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LATEST DRUNKS AND THIEVES EDITION IS NOW POSTED ON THE WEBSITE. The latest group of Drunks and Thieves articles from arrest to conviction has now been posted on our website at <http://johnhoffmann.net> Just scroll down to the Drunks and Thieves section for 12 more stories.

TOWN AND COUNTRY MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE APPOINTED TO CIRCUIT COURT. TOWN AND COUNTRY HAS A CHANCE TO REFORM THE MUNI COURT WITH THE RIGHT REPLACEMENT: On Thursday June 29, Missouri Governor Eric Greitens announced he was appointing Dean Waldemer as a new St. Louis County Circuit Court Judge. Waldemer is best known as a trial attorney in the St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney's Office. For 13 years he has also been the Town and Country Municipal Court judge.

While Waldemer was better than many muni court judges, he still played the game of accepting pleas on amended charges from serious traffic offense to "Illegal Parking" and criminal charges to non-criminal "Littering." Here the press release on his appointment:

Governor Greitens Appoints Dean Waldemer as Circuit Judge for St. Louis County

June 29, 2017

Governor Eric Greitens has appointed Dean P. Waldemer, of Kirkwood, as Circuit Court Judge for the 21st Judicial Circuit, which covers St. Louis County. He will fill the position created by the retirement of the Honorable Tom DePriest, Jr.

Waldemer has more than three decades of experience as a prosecutor for St. Louis County. Since 1991, Waldemer has been the Chief Trial Attorney for the St. Louis County Prosecutor's Office. Waldemer is also a municipal judge for the City of Town and Country, a position he has held for 13 years. Waldemer received his undergraduate degree in Business Administration and his law degree from Saint Louis University.

"For 33 years, Dean has been committed to public safety and fairness as one of St. Louis County's top prosecutors," said Governor Greitens. "His commitment to the rule of law and experience making St. Louis County safer assure me that he will continue to serve St. Louis County well as a circuit judge."



Dean Waldemer

I am sure Mayor Jon Dalton will try and appoint someone who is active in the Muni Court game of “if you hire a lawyer nothing will happen to you.” God knows Dalton plays the game, having gotten on of his kid’s two DWIs in a month reduced to C&I Driving. But if the Board of Aldermen are actually interested in REFORMING the municipal court they must vote NO to any appointee who is likely to continue to play the game and vote yes for someone who won’t accept amended charges by T&C prosector Ed Sluys of Careless Driving, Leaving the Scene of an Accident, Speeding 20 or 30 or 40 MPH over the limit to “Illegal Parking.”

This is a chance for the Board of Aldermen to make a difference. While I doubt if they will, they certainly could. It would require them to have the guts to stand up to Mayor Dalton and not accept any candidate that tries to justify the amending of serious offenses to Illegal Parking and Littering. This would be swell opportunity to take the lead in Municipal Court reform.

One officer who works in the area admitted to me that he has NEVER testified in a municipal court case as they are always pled down cases to none moving or non-criminal violations. He only testifies in Circuit Court cases. This needs to be stopped.

WHATS LEFT OF THE ARTS COMMISSION WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM TWO ALDERPERSONS TURN ON NEW BUT ABSENT CHAIRPERSON.

It was ugly. For some reason there had to be an Arts Commission meeting while Linda Rallo, who was just moved from the Finance Commission to the Arts Commission by Mayor Dalon, was absent.

The Arts Commission had been scheduled to meet on Wednesday June 14. Four members showed up. They needed five for a quorum. New Commission Chair Linda Rallo was out of town and could not make the meeting, but it was held anyway. Had Rallo been there there would have been a quorum.

Instead of Rallo, former chairs Lynn Wright and Skip Mange were there. It was the last meeting before staff liaison Lindsey Hodge's last day with the city. Linda Rallo thought they held the meeting without her since it was Lindsey's last week on the job.

This was the third time out of four meetings in 2017 there was not a quorum to conduct business. Plus two other meetings were cancelled in advance. So out of six scheduled Arts Commission meetings in 2017, only the April one actually occurred.

However, with Alderpersons Skip Mange and Lynn Wright there it was an unofficial meeting that never should have occurred. Skip had been interested in getting pushed through the commission and the Board of Aldermen for the city to accept a sculpture from a mold of Thomas Jefferson sitting on bench writing the Declaration of Independence.

The new chairwoman, Linda Rallo, had issues with accepting the statute as Jefferson was a slave owner and had children by his slaves. Since there was vandalism and protests in Forest Park in St. Louis to remove a sculpture to Confederate soldiers. She had her own list of points for accepting art. It included the art should not be likely subjected to damage due to vandalism, possible danger to the public and controversy.

Skip Mange and especially Lynn Wright attacked Rallo's proposal. They turned the four members of the commission against Rallo also. People started talking about how Jefferson is such an important part of American history. Of course so was the Civil War.

Do you really want something that 10-years from now could be the focal point of protests and vandalism that is occurring in Forest Park now?



Lynn Wright and Skip Mange go over Skip's proposal to counter act Linda Rallo's proposal to accept art work. The four that showed up did so between 6:05 and 6:12 for the 6 o'clock meeting. .

The clear conflict on all of this is the person wanting to give the non-original Jefferson sculpture is a friend of Mange and is closely associated with Principia and the Christian Science Church. Mange was a member of the faculty at Principia.

By the end of the meeting it was clear the four members at the meeting were turned against their new Chairperson Linda Rallo and she was not there to defend herself. I thought it was very ugly and it was typical of Lynn Wright. What made it even uglier was that Rallo endorsed Wright in the April Municipal election. This just proves that Lynn Wright is all about Lynn Wright.

“This is about history,” exclaimed Mary Beth Willson.

Also at the meeting they decided without a quorum that the **Plein Air painting competition** held every fall since 2010 should be **cancelled**.

“We need a full commission. I don’t think we can support it,” said member Bill Schawacker.

“We need a new influx of enthusiasm,” said Tim Bischof.

“Maybe we should look at it as if it is going to take a break,” said Lynn Wright. “When I look at the room at the Plein Air event all I see are the artists and their friends.”

“Maybe we need to see if anyone misses it,” said Mary Beth Wilson.

At the meeting of the non-meeting, I asked a question stating that I thought at the November 2016 meeting when they had a quorum they voted not to have the Wine, Art and Music event in February but still have the Impressions of Town and Country. I mentioned that if you voted to have it you need to vote not to have it.

Lynn Wynn with her arms crossed angrily snapped, “Are you saying we can’t cancel something?”

Here is what was listed in the minutes of the November meeting re: the Plein Air event:

Impressions of Town & Country Wrap up:

Successful event. Discussion followed.

Should a change for the future be to have this festival separate from the Fall Festival? Discussed pros and cons of stand alone event. Pro: Commission can focus on event and reception not as crazy. Con: loose tag team marketing crowds and energy from that event.

Parking was a big challenge in 2016. The lot filled up and no room for those attending the sculpture ribbon cutting and art reception. Started parking cars in the field which was not ideal due to safety.

High School category was not successful with only 2 students participating from Principia. This has always been a challenge for this event.

Discussed other option for Plein Air event including: more and different advertising. Artist giveaway. Activity with Elementary school students like a large mural that will be on display. Art teacher (or Mary Beth Wilson) to give a free art workshop for students.

Every year before handing out the prizes to the artists, Mayor/Cigarette Lobbyist Jon Dalton talks on and on what an Important event the Plien Air competition is. Apparently it isn't that important after all. I ran into the Principia Arts teacher and she was upset when I told her the Plien Air event was likely to be cancelled, stating she had two students looking forward to it.

Over the last seven months here is how often the Arts Commission actually met for an official meeting:

December 2016 CANCELLED

January 2017 NO QUORUM

February 2017 CANCELLED

March 2017 NO QUORUM

April 2017: Meeting Held

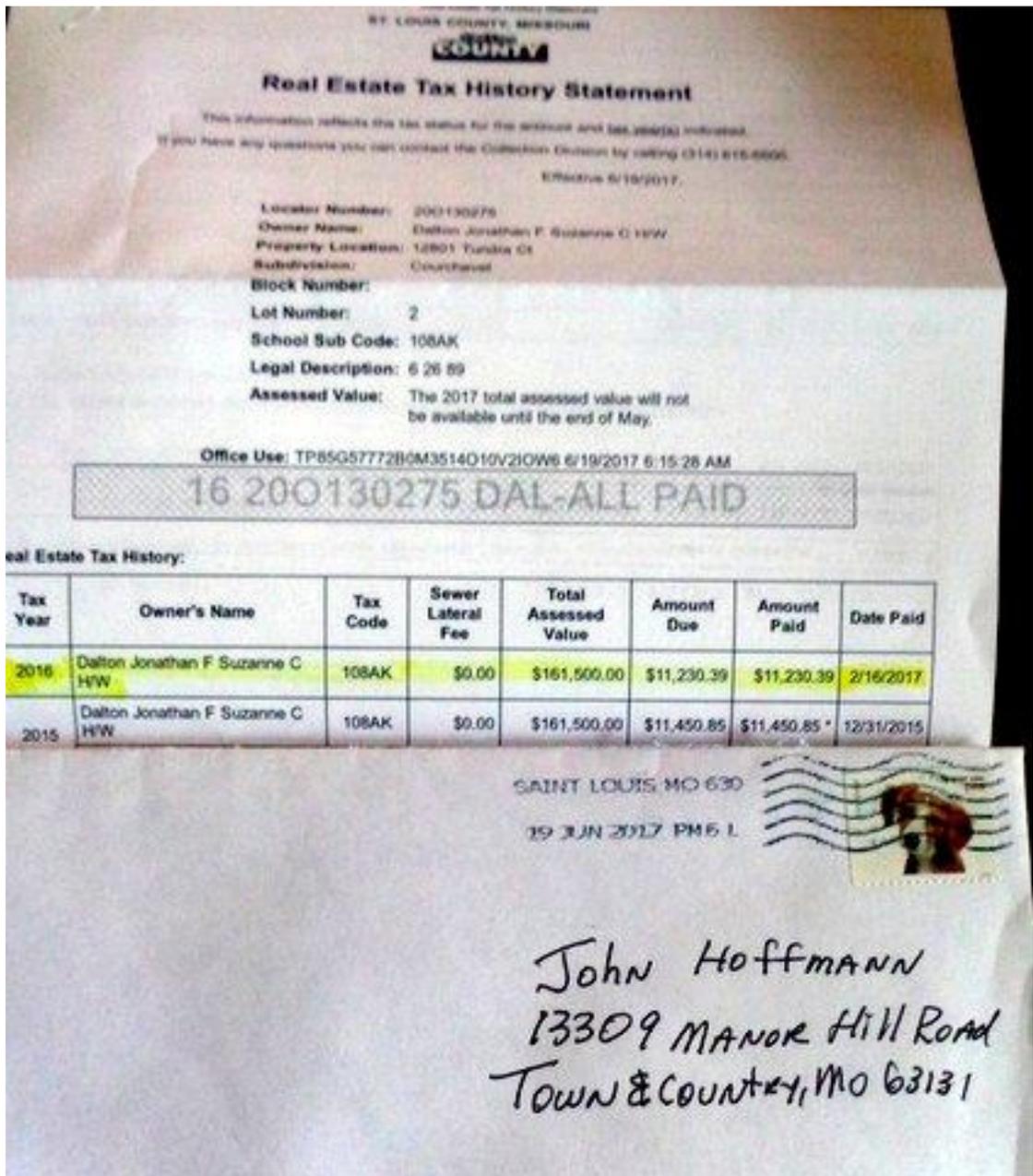
May 2017: CANCELLED

June 2017: NO QUORUM

July 2017: CANCELLED

Mange and Wright tried to get an art acceptance resolution passed without approval from the Arst Commission at the June 26 Board of Aldermen meeting. The rest of the alderpersons voted to continue the matter. Wright was not happy.

MAYOR LATE IN PAYING HIS TAXES: I love getting announymous letters. Recently one about the Ellisville Police was completely off base, but it gave us something to write about. Normally however they are accurate and lead to major stories or at least short pieces like this one. You always know it might be good when there is no return address on the envelope, like this one.



The copy was a real estate hard copy from St. Louis County. It showed that Mayor Dalton was 46 days late in paying the taxes on his house. .

Real Estate Tax History

This page shows the tax payment history for the real estate parcel described below. You may also print a tax history statement when a more official document is needed, such as for use at a title company.

[Print Tax History Statement](#) 

Effective 6/22/2017.

Locator Number: 200130275
Owner Name: Dalton Jonathan F Suzanne C H/W
Property Location: 12801 Tundra Ct
Subdivision: Courchevel
Block Number:
Lot Number: 2
School Sub Code: 108AK
Legal Description: 6 26 89
Assessed Value: The 2017 total assessed value will not be available until the end of May.

Real Estate Tax History:

Tax Year	Owner's Name	Tax Code	Sewer Lateral Fee	Total Assessed Value	Amount Due	Amount Paid	Date Paid
2016	Dalton Jonathan F Suzanne C H/W	108AK	\$0.00	\$161,500.00	\$11,230.39	\$11,230.39	2/16/2017

Of course taxes are not the only thing Dalton is late in paying. In 2000 he was sued by Midwest Floor of Town and Country (they have since moved to Chesterfield) for non-payment of work done at his house. In 2004 he was sued by Town and Country Physical Therapy for non-payment of bills. In 2006 he was sued by Mitchell Lighting for work done at his house. In all cases he countered sued claiming each company was negligent. All the cases were settled out of court.

This one wasn't; In 2012 Dalton was a named defendant in Federal Court after LLCs he created were part of a development scheme to create the Ice House Nightclub District on S. Brouday between the ballpark and Soulard. Ballpark Village ended the project

The developers snatched widow's Opa; Henderson's land and business for a low ball price. Dalton got his then law firm Lewis-Rice to represent the St. Louis Land Clearance

Authority in the low ball theft of the property. The same group also sued Saint Phillipine Douchese, whose name was still on a property deed from the 1830s for land to be used for a girl's orphanage. Henderson won a case before a jury in Missouri for over a million dollars in 2010. But she never received the money. That is until 2012 when she sued everyone involved in cheating her out of the value of her property, in Federal Court. Dalton was a named defendant. A few months after filing the suit she was paid.



IT'S ONE, TWO, THREE STRIKES THE BATTING GAGE IS OUT. The request of a batting cage for a 9-year-old and his teammates to use was turned down on Monday June 26 at the the Town and Country Board of Aldermen meeting on a 4-to-3 vote for the batting gage,

Unfornatelythey father ans son needed a majority vote of the eight aldermanic positions or a 5-3 vote. Ald. Jon Benigas was out of town setting up the unusual 4-3 vote in favor that was a defeat. However, judging from Benigas's questions and statements during a public hearing on June 12, it seemed his would have been a "no" vote. Here is how the vote went:

AYE

Fred Meyland Smith
Tiffany Frautschi
Lindsey Butler
Linda Rallo

NAY

Gussie Crawford
Lynn Wright
Skip Mange

Absent: Jon Benigas



Even though there were more letters on file favoring the cage or at least from neighbors having no objection to the cage, only people in opposition showed up at the meetings. One might guess that Ward-1 alderperson Skip Mange and Lynn Wright counted the votes in future elections before casting their “No” vote.

PARKS: THE BAD AND THE BEAUTIFUL: Recently at Town and Country’s Longview Park we were surprised at several things we saw. First was the unsightly storage of items outside the garage. There is no room in the garage for this stuff? What can be stored at the barn/garage at Drace Park?



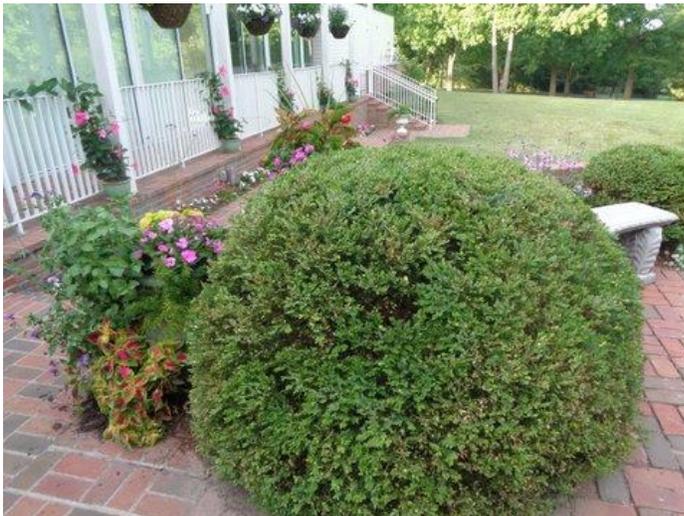


PRETTY BUT: The flowers in beds and in hanging baskets along the rear patio are very attractive this year,





HOWEVER, a closer look at the Boxwoods show they are infected with **Leaf Miner** which is caused by insects' larva that eats into the plants. It requires spraying. We found that all Boxwoods all around the Longview Farmhouse showed infection of Leaf Miner and all need to be sprayed.



Boxwoods with Leaf Miner in the rear of the house.



Boxwoods with Leaf Miner in the front of the Longview House.

AT QUEENY: We showed this photo of a holes in a rusted out gutter at the Queeny Park admin offices on the Mason Road side in February. They are located in a former barn and stable. We were told by a parks official that it would be repaired in the spring.

Well Spring has come and gone and it is now summer. I wonder if Steve Stenger has a contributor who does major repairs on older buildings and they are just waiting for the damage to get worse so the bill to fix it will be higher.



NEW BUSINESS IN TOWN COMING SOON, NOT YET LICENSED: They have not applied for any licenses yet or construction permits. But two store fronts on the west side of the Manchester Meadows Shopping Center are being taken up by a new business. Salons by JC will lease out private work areas for hairdressers, beauty consultants, skin treatment specialists and others. It is not known if each person renting a suite will have to get a license or if just the Salons by JC franchise holder will.



THREE PARKWAY HIGH SCHOOLS IN THE TOP TEN LIST OF AREA PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS IN MATH: Based on Missouri MAP Scores, the statewide average was 48.6%. But only one Parkway HS made it in the Top 10 State Wide

1. Parkway West 93.8%
2. Brentwood 92.5%
3. St. Louis Magnet School Collegiate School of Medicine and Bio Science 90.7%
4. Ladue 90.5%
5. Fort Zumwalt West 89.2%
6. Parkway South 88.1%
7. Lafayette 88.0%
8. Maplewood-Richmond Height 87.5%
9. Lindbergh 87.4
10. Parkway Central 87.2%

TOP PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS STATEWIDE IN MATH:

1. University Academy – Upper Kansas City 98.3%
2. Richland Essex, MO 98.3%

3. Kauffman Kansas City, MO 96.1%
4. **Parkway West** 93.8%
5. Brentwood 92.5%
6. Skyline Urbana, MO Hickory CO 92.3%
7. Mid-Buchanan Faucett, MO (South of St. Joseph) 91.4%
8. St. Louis Magnet Collegiate School of Med and Science 90.7%
9. **Ladue** 90.5%
10. Park Hill South Riverside, MO (KC suburb) 89.7%

Here are the ten lowest scoring public high schools in math in Missouri:

1. Excelsior Springs Technical HS 0.9%
2. Normandy 5.3%
3. Southeast HS KCMO 7.6%
4. Ruskin High School (Hickman Mills KC suburb) 12.7%
5. Confluence Prep St. Louis 13.6%
6. Paseo Academy of Performing Arts KCMO 14.6%
7. Beaumont St. Louis 15.9%
7. Sumner St. Louis 15.9%
9. Doniphan Doniphan, MO 16.5%
10. Vashon St. Louis 16.9%

There are a lot of younger newsletter readers from Town and Country with kids in Mason Ridge Elementary. They are tied with three other schools for 73rd with a 76.0% in math. McKelvey Elementary in the Parkway School District is listed fourth in the State in Math with a 90.2% score.

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ROAD RAGE; ON I-64 A NURSE INTENTIONALLY SLAMS HER CAR INTO THE SIDE OF ANOTHER CAR OCCUPIED BY THREE CHILDREN. CHESTERFIELD PROSECUTOR AMENDS CHARGE OF THE SERIOUS ASSAULT AGAINST A MOTHER AND THREE CHILDREN FROM AN ALREADY LESSER CHARGE TO “LITTERING.” It was Wednesday November 16, 2016 at about 12:45 in the afternoon. The victim got onto Westbound I-64 from Olive. She was driving a 2005 Toyota Sequoia SUV and had three children in the car with her.

After getting on the highway the car in front of her was going slow so she changed lanes into the center lane to pass the slower car. The driver approaching in the middle lane apparently thought she had been cut off.

That driver was Loren Elizabeth Parks, 29, who is a nurse at St. Joseph’s Hospital in St. Charles. Parks was driving a 2015 Jeep Cherokee. Parks was clearly pissed about the lane change. She passed the Toyota, slowed, honked and gave the driver and the kids the “FINGER.” She then pulled in front of the Toyota and slammed on her brakes causing the victim to brake sharply to avoid running into the rear of the Jeep. Parks was not done. An older child in the victim’s car was now recording the event on a cell phone. Parks slammed on her brakes again.

The victim then changed lanes to the left passing lane and was passing Parks to try and get away from her when Parks swerved her Jeep into the side of the SUV occupied by the victim and three children.



Loren Elizabeth Parks



Chesterfield Officers Layton and Hernandez investigated the incident. Parks made a verbal statement to Officer Hernandez admitting she “flipped off the victim” then got in front of her car and slammed on her brakes, and then as the victim moved to the left lane, she intentionally swerved into the side of the Toyota with her Jeep. However, Parks refused to provide a written statement.

This is from Officer Layton's report:

After obtaining the statements and viewing the video, I wrote Parks a summons for property damage. When I gave her the summons, explained it, and asked her to sign it, she told me she didn't understand why she was getting it. I explained to her that she was being issued a summons for Property Damage based on her statement to PO Hernandez that she was angry and intentionally swerved into K█████' vehicle. She started crying and said she hadn't meant to hit K█████. She said she intentionally swerved into the lane but did not know that K█████ was there.

The victim later provided the officers with the written estimate of damage from Pappas Toyota that was for \$2,333.

Here is the evidence the Chesterfield Police obtained:

1. The name of the victim and witness, including her son who video'ed the event.
2. A copy of a video of the crime.
3. A written statement by the victim
4. A suspect admitting to two police officers that she committed the crime.
5. Physical evidence of damage to the Toyota SUV and damage to the Jeep that was photographed by the police.
6. A written cost of the damage intentionally caused by Parks.

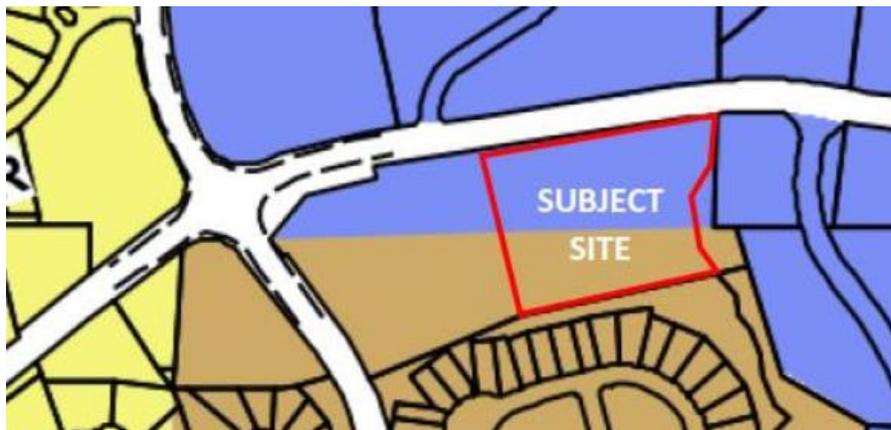
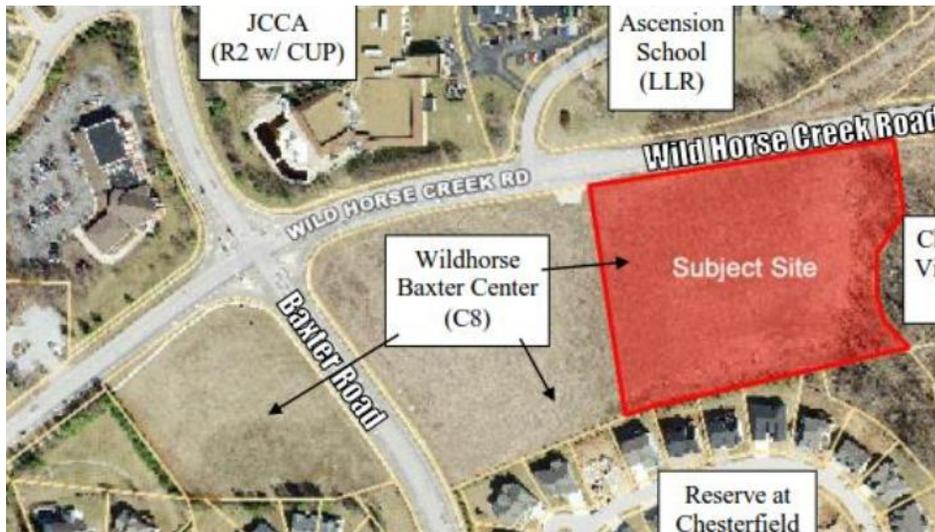
OUTCOME: Chesterfield Prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer disregards the safety of a motorist and three children. Engelmeyer who as far as we can tell does not try cases involving defense attorneys, disregarded the fact that Parks actions not only intentionally caused \$2,333 dollars of damage but also put the lives of a motorist and three children in danger, amended the criminal charge from Destruction of Property to "Littering." Frankly we think that Parks should have been charged with "Felony Assault with a Deadly Weapon." (Vehicles can be considered deadly weapons when used intentionally to cause damage and possible injury.) Besides the assault charge, Endangering the Welfare of a Child is another charge plus traffic charges of Assault Third Degree with a Motor Vehicle and Careless and Impudent Driving. Plus she should have been arrested, booked and photographed. However, Engelmeyer decided that "Littering" was the correct charge and Judge Brunk had no problem with it.

Chesterfield Judge Rick Brunk joined in this clear case of gross injustice to the victim and children in the Toyota and the general public. On April 18, 2017 Parks pled guilty to "Littering" and has no record of committing a crime or a driving violation. She was fined \$225.

I wonder if the Healing Arts Board of Missouri would take action against a RN license holder who has no regard for the safety of others including children and willing to commit an intentional act that could cause serious injury.

POLICE CONTRACT TALKS STARTING SOON: We were contacted by the contract reps FOP Lodge 15 for the Chesterfield Police Officers Association informing us that contract talks with them and the City of Chesterfield will begin on July 14.

DEVELOPERS APPEAL PLANNING COMMISSION VOTE, BUT ARE NOT READY FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING AND ASKED FOR A CONTINUANCE: On April 24, 2017 the Chesterfield Planning Commission voted 2-to-6 against the proposed Shellbounre Senior Living Center at Wild Horse Creek Road and Baxter Road. There was heavy opposition from neighbors.



On May 9, 2017 Mike Doster the attorney for the developers filed a notice to appeal the decision. The appeal is heard by the Planning and Public Works Committee of the City Council. It was scheduled to be heard on June 22. In other words the Shellbourne folks had 59 days from the time of the rejection of their proposal to get their appeal put together.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

On April 24, 2017, a motion to approve PZ 05-2016 Wild Horse Baxter Center, C148B (Shelbourne Senior Living), as amended failed before the Planning Commission by a vote of 2 to 6. Pursuant to Section 31-02-19 of the City of Chesterfield Unified Development Code, Shelbourne Healthcare Development Group hereby appeals this recommendation of the Planning Commission and requests a determination from the City Council.

DOSTER, ULLOM & BOYLE, LLC

By: 
Michael J. Doster
*Attorneys for Shelbourne Healthcare
Development Group*

On June 22 the City of Chesterfield went to some expense. Normally the P & PW Committee meets with the four councilpersons and one admin staffer plus the Public Works Director and Director of Planning. On this night, they had in-house TV in the event of an overflow crowd to show the appeal in the adjoining lunchroom. The City Attorney was there along with the three more staffers would be at a Planning Commission meeting but not a Planning and Public Works Committee meeting.





By the time the meeting was about to start word was already out that Shellbourne and their attorney Mike Doster were going to ask for a continuance. Still a number of people in opposition to the proposal showed up.



Doster asked for a continuance saying that the property owner of the land where they wanted to build the Senior Living Center, nursing home and Memory Loss Center was looking for other property in Chesterfield for them.

“They are looking for other properties owned by Chesterfield Village also known as Saks Properties,” said Doster in his request for a continuance.

“Any idea on a time table,” asked councilman and committee member Dan Hurt.

“I think in the next 30-days we will know if we can work something out with the parcel search. If there is not anything we can use, we would be back in 30-days,” said Doster.

The first thing I thought was why didn't you get this done in the last 59 days? I was thinking someone on the Committee might be thinking the same thing and vote against the continuance. I was wrong. The request passed on a 4-0 vote.



Doster and company leave after being granted a continuance.

CHESTERFIELD MONTHLY CRIME AND POLICE STATS:

CHESTERFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT
MAY 2017 MONTHLY REPORT

REPORTS	OFFENSES REPORTED CURRENT MONTH			TOTALS YEAR TO DATE			CLEARANCES CURRENT	
	2016	2017	CHANGE	2016	2017	CHANGE	MONTH	YEAR
MURDER	0	0	N/A	0	0	N/A	0	0
MANSLAUGHTER	0	0	N/A	0	0	N/A	0	0
NON-FORCIBLE RAPE	0	0	N/A	1	0	-	0	0
FORCIBLE RAPE	0	0	N/A	1	4	+	0	1
SEXUAL OFFENSE	1	1	N/A	3	2	-	0	0
ROBBERY	0	1	+	2	3	+	0	1
ASSAULT	14	7	-	88	54	-	4	29
BURGLARY								
RESIDENTIAL	3	1	-	12	10	-	0	2
COMMERCIAL	1	2	+	4	11	+	0	0
LARCENY								
FELONY	19	14	-	102	83	-	2	9
MISDEMEANOR	59	48	-	214	230	+	21	79
AUTO. THEFT	0	3	+	6	13	+	1	2
ARSON	1	0	-	2	0	-	0	0
CHECKS/FRAUD	22	24	+	117	111	-	3	8
VANDALISM	12	17	+	65	49	-	2	4
DRUG VIOLATIONS	7	12	+	56	63	+	8	47
D.W.I.	9	14	+	51	56	+		
TOTAL	148	144	-	724	689	-	41	182
ARREST								
ADULT	98	166	+	581	647	+	N/A	N/A
JUVENILE	11	15	+	74	59	-	N/A	N/A
TRAFFIC								
VEH. ACCIDENTS	162	155	-	781	695	-	N/A	N/A
MVA FATALITIES	0	0	N/A	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
MVA INJURIES	30	39	+	143	169	+	N/A	N/A
WARNINGS ISSUED	703	543	-	3155	2892	-	N/A	N/A
PARKING SUMMONS	12	13	+	112	62	-	N/A	N/A
SUMMONS ISSUED	831	710	-	3893	3681	-	N/A	N/A
RECOVERED VEHICLES	1	2	+	2	3	+	N/A	N/A
RADIO ASSIGNMENTS	4530	4186	-	21782	20308	-	N/A	N/A
ALARMS	106	111	+	601	544	-	N/A	N/A

CHESTERFIELD POLICE BLOTTER: Read what the cop shop had to deal with last week.

CHESTERFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT
Media Report
June 21, 2017 - June 27, 2017

<u>Time of Occurrence</u>	<u>Generic Address</u>	<u>Business/Location Name</u>	<u>Incident Type</u>
06/21/2017, 2035 06/21/2017, 2035	4X THF BLVD	Target	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject concealed electronics and left store without paying.			
06/22/2017, 1703 06/22/2017, 1703	4X THF BLVD	Target	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject concealed electronics and left store without paying.			
06/25/2017, 1520 06/25/2017, 1623	4X THF BLVD	Target	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject concealed vacuums and fragrances and left store without paying.			
06/27/2017, 1816 06/27/2017, 1816	4X THF BLVD	Target	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
Brief Narrative Description: 22 yo female concealed clothing and left store without paying.			
06/27/2017, 2300 06/27/2017, 2300	1XX THF BLVD	Walmart	Trespassing Private Property
Brief Narrative Description: 41 yo female trespassed on private property after being banned for pervious shoplifting incidents.			
06/27/2017, 0900 06/27/2017, 1445	14XX TIMBERLAKE MANOR PKY		Trespassing Private Property
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subjects jumped fence to get into pool area.			
06/25/2017, 1253 06/25/2017, 1330	4X THF BLVD	Target	Larceny Over \$750 Shoplifting
Brief Narrative Description: 45 yo female took vacuums and household goods and walked out of store without paying.			
06/27/2017, 2055 06/27/2017, 2055	15XXX OLIVE BLVD	Shell	Ordinance Violation Fake Identification
Brief Narrative Description: 18 yo male attempted to purchase tobacco items with fake ID.			

06/27/2017, 2222	14XXX OLIVE BLVD	Phillips 66	Liquor violation Fake Identification
Brief Narrative Description: 18 yo male attempted to use fake ID to purchase alcohol.			
06/27/2017, 2208 06/27/2017, 2208	15XXX OLIVE BLVD	Shell	Liquor Violation Fake Identification
Brief Narrative Description: 18 yo male attempted to buy alcohol using fake ID.			
06/26/2017, 0431 06/26/2017, 0431	13XXX FORESTLAC DR		Assault Common - Actual Assault
Brief Narrative Description: 25 yo male pushed and threatened victim after argument causing no injuries.			
06/26/2017, 1152 06/26/2017, 1152	3XX SAN ANGELO DR		Fraud Identity Theft
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's information to change mailing address.			
06/26/2017, 1245 06/26/2017, 1317	2XX CHESTERFIELD MALL	Hot Topic	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
Brief Narrative Description: 16 yo female concealed jewelry and left stores without paying.			
06/25/2017, 1500 06/25/2017, 1500	23XX CALLENDER CT		Fraud Identity Theft
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's information to open up utility accounts.			
06/26/2017, 1733 06/26/2017, 1733	4X THF BLVD	Target	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject concealed printer cartridges and left store without paying.			
06/26/2017, 1235 06/26/2017, 1839	12XX WOODCHASE LN C		Fraud Scam
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject convinced victim to send money for fraudulent tax payment scam.			
06/25/2017, 1317 06/25/2017, 1317	14XXX CLAYTON RD	Shell	Larceny under \$750 Gas Drive Off
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject pumped gasoline and drove out of gas station without paying.			
06/20/2017, 1200 06/20/2017, 1200	16XXX BOTTLEBRUSH CT		Fraud Scam
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject convinced victim to wire money for fraudulent pyramid scheme.			
06/24/2017, 1500 06/24/2017, 1500	4X CHESTERFIELD MALL	Macy's	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
Brief Narrative Description: 19 yo male concealed clothing and jewelry and left store without paying.			

1614 06/24/2017, 1614	17XXX NORTH OUTER 40 RD	Sunglass Hut	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
Brief Narrative Description: 35 yo female concealed clothing and sunglasses and left stores without paying.			
06/23/2017, 1226 06/23/2017, 1226	14XXX CLAYTON RD	Mobil	Larceny under \$750 Business
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject forced open vacuum machine and took quarters.			
06/23/2017, 1232 06/23/2017, 1232	13XXX FORESTLAC DR		Drugs Possession - Felony
Brief Narrative Description: 23 yo male and 21 yo female in possession of heroin and narcotic paraphernalia after 21 yo subject overdosed. Subject conveyed to hospital for treatment.			
06/23/2017, 1319 06/23/2017, 1319	17XX CLARKSON RD	Mobil	Larceny under \$750 Business
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject forced open vacuum and air machine and took quarters.			
06/21/2017, 1100 06/22/2017, 1415	14XXX ANNASARRA CT		Larceny Over \$750 Person
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took wallet from victim's residence.			
06/23/2017, 1706 06/23/2017, 1706	1XX THF BLVD	Best Buy	Fraud Credit Card
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's credit card after it was lost.			
06/23/2017, 1900 06/23/2017, 1900	4X CHESTERFIELD MALL	Macy's	Possession of Stolen Property Clothing
Brief Narrative Description: 32 yo female in possession of stolen clothing after suspicious person check.			
06/23/2017, 2015 06/23/2017, 2015	18XXX OUTLET BLVD	Sunglass Hut	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
Brief Narrative Description: 63 and 61 yo males concealed sunglasses and left store without paying. Also in possession of prohibited theft device.			
06/22/2017, 0150 06/22/2017, 0150	CHESTERFIELD AIRPORT RD & CHESTERFIELD BUSINESS PKY & LONG ROAD CROSSING DR		Drugs Possession - Misdemeanor
Brief Narrative Description: 17 yo male in possession of marijuana and paraphernalia after being stopped for a traffic violation.			
06/22/2017, 0838 06/22/2017, 0838	1XX HILLTOWN VILLAGE CTR	Schnucks	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject filled cart with laundry detergent and left store without paying. Merchandise recovered outside store.			
06/22/2017, 1039 06/22/2017,	1XX THF BLVD	Sam's	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting

06/22/2017, 1039	1XX THF BLVD	Sam's	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
1039			
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject filled cart full of laundry detergent and left store without paying.			
06/21/2017, 2000 06/22/2017, 1000	16XXX BENT TREE DR		Property Damage Neighborhood Association
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject knocked over subdivision street sign.			
06/17/2017, 1039 06/17/2017, 1039	1XX THF BLVD	Walmart	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
Brief Narrative Description: 28 yo female pushed cart out of store without paying.			
06/22/2017, 1600 06/22/2017, 1615	14XXX RIALTO DR 104		Assault Common - Actual Assault
Brief Narrative Description: 49 yo male and 39 yo female struck each other after argument causing minor injuries.			
06/22/2017, 1715 06/22/2017, 1758	4X CHESTERFIELD MALL	Macy's	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
Brief Narrative Description: Two 16 yo females concealed clothing and left store without paying.			
06/22/2017, 2150 06/22/2017, 2155	15XXX OLIVE BLVD	Shell	Ordinance Violation Fake Identification
Brief Narrative Description: 16 yo male attempted to buy tobacco using fake identification.			
06/20/2017, 1630 06/21/2017, 0623	14XXX TIMBERLAKE MANOR CT		Larceny Over \$750 From Auto
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject entered soft top jeep and took firearm, jewelry, and bag.			
06/21/2017, 1223 06/21/2017, 1223	1XX DEL MONTE CT		Fraud Credit Card
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's credit card information to make purchase.			
06/21/2017, 1515 06/21/2017, 1535	1XX HILLTOWN VILLAGE CTR	Schnucks	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subjects took soap products and pushed cart out of store without paying.			
06/21/2017, 1700 06/21/2017, 1736	4X CHESTERFIELD LAKES RD		Assault Common - Actual Assault
Brief Narrative Description: 47 yo male with mental illness struck victim in head causing no injuries. Suspect conveyed to hospital for evaluation and will be referred to mental health court.			
06/21/2017, 1745 06/21/2017, 1800	4X CHESTERFIELD MALL	Macy's	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
Brief Narrative Description: 19 yo male concealed clothing and left store without paying.			

FIRE CHIEF TALKS TO CIVIC GROUP ABOUT CONDITIONS OF THE TRAILER PARK:



Three weeks ago Monarch Fire Chief Cary Spiegel spoke at City Hall to the morning meeting of the Chesterfield Men's Roundtable Gathering. Chief Spiegel was answering questions about the trailer park on Old Chesterfield Airport Road.

We wrote an article about this park and all the code violations in our Ex Alderman Newsletter #275 on May 1. At the time the trailer park was in the news because developers wanted to buy the land and turn it into an apartment complex. Residents were upset as were church and school groups as it would displace low income residents living in a high-income town.

After the Planning and Zoning meeting that was filled with people speaking up for the low-income residents of the trailer who would be displaced we went and looked around the trailer park. We found repeated fire, sanitation and building codes, plus parking violations along with trash piled up and junked cars on lots throughout the trailer park.



After that story appeared there were some cleanup efforts that included work by the Men's Roundtable group.

We didn't make it to the early morning meeting, but spoke to Chief Spiegel about it a week later. He told us that questions arose about the number of fire hydrants and who controlled them (Missouri American Water), who enforces fire codes (the City of Chesterfield does through a contract with St. Louis County), the distance between homes (a problem), the narrow streets and illegal parking (also problems).

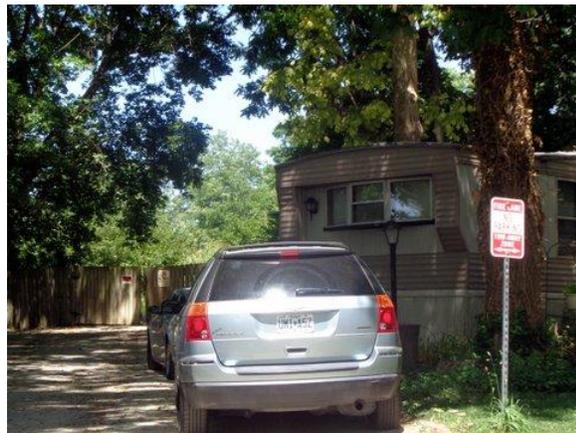
Since the trailer park existed long before the city incorporated in 1988 and is not zoned for residential use, the trailers are grandfathered in and newer mobile homes cannot be brought in. This means most of the trailers are from the 1960s and do not conform with current fire and building codes in the mobile home industry. Chief Siegel said Monarch firefighters are going back to the trailer park and offering and installing free smoke detectors.

He added that his biggest concerns are exposures (adjoining trailers) in the event of a fire. (It is not very likely the trailer on fire can be saved.) He also admitted the crowded streets are a problem, but if there is a fire, fire trucks will push illegally parked cars out of the way or maybe take off some side rearview mirrors but they will get to the scene of the fire.

That caused us to return to the trailer park and take another look around.

We found the rusted out engine blocks, car transmissions on the edge of the street had been removed, trash filled yards cleaned up and some of the junked cars removed. However the illegal parking remained making it tough for fire and EMS vehicles to get through. Parking is supposed to be allowed on just one side of the street. We took these photos in the middle of the day when the fewest numbers of cars were present.





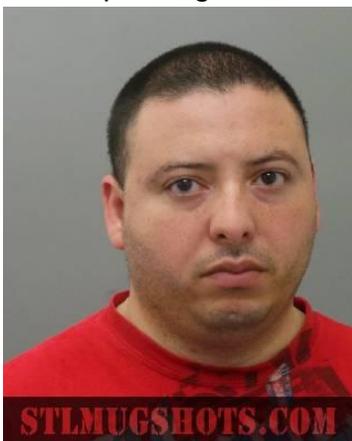
POLICE BODY CAMERAS: The Chesterfield Police Department has bitten onto a business development offer a body camera company has made to police departments nationwide. Axon (formerly known as Taser, that sold tasers, body cams and radar cameras) would give the police department body cameras and storage space for the images free for one year. If the department liked the equipment they would then buy it from Axon.

Police Chief Ray Johnson backed the proposal. At the June 5 City Council the measure to accept the one-year tryout passed on a 7-1 vote.

Council Tom DeCampi voted against the measure giving opposing right wing reasons. First DeCampi said he cameras could be an invasion of privacy to the public adding there are already cameras in the police cars (which only record what is in front of the car). Then he said crooked cops could always turn off the cameras before doing something illegal.

Of course Chesterfield's most crooked cop in recent years was David Cerna who was busy making feature length films by hiding cameras in the men's restroom at the Mobil Gas On-the- Go station and then uploading the images to the internet. Cerna also placed ads in alternative newspapers claiming to be a shy woman who loved performing oral sex and would make appointments for men to come to his St. Charles County home, where he would record men having oral sex with him through a "glory hole." So maybe DeCampi has reason to be concerned with police officers and cameras, but I don't think so.

DeCampi is big on lessening liability and body cameras certainly can do that.



Former Chester Police Officer David Cerna, who was big on video recording just with his own cameras. Tom DeCampi (right) said he was afraid police might abuse the camera or people's privacy might be invaded.

Town and Country Police are getting body cams that they will own outright through a partial grant. T&C has had dash and rear seat cams for a number of years. The body cams should be in use by the end of the year.

NEW TRASH CAN LAW: The Chesterfield City Council has voted that you can only have seven trash cans outside . They cannot be in front of the building line. They have to be covered or behind a screen if they face a side street. This law was basically unnecessary until former Councilwoman Connie Fults filed complaints against resident Lynn Dull who lived on a corner lot with the trash cans located on the side of her house.

WOMEN IDENTIFIED BY POLICE IN SUNDAY THEFTS AT TARGET On Tuesday June 27 the Chesterfield Police posted images of two women involved in a large scale shoplifting at the Target Store in the Chesterfield Valley on the department's facebook page. They had them identified in less than 24 hours. Arrests are pending.





The women stole a Dyson vacuum and fan plus everything else in their shopping carts. It was simply a “load em up and push them past the registers and out the doors” operation.

NEWSLETTER COMMENTS: When I heard the Chesterfield Mayor Bob Nation recently commented “Jane Cunningham and John Hoffmann think they are running the city, but it is still my job” I had to laugh at Bob’s thin skin showing itself again. This time it is in response to our reporting and Jane Cunningham’s political comments.

I try to report the back story of local politics and give some of the behind the scenes look that most people do not have time to come out and see. So as interesting as the mayor’s comments are, here are a few recent comments from readers. Strangely we have not received any name calling ones other than Tim Engelmeyer’s (that we try and post immediately. We estimate that we have between 1,000 and 1,200 readers a week.

Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 8:03 AM
To: johnhoffmann@charter.net
Subject: **Just a quick thank you**

John,

Thank you for the super detailed newsletter you produce weekly for Town and Country and Chesterfield. I appreciate it and often forward it to friends.

I especially find it helpful to read the detailed facts you research and provide. They are outstanding and help me to understand what is going on.

You do a great service to the citizens and taxpayers and this morning I wanted to tell you so. I look forward to the newsletter each week. Sorry it's taken me so long to tell you so.

Sent: Friday, June 9, 2017 3:26 PM
To: John Hoffmann
Subject: Re: newsletter

Thanks for getting the truth out about Dan Buck. That guy clearly has a problem.

Sent: Friday, June 9, 2017 8:37 AM
To: John Hoffmann
Subject: Re: West County Whirl

the Bevo

nice to see it again
last time was after my mother's funeral [2007]
the extended family meeting again.

Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 11:21 AM
To: johnhoffmann@charter.net
Subject: Chesterfield

Can't wait for your newsletter this week and your comments on the No vote for the Sports Complex

Sent: Friday, May 26, 2017 10:28 AM
To: johnhoffmann@charter.net
Subject: Your newsletter

Greetings from a newish T&C resident. This is my first communication of today, so kindly forgive my lack of eloquence. The reason I am so slow today is because I was up late in the night reading and enjoying your newsletters.

Your position as provocateur and resident Inspector General is greatly appreciated. This resident is unable to attend meetings and coffees due to more pressing obligations such as standing poker games and vital reruns of M*A*S*H*. I thank you, not only for the actual reporting, but the insight offered into the inner goings-on of my new local government.

Because I am transplanted from Overland, MO (motto: Plenty of Crazy Government Here!), I am tickled to see that ignorance, nepotism and self-importance has bled West. But because I prefer to remain idle and resist participation, I must say that I'll have to go with my Polly Anna attitude: The elected officials have our city's best interests at heart and are doing the best they can.

In summary: Sincere thanks for your efforts. I hope to enjoy your missives for many more years.

Sent: Saturday, June 24, 2017 8:22 AM

To: John Hoffmann

Subject: Super newsletter just out

Thanks for keeping the citizens informed of all that's going on!

Without your digging into the details, many of us would never know what is happening in these two cities - and also in Jeff City at times, too.

As a detailed gal, I appreciate it. Thanks for taking the time to put all this together, including the research involved. Wow!

This morning your newsletter was able to answer all my questions!

So, please know how valuable your work is to us - in case you ever wondered.

Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 1:17 AM

To: John Hoffmann

Subject: Powerplex

Things certainly died off quickly for the Powerplex/Big Sports project, didn't it?

For a few days after the Chesterfield meeting where it was announced they wouldn't extend the contract, Dan Buck made the rounds to his buddies on radio and tv, then fell off the face of the earth.

I did a google search and can't find ANY news after around June 7. Surely, with all the cities that were ringing the phone off the hook begging Dan to locate in their town, we'd have heard something by now, wouldn't we? (I say all that sarcastically.)

i never realized Dan Buck was such a slimy character, but he really has showed himself on this one.

I haven't gotten any emails calling me names since just prior to the April elections or by Chesterfield prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer and from others by Dan Buck calling me names. But regular readers know that we normally post those as soon as we get them.

All this said, perhaps Mayor Nation might lighten up a bit and not accuse us of trying to run the city, but merely of trying to inform people what is going on.

MEDIA: MORE MISINFORMATION! Patrick Clark of KTVI News did a report on June 22, 2017 about a fire at the Riverside Animal Sanctuary. Twice in the report he stated that the site of the sanctuary in Franklin County Missouri was a stop on the Pony Express:



Here is an email I sent to Mr. Clark:

From: John Hoffmann [mailto:johnhoffmann@charter.net]
Sent: Thursday, June 22, 2017 11:06 PM
To: 'patrick.clark@tvstl.com'
Subject: wow I never knew

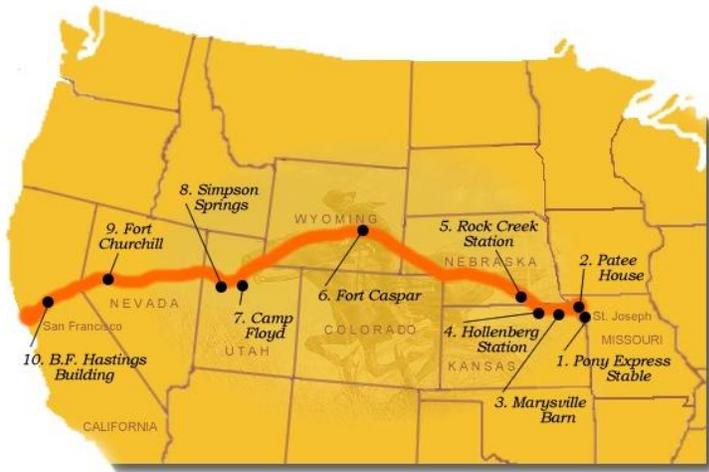
I heard your recorded reports at 6 and at 9:55 how Riverside Animal Sanctuary was a stop on the Pony Express.

I have spent some time at the Pony Express Museum in St. Joseph (I was a cop in Kansas City and my uncle retired as Captain in the Navy Sea Bees and was Director of Public Works in St. Joseph for a number of years.)

Patrick to the best of my knowledge the Pony Express went due west from St. Joseph to San Francisco and never went southeast to Franklin County Missouri. The map below shows the first five stops of the Pony Express.

Perhaps you could tell me and your viewers about the southeast route of the Pony Express that nobody knows about.

John Hoffmann



I never heard back from Mr. Patrick Clark.

REAL ESTATE: You have to be careful when writing about anyone named Vitale in St. Louis. But heck this is a real estate piece, not a crime piece. Gladys Manion has the listing. The house at 17 Trent in Ladue is owned by the C & M Trust Agreement. It has **been listed for \$7,500,000**. The property tax records show a mailing address for the house at 17 Trent is 10 Huntleigh Manor.

10 Huntleigh Manor in the exclusive Village of Huntleigh is owned by Fued Elias Sadala and Maria Coelho. It was owned by Molly and Charles Vitale from 2006 and 2011. I think it was only a mailing address during construction at 17 Trent. Their old place is half the size of 17 Trent because the taxes are just \$30,293.

There are four vehicles registered to 17 Trent Drive including a Hummer, a recreational trailer, a Chevy Suburban and two large pickup trucks.

C & M best we have been able to figure out that stands for Charles and Molly Vitale. Charles is a corporate officer of Vee-Jay Cement Contracting.



Molly and Charlie Vitale

Last year's tax on 17 Trent Drive was only \$60,356.

The Vitale's also own property in Naples, Florida.

The house at 17 Trent was built in 2012 when the economy was still coming out of the recession. As a guy the first thing I noticed was the 7-car garages



The house is 10,833 square feet on 2.2 acres with only 5 bedrooms, six full baths and 4 half-baths.

A two lane bowling alley is very important. I mean if you want to bowl why should you have to drive to Crestwood, Richmond Heights or Olivette?



For me the basketball court would be a deal breaker since I broke my upper arm and shoulder and can no longer shoot a free throw.



I was so obsessed with the guy features I forget to show a photo of the house.



RESTAURANT REVIEW: Gulf Shores Restaurant and Grill: It had been three months since the Riverbend Restaurant closed on Big Bend. The one thing I really

missed was the Crawfish Bisque, but I like most of their food with one complaint which was the portions were too big, even for a fat guy.

I thought it was time to try out some Cajun, New Orleans food. My wife and I went to the Gulf Shores restaurant on 12528 Olive Blvd. in Creve Coeur very close to the old Faith Hospital now operated by Barnes.



The first thing that made me a little uneasy was being met at the door by the Blues Brothers. .Actually I'm old enough that when I think of food and John Belushi and Dan Aykroyd I think of Cheeburger, Cheeburger sketches on Saturday Night Live based on the Billy Goat Tavern in Chicago.



Once I got inside and looked at the menu I was still perplexed. Sure there was a lot of Cajun menu items from New Orleans, but there was also New England Clam Crowder and Lobster Rolls, not exactly big dishes in New Orleans.

The inside of the place is slick and looks like a national franchise. But it isn't. The owner Harry Parker lives in Edwardsville and has just the two restaurants, one in Creve Coeur and one in Edwardsville. The staff told us he is in both restaurants on a daily basis.



Harry Parker

My wife ordered the two Thursday specials. The \$3 Gulf Coast Hurricane cocktail and the Whoodoo (\$9.99),



She liked them both.

I was little more difficult. I went with the catfish (2 pieces \$13.99) with a side of red beans and rice and onion rings (99-c up charge),



The two cat fish strips were very good and tasty. Actually one strip was plenty for me. I was told the onion rings were made in the kitchen, hand dipped. They were also very good. They were perfectly fried. At no time after a bite did the onion want to pull out, leaving me with just breading in my hand. My only complaint was the batter was a bit thick. Even with my wife taking two, the three rings left were almost too much. Of course I said “almost.” Also the tiny short beard muffin was excellent.

My one actual real complaint was the red beans and rice. I like spicy red beans and rice. What I got was more like a Red Beans and Rice gumbo. It had lots of things that were not red beans or rice in it.



I do want to go back to Gulf Shores and this time try the New England Clam Chowder and the Shrimp Alfredo. Our waitress Allaena was excellent. If she is working, a table in her section is a good idea.

I like Gulf Shores enough that I got a \$40 gift card for the website's lawyer. I pay his retainer by giving him gift cards to different restaurants every month, so he can surprise his wife.

MUSIC: A HUGE CROWD AND A FUN NIGHT WITH THE RAT PACK: I didn't promote this event for a couple of reasons. I rarely see any readers at music performances unless it is Anita Rosamond in a Chesterfield venue. But I'm glad I did not say a word about Dean Christopher with Jim Manley and Chris Swan performing at the One-19-North in Kirkwood. We had a reserved table. When we walked in we took the last seats in the place for the Monday night Rat pack and More Show.



There was still a large crowd when the Dean Christopher sang the last song at 10 o'clock.



Dean bums a cigarette from a lady in the crowd so he can turn into Dean Martin:



Next someone gives up their sunglasses as he turned into Ray Charles,



Two woman try to leave in the middle of Dean singing a tribute to a contract serial killer known as Mack the Knife. Dean holds them at finger point until he finishes the song.



For the finale Dean sings It's a Wonderful World in a half dozen different voices ending as Louis Armstrong.



He will be back at the One-19-N in August.

For more about Dean dating back to his high school days with John Goodman, as a performer on the Goldenrod Showboat, at the Playboy Club, as an actor on Soap Operas out of New York and his more recent work in St. Louis, check out this article I wrote for an entertainment website:

<https://stlcountyarts.wordpress.com/2017/05/03/dean-christopher-a-st-louis-gem-not-to-be-missed-by-john-hoffmann/>

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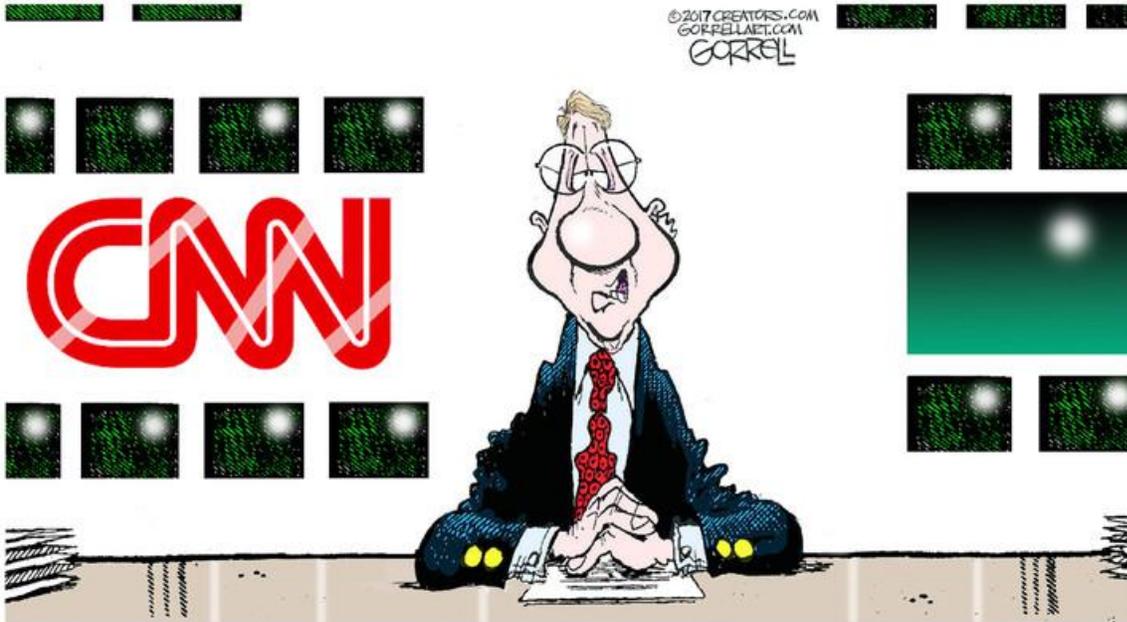
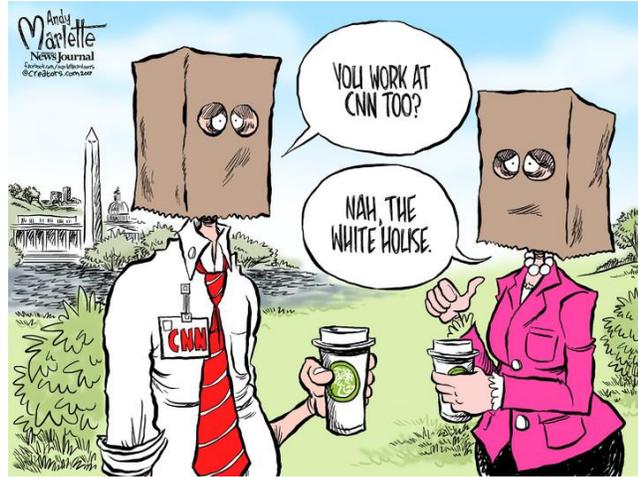
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BY JOHN McPHERSON





Randy gets fired.

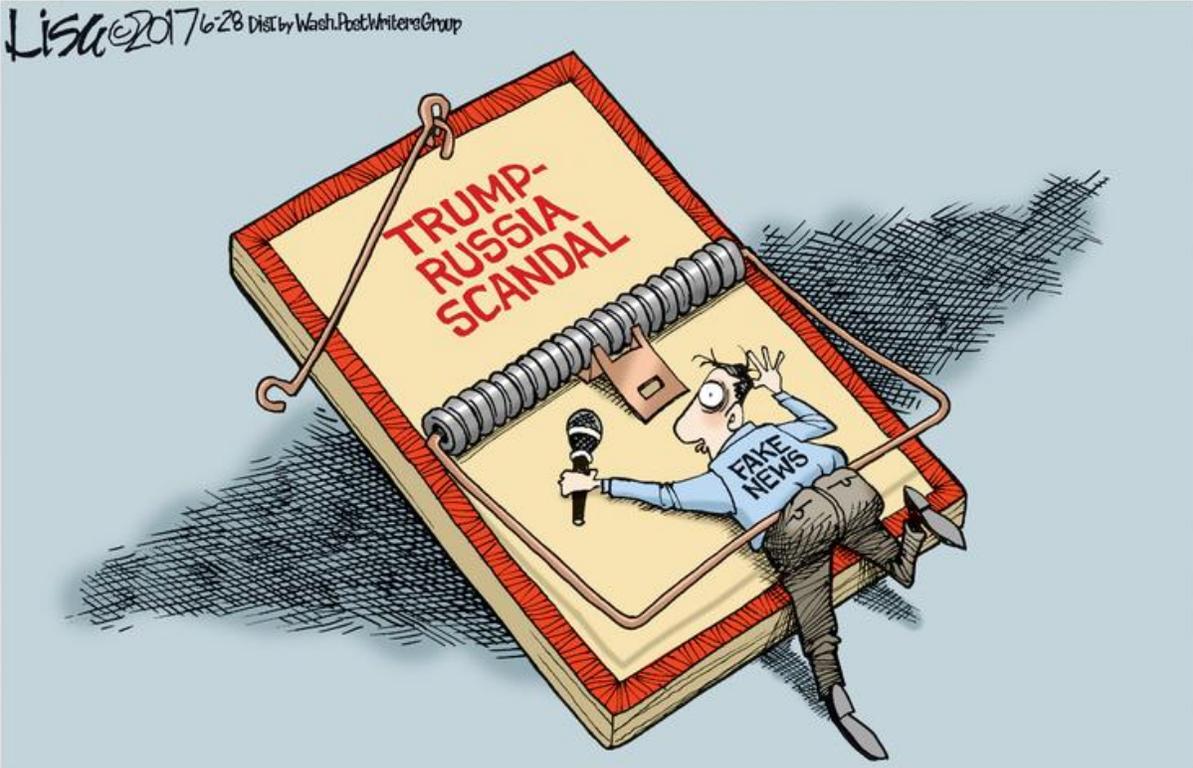


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