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UPDATE ON JOHN'S CONDITION

Current plans are for John to be released from the hospital on Monday, April 8. He said he is ready to get back to the keyboard and plans to give it a try Monday night or Tuesday. If all goes well and he can sit and type without significant pain, he plans to create next weekend's edition. This week's edition is mostly John's work, as dictated to his wife Diana (who has been invaluable in keeping things running in John's absence) from his hospital bed.



FRAUTSCHI COASTS TO AN IMPRESSIVE WIN



Despite having the Mayor and two Aldermen working against her, Town and Country's Tiffany Frautschi (left) coasted to a huge win in Ward 2 over Mayor Dalton's candidate Laura Baer. As we chronicled in our last three newsletters, much of the Baer campaign was based on falsehoods and mud slinging.

Incumbent Frautschi, who for the past four years has researched use of taxes while voting against over spending and issues on ethics, drainage from contractors not supervised by Public Works, hosted meetings and coffees **clobbered, walloped and drubbed** her opponent Laura Baer (right). Tiffany received 479 votes or 71.49% of the vote, while Baer received 28.21% or 189 votes. Ward 2 had a huge turnout of 668 voters.



Last Summer Laura Baer told me she was considering running for Alderman against Tiffany Frautschi. "You would get your ass kicked," was my immediate response. At that time, I thought Tiffany would win by 60%. Laura responded she thought Frautschi and the other Ward 2 Alderwoman Lindsey Butler (left) were doing a bad job. Baer then added how she "hated" both Frautschi and Butler. When I asked if she had ever talked to either Butler or Frautschi, Baer admitted she had not but she thought they were stuck up.



The Mayor needed to try and get rid of Frautschi before 2021, in fear that she may run against him. She has read and studied countless contracts, emails, the city code, and piles of paper concerning the Town Square and Mason Road Trail developments gone bad, and the Public Works audit. She and Lindsey know what was really going on in the Public Works Department and the city. Most of the Aldermen from other Wards typically show up and vote with the Mayor's plans without doing their own research. Like Frautschi and Butler, Ward 3 Alderman Matt Reuter (left) has been doing his homework. He introduced the resolution for the audit of Planning and Public Works. I'm not sure why he voted against the funding. Maybe he is waiting until after the election to see if the audit resolution can be resubmitted and is all-encompassing rather than a limited and watered down one the Mayor finally agreed to pass.

Cigarette and Sports Betting Lobbyist Jon Dalton (right) has been Mayor of Town and Country for 16 years. He apparently wants to be the "Lowery" (Long time Florissant Mayor) of Town and Country. (More about Florissant and the Lowerys on Page 7.) The city finances have gone from over \$20 million to under \$10 million during his term. The current rumor mill has the popular Tiffany Frautschi running against him in 2021. That's why it was an all out, scorched earth campaign using Laura Baer as Dalton's pawn. And Laura used over \$10,000 of her own money in the campaign.



Lynn Wright and Fred "Tax Cheat" Meyland-Smith were Dalton's dutiful soldiers going door to door and working behind the scenes for Laura Baer. They didn't tell you about Laura Baer and her platform, Fred just bad mouthed Tiffany Frautschi. One gentleman asked Laura to speak because Fred was doing all the talking. So maybe going door to door with a "tax cheat" was not such a good idea for Laura.

THE SIGN WARS IN TOWN AND COUNTRY WARD 2

You can almost bet your paycheck on the winner of a political campaign in Ward 2 by who has the most signs. Laura was trying everything in the book of dirty tricks to make it seem like she had the most. Did you notice her signs were bigger and more colorful? Or that she placed them in front of homes that were empty or the residents were away?



Other tricks are to put them in Right of Ways, city property or between neighbors and on common ground in subdivisions. All along Mason and Topping you would see Laura Baer signs go up and down. Some close neighbors just wanted to keep the



peace. And there were not a lot of Laura signs in subdivisions. Town and Country asks the candidates to sign an agreement that they will get the permission of the property owner before putting up a sign.

The city's municipal code states, "Political signs are not permitted on public property or public rights-of-way and are only permitted on private property with the property owner's permission."

SIGHTS ON ELECTION DAY IN TOWN AND COUNTRY WARD 2



The Baptist Church precinct on the South Outer Road was pretty quiet in the afternoon.



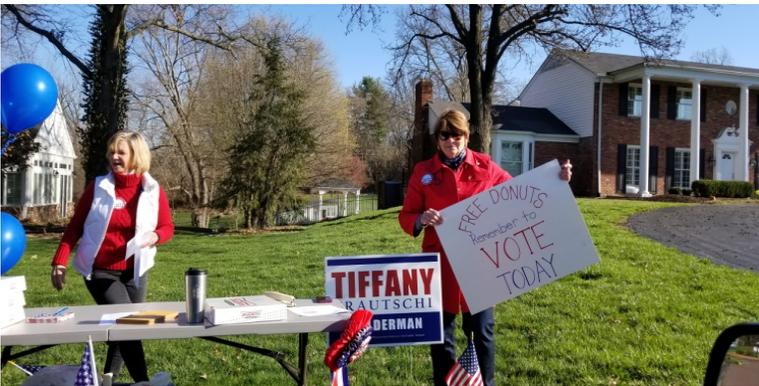
Mason Road polling place shows Laura Baer's poll worker on the left looking lonely. Tiffany Frautschi is in the middle wearing a black suit, talking with a constituent.



Laura Baer (left) and Lynn Wright (right) at the Municipal Center waiting for voters to show up and vote.



Laura Baer's car. She gets points for cleverness, even if it didn't win her many votes.



Free donuts for voters in Thornhill Estates.

CHALLENGE TO BENIGAS COMES UP SHORT



Dr. Sophia Ford-Glanton fell just 31 votes short of unseating incumbent Jon Benigas (141 to 110) in Town and Country Ward 4.

Benigas is considered one of the "Dalton Boys" but will occasionally show an independent streak. He stated he would not vote to approve more funding for the Mayor's pet \$9,000,000 Project, The Town Square. However Benigas is not much of a community guy. He rarely makes civic events due to his

schedule of being a "husband-only" marriage counselor.

Dr. Ford-Glanton, a surgeon, put her medical practice on hold to run against Benigas and have time to devote to constituents in Ward 4 if she won. In her campaign, she promised to give residents regular updates on city activity, something Benigas did not do. She wanted a balanced budget plus sidewalks along Ward 4 streets. Sidewalks don't exist along busy streets in Ward 4 but in Ward 2 they

want to spend lots of money to replace existing concrete sidewalks. She also wanted to see a park in Ward 4.

The problem in Ward 4 is that the very wealthy won't vote in city elections. 251 people in Ward 4 voted on Tuesday, compared to 668 in Ward 2. Over a long period of time, residents in Ward 4 have shown little interest in local government or local politics.

Sue Allen, the former State Representative and current Ward 4 Alderwoman, is taking no chances with Dr. Ford-Glanton or anyone else running against her. Allen has already formed a campaign committee for the April 2020 Town and Country Aldermanic race. Nick Rallo, husband of former Alderwoman Linda Rallo, who is now a lobbyist, is her campaign treasurer. The actual filing date is December 2019 in Town and Country. Ms. Allen currently has more than \$15,000 in her campaign war chest with some money dating back to her days as a State Representative.

TOWN AND COUNTRY BY THE NUMBERS

Results from the Town and Country Municipal Election held Tuesday, April 2, 2019:

| TOWN AND COUNTRY | | |
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| NAME | VOTES | PERCENTAGE |
| ALDERMAN WARD 1 | | |
| Pamela Holman | 195 | 96.53 |
| Write-In | 7 | 3.47 |
| ALDERMAN WARD 2 | | |
| Laura Baer | 189 | 28.21 |
| Tiffany Frautschi | 479 | 71.49 |
| Write-In | 2 | .30 |
| ALDERMAN WARD 3 | | |
| Ryan Mortland | 212 | 97.70 |
| Write-In | 5 | 2.30 |
| ALDERMAN WARD 4 | | |
| B. Sophia Ford-Glanton | 110 | 43.48 |
| Jon Benigas | 141 | 55.73 |
| Write-In | 2 | .79 |

KEATHLEY WINS BIG IN ONLY CONTESTED CHESTERFIELD RACE



The only contested race in Chesterfield was in Ward 2, where incumbent Councilman Ben Keathley (right) carried 80% of the vote in a landslide win over new resident David Behlke. Keathley received 944 votes to Behlke's 231.



Keathley, the youngest member of Chesterfield City Council is 30 and has lived in Chesterfield his entire life. We still maintain at 30, he is the smartest person on the Council.

CHESTERFIELD BY THE NUMBERS

Results from the Chesterfield Municipal Election held Tuesday, April 2, 2019:

| CHESTERFIELD | | |
|------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| NAME | VOTES | PERCENTAGE |
| COUNCIL MEMBER WARD 1 | | |
| Barbara McGuinness | 959 | 96.87 |
| Write-In | 31 | 3.13 |
| COUNCIL MEMBER WARD 2 | | |
| Ben Kumar Keathley | 949 | 80.08 |
| David M. Behlke | 231 | 19.49 |
| Write-In | 5 | .42 |
| COUNCIL MEMBER WARD 3 | | |
| Dan Hurt | 977 | 96.45 |
| Write-In | 36 | 3.55 |
| COUNCIL MEMBER WARD 4 | | |
| Michelle Ohley | 652 | 94.36 |
| Write-In | 39 | 5.64 |

FLORISSANT ELECTS ANOTHER LOWERY



In the Town and Country election recap on Page 2, we mentioned Florissant's Mayor Lowery. We were, of course, referring to the late Robert G. Lowery Sr. (left), who served as Mayor of Florissant from 2001-2011. On Tuesday, April 2, Florissant voters put another Lowery in that position when they elected Robert Lowery's son Timothy as their new Mayor. Timothy J. Lowery (right) replaces Tom Schneider, who was elected in 2011, but decided to retire this year and who



endorsed Lowery.

Prior to becoming Mayor, Robert Lowery, Sr. was a Florissant police officer for 41 years, 22 of them as Chief of Police. He was also a member of the St. Louis County Major Case Squad for 20 years. Like his father, Tim Lowery swaps the office of Chief of Police for the office of Mayor. Tim has been a Florissant police officer for 30 years and has been the city's Chief since Schneider appointed him to that position on January 1, 2013.

Timothy Lowery breezed to victory, garnering 76.31 percent of the vote in defeating Florissant Councilman Robert Parson Jr., who received 23.06 percent.



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> |
|---|------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|
| 03/31/2019, 0045 03/31/2019, 0045 | 17XXX EDISON AVE | Sky Zone | CHESTERFIELD COMMONS WEST | 6 | Drugs Paraphernalia |
| Arrested: Juvenile | | | | | |
| Brief Narrative Description: 16 yo male in possession of marijuana paraphernalia and out after curfew. | | | | | |
| 03/31/2019, 1315 03/31/2019, 1345 | 1XX THF BLVD | Best Buy | CHESTERFIELD COMMONS | 6 | Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting |
| Arrested: Frisch,Owen W W 17 M | | | | | |
| Brief Narrative Description: 17 yo male concealed headphones and left store without paying. | | | | | |

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| 03/30/2019, 1200 03/30/2019, 1200 | LONG RD & WILD HORSE CREEK RD & KEHRS MILL RD | | | 5 | DWI Alcohol |
| Arrested: Branson,Jeremy C W 37 M | | | | | |
| Brief Narrative Description: 37 yo male charged with DWI after being stopped for a traffic violation. | | | | | |
| 03/30/2019, 1923 03/30/2019, 1939 | 1XX THF BLVD | Walmart | CHESTERFIELD COMMONS | 6 | Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting |
| Arrested: Ubel,Andrew J W 55 M | | | | | |
| Brief Narrative Description: 55 yo male took bedding items and electronics and walked out of store without paying. | | | | | |
| 03/26/2019, 1200 03/28/2019, 2300 | 13XXX RIVERWAY DR F | | RIVER VALLEY CONDOMINIUMS | 1 | Larceny Over \$750 Residence |
| Arrested: | | | | | |
| Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took electronics and money from apartment. | | | | | |
| 03/29/2019, 1345 03/29/2019, 1345 | XX FOUR SEASONS SHPG CTR | Dierberg's | FOUR SEASONS PLAZA | 1 | Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting |
| Arrested: Heinz,Breda E W 66 F | | | | | |
| Brief Narrative Description: 66 yo female concealed groceries and left store without paying. | | | | | |
| 03/29/2019, 1435 03/29/2019, 1441 | 13XXX OLIVE BLVD | Jiffy Lube | NO SUBDIVISION WARD 1 | 1 | Assault Common - Actual Assault |
| Arrested: | | | | | |
| Brief Narrative Description: Report of two co-workers who pushed each other after argument causing minor injury. | | | | | |
| 03/29/2019, 1437 03/29/2019, 1437 | 17XXX CHESTERFIELD AIRPORT RD | Syberg's | CHESTERFIELD COMMONS FOUR | 6 | Murder |
| Arrested: Marsh,Kathryn J W 37 F | | | | | |
| Brief Narrative Description: 37 yo female intentionally struck boyfriend/victim with vehicle in parking lot after argument resulting in fatal injuries. | | | | | |
| 04/02/2019, 1154 04/02/2019, 1154 | 4X CHESTERFIELD MALL | Macy's | CHESTERFIELD VILLAGE MALL | 4 | Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting |
| Arrested: Barnett,Lakisha B B 39 F | | | | | |
| Brief Narrative Description: 39 yo female concealed clothing and left store without paying. Also in possession of narcotic paraphernalia. | | | | | |
| 03/31/2019, 1400 03/31/2019, 1400 | 4X THF BLVD | Ulta | CHESTERFIELD COMMONS EAST | 6 | Larceny Over \$750 Shoplifting |
| Arrested: | | | | | |
| Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subjects concealed cosmetics and left store without paying. | | | | | |

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| 04/02/2019, 1430 04/02/2019, 1450 | 17XXX CHESTERFIELD AIRPORT RD | Rock and Brews | CHESTERFIELD COMMONS | 6 | Fraud Counterfeit Bills |
| Arrested: | | | | | |
| Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subjects used counterfeit currency to pay for their bill. | | | | | |
| 04/02/2019, 2139 04/02/2019, 2139 | 1XX THF BLVD | Walmart | CHESTERFIELD COMMONS | 6 | Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting |
| Arrested: Papin, Charles M W 25 M | | | | | |
| Brief Narrative Description: 25 yo male concealed electronics and left store without paying. Also in possession of prohibited theft device. | | | | | |
| 04/03/2019, 0044 04/03/2019, 0044 | XX FOUR SEASONS SHPG CTR | Dierberg's | FOUR SEASONS PLAZA | 1 | DWI Alcohol |
| Arrested: Humr, Frank R W 23 M | | | | | |
| Brief Narrative Description: 23 yo male charged with DWI after vehicle collision investigation. | | | | | |
| 04/03/2019, 0845 04/03/2019, 0930 | 14XXX NORTH OUTER 40 RD | Delmar Gardens | DELMAR GARDENS | 2 | Larceny under \$750 from Auto |
| Arrested: | | | | | |
| Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject entered victim's unlocked vehicle and took a wallet. | | | | | |
| 03/30/2019, 1100 03/30/2019, 1100 | 1XX CHESTERFIELD VALLEY DR | Sherwin Williams | BURGUNDY ARROW | 6 | Fraud Scam |
| Arrested: | | | | | |
| Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject convinced victim to send gift cards for fraudulent FBI investigation scam. | | | | | |