

EX ALDERMAN NEWSLETTER 78

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By John Hoffmann

NEWSLETTER IS GOING ON VACATION: This newsletter will be taking a vacation and will return at the end of the month. Please be advised our house will not be empty. Besides being guarded by two dogs, a well armed County Police officer's mom will be house-sitting. We hope to have some interesting reading for you by the end of March.



The newsletters staff will be enjoying English civility on the Queen Elizabeth.

NEW CITY CLERK GOES ACROSS THE HALL FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT:

This is an impressive jump. Ashley McNamara, who was the city's lone police clerk, was introduced at the last February Town and Country Board of Aldermen meeting as the new City Clerk. Ashley will replace Pam Burdt who is retiring on March 9 after 19 years as a city employee and 16 years as city clerk. This is frankly an impressive jump from a member of the police clerical staff to a position of a city official.



Outgoing city clerk, Pam Burdt (left) and new city clerk Ashley McNamara (center) talked with Ald. Phil Behnen, before the start of the February 25 agenda meeting.

IN THE WORDS OF LOU GRANT...SHE HAS SPUNK: Alderman Chuck Lenz and I were sitting in the back row at a Planning and Zoning Agenda Meeting. It was Pam Burdt's last meeting of any kind as City Clerk and Ashley was there. Ashley was being proactive and personally handing out agendas.

"I'm sure you two will want to follow along with the teacher," was her comment as she handed us agendas.

DALTON HAS BEEN RAISING OUT OF TOWN MONEY AT OUT OF TOWN FUND RAISERS SINCE 2010: Back in 2009 I figured I dropped more than \$7,000 to lose to Dalton in the mayor's race. At the time I figured he spent about \$13,000 to give him that nice 80% cushion.

You might think someone running for office in a suburb would raise money in that suburb. You might think that...but not if you are Jonathan F. Dalton, lawyer, lobbyist and mayor of Town and Country. Dalton has managed to raise money from in two different non-election years from people and companies that could use his influence and his position, but not a dime from anyone actually in Town and Country.

2010 So imagine my surprise when I examined his April 2010 campaign expense report. He claimed he spent \$22,856, but only received \$16,056 in contributions. He then rounded off the difference and claimed he was in debt for \$5,000 as of January 1, 2010.

In the first three months of 2010 Mayor/Cigarette Lobbyist/Snatching of Widow's Property by Eminent Domain Jon Dalton held a fundraiser not in Town and Country but at The Racquet Club at 476 North Kingshighway. He spent \$1,040 for the racquet Club. Beside the \$600 he raised in cash contributions under \$100 he also raised other tidy sums over \$100.

\$500 Adbar Company, LLC 705 Olive St. Louis 63101 (now located in Clayton...
I have no idea what they do as they don't have a company website)
\$200 Barry T. Cervantes 52 Westmoreland Place 63108
\$200 Randall B. Delkus 12510 Ridgefield Des Peres...Mr. Delkus is closely associated
With the JCA Cedars Nursing Facility in Town and Country
\$500 Delmar Gardens Management Services 14805 North Outer 40 Chesterfield MO
\$1,000 Reliant Care management Co., LLC Webster Groves
\$250 ES Medical Consulting, Inc. St. Louis MO 63129
\$250 James Giardina 11 Country Life Acres
\$300 Gabe Grossberg 9 Winding Brook Lane Ladue
\$500 Johnston & Associates, Inc. Jefferson City

\$1,000 Robert J. Meyer 9201 Watson Road Crestwood
\$400 Terry Thomas 4508 Tama St. Louis 63128
\$250 Scott Underwood 1745 Horseshoe Ridge Road Chesterfield MO
\$250 Sequell, LLC 50 South Bemiston Clayton MO (Republican Political consulting)
\$350 Thomas Zupon 18 West Brentmoor Park Clayton MO (construction and Development)
\$250 TNC Investors, LLC Philadelphia PA (Then owner of Town and Country Crossing Shopping Center)

This list has no one giving Dalton money from inside the city limits of Town and Country. Several operated businesses in Town and Country and having a friend in the mayor's office might be a good idea, but they are not actually located in Town and Country.

2012: 2012 saw another fundraiser for Dalton at the Racquet in the central West end of St. Louis. This time the cost was \$1,243. Dalton continued to claim to be carrying a \$5,000 debt. Apparently none of the money raised in 2010 went to paying off the debt.

In the first quarter of 2012 Dalton raised \$3,725. Guess what ...none of that went to paying off the debt which was still at \$5,000 in 2013.

Here is something else Dalton was consistent with...none of the reported money raised in 2012 came from Town and Country sources.

\$500 Stephen Bahm 5025 Griffin Road St. Louis CO 63128
\$200 Gus Cervetto 647 Trade Center Blvd Chesterfield MO (construction)
\$500 Gabe Grossberg 9 Winding Brook Lane Ladue
\$200 Dave Ganz 255 Pennington Lane Chesterfield MO
\$500 Regis Hillow Orlando, Florida
\$250 Bradley Pittenger 19 Thorndell Richmond Heights MO
\$200 Jim Souers 1 City Place Creve Coeur MO
\$500 Michael Shanahan, Jr. 1165 Greystone Manor Parkway Chesterfield MO
\$150 Scott Underwood 1745 Horseshoe Ridge Rd Chesterfield MO

The April 2012 report allegedly signed and filed with the St. Louis County Board of election Commissioners by Dalton campaign treasurer Karen A. Yess was in fact faxed to the Election Board from the law offices of Lewis-Rice. Yess is not associated with Lewis-Rice. Dalton is a partner at the firm.

2013: MISSING CONTRIBUTIONS...On Friday February 15 Dalton held a two-hour campaign fund raiser party at the law office of Republican Committeeman Mark Dunn.

On February 21, 2013 a campaign finance report that had only one entry, dated Feb. 1, 2013. It was for \$1,649 on in-kind contribution from Lewis-Rice the law firm where Dalton is a partner. That's a lot of stamps and paper clips.

However there were no contributions listed for his February 15 fundraiser party or expenses for food and entertainment.

This was a 40-day before election report. This contributions and expenses are supposed to be listed. The incomplete report was once again signed by Karen Yess, but faxed from Lewis-Rice. Maybe use of the office fax machine should be counted as an "in-kind" contribution.

The fact the latest report is incomplete should not be a big surprise. Dalton had two warning letters in his file at the Election Board for failing to fail a quarterly report and an amended report.

AN ADMISSION OF GUILT IN ELLISVILLE: The battle between the first year mayor and political newcomer Adam Paul in Ellisville and the City Council plus City Attorney that was reported in our Special Newsletter continues. With the mayor currently suspended, on Wednesday March 6 the Council is expected to vote on hiring a public relations firm. Things are looking so bad with not only the local residents but the St. Louis area public in general over the trumped up charges the city council has filed to impeach 32-year-old mayor and political novice Adam Paul. Paul was elected 11 months ago on a platform of being against giving a TIF to Wal Mart to build a new store on Manchester Road at Clarkson Road.

Recently the Missouri History Museum hired a well known St. Louis PR firm after it was reported how the Museum had squandered tax money on a real estate purchase of contaminated land belonging to board member and former St. Louis mayor Freeman Bosley and giving extravagant salaries and benefits to the former director Robert Archibald.

When you have to hire a PR firm to handle all the bad press you have basically already admitted you are guilty.

In the case of Ellisville the PR firm Casey Communications will be hired.

ANOTHER BIG CROWD: The last Town and Country Board of Aldermen meeting for February was not anything like recent Ellisville city Council meetings, where the cops have to keep the overflow crowd out. Actually a week later the crowd at a Planning and Zoning meeting filled about half of the board chamber.



IS JOHN DIEHL ON A DIET OR JUST WAITING FOR THE GOOD STUFF: This just in from Jefferson City, State Rep. John Diehl, who last year accepted \$4950 in free food, gifts and tickets from lobbyists must be on a diet. In January of 2013, one of the greediest state representatives of 2012 accepted a mere \$17.21 meal from the cable industry's lobbyist. His staff got two meals totaling \$14.

Recently Craig Cheatham on KMOV did a story on an Illinois lawmaker who despite getting a \$100-plus a day per diem had accepted over \$2,600 in free meals from lobbyists. I laughed...a mere \$2,600 in free stuff...that is nothing compared to the Missouri floor majority leader, John Diehl of Town and Country.



I wrote to Cheatham pointing out that Diehl raked in \$4950 in food and gifts from lobbyists in 2012. Plus Diehl has raised over \$1,000,000 in campaign contributions to run unopposed since 2008.

Diehl is paid \$36,000 a year for the four-month legislative session plus \$98.10 per diem for food and lodging. Guess what that comes out to just under \$500 a week to try and survive on in Jefferson City, where hotel rooms at the "government rate" should still leave \$35 a day for food.

In January of 2012 Diehl accepted \$2,660 in food and gifts from lobbyists, including a nice winter trip to San Diego that included meals valued at \$70, \$100 and \$155. His

total in free meals for January of 2012 came to \$391.20. Do I think that Diehl is suddenly avoiding lobbyists and their gifts? No. I think he must be on a diet.

THE SURVEY SAYS...THE SESSION IS OVER AND I JUST WASTED A LOT OF MONEY: I thought it was more than a little odd when I received a Legislative Survey from John Diehl in the last week of February. Diehl seemed rather insincere in his desire to get my opinion. Instead of getting my opinion on issues before the start of the 2013 Legislative Session, he sent out the survey half way through the session.

By the time Diehl would get the surveys back and tabulate the results the four-month long session will be over.

NO FEBRUARY ACTION AS CITY FAILED TO ENFORCE THE ORDINANCES FOR THREE WEEKS: The illegal billboard a contractor erected on Topping Road at South Topping Estates in the first week of February finally came down on March 1 or three weeks after it went up and 9 days after it was ordered to be taken down by the city.



Here is the email I sent to my alderman.

From: John Hoffmann [mailto:johnhoffmann@charter.net]

Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2013 5:29 PM

To: 'CHUCK LENZ'

Subject: sign violations

Chuck...Upon checking the current ordinances, a citation with a fine between \$10 and \$100 every day that sign is up on Topping can be issued. Also it is a separate violation with a \$250 fine if the sign is still up after a 10- day warning period. This is not an allowed "Construction Sign" as it does not denote the owner/architect, engineer or financing institution...all it does is advertise a construction company. This is still up today which is 10 days after the code officer spoke to them...WHY?

CONSTRUCTION SIGN: A temporary sign used during construction of new buildings or reconstruction of or additions to existing buildings, which identifies the project and denotes the owner, architect, engineer, contractor and/or financing institutions of the project.

SECTION 420.060: SIGN PERMITS REQUIRED

A. *Permit Required.* Unless specifically exempted by this Sign Code, no sign shall be erected, altered, or relocated after the effective date of this Chapter until a sign permit has been secured from the Director. Sign permits shall be renewed prior to their expiration dates as specified below.

SECTION 420.070: ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

A. It shall be the duty of the Director to interpret, administer and enforce the Sign Code.

B. *Conditional Sign Permits And Variances.*

1. a. Appeals from decisions of the Director regarding the interpretation and application of the Sign Code may be made to the Board of Aldermen.

b. Applications for variances from the strict application of the Sign Code may be made to the Board of Aldermen.

C. *Enforcement.* Failure to comply with this Sign Code may result in revocation of sign permits as set forth in [Section 420.060\(E\)](#) herein. In addition, any person, as owner, agent, or lessee of the building or premises on which a violation of the Sign Code exists, and who commits, takes part in, or assists in that violation shall, upon construction thereof, be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be fined not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each and every day that such violation continues. Any person who has been served with an order by the Director to remove or cease any violation of any provision of this Sign Code, and who fails to comply with said order within ten (10) days after receipt of such notice, shall be subject to a civil penalty of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00). (Ord. No. 1327 §3(4225), 9-25-89)

A day after the email sign was taken down. I think Chuck must have at least a little clout.

PLANNING DIRECTOR SHARON ROTHMEL ON THE 4-YEAR PLAN FOR A NEW SIGN ORDINANCE Since 2009 when I was on the Board of Aldermen, Town and Country Planning Director Sharon Rothmel has been announcing how she is working on a new sign ordinance. The Untied States and the Allies managed to finish up World War II faster than Rothmel has taken in writing a new sign ordinance.

PART OF TOWN AND COUNTRY CROSSING TO BE TORN DOWN FOR NEW RESTAURANT: On Monday night March 5 the Town and Country Planning and Zoning Commission approved plans to tear down the part of the Town and Country Crossing Shopping Center where Eugene's Custard was located. The original plans of the shopping center had a free standing building for the restaurant, but it was never built.

Under the new plans the new restaurant would be connected to the remaining section of Eugene's.

The new restaurant, part of a chain of high dollar restaurants out Countryside, Illinois called Cooper's Hawk Winery and Restaurant. There is currently one on The Plaza in Kansas City. The Cooper's Hawk website lists the new "St. Louis" restaurant opening in the winter of 2013. Wow that is just nine months away!

Here is the plan:



The open space in building F is the rear half of Eugene's Custard than will be torn down for storage of dumpsters and an outdoor cooler. The front half of the old Eugene's building will be the kitchen.

A company rep announced the entrance would be the green area just below the circle. He also added that there would be "Valet Parking." Yikes! Pay someone to park your car at the mostly empty Town and Country Crossing Center's parking lot...that is just crazy.

Trying to pull a fast one: At the agenda review meeting that began at 6:30 before the regular P&Z meeting, Fred Meyland-Smith the representative from the Board of Aldermen tried to say there was no need for a public hearing on the matter of the Cooper's Hawk Winery and Restaurant because it was already approved in the original plans.

Smartest man in the building: Anytime the P&Z Board meets and member Dennis Bolazina is present he is clearly the smartest person in city hall on that night and probably in the last 30 days for that matter.

"The original plan sold to us by the developer included promenade and other amenities...and because this does change some of the aspects of the original plan I believe a public hearing is in order, said Bolazina, who is both an architect and a lawyer.

Bolazina took some heat from two areas in the discussions over the proposed project. Bolazina was concerned that four feet from the public sidewalk around the building, next to the lake that was in the originally approved development plan, would be lost to the new restaurant to be part of a patio dining area. It wasn't that the outside patio for dinning would be gone. It would just be four feet smaller.

The surprise visitor: Mayor Jon Dalton, who rarely bothers to visit and sit on the P&Z Commission, where he is a member, showed up. There were two agenda items that are tied to former campaign contributors of Dalton involving the Town and Country Crossing.

Dalton issued a veiled threat that seemed to be directed toward Bolazina.

"The presentation (by the developer/Cooper's Hawk) made a very good comment...what you present will be very well received in the area...the outside dining experience. **I would caution those who would be upset about a reduction of sidewalk,**" said the mayor/lobbyist and failed developer.

Meyland-Smith jumped in.

"We have a shopping center that still has empty space. I would describe this tenant as high quality."

The response:

“Tenants come and go. Restaurants come and go. But when you give away public space it is gone forever,” said Bolazina.

A vote was taken and only Bolazina voted against it.

NEW HOMES BACK ON FOR THE FIELD NEXT TO TARGET: If you remember two years ago, Pulte Homes wanted to build 69 homes on 30 acres in the field next to the Target parking lot and west driveway into the Town and Country Shopping Center. Certain members of the board of aldermen were shocked that anyone would consider building homes in Town and Country that cost less than \$500,000.

Here are some comments from alderpersons in August 2011:

Tim Welby: “I don’t believe the use of this development fits the landscape of Town and Country. For this reason I’m not going to vote for this.”

Steve Fons: “The models I have looked at and colors I’ve seen concern me. The closeness together and colors...I mean I’m not impressed.”

“I’d prefer the ranch style house be removed from the equation.”

Jon Benigas: “I’m much more in support of the two-family villa style of construction going in there. At the minimum the sides of those houses are a better sight. I’m opposed to the idea of this proposal.”

Al Gerber: “The good news is that nobody knows that is in Town and Country. “It is right next to Ballwin”

Back in 2011 Mayor Dalton, who had received campaign contributions from the T&C Crossing developer in 2010 called for a voice vote on approving the housing plan. It sounded like a tie. Instead of calling for a roll vote, Dalton announced the “Ayes” had it. Soon after approval Pulte Homes backed out of the development. But now they are back.

NO MORE BALLWIN WENTZVILLE TYPE HOMES FOR UNDER \$500,000: The price point on the new homes will be between **\$550,000 and \$750,000**. While Town and Country likes to pride its self on zoning that requires one-acre housing and no front entry garages...these new homes will be on tiny lots with front entrance garages.

THE BIG QUESTION: The first planned development on this land was for condo duplexes ranging from \$750,000 and \$1,000,000. That plan was dropped when the developer saw money dry up. Pulte Homes was the next to try...first with the \$400,000 homes and now with the slightly more expensive ones.

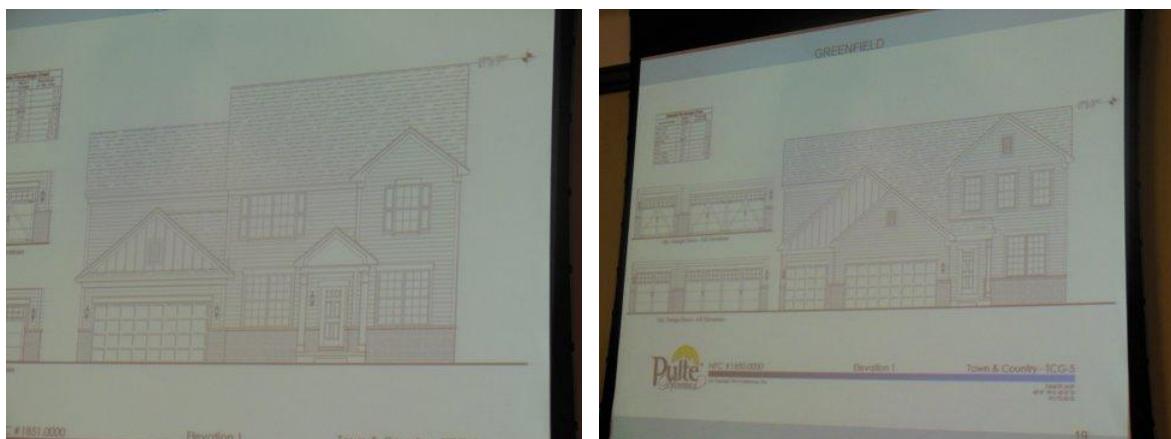
The same question remains: Who wants to buy a home that abuts the driveway or parking lot of a Target Store?

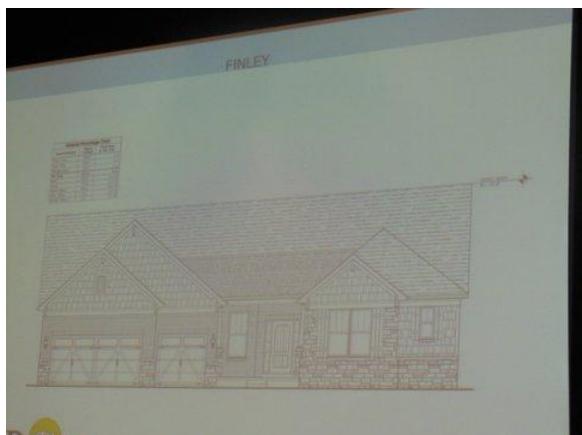
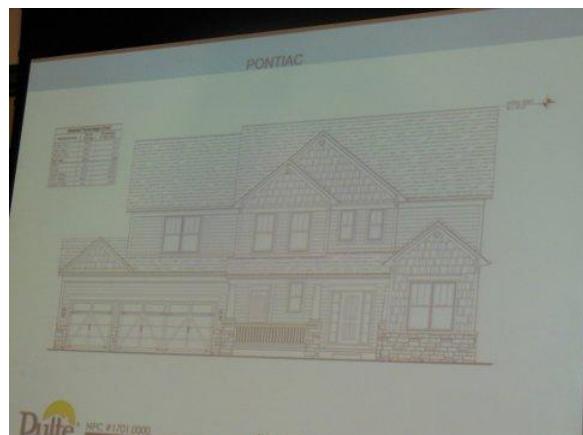
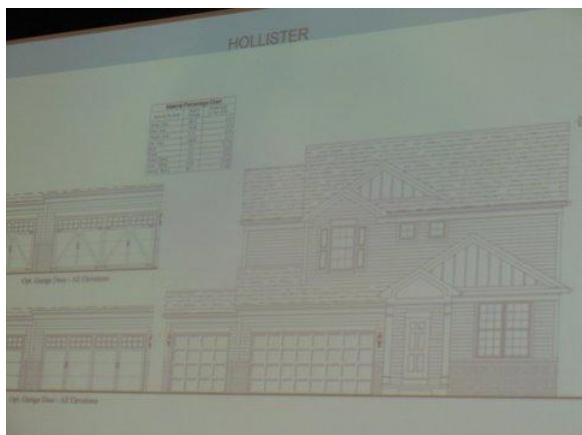
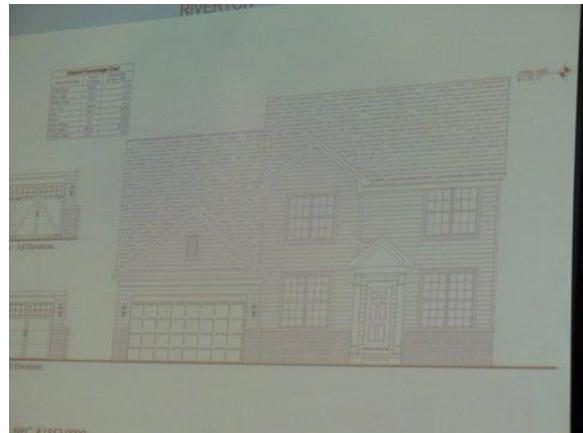
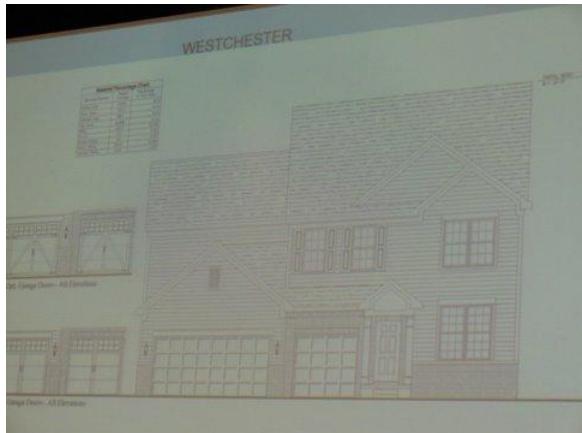
I asked this of a local realtor. She said, people still want new construction. When asked about who wants to live next to a Target Store, she said, "That's a good question."

HERE IS THE OVERALL LAYOUT:

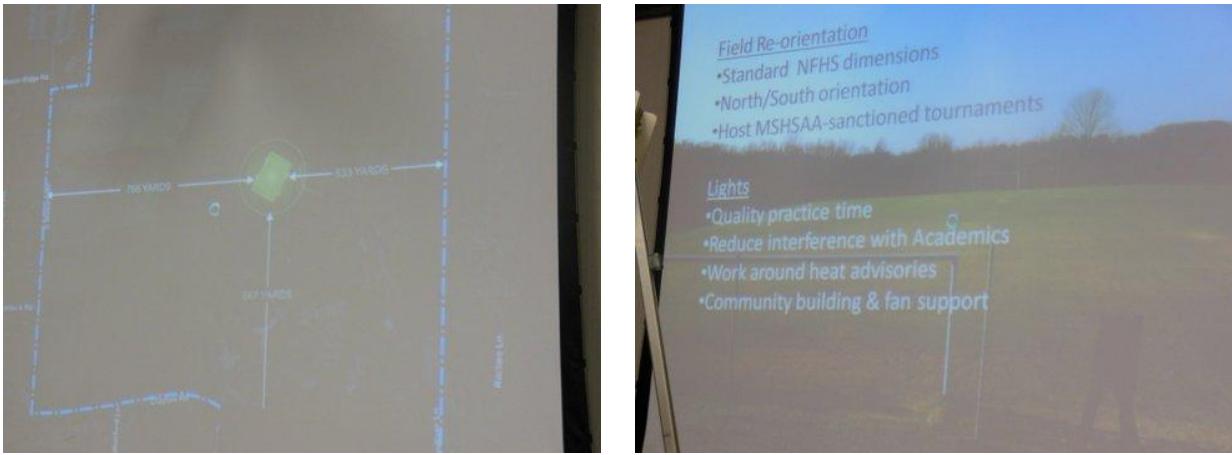


Here are some drawings of the planned new homes:





PRINCIPIA SOCCER FIELD LIGHTS APPROVED BY THE P&Z: We mentioned earlier that Principia wanted to put lights on their soccer field, which is located in the middle of the campus. This plan also received P&Z approval. The lights will be 766 yards from the Wheatfield subdivision, 533 yards from Roclare Lane and 667 yards from Clayton Road.



Let's face it these lights are not likely to bother anyone. They will be on 50 foot poles compared to 80 foot poles at CBC. However, the big concern is that Westminster will want lights on their football field simply because Principia got these. The Westminster field is very close to three different subdivisions. Westminster withdrew their request for lights three years ago prior to moving onto the campus due to neighbor opposition. There were two people from the Arlington Oaks subdivision at this meeting.

The CBC rules: Fred Meyland-Smith asked city staff what the rules were for CBC, especially how many days a year they can be on. No one knew...despite this being a big issue when Westminster was pushing for football lights three years ago.

I thought it was 30 days a year, which CBC had been violating for years. It turns out it is 28 days a year. Of course the problem is no one keeps track of how often CBC uses the lights.

Peter Stevens of Principia said a 28-day usage limitation would not be acceptable. He said the school planned to use the field from dusk to 10:30pm in the fall and spring and for four-to-six weeks in the summer.

MERCY HOSPITAL REALLY SHOULD SIMPLY STAY AWAY FROM BASEBALL:

First we find out that the hospital originally founded by the Sisters of Mercy had a luxury suite at the new Busch Stadium. I think about that luxury suite every time I get a bill from them. I now plan to stop some rehab treatment with Mercy because every time I write a check for the portion not covered by insurance I think how I'm paying for the luxury suite.

I only knew about the luxury suite because of the laser pointer incident at Busch Stadium in 2012. That was during the 2012 baseball season when a laser dot appeared on an outfielder for a visiting team. The Cardinals' manager Mike Matheny saw the

laser was coming from a luxury suite. Stadium security (which is off-duty cops) went to the suite and was at first denied entrance by a woman. They arrested a 17-year-old Creve Coeur resident and Ladue High School student, who was identified by Matheny and a police officer who was standing in the Cardinals' dugout.

It turned out the suite belonged to Mercy Health. Two days after the arrest of the 17-year-old, Mercy PR exec Marie Glancy of Ladue who was at the suite that night resigned.

All this bothered me a lot. But the clincher to give up on Mercy Health was on the pages of Ladue News, the weekly magazine that has almost no news about Ladue, but plenty of photos of the swells of West County.

Here is an ad that appeared from Mercy:



Any baseball fan (you don't even have to be a Cardinal fan) knows that the uniform jersey number "1" was retired sometime ago. The idea that Mercy thinks it is a good idea to use Ozzie Smith's number for their commercial advertising is appalling. This is offensive to baseball fans. Let's face it there are an unusually large number of them in St. Louis. Whatever ad agency that came up with the ad campaign should be fired.

PLAY BALL OR COLD BALL: My baseball season started on Sunday and Monday March 3 and 4th doing the PA for Webster University at the GCS Ballpark on I-255 in Illinois. It was supposed to start on March 1, but the three nine-inning games that day were postponed as where the games on Saturday as the temps never got above 35 with snow. Sunday the first pitch was at 11am and the last was at 8:50pm...three nine-inning games with four teams. I don't think the temperatures got above 41 and there was a light snow during the evening game.

GCS Ballpark, where the Gateway Grizzlies play, has artificial turf so snow can be removed and you do not have to worry about a frozen field. However, the warning track area does get slick when you have melting and refreezing snow piled up against outfield walls.



The white stuff at the bottom of the billboards is snow. The two rows of box seats down the left line were reserved for Polar Bears or Penguins who ever arrived first.



If you are a baseball fan...this photo spells trouble for the home team as the bases are loaded and the infield is in as North Park University north of Chicago bats.

FOOD AND MUSIC:

BBQ We had been reading about the joint so we finally decided to try it and were more than pleased with the outcome. The place is Sugarfire BBQ on Olive just west of Price Road in Olivette. No table service here. You get in line, but do not take a tray. They will hand you the tray with your order on it.

They put down a clean piece of butcher's paper on a tray and plop your meat or sandwich onto the paper.

Everything we tried was excellent, including the baked beans, cole slaw and hand cut fries. My wife liked her ribs and my brisket was excellent...moist and flavorful. The menu has smaller portions available. Instead of only a full rack and half rack of ribs, they offered a smaller and less expensive option of four ribs.

My wife was eyeing the Brussels sprouts and an employee said that they were the last of the sprouts and he would pass on them as they were little dried out. Thoughtful suggestions like that are always appreciated.

The interior decoration was fun. Every table and chair were different. Some of the chairs even included the old style metal outdoor patio chairs from the 1950s.



They serve your meat on butcher paper on your tray. Close to 8 o'clock after the dinner rush.

No fancy dishes, but the brisket was GREAT!...at the **Sugarfire B-B-Q** in Olivette on Olive just west of Price Road.

FISH SANDWICH BETTER THAN THE TACOS...TRIVA NIGHT IS FUN: Fuzzy's Tacos in the Yorkshire Plaza in Webster Groves on Watson at Laclede Station Road

has had quite a bit of success and is planning on expanding to Manchester Road in the Old Orchard Shopping Center this spring.



Frankly I'm not crazy about their tacos, but I love their battered fish sandwiches. I have been going to the Webster location on Thursday nights and playing trivia. Last Thursday the place was packed. My team finished tied for first, thanks to having a 30-something high school softball coach, who could handle all the current music questions, while the rest of us handled all the history and pop culture stuff prior to 1980. They actually had 98 people playing.



The crowd for Trivia Night in WG.

The tie breaker, which meant the difference between a \$15 or a \$25 gift card to Fuzzy's, was this question: How many Os are there in a 15 oz can of SpaghettiOs. Both teams guessed way low...but we were the lowest and left with the \$15 gift card to split between 4-people. The answer was: There are approximately 1,750 Os in a 15oz can of SpaghettiOs.

CHINESE FOOD AND TALAYANAS: How does this make sense? Try and follow me.

After I wrote favorably about the Hot Wok Café someone suggested I try the Summer Palace on Olive near Highway 141. On Friday March 1, my wife suggested we go out of Chinese at the Hot Wok. I mentioned that someone said I should try the Summer Palace. She was fine with that idea. Off we went. When we arrived at 6:50 on a Friday night...there was no one there. It was open, but no customers...not a good sign.

My wife then said we should go to the Hot Wok. I was about to pull out of the parking lot, when I suggested Talayana's just down the street on Olive. She had no objection with the change from Chinese to Italian. There were plenty of people at Talayana's at 7pm on a Friday night. We split a pizza plus she had an appetizer and I had a salad.

The only thing that puzzled me was the guitar player performing. He was sitting in front of a big screen TV. Now I understand the TV is there for sporting events. But there were no games on. Instead the sound was muted and Anderson Cooper was doing a newscast. I mean what is the point of that?



The new Frontenac Grill on Lindbergh was opened by the Talayana family. I really like their St. Louis-style thin crust pizza and their seafood chowder. However, I have been put off when they booked two of my favorite groups for a few times and then quit hiring them. The people running the place have no idea about music.

But the real reason I can't go there is my wife is sooooo pissed over the bad service there from August. She had an art show opening at the Art Guild in Clayton. Afterwards she had 18 guests show up for dinner and to listen to one of our favorite groups that was performing there that night. The service was beyond awful. She refuses to go back.

Luckily we determined that the Chesterfield Talayana's was purchased as a franchise decades ago and has no connection to the folks at the Frontenac Grill.

ONE-19: I wrote about the One-19 in Kirkwood at 119 North Kirkwood Road, just north of Argonne and the train station in connection with my surprise birthday party. We regularly go there for music groups and were there last Saturday to hear Carolbeth True on the keyboards and jazz guitarist Randy Bahr.

The food is greeeeeeeat! My favorite is the sliced tenderloin of beef. However they normally have melted blue cheese on the steak, which I hate. Instead I ask them to put the sauce they use for their specialty roasted potatoes on top of the steak. It is delicious.

The one thing you have to watch out for is that the place is a Tapas restaurant. This means they serve food on plates that looks like the large square ashtrays I used when I was a smoker. While each entre is not expensive, you can run up a bill quickly by thinking main dishes are small and not very expensive and ordering several per person. "That looks good! I think I'll try that too." Suddenly those \$10-\$13 items plus a \$5 side and a drink times 2 and your bill is up to \$60.



Carolbeth True and Randy Bahr started last Saturday night off at One-19. Trumpeter Jim Manley did not have a gig that night and stopped by sitting in on the last set.

CARTOONS:







TWO FROM A CBC GRAD:



