

# EX ALDERMAN NEWSLETTER 258 AND CHESTERFIELD 203



January 2, 2017

By John Hoffmann

**94 MPH ON I-270 AT 10:55 ON A TUESDAY NIGHT IS ALSO ILLEGAL PARKING ON A RESIDENTIAL STREET IN TOWN AND COUNTRY.** A 2013 Jeep Grand Cherokee was clocked by Town and Country Officer Wilkey doing 94 MPH on NB 270 north of Manchester Road. The driver of the car was Scott Alexander Fike, Sr. of Springfield. He was cited for 94 in a 60 MPH.

Uniform Citation <small>ORI NO. MO 0957200 TOWN AND COUNTRY POLICE STATE OF MISSOURI DIVISION OF 21st CIRCUIT COURT</small>		Violator's Copy <b>140067089</b>	
STATE OF MISSOURI		DIVISION	
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF <b>TOWN AND COUNTRY MUNICIPAL</b> COUNTY <b>1</b>			
COURT ADDRESS (Street, City, Zip) <b>1011 MUNICIPAL CENTER DRIVE DR, TOWN AND COUNTRY, MO, 63131</b>			
COURT DATE <b>05/05/2016</b>	COURT TIME <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM <b>7:00</b>	COURT PHONE NO. <b>(314) 432-1420</b>	
I, KNOWING THAT FALSE STATEMENTS ON THIS FORM ARE PUNISHABLE BY LAW, STATE THAT I HAVE PROBABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE THAT:			
ONABOUT (Date) AT TIME <b>03/22/2016 2255</b>	HRS <b>2255</b>	HWY CLASS UPON / AT OR NEAR (LOCATION) <b>EB IS 270 AF MO MANCHESTER RD</b>	
WITHIN CITY / COUNTY AND STATE AFORESAID.			
NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE) <b>FIKE, SCOTT, ALEXANDER SENIOR</b>			
STREET ADDRESS <b>4 E SHERWOOD ST</b>			
CITY <b>SPRINGFIELD</b>	STATE <b>MO</b>	ZIP CODE <b>65802</b>	
DATE OF BIRTH <b>04/06/1940</b>	RACE <b>W</b>	SEX <b>M</b>	HEIGHT <b>600</b>
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VEHICLE YEAR <b>2013</b>	MAKE <b>JEEP</b>	MODEL <b>GRAND CHEROKEE</b>	STYLE <b>4D</b>
REGISTERED WEIGHT	LIC. NUMBER <b>[REDACTED]</b>	STATE <b>MO</b>	COLOR <b>MAR</b>
DID THEN AND THERE COMMIT THE FOLLOWING OFFENSE. THE FACTS SUPPORTING THIS BELIEF ARE AS FOLLOWS: <b>EXCEEDING SPEED LIMIT 60 MPH ZONE PATROL VEHICLE 2; MOVING RADAR FRONT ANTENNA SAME DIRECTION</b>			
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OFFICER <b>/s/ P.O. Wilkey</b>	BADGE <b>00129</b>	TRP / ZONE	DATE <b>03/22/2016</b>
ON INFORMATION, UNDERSIGNED PROSECUTOR CHARGES THE DEFENDANT AND INFORMS THE <input type="checkbox"/> RSMO			

Fike, 74, hired attorney Carl Civella (a possible relative to the famous Kansas City mob boss Carl Corky Civella) and the case was moved to the St. Louis County Associate Circuit Court. It was still prosecuted by Town and Country Prosecutor Ed Sluys.

Fike on September 15, 2016 pled guilty to a charge amended by Sluys to "Illegal Parking on a Residential Street." He was fined \$200 and had no points go on his license. This is somewhat ironic since there is no exit to a residential street off of I-270 in Town and Country.

On 01/30/10 Fike got a speeding ticket for 20 MPH or more over the limit on I-29 outside of St. Joseph by the Highway Patrol. In that case he simply paid the ticket five days later and got the points. Maybe they are not reducing cases in Buchanan County to Illegal Parking.

**98 MPH ON I-64 IS NORMALLY CONSIDERED EXCESSIVE SPEEDING BUT TO TOWN AND COUNTRY PROSECUTOR IT IS A NO-FINE NO-POINTS VIOLATION VIOLATION:** Sgt. Chris Moore of the Town and Country Police clocked a 2004 Nissan coupe on Saturday night/Sunday morning January 24, 2016 at 12:30 on I-64 at Mason Road. The driver of the car, Sam Holroyd, 51, of South St. Louis, was doing **98 MPH**.

I have a feeling that Holroyd, who went to high school at Ladue, but on Facebook puts his nose in the air and says he went to Horton-Watkins, and works as an engineer at MSD, should be smart enough to know that 98 MPH is not close to 60 MPH.



Apparently Holroyd might be ready to enter a "Larry David" Look - a-Like contest.

Holroyd hired a St. Charles lawyer, who moved the case from Town and Country MUNI court to the St. Louis County Associate Circuit Court. Ed Sluys the Town and Country city prosecutor still prosecuted the case.

On 09/15/16 pled guilty but Judge Richard Stewart placed him on a No-Fine No-Points SIS probation term.

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WITHIN CITY / COUNTY AND STATE AFORESAID,			
NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)			
HOLROYD, SAMUEL, DAVID			
STREET ADDRESS			
2 SIMPSON AVE			
CITY		STATE	ZIP CODE
ST LOUIS		MO	63139
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/s/ Sgt. Moore	00083		01/24/2016

**CHRONIC DRUNK DRIVER FROM BALLWIN ARRESTED FOR FIFTH DWI AFTER CRASHING INTO A UTILITY POLE ON MASON RIDGE AND MASON ROAD: 73-year-old Peter Switzer of 318 Bellerive in Ballwin has at least four prior DWI convictions.**

He now has a fifth DWI pending after he crashed into a utility pole on Mason Ridge Road and Mason Road next to the Mason Ridge Elementary School on September 16, 2016 at 9:21 PM. Officer Lauren Becker of the Town and Country Police responded to the crash and found Switzer in the car, behind the wheel with the engine running. A breath test at the police station showed his BAC to be .218%, more than 2 1/2-times over the legal limit. This is from the court files:

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

-VS-

PETER K. SWITZER  
318 BELLERIVE  
BALLWIN, MO 63011

**Aliases:**  
Peter Switzer  
Peter K Switzer

**Defendant**

**44M**

RACE: White  
SEX: Male  
DOB: 04/02/1943  
HGT: 5'09"  
WGT: 165lbs.  
P.D.: Town and Country  
ORI Number: MO0957200

**CHARGES**

Count: 01 DWI - ALCOHOL - CHRONIC OFFENDER - CLASS B FELONY

*50,000.00 cash only  
NO 10% - SCRAM-  
NO ALCOHOL*

**COMPLAINT**

State of Missouri )  
County of St. Louis ) SS

Comes now the State of Missouri by and through the undersigned Assistant Prosecuting Attorney on information and belief that there is probable cause to believe that the above named defendant committed the following crime(s):

**COUNT: 01 DWI - ALCOHOL - CHRONIC OFFENDER - CLASS B FELONY**

That Peter Switzer , in violation of Section 577.010, RSMo, committed the class B felony of driving while intoxicated, punishable upon conviction under Sections 558.011 and 577.023, RSMo, in that on or about September 16, 2016, on Mason Ridge & Mason Road, in the County of St. Louis, State of Missouri, the defendant operated a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, and

on or about February 25, 2010, defendant had pleaded guilty to driving with excessive blood alcohol content, for events occurring on November 3, 2009, in Circuit Court-Municipal Division-Chesterfield in Court Case #090244617, and

on or about October 25, 1995, defendant had pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated, for events occurring on April 20, 1995, in 21st Circuit Court-Clayton in Court Case #95TR005389, and

on or about November 27, 1996, defendant had pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated, for events occurring on January 21, 1995, in St. Louis County Municipal Court in Court Case #932003254, and

on or about February 17, 1988, defendant had pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated, for events occurring on November 21, 1986, in 21st Circuit Court-Clayton in Court Case #21M606912.

577.010-003Y20055499.0

The undersigned Prosecutor informs the Court on information and belief that the above offense(s) herein charged were committed.

  
Assistant Prosecuting Attorney

I, Lauren Becker, DSN 0128, Town and Country 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 September 16, 2016, at Mason Ridge & Mason Road, Peter Switzer, White, Male, DOB 04/02/1943, 5'09", 165lbs, committed one or more criminal offense.

Count: 01      DWI - ALCOHOL - CHRONIC OFFENDER - CLASS B FELONY

The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

Defendant was operating a motor vehicle in St. Louis County.

Defendant vehicle came to rest in a ditch after striking a utility pole.

Defendant was in the driver's seat with the engine running when Officer arrived on scene.

The officer observed clues of intoxication, including a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on Defendant's person.

Defendant admitted drinking.

Defendant performed poorly on an Alphabet test.

Defendant was arrested.

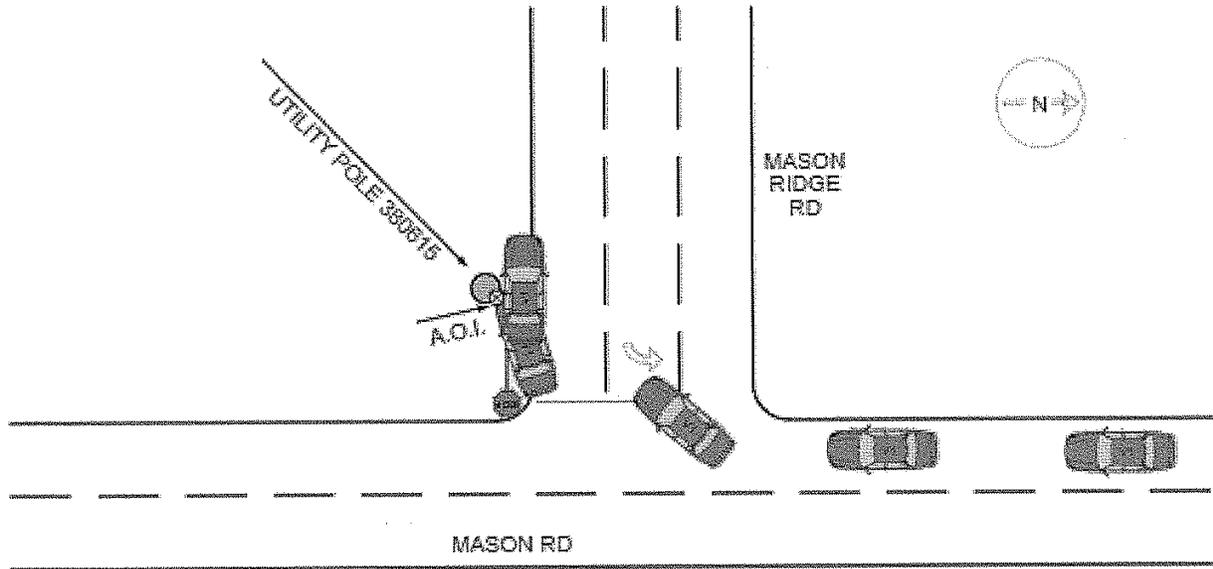
Defendant gave a positive PBT result as well as performing poorly on additional field sobriety tests.

Defendant was read Missouri Implied Consent.  
Officer obtained a search warrant for a sample of Defendant's blood.  
Defendant blood sample revealed a .218 BAC result.  
Defendant has pleaded guilty to or has been found guilty of four prior  
intoxication-related traffic offenses.

Lauren Becker, DSN 0128, Town and Country Police Department

[Signature]  128 Date: 11/15/16





**HOUSE FIRE FORCES TOWN AND COUNTRY FAMILY OUT OF HOME FOR CHRISTMAS:** A December 20th fire at the home of Michael and Elena Kratz at 6 Wembury Ct (in the Weston Place subdivision off of Mason Road) made the home uninhabitable. West County EMS & Fire Protection District received the first alarm of the fire at 6:18 PM on December 20. They responded with 11 units (many from nearby fire districts) and 25 firefighters.





Kratz appears to have been having some tax troubles. On August 31, 2010 he was hit with a \$5,598 tax judgment by the Missouri Department of Revenue that he paid three months later. On October 25, 2012 there was another tax judgment against him for \$6,087 by the Department of Revenue. Court records show that judgment has not been satisfied.

On 09/30/16 there was a lawsuit filed by the St. Louis County Collector's Office against Kratz. The lawsuit is pending with the next hearing scheduled for January 12, 2017.

Kratz was four-to-eight months late in paying his real estate taxes three times in the last ten years.

The fire started in the basement and was fully involved when the first fire truck arrived from just up the street at Clayton Road and Mason Road. The insurance company has allowed repairs to start. However, there is still an investigation of the fire. Town and Country Police Chief Pat Kranz said the department along with the Fire Marshall with West County EMS and Fire PD were investigating a "possible arson." As soon as we hear more we will pass it along.

**POLICE CHASE AND GUN BATTLE FROM FROM ST. LOUIS ENDS UP IN TOWN AND COUNTRY PARKING GARAGE.** On December 22 the St. Louis Police had a pursuit after being fired upon while investigating a suspicious car and occupants in South St. Louis. The chase went out I-44 to I-270 and then west on I-64. The suspects exited at Mason and went east on the North Forty Outer Road toward CBC High School and the Mormon Temple.

The suspect's vehicle with three occupants turned left onto the property of the Walker Mercy Heath medical building at 12855 N. Outer Forty Road, in between the International Lutheran building and Preservation Park and the Mormon Temple.

They drove into the basement parking garage where the driver crashed the car into a pillar.



End of the chase in Town and Country

Demetrius Richmond, 44, of the 4600 block of Gustine St. Louis was charged with the following by the St. Louis Circuit Attorney's Office:

- 2 counts Assault 1st degree
- 3 counts Armed Criminal Action
- Unlawful Use of a Weapon
- Unlawful Possession of a Firearm
- Felony Resisting Arrest

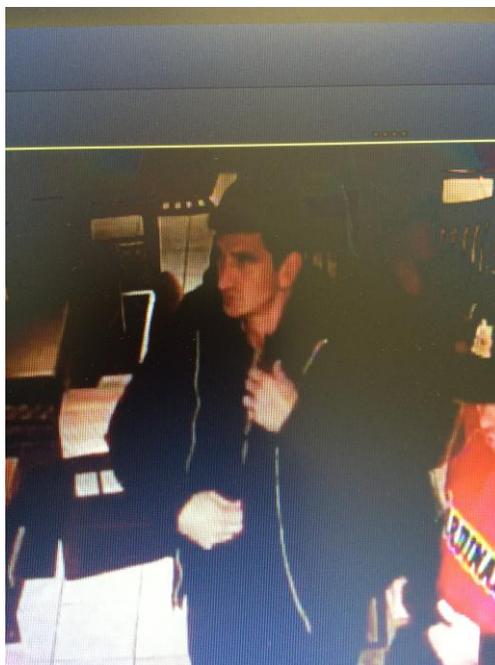
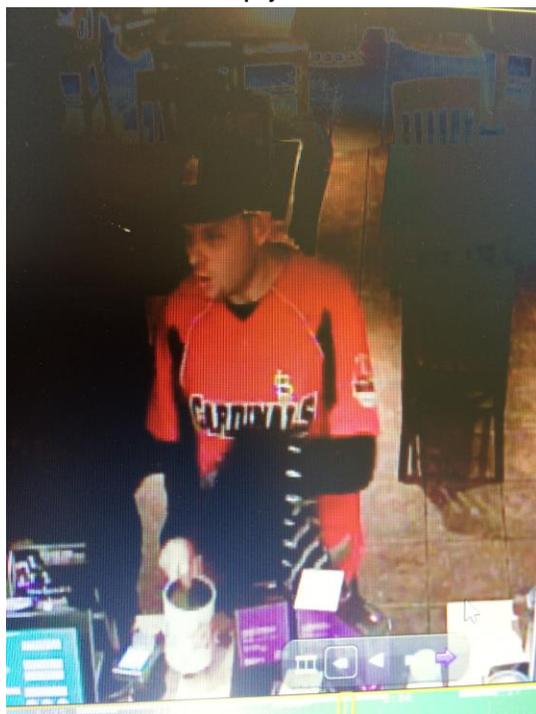
Bond was set at \$150,000 cash only.

It was interesting that Richmond has a record, but it is mostly traffic over the last 20 years.



Demetrius Richmond

**TIP JAR STOLEN FROM MASON WOODS VILLAGE STARBUCKS TWO ARE ARRESTED. DUE TO PAST ARRESTS AND CONVICTIONS ONE IS ARRESTED FOR FELONY THEFT.** A pair of thieves working in tandem made off with the tip jar at the Six Bucks; err, I mean Starbucks at Mason Woods Village on Clayton Road at Mason Road. The store had some good footage of the theft and thieves. One suspect would distract a clerk asking for some water. When the clerks back was turn the other would steal the tip jar.



Police detectives had received a couple of tips after this was first shown on TV newscasts. Those tips led to two being arrested. Benjamin Fillo, 37, of Forest Glen Lane in Kirkwood was arrested at 12:15 pm on December 28. He was booked for Felony theft since he has numerous theft convictions. Anyone with three theft convictions can be charged as a felon in Missouri.

This is from the Town and Country Police:

On December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 12:15 p.m. we arrested Benjamin Fillo W/M 37 yoa (1979) residing at 3X block of Forest Glen Lane, Kirkwood, MO 63122 in connection with the Starbucks tip-jar theft. He was arrested on Stealing-3<sup>rd</sup> offense (Felony) charges and released pending warrant application with St. Louis County PA.

On December 27, 2016 at 11:00 we arrested Edward Luepker W/M 37 yoa (1979) residing at no known address (transient) in connection with the Starbucks tip-jar theft. He was arrested on Stealing (ordinance) charges and released pending warrant application with Town and Country Prosecutor



Benjamin Fillo

Here is part of Fillo's record that we could find however we are told he has many more arrests and convictions:

08/27/12      Felony Stealing      Kirkwood PD  
10/4/13 Pled Guilty placed on Probation for 5 years  
04/22/15 Probation Revoked Fillo sentenced to 1 year jail

He has six arrests for riding on Metro without paying a fare. Each time he was sentenced to 1-day in jail (credit for time served)

We have heard the entire take in the tip jar theft might have been between \$13-and-\$15 dollars. I hope if the Grinchs who tried to steal Christmas from some Starbucks workers got some good meth.

**PLANNING AND ZONING CONTINUES REHNQUIST DESIGN** There were four items on the December Town and country Planning and Zoning Calendar. Three were easy and one was not easy at all.

The first one was an Amended Final Site Development Plan at Maryville University. It was for a **new scoreboard at the baseball field** that included low cost and bright LED lights. As soon as this was mentioned I could see Ald. Fred Meyland-Smith tense up. Fred hates signs and especially hates modern lighting.



Fred's face is getting flush after hearing the words "LED lights."

Apparently Fred has never been to a baseball game at "Fred Weber" Field on the campus of Maryville. But knowing Fred's hatred of modern lighting it would probably not make any difference. The field is in a hole with high hills on the third base side and behind home plate. Nobody is going to see the scoreboard unless they are at the game or flying over in a hot-air balloon.

After a few questions from Meyland-Smith the matter passed 7-0.

City Services Director Craig Wilde had told us that the **four houses on Glenmaro Drive** would be torn down by Thanksgiving. This was after neighbors complained about the houses being stripped of doors and windows for salvage before the city demolition permits were issued. Craig was a little off. On Christmas Day two of the houses had been torn down by the developer and one was half torn down and another was still standing.

The developers bought the houses from Missouri Baptist Hospital which apparently was interested in buying all the houses on Glenmaro and build a Clayton Road entrance to

the hospital complex. There were two holdouts who were not going to sell to MoBap. The city eventually outlawed such a move and in 2016 the houses were sold.



The custom homes for sale signs say Vanderbilt, the application for a Boundary Adjustment is in the name of Texas Tea, LLC. Texas Tea is either slang for oil or a high octane mixed drink.

The adjustment passed 7-0. It will be interesting to see who will want to buy a "custom home overlooking a very loud Interstate Highway (I-270).

**The Lutheran Senior Services** that took over the Jewish nursing home on the South Outer Forty Service Road and Mason Road **wanted to consolidate plats**. That passed 7-0.

The Preliminary Plat plan for six lots on 8.5 residential acres on S. Mason Road near the south city limits was the problem child of the night. Rehnquist Design & Builders (Rehnquist Homes) plans to build a road to the homes on the current driveway of Jan Clayton. Mrs. Clayton has a large piece of property behind the building area. Her property includes her house and a barn where a number of horses are stabled.

The new home lots would range in size from 1.1 acres to 1.67 acres.

Rob Rehnquist put on a fairly straightforward presentation that seemed to be sensible for a Preliminary Plat. But that was before the public and adjoining property owners got to speak.

Two people with connections to the condos to the south outside of the city limits had concerns that seemed to be addressed.

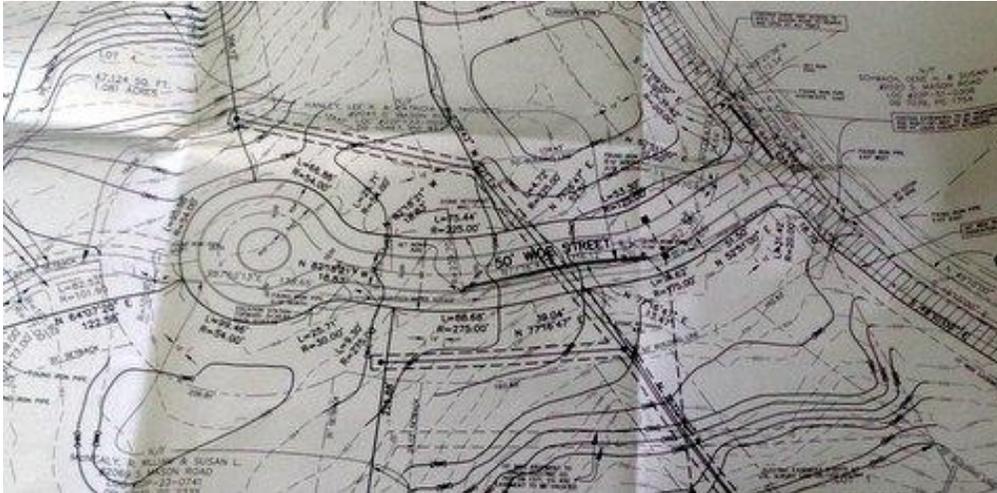


Rob Rehnquist answering questions at the December P&Z meeting.

Brunie Perez of the Laurel Lakes subdivision, who we last regularly heard from on deer issues (against lethal deer control) back in 2009 and 2010, spoke. She said she was a friend of Mrs. Clayton's and visited her weekly and wanted to know how she would get to Mrs. Clayton's house during construction. Mr. Rehnquist stated that while they planned to build a road on Mrs. Clayton's driveway, they would build a temporary driveway during construction. The new road would connect to her new driveway for access to the property once the subdivision is finished.

Mrs. Clayton spoke and said there is currently a bridle and foot path from her property to the 500-plus acres of Queeny Park. She wanted the subdivision road to connect to the bridal path.

She also announced that she had just hired a lawyer four days before the December 21st hearing and wanted the matter continued so her lawyer could look at the plans more closely. (The attorney is Ms. Horan who has the Traffic Ticket Fixing signs on her building at Manchester Road at Woodlawn, is apparently a Clayton family friend.)



Meyland-Smith then said he wanted a continuance so Mrs. Clayton's attorney could meet with the City Attorney Steve Garrett.



Clayton in the gray cap and her lawyer.

That brought Rehnquist out of his seat.

"It is a Preliminary Plat. Craig (Services Director Craig Wilde) made it clear to me it is a Preliminary Plat. I see no reason to hold up a preliminary plat," said Rehnquist. There is still a second hearing once a refined development plan is submitted.

This brought Clayton's lawyer to the speaker's stand.

"I think you have an obligation to add any requirements now before the actual development plat is approved," she said.

Earlier Ilya Eydelman, head master and owner of the Raintree School located across the street from the property spoke. He asked if the public street through the subdivision would connect with the foot and bridle path on Mrs. Clayton's property that leads to

Queeny Park. He said that currently without a sidewalk on Mason Road it is too dangerous to have staff and students walk to nearby Queeny Park.

It became clear this would not pass during the meeting when Commissioner Dr. Gary Omell asked the following question of City Attorney Steve Garrett.

**Omell:** Mr. Garrett are we waiving any of our rights if we pass this tonight?

**Garrett:** This was raised with me for the first time tonight. I can't answer that without doing some research. I have to say, I don't know.

"I heard some significant issues upon hearing the discussion. I want to be sure we can address any of their issues," said Commissioner Kraig Kreikemeier.

There was a vote to continue the Preliminary Plat to the January 18th meeting. It passed 7-to-0.

The problem with the P&Z Commission is that Mayor Jon Dalton, who is a member never comes to meetings. (He hates taking sides and have someone not like him.) The Commission often does not have a quorum with members on business trips, vacations or being a snowbird in the south or disappearing all summer to Michigan. This means meetings often have to be postponed.

## **UNAPPROVED CHESTERFIELD NEWSLETTER 203**



**January 2, 2017**

### **ADULT SON PISSED AT MOM ALMOST BURNS DOWN APARTMENT BUILDING:**

The police report by Chesterfield Officer Thompson is good, I would just post it here, but it is too long. Here is the story in a condensed version.

Joshua LaRose, 19, was living in an apartment unit with his mother Jody at 1166 Vespasian Way in Chesterfield. Joshua reportedly had some mental health issues, drug abuse issues and since January of 2016 was on probation for a felony Burglary First Degree (Breaking into an occupied residence) committed in Kirkwood.

Here are the first three paragraphs of Officer Thompson's report:

"My son set my patio furniture on fire and when I tried to get inside my apartment he grabbed my arm and threw my phone."  
On 05-26-2016, at 0938 hrs, I was dispatched to 1166 Vespasian Way for a report of a disturbance between a mother and son. The reporting party was identified as Larose, Joshua. Larose stated to the 911 call taker, his mother was "Bi-polar, suicidal, and she set some kitchen chairs on fire sometime last night." However his mother was not on scene and he wanted to get his belongings from her house.

Upon arrival I observed a frightened female, crying in the parking lot holding what appeared to be a cell phone, and a younger male fumbling with a charcoal BBQ pit in the yard in front of 1166 Vespasian Way. The female was identified as the victim and mother, Larose, Jody. Larose, Jody observed my patrol vehicle and quickly walked toward me. The male was later identified as Larose, Joshua. Larose, Jody hysterically cried,  
"My son set my patio furniture on fire and when I tried to get inside my apartment he grabbed my arm and threw my phone."

It turns out the son was the one with the mental issues. Here is what happened; again from the police report:

After speaking with Larose, Jody, P.O. Hernandez advised me Larose was at Walgreens when she received several text messages from her son. I observed two texts that she received, at 0928 hrs. The first stated, "Look at your front porch" (followed by three flame symbol emoji's). The second text, "Bye bye chairs." Larose, Jody rushed home fearing her apartment was on fire. When Larose, Jody arrived home she observed the two burnt chair frames on the porch and the overhead ceiling for the above apartment. It should be noted, her ground level apartment building is three stories and contains approximately 15 apartments. The fire could have easily spread to the building. Larose, Joshua appeared several minutes later, picked up the chairs and threw them in the dumpster. The

It was easy to determine who had set the fire. Again from the police report:

I contacted Larose, Joshua who was standing over a charcoal BBQ pit shuffling with the metal stand and ashes. I immediately observed a strong odor of accelerant, three bottles of BBQ lighter fluid, a small cigarette lighter and several chairs in the immediate area of the front porch. I asked Larose, Joshua to step away from the grill and accelerant. Larose, Joshua appeared very agitated upon my request. I observed the strong odor of accelerant coming from his body and his hands were covered in grease and ashes. When asked what had happened, Larose, Joshua initially stated he arrived at his mother's apartment to find a BBQ pit knocked over and his mother screaming at him for no apparent reason other than, "She's bi-polar" and claimed his mother had called 911, not him.

Eventually Joshua admitted starting the fire. He was arrested for Arson (Knowingly Burning). Also drugs were found in his car. He had been involved in two accidents, one in St. Louis and the other in Sunset Hills earlier that morning.



Here is part of LaRose's arrest record we could find:

07/15/15	Attempted Burglary	Kirkwood PD
12/10/15	Stealing/Shoplifting	
01/07/16	Speeding/Possession of Marijuana	Creve Coeur PD
05/26/16	Following Too Closely (Accident)	Sunset Hills PD
05/26/16	Arson (Knowingly Burning)	Chesterfield PD

**OUTCOME:** LaRose pled guilty to the Knowingly Burning charge. This also revoked his Burglary probation. He was sentenced to 4-years in prison with an order for special mental treatment.

**SEX PERVERT EXPOSING HIMSELF AT CHESTERFIELD APARTMENTS SENTENCED TO JAIL FOR TAKING UP THE SKIRT VIDEOS WHILE WORKING AS SHOE SALESMAN AT SAKS FIFTH AVENUE:** In our Ex Alderman Newsletter 171 back on March 29, 2015 we wrote how Marlin Brimm had come to apartments in Chesterfield in October of 2014 and exposed himself to woman who were using the fitness centers.

He was arrested after a foot chase. After his arrest Chesterfield Police found cell phones in his car. Those phones had video looking up women skirts. Brimm was a women shoe salesman at Saks Fifth Avenue in Frontenac. Chesterfield Police turned the phones over to Frontenac Police. After a lengthy investigation Frontenac detectives were able to find enough victims to obtain felony Invasion of Privacy charges.

The Chesterfield cases were filed in Municipal court, but were moved to Clayton and heard in the Associate Circuit Court. Despite Brimm being seen by several witnesses and confessing to the police, telling them he exposes himself to have sex with attractive women, Chesterfield Prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer dismissed the best case with the most evidence (the one where Brimm was arrested after the foot chase) and a plea deal was on a second charge that resulted in a \$500 fine.

After Brimm was charged for the videos up customer skirts at Saks on March 17, 2016 he eventually pled guilty on October 28, 2016. He was sentenced to 4-years in prison, but placed on a 5-year probation term after he served 60-days shock prison time. He had prior similar arrests dating back to 1996.



Chesterfield Mug shot



Frontenac Mug Shot



PR Photo grand opening of new women's shoe department at Saks

In the  
**CIRCUIT COURT**  
Of St. Louis County, Missouri



For File Stamp Only

STATE OF MISSOURI

vs.

Defendant(s) Marlin A. Brimm

Date 10/28/16

SSN 343-76-2182 OCN BLD01540

Case Number 16SL-CR02130-01

DOB 5/21/1971

Division 14

Victim's age on violation date \_\_\_\_\_

OCA \_\_\_\_\_

**FILED**

DIV. OCT 28 2016 14

JOAN M. GILMER  
CIRCUIT CLERK, ST. LOUIS COUNTY

**Sentence and Judgment**

<p>PRE-SENTENCE: <input type="checkbox"/> Ordered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Waived  <u>10/28/16</u> Sentence Date</p>	<p>State of Missouri appears by Asst. Pros. Attorney, <u>Ryan A. Kemper</u>          Defendant appears in person and by attorney, <u>Daniel Buran</u></p>	
<p>Count Number <u>1</u>          Charge <u>Invasion of Privacy of Multiple Individuals 2nd degree</u>          Offense Date <u>9/12/13</u>  <input type="checkbox"/> Misdemeanor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Felony          Class: A B C <input checked="" type="radio"/> D Unclassified          On <u>10/28/16</u> in the above count, it is adjudged that the defendant has been:  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Found guilty upon a plea of guilty</p>	<p><del>Count Number _____          Charge _____          Offense Date _____  <input type="checkbox"/> Misdemeanor <input type="checkbox"/> Felony          Class: A B C D Unclassified          On _____ in the above count, it is adjudged that the defendant has been:  <input type="checkbox"/> Found guilty upon a plea of guilty</del></p>	<p><del>Count Number _____          Charge _____          Offense Date _____  <input type="checkbox"/> Misdemeanor <input type="checkbox"/> Felony          Class: A B C D Unclassified          On _____ in the above count, it is adjudged that the defendant has been:  <input type="checkbox"/> Found guilty upon a plea of guilty</del></p>

On Count 1 the Court  
**Sentences and commits** the defendant to the custody of  Department of Corrections  Department of Justice Services of St. Louis County for a period of 4 (years) (months) (days). Sentenced to be served  
 Concurrent  Consecutive with \_\_\_\_\_

**Suspends Execution of Sentence.** Defendant is placed on probation for a period of 5 (months) (years) under the supervision of  State Board of Probation and Parole  Department of Justice Services  Court, subject to their conditions and regulations and to the following special conditions of probation: 60 days shock jail time followed by 60 days on Electronic Home Monitoring, No contact with the victims or any Saks Fifth Avenue stores, Managed on sex offender caseload, Successfully complete counseling as recommended by Probation and Parole

**Suspends Imposition of Sentence.** Defendant is placed on probation for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ (months) (years) under the supervision of  State Board of Probation and Parole  Department of Justice Services  Court, subject to their conditions and regulations and to the following special conditions of probation: \_\_\_\_\_

If Brimm actually spent the entire 60 days in prison on the shock time requirement it would mean he missed the entire Christmas season. You see Brimm is the "Minister of Music" and Operations Administrator of his parents' church, Agape Family Christian Church in Belleville, IL.

**WE FILED A COMPLAINT AGAINST FORMER CHESTERFIELD CITY ATTORNEY:**

In December after receiving the records, emails and letters reference Doorack Lease (nothing was forward from 2016 at that time) we filed a complaint against former Chesterfield City Attorney Rob Heggie for intentionally violating the Missouri Sunshine Open Records Law by keeping the Doorack lease from the public. Here is our letter:

John W. Hoffmann  
13309 Manor Hill Road  
Town and Country, Missouri 63131  
(314) 835-0751  
E-Mail: [johnhoffmann@charter.net](mailto:johnhoffmann@charter.net)

December 11, 2016

Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel  
3327 America Avenue  
Jefferson City, MO 65109-1079

RE: complaint against Robert M. Heggie formerly of the law firm of Stewart, Mittleman, Heggie & Henry, LLC Clayton, MO, now Associate Circuit Court Judge, St. Louis County.

Dear Madam or Sir:

Please consider this letter to be an official complaint against attorney Robert M. Heggie during his time as City Attorney of the City of Chesterfield.

It is believed that Mr. Heggie in his capacity as City Attorney in the City of Chesterfield from March 16, 2009 until he left his job on in the Spring of 2015 (named to the bench by Gov. Nixon on March 24, 2015 but not sworn in until May 2015) constantly violated the Missouri Sunshine Open Records Law in behalf of the City of Chesterfield and against the public, citizens of Chesterfield and reporters. Mr. Heggie kept from public view leases and land contracts,

The statute of limitations did not start running on this violation until November 16, 2016 when the City of Chesterfield honored a Sunshine Open Records request after the City Council voted to release the records connected with to the Doorack Lease of 1.4 acres

of a vacant lot for 10-years for over \$80,000 a year (\$6,500 a month plus city pays real estate taxes). The City passed an ordinance on March 16, 2009 to approve the lease in closed Executive Session. However this ordinance was not listed in City Council minutes and in an executive summary to Heggie and department heads on March 17, 2009 it was listed only by Ordinance number with a notation only to provide copies of the lease to "appropriate persons" is a clear violation of the sunshine open records law.

**Subj: Summary - 3/16/09 City Council meeting**  
**Date: 3/17/2009 9:22:29 A.M. Central Daylight Time**  
**From: MHerring@chesterfield.mo.us**  
**To: DDunkle@chesterfield.mo.us, KVaughn@chesterfield.mo.us, LMalberg@chesterfield.mo.us, MGeisel@chesterfield.mo.us, RJohnson@chesterfield.mo.us**  
**CC: Heggierob@aol.com, ANassif@chesterfield.mo.us, BMcGownd@chesterfield.mo.us, JNaggar@chesterfield.mo.us, KJohnson@chesterfield.mo.us, PShelton@chesterfield.mo.us, SJarvis@chesterfield.mo.us**

 In Exec. Session, City Council approved passage of Bill No. 2697, which became Ord. No. 2513. Details to be provided to the appropriate individuals.

Apparently Heggie was not only aware of this from the beginning but his ongoing conspiracy to violate the Open Records Law continued for years. This became clear in a closed Executive Session minutes from February 23, 2011 where it is reported during the closed meeting Mr. Heggie recommended that the lease continue to be kept at his office instead of City Hall (making it attorney-client work product and impossible for a member of the public to obtain or review).



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**CONFIDENTIAL**

**CITY OF CHESTERFIELD  
EXECUTIVE SESSION – CLOSED MEETING  
MINUTES – February 23, 2011**

Discussion ensued. Councilmember Nation indicated his desire to obtain a copy of the appraisal, so that he could adequately evaluate it. Mr. Heggie stated that he would recommend that the lease remain, at his office, where it is protected from public scrutiny. Councilmember Nation could visit Mr. Heggie's office and review the appraisal, at that time. City Council agreed with that approach.

Mr. Heggie clearly was giving advice that violated Missouri Law and continued an ongoing practice to personally hide what should have been a public document from the public.

The advice and actions of Mr. Heggie are very clear violations of Missouri Law and should make him open to punishment from your office.

This affected me as a member of the general public and as an active reporter first for AOL.com and then my own news website.

Sincerely,

John Hoffmann

When we get a response we will let you know.

**CHESTERFIELD WOMAN CHARGED WITH ABUSE OR NEGLECT OF A CHILD.**

If you remember just days before Christmas there was an Amber Alert concerning a missing infant. The first reports said the mother had befriended a homeless couple and had left the baby in her car with the couple as she walked into a Church's Chicken to get them some food. The couple then stole the mini-van and the baby.

This story turned out to be false. Mom who has a Chesterfield address of 16373 Westboro Circle has since been charged with Felony Child Abuse. The child had been left with a couple in Pine Lawn and turned over to Youth Services. The mini-van as of December 30 was still missing.



Elizabeth S. Hawthorne      Persons of interest Matthew Maufus and Laurie Beckwith

Read on the next page from court files what really happened.

I, Christian Aarns, DSN 0294, Normandy 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 between December 19, 2016 and December 22, 2016, at St. Louis County, Elizabeth Hawthorne, White, Female, DOB 06/06/1987, 5'06", 130lbs, committed one or more criminal offense(s).

Count: 01 ABUSE OR NEGLECT OF A CHILD UNDER SEC. 568.060.5(1)  
– CLASS C FELONY

The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

Defendant reported to Normandy police on the morning of Thursday, December 22, 2016 that her infant child, "E.H." had been kidnapped from a restaurant in north St. Louis County on the previous evening, Wednesday, December 21. Defendant exhibited multiple signs of narcotics intoxication while providing her statement to police. Defendant later changed her story to indicate the kidnapping took place on Monday, December 19 from the Galleria shopping mall in central St. Louis County and that the baby had been left in the possession of people unknown to the Defendant, whose names she could not provide to police. "E.H." had in fact been handed over to Pagedale police officers and placed in protective custody on Tuesday, December 20th. Defendant's boyfriend stated to the Normandy police handling the investigation that Defendant had been using "crack" throughout the past several days and that Defendant left the baby in the custody of strangers and then failed to report the missing child until he urged her to do so.

Christian Aarns, DSN 0294, Normandy Police Department

[Signature]  0294 Date: 12 / 23 / 16

In July Hawthorne caused a rear-end accident on I-270 in Town and Country. She was cited for Following Too Closely and Failure to Have Insurance. She has hired a lawyer and made a Jury Demand which moved the case to the Assoc. Circuit Court in Clayton. At that time Hawthorne was giving a Crestwood address.

**Uniform Citation**

Violator's Copy



ORI NO. MO 0957200 TOWN AND COUNTRY POLICE  
STATE OF MISSOURI  
DIVISION OF 21st CIRCUIT COURT

**160250654**

STATE OF MISSOURI		DIVISION	
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF <b>TOWN AND COUNTRY MUNICIPAL</b>		COUNTY <b>1</b>	
COURT ADDRESS (Street, City, Zip)			
<b>1011 MUNICIPAL CENTER DRIVE DR, TOWN AND COUNTRY, MO, 63131</b>			
COURT DATE	COURT TIME <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM	COURT PHONE NO.	
<b>09/08/2016</b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>(314) 432-1420</b>	
I, KNOWING THAT FALSE STATEMENTS ON THIS FORM ARE PUNISHABLE BY LAW, STATE THAT I HAVE PROBABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE THAT:			
ON ABOUT (Date)	AT TIME	HWY CLASS	UPON / AT OR NEAR (LOCATION)
<b>07/27/2016</b>	<b>1141</b> HRS		<b>EB IS 270 BE RT HH</b>
WITHIN CITY / COUNTY AND STATE AFORESAID,			
NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)			
<b>HAWTHORNE, ELIZABETH, SAIGE</b>			
STREET ADDRESS			
<b>9531 GARVER RD</b>			
CITY		STATE	ZIP CODE
<b>CRESTWOOD</b>		<b>MO</b>	<b>63126</b>
DATE OF BIRTH	RACE	SEX	HEIGHT
<b>06/06/1987</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>509</b>
WEIGHT		DRIVER'S LIC. NO.	
<b>130</b>		<b>Z114170004</b>	
CDL:		STATE	
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		<b>MO</b>	
EMPLOYER			
ADDRESS (Street, City, State, Zip)			
DID UNLAWFULLY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OPERATE/DRIVE <input type="checkbox"/> PARK			
<input type="checkbox"/> C.M.V. <input type="checkbox"/> WITH HAZ MAT			
V E H I C L E	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL
	<b>2003</b>	<b>CHEVROLET</b>	<b>IMPALA</b>
S T Y L E	REGISTERED WEIGHT	L I C NUMBER	STATE
		<b>PN4R7B</b>	<b>MO</b>
YEAR			
<b>2017</b>			
DID THEN AND THERE COMMIT THE FOLLOWING OFFENSE. THE FACTS SUPPORTING THIS BELIEF ARE AS FOLLOWS:			
<b><i>FOLLOWING ANOTHER VEHICLE TOO CLOSELY</i></b>			
<b><i>D1 said she was looking over her shoulder to change lanes, then saw v2 stopped in front of her vehicle and could not stop.</i></b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Subject taken into custody. (Complete "For Issuance of a Warrant" section on reverse side.)			
<b>OCA# 16-001192</b>			
DRIVING	POSTER SPEED LIMIT	DETECTION METHOD	



**CHESTERFIELD POLICE BLOTTER:** Find out who was naughty and who was nice.

## CHESTERFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT Media Report December 21, 2016 - December 27, 2016

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

12/27/2016, 2245 15XX MILBRIDGE DR   **Assault Common - Actual Assault**

**Brief Narrative Description:** 63 yo male pushed victim after argument causing no injuries.

12/27/2016, 2100-12/28/2016, 2115 2XX W MANOR DR   **Drugs Manufacture, Sale or Distribute**

**Brief Narrative Description:** 19 yo male sold marijuana brownie to 18 yo female causing female to have adverse reaction.

12/27/2016, 0800- 0900 2XX THF BLVD Lowe's   **Larceny under \$500 from Auto**

**Brief Narrative Description:** Citizen report of stolen license plate.

12/27/2016, 1655-1705 11XX TOREADOR DR   **Ordinance Violation Abandoned Vehicle**

**Brief Narrative Description:** 53 yo male failed to remove abandoned vehicle from apartment complex property.

12/27/2016, 1805 17XXX NORTH OUTER 40 RD The Uniform Outlet   **Larceny under \$500**

**Shoplifting**

**Brief Narrative Description:** 36 yo female concealed clothing and left store without paying.

12/27/2016, 2048 3XX THF BLVD Home Depot   **Drugs Paraphernalia**

**Brief Narrative Description:** 31 yo male in possession of marijuana paraphernalia after disturbance investigation.

12/27/2016, 0033 SAVONNE CT & WILD HORSE CREEK RD   **Liquor Violation MIP**

**Brief Narrative Description:** Three 19 yo males and one 19 yo female in possession of alcohol by consumption after being stopped for a DWI investigation. 19 yo male also in possession of fake ID and arrested for DWI. Other 19 yo male also in possession of marijuana paraphernalia.

12/27/2016, 0130 9XX PEACH HILL LN   **Drugs Possession - Misdemeanor**

**Brief Narrative Description:** 24 yo female in possession of marijuana after being stopped for DWI.

12/02/2016, 0000-12/21/2016, 0000 23XX SPORTSMEN HILL DR   **Fraud Credit Card**

**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject used victim's credit card information to make purchase.

12/27/2016, 1438 1XX THF BLVD Walmart   **Larceny over \$500 Shoplifting**

**Brief Narrative Description:** 45 yo male placed merchandise in cart and pushed it out of store without paying. Also in possession of marijuana.

12/22/2016, 1500-1530 16XXX NORTH OUTER 40 RD Hardees Ice Complex   **Larceny under \$500 from Person**

**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject took victim's purse after it was left unattended on storage shelf.

12/26/2016, 1542 I64 HWY E & CLARKSON   **Drugs Possession - Misdemeanor**

**Brief Narrative Description:** 20 yo female in possession of marijuana and paraphernalia after being stopped for a traffic violation.

12/23/2016, 1730-12/26/2016, 0837 3XX N EATHERTON RD Follmer Property Maintenance   **Stolen Vehicle Automobile**

**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject forced open gate to fenced in parking lot and took two work trucks along with snow plow equipment on trailers.

11/10/2016, 0000-12/26/2016, 0000 15XXX SUMMER RIDGE DR **Fraud Credit Card**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject used victim's credit card information to make purchase.

12/26/2016, 0800-0900 8XX W CHESTERFIELD PKY Homewood Suites **Larceny over \$500 Person**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject entered victim's hotel room and took a purse.

12/21/2016, 0800 -1200 17XX CLARKSON RD **Larceny under \$500 from Auto**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject t entered victim's hotel room and took a purse.

12/16/2016, 1800-12/17/2016, 0900 14XXX CLAYTON RD 24 Hour Fitness **Larceny over \$500 from Auto**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject took tire and spare tire from victim's vehicle while parked in parking lot.

12/24/2016, 1720-12/26/2016, 1000 2XX CHESTERFIELD MALL Auntie Ann's **Larceny under \$500 from Person**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject took makeup out of a shopping bag after victim left bag unattended in store.

12/25/2016, 0420 17XX CLARKSON RD Mobil **Larceny under \$500 Shoplifting**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject took alcohol and walked out of store without paying.

12/24/2016, 0525-0530 4X CHESTERFIELD MALL Macy's **Burglary Commercial - Business**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subjects broke out front window of store and took a large amount of clothing.

12/23/2016, 2120- 2250 16XXX NORTH OUTER 40 RD Hardees Ice Complex **Property Damage to Vehicle**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject broke out window on victim's vehicle.

12/23/2016, 1030  
17XXX CHESTERFIELD AIRPORT RD Lion's Choice **Larceny under \$500 from Person**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject took tablet computer from victim's pocket.

12/23/2016, 0140 15XXX ISLEVIEW DR **Property Damage to House**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject broke window on house with rock.

12/23/2016, 0815 12XX BLUFFVIEW RIDGE DR **Larceny under \$500 from Residence**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject took gift card meant for trash collector off of trash can.

12/22/2016, 1130-12/23/2016, 0856 12XX LURAY DR **Runaway Juvenile**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** 16 yo male ran away from residence but later returned home unharmed.

12/23/2016, 1425 1XX THF BLVD **Larceny under \$500 Shoplifting**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** 30 yo male concealed laptop computer and left store without paying.

12/23/2016, 1200-1330 14XXX CLAYTON RD Goodwill **Larceny under \$500 from Auto**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject took oil cap and reflector off of motorcycle.

12/22/2016, 0530 14XXX OLIVE BLVD Surrey Place **Peace Disturbance Other**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** 47 yo female disturbed the peace of victim by confronting victim while she worked.

12/19/2016, 0800 12/21/2016, 0900 14XXX GREEN CIRCLE DR **Property Damage to Business**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject broke circuit breaker box door on apartment complex fountain.

12/22/2016, 1129 18XXX OUTLET BLVD Sunglass Hut **Larceny under \$500 Shoplifting**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Two 21 yo females concealed sunglasses and left store without paying. Also in possession of stolen clothing and prohibited theft device.

12/07/2016, 1200-12/22/2016, 1200 14XXX CLAYTON RD Briarcrest **Larceny under \$500 from Residence**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject took shirts and money from victim's apartment.

12/14/2016, 1539 1XX THF BLVD Best Buy **Fraud Credit Card**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject used victim's credit card information to make purchase.

12/21/2016, 1830-12/21/2016, 1900 12XX WOODBRIDGE CROSSING DR **Assault Common - Actual Assault**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** 24 yo male kicked victim after argument causing minor injuries.

09/15/2016, 1200-12/19/2016, 1200 14XX TIMBERLAKE MANOR PKY **Fraud Identity Theft**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject used victim's information to open up cell phone accounts.

11/26/2016, 1200-12/21/2016, 2100 18XX STENTON PATH **Larceny under \$500 from Residence**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject took prescription medication from residence.

12/22/2016, 0400-1000 1XX HILLTOWN VILLAGE CTR Harpo's **Larceny under \$500 from Person**  
**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject took victim's purse after it was left behind in bar.

12/20/2016, 1100-12/21/2016, 0700 16XX WISHWOOD CT 6 **Larceny under \$500 from Auto**

**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject broke out window on victim's vehicle and took a vehicle owners manual.

12/13/2016, 1200-12/17/2016, 1200 15XXX WOODLET WAY CT **Fraud Identity Theft**

**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject used victim's information to open up credit card account.

12/21/2016, 1200-1545 1X THF BLVD Fast Frame **Larceny under \$500 from Person**

**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject took victim's wallet from purse that was kept in rear area of store.

12/21/2016, 1418 17XXX CHESTERFIELD AIRPORT RD Bread Company **Larceny over \$500 Person**

**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject took wallet from victim's purse after it was left unattended on restaurant table

## **MONARCH FIRE DISTRICT HONORS CITIZENS QUICK RESPONSE IN**

**RESTAURANT:** At the December 20th Monarch Fire Protection Meeting two citizens, both with a medical backgrounds were given awards for providing first aid to stabilize a person who was having a possible stroke at the Syberg's restaurant in Chesterfield Valley at 17392 Chesterfield Airport Road last November 20th. They quick response would have probably gone unnoticed, but Monarch Fire District Director Robin Harris was eating there with his family.



From L to R FF/PM Matt Morrison, Derek Hanley, Michelle Patton, Debbie Bonacquisti and Fire District President Rick Gans.

Debbie Bonacquisti is a surgical nurse and Michele Patton used to work at Forest Park Hospital (Deaconess). Both women were able to stabilize the victim until the paramedics arrived.

**FIRE DISTRICT CHANGES WORKER COMP CARRIERS:** The full effect of reduced Worker's Comp claims will not be felt for another one or two years for the Monarch Fire District, as the current rates are basse on a period that included 2012 before Director

Jane Cunningham pushed for better injury reduction policies after her election to the board.

The District had been paying over \$1-million for coverage. Last year with Bench Mark Insurance it dropped to \$809,000. This year Benchmark wanted to increase the premium to \$857,000 despite a continued lower amount of claims. The District decided to shop around.

Their Work Comp advisor/broker Mike Hennessey received an offer from Brick Street Insurance for \$781,335 for 2017 which the Board of Directors voted to accept.

**HOPING TO REDUCE BACK INJURIES:** The district also approved the purchase of two additional ambulance mechanical lifts at \$22,000 each. The lifts can pick up a stretcher with a 600 pound patient. As the staff gets older, back injuries increase.

**FOR AT LEAST THE LAST 18 YEARS AND PERHAPS LONGER RICH GIRLS FROM FRONTENAC, CLAYTON, HUNTLEIGH, TOWN AND COUNTRY AND CHESTERFIELD HAVE BEEN DISCRIMINATED AGAINST. THE DISCRIMINATORY ACTS CONTINUED IN 2016:** This year's top debutant in St. Louis is Eliza Dooley Johnson. She was crowned the Queen of Love and Beauty on December 23 at the Veil Prophet Ball. Guess where she lives? If you said LADUE, you would be correct. Last year we were able to track the residences of the winners of the Phony-Baloney Super Snobs Ball to 1999. They had all lived in Ladue. It is as if people are not rich and snobbish enough to be from Frontenac, Huntleigh, Clayton, Town and Country or Chesterfield to wear the VP crown. When will this blatant discrimination stop?



## **GOOD AND BAD OF 2016**

### **January**

**Good:** In January Town and Country city contractor, **White Buffalo killed 210 deer.**

**Good** Alderwoman **Amy Anderson** decided not to run for reelection. She filed in December and then later withdrew her name. Anderson was a no show for all meetings in the summer when she moved to the family home on Beaver Isle in Michigan. The shrill voiced Anderson was the chair of the Police Commission and did not have a clue what was going on at meetings.

**Bad: Glenn and Antwon Parchmon** of St. Louis were quickly arrested by Town and Country Police detectives for Burglary First Degree and Auto Theft for the overnight burglary and car theft of a home on Mason Grove. They stole two cars and the homeowners locked themselves in a bedroom and called 9-1-1. Two months later Glenn Parchmon was charged in St. Louis with 1st Degree Manslaughter, Felony Assault, Armed Criminal Action and 4-counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child. The St. Louis County Prosecutor's Office (Ast Prosecutor Tanisha Bull) refused to issue charges on the Town and Country case.

**Bad Mark V. VanDonsel**, who had just changed his name from Mark Peterson filed to run in the Chesterfield Ward 1 race. He later announced he was withdrawing from the race. Several years earlier while still known as "Peterson" Vandonsel's wife Adeladia Peterson (now Dancia VanDonsel) ran against Nancy Greenwood for the Ward-1 seat. She got 63 votes to the late-Councilwoman Greenwood's 1,535. VanDonsel was not registered to vote under his new name.

**Bad Sheilah Anthon** of Town and Country on January 23 at 2:18 in the afternoon drove off of Clayton Road east of Mason Road, nearly struck a pedestrian on the sidewalk before hitting a fire hydrant and a utility pole. She would later be convicted in Town and Country Municipal Court of Illegal Parking.

### **February**

**Good** On Super Bowl Sunday just after sunset, Robert Lee Delp, Jr., 48, residing in a prison halfway house in downtown St. Louis broke into a house off of Geyer Road in Frontenac. Delp, a longtime burglar, had taken a bus to Frontenac. Frontenac Police quickly arrested him after answering an Alarm call at the home. Delp was a possible

suspect in two Town and country burglaries off of Ballas Road. Three months after his arrest Delp pled guilty and was sentenced back to six more years in prison.

**Bad** This was bad for the Citizens of the 101st Missouri House District, bad for the Missouri Republican Party but great for me and this website as we got some of the highest hits in the history of the website and certainly since we broke the story of the President of the West County EMS & Fire Protection District getting bust in a teenage prostitution sting.

**Rep. Don Gosen** quickly resigned from the State House of Representatives after he convinced a young lady in Jefferson City that he was divorced and they carried on a sexual relationship. By February she wanted to get married. He didn't since he was already married with children. He broke up with her. Still believing he was divorced she drove to his house in Ballwin wearing only a winter coat and high heels. She knocked on his door to win him back only to have the door opened by Mrs. Gosen. The girlfriend was so pissed she went to the publisher of an online Jefferson City Political website. The publisher of the website went to the Republican Speaker of the House and said he would run the story if Gosen did not resign immediately. Gosen resigned immediately and for some reason the story was passed along to me. After verifying it from a couple of sources it was posted and the website set new readership records.

**Bad** At a February 17 **City Council** agenda review meeting there were two bills noted being sent forward from the Council as a Whole. Mayor Bob Nation asked when the meeting was, when it was posted for the public and what the vote was. No one could or would answer the question. This was just one of many violations of the Missouri Sunshine Law by the City Council, which would later be shown going back to 2009.

**Bad** One of many ethical conflicts for Town and Country **Mayor Jon Dalton**, who is registered as a lobbyist for the group Taxed Enough Already. There was no information on the internet or elsewhere about the group. The address for Taxed Enough Already is Dalton's law office with Armstrong-Teasdale. The listed telephone number when called is to Dalton's private telephone answered by his secretary. The registered agent for Taxed Enough Already is Cindy Morrison, an employee of Armstrong-Teasdale.

## **March**

**Good Elliot Davis** the man behind the weekly feature "You Paid For It" on KTVI newscasts arrived at the March 21 City Council meeting sticking a microphone in the face of Councilwoman Connie Fults demanding answers about the city spending over

\$80,000 a year to rent the empty "Doorack" lot and not having any use for it. Davis missed an opportunity as former mayors Bruce Geiger and John Nations were in the audience that night. Nations was the force behind the deal and also helped to illegally hide the deal from the public. The Davis appearance got us to start investigating and finding how the former city attorney, Rob Heggie, city administrator Mike Herring and John Nations conspired with the council to keep the public from finding out about the deal. .

**Bad** In March in a review of the St. Louis County Board of Elections file on Chesterfield councilwoman **Connie Fults** we found 18 times she was sent letters that she was in violation of Missouri Campaign Ethics Laws. On March 1st we filed a complaint against Fults with the Ethics Commission based on the evidence found in the Election Board file. She would later be fined for the violations.

**Bad** We went out to his new home in Wildwood and photographed how Chesterfield City Councilman **Elliot Grissom** was no longer a resident of Chesterfield. Grissom would not resign and no one on the Council would force the city to take action.

**Bad** A single resident of the Riverbend subdivision, **Andy Shanfeld** managed to threaten a lawsuit and stopped the City of Chesterfield closing River Valley Road at the Maryland Heights city limits. All the other residents wanted the closure as a newly approved development of the Howard Bend flood plain by the City of Maryland Heights would see traffic through the subdivision go up 1000% creating a safety issue and a drop in home values. The subdivision and city apparently redesigned the road closure area and the project should be started later in 2017.

**Bad** Interim City Attorney Harry O'Rourke claimed in writing three times in the fall of 2015 there was no contract with Kevin O'Keefe to provide legal services to the City Council in 2015 (as required my Missouri Law) to first try and impeach Mayor Bob Nation and later censure Nation. Now in March of 2016 he claims there was a "written agreement." The alleged "written agreement was an 18-word note scribbled at the bottom of a letter.

## **April**

**Good Barb McGuinness** was elected to a one year term to fill the seat of the late Nancy Greenwood. Prior to Elliot Davis showing up with a camera crew, McGuinness immediately after being appointed in November with just a few weeks before the vote on the 2016 budget, demanded to see a line-by-line break down of the budget and began to question the \$80,000-plus lease for an empty lot with the Doorack family.

**Good** **Tom DeCampi** defeated Connie Fults in Ward-4. Fults had voted to hide the Doorack lease from the public for seven years. She also led the Council to hire a lawyer to try and impeach Mayor Bob Nation for swearing in a closed office without getting a contract. All this plus the fact she had at least 18 Missouri Ethics Violations against her. Later in the year DeCampi would be working on Municipal Court reform and forcing the Doorack lease and all connected documents into public view.

**Good** In Town and Country Lindsey Butler was elected as the new Ward-2 Alderwoman. Lindsey is known for her research on issues. Hopefully in the future she will be a little more aggressive on issues and not quieted by Mayor Jon Dalton and the other bullies on the Board of Alderman. Butler's opponent Dr, Nan Kularni was a strong candidate and got more votes than many thought she would. Either Butler or Kulkarni would have been a big improvement over Amy Anderson who was stepping down after one term.

**Good** At the first meeting after the city elections the Chesterfield **City Council voted to fire Interim City Attorney Harry O'Rourke**. O'Rourke has spent the last year providing bad advice and over billing the city.

**Good** **The NV Social Club** that featured waitresses in black underwear and stockings, booze and large screen TVs **went out of business** after being open for 4-months. NV Social Club was located in a restaurant building that has seen numerous different types of places. It is located in the National Way Center off Manchester at Highway 141 that was originally anchored by a National Food Supermarket, which is now an Office Depot Store.

**Good** The Monarch Fire Protection District Baord of Directors on April 29th **voted to fire Captain Andy Stecko**, who is married, after he struck a female firefighter-paramedic he was seeing romantically in an alcohol related incident at a Chesterfield bar.

**Bad** On April 6th charges filed against **The Parkway Six** for 2-Counts Armed Robbery, Armed Criminal Action and Burglary 1st Degree. The six did a "home invasion" on March 26 of an apartment in the unincorporated area of Ballwin occupied by two 20-something girls. The group was armed with assault rifles and guns. Their defense attorneys at first said it was just about "some marijuana." The six all attended either Parkway West or Parkway South High school. Most notable of the group was **Matt Peterson** from Town and Country the son of a well known bankruptcy lawyer and a surgeon. **Landon Cremeens** of Ballwin supplied the heavy firepower. No disposition of the charges had occurred by the end of 2016.

**Bad** Well known and often arrested shoplifter Ebony Franklin, 26, of Florissant was fleeing the scene of a theft at the Manchester Wal-Mart when she was involved in a high speed crash on Highway 141 and died. Franklin had charges pending in Chesterfield and Des Peres at the time of her death.

**Bad Randy Logan**, one of the bigger phonies I have encountered covering local politics was elected to the Chesterfield Ward-3 seat vacated by Mike Casey.

## May

**Good** The City of Chesterfield announced plans were submitted by Tom Kaiman and KU Development to build an apartment complex on Schoettler Road at South Outer Forty. This is what residents were waiting for to fire up their opposition to the project. **Over 2050 signatures were on petitions against the rezoning** from residential to multi-family zoning were filed with the city. Later Planning Commission meetings including one held at a hotel conference center saw overflow crowds of residents in opposition. The proposal was withdrawn in December with a promise to return.

**Bad** This sounds good, but finishes bad. On December 15, 2015 Chesterfield Police arrested **Rebeckah Lynne Hoover**, 55, of 432 Willow Weald Path in Chesterfield for Felony DWI with multiple DWI convictions. On May 26, 2016 she appeared on the Judge Barbara Wallace "Special Offender" docket for chronic DWI defendants. Hoover pled guilty but there was no record of conviction. The case was continued until May of 2019, while Hoovers remains unpunished and tries not to get arrested again for DWI.

**Bad Parkway School District** was wasting money when they spent \$460 to take an ad out in West Magazine congratulating the Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce on its 40th birthday. They could have sent a card for \$5.

**Bad** The series ending final episode of the long running CBS Sunday night program The Good Wife was perhaps the worst ending of a program in television history,

**Very Bad Town and Country Mayor Jon Dalton** filed papers with the Missouri Division of Health claiming he was the legal representative for Stonecrest Assist Living, located in Town and Country behind the Schnucks supermarket. Apparently Dalton forgot that he had been the city's mayor for 11 years. He only recused himself after a story appeared in the St. Louis Business Journal.

## June

**Good** Town and Country financial planner Gary Siegfried, 63, had his probation revoked for Felony Chronic DWI on June 2 thanks to his 7th DWI arrest in April. This was the result of an April DWI crash in unincorporated St, Louis County where when the police arrived he tried to claim it was his adult son who was driving the car. Witnesses told officers that Siegfried was by himself in the car. He was sentenced to one-year in the Country Jail.

**Good** The next to last defendant in the 2014 Principia Football Camp Assault and Sodomy cases, Maverick Holmsley was found guilty by a jury. In August he was sentenced to serve 5-years in prison. In October he appealed the case to the Missouri Court of Appeals Eastern District. Only Joshua Brewer remains as a defendant who out of six has not pled guilty or been found guilty. Brewer lives across the street from the campus on Rutherford Lane. Brewer's trial is scheduled for March 13, 2017. Scott Rosenblum now represents Brewer.

**Good The Chesterfield City Council** refused to give \$5,000 to the Chamber of Commerce for its 40th Birthday. In the past such requests used to be automatic. City Administrator Mike Geisel said he called the Chamber several times asking what the money would be used for and never got an answer.

**Bad 22-year-old Edward Walter** was stopped for DWI after leaving Harpo's Bar. Walter exited the car and rushed the police officer tackling him. However another officer was present and shot Walter with a taser.

**Bad Consulting Engineer and Town and Country resident George Stock** saw his firm awarded \$23,000 in work from Town and Country without any bids or requests for proposals. This is an apparent violation of city rules, but staff claims consulting engineers are considered an exception under "professional services."

**Bad/Sad Dr. Joe Williamson** who with his wife Janet, were long time proponents of lethal deer herd thinning in Town and Country died.

## July

**Good and Bad Town and Country Police** quickly arrested a 59-year-old burglar with a long arrest record for entering a home during the late morning on Clayton Road through a doggie door. The woman resident saw the burglar as he grabbed her purse and they fought over it with the homeowner being injured. The suspect Dennis Lynn

Snider was arrested 24 hours later. Snider has not appeared to make his \$75,000 bond. The next hearing in the case is set for February 2, 2017.

**Good** Interim Chesterfield City Administrator Mike Geisel and Finance Director Craig White put on a 3-hour seminar for senior staff and council members on Finance 101 which showed how the city would be adversely affected when bonds came due with high payments three and five years in the future. The Finance Committee chair Bruce DeGroot and Councilwoman Bridget Nations did not show for the meeting. Luckily they will no longer be on the City Council soon. DeGroot resigned effective January 3, 2017 after winning a seat in the State House of Representatives and Nations is not running for reelection.

**Bad State Rep Dean Plocher** who district includes a large portion of Town and Country had been the municipal judge of corrupt and crime ridden Pine Lawn, Missouri. A state auditor's report dealing with an audit that started in 2014 when Plocher was still judge found that the Pine Lawn Court owed the State of Missouri over \$400,000, that the police were collecting illegal court fees plus there were missing files and missing traffic citations. The auditor's office rated the Pine Lawn Court POOR. This did not seem to bother the voters of Snoburbia. In November Plocher was reelected.

**Bad** The Police Chief of Chesterfield was handing out exactly what you should not give politicians; police looking badges.

**Bad State Rep Sue Allen** (Rep) who is term limited out at the end of 2016 took back an endorsement she made earlier in the year of the proposed apartment complex on Schoettler Road and South Forty Outer Road (I-64-Hwy 40) as resident opposition swelled. However the move appeared to be too late to help her husband, Mike who was running to replace her. Campaign contributions dating back to 2008 were traced to one of the developers of the proposed apartments.

**Bad** Longtime popular Chesterfield restaurant and sports bar **Krieger's** was forced out of its location of over 20 years by the landlord who refused to renew the lease.

**Bad:** A year after voting to leave the St. Louis County Municipal League and save \$7,500 the City Council voted to rejoin the League. The City Council originally quit when a number of member cities joined together to fight the Chesterfield lawsuit to have the County Shared Pool Sales Tax declared unconstitutional. After rejoining the League the City Council in November voted to oppose the City of St. Louis rejoining St. Louis County which it left in 1875, which the League supports.

**Bad** A drunk lawyer from Clayton driving a Mustang and a Drunk Driver from St. Charles with prior DWIs were drag racing on Lindbergh and killed a 73-year-old grandmother driving in her Toyota to her home in Crestwood. Five months later they were indicted; one for Manslaughter and, the other for Murder, plus other charges. The grandmother died the next day from internal injuries. Frontenac Police did not think her injuries were very serious and did not get a search warrant for a blood draw from the lawyer after he refused to take a breath test.

**Bad and Sad** Jazz bass player Dave Troncoso died after a very quiet and lengthy battle with cancer.

**Bad and Sad:** Marni Nixon, 86, known as the Ghostess with the Mostess, died. It was Nixon's voice all of America heard doing voice over for the stars in great American Musical Movies, including The King and I, West Side Story and My Fair Lady.

## **August**

**Good** A **St. Louis County Circuit Court Judge found against the Westminster Christian Academy** in their lawsuit over Town and Country's refusal to allow them to have lights on their football field that abuts several subdivisions and a nursing home.

**GOOD; maybe** The City of Chesterfield named City Service Director Mike Geisel as the new permanent City Administrator. Geisel has been with the city since it was incorporated and perhaps has the best historical and working knowledge of the city. He stated he understood what the new Council and mayor expects in changes in running the city, especially more transparency. But in December his staff was refusing to release some emails and documents involving the Doorack Lease.

**Good** The Town and Country **Board of Aldermen** voted to go along with the City's Police Commission's recommendation and **ban golf carts** from being operated on city streets.

**Bad** Monarch Fire Protection District Chief Wayne "Chuck" Marsonette was arrested and charged with felony theft from his previous employer. Our background check showed that he had a prior DWI conviction in Camden County at the Lake of the Ozarks and a \$72,000 default judgment against over a motor boat sinking in a storm. He was also sued by his former employer that caused him to file for bankruptcy.

**Bad:** A **youth hockey group** active at the Hardee's Ice Arena came to a City Council meeting wanting a Transportation Development District sales tax if they could find

funding for to construct a new Ice Arena after the current one is torn down in 2017 for a golf facility. Also showing up at meetings was a group that wants the City to build them a **Cricket Pitch**. The city was agreeable to build the cricket field but the group refused to pay the standard \$45 an hour rental fee charged to baseball, football, soccer and LAX groups using City fields.

## **SEPTEMBER**

**Good** Over 350 residents opposing the rezoning request so apartments can be built on land along Schoettler Road that is zoned for single-family houses overfilled a conference center at a nearby hotel that the city rented for a Planning Commission meeting. No vote was taken, but commission members received the message loud and clear.

**Bad:** We reported in September that Chesterfield drug dealer Alyson Edwards' defense attorney is non-other than Chesterfield City Prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer. Apparently it is okay with the City Council that Engelmeyer is paid to prosecute people charged in municipal drug cases (which he always amends to "Littering" exacting a stiff fine) and defend Chesterfield residents in felony drug cases

**Bad** St. Louis was ranked #11 in a World Wide Survey by a travel website. The ranking was "Most Dangerous Cities in the World."

**Bad** Chesterfield Police Chief Ray Johnson told a Public Safety Committee that he was unaware of any police agencies that use police officers as sharpshooters to kill deer. I was able to find several dozen. Johnson also gave the committee large amounts of misinformation concerning how to conduct a deer census and tracking deer kills along roads.

**Bad** A West County EMS and Fire Prevention paramedic/firefighter committed suicide by hanging himself in a bunk room in the middle of the day. The Fire District refused to reveal a cause of death on taxpayer property. We got the cause of death from the St. Louis County Medical Examiner's Office.

## **October**

**Good** The Chesterfield Finance Committee voted to eliminate \$75,000 to Stages which headquartered in Chesterfield, puts on plays at the Kirkwood Civic Theater. The Council as a Whole was meeting, meaning not just committee members could vote. The vote was a 3-3 tie, with Randy Logan pushing hard to give at least \$50,000 to

Stages. Mayor Bob Nation broke the tie voting not to give any money to Stages. Also \$12,000 was eliminated from the Chamber of Commerce for a June fireworks show. The city puts on its own fireworks show on July 4th.

**Very Bad** The City of Chesterfield announced it had signed a letter of intent to purchase 22 acres in the flood plain east of its property and then lease that property and 30 acres to Big Sports, a group fronted by Cardinal manager Mike Matheny and Dan Buck. The project would include an indoor dome baseball field with six outside fields, a hotel and retail stores. With the city owning the property it would mean no real estate taxes would have to be paid. However, Big Sports agreed to spend up to \$4,000,000 to bring water, sewer and storm water. There was a 120-day out clause and once the deal was made public other communities began courting Big Sports.

It was also clear that the City of Chesterfield violated the Missouri Open Meetings and Meeting Announcements by have elected officials meet with Big Sports representatives two-at-a-time. A meeting with four would have required a public posting and possibly a public meeting. However intentionally having multiple meetings of fewer than 50% of the elected body to avoid the Sunshine Open Meetings law is a violation of the law itself.

The deal passed on a 5-3. The dissenting Councilpersons stated they did not think the city should be involved in land speculation deals and real estate investing, but had no problem if the City sold the 30-acres to Big Sports.

**Very Bad** Town and Country Board of Alderman President Pro-Tem Skip Mange is in charge of any meetings involving the Town Square Project, announced that residents could not attend any meetings where money is discussed. Mange indicated that this would include any meeting after a single developer was selected.

**Bad** Eric Greitens' campaign used a photo taken of a uniform Chesterfield Police Officer in a campaign ad without the permission of the officer or of the Chesterfield Police Department. Greitens won the race for governor and will be sworn in on January 10.

**Bad: Crazy as a loon, Mariette Palmer** at the start of the October Town and Country Conservation Commission meeting accused all alderpersons in taking bribes for allowing a large lot in the Pinetree Subdivision to be subdivided into three lots for new homes. Commission chair Lindsey Butler assured Palmer she had not accepted any money (but didn't mention if she got a new car or jewels). The lot adjustment was completely above board and reasonable, as the existing zoning laws allow it. Palmer

group of goofballs has dwindled to such a small size it would be wise for Mayor/Cigarette Lobbyist Jon Dalton to never appoint her to any commission again. However, knowing Dalton he is not likely to do that and instead will wait for Palmer to die or become too disabled to continue.

## **November**

**GOOD** Chesterfield residents came to a City Council meeting and objected to the County Highway Department taking away two driving lanes on the "under repair" Baxter Road with plans to replace them with Bicycle Lanes. The city staff had been fighting the County over this since finding out their plans in early November. Prior to a large turnout of upset residents and elected officials at a County Council meeting, the County withdrew the plans and Baxter was returned to two traffic lanes in each direction.

**Good Mayor Bob Nation** broke a 4-4 tie to release all records dealing with the Doorack Lease voted on and signed in the Spring of 2009. The records showed the then Mayor John Nations, the City Administrator Mike Herring and then City Attorney Rob Heggie conspired to hide votes and records from the public for 7-years. In the case of City Attorney he kept the lease at his office instead of being on file at City Hall so the city could claim it was under "attorney-client privilege" if someone tried to see it. Herring hid the vote in 2009 approving the lease as it did not appear in minutes as is required by State law. Councilpersons **Barb McGuinness, Guy Tilmann, Dan Hurt** and **Tom DeCampi** did the right thing of getting the records into the open that showed illegal activity. **Bad:** The City then refused to release new records involving the Doorack property that occurred after the November vote.

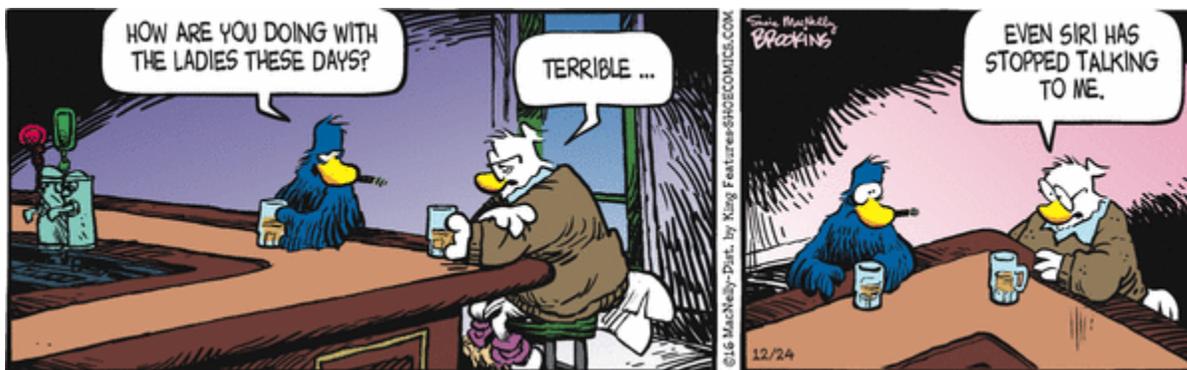
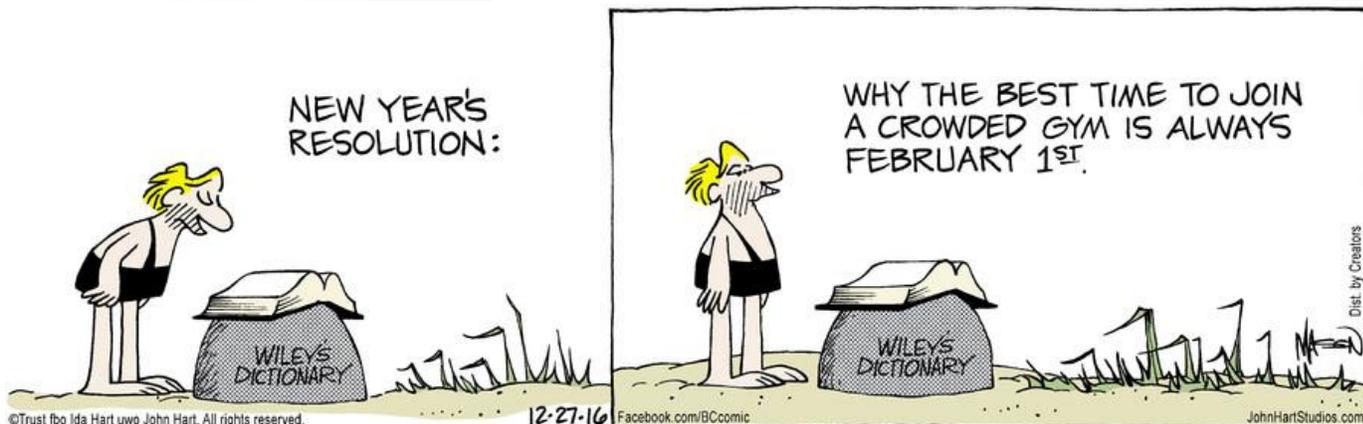
**Bad Barry Flachsbart, Randy Logan, Bruce DeGroot and Bridget Nations** who all voted to continue to illegally keep the Doorack Lease records hidden from the public. Bridget Nations had a clear conflict of interest since the release of the records showed that her husband, then Mayor John Nations had a key role in the illegal violations of the Missouri Open Records and Open Meeting laws.

**BAD:** The cost of the Town and Country Town Square project (which is only on one side of the street so why is it called a square?) suddenly jumped from an estimated \$3.8-million (staff estimate) to \$5.8-million when the city finally selected Brinkmann Development as the contractor. Despite there no longer being any competition, Ald. Skip Mange continued to threaten to hold closed door meetings when prices were discussed keeping the public (taxpayer/residents) in the dark.

## **December**

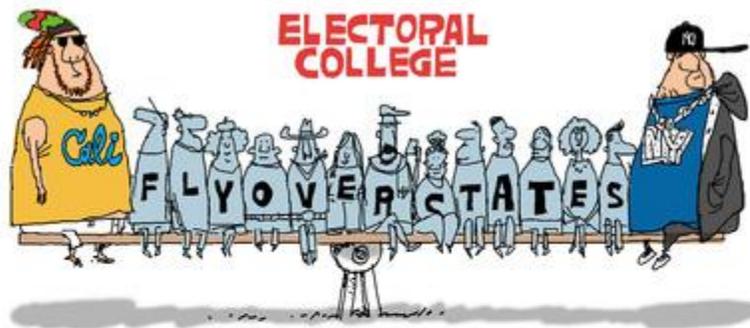
**Bad** The City of Chesterfield staff continue to keep records concerning the Doorack Lease from the public by refusing to release them under Missouri Open Records Sunshine requests.

**CARTOONS:**





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