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July 24, 2017

JUNE POLICE ACTIVITY AND CRIME STATS FOR TOWN AND COUNTRY AND CHESTERFIELD:



Town and Country:

Jun-17				
Stats for Chief				
CATEGORY	JUN. 2017	YTD 2017	JUN. 2016	YTD 2016
Calls for Service	2172	11363	1731	11074
Reports Written	169	1052	201	1219
Vehicle Crashes	82	439	102	558
Criminal Reports	28	156	37	180
DWI Arrests	9	70	11	90
Misc. Arrests	22	151	25	157
Traffic Citations	318	1903	236	1904
Speeding	208	1231	117	1158
Traffic Warnings	304	1805	229	1315
Total Traffic Contacts	622	3708	465	3217

CHESTERFIELD MONTHLY CRIME AND ACTIVITY REPORT: We complain how Chesterfield PD refuses to gather all the information possible on Deer-Vehicle incidents and how much better Town and Country’s deer info is, however, their police monthly reports are excellent. Here is the one for June:

CHESTERFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT JUNE 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	0	2	+	3	4	+	2	2
ROBBERY	2	1	-	4	4	N/A	0	1
ASSAULT	15	11	-	103	65	-	3	32
BURGLARY								
RESIDENTIAL	2	4	+	14	14	N/A	1	3
COMMERCIAL	3	3	N/A	7	14	+	0	0
LARCENY								
FELONY	21	18	-	123	101	-	1	10
MISDEMEANOR	43	55	+	257	285	+	18	97
AUTO. THEFT	4	2	-	10	15	+	1	3
ARSON	0	0	N/A	2	0	-	0	0
CHECKS/FRAUD	31	25	-	148	136	-	0	8
VANDALISM	12	5	-	77	54	-	0	4
DRUG VIOLATIONS	15	13	-	71	76	+	13	60
D.W.I.	7	10	+	58	66	+		
TOTAL	155	149	-	879	838	-	39	221
ARREST								
ADULT	125	132	+	706	779	+	N/A	N/A
JUVENILE	11	11	N/A	85	70	-	N/A	N/A
TRAFFIC								
VEH. ACCIDENTS	166	166	N/A	947	861	-	N/A	N/A
MVA FATALITIES	1	0	-	1	0	-	N/A	N/A
MVA INJURIES	35	38	+	178	207	+	N/A	N/A
WARNINGS ISSUED	738	570	-	3893	3462	-	N/A	N/A
PARKING SUMMONS	12	23	+	124	85	-	N/A	N/A
SUMMONS ISSUED	797	708	-	4690	4389	-	N/A	N/A
RECOVERED VEHICLES	0	1	+	2	4	+	N/A	N/A
RADIO ASSIGNMENTS	4716	4436	-	26498	24744	-	N/A	N/A
ALARMS	125	122	-	726	666	-	N/A	N/A

TOWN AND COUNTRY PROSECUTOR DEFERS PROSECUTION OF DRUNK

DRIVER. Town and Country Prosecutor Ed Sluys is refusing to prosecute drunk driver, Michael P. McLeod, 44, of 1949 Hunting Lake Ct. in Kirkwood. There is apparently nothing wrong with the arrest. The driver tested drunk. His license was immediately suspended by Town and Country Police after he tested over the limit and a temporary license was issued. While he doesn't have court in Town and Country since Town and Country prosecutor Ed Sluys has decided to "defer prosecution" he does have court in St. Louis County Circuit Court as he appeals the BAC suspension.



Michael McLeod

Often DWI cases result in Suspended Imposition of Sentence deals, where the defendant pleads guilty but is placed on a SIS probation meaning after 2 years the whole thing vanishes and the DWI never goes on his driving record for public view, including insurance companies.

Sometimes a prosecutor does have to dismiss a DWI case due to a lack of a witness. The suspect doesn't have to be driving at the time of the arrest, but he has to be behind the wheel of a running car even if it is in parked and the driver is sound asleep. DWI accident cases often require a witness to the crash many times its the other driver. We recently reported a Chesterfield DWI case that was dismissed because the officer drove up behind a broken down car and the driver was standing outside. No one could put him behind the wheel. However this case does not involve that.

In 30-years of appearing in municipal courts, circuit courts and in Maryland State District Courts I have never seen a prosecutor defer a DWI case. Drunk driving is a graduated

felony offense, meaning after two convictions it becomes a felony. But you have to get that first conviction.

Since this is a deferred prosecution it remains an "open arrest" until Sluys actually dismisses the case. So we were able to get some information, starting with the ticket.

Uniform Citation Violator's Copy

ORS NO. MO 086700 TOWN AND COUNTRY POLICE
STATE OF MISSOURI
DIVISION OF 24th CIRCUIT COURT

160252007

STATE OF MISSOURI

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF TOWN AND COUNTRY MUNICIPAL JUDICIARY 1

COURT ADDRESS (Street, City, Zip)
1011 MUNICIPAL CENTER DRIVE DR, TOWN AND COUNTRY, MO, 63131

COURT DATE **02/02/2017** COURT TIME **7:00** AM PM COURT PHONE NO. **(314) 432-1420**

I KNOWING THAT FALSE STATEMENTS ON THIS FORM ARE PUNISHABLE BY LAW, STATE THAT I HAVE PROBABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE THAT:

ONABOUT (Date) AT TIME HOW CLAS UPON / AT OR NEAR (LOCATION)
12/24/2016 0116 HRS WB IS 270 BE MO 32 KELLY RD

WITHIN CITY / COUNTY AND STATE AFORESAID.

NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)
MCLEOD, MICHAEL, P

STREET ADDRESS
1949 HUNTING LAKE CT

CITY **KIRKWOOD** STATE **MO** ZIP CODE **63122**

DATE OF BIRTH RACE SEX HEIGHT WEIGHT

EMPLOYER

ADDRESS (Street, City, State, Zip)

DID UNLAWFULLY OPERATE/DRIVE PARK C.M.V. WITH HAZ. MAT

VEHICLE

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	STYLE	COLOR
2014	BUICK	VERANO	4D	WHI
REGISTERED WEIGHT	L I C	NUMBER	STATE	YEAR
		UD5U3T	MO	2017

DID THEN AND THERE COMMIT THE FOLLOWING OFFENSE. THE FACTS SUPPORTING THIS BELIEF ARE AS FOLLOWS:
DRIVING A VEHICLE WHILE INTOXICATED

Subject taken into custody. (Complete "For Issuance of a Warrant" section on reverse side.) **OCA# 16-002070**

DRIVING POSTED SPEED LIMIT DETECTION METHOD

MPH MPH STATIONARY RADAR WATCH (AIR) PACE LASER
 MOVING RADAR WATCH (GROUND) OTHER

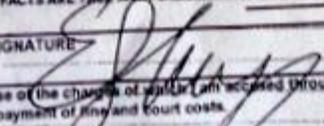
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 RSMo. **345.020** **91435040**
 ORD.

SEAT BELT VIOLATION: STATUTE/ORDINANCE - CHARGE CODE
 RSMo.
 ORD.

IN FATAL CRASH IN CRASH DWI / BAC .131 OCN
 SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ZONE SCHOOL ZONE
 CONSTRUCTION ZONE COMPLIANCE

OFFICER **/s/ P.O. Yaakub** BADGE **00131** TRIP / ZONE DATE **12/24/2016**

ON INFORMATION, UNDERIGNED PROSECUTOR CHARGES THE DEFENDANT AND INFORMS THE COURT THAT ABOVE FACTS ARE TRUE AND PUNISHABLE BY: RSMo. ORD. Sec 100.150

PROSECUTOR'S SIGNATURE  DATE

I promise to dispose of the charges of which I am accused through court appearance or prepayment of fines and court costs.

DR. LIC. POSTED
 YES
 NO

Then there is the arrest information release by the Town and Country Police:

McLeod, Michael W/M 44 yoa (1973) residing at 19xx Hunting Lake Ct. Kirkwood, MO 63122 was arrested 12/24/2016 01:39 on 270 at Dougherty Ferry for the charges of Driving While Intoxicated (ordinance) and Fail to drive in a single lane (ordinance). Citations were issued on both charges with a return court date of 2/2/17.

I asked Ed Sluys the Town and Country prosecutor if he would like to comment on the deferred prosecution of this case. He is his reply:

John,

My decision to defer prosecution with respect to the gentleman you referenced was based upon extenuating personal circumstances that occurred prior to the incident, which after much consideration I determined warranted special consideration in this case. It would not be appropriate for me to go into detailed specifics in a public forum. Deferred prosecutions are rarely used, and are generally not based upon concerns I have about whether I could win the case at trial.

Every case has to be assessed on its merits and I have to consider the totality of the circumstances involved in each case. My job as the prosecutor is not to secure the highest number of convictions coupled with the harshest punishments. Instead, it is to do what I believe is just and fair based upon the totality of the circumstances.

Thanks,

Ed

I guess this should have nothing to do with it, but it does for me. This guy was arrested on Christmas Eve. Would you defer prosecution if the same drunk driver crashed into a car causing injuries or even a death for a family to deal with on Christmas and ruin Christmas time for an entire family forever?

Also since Ed Sluys is from England, a country with some of the toughest Drunk Driving laws in the world, I find it very odd for him to be able to “defer prosecution” on drunk drivers. Sluys ought to be someone who is leading the reform of St. Louis County municipal courts, instead he just goes along with everyone else and takes care of those who hire local attorneys.

A REPEAT WOMAN DRUNK DRIVER OPEARTING A STOLEN CAR ARRESTED ON MASON ROAD AT MASON RIDGE: We hope to have more once lab results are back and charges are filed. That said, Town and Country Police arrested Daniella Foster, 39, of O'Fallon, MO on June 9, 2017 at 7:49PM on Mason Road at Mason Ridge Road. At the time she was driving a stolen car out of St. Charles and she was drunk.



Minnesota Mug shot of Daniella Foster.

She had been arrested on Monday April 25, 2016 for DUI/D after police in Northfield, Minnesota were called to a parking lot where Foster was slumped over the wheel of a car with a front flat tire. They found liquor and drugs in the car.

ANOTHER REPEAT DRUNK DRIVER ARRESTED IN TOWN AND COUNTRY: Officer Sapienza was on patrol on SB I-270 at Clayton Road on Saturday night/Sunday morning April 10, 2016 at 2:08 AM when he noticed a silver 2015 Nissan Rogue in front of him weaving and straddling two lanes. Then suddenly the driver started slowing down for no reason.

Just before Clayton Road Officer Sapienza tried to pull the driver over and activated the flashing lights on his police car. Instead of pulling to the right, the driver pulled to the left, before eventually pulling to the right shoulder.

The driver, Francisco Venero, 55, of Manchester, MO appeared to be drunk. He failed a number of sobriety tests and tested intoxicated on a field breath test instrument. He stated he had a "couple of drinks" at a casino. He presented Officer Sapienza with an International Driver's License. Computer checks determined he had a Missouri license that was now expired.

At the station the "couple of drinks" at the casino changed to four scotches at the casino. Mr. Venero, a native of Peru whose facebook and Linked In posts show he has

been both a server at the former Nordstrom's and a Spanish teacher, took an official breath test. The results showed his BAC level to be .11%.

A day later Town and Country Police Admin Clerk Laurie Hangge, researched Venero's driving history and found at least two prior DWI arrests and convictions.



On April 28, 2016 a warrant for the arrest of Venero for Felony DWI was obtained from the St. Louis County Prosecutor's Office.

OUTCOME: On November 29, 2016 the felony charge was reduced in the St. Louis Country Associate Circuit Court and Judge John Borbonus. Venero pled guilty and was sentenced to six months in jail, but immediately placed on a 2-year SES probation term. Venero did receive a DWI record of conviction plus 12-points on his driver's license.

TOP PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS IN AREA FOR SCIENCE: Here are the Missouri Assessment Program scores for high schools in science for the St. Louis Area:

1. Metro High St. Louis Magnet Schools 97.1% 105 Students took test
2. Parkway South 88.6% 439 students took test
3. Clayton 88.4% 207 students took test
4. Parkway West 87.8% 287 students took test
5. Ft. Zumwalt West 86.1% 424 students took test
6. Kirkwood 85.1% 443 Students
7. Lindbergh 85.0% 541 students
8. Francis Howell 84.6% 382 students took test
9. Maplewood-Richmond Heights 84.4% 64 students took test

10. Herculaneum 84.3% 83 students took test

TOP PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS IN SCIENCE IN MISSOURI

1. Richland High School Essex MO 100% 33 students took test
2. Ewing Marion Kaufman Kansas City 98.0% 51 students took test
3. University Academy Kansas City 97.5% 40 students took test
4. Metro High 97.1% 105 students took test
5. Grain Valley Kansas City suburb 92.0% 412 students took test
6. Marionville High 91.7 36 students took test
7. Mansfield High 91.5 47 students took test
8. Platte County High Platte City, MO 89.3% 252 students took test
9. Strafford High 88.9% 81 students took test
10. Parkway South 88.6% 439 students took test

LOWEST SCORES FOR PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS IN MISSOURI FOR SCIENCE:

1. Excelsior Springs Tech 1.8% 223 students took test
2. Southeast High Kansas City 3.8% 80 students took test
3. Confluence Prep St. Louis 4.1% 193 students took test
4. Beaumont 5.7% 35 students took test
5. Transportation and Law St. Louis 10.6% 47 students took test
6. Vashon 10.7% 131 students took test
7. Normandy 12.2% 245 students took test
8. Delasalle Charter Kansas City 12.5% 48 students took test
9. Central Academy Kansas City 12.6% 103\$
10. Sumner 14.9% 47 students took test

HOUSE ADDITON FOR 300 SQUARE FOOT CLOSET APPROVED BY

ARCHETECTURE REVIEW BOARD: Yes that's right a 300 square foot closet addition to the master bedroom. When I mentioned it to the architect, she corrected me and said it was a dressing room. 300 square feet is a good size cabin on a cruise ship.

The additional is going on at 1938 Muir Woods in the Thornhill Estates Subdivision.

The architect explained to the ARB that on the first floor level the addition would be the "dressing room" while under the dressing room would be a covered "lanai" just off their pool. The closet and "lanai" passed on a 4-0 vote.



The section in yellow is the 300 sq foot closet and under it is the “lanai.”

HAWAII COMES TO TOWN AND COUNTRY: Call me old fashion but I always thought the word “lanai” was used to describe a patio or veranda in Hawaii, not in the St. Louis suburbs. The word originally came from a 141 square mile island in Hawaii known for its pineapple plantations. However, when you add an additional to your house for a 300 square foot closet, I guess you can call the covered patio under it anything you want.

MORE REAL ESTATE:

18 Brookwood: This is the property home of a former all stone house. It was one of the coolest houses in town. It was torn down in late 2016. I understand it had some mold issues.



was

What is planned includes a 14,832 square foot house plus a 3,740 square foot garage, which is larger than my current house.

The planned house is so large it will need set back variance before construction can start.



front view



side view



rear view

UNAPPROVED CHESTERFIELD NEWSLETTER 232



July 24, 2017

MONDAY JULY 17TH THE NIGHT OF ATTACKS AT CITY HALL:

The salary and pension issue attack: First it was at the Public Health and Safety meeting, with an attack on Mayor Nation's comments about being against Prop P and not needing the money A statement by John Walters, the Chairman of the city's Police Personnel Board was read.

First Police Personnel Board member Howard Curtis spoke.

"There are problems with the size of the hiring pool and retention of officers," said Curtis. "I encourage you to improve salary and benefits."

Right now the police officer salary range from starting to mid range is \$54,207 to \$65,049. The problem since the first day of incorporation is that Chesterfield offers retirement benefits, but not a pension that provides a monthly income upon retirement.

Curtis' remarks were mild compared to Walters. I don't like to post long prepared statements in fear of losing reader's attentions, but I am making three exceptions in this newsletter.

July 17, 2017

**The Honorable Barry Flachsbart
Chairman, Public Health and Safety Committee
City of Chesterfield City Council
690 Chesterfield Parkway, West
Chesterfield, Missouri 63017-0760**

Dear Councilman Flachsbart:

The morale of the Chesterfield Police Department has never been lower. It is the opinion of this city's Police Personnel Board (PPB) that many factors have contributed to this dilemma, but we believe the most recent influence is Proposition P.

Leading up to the April 4 election, the most prominent voices heard were St. Louis County Executive Steve Stenger in support and Chesterfield Mayor Bob Nation against Proposition P. Both elected officials made their positions known and their comments were widely quoted. Yet, when St. Louis County voters provided their opinion on April 4, 63.2% favored the half-cent countywide sales tax increase.

This wide margin of support did not quiet the voices of some dissidents. However, we are narrowing our focus to elected Chesterfield officials. Against this background, put yourself in the shoes of a Chesterfield police officer and imagine what you would think when your "bosses" said . . . you already were paid enough . . . that Chesterfield's \$2.3 million might be used for public safety but would not go to the police . . . we don't need Prop P money . . . City Council votes to oppose Prop P . . . and more.

Consider Proposition P - *Shall St. Louis County impose a one-half of one percent sales tax for the purpose of providing funds to improve police and public safety in St. Louis County and each of the municipalities within St. Louis County?* While it states "improve police and public safety," it is important to remember its name was Proposition P and not Proposition PS. The "P" clearly referenced "police"; just review media coverage and the ads supporting P. The voters certainly believed the tax increase would benefit their police.

Following passage of Proposition P, many police departments have recently announced publicly how they intend to spend their new income from Prop P. The largest, the St. Louis County Police Department, has reported it will hire 120 new officers (Chesterfield currently has a total of 99 officers), and it provided the new salary scale for all of its officers. Many of the smaller departments are reporting their plans, too.

This environment creates a frenzy of competition between departments. The situation will only worsen for new police officers must be trained at a police academy. Until the St. Louis County and Municipal Police Academy is able to increase its number of graduates, the easiest alternative for departments to meet its staffing needs is to lure officers from other departments. The City of St. Louis Police Department recently realized this fact and is scrambling to get an increase in its sales tax in order to improve its salary scale and benefits in an attempt to prevent an exodus of its officers to other departments.

And what do the citizens of the second largest police department in St. Louis County hear from their

city government in Chesterfield? Nothing positive, so far. Equally important, what do the police officers hear? They hear and remember comments made by some of Chesterfield's elected officials, particularly those that appear to not support the police. They hear rumors of a comprehensive city-wide compensation study that was rumored to be due June 1. It is now mid-July and nothing has been reported publicly. Once again, what would you think if you were a police officer in Chesterfield?

In the first six months of 2017, our Police Personnel Board devoted three Saturdays to interviewing and ranking 36 applicants for entry level police officers in Chesterfield. This is the number normally required in a full year. Even so, we may have unfilled openings after new offers of employment are made to the eligible job applicants. How can this be?

Following our last meeting, we learned that two of our current officers had resigned to accept positions at a nearby department. In July, Captain Steve Lewis left Chesterfield to be the Chief of Police in Ellisville. The PPB has already met to interview and recommend a replacement. Now we must interview sergeants to fill the vacancy of the lieutenant who is promoted, and any sergeant who is promoted to lieutenant, must have that vacancy filled from qualified police officers at the entry level, thus creating another opening that must come from new recruits. As our police department grows in personnel, there is greater exposure to openings due to promotions, retirements, resignations and death at all ranks. It is essential for the health of the department to have competitive compensation, benefits and a desirable workplace environment.

The Chesterfield Police Personnel Board urges the Public Health and Safety Committee and the City Council to move with dispatch in revising its salary scale to be competitive with the other premier St. Louis County police departments. Furthermore, it must take the necessary steps to correct the effects of "compression" in salaries of officers with years of experience as compared to new officers. And finally, when elected officials speak about any group of employees of Chesterfield, weigh carefully how your words will be received, and back-up your statements with factual data.

Sincerely,

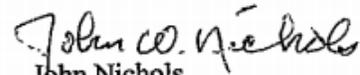


John Walters
Chairman
Ward III

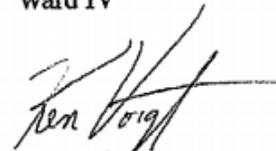
Howard Curtis
Ward II



Robert Puyear
Ward I



John Nichols
Ward IV



Ken Voigt
Ward IV



Chesterfield Police Personnel Board Chair John Walters (closest) and Howard Curtis (blue shirt) Capt. Ed Nester at end of row.

Next it was members of the West County Community Action Network. Debbie Donley and Jim Moore attacked a lot of people.

They wanted Prop P funds not to go just to police (or the police at all), but to almost everyone else. They talked about how all police department employees, not just officers needed “bias” training and then included “all citizens” and finally singled out the retail security agents at large stores and shopping centers accusing that group of being racist.



Debbie Donnelly and Jim Moore of West County Community Action Group



The group consists of mostly whites who go to major West County intersections weekly holding up “Black Lives Matter” signs. The heck with the rest of the lives out there! Maybe these two should go to Webster Groves and make these statements since it was a Webster Groves Officer who was shot while standing in a police line on West Florissant after the Michael Brown police shooting and never was able to return to full duty.

Moore suggested that Chesterfield PD should merge with the North County Police Cooperative that patrols Wellston, Pine Lane and Charlack to name a few so Chesterfield officers could learn more about being un-bias and how to treat minorities with dignity. They offered no evidence that Chesterfield Officers were not doing that now.

Moore accused Chesterfield, the mayor and city council being the city that doesn’t want to share sales taxes and was against Prop P.

This caused Councilman Dan Hurt to lecture Moore. “I don’t think it is fair to say we don’t care. Some of the people in this room have been working since this city was started in 1988 to make sure people are treated fairly. It is unfair on some of these judgment calls you are making,” said Hurt in a raised voice.



An unimpressed Dan Hurt responds to Donnely and Moore.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING: THIS ALMOST SEEMED LIKE A MEL BROOKS PRODUCTION THAT NEEDED TO BE EDITED DOWN TO 25 MINUTES:

At time in the regular city council started things got interesting, but too long. Mayor Nation made sarcastic comments as he made procedural error after error. The five City Council members who voted against the Dan Buck baseball sports Powerplex were dressed down by the president of the Chamber of Commerce for making Buck live up to the provisions of his contract with the city. This was followed by a councilman wanting four of his colleagues to be investigated for violating the Sunshine Law (which they didn't.) The mayor then contradicted earlier comments in a statement about the Prop P funds. Later The Game of Thorns and HBO were brought up in discussions as a councilman screamed at this reporter not to write down his comments. After 90 minutes the sparse crowd had evaporated and only reporters and city staffers remained in the chamber.

Things started out with an attack on five councilpersons over the Baseball Power Plex by the president of the Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce. Brian Voyles started out with name calling and kept it up. Here is the second copy of a written statement read Monday night at the Chesterfield City Hall.



Brian Voyles about to go on the attack.

These are a few things Voyles called the majority of the Council: Shortsighted, appalling, lack of vision, inability to comprehend, unpersuasive, adding the Chamber's frustration and sincere disappointment.

July 17, 2017



The City of Chesterfield
City Council
Chesterfield City Hall
690 Chesterfield Parkway W
Chesterfield, MO 63017-0670

City Councilmembers,

We, the Board of Directors of the Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce, believe that the Chesterfield City Council recently made a critical error in a 5-3 vote to terminate the City's land purchase option and not agree to the extension requested by Dan Buck and Mike Matheny related to the Big Sports/PowerPlex Development Plan. This was to be an extraordinary development which would have benefited the City of Chesterfield with additional tax revenues for decades to come. Additionally, many businesses in Chesterfield would have benefitted from hotel, food and beverage and other tourist business. The City Council's decision to not work to find a way to extend/amend the agreements to allow the development to take place in Chesterfield was appalling and short sighted.

What we find most disappointing about this situation is that the ground in question, owned by the City of Chesterfield, is currently undevelopable, as it is lacking adequate utilities to the site. The proposed development agreement would have remedied this situation and the proposed 50-year lease would have guaranteed the City of Chesterfield a stream of payments that equated to an IRR of 10.2%; whereas the property currently generates no revenue for the City. Notably, there were NO tax incentives or public subsidies being requested from the City of Chesterfield.

Make no mistake, this development will happen, just not in Chesterfield. Since this unfortunate vote, 11 other municipalities have offered competitive alternatives to locate this development in their city, leaving Chesterfield and its businesses wondering about what could have been. Given the clear benefits, we are simply unable to comprehend the City Council's decision.

In an attempt to understand the City Council's decision, members of the Executive Board of the Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce met with most of the City Council members who voted against this development. We met with Councilmembers McGuinness, Keathley, DeCampi and Ohley (Hurt was absent). Their explanations were unpersuasive and inconsistent. They claim they want to sell the property instead of leasing, yet offered no formal amendment to any of the proposals. Their lack of vision and inability to comprehend the benefits of this development to the City of Chesterfield concerns us as future developments like Chesterfield Mall and the remaining 1,500 acres in the Valley will depend on informed leaders who have an understanding of economic development concepts and the cost and benefits of developing infrastructure.

We do wish to compliment the insight of Councilmembers Flachsbart, Tilman and Logan, as well as Mayor Nation who was prepared to vote for it if there was a tie. They understood the opportunity and feel the loss of this needed development. We hope that the future considerations receive the continued leadership these Councilmembers/Mayor are providing.

In the meantime, the Board of Directors of the Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce, on behalf of our more than 650 members, wish to express our frustration and sincere disappointment with the City Council's recent actions.

Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

The agreement between the City of Chesterfield and the Buck group died on its own on June 1 when Buck could not provide evidence of financing. Then at the June 5th City Council meeting councilpersons Keathley, DeCampi, McGuinness, Hurt and Ohley voted basically not to allow Buck additional time.

The deal included the city buying \$2,020,000 for a vacant land for the Buck group to be leased over the next 50 years and also lease another section of city land valued at \$1.7-million to the Buck group over 50 years.

Many taxpayers were upset with this agreement. All the councilpersons who voted not to extend the already dead contract had said for months they were all for the project if Buck and his group bought the land. Voyle chides them for not putting that in the form of a resolution or a bill. However the fact is the Buck group never made an offer for the land and it was clear they did not have the financing.

This speech by Voyles was basically outrageous as it urged the council to practice both bad government and bad business.

Voyles also claimed that 11 other municipalities were ready jump at this underfunded project. Who are these cities and counties? Why haven't they come forward and announced their intentions to go into a partnership with a developer who does not have any funding.

Finally Voyles congratulated the insight of councilpersons Logan and Flachsbart. It was Flachsbart who voted to spend \$800,000 to lease an empty lot with no plans of use over 10 years. It was Logan and Flachsbart who agreed to hide the lease and keep the public from knowing about this lease agreement. Apparently the Chamber of Commerce thinks elected officials who have a city attorney hide a public document at his law office so the public can't see as insightful. This puts into question anything the Chamber says and the ethics of the Chamber and their general business sense.

It appears as if it is a great deal to the Chamber if the city uses millions of dollars of tax money to bankroll an underfunded development plan that might and I repeat might, generate more business for the Chamber members.



THE REQUEST FOR AN INVESTIGATION AGAINST HALF OF THE COUNCIL: In the Voyles statement he claimed that in a meeting four of the councilpersons voting against an extension were unpersuasive. He inferred that he had reached out to the councilpersons. Barb McGuinness stopped him at one point and reminded him that she had called him and offered the meeting.

This caused Councilman Randy Logan, who had just gotten his ass kicked in the mayor's race to demand the city attorney begin an investigation of the councilperson who met with the Chamber for violating the Missouri Open Meetings Sunshine Law.



Randy Logan

This was typical uninformed Randy Logan at his best or worst depending how you look at it. This is why Logan as usual was full of bullshit and why this was not a violation of the Sunshine Law:

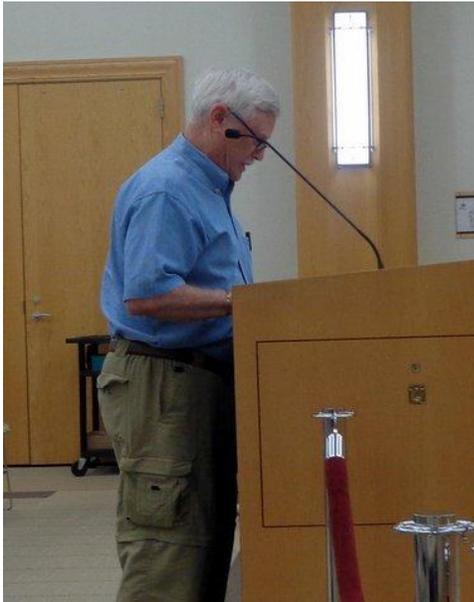
1. Four councilperson don't make a quorum and they cannot legally conduct business.
2. There was no discussion of any pending legislation or proposed possible legislation.
3. Elected officials have a first amendment right to tell people why they voted a certain way. The elected officials were merely providing a historical footnote.

Barb McGuinness then reminded Logan that after the last council meeting in June he and six others went to Harpo's. Should there be an investigation of that, she asked. She then said it was okay to talk about the past, but not the future. (Social events are not a violation if you don't talk government business.)

HE'S BACCCCCCK: Andy Shanfeld of the River Bend subdivision who was apparently the only person against the closing of River Valley Drive at the Maryland Heights City limits.

The city agreed with the subdivision trustees to close River Valley Drive at the Maryland Heights City Limits as The City of Maryland Heights had rezoned the area for a huge project that would include industrial, commercial, retail, multi family and single family housing. The project was estimated to increase vehicle traffic through the subdivision

and past an elementary school from 1,200 cars a day to 13,000 and would include large trucks.



River Valley Road through the subdivision would be a short cut from Olive Blvd to Howard's Bend. Shanfeld made a legal challenge claiming he had a right to a portion of the land the trustees were going to donate to the City for a cul-de-sac turnaround and he blocked the transferred and stalled the \$154,000 project. Homeowners in the area that were afraid of the increase in traffic and the danger, donated land for the turnaround, defeating Shanfeld's ploy. The city approved the new plan with a standing ovation in a crowded council chamber from subdivision residents .



This is where the road would be closed.

This is the city street of River Valley Drive that could ill afford a large increase in traffic.



Shanfeld brought up the fact the McBride and Sons developers have dropped their plans of building the project in Maryland Heights due to storm water issues on the property that is bordered by the Missouri River and is protected by a flood levee.

Shanfeld, who uses River Valley Road as a short cut to Maryland Heights urged the Council to drop plans to close the road.

Councilwoman Barb McGuinness then told Shanfeld that since Maryland Heights rezoned the area any other developer could come in and build, increasing traffic in the subdivision.

AND FINALLY: Chesterfield resident John Hammond spoke saying he was upset that a non-Chesterfield resident was going to be placed on the Blue Valley CID board (special taxing district for the Premium Outlet Mall. This would cause sparks later in the regular meeting. (If we were doing a TV show, this would be considered a teaser to stay tuned.)

MAYOR NATION DOES YET ANOTHER FLIP-FLOP: Earlier in the year Chesterfield Mayor Bob Nation came out against the Prop P sales tax for “Public Safety” saying Chesterfield would not get a fair share of the money it raised with a large amount going to St. Louis county and other municipalities. He said the city should refuse the money if it passed, because they did need it. These statements were made in 2017 when the Council took an advisory vote against Prop P. Prop P passed by a large margin, as does most ballot issues involving the police.

At the opening of the Council meeting Mayor Nation made a statement that contradicted his earlier positions on Prop P.



Mayor Nation reading statement

Nation started his written statement off by saying “I consider all of our employees as part of our family”

He then went on to say the only reason the city will be able to continue its current level of policing is thanks to the half-cent Prop P sales tax. This is completely opposite what he was saying six months earlier.

He said the city will get \$2.3-million annually from Prop P, but that the city already spends four times that on police services adding that the city is “strained” to provide these services.

What happened? How did things get turned around in six months and what has Bob Nation saying the opposite of what he said in January?

Quite simple, the police officers and sergeants voted to unionize. Negotiations had just started with the first session going four hours with Nation, City Administrator Mike Geisel, Police Chief Ray Johnson and labor lawyer Mike Harris working for the city.



Off-duty police officers have recently started attending the Health and :Public Safety Committee meetings. There were seven present at the meeting on July 17th.

THE LIVE STREAMING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS AND THE GAME OF THRONES: A COUNCILMAN SHOUTS TO THE PRESS TABLE NOT TO WRITE DOWN WHAT HE JUST SAID! Councilwoman Barb McGuinness had been pushing to make videos of the meetings for people who cannot attend. She had faced resistance. First the city's IT guy gave price estimated based on the city hiring fulltime employees. We suggested contractors come in and simply do the job a few hours twice a month. Suddenly the price dropped 75%.

However, there was little support to buy the equipment and produce videos of meetings. The first year the equipment purchase would be \$33,000 and then \$250 an hour for a contractor to send people to the meeting and make video/audio recordings and post them. The proposal left the Finance and Admin Committee on just a 2-2 vote which sent it to the Council without a recommend for passage.

The measure went to the full Council on July 17th with Mayor Nation opposing the bill. Nation claimed that his survey (a phony-baloney survey on the city's website...how many residents actually ever go to the website, let alone go there to give their opinion) showed there was no support for it.

"I think this is a tremendous amount of money for no good purposes," said Mayor Nation. He might have a very good point for the "tremendous amount of money"

statement but allowing the public who could not come to city hall a chance to see the meetings I would not consider a “no good purpose.”

Frankly I can't imagine many using it except when there would be events that drew crowds to the City Council or the Planning Commission. Some of those would include last year's meetings on the now dead Schoettler Apartments proposal, the apartment proposal that would have eliminated the low-income trailer park, the Shellborne Assisted Living project, the hockey people pushing for support of a complex and the Dan Buck baseball complex deal. In those cases video of the meetings on the city's website would probably get a lot of views.



Barb McGuinness is trying to make Council and Planning meetings available to people who can't make it to City Hall.

It was clear that on July 17 even with the reduced costs McGuinness did not have the votes.

She made a motion to send the bill back to the committee to look for ways to lower the costs. This vote barely passed.

Councilman Dan Hurt, who never misses a chance to make a lame joke said, “I'm voting for the amendment (send it back to the F&A Committee) but my concern is we don't crash our servers like a new episode of Game of Thrones crashed the HBO servers.”

From across the room Hurt apparently saw that I was writing down his Game of Thrones quote and he yelled across the room, “John, don't write that down. Don't write that down, John!”

It a somewhat unique event to have an elected official yelling at a reporter not to write down what he had just said.



THE JUDGE AND PROSECUTOR'S SALARY BEING PLACED AT WITH ALL THE OTHER EMPLOYEE SALARIES HAS SOME OPPOSITION. One councilman says something completely untrue according to his record of voting.

Barb McGuinness and others have been trying to get the municipal judge and prosecutor salaries listed with all of the other employees and elected officials' salaries on the city transparency page of the website.

The problem has been that that the judge and prosecutor are technically not employees but contractors. Their salaries are listed in the budget. But it is almost impossible to find. I spent 45 minutes looking for them several months ago, gave up and called City Clerk Vickie Hass to get the information.

Since the prosecutor's pay varies year to year depending on how much hourly billing he gets on handling cases that were sent to the Circuit Court by defense attorneys, Barb McGuinness wanted the prior year's pay to the prosecutor and the estimated pay in the next year's budget listed along with the judge's salary.

Barry Flachsbart claimed that this could cause a mistake and was a waste of money having an employee type this information onto a different page.

"I don't believe in wasting money," proclaimed Flachsbart. But wait, didn't Flachsbart vote for the \$800,000 10-year lease of an empty lot from the Doorack family with no plans to use the property at the time of the lease? Well, yes he did.

Didn't Flachsbart then vote to hide the lease at the then City Attorney Rob Heggie's office so the public could not see it and how he and others were wasting \$800,000? Well, yes he did. I wonder if Flachsbart could tell us if an employee typing in the names of two people and how much they make on a page would cost. Do you think it would be close to \$800,000, because that Flachsbart did not think was a waste of money even if he didn't want people to see what was being done?

HEIL MAYOR: I wish Chesterfield would install buttons a councilperson could push and would light up in front of the mayor. It might cut down on Nazi salutes from far end of the dais from Barry Flachsbart.



MAYOR BREAKS TIE ON HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE BLUE VALLEY CID TAX BOARD. The Blue Valley Community Improvement District sales tax board had a new member nominated by someone on the CID board and then the appointment was recommended by Mayor Bob Nation to the City Council. Developer R. Dean Wolfe was the front person in 2012 when the CID was passed and still is behind Chesterfield Blue Valley and the Premium Outlets Mall.

Things did not go smoothly for the nomination of Debbie Mueller. We learned that Debbie does not live in Chesterfield, but Afton.

Here are some of the comments when this came up on the agenda of the July 17th City Council meeting.

Ben Keathley: I think this is outrageous for businesses to hide increased prices and hide behind the bogey man of government. This is being forced on us by this business (Premium Outlet Mall).

Barb McGuinness: I get the system, but it is bad.

Tom DeCampi: It is not about the person (Debbie Mueller). It is about something that is being forced on us.

Here is how the vote went in 2017 to put Mueller on the CID Board of Directors.

AYE

Dan Hurt

Randy Logan

Barry Flachsbart

Guy Tilman

Mayor Bob Nation broke tie

NAY

Tom DeCampi

Barb McGuinness

Michelle Ohley

Ben Keathley

A couple days after the vote, I asked Mayor Nation to tell me who was on the Blue Valley CID Board, that he had just nominated Debbie Mueller to. He very truthfully said he did not know and suggested that I call developer Dean Wolfe.

The Chesterfield Blue Valley Commercial Improvement District does not have a website that lists members, post meeting agendas or minutes.

The Wolfe Properties, LLC website listed the Premium Outlet Mall and Chesterfield Blue Valley on its website, but there is no mention of the CID.



Dean Wolfe

Of course the 2012 City Council under the leadership of Mayor Bruce Geiger passed the CID arrangement. At the time I was writing columns for AOL's Patch.com (the new owners of Patch.com now claim I was a poster, but I was a paid columnist at the time.) Here is a link to a column I wrote on this.

<https://patch.com/missouri/chesterfield/cid-taxes-hurt-longtime-businesses>

Basically this CID gave an unfair advantage to the Outlet Malls and put Chesterfield Mall at a disadvantage. Chesterfield Mall had been producing various sales taxes (Parks, Storm water control, Capital Improvements plus the shared general sales tax) that was allowing The City of Chesterfield to prosper. Suddenly the City Council allowed aggressive competition to come in that was financed by a special sales tax the Chesterfield Mall never enjoyed.

CID, TIF and TDDs were originally devised to offer tax breaks and assistance to developers trying to build new retail projects in distressed and blighted neighborhoods in inner city locations in New Jersey and around Los Angeles. But over the years they have been put into play in wealthy area. This was never what they were first designed for.

On May 2, 2012 the following members of the Chesterfield City Council voted for the CID sales tax for the Premium Outlet Mall called the Blue Valley Community Improvement District.

Here is how the vote went.

For

Randy Logan
Derek Grier
Mike Casey
Matt Segal
Elliot Grissom
Connie Fults

Against

Barry Flachsbart

Bob Nation, then a Councilman in Ward-4 was absent.

As we feared in 2012 after a CID was passed for Premium Outlet and a TDD sales tax for the Taubman Outlet Mall, Chesterfield Mall around for over 40 years went into receivership last year. Thanks to the City Council there was not an even playing field for retailers.

GETTING READY FOR WINTER EARLY: The week of July 17 the entire region was in a Extreme Heat Warning with forecast high temps being around 103 and higher. So imagine our surprise when we saw City Attorney Chris Graville show up with a full beard. Even if he said he was going to visit Greenland, the ice island nation has been hitting record summer high for several years with temperatures in the 50s.



Before



After

THE CONNIE FULTS TRIADE AT THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING: Someone obtained the audio recording of former Councilwoman Connie Fults' comments at the June 19 Chesterfield City Council meeting. They then had the recording transcribed and sent me a copy. The transcriber unfamiliar with all the players, made a few spelling mistakes. If you are a regular reader, you would know that Ms. Fults was very upset that the emails between her and city prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer in connection with her involvement with the Lynn Dull attempted trash can prosecution. Were released. (One of her complaints was that her phone number was in the emails, but it is a listed number!)



Fults



Communications and Petitions unofficially transcribed from the Chesterfield City Council Meeting June 19, 2017

Connie Fults: Good evening. My comments tonight regarding the release of my emails. Releasing the emails was not the issue. But did you not, you did not go through and redact the personal information. Also the released emails of other people that were part of the Sunshine were not part of the Sunshine

request were released. Curtis's farewell to the Council--how is that relevant to the request that was made? I believe two attorney generals and the City Attorney advised you and yet you still voted to release. You acted negligently and violated my privacy and yet you've still denied me access to the account.

Of the so-called 67 pages of emails between myself and the city prosecutor 58 of the 67 pages were duplicates or part of email chains leaving only 8 emails with nothing that was done that was improper and I believe the City Attorney had told you that before the vote. Just another dead end in Mrs. Dull's 3 year quest to elude the city code. She has numerous Sunshine request for materials, accusations against the police, the chief, the planning department, the code enforcer, the courts and only if she had my emails against with Tim she would be absolved. Well she got 'em, she's not and the question is how much longer is this Council and City going to play her game? I did file the complaint at the request of her neighbors because they felt she was unstable and if they filed a complaint she would retaliate against them.

The issue has never been a trash can. The issue has been 9 trash cans on her driveway two 24 hours a day 7 days a week 365 days a year and her neighbors plural are forced to look at them and feel they devalue their property. I have never understood why a woman who lives alone needs 9 trash cans. I thought perhaps she was a hoarder or bringing trash from a business.

Frankly I didn't care. I filed the complaint on bequest of the residents. Now, any other person getting a complaint would feel bad that they have inconvenienced their neighbors, move them into one of her 3 car garages. Instead Mrs. Dull started driving the city going house-to-house on the basis of everyone else is in violation.

I understand to date she's turned in 162 violations. But are they Apples to Apples? Quite frankly, what a waste of time driving the city looking for these houses. How many of them have 9 trash cans in violation?

So to follow this we're rewriting an ordinance, releasing the emails who are going to show something for Mrs. Dull all because a campaign contributor wants to avoid the City's laws smacks of cronyism and I believe politically-motivated and the motive here is important.

Council needs to put a stop to this. Give her 7 days and start fining her. Enough is enough. If you plan to send out those violations need to make sure that Lynn Dull 1807 Parsonage Drive is the one who turned them in.

Secondly, based on my Sunshine request between Mr. DeCampi and Mrs. Dull's emails, again looking for motive, City has some serious issues with City information and State Statutes violations. Six of them. Emailing the entire City Council and discussing City business by email with no posted meeting, no public access is a violation of the Sunshine Law.

Mayor Nation: Ms. Fults, are you about finished?

Connie Fults: I have 5 other violations.

Mayor Nation: How much more time do you need? Your 3 minutes is up.

Connie Fults: One more minute.

Mayor Nation: Go ahead.

Connie Fults: Mr DeCampi wanting the emails so that he might find something to use against the reappoint the reappointment of the prosecutor. Again, is that the motive of the release of these? City Council holding votes and timing the meetings so certain members can be present. Having a resident who is the violator of the ordinance tell the Council Members how to rewrite the ordinance. It's like having speeders decide the speed limit.

What bothers me the most was the email from Mr. Campi telling her that he's going to ask Mr. DeGrille to see if he can see the emails so that he can give them to her. Knowing that it was going to need a Council vote he was back dooring the law and the City Council to release these documents without Council consent. I think this is the second time in two meetings there's been accusations of this Council improperly handing doc properly in handling documents.

Mr. DeGrille, I think you need an investigation and I think you need to audit these email accounts.

That's all.

Mayor Nation: Okay. Thank you. Does anybody have any comments or questions of Mrs. Fults?

Next exchange

Council Member DeCampi: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Nation: Yes. Go ahead.

Council Member DeCampi: I wanted to make a comment. First of all, I wanted to thank Mrs. Fults for pointing out that I had communicated with Ms. Dull through City email and in the spirit of transparency. So I completely have no trouble with anybody looking at those communications. Secondly, I did want her to know that I worked with Mr. Graville every step of the way as to what would be proper, appropriate and legal and took his advice. My former ward mate Council Member DeGroot, when he was here, I know he released a couple of emails between you and Mr. Engelmeyer to Ms. Dull and he went through Mr. Haug, the IT Director to get those. I was advised on numerous occasions by Mr.

Graville, that the proper, appropriate way to do this would be for a vote of the entire Council--which is the path that I took and I'm only one person but there was a vote taken and the Mayor broke the vote, the tiebreaker. So it was done appropriately, transparently and according to law. So thank you for pointing out some of those things, Mrs. Fults.

Mayor Nation: All right. Thank you.

Council Member McGuinness: Well, she wanted to respond. Can't she respond? No?

Mayor Nation: You know.

Council Member McGuinness: I don't know.

Mayor Nation: You know, I think this is really kind of ...Mrs. Fults, do you have a burning desire to say anything else?

Connie Fults: You know I do Mayor. I absolutely do.

Mayor Nation: Then please approach the podium.

Connie Fults: The issue here is that you did not redact them. There was personal information in there and you'll I've consulted with an attorney. You have violated my privacy and since this Council acted against the advice of your City Attorney it's a personal thing between those who voted in favor of releasing them. You did not take ordinary umm care of those documents. There was things released that were not part of the Sunshine request. There was personal information that you did not have a right to release. That is the issue. That was not legally acting and again I think it goes to motive--why you were so hot to get those emails. There was nothing there and you knew that Mr. Graville had told you that. Again, I think it was politically motivated and (chuckle) for the life of me I just don't understand and while you might say transparent, again, there is a lot in there and that was just the request between you and one resident that is not legal. And it's not transparent.

Council Member DeCampi: Let me be clear...

People over talking each other

Mayor Nation: (Gavels twice.) Ok. Hold it. This is in my opinion and with all due respect to both of you a complete waste of time. So let's just move on and and move on to something else. If two of you want to have a communication outside you're a Council Member you're a constituent you can have a conversation.

Connie Fults: Sir I'm directing this to you and your legal attorney. I, I think there was a problem with your council/counsel (?) actions.

Mayor Nation: Your time is up. Please sit down Mrs. Fults.

Connie Fults: I will. Thank you. Transparent, right...

Lynn Dull did a "Fact Check" of Fults' statement. That piece is amusing, but is way too long to place on the weekly newsletter, so we have added it to the special box dealing with Trash cans on the homepage of our website at <http://johnhoffmann.net> or newsfromsnoburia.com or this direct link:

http://johnhoffmann.net/fults_comments_with_fact_checking_061917.pdf

Here is an example of what you would find:

Connie Fults: *"Just another dead end in Mrs. Dull's 3 year quest to elude the city code."*

Fact: Case was dismissed by the Prosecutor—after 9 months of prosecuting—and the Prosecutor even emailed that to Connie Fults.

Fact: Mrs. Dull was prosecuted for 9 months, 4 court appearances. On the date of the Summons, 5 neighbors came to testify as witnesses, but there was no judge, no court. Neither Citation was authorized.

The Summons was not in compliance with MO Supreme Court Rule 37.09. The Chief of Police's email (12/23/15 email included) confirmed the citation was based on the address, not the street the house faced--which is the Code. This email, containing exculpatory evidence, was denied to Mrs. Dull several times under Sunshine requests. The prosecutor and City Attorney O'Rourke knew it.

Mrs. Dull eluded nothing and was NEVER in violation of the City's written Code. She apparently violated Connie's Code.

PROBLEMS WITH ACCESS ROADS WERE THE ONLY NEGATIVE COMMENTS FOR CHESTERFIELD VALLEY HOCKEY RINK AT PLANNING COMMISSION. At the July 10th Chesterfield Planning Commission meeting there was only one item on the agenda and it was the Chesterfield Hockey Association hockey complex plans.

There were a few kids wearing hockey jerseys in the crowd but the chamber was not even half full. People wishing to speak were told by new Planning Commission chair Merrell Hansen the subject before the Planning Commission were the plans for the ice rink complex and not how it would be funded or if a TDD tax extension another 18 years was a good idea.

First Cecilia Dvorak a planner for the City of chesterfield spoke. She was followed by consulting engineer George Stock for the hockey association who laid out the basic plans for the 17.85 acre piece of property that would likely include a second building at a later date after the dual ice rick complex was built.



Dvorak



Stock



Look carefully at this map and the area for the Hockey Complex on the north side of Chesterfield Airport Road. There is a very small section that touches Chesterfield Airport Road. But it is not across from Olive Street Road on the south that leads to the Premium Outlet Mall and handles a lot of traffic. This will be an issue later in the meeting.

Another question brought from the dais to Stock was the hours of operation. This would be a non-profit sports group operating a sports facility and would not fall under the 6am- to 11 pm hours that retail businesses in Chesterfield Valley must follow. Stock said he could not answer the hours of operation question.

Mark Kraus, the President of the Chesterfield Hockey Association was the first to speak. He gave a rah-rah short talk.

“The Chesterfield Hockey Association believes this is a perfect place for this complex. If it is not broke why fix it,” were the comments of Kraus. Of course some might say building a \$25,000,000 complex and using some tax money in a flood plain near the levees would not be the perfect place for anything.

Bill Larson, the attorney who is unaware of first amendment law and has attacked me and this website for articles on Chesterfield prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer, posting leases and bills in closed to the public Executive Sessions and letters he has sent to the City Council, spoke next. Larson is also a hockey dad. He wasted everyone’s time by saying what the chairwoman of the Commission said in her opening remarks was correct.

“In anticipation of any political issue, I’m here to reiterate this is a zoning issue,” said the windbag Larson.

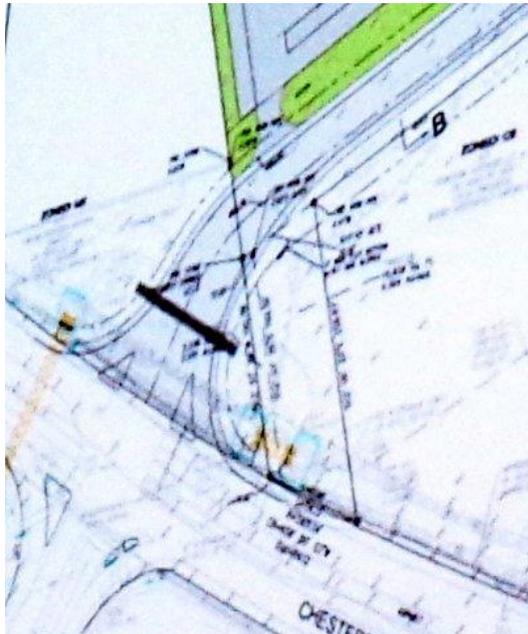
Mr. Dean Wolfe, owner of Wolfe Properties and Chesterfield Blue Valley (includes Premium Outlet Mall) spoke saying he supports this project. I guess so, A project that will bring more people to the area of his outlet mall. What’s not to support?

Jim Schloeman of Chesterfield spoke saying he had 17 acres to the east of the property for the hockey project and was for it.

“This project’s time is appropriate. Chesterfield has developed a reputation as a sport center,” he said. Of course the city council just voted down giving an extension to the Dan Buck-Mike Matheny baseball complex when Buck failed to meet financing deadlines.

Then came the very legitimate opposition to a part of the project. Both speakers had no problem with the hockey complex but of the encroachment onto their land the planned access road to get to the hockey complex.

Marty Henson representing American Ready Mix, the owners of the property to the west of the proposed ice rinks. The property to the west has a concrete manufacturing on it. The use of an access on land not owned by the Hockey Association to continue Olive Street Road across Chesterfield Airport Road would keep the concrete trucks from having the access they do now. The reason would be that the current truck access would be too close to the Hockey intersection with Chesterfield Airport Road.



Above is the triangle of land where they planned to run a continuation of Olive Street Road to the Hockey complex. The white area in the upper left hand corner is the concrete company's access by a driveway to the main road. It would be cut off.

The next person and final person to speak was a lawyer for the Comfort Inn and Suites , the property owner to the south of the complex. His complaint was the road would run onto their property going over their northern property line.



You can see the triangle section not owned by the Hockey Association better in this diagram. The concrete company property begins with the white area.



Mark Kraus



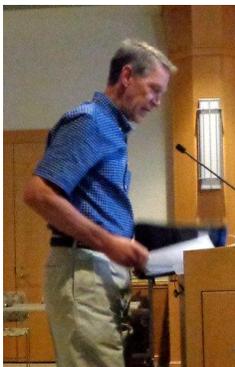
Dumb lawyer Bill Larson



Dean Wolfe



Jim Schloeman



Marty Henson



Comfort Suites lawyer



Follow the Money! Let's see what the two former city councilmen are doing in raising and spending campaign money. One is using campaign money to eat at fast food places, coffee shops and taverns while and the other is using it for car maintenance/repairs.

DEREK GRIER GETTING A LOT OF \$\$\$ IN A NON-ELECTION YEAR! PLUS CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS TO GRIER BEING SPENT ON FAST FOOD: The second quarter campaign finance report for former Chesterfield City Councilman Derek Grier was a very interesting read.



Grier more than doubled the amount of campaign money he had on hand at the start of the second quarter. On April 1 he had \$12,612 in the bank. He then collected \$13,182 in contributions in the next three months. A lot of that money came from people in the real estate and building business. Some came from Principia alums. Here are some of his contributors:

- \$2,000 St. Louis Association of Realtors
- \$1,000 George Kapps (Real Estate) Chesterfield, MO
(Kapps gave Grier \$680 in the 2nd quarter of 2016)
- \$500 Elwood Towle (Principia Alum) Town and Country
- \$500 Enterprise Holdings Clayton, MO
- \$500 Robert Dierberg (Dierberg's Supermarkets) Chesterfield, MO
- \$500 Margarete Sedighi (Dentist) Chesterfield, MO**
- \$500 Leadership for Missouri (PAC) Eureka, MO
- \$500 MO Majority PAC Perryville MO
- \$500 McBride and Sons (Commercial Real Estate Management) Chesterfield, MO
- \$500 PT PAC Missouri

\$500 Home Building Industry PAC Creve Coeur, MO
 \$500 MO Association of Nurse Anesthetists PAC
 \$500 Drury Hotels Creve Coeur, MO
 \$485 Birkel Electric Chesterfield, MO
 \$350 Dealers Interested in Government (Auto Dealers)
 \$250 Daniel Pheifer (**Lobbyist**) Mission Hills, KS
 \$250 Hans Fredrikson (Investments) (Principia alum) Town and Country, MO
 \$250 Missouri Podiatry PAC Jefferson City, MO
 \$250 X-Caliber (Cigarette Manufacturers)
 \$200 Capital Solutions (Mortgage Broker) Jefferson City, MO
 \$200 St. Charles County Assoc of Realtors
 \$200 PAC Missouri State Chiropractors Assoc.
 \$200 CVPT Olivetti Physical Therapists) Chesterfield, MO
 \$100 Jan and Gary Duke (Real Estate) (Principia Alum) Ballwin, MO
 \$100 Robert Panke (Architect) Chesterfield, MO
 \$100 Franc Flotron (Jefferson City **Lobbyist**) Chesterfield, MO
 \$100 Susan Corbitt (Realtor) (Principia Alum) Chesterfield, MO
 \$100 Richard Etzkorn (Real Estate Management and Services) Kirkwood, MO
 \$100 Midwest Clinical Research LLC Creve Coeur, MO
 \$100 Trident Group LLC Escrow & Retail Property Management (Local bad boy T-Fed's father president)

Grier is a graduate of Principia High School and College. He is a Christian Scientist, which means he does not believe in medicine, hospitals or tobacco. We highlighted the tobacco company and medical interests other than therapists that he took money from.

Now for the interesting stuff! Elected officials receive more than \$100 a day for their food and lodgings while the legislature is in session. Despite getting money for meals, here are expenditures Grier made using campaign funds instead of his per diem. I believe he is cheating his contributors, by basically stealing their money. I just don't know how eating dinner by yourself is a campaign related expense! Is Grier worried he might not vote for himself? A staff member of the Missouri Ethics Commission when presented these facts of using campaign funds for meals that have already been paid for by taxpayers as part of a per diem in a hypothetical situation said this would be double dipping and a violation. They added campaign funds could be used for some expenses while serving in Jefferson City but not dinners that have already been paid for by the per diem.

These are just the meals Grier bought himself in the second quarter. In his first quarter report he simply listed "Food (8 items) \$233.77"

\$19.16 The Grand Café Jefferson City, MO
 \$8.46 The Grand Café Jefferson City, MO
 \$20.72 Love Sushi Jefferson City, MO
 \$9.96 El Jimador Jefferson City, MO
 \$29.77 Hoxton Tavern and Grill Jefferson City, MO
 \$3.75 Yanis Coffee Shop Jefferson City, MO
 \$37.19 Alexandros Restaurant Jefferson City, MO
 \$18.10 Canterbury Hill Wine Holts Summit (across the river from Jefferson City)
 \$9.35 Lee's Famous Chicken Jefferson City, MO

Now let's look at Grier's record on receiving gifts from lobbyists. I'll be damned, Derek appears to be hungry and cheap. It looks like these are all meals!

The following are all under "**Meals, Food, Beverages**"

Date	Amount	Lobbyist
05/10/17	\$43.77	Andrew Foley
05/09/17	\$15.00	Jessica Pabst
04/04/17	\$22.00	Tony Dugger
03/28/17	\$20.48	James Atkins
03/27/17	\$ 6.41	Jay Hahn
03/14/17	\$27.70	James Atkins
03/08/17	\$ 6.38	Rebecca Lohmann

Below are who the lobbyists buying Grier meals represent.

FOLEY: Fire Districts, Unions, Citigroup, Insurance Companies, American Water

PABST: SSM Healthcare

DUGGER: Unions, Pawn Brokers, Fire Districts, Insurance Companies, Liquor

ATKINS: Health Care, Railroad, Tow Truck Association

HAHN: Medical

LOHMANN: Cigarette Co, ACLU, Gambling, Government Agencies, Healthcare, Tesla, Uber

BRUCE DEGROOT: The former Chesterfield Ward 4 councilman did not raise as much as Grier and he didn't use any of it to eat, but did use it to get his car fixed.



Contributions for the second quarter 2017:

- \$2000 FEAPC Missouri (Farmers Employee and Agents) Olathe, KS
- \$2000 Missouri Insurance Coalition Jefferson City, MO
- \$2000 MOSFA (Missouri State Farm Agents) Jefferson City, MO
- \$1000 Shelter Insurance Columbia MO
- \$500 The Travelers Company Hartford CT
- \$500 Daniel Graville Ballwin, MO
- \$350 Dealers Instructed in Government (Car Dealers)

Clearly if there is any legislation to help the insurance industry and screw the public, we know how DeGroot will be voting. Also DeGroot gave himself \$2,000 as part of a loan payback.

His expense report was rather tame with one exception:

06/02/17 \$123.47 Olive- Fee Fee Auto Repair for Travel Expenses



I don't think you buy airline and train tickets here. I think this is a place where you get your car fixed. I have to question if this is a campaign expense in a non-election year or simply using campaign money to fix your car in between trips to Jefferson City for Special Sessions.

CHESTERFIELD POLICE BLOTTER: Let's see what the police were responding to last week. The police blotter included call in Clarkson Valley.

CHESTERFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Media Report

July 12, 2017 - July 18, 2017

<u>Time of Occurrence</u>	<u>Generic Address</u>	<u>Business/Location Name</u>	<u>Incident Type</u>
07/17/2017, 2003 07/17/2017, 2003	17XXX NORTH OUTER 40 RD	Gap	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
Brief Narrative Description: 19 yo female and an unknown male concealed clothing and left store without paying.			
06/29/2017, 1200 07/08/2017, 1800	BAXTER RD & DARTMOOR HILL LN		Larceny under \$750 Neighborhood Association
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took landscape lighting and cut wires to neighborhood entrance gate.			
06/27/2017, 1459 06/27/2017, 1459	1XX HILLTOWN VILLAGE CTR	Schnucks	Fraudulent Prescription
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject attempted to pass forged prescription to pharmacy.			
07/05/2017, 0000 07/13/2017, 0000	14XXX WOODROYAL CT		Fraud Identity Theft
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's information to open up credit card accounts.			
07/18/2017, 1500 07/18/2017, 1500	18XXX OUTLET BLVD	Hot Topic	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
Brief Narrative Description: 17 and 19 yo males concealed clothing and left stores without paying. Also in possession of marijuana and paraphernalia.			
07/18/2017, 0725 07/18/2017, 0805	16XXX CRYSTAL SPRINGS DR		Larceny under \$750 Person
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took victim's cell phone after it was lost by victim.			
07/17/2017, 1530 07/17/2017, 2100	11XX N WOODS MILL RD		Burglary Residential - Home
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject entered victim's apartment and took electronics and silver coins. No forced entry observed.			
07/17/2017, 1945 07/17/2017, 1945	1 CHESTERFIELD MALL	Sears	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
Brief Narrative Description: 24 and 42 yo males concealed tools and left store without paying. Also in possession of stolen clothing from other store.			
04/18/2017, 0900 07/17/2017, 1700	1XX MINITREE CT		Larceny under \$750 Residence
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took computer hard drives from residence.			
07/17/2017, 1846 07/17/2017, 1846	18XXX OUTLET BLVD	St. Louis Premium Outlets	Ordinance Violation Leaving Animal in Vehicle
Brief Narrative Description: 34 yo female left dog unattended in vehicle while shopping.			
07/17/2017, 1536 07/17/2017, 1536	1XX LONG RD	McDonalds	Assault Common - Actual Assault
Brief Narrative Description: 66 and 22 yo females pushed each other after argument causing minor injuries.			
07/17/2017, 1857 07/17/2017, 1857	14XXX OLIVE BLVD		Liquor Violation MIP
Brief Narrative Description: 20 yo male in possession of alcohol after DWI vehicle collision investigation.			

07/17/2017, 1520	22XX WHITBY RD	Clarkson Valley	Fraud Identity Theft
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's information to open up credit card accounts.			
07/17/2017, 2000 07/17/2017, 2020	14XXX BANTRY LN 16		Assault Common - Actual Assault
Brief Narrative Description: 15 yo male pushed victim and damaged personal property after argument causing minor injuries.			
07/12/2017, 0814 07/12/2017, 0815	15XXX COUNTRY RIDGE DR		Fraud Identity Theft
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's information to change data in her pension plan.			
07/17/2017, 1006 07/17/2017, 1006	164 HWY W & CHESTERFIELD PKWY W		Drugs Paraphernalia
Brief Narrative Description: 25 yo female in possession of marijuana paraphernalia after being stopped for a traffic violation.			
05/11/2017, 0000 05/11/2017, 0000	2XX S WOODS MILL RD	St. Luke's Hospital	Fraud Identity Theft
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's information to obtain hospital services.			
07/17/2017, 1210 07/17/2017, 1210	18XXX OUTLET BLVD	Finish Line	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
Brief Narrative Description: 17 yo male concealed shoes and left store without paying.			
07/17/2017, 0950 07/17/2017, 0950	15XXX CLAYTON RD	Clarkson Valley	Fraud Scam
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject attempted to convince City Clerk to transfer money.			
07/17/2017, 1310 07/17/2017, 1310	1XX THF BLVD	Walmart	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
Brief Narrative Description: 33 yo male concealed merchandise and left store without paying. Subject initially ran from police but was caught a short time later without incident.			
07/14/2017, 1200 07/17/2017, 1300	14XXX WINDSOR VALLEY CT		Fraud Identity Theft
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's information to open up credit card account.			
07/17/2017, 1626 07/17/2017, 1626	1XX THF BLVD	Walmart	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subjects took TV and walked out of store without paying. When confronted by officer, subjects drove off in vehicle and struck officer in ankle and hand causing minor injury.			
07/16/2017, 1125 07/16/2017, 1135	6XX BROADMOOR DR F		Assault Common - Actual Assault
Brief Narrative Description: 22 yo female pushed and struck victim after argument causing no injuries.			
07/16/2017, 1230 07/16/2017, 1320	16XXX BURKHARDT PL	YMCA	Larceny under \$750 Person
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject entered unlocked locker and took a bag.			
07/16/2017, 1345 07/16/2017, 1410	1XX THF BLVD	Sam's	Larceny under \$750 License Plate/Tabs
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took license plates off of victim's vehicle.			
07/16/2017, 1315 07/16/2017, 1320	2XX CHESTERFIELD MALL	Victoria's Secret	Larceny Over \$750 Shoplifting
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subjects concealed clothing and left store without paying.			
07/16/2017, 1300 07/16/2017, 1500	16XXX BURKHARDT PL	YMCA	Larceny under \$750 from Auto
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject entered victim's unsecured vehicle and took a wallet.			
07/15/2017, 0012 07/15/2017, 0012	1XX HILLTOWN VILLAGE CTR	Harpo's	Liquor Violation Fake Identification
Brief Narrative Description: Three 20 yo males and one 19 yo male were in possession of fake ID's. Subjects were also			
intoxicated and causing a disturbance outside bar.			

07/15/2017, 1120 07/15/2017, 1130	17XXX CHESTERFIELD AIRPORT RD	Steak N Shake	Larceny under \$750 Business
Brief Narrative Description: 21 yo male left restaurant without paying for food that was ordered.			
07/08/2017, 0000 07/08/2017, 0000	11XX CANTINA DR		Larceny under \$750 Residence
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took package that was delivered from victim's front door.			
07/15/2017, 1318 07/15/2017, 1318	14XXX CHESTERFIELD TRAILS DR		Fraud Identity Theft
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's information to apply for loan accounts.			
07/15/2017, 1421 07/15/2017, 1421	CHESTERFIELD PARK DR & LYDIA HILL DR & AUGUST HILL DR		Tampering with an Auto
Brief Narrative Description: 54 yo male was operating a stolen motor vehicle out of St. Louis County. Further investigation showed he shoplifted from Sears just prior to being stopped.			
07/15/2017, 1700 07/15/2017, 1735	2XX CHESTERFIELD MALL	Victoria's Secret	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
Brief Narrative Description: Two 18 yo females and one 17 yo female concealed clothing and an air freshener and left multiple stores without paying. Also in possession of prohibited theft devices.			
07/03/2017, 1021 07/14/2017, 1200	11XX N WOODS MILL RD		Fraud Bank Account
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's PayPal account to pay for services.			
06/14/2017, 2000 06/21/2017, 1200	14XXX NORTH OUTER 40 RD	Delmar Gardens	Larceny under \$750 Person
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took jewelry from victim's room.			
06/24/2017, 0000 06/24/2017, 2359	8 FOREST CLUB DR	Clarkson Valley	Fraud Identity Theft
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's information to open up credit card account.			
07/14/2017, 1313 07/14/2017, 1313	1XX HILLTOWN VILLAGE CTR	Harpo's	Recovered Auto Stolen Elsewher Auto
Brief Narrative Description: Vehicle stolen in St. Louis City recovered in parking lot. Vehicle released to owner.			
07/14/2017, 1315 07/14/2017, 1344	4X CHESTERFIELD MALL	Macy's	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
Brief Narrative Description: 20 yo female concealed clothing and left store without paying.			
07/11/2017, 1518 07/11/2017, 1518	1XX HILLTOWN VILLAGE CTR	Schnucks	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
Brief Narrative Description: 41 yo male took laundry detergent and walked out of store without paying.			
07/12/2017, 2245 07/13/2017, 0615	14XXX BANTRY LN 16		Runaway Juvenile
Brief Narrative Description: 15 yo male with behavioral issues ran away from home. Believed to be with friends.			
07/12/2017, 1846 07/12/2017, 1846	20XX KINGSPONTE DR	Clarkson Valley	Fraud Identity Theft
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's information to open up credit card account.			

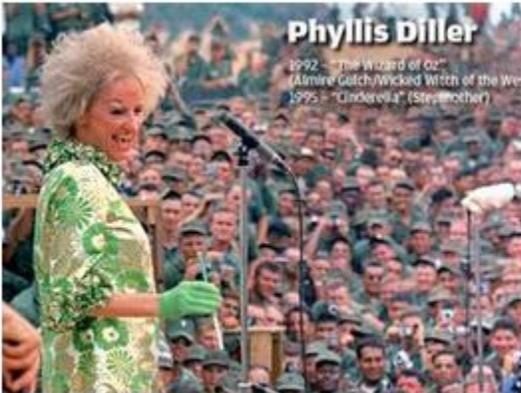
Once again Harpo's seems like a place for the general public to avoid but a place for the police to spend more time at. In one case four under aged males were found to be drunk and disorderly and in possession of fake IDs. A day earlier a stolen car was recovered at Harpo's.

MEDIA THE POST-DISPATCH NEEDS TO HIRE SOME 60-YEAR-OLD ST. LOUISIANS BACK AS EDITORS: Here are two different headlines ref Phyllis Diller that appeared on the Post-Dispatch's online editions on July 16 and 17th.



Webster Groves native Phyllis Diller would be 100 today

In memory of Phyllis Diller on what would have been her 100th birthday, a profile from 1966. [Read more](#)



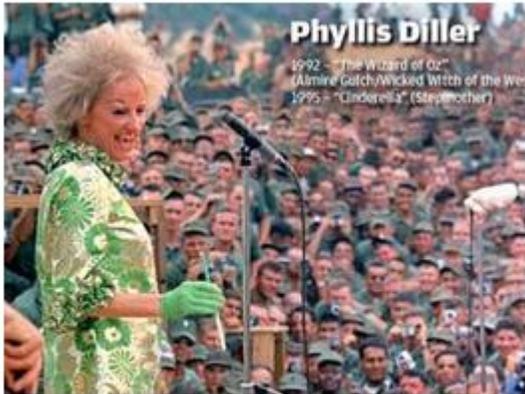
Webster Groves native Phyllis Diller would be 100 today

WEBSTER GROVES NATIVE?????

Phyllis was born in Lima, Ohio. She didn't move to Webster Groves until 1961 and she did so to help with a sister's family that happened to live in Webster Groves. She lived in a large house two doors behind the Webster Groves Library that she painted pink. She drove around in a pink T-Bird and I actually saw her shopping at the Bettendorf's store at Elm and Big Bend wearing a pink boa and smoking a cigarette in a cigarette holder. (You used to be able to smoke anywhere at anytime.) I went to school with her nephew and when I was a disc jockey I rented an apartment on Big Bend in Maplewood from her ex-husband Sherwood Diller.

Phyllis moved to LA by 1967 or 68. She was never a St. Louis native. She was a regular on the stage in Gaslight Square in the early 1960s. But she started doing comedy routines when she lived on the West Coast in the 1950s.

I called the online editor and got this fix in the afternoon of July 17.



Phyllis Diller, who had ties to Webster Groves, would have been 100

Law and order

Water main break floods Kirkwood streets; cuts service to nearby homes, businesses

KIRKWOOD • Authorities here are reporting a water main break causing flooding on some Kirkwood streets.

The police department posted [an alert to its Facebook page](#), urging people to avoid East Argonne Drive and South Sappington Road because of a "major" water main break....

Here is what I posted in the message section of the online Post-Dispatch:

John Hoffmann · Town and Country, Missouri

The Water Main break is NOT IN THE CITY OF KIRKWOOD. Once again folks at the Post-Dispatch don't know St. Louis at all anymore. The water main break is in the City of Oakland that borders Kirkwood, Glendale and Webster Groves. (They would also border Crestwood but Big bend Road between Oakland and Crestwood is in unincorporated St. Louis County) Oakland contracts police service from Kirkwood. None of Sappington Road is in Kirkwood.

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After our post there was this:



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Thanks, John. We're revising the story.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The water main break was at an intersection in Oakland. An earlier version of this story reported it as occurring in Kirkwood based on information from that city's police department.

BUSINESS: THEY ARE STILL NOT SURE WHERE THEY ARE: Here is an ad in the Ladue News from two weeks ago for the Mason Pointe retirement community in Town and Country on the South Outer Road near Mason Road:



Let's look closely at the bottom of the ad.



They still think they are in Chesterfield. Of course they don't have a 636 area code like most of Chesterfield has. They are next to Mason Road and doesn't come close to Chesterfield. They do have a Chesterfield zip code and is served by a post office in Town and Country, MO. As far as marketing goes, I think a Town and Country address is actually a little more desired than one in Chesterfield.

TOO MUCH BUSINESS AT THE VILLAGE BAR: Since the Village Bar on Manchester Road in Des Peres (opened in 1948 home of the best greasy burger in West County)

double their sitting capacity by moving into the adjacent business has been almost too good.



For three weeks they have been running the ad for full time wait staff, bartenders and cook staff in the Webster-Kirkwood Times.



WEBSITE ADDITION: If you want to pass along this website to a friend and can't remember the web address <http://johnhoffmann.net> I have purchased a second address that might be a little easier to remember. It is

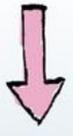
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