

EX ALDERMAN NEWSLETTER 345 AND CHESTERFIELD UNAPPROVED 290



September 2, 2018

CORRECTION, SORT OF: Last week we wrote how while introducing themselves no one claimed to be an engineer or having construction backgrounds on the Topping Road Task Force. We were right and wrong. Nobody said they had any experience, but Adam Baer has a mechanical engineering degree. Still, Andrew Selkirk's qualifications of drinking beer with Mayor Jon Dalton made him the most qualified.

MASON RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DROPS TO LOWEST NUMBER OF STUDENTS FROM OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL BOUNDARIES IN RECENT YEARS:

There are 483 students in the Parkway School District who are going to schools out of the geographical boundaries of where they are supposed to go.



In 2014 there were 43 students attending Mason Ridge who lived outside of the boundaries. That was 10% of the of the entire student body. Mason Ridge was in demand with parents of kids living in another school's areas because of the teaching staff and the fact that kids from rich and well-to-do families attended the school. Parents living within the school's boundaries started to complain because Mason Ridge was getting overcrowded.

That number has drastically dropped in 2018 to the lowest in five years with just 12 students at Mason Ridge who live outside the school's boundaries. Meanwhile the enrollment at Mason Ridge has dropped for the second year in a row. In 2016 it was at 480 students. At the start of school in 2017 it was 471 and this year it is at 466.

Known as Special Assignment Students, here is a breakdown of them over the years at Mason Ridge:

2014 43
 2015 35
 2016 30
 2017 24
 2018 12

Here it the list of all Special Assignment Students at all Parkway Schools:

School	Special Assignments
Central High School	77
West High School	68
Barretts Elementary School	29
Carman Trails Elementary School	28
West Middle School	26
Central Middle School	25
Highcroft Ridge Elementary School	20
Henry Elementary School	18
Pierremont Elementary School	17
Hanna Woods Elementary School	17
Wren Hollow Elementary School	16
Oak Brook Elementary School	14
Green Trails Elementary School	13
South High School	13
Bellerive Elementary School	12
Southwest Middle School	12
Mason Ridge Elementary School	12
Claymont Elementary School	11
Ross Elementary School	10
South Middle School	10
Sorrento Springs Elementary School	9
River Bend Elementary School	8
North High School	8
Craig Elementary School	7
Shenandoah Valley Elementary School	3
Total	483

Here is the total enrollment at the start of the school year for all Parkway Schools:

School	August 24, 2018
Barretts	374
Bellerive	398
Carman Trails	438
Claymont	505
Craig	479
Green Trails	408
Hanna Woods	447
Henry	599
Highcroft Ridge	352
Mason Ridge	466
McKelvey	660
Oak Brook	492
Pierremont	442
River Bend	450
Ross	388
Shenandoah Valley	496
Sorrento Springs	266
Wren Hollow	408
Elementary Schools	8068
Central Middle	903
Northeast Middle	896
South Middle	584
Southwest Middle	677
West Middle	1061
Middle Schools	4121
Central High	1261
Fern Ridge	83
North High	1093
South High	1674
West High	1385
High Schools	5496
Total	17685

PGA PART #3: We got the final costs for the West County EMS & Fire Protection District to have staffed ambulances at the PGA Championship Tournament for a week. **The final costs were \$53,094.** Paramedics treated 354 persons and transported 32 to area hospitals. The Fire District sent the bill to the PGA on Thursday 8/23/18.



On August 30 I received the overtime pay for Town and Country Officers for the first six days of the PGA Tournament. (The final day's OT is on September books and will not be available to me until about Oct.1.) That number was \$10,056. Plus Captain Bob Arthur's weekly salary is \$2,042.12.

For the first six days of the tournament the residents of Town and Country paid a total of **\$13,098.55** in police overtime and for one week's salary of Captain Bob Arthur who was assigned to the Tournament. The PGA did not pay the residents back, despite having \$11,000,000 in prize money, they were unable to come up with \$13,098 for local police closing roads and directly traffic associated with their tournament.

If you add the \$13,098 to the \$8,200 the Chesterfield Police provided for road closures in Town and Country (that chesterfield was not reimbursed for) that total comes to **\$21,298.**

GUSSIE AND TRUDY BUSCH GRANDSON IN CRASH AND ARRESTED FOR FOURTH TIME FOR DWI: Matthew Valentine, 34, of 100 Sunningdale Drive in Ladue won't give up. He won't give up drunk driving at least. Valentine, the grandson of August Busch III and Trudy Busch lives in the house still owned by his mother and valued in excess of \$4,000,000. (Property tax on the house last year was \$52,500). The late John Valentine. a partner at the law firm of Lewis-Rice, died at 49 in 2002, was his father.

One of Valentine's email addresses is BUDDRINKER8@aol.com

He was arrested by Frontenac Police for Aggravated DWI after being involved in a crash on North Forty Drive and Spoede Road on July 29. He is represented by Scott Rosenblum (there's a surprise!)

Valentine has a 2014 Acura registered to him.

The original charging document showed four prior DWI arrests and convictions, but was amended to show just three as a 1999 arrest was either another Valentine or occurred when Valentine was a Juvenile.

Here is the information for the court files:

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

-VS-

MATTHEW STEPHEN VALENTINE
100 Sunningdale Drive
Saint Louis, MO 63124

RACE: White
SEX: Male
DOB: 04/21/1984
HGT: 6'04"
WGT: 195lbs.
P.D.: Frontenac
ORI Number: MO0953100

Aliases:

Defendant

CHARGES

Count: 01 DWI - AGGRAVATED - CLASS D FELONY

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That Matthew Valentine , in violation of Section 577.010, committed the class D felony of driving while intoxicated, punishable upon conviction under Sections 558.002, 558.011 and 577.010 RSMo, in that on or about July 29, 2018, at or near the intersection of North Forty Drive and South Spoede Road in the County of St. Louis, State of Missouri, the defendant operated a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. Defendant is an aggravated offender and is required to serve sixty days' imprisonment before being eligible for probation or parole in that:

1. On or about April 10, 2006, defendant was found guilty of driving while intoxicated for events occurring on November 10, 2005, in the Richmond Heights Municipal Division of the 21st Judicial Circuit Court of the State of Missouri,
2. On or about December 1, 2011, defendant was found guilty of driving while intoxicated for events occurring on October 2, 2010, in the 12th Judicial Circuit Court of the State of Missouri, and
3. On or about December 1, 2011, defendant was found guilty of driving while intoxicated for events occurring on March 5, 2011 in the 12th Judicial Circuit Court of the State of Missouri.

I, Bryant Wuertz, DSN 0254, Frontenac 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 29, 2018, at Intersection of North Forty Drive and South Spoede Road, Matthew Valentine, White, Male, DOB 04/21/1984, 6'04", 195lbs, committed one or more criminal offense(s).

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The facts supporting this belief are as follows: Officer responded to a reported motor vehicle crash. Officer found Defendant slumped at the wheel of the crashed vehicle with the engine running. Upon contact with Defendant, Officer observed clues of intoxication, including a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on Defendant's person, bloodshot eyes, slurred and confused speech. Defendant was arrested.

Valentine's Record (that we could find)

10/18/02	Serious Moving Violation 02/03/03 reduced to Spinning Tires \$400 fine Count 2 Serious Moving Vio 02/03/03 reduced to Spinning Tires \$400 fine	Ladue PD
10/19/03	Op Motor Veh W/O Valid License fined \$100 Speeding Fined \$255	MO Hwy Patrol
11/10/05	DWI	Richmond Hts PD
10/02/10	DWI 01/27/11 Pled Guilty Placed on Probation 12/01/11 Probation Revoked SES 6 months jail	MO Hwy Patrol Montgomery CO Montgomery CO
10/02/10	Speeding 20 MPH or More Over Limit fined \$205	MO Hwy Patrol
03/05/11	DWI	MO Hwy Patrol
07/22/11	Moving Violation reduced to Loud Muffler \$249 fine	MO Hwy Patrol
07/29/18	Aggravated DWI Felony Pending	Frontenac PD



A drunk Matthew Valentine



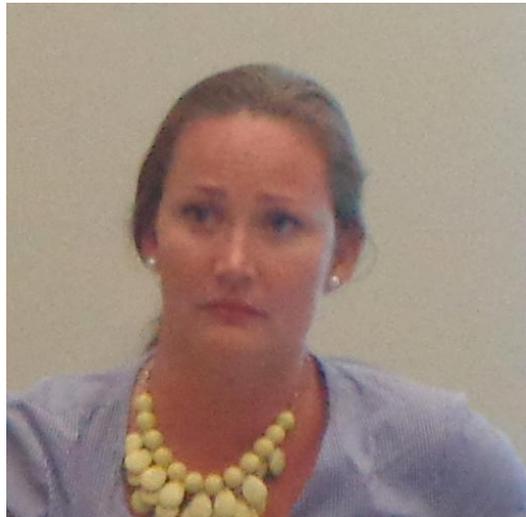
Valentine's eyes

DALTON AND MANGE THROW ETHICS AND TRANSPARENCY OUT THE WINDOW ON LATEST BRINKMAN BILL. DALTON REFUSES TO RECUSE HIMSELF, MATTER CONTINUE WITHOUT A ROLL CALL VOTE, DESPITE NO VOTES, SECRET MEETING HELD EARLIER: Town and Country Mayor Jon Dalton has dodged any conflict involving the building of the Town Square, a project he spearheaded by making a deal to buy the property and then informing the Aldermen and getting their approval.

He claims his law firm Armstrong Teasdale had once represented the Town Square developer, Brinkman Construction. Any time there is anything on the agenda involving the Town Square and Brinkman Construction & Development, Dalton announced he had a conflict and recused himself, got up and walked off the dais. Anytime that is until August 27, 2018.



Dalton leaving the Dais in a file photo after recusing himself in anything to do with Brinkman Development and the Town Square project.



File photos of Dalton and Ald. Butler.

Ald. Lindsey Butler apparently is fed up with the continuing bills on the Town Square project. There was a meeting at City Hall on Wednesday August 22 with “Town Square booster” Skip Mange, Director of Services Craig Wilde, Ward-2 Ald. Tiffany Frautschi and Butler. Wilde and Mange attempt to explain costs and the alderwomen were not buying their explanation.

On the agenda for the August 27 Aldermanic meeting was a second reading for an additional \$43,745 for “work change orders.” This amount moves the total costs for the Town Square Project over the \$9,000,000 according to records we have been keeping since day one. Butler is questioning these new bills.

“Why are we getting charged multiple times for insurance changes,” asked Butler. “Our contract is so bias for Brinkman and we are getting screwed,” she added.

From the latest bill:

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND EXPENDITURES

MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS

ACCOUNT NO./TITLE	CHANGE FROM	TO	INCREASE (DECREASE)
35-70-500-10 Town Square	\$ 6,696,921 6,658,409	\$ 6,740,666 6,702,154	\$ 43,745

This is one of the two bills accounting for the \$43,745.



CONSTRUCTION CHANGE DIRECTIVE BREAKDOWN

Deduct asphalt per plan	\$10,200.00	(\$10,200.00)
Add concrete in lieu of asphalt	\$28,750.00	\$28,750.00
		\$0.00
		\$0.00
		\$0.00
		\$18,550.00
General Conditions	\$664.00	\$0.00
Bond Cost	\$186.00	\$186.00
Brinkmann Builders Risk Insurance	\$89.00	\$89.00
Brinkmann General Liability Insurance	\$155.00	\$155.00
Brinkmann Fee	\$1,386.00	\$1,386.00
Development Fee	\$2,037.00	\$2,037.00
OVERHEAD SUBTOTAL		\$3,853.00
TOTAL CHANGE		\$22,403.00

Ald. Butler has good points. How does switching from asphalt to concrete drive up the company's Bond Costs? How does it increase risk insurance (is concrete more dangerous than asphalt?), general liability insurance or the development fee? I understand the "Brinkman fee" as there was administrative work to change work orders. Brinkman needs to prove there have been increases in insurance and bond costs before the city pays.

Composite Upcharge	\$17,672.00	\$17,672.00
		\$17,672.00
General Conditions	\$664.00	\$0.00
Bond Cost	\$177.00	\$177.00
Brinkmann Builders Risk Insurance	\$84.00	\$84.00
Brinkmann General Liability Insurance	\$148.00	\$148.00
Brinkmann Fee	\$1,320.00	\$1,320.00
Development Fee	\$1,941.00	\$1,941.00
OVERHEAD SUBTOTAL		\$3,670.00
TOTAL CHANGE		\$21,342.00

"In prior project increase the contract called for a \$250,000 brook. We agreed to \$250,000 and then he wants \$70,000 more," said Butler who no longer wants to spend more money on the Town Square.

"We don't need to have any more private conversations about the Town Square," said Butler after the meeting a week earlier with Mange and Craig Wilde. "We need to have complete transparency in public."

Ald. Fred Meyland-Smith is the President Pro Tem of the Aldermanic Board and would fill in if the mayor was absent or recuses himself. Meyland-Smith is the guy who in 2016 bought a new Ford SUV and then licensed it to property in Illinois so he could avoid paying City and State Sales Taxes and County Personal Property Tax. With the tax-cheat absent, there was a question who would fill in for Mayor Jon Dalton.

So for the first time in two years Dalton did not recuse himself and called the Brinkman Construction Increase bill before the aldermen. Ald. Skip Mange made a motion to continue the bill to the next meeting. Dalton called for a voice vote even through the bill dealt with finance. Butler and Frautschi voted no. Neither of the Ward-2 Alderwomen demanded a voice vote to make their votes part of the minutes. Instead, Dalton proclaimed that the “Ayes” had it and moved on.

TOWN SQUARE COSTS: While the city continues to spin lowball numbers on here is the breakdown we have been recording since day one on the Town Square Project:

TOWN SQUARE COSTS 08/27/18

\$2,250,000 purchase price in January of 2015
 \$34,845 misc expenses including consulting fees
\$2,284,845 total spent at the end of 2016
+ 330,000 spoil sampling, engineering work, consultant fees 2017
\$2,614,845
+\$5,759,208 2018 construction costs for grounds and stormwater retention pond
\$8,374,053
+ 340,000 unbudgeted for east side trail, contrasting paving stones and 2nd restroom
\$8,714,053
+ 156,386 approved 11/27/17 for payment to American Water to move water main
\$8,870,439
-\$810,000 purchase price by Brinkman Development for 2.4 acres zoned commercial
\$8,060,439
+ 40,000 approved on 12/11/17 for \$196,294 for second restrooms in Town Square. \$156,294 already budgeted. Additional \$40,000 for new Sanitary Sewer lines placement.
\$8,100,439
+ 25,000 Engineering design for Maintenance Building 01/08/18
\$8,125,439
+ 106 Coffee for the Dec 16 Town Square “Ground Breaking” added on 1/8
\$8,125,545
+ 27,000 Architectural Service for Town Square Pavilion add on 01/22/18
\$8,152,545
+ 33,200 2/6/18 Design revisions for Town Square 1st reading 2/12/18
\$8,185,745

+ 103,109 first read 2/26/18 sewer design revisions, asbestos removal from house
\$8,288,854 prior to demo and slope stability and seepage prevention.
+ 36,904 Soil testing, removal and replacement in area of retention pond 3/12/18
\$8,325,758
+ 50,290 Additional security cameras 3/26/18 first read
\$8,376,048
+ 12,119 Electrical rerouting on north side of Clayton Road 3/26/18 first read
\$8,388,167
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+ 469,617 Architectural changes and new construction costs 7/23/18
\$8,857,784
- \$38,512 late fee aldermen refused to pay 8/13/18
\$8,819,272
+ 167,186 changes in site plan, additional electrical work, pump station 8/13/18
\$8,986,458
+ 43,745 upgrade of materials for deck, change to concrete patio 8/13/18
\$9,030,203

2018 TOWN AND COUNTRY BUDGET DEFICIT MISSED ON KMOV NEWSCAST:

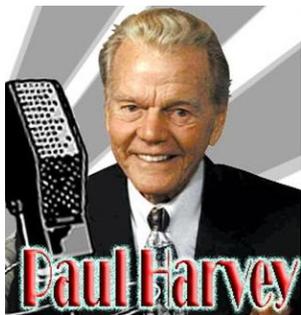
On Wednesday August 29, 2018 in its 5 o'clock newscast KMOV reported, apparently from a Town and Country sources, about all the money Town and Country raked in thanks to the PGA Tournament. They also reported for the 21st year in a row there would be no city property tax in T&C.

However the deficit was growing. On paper the city's budget deficit caused mostly by the Town Square Project grew due to the sidewalk installation on Weidman Road by the low bidder is \$47,611 more than what was budgeted for the project.

2018 Town and Country Budget Deficit

-\$6,242,773 Start 1/1/18
25,000 01/08/18 Engineering/Design for Town Sq Maintenance Building.
-\$6,267,773
27,000 01/22/18 additional architectural fees for Town Sq Pavilion

<u>- \$6,294,773</u>	
33,200	02/0618 Engineering Design changes Stock & Assocs.
<u>- \$6,327,973</u>	
103,109	Asbestos abatement, redrawing sewer lines for MSD and seepage prevention
<u>- \$6,431,082</u>	First reading 02/26/18
36,904	Soil testing, removal and replaced under retention pond 1 st read 3/12/18
<u>- \$6,467,986</u>	
50,290	Security cameras for Town Square first read 3/26/18
<u>- \$6,518,276</u>	
12,119	Rerouting electrical on north side of Clayton Road first rear 3/26/18
<u>- \$6,530,395</u>	
469,617	Architectural changes and new construction costs 7/23/18
<u>- \$7,000,012</u>	
+ 167,186	changes in site plan, additional electrical work, pump station 8/13/18
<u>- \$7,167,198</u>	
+ 43,745	upgrade of materials for deck, change to concrete patio 8/13/18
<u>- \$7,210,943</u>	
- \$38,512	late fee aldermen refused to pay
<u>- \$7,172,431</u>	
+ \$47,611	low bid for Weidman Road sidewalk project above budgeted amt 8/27
<u>- \$7,220,042</u>	



NOW FOR THE REST OF THE STORY PART 1

The Town and Country budget reserve was at about \$16,000,000 at the start of 2018. However keep in mind that the city is required 50% of the annual operating budget in cash reserves in the case of an emergency or natural disaster. With the deficit overrun along with added sales tax revenue from the PGA Tournament of \$200,000 which will reach the City in several months, the end reserve should be around \$9,000,000. Only \$3,000,000 will be above the six-month emergency operating funds (\$6,000,000 of a \$12,000,000 operating budget).

SEWER LATERAL INSURANCE NOW AVAILABLE TO TOWN AND COUNTRY RESIDENTS, UNLESS YOUR ZIP CODE IS 6313, 631411 OR 63017. Yep that covers

about 100% of Town and Country. This appeared on Town and Country's website after an agreement to solicit residents was reached with Service Line Warranties of America.

SEWER LATERAL

In an effort to help alleviate unexpected costs of sewer repairs, the City of Town and Country's Board of Aldermen partnered with Service Line Warranties of America (SLWA) for a voluntary service line repair program which will provide coverage for outside sewer/septic lines, up to \$8,500 per incident, with no deductibles. SLWA administers the program by dispatching a qualified locally licensed plumber and pays the bill directly.

For more information regarding this optional program or to enroll,

visit www.slwofa.com or call 1-844-257-8795.



I called the 800-Number to sign up. However I was up told by a call taker in Ohio, that I could not take just the Sewer Lateral Coverage for \$7.25 a month. I had to also have the basement water line coverage too which made the total cost \$9.99 a month.

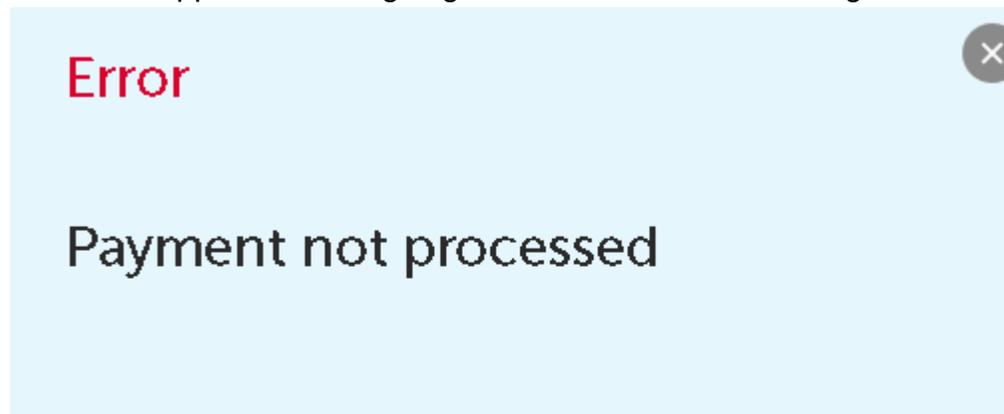
When the alderpersons passed the resolution for Service Lines Warranties of America to solicit residents, Ald. Tiffany Frautschi was assured that residents could choose just Sewer Lateral Coverage. Now someone at the call center told I couldn't. I had to take both.

After spending 20 minutes on the phone I was told I was not eligible for coverage according to my zip code. I inquired and learned people living in the 63017 or 63141 zips were also not eligible. I was told they were not eligible. Of course those zip codes primary cities, of Des Peres, Chesterfield and Creve Coeur offer sewer lateral coverage

handled by the city and not be an insurance company for a lot less money to the residents.

In unincorporated St. Louis County and all the municipalities except Town and Country, Ladue and Sunset Hills provide Sewer Lateral Coverage by having an assessment collected with property taxes of between \$28 and \$50. The cities handled the claims. In the past Town and Country Services Director Crain Wilde handled these claims when he worked for the City of Crestwood. When I was an alderman I pushed for Town and Country to join almost all the other cities in St. Louis County and offer this service. The Finance Commission (now Ways and Means Commission) refused to recommend it, claiming everyone in Town and Country was rich enough to pay \$5,000 to \$10,000 to repair sewer lateral collapses.

Back to now: I called City Hall and it was suggested that I try enrolling on line. I did that and it appeared to be going well until I hit “submit” and got this message:



We apologize, it appears we are having difficulty processing your order online. Please try again or call [1-866-922-9006](tel:1-866-922-9006) so we can help resolve your issue.

On Wednesday I tried again to obtain coverage on the telephone and again was denied due to the zip code. I asked to speak to a supervisor but no one ever answered the phone. I called City Hall again and was told someone from the company would call me.

I was out for two hours and when I returned I had a message not from anyone from Service Lines Warranties of America, but from the call center in Ohio, whose employees handled calls not just from SLWA but many other companies. I called back to the number left and I got another call taker. My information was now in the system. She tried to sign me up and again once the zip code was entered it was again rejected.

On Thursday morning my wife received a call from a person claiming to be with SLWA. She tried to sign us up for coverage. Again their computer rejected the application due to the zip code and this was the company calling us, not us calling the company. This has made me very suspect of the company. If they can't enroll you for coverage on five tries how are they going to pay claims?

On Thursday afternoon I got another call from the Call Center. On the sixth try we were enrolled for an annual fee of \$87. Maybe they corrected their computer system.

HERE IS WHAT TOWN AND COUNTRY HAD DONE: They took down the posting on the city's website to call for coverage.

(A side note: The business development rep who pitched the Board of Aldermen for this resolution asked me after the meeting where he could get a good steak. I suggested "Texas Roadhouse." He gave me a dirty look and said he meant an expensive steak. Annie Gunn's is closed on Mondays so I suggested the Charcoal House in Rock Hill, the Twisted Tree in Sunset Hills or Kris's in Frontenac. I quickly realized this guy wasn't looking for value but padding his expense account. That told me a little about the company.)

DOG PARK MUD PIT NOW FENCED: For a couple of weeks there had been a very impressive mud pit at the Queeny Park Dog Park. Many beautiful white or black dogs were suddenly becoming BROWN dogs. Apparently there was a leaking sprinkler pipe. After numerous complaints the County finally put a fence around the mud pit, much to the relief of sedan and SUV backseats.





Perimeter patrol just in case there was some mud outside of the fence.

UNAPPROVED CHESTERFIELD NEWSLETTER 290



CURRENT CITY OF CHESTERFIELD NEWSLETTER IS LESS THAN HONEST ABOUT ITS MUNICIPAL COURT: Under the title of DID YOU KNOW the writers of the City of Chesterfield September of 2018 newsletter had the following about the municipal court withholding many facts from the residents.



THE REST OF THE STORY PART 2

Paul Harvey used to tell listeners The Rest of the Story. Today I'll be telling readers "The Rest of the Story" including providing reality to the bullshit recently published in the Chesterfield City Newsletter about the Municipal Court.

- **Both prosecutors who serve the City of Chesterfield are also Chesterfield residents.**

Reality: They both live and work in Chesterfield which creates a conflict of interest as they take care of their buddies with plea deals and reducing moving violations to "Parking Violations." Both the prosecutor and judge have represented local residents in criminal matters in other municipalities or in State Court. The City would be better served if the prosecutor and judge were from another city, say South County or Webster Groves for instance.

- **The Chesterfield Prosecutor requires a plea of guilty on alcohol-related driving offenses and has never amended a DWI to a non-moving offense.**

Reality: If the drunk driver hires a lawyer, what happens all the time is they are given a Suspended Imposition of Sentence on a guilty plea. This means the drunk driver gets no points on his license, pays no fine and is not sentenced to even one-day in jail. The public record of the DWI is closed from public view at the end of the probation term. The Chesterfield judge and prosecutor have a long history of issuing this sentence even if the drunk driver is two or three times over the limit, is uncooperative or combative with the arresting officer or refuses to take a breath test.

Next in many cases prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer reduces the probable cause charge of why the drunk driver was stopped, such as lane weaving, speeding or red light running to a no-points "Illegal parking" charge and the drunk driver walks out of the Chesterfield Court with no points on his record.

- **There is no such thing as a 'no record' or 'non-reportable' DWI. All DWI's in our municipal court result in a 'permanent record' through OSCA, DWITS,**

REJIS and/or the Missouri Driver's License Bureau. According to State law, a DWI may only be expunged (removed) from a record after TEN years and only if the driver has no subsequent offenses.

Reality: By issuing Suspended Imposition of Sentences on DWIs with no fine, no points and NO PUBLIC RECORD Chesterfield hides the DWI arrest and conviction from non-law enforcement sources. Yes Chesterfield reports to OSCA, DWITS and REJIS but not the Missouri Driver's License Bureau, unless the drunk driver doesn't receive a Suspended Imposition of Sentence, like almost all do.

The drunk driver arrests-convictions with SIS probations reported by Chesterfield are not available to THE PUBLIC, THE MEDIA, PRIVATE COMPANIES DOING BACKGROUND CHECKS UPON COMPLETION OF THE SIS PROBATION PERIOD. JUDGE BRUNK HAS A HISTORY OF NOT REVOKING PROBATIONS OF PEOPLE WHO VIOLATE THE TERMS AND REQUIREMENTS.

In the case of Cardinal broadcaster Dan McLaughlin, numerous motorists called 9-1-1 to report his dangerous driving on EB I-64. Chesterfield Police stopped him and found that he was very drunk and had peed in his pants. He refused to take a breath test. He received the NO POINTS, NO FINE SIS Probation in the Chesterfield Municipal Court.

One year after receiving the SIS DWI probation McLaughlin is arrested again in Chesterfield. This time he crashed into a fixed object and drove up on a street median on Clarkson Road at Baxter Road. He was again very drunk. He was so drunk he was unable to operate the push buttons on his phone to call his lawyer. Chesterfield Judge Brunk refused to revoke McLaughlin's probation for DWI. Instead he extended it. Chesterfield prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer reduced to the second DWI, an 8-point charge that would have revoked McLaughlin's license for a year to a 6-point Excessive BAC, meaning McLaughlin's license was not revoked for a year, but suspended for a month.

• The Chesterfield Municipal Court has a perfect, 100% reporting rate for timely and accurate reporting of all DWI dispositions to the State of Missouri's Office of State Courts Administrator.

Reality: For a number of years Chesterfield has been the ONLY municipality in St. Louis County whose court records are not online for public view. They have been dragging their feet in doing this so the public cannot see how they never really convict anyone of DWI and how Drunk Drivers leave the courtroom with no points after paying amended charges of \$225 Parking Violations.



CHESTERFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT Crime Report

<u>Time of Occurrence</u>	<u>Generic Address</u>	<u>Business/Location Name</u>	<u>Subdivision</u>	<u>Incident Type</u>
08/23/2018, 0000 08/23/2018, 0000	WILSON AVE & WILSON FOREST CT			DWI Alcohol
Arrested: Bauza,Brock J W 27 M				
Brief Narrative Description: 27 yo male charged with DWI after vehicle collision investigation.				
08/23/2018, 1105 08/23/2018, 1105	17XX CLARKSON RD	Dierbergs	DIERBERGS THE MARKET PLACE	DWI Drugs
Arrested: Castrop,Thomas G 3rd W 47 M				
Brief Narrative Description: 47 yo male charged with DWI after call for person slumped behind wheel.				
08/23/2018, 1700 08/23/2018, 1700	1XX THF BLVD	Walmart	CHESTERFIELD COMMONS	Larceny under \$750 Employer
Arrested: Shannon,Karron R B 19 M				
Brief Narrative Description: 19 yo male took laptop computer while working for employer.				
08/23/2018, 1756 08/23/2018, 1756	N WOODS MILL RD & OLIVE BLVD & WOODS MILL RD			Drugs Paraphernalia
Arrested: Lewis,Floyd E B 27 M				
Brief Narrative Description: 27 yo male in possession of marijuana paraphernalia after being stopped for a traffic violation.				
08/28/2018, 1230 08/28/2018, 1300	17XXX CHESTERFIELD AIRPORT RD	Pancake House	CHESTERFIELD COMMONS EAST	Ordinance Violation Leaving Animal in Vehicle
Arrested: Pollard,Vanessa E B 48 F				
Brief Narrative Description: 48 yo female left dog unattended in vehicle during hot weather day.				
08/27/2018, 1318 08/28/2018, 1318	14XX CHESTERFIELD ESTATES DR		CHESTERFIELD ESTATES	Fraud Bank Account
Arrested:				
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's bank account information to pay utility bills.				

08/23/2018, 0000 08/28/2018, 0000	10XX NOONING TREE DR		NOONING TREE	Forgery Check
Arrested:				
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's business logo on checks.				
08/27/2018, 1040 08/27/2018, 1040	23XX CLARKSON RD	Marquette High School	CLARKSON VALLEY	Drugs Possession - Felony
Arrested: Scott,Taylor K W 18 F				
Brief Narrative Description: 18 yo female in possession of Xanax while on school property.				
08/26/2018, 1943 08/27/2018, 0743	14XXX BANTRY LN		VILLAGE GREEN	Larceny Over \$750 From Auto
Arrested:				
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject entered victim's unlocked vehicle and took a backpack containing electronics and a firearm. Backpack was later recovered nearby.				
08/08/2018, 1200 08/24/2018, 1200	1XX THF BLVD	Walmart	CHESTERFIELD COMMONS	Fraud Counterfeit Bills
Arrested: Wells,Torrey B 29 M				
Brief Narrative Description: 29 yo male passed counterfeit currency to business.				
08/27/2018, 1348 08/27/2018, 1348	WLD HORSE CREEK RD & CHESTERFIELD PKWY W			DWI Alcohol
Arrested: Alsop,Benjamin W 44 M				
Brief Narrative Description: 44 yo male charged with DWI after call for person slumped behind wheel.				
08/26/2018, 1755 08/26/2018, 1955	15XXX DENWOODS CT		CLAYMONT WOODS	Fraud Credit Card
Arrested:				
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's debit card information to make ATM withdrawal.				
08/06/2018, 0000 08/27/2018, 1800	14XXX FAIRFIELD FARM DR		FAIRFIELD FARM	Fraud Identity Theft
Arrested:				
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's information to change his mail delivery address and open a credit card account.				

08/27/2018, 2305 08/27/2018, 2305	BROOKING PARK & S WOODS MILL RD			DWM Alcohol
Arrested: Miles,Scott E W 29 M				
Brief Narrative Description: 29 yo male charged with DWM, open container of alcohol, and marijuana paraphernalia after being stopped for a traffic violation.				
08/24/2018, 1830 08/24/2018, 1830	1XX HILLTOWN VILLAGE CTR	Schnucks	HILLTOWN VILLAGE CENTER	Larceny under \$750 Person
Arrested:				
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took victim's cell phone after it was left behind in store. Cell phone was later recovered by victim.				
08/26/2018, 0028 08/26/2018, 0028	STATEHWY141SOLIVEBLVD & OLIVE BLVD			Drugs Possession - Misdemeanor
Arrested: Penning,Hayley C W 21 F				
Brief Narrative Description: 21 yo female in possession of marijuana after being stopped for a traffic violation.				
08/26/2018, 0110 08/26/2018, 0110	CHESTERFIELD AIRPORT RD & N GODDARD AVE & S GODDARD AVE			DWM Alcohol
Arrested: Woltering,Jacob J W 25 M				
Brief Narrative Description: 25 yo male charged with DWM after being stopped for a traffic violation.				
08/24/2018, 1830 08/25/2018, 0800	1X TEMPEST DR		FOREST RIDGE MANOR	Fraud Scam
Arrested:				
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject convinced victim to send iTunes gift cards for fraudulent email scam.				
08/25/2018, 1150 08/25/2018, 1215	18XXX OUTLET BLVD	St. Louis Premium Outlet Mall	CHESTERFIELD BLUE VALLEY	Drugs Possession - Misdemeanor
Arrested: Long,Devonta M B 18 M				
Brief Narrative Description: 18 yo male in possession of marijuana after suspicious vehicle check.				
08/25/2018,				

0830 08/25/2018, 1348	16XX CLARKSON RD	Supercuts	DREW STATION	Larceny under \$750 from Auto
Arrested:				
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject entered victim's vehicle by unknown means and took clothing and electronics.				
08/25/2018, 1825 08/25/2018, 1835	1X THF BLVD	Old Navy	CHESTERFIELD COMMONS EAST	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
Arrested:				
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject concealed clothing and left store without paying.				
08/24/2018, 1552 08/24/2018, 1552	2XX CROWNDRIDGE DR		RIVER BEND ESTATES ADDITION	Violation of Ex- Parte/Full Ord Ex- Parte
Arrested: Duke, Andrew L W 48 M				
Brief Narrative Description: 48 yo male violated the conditions of a court order of protection by contacting family members at their residence.				
08/24/2018, 1300 08/24/2018, 1600	16XXX WESTBORO CIRCLE DR		WESTBURY PARK	Burglary Residential - Home
Arrested:				
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject broke out sliding glass door of apartment and took money, electronics, and firearms.				
08/24/2018, 1915 08/24/2018, 1915	17XX LOCHCREST DR		CLAYMONT WOODS	Property Damage to House
Arrested:				
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject set off smoke firework in victim's residence.				
08/24/2018, 2146 08/24/2018, 2146	21XX PARK FOREST DR		CLARKSON WOODS	Drugs Possession - Felony
Arrested:				
Brief Narrative Description: Report of drug overdose at residence where heroin was observed on scene. Narcan administered and subject transported to hospital for treatment. Referred to P.A.				

WHO IS PASSING COUNTERFEIT MONEY AT THE CHESTERFIELD WAL MART ?

It is this guy, Torrey L. Wells 29 of East St. Louis.



If you read last week's Chesterfield Police Blotter, this incident might have caught your eye:

07/11/2018, 1200 08/20/2018, 1200	16XXX JUSTUS POST RD	Sheridan Assisted Living	CHESTERFIELD VILLAGE MALL	Fraud Bank Account
Arrested:				
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's bank account information to pay for cable services and utilities.				

Immediately I had to wonder how a thief can get away with this, since they are paying THEIR cable and utilities bills? In this case they couldn't. It doesn't hurt for making identification easy when the thief has a cross tattooed on his check.

Bryant Lee, 27, of Shaw Blvd. in St. Louis, was arrested on Thursday 08/23/18 for Identity Theft by the Chesterfield Police. We could find no past criminal filings against Lee, but several lawsuits on failure to pay taxes.

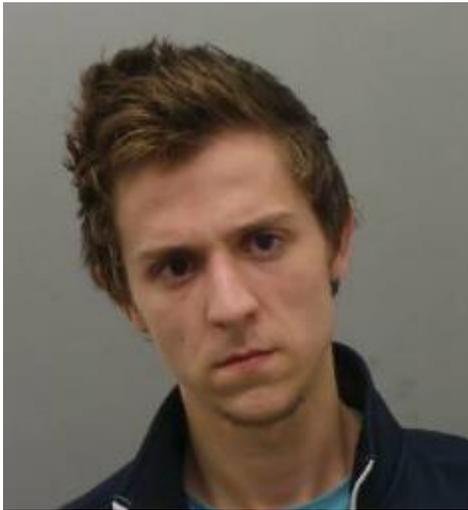


CHESTERFIELD DWI ARREST RESULTS IN FELONY DRUG CHARGE: Roman Maksimenko, 19, of 583 Elm Crossing in unincorporated County near Ballwin, was arrested by Chesterfield Police on May 27, 2017 for DWID. During the arrest they also

found a locked box in the car. They obtained a search warrant for the box and found that it also contained marijuana and methamphetamine.

Maksimenko was later charged with felony Possession of Controlled Substance (the Meth). At the time of the Chesterfield arrest Maksimenko was already out on bond on a similar charge from a January 02, 2017 St. Louis County arrest.

On September 25, 2017 Maksimenko pled guilty in the Chesterfield Muni Court to the DWI. Despite having two felony drug charges pending Judge Brunk placed him on a 2-year SIS No-Public Record, No-Fine and No-Points probation.



Roman Maksimenko

This is from the court files on the Chesterfield drug charges:

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

-VS-

ROMAN ANATOLIVICH MAKSIMENKO
583 ELM CROSSING
BALLWIN, MO 63021

Aliases:



RACE: White
SEX: Male
DOB: 08/07/1997
HGT: 5'08"
WGT: 140lbs.
P.D.: Chesterfield

COUNT: 01 POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE EXCEPT 35 GRAMS OR LESS OF MARIJUANA/SYNTHETIC CANNABINOID - CLASS D FELONY

That Roman Maksimenko , in violation of Section 579.015, RSMo, committed the class D felony of possession of a controlled substance, punishable upon conviction under Section(s) 558.002 (and 558.011), RSMo, in that on or about May 27, 2017, in the County of St. Louis, State of Missouri, the defendant knowingly possessed methylenedioxymethamphetamine, a controlled substance, knowing of its presence and nature.

I, Charles Thompson, DSN 5285, 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 May 27, 2017, at I64 Hwy E and Timberlake Manor Pkwy, Roman Maksimenko, White, Male, DOB 08/07/1997, 5'08", 140lbs, committed one or more criminal offense(s).

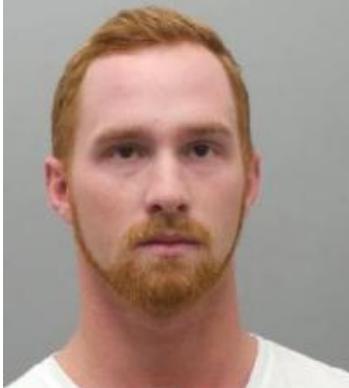
Count: 01 **POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE EXCEPT 35 GRAMS OR LESS OF MARIJUANA/SYNTHETIC CANNABINOID - CLASS D FELONY**

The facts supporting this belief are as follows: On routine patrol, officer observed a vehicle fail to maintain a single lane. Officer conducted a traffic stop and contacted defendant. Officer observed signs of impairment in defendant and defendant performed poorly on SFSTs. Defendant was arrested. Officer retrieved defendant's personal items at his request from the vehicle. In the vehicle, Officer observed an odor of what was believed to be marijuana and observed a cup containing a green leafy substance. Further search of the vehicle revealed a lock box found in the glove compartment. Officer executed a search warrant on the lock box and officer observed the box to contain drug paraphernalia, a plastic bag containing a green leafy substance believed to be marijuana and a plastic bag with a capsule containing a crystal like substance. Lab confirmed substance to be MDMA

DRUNK CHESTERFIELD RESIDENT CHARGED AFTER CRASHING AT HIGH SPEED AND SEVERLY INJURING THE PASSENGER. Matthew Volmert, 22, of 17608 Myrtlewood Drive Chesterfield, on January 27, 2018 was driving at high speed and crashed on I-64 at Timberlake Parkway. The passenger in Volmert's car, Matthew

Bruns, 22, of Kirkwood was severely injured. At the time of the crash Bruns was on a two-year probation for his second DWI conviction. A blood test showed Volmert's BAC level to be .228% or almost three times the legal limit.

5 1/2-months later a warrant was issued for the arrest of Volmert for Felony DWI Causing Serious Physical Injury. The warrant was issued on July 11 and Volmert surrendered on August 7. He was released after posting 10% of the \$50,000 bond.



Matthew Volmert

Here is the information from the court file:

MATTHEW JOSEPH VOLMERT 17608 MYRTLEWOOD DRIVE CHESTERFIELD, MO 63005	RACE: White SEX: Male DOB: 03/20/1996 HGT: 5'10" WGT: 175lbs. P.D.: Chesterfield
Aliases:	

That Matthew Volmert , in violation of Section 577.010, committed the class D of driving while intoxicated, punishable upon conviction under Sections 558.002, 558.011 and 577.010, RSMo, in that on or about January 27, 2018, 164/ Timberlake Manor, in the County of St. Louis, State of Missouri, the defendant operated a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, and acted with criminal negligence by driving at a high rate of speed, losing control of the vehicle and crashing into the median and as a result caused serious physical injury to Matthew Bruns.

I, Bryan Branson, DSN 5290, 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 January 27, 2018, at 164/ Timberlake Manor, Matthew Volmert, White, Male, DOB 03/20/1996, 5'10", 175lbs, committed one or more criminal offense(s).

Count: 01 DWI - SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY - CLASS D FELONY

The facts supporting this belief are as follows: Defendant was operating a motor vehicle in St. Louis County. Defendant was driving at a high rate of speed, lost control of the vehicle and crashed into the median according to witnesses. The defendant's passenger, victim Bruns, suffered life-threatening injuries. The victim was treated at the emergency room for several injuries including broken bones in his face, a broken jaw, respiratory failure and broken ribs. Defendant's person smelled moderately of an odor of an intoxicating beverage. Defendant's eyes were watery. Defendant's speech was slurred. Defendant was read his Missouri Implied Consent and he agreed to take a blood test. Defendant's BAC result was a .228.

MORE ON CHESTERFIELD DRUNK DRIVERS: On Monday 08/27/18 at 1:48 PM in the afternoon Chesterfield Police responded to a man slump behind the wheel at the busy intersection of Wild Horse Creek Road and Chesterfield Airport Road.

The drunk was Benjamin Alsop, 44, of 18118 Rieger Road in Wildwood. After the police arrived Alsop was arrested 20 minutes later for DWI.

18-3967 DWI (Chesterfield Parkway West and Wild Horse Creek) - Officer came upon a vehicle stopped at the intersection with the driver passed out. After attempting to perform several field sobriety tests the driver was arrested for DWI. The driver refused a breath test once back at the station.

As DWI cases increase with more injuries it is clear that Mayor Bob Nation and the City Council are not interested in doing anything about it by reappointing prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer and Judge Rick Brunk in the last year. Should a guy who is passed out drunk in a major intersection at 1:48 in the afternoon and then refused to take a breath test get any breaks? Of course not, but he will thanks to Engelmeyer and Brunk.



Benjamin Alsop



Alsop's eyes at 2:30 in the afternoon

This isn't the first time Alsop has been arrested for DWI or refused to take a breath test. On May 1, 2015 Alsop was arrested by County Police assigned to the City of Wildwood. He refused to take a breath test. There is no public record of this arrest as Alsop was apparently given a SIS NO-Public Record, No Points probation by the Wildwood judge. Who is the Wildwood judge? Why it is Rick Brunk, who is also the Chesterfield Judge and who hands out SIS probations to Drunk Drivers like candy on Halloween as long as the drunk driver is represented by a local lawyer.

CHESTERFIELD FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REALLY DID NOT WANT THE PUBLIC OR EVEN STAFF AT THEIR MEETING: The Chesterfield F&A Committee meeting was held in a small second floor conference room. There were NO chairs for the public to sit in.

Instead of asking staff to bring in some chairs, Chairwoman Barb Nation...er...I mean McGuinness, (she was just acting like Bob Nation for most of the meeting) banged on the table and called the meeting to order. There were three chairs that would be normally for the public but three police staffers were sitting in them. They did not offer them to anyone else. (Barb would snap at Tom DeCampi or Ben Keathley telling them they were out of order and have not been recognized, especially if they were interrupting with something contrary to her position. It was just like watching the mayor.)



At the start of the meeting it was clear the public was not wanted. There were no chairs and McGuinness did not seem to give a crap. 80-year-old Police Chief Ray Johnson, Councilwoman Michelle Ohley, Councilman Dan Hurt, a staffer plus me taking photos were all standing. Hurt, who is not a committee member finally went and got some chairs.

AFTER TRYING TO KILL OR INJURE HANDICAPPED PEOPLE USING RAMPS TO CITY HALL, NOW CHESTERFIELD WANTS TO PUT THEM ON MORTORIZED WHEELCHAIRS. The handicapped ramp on the east side of the Chesterfield City Hall from the three handicapped parking spaces to the doors can be more than a little tough at times. When my AFIB was at a serious level I would have to stop and wait to catch my breath halfway up the ramp.

For people with trouble walking and need a handrail, the City of Chesterfield appears to have been trying to inflict serious injuries or kill them by letting vegetation over grow, cover the handrails and even the walk for three years in a row. Each year I first attempt to verbally tell staff of the danger, but nothing gets done. When I run photos in the newsletter then they cut it.



2017



2016



2018

But that still doesn't help people who have trouble with the incline of the ramp/walkway.

Reporter Mary Shapiro had so much trouble getting in the building several years ago that Councilwoman Barb McGuinness gave her a walker that she uses all the time. But now Mary will often yell out in pain getting in and out of the building.



Mary Shapiro in a 2013 photo.

At the Chesterfield Finance and Administration meeting City Administrator Mike Geisel recommended that the city buy two four-wheel motorized wheelchairs and leave them by the handicapped parking spots on City Council and Planning Commission nights.

Geisel wanted two chairs with a price of about \$2,000 each and an additional \$1000 for charging equipment and repairs. The chairs would be stored in the City hall basement, next to the garage door and would be brought out by employees on meeting nights.



The city currently meets all requirements concerning handicapped access to City Hall. After much discussion it was decided to recommend to the full council to buy one motorized wheel chair as a test.

CALLING IT IN: Councilman Tom DeCampi who has attended Council meetings via Skype in the past when out of town. State Law allows local elected officials to vote on legislation if they are in video and audio attendance during the meeting.

DeCampi covers a wide section of the U.S. as a sales rep for GE Medical Equipment for hospitals and medical facilities. He is on the road several times a month.

However, DeCampi used as an example when a February ice storm delayed airline flights he was taking to return for a Council meeting. He eventually made it to City Hall well after the meeting started but still voted on several items. On the same night Councilman Barry Flachsbart was unable to leave Rolla where he is an IT professor at the University of Missouri/Rolla due to icy dangerous roads.

Committee chairwoman Barb Guinness was not happy about the idea.



McGuinness and DeCampi facing off.

“I have real concerns,” said McGuinness. “You should have to come here and face your constituents. I think you should have to be here. I think this is a very big deal for Chesterfield for government to meet and not face the people.”

The Monarch Fire Protection District has used video attendance for some time, especially since long time Board Member Robin Harris is a senior pilot with Delta Airlines.

Ben Keathley made a good point. “It seems strange to me that we will allow someone to take two hours listening to and participating in a meeting but not let them vote.”

McGuinness wanted the staff to investigate this and report back. This upset Councilman Mike Moore. “I’m against having staff spending resources and time until the council deals with it.

The matter was stalled after a 2-2 vote with Keathley and DeCampi voting for it and Moore and McGuinness voting against it.

MONARCH AST. FIRE CHIEF TO HAWAII FOR HURICANE DUTIES: A free trip to Hawaii might be considered a good deal. For Monarch Ast. Fire Chief Les Crews it is another day at work. Crews is a Search and Rescue Supervisor/Administrator for the Federal Emergency Management Administration. This time last year he was in both Texas and Puerto Rico after hurricanes hit. This year, before Hurricane Lane has even passed all the Hawaiian Islands he has left for FEMA duty.

Chief Crews returned to St. Louis on Tuesday August 28 after Hurricane Lane dissipated before striking any islands directly.



Monarch Ast. Fire Chief Les Crews

CHESTERFIELD CITY HALL APPARENTLY ON THE TRUMP HALF-MAST PLAN:

We arrived at the City Hall for a 5:30 meeting on Monday August 27 and 2-days after the death of Sen. John McCain. I was surprised to see the flags at City Hall at the top of the poles. On Monday President Trump had the flags at the White House back at full staff after having them lowered for two days. However the bad press over not leaving them at half-mast until the McCain burial at the Naval Academy caused the flags to be lowered again. The same thing happened at City Hall. Around 6 o'clock the flags were lowered to half staff.



RESTAURANT REVIEW: The Frisco 8110 Big Bend Webster Groves. August 21, 2018

This new restaurant is in the Old Orchard district of Webster Groves and it backs up to the Burlington-Northern RR tracks, which were the tracks of the Frisco RR until a buyout in 1980. We are guessing the owner is calling it “The Frisco” is because The Burlington-Northern doesn’t fit on the front of menus are on signs.



The Bar is located on the north side of the building as soon as you walk in the main doors. The indoor sitting area is on the south side. There are also sitting areas outside on a patio and on a roof. At first the brick walls seems charming in the main dining room. But later the wall created some serious problems.



There were four of us ordering and sharing. To start things an order of the tempura battered cauliflower (\$10) was ordered. I have never met a piece of cauliflower I could choke down, but others gave this item high marks. The other appetizer ordered were the deviled eggs (\$7).



The eggs are listed on the menu as being made with mayo and mustard. The waitress issued a warning that the eggs were heavy on the mustard. She was right. Myself and my wife only ate one, stating that the deviled eggs with the Millionaire's Bacon at Brick Tops in Frontenac were much better. The couple we were with are fans of deviled eggs that are heavy on the mustard and they thought the eggs were great.

The menu had some interesting choices including venison sausage with duck rillettes and this item:

FISHERMAN'S BOARD

\$20

Smoked whitefish dip, lox, smoked trout, herbed cream cheese, capers, pickled vegetables onion, lemon preserves, dried cranberries and assorted nuts, with flatbread crackers and crusty bread.

All four of us went with sandwiches. I ordered a ¼-pound cheeseburger (\$7 with a side) with a potato and cheese casserole (\$2 up charge). My wife got a Rueben that had been recommended by someone we knew. The other couple ordered a double cheeseburger with fries (\$12).

The food arrived amazingly fast, to the point that it caught us off guard, but we ordered at 4:40 while the place was basically empty, except drinkers at the bar.

My burger was fine. The bun was better than Steak and Shake. I had order “lettuce, tomato, onions and mayo with the burger. It was the middle of August and the supermarkets were filled large juicy Missouri and Illinois grown tomatoes. The tomato that arrived with my burger looked like one I would get in January.



The potatoes in the Potato and Cheese casserole were in squares and not slices. There were not done all the way with a crunchy center. They were also covered in corn flakes (the waitress also warned about the cornflakes.) My wife and I were going to share this, but almost half went back uneaten.



My wife reported her Reuben was very good. The green bean side was fresh green beans prepared al dente with two balls of garlic in the dish. They were fine and a little unexpected with a sandwich.

Our friends liked their ½-pound double burger and fries.

The biggest problem was the brick walls. As The Frisco began to fill up with dinner customers the noise level became almost deafening. You had to shout across the table and we kept asking our tablemates to speak up or repeat themselves. A table of four sat down next to us and three minutes later they told the waitress they were headed outside.

The final problem was despite having spent over \$60 on food and drinks the staff really wanted to flip our table and by 5:40 it became obvious they wanted us to leave. At one point they cleared the table including our water glasses.

The Frisco is not a destination place. A destination restaurant does not have to be fancy or expensive like Annie Gunn's. I go back to Cheeburger Cheeburger for the fresh cut fries and onion rings. I go to Charlotte's Rib for the potato salad and O-rings. At the Brick Top it is the ribs and deviled eggs. The Frisco is not a destination place. It might be a convenient place to meet someone and have good sandwiches. It is not some place you drive out of your way for the food.

SECURITY AGENT UPDATE:



Agility training is important for security agents

No treats in the Dog Park Allowed, outside the park in another story. Six dogs patiently wait for treats, but the agent has the best position

MUSIC: Every table was reserved and every bar stool was taken on Monday for the Dean Christopher Rat Pack Show at the One-19-North in Kirkwood.



The whole joint was singing along with That's Amore.

The whole joint was



Pre show crowd with walk-ins turned away at the door.

During the evening Sammy Davis, Jr., Dean Martin, The Chairman of the Board, Louis Armstrong, Jerry Lewis all were back from the dead. Even Elmer Fudd from Warner Brothers studios made an appearance and sang Beyond the Sea.



Sammy Davis, Jr. back from the dead, raising the question, can that cigarette in his hand be bad for you when you are dead?

The same guys will be performing at the Bossa Nova Lounge at 112 W. Third St. in Alton on Sunday September 2 from 7pm to 9:30.

CITY HALL ART: I rate the latest art show at the Town and Country Longview Farm House a D-. There are blobs of paint on a canvass.



The latest art on the walls at the Chesterfield City Hall is much better. I would not take any of it home but I did enjoy it hanging somewhere else and had a couple of smiles.





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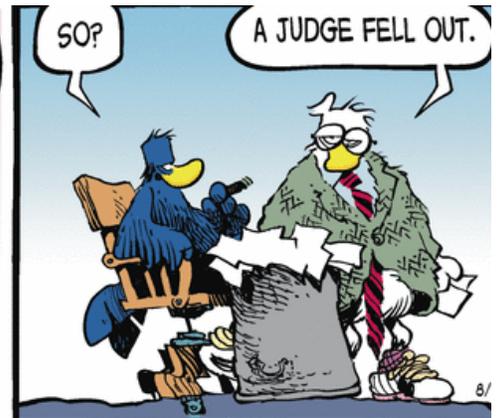
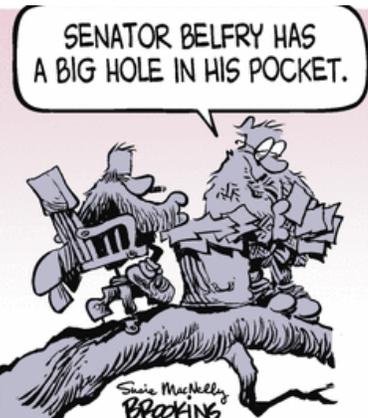




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