

EX ALDERMAN NEWSLETTER 162 AND CHESTERFIELD 107



By John Hoffmann

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FERGUSON...FORGET ABOUT IT...TOWN AND COUNTRY HAS A RIOT AT A CBC FRESHMAN-SOPHOMORE MIXER DANCE. Between 7 and 10 separate large fights saw of response of over 20 police officers. KTVI reported that two large fights broke out at the end of a dance at CBC High School on Sunday January 18. However a person inside the police department tells us it was more like 10 different fights.



A police dispatch report we obtained showed that besides four Town and Country officers, officers also responded from Creve Coeur and Frontenac and that was not enough. Four from Chesterfield, six from St. Louis County and six from the Missouri Highway Patrol also were dispatched to the scene. That was a total of 28 cops to one high school dance.



The dance was for freshman and sophomores. A police spokesman told us there were approximately 1,700 kids from different schools at the dance.

One student was arrested and charged with assault, destruction of property, resisting arrest and assault on the police officer. He was under 17 and was referred to the County Juvenile Court. What were they thinking at CBC?...1,700 15 and 16 year-olds with males from an all boys Catholic school trying to impress girls and inviting another 1,000 from other schools. This was so clearly fraught with disaster that CBC should be billed for the cost of police response to an event that spelled T-R-O-U-B-L-E from the very beginning.

POLICE COMMISSION KILLS GOLF CARTS NOT ONLY FOR THE THORNHILL SUBDIVISION BUT FOR THE THE ENTIRE CITY: *If you enjoy neighbor against neighbor sniping at each other read on as this section gets a little lengthy. If you are bored by the subject please just move on to the next topic.*

While in January 2015 police officials in St. Louis were trying to find the money to hire 125 officers. And in Ferguson the city and police department was trying to hire black officers for a department that has been labeled by the national media as racist. Meanwhile in Town and Country, the Police Commission was facing its own major crisis...whether or not to allow golf carts to be operated in subdivisions. Here is that story, just a part of the overall picture of policing in America.

Things quickly became clear at the Police Commission meeting that things were not as they were presented in September by Alderdope Tim Welby and Thornhill HOA Board

of Trustees President and Liar Randy Stevens. They claimed to have the backing of the subdivision in asking for an ordinance allowing the use of golf carts in Thornhill Estates for "enhanced socialization" according to Stevens. I was at the meeting and I live in the subdivision and neither I nor any of my neighbors knew anything about the golf cart proposal let alone supporting it.

At the September meeting the Police Commission told Stevens to poll the residents (meaning take a vote). Stevens went around that request by sending out an email asking for opinions. Out of 120 homeowners Stevens would later claim that he got a 20-percent response (meaning 24 people). He claimed out of the 24 people half or 12 were in favor of legalizing the use of golf carts in the subdivision. He claimed 42% or an unlikely 10.08 homeowners were against, and the the remaining 10-percent of 2.4 homeowners did not care.



Stevens (left) and Tim Welby were all laughs in September. That was not the case in January.

The Weekend Search for Truth Over the MLK weekend Matt Gross, a Thornhill resident with a background in marketing, sent out an email survey on the question of golf carts using an older email list of residents. He did a lot better than the HOA president as he got more than double Steven's return. His survey had the opposite result with 37 being against golf carts and 14 for.

Then another resident, Dale Emge, hit the streets and went door to door with a petition with the results also overwhelming against the golf carts.

Response from Stevens: At 12:41 am on Monday January 19 Stevens sent out another email wanting another survey of residents. In his email he took a shot at Gross and his survey.

Sent: Monday, January 19, 2015 12:41 AM

To: Thornhill Board of Trustees

Subject: Golf Carts in Thornhill Estates

We apologize for another email regarding golf carts in our neighborhood.

In order to clarify the facts, ensure there is no bias, and make sure this information gets to as many of Thornhill homeowners as possible; we thought we should send out a request for your feedback once again.

The email you may have gotten from Matt Gross was misleading as far as the events leading up to the discussion held at the Police Commission meeting in September of 2014.

Randy Stevens appeared before the Police Commission on behalf of the residents of Thornhill and Board of Trustees. He was not acting on his own behalf.

The board performed due diligence based on requests from a few lot owners, who discovered that Missouri State passed law in 2009 and revised in 2014, legalized golf carts on public roads. Here is what the statute says in this regard:

Missouri State statues on concerning traffic regulations

House Bill 683

Municipalities may regulate golf cart and motorized wheelchair usage on streets and highways

304.034

1. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the governing body of any municipality may by resolution or ordinance allow persons to operate golf carts or motorized wheelchairs upon any street or highway under the governing body's jurisdiction. A golf cart or motorized wheelchair shall not be operated at any time on any state or federal highway, but may be operated upon such highway in order to cross a portion of the state highway system which intersects a municipal street. No golf cart or motorized wheelchair shall cross any highway at an intersection where the highway being crossed has a posted speed limit of more than forty-five miles per hour.

2. Golf carts operated on city streets shall be equipped with adequate brakes and shall meet any other safety requirements imposed by the governing body. Golf carts are not subject to the registration provisions of chapter 301.

3. As used in this section, a "golf cart" means a motor vehicle that is designed and manufactured for operation on a golf course for sporting or recreational purposes and that is not capable of exceeding speeds of twenty miles per hour.

(L. 2009 H.B. 683)

The Board of Trustees voted to move forward with the idea of allowing golf carts by a vote of 5-2.

At the moment, Town & Country does NOT permit the use of golf carts. Other cities in and around St Louis do allow golf carts on public streets (example is Cottleville)

Policing of golf carts in Thornhill will be the responsibility of the Town and Country Police and will not be the responsibility of Thornhill's Board of Trustees or residents. However, it is our understanding that the Town and Country police supports the idea of golf carts in private neighborhoods.

The Commission directed Mr. Stevens to poll the residents of Thornhill and determine the percentage of those in favor and those opposed to the proposal.

Thornhill Board of Trustees sent a poll by email to over 150 individuals. 20% of homeowners responded (more than one response from any home was consolidated into 1 vote).

50% of the homeowners that responded were "for", 42% were "against", and 8% just made comments but were not for or against.

The Police Commission will be meeting this coming Tuesday, January 20th.

We always want to do what is best for our neighborhood and our neighbors. Accordingly, we are always interested in your opinions and want you to have any information you desire.

If you want to express your opinion on this issue further, for or against, or in greater detail (which will go to the general email for Thornhill Estates Board of Trustees) please respond to this email.

Dale Emge has been going house to house and he has requested you reply to this email even if you voiced your opinion with him.

We, the Board of Trustees, want to do the right thing supporting the homeowners in Thornhill Estates. We will bring your opinions to the Police Commission meeting but you should also feel free to attend if this issue is important to you.

If you have any questions or comments, please call Randy Stevens at 314-223-1731.

Thank you

Board of Trustees

Thornhill Estates

Here is my reply to Steven's midnight email:

From: John Hoffmann <johnhoffmann@charter.net>
To: 'Thornhill Board of Trustees' <thornhillboard@gmail.com>; aia@andersontech.com
Sent: Monday, January 19, 2015 2:34 AM
Subject: RE: Golf Carts in Thornhill Estates

I feel obligated to respond to this email on several levels.

1) I did not see anything misleading about Matt Gross' email. It seemed rather straight forward. However this email just sent out at 12:41 am on 1/19/15 is very misleading. Saying that "other cities" (implying a plural) in the St. Louis region allow golf carts on streets than then providing only "Cottleville" as the sole example is very misleading.

2) The statement that Randy Stevens appeared before the Police Commission on "behalf of the residents of Thornhill" is bullshit! I was at that September meeting. I was completely unaware of this issue, as were most of my neighbors. How can you say you appeared on behalf of the residents when the residents didn't know anything about it? This is clearly a case of Mr. Stevens appearing for the benefit of a very few and not "the residents."

3) Claiming the Board of Trustees did their "due diligence" is again a lie and hogwash. Due diligence would have included getting a traffic engineer to do a study of our streets and advise if they thought adding golf carts would be safe. Due Diligence would have included getting a legal opinion of possible liability the subdivision could face if there was a golf cart accident with serious injuries. Due Diligence would have been asking the Town and Country Director of Public Works to look at the streets and give his opinion if he thought it would be safe to add golf carts. Due Diligence would have been asking the head of the Police Department's Traffic Unit to look at the streets and give his opinion if he thought adding golf carts would be safe. Basically the board of trustees did no due diligence.

4) While the Commission told Mr. Stevens to poll the residents it was clear they wanted a vote of the homeowners and not some informal email poll. The police commission also told Mr. Stevens they would not be inclined to approve this matter and pass it along to the aldermen on a simple majority of the subdivision but wanted to see an overwhelming majority. A vote at the annual meeting was what the police commission was looking for.

5) You (the trustees) claim you want to do what is best for "our neighborhood." Would it not have been in the best interest of the neighborhood to inform everyone of this issue and actually doing a full vote by email and postcard, plus doing actual due diligence of getting traffic engineering studies and legal opinions before going to the Police Commission in September. It seems as if a very few on the board (I believe there were two no votes to even take this to the police commission in September) were pushing something for a very few homeowners while trying to keep it a secret from the majority of the homeowners.

6) Even if 80-percent of the residents wanted to have golf carts it would not change the fact that the operation of golf carts in Thornhill due narrow streets, due to view obstructions, due to the blind hillcrests and blind curves is grossly unsafe. I say this as a person who reviewed major development plans near Washington DC regarding traffic safety and commuter safety, as a person who as an assistant police chief in Maryland was a city's safety officer and risk manager, as a person who was considered an expert witness in traffic safety in courts and was flown out of town to testify in cases and who did accident scene tests prior to litigation. Golf carts on Thornhill streets are dangerous and if they are allowed there will be injuries, it is just a question of when.

7) Mr. Stevens told the police commission in September that the trustees wanted to add golf carts to "enhance socialization." I believe safety, health and welfare should be much higher on the chart for the police commission or the Board of Trustees than "enhanced socialization."

John Hoffmann
Manor Hill Road

Now Back to the January 20 Police Commission Meeting. Stevens claimed his late night email received a 16 for and 1 against response...meaning apparently my email was the only "no" vote.

Majority swings Next Matt Gross spoke and informed the police commission that he was able to combine Stevens' surveys, the resident's petition and his own email survey. He said by name or address he counted each vote just once. The combined results represented 57-percent of the homeowners. 38 or 56-percent were against golf carts and only 30 or 44-percent favored them.



Randy Stevens at the January Police Commission meeting attempting to save face after residents proved his earlier statements had been anything but truthful. Matt Gross in the fore ground waiting to speak.

Dale Emge, who went door to door with the petition chided Stevens on not trying, mentioning that a number of older residents don't have computers or email accounts. He added that a number of foreign national homeowners told him they don't like to get involved with local neighborhood issues but many thought golf carts on the streets was a bad idea.

Emge was interrupted by Mark Harter, who lives four doors up the street from Emge claiming he never saw his petition or got Matt Gross's email survey. Gross then explained several times since Harter voted on Steven's survey his vote counted. Harter had a difficult time understanding that if you voted three times and signed the petition, you only were counted once.

Then Emge had the last word.

"When you go home look on your front door where on Saturday I taped a note saying that you were not home and to call me."

Safety First: I spoke next and said much of the same things as in my email listed above. However I added some facts about golf carts.

1. There are about 15,000 golf cart accidents a year that require hospital treatment.
2. One-Third of the accident injuries involve children or teenagers.
3. Head injuries are leading injury associated with golf cart accidents.

I again said that Health, Safety and Welfare and then financial considerations should be much higher on the list for Boards of Aldermen, Police Commissions and HOA Trustees than "social enhancement through golf carts."

Another Voice: After I spoke Susan Crandall, a critical care nurse who lives north of Thornhill in the Buckland Hall subdivision and is married to a surgeon spoke. She addressed the severe trauma especially with children she has seen from golf cart accidents. She was against a golf cart ordinance being approved for any street in Town and Country. She agreed with the statistics I gave and she gave more from NHTSA.

Crandall also pointed out that according to NHTSA a common injury to small children riding in golf carts is when the child is not restrained and the golf cart makes a left turn.

THE POLICE COMMISSION VOTES: Attorney and avid golfer Allen Allred and retired businessman Don Larsen spoke at length against golf carts on subdivision streets.

Larsen twice chastised Stevens saying that without a subdivision wide vote they (Stevens and any other trustee) should not even be at the meeting.

Jim Conrad, who formerly was a fire truck dealer, spoke in favor of the golf carts saying that his condo association at the Lake of the Ozarks allows golf carts and they have never had a problem.

Dr. Martin Willman, a long term emergency room doctor then made a motion to direct the police to prepare a model ordinance to allow golf carts in subdivisions that request to be under the ordinance. Conrad seconded the motion.

The motion failed on a voice vote. When chairman Anderson not voting. This shut the door on Stevens and his buddies in Thornhill from coming back and asking again. The Police Commission voted against any ordinance that would allow any subdivision in the city to request that golf carts be allowed on streets.

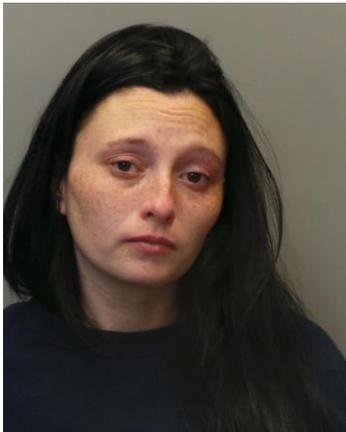
I have often said that the members of the police commission know nothing about law enforcement and are spoon fed by the police command staff and do what they are told. However this was a case where the police department did not have an interest in this matter. The police commission was professional and independent and responded by taking a vote that sent a clear message to the one or two people from Thornhill who were trying to pull a fast one on them.

AFTER THE VOTE: One member of the Thornhill Board of Trustees, who is a lawyer and a former alderwoman, was heard saying she was embarrassed by the Thornhill presentation. She apparently was referring to Stevens taking the issue to the Police Commission in September without the knowledge of the residents and then bringing it back in January without a vote from all Thornhill residents at the annual meeting as requested by the Police Commission.

HOUSEKEEPER ARRESTED FOR FELONY THEFT IN TOWN AND COUNTRY AND IN GLENDALE: This is beginning to be more like the Thornhill Subdivision newsletter than the Town and Country/Chesterfield news source. This newsletter covers an area with 58,000 people and this week a large portion of space is dedicated to an area with 120 homes.

Kalynne Graves, a 29-year-old house keeper was arrested by Town and Country Police on January 16, 2015 for the felony theft of jewelry from a house at 1807 Nettlecreek Drive in the Thornhill subdivision. The theft occurred prior to Christmas but was not discovered until after the holidays.

On January 13 the Glendale Police had developed Graves as a suspect in a theft of jewelry from a house Moreland Ave. The Glendale Police investigation found evidence of the jewelry from the house on Nettlecreek being sold. The jewelry apparently had been melted down by a gold buyer but photos were taken at the time of the purchase.



Graves of 1529 Louisville in St. Louis (63139) was arrested right after Christmas in 2003 by Chesterfield Police for forgery. She was indicted in 2004 and later pled guilty that same year. She was placed on probation and ordered to repay the money taken. She did make three payments, but her probation was revoked twice. Once in 2007 Graves served a "shock" 30 day sentence in the County Jail and then released back on probation. That probation was revoked in 2009. On February 26, 2009 she was sentenced to one year in jail. She is now awaiting formal charges from the cases in Glendale and Town and Country

DEER REPORT IS IN: Here is the report from White Buffalo with the number of deer killed in each ward during the January 2015 lethal deer management operation.

RESULTS

The entire data set generated from harvested deer is represented in the spreadsheet entitled "City of Town and Country - Deer Harvest: 1-10 January 2015. The overall harvest demographics are summarized in Table 1. Harvest by day is summarized in Table 2. Harvest breakdown based on Ward is summarized in Table 3. We expended 195 person-hours for the sharpshooting activities (100 deer harvested) resulting in 1.95 person hours per deer harvested. This was a ~37% decrease over the previous year effort (3.1 person hours per deer). Weather conditions and the addition of several new properties are directly attributable to the increase in efficiency this year.

Table 1. Sex and age class of deer harvested in Town and Country, Missouri from 1-10 January 2015.

AGE	# MALE (%)	# FEMALE (%)	# COMBINED
Yearling/Adult	32 (32%)*	30 (30%)	62 (62%)
Fawns	26 (26%)	12 (12%)	38 (38%)
Total	58 (58%)	42 (42%)	100 (100%)

*One adult male had shed its antlers due to poor physical condition

Table 2. Number of deer harvested by day during the 9 days of field operations.

DATE	# Harvested	DATE	# Harvested	DATE	# Harvested
1/1/15	16	1/4/15	13	1/8/15	6
1/2/15	9	1/5/15	11	1/9/15	8
1/3/15	13	1/6/15	9	1/10/15	15

Table 3. Deer harvest by Ward

Ward	# Harvested
1	14 (14%)
2	45 (45%)
3	31 (31%)
4	10 (10%)

DISCUSSION

The reduction in acreage requirement, from 5 to 2 acres, benefitted the program by the inclusion of 4 new properties. Deer harvest on these properties accounted for 36% of the total harvest. Two of these properties should help mitigate deer vehicle collisions in areas know to be problematic; one along South Outer Forty Road and the other along Clayton Road, north of Queeny Park. The remaining two will benefit the residents in the north east quadrant of the municipality.

Management efforts in Ward 1 benefited from the inclusion of an additional point of access resulting in the harvest of 14 deer. Ward 2 continued to produce the highest removal numbers accounting for 45% of the harvest while contributing only 31% of the available access. Harvest results in Ward 3 increased 11% over the previous year and were directly attributable to the inclusion of a new point of access. Two sites, in Ward 4, accounted for 10% of the total harvest.

Harvest results from specific sites ranged from a high of 16 deer to a low of 3 for sites where effort was exerted. Five sites showed substantial deer activity but were never accessed before the allotted number of permits was exhausted.

Overall the program would benefit from the inclusion of access along Topping Road. During the distance sampling survey numerous deer were sighted along Topping Road between Topping Estates Drive N and Topping Way Drive.

DEER CENSUS: The deer census was taken after the 100 deer were killed. The census procedure is far from exact. Deer are counted when they are observed by a spotlight from a slow moving pickup truck. If the deer or in woods well off the road or shielded behind houses they are not counted. The census does not count deer in Queeny Park that make their way back and forth across Mason Road daily. It also did not count deer in Creve Coeur that travel across North Mason regularly.

The day after the end of the shooting...I counted five deer along Mason Road at the south end of Queeny Park and five more just inside the gate to Thornhill Estates.

Here are the census sampling results: Number/Type/Distance-Yards from surveyor/location

4	2AF/2Fawn	104	12715 Clayton
4	1AM/1Unk	78	Clayton/Wexford Woods
3	1AF/2Fawn	73	Clayton/Topping
5	2AF/3Fawn	188	Principia
2	2AF (tagged 113 & 10?)	38	Tammany/Clayton
3	1YM/1AF/1Fawn	25	Tammany/Clayton
5	2AF/3Fawn	85	1215 Tammany
5	5Unk	92	1208 Tammany
4	3AF/1Fawn (2 tagged)	104	Tammany/Hawkshead
2	2AM	69	1266 Topping
2	2Unk	103	Topping/Topping Meadows
1	1AF	90	Topping/Topping Estates
6	3AF/3Fawn	37	Topping/Topping Estates
1	1YM	46	12930 Topping
2	1AF/1Unk	64	Post Oak
1	1Fawn	27	Post Oak
1	1Unk	106	12843 Topping Manor
4	2AF/2Fawn	55	12980 Thornhill
1	1AM	49	13423 Thornhill
3	1AF/2Fawn	105	Van Courtland Place
2	2Fawn	50	13694 Peacock Farm
2	2Unk	230	Mason Knoll/Feather Stone
2	2Unk	120	1544 Mason
3	1AF/2Fawn	5	Mason Heights

3	1AF/2Fawn	17	Kings Glen
1	1YM	58	Kings Glen
3	1AF/2Fawn	66	Williamsburg Est
3	1AF/2Fawn	151	13650 Clayton
2	1AF/1Fawn	40	Clayton/Chatsworth
6	2AF/4Fawn	23	17 Summerhill
3	1AF/2Fawn	22	21 Brookmill
3	1AF/2Fawn	135	12 Brookmill
1	1AM	91	1 Brookmill
2	2Unk	143	Woodstone Ct
6	6Unk (antlerless)	145	233 Pebbleacres
1	1Fawn	103	Delvin

1	1YM	66	1201 Tammany
3	1AF/2Fawn	122	1240 Tammany
5	3AF/2Fawn (2 Tagged)	58	1261 Tammany
2	2Fawn	25	1230 Topping
6	3AF/3Fawn	69	1230 Topping
1	1YM	5	1230 Topping
1	1Unk	134	1230 Topping
3	1AF/2Fawn	43	12949 Topping Est
3	2AF/1Fawn	61	12903 Topping Est
6	4 AM/1Fawn	31	Post Oak
2	2Fawn	26	1533 Topping
2	1AF/1Fawn	72	1746 Topping
1	1Unk	83	Topping/Thornhill
3	1AF/2Fawn	46	1865 Wood Mark
1	1Unk	80	1865 Wood Mark
1	1Fawn	59	Mason Valley/Mason Rd
2	1AF/1YM	49	13688 Peacock Farm
2	2Unk	84	1562 Mason
2	1AF/1Fawn	10	1337 Mason
2	1AF/1Fawn	23	1337 Mason
1	1AF (Tagged)	40	1337 Mason
2	1AF/1Fawn	17	Mason/Lochnivar
2	1Unk/1Fawn	65	13550 Kings Glenn
2	2Unk	15 148	6 Summer Hill

2	1AF/1Fawn	25	2 Brookmill
1	1AM	69	Conway Village
2	1AM/1YM	68	312 Babbler
2	1AF/1Fawn	43	300 Babbler
2	1AM	42	166 Babbler
1	1Fawn	1	Babbler/Ladue
1	1AF	14	Ladue/Pebble Acres
2	1AF/1Fawn	101	345 Sun Way
1	1Unk	65	357 Sun Way
3	1AF/2Fawn	50	T&C Est
3	1AF (Tagged)/1YM/1Unk	87	T&C Est
3	1AF/2Fawn	97	T&C Est
1	1AF (Tagged)	25	985 Delvin
1	1AF (Tagged)	97	985 Delvin

8	3AF/5Fawns	43	Municipal Center
8	3AF/5Fawns	29	Principia
1	1AM	90	Tammany/Clayton
3	1YM/2Fawn	19	Tammany/Clayton
2	1AF/1Fawn	40	Tammany/Thornfield
4	2AF/2Fawn	130	Topping/Est
6	2AF/4Fawn	16	Topping Est
6	3AF/3Fawn	83	Topping Est
1	1YM	48	Post Oak
3	1AF/2Fawn	40	1533 Topping
2	2Fawn	22	Thornhill Est
2	2Unk	114	Thornhill Est/High Oak
5	5Unk	90	1816 Woodmark
3	3AF (2 Tagged)	73	1816 Woodmark
1	1AF (Tagged)	80	1616 Featherstone
4	4Unk	109	Featherstone/Mason Knoll
1	1Fawn	38	Mason Rd/Queeny
3	1AF/2Fawn (1 Tagged)	48	1359 Mason
2	1AF/1Fawn	35	Mason/King Glen
3	1AF/2Fawn	29	1233 Kings Glen
4	1AF/2Fawn/1Unk	58	Kings Glen/Royal Glen
4	1YM/3Unk	83	Williamsburg Est

1	1AF	100	Williamsburg Est
1	1Unk	111	Clayton/Longview
3	3Unk	45	1370 Clayton
2	1AF/1Fawn	11	24 Brookmill
3	1AF/2Fawn	70	North Mill
1	1Fawn	65	574 Conway Village
1	1AF	64	312 Babbler
2	2Fawn	74	300 Babbler
1	1AF	28	276 Babbler
4	2AF/2Fawn	55	Babbler/Ladue
2	1AF/1Fawn	45	311 Sunway
1	1AM	88	Conway/Sunway
3	1AF/2Fawn	113	912 T&C Est
1	1Fawn	70	Amersham/40
4	2AF/2Fawn (1 Tagged)	26	991 Delvin

Town and Country City Administrator Gary Hoelzer, who as assistant police chief got stuck dealing with the deer management program, has retained control. He is optimistic after this year's operation.

"White Buffalo's distance sampling estimates indicate that our overall population is just under 37 (36.9) deer per square mile, down from last year's estimate of 43. This year's numbers were impacted by two primary areas (1) Topping Road, and (2) Tammany and Clayton. From their distance sampling it appears we have made progress in Mason Valley, Thornhill, and Mason Road to the south; as well as on the western side of Conway Road.

Our increased access to properties will hopefully result in fewer collisions and fewer complaints. Of the deer culled, 29 were removed from areas that feed the eastbound I-64/South Outer 40 corridor. This will hopefully have an effect on lowering the number of crashes on the outer road and interstate."

When I looked at the census two things concerned me. First was that eight deer were counted three doors from my house. Last week after coming home after midnight there were three deer standing next to my front door. Also the eight deer counted on Municipal Center Drive in a group tell me there will be more accidents on I-270 and I-64 despite Gary Hoelzer's hopes.

Deer Sex Discrimination Ends: For several years the primary target during the lethal deer management was does since they were giving birth to two and three fawns a years. Also the two years sterilizations were done it was only hysterectomies and not castrations. However Bucks were just as dangerous or more so, causing auto accidents and vegetation destruction, plus they can carry deer ticks with Lymes Disease just as well as the females. For the last three years 54% to 58% of the deer shot have been males.

TOWN AND COUNTRY DOCTOR HIT WITH \$48,671 JUDGMENT:

Speaking of things happening in the Thornhill subdivision. Dr. Abid Nisar in 2012 pled guilty in Federal Court for importing misbranded and mislabeled cancer drugs from the Middle East (Turkey and other countries) and then billing Medicare for American drugs. He was fined \$25,000 and ordered to pay the United States \$1,000,336 for the fraudulent billing. The State of Illinois stripped him of his medical license for two years. The Missouri Healing Arts Board suspended his license from March 2013 to March 2014. Nisar is currently on a five-year probation term with the Mo. Healing Arts Board.

On September 15, 2014 a St. Louis County Circuit judge entered a judgment against Nidar for \$48,671 in connection with a lawsuit filed Nexgen Healthcare Information Systems of Irvine, California. According to computer court records the judgment has not been paid.

There is also a personal injury malpractice lawsuit against Nidar, filed in 2012 that is still working its way through the St. Louis County Circuit Court. And there is another malpractice suit filed in Edwardsville, Illinois alleging Nidar misdiagnosed a patient with leukemia and then gave her the falsely labeled cancer medicine.

Nidar lives in a 10,000 square foot plus home at 13300 Thornhill Drive that neighbors refer to as the Thornhill Marriott.



Nisar was two months late on his 2011 real estate taxes and has not paid \$29,011 for 2014 real estate taxes.

Last Friday the supplier to Nisar of the mislabeled drugs, some containing mold and water, pled guilty in Federal Court. Sabahaddin Akman of Turkey was fined \$150,000 and ordered for forfeit another \$150,000,

SECOND STOLEN CAR FROM HOME ON MASON GROVE

RECOVERED: On January 5 at 1 am while the residents were home at least two men broke into their home on Mason Grove Lane off of S. Mason Road. The two stole electronics and two cars. The first car was recovered nine days later after a short police chase in North St. Louis at Enright Street and Belt Avenue.

Now the other car has been recovered. The second car, a 2008 gold Lexus SUV, was recovered on January 18 at 12:30 in the afternoon parked and unoccupied on Lexington Avenue near Arlington in North St. Louis.

WARD THREE RACE DOWN TO TWO CANDIDATES: Bernie Zyk, from Wheatfield Farms subdivision who first filed to run against the official "windbag" of the board of aldermen Fred Meyland-Smith. He was joined on the ballot in January when Mary Steward filed. Zyk and Steward then met and Bernie decided to withdraw and support Mary in the attempt to unseat Meyland-Smith. We will have more information on Steward in next week's newsletter.

UNAPPROVED CHESTERFIELD NEWSLETTER 107



January 27, 2015

NANCY GREENWOOD, A FORMER MAYOR AND CURRENT COUNCILWOMAN, IS THE ONLY INCUMBENT TO HAVE OPPOSITION AND LOTS OF IT:

Up to the last day for filing the city elections in Chesterfield looked like they were going to be a snooze. Nobody was opposed. By the end of the final day for filing on January 20 that changed for one incumbent and I can't understand why.



Nancy Greenwood

The former mayor and current Ward 1 councilwoman Nancy Greenwood in the last 18 months has squeezed a nickel harder than anyone on the city council looking after taxpayer money. Nancy was the only "no" vote then the Council voted to spend \$2,000 to hire a lobbyist over the Sales tax Pool issue with the state legislature, saying it was a "waste of money." It turned out she was right.

She and Barry Flachsbart voted against natural gas powered trucks for the public works department because they would be refueled at the Parkway School District pumps, where residents from the Green Trails subdivision in her ward have been complaining about too much early morning noise.

On public safety and welfare, Nancy was the councilperson who made the an amendment to the budget to add two more police SROs to increase coverage from two officers to four for the 13 elementary schools in the city. This was a reverse in her strong fiscal responsibility position, but it dealt with children's safety.

Nancy has also shown a record to make developers follow code and not give them special breaks.

So with this record it was quite a surprise to find not one, but two people who filed against her in the last four hours before the close of the month long filing period.

Here are the opponents:

Harvey J. Rosenberg of 217 S. Green Trails

Harvey and his wife have lived in Green Trails for a long time, over 30 years and they drive a 25-year-old Toyota Camry and a 12 year old Nissan.

Rosenberg is a trustee of the Green Trails subdivision common ground.



Rosenberg was at the City Council agenda meeting on Wednesday January 21. With the meeting moved to the middle of the week both Ward 1 councilpersons Nancy Greenwood and Barry Flachsbart were absent. Despite having the incumbent missing, Mayor Nation asked Rosenberg if he had anything to say. The first thing he said seemed to take a shot at Greenwood and Flachsbart.

"One of the reasons I'm running is because my wife wants me out of the house, but really I want to reinstall some positive thinking coming out of Ward 1."

Rosenberg then finished trying to crack funny.

"I need to go some place to wear new ties. Also the number of Christmas Cards I keep getting is going down. If I get elected it might increase. "

After the agenda meeting I spoke with Rosenberg and learned he is more of a pro-development person than both Greenwood and Flachsbart.

"You need sales tax dollars to have good "Quality of Life" services," he said.

A rather senior Rosenberg indicated he wants to get the youth more involved.

"We need young people involved in the Ward 1 community," he said.

Maybe Rosenberg will have a campaign kickoff featuring a hip-hop band trying to get those young people involved.

Traditionally younger people are busy with jobs, kids, kids' school activities and their own social calendar meaning municipal politics usually don't have a place to fit in. If Rosenberg can change that, more power to him, but I don't see that happening.

Rosenberg, who wants to show off his ties and get young people involved in the community, missed an opportunity. He left after the agenda meeting and did not stay for the the regular meeting which lasted 12 minutes. In the audience were two boy scouts working on a merit badge and a mom.

You have to wonder how serious Harvey is. He filed to run eight minutes before the 5 o'clock deadline. Getting stuck in traffic and being involved in a minor accident would have meant no race for Harvey.

James G. Brown of 213 West Manor

Brown filed under the name of Jim Brown, maybe hoping to get either the vote of any University of Syracuse alums, or Cleveland Brown fans or fans of the movie "I'm Gonna to Git You Sucka" in Ward 1.

With a common name like James Brown it is hard to do too much web based searching, but I can tell you that Brown and his wife bought their house off of White Road in 2005 and they own three Hondas.

Brown was missing from the January 21 City Council meeting.

WARD TWO CANDIDATE GETS HUGS AND CONGRATULATIONS...TWO AND HALF MONTHS BEFORE THE ELECTION. Bridget Nations, the wife of former mayor John Nations, was greeted with hugs and statements of congratulations by council members at the agenda meeting, since no one filed to run against her. The election is not a done deal, a write-in candidate can file up to 10-days before the election.

"I am looking forward to a new challenge," said Nations in response to Mayor Bob Nation who asked if she wanted to say a few words. She said exactly eight words.



Unopposed candidate Bridget Nations stayed for the whole meeting. In the forefront are two boy scouts that Harvey Rosenberg failed to contact to try and get them involved even more with the community.

I WAS UNAWARE THAT FOOTBALL WAS PART OF CITY BUSINESS: The screen on Elliot Grissom' city issued computer tablet show he had been watching/reading a football fan website. I don't believe anything about the NFL was on the evening's short agenda,



Elliot Grissom's tablet's screen. Football anyone?

AN IMPROPER VOTE OR THE RETURN OF THE INVISIBLE MAN: At the January 5th meeting of the Chesterfield City Council, Boy Councilman Derek "Grizzly" Grier was a no show...or so we thought.

At the Wednesday January 21 meeting Councilpersons Barry Flachsabrt and Nancy Greenwood were absent...Grier managed to make that meeting, leaving a council of six. When Mayor Nation called for a vote to approve the minutes of the January 5 meeting Grier voted "Aye." Mayor Nation then announced the vote was 6-0.

That was an interesting vote since Grier did not seem to have been there on January 5. But perhaps the reason that Grier is not running for reelection is because he is developing an ability to become invisible, much like Claude Raines did in 1931. Maybe he was at the January 5 meeting, but nobody knew it. It was also interesting that Mayor Nation counted Grier's vote since Grier's absence on January 5 represented the first delay to the attempts to overturn Nation's four vetoes of parts of the 2015 budget.



Derek Grier trying to hide part of his grizzly beard and Claude Raines, as the invisible man who had to use gauze for people to see where he was.

THE ATTEMPT TO OVERTURN THE VETOES IS AGAIN POSTPONED...As we reported in our last newsletter Barry Flachsbart and Nancy Greenwood would be out of town and not present at the January 21 meeting. Derek Grier whose absence on January 5 caused a continuance since the Council wants as many members present while searching for six votes to overturn a veto, moved to continue the veto challenges to the February 2 meeting. The motion passed 6-0. This caused a comment from the man making the vetoes, Mayor Nation.

"This is the second time it has been held (continued). In fairness to everyone, I hope it is the last time we hold (continue) these (veto challenges)."

RESTAURANT REVIEW: Winfield's Gathering Place A new restaurant opened Monday January 19th in the old Bread Co store at 10312 Manchester in the shopping center at the southwest corner of Manchester Road and Woodlawn in Kirkwood. We were there at 2:15 to try lunch. The restaurant is owned by Mark Winfield and former Cardinal centerfielder Jim Edmonds.



It is located perfectly to draw in wealthy dinners. It is just a couple of blocks from Warson Woods and Glendale. It is near the south portion of Ladue, around the corner from the affluent village limits of Huntliegh and not far from the southeastern portion of Frontenac. A great recipe for success...being surrounded by rich people. Now the challenge is for the food to be good enough to bring them back.

After reading a piece in the Riverfront Times that showed various menu items, I decided to do lunch at Winfield's Gathering Place on Opening Day, January 19. I never found a problem with food on the first day of the baseball season at any ball park I was at. That would not be the case at Winfield's, despite the fact they had been doing run-throughs for four days, including a soft opening for a charity event.

The dining room was a combination of tables on wheels so the room could be reconfigured in minutes, booths and bar stools at the kitchen counter. The bar side had high tables and bar stools. Of course there were plenty of wide screen-TVs.



As I was picking three sides and an appetizer to order my wife decided we should split something. It is impossible to ask a waitress what is the most popular item three hours after the place opened for the first time.

It was decided there would be an order of buttermilk battered onion rings (\$7). The sides would be sautéed green beans, Potatoes Au Gratin (\$4) and "Grandmother's" slaw (\$3). The main order would be the Brisket French Dip (\$12).

Just to let you know, the cheeseburger is \$10.50...add bacon and it is \$12. An award winning hamburger at O'Connell's is \$5.75, \$6.50 for a cheeseburger.



In all fairness my wife and I had eaten three onion rings before I remembered to snap the photo. The Buttermilk Onion Rings are handmade, fresh dipped to order. They were good, but a little too greasy. The onion rings just become the first layer of grease in my stomach for the afternoon. A medium fresh made Onion Ring order three miles west on Manchester at Cheeburger Cheeburger is just \$4.69.

The sautéed green beans were good, but not as good as the Brick Top's green beans. My wife liked the Cole Slaw a lot. I wasn't crazy about it. The Au Gratin potatoes arrived in their own little cast iron skillet. And they were cold.



As good reviewers we did not mention anything, but when a member of the management team asked us how everything was we could not help but mention that the potatoes were cold. She took them away and hot potatoes arrived a few minutes later with something different...two little plastic cups of chives and another dressing which could be added to the potatoes but were missing from our first cold order.

I like almost any kind of potato. The best Au Gratin potatoes I have ever had were in a restaurant in Basel Switzerland. I have never had anything close to them in the United States or anywhere else. I liked the hot potatoes at Winfield's, but they like the onion rings were extra greasy, thanks to too much butter and not enough cheese.

Next was the Brisket French Dip, which my wife and I were going to split. The fact that I was having trouble using a steak knife cutting the sandwich in half was not a good sign.



The bread was soggy and while the meat was tender enough for brisket it was missing one thing...taste.

The other thing that was amusing was that normally with a French Dip you can dip a portion of the sandwich into a large cup of the au jus. That was not the case here. If you look to the rear of the plate you will see how the au jus arrived in a small plastic cup which was impossible to stick any part of the sandwich into.

The co-owner and namesake Mark Winfield stopped at our table and asked us for our opinions. I pointed out the au jus container issue and he immediately said that was a mistake, it was supposed to arrive in a bowl. When I mentioned the brisket needed some taste, which perhaps the au jus could have added, he took a friendly exception and told me how their brisket won 15 awards at BBQ competitions. He then back tracked when he realized that the restaurant's "French Dip Brisket" was different from their regular "brisket." He brought over two strips of meat that are served with the regular brisket sandwich. It had a lot more flavor.

But it is strange that the place has two different looking and tasting meats that are both sold as "brisket."

The service was fine with one exception. At first it seemed like we were back in Maryland having lunch in Baltimore. Our waitress (who is not from Baltimore) called my wife "Hon." That is a very common moniker for customers in Baltimore. But when our

waitress called my wife "hon" for the fourth time it was getting old. I have a feeling that for some future customers from the Central Snoburbia areas of Ladue and Frontenac even one "hon" might be one too many.

Honestly if I wanted lunch and was on Manchester Road near Woodlawn, I would probably head south on Kirkwood Road for a burger at the One-19 North or go north to Brick Top's at Plaza Frontenac or go east to either the Charcoal House or Faratto's in Rock Hill.

LONG TIME KIRKWOOD RESTAURANT GOES OUT OF BUSINESS: In the same shopping center as the new Winfield's Gathering Place, was for the last 40 years the 11-Mile House. It is no more. While the outside sign was still lit last week drawing people to the door, there was no one home as restaurant and bar closed for good on January 16.



The 11-Mile House was all lit up but the door was locked.

MEDIA WATCH: The excellent restaurant critic formerly of the Riverfront Times and now of the Post-Dispatch had an online blurb about Winfield's a Gathering Place. He moved it from Kirkwood to Glendale by transposing the address from 10312 Manchester to 10132 Manchester Road. A reader left a comment and the address was corrected. Also it was mentioned that the restaurant was within walking distance of the owner's homes. That mention is now gone completely.

The restaurant is located 10 blocks from Mark Winfield's home in Warson Woods, but is 4.7 miles from Edmunds' house in eastern Ladue north of I-64 and close to Clayton Road. Of course perhaps Jim is a walking fanatic and enjoys walking down McKnight to Old Warson with no sidewalks and then hoofing it to Woodlawn.

MUSIC: Wednesday at Sasha's



Joe Bayer, Chris Swan, Jim Manley and Arlin Strader

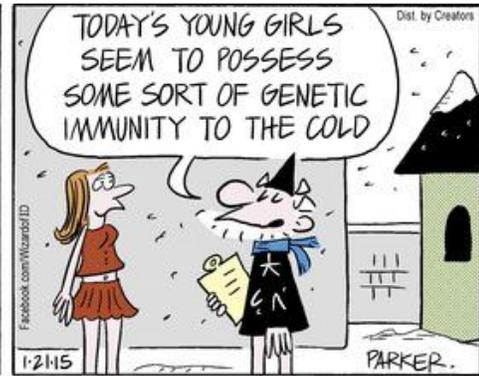
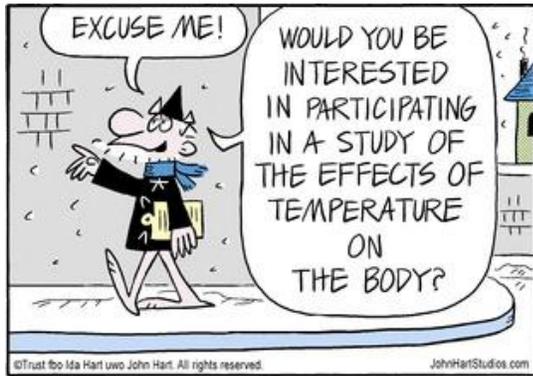
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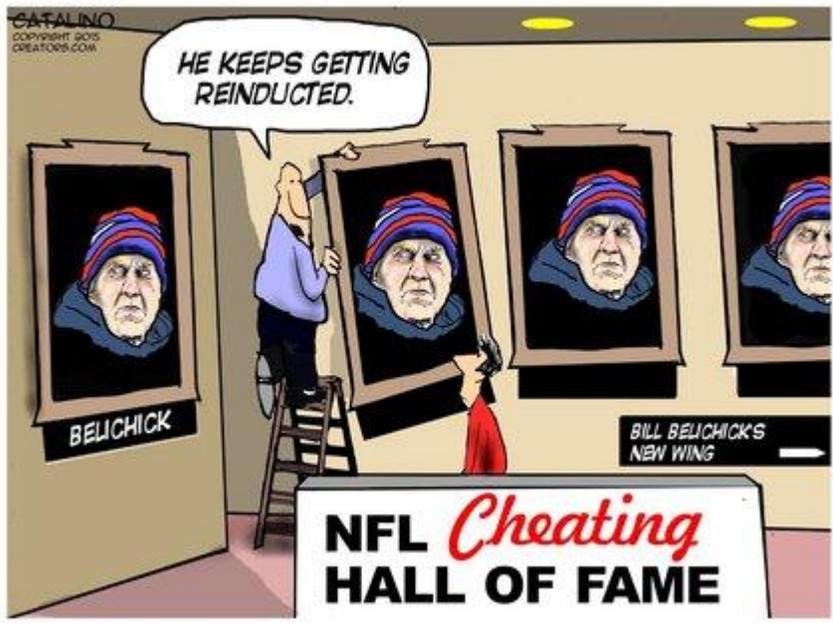


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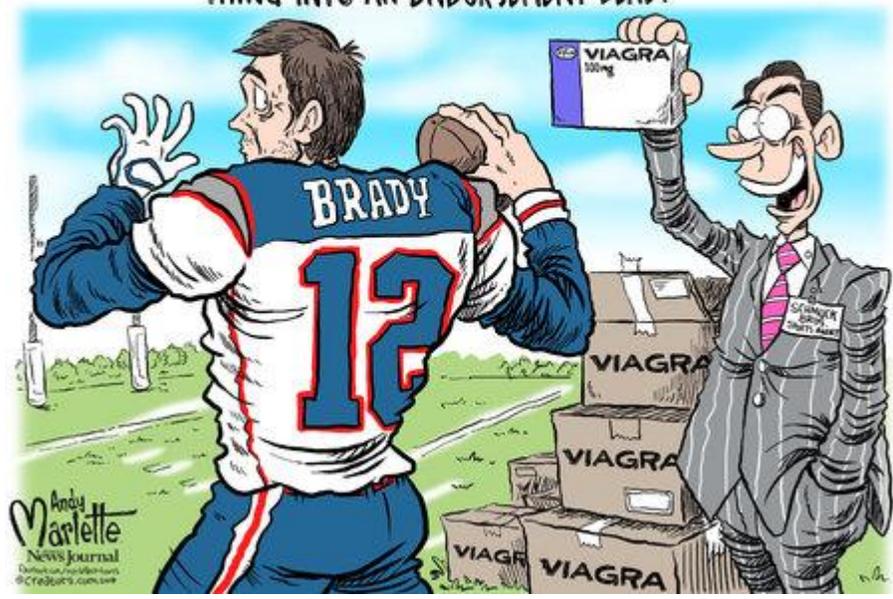
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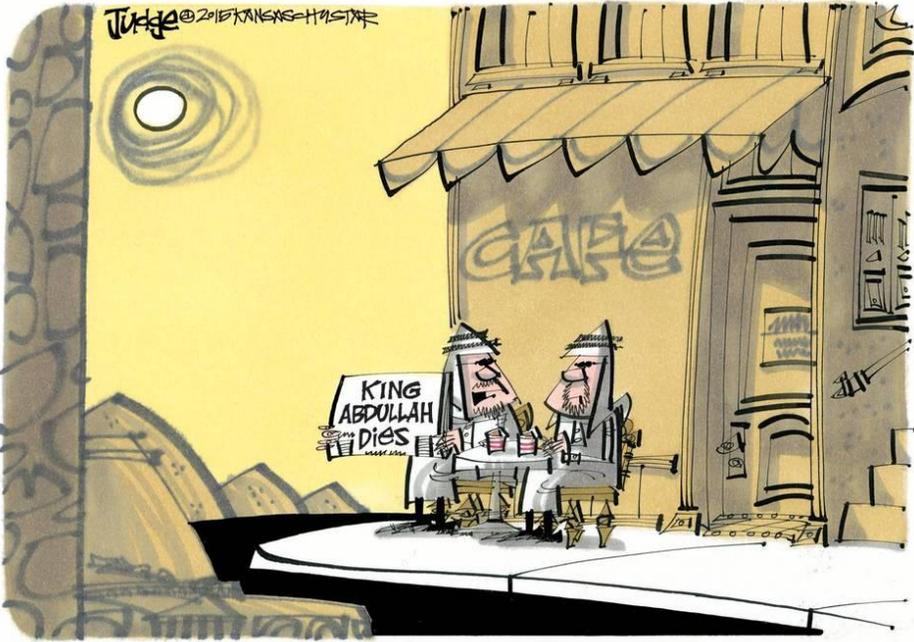






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