

## EX ALDERMAN NEWSLETTER 231 AND CHESTERFIELD 176



**By John Hoffmann**

**June 27, 2016**

**PARKWAY SCHOOLS AND MASON RIDGE GETS AN "F" FOR BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL NOT KNOWING DATES, NOT FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS AND FOR WASTING MONEY:** Three weeks ago we wrote about how the Parkway School District was wasting money paying \$460 for an ad in West Magazine congratulating The Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce on its 40th anniversary. Instead of spending \$460, we suggested an email costing nothing or at the most send a \$3 card. (Plus the Parkway District is located in only 50% of the Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce area. The rest of it is in the Rockwood School District. )

On Monday June 13 Parkway was wasting more money we learned while they were at a Town and Country Board of Aldermen meeting on a request to move a wall mounted sign from the north side of the building to the south side. (see below)



Representatives from the school stated during the agenda meeting and during the Public Hearing that they wanted to add "2016" under the National Blue Ribbon School" wording. I was sure it was in 2014 that Mason Ridge and Henry School were the two Parkway Schools awarded the Blue Ribbon for excellence and not 2016. Alderwomen Lynn Wright mentioned the same thing.

If approved as submitted to add the "2016" or the correct date of 214 it would require a new application and more fees.

I mentioned to Ast. Superintendent Lisa Meredith that I didn't think Mason Ridge was named a Blue Ribbon School in 2016. She checked this out and agreed that it was in 2014. I found it pretty amazing that Mason Ridge and Parkway Schools did not know what the facts and dates were. What kind of Blue Ribbon School is that? (Mayor Dalton kept referring to Meredith as "Doctor." But since she can't write a prescription for me or a dog, we will drop the "Doctor" title.)



Lisa Meredith and a Parkway facilities engineer.

Then they were asked what they were going to do with the blue banner hanging on the South Wall proclaiming them a "Blue Ribbon School." The answer was to move the banner to the East wall facing Mason Road. Well that would be another application fee.



Frankly shouldn't you teach the kids not to brag too much and save some tax money?

All these things could have been in one application under one fee. But the school district did not want to follow instructions. The sign application fee is \$75 and the variance fee is \$200. If they had put all the correct dates and information in the original application it would be \$275. However if they reapplied for the date variances it would have cost much more, \$200 and maybe more.

The Board of Alderman allowed them to ask for a continuation so they could revise their application and save some money. I can only hope a smart fifth grader will read this and would bring it up when a teacher is talking about how important it is to follow instructions and the rules.

**MASON RIDGE PRINCIPAL RESIGNS:** Principal Mike Schmerold announced his resignation as principal and requested to be reassigned in a teaching role elsewhere in the district on June 21. Schmerold was the principal in 2014 when the school was named a National Blue Ribbon School. No replacement has yet been named.

Here is the email from the School District announcing the resignation:

----- Forwarded message -----

From: "Parkway School District" <[alertnow@pkwy.k12.mo.us](mailto:alertnow@pkwy.k12.mo.us)>

Date: Jun 21, 2016 2:07 PM

Subject: Mason Ridge Principal Update

A message from PARKWAY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dear Mason Ridge Parents and Staff,

I am writing to let you know that Principal Mike Schmerold has announced his intention to resign from his current position in the District starting July 1, 2016.

We are grateful for Mr. Schmerold's leadership and service to the students and families of Parkway during his time at Mason Ridge. We also want to support him as he pursues other professional goals by returning to the classroom elsewhere in the District.

Since the 2016-17 school year is just around corner, I have decided to work with Parkway's administrative team to select an interim principal for next school year rather than trying to conduct a comprehensive search. We have initiated a search of interested candidates within Parkway and are carefully reviewing their qualifications before selecting someone to serve for the 2016-17 school year.

I will let you know as soon as we have made a selection and will work with you to ensure a smooth transition. I will continue to keep you informed as we develop a plan for long-term leadership at Mason Ridge. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Sincerely,

Keith Marty  
Superintendent

However Schmerold's facebook page says he "worked at the Parkway School district" in the past tense.

**SINCE MOTORISTS IGNORE NO LEFT TURN SIGNS, CITY IS TO MAKE LEFT TURNS IMPOSSIBLE INTO MASON VILLAGE:** It is a "Me First World" especially if you are driving a Mercedes SUV or a BMW and you want to turn left from southbound Mason Road in the far west side entrance of the Mason Village Shopping Center. Apparently for some drivers those two "No Left Turn" signs do not apply to them if they are driving an \$80,000 car and live in Town and Country.

The problem is that drivers wanting to turn left into the shopping center back up south traffic into the middle of the Clayton Road - Mason Road intersection. It also pisses off a lot of other drivers. If they try and turn left out of the parking lot there are often view obstructions and the drivers will pull into the path of traffic that has right of way.



If you look closely at the first photo you can barely see the second "No Left Turn" sign in the far left center of the photo



. You can see the back of the second sign in this photo.

The city and the police have finally realized that too many drivers now believe if they are rich enough they don't have to obey those stink'n traffic signs. So they have a deal with the Love Management, the company that owns the Mason Village Shopping Center to make it impossible to make a left turn, by installing extended "pork chop" medians.

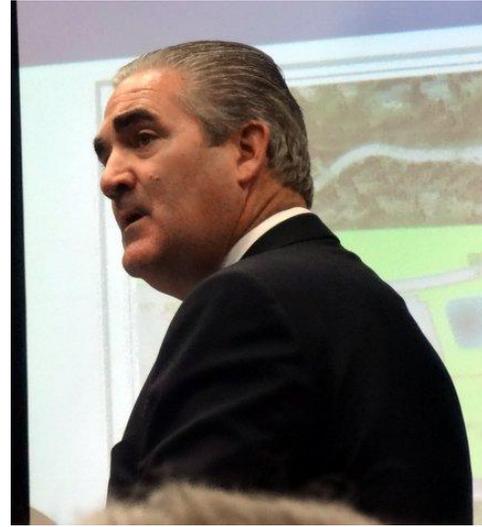
**SAFETY LAST:** I used to review large scale redevelopment plans in Montgomery County Maryland for transportation and traffic issues. This driveway intersection is obviously dangerous, because there is only room for 1-1/4 car lengths from the intersection stop line to the driveway. This is not enough room. This should be a right turn in only situation. I brought this up at a meeting with Craig Wilde. He said the agreement with the shopping center owner was right turn in and right turn out. He then admitted if the shopping center was being designed today, the driveway entrance would not be permitted.

Well that is a fine situation. The city is saying, we want to be it somewhat safer, but not completely safer. Apparently profits for Love Development Co. comes first before public safety.

### **City Breaks Own Ordinance. Gives out \$20,500 in contracts**

**with no bids:** The city will be spending \$7,500 with George Stock and Associates Consulting Engineers, owned by resident George Stock who was a recent campaign contributor to Mayor/Cigarette Lobbyist Jon Dalton. Stock's firm is to design a Pork Chop Median that will allow right turns into the shopping center and right turns out of the shopping center, but will make it impossible to turn left.

**Stock was awarded a \$13,000 no bid contract** to do engineering work on the Town Square project in January.



Stock has a fine reputation. Large companies hire him regularly to do work on large projects and/or be their spokesman for those projects. However he has a record of giving money to Mayor Jon Dalton's campaign.

In 2013 he gave Dalton a \$200 campaign contribution.

The city ordinance says that for expenditures of \$7,500 to an outside provider the work shall go out to bid. Stock's contract, which will be voted on Monday night June 27, did not go out to bid.

The city Director of Finance Betty Cotner sent me the following email with the ordinance and the exception of certain "professional" individuals. I really don't consider there to be a shortage of consulting engineers in the region to ignore the city ordinance.

***Sealed bids are required for purchases over \$7,500. Certain purchases do not require competitive bidding. See the below excerpt from the municipal code for additional information.***

All contracts providing for payment in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) but not in excess of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500.00) for purchases of supplies, materials or contracted services shall be made with the lowest and best bidder after at least three (3) competitive written bids have been taken, unless multiple sources are not available. Items in this category, if budgeted, may only be approved by the Finance Director.

All contracts providing for payment in excess of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500.00) for purchases of supplies, materials or contracted services shall be made with the lowest and best bidder after due and public notice inviting sealed bids. The City shall make every reasonable effort to seek bids from qualified contractors. Bids shall be opened at the time and place designated in the notice and the opening of such bids shall be public. Items in this category must be approved by the Board of Aldermen.

Section 140.040 Competitive Bidding — Professional Services Exempted From Requirements.

[Code 1975 §11.10(5); CC 1989 §2-264]

The requirements of competitive bidding hereinabove required shall not apply to service of professional persons, including, but not limited to, accountants, architects, attorneys, physicians or other services requiring expert or specialized knowledge or skill, planning consultants, insurance advisors and brokers, landscape architects and designers.

While I think limiting traffic into and out of the west Mason Village driveway is an important public safety matter that needs to be addressed sooner than later. I also think it is always good for the city to try and follow its own laws whenever possible.

**TOWN AND COUNTRY ADDS SOME MORE TO THE 2016 BUDGET DEFICIT:** With the unbudgeted addition of a fire marshal, an engineering study to stop illegal left turns and additional municipal court printing, the 2016 deficit jumped by \$72,071 to a current total of \$787,530.

**2016 TOWN AND COUNTRY BUDGET DEFICIT**

12/10/15 **\$656,195 deficit all budgets proposed budget**

12/14/15 **-\$12,000** Lighted Flagpole for Longview Park  
**-\$668.195**

01/25/16 **-\$8,500** For additional parking studies along Clayton Road including in Ballwin  
**-\$676,695**

01/25/16 **-\$15,700** Cost over orig estimate for tennis court replacement at Longview  
**-\$692,395**

01/25/16 **-\$13,000** To hire George Stock & Assoc for engineering study of Town Sq  
**-\$705,395**

03/28/16 -\$22,200 To hire Terry Jones to conduct resident survey , plus mailing costs  
 -\$727,595

04/11/16 +\$ 4,600 Unneeded surplus in Police Training fund  
 -\$722,959

04/26/16 +7,500 Un-awarded money for beautification grants  
 -\$715,459

06/27/16 -59,571 Adding unbudgeted new employee (Fire Marshal)  
 - \$775,030

06/27/16 -\$5,000 Additional unbudgeted printing costs for municipal court  
 - \$780,030

06/27/16 -\$7,500 Unbudgeted engineering traffic control contract  
 -\$787,530

The deficit could go down later in the year if planned construction and repair projects are finished under bid and if there is an increase in sales tax revenue. However if some projects go overbid and if there is a decrease in sales taxes, the deficit will increase along with money taken from the reserve funds for unbudgeted projects.

**REAL ESTATE:** We hear that if the prior owners of the house on the corner Williamsburg Estates and S. Mason Road had received permission to add a sunroom to the front of the house, they likely would not have sold the house to a builder. But they could not get permission for the sunroom off the front of the house and it was sold.



Two weeks ago they were stripping the wood panels off the house before bulldozing it.



Here is what is proposed to be built:



**MODERN FARM STYLE HOUSE FOR 13607 PEACOCK FARM ROAD TEAR DOWN:**

We have been following the plans for a new house at 13607 Peacock Farm Road. First the plans were to do an unusual addition of a second floor to the existing house. However it was determined that the soil would not support the addition. So now the original house has been bulldozed and the owners are proposing a new house.





The problem with the new house is that it is not set 50 feet back on the lot. The houses in much of Mason Valley were built prior to 1983 when the area was in unincorporated St. Louis County before it was annexed into Town and Country. Houses met St. Louis County setback standards but not Town and Country requirements.

**ONE-HALF OF IMPORTANT TEAM TO FORCE DEER MANAGEMENT IN TOWN AND COUNTRY DIES:** Dr. Joe Williamson and his wife Janet Williamson were unique members of the Town and Country Community. Joe was a pathologist and a member of the Washington University School of Medicine beginning in 1962. He was an internationally known researcher and lecturer in several areas.



Joe and Janet's house and yard on Kristie Court off Topping Road were amazing. The Williamsons had planted in their yard almost every native Missouri plant.



They were also the city's leading proponent for deer management. The Williamson yard had an electric fence around it (not exactly legal in the residential areas) to keep the deer out. Joe was one of the few residents to take advantage of the Missouri Conservation Department's deer trap program, where a large cage baited with corn would shut and capture a deer and the property owner would have to kill the deer shooting projectiles from an air gun into its brain. After catching several Joe, due to his age and light weight eventually dropped out of the trapping program.

However, he and Janet were the first to regularly appear at City meetings and talk about issues like Lyme's Disease and how over populated deer herds were eating all the underbrush and leading to the deaths of small mammals by predators.

Joe and Janet would have to listen to uninformed attacks from people like deer huggers Mariette Palmer and her group of crazies at meetings. But it turned out that Joe was correct. By 2009 an annual deer management program started in Town and Country

while Mariette and her group consisting of people from all over the region would hold candlelight protests for the deer, sharpshooters were reducing the herd.

Joe and Janet downsized in 2013 and sold their house and moved to a Chesterfield retirement community.

Besides Joe's work to make people and the city better, Janet did some amazing volunteer work that the city let go to waste. She planted Missouri Prairie grass and plants in the rocky property owned by MoDot at Topping and Manchester. The city spent \$90,000 to put an attractive fence around it and then did not maintain it and within four years the entire area was overtaken by invasive Honeysuckle.

Janet also served on the city's former Conservation Commission where she had to listen to Mariette Palmer rant and rave 10 times a year at meetings.

## UNAPPROVED CHESTERFIELD NEWSLETTER 176



**June 27, 2016**

**CHESTERFIELD MAY AND YTD CRIME AND POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT:** We have highlighted any increase in a category in 2016 from 2015

### CHESTERFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT MAY 2016 MONTHLY REPORT

Offenses	May 2016	2016 YTD	May 2015	2015 YTD
Non-Force Rape	0	1	0	0
Forcible Rape	0	1	1	1
Sex Offense	1	3	0	4
Robbery	0	2	1	6
Assaults	14	88	18	86

### BURGLARY

Residential	3	12	5	14
Business	1	4	2	5
<b>LARCENY</b>				
Felony	19	102	28	104
Misdemeanor	59	214	41	176
Auto Theft	0	6	1	6
Arson	1	2	0	1
Bad Checks & Fraud	22	117	42	740*
Vandalism	12	65	8	44
Drug Violations	7	56	8	39
DWI	10	52	9	59
<b>ARRESTS</b>				
Adult	98	581	102	589
Juvenile	13	76	11	61
<b>TRAFFIC</b>				
Vehicle Crashes	162	781	159	693
Injury Crashes	30	143	30	128
Warnings Issued	703	3155	398	1756
Parking Tickets	12	112	17	97
Traffic Citations	831	3893	931	4071
Recovered vehicles	1	2	0	2
Radio Assignments	4530	21782	4644	21143
Alarms	106	601	138	648

\* IRS tax return fraud cases were report in 2015 and not in 2016

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WANTS \$5,000 BIRTHDAY PRESENT FROM CITY. COUNCIL SAYS NO!!!!** Last Monday the City Council appeared to be turning off the money spigot to the Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber basically demanded \$5,000 from the The City of Chesterfield to be a 40th Birthday present. The city has been around for 28 years, but the Chamber dates back to the unincorporated days.

Interim City Administer Mike Geisel sent several requests to the chamber asking how the money would be used. He never got a response.

"We sent several requests to the Chamber and got no response," Giesel said when pressed at the City Council meeting.

During the debate Councilwoman Barb McGuinness ran down the tax money given to the Chamber in recent years.

2013 \$16,450  
2014 \$32,423  
2015 \$31,680  
2016 \$16,425 through the first five and half months.

"Each year we give the Chamber of Commerce \$500 for a golf tournament. What are we doing? Whose decision is it to give tax money for a non-city golf tournament," asked McGuinness.

She only got a half-ass answer that came from Councilman Randy Logan.

"Well, holes at golf tournaments are sponsored," said Logan in defense of tax money being used at Chamber pay to play golf outings.

Below is the email sent by the executive director of the Chamber, Nora Amato. We did one piece of editing. Ms. Amato, apparently was not an English major and sent the email without any paragraphing making it almost impossible to read. We broke it into paragraphs.

From: Nora Amato <nora@chesterfieldmochamber.com>  
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2016 12:12 AM  
To: Bob Nation; Libbey Tucker; Mike Geisel  
Cc: Nora Amato  
Subject: Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce 40th Anniversary Celebration

Bob, Libbey, and Mike,  
Good evening!

I wanted to congratulate you on another great event in Chesterfield the Air Show was a hit and brought many people to the area! It was fun to host the Canadian Consulate General and see the Canadian Snow Birds and the Blue Angels and sometimes — not even have to leave home!

It was a bit chilly on Saturday but the weather held and this year the traffic was handled well. I am also looking forward now to the groundbreaking for Veteran's

Honor Park. The Chamber has committed to a bench for \$8,000 and will hopefully have many of our Board of Director's present on June 1st.

On June 2nd we are having our Chamber's 40th Anniversary kickoff celebration with the band The Groove Thang at the Chesterfield Amphitheater - followed by our 10 concert series at Faust Park (for the 29th year) and then ending with our Pumpkin Run on October 22' ...I was told this week that West Newsmagazine is featuring us on the cover of their publication that goes to 65,000 households and an 8 page pull-out section of our 29th Annual Summer Concert Series and history...we were originally wanting sponsorship levels for the two top levels at \$15,000— for the City and the County and in rethinking this because of taxpayers and budgets - would like to ask for a \$5,000 sponsorship level. At \$5,000 the City logo would be on the cover of West Newsmagazine for the upcoming May 25 issue and a top sponsor of our 40th and displayed on 40th banner at our concerts and all events for the rest of the year.

Depending on our sponsorships—we are talking with Chesterfield Parks, Recs and Arts about partnering and having an Oktoberfest at the Chesterfield Amphitheater the afternoon of the Pumpkin Run with no additional sponsorships being sought and recognition to our original 40th sponsors on the banner being made for June 2nd.. Let me know if you have any questions and if you are on board so that I can get your logo to West Newsmagazine. I appreciate your partnership for all that we do and can continue to offer the community and making Chesterfield the City it is today to live, work and play)

Best,

Nora

Nora Amato

Executive Director

Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce

101 Chesterfield Business Parkway

Chesterfield, MO 63005

**THE VOTE:** Bridget Nations, the wife of the former mayor John Nations worked for the Chamber until the end of 2015. Nations is a big supporter of business and development. She had to recuse herself and not vote. Councilman Barry Flachsbart was out of town on vacation, leaving just six votes on the table.

In the old days it was you who decided if you were going to give a birthday present and what it would be. In 2016 the Chamber of Commerce wants to tell you. The \$5,000 Birthday Gift to the Chamber at the suggestion of the Chamber was voted down 2-4.

**FOR**

**Against**

Dan Hurt  
Randy Logan

Guy Tilman  
Barb McGuinness  
Bruce DeGroot  
Tom DeCampi

Barb McGuinness led the opposition. After the meeting she had plenty more to say.

"We are giving STAGES \$75,000 a year. But we are paying a Superintendent of Arts \$71,000 a year. We don't need to outsource squat," said McGuinness.

**CITY COUNCIL VOTES FOR LARGE ADVERTISING SIGN TO SHINE DOWN ON LONG TIME CITY SUBDIVISION. Almost no compromise in decision. In the winter time residents can step outside and enjoy the brightness of a St. Luke's advertising sign.** At the June 20th City Council meeting there wasn't much room for compromise dealing with a large illuminated sign that St. Luke's Hospital wants to hang on the top of a new building under construction located on the west side of Highway 141 from the main hospital.



Residents in the Ladue Farms Subdivision located directly across Highway 141 from the new building under construction have been none to happy about plans for a huge lighted sign on top of the building that originally was going to be lit from 5:30 am to 10 pm.

Their complaint is the sign will shine down on their subdivision like a second moon. It will be visible at a few homes during the summer with foliage on the trees and visible at almost all the homes during the winter.

**Logan vs. McGuinness:** Councilwoman Barb McGuinness vowed to keep Nancy Greenwood's motto of "Neighborhoods First" when she was appointed to fill the Ward 1 seat after the death of Greenwood. She then ran on a "Neighborhoods First" platform when she was elected in April.

"That is just a huge advertising sign," said McGuinness.

Logan has had a history of being in the pocket of developers. Last month he announced he was against anything Dan Hurt was for. He now seems to have taken aim at McGuinness and her constituents.

The new hospital building is over 1,100 feet away from the closest house in the subdivision causing Logan to say, "I can't see what is at the end of three football fields."

**THE MISCONCEPTION :** Lawyer Mike Doster representing St. Luke's along with a couple of councilpersons made it sound like it was just one homeowner who was having to put up with the illumination of a sign.

"One resident complaining the light from the sign 1,100 feet away will spoil their view," Doster said in mocking the complaint. I

The next day I went out to Ladue Farms and took some photos. I went to five spots in the subdivision. In three of them you could see the building under construction. After the leaves fall off the trees you would be able to see the building and lighted sign from all five locations.



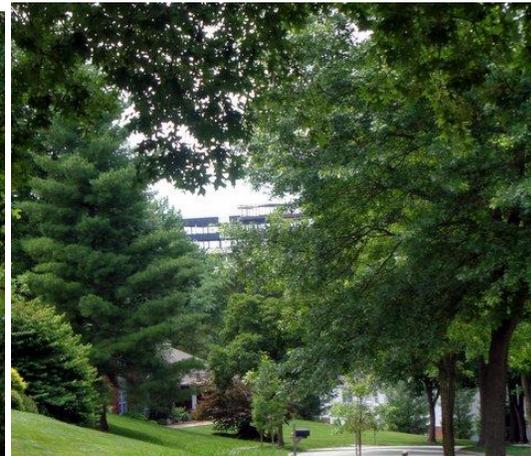
From subdivision entrance



First location



2nd location



3rd location

**CITY COUNCIL GIVES FINGER TO LONGTIME SUBDIVISION INSTEAD OF REACHING AN EASY COMPROMISE:** Barb McGuinness moved for a reasonable compromise. Move the lighted sign from the top of the building to the second story. The building sits on a hill. The sign would still be seen by motorists on Highway 141 and patients entering the hospital doctors' offices campus, but it would not be seen by large numbers of residents of Ladue Farms.

That compromised failed. The only compromise that was given to the residents was the hours the sign would be on. The hours were reduced from 5:30 am to 10 PM down to 5:30 AM to 9 PM.

The lighted sign at the top building passed on a 4-3 voted. Randy Logan, Dan Hurt, Tom DeCampi and Bridget Nations voted for the hospital and against the residents. Barb McGuinness, Guy Tilmann and Bruce DeGroot voted "No" which was for the residents.

**POLICE BLOTTER:** Here is the list of crime calls in Chesterfield last week.



# CHESTERFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Media Report June 15, 2016 - June 21, 2016

**Time of Occurrence    Generic Address    Business/Location Name    Incident Type**

06/20/2016, 2200 - 06/21/2016, 0500 14XXX CHELLINGTON CT **Larceny over \$500 from Auto**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject entered victim's unlocked vehicle and took a briefcase. Briefcase later recovered in neighbors yard with nothing missing.

06/20/2016, 2200 - 06/21/2016, 0500 14XXX CHELLINGTON CT **Larceny under \$500 from Auto**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject entered victim's unlocked vehicle and took loose change.

06/01/2016, 1200 17XXX KIMWOOD CT **Fraud Credit Card**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** 38 yo female used victim's debit card to make online purchases.

06/18/2016, 1830 - 06/20/2016, 0800 7XX SPIRIT OF ST LOUIS BLVD K Procraft Exterior **Larceny over \$500 Business**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject took utility trailer from rear of business.

06/14/2016, 1200 - 06/15/2016, 1800 11XX N WOODS MILL RD **Larceny over \$500 from Residence**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject took prescription medication from residence.

06/20/2016, 1500 - 1530 14XXX NORTH OUTER 40 RD Delmar Gardens **Larceny over \$500 Person**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject took victim's cell phone after it was left unattended in restroom.

06/20/2016, 1730 17XXX NORTH OUTER 40 RD Taubmann Outlet Mall **Stolen Vehicle Automobile**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject took victim's vehicle from mall parking lot.

06/20/2016, 2045 17XXX WILD HORSE CREEK RD Mobil **Larceny over \$500 Business**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject drove out of gas station with gas pump still attached to vehicle.

06/20/2016, 1930 2XX CHESTERFIELD MALL Victoria's Secret **Larceny under \$500 Shoplifting**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** 20 and 17 yo females concealed clothing and left store without paying.

06/19/2016, 1735 17XXX WILD HORSE CREEK RD Harvest Bible Chapel **Overdose Accidental**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** 22 yo female overdosed on heroin. Responding officer performed CPR and victim was conveyed to the hospital.

06/19/2016, 1400 2XX CHESTERFIELD MALL H&M **Larceny under \$500 Shoplifting**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** 21 and 20 yo males concealed clothing and left store without paying.

06/19/2016, 1527 2XX CHESTERFIELD MALL Victoria's Secret **Larceny under \$500 Shoplifting**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** 19 yo male and 16 and 12 yo females concealed clothing and cosmetics and left store without paying. 16 yo female also identified as a runaway and returned to family.

06/18/2016, 1820 17XXX NORTH OUTER 40 RD Gap **Shoplifting turned Robbery**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** 50 and 48 yo females concealed clothing and left store without paying. Upon contact with officer, one of the subjects resisted being placed into arrest while the other subject sprayed mace at the officer. One subject taken into custody while the other has only been identified. After arrest, drug paraphernalia found on suspect. No injuries to officer or suspects.

06/18/2016, 1025 17XX CLARKSON RD McDonalds **Peace Disturbance Other**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** 47 yo male created a Peace Disturbance inside restaurant after disagreement with victim.

06/18/2016, 1144 CONWAY RD & WHITE RD **Drugs Manufacture, Sale or Distribution**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** 17 yo male in possession of marijuana with intent to distribute after detective drug investigation.

06/18/2016, 1215 8 FOUR SEASONS SHPG CTR Dierberg's **Robbery With Gun**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject concealed food items and threatened security officer with unseen gun after being confronted.

06/18/2016, 0930 18XXX CHESTERFIELD AIRPORT RD Comfort Inn **Larceny over \$500 Person**

**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject took victim's I Pad from hotel room.  
06/16/2016, 2109 - 2209 17XX CLARKSON RD Dierberg's **Larceny under \$500 Shoplifting**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject took liquor bottles and drank them in store bathroom before leaving with store cell phone.  
06/17/2016, 1458 15XXX CONWAY RD Residence Inn **Violation of Ex-Parte/Full Ord Full Order**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** 37 yo male violated the conditions of a court order of protection by emailing victim.  
05/06/2016, 1330  
06/17/2016, 1330 10XX WHITE RD **Property Damage to House**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subjects vandalized house under construction by breaking out windows and damaging walls.  
06/17/2016, 0201 6X THF BLVD **Dick's Sporting Goods Burglary Commercial - Business**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subjects broke out front window of business and took clothing from inside.  
06/16/2016, 2215 - 2220 17XX CLARKSON RD **Starbucks Trespassing Private Property**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject entered the kitchen area of the business after hours.  
06/15/2016, 2300 - 06/16/2016, 0700 17XXX LITTLELEAF CT **Larceny under \$500 from mailbox**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject took mail out of mailbox that contained a check.  
06/15/2016, 2000 - 06/16/2016, 0643 10XX YELLOWWOOD CT **Larceny under \$500 from Auto**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject entered victim's unlocked vehicle and took a suitcase containing clothing and jewelry. Suitcase later recovered.  
06/16/2016, 1152 19XX SHADOW WOOD CT **Fraud Identity Theft**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject used victim's information to open up credit card accounts.  
06/15/2016, 2100 - 2215 16XXX BAXTER RD JCCA **Property Damage to Business**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject damaged bathroom stall.  
03/13/2016, 1200 17XXX EDISON AVE 100 Pulaski Bank **Fraud Checks**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject cashed fraudulent check at bank.  
06/16/2016, 0730 1XX CHESTERFIELD MALL Dillard's **Larceny under \$500 Employer**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** 18 yo male concealed clothing while working for employer.  
06/16/2016, 1516 - 1800 18XX BUCKINGTON DR **Larceny over \$500 from Residence**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject took package that was delivered to victim's address.  
05/31/2016, 1200 16XXX ASHBERRY CIRCLE DR **Fraud Scam**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject convinced victim to send iTunes card for computer repair scam/repair.  
06/15/2016, 0102 OLIVE BLVD & CAZADO Drugs **Possession - Misdemeanor**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** 30 yo male in possession of marijuana and paraphernalia after being stopped for DWI.  
06/15/2016, 0641 16XXX BARRISTER LN **Assault Common - Threat**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** 49 yo male displayed a knife to victim after argument causing no injuries.  
06/10/2016, 0645 - 0700 13XX TIMBERLAKE MANOR PKY **Larceny over \$500 Person**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject took victim's rings after they were left unattended in restroom.  
06/14/2016, 1930 - 06/15/2016, 0730 7X BURNING TREE DR **Burglary Residential - Garage**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject entered victim's unlocked vehicle and used garage door opener to enter garage. No items taken.  
06/06/2016, 1800 - 06/15/2016, 1000 9XX CHESTERFIELD VILLAS CIR **Larceny over \$500 from Residence**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject took firearm from victim's residence during move.  
03/01/2016, 1200 14XX WESTMEADE DR **Forgery Other**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** 45 yo male forged ex-wife's signature to close out bank account.  
06/04/2016, 1950 2XX THF BLVD Lowe's **Larceny over \$500 Shoplifting**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject placed power tool in shopping cart and walked out of store without paying.

**TWO SHOPLIFTING CASES TURN INTO ROBBERIES:** The use of force or the threat of a use of force turns simple shoplifters into felon robbery suspects. The first case involved three shoplifters at the Gap Store in the Taubman Outlet Mall on the North Forty Outer Road on June 18 at 6:20 pm.

When a Chesterfield Police officer officer stopped the trio and was restraining 50-year-old Kathryn Love of North St. Louis, who was holding stolen items, another shoplifter

sprayed the officer with Pepper Spray. Love was charged with three felonies, Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer, Stealing Over \$500 and Resisting Arrest. Here is Officer Krumm's Probable Cause Statement:

Date: June 19, 2016

I, David Krumm, DSN 0273, Chesterfield Police Department, knowing that false statements on this form are punishable by law, state that the facts contained herein are true. I have probable cause to believe that on June 18, 2016, at 17017 North Outer 40 Rd, St. Louis County, Mo, Kathryn Love, Black, Female, DOB [REDACTED] 1965, [REDACTED]", [REDACTED] lbs, committed one or more criminal offense(s).

- Count: 01      ASSAULT/ATTEMPT ASSAULT 2ND DEGREE ON LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, CORRECTIONS OFFICER, EMERGENCY PERSONNEL, HIGHWAY WORKER, UTILITY WORKER OR PROBATION AND PAROLE OFFICER BY MEANS OTHER THAN DEADLY WEAPON OR DANGEROUS INSTRUMENT/PHYSICAL INJURY - CLASS C FEL
- Count: 02      THEFT/STEALING (VALUE OF PROPERTY OR SERVICES IS \$500 OR MORE BUT LESS THAN \$25,000) - CLASS C FELONY
- Count: 03      RESISTING/INTERFERING WITH ARREST FOR A FELONY - CLASS D FELONY

The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

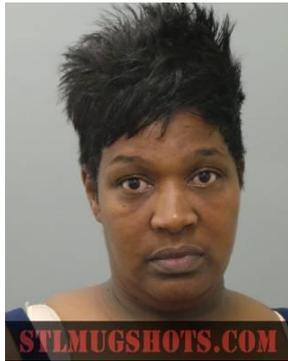
Officer responded to a call of a suspicious person. LPO believed defendant was concealing store merchandise on her person and attempting to leave the store without paying. Officer contacted defendant as she passed all points of sale. Defendant refused to comply with officer's commands. Defendant struggled with officer and demanded her sister/co-defendant get officer off of her. Co-defendant at defendant's command sprayed officer with Mace. Officer gained control of defendant after a brief struggle. Search of defendant incident to arrest revealed five hundred and seventy-nine dollars worth of store merchandise, an unlabeled prescription container with a white powdery substance, an ibuprofen bottle containing eleven pills believed to be Alprazolam and eleven pills believed to be morphine. Defendant admitted stealing to support her heroin habit and that she fought officer and called her sister to help her get away because she didn't want to get arrested and be dope sick.

David Krumm, DSN 0273, Chesterfield Police Department

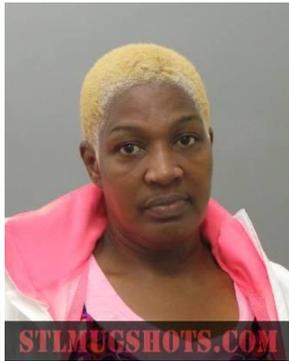
[Signature] PO [Handwritten Signature], 273

Here is part of Love's record that we could find initially find: (More will be in next week's newsletter)

- 04/27/88 Felony Receiving Stolen Property St. Louis County  
PG 06/24/88 sentenced to 6 months County Jail
- 09/04/91 Felony Stealing St. Louis County PD  
PG 5/24/93 sentenced to 10 years prison, but placed on 5-years probation  
after serving 120 days shock incarceration.
- 11/13/03 Felony Receiving Stolen Property St. Peters PD  
PG 03/08/04 Sentenced to 7 years prison
- 07/25/14 Stealing
- 04/28/16 Felony Stealing Over \$500 St. Louis County PD  
arrested 06/20/16 on a warrant after her arrest in Chesterfield



2014



2016



June 2016

The reason we could not find more arrests under the name of Kathryn Love is because of all the alias names she uses. Here are a few the police listed with the courts.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY  
STATE OF MISSOURI

-VS-

KATHRYN DENISE LOVE  
SAINT LOUIS, MO 63136

**Aliases:**

Kathryn Love  
Ranasha Loe  
Rolanda Blount  
Shaundra Bradford  
Michelle Grady  
Shalindra Bradford

RACE: Black  
SEX: Female  
DOB: 06/25/65  
HGT: [REDACTED]  
WGT: [REDACTED]  
P.D.: Chesterfield  
ORI Number: MO0959A00

SSN: [REDACTED]  
OCN: K3009618  
CASE ID: 189362782  
RPT NO: 16-3145  
CT. NO: 16SL-CR04537

Karen D. Love  
Kimberly Love  
Michelle James  
Watik D. Williams  
Watik Williams  
Karen Love  
Sheila Robinson  
Donetta Thomas  
Michelle D. James  
Michelle Grady  
Watik Williams  
Shaundra Bradfod  
Katrina Love  
Jamelia Holloway  
Michelle Jams  
Toyetta Holloway  
Marva L. Stupart  
Deborah Taylor  
Katrina Davis  
Toyetta Halloway  
Sandra Woods  
Michelle James  
Kimberly Love  
Kathryn D. Love  
Katrina Davis  
Katheryn Holloway  
Kimberly Love  
Marva Liyn Stupart  
Dannella Thomas  
Sandra Woods  
Toyetta Halloway  
Kathryn Holloway  
Kathy Love  
Ranesha Love  
Deborah Taylor  
Dannetta L. Thomas  
Katheryn D. Love  
Kathryn Love

**The other case involved a robbery that started as a shoplifting** at the Dierbergs supermarket in the Four Seasons Shopping Center also on June 18 a little after 12-

noon. A shoplifter confronted by a store security officer claimed to have a gun, but did not show it. The shoplifter escaped.

**FOLLOW THE MONEY:** Normally we are on top of the 30-day After Election reports that show the last minute campaign contributions. However this year we were out of town on vacation when the reports were filed.

We finally looked at them this month, including those who did not file online with the Missouri Ethics Commissions but filed by hand at the St. Louis County Board of Elections. This is an all Chesterfield event as the two candidates in Town and County did not accept any contributions just before or after the election. That was not the case in Chesterfield. Here are the candidates who showed contributions immediately before or after the election.

#### **WARD 1:**

**Barry Flachsbart:** Barry's opponent did not run an active campaign and in fact announced he might be moving out of the city. Flachsbart did give his campaign **\$1,300** in the last days before the election. Flachsbart won reelection to a 2-year term.

**Barb McGuinness:** Barb forgave **\$1182** in money she had loan to her campaign. In other works she gave that amount to her campaign. She also accepted **\$1300** from the Citizens for Flacbart Committee and **\$200** from Lynn and Jayleen Hage of 85 River Bend in the 10 days before the election. McGuinness also spent \$184 for victory party at the Sports Page Pub. McGuinness won election to a one-year term.

#### **WARD 3**

Randy Logan. Logan gave \$3,609 to his campaign 10 days before the election. Logan won.

#### **WARD 4:**

**Connie Fults** accepted **\$495** in contributions under \$100 where she did not have to list the contributors just prior to or after the election. She also took **\$250** from Maurice and Mirian Hirsch on April 2.

Fults spent \$352 for an election party; that I'm guessing was not too festive since she lost.

Also after the campaign she donated **\$300** to the **Citizens to Elect Bruce DeGroot** campaign and **\$200** to the **Citizens for Derek Grier** campaign. Both DeGroot and Grier are running for state rep seats. DeGroot who is a Chesterfield Councilman campaigned for Fults, which seemed to be stupid since it was a close race where he was likely to turn a large number of people against him regardless who won. It turned out that Fults lost by a lot.

**FIREWORKS: HOW MUCH SHOULD THE CITY PAY FOR?** In June the City of Chesterfield forked over \$12,000 to the Chamber of Commerce for their fireworks display. The city also spends \$50,000 total for a Fourth of July celebration that includes fireworks.

Should the city help finance a business groups' fireworks show? That show does bring people to the area and helps businesses draw customers.



**MORE REZONING REQUESTS, MORE OPPOSITION:** Recently it was the plans for up to 300 apartments on Schottler Road at South Forty Outer Road that brought the people. Since February there has been a new project that wants rezoning from the city council that is going before the Planning Commission June 27.

This time the proposal is in the most affluent area of town out in the west end at Baxter and Wild Horse Creek Road.

PreserveSchoettler.com is the anti-apartment group and PreserveChesterfield.org is the group against Baxter and Wild Horse Creek.

This reminds me of the days of Mayor Bruce Geiger and all the tax breaks flying to developers in Chesterfield Valley with most for the city council voting for the TDD and

CID special taxes. Now Geiger is on the other side; part of the opposition on Schottler Road.



Bruce Grieger back in his mayor days.

It seems to me that Chesterfield is busting at the seams with developments. Due to the flood plain, Chesterfield Valley can't be used for housing. It is as if there is not enough interest from home developers which is opening the doors to the apartment and assisted living folks.

There was indication from some councilpersons that the Schottler Road proposal would be on the June 27 Planning Commission agenda. Chesterfield Planner Aimee Nassif informed me on June 20th that only the assisted living facility would be on the June 27th agenda and the apartment plans have not yet been scheduled.

Hello,

The assisted living project at Baxter and Wild Horse is on for public hearing on June 27. The KU Development off of Schoettler and Haybarn Lane is not on that evening. The meeting date for that one is unknown at this time.

Aimee

### **REP. SUE ALLEN WITHDRAWS HER SUPPORT OF SCHOTTLER ROAD**

**APARTMENT DEVELOPMENT:** I'm not sure why Sue Allen wanted to stick her nose into city business in the first place, but she did by writing a letter in support of the 300 unit apartment development to city officials in February. With considerable backlash against the project and her husband Mike running to replace her in the State House, on June 21, 2016 she wrote a second letter withdrawing that support. See below

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**SUE ALLEN**  
State Representative  
District 100

June 21, 2016

The Honorable  
Bob Nation  
Mayor  
City of Chesterfield  
Chesterfield City Hall  
690 Chesterfield Pkwy W  
Chesterfield, MO 63017-0670

RE: 40 West Luxury Living Apartment Development

Dear Mayor Nation:

On February 18, 2016, I wrote to offer my support for the 40 West Luxury Living Apartment Development at the intersection of Schoettler and South Outer 40. At that time, it seemed to me that this project would be in the best interests of the City of Chesterfield and of the 100<sup>th</sup> Missouri House District which I represent by helping meet a growing need for this type of housing in our community.

Since February, I have received many e-mails and other correspondence from residents of Chesterfield and the 100<sup>th</sup> District expressing strong opposition to this project. I have also heard that my support of the project was viewed as being inappropriate. Although I have consistently supported Chesterfield in Jefferson City on issues like the changes to rules regarding St. Louis County's pooling of sales tax proceeds, I understand that this development project is an issue which is specific to Chesterfield and its residents. I also now understand that there is a strong divergence of opinion among many residents of Chesterfield regarding this local Chesterfield issue.

Since I am not a resident of Chesterfield, do not represent all Chesterfield residents and do not have a vote on the outcome of this project, I believe it would be appropriate for me to withdraw my support for the project at this time and allow the future of this project to be decided by the people of Chesterfield and their local elected officials.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sue Allen".

Sue Allen  
State Representative, District 100

We heard rumors that Mike Allen was a college buddy of the main developer's father.

## PRESERVE CHESTERFIELD WEBSITE SPELLS OUT OPPOSITION TO ASSISTED LIVING CENTER: Go to

Preservechesterfield.org

and read the points of the opposition. To put it simply... Chesterfield should not screw over residents by rezoning and changing long term city master plan.

**NO ASSISTED LIVING/MEMORY CARE**

**STOP REZONING**

**Baxter/Wild Horse**

Please Attend Public Hearing on  
**June 27<sup>th</sup> at 7PM at Chesterfield City Hall**  
to express your opposition

Please OPPOSE the rezoning application submitted to build an Assisted Living Facility with Memory Care Units at the intersection of Wild Horse Creek Road and Baxter Road by

- Emailing Jonathan Raiche (Chesterfield Planner) your letter of opposition at [jraiche@chesterfield.mo.us](mailto:jraiche@chesterfield.mo.us) with subject Letter of opposition for PZ 05-2016 Shelbourne.
- Attend Public Hearing on June 27<sup>th</sup> at 7PM at Chesterfield City Hall.



For questions Please Contact [PreserveChesterfield@gmail.com](mailto:PreserveChesterfield@gmail.com)

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**What is the proposed project?**  
The proposed development includes a 53-bed Assisted Living Facility (ALF) with memory care units. It also includes 94 additional independent living units.

**What does an Assisted living Facility (ALF) with memory care units mean?**  
Assisted living with memory care is a 24/7 operations with medical assistance. The proposed project will house Alzheimer's and Dementia patients. Memory care provides intensive, long term medical care to patients with serious health and dementia conditions in a fully-staffed and monitored facility.

**I hear that a Senior Living facility is the best option there?**  
Not really. This is not just a senior living facility. It also has 53 Assisted Living/memory care units that serves Alzheimer's and Dementia patients that makes it a medical facility with 24/7 operations.

**What is allowed to be built on the site right now?**  
The current vacant land, at the intersection of Baxter/Wild Horse is divided into 3-parcels (see map). All 3 parcels are zoned "C3 Planned Commercial District" allowing several commercial uses. The current zoning regulations DO NOT allow an Assisted-Living Facility to be built.

**Does the proposed development eliminate gas stations/strip malls from being built in the adjacent vacant parcels?**  
NO. As can be seen from the map, the proposed development covers only 1 of the three available parcels. It is very likely that the proposed development will actually increase the chances of commercial/other high density development in the other two parcels.

**I do not live next to the proposed location. How does this impact me?**

- Kids Safety and noise concerns with 24/7 operations
- Availability of Emergency Services (Fire and Ambulance)
- Potential decline in home values

**Why is the proposed development bad for the neighborhood?**

- **Building Height and Density:** If approved as proposed, the building would be the only four-story structure along the entire eight-mile length of Wild Horse Creek Road. Again, this is inconsistent with the surrounding area. The apparent need to construct a four-story structure illustrates that the property is not large enough to accommodate the development. There will be 145 units in a 5 acre lot. It is very dense, compared to neighboring subdivisions in the area.
- **Strain on Emergency Services:** Industry statistics indicate that there will be between one and three emergency service visits per unit per year. It is believed this will put significant pressure on emergency services, increasing response times and impacting patient care. This also means that anyone in Chesterfield who use emergency services will be impacted.
- **Safety & Security for our Children** - Tremendous impact to our kids' safety and security resulting from increased traffic, commercial deliveries, large trucks, ambulances etc.
- **24/7 operation** - It DOES NOT fit in our largely single-family residential neighborhood.
- **Medical Waste** - The proposed facility will care for dementia/Alzheimer patients as well as assist seniors with their medications. Such activities lead to medical waste which must be handled and disposed of with caution. No matter best intentions and practices, accidents happen, which could become a health hazard to the residents, particularly children, within the immediate area.
- **Noise** - We have to live with constant ambulance, trucks, and trash truck noise as a result of 24/7 operations
- **Property values:** Potential decline in home values in the surrounding areas.

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## MINI RESTAURANT REVIEW: PENO 7600 Wydown Blvd. Clayton, MO.

The reason we were going to Penos was because singer Dean Christopher was performing with a trio including Jim Manley on trumpet, Joe Weber on the drums and Chris Swan on the keyboard on Sunday June 12 from 4 pm to 7 pm. This was to be an outdoor concert with sitting in tables covered by patio umbrellas for shade.

We were a little suspect of the operation of Penos when we checked their website and found it said they were closed on Sundays and Mondays. I called on Saturday evening and was told that the website was wrong and they had been trying to fix that sometime.

We left the house at about 3:40. When we passed the time and temp sign facing Highway I-64 in Frontenac, it said 104 degrees. When we arrived we were told it was just 99 degrees in Clayton.

Peno is located at the corner of Wydown and Westwood about three blocks from Hanley Road. The location of Peno for 50 years was a small brick two bay garage gas station that last sold Sinclair gasoline to the best of my memory. That is all gone and there is now a small strip center in its place.



We sat under a patio umbrella as the music started. The waitress gave us both dinner and lunch menus. I never second guess my wife when it comes to Italian food, since she lived in Rome for a year of her life. She ordered Cannelloni (\$16) and some summer drink called Straits of Messine (\$10).



She reported that the Cannelloni was marginally OK, but was overcooked.

I ordered the roast spicy Calabrese beef sandwich with sweet peppers (\$12). Not being wise of Italian food, I asked that they hold the sweet peppers, unaware that they were already mixed in with the meat. The waitress did not advise that there was no getting rid of the peppers. They also did not advertise that the beef also had chopped up black olives mixed in. Had I known this I would have passed.

I ordered Italian Roasted Potatoes as my side. I asked if the potatoes came all the way from Italy. The waitress didn't get the joke.



The roast beef was stringy. The toasted bread with some cheese was the best part of the sandwich. On doctor's orders to reduce my bread intake I only ate half of the bread. I picked the peppers and olives out of the meat. The meat was okay, but it was stringy and at the end of the meal I would have given up my kingdom for some dental floss.

The Italian potatoes surprised me. They were tasteless.

The owner of Peno also lit bug canisters that made it tough to enjoy the taste of food.

The music however was very good for the first set. Then the rain came, which cancelled the second and third sets. One couple left before the rain started and another one showed up for the music after the rain stopped but the tent was so heavy with water

there was a fear it would rip open. Unless the music got some dog walkers to pull up a chair the best they were going to do on the evening was audience-5 & musicians-4.



**MUSIC: Rat Pack Monday:** Yes it was another rat Pack Pack Monday at the One-19-North with a full house.



The Stars of the Show.

**THE WET PARADE:** It was pouring 30 minutes before the scheduled start of the 2016 Town and Country Parade. 15 minutes before the parade there was a steady rain falling and none of the vehicle had drivers, riders or had gotten into line. After two weeks of heat advisories Fred Wiesenhan of Mari de Villa guaranteed it would not be hot for the parade. It was 95 degrees at 3 o'clock, but after the skies opened up the parade started late and was held in an occasional light drizzle with the temps in the seventies.

City Administrator Gary Hoelzer told me after the parade that it was 4 minutes from being cancelled.



Parade route 30 minutes before start of parade.



Parade cars 15 minutes before scheduled start time



Here is the crowd at 4:55 at the edge of Longview Park



Here is at 5:25. Last year there were several hundred people here.

Normally to lead a parade you would expect to see the Grand Marshal. But not in the Land of Town and Country.

Instead of a beloved and respected hall of Fame baseball player and St. Louis Cardinal manager, Red Schoendienst, who for the second year was the Grand Marshal, the wet

spectators got to see a waving cigarette lobbyist and mayor of Town and Country Jon Dalton. At least following Dalton was famous amateur golfer Jim Holtgrieve, who grew up around the corner from me on Locksley Place in Webster Groves.



Cigarette Lobbyist & Mayor



3 time member of winning WalkerCup team.



The two Ward-2 alderwomen seemed to be having the best time of any elected officials.



This guy should have been before Jon Dalton.



Former Cardinal left handed reliever Ken Dayley is properly giving left handed waves this year.



OMG! Did former Cardinal pitcher John Costello go the Bruce Jenner route and get a sex change operation? Oh maybe that is Costello in the right front seat.



The Shriners staying on all four wheels due to wet pavement, were just driving in circles.



This is the car that should have been leading the parade, Grand Marshal Red Schoendienst and Peyton from the Make a Wish Foundation.



Mostly WWII Vets in the hose bed of a classic Fire Engine. Perhaps this one should have led the parade instead of Cigarette Lobbyist/Mayor Jon Dalton, who never served in Armed Forces.



Pat McGonigle of KSDK waves to a very small crowd much like KSDK's ratings.



A repeat appearance from 2015 for the 1948 Ford.



The St. Louis Stutters, older dancers, most older than vintage fire truck they are riding on are waving from.



State Rep Sue Allen under the umbrella and the candidate running to replace her, her husband Mike Allen. The entire parade route was out of their district.



New this year, The Bubble Bus drives by as the drizzle starts again.



Two Schnucks' shopping carts. The one of the left is the Costco size cart. Unfortunately there were no teamster protesters in the parade. It would have been interesting.



This guy, Mike Shannon could easily have been a grand marshal and certainly deserved to go before the Cigarette Lobbyist/Mayor.



This is what the pre-parade lineup sheet said about the Mason Ridge Garden Club, "All the garden club ladies are looking forward to it. We will probably have the pickup truck again and we have lots of flags . We will make it more of flower theme - maybe wheeling wagons of flowers and handing out candy.

This is all I saw of the Garden Club, Claire Chosid, the only president in the history of the club, riding by herself. Several years ago Claire had a 70-year-old divorce attorney send me a threatening letter saying I would be sued if I ever mentioned Claire's name in my newsletter again. I guess I will be waiting for the process server.



County Councilwoman Colleen Wasinger was not just slumming coming from the Village of Huntleigh, she was riding in a Chevrolet and not a Mercedes.



I laughed when I looked at this photo. In the background are two early 30-something moms, ignoring the guy in the car. They likely don't remember the Football Cardinals, let alone Bob Rowe who played defensive lineman for the Cardinals from 1967-to-1975. Of course I remember him.



State Rep. Dean Plocher had a large group of people marching in the parade and a truck. One guy was yelling to the sparse crowd how honest and ethical Plocher is. This caused me to yell back, "Come on he was the municipal judge in Pine Lane (perhaps the most scandal ridden corrupt suburb of St. Louis, with the mayor and assistant police chief currently in prison and the police department disbanded in 2015).

Dean came over and shook my hand saying it was nice to see me again. I responded, "It's nice to see you Dean, but I'll still never vote for you."



The Wirth Ford Stake bed truck



A ford roadster



The King of the parade Fred Wiesenhan and Mary Kay Wiesenhan.



There are a lot of churches in Town and Country, but only Destiny Church participated in the parade. No schools were in the parade this year.

**PARADE MUSIC: The Sounds of Silence.** This year Fred Wiesenhan announced he was not going to pay any live music groups to be in the parade and instead was going to have patriotic music blasting from large speakers. The patriotic float had the speakers but no music. We didn't even hear any loud car radios. There was no music until the end of the parade.



An eagle that looked more like a dove with Uncle Sam and some very silent speakers. The only music I heard was provided by these three clowns at the end of the parade.



**CARTOONS:** We had to cut back on the cartoons due to all the parade photos. We will try and have a lot of cartoons next week.



**AND IN OTHER NEWS...**



**A MAN FOLLOWED A YOUNG GIRL INTO A TARGET BATHROOM IN TEXAS, SAYING HE SELF IDENTIFIED AS A WOMAN. THE MAN'S TEETH WERE KNOCKED OUT BY THE GIRLS FATHER WHO SAYS HE SELF IDENTIFIES AS THE TOOTH FAIRY**