

## UNAPPROVED CHESTERFIELD NEWSLETTER 36



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By John Hoffmann

**CITY COUNCIL APPROVED SOLAR POWER BLEACHER COVERS:** The City of Chesterfield is going green at the rec-complex. The last four baseball and softball fields at the F-Quad will finally be getting canopies on top of the grandstand bleachers. The covers to provide some shade to parents and others attending the games are also some of the first of a kind in the area and possibly in the nation.

The top of the canopies will have glass solar panels and will generate electricity. The original covers were to cost \$154,000. The new solar panels will cost \$204,000, however according to Public Services Director Mike Geisel during the work session the city will receive a \$50,000 rebate from Ameren to install the solar panels.



The idea of glass panels on top of the bleachers at baseball and softball fields struck at least one councilperson as peculiar. Nancy Greenwood asked the obvious question.

“What about foul balls, breaking the panels?”

Geisel explained that wire screens will be placed over the panels to save them from foul balls.

“We know of no other application of solar panels for bleacher covers anywhere,” said Geisel.



Mike Geisel answering questions in the agenda meeting about foul balls and glass solar panels.

Geisel was also asked what would happen if the screen failed and a ball hit the panels. Would glass shatter and possibly fall on spectators. Geisel said they took a solar panel and used a pitching machine to hit it with a 60 mph baseball. He said the safety glass shattered but did not fall.

Bruce DeGroot immediately put up his hand. After being recognized he asked a single question of Geisel.

“The next time you plan to shoot baseballs at a pane of glass would you please let me know so I can watch?”

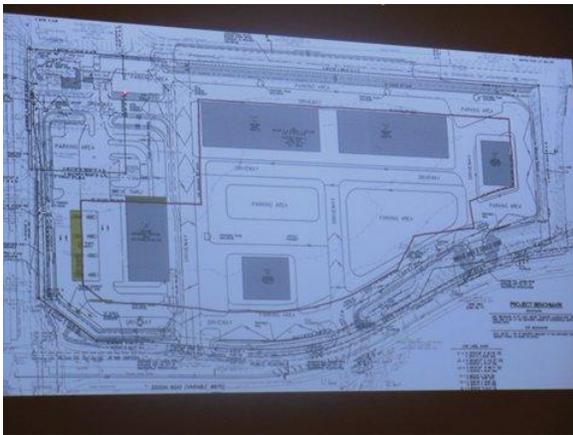
In the regular meeting Greenwood said she was uneasy having the city “be a guinea pig” in trying out the first glass top bleacher covers. She and DeGroot voted against the purchase, which carried with a 5-to-2 vote.

**REZONING FOR MERCY HEALTH PASSES** The proposal to rezone additional property between Chesterfield Parkway and the South Outer Road passed on a 7-0 vote. Mercy wants to build a 44 acre campus with for robotic surgery. We covered this in detail in a past newsletter.

**CONVENIENCE STORE GAS STATION FIRST READING CONTINUED:** The controversial zoning request to develop the 11 acre empty lot at the Northeast corner of Long and Edison Road was continued. The proposal with the developer wanting a variance to violate city setback requirements for a convenience store/gas station with a drive thru window and an ATM was at the Planning and Public Works Committee. As we reported in our last Chesterfield Newsletter a divided committee voted 2-2 not to send the proposal to the City Council without additional changes by the developer. Since it was a tie vote the proposal was forwarded to the City Council.

Councilwoman Nancy Greenwood asked in the agenda meeting if the matter could be continued until Councilman Barry Flachsbart would be in attendance. Flachsbart is vacationing in Germany. He had voiced opposition to the project in the past. Connie Fults, the chairwoman of the Public Works and Planning Committee who pushed the project to the Council agenda told her it was too late and the proposal with three amendments had to be heard by the Council for the first reading.

However, once the official meeting started the developer's lawyer Mike Doster told the council there were some legal questions that needed to be reviewed by him and the city attorney concerning one of the amendments. Suddenly something that minutes earlier had been "impossible" according to Fults was completely possible. A motion was made by Greenwood and passed 7-0 to continue the whole thing until the July meeting.



Proposed plans for the Northeast corner of Long and Edison.

**A RETURN TO GRADE SCHOOL:** I try and arrive early to the agenda meetings in Chesterfield. In fact last Monday when I arrived to the rear conference room only Elliott Grissom was there. As far as I know there are no assigned seats for the agenda meetings at the conference table. I took a seat and watched former mayor and current councilwoman Nancy Greenwood arrive. Nancy went to the last chair at the end of the table, put her purse, folder and tablet in the chair. She briefly left the room as Bruce DeGroot arrived and sat in the chair next to the one containing Greenwood's purse.

Then Connie Fults entered the room, muttered something about who does Nancy think she is, removed Greenwood's purse and folder from the chair and placed them in the middle of the table. Then Greenwood returned to the room and for a short time had a confused look on her face to see her stuff in the middle of the conference table and Fults sitting in the chair which previously had been occupied by her belongings.

I like Connie Fults because you never know what she will say or do next. Sometimes it is brilliant, sometimes very stupid and sometimes it is very political and while at the same time rude. And sometimes Fults takes you back to the life in third grade.



Fults and Greenwood at their assigned seats for the official Council meeting at opposite ends of the dais.

**A COMPLAINT ARRIVED:** I have found that over the years when I point out how justice is not served in many Municipal Courts when dealing with drunk drivers, the people who complain about my criticism either have had DWI arrests or their children have. The people who complain usually feel that getting a DWI is basically a right of passage.

I recently got such a complaint emailed to me from Katie Huggard. I checked the computer data base for court filings in Missouri and found 25-year-old Kathleen Huggard of Wildwood with at least two prior DWI arrests. In one of the cases she refused to take a breath test. In latest case she was represented by Chesterfield City Prosecutor and Creve Coeur City Judge Tim Engelmeyer, who is a big part of the problem with justice being served in Chesterfield and who was just reappointed to another term by Mayor Bob Nation. The next DWI by young Katie could mean some mandatory jail time.



Here is the email I received from “Katie Huggard.”

From: Katie Huggard [mailto:katiehuggard@gmail.com]  
Sent: Saturday, June 15, 2013 11:12 PM  
To: johnhoffmann@charter.net  
Subject: Try an unbiased approach...

Dear Mr Hoffmann,

I have read all of your various articles slamming judges for lesser dwi charges and i deem it necessary to ask... Have you ever had a dwi? Have you read the crime statistics as to how the state of Missouri spends 8 billion dollars annually to house prisoners, 60% of which are non violent offenders? I am appalled that someone would have the indecency to fight for harsher punishments and take from the state's education budget, of course having never been in the situation you are unable to offer an unbiased approach, though i do hope in the future you do your research before grand standing for attention and being so negative. The world has more than enough negativity, so be proud that you have added to it.

Katie =

Usually when someone writes a message like this one, they don't actually expect to get a reply, but I did anyway.

Katie:

Well I thank everyone for taking the time to write a note.

I enjoyed yours through the second sentence.

Have I ever had a DWI? No I have not. However I was a cop for 30 years and saw the serious and tragic results of people driving drunk. Do I want more people to go to jail? NO.

Here is what I want...people who are driving drunk being found guilty of driving drunk. That's it.

I think they should pay higher insurance rates. I think other citizens and neighbors should be able to know that a person who might be dangerous lives in the neighborhood. Finally I know that police officers who see that their hard work is not taken seriously by judges and local prosecutors tend to develop a "who gives a crap" attitude and the quality of their work and reports goes downhill.

I don't think local prosecutors should be able to reward local lawyers by handing out special deals only to people who can afford to hire their lawyer friends, while people who cannot afford a lawyer show up in municipal court and get hammered. I think there should be an even playing field for everyone.

Finally my newsletters are a combination of reporting and comment. They originally told people I was elected to serve, what was happening and what I thought of it. When I added the Chesterfield newsletters, they replaced opinion columns I was writing for AOL's patch.com.

John Hoffmann

On Katie's facebook page she has two items about buying beer and for the background photo she has the party scene at Hollie Golightly's apartment from Breakfast at



Tiffany's.

**SINCE BEING UNEMPLOYED I HAVE NEVER HAD MORE WORK:** We reported a couple of weeks ago how Lee Enterprises killed off the West County Journal. I thought it was about time and actually five years too late. The only thing that bothered me was that Mary Shapiro lost her job.

Mary covered much of West County. She had a gift of turning a boring city council action into an interesting story. While her work never appeared in the print edition of the Post-Dispatch it used to be featured prominently on the Post-Dispatch website StLToday.com.

She was at Chesterfield's city council meeting and mentioned that since she has been



unemployed she never had more work. She is working as a freelancer getting paid per story (and not as an employee) for West magazine, the Post-Dispatch, the St. Louis Business Journal and the Webster-Kirkwood Times.

**A REMEMERENCE OF A ST. LOUIS COUNTY REPUBLICAN. From an era of no "Legitimate Rape," "Liberals Hate God" statements or legislation to end child labor laws:** On Monday June 17 I attended a memorial service for a former Republican state representative from back in the days when there were very few of them in existence. Richard M. Marshall was 88 years old when he died in the first week of June. He served in the Missouri House from 1966 to 1972. Back in those days Webster Groves was the hotbed for Republicans in St. Louis County. Town and Country and

only around 2,800 residents and Chesterfield was still mostly farm fields. West County began at Lindberg and stopped by Woods Mill Road.



I was good friends with two of Dick's sons Kent and Rick. I spent more time for several summers at the Marshall's house on Big Bend Road, next to Clark School than I did at my own home.

Back in those days the only Republicans in Missouri politics came from the Webster-Kirkwood area plus Ladue and Frontenac. North County was control by labor unions and South County had a lot of union tradesmen. Both areas voted heavily Democratic. In outstate Missouri Republicans could get elected around Springfield and a few in North Central Missouri.

The Missouri House and Senate were controlled by big city Democrats from St. Louis and Kansas City and Dixiecrats from most outstate areas. The Missouri Legislature was as crooked as any on the East Coast.

Republicans had no power, often could not get bills to the floor for a vote. Tom Curtis, a congressman from Webster Groves, was the top GOP office holder in the state. After Congress (Curtis' district was gerrymander in 1970 to include part of St. Louis and parts of North County leading to the election of Democrat Jimmy Symington.) Curtis was appointed as the Chairman of the Corporation of Public Broadcasting by Richard M. Nixon. He then complained of Nixon's attempts to interfere with public broadcasting.



Congressman Tom Curtis at the far left at a Capital event with President John F. Kennedy.

Here is what I remember being different from then and today. Richard Marshall never had a lot of money, despite being a lawyer. He had his own small law firm and took cases from neighbors and friends. His wife, Florene was a nurse and later a professor at the SIUE School of Nursing.

The family moved from a 1,000 square foot home to a much larger house on Big Bend that was constantly in need of repair. The only remodeling at times was continuations of emergency repairs. But it was a great place.

Kids, who were not members of the Marshall family, would walk through the backdoor and into the kitchen without knocking to see if any of the three boys were home. The door was never locked.

The family dog was a slobbering female St. Bernard named Connie, short for Constitution. Connie was good at getting along with members of other parties of the animal kingdom, as she got along fine the family's pet goose that wandered the backyard.

In 1969 the family's two cars were a 1961 Ford Falcon Station Wagon and a 1963 Dodge Dart.



I remember being at the Marshall's on a summer night after playing baseball all day. As part of a group of boys we would be watching the old Westinghouse Steve Allen Show when we would scrape enough money together to order a cheese pizza from the new Imo's at Big Bend and Lockwood in an old Shell gas station. We didn't have enough money for a topping but would try and have a 15-cent tip for the delivery guy.

Now-a-days, my local state rep has just gotten rid of his Mercedes Benz and replaced it with an Acura. He writes off dinners at Clayton restaurants as campaign expenses. My state rep just expanded his garage to hold four cars. The Marshall's had a one car garage. The basement to the house could more accurately be described as a "cellar."

For six years Dick Marshall drove up to Jefferson City in his 1961 Ford Falcon and voted no against pork filled Democratic legislation and tried without much success to get reform legislation passed. There was a difference back then. Marshall was civil and pleasant with the Democrats who he was trying to get out of office. Curtis was the same. This may have continued through the Ronald Reagan and Tip O'Neil era before elected officials of opposite parties went on the attack either in Washington or in Jeff City.

Now look at things. The Republicans control most of the outstate vote. A Democrat representing Creve Coeur finds it almost impossible to get her legislation out of committee. In the last two presidential elections, if you lived in West County you had to drive to Kirkwood or Webster to see what an Obama yard sign looked like. Webster and Kirkwood are now full of Democrats wanting to move into drafty 100-year-old houses. The Republicans are passing so much far right wing legislation that the moderate, middle of the road Democratic governor has no choice but to veto it.

**WHAT DID MCCASKILL LEARN FROM THE LECTON? APPARENTLY NOT MUCH:**

How soon they forget! Claire McCaskill should be home in her Kirkwood compound. However, thanks to Todd Akin refusing to keep his mouth shut she is back in for her second term as U.S. Senator. Akin was to be the runaway winner for the senate seat until he did the TV interview with Charles Jaco and uttered the famous “legitimate rape” words. McCaskill easily won as Akin lost 15% of his vote in strong Republican areas.

Akin had a history of saying stupid things, so a campaign plan to avoid interviews and debates would have been wise. But it was a route he decided not to follow.

Now Claire, who presented herself as a Missouri moderate with her 50% voting record on the conservative issues, has thrown all that hard work out the window by endorsing Hilary Rodman Clinton for president in 2016. Apparently Claire is not interested in a third term in the Senate.

**FINALLY DIEHL HAS AN OPPONENT, BUT THE VOTERS WILL HAVE NO SAY IN THAT RACE:** State Representative John Diehl, who has raised close to \$1.2 million to run in elections with no opponents finally has an opponent. Unfortunately we the voters will not be able to decide who wins.

Diehl, who has accepted big bucks from special interests groups and industries that included cigarettes and gambling, is the House majority floor leader. He announced weeks ago that he planned to run for the position of speaker of the Missouri House in 2015. The last two Missouri house speakers had no opponents. The speaker is chosen by members of the legislature.

Now State Rep. Caleb Jones (Rep. California) has announced he will challenged Diehl for the speaker’s position in 2015. Jones is the brother of current speaker Tim Jones (Rep. Eureka).



Caleb Jones



John Diehl the “Money Man.”

I predict in the next election cycle Diehl will likely run unopposed in his Chesterfield-Town and Country district. He will take the money in his war chest collected from everywhere but his district, and start giving it to Republican candidates for their campaigns in an attempt to buy their vote for the speaker's job.

(Diehl has been doing this for some time. Of the \$1.2 million in campaign contributions, he only has \$273,000 on hand. The rest has already gone to Republican candidates, to credit card debts and to pay for political consultants to help him run against no one. )

### **CHESTERFIELD SINGER JOINS A GROUP OF DISTINGUISHED MUSICIANS NO LONGER PERFORMING AT THE FRONTENAC GRILL.**

**IS THE END NEAR FOR THE EATERY?** I have to admit I wasn't surprised when I read a recent posting on Facebook from Chesterfield singer Joe Mancuso. Joe promotes heavily so friends and fans always know where he is appearing next. That was the case on Wednesday June 12 when he was scheduled to play at the Frontenac Grill. Next thing you know there are posts from fans there wanting to know where the band was. Here is Joe's reply.

- o I will no longer be playing at the Frontenac Grill..... When I showed up to play this gig tonight, I was told as I was carrying in my speakers in that the music was cancelled. Enough is enough.... moving on..... gigs come and go, and this one is gone... But they did offer me a free Pizza as a consolation prize YAY!!!! It's a shame, they gave no notice, My Father was good friends with the founder Mike Talayna..... this would not have happened if Mike was still here..... He passed away just days before this place opened a couple years ago. I wish them well.... but I suspect they will not be open for long..... I had a table of 8 people get up and walk out when they heard the music was called off.... some of them traveled 50 miles to see my show.... oh welll....



Here is Joe sitting in with Jim Manley at the One-19 North (in Kirkwood.)

The Frontenac Grill at 731 S. Lindbergh has been a strange experience since they opened in the fall of 2011. It is owned by the family of Mike Faille, the founder of Talayna's. The place is decorated with huge photos of the members of the Rat Pack. You might think the place would be ideal for musicians who do Rat Pack Vegas style music.



After they first opened they had **Dean Christopher** two or three times. Dean is the top Rat Pack style singer in town. Whether he is accompanied just by a keyboardist, with a trio or with the big band behind him Dean puts on quite a show singing standards by Frank, Dean and a Sammy and leaves everyone with a smile on their face with some often hilarious banter. Plus he has a regular following that guarantees three or four full tables just because Dean is on the bill. By the summer of 2012 Dean was no longer appearing at the Frontenac Grill.



Dean swinging with a big band.



Dean as part of a trio at the Frontenac Grill.

Next there was the **Charlie B Group**. This is one of the many groups put together by trumpeter Jim Manley featuring Charlie Boehm on vocals. Charlie replaced Walter Scott (The Cheater) with Bob Kuban and the In-Men. While Charlie can blast the pop hits of the 80s and 90s with the band Fantasy, over the years he has developed a presentation

that features about 100 of the songs performed by the Rat Pack. Like Christopher Charlie has some pretty funny patter to go with the songs. For seven years the Charlie B Trio performed on Rat Pack Wednesday at Jimmy's on the Park. That was followed up with a weekly year run at Bartolino's for a year.



Charlie (second on the left) was the lead singer with the Bob Kuban group when they went from the "hippie era to the disco era"



Charlie B the vocalist for the 60's Vegas revue band Wild, Cool and Swinging.



The Charlie B. Trio with Jim Manley on trumpet and Mark Fredericks on keyboard.



The Charlie B Trio at a 2013 winter gig.



Dean Christopher and Charlie B doing a dueling Sammy Davis bit at Jimmy's on the Park.

It was the Charlie B Group instead of the trio as drummer Joe Weber was added to three gigs at the Frontenac Grill. The last gig was in August of 2012. It was the night of the opening of an art exhibit by my wife at the Art Guild. The art show was over at 9 and the music started at 9. We had at least 20 guests show up at the Frontenac Grill, plus the regulars and fans of Charlie B. There were 45 or 50 people still there after 11.

While I liked the Tayalan pizzas and the soups, some the higher end entrees were hit and miss. After that Friday night in August my wife refused to return to the Frontenac Grill. The service was awful. Slow service, mixed up orders and incorrect bills. Despite having a crowd, management to save costs apparently sent most of the wait staff home.

It was also the last night for the Charlie B Group. Frontenac Grill management never booked the popular group back.

Anita Rosamond played there a couple times and then was not booked. Now Joe Mancuso, who is a one-man marketing juggernaut as well as another Rat Pack singer, who is no longer performing at the Frontenac Grill!

I checked the Frontenac Grill's website and found the entertainment calendar has not been updated since April. A check of the menu showed the seafood chowder is gone as are the more expensive entrees. The six or seven times I was there it never appeared as if the management knew what it was doing whether running a music venue or a restaurant. I doubt if they will be around much longer. It's a shame. They had a cool looking place, used to have some great music with great pizzas.



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**DESPITE OUR PROMISE WE RETURNED TO THE ELLISVILLE ZONE ON A TUESDAY NIGHT:**

I know in our last report on the goings on in Ellisville I swore it was my last TRIP TO AN Ellisville City Council meeting. A. A vortex or whirlpool sucked me out to the Tuesday night special meeting one day after Mayor Adam Paul was reinstated by a circuit court judge.

What dragged us back to the municipal mess? It was an interview by Matt Pirrello, the former mayor and current councilman who had plotted for months with the city attorney Paul Martin to impeach newly elected mayor Adam Paul, Pirello accused Adam Paul of trying to bankrupt Ellisville.

(If you did not read our piece titled Ellisville Saga 2, you should. It gives you the full background and details on the impeachment hearing plus a few laughs: here is the link: [http://johnhoffmann.net/ellisville\\_2.pdf](http://johnhoffmann.net/ellisville_2.pdf) )

Well the bankruptcy is just crazy. If anyone is trying to bankrupt Ellisville is Pirrello and his former group of cohorts on the city council before most got voted out or term limited out. They had the votes to move ahead on the Wal-Mart development proposed by the Sansone Company and to push ahead the TIF bonds. But then they got distracted by their intense dislike of the new mayor elected by residents fed-up with giving big tax breaks to developers and Wal Mart. Instead on staying on course they stopped what they were doing for six weeks to have an impeachment hearing against the mayor, where they brought up baseless charges and then sat as the jury. Pirrello only has himself to blame.

Then there was Pirrello's earlier statement how he would resign if Adam Paul was reinstated to office by the courts.

After Paul was reinstated, Pirrello started squirming. First he said, "I meant if he was permanently reinstated." Then he said that since he was a politician he gets to change his mind.

**THE REASON FOR A SPECIAL MEETING:** Prior to the court's reinstatement order Pirrello was mayor pro-tem and had called for the special meeting on Tuesday. There were two items on the agenda.

1) There was a resolution to hire a special attorney to advise the council on the issue of TIF bonds.

2) There was a resolution to hire a special attorney to advise the council on employment law.

What the hell is the city attorney's job? This would make five special attorneys added to the Ellisville payroll this year, after they hired John Maupin as the hearing officer for the impeachment who continues on in circuit court trying to defend his ridiculous rulings in the impeachment trial. Plus they hired two attorneys to prosecute Adam Paul in the kangaroo impeachment hearing and they join Maupin in defending the verdict. Once the actual meeting started these two resolutions were tabled.

**BEFORE THE SPECIAL MEETING...A SPECIAL CLOSED MEETING:** There was an extra special closed meeting before the regular special meeting. Almost everyone thought it was to discuss the appointing of a replacement for the city clerk, Kate Demeter. Demeter resigned. She had testified at the impeachment trial that she thought Paul was being a bad Catholic by the way he was doing his job and didn't like way he ordered her to produce public document for him to review after she originally tried to keep the records from him. She testified she refused to show Paul public records because she was "upset with him" and she refused to take detailed minutes of the council meetings.

During the regular meeting when Paul announced the Demeter had resigned, Pirrelllo interrupted and said, "She retired."



Former city clerk Kate Detemer getting sworn in during the impeachment hearing.

Former city clerk Kate Detemer getting sworn in

**HOWEVER WHAT REALLY HAPPENED:** The special secret meeting actually involved Paul being told the city would return to Circuit Court on Friday and ask Circuit Judge

David Vincent to reconsider his ruling to reinstate Paul as the mayor. That court appearance was then pushed back to Wednesday June 19.

How the newly elected council members Mick Cahill and Gary Voss, along with councilwoman Linda Reel allowed this to happen is beyond me. The council has a 3-3 split being pro-Paul and anti-Paul members.

**MONEY DOWN THE DRAIN:** Extra lawyer trips to court will mean more money down the drain. Having been one of many non-partisan observers who sat through three days of the “theater of the absurd” which they called an impeachment hearing it was clear Ellisville was going to lose in court. The impeachment not only wasted \$100,000 it was a complete joke. John Maupin as the hearing officer was in a trace like state repeating “overruled” to all of objections made by Adam Paul’s attorney Chet Pleban.

**THE POOL FACTOR:** I was talking to Adam Paul’s attorney Chet Pleban before the meeting started. Chet was unaware that in the executive session behind closed doors, Paul was being told the city would try and overturn his reinstatement.

Chet mentioned that he hoped with the court’s reinstatement that newly elected councilperson Cindy Pool might see the light and help put an end to the whole impeachment debacle.

I told Chet that I thought Pool was tied too closely to Roze Acup and would vote whatever way Acup voted. If Pool did see the light she certainly didn’t join Voss, Cahill and Reel in trying to stop the fight on Paul’s reinstatement. Frankly Pool looks like she is in a daze at council meetings.



Cindy Pool talking to Roze Acup before the start of the meeting. Damn is Acup having a bad hair day or what?

**THE STANDING OVATION:** Once the special executive sessions meeting was over and councilpersons walked into the council chambers Paul received a prolonged standing ovation and you could tell he was getting emotional over the response.

**THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ME AND A PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER:** I tried to hold my digital camera out and get a photo of the crowd giving Paul and standing ovation. None turned out. I then tried to get a photo of Paul standing and acknowledging the audience. That one was blurry. However, Post-Dispatch photographer Robert Cohen shot a photo of Paul as the audience was on its feet for over a minute. There was a big smile on his face. Also in the photo was Councilwomen Roze Acup who didn't look so happy shooting Paul a "death stare."



swiped from the Post-

Dispatch website! This great photo was by Robert Cohen.

Here is best I could do after the meeting:



**SPECIAL ELECTION PUT ON HOLD:** With Adam Paul back as mayor the council decided to hold off with setting the date in November for the special election to replace Paul. The election would be another money drain on Ellisville. Normally if there is a County-wide ballot issue, a special municipal election at a date other than the first Tuesday in April will cost the municipality or school district several hundred dollars in filing fees. However if there is no county-wide ballot issue it can cost a municipality over \$10,000 as they have to directly pay for all costs in manning the voting stations, sending out the polling place voter cards and for the vote count.

**NEW SEATING ARRANGEMENTS:** It was interesting that the sitting arrangement for council on the dais had changed again. At this meeting the sitting wasn't by ward or seniority. One side of the dais were the people who had voted against Paul in a recent resolution to reverse the impeachment decision. On the other side were the people who supported Paul.



The anti-Paul side of Pirrello, Pool and Acup.



The Pro-Paul side of Reel, Cahill and Voss.

**WHAT ARE THESE PEOPLE THINKING:** After the meeting Paul announced that the city will send lawyers back to court on Friday June 14 to try and get Judge Vincent to reverse his order to return Paul to the bench.

First of all Vincent's order is rather clear. We have a link to a copy of the order on our website in the tease to this newsletter.

Why don't the pro-Paul supporters suggest that a return survey card be mailed to every voter in the city asking them if they think the city should continue trying to let the impeachment of Paul stand or drop it and let Paul return to office. If the residents say drop it, the anti-Paul members of the council should agree to drop it and save the city a lot of money. Pirrello, Acup and Pool could save face and say they were following the wishes of the residents.

**WAL MART AND TIF BROUGHT TO THE FLOOR:** In the last Ellisville meeting a lawyer for Sansone Construction told council members if they didn't issue the TIF bonds they could be sued. New councilman Mick Cahill responded that he didn't like to have a lawyer threaten him how to vote.

At the special session meeting attorney Jane Dueker appeared. Dueker represents landowner Tom Debold, who owns property at the rear of the planned Wal Mart development. Debold fears his property will be greatly devalued if it backs up to loading docks of a Wal Mart store.

Dueker told the Council that Sansone by not purchasing all the property by June 1 is in violation of the redevelopment agreement. She continued that Sansone is now in a default status and the Council has no obligation to pass an ordinance for the issuance of TIF bonds.

After the meeting Adam Paul said as mayor he is not giving up on the Wal Mart TIF issue "until the doors of the new Wal mart are open.. It would be criminal if I went back on my word." He continued the TIF issue is the major reason he was elected by residents upset with the council giving out a TIF after the County TIF Commission voted against it.

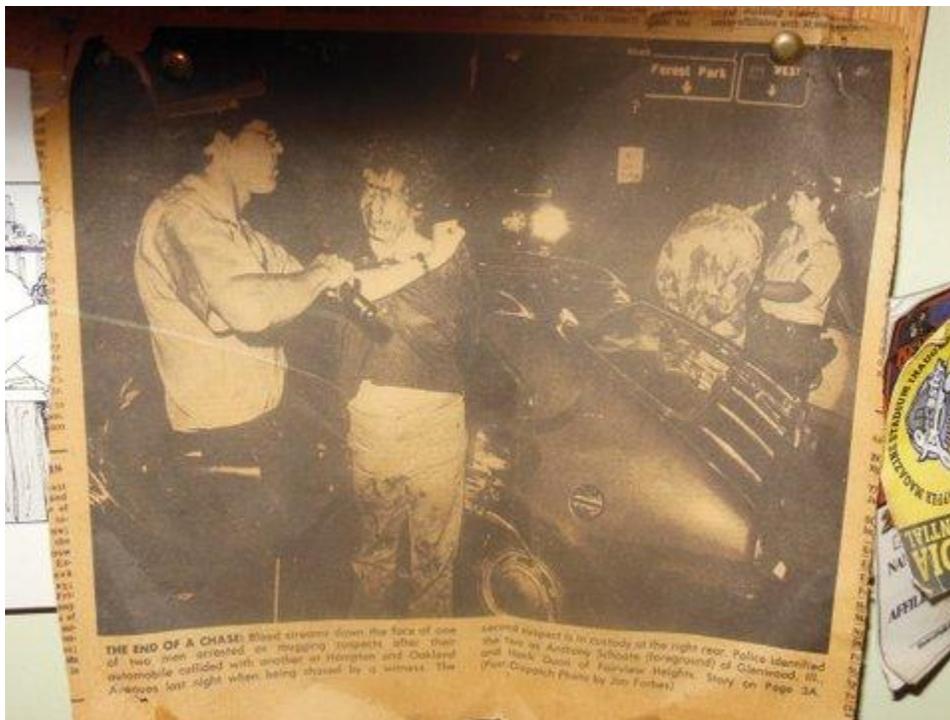


Attorney Janet Dueker speaks about Sansone development violating the redevelopment agreement with the city as KTVI's Andy Banker, KMOX's Michael Calhoun and KSDK's Casey Nolan look on.

**NEW WAY TO AVOID BEING SUCKED INTO THE ELLISVILLE DRAMA:** I will not be at the Wednesday June 19 Ellisville City Council meeting. To avoid being sucked back

into the Ellisville melodrama five days before the meeting I made it a point to make dinner reservations for Wednesday.

**SPEAKING OF CLASSIC NEWS PHOTOS:** J.B. Forbes of the Post-Dispatch took this photo in the summer of 1976 when I was a young cop. The suspects had just robbed people on the “gay lovers’ lane” in Forest Park and after a car chase were arrested on Kingshighway at Highway 40. Classic resisting arrest case with blood flowing down the suspect’s face and the cop still with his nightstick cocked. All the blood was from an auto accident that stopped the chase. I have had the photo on a bulletin board in five different residences since 1976. Forbes has been at the Post-Dispatch for 38 years.



## FOOD AND MUSIC:

It was another pleasant Saturday night despite some raindrops outside at the One-19 North restaurant on Kirkwood Road in downtown Kirkwood. Jim Manley and Arthur Toney held forth. Joe Mancuso stopped by to sit in for a vocal in the final set. Plus two trumpet players from Seattle were in town and stopped by for the evening.



Jim Manley and Arthur Toney.



Manley with the horns from Seattle.

**Kicks on Route 66:** On Wednesday June 12 the Route 66 Jazz Orchestra performed the first of their June concerts. The concert was at their practice site, the Unity Church on Butler Hill Road. The same concert will be repeated this Wednesday June 19 to a larger crowd at the Kirkwood Station Brewery from 7-to-9. Try and stop by for some fun.



Vocalist and arranger Valerie Tichacek



Vocalist Ron Wilkerson signing Fly me to the Moon



The saxophone section puts some moves on during a very hip and swinging arrangement written for the Doc Severson band of In the Mood. Dean Christopher did a trio of Sinatra big band standards in the second set.

**UPCOMING: Joe Mancuso this Friday.**

Mancuso has a regular Thursday night gig at Chase Park Plaza. If Lindell and Kingshighway is too far away, Joe will be with performing with a quartet at Robbie's House of Jazz in Webster Groves. Robbie's is located on Allen Avenue behind the Straub's store on West Lockwood in Webster Groves. There is a \$10 cover, \$5 for students.



Joe Mancuso on vocals with Joe Bozzi on the vibes from a Christmas 2012 show at Robbie's House of Jazz. .



Joe performs a 2011 gig at Robbie's.

**ANITA AT SMITTY'S:** It is always a hoot to see and hear the Anita Rosamond Show at Smitty's at Clayton and Baxter this Saturday from 3-to-6.

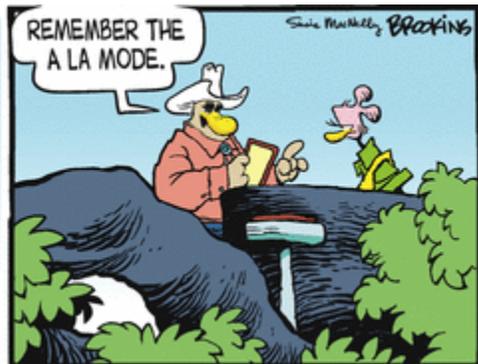


Anita with Jerry Moser getting ready for the closing number at Smitty's. Anita always has a good time.

**CARTOONS:**

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