip who was an engineer (but hasn't been for years) should be up to speed better than Tim Welby ever was or me for the one year I was on that commission.

POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION: Tiffany Frautschi replaces Gussie Crawford on the Police and Fire Commission. Recently the Fire District began holding meetings the same day as the Board of Aldermen, so it will be interesting to see if Frautschi can attend those meetings and the Aldermanic Work Session followed by the 7pm Aldermanic meeting. The Fire District always without fail either goes into a closed executive session meeting before or after regular meetings. It would be nice to have Frautschi demand to attend those meetings if they deal with anything concerning Town and Country or Firehouse 3.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMISSION: The mayor kicked Linda Rallo off the old Finance Commission and replaced her with **Gussie Crawford**. I have no idea why the change was made. Mayor Dalton tried to hide Crawford when she was first elected by putting her on the Community Relations Commission which no longer exists. Crawford has been on the board of directors of the AAU for half-a-century. I think she understands policy and budgets.

PUBLIC ART: **Linda Rallo** replaces Skip Mange as the chair of the Public Art Commission. I have quoted Linda in the past as saying, "I like pretty things." When I called she would only say the change from Ways and Means to Art "surprised" her as she doesn't know that much about art. I heard from other sources that she is pissed.

PARKS & TRIALS: If there needed to be a change anywhere it was with the Parks Commission where Lynn Wright has been the chair for 12 years. It did not happen.

KAULAN GRAY OF 14361 CEDAR SPRINGS PARKWAY CHARGED WITH MORE FELONIES: Let's look at some of the crimes the 27-year-old son of lawyer Anthony Gray, who was briefly an attorney for the Michael Brown family and has been Director of Public Safety in the crime and scandal ridden City of Pine Lawn, has been charged with recently. They are felonies, involving drugs and guns.

Here are some of the crimes Kaulan Gray has been charged with in the past:

02/03/16	Flourishing Dangerous Weapon	
05/14/16	Felony Drug Possession & Firearm Possession	St. Louis County PD
08/12/16	Felony Assault 1 st Degree	
09/13/16	Felony Drug Possession	
09/02/16	Felony Gun Possession & Drug Charges	
	Gun charge was dropped and case refilled on 9/13/16	
12/18/15	Robbery 2 nd Degree	Bridgeton PD
	Case dropped when victim did not want to cooperate	
12/12/15	Destruction of Property (charges dropped)	
10/14/15	1 st Degree Armed Robbery	Bridgeton PD
	Armed Criminal Action	
	Case dropped when witness/victim was reluctant to testify	
09/09/15	Felony Drug and Gun Charges	Florissant PD
04/17/15	Domestic Assault	
04/26/14	Fraudulent use of a Credit Card	Warrensburg PD
	PG SIS probation. Probation revoked changed to SES probation 120 days in jail.	



14361 Cedar Springs Parkway



Gated Entrance with guard to Cedar Springs

In the Armed robbery, Gray is alleged to have gone into a Phillips 66 station overnight and shoved a gun into the neck of the clerk. The clerk later declined to testify. Here is the original media release from the Bridgeton PD:

Report # 15-03531 Attempt Robbery 1st/Armed Crimianl Action/Property Damage 2nd at The Lodge Hotel 3551 Pennridge - Responding officers contacted two subjects occupying a black Dodge Charger. Passenger Kalaun Gray b/m and Driver Opelia Billianina b/f. Bridgeton officer who had reviewed the surveillance tape from Phillips 66 found resemblance to robbery suspect and located red shoulder bag used in Phillips 66 robbery. Weapon located. Gray arrested for the robberies and both Gray and Billianina arrested for Possession of Marijuana. Gray was subsequently positively identified as committing the robbery at Phillips 66 by a witness. Warrants were issued with \$100,000 cash only bond.

The latest charges actually come from a May 2016 gun and drug arrest. The reason it took so long is that unlike on TV some drug lab work is backed up close to a year, plus the County prosecutor's office often has a several month backup of cases to be issued.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY
STATE OF MISSOURI

-VS-

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CIRCUIT

KALAUN GRAY
14361 CEDAR SPRINGS DRIVE
CHESTERFIELD, MO 63017

Aliases:
Defendant

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RACE: Black
SEX: Male
DOB: 09/20/1989
HGT: 5'10"
WGT: 145lbs.
P.D.: St. Louis County
ORI Number: MO0950000

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CHARGES

Count: 01 POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE - CLASS C FELONY
Count: 02 UNLAWFUL USE OF A WEAPON - SUBSECTION 11 - POSSESS WEAPON AND
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE - - CLASS D FELONY

COUNT: 01 POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE - CLASS C FELONY

That Kalaun Gray, in violation of Section 195.202, RSMo, committed the class C felony of possession of a controlled substance, punishable upon conviction under Sections 558.011 and 560.011, RSMo, in that on or about May 14, 2016, at 3500 Cypress Creek Dr., in the County of St. Louis, State of Missouri, the defendant possessed heroin, a controlled substance, knowing of its presence and nature.

195.202-001Y19893599.0

COUNT: 02 UNLAWFUL USE OF A WEAPON - SUBSECTION 11 - POSSESS WEAPON AND A FELONY
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE - - CLASS D FELONY

That Kalaun Gray, in violation of Section 571.030.1(11), RSMo, committed the class D felony of unlawful use of a weapon, punishable upon conviction under Sections 558.011 and 560.011, RSMo, in that on or about May 14, 2016, at 3500 Cypress Creek Dr., in the County of St. Louis, State of Missouri, defendant knowingly possessed a firearm a Jennings 9mm semi-automatic pistol, while knowingly possessing a controlled substance heroin that is sufficient for a felony violation of section 195.202.

I, Michael White, DSN 4412, St. Louis County 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 May 14, 2016, at 3500 Cypress Creek Dr., Kalaun Gray, Black, Male, DOB 09/20/1989, 5'10", 145lbs, committed one or more criminal offense(s).

Count: 01 POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE - CLASS C
FELONY

Count: 02 UNLAWFUL USE OF A WEAPON - SUBSECTION 11 -
POSSESS WEAPON AND A FELONY CONTROLLED
SUBSTANCE - - CLASS D FELONY

The facts supporting this belief are as follows: Defendant was operated a vehicle stopped because its license plate was wanted in robbery first degree investigation. A loaded 9mm pistol was found between the center console and the passenger seat, 5 capsules of heroin were located in the glove box and a search incident to the arrest of the defendant revealed a capsule of heroin. The defendant stated that he handled the gun.

Michael White, DSN 4412, St. Louis County Police Department

What is somewhat ironic is that the residents in the Cedar Springs subdivision have a gate and a 24-hour guard at the entrance to keep bad people out. But in the case of Gray he is very bad and is staying inside the gate.

MAN PASSING COUNTERFEIT MONEY AT MISSOURI BAPTIST HOSPITAL IS FINALLY ARRESTED: Success! Town and Country had a good video image of the suspect that was passing counterfeit \$20 bills in an unusual way at Missouri Baptist Hospital. However, once arrested he looked little like that image.



Same guy

MoBapt Video

The suspect is Clifford John Reeves, III, 41, of O'Fallon Missouri. He was passing counterfeit \$20 bills. He was hanging around vending machines in waiting rooms at Missouri Baptist Hospital and would walk up to people asking if they had change for a \$20 as he really wanted to buy something out of the vending machine. He would then give them the counterfeit bill and take \$20 back in various denominations.

The Secret Service arrested him on the Town and Country case and the Maplewood Police arrested at about the same time driving a stolen car. Maplewood booked him for Tampering with an Auto. Here is part of his record prior to the latest arrests:

12/06/08	Felony Stealing	Mo Div of Empl Sec
	09/30/11 Pled Guilty SES 5-Year probation	
09/01/09	Felony Stealing	O'Fallon PD
	09/30/11 Pled Guilty SES 5-year probation	
06/17/10	Misdemeanor Assault	O'Fallon PD
	09/12/11 Pled Guilty 60 Days Jail	
08/25/11	Judgment of \$8,022	Mo Div Employment Sec
03/01/12	Domestic Assault	O'Fallon PD
	Pled Guilty 180 days jail, but placed on 2-year probation	
05/16/16	Judgment \$7,791 back rent	St. Charles County
03/03/17	Auto Theft, 2-counts Forgery	St. Peters PD

KETCHUP STAINED DRUNK DRIVER CAN'T STAY IN HIS LANE THEN DRIVES OFF ROAD. Brian Hydar, 60, had been drinking beer at the High Ridge VFW and was on his way home to Overland on Saturday night/Sunday morning 11/22/15 driving his Ford Escape. Hydar who had a stroke six years earlier was also taking prescription meds. After leaving the VFW he stopped at McDonalds. I'm guessing he had a Quarter Pounder with Cheese as there was ketchup all over the front of his sweater according to the arresting officer.

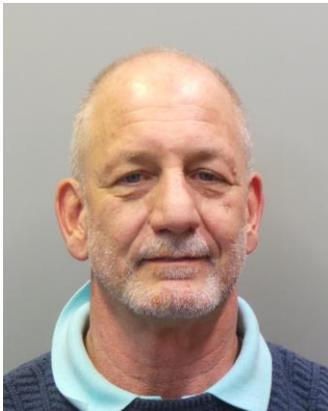
While Hydar was driving north of I-270, Town and Country Police Officer Yaakub was also driving NB on I-270. Officer Yaakub was on a paid special Interstate enforcement patrol funded by the State of Missouri.

He observed Hydar weaving from lane to lane. In one case a motorist put on their turn signal to switch lanes, only to have Hydar weave into the lane nearly causing a collision.

Later Hydar drove off the highway onto the shoulder. At this point Yaakub stopped him on I-270 at I-64.

Besides being ketchup covered, Officer Yaakub found that Hydar had the usual signs of a drunk driver, strong odor of booze on his breath, bloodshot eyes and slurred speech. On the street Hydar said he had "a couple of beers," but later at the police station he downsize that to just one despite being at the VFW from 8 pm to 12:30.

He took a field breath test that showed his BAC level to be over the limit. At the police station he took the official Breath Test that showed his BAC level to be .118%



Hydar had no prior arrests.

OUTCOME: On March 17, 2016 Hydar pled guilty to DWI and was given a 2-year No-Points, No-Fine probation term. He also pled guilty to Improper Lane Use and was fined \$155.

DRIVER DOING 34 MPH OVER THE SPEED LIMIT GETS NO POINTS: On the 4th of July 2016 at 9 PM Bobby Clinton Ashley, 20, was driving 94 MPH on SB I-270 at Clayton Road. If you have ever been doing the speed limit or at least in the general vicinity of the speed limit and then have someone pass you pushing 100 MPH it can be a little unsettling.

Ashley was driving a 19-year-old Mitsubishi 3000 GT when he was clocked by Officer Yaabuk at 94 MPH.

OUTCOME: Ashley pled guilty to speeding on 10/06/16 and was given a six-month No-Fine, No-Points probation term by St. Louis County Assoc. Circuit Judge Richard Stewart. Town and Country prosecutor Ed Sluys apparently recommended this. This was despite the fact the Ashley had just received a speeding citation 09/10/16 in Jefferson County that was not yet disposed of.

Uniform Citation Violator's Copy

ORI NO. MO 0957200 TOWN AND COUNTRY POLICE
STATE OF MISSOURI
DIVISION OF 21st CIRCUIT COURT

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STATE OF MISSOURI		DIVISION	
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF TOWN AND COUNTRY MUNICIPAL COUNTY 1			
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COURT DATE 08/04/2016	COURT TIME <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM 7:00	COURT PHONE NO. (314) 432-1420	
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STREET ADDRESS 4 CAROLYN DR			
CITY HIGH RIDGE		STATE MO	ZIP CODE 63049
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		YEAR 2017	
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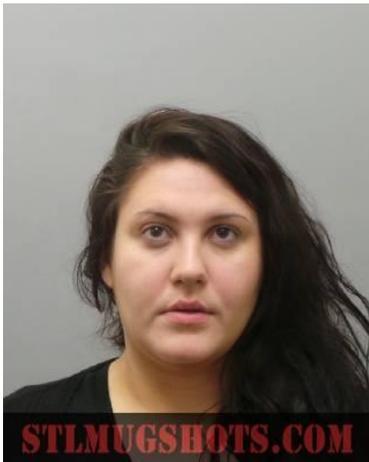


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THE MUNICIPAL COURT UNETHICAL MERRY-GO-ROUND. Here is another double barrel of questionable ethics coming out of the local muni courts.

Yevgeniya Radinskaya lives in Ballwin. She is a repeat drunk driver. Here is her record of DWI arrests:

06/08/14	DWI	Missouri Highway Patrol
	02/25/16 Pled Guilty and given a 2-year No-Fine, No-Points, No-Record Probation	
	06/16/17 Probation Violation Hearing scheduled	
07/26/15	DWI & Driving While Revoked	Town and Country PD
	Continued 14 times over the last 2-years. Still pending	
09/30/16	DWI	Manchester PD
	Continued 5 times	



In the Highway Patrol case she was represented by Keith Cheung. Cheung is the current city court prosecutor in Normandy, St. Ann, and Frontenac. He is also the city court Judge in Ladue. He used to be the prosecutor in Ballwin and Town and Country until he got fired after being censured for unethical behavior. He is also the representing Radinskaya in the latest DWI filed by Manchester.

In the Town and Country case from June 26, 2015 she is represented by the Chesterfield City Attorney, Clarkson Valley prosecutor and the prosecuting attorney in Ballwin, Chris Graville. Graville has continued this case for two years. Graville is suppose to be keeping people safe in Ballwin, nearby Clarkson Valley and Chesterfield which both abut Ballwin, but he is also acting as a criminal defense attorney representing someone who is a clear threat to the safety of people in all three communities.

This is apparently OKAY with the elected officials of all communities who have shown little or no interest in reforming out of control municipal courts.



Keith Cheung



Chris Graville

ENGELMEYER TURNS ANOTHER DANGEROUS DRIVER INTO A PARKING

VIOLATOR: Here is 36-year-old Maryland Heights' resident Ras Brantely's driving record:

05/26/04	Sued over Injury Auto Crash	St. Louis County
07/04/07	Moving Violation reduced to Loud Muffler	St. Charles Co. SO
06/24/11	Speeding 25 MPH over limit St. L. Co. \$100 fine	Missouri Highway Patrol
04/26/12	Moving Violation reduced to Loud Muffler \$200 fine	Missouri Highway Patrol

On 10/26/16 at **7:06 AM in morning rush hour** Chesterfield Police Officer Lantz cited Brantley was speeding 92 MPH in a 60 MPH zone on Westbound I-64 at Spirit of St. Louis Airport Exit.



Despite Brantley’s prior record of causing an injury crash, excessive speeding and receiving two moving violations that were amended to Non-Moving, No-Points, No-Record violations and despite the fact that Brantley was driving 32 MPH over the limit during rush hour, Chesterfield Prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer thought he was a good candidate for a No-point amended charge. Engelmeyer reduced the charge to Illegal Parking.

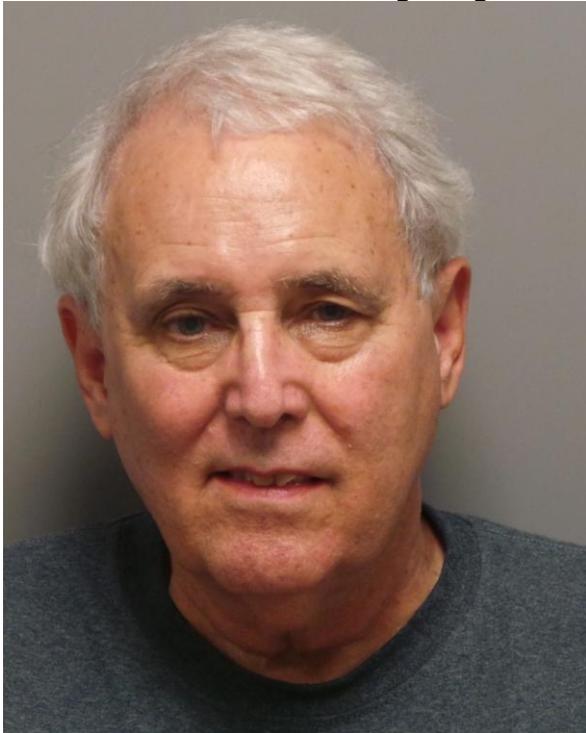
This is one of 1,413 moving violations that Engelmeyer reduced to Illegal Parking in 2016. There is no doubt that Engelmeyer is the **MOST DANGEROUS MAN IN CHESTERFIELD** who clearly puts residents at great risks on a daily basis.

LET’S TAKE A LOOK AT ANOTHER CHESTERFIELD CASE: Michael E. Clark, 39, of 1118 Savonner Ct in Chesterfield is another recipient of an amended charge from Engelmeyer.

09/05/07	Moving Violation Reduced to Illegal Parking	Mo. Highway Patrol
09/01/14	Speeding (amended to 1 MPH over limit) \$250 fine Webster Co Court	Mo. Highway Patrol
04/23/15	Moving Violations Reduced to Illegal Parking \$311 fine	St. Ann PD
03/26/16	Speeding 76/60 reduced to Illegal Parking \$300 fine	Chesterfield PD
02/08/17	Moving Violation reduced to Loud Muffler \$180 fine	Missouri Highway Patrol

Driving 16 MPH over the speed after having three other amended moving traffic charges was just up Engelmeyer's alley. No problem he has only had three prior breaks; why actually convict the guy of a moving violations after his fourth citation? On 07/28/16 Engelmeyer reduced the charge to Illegal Parking, one of his 1,413 moving violations reduced to Illegal Parking in 2016.

68-YEAR-OLD HIT AND RUN DRIVER CAUGHT AND FOUND TO BE IN POSSESSION OF DRUGS. ENGELMEYER MAKES SURE HE GETS NO POINTS ON THE LEAVING THE SCENE CHARGE: On Saturday May 28, 2016 at 4:50 PM 68-year-old Dale Williams exited EB I-64/Highway 40 at Boones Crossing driving his 2002 Honda Accord and crashed into the rear of a 2008 Jeep Wrangler that was stopped at the red light. Williams was asked for his drivers' license and insurance information, got nervous and fled the scene getting back on the Highway going east.



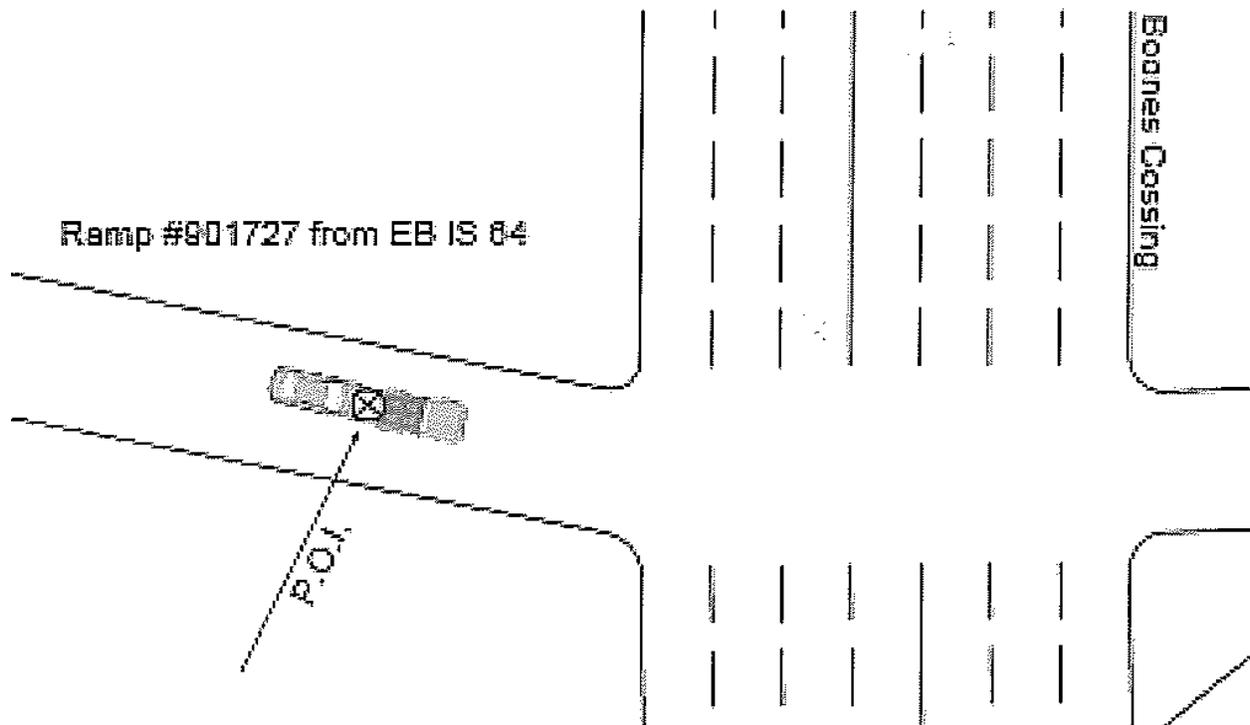
Dale Williams

This is from the police report:

D2 explained that he was waiting on the ramp of WB IS 64 to turn left onto Boones Crossing. As he was stopped, his vehicle was rear ended by V1. D2 and D1 both got out to exchange information, however, when D2 asked D1 for his information, D1 got nervous and left the scene. D2 then got back into his vehicle and notified police.

I was able to get the V1's information from dispatch and located the vehicle traveling on EB IS 64. I then stopped V1 on EB IS 64 and MO 340 (Clarkson).

Myself and PO Mueller DSN 300 made contact with D1 who would not explain how he was involved in an accident. However, he did acknowledge that he did rear end V2. He further explained that V2 started yelling at him and he got nervous and left the scene.



Once stopped Williams seemed confused. Williams said he did not have any liquor or drugs and gave officers permission to search the car. He was apparently high because officers immediately found two baggies of marijuana and a fully loaded pipe.

This is from the police report:

I asked Dale if he could exit the vehicle, which he did. Dale seemed to be confused and would not give me further information regarding the accident he was involved in. I asked Dale if he had any drugs or weapons inside his vehicle, and he stated he did not. He also told me that I could search the vehicle. At that time, I patted Dale down for weapons while PO Saffa searched the vehicle.

Upon the vehicle search, PO Saffa located two small clear plastic bags of a green leafy substance, inside the center console. Also inside the console was a small brown smoking pipe, commonly used for smoking marijuana. The pipe was filled with a green leafy substance at the time. All the above items were seized and placed into evidence.

OUTCOME: Here is what happened to the 68-year-old pot head.

Leaving Scene Accident: Plead guilty on 1/24/17, SIS with 2 year probation, paid costs of \$26.50 The SIS probation means No record and No Points.

Poss Marijuana: Plead guilty on 1/24/17, SIS with 2 year probation, SATOP, paid costs of \$26.50

Poss Paraphernalia: Amended to Littering on 1/24/17, paid a fine of \$326.50 and costs of \$26.50

Fail Exercise Highest Care: Plead guilty on 1/24/17, paid a fine of \$198.50 and costs of \$26.50 2-points

OLD CHESTERFIELD ROAD AND WHITE ROAD RESURFACING GRANTS TURNED DOWN: The Missouri Transportation Planning Committee that gives grants using Federal Highway funds has listed two projects in Chesterfield on the Not Recommended list. One is a grant application by the City of Chesterfield for work on Old Chesterfield Airport Road and the other is by St. Louis County Highways for resurfacing on White Road.

Attachment A
Missouri Transportation Planning Committee Recommendations
Missouri Local Program: Surface Transportation Program - Suballocated (STP-S)

Not Recommended for Funding					
Sponsor	County	Project Title - Description	Federal Cost	Total Cost	ID Number
Chesterfield	St. Louis	Old Chesterfield Road - Wild Horse Creek Rd To Baxter Rd - Resurfacing - Replace Culvert - Slab Replacement	\$1,195,200	\$1,494,000	
St. Louis County	St. Louis	White Road - Conway Rd To MO 340 (Olive Blvd) - Resurfacing	\$900,000	\$2,344,900	

Here are two other projects in West County that are not recommended for approval this year. One is in Frontenac and the other is in Wildwood near Chesterfield.

Frontenac	St. Louis	Geyer Road/Clayton Rd Improvements, Phase 1 - Geyer: Steeplechase Ln To Clayton Rd; Clayton: Geyer Rd - To 350' W/O Spoede Rd - Resurfacing - Sidewalk	\$1,162,500	\$1,550,000
Wildwood	St. Louis	Shepard Rd/Strecker Rd/Valley Rd - Shepard Rd: MO 109 To Strecker Rd; Strecker Rd: Ellisville - To Kehrs Mill; Valley Rd: Clayton Rd To Strecker Rd	\$1,120,000	\$1,400,000

The County request on White Road was far less than 50% of the total cost of the project, so it was a little unusual that it got turned down. However the others were no surprise as the requests were well over 50% and closer to 75% or 80% of the total cost. The more a city is willing to contribute to a project means more money for other projects.

The project for Old Chesterfield Road from Wild Horse to Baxter for culvert repair and overlay is still on the planning board according to Chesterfield Director of Public Works Jim Eckrich even though it appears there will not be \$1.2-million coming from the Feds for the \$1.5-million project.

From: Jim Eckrich [mailto:JEckrich@chesterfield.mo.us]
Sent: Tuesday, May 9, 2017 6:49 PM
To: John Hoffmann
Subject: Re: question

The project will still be funded but not on that timeframe. It is in the five year plan but I am not sure exactly what year. The grant would have accelerated it.

F&A MEETING CONTINUED: We did not have enough room for all of the 2-hour 57-minute Finance and Administration Committee meeting on Monday May 8 in our last newsletter. So here is some more!

LOGAN ATTACKS DECAMPI'S EMPLOYER: During a discussion of making a new appointment to the Chesterfield Valley TDD Board to replace City Administrator Mike Geisel things got ugly courtesy of Randy Logan. Geisel said that he would be happy to continue to serve on the TDD Board, but everyone should keep in mind that he works for Mayor Bob Nation and he would not be an independent vote, but would vote the same as Mayor Nation. The other two members of the TDD are St. Louis County Executive Steve Stenger and his appointee.

DeCampi had stated that Brenda Talent of the Show-Me Missouri Institute and lives within the TDD borders, was someone whose name was brought up is basically against TDDs and other tax give-aways for business. That caused Logan to respond loudly.

“You work for GE, one of the largest companies in the country. GE got \$120,000,000 to move their corporate offices from Connecticut to Boston,” said Logan.

DeCampi admitted that was true but he was still against tax payoffs for business.

“I don’t think we should use tax dollars to support private business,” said DeCampi.



THE LYNN DULL TRASH CAN EMAILS ARE BACK ON THE AGENDA: Lynn Dull who lives on the corner lot of Wilson Manor Lane and Parsonage was cited for illegally having her outside trash cans facing the front of her house. While her address is 1807 Parsonage Way, the house actually faces Wilson Manor Lane.



Apparently a resident complained to then Councilwoman Connie Fults who contacted Chesterfield’s elite prosecutor Tim (I changed 1,413 serious traffic violations into parking tickets) Engelmeyer numerous times via email about the trash can caper.

Dull never was convicted but as a defendant she wanted to see the complaints and correspondence between her councilwoman Fults and Engelmeyer.

City Attorney Christ Graville claims the emails are protected under client-lawyer work product. New City Councilman and lawyer Ben Keathley claims it is not. He said that Chris Graville as City Attorney is a councilperson's attorney not the city prosecutor and that Dull should see the emails. Prior to Keathley and Michelle Ohley being elected in April, this matter died in the Public Safety Committee. But it is back now and was before the F&A Committee.

"Just because it was sent to an attorney there was never attorney-client privilege," said Keathley.

On a 3-to-1 vote with Randy Logan voting against it and Keathley, DeCampi and McGuinness voting for it, the matter of the Fults-Engelmeyer emails goes back to a vote of the full council. The council can always vote to disclose any emails.

CONTENTIOUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING: There were four or five different stories at the May 15, 2017 City Council meeting. Let's first start with the resident who is also a Clayton lawyer upset with public information being on this website.

THE ATTACK OF THE LAWYER AND ENGELMEYER BUDDY: William Lawson of 2114 Riding Trail Driving in Chesterfield was the first person to speak at the start of the Council meeting.

"I'm here to talk about Tim Engelmeyer. I know Tim Engelmeyer and I find him to be an ethical person. I want to know why 48-hours after I sent an email to the council about Mr. Engelmeyer that it was posted on John Hoffmann's website?"

I have a Sunshine Law request and I want all emails from Mr. Hoffmann and to Mr. Hoffmann to be produced, including from councilmen's private email account," said Lawson.

"Executive session minutes are supposed to be kept from the public. I went to his website and executive session minutes were posted on his website. The issue I raise is about how this gets on his website," exclaimed Lawson who then said what an ethical guy Tim Engelmeyer is.

Dan Hurt was filling in for an absent Mayor Bob Nation who was on vacation in Europe, told Lawson that his three minutes was up. Lawson was not wanting to play by the

rules and went onto another topic demanding to know as a “hockey dad” why the TDD for the ice rink was brought up and possibly a person will be added to the TDD board.



Attorney William Lawson showing the public he doesn't know much about the law. Council President Pro Tem Dan Hurt lecturing the loudmouth Lawson on the finer points of the Sunshine Law and politics.

He was told there was an election and there are new people on the Council and things can change. But currently nothing has changed that Mr. Geisel is still on the TDD Board and he has said he would vote the same way the mayor votes.

Stupid, stupid, stupid: I was amazed that a lawyer is so stupid of open records laws.

Here are the people he sent his email to praising Engelmeyer:

From: "Lawson, William M. (Bill)" <William.Lawson@ogletree.com>

Date: May 5, 2017 at 8:35:35 PM CDT

To: " barryf@chesterfield.mo.us" <barryf@chesterfield.mo.us>, " bmcguinness@chesterfield.mo.us" <bmcguinness@chesterfield.mo.us>, " gtilman@chesterfield.mo.us" <gtilman@chesterfield.mo.us>, " bkeathley@chesterfield.mo.us" <bkeathley@chesterfield.mo.us>, " rlogan@chesterfield.mo.us" <rlogan@chesterfield.mo.us>, " dhurt@chesterfield.mo.us" <dhurt@chesterfield.mo.us>, " tdecampi@chesterfield.mo.us" <tdecampi@chesterfield.mo.us>, " mohley@chesterfield.mo.us" <mohley@chesterfield.mo.us>, " mgeisel@chesterfield.mo.us" <mgeisel@chesterfield.mo.us>, "

cbg@gravillelaw.com " <cbg@gravillelaw.com>

Subject: Tim Engelmeyer

Lawson sent this email to every councilperson and to two staff members. Not only did he send the email once, he sent it to them twice. Sending to council members and staff makes this email a public document. Apparently attorney Lawson doesn't understand the Missouri Sunshine Law.

Lawson apparently also is unaware of Missouri LAW concerning executive session minutes. If the minutes deal with a lease or real estate that has been transacted, the minutes and votes and emails plus other material from the closed secret sessions immediately become public. (Except when the Chesterfield Council and staff illegally hide them.) Finally the Council can decide to release executive minutes anytime they want.

I have sent a lot of emails and Sunshine requests to the City of Chesterfield. If they are easy to answer I simply get a reply. If they take research or staff time to assemble documents, I pay a bill before I get the information.

With all the emails I have sent while covering Chesterfield for AOL Patch.com and for my own news website, I will be sending an email to see if Mr. Lawson is charged anything.

THE BILL TO SEND MONEY TO THE MISSOURI MUNICIPAL LEAGUE: Chesterfield received \$30,867 from a settlement with an internet telephone provider, Tracphone. The MML sued Tracphone for not paying utility taxes in various cities and towns. The legislation on the agenda was to send 5-percent of the money (\$1,542) back to the Missouri Municipal League for a fund that includes future litigation and lobbying. This was despite already paying their share of the litigation.

Ben Keathley complained about giving any money back.

"I'm against giving taxpayer money to a lobbyist organization. We don't know what it is going to be used for," said Keathley.

Randy Logan immediately went on the offensive. "These funds are for litigation efforts besides lobbying," said Logan.

"The lawyers have been paid by contingency funds," said Keathley.

The point is both the St. Louis and Missouri Municipal Leagues could either lobby or file suit on an issue where Chesterfield is on the other side, but Chesterfield helped fund the lawsuit.



Ben Keathley concerned about tax money eventually being used against Chesterfield. Randy Logan was not concerned.

The vote to send the money to the MML ended up a tie, but passed with Dan Hurt got to vote twice as acting mayor. Aye votes were to send the \$1,542 to the MML and a NAY was not to send it.

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With Hurt filling in for the absent mayor Bob Nation, he voted Aye for a second time.

THE RESCINDING OF FUNDS FOR “MEET THE LEGISLATORS”: On March 6 the Council voted to spend \$3,000 for a Meet the Legislators event where the Council would invite state reps and senators and elected local officials from the West County area to a party before a concert at the Chesterfield Amphitheater. We reported in our last newsletter how the F&A Committee with two new elected council members voted to send a resolution to the Council to rescind the \$3,000.

Logan started the new battle,

Logan: I take exception to you calling it a party. Elected officials and city administrators are in working sessions. I see nothing for party hats and other things.

Keathley: I think it is great to develop relationships, but no one needs to pay thousands of dollars to do it.

DeCampi: We can call it a working event, but food and liquor will be there. I call it elitist.

Hurt: There is a private donor willing to expend the money but they want to remain completely anonymous. I like to make a motions for an amendment.

Time Out! The President pro tem of the City Council just suggested the government body accept money from someone for an event but not tell the public. That is ethically questionable and completely un-transparent. It's "let's keep the public in the dark. They don't need to know." This will only get better. Read on.

DeCampi: This event can go on. They can bring their own food and liquor. But with liquor it sounds like a party to me.

Flachsbart: I didn't think alcohol would be involved. (At the March 6 meeting members talked about getting a business to donate the booze.)

McGuinness: Very clearly the public would not be invited. This appears to be elitist. The taxpayers pay for the food and drink, but they are not invited.

There was a discussion that the politicians would be on the VIP area of the theater, but the public could come up. City administrator Mike Geisel said there would be no policing if members of the public helped themselves to food purchased for the politicians.

McGuinness: Mr. Graville if someone gave us \$3,000 could anyone find out who it was by making a Sunshine Request?

Graville: If a check came in with someone's name on it, it would be released if there was a Sunshine Law request.

Hurt: They want to remain private. So it would have to be \$3,000 in cash in a basket.

Time Out 2! Hang on, the president pro tem of the City Council thinks it is a good idea for people to give cash to functions for politicians. First that falls under the Missouri Ethics Commission rules of reporting gifts to politicians. Secondly how does that look to the public? Is the person giving the money happen to have a last name of Tweed or Pendergast? If Hurt thinks taking thousands of dollars from anonymous person is a good idea, perhaps he should step down as president pro tem of the Council and maybe they could elect 28-year-old Ben Keatley as President Pro Tem as he seems to have a clue about ethics laws. Although I'm still amazed that no one saw the lobbying ethics problem of an undisclosed person giving money for food and beverages for state officials. That is against Missouri Law unless you report it!



New York's William Boss Tweed



KC's Tom Pendergast



Chesterfield's Dan Hurt

Tillman: Keep the money out of it. Keep it simple with no money at all. If it is successful we can do it differently next year.

Hurt: I'll withdraw my amendment.

Tillman then made an amendment that was basically the same as the original resolution to rescind the money. That passed 6-2. Randy Logan and Barry Flachsbart voted against it. Flachsbart has been voting with Logan a lot recently making me think that he perhaps has walked over to the Dark Side.



AND FINALLY; LET’S NOT LET THE PUBLIC KNOW EXACTLY WHAT THE CITY JUDGE AND PROSECUTOR ARE PAID: We mentioned in our last newsletter how we found out that the city judge, Rick Brunk and prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer are not on the salary transparency page on the city’s website. After searching for 30-minutes we had to send a Sunshine Request to find out. Finance Director Craig White emailed me back with something from the 2017 budget. But it did not really tell how much they made, just what the base salary was. Engelmeyer also bills the city an hourly rate on top of the contract pay.

Barb McGuinness wanted the salaries listed with everyone else. She also wanted the pay for the last three years so citizens could get a feel for the average total amount paid after hourly billing. This seemed simple and completely met the city’s claim of how they want to be transparent. Quickly we found out that some people did not think so.

City Administrator Mike Geisel explained that since the judge and prosecutor are not really employees but contract workers their salaries were not on the transparency page. McGuinness then pointed out that all the council members and the mayor are not employees but their salaries are on the page.



Barb McGuinness

Barry Flachsbart then stated since he was expert and teaches IT at a university and he knows that you never want to put the same information on a website twice. Just link to it. That would be fine but the link only shows the budgeted salary and it does not include annual hourly billing. Also it is much harder to read something coming out of the budget files than the much simpler Transparency Portal.

Flachsbart also wanted to know why this did not come out of committee.

Dan Hurt with a raised voice said that any councilperson can ask to have something placed on the meeting agenda without it coming out of committee. McGuinness asked and he put it on the agenda.

Randy Logan stated that he thought his new best buddy and former foe Barry Flachsbart brought up adequate reasons for the issue to be reviewed by staff and go to committee.

The waste of time: Keep in mind, the F&A Committee is made up of Ben Keathley, Tom DeCampi, Barb McGuinness and Logan. The matter will go right back to the council on a 3-1 vote but will be delayed about a month.

Here is the vote to send putting the Judge and Prosecutors current pay and pay for the last three years on the transparency portal to committee and not to vote on it at this meeting.

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With the tie, Dan Hurt voted AYE a second and the resolution to easily let the public know how much the judge and prosecutor make was delayed.

Of course I immediately made a Sunshine Request for their salaries over the last three years including hourly billing. Now if I can get this, why shouldn't it be on the city's website?

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>Rate</u>
ANTHONY M PEZZANI	ASSISTANT PROSECUTING ATTORNEY FEES	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$500/mo
BARRY KING	ALTERNATE PROSECUTOR FEES	720.00	1,800.00	-	\$120/hr
COLLINS H ROBINSON	FEE FOR PROVISIONAL JUDGE	450.00	1,170.00	-	\$400/docket; \$120
RICHARD K. BRUNK	JUDGES SALARY	30,937.50	33,750.00	33,750.00	\$2,812.50/mo
TIMOTHY ENGELMEYER	PROSECUTING ATTORNEY FEES	37,125.00	33,750.00	40,500.00	\$3,375/mo
TIMOTHY ENGELMEYER	CERTIFIED DOCKET	7,608.00	10,884.00	13,544.00	\$120/hr
		<u>\$ 82,340.50</u>	<u>\$ 86,354.00</u>	<u>\$ 93,794.00</u>	

Training - Chesterfield pays the cost of Judge Brunk's attendance at the MMACJA Annual Courts Conference in even numbered years and Wildwood pays in odd years. Chesterfield's cost was \$720 in 2014 and \$854 in 2016.



CHESTERFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT
Media Report
May 10, 2017 - May 16, 2017

<u>Time of Occurrence</u>	<u>Generic Address</u>	<u>Business/Location Name</u>	<u>Incident Type</u>
05/11/2017, 1904 05/11/2017, 1910	2XX THF BLVD	Lowe's	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subjects took sink faucets and power tools and walked out of store without paying.			
05/16/2017, 1330 05/16/2017, 1418	14XXX OLIVE BLVD	Beckemeier Conservation Area	Larceny under \$750 from Auto
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject broke out window on victim's vehicle and took purses.			
05/16/2017, 1422 05/16/2017, 1422	3XX THF BLVD	Home Depot	Recovered Auto Stolen Elsewhere Auto
Brief Narrative Description: Unoccupied stolen auto from other jurisdiction recovered in retail parking lot. Owner and agency notified.			
05/02/2017, 0714 05/02/2017, 0714	19XX LONE TRAIL LN		Violation of Ex-Parte/Full Ord Full Order
Brief Narrative Description: 50 yo male violated the conditions of a court order of protection by contacting victim through social media.			
05/16/2017, 1118 05/16/2017, 1118	4X THF BLVD	Ulta	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject concealed cosmetics and left store without paying.			
05/13/2017, 1853 05/13/2017, 1904	18XXX OUTLET BLVD	Burlington Coat Factory	Larceny Over \$750 Shoplifting
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subjects concealed clothing and left store without paying.			
05/12/2017, 1100 05/13/2017, 1300	15XXX COTTING CT		Fraud Scam
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject convinced victim to wire money for fraudulent family in jail scam.			
05/12/2017, 1900 05/15/2017, 1100	15XXX CLAYTON RD	Chesterfield Presbyterian Church	Larceny under \$750 License Plate/Tabs
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took license plate tabs off of vehicle.			
05/15/2017, 1410 05/15/2017, 1415	1XX THF BLVD	Best Buy	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
Brief Narrative Description: 19 yo female concealed electronics and left store without paying.			
05/15/2017, 1922 05/15/2017, 1922	2XX CHESTERFIELD MALL	Victoria's Secret	Larceny Over \$750 Shoplifting
Brief Narrative Description: 24 and 18 yo females concealed clothing from multiple stores and left without paying.			
05/15/2017, 2017 05/15/2017, 2017	14XX WESTMEADE DR		Assault Common - Actual Assault
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject struck victim in the head after argument causing minor injuries.			
05/14/2017, 1340 05/14/2017, 1300	17XXX NORTH OUTER 40 RD	Steve Madden	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
Brief Narrative Description: 24 yo female concealed shoes and left store without paying.			
05/14/2017, 2300			Assault Common - Actual

05/14/2017, 2309	7XX ALRICK DR		Assault
Brief Narrative Description: 20 yo male was intoxicated and struck victim in face after argument causing minor injuries.			
05/13/2017, 0137 05/13/2017, 0137	N WOODS MILL RD & OLIVE BLVD & WOODS MILL RD		Drugs Possession - Misdemeanor
Brief Narrative Description: 20 yo female in possession of marijuana and paraphernalia after being stopped for a traffic violation.			
05/13/2017, 1124 05/13/2017, 1124	2XX CHESTERFIELD MALL	Victoria's Secret	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
Brief Narrative Description: 40 yo female concealed clothing and left store without paying. Subject also resisted arrest when contacted by officers.			
05/13/2017, 1347 05/13/2017, 1430	14XXX EAGLE MANOR CT		Violation of Ex-Parte/Full Ord Ex-Parte
Brief Narrative Description: 44 yo male violated the conditions of a court order of protection by showing up at victim's residence.			
05/13/2017, 1428 05/13/2017, 1428	164 HWY W & OLIVE		Ordinance Violation Soliciting w/o permit
Brief Narrative Description: 42 yo male soliciting for money at intersection after previously being warned to cease.			
05/13/2017, 1223 05/13/2017, 1223	1XX THF BLVD	Best Buy	Fraud Credit Card
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's credit card for purchase after being stolen in another jurisdiction.			
05/13/2017, 1800 05/13/2017, 1800	18XXX OUTLET BLVD	Sunglass Hut	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
Brief Narrative Description: 19 yo female concealed sunglasses and left store without paying. Also in possession of marijuana and paraphernalia.			
05/13/2017, 1740 05/13/2017, 1930	16XXX LYDIA HILL DR	Chesterfield City Park	Larceny under \$750 from Auto
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject broke out window on victim's vehicle and took a purse.			
05/13/2017, 1940 05/13/2017, 1940	18XXX OUTLET BLVD	Saks	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject concealed clothing and left store without paying.			
05/12/2017, 0330 05/12/2017, 0330	14XX WINDGATE WAY LN		Liquor Violation MIP
Brief Narrative Description: Two 18 yo males in possession of alcohol after suspicious vehicle stop.			
05/12/2017, 0835 05/12/2017, 0922	EDISON AVE & LONG RD	Levy Trail Parking Lot	Larceny Over \$750 From Auto
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject broke out window on victim's vehicle and took a bag.			
05/10/2017, 1000 05/12/2017, 1000	1 MONARCH TRACE CT 303		Larceny under \$750 Residence
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took coat from storage area.			
05/12/2017, 1210 05/12/2017, 1210	17XX CLARKSON RD	Commerce Bank	Fraud Checks
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject attempted to pass stolen check at bank.			
05/12/2017, 1312 05/12/2017, 1312	12XX HILLCREST FIELD DR		Larceny under \$750 License Plate/Tabs
Brief Narrative Description: Citizen report of stolen license plate.			
05/12/2017, 1520 05/12/2017, 1520	17XXX NORTH OUTER 40 RD	Papaya	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
Brief Narrative Description: 27 and 25 yo females concealed clothing and left store without paying. Also in possession of controlled substances and prohibited theft device.			
05/12/2017, 1732 05/12/2017, 1732	7XX LONG ROAD CROSSING DR	Long Road Crossing	Drugs Possession - Felony

Brief Narrative Description: 18 yo male in possession of methamphetamines and marijuana after suspicious vehicle stop.			
05/12/2017, 2103 05/12/2017, 2103	13XXX CEDAR GROVE CT		Assault Common - Actual Assault
Brief Narrative Description: 18 yo male struck victim after argument causing moderate injuries.			
05/11/2017, 0857 05/11/2017, 0857	16XXX SWINGLEY RIDGE RD 200		Fraud Scam
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject attempted to convince victim to wire money for fraudulent family member kidnapped scheme.			
04/27/2017, 0001 05/11/2017, 2359	15XXX GREEN CIRCLE DR		Fraud Identity Theft
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's information to open up credit card account.			
05/11/2017, 1544 05/11/2017, 1544	5 THE PINES CT	Corporate Travel Planners	Larceny under \$750 Employer
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subjects took client data from business computers.			
05/11/2017, 1712 05/11/2017, 1712	4X THF BLVD	Target	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
Brief Narrative Description: 27 and 22 yo females concealed merchandise and walked out of store without paying.			
05/10/2017, 2300 05/11/2017, 0340	17XX CLARKSON RD	McDonalds	Burglary Commercial - Business
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject entered victim business and took money from safe.			
05/10/2017, 2230 05/11/2017, 0800	16XXX CHESTERFIELD MANOR DR		Runaway Juvenile
Brief Narrative Description: 16 yo male ran away from his residence but later returned home unharmed.			
05/10/2017, 1558 05/10/2017, 1558	1XX THF BLVD	Walmart	Property Damage to Business
Brief Narrative Description: 29 yo female damaged window on store after being terminated.			
05/10/2017, 1514 05/10/2017, 1514	XX FOUR SEASONS SHPG CTR	Dierberg's	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
Brief Narrative Description: 63 yo female concealed food items and left store without paying.			
05/10/2017, 0855 05/10/2017, 0855	18XXX OLIVE STREET RD		Drugs Paraphernalia
Brief Narrative Description: 31 yo male in possession of marijuana paraphernalia after DWI investigation.			

BASEBALL COMPLEX PROMOTER IS A NO SHOW AT MONARCH MEETING: It had been scheduled for Dan Buck to appear at the May 18 Monarch Fire District meeting to talk about the proposed Indoor Sports Dome and outdoor baseball complex. However, Buck cancelled and did not show up. No reason was given, but we were told Buck had sent written emails laying out why he was not going to attend to some members of the board.

We filed a Missouri Open Records Sunshine Request for the material and open to have more in our next newsletter.

Fire Board Director Robin Harris was disappointed that Buck was a no-show, as he hoped to confirm some numbers he ran that showed the most the new complex would likely increase EMS calls was 5%. Harris said he was under the impression that the sports complex would have urgent care personnel on duty during baseball and other sports activities. Harris pointed out that in 2016 the Fire District answered 22 EMS calls to Chesterfield Parks Athletic facilities and transported 17 people due to injuries. He thought Urgent Care personnel would mean more people would be treated at the Buck-Mike Matheny complex and meaning less EMS calls for the Fire District.

I'm just surprised that Dan Buck didn't want to make nice with an elected government body. But of course the fire district would not be voting on rezoning or spending millions to buy property and then lease it back to Matheny and Buck over 50-years, while wiping out the Parks Department Reserve Fund. We hope to see if there is more to this than is on the surface.

OBITS PHOTOS OF THE MONTH: We enjoyed the obit photos of young adults from the 1920s. Unfortunately the last of those people died in the early 2000's. Next it was people's photos from the 1930s especially with hair styles and clothes similar to movie stars of the time. Those folks now are all gone. Now we can enjoy photos of people (a couple are photos of paintings) in the prime of their lives in the early 1940's who have recently died in their 90's.

Pappas, Constance
 Passed away Thursday, April 20, 2017. Beloved wife of the late John Pappas; wonderful loving mother of Diana Jeanne (Michael) Prime and Barbara Lee (Peter) Cantwell; adoring grandmother of Christopher Brian and Matthew James Prime; daughter of the late Louis and Eftihia James; dear sister of Penny (Louis) Karagianis and John (Frances) James and the late Nickie (Tom) Zotos, Gus (Pat) James and Tony James; dea



St. Louis, Arrangements by Bopp Chapel.

Adderton, George Beattie
 Passed away on Saturday March 25, 2017 at the age of 94.



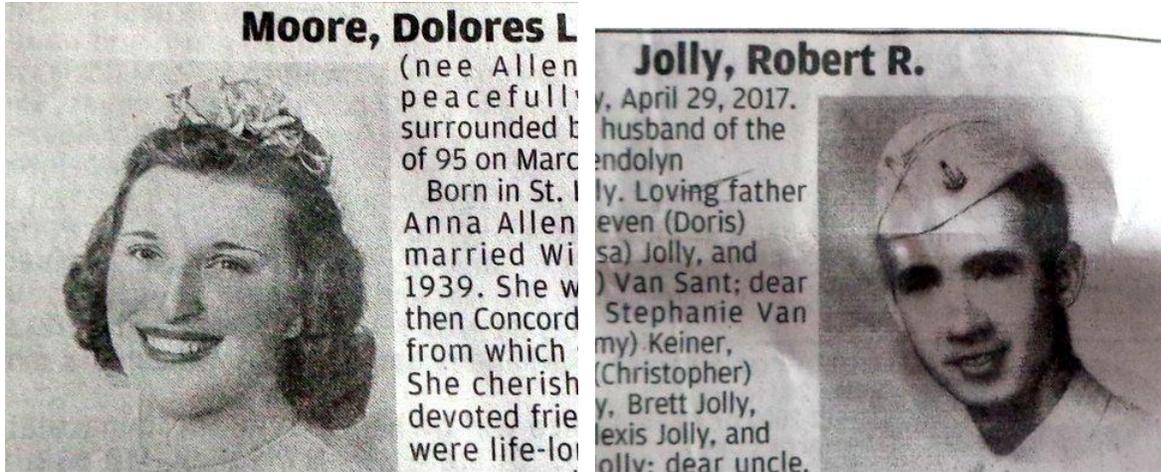
Services: A Memorial Service will be conducted at Ladue Chapel Presbyterian Church, 9450 Clayton Rd., Ladue, on Friday May 2, at 1 pm. A reception will follow the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials appreciated to: Knight ADRS Washington University Zheimers Research), 4488 West Park, Ste 200, St. Louis, MO 63108; Ladue Chapel, 9450 Clayton Road, Ladue, MO.

Dierberg, Mary
 (nee Hartenbach), 83, beloved wife, mother, and grandmother died peacefully surrounded her family on May 7, 2017 was received into the arms of the Savior.



Mary was born September 1933 in Creve Coeur, MO to the late Arnold and Marg (Hartnett) Hartenbach. She graduated from Clayton High School and attended Fontbonne College. She married Bill Dierberg.



RESTAURANT NEWS: PUT A FORK IN THEM THEY ARE DONE: The second location of the Olive Street Café, located in the southeast corner of Manchester and Clarkson Road closed the second week of May. The location on Olive Blvd in Creve Coeur is still open.



Smitty's, the popular Chesterfield-Ballwin neighborhood bar and grill at Clayton Road and Baxter is not opening a second location. Last year with a partner Smitty's got a sign permit in the City of Maplewood and planned to open a restaurant at 7278 Manchester, featuring the same menu and blue plate specials as in Chesterfield. However, after getting signs approved the deal between partners fell apart.

Now the restaurant space is a beer joint and grill with 48 beer taps.



REVIEW: Schneithort's has been on Lindbergh Blvd. at Clayton Road since 1956 when Arthur Schneithort, Jr. opened the restaurant and drive-in with car hops. The family had a long history with St. Louis eateries dating back to 1900, including hotel restaurants, managing the Bevo Mill and other operations.

Schneithort's, on the edge of Ladue with the car hop service, competed with the Parkmoor in Clayton on Clayton Road and Big Bend (now a Walgreen's location) and one in Kirkwood at Kirkwood Road (Lindbergh) and Manchester (now a Lou Fusz Toyota used car lot and office). They served double burgers, fries, onion rings and offered diner style service inside, with two-way speakers for the car patrons and at the tables for diners. (I spent an hour searching the web for photos of the Schneithort's Drive-In with car hops to no avail. But, I remember going there and to Parkmoor.)

The drive-in closed in 1973 and then there was just the Kaffe Haus. Next to the former diner, then the Kaffe Haus was the Hofamberg Inn, a full service higher end restaurant with traditional German dishes and American food. It was a destination restaurant.

In 2002 the Hofamberg was closed and the building was razed. The property was rebuilt as Schneithort's Village with retail shops and offices. The restaurant is back with a dining room serving breakfast, lunch and dinner until 9 o'clock. The large bar with darker lighting offers the same menu as does the upstairs patio and serves booze until 11.



We went there one weekday evening at 7:50. The first floor dining room was almost empty. Rather than the bar or an upstairs dining room we stayed down stairs.



We started with a cup of Crème of Chicken soup (\$5.00). It might have been the highlight of dinner, not to say there was anything wrong with our other orders, but the soup was that good, even after being around all day.



My wife ordered the Milwaukee Club sandwich (\$11.00) which is a piece of cold braunschweiger, bacon, lettuce and tomato. It came with a side of fries. I ordered the Veal Weiner Schnitzel (\$20). It came with two sides.



The Milwaukee Club on rye with some wide frozen French Fires that were perfectly cooked.

My wife like the sandwich and took half of it home for lunch the next day.



Everything served was hot, but we did have a table close to the kitchen and it was not busy at 8 o'clock on a Wednesday. The service was very good also. The waiter, Eric, was in his early 20's and was amazed when I told him about the wild drive-in with car hops that had occupied the south end of the property in 1960s.

My Weiner Schnitzel was pan fried with a nice coating of breading. It came in three thin pieces. The first piece was tough and chewy, causing me to wish I ordered something else. But the next two pieces were tender and perfect. I was glad I got to the lousy piece first and not last.

St. Louis used to have a huge population of Germans. There were a number of German restaurants in south St. Louis and South County. The top one was the Bevo Mill, which was closed for a long time and recently reopened with a pub menu and is run by the people who own Sugarfire BBQ.

Everything was fine at Schneihorst's. However nothing screamed at me to come back. Overall I found everything we ordered was about \$2 too high. But we were in Ladue, where houses sell for \$100,000 more just because they are sitting in the Ladue zip code.

Here is a link to an article written by Ron Elz, someone who I used to work for as a disc jockey 46 years ago, about the history of Scheithorst's.

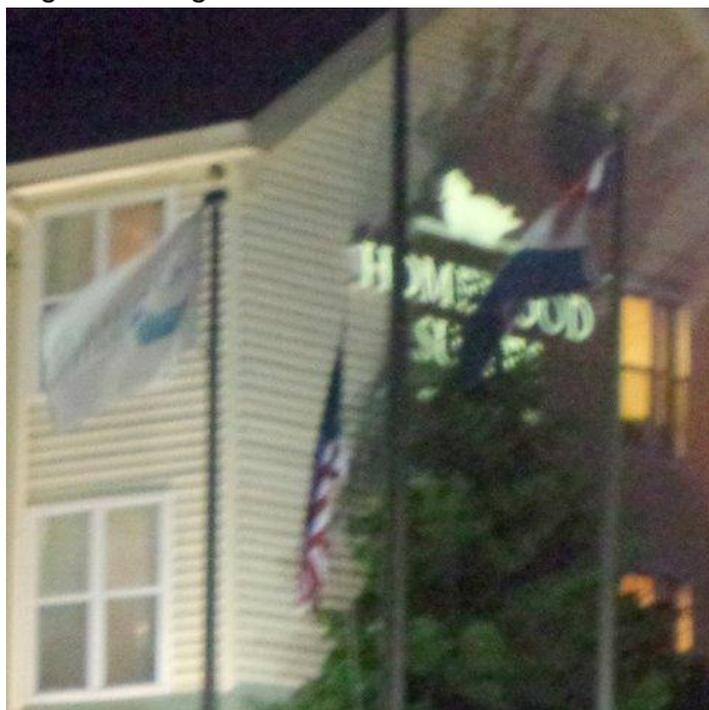
<http://www.antiquewhs.com/2010/Inside%20STL/Schneithorst's/Index.htm>

Next week we visit the Twisted Tree in Sunset Hills.

UNEXPECTED POSSIBLE GUEST WANTING TO COME INSIDE: The heavy rain of two weeks ago when there was widespread flooding in areas of St. Louis, we found someone at our front door wanting to get out of the rain.

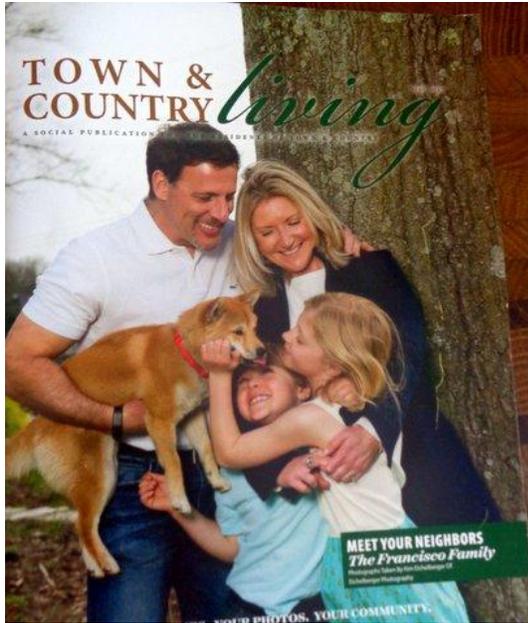


THE STAFF AT THE HILTON HOMEWOOD SUITES NEEDS TO START WATCHING DR. SHELDON COOPER'S FUN WITH FLAGS: Three times in 2017 we found where the Missouri State Flag was being flown upside down at the Hilton Homewood Suites on Chesterfield Parkway. Last week when all flags across the country were supposed to be flown at half staff for police officers killed in the line of duty, Homewood lowered the American Flag, but not the other two. The American flag always is higher than all other flags including when at half-staff.



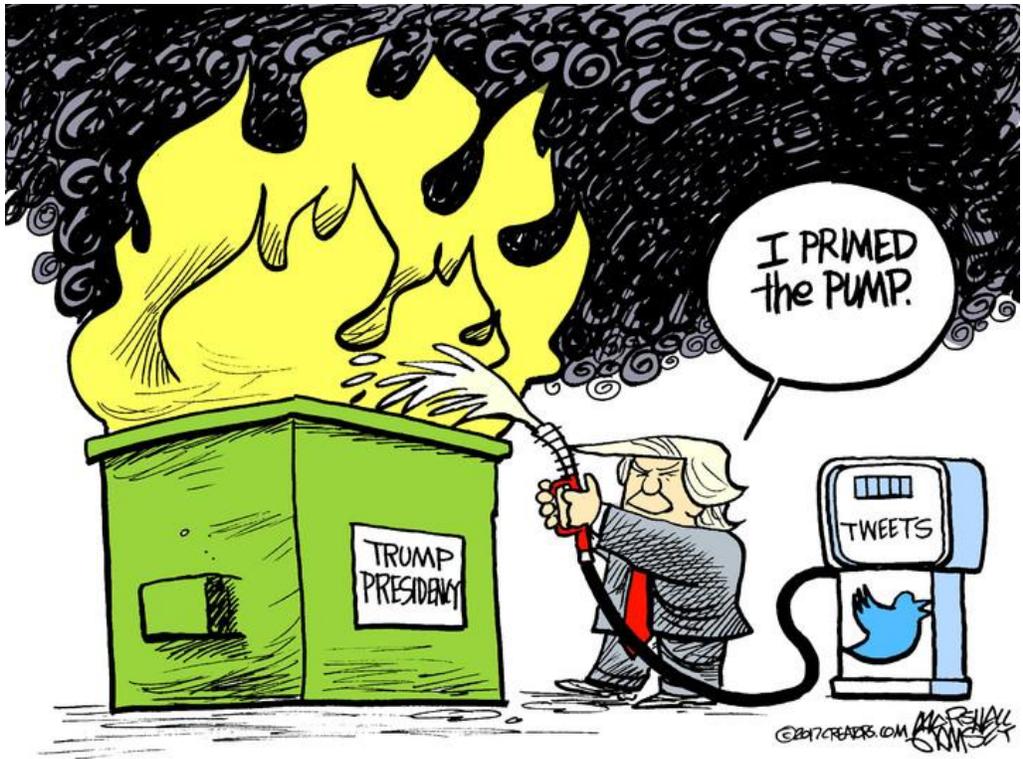
SAY GOODBYE: Town and Country Living, which claimed to be a magazine, but in reality was simply an advertising mailer disguised as a magazine that appeared to be sent to all of Town and Country, but in reality just went to homes in Ward-2 and a few in Ward-1 is finished.

In the latest issue the editors (who live in Florissant) announced for various reasons it would be their last issue.



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