

EX ALDERMAN NEWSLETTER 274 AND CHESTERFIELD 219



April 24, 2017



MEMBERS OF THE DWI CHURCH OF THE FOURTH AND FIFTH CHANCE PART 1: Post-Dispatch columnist Bill McClellan over the years has written about how he is a member of the Church of the Second Chance and believes people should get a second chance especially in court cases.

However the Special Treatment Program of the St. Louis County Circuit court deals with the Church of the Third, Fourth and Fifth Chance. Once the repeat and repeat drunk driver pleads guilty to a felony and if they are eligible for the Special Treatment Program, their case is continued for three years. Despite the guilty plea there is no conviction until sentencing at which time it can be turned into a No-Points probation and amended. This means we cannot get the arrest report for as long as five or six years.

We have obtained the Probable Cause Statements of a number of these cases. The worst ones will be fetured in Part 2 next week. Here are the Part 1 defendants:

TOWN AND COUNTRY



STLMUGSHOTS.COM **Joseph Patrick Morrissey** 1050 Polo Downs Town and Country
Pled Guilty 12/29/15 Next Court date 01/07/2019; not sentenced

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

-VS-

CIRCUIT

JOSEPH P. MORRISSEY
1050 POLO DOWNS DRIVE
CHESTERFIELD, MO 63017



RACE: White
SEX: Male
DOB: 03/17/1993
HGT: 5'07"
WGT: 170lbs.
P.D.: Town and Country
ORI Number: MO0957200

Aliases:

Defendant

CHARGES

Count: 01 DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED PERSISTENT OFFENDER - D FELONY
Count: 02 FAILED TO DRIVE WITHIN SINGLE LANE W/3 LANES-CLASS C MISD
Count: 03 FAILED TO SIGNAL WHEN STOPPING/TURNING-CLASS C MISDEMEANOR

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 DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED PERSISTENT OFFENDER - D FELONY

That Joseph Morrissey, in violation of Section 577.010, committed the class D felony of driving while intoxicated, punishable upon conviction under Sections 558.011, 560.011, and 577.023, RSMo, in that on or about April 22, 2015, at or near 12977 N. Outer Forty Drive, 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 07/26/2012, the defendant had pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated, for events occurring on 11/06/2011, in the 21st Circuit Court - Clayton, in Court Case No: 12SLMU00501, and on or about 11/10/2010, the defendant had pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated, for events occurring on 07/10/2010, in Circuit Court - Municipal Division - Town & County.
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COUNT: 02 FAILED TO DRIVE WITHIN SINGLE LANE W/3 LANES-CLASS C MISD

That Joseph Morrissey, in violation of Section 304.015 RSMo, committed the class C misdemeanor of failure to drive within a single lane, punishable upon conviction under Sections 304.015, 558.011 and 560.016, RSMo, in that on or about April 22, 2015 in the County of St. Louis, State of Missouri, the defendant, while operating a motor vehicle at or near 12977 N. Outer Forty Drive, a highway divided into three or more lanes, failed to drive within a single lane on such roadway.
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Kelly A. Russell Russellville MO. PG 7/7/16 Next Ct date 7/8/19

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

-VS-

CIRCU

KELLY A. RUSSELL
4819 MONROE
APT 1
RUSSELLVILLE, MO 65074

RACE: White S:
SEX: Female O
DOB: 03/16/1975 C.
HGT: 5'08" R
WGT: 125lbs. C
P.D.: Town and Country
ORI Number: MO0957200

Aliases:

Defendant

43T

CHARGES

Count: 01 DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED PERSISTENT OFFENDER - D FELONY

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 DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED PERSISTENT OFFENDER - D FELONY

That Kelly Russell , in violation of Section 577.010, committed the class D felony of driving while intoxicated, punishable upon conviction under Sections 558.011, 560.011, and 577.023, RSMo, in that on or about October 17, 2015, on WB I-64 & 141, 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 July 23rd, 1996, defendant had pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated, for events occurring on November 11th, 1994, in Circuit Court-Municipal Division - Washington in Court Case #36889, and

on or about February 3rd, 2014, defendant had pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated, for events occurring on November 22nd, 2013, in Camden County Circuit Court - Camdenton in Court Case #14CMCR00067.

Here are some comments from our website's attorney, a former prosecutor:

Rebeckah Lynn Hoover. She hired a very good attorney, Jim Towey, to represent her. That cost a pretty penny. I see now why sentencing was deferred. She gave \$2050.00 of her bond money to Bridgeway Behavioral Health for I assume in-treatment care. But the judge wanted to see how she is doing, or did on her treatment, and was holding sentencing over her head to do the treatment. \$450.00 of the bond money then went to the St. Louis County DWI Court Fees.

REBECKAH LYNNE HOOVER
432 WILLOW WEALD PATH
CHESTERFIELD, MO 63005

RACE: White SSN:
SEX: Female OCN:
DOB: 07/24/1961 CASE
HGT: 5'02" RPT M
WGT: 115lbs. CT. N
P.D.: Chesterfield
ORI Number: MO0959A00

Aliases:
Defendant

43TH

CHARGES

Count: 01 DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED PERSISTENT OFFENDER - CLASS D FELONY

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INFORMATION

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 DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED PERSISTENT OFFENDER - CLASS D FELONY

That Rebeckah Hoover , in violation of Section 577.010, committed the class D felony of driving while intoxicated, punishable upon conviction under Sections 558.011, 560.011, and 577.023, RSMo, in that on or about December 11, 2015, on Baxter Rd. and August Hill Dr., 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 October 16, 2008, defendant had pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated, for events occurring on September 5, 2008, in Circuit Court-Municipal Division-Chesterfield in Court Case #080373832, and

on or about December 16, 2003, defendant had pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated, for events occurring on September 13, 2003, in Circuit Court-Municipal Division-Chesterfield in Court Case #021015695.

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


Assistant Prosecuting Attorney

Date: January ¹⁵/₂, 2016

I, Ashley Saffa, DSN 5296, 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 December 11, 2015, at Baxter Rd. and August Hill Dr., Rebeckah Hoover, White, Female, DOB 07/24/1961, 5'02", 115lbs, committed one or more criminal offense(s).

Count: 01 DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED PERSISTENT OFFENDER –
CLASS D FELONY

The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

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

Defendant was stopped for a traffic violation.

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

Defendant admitted drinking alcohol.

Defendant performed poorly on field sobriety tests.

Defendant was arrested.

Defendant was read Missouri Implied Consent.

Defendant refused to give a breath sample.

Defendant has pleaded guilty to or has been found guilty of at least two prior intoxication-related traffic offenses.

Ashley Saffa, DSN 5296, Chesterfield Police Department



Erik Mattsson He had four prior DWIs, all in Hannibal before his arrest in Chesterfield. Pled Guilty 06/30/16 Next Ct Date 07/01/19

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

-VS-

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| ERIK G. MATTSSON 179 NEW HOLLAND DRIVE CHESTERFIELD, MO 63017 | 40 TH | RACE: White SEX: Male DOB: 03/16/1966 HGT: 5'11" WGT: 162lbs. P.D.: Chesterfield | SSN: OCN: CASE I RPT NC CT. NO: |
| Aliases: Defendant | | ORI Number: MO0959A00 | 1451 |

CHARGES

Count: 01 DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED/ALCOHOL/DRUG-CHRONIC OFF-CLASS B FELONY

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 DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED/ALCOHOL/DRUG-CHRONIC OFF-CLASS B FELONY

That Erik Mattsson , in violation of Section 577.010, 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 July 28, 2014, at or near Chesterfield Parkway and Olive, in the County of St. Louis, State of Missouri, the defendant operated a motor vehicle while under the influence of a combination of alcohol and a drug and on or about 09/19/1995, the defendant has been found guilty of driving while intoxicated, for events occurring on 05/21/1996, in the Circuit Court District #2 - Hannibal, in Court Case No: CR595441FX, and on or about 07/09/1993, the defendant had been found guilty of driving with excessive blood alcohol content, for events occurring on 06/13/1993, in the Circuit Court - Associate Division - Hannibal, in Court Case No: CR593362M, and on or about 11/22/1991, the defendant had been found guilty of driving while intoxicated, for events occurring on 10/08/1991, in the Circuit Court - Associate Division - Hannibal, in Court Case No: CR591630M, and on or about 02/01/1991, the defendant had plead guilty to driving while intoxicated, for events occurring on 12/27/1990, in Court Case No: CR59132M.
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I, Todd Lantz, DSN 5256, 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 July 28, 2014, at or near Chesterfield Parkway and Olive, Erik Mattsson, White, Male, DOB 03/16/1966, 5'11", 162lbs, committed one or more criminal offense.

Count: 01 DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED/ALCOHOL/DRUG-CHRONIC
OFF-CLASS B FELONY

The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

1. The Defendant was observed operating a motor vehicle in St. Louis County, State of Missouri.
2. Defendant struck victim's vehicle that was stopped in a turn lane.
3. Officer observations of Defendant, prior to arrest, that were consistent with intoxication, included the odor of an alcoholic beverage; pupils with slow reaction to light; pupils dilated.
4. Defendant had needle marks on arm; admitted taking pain killers.
5. Defendant was arrested; given his rights pursuant to the Missouri Implied Consent law; a voluntary blood draw was taken.

Defendant has the requisite prior Intoxication-Related Traffic Offenses as defined in section 577.023 RSMo for the offense charged.

Todd Lantz, DSN 5256, Chesterfield Police Department

[Signature]  _____

NEXT WEEK: Will will feature some of the more outrageous members of the Church of Fourth, Fifth and Seventh Chance members of the Felony DWI Alternative Court Club next week.

**DRUNK DRIVER SMOKING WEED, ALMOST HITS HIGHWAY RAMP WALL,
DENIES BEING ON THE RAMP LEAVES COURT WITH NO-POINTS, NO-FINE**

PROBATION: On December 6, 2015, at 1:48 AM (Saturday night into Sunday morning) Town and Country Officer Hamel observed a black 2005 Chevrolet Impala WB on I-64 approaching I-270 weaving from lane to lane. He followed the car as it exited to go south on I-270 when he saw the car weave out of the lane and nearly hit the wall of the elevated exit ramp that was above I-270.

Once the car was off of the ramp, Officer Hamel stopped it on SB I-270 and contacted the driver, Marshall Boyd, 24, of North St. Louis County in an area near Dellwood and Ferguson. Officer Hamel immediately smelled the odor of burnt marijuana and the strong odor of alcohol on Boyd's breath. Boyd was clearly confused when Officer Hamel told him he almost hit a wall on the exit ramp, Boyd denied being on the ramp.

A passenger in the front seat told Officer Hamel they were both drunk and Boyd had some "weed" on him. This is from the police report.

I approached the passenger side of the vehicle and observed a black male in the driver's seat and a black male in the front passenger seat. After I knocked on the passenger side window, the passenger rolled it down. There was a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage and a slight odor of that associated with marijuana coming from the interior of the vehicle. I informed the driver that he almost struck the wall on the ramp. He said he did not almost strike the wall and he was never on the ramp. I asked the driver for his driver's license and proof of insurance. He provided a MO driver's license which identified him as Marshall Boyd (B/M DOB 01/23/1991). Boyd's eyes were watery, bloodshot, glassy, and staring. His speech was extremely slurred, incoherent, and mumbled. The passenger stated that he and Boyd were intoxicated and that Boyd had "a little weed on him".

I then asked Boyd to step out of the vehicle and perform Standardized Field Sobriety Tests, and he agreed to do so. During the Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus Test, Boyd was swaying front to back and side to side. Boyd agreed to take the Portable Breath Test. The result of the PBT field sobriety test exceeded a .080% BAC. I asked Boyd what time he had his last drink. He said his last drink was around 7:00 pm. I asked Boyd what time he thought it was currently. He said he thought it was 9:00 pm. As I was speaking with Boyd, a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage was observed on his breath. I asked Boyd to state the English Alphabet from "J" to "X". He stated, "J,K,L,M,N,Y,X." The results of the Standardized Field Sobriety Tests can be found on page 1 of the A.I.R. (Form 2389).

Boyd was arrested for DWI, Improper Lane Use and Possession of Marijuana. At the police station he agreed to take a breath test that showed his BAC level to be .152% or almost twice the legal limit, plus he was high of marijuana.



Marshall Boyd

OUTCOME: In his favor Boyd had no prior arrests. On March 3, 2016 he pled guilty to DWI and was given a No-Points, No-Fine SIS probation term by city judge Dean Waldemer. He was fined \$200 for Improper Lane Use and the Possession of Marijuana was reduced to Illegal Parking and he was fined \$200. I'm amazed how a non-traffic offense like drug possession can be reduced to a non-moving traffic violation. That prosecutor Ed Sluys and Judge Waldemer are quite the magicians.

While Boyd did not have a prior record he was high both on booze and drugs and almost had an accident. At some point Muni Courts have to start convicting some of the drunk drivers where they get points and license suspensions.

REAL ESTATE: Quick turn around for new house on Post Oak. The 5-bedroom 6,240 square foot house on 3-acres just went on the market for \$2,375,000. The house at 12660 Post Oak was bought by Alan and Gina Collins from the buildier in 2015 for \$1,887,143 on August 11, 2015 according to a real estate website. However according the sales contract from 2014 the price was \$1,675,020. That is like almost a \$500,000 appreciation in 18 months over the website price and \$700,000 over the contract price. This is from the actual contract. Unfortunately the house was not completed at the time of the sale.

2. Purchase Price. The Purchase Price of the Property is \$1,675,020.00, to be paid by Purchaser to Seller as follows:



The builder sued the owner for \$25,000 or more in non-payments. However, the affidavit of the defendant (owner) is very interesting.

The purchaser claims:

At the time of the August 5, 2015 closing the house was still not finished:

8. At the time of the Closing, Seller had not fully completed the Residence.

9. Section 21 of the Contract contains provisions which address how incomplete or incorrectly-completed work are to be handled after Closing, which include the provision for the preparation of the Punchlist by the parties and further provided that the Title Company to “retain an amount equal to 150% of the reasonable cost to complete or correct the Punchlist Items.”

The next problem was that the builder built part of the driveway on the neighbor's property.

12. Prior to Closing, Gina Collins and I were informed by our title company that a portion of the finished driveway encroached over the property line of our neighbor. Our attorney negotiated a “Side Agreement Regarding Closing on 12660 Post Oak Rd. Property in Town and Country Missouri” (“Side Agreement”) with Kyle Miller which addressed the encroachment.



Our website's lawyer (yes, we have a lawyer on retainer) provided us his opinion on the whole mess along with all the legal filings. When I wrote him I mentioned that perhaps the lawsuits were not that big of a deal. Here is what he had to say.

Hi John,

Au contraire, my dear friend. This is much larger than just a simple nonpayment of a few bills. This is over the building of a residence located at 12660 Post Oak Road on July 24, 2014, with the residence to be built of \$1,675,020.00. The sale was supposed to close June 1, 2015, but didn't close until August 5, 2016. I think this law suit is all over the “punch list” items not finished. Looks like roofing and foundation problems. I guess a home for a million-six just doesn't get you what it used to. And when people have lots of money, there are lots of back and forth motions, counterclaims, adding 3rd parties, wanting arbitration, etc. And, nothing has been decided yet. I wonder if the owners just went ahead and had the work done themselves and are now wanting to get their money back, or if it's still defective. Here's a bunch of stuff for you to read. Good luck!

All the legal filings are far too massive to post on this site. If a reader would like to look at them, send us an email and we will pass them along.

TOWN AND COUNTRY TOWN SQUARE MEETING: Some council persons want parents of young children to lug food and coolers across the property to use a pavilion and to keep elderly handicapped as far away as possible. Mayor/Cigarette Lobbyist Jon Dalton called for a special Board of Aldermen meeting concerning the Town Square project on Thursday April 13 and then was 30 minutes late showing up.



If you will notice the chair at the center of the table is empty.

Ald. Skip Mange asked each person to say in 5 minutes or less what they liked or didn't like about the current plans for the Town Square. The two consultants, George Stock (who was also on the payroll of the two developers bidding for the project, Love Development and Brinkman Development.) and Mike Convy who has been on the city's payroll from the beginning of this project..

Here is how it went. Some alderpersons' lists were short because they simply agreed with what had already been said.

Gussie Crawford:

What are you going to do with it in the winter?

I like the blacksmith shop.

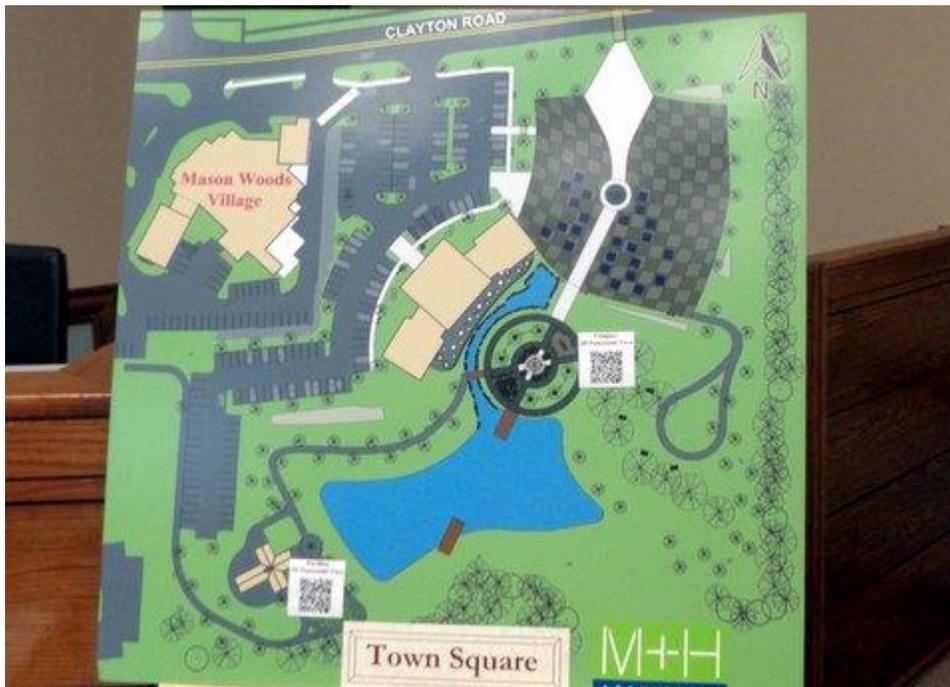
I definitely like the pedestrian tunnel.

I want to keep the fountain.

I want to keep the walking trail.
I like Skip's (Alderman Mange) idea for grass pavers.

Tiffany Frauthsci

I'm concerned with all the concrete on the hill. I'm worried about flooding out someone's house.
The public restrooms should be closer to the front.
There is not enough for a family to do.
Having a trail on top of the dam looking down at residential property is not a good idea..



Lindsey Butler

I would like the Discovery Statue in the center of the compass.

(This is exactly where the person who put up over 60% of the money for the Horse and Dog statue did not want it. Fred Wiesehan, CEO of Mari de Villa Assisted Living/Nursing facility stated he wanted the statue close enough to Clayton Road for passing motorists to see it.)

Lynn Wright (It was ironic that Wright was not there but was on someone's cell phone for 10 minutes or so before hanging up. It was almost impossible to hear her.)

However, Mike Cozda who just ran against her and lost in the April 4 election was there.)

"I agree with what everyone is saying. I feel very strongly about the trail system," said a barely audible Wright..

Skip Mange

The location of the restrooms are too far away.

The major pavilion should be moved up closer to the plaza area in the southeast corner and screen it from houses on Rutherford Lane.

We will lose at least eight trees by the Werth house (which will be torn down) but we should save all the rest of the trees.

The landscaping plan should be done in conjunction with the neighbors. Our consultants should contact all the neighbors asking for their thoughts.

Jon Benigas

I'm concern about the cost of the tunnel under Clayton Road.

The blacksmith pavilion should be moved to the southeast corner of the property.

Public restrooms should be near the commercial area.

I prefer the walking path to be on top of the dam. (To hell with the privacy of the people who live on Kings Glen whose backyards and rear windows would be in view! This comes from Benigas who lives in a gated subdivision.)

Fred Meyland-Smith To everyone's amazement the biggest windbag of all the aldermen said what he had to say in under 4-minutes.

I have five things.

The first is thing involves the commercial part and we were told we could not talk about that.

The pavilion is too far from the plaza.

The pavilion should be a center point and cost cutting should not be in the process.

The plaza grass pavers are a good idea. The last thing we want to do is have one acre of concrete.

I have concerns about the tunnel. It is costly. Other concerns are keeping it dry and the lighting.

Linda Rallo (Just before Linda spoke Mayor Dalton showed up and gets to hear one of the eight alderpersons. What a guy!)

I want to look through the lens to protect residents. I'm not in favor of the trail that goes all around the property (and abuts backyards).

I look at liability and safety. Will the tunnel be safe? Will the restroom be in a safe location?

(By the end of the night Rallo, who had been a critic on the tunnel over costs and safety, did a 180 and announced she was in favor it.)

THE CONSULTANTS:

George Stock said the rain gardens included in the design should keep the retention basion (or pond that they keep insisting on calling a lake) from flooding during an unusually heavy rain.

He said that the plans for tunnel under Clayton Road is running into conflicts with AT&T phone lines, Laclede Gas lines and American Water lines on the north side of the road. Stock said they located the lines, but they do not know how deep they are. He said the city needs to find out how deep each line is before design work can continue.

Stock also said soil studies need to be conducted to determine exactly what kind of soil is on the property.

Mike Convy for instance said they need more guidance on things like if there would be fire pits. (I hope not for the sake of nearby residents not having to smell camp fires if they open a window for fresh air.)

He also mentioned that the permable grass pavers have to be replaced every 10-to-15 years.

TOP WISE CRACK: This award goes to Skip Mange commenting on dealing with the unilities in finding the depth of lines on the north side of Clayton Road.

"The water company! They are the biggest jerks around," said Mange.

Most untrue statement: Mayor Dalton told residents who were in the audience and were not allow to make comments, that "Gary Hoelzer (city administrator) has the biggest ears at the table." Perhaps Dalton meant that Hoezler was a good listener, but his comment dealt with size. While Hoelzer's ears stick out a little 75-year-old Skip Mange and 70-year-old Fred Meyland Smith have much bigger ears. (While the audience was originally told they could not speak at the start of the meeting, Dalton did pick out a few people he recognized in the crowd and asked from their comments.



Hoelzer



Mange



Meyland-Smith

My observation: While I was a police captain I was also the Safety Officer for an entire municipality for a number of years. Plus while working for Montgomery County Maryland's Transit Division as an enforcement officer and criminal investigator I also had to assist on planning around subway stations and transit stations. I saw something that apparently everyone else missed in their comments. A number of people wanted to move a pavilion from the southwest corner of the property to the southeast corner.

Here is the problem. Take a look at a blow up of the diagram where the pavilion is and where they want to move it to and see if you can see the problem.



The southwest corner is where the pavilion is. It is close to a parking lot. This means people renting the pavilion for a party will have easily access to drag ice chests, food and other items, plus kids. It also has reasonable handicapped access for people with disabilities.

Where a number of people want it moved to in the southeast corner on the loop, where there is no easy access. You would have to drag supplies from a parking for restaurants across a one-arc plaza and then down a path. For handicapped people with heart issues or using walkers the trip would be difficult at best and impossible for some.

I thought it was amazing that no one noticed this. I mentioned it to Director of Public Works and Planning, Craig Wilde and his comment was, "It is all flat is should not be a problem." Keep in mind if you are trying to get to the pavilion during a busy time for the restaurants with all the parking places taken near the plaza it will be a BIG problem. The next meeting on the Town Square is set for May 22 after the BOA meeting.

Mayor Dalton has announced it would be April 24 after the regular BOA meeting and urged the 25-to-30 people in the audience to attend. Within days they cancelled that meeting and resceduled it for May 22.

LIGHT ON IN THE DAYTIME! TOWN AND COUNTRY HAS MONEY TO BURN: Five weeks after the arrival of Daylingt Savings Time, the parking lot and walkway lights at Drace Park are burning brightly at 4:45 in the afternoon 3 hours before sunset.



I'm Beginning to See the Light: Duke Ellington and Ella Fitzgerald could see the light!
Here is the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7bfW7cUtgXA>

UNAPPROVED CHESTERFIELD NEWSLETTER 219



April 24, 2017

CHESTERFIELD CITY ATTORNEY APPEARS TO HAVE A FULL TIME JOB CONVICTING PEOPLE OF CRIMES THEY DID NOT COMMIT...ILLEGAL PARKING!

It quickly became clear to us that Chesterfield City Attorney does not care at all about the safety of the residents of the communities that pay him after looking at his record as the prosecutor in two nearby communities.

We reported in an earlier newsletter how Chesterfield City Attorney Chris Graville had in 2016 amended 314 moving violations to expensive Illegal Parking offenses as proecuting attorney in tiny Clarkson Valley, policed by 5-officers of the County Police under contract.



Graville is also the prosecutor in Ballwin, Missouri with a population of over 30,000. We went to the Ballwin Municipal Court to see how many moving violations were reduced into Illegal Parking offenses with steep fines not associatd with parking tickets. This was the place that was shocking. The Ballwin police issued 219 parking tickets in 2016. Graville managed to convict 1,202 people of Illegal Parking who the police never charged with a parking violation. Graville amended 1,202 moving violations with points to 1,202 Illegal Parking violations with no points and no records in Missouri drivers' license files.

For the year 2016 Graville amended 1,516 moving violations to Illegal Parking in St. Louis County. This means he never had any time to research the background of any of the defendants to see if they had received similar deals four and five times before. He didn't see if the defendants had not had DWI arrests in the past. He could not have researched all those defendants' background to determine which ones were dangerous drivers taking advantage of a corrupt legal system that creates jobs of traffic defense attorneys. He could not have seen all the moving violation citations issued by Highway Patrol troopers that were reduced to No-Point Excessive Noise violations by state prosecutors.

Ballwin is 30% smaller than Town and Country and 70% smaller than Chesterfield land wise. They have a population of 30,000 compared to 49,000 in Chesterfield and 11,000 in Town and Country. They have half as many cops of Chesterfield and 30% more than Town and Country.

As we have reported before, defense attorneys including those at the TLCs (Traffic Law Centers) for \$3 enter the citation their client got into the lawsourcelive.com website and it is sent to the correct prosecuting attorney who then amends it to Illegal Parking.

Graville is also the prosecuting attorney in Warrenton and the municipal judge in Oakland. This total of amended moving violation charges to Illegal Parking clearly is much more than 1,516 he was involved with in Clarkson Valley and Ballwin.

Just the five cities of Chesterfield, Clarkson Valley, Ellisville, Ballwin and Town and Country **generated at least \$382,900** for bottom feeding traffic defense attorneys in 2016.

TWO WEEKS ON THE JOB AT CHRISTMAS HE WAS CAUGHT GIVING MACY'S MERCHANDISE AWAY: All the large well known department stores seem to be having money troubles recently. I'm sure it doesn't help when you newest employees figure out how to trick the cash register and electronic inventory system.

This case also included Christmas music playing. It also took 25 months from arrest to guilty plea.



Vernon Windom

23-year-old Vernon Windom had just been hired and trained by Macy's to work as a cashier in the men's department of the Chesterfield Mall store. Unfortunately for Macy's he had also been trained by a female co-employee on how to manipulate the cash register and computer inventory system to steal clothes.

On December 12, 2013 Macy's security received a phone call from an employee who reported that two women had a large amount of children clothing, but did not pay for it at a Children's Department cash register.

Security was advised. They took an elevator to the first floor. The women were found taking the children clothes to Windom in the Men's department.

This is from the police report by Officer Hansen:

female subjects removed the children's clothing from the Macy's cart and gave it to Windom at the men's department cash register. Windom scanned the clothing that the female subjects gave him and then deleted thirteen items off the transaction. The female subjects paid \$40.80 for two items of clothing (transaction #64400329959). Windom put all of the merchandise including the thirteen items of merchandise that had not been paid for into shopping bags and gave the bags to the two female subjects. The dollar amount of the merchandise that Windom gave away to the two female subjects is \$509.73. The female subjects exited the store via the Olive Boulevard doors.

At the time of his arrest Windom gave police an East St. Louis address, however court documents show a North County address and in 2016 he was evicted from an apartment on 17th street with a back rent judgment of \$3,311.

At the police station Windom confessed to not only making the theft of the children's clothes possible but doing several other thefts. More from Officer Hansen's police report:

I conducted an interview with Windom. In my interview Windom stated he had been employed by Macy's for approximately two weeks. In the first few days of working at Macy's a female co-worker who's name he did not know showed Windom how to scan items and delete them from the sale in order to give the items away without alerting management/loss prevention. This act made it appear the items were being paid for and the security sensors were removed. Windom was also shown how to give unauthorized discounts making items less than the posted price.

Windom stated approximately a week prior to 12/12/2013 a customer was short money and he deleted three Nike t-shirts from a transaction and placed them into the customer's bag so the woman would not have to pay for them.

Here are the items from the Children's Department that Windom orchestrated the theft of:

886765993517 Women's Ralph Lauren Color Block Strip Sweater \$44.75
93348579864 Boys Nautica 3 Piece Set \$29.75
887685596017 Boys Polo Shirt \$29.99
886149638492 Boys Carters 3 Piece Set \$19.60
617847501005 Boys Levi Jeans \$22.40
886149376349 Girls Carters 3 Piece Jumper Set \$16.80
887685615268 Boys Polo Sweater \$34.99
93348639452 Boys Tommy Hilfiger Sweater \$22.49
639310009870 Girls Take Out Sweater \$19.99
639310009870 Girls Take Out Sweater \$19.99
762729447220 Women's Jones New York Jeans \$59.99
808594358220 Girls Tunic Sweater \$19.99
888000068936 Women's Ralph Lauren 3 Qtr Length sweater \$169.00

In total Macy's estimated that Windom was involved in at least the theft of \$579.69 worth of merchandise.

OUTCOME: Windom was released pending warrant application and a warrant was issued on January 21, 2014. However, Windom was not arrested until October 13, 2015. Finally on January 9, 2017, over three years after the thefts he pled guilty in St. Louis County Circuit Court to an amended charge of Misdemeanor Theft and was sentenced to 1-day in jail. He was also ordered to pay \$10 to the Crime Victims' Fund.

On April 20, 2017 when this segment of the newsletter was completed the \$10 still had not been paid. We could find no other arrests on Windom.



CHESTERFIELD MONTHLY AND YTD CRIME STATS:

Increases are highlighted

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| Crime or Activity | Mar 2017 | Mar 2016 | YTD 2017 | YTD 2016 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Crimes Against Persons | | | | |
| Non-Forcible Rape | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Forcible Rape | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Other Sex Offense | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Robbery | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Assault | 14 | 21 | 41 | 61 |
| Burglary | | | | |
| Residential | 3 | 1 | 8 | 7 |
| Business | 3 | 0 | 9 | 3 |
| Larceny | | | | |
| Felony | 13 | 21 | 48 | 51 |
| Misdemeanor | 33 | 39 | 139 | 127 |
| Auto Theft | 4 | 2 | 9 | 5 |
| Checks/Fraud | 30 | 22 | 72 | 73 |
| Vandalism | 8 | 12 | 23 | 43 |
| Drug Violations | 14 | 9 | 39 | 29 |
| DWI | 15 | 12 | 39 | 29 |
| Arrests | | | | |
| Adult | 118 | 112 | 390 | 356 |
| Juvenile | 13 | 16 | 31 | 52 |
| Traffic | | | | |
| Veh Crashes | 125 | 145 | 392 | 419 |
| Injuries | 28 | 23 | 98 | 79 |
| Warnings Issued | 652 | 627 | 1881 | 1911 |
| Traffic Citations | 808 | 743 | 2293 | 2397 |
| Recovered Vehicles | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Radio Assignments | 4162 | 4242 | 12020 | 12764 |
| Alarms | 127 | 132 | 322 | 375 |



THIS WEEK'S CHESTERFIELD POLICE BLOTTER: Unusual cases are highlighted

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Incident Type Time of Occurrence Generic Address Business/Location Name

Fraud Credit Card 04/09/2017, 2324 1XX HILLTOWN VILLAGE CTR Schnucks
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject using fraudulent credit card to purchase gift cards.

Drugs Possession - Misdemeanor 04/18/2017, 1711 CREVE COEUR MILL RD & OLIVE BLVD
Brief Narrative Description: 44 yo male in possession of marijuana and paraphernalia after being stopped for a traffic violation.

Larceny under \$750 Person 04/18/2017, 1905-2010 16XXX BURKHARDT PL YMCA
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took victim's backpack from unlocked locker.

Failure to Return Borrowed Auto 04/18/2017, 2349 14XXX CROSS TRAILS DR
Brief Narrative Description: 34 yo male failed to return vehicle he borrowed from acquaintance.

Fraud Identity Theft 04/01/2017, 1040-04/17/2017, 1040 14XXX CHESTERFIELD TRAILS DR
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's information to open up credit accounts.

Larceny under \$750 Person 04/02/2017, 1200-04/17/2017, 0900 7XX W CHESTERFIELD PKY Monsanto
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took backpack and purse from victim's office.

Larceny Over \$750 Residence 02/09/2017, 1200-04/17/2017, 1431 24XX CLAYMOOR DR
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took jewelry from victim's residence.

Larceny Over \$750 Business 04/14/2017, 1756-04/16/2017, 0000 13XXX OLIVE BLVD McArthur's Bakery
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took nightly deposits from lock box.

Larceny under \$750 Person 04/17/2017, 1600-1930 1XX N EATHERTON RD The Landings
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took money out of wallet after it was left unattended on golf course.

Fraud Scam 04/17/2017, 1645 18XXX EDISON AVE B CAT5 Commerce
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject convinced employee of business to wire money to a fraudulent account.

Assault Common - Actual Assault 04/17/2017, 1610 3XX N WOODS MILL RD Parkway Central High School
Brief Narrative Description: 18 yo male punched and pushed victim after argument causing minor injuries. Also in possession of marijuana and paraphernalia.

Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting 04/15/2017, 1220 18XXX OUTLET BLVD Sunglass Hut
Brief Narrative Description: 33 yo female concealed sunglasses and left store without paying. Also in possession of stolen clothing from other store.

Property Damage to Vehicle 04/15/2017, 1442 1 MONARCH TRACE CT

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject scratched and poured unknown substance on victim's vehicle while parked in apartment parking lot.

Larceny Over \$750 From Auto 04/15/2017, 1445- 1600 14XXX OLIVE BLVD Faust Park

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject entered victim's unlocked vehicle and took a purse containing cash, credit cards, and cell phone.

Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting 04/15/2017, 1802 2XX CHESTERFIELD MALL American

Eagle **Brief Narrative Description:** 18 yo male concealed shorts and left store without paying.

Violation of Ex-Parte/Full Ord Ex-Parte 04/15/2017, 1818 13XX COUNTRYSIDE MANOR CT

Brief Narrative Description: 56 yo male violated the conditions of a court order of protection by calling victim.

Drugs Possession - Felony 04/15/2017, 1845 16XX CLARKSON RD Mens Warehouse

Brief Narrative Description: 31 yo male in possession of heroin and narcotic paraphernalia after suspicious vehicle check.

Fraud Counterfeit Bills 04/15/2017, 1742-1750 2XX CHESTERFIELD MALL Bath and Body

Works **Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subjects passed counterfeit currency to businesses.

Kidnapping Stranger 04/15/2017, 1925 17XXX NORTH OUTER 40 RD H&M

Brief Narrative Description: 36 yo male and security guard lured shoplifting suspect to his residence. Later dropped off at other mall when victim contacted police.

Fraud Identity Theft 04/12/2017, 0000 17XX CANYON VIEW CT

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

Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting 04/14/2017, 1403 1XX THF BLVD Walmart

Brief Narrative Description: 17 yo female concealed makeup and left store without paying.

Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting 04/14/2017, 1437 1X THF BLVD Old Navy

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subjects grabbed clothing and ran out of store without paying.

Runaway Juvenile 04/11/2017, 2000 14XXX TRAMORE DR 1

Brief Narrative Description: 13 yo male ran away from home but returned to school safely the next day.

Larceny under \$750 Person 04/12/2017, 1500 17XXX CHESTERFIELD AIRPORT RD First

Community Credit Union **Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject took victim's debit card after it was lost and used it for purchase.

Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting 04/13/2017, 1531 18XXX OUTLET BLVD Gander Mountain

Brief Narrative Description: 29 yo male and 30 yo female concealed clothing and left store without paying. Also in

possession of prohibited theft device and marijuana paraphernalia.

Property Damage to Vehicle 04/13/2017, 1710 7X CONWAY COVE DR

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject dented and scratched victim's vehicle while it was parked in front of residence.

Assault Common - Threat 04/13/2017, 2315-2330 13XXX FORESTLAC DR **Brief Narrative**

Description: 22 yo male threatened victims after believing they were breaking into cars

Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting 04/12/2017, 1734 2XX THF BLVD Lowe's

Brief Narrative Description: 27 and 25 yo males concealed hardware items and left store without paying. Also in possession of methamphetamine and narcotic paraphernalia.

Property Damage to Vehicle 03/28/2017, 1100-1230 15XXX OLIVE BLVD Ya Yas

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject scratched victim's vehicle while it was parked in restaurant parking lot.

Larceny Over \$750 Residence 04/12/2017, 1625 14XXX BAYWOOD VILLAGES DR

Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took money and jewelry from victim's residence.

THE WEST COUNTY DEER SUMMIT: It was called the Deer Management Conference. It was held April 13 at the Missouri Department of Conservation offices in Kirkwood, hosted by Erin Shanks, a wildlife expert who specializes in deer.



There were 31 municipal, county and state staffers and two elected officials, Alderpersons Mike Clement from Manchester and Lindsey Butler from Town and Country in attendance. The largest group were from law enforcement including lots of police, Missouri Conservation Enforcement Agents and State Park Rangers.





Chesterfield Chief Ray Johnson and Ast. chief Ed Nestor were present, but probably missed at least 25% of the information while they answered emails and texts.

CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE One state official said that Chronic Wasting Disease was tested on deer killed during the 2016 deer hunting season. The closest area with the disease was in western Franklin County, a county that abuts St. Louis County west of Wildwood and Eureka.

The official speaking on this topic stated that the State is taking a tough stand on isolating Chronic Wasting Disease in deer herds as there is no cure. They will bait and shoot deer on public lands wherever it (CHRONIC WASTING) is found. Here is some additional info on Chronic Wasting from the MDC:



A buck suffering from CWD

The disease causes a degeneration of brain tissue, which slowly leads to death. CWD has no vaccine or cure and is 100-percent fatal. There is no evidence that humans can be infected with CWD. Research is ongoing to determine any public health impacts of the disease.

Deer infected with CWD do not always look sick. Symptoms include excessive salivation, drooping head/ears, tremors, emaciation, and change in behavior such as lack of fear of humans and lack of coordination. It can take months or years for a deer infected with CWD to show symptoms. The disease is spread from deer-to-deer and through contact by deer with contaminated soil, food, and water. Infected deer can spread the disease while appearing healthy.

The disease was first detected in free-ranging deer in Macon County in 2012. To date, the disease has been detected in Adair, Cole, Franklin, Linn and Macon counties.

Once established in a deer population, CWD is difficult -- if not impossible -- to remove. The Missouri Department of Conservation is working with hunters, landowners, and others to slow the spread of the disease and minimize impacts to the state's deer herd.

Cities' Positions on Deer Control At one point they went around the room with representatives from different cities speaking on their issues and deer management.

CHESTERFIELD "For everyone who wants to kill a deer there is someone who wants to feed them and put a bow in their hair," said Police Chief Ray Johnston.

CREVE COEUR: Creve Coeur allows bow hunting of deer in the areas of town west of I-270 with approved acreage, which can consist of combined lots. In 2011 they had 11 deer killed by bow. The numbers have gone down steadily since then with just 4 killed in 2015 and only 2 in 2016.

SUNSET HILLS: A rep from Sunset Hills reported that when they begin hunting in specific areas "the deer seem to know they are being hunted and disappear."

LADUE: Over the years a sizable number of deer have taken up residence in fashionable Ladue, which had a lethal management session this year using bow hunting. The police rep from Ladue reported that the main population of deer herds have been south of Highway I-64/Hwy 40. Four were killed north of I-64 while 45 were killed south of I-64. This means they should be headed toward Warson Woods and maybe even parts of Rock Hill.

They believe deer population south of I-64 is about 45 per square mile and 25 or less psm north of I-64.

MANCHESTER : Manchester has been using White Buffalo consultants and their staff to do census of the deer for the last four years. They have found the deer population in Manchester has increased from 20 deer per square mile to 41 per square mile.

Manchester like Town and Country counts dead deer on the side of the road as deer being involved in vehicle collisions. There are the only two cities that does this in the County joining the Missouri State Parks which does the same count. Despite costing nothing, Chesterfield city leaders have been unable to get their police department to do this count.

TOWN AND COUNTRY: City Administrator Gary Hoelzer, along with Tom Thousand of public works, Doug Rushing a co-chair of Mayor Dalton's phony baloney deer task force and Alderwoman Lindsey Butler were at the meeting. Hoelzer reported that since T&C started lethal deer management in 2009 through 2016 they have killed 1,212 deer at a total cost of \$601,273. He also stated that city has estimated there has been approximately \$1,846,210 in damage over that same period to vehicles involved in crashes with deer.

"In 2016 we needed to take 400 deer but we could afford only 225," said Hoelzer, who mentioned that the deer population rose to 61 per square mile and over 70 per square mile in one area (Topping and S. Mason Roads) .

It was interesting that Doug Rushing, a proponent of lethal deer management, was the only person from the deer task force to show up for this seminar. The information provided by State officials would have been important for for the half of the task force members who are against killing deer and think the Conservation Department is a tool of Lucifer.

KIRKWOOD: "KIRKWOOD IS A DEER SANTCUARY CITY," said a staff member of the Kirkwood Public Works Department. He said the City Council is not interested in deer control, allowing harvesting of deer or taking deer census counts. He said about all Kirkwood does is pick up dead deer on the side of the road.

ELLISVILLE: The police department began to do lethal deer management in the last year. A member of the police department said they did lethal deer shoots in city parks and on some private property over 1-acre. He said the problem they had was that the off-duty officers were having scheduling problems with court, regular duty assignments and personal obligations which meant days for the deer shoots at baited sites were inconsistent.

DES PERES: An officer with the Des Peres DPS said the latest 2016 census of deer west of I-270 showed 46 deer per square mile.

ERIN SHANKS of the Department of Conservation opened the meeting giving some interesting facts. Unfortunately many of liberal deer lovers in Town and Country consider Shanks evil and the enemy, while she and I consider her a neutral state employee with legitimate information.

DISTANCE SAMPLING CENSUS: Shanks said this is currently the best type of census, especially after two mild winters. However she added that you need to have three annual surveys done to create an adequate data base to draw conclusions. I have been told by some staffers in Chesterfield that the City Council is only requiring one census sample and that is all they are doing, despite that the experts explain three are needed.

Drone technology with infrared cameras used in the winter after foliage is off the trees is being tested and may be the most accurate method of counting deer in the future. The drone flights by one or two people can be done over larger areas and test flights are showing very detailed images of deer.

How many? Shanks explained that it appears that more than 20 deer per square mile adversely affect the landscape including undergrowth which provide coverage and safety from predators for birds and small animals.

She said that at 40-deer-per-square mile in the suburbs the deer become pests to the majority of residents, from landscape damage to car crashes.

She admitted that so far in Missouri suburbs officials have not seen deer eating all the food sources to the point where they are starving. **Problems:**

- 1) Landscaping being destroyed by browsing (feeding) and small trees by buck antler rubs.
- 2) Deer-vehicle Collisions.
- 3) Deer tick borne disease. Lyme Disease is now in Missouri and in the St. Louis area. It can be difficult to treat and leave victims disabled for up to a year.
- 4) Aggressive behavior: Some deer in suburbia lose their fear of humans.
- 5) Over browsing destroying the living areas for birds and small animals and eliminating small animals to predators.

Legal Options: Shanks mentioned the following options for deer control:

- 1) Fencing and prohibiting feeding deer. She mentioned that the Department of Conservation bans feeding deer except within 100 feet of homes. Many cities including Town and Country and Chesterfield ban it all together.
- 2) Deer sterilization, with permission from the MDC, Shanks said is not very efficient and the sterilized deer can still cause damage and auto accidents.
- 3) Lethal With MDC permission bait and shoot operations by government agencies are permitted, but the meat must be used, normally donated after butchering for food pantries for the poor.
- 4) Trap and kill. This is where you bait a large trap and once the deer is caught you kill it with a bolt gun shot to the head. Shanks, stated that while legal, she does not recommend it as it causes too much stress to the deer and is borderline inhumane.

ILLEGAL: Trap and Relocate: Shanks said they Trap and Relocate program done by Town and Country when Skip Mange was mayor around 2000 will never be allowed again anywhere in Missouri. She pointed out the high death rate of deer through capture myopathy, which was inhumane.

BREAKING POLICE NEWS: One tries to leave Town and Country and another is successful in leaving Chesterfield. The final candidates for the Ellisville Police Chief job were down to three. One was an in-house lieutenant with the Ellisville PD, another was the Town and Country City Administrator and former Assistant Police Chief Gary Hoelzer and the third finalist was Chesterfield Police Captain Steve Lewis. The winner was Lewis, who was originally hired by Chesterfield in 1993 after working for the St. Louis Police Department. Lewis is currently over all support services.



Gary Hoelzer has worked for the City of Town and Country for 32 years. He was the assistant police chief when he was hired as City Administrator in 2013.

Lewis is extremely well respected by the troops in Chesterfield. Likewise Gary Hoelzer is well liked and tries to be straight forward and honest at all times, However at times I can tell he has struggled while working for Mayor Jon Dalton, who as a lobbyist in Jefferson City makes spinning the truth and dodging questions a regular personal trait.

I am not sure after 32 years with Town and Country and as the CEO of the affluent suburb, why Gary wanted to leave. I would have to guess two reasons may have been in play. Gary missed police work and by taking the Ellisville job he would have been away from Mayor Jon Dalton. It has been no secret that Hoelzer wanted to go into retirement from a police job.



Lobbyist, spinner of the truth and mayor of Town and Country Jon Dalton.

Chesterfield Police Chief Ray Johnson told us he expected Steve Lewis' last day to be before or around June 1. After Lewis' departure Chief Johnson said Capt. Ed Nestor will likely oversee both field operations and support services until someone is promoted to Lewis' old job.

BREAKING NEWS CRIME NEWS: On April 10 a criminal group hit at Straub's grocery store at the Mason Village Shopping Center on Clayton Road. One person would stop a shopper and distract her with some questions while the other would open her purse and steal her wallet.

Town and Country Police believe this group might be from St. Louis, while others doing similar scams were from out of town. Police also believe they are hitting the speciality supermarkets or as I like to call the "hippie grocery stores where young people with

tattoos and nose rings are at the cash registers." We are talking Whole Foods, Lucky's, Fresh Thyme or Trader Joe type stores. After the April 10 theft at Straub's the victim's credit cards were used at Target. Below are security photos of the suspects. If you see any of them shopping, call Det. Chris Hunt at 314-412-2261 (cell phone). If any stranger starts a conversation with you at a supermarket, grab your purse before answering any questions.



BREAKING NEWS CHESTERFIELD PLANNING COMMISSION TO HEAR PUBLIC ON APARTMENT PLANS FOR TRAILER PARK: The Wednesday City Council meeting provided a preview of the Planning Commission meeting on Monday night on the proposal for apartments where the trailer park is located on Old Chesterfield Road.

Three speakers promised many more speakers on the topic at the Monday 7pm Planning Commission meeting at City Hall.



Elaine Collins spoke first. Her 88-year-old mother lives in the trailer park.

"That mobile home park is the only low cost living available in Chesterfield. My mother pays \$375 a month (for lot fee). You would be asking 140 families to leave Chesterfield. It is a place where people can live independently. It is a community. I hope you keep it that way," said Collins. (We found trailers at the park listed for sale going for \$17,000)

Ed Ernstrom, a Chesterfield chiropractor, rents a trailer at the park. He spoke in opposition to the rezoning and promised many more people would be at the Planning Commission meeting.

The last speaker was Adam Lahed who despite having a beard any Muslim would have been proud of, was representing the Journey Church of West County on Meramec Station Road in Manchester. Lahed said the church owns two trailers in the park they

use for tutoring school kids living in the trailer park and youth activities. He also promised more people at the Planning Commission meeting to speak in opposition.



BREAKING NEWS MAYOR GETS SWORN IN FOR SECNOD TERM ANDTHEN GOES INTO SURGERY: About 12 hours after being sworn in for a second term as Chesterfield mayor, Bob Nation, was under the knife having gall blader surgery. Nation was at the St. Luke's ER Sunday night in pain, but wanted to hold off having an operation 24 hours until after the swearing in on Monday night.



FOOD: ROSALITA'S CANTINA TO OPEN ONE WEEK BEFORE CINCO DE MAYO: We have learned that the Rosalita's Cantina is finally going to open. Officials at Des Peres city hall told us plans are for the restaurant to open one week before May 5 Cinco de Mayo. Rosalita's is located in the Des Peres Square, a graveyard for restaruants since it can only be reached from east bound Manchester Road at I-270.

Perhaps a bets could be made with guesses when Rosalita's and Circa STL located across from Rosalita's go out of business. However someone suggested the two restaurants could help each other. People going to Circa StL would notice Rosallita's. People waiting an hour for a table at Rosalita's on a Friday night might say "the hell with it" and go over to Circa StL.



MUSIC: We have written before that on Wednesday nights you never know what musicians will drop by Sasha's while Jim Manley and Chris Swan are doing their 3-hour jazz duo performance. Most nights it is local musicians, but when national jazz musicians are in town playing at Jazz at the Bistro, Touhill or the Shelton they will often stop by and sit in.



Two weeks ago it was someone at a table who Manley sat with during a break that got my attention,. It was Jay Oliver, a pianist, record producer, song writer who is now lives in Los Angeles.

When still living in St. Louis in the 1980s Oliver wrote and recorded Famous Barr jingles with Sheryl Crow. After moving to LA he co-wrote songs with Crow. At age 19 he was the youngest member of the late Maynard Ferguson's big band. In LA he also worked

with the late Glenn Frey and the Eagles and co-wrote songs and performed with Jimmy Buffett, Wynona Judd and Chick Corea.



Jay Oliver

Oliver still comes back to St. Louis on a regular basis and apparently when he does he will stop by Sasha's and see Manley.

One week later who should happen by Sasha's on a Wednesday? It was Carl Fischer, a native New Yorker who for the last 11 years has been the lead trumpet in the Billy Joel band. He also played in the late Maynard Ferguson Big Band. Fischer has three bands (two big bands) of his own that he operates from his most recent home in Florida. He was in St. Louis to put on classes at Lindenwood and at the UMSL Touhill Center.



Carl Fischer on the trumpet for two numbers last Wednesday at Sasha's.

SPRING IS HERE: Just when we thought the warm March weather followed by a deep freeze would keep much of the bloom away this spring, this pleasant surprise popped out.



CARTOONS: Last week we flew United and ran out of room for anything else. This week we have to find equal time for Spicer, especially those cartoons that ran during Passover.



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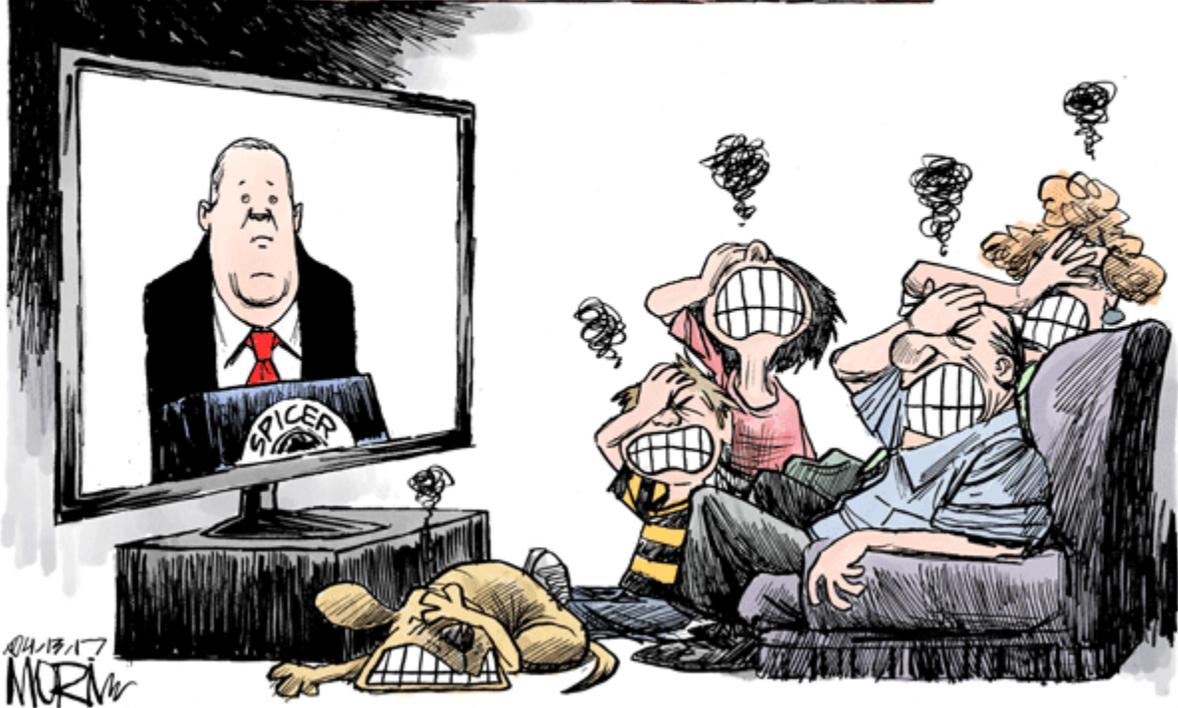
Oh, Holocaust. Of course, I mean, he did not use them the same way as Assad... on his own people... dropping them in the middle of town, like that,

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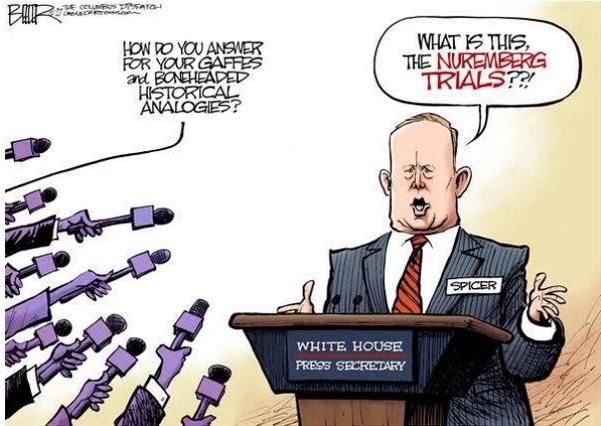


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