

## EX ALDERMAN NEWSLETTER 360 AND CHESTERFIELD UNAPPROVED 305



December 16, 2018

**TOWN AND COUNTRY ARRESTS HALLOWEEN THROUGH THANKSGIVING:** Three or four times a year we request 30-days of arrests made by Town and Country Officers so we can track them. Here are 30-days of arrests from just before Halloween to just after Thanksgiving.

Arrests from 10/29/2018-11/27/2018 (last 30 days)						
DATE OF ARREST	LOCATION OF ARREST	NAME	R/S/A	HOME ADDRESS	CHARGES	COURT
11/25/18 02:33	Manchester/Topping	Kelly, Matthew	WM31 (1987)	15xxx Callender Ct. 63017	DWI-ord, Speed-ord, weaving-ord	MUNI
11/24/18 04:55	64/270	Ferguson, Kelsey	WF26 (1992)	2xx Sunset Dr. 63011	DWI-ord, wrong way drive-ord	MUNI
11/23/18 23:21	64/Timberlake	McMiller, Amanda	WF28 (1990)	26xx Falcons Way 63303	DWI-ord, Endanger welfare of child-ord, No taillight-ord, Improper lane use-ord	MUNI
11/21/18 17:12	64/141	Johnson, Reneisha	BF24 (1994)	48xx Maffitt Ave 63113	DWS-ord, Speed-ord	MUNI
11/18/18 01:00	270/Ladue	Dixon, Cindy	BF30 (1988)	12xx Charlane Ct. 63119	DWI-ord, Weaving-ord, open container-ord	MUNI
11/14/18 21:54	Tammany/Thornfield	Fisher, Demetrice	BM23 (1995)	11xx Dougherty Lake E Dr. 63122	DWI-ord, Leaving scene of crash-ord, Improper lane use-ord, Expired plates, No insurance-ord	MUNI
11/14/18 10:30	1011 Municipal Center Dr	Peppers, Marissa	BF26 (1992)	50xx Cates 63108	Stealing-Felony	RPAW
11/11/18 02:32	141/64	Zambrana, Luis	WM61 (1957)	361xx Darcy St. Murrieta, CA 92562	DWI-ord, Improper lane use-ord	MUNI
11/09/18 22:06	64/Timberlake	Burkeen, Ryan	WM35 (1983)	11 Pyrenees Dr. 63367	DWR-ord, Speeding-ord, no insurance-ord	MUNI
11/7/18 18:46	14312 S. Outer 40	Gillespie, John	WM45 (1973)	4xx Wildwood Pkwy 63011	DWI-ord	MUNI
11/5/18 21:27	141/Clayton	Robinson, Sade	BF19 (1999)	44xx Holly Ave. 63115	No Oper Lic-ord, no insurance-ord	MUNI
11/4/18 23:24	South outer 40/Mason	Patton, Boeisha	BF29 (1989)	1x E. Allison Ave. 63119	DWS-ord, Improper stopping-ord, no insurance-ord	MUNI
11/4/18 01:30	270/Clayton	Saracino, Michael	WM30 (1988)	5xx Huntley Heights Dr. 63021	DWI-ord, Weaving-ord, Fail to signal-ord	MUNI
11/01/18 20:04	11777 Clayton Rd	McMillan, Russell	WM63 (1955)	22xx Derby Way 63131	DWI-ord, Improper lane use-ord	MUNI
10/30/18 11:25	1011 Municipal Center Dr	Conger, Shane	WM28 (1990)	46xx White Ash 63049	Stealing-Felony	RPAW
10/29/18 14:55	1011 Municipal Center Dr	Burke, Calvin	BM50 (1968)	32xx Taylor St. 63107	Stealing-ord	MUNI

RPAW=Released pending warrant application with prosecutor.

**LAST LOADS:** The AKC Museum of the Dog in Queeny Park closed at the end of September. The AKC is moving to Manhattan. Here is some more moving activity on a snowy December day. The AKC lease expires on December 31.

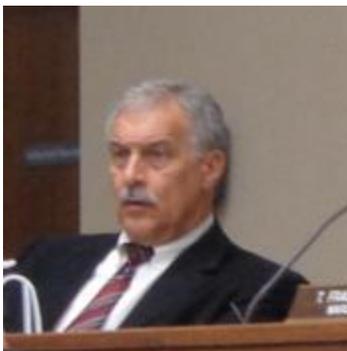


**ALDERMEN PASS RESOLUTION TO FIND OUTSIDE FIRM TO AUDIT PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING DEPARTMENTS.** On Monday night 12/10/18 after debate the Board of Aldermen voted 7-0 to seek proposals for independent firms to conduct an audit of the Public Works Department and the Planning Department.

Ald Matt Rueter had drafted the proposed resolution, mentioning that all city departments but Planning and Public Works are regularly audited. Jon Benigas was upset that not all the commissions had weighed in on having an audit. Lynn Wright stated her displeasure. “We haven’t heard from your commission” (Public Works and Storm Water Commission), she directed toward Rueter.

Rueter responded, “This is something that we own. (the alderpersons and not commissions) It is in our wheelhouse. There are a lot of reasons for this to be in front of us.” (the sidewalk/trail project on Mason Road which is now an official disaster, when no permits were obtained or permission by St. Louis County Highway Department to do work on one of their roadway’s easement.)

Skip Manage stated he changed his mind on having staff do the audit and now supports Rueter’s resolution. “We protect the staff if we bring in an outside auditor,” said Mange meaning if an internal audit found problems it could cause ill will with the staff being audited. “I’ve changed my position.”



Jon Benigas



Dr. Matt Rueter



Skip Mange

**THE CITIZENS SPEAK:** Most residents who spoke with for the audit as they were concerned with the bungled sidewalk/trail project and the Town Square.

Will McKnight, former member of the Planning and Zoning Commission until he resigned to run against and lose to Ald. Lindsey Butler in April spoke first. McKnight was also on several advisory committees, including one on the Mason Road Trail.

“I’m hoping the errors by the contractor will not scuttle our hard work,” he said

William Frederick who lives on Kings Glen Drive off Mason Road and directly behind the Town Square Project spoke and said the city did not keep promises made to residents.

“We were promised heavy screening so we would not have to look at the Town Square. All we got was screening for a brick wall behind Straubs (grocery store).”

“I completely support an audit to find out why we are having these failures and cost overruns. We need an audit to find out why these projects are not being done on time,” said Frederick.

Susan Crandall, a police commission member, who lives off of Mason Road in the gated Buckland Hall subdivision spoke next.

“I’m here to speak in favor of an audit by an outsider. I’m more concerned with the Mason Road project and determining who is responsible,” she said.

She was followed by Susan Calvin.

“I think an audit is important to be sure this money is well spent and there is transparency.



Will McKnight



William Frederick



Susan Crandall



Susan Calvin

Earlier Fred “Tax Cheater” Meyland-Smith stated that there was no problem with spending on the Town Square Project as all additional spending was approved by the Board of Aldermen.

After the citizens spoke two more alderpersons spoke on the subject.

“We know exactly why there are cost overruns (on Town Square project) and I know why I am not happy about it,” said Jon Benigas.

“There used to be a Director of Planning and a Director of Public Works. We combined both just. Did we overburden them. We have two sidewalk projects without permits and without County approval to work on a County road right of way. We need to take responsibility and go back and check our work,” said Tiffany Frautschi.

The Mason Road Sidewalk disaster came up later in debate over the 2019 budget.

“There are several issues I have with the South Mason Road sidewalk,” said Ald. Lindsey Butler.

“Do we have any information concerning liability,” asked Jon Benigas who was immediately shot down by Mayor Jon Dalton.

“That is a legal issue and is not something we are going to discuss out here (in public),” said Mayor Jon “Cigarette Lobbyist & apparent violator of Missouri Ethics Laws” Dalton. I don’t think anyone is pleased with were we are. It is easy to criticize this project.”



Tiffany Frautschi



Lindsey Butler

**THE SIDEWALK/TRAIL FIASCO:** The South Mason Road Trail/Sidewalk project started in late September with the tearing up of an existing sidewalk, cutting down several large trees, and excavating next to the street. On October 8 St. Louis County stopped all work on the City project because no one had obtained permits, presented plans or obtained permission to do work in the easement/right of way of a St. Louis County road.

The County ordered that the excavating be filled in and the removed sidewalk be replaced. Due to winter weather the project cannot start until March at the earliest. Here is what has been billed to the city so far with much of it having to be redone in 2019.

City of Town & Country, MO		Transactions 01/01/2018 to 12/05/2018	
Fund: 50 - Parks & Stormwater Fund			
Post Date	Description	Vendor	Amount
10/01/2018	Const-MasonRdMulti-UsePath-9/27	4397 - T.Hill Construction	58,944.56
02/02/2018	EngrTo2/2-MasonRdTrail	5303 - Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions	29,182.07
03/19/2018	EngrTo3/2-MasonRdTrail	5303 - Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions	13,076.00
04/01/2018	MasonRdTrail-AMECFosterWheeler-EngrTo3/30	5303 - Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions	3,773.50
10/01/2018	MasonRdTrail-WoodEnvEngr-EngrTo9/28	5303 - Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions	435.00
06/01/2018	MasonRdTrail-WoodEnv-EngrTo5/25	5303 - Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions	834.50
07/01/2018	MasonRdTrail-WoodEnv-EngrTo6/29/18	5303 - Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions	556.74
04/27/2018	MasonRdTrail-WoodEnvironmental-Engr-To4/27	5303 - Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions	2,699.00
			<b>109,501.37</b>

The total budget for the project is \$290,000. 38% has been spent including 20% construction costs that will have to be done all over again. Also there has been no bill submitted yet for replacing the concrete sidewalk with asphalt and filling in excavation work.



Oct 8.



Oct 8



Nov. 26

**2019 BUDGET PASSES WITH ONE NO VOTE:** The 2019 budget violated city policy by including non-road improvement projects in the road fund instead of the General Fund section. The Deer Management money of \$86,000 was in the road fund as was Beautification Grants to subdivisions.

At the last Board of Aldermen meeting Mayor Dalton lied by inferring it was against the law or policy to have a deficit General Fund Budget. In 2018 he had a \$6.5-million overall deficit budget, but started the year with a small reserved in only the General Fund. Every other section of the budget was in the red. We found nothing that said you can't have a General Fund deficit.

Also there has been no money set aside for increased costs in the Mason Road project. City Administrator Bob Shelton did not know what the costs would be once construction started again from the beginning.

With these problems only Ald. Lindsey Butler had the courage to vote NO on the 2019 budget.

**MORE MONEY TO BRINKMAN AND TOWN SQUARE APPROVED:** \$25,391 more dollars were approved to be paid to Brinkman Construction for groundwater issues at the pedestrian tunnel and below Clayton Road.

“I want Brinkman to be held accountable (for cost overruns). We have to draw the line at sometime,” said Ald Jon Benigas.

Benigas and Tiffany Frautschi voted against the Change Order. Brinkman had already done the work in October without City approval.

**FRED “TAX CHEATER” MEYLAND-SMITH TURNS INTO A HORSE ASS:**



Fred Meyland-Smith and Tiffany Frautschi had a bill that would limit gates on driveways to only houses on main streets. Frautschi then wanted to amend the bill to also include any driveway off of any street where the property has a stable.

A good example of this is Mrs. Jan Clayton who lives along Mason Road since 1970 and has had horses and a stable. She could have a gate since her driveway is off a main road. However, Clayton sold off the front of her property to a developer who built a subdivision and the driveway to her property is off a subdivision side street. She still has a stable and horses.

Meyland-Smith wanted Frautschi to amend her amendment to say Horse and stable.

“Is a stable just a structure or a structure for horses,” asked the great windbag.

What difference does it make? If there is a stable and you sell your horse or the horses die do you have to take a gate down?

The City Attorney Steve Garrett, who has a connection with horses since he has an extremely long ponytail for a 66-year-old male, got up and read the dictionary definition of "Stable." "A stable is a building for keeping horses." This did not satisfy Meyland-Smith, who riled some more causing Frautschi to give in and add the word "horse" to her amendment. The amendment and bill passed. Frautschi look like the winner even if she changed the wording because Meyland-Smith looked like such an ass.



City Attorney Steve Garrett and his Ponytail leave the speaker's stand after he read the dictionary definition of a "stable."

**CANIDATES FOR THE APRIL ELECTION:** No one is going unopposed in the Town and Country April election.

**WARD 1**

1. Lynn Wright, 2478 White Stable Road, 63131
2. Mikkel Morgan, 12809 Topping Meadows, 63131

**WARD 2**

1. Laura Baer, 1801 Topping Road, 63131
2. Tiffany Frautschi, 1865 S. Mason Road, 63131

**WARD 3**

1. Tom Schaefer, 1222 Devonworth Drive, 63017
2. Fred Meyland-Smith, 1032 Woodfield Estates Drive, 63017

**WARD 4**

1. B. Sophia Ford-Glanton, 312 Wyndmoor Terrace Court, 63141
2. Jon Benigas, 14288 Cedar Springs Drive, 63017

**WARD-ONE;**

**Lynn Wright** who is the incumbent and always seems to be depressed. She also seems to be the less informed member of the Board of Aldermen. Wright grew up in

Ladue and last was working as a clerk in a gift shop. She has been on the board of aldermen since 2005. In a recent contested election the then Speaker of the Missouri House John Diehl put out robo calls the night before the election to trash Wright's opponent. Diehl would be forced to resign from the House of Representative a year later due to a sex scandal involving a teenage intern.



**Mikkel Morgan**, currently a housewife and substitute teacher in the Ladue and Parkway School Districts, filed against Wright. Morgan has 14 years as a sales manager for pharmaceutical companies. She is a graduate of North Dakota State University with a degree in Business Administration. She also does volunteer work and teaches Sunday School. Her husband is Eric Morgan. They live on Topping Meadows.



## **WARD- TWO**

**Tiffany Frautschi**, who lives on Mason Road is a two term incumbent running again. In the last two years Frautschi has stuck up for Ward-2 residents impacted by the Town Square project. She also pushed for the city to drop the trail/sidewalk to Queeny Park when four residents along Mason Road publicly stated they would refuse to sell any land for an easement for the sidewalk and Mayor Dalton stated he would refuse to use eminent domain to force them.

Some of Frautschi's distracters claimed she and Alderwomen Lindsey Butler killed the sidewalk to Queeny Park, when in fact they kept the city from wasting money for something that would never happen unless Mayor Dalton authorized the use of eminent domain to obtain land for the sidewalk.

Also Frautschi and Butler fought with the Mason Road Trail Task Force for wanting to put part of the approved trail to Clayton Road along a section of Mason Road where a number of vehicles routinely run off the road.

Frautschi is the past president of the Mason Ridge Elementary School PTO. She moved to Town and Country after her husband a Navy commander of a fighter plane unit retired and took a job as a test pilot at Boeing. She is currently the chair of the Police/Fire/EMS Commission.

Frautschi and Butler hold monthly coffee chats at Starbucks and monthly resident meetings at the Longview Farmhouse.



Frautschi wasted no time in campaigning. The day after filing she sent out this email:

From: Citizens To Elect Tiffany Frautschi Alderman <[tiffany4townandcountry@gmail.com](mailto:tiffany4townandcountry@gmail.com)>  
Date: 12/12/18 4:49 PM (GMT-06:00)  
To:  
Subject: Ward 2 Aldermanic Election

Yesterday I registered to run for my third term as one of the Ward 2 Aldermen in Town and Country. This is a contested election. I have worked hard for the last four years to represent the residents of our ward and to be your voice to the Board of Aldermen. I look forward to continuing in this role and appreciate all of the support that you have offered in the past.

If you would like to help with the campaign I would love to have you on the team! In the coming months I will be sending out mailers, knocking on doors, and putting up signs. I am grateful for any level of support so if you have some free time and would like to get involved please let me know!

All the best,  
Tiffany Frautschi

Citizens to Elect Tiffany Frautschi Aldermen, Celia Toombs Treasurer  
1865 S. Mason Road,

**Laura Baer**, lives on Topping Road. Her husband Adam Baer is a member of the Parks and Trails Commission and the Topping Road Task Force.

Baer recently said she would wait until January to decide to file, then said she was more interested in serving on a commission. However she arrived to wait in line for filing at 5 AM on 12/11/18 beating Frautschi by 15 minutes to be first on the ballot.

She has been critical of both Ward-2 Alderwomen, Frautschi and Butler, saying they are intentionally disruptive at Aldermanic meetings. She was a supporter of Butler's opponent, Will McKnight in April's Aldermanic election. Butler won with 58% of the vote.

Baer was raised in Florida, lived in midtown Kansas City, Missouri before moving to Town and Country. Both of her children attended the Whitfield School. She is active with an animal rescue group dealing with cats and kittens. When our Newsletter/News Website's security agent is off-duty Baer and her dog Ted are favorites of the security agent at the Dog Park.

Baer does not yet have a campaign committee listed with the state.



### WARD-3

**Illinois Fred “Tax Chester” Meyland-Smith** is the incumbent. Meyland-Smith was first elected in 2005. Fred has had some investments including buying a china company. He last regularly worked for Purina.

He has been noted as a classic “windbag” taking 10 minutes to state something that most folks could do in five minutes. He is also pompous. He considers residents attending meetings at their City Hall as his guests.

He owns land with a large cottage in northern Illinois. But he is clearly a full time Town and Country resident since he is an elected official. In 2016 he bought a new 2016 Ford SUV. Despite keeping the car at his house and using it to drive to government meetings and even church, he registered it in Illinois. He avoided paying a Town and Country Sales tax, a Missouri State Sales Tax on the car and he avoid paying annual County Personal Property Taxes on the car, which are not collected in Illinois.



Fred's Illinois licensed car illegally parked at the Longview Farm House and with police employee cars at City Hall.

**Thomas E. Schaefer** resides in a modest house at 1222 Devonworth off of Weidman Road.



Here is a bio on Schaffer from an Internet Website:

## The GTA Team

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[Email Tom Schaefer - gtahq@aol.com](mailto:gtahq@aol.com)

Tom graduated from Southwest Missouri State University with a B.S. in Marketing/Management. He began his career in the automotive aftermarket in 1976 at Singer Auto Parts, a St. Louis based retailer. Tom was responsible for advertising, sales and promotions.

Tom came to Gantt-Thomas & Associates, Inc. in 1979. He served as Vice President and covered the southern Illinois and eastern Missouri territories.

In 1999, Tom became President of Gantt-Thomas & Associates, Inc. In addition to corporate functions, Tom continues to be the primary contact at O'Reilly Auto Parts, Inc., where he works with the company's Buyers, Product Managers and Senior Level Management.

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Checking out Schaefer's facebook page here is something interesting we found under his "friends listing"



Yes, it is Ethics Law Violating, Cigarette Lobbyist and Mayor Jon Dalton.

We have heard from some that at one time Schaefer and Meyland-Smith were friendly, indicating they either had a falling out or he filed simply to keep someone else from filing with plans to remove his name on the last day for filings.

**WARD-4**

Jon Benigas the incumbent has a number of years on the Board of Aldermen. Benigas is a marriage counselor specializing in men’s issues. He moved back to St. Louis after his divorce in California. Benigas stepped down from the Board in 2010 and did not run for reelection and was replaced by former mayor David Karney. He was asked to run again by Mayor Jon Dalton, filing at the last minute after a scandal involving David Karney who sent an email under the name of “J. Storehouse” stating that Fred Meyland-Smith should be “shot” over his position on deer culling.

The city hired a special prosecutor, voted to censure Karney over the matter, which arose during the filing period for the 2011 campaign. Once Benigas filed, Karney withdrew from the race after negative publicity from this newsletter, the Post-Dispatch and the Riverfront Times.

Benigas has shown a streak of independence on money issues. He keeps voting for increases in costs for the Town Square, but also keeps saying that it will be for the last time.



**Dr. Sophia Ford-Glanton** filled against Benigas and is first on the ballot. Dr. Ford-Glanton went to medical school at Stanford and had a practice in Kansas City before moving to St. Louis.

Currently both Benigas and Alderwoman Sue Allen live in the gated subdivision, Cedar Springs subdivision off of Woods Mill Road. Ford-Glanton also lives in a gated subdivision, Wyndmoor Terrace Court off of Conway Road, where one of the most famous residents is one of the Isley brothers.



**Sophia Ford-Glanton** • 3rd

Associate Medical Director at eviCore healthcare

Saint Louis, Missouri

 eviCore healthcare

 Stanford University School of Medicine

She is a urologist and her husband Luvel Glanton is an anesthesiologist and a specialist in pain medicine working out of Hannibal, Missouri.





Dr. Ford-Glanton is active with the Mason Ridge Elementary School PTO .

Ford-Glanton was 250 votes shy of being elected to the Parkway School Board in 2017.



While Ford-Glanton has an office in Belleville, Illinois, unlike Ward-3 Tax Cheat Fred Meyland-mith her Lexus is registered to her home in Missouri and she pays annual personal property taxes.

**LETTERS FROM READERS:**

**HERE IS A COMMENT ON LAST WEEK'S NEWSLETTER SENT TO US BY A LONGTIME READER WITH VAST GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE:**

*Very interesting comparison of billing practices between Steve Garrett and Chris Graville. If I were the customer, based on that alone, I'd fire Garrett. If billing is that sloppy, I'd be concerned about the research and work product.*

**HERE IS A COMMENT FROM A RETIRED BANKER AND A REGULAR READER ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ATLANTIC:**

Hi, we like your Santa shelves! Great to see your judges getting into the xmas spirit, and reducing all serious charges to practically nothing!!!!Your own "deer incident" makes grim reading also!!.....some people dont like paperwork obviously???R

**UNAPPROVED CHESTERFIELD NEWSLETTER 305**



**CHESTERFIELD MALL INVADERS GET A CASH FINE FOR LITTERING AFTER TRYING TO BREAK INTO CLOSED BUSINESSES:**

Facebook caught these two including one suspect's mother who turned him in. It has a Christmas Connection because a couple days after Thanksgiving 2017 these two hid in the parts of Chesterfield Mall and then tried to break in to stores. (They were unsuccessful.) Here is the original Facebook post on the police department's facebook page:

Late Friday night into Saturday morning, the two subjects pictured below were trespassing inside Chesterfield Mall after it had closed for the night. While they were inside, they tried to pry open the rear door of one of the businesses, but fortunately, they failed. For these two, a lump of coal and entry onto the NAUGHTY list is what awaits them this holiday season...After we speak to them first



They were both identified and cited for trespassing.

The two were on security cameras prowling the back “employee only” hallways to businesses. At 11:31 PM they were on video trying to force open the lock to the rear door of the Finnish Line sports store. They were unsuccessful and left only a few minutes later to get a door open, but that door was to a janitor’s closet. They then left.

Within two days of the facebook posting Chesterfield Police were contacted by the St. Louis County Police School Resource Officer who identified both suspects as juniors at Lafayette High School, Chase Morgan and Sean Carney.

Carney was brought to the Police Station by his mother who called police after seeing the facebook post. He admitted being there with Morgan and that they were trying to get into the Finish Line store.

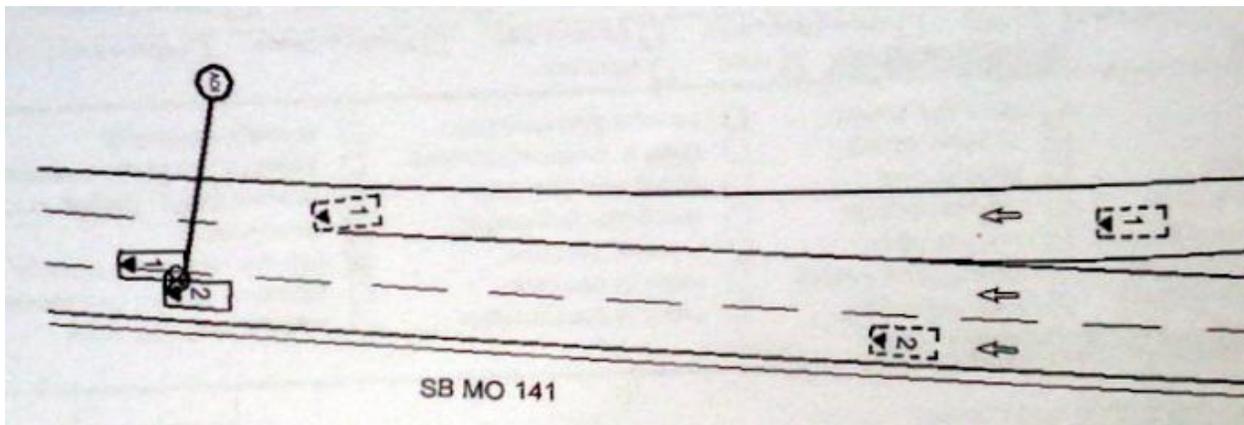
On December 2 Chase Morgan came to the Chesterfield Police Department. He admitted using a knife while trying to gain entry to the Finish Line. He was also issued a citation for trespassing.

Both of these young men got a break from the police. No felony charge of Attempted Burglary was brought against them and No Possession of Burglary Tool charge was brought.

**OUTCOME:** On May 7, 2018 Chesterfield City Prosecutor Tim Englemeyer did not think the suspect got enough breaks from the police. He amended the already reduced Trespassing Charge to Littering. Carney was fined \$326.50 and \$26.50 in court costs. He also had to do 14 hours of community service.

On August 27, 2018 Morgan pled to an amended charge of Littering and was fined \$326.50 and \$26.50 in costs. However, he did not have to do any community service.

**DRIVER FLEES ACCIDENT HE CAUSED ON HWY 141 INTO A LADUE ROAD SUBDIVISION.** On April 25, 2018 at 6:36 PM Matthew Gregor, 32, of 1405 Sunview Drive in unincorporated St. Louis County near Maryland Heights was entering SB Hwy 141 from Olive Blvd driving his 2010 Mitsubishi. As he entered he went across three lanes and struck a 2018 Toyota Corolla driven by Savannah Parks of O'Fallon, MO almost forcing Parks into a median wall. Then the chase was on.

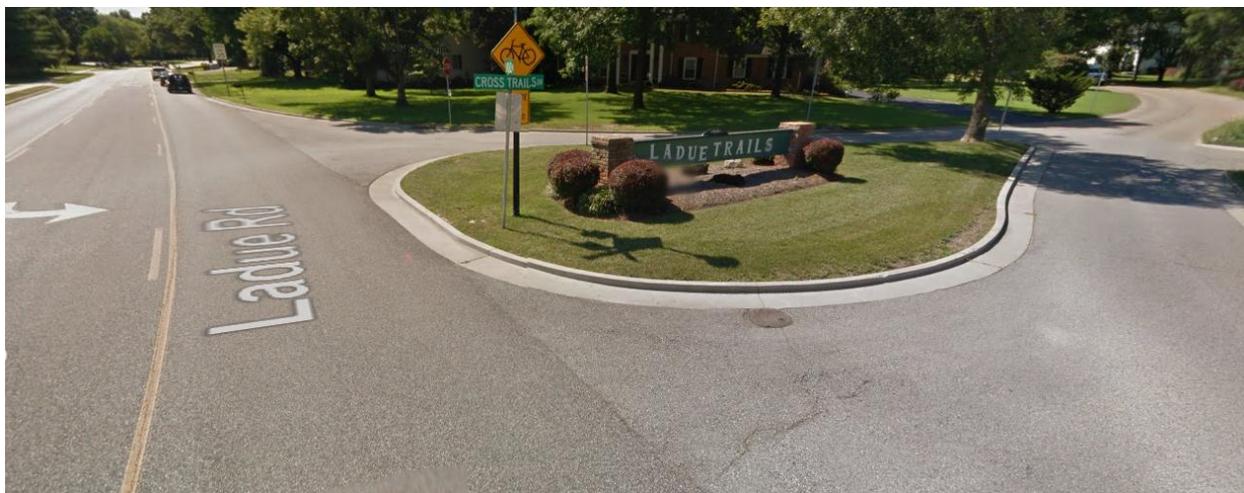


Gregor would not pull over to the shoulder on Hwy 141.

The accident happened at the top of the below map, but Gregor continued and exited to go west of Ladue Road into the Green Trails subdivision. He still did not stop. Parks continued to follow.



He finally stopped on Ladue Road at Cross Trails across from the Montessori School.



Gregor said he was looking for a safe place to pull over and at first was unaware he hit another car, thinking he hit the median wall on Hwy 141.

Parks basically said BULLSHIT ON THAT. She said Gregor got out of his car, looked at the damage, got back in and tried to drive off going up on the median circle. He travelled over two miles after the crash, leaving Chesterfield going into the City of Town and Country and then reentering Chesterfield.

Gregor's car clearly had damage to the left side of the car, so he should have been well aware that he hit a car and not a wall.

He did accept blame in the police report. "It's my fault. It was totally my bad. I take responsibility for this," he said.



Gregor

While officers were at the location on Ladue Road they noticed that McGregor seemed nervous if they looked into his car. Finally one asked if he could search the car at what time Gregor said he had marijuana in the console. Officer found marijuana, a marijuana grinder and marijuana wax.

Surprisingly, Gregor was not arrested. Instead he was issued citation for Improper Lane Use (causing the crash), Leaving the Scene of an Accident, Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

**OUTCOME:** Gregor hired a lawyer from Brentwood. He moved the case to St. Louis County Associate Circuit Court. Tim "I never try a case if a defense attorney is involved" Engelmeyer represented the city and of course he did not actually prosecute anyone. He amended the Improper Lane Use charge to a parking violation. Gregor pled guilty to something he did not do and was fined \$200 by newly appointed Judge John Newsham.

On the Leaving the Scene charge Gregor pled GUILTY but was placed on a SIS probation for a mere six months meaning he received No Points for causing a crash and fleeing the scene, nothing on his drivers' license record plus no fine for fleeing the scene. The marijuana charges were reduced to "Littering." Gregor pled guilty to both and was fined a total of \$401.



## CHESTERFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT Crime Report

<u>Time of Occurrence</u>	<u>Generic Address</u>	<u>Business/Location Name</u>	<u>Subdivision</u>	<u>Sector</u>	<u>Incident Type</u>
12/04/2018, 0755 12/04/2018, 0755	1XX LONG RD	BP	STEVE W WALLACE	6	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
<b>Arrested:</b>					
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject concealed alcohol and left store without paying.					
12/05/2018, 1927 12/05/2018, 1929	17XXX CHESTERFIELD AIRPORT RD	Lion's Choice	CHESTERFIELD COMMONS	6	Overdose Accidental
<b>Arrested:</b>					
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 19 yo female overdosed on suspected heroin. Administered Narcan and transported to hospital for treatment.					
12/06/2018, 0630 12/06/2018, 1430	2XX S WOODS MILL RD	St. Luke's	ST LUKES HOSPITAL	1	Larceny under \$750 License Plate/Tabs
<b>Arrested:</b>					
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject took license plate off of victim's vehicle.					
12/06/2018, 1917 12/06/2018, 1917	BOONES CROSSING & N. OUTER 40			4	DWI Alcohol
<b>Arrested:</b> Mango, Jacob R   W   31   M					
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 31 yo male charged with DWI after vehicle collision investigation.					
12/06/2018, 2009 12/06/2018, 2009	1XX THF BLVD	Walmart	CHESTERFIELD COMMONS	6	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
<b>Arrested:</b> Lauren, Krosnicki   W   32   F					
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 32 yo female failed to pay for grocery items in the self checkout lane.					

12/04/2018, 1800 12/08/2018, 1000	14XXX LADUE RD		LADUE TRAILS	1	Larceny under \$750 Front/Rear Residence
<b>Arrested:</b>					
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject took delivery package from front porch of residence.					
12/08/2018, 1845 12/08/2018, 1845	12XX TRAVERTON DR		SHENANDOAH	2	Assault Common - Actual Assault
<b>Arrested:</b>					
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Report of mother and daughter who scratched each other after argument causing minor injuries. Referred to P.A.					
12/08/2018, 1930 12/08/2018, 1930	GREYABBEY CT & GREYSTONE MANOR PKY			5	Weapons Violation Firearm
<b>Arrested:</b> Bien,Michael K   W   69   M					
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 69 yo male pointed a firearm at victims after his doorbell was rung as a prank.					
12/07/2018, 1230 12/07/2018, 0600	16XXX SWNGLEY RIDGE RD	Hampton Inn	HAMPTON INN CHESTERFIELD LODGING	4	Larceny under \$750 from Auto
<b>Arrested:</b>					
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject broke out window on victim's vehicle and took a coat and a microwave.					
12/06/2018, 1200 12/06/2018, 1200	3XX OAK STAND PATH		RESERVE AT CHESTERFIELD VILLAGE	6	Larceny under \$750 License Plate/Tabs
<b>Arrested:</b>					
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject took license plate tabs off of victim's vehicle.					
12/06/2018, 1930 12/06/2018, 1930	16XXX CHESTERFIELD AIRPORT RD	Smoke House	SMOKE HOUSE THE	6	Harassment/Threat Phone
<b>Arrested:</b>					
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Report of father of ex-employee making threatening phone call to victim.					
12/07/2018, 1509 12/07/2018, 1509	E CHESTERFIELD PKY & OLIVE BLVD & W CHESTERFIELD PKY			4	Drugs Possession - Misdemeanor
<b>Arrested:</b> Wade,Robert M   B   26   M					
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 26 yo male in possession of marijuana after being stopped for a traffic violation.					

12/07/2018, 1855 12/07/2018, 1855	18XXX OUTLET BLVD	Uggs	CHESTERFIELD BLUE VALLEY	5	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
<b>Arrested:</b>					
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subjects concealed boots and left store without paying.					
12/07/2018, 1916 12/07/2018, 1927	18XXX OUTLET BLVD	Adidas	CHESTERFIELD BLUE VALLEY	5	Larceny Over \$750 Shoplifting
<b>Arrested:</b>					
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subjects concealed clothing and left store without paying.					
12/07/2018, 2105 12/07/2018, 2105	1XX THF BLVD	Walmart	CHESTERFIELD COMMONS	6	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
<b>Arrested:</b> Kwasny,Sara L   W   27   F Rawlins,Jeffrey T   W   28   M					
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 28 yo male and 27 yo female concealed merchandise and left store without paying. Female subject also returned one of the stolen items for cash.					
12/05/2018, 1817 12/05/2018, 1819	2XX THF BLVD	Lowe's	CHESTERFIELD COMMONS	6	Larceny Over \$750 Shoplifting
<b>Arrested:</b>					
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subjects took power tools and walked out of store without paying.					
12/01/2018, 1900 12/02/2018, 0700	11XX DEEP FOREST DR		DEEP WOOD	5	Larceny under \$750 Person
<b>Arrested:</b>					
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Report of bicycle stolen by acquaintance.					
11/27/2018, 0900 11/27/2018, 0900	15XXX NOONING TREE CT		NOONING TREE ADDITION	2	Fraud Scam
<b>Arrested:</b>					
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject attempted to convince victim to send personal information for fraudulent lawsuit scam.					
12/10/2018, 1930 12/10/2018, 2100	7XX PREMIUM WAY	Marriot	CHESTERFIELD BLUE VALLEY	5	Larceny Over \$750 Business
<b>Arrested:</b>					
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject entered locked room of hotel under construction and took computers and USB drives.					
12/11/2018, 1418 12/11/2018, 1418	LADUE RD & STATEHWY141NLADUERD			1	DWI Drugs
<b>Arrested:</b> Steigerwald,Thomas A   W   36   M					
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 36 yo male charged with DWI after being stopped for a traffic violation. Also in possession of stolen license plate.					

12/11/2018, 1715 12/11/2018, 1715	N WOODS MILL RD & OLIVE BLVD & WOODS MILL RD		1	Drugs Possession - Misdemeanor
<b>Arrested:</b> Gutierrez,Ivan   B   18   M				
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 18 yo male in possession of marijuana after suspicious vehicle check.				
12/11/2018, 2149 12/11/2018, 2149	164 HWY E & CLARKSON		4	Drugs Possession - Misdemeanor
<b>Arrested:</b> Tally,Frederick L   B   38   M				
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 38 yo male in possession of marijuana after being stopped for a traffic violation.				
12/06/2018, 2158 12/12/2018, 0000	3XX E CHESTERFIELD CTR	Drury	DRURY PLAZA HOTEL	4 Fraud Theft of Services
<b>Arrested:</b>				
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject used corporate account to pay for hotel stay.				

**ENJOY THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS BEFORE I SHOOT YOU!** This is from the Saturday night End of Watch Report by the Chesterfield Police from 1016 Grey Stone Manor and involving the arrest of 69-year-old Michael K. Bien.

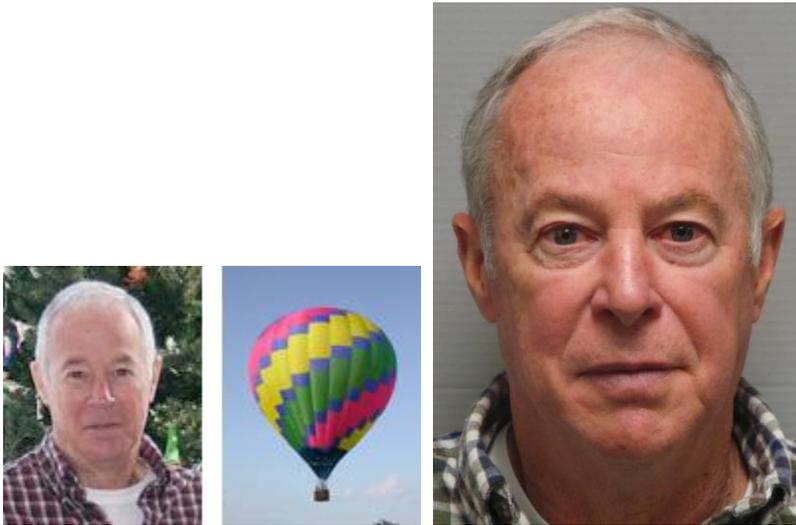
18-5725 – Flourishing – Greystone Manor Pkwy – Male resident flourished a handgun at a group of children who “ding dong ditched” him. While chasing them off his property, he then flourished two adults in a vehicle that was driving by looking at neighborhood Christmas lights. Male was located at his residence, arrested, and his gun was seized.

12/08/2018, 1930 12/08/2018, 1930	GREYABBAY CT & GREYSTONE MANOR PKY		5	Weapons Violation Firearm
<b>Arrested:</b> Bien,Michael K   W   69   M				
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 69 yo male pointed a firearm at victims after his doorbell was rung as a prank.				

**Michael Bien age 69, resides Chesterfield, arrested on Greystone Manor Pkwy 21:29 Hrs, 12/8/18, UUW/Exhibiting, RPAW (State)**

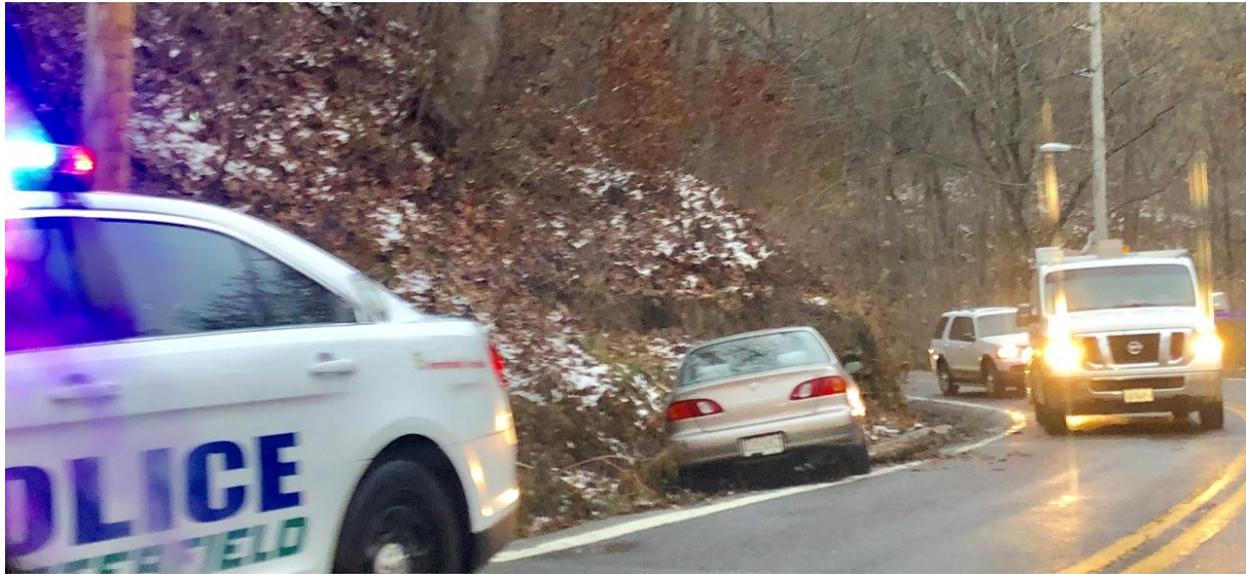
**A 9MM Glock was seized.**

Bien is a hot air balloon pilot.



1016 Greystone Manor

**EATHERTON ROAD AN EARLY CHESTERFIELD ICY SPOT.** Thursday afternoon December 6 most road were wet with the temps hanging around 32 or above. Out on Eatherton Road the temps were 32 or below. Chesterfield Police stood by for a tow truck and a salt truck. We were informed that this section of Eatherton is one of the first roads in Chesterfield to turn icy and dangerous. Eatherton is a County road and then turns into Missouri State Highway 109 after it crosses Wildhorse Creek Road going south.



**CHESTERFIELD CITY COUNCIL FILINGS:** The older incumbents had no opposition file against them the first two days for candidate filling in Chesterfield. However the younger office holders do have opposition and they are all older retired residents.

**Candidates for April 2, 2019 General Municipal Election**

**Office of Councilmember (2-year term)**

**Ward I**

Barbara McGuinness (incumbent)

**Ward II**

Ben Keathley (incumbent)

David Behlke

**Ward III**

Dan Hurt (incumbent)

**Ward IV**

Michelle Ohley (incumbent)

Patti Bader

**Ward 1 Barb McGuinness**, who was very fiscally conservative since being on the Council disappointed some by seeming to start going along with Mayor Bob Nation on most issues, losing her independent label. She has been the chair of the Finance Committee. She still squeezes nickels, which is important right now as Chesterfield is looking at some possible revenue shortfalls due to debt payments coming due and other reasons.

McGuinness disappointed some by voting for the reappointments of city prosecutor Tim “I really don’t want to prosecute anyone if they hire a lawyer” Englemeyer and Judge Rick Brunk, the two most dangerous men in Chesterfield who keep fining criminals for amended non-criminal charges and send them back on the streets with parking and littering convictions.

However, that said McGuinness was around since the start of the City of Chesterfield as an original member of the Planning Commission. She certainly is a viable candidate.



## WARD 2

**Ben Keathley**, a young lawyer, who I think might be the smartest member of the council, had an old person David Behlke filed against him on the first day of filing. Keathley is the chair of the Public Health and Safety Committee. He has voted against the reappointment of both the city prosecutor and judge in hopes of making Chesterfield one of the first cities to reform its muni court.

Keathly does his homework on issues and has intelligent comments on pending legislation.



His opponent **David Behlke**, is 76-years-old. He and his wife moved into a condo unit on Bedford Forge two years ago. Prior to living in Chesterfield Behlke lived in St. Charles.



**WARD 3 Dan Hurt** has been around since the inception of Chesterfield and was only out of office after he lost to Bruce Geiger in the 2011 Mayor's race to fill the term of John Nations, who resigned in midterm. Hurt host by 636 votes to Geiger and waited several years before running again for council.

It is rumored that Hurt wants to run against Bob Nation for mayor in 2021. Hurt owns a small manufacturing company in Fenton, Missouri.

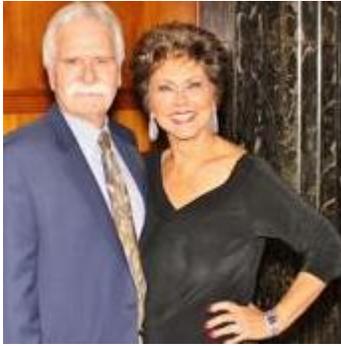


**WARD 4 Michele Ohley** is the incumbent finishing her first term. She is teamed with fellow conservative Tom DeCampi as Ward-4 Council members. Ohley works for the St. Louis Catholic Archdiocese. Mayor Bob Nation would like to get rid of Ohley and DeCampi who often oppose his spending requests and some appointments.

Ohley is currently the chair of the Planning and Public Works Committee.



**Patti (Patricia) S. Bader**, 73, of 186 Fick Farm Road filed to oppose Ohley. We receive some information on the QT that Mayor Bob Nation talked her into filing and was with at City hall her when she filed on Tuesday 12/11/18/



A 2016 photo with her husband Gary Bader in Ladue News.



186 Fick Farm Road

**DEER ACCIDENTS:** The Missouri Highway Patrol lists all accidents involving injuries and death daily on its website. Deer crashes involve injury or death to people are listed. This list does not include crashes with deer investigate by city or county police.

**36-YEAR-OLD BELLEVILLE, IL MAN TAKEN TO HOSPITAL AFTER HIS CAR IS TOTALED IN A DEER CRASH:** Saw his 2017 Nissan totaled after a crash with a deer on Saturday December 8, 2018 on Highway 67 outside of Fredericktown.

Date	Time	County	Location
12/08/2018	11:40PM	MADISON	US 67 7 MILES NORTH OF FREDERICKTOWN

Vehicle Description	Damage	Name	Gender	Age
2017 NISSAN ULTIMA	TOTAL	GREENLEE, RYAN J	MALE	36

TAKEN BY AMBULANCE TO MADISON MEDICAL CENTER VEHICLE 1 STRUCK A DEER

**15-YEAR-OLD PASSENGER GET AMBULANCE RIDGE TO HOSPITAL AFTER DEER RELATED CRASH:** Zack Lebo, 16, was driving a 2002 Chevy Silverado on Missouri Highway AF, 7 miles outside of Licking, MO on Monday 12/10/18 at 7:20pm. His passenger was 15-year-old Jaylin Craddick. Lebo swerved to avoid a deer in the road, left the road and overturned. Craddick was taken by ambulance to a hospital at Fort Leonard Wood.

Date	Time	County	Location
12/10/2018	7:20PM	TEXAS	HIGHWAY AF 7 MILES WEST OF LICKING, MO

Vehicle Description	Damage	Driver Name	Driver Gender	Driver Age
2002 CHEVROLET SILVERADO	EXTENSIVE	LEBO, ZACHARY M	MALE	16

Name	Gender	Age
CRADDOCK, JAYLIN D	MALE	15

TRANSPORTED BY TEXAS COUNTY AMBULANCE TO GENERAL LEONARDWOOD HOSPITAL FORT LEONARDWOOD, MO

#### Misc. Information

VEHICLE #1 ATTEMPTED TO AVOID A DEER IN THE ROADWAY. VEHICLE #1 RAN OFF RIGHT SIDE OF ROADWAY AND OVERTURNED.

**WEDNESDAY 73-YEAR-OLD TO HOSPITAL** A 73-year –old Lawson MO man was taken to Liberty Hospital for injuries after he tried to avoid animal in road. (Area has had a heavy deer population since 1980)

Date	Time	County	Location
12/12/2018	9:30AM	RAY	RT C, 0.4 MILES SOUTH OF RT M

Vehicle Description	Damage	Name	Age	Injury Type
2006 CHEVROLET	EXTENSIVE	ANDRAE, CRAIG	73	SERIOUS

TRANSPORTED BY LAWSON FIRE TO LIBERTY HOSPITAL

VEH1 SWERVED TO AVOID ANIMAL IN ROADWAY AND TRAVELLED OFF ROADWAY.

VEH1 THEN STRUCK A DITCH AND OVERTURNED, COMING TO REST ON TOP.

**WEDNESDAY 27-YEAR-OLD FEMALE TO HOSPITAL AFTER DER/ANIMAL INCIDENT:** At 5:32am a young woman was injured after swerving off the road reference a deer/animal.

Date	Time	County	Location
12/12/2018	5:35AM	CAPE GIRARDEAU	US 61 AT ROUTE E

Vehicle Description	Name	Gender	Age
2003 HONDA CRV	WATKINS, AMBER R.	FEMALE	27

VIA AMBULANCE TO ST FRANCIS MEDICAL CENTER, CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO

VEHICLE 1 SWERVED TO MISS AN ANIMAL IN THE ROADWAY, RAN OFF THE ROADWAY AND STRUCK A DITCH.

**NOT ALWAYS DEER:** Here is another case where a motorist hit a cow and got a trip to the hospital by ambulance. If you remember we reported on two other Cow crashes last week.

Date	Time	County	Location
12/10/2018	6:00PM	BARRY	HWY 90 IN WASHBURN

Vehicle Description	Damage	Driver Name	Driver Gender	Driver Age
2000 PONTIAC MONTANA VAN	EXTENSIVE	RECIO, ROBIN J	FEMALE	33

STRUCK A COW IN THE ROADWAY.

### SANTA ON A FIRE TRUCK SCHEUDLE IN CHESTERFIELD:



Monarch Firefighters Community Outreach Presents  
2018

# Santa Stops!

Dear Neighbors,  
Santa and your Monarch Firefighters  
will be visiting your neighborhood!

Santa and his Elves will be on his sleigh,  
following the fire trucks along the way.  
With music, candy cane treats and lights,  
He will sit for pictures all through the night.  
To find his various stops on the way,  
Look for the "Santa Stop" signs that lead to his sleigh.  
Listen for the sirens, and you'll know he is near.  
He'll be drawn by a fire truck instead of his deer!

**Dec. 17, 18 & 20**  
**5:00 - 8:00 pm**




**December 17, 2018**

5:00 pm

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First stop at Chesterfield Estates subdivision

Location: Riverdale Dr. / Riverdale Circle Nearest Subdivisions: Chesterfield Estates, Eagle Crest Estates, Fox Hill Farms

5:30 pm

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Second stop at the Bluffs of Wildhorse

Location: Hillcrest Ridge Dr. / Bluff View Ridge Dr.

Nearest Subdivisions: Spring Hill Bluffs, the Bluffs of Wildhorse, Somerset, Country Place, Wildhorse Meadows

6:15 pm

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Third stop at Wildhorse Subdivision

/ Highlands

Location: At first poll on Wildhorse Parkway Nearest Subdivisions: Wildhorse Subdivision / Highlands

7:00 pm

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Fourth stop at Greystone

Location: Greystone Manor Parkway in cull de sac Nearest Subdivision: Greystone and Miramonte

7:40 pm

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Fifth stop at Pine Creek Subdivision

Location: Wilderness Cliff Ct. / Keystone Trail Dr.

Nearest Subdivision: Wilderness Trails, Pine Creek, Wilderness @ Wildhorse, Steeple Hill, Chesterfield Oaks

8:15pm

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Final stop at West Hampton Woods Subdivision

Location: Suzanne Ridge Dr. / West Hampton View Lane Nearest Subdivisions: West Hampton Woods, Garden Valley

**December 18, 2018**

5:00pm

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First Stop at Ascension School Location: Ascension School

Nearest Subdivision: Chesterfield Farms, Estates at Baxter Pointe

6:00pm

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Second Stop at Meadow Brook Farms

Location: Country Ridge Dr. / Parasol Dr.

Nearest Subdivision: Meadow Brook Farms, Clarkson Woods  
6:30pm

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Third stop at Cedarmill Bath and Tennis

Location: 1896 Cedarmill Dr.

Nearest Subdivision: Baxter

Lakes, Baxter Lakes Addition, Claymont Lake Estates, Claymont Manor

7:00pm

-

Fourth stop at Villages at Baxter Ridge

Location: Villages at Baxter Ridge Pool

Nearest Subdivision: Villages at Baxter Ridge

7:30pm

Fifth Stop at Highcroft Elementary School Location: Highcroft Elementary School

Nearest Subdivision: Estates of Baxter Lane, Baxter Oaks, Schoettler Estates,

Westridge Estates, Bridal Creek Estates, Highland Forest, Westfield Farm

## **December 20, 2018**

5:00pm First Stop at Manors at Bellerieve

Location: Intersection of D'artagnan Ct. / Bellerieve Manor Dr.

Nearest Subdivision: Manors at Bellerieve, Bellerieve Farm Estates

5:30pm

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Second Stop at Bellerieve Estates

Location: Intersection of Montauban Dr./ Nimes Dr.

Nearest Subdivision: Fernwood Estates, Somerton, Bellerieve Estates, Maison Manor

6:00pm

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Third Stop at Incarnate Word Church & School

Location: 13416 Olive Blvd

6:30pm

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Fourth Stop at Old Farms Pool

Location: Old Farm Estates 1715 Bookbinder Dr.

Nearest Subdivision: Old Farm Estates

7:00pm

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Fifth Stop at Seven Pines Swim Club

Location: Seven Pines Subdivision 2115 Seven Pines Dr.

Nearest Subdivision: Seven Pines Subdivision, Polo Run

8:00pm

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Sixth Stop at Riverbend Elementary

Location: River Bend Elementary

Nearest Subdivision: River Bend Subdivision, River Valley Estates

**SAMMY, DEAN AND FRANK ARE COMING TO TOWN:** The Dean Christopher Christmas is absolutely worth the drive down to the Shelton Concert Hall on December 20 at 7:30. You can get tickets at the door. It has been one of the best Christmas Shows in St. Louis for the last 18 years. Here is the link to a You Tube promo for the show.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rpNIGkKx5Q0&feature=share>

A CLASSIC VEGAS  
RAT PACK & MORE CHRISTMAS

starring

# DEAN CHRISTOPHER



**Returning to The Sheldon. One of the greatest eras in the history of entertainment ...“Classic Vegas,” meets the holiday season head-on. The style, the entertainers, all brought to life and rolled up into your favorite holiday tunes by award winning actor, singer and impressionist, Dean Christopher and his band. A one of a kind holiday show you won’t soon forget, not to mention, a sure-fire way to get into the holiday spirit!**

**The Sheldon Concert Hall**  
**Thursday, December 20 at 7:30pm**

Tickets (\$15) are available through MetroTix or at [www.thesheldon.org](http://www.thesheldon.org). Tickets may also be purchased without a convenience charge at the Fox Theatre Box Office.

Group Discounts Available

Here is the Youtube link for a promo of his regular Rat Pack Show:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lhqEG9hPJjU>

**CHRISTMAS TIME AT JAZZ AT THE BISTRO:** Here is your chance to enjoy going to St. Louis premiere music nightclub at a reasonable price. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday December 18-20 will feature Jazz St. Louis Big Band doing the Duke Ellington chart of the Nutcracker.

## **Jazz St. Louis Big Band plays Ellington's Nutcracker**

Celebrate the Holidays with a special showcase of Duke Ellington's Nutcracker Suite performed by the Jazz St. Louis Big Band. These jazz interpretations of Tchaikovsky's ballet, arranged by Ellington and Billy Strayhorn, feature tunes like "Sugar Rum Cherry" (taking the place of "Dance of the Sugar-Plum Fairy") and "Peanut Brittle Brigade" (taking the place of the mundanely named "March"). Filling out each set will be Ellington/Strayhorn classics like "Take the A-Train," "Cottontail," "Koko," "The Mooche," and more, all played from the original charts.

**THE WEEKEND BEFORE CHRISTMAS IT IS A VERY MANLEY CHRISTMAS AT THE BISTRO:** At \$20 a ticket it is the cheapest ticket all year at the Bistro, for a very good show with some of the city's best musicians.



We go to the early show and if the second show is not sold out we can go to that one too. We try and bring a designated drinker so we can promise to buy something from the bar during the second show. However early show tickets are going fast, but there are lots of late show tickets available.

**VIDEO FROM ROUTE 66 JAZZ ORCHESTRA 2018 CHRISTMAS SHOW.** Actually the second set at the Sheldon Concert Hall are Christmas tunes. Here is the link to that performance:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PcRX0XJr6w&feature=youtu.be>



**One of the best Christmas Albums ever.**

Here are links to Joy to the World and Deck the Halls

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oIHMWFtMz78>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1xGPyoKcC\\_Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1xGPyoKcC_Q)

I used to be able to download the entire Christmas Album, but I could only find a link for the whole album this year that does not have the correct cover, and has a photo that is not of the Singers Unlimited, but all the songs are there.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=drMugF2qRiQ>

47 years after it was first recorded CDs and vinyl albums of it are still selling on the internet. The late Gene Puerling (founder) and Don Shelton were original members of the Hi-Los who recorded from 1951 to 1964.

The other two members of the Singers Unlimited were the late Len Dressler and Bonnie Herman, who were jingle signers out of Chicago. Len was famous for doing the Ho-Ho-Ho on the Jolly Green Giant, while nationally Bonnie was known for recording the first “Like a Good Neighbor State Farm is There” jingle. She is famous in St. Louis for being the original voice heard on St. Louis radio stations for over 40 years singing “For a Whole in Your Roof or a Whole New Roof, Frederick, Frederick Roofing.” Herman was the daughter two members of the Lawrence Welk Orchestra and the niece of jazz big band leader Woody Herman.



The Singers Unlimited c.1977 (Left To Right: [Len Dresslar](#), Don Shelton, Bonnie Herman, [Gene Puerling](#))

I told this story before, but it is worth another telling for new readers. In high school and in between radio station disc jockey jobs in the late 60s and early 70s I worked at Webster Records on Lockwood in Webster Groves.

In the mid-70s when I was cop I would show up on Friday nights when I was off-duty or when I was a plain clothes detective. I would try and keep a low profile and store owner Roy Gleason would announce in a loud voice “Good Evening OFFICER” just in case there was a potential shoplifter in the store. The Friday night regulars at the shop would hang out by the Coca-Cola vending machine that still dispensed a cold 6 /12 oz bottle of Coke for 10-cents. Those small bottles of Coke would have where it was first bottled stamped on the bottom. There was a nickel deposit on the bottle if you took it with you or bought a six-pack at the supermarket. Bottles from all over the country would end up back at different bottling plants to be refilled.



We would spend a dime for a Coke and put a dime in the pot. Whoever got the bottle with the city stamped on the bottom farthest away from St. Louis would win the pot. Being die hard gamblers you would do this at least four times meaning you consumed 26 ounces of Coke.



But back to Christmas. The Signers Unlimited album was a popular seller so Roy Gleason would have 25 in stock at the start of a Christmas season.

Early one Christmas Season around 1975 KMOX radio personality Jack Carney was doing the start of his 9-to-noon radio show. Carney would start with a two or three minute long joke and then play a couple of songs. At the time Carney had one of the highest local radio ratings in the country. Four out of 10 people in the St. Louis region who listened to the radio were tuned in to him.



After he finished with the joke, he played two cuts from the Singers Unlimited Christmas Album. At the end of the songs he made a casual mention that listeners always want to know where to buy the album and he understood Webster Records had it. He said this shortly before 9:30 AM and by 11 AM all 25 albums were sold. Roy Gleason was beside himself because he could not reorder more and have them arrive in time for the Christmas music rush. (Times have changed, you can get it in two days online and good luck finding many record stores.).

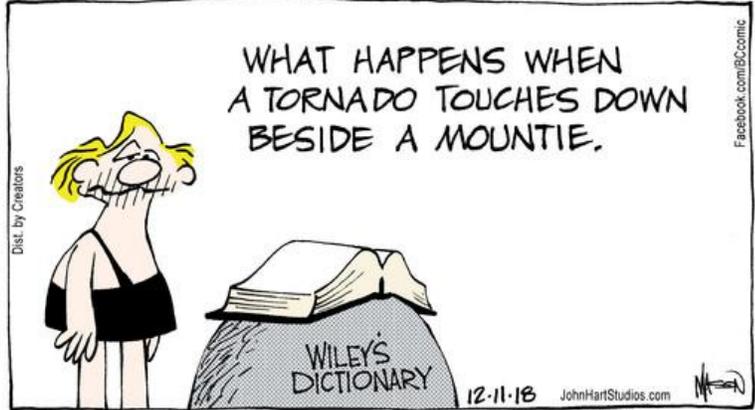
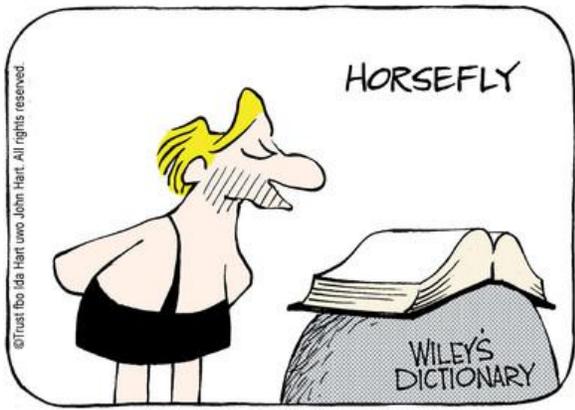
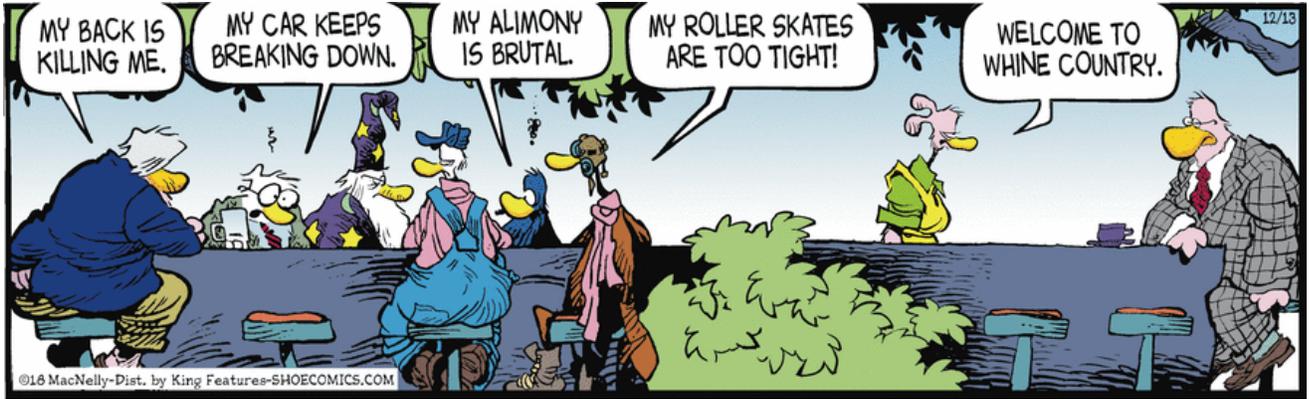
This story told, I have to recommend you going online and ordering the CD and maybe the single Singers Unlimited Best of CD. The other one for sale in a 7-CD set of over 100 songs, but that one is a little expensive.

**NEW LYRICS TO AN OLD SONG UNDER ATTACK:** Baby It Is Cold Outside! As of Tuesday this clip had over 41,000,000 views.

<https://www.facebook.com/TheHoldernessfamily/videos/baby-just-go-outside/2143602559195493/>

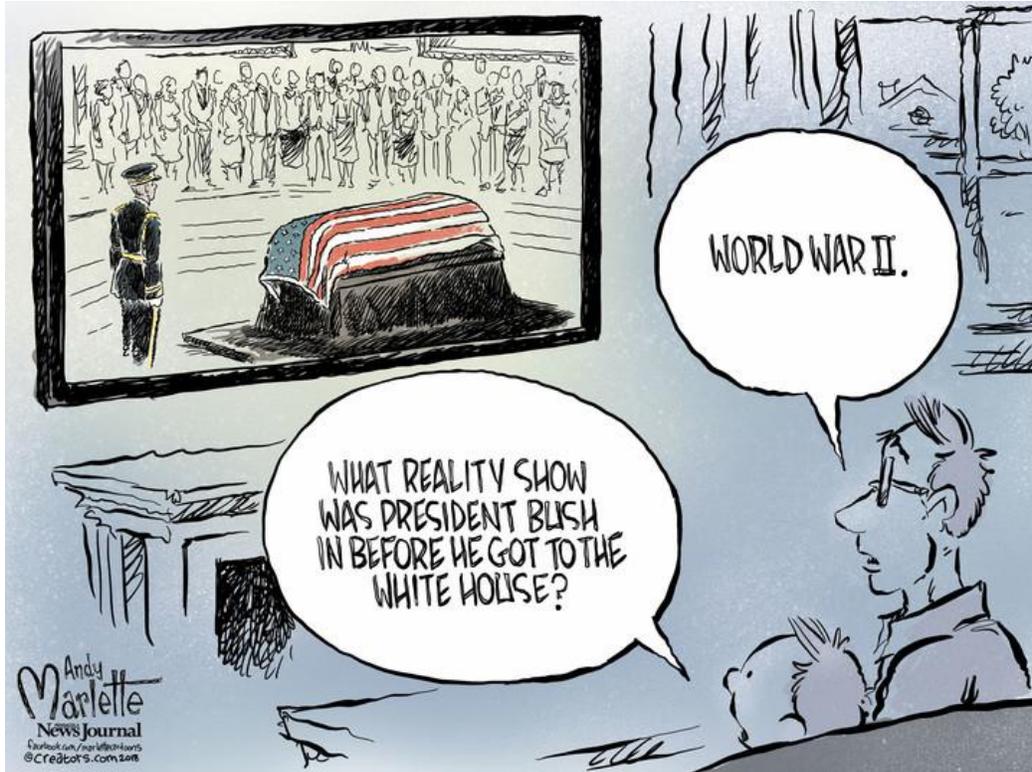


CARTOONS:





Johnny Appleseed's later years.







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