

EX ALDERMAN NEWSLETTER 500 AND CHESTERFIELD UNAPPROVED 445



October 9, 2021

PLANNING AND ZONING MEETING Missing was Mayor Rehm, Fred Meyland-Smih and Ald. Ryan Wittmaier.



The Biggest issue before the Planning and Zoning Commission was converting McNamara Service Station at Clayton and Ballas from a 3-bay service/repair station to a supersized convenience store.

The applicant, Spirit Energy of Allentown, PA asked for the matter to be continued. However there was also a Public Hearing on the matter. Nobody spoke, but the current operator of McNamara's Service station, wrote an email in favor of the change.

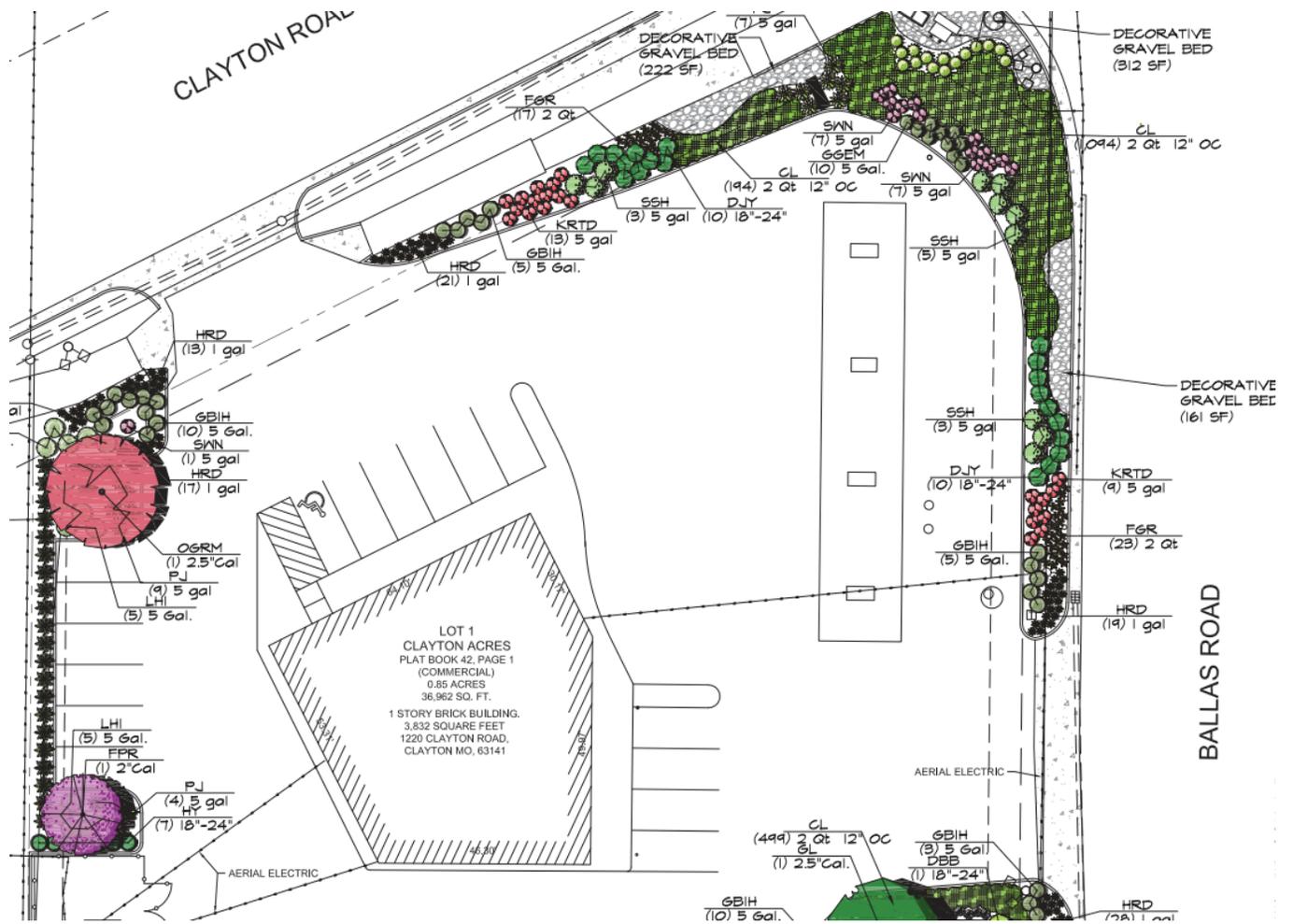
From: [Pat McNamara](#)
To: [Lowell, Laura](#)
Subject: P & Z Public Hearing
Date: Wednesday, September 29, 2021 8:53:59 AM

To the residents of T&C, and the P&Z Commission. Ballas and Clayton Service is the oldest operating business in our City. Since 1951 the McNamara Family has leased and operated this Gasoline Service Station and has provided a valuable service to the community. Mostly unchanged since its beginning, other than the Brand. Beginning with Standard Oil, Amoco, Bp, Shell and now ZX, Zepher Express. We are a Service Station just like in Mayberry, we pump gas, repair automobiles and sell some drinks and snacks. And we would love for this to last forever. But as you know automobile technology is advancing and changing every day. As a small repair shop the investment in the equipment and the personnel to repair the vehicles is not economically feasible. Even though change is necessary, we all want something that stays within the character of this community. So now we must transition to a new business model that makes sense for the city and its residents, but also provide sustainability for our Family business so that we may operate in Town & Country for many years to come. Thank you for taking time to review this proposal and hope your able to approve the application by our Lessor.

Pat McNamara
President
Ballas & Clayton Standard Service, Inc.

Even though there would be no vote there was discussion.

Dennis Bolazina, an architect, felt the location of the gas pumps were dangerous and would have drivers backing up crashing into each other. He had a point.

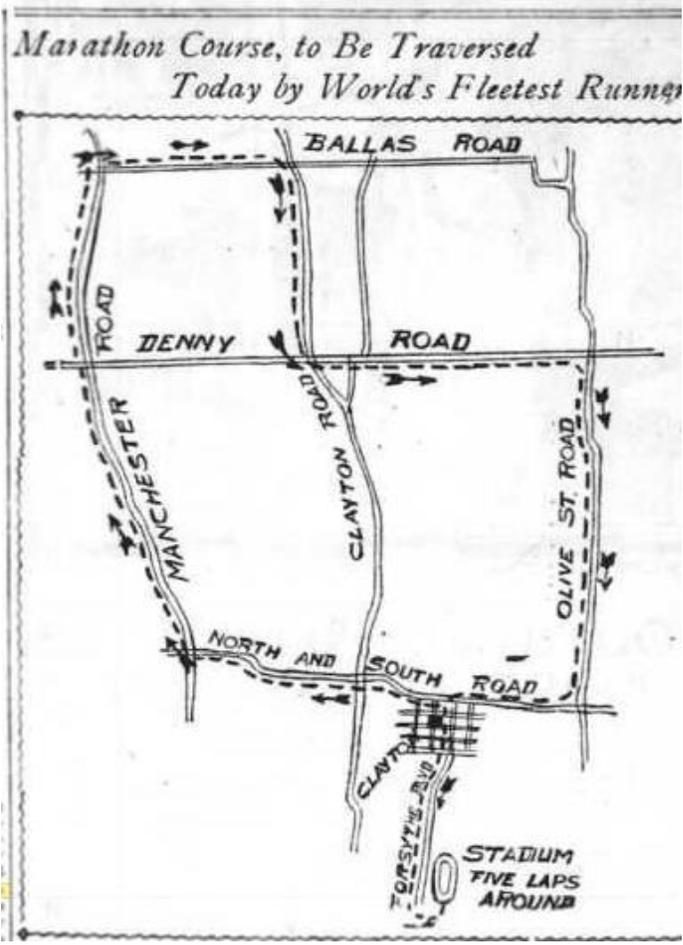


The rep for Spirit Energy commented that the gas station had an upscale appearance but is now run down.

I don't know what he was taking about. The building looks the same to me as when I was buying gas there on my way home to Webster Groves from my job at the Creve Coeur PD in 1973.



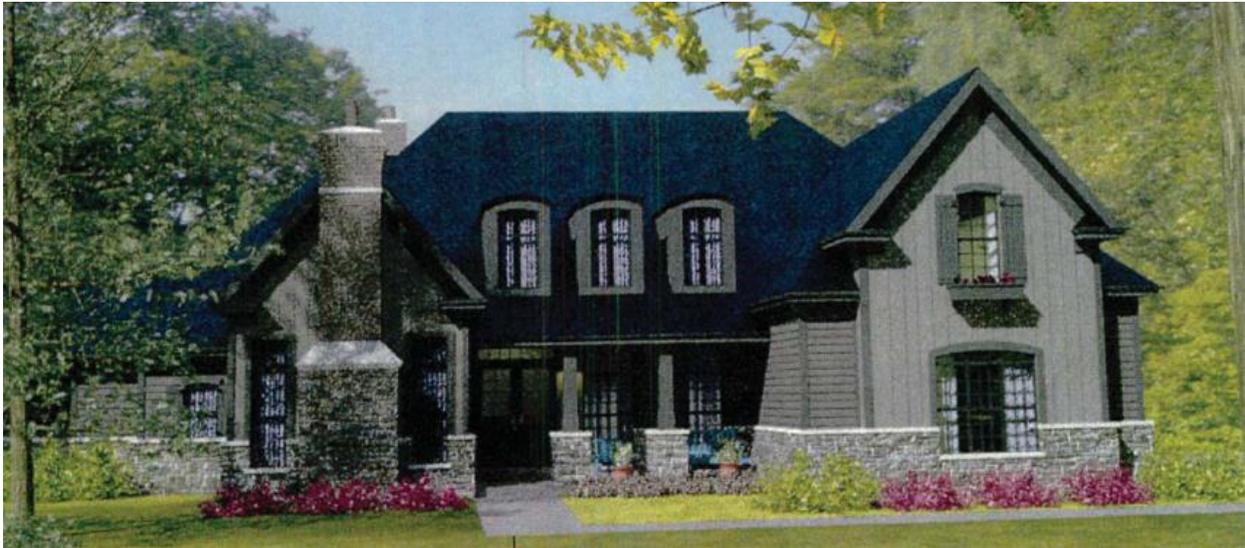
T&C Planning Director Ryan Spencer mentioned it would be nice if the owners included a sign or small monument saying how the 1904 Olympic Marathon route was on Ballas Road and then turned east on Clayton Road.



Of the 31 runners who started the race only 14 finished. The winner was Thomas Hicks, from England but who was running for the United States.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD: The Food Mart conversion was continued but it was mention the canopies over the gas pumps were not included with any plans.

NEW HOUSE: 13218 Lochenheath Ct. This is in the new subdivision where Barrett Station Road dead ends. The house was approved.





FALL FESTIVAL AND FIRE AND ICE APPEARS CLOSE TO BREAKING EVEN:

Using Parks Director Anne Nixon’s charts it appears as if the City is not only breaking even on the Fall Festival and Fire and Ice events on October 9, but thanks to donations is coming out ahead by \$644. However she left one important thing off her charts.

She left off the cost of city employees, including public works and parks workers and police officers and the use of city equipment, including trucks and police cars. She also did not cover the costs of city employees to set up the events or take them down.

However, the amount she got covered is impressive even if it is not the whole picture.

Budget-Fall Fire & Ice; Concert Series Finale at Town Square October 9, 2021		
Sponsor	Revenue	Item
Mari de Villa (Community Sponsor-1 year of event booths)	\$7,500	Fireworks
Hera & Al Gerber	\$900	Town Square Band
John Berra	\$5,000	Longview Band & Stage
James Sinclair (Community Sponsor-1 year of event booths)	\$10,000	
Covenant Presbyterian Church	\$2,400	Bounce Houses
Total Revenue	\$25,800	

Item	Expense	Sponsor
Band-Longview	\$3,000	John Berra
Stage	\$2,000	John Berra
Lights and Power	\$1,561	James Sinclair
Bounce Houses	\$2,400	Covenant Presbyterian Church
Tables and Chairs	\$1,000	James Sinclair
Shuttle bus	\$1,520	James Sinclair
Porta Potties	\$2,000	James Sinclair
Fireworks	\$7,500	Mari de Villa
Food Truck Town Square	\$800	James Sinclair
Band-Town Square	\$1,575	Hera & Al Gerber \$900
Event/Sponsor Signs	\$900	James Sinclair
Food Truck Deposit, returned if sales exceed \$800	\$800	James Sinclair
Volunteer/Band Water	\$100	James Sinclair
Total Expenses	\$25,156	
Revenue Surplus Toward Future Events	\$644	

THE OTHER MONEY ISSUE; IS WASTING FEDERAL TAX MONEY OK? JUST DON'T WASTE LOCAL TAX MONEY! DID THE POLICE CHIEF, MAYOR AND ALDERMEN BREAK THE RULES OR THE LAW? Last week I saw on the Town and Country Warrant List (bills to be paid) the below item.

Ed Roehr Safety Products 5-DressUniformCoats-PolSergeants 875.00
 Ed Roehr Safety Products 4-DressUniformCoats-PolCorporals 700.00

In the history of the Police Department which began in 1983 or the Department of Public Safety started in the 1950s no officers were issued "formal uniform" coats. Currently T&C is experiencing a reduction in revenue and the budget reserve is alarmingly low thanks to former mayor Jon Dalton's Town Square. But we are spending \$1,575 on something we don't need. Police chiefs have had the formal coats but certainly not sergeants and corporals. I was told by the Mayor not to worry because no General Revenue funds were used. The money to buy the "formal coats" is coming from American Recuse Plan Federal funds. SO it is apparently okay to waste and misused Federal funds by the City.

Of course this Federal money could be used to buy existing regular uniforms to replace ones that are worn out and not replaced due to shortage of funds caused by a drop in sales taxes or ones that would go to new officers. But the department never has had "formal dress uniform" coats, Using this money for that purpose would be incorrect.



Formal Dress Uniform coats/ Vatican Swiss Guard Queen's Guard

I asked a friend of mine, who was with LAPD in the 70s, a shift commander at Ingelwood CA PD and Breckenridge CO, he was the chief of police of a department in Monterey CO CA and a suburb of Denver, concerning using Federal emergency funds to buy formal dress coats that you never had before the pandemic. He is currently advising PDs on how to use these funds.

Here is his reply:

The below information came from the National Conference of State Legislatures regarding legitimate expenses for ARP funds. Look at bullet #2 and bullet #3. Those are the only 2 approved categories that dress uniform jackets might even remotely fall into. Also, take a look at the 2 attachments. I did those articles for Lexipol for Police 1 and L3Harris communications.

In my opinion, I would not even attempt to use ARP funds for dress uniforms. Your cops are not Swiss Army guards at the Vatican or guards at Buckingham Palace, but someone wants them to look like that.

And these dress uniforms are "good for morale?" I would be curious to see if the option to purchase dress uniforms vs. something else was ever presented to the officers. Knowing line officers as well as I do, I don't think they would be as enthusiastic as suggested by the Mayor. Maybe load bearing vests or some other alternative. If it were me, I would have surveyed the officers to determine their enthusiasm for the dress uniform jackets. Maybe that was done, but

I doubt it. Maybe you should try to ask a cop or two, including Corporals and officers below that rank. I really don't think cops give a damn about dress uniforms. Now cops are more interested in tactical gear, etc. Or look at bullet #2 below. Would they rather have dress uniform jackets or the premium pay in Bullet #2?

Is this \$1500 for all jackets or per jacket? And what about the morale of the officers below Corporal who don't get the jackets? How does this impact their morale?

You are correct. Dress uniforms are a completely unnecessary expense that will only be used on rare occasions. I think this expense at least comes close or over the line in violating the intent of the ARP funds.

These jackets sure don't "provide government services affected by a revenue reduction resulting from COVID-19." If one makes that argument, then one would have to prove that the jackets were already going to be ordered but revenue reduction makes that not possible. And I highly doubt that.

I think this is just a COP who wants some of his staff to look pretty. That ain't what police work is all about.

Call me anytime for my very un-PC opinions. I specialize in those.

- **Use of funds:**

- Respond to the COVID-19 emergency and address its economic effects, including through aid to households, small businesses, nonprofits, and industries such as tourism and hospitality.

- Provide premium pay to essential employees or grants to their employers.

- Premium pay couldn't exceed \$13 per hour or \$25,000 per worker.

- Provide government services affected by a revenue reduction resulting from COVID-19.

- Make investments in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure.

- State and local governments cannot use the funds towards pensions or to offset revenue resulting from a tax cut enacted since March 3, 2021.

- State and local governments could transfer funds to private nonprofit groups, public benefit corporations involved in passenger or cargo transportation, and special-purpose units of state or local governments.

Once again, the operative response for me to the Mayor who cited “boosting morale” for the reason for the expense, what about the officers who are not Corporals who don’t get those nice Swiss Guard jackets? Did any one consider their “morale” when some officers get the jackets and others don’t. Talk about creating a wedge between the ranks with a stupid, unreasonable expense. All the above purchases I cited would benefit all the officers, not just some.

John Hough

John also writes for Police Management websites and has produced some rather detailed material on this subject.

Here is a definition of the ARP (American Rescue Plan. Notice that it involves paying for the increase demand in services while there was a drop in revenue. No where does it cover buying Formal Police Uniform Coats. Buying masks, scrubs, disinfectants, replacing existing work uniforms...yes...Formal Police Coats NO!

The American Rescue Plan (ARP), also known as the COVID-19 Stimulus Package, is a \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus bill passed by the United States Congress and signed into law by President Joe Biden on March 11, 2021. The intent of the ARP is to accelerate the nation’s recovery from the economic and public health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the resultant recession. State and local revenue streams precipitously plummeted as a result of the economic fallout generated by the pandemic, while at the same time the demands for services increased. The net result was an untenable and unsustainable imbalance.

LEGAL VIEW: We also contacted the website’s attorney. He is a former St. Louis Police Officer, who put himself through law school and then worked 27-years as an assistant United States Attorney.

“Of course it is an improper use of Federal Funds,” he said. “It might not be and probably isn’t a criminal violation but it has to be a violation of the rules of the grant to get the money.”

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DUE TO POLICE STAFF SCHEDULING WE DO NOT HAVE A FULL SEVEN DAYS OF POLICE BLOTTER ITEMS. WE HOPE TO INCLUDE THEM IN THE NEXT EDITION.

CHESTERFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT Crime Report

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 29, 2021

<u>Report Number</u>	<u>Time of Occurrence</u>	<u>Generic Address</u>	<u>Business/Location Name</u>	<u>Subdivision</u>	<u>Sector</u>	<u>Ward</u>	<u>Incident Type</u>
21 3641	09/27/2021, 2220 09/29/2021, 0820	15XXX HEATHERCROFT DR		HIGHCROFT ESTATES	3	2	Larceny under \$750 from Auto
Arrested: N/A							
Brief Narrative Description: Backpack containing Parkway School District property stolen out of vehicle.							

21-3641 - Larceny Report

Student at Parkway West reported person/s unknown stole a laptop and some books from his vehicle while it was parked at his home on Heathercroft Drive. The victim stated his vehicle was locked but there were no signs of forced entry. There were no witnesses or video located.

21 3644	09/14/2021, 1243 09/29/2021, 1248	15XXX GOLDEN RIDGE CT		BAXTER LAKES	3	2	Fraud Bank Account
Arrested: N/A							
Brief Narrative Description: Several attempts to open fraudulent bank accounts through corporate bank account.							

21-3644 - Fraud Report

A resident on Golden Ridge Court reported that there have been several attempts to open bogus credit cards and checking accounts through his business/corporate accounts and the bank required a police report before they would investigate.

21 3645	09/28/2021, 2130 09/29/2021, 1351	1XX MINITREE CT		TRAILS WEST VILLAGE OF GREEN TRAILS	1	1	Trespassing Private Property
Arrested: N/A							
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown suspect opened victim's vehicle and searched through it but did not steal anything.							

21 3646	09/29/2021, 1311 09/29/2021, 1322	23XX CLAYMOOR DR		GREENS OF BROADMOOR THE	3	3	Assault Domestic
Arrested: Gunning, Thomas W 82 M							
Brief Narrative Description: Father threw BBQ sauce bottle at daughter and struck daughter in the face.							

21 3647	09/29/2021, 1338 09/29/2021, 1348	16XX CLARKSON RD	Elle Salon	CHESTERFIELD CROSSING	6	2	Harassment/Threat Phone
Arrested: N/A							
Brief Narrative Description: Suspect made several angry and abusive phone calls to business.							

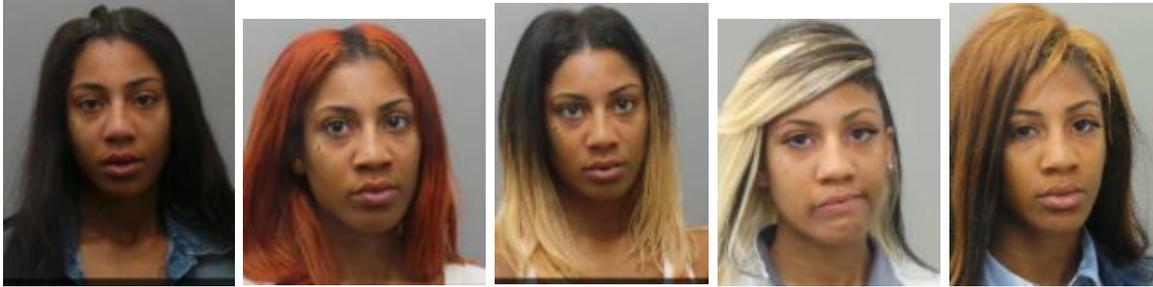
21 3648	09/17/2021, 1530 09/29/2021, 1537	15XXX KETTINGON RD		WESTHAMPTON			Burglary Residential - Garage
Arrested: N/A							
Brief Narrative Description: Gas can, leaf blower, weed eater, pellet gun, and lawn chairs stolen from garage.							

21 3649	09/29/2021, 1546 09/29/2021, 1556	18XXX OUTLET BLVD	Chesterfield Premium Outlets	CHESTERFIELD BLUE VALLEY	5	4	Larceny Over \$750 Business
Arrested: Hyde, Breaoni B 26 F Thompson-Bey, Lonisha B 25 F							
Brief Narrative Description: Suspects stole from multiple stores.							

21-3649-Larceny-18251 Outlet Blvd.

Officers responded to the Outlet Mall for a report of 4 suspects stealing. Upon arrival, Officers located 2 of the 4 suspects and a brief foot chase ensued. Officers quickly apprehended the 2. The 2 were taken into custody and booked and processed.

Breaoni Hyde 26



09/29/21 Felony Stealing Chesterfield PD
 05/15/21 Property Damage Florissant PD
 12/24/17 Tampering With An Auto St. Charles City PD
 08/14/17 Driving While Revoked FTA Warrant St. Louis City PD
 03/04/16 Felony Stealing Guilty 1-year jail Brentwood PD
 08/06/14 Stealing PG 08/11/14 Richmond Heights PD

Lonisha Thompson-Bey We found no record in public computer search

21 3651	09/29/2021, 0410 09/29/2021, 1900	11XX VESPASIAN WAY		FORUM APARTMENTS	1	1	Property Damage to Vehicle
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Brief Narrative Description: Numerous scratches found on lift gate and passenger side of vehicle.

21-3652-CIT/Attempt Suicide-18 Chesterfield Airport Rd

Officers responded to an injury case in which a female cut herself on the wrist. Upon arrival, the female refused to open the door and had the inside latch secured. Officers forced entry and determined the female was suicidal. She was taken to Mercy for evaluation

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

21-3653 Warrant Arrest (Chesterfield Airport/Boones Crossing) – Traffic stop resulted in arrest for Possession of Controlled Substance warrant from STLCO.

21 3656	09/30/2021, 0214 09/30/2021, 0715	2XX WHITING LN		FOREST HILLS CLUB ESTATES			Stolen Vehicle Automobile
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Arrested: N/A |||

Brief Narrative Description: Vehicle containing purse and wallet stolen out of driveway.

21-3656 - Stolen Auto

Victim who lives on Whiting Lane reported person/s unknown stole their 2018 Honda Pilot from their driveway at approximately 2:14 AM this morning.

The victim stated the car was unlocked and the key fob was in the vehicle. A neighbors Ring Doorbell Camera showed a white SUV with several occupants stop in front of the house walk up the driveway and then drive away in the vehicle. The images were not good enough to get any plate information or suspect description, the victim stated they also went through their other car in the driveway but did not take anything.

21 3660	09/30/2021, 1230 09/30/2021, 1257	17XXX NORTH OUTER 40 RD		BOONES CROSSING N E	4	4	Larceny Over \$750 From Auto
Arrested: N/A							
Brief Narrative Description: Windows broken on 2 vehicles and property stolen.							

21-3660 - Larceny / Property Damage

SEU officers responded to two vehicles that had their windows broken out and items stolen from them while parked at the Rivers Edge park. Witnesses reported a possible suspect described as a male subject driving an older beat up 2-door black sedan. Investigation on-going.

21 3661	09/30/2021, 1207 09/30/2021, 1213	17XXX CHESTERFIELD AIRPORT RD		CHESTERFIELD COMMONS	6	4	Assault Common - Actual Assault
Arrested: Gilson, Terence W 39 M							
Brief Narrative Description: Suspect was intoxicated in public. After escorting the suspect home, he became aggressive.							

21-3661 - Assault Report

Officers responded to a report of an intoxicated subject near Mimi’s Café in the valley. Officers located the subject who was a well-known consumer with chronic alcohol dependency issues. The subject was cooperative at first but then became agitated and shoved one of the officers. The officers took him into custody without incident and he was transported to the station and booked for Assault and then placed in a cell for protective custody.

Terence James Gilson 39 Ladue Farms Road



09/30/21	Common Assault on Police Officer	Chesterfield PD
09/10/21	Trespassing, Assault, Property Damage	Chesterfield PD
08/16/21	Trespassing	Kirkwood PD
03/12/21	Stealing Guilty \$275 fine	Chesterfield PD
04/14/15	2-Cts Assault on LE Officer Guilty SES Probation	St. Louis City PD
12/02/11	Assault, 2-cts Assault on LE Officer Guilty 2-yrs SES Probation	St. Louis Co PD
01/12/10	Defective Equipment Guilty	MO Hwy Patrol
01/23/03	Violation amended to Loud Muffler \$125 fine	MO Hwy Patrol
08/03/02	Speeding \$100 fine	MO Hwy Patrol
12/05/00	2-cts Unlawful Use of Weapon, Resisting Arrest Assault on LE Officer guilty SES Probation 5-years	Chesterfield PD
01/07/00	DWI Guilty SES probation in lieu of 6 months jail Driving While Suspended Guilty 1-day jail	Chesterfield PD

CODE 1000 Activated in Maryland Heights as a precaution for a concert at the St. Louis Music Park. Two Officers were sent. No major problems reported.

21 3663	01/04/2021, 1405 09/30/2021, 1411	15XXX OLIVE BLVD		NO SUBDIVISION WARD 2	2	2	Fraud Identity Theft
Arrested: N/A							
Brief Narrative Description: Several fraudulent transactions occurred using the victim's deceased father's bank card.							

FRIDAY OCTOBER 1, 2021

21 3669	09/30/2021, 2325 10/01/2021, 0032	14XXX BANTRY LN		VILLAGE GREEN	3	3	Assault Domestic
Arrested:							
Brief Narrative Description: Officers called after dispute over damaged air mattress.							

21 3670	10/01/2021, 0350 10/01/2021, 0603	4XX FORSHEER DR		CLAYMONT ESTATES	3	3	Burglary Residential - Home
Arrested: N/A							
Brief Narrative Description: Kitchen window found open with screen missing and numerous items out of place. Nothing missing at time of report.							

21-3670 Burglary - Residents on Forsheer were awoken by a noise in the house and found that someone had removed a screen, opened the window, and had moved things near the window in an effort to enter the kitchen area. Nothing is believed to have been taken. There is video evidence of the suspect. Investigation is continuing.

21 3674	10/01/2021, 1313 10/01/2021, 1316	8XX W CHESTERFIELD PKY	Homewood Suites	CHESTERFIELD RIDGE CENTER	2	1	Prostitution
Arrested: Cuthbert, Justin B 30 M Watkins, Elizabeth W 27 F							
Brief Narrative Description: While investigating a disturbance, it was discovered the male had solicited the female for sex.							

21-3674 Solicitation - Original call for a disturbance developed into a prostitution case at a hotel on Chesterfield Parkway. The female suspect was originally uncooperative and had a warrant through Maryland Heights for the same charge. She was arrested and booked at the station and is being held for pick-up. The male suspect was cooperative on scene and was given a citation and released.

Justin Cuthbert 30 No local record

Elizabeth Watkins 27

SATURDAY OCTOBER 2, 2021

21 3684	10/02/2021, 0230 10/02/2021, 0701	3XX E CHESTERFIELD CTR	Drury Inn Plaza	DRURY PLAZA HOTEL	4	2	Larceny Over \$750 From Auto
Arrested: N/A							
Brief Narrative Description: Several vehicles tampered with in underground parking lot.							

21-3684 Larceny: A total of 9 vehicles had their windows broken at the Drury covered parking lot on Chesterfield Centre. Items such as purses, laptops, and paperwork were taken. No video or witnesses were located. Referred to Detective Bureau.

21 3685	10/01/2021, 1430 10/02/2021, 1035	16XXX CHESTERFIELD AIRPORT RD	Storage Masters	STORAGE MASTERS CHESTERFIELD SELF STORAGE	6	4	Property Damage Other
Arrested: N/A							
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject cut the lock of victim's storage locker.							

21-3685 Property Damage: A padlock was cut off of a storage locker at a storage facility on Chesterfield Airport Rd. No entry was made.

21-3689: Call of an EDP at an address on Broadmont. Roll call information (PIRS) advised that a mental health warrant had been issued for the concerned individual. The subject was contacted and transported by police to Barnes Hospital per the warrant.

21 3691	10/02/2021, 2019 10/02/2021, 2031	16XXX BENTON TAYLOR DR		ESTATES AT BAXTER POINTE THE	6	4	Violation of Ex- Parte/Full Ord Ex-Parte
Arrested: N/A							
Brief Narrative Description: Order of Protection respondent drove past protected person's house.							

21-3691: A resident on Benton Taylor reported a neighbor violated an order of protection by driving too close to his residence.

21-3692: The same resident on Benton Taylor made a delayed report of **property damage** to Halloween decorations.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 3, 2021

Vehicle **failed to yield** to officer attempting a traffic stop. Pursuit not initiated due to the suspect vehicle **traveling over 130 mph**. Last seen EB 64 after Timberlake Manor Pkwy.

An unusually high number of disturbances were mediated by officers tonight. (overnight)

21-3696 Motor Vehicle Collision with Injuries: A FedEx truck struck a pickup truck on Clayton near Baxter. The driver of the pickup truck was transported to the hospital with minor injuries.

21-3697 Abandoned Auto: A disabled vehicle was abandoned on the parking lot at the Willows on Brooking Park. Management had the vehicle towed.

21-3698 Identity Theft: A resident responded to the station to report being the victim of Identity Theft. Further investigation ongoing.

21-3701 CIT: A subject at a business on Clarkson made statements of wanting to harm himself. He was taken to Mercy for an evaluation.

21-3703 Domestic: A husband/wife argument escalated when the wife punched her husband twice in the head. The incident happened on westbound 64 as the couple was passing through Chesterfield on their way home from the Cardinal game. The wife was arrested. (Cub-Cardinal fans maybe?)

While investigating a call for a suspicious vehicle, officers encountered multiple subjects – at least one holding a firearm – attempting to break into vehicles on Glen Cove Drive. Subjects entered a white Volkswagen without license plates and fled. Last seen EB on Olive in Creve Coeur venue.

MONDAY OCTOBER 4, 2023

21-3708 - Fraud Report

Victim sent \$9,000 in gift cards to a suspect who claimed he worked for amazon.

21-3709 - Larceny Report

Unknown suspect stole a tire pressure gauge while obtaining gas

TUESDAY OCTOBER 5, 2021

21-3715 Arson: An unknown subject placed a one-gallon gas can containing gasoline at the front door of a condominium on Coliseum Drive and set it on fire. One of the residents heard a commotion and went to the front door to find flames coming underneath the door. They were able to open the door and put out the fire by throwing water on it with pots and pans from the kitchen. A person of interest has been developed and the case will be forwarded to the detective bureau for follow-up.

21-3718 Vehicle Repossession: A lien holder, Exeter Financial Group, hired Ideal Recovery Inc. to repossess a 2019 Chevy Sonic from a resident in Woodchase Apartments.

21-3721 Suicide: A 39-year-old resident of Boxford committed suicide via a gunshot.

21-3724 Larceny: Delayed report of a license plate being stolen from a vehicle on Cedarmill.

ANOTHER ORIGINAL MEMBER OF THE CHESTERFIELD PD RETIRES: In the last year there have a lot of them who had 32 years with Chesterfield and some years with other departments before Chesterfield was a city. This is from the Chesterfield PD Facebook pages:





Chesterfield Police Department

September 30 at 9:29 AM · 🌐

Yesterday Sergeant Steve Rainey retired from law enforcement. Beginning his career in law enforcement in 1976, Sergeant Rainey served with the St Louis County Police Department, the Reno Nevada Police Department, Florissant Police Department, and was one of the originals of the Chesterfield Police Department.

During his long career, Sgt Rainey has worked in or supervised all but one of our departments many bureaus and units. He was the Traffic Division supervisor at the time of his retirement.

He has always been looked upon as a great leader, organizer, and an honest, decent man. Everything he did, he did so with his Officers and the citizens of Chesterfield in mind. Sergeant Rainey has been a pillar of the Chesterfield Police Department and will be sorely missed. We wish nothing but the best to Sergeant Steve Rainey in his next phase of life!

CHESTERFIELD CITY COUNCIL MEETING



COUNCILMAN APPEARS TO BE AN ANIT-VAXER, WANTS CITY TO IGNORE MASK MANDATE. Ward 2 Councilman Aaron Wahl, who is a chiropractor and claims he is a doctor on his website, but of course cannot write a prescription, refused to wear

a mask at a health care fair for employees at City Hall on Tuesday September 28 until he was threatened with arrest for trespassing. The City requires all people entering City Hall to wear a mask.

The mayor told him to put on a mask and he refused saying he wasn't breaking the law. The police chief then told him to put on a mask and he again said he was not breaking any laws. Chief Ray Johnson told him he was trespassing in violation of the sign at the door saying masks had to be worn. He reluctantly put on a mask. Now he wants legislation for the city to ignore the County-wide Mask Mandate.



In the Agenda Review premeeting Wahl was very vocal about the mask issue.
<https://www.chesterfield.mo.us/council-agenda-virtual-meetings.html>

Here are some of the comments:

Wahl: What is the penalty for not wearing a mask? Mr. Geisel you said numerous times you can't enforce these mandates but the mayor and police chief are trying too. You are handling this incorrectly.

I don't see that we have to. (Wear a mask) **My body, my choice!** (Apparently Wahl doesn't care about your body or other people's bodies.)

I don't think this is any place for a mayor and police chief to enforce this.

Mayor Nation: The mask mandate is a legal mandate. (Wahl tried to interrupt Mayor Nation without success) It is a legal mandate that we are obliged to follow it in our building.

Wahl: Can the County come in and take over the City in a hostile action?

City Admin Mike Geisel: I'm not going to break my contract with the City by not obeying the law unless the Council tells me otherwise.

Wahl: I consider it a **medical dictatorship**. I think we are beyond the point of saying we know how to protect ourselves. Only when you start saying, “You have to do this!” Then you have lost me.

Nation: Regardless how any of us feel about vaccinations, I am, being an elected officer under a sworn oath have to follow the law.

Wahl: We were elected to speak up if something is wrong.

City Attorney Chris Graville: You can’t walk into McDonalds without a shirt or shoes on or a mask. As a building operator of a public building (City Hall) the position of the County government puts us under a legal order.

At the end of the regular meeting there was a discussion to send the County Mask mandate issue to the Public Health and Safety Committee for discussion. It was decided instead to place it on the next City Council agenda on October 18.

Wahl said he wanted to pass an ordinance to “Direct the City Administrator to change the signs at City Hall and other city buildings to “suggest” wearing masks.”

This brings up the question of the mayor’s treatment of Tom DeCampi over the Best Buy incident. On Thanksgiving weekend the Chesterfield Police were called to Best Buy when DeCampi’s college age son and DeCampi were not wearing masks. Several weeks later after DeCampi was an announced candidate for mayor against Bob Nation, Mayor Nation posted the incident on the front of the City’s website calling it an apology to the citizens from the Mayor for the behavior of an elected official, DeCampi.



There were also a large number of letters from residents concerning DeCampi without a mask.

Should Mayor Nation be consistent and apologize for the actions of Wahl?

THE MAYOR CONTINUES TO TRY AND TAKE OVER MEETINGS: The mayor does not have a vote on anything unless there is a tie. It is called “The City Council” meeting and not “The Mayor and Oh yeah...City Council meeting.” Mayors are supposed to be Masters of Ceremonies, announcing the next topic and speakers. In his third term Mayor Nation still does not understand this.

On the issue of removal of standard Power of Council Review from the development of 17 mixed zone lots there was debate that Mayor Nation was not happy about.

Nation spoke in favor of the change.

Barb McGuinness wanted it to stay the way it was first proposed in February.

McGuinness: Just to take it all out would be a mistake. In February we voted it for lot to lot. Mr. Mayor every time someone asked a “Power of Review” question you get upset.

Nation then took a swipe at the whole council. “It baffles me about this council,” he said and then went on and on.

Dan Hurt the councilman with the longest time on the Council then began to speak for the first time and was quickly interrupted by Nation.

Nation: Dan we don’t need a long pontification on this.

Hurt: That is just what we heard. (referring to Nation’s long statement about the council baffling him) We represent the citizens. That is what we are going to do.

Also as usual Nation would acknowledge Tom DeCampi and after DeCampi started to get wound up Nation would try and stop him DeCampi would respond that Nation can’t do that because he (DeCampi) has the floor. Nation would then tell him to go ahead but hurry up. This plays out at most meetings.

INTERNET SALES TAX. It would go in effect 01/01/23 if approved by City voters in April 2022.



The matter was to place on the April 2022 Municipal Ballot a sales tax on internet sales.

There was some limited discussion. It passed 7-1 with only Tom DeCampi voting to keep it off the ballot.

Nation: Ask yourself how much you bought online 20 years ago and how much you buy now.

DeCampi: This is more government in our lives. It is going on the ballot because it is a tax. It will effect residents' disposable income. The voters sent me here three times and I know they would not want this.

Barb McGuinness said she is not big on new taxes but feels it is best to let the residents decide by voting on this.

ART IN NEW DEVELOPMENT AREAS: There is 99.6 acres in the Wildhorse development district with 17 separate lots from the Chesterfield Mall going west.

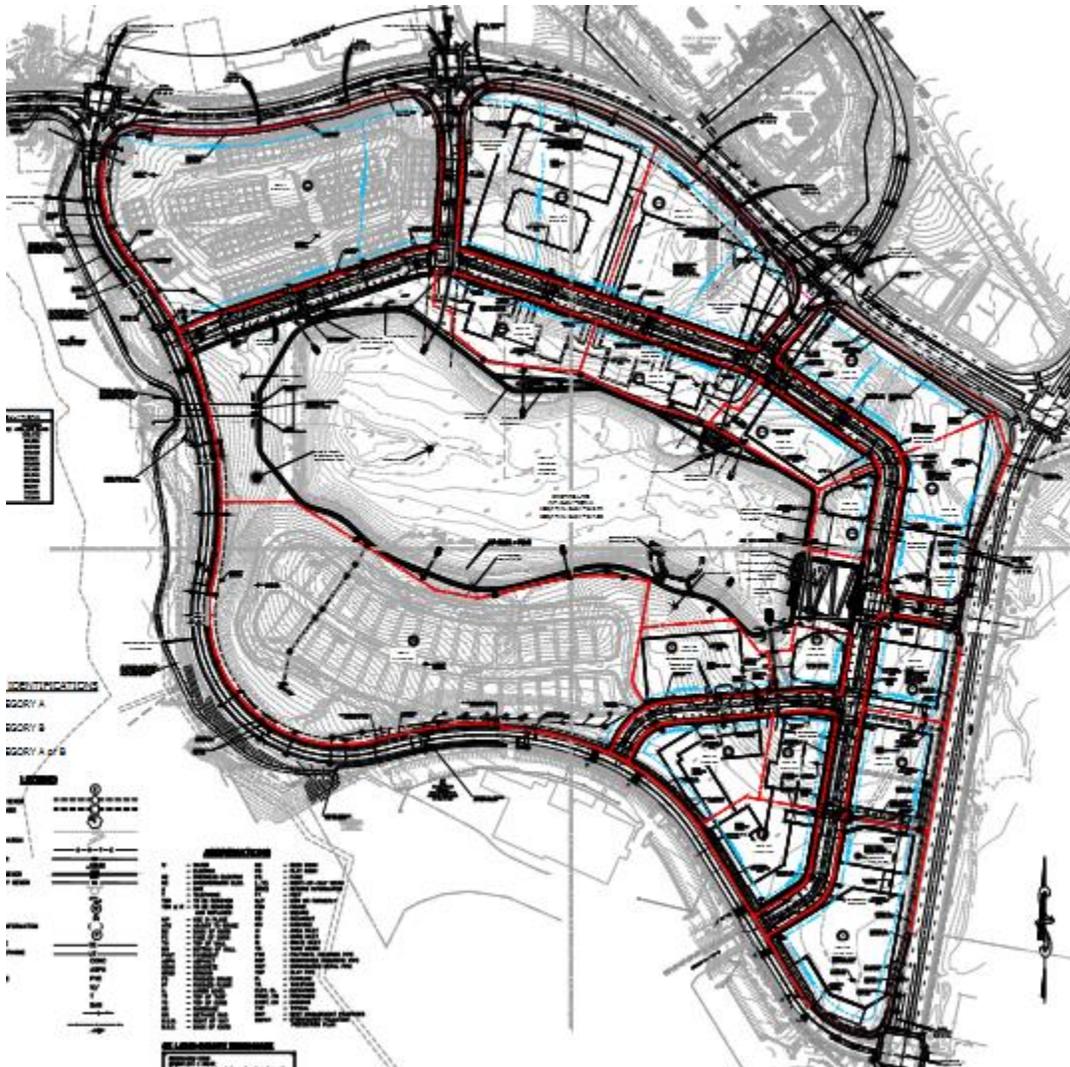
In February the developers at the Planning & Public Works meeting agreed to have a piece of outside art in each of the 17 districts. Now they want to change that to one major piece and not 17.

First there was an amendment to allow developers more freedom concerning the project. That lost on a 2-for, 6-against vote.

Next it was vote to require the developer to install an outdoor piece of art on each 17 lots.

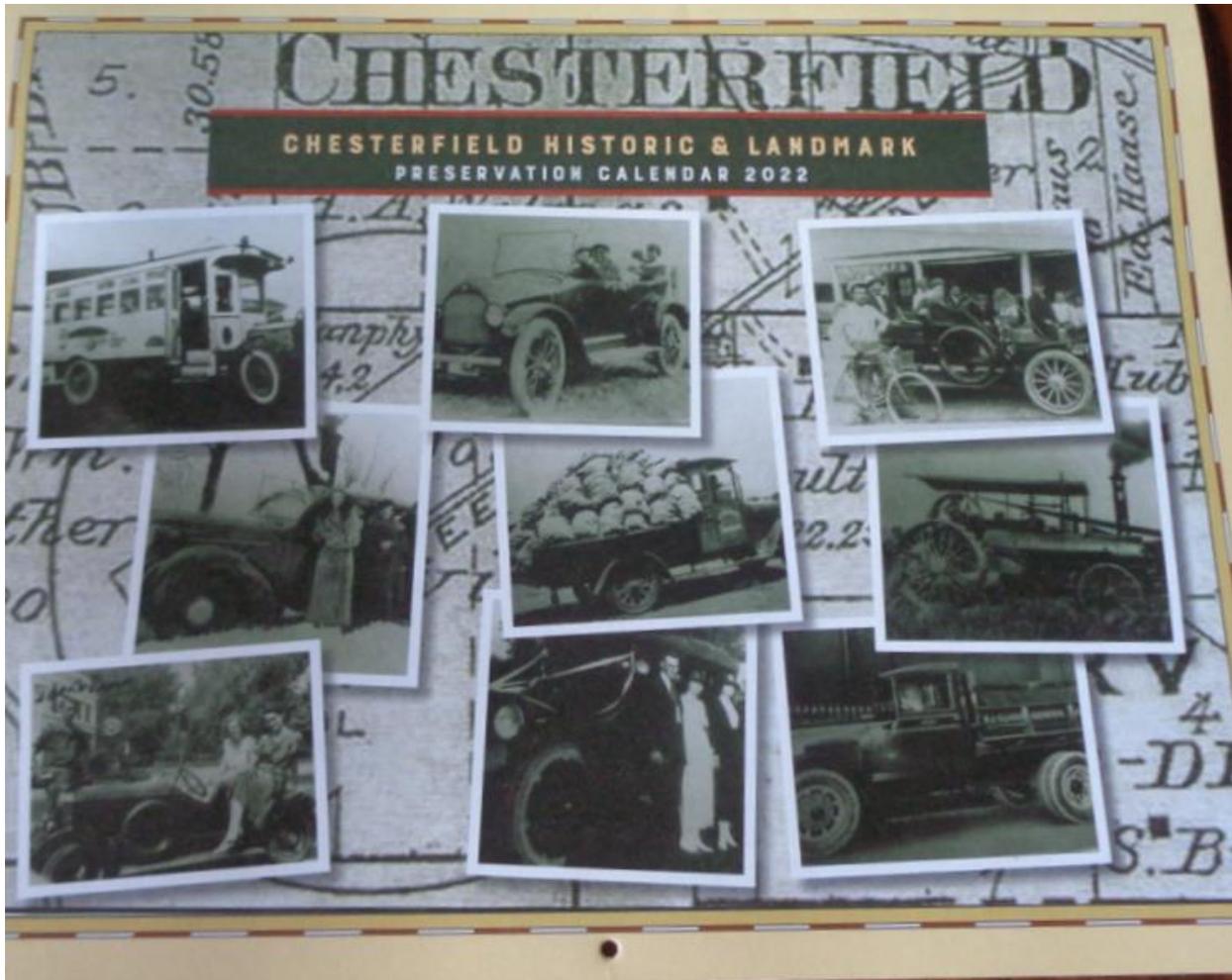
McGuinness: We can't just take out all the art work. 99 acres needs more than one piece. Art makes Chesterfield different. If you take away the art then the city has no law to get any art work.

This passed on an 8-0 vote.



2022 PAPER CALENDAR BOOKS NOW AVAILABLE FREE FROM THE CHESTERFIELD HISTORIC AND LANDMARK PRESERVATION FOLKS;

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The old style paper calendars are available FREE at numerous locations in Chesterfield including, City Hall, the Library and the YMCA. For the last three years I have used these calendars to write down upcoming appointments.

KMOV NEWS ANNOUNCES A NEW STREET IN DOWNTOWN ST. LOUIS: A new young KMOV TV News reporter on Saturday doing a story on the shutdown of the Reign Nightclub kept referring to Washington Avenue as “Wash Ave.”

I sent an email to KMOV asking when the St. Louis Board of Aldermen changed the name of the street from (named after our first president) Washington Avenue to Wash Ave? I also asked if it was renamed, was Maytag behind it.

I finished by saying if they must refer to it as Wash Ave they can count on having one fewer viewer of their newscasts.

THE TIMES THEY ARE A CHANGING: I remember spending a Friday night or Saturday afternoon before Halloween with my parents and a couple of pumpkins. My mom would draw a face on the pumpkin.

My father would then take a knife, cut a hole in the top at the core. He would then empty the pumpkin of its guts, followed up by cutting along my mom's outline in magic marker and create the face. We would put a candle inside the pumpkin and then set it on the porch. We also might help our mother draw a face on one that didn't get cut up.

That family togetherness is apparently now gone. People simply go to the supermarket and buy one with a commercially imprinted face. Gee whiz that seems to be a lot of fun!



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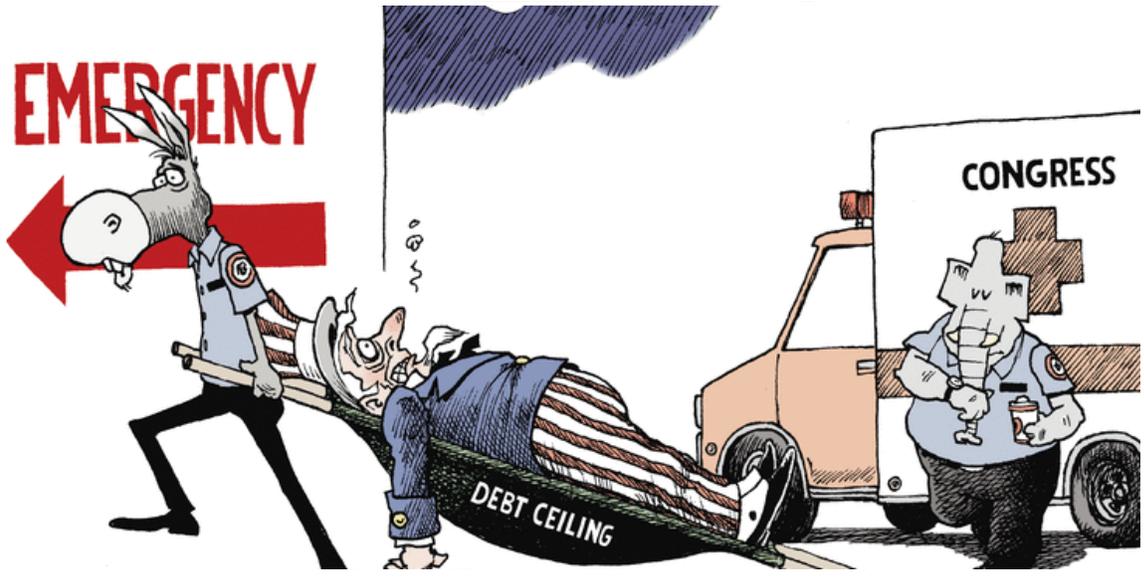
THESE FOUR WERE IN ALL 158 EPISODES. The show premiered on October 3, 1961. The Dick Van Dyke Show didn't age and is still fun to watch.



CARTOONS:



"Still having hot flashes, I see."

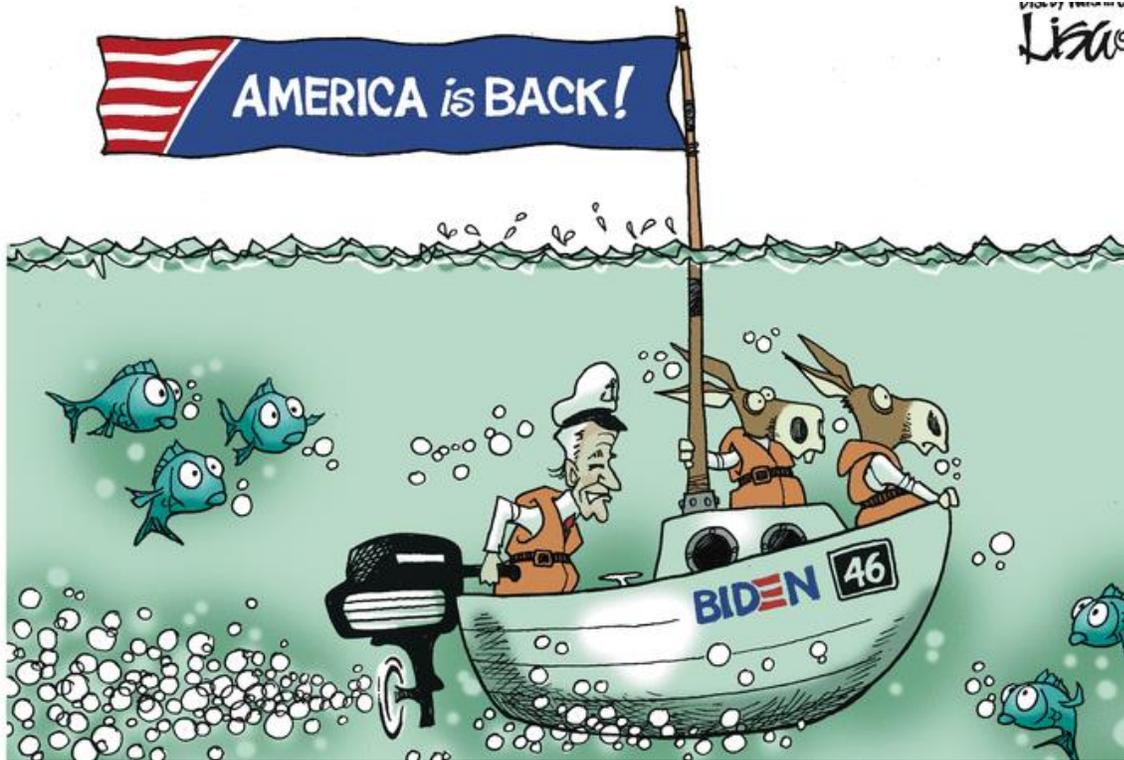


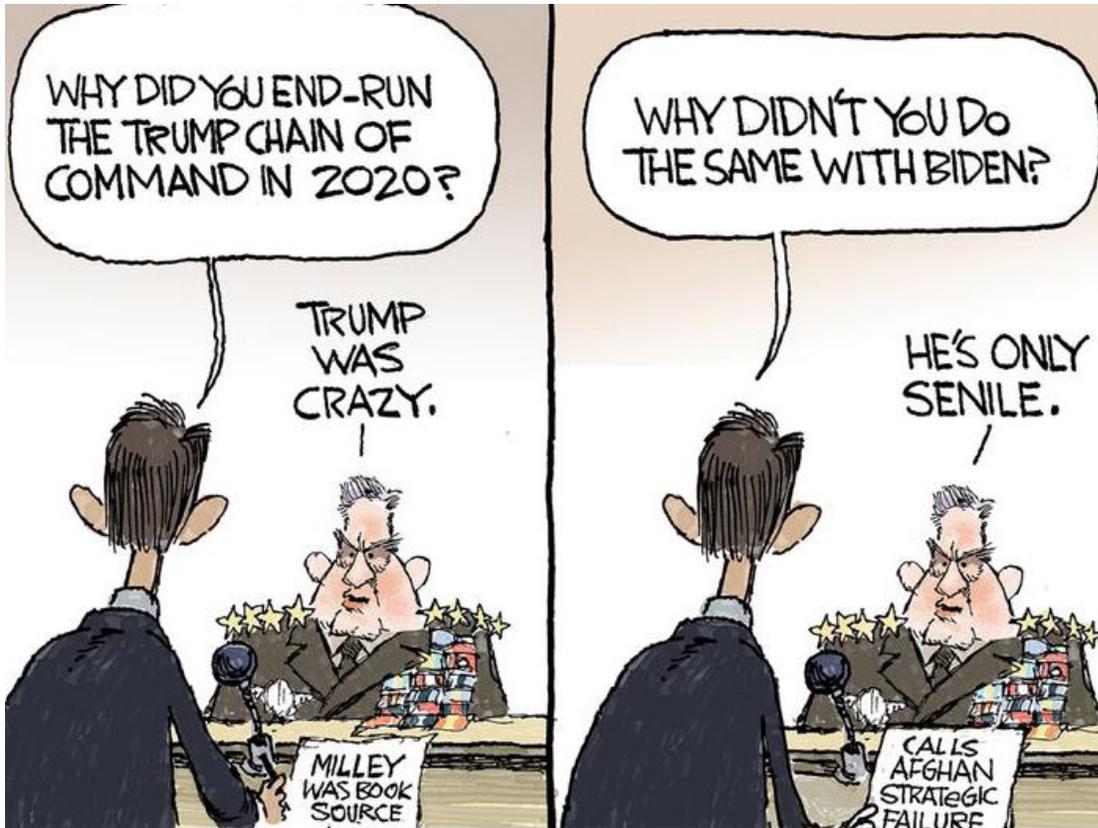


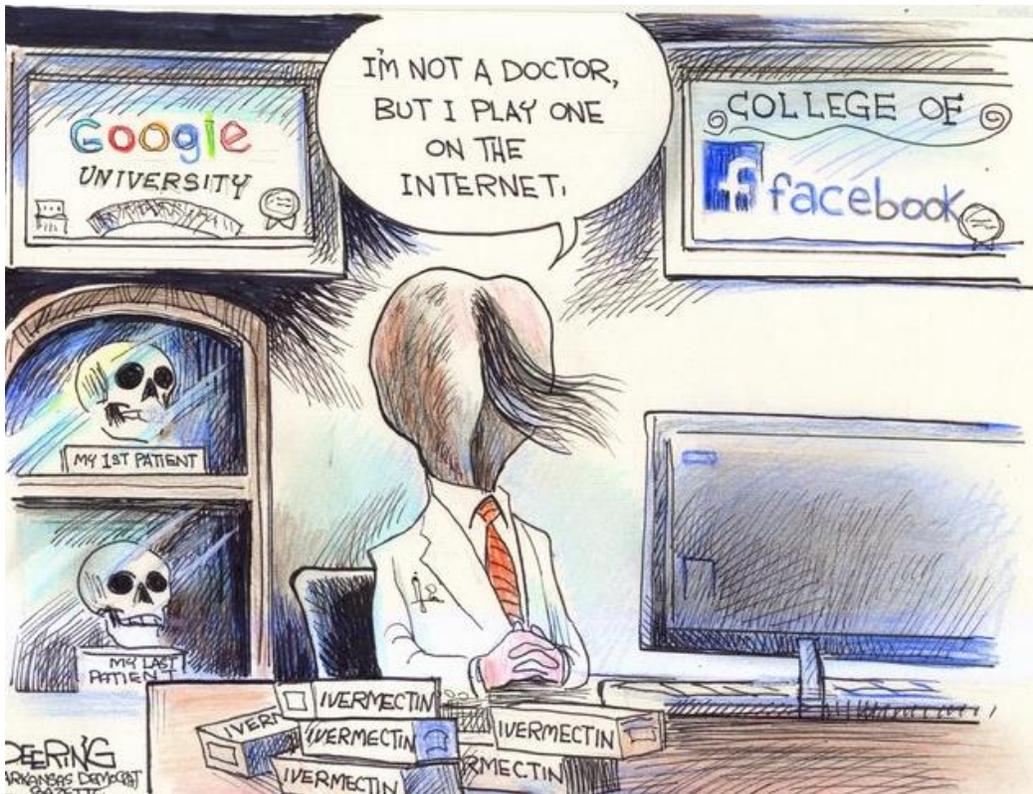
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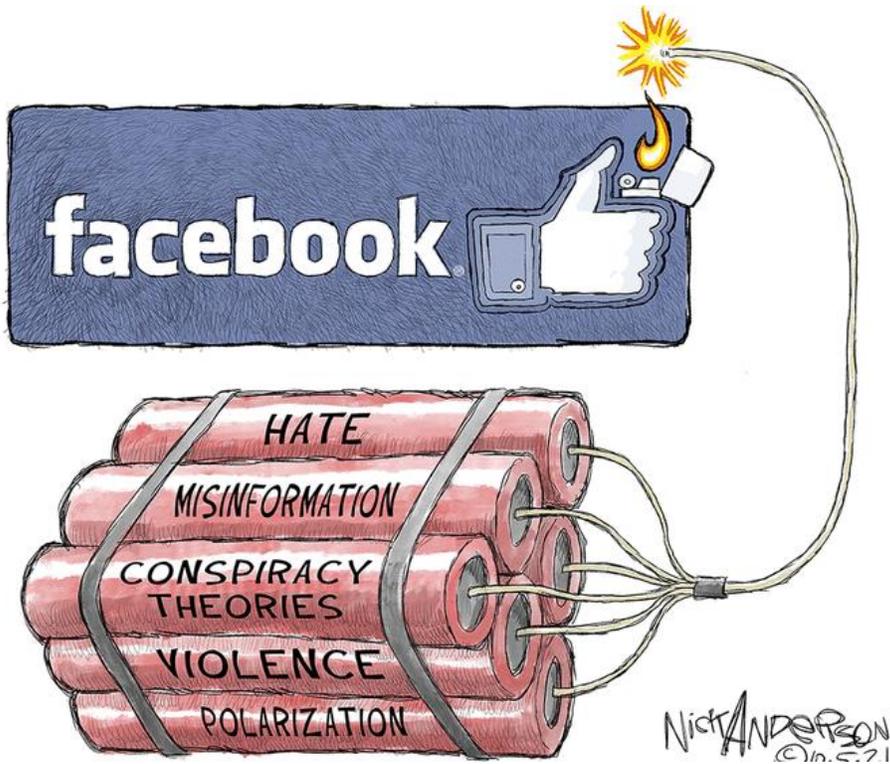
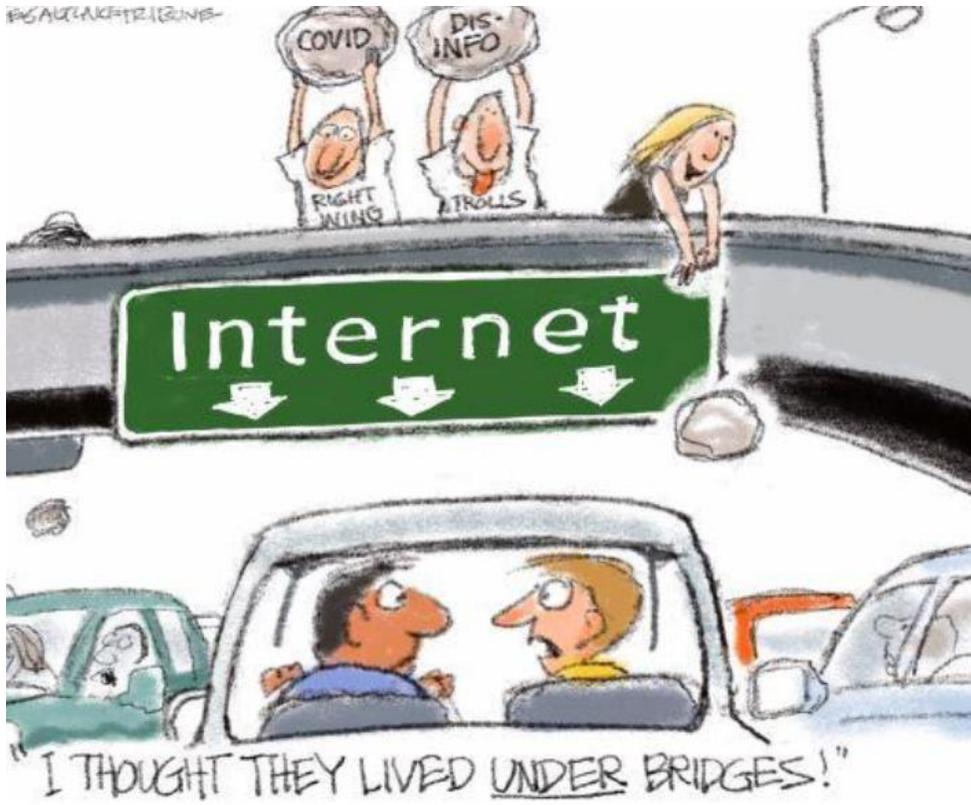
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