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TOWN and COUNTRY: Bringing Focus to Our 2020 VISION THE STATE OF OUR CITY



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As your Mayor, it is once again my duty and privilege to report on the State of our City. As we celebrate our 65th anniversary, I am proud to say that Town and Country remains as strong and productive as ever. What started out as a collection of farmers and merchants in “Altheim, Missouri” has now become one of the most vibrant municipalities in the region.

It is not happenstance that our City is ranked #1 in the State of Missouri for median household income and #12 in the entire nation for such distinction. Many of St. Louis County’s leading corporations call Town and Country home, as do many area business leaders, entrepreneurs, doctors and professionals of countless disciplines. These distinguished individuals, families and organizations help create the strong fabric of Town and Country and solidify our community and its future.



Some of the region’s finest educational institutions also call Town and Country home. In November, Mason Ridge School received the coveted “Blue Ribbon” award in a ceremony in Washington, D.C. for overall academic excellence. At the other end of the education continuum, Maryville University is the only university in the country to receive the NCAA Division II President’s Award for Academic Success with a 100 percent, four-year graduation rate for its student athletes. According to the 2015 Niche rankings, three of our schools have been rated in the top 20 private schools in Missouri—Visitation Academy (11), Westminster Christian Academy (17) and The Principia (18). These educational institutions are not only developing the next generation of leaders, but they also reflect the high standards that are associated with the name Town and Country.

Moreover, it is with great pride that I report on Town and Country’s recent recognition by *Movoto Insider* as the safest city in Missouri, with police and fire protection that are second to none. Without a doubt, our proper prioritization of time, talent and resources for the sake of public safety continues to serve us well as our residents engage in commerce, worship, education and every aspect of community life. Thanks to conservative fiscal management and thoughtful deployment of our funds in recent years, our infrastructure is in great shape with additional enhancements programmed. Our AAA bond rating reflects our consistent financial strength, and the City remains debt free. Significantly, we have continued our 0% property tax levy rate, while maintaining over 100% more in general fund reserves than is required by ordinance, which demonstrates proper fiscal restraint, stewardship and planning. These and more exciting developments will be discussed further below in my report.

*The mission of the City of Town & Country is to maintain a hospitable environment for our residents and other stakeholders and to foster a “sense of community” among ourselves through the following values:
Integrity, Respect, Fiscal Responsibility, Safety and Security, Quality of Life, Community, and Excellence!*

I. FOCUS ON THE FUTURE: 2020 Vision through Strategic Planning

Even as we look back with respect for all that has been accomplished over the past 65 years, our primary focus is on preparing for the future. In that regard, our 2020 Vision is actively concentrated on a unique opportunity that was recently seized by decisive action of the Board of Aldermen—namely, the acquisition of the Wirth property located just east of our iconic firehouse. Given the central nature of this 8.8 acre tract, we are now afforded the chance to assume a proactive, forward-looking approach to community building, rather than continue in a traditional reactive mode to plans brought forward by others. Stated differently, we as citizens will work collaboratively to create something really special for the center of our town that celebrates its existing nature and character, while generating the sense of a “place of arrival” in our community.



Seizing an Opportunity

I strongly believe that good things happen at the three-way intersection of preparation, planning and opportunity. Such will almost certainly be the case regarding the Wirth property. For many years, the City of Town and Country — with the help and support of its Finance Commission — has guarded its financial reserves, generating nearly \$15 million on account to address both strategic investments and planned programming, as well as unforeseen circumstances and catastrophic events. With nearly three times the amount required to be held in reserve at one point in time, we were clearly prepared for anything. Similarly, for over fifteen years, the community has actively engaged in comprehensive, strategic planning to identify both opportunities and challenges that, when properly addressed, advance our collective best interests. As a result, we have a plan for our city, and it has long involved the development of a largely undefined town center or gathering place. Finally, based in large part on the remarkable generosity of the Wirth family, Town and Country was presented with an opportunity to acquire this centrally located and attractive piece of property at a price well within our means but significantly below market price. Finding us at that “three-way intersection,” the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to acquire this community asset.

Town Square: Placemaking and Community Building

Now that we have taken charge of our future in this central part of town, to ensure success we established a decision-making process that promoted diversity of thought, generated open access and transparency, and encouraged wide-spread participation. To that end, we created, by Resolution of the Board of Aldermen, the so-called Town Square Task Force. This collection of talent includes an 11-member body charged with assisting the City in developing a placemaking plan for the best use of the 8.8 acre parcel consistent with the nature and character of the community, while capitalizing on this and other city assets, inspiration, and potential.

By design, the Task Force is a diverse and representative body drawn from all Wards within the City of Town and Country. It is supported by our trusted city hall staff and two volunteer subcommittees: one comprised of neighborhood representatives to provide a formal means of communication ensuring that the interests of those who immediately surround the Wirth property are heard and one comprised of substantive or technical experts in land planning, engineering and related professional disciplines.

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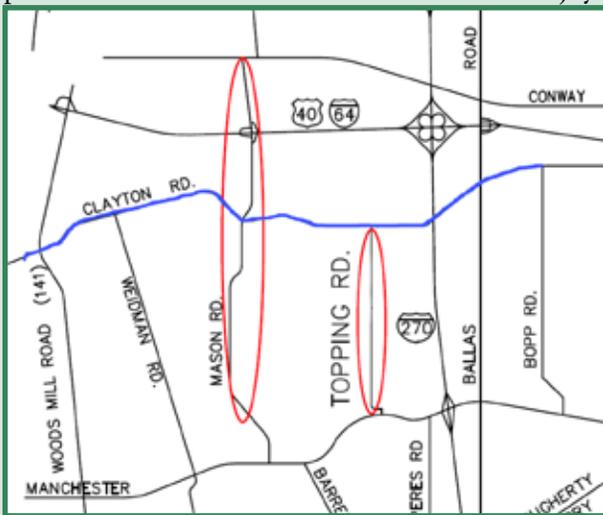
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The Task Force will facilitate a variety of public forums, information exchanges and other communications to gain broad input from the community that will be utilized to assemble a formal report to me and the Board of Aldermen this fall. In the end, we hope this collaborative effort and discourse will build upon the solid foundation already laid by prior strategic and comprehensive planning committees with an eye on preserving our unique identity while further enriching our sense of community.

II. COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Continuing our Master Plan

In addition to the work of the Town Square Task Force, a coordinated series of other activities are underway with the ultimate goal of fully connecting our community through a system of interlocking parks and trails, all consistent with the Trails and Parks Master Plan. We have made great strides in implementing this forward thinking document, which was developed by the hard work of residents, volunteers and commission members. The Master Plan provides a framework that further cultivates our identity as a community and enables the City to connect neighbors and neighborhoods with various destinations and amenities. Countless hours of nurturing this vision led to its fulfillment in the construction and completion of the Clayton Road Trail in 2013. We grew as a community while participating in the process, and will continue to mature as we enjoy the healthy lifestyles and local connections it promotes.



Branching out from the central east-west connector along Clayton Road represents the next logical progression. Recently, the City received funding through the Municipal Parks Grant Commission to study pedestrian access along Mason Road from our southern city limits near Manchester all of the way to Conway Road. An application has also been submitted to the East West Gateway Coordinating Council of Governments for Phase 1 of the Topping Road project that would include a trail from Pingry Place to Clayton Road. Developing pedestrian facilities along these north-south legs will expand access to the Clayton Road Trail and, ultimately, to the “town square” under consideration for the heart of Town and Country. This connectivity was identified in the Trails and Parks Master Plan as one of our most significant

priorities and our approach in implementation has been focused, methodical and fiscally responsible. In that respect, it is anticipated that the City will secure in excess of 80% of the projected \$6 million in total costs from grant programs. Utilizing as much as \$5 million over the next five years from the Federal Highway Administration and the St Louis County Municipal Parks Grant Commission allows for the projects to be completed with a relatively modest investment of city resources.

Community Events Made Better

The value of these connections to the geographical center of Town and Country was evident in October when a single event that combined Fire & Ice, the Plein Air Art Competition and the Fall Festival was staged at our would-be Town Square. Activities included pony rides at Longview Farm Park, the Impressions of Town and Country art competition in the bay of the firehouse, and the Taste of Town and Country featuring area vendors and the Featherstone Drive Band on the Wirth property. This special day celebrating our community concluded with a spectacular fireworks display over The Principia.

On the western edge of our would-be Town Square, Longview Farm Park continues to be a leading attraction for both young and old. It is a place where our community gathers to make personal connections,



promote healthy lifestyles and create memories. It is the site of yoga classes, weddings, picnics and a multitude of other events and meetings. Trails wind through the woods, around the lake and alongside the stables and pasture. Longview also plays host to the Turkey Trot, Holiday Boutique, and Art, Wine & Music event, as well as a number of new recreational activities for adults and children that are highlighted elsewhere in this issue. Without a doubt, Longview Farm Park is a major attraction in Town and Country, and will only be enhanced by the future placemaking efforts to its immediate east.



III. EXCELLENCE IN FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AND FINANCIAL REPORTING

If fiscal responsibility is reflected in Standard & Poor's AAA credit rating, then the *Certificate of Achievement for Excellence* in Financial Reporting affirms our commitment to financial transparency and accountability. The City joined this elite club in 2014 by receiving the *Certificate of Achievement* from the Government Finance Officers Association. This is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a local government and its management.

Substantial Investment in Infrastructure Secures Property Values

Our continued AAA credit rating is an objective assessment of the City's strong financial position. Having made appropriate adjustments during the recession, we continue to operate a balanced general fund budget with no debt. With interest rates at historic lows, and the cost of deferred maintenance rising, the decision was made to deploy a portion of our reserve fund in a carefully planned, multi-year investment in public infrastructure designed to preserve and promote property values throughout Town and Country. This plan was developed by the Public Infrastructure Investment Task Force, which was a group of dedicated individuals that built upon the work of both our Finance and Public Works and Storm Water Commissions to complete detailed analysis of roadway and storm water project requirements. As a part of our long-term asset management, the Commissions are tasked with consistently applying clear metrics that then direct our application of resources. Utilizing tools such as cost-benefit analysis and standardized infrastructure ratings systems, we continue to invest in the most productive and value oriented manner, raising our residential roadway network condition to an all time high.

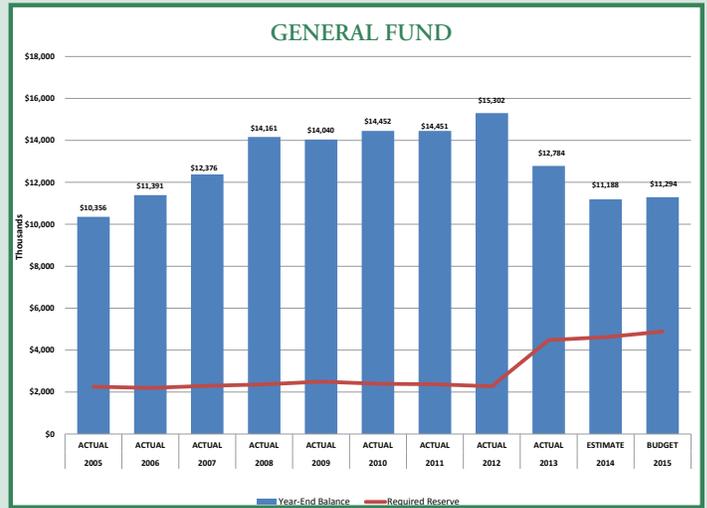
The City has programmed funding and is dedicating staff time to accelerate the implementation of the 40+ storm water projects totaling over \$7,000,000 in value that are currently included in the program.

With the recent completion of this historic program, it is time to direct our energies and resources toward issues that impact homeowners on a more personal level. The 2015 budget demonstrates our continued commitment to main-

tain this element of our infrastructure. In addition to the return of neighborhood beautification grants and renewal of our successful fall branch pickup services, our program infuses resources into complex storm water problems that cannot be reasonably addressed by individual property owners. Again, by applying clear metrics, we can obtain the greatest value for our storm water dollars while protecting our watershed and enhancing local property values.

Extensive Reserves Maintained

Because of the City’s strong financial position and healthy operating reserve, we were able to respond to the opportunity and purchase the Wirth property while still leaving a general fund balance of \$11.2 million. This balance is over two times the fund’s required minimum reserve level, which was recently doubled by ordinance over its previous amount (depicted by the red line on the chart). As explained above, the decline in the fund balance beginning in 2013 was due to our carefully crafted infrastructure investment. As you will note, however, based on the 2015 budget, we are anticipating adding over \$100,000 to the general fund balance given our revenue-positive position.

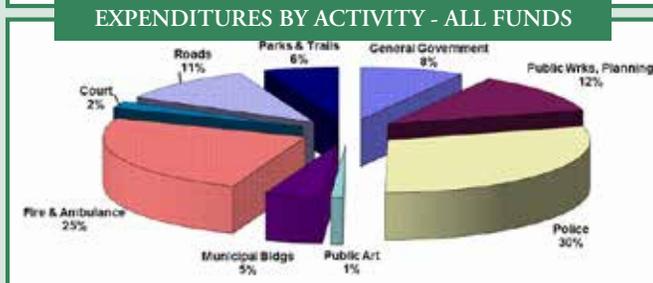
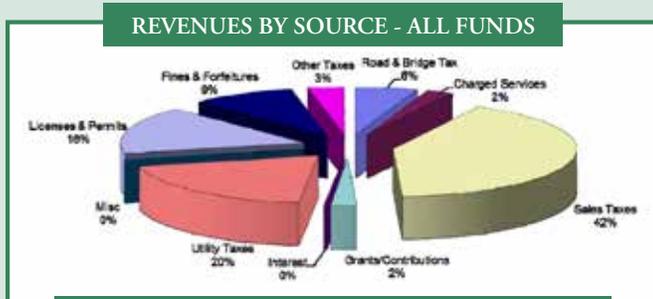


Public Safety Continues as Budget Priority

A municipality does not achieve the ranking as the safest city in Missouri without a significant investment in public safety. Eighty percent of our general operating fund, representing fifty-five percent of our total budget, is dedicated to maintaining first class police and fire protection for our residents and businesses. Fire and emergency medical services are delivered under a contractual relationship with the West County EMS & Fire Protection District. Unlike much of the St. Louis area, residents and businesses are not levied a tax for these services on a property assessment, so there is no direct cost to our property owners for the excellent service they receive.

Zero Percent Property Tax Maintained; Sales Tax Revenue Up

With strong reserves supporting a 0% property tax levy rate, sales tax continues to be the City’s largest revenue source, generating 42% of all revenues. Town and Country is a very desirable place to do business, evidenced by our stellar corporate community and steady arrival of new merchants and professional service firms. As such, we forecast continued improvement on the revenue side and believe it is fiscally prudent and certainly appropriate to maintain our 0% property tax rate in 2015 and into the foreseeable future. Included in total sales taxes is a voter approved one-half cent sales tax that is dedicated to park operations and stormwater projects, and another one-half cent sales tax that funds capital improvement projects.



The nearby chart depicts the allocation of the revenues generated from each source providing a clearer picture of their magnitude. Following sales tax, the next largest generator of revenue comes from utility taxes. This tax is assessed on commercial usage of water, gas, telephone and electricity. Licenses and permits produce 16% of the City’s operating revenues. This category includes fees collected for building, occupancy, and sign permits, as well as business licenses and other licensing fees.

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Finally, the Road and Bridge Tax is a 10-½ cent property tax assessed by St. Louis County, which is then distributed to local municipalities, with its use limited to road and bridge improvements and maintenance.

Economic Opportunity Looks Bright

Following extensive efforts over many years, we are seeing significant gains in the realm of economic development throughout the City. To that end, we continue to work with the owners of Manchester Meadows as this important commercial property undergoes a long-awaited rejuvenation. Now that the Wal-Mart lease will not be renewed, substantial new opportunities are coming into focus. Within the last month we have had two new businesses commit to the center, namely Fresh Thyme that plans to occupy the space formerly leased by PetsMart, and Total Wine & More that hopes to occupy the space formerly leased by OfficeMax, with more new occupants on the horizon.

There are also significant improvements planned at Town & Country Crossing--Stein Mart filling the planned junior anchor space east of Target, enhancements to the existing lake front promenade, as well as the potential development of a new outdoor gathering space on the west end of the property.

The most exciting news is yet to come. There is a rapidly growing interest in the site surrounding the vacant gas station on the northeast corner of Ballas and Clayton Roads. We are working diligently with the property owner to develop a unique application for this location that will bring particular value to this part of our community. A proposal is expected this spring to build a satellite branch of Reliance Bank combined with Tim Horton's Café and Bake Shop. Stay tuned.

IV. KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE AND SECURE



As a community, we have an extremely low tolerance for crime and disorder, while at the same time we provide great support and direction to our police department. I believe it is this support and direction of the police department that makes our relationship so successful.



In the latter part of 2014, no matter where you were in the world, it was impossible to ignore the events unfolding in St. Louis. It is in times like these that we are grateful for the dedicated men and women who serve and protect the City of Town and Country. During this period, unbridled gratitude and respect for our police officers came in the form of cards and letters, hugs and handshakes, and lunches and dinners. People

were quick to thank our officers and to let them know how much they are appreciated. This support grows out of the high expectations that we insist upon, as well as the community approach Chief Kranz and his team embraces and delivers.

Our residents regularly interact with police officers while they are on routine patrol or at special events such as Coffee with a Cop, Fire and Ice, Shop with a COP, Citizen's Police Academy, or St. Louis Night Out. These communications are genuine and mutually supportive. Moreover, feedback is always strongly encouraged from our residents, because it enables the police department to provide a higher level of service, whether that feedback is positive or negative.

While a distinct and separate legal entity and political subdivision from the City, firefighters and paramedics of the West County EMS and Fire Protection District function as our "municipal fire department." They are consistently visible at ribbon cuttings, community events, aldermanic meetings, and—most importantly—when our residents dial 911. These dedicated men and women deliver lifesaving service professionally, respectfully and compassionately. They also share their emergency medical expertise with our police officers, providing advanced training in first aid and certifications in CPR and the use of automated external defibrillators (AEDs). In addition, their daily, routine activities around the firehouse add to the feel and fabric of a town square.

V. BE A PART OF THE CONVERSATION - JOIN IN THE FUN



It has taken 65 years and the hearts, minds and determination of countless individuals working and dreaming together to make Town and Country what it is today. All that our City represents to its residents and to the larger St. Louis community neither happened on its own nor by accident. Rather, through the collaborative efforts of many diverse individuals and interests, our city has become truly outstanding and able to face the future with great optimism and confidence. In February, at a festive gathering generously hosted by Mari de Villa, we celebrated a wide array of successes with over

100 people in attendance who currently serve on commissions and task forces. These exceptional individuals volunteer their time and talents to serve our community by recommending laws to make us safer, ensuring our financial solvency, developing systems to support our infrastructure, safeguarding



our quality of life through the application of our zoning code, organizing events and forums for us to gather and socialize and enhancing our identity through art and culture. In short, they make Town and Country a better place.

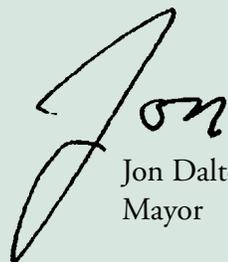
Even as you read this, many more members of our community are dreaming, discussing and planning new ways to realize the full potential of Town and Country and how it will best serve those who call it home over the next 65 years. So, come and be a part of the conversation! This approach to placemaking, community building and local governance works, as evidenced by the many blessings that surround us in Town and Country. It will only continue to do so, however, if the good people of Town and Country continue to reinvest in our community. Based on what I've seen over my years of service as your Mayor, we have every reason to have great expectations!

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I am hopeful that you have found this annual State of the City report informative. Unfortunately, it is difficult to highlight every aspect of city life that may be of interest. As a result, we have recently introduced a new program called "Community Conversation and Coffee" that will provide an opportunity to get together on a regular basis and talk about anything that may be on your mind. The first such gathering took place on February 27th at Longview Farm Park, and those that participated truly enjoyed the exchange. The next is scheduled for Thursday, April 30, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. I hope you will take advantage of these and similar events to connect as friends and neighbors and discuss topics of interest to our community.



As the days grow longer with the promise of spring, I hope you will take every opportunity to enjoy the beauty of our community along our trails and in our parks. I look forward to seeing you there!


Jon Dalton,
Mayor

CANDIDATES FOR WARD 2

Tim Walsh



For the Walsh family, Town and Country is HOME. Since moving to the area at age fifteen, and during my four years at Mizzou (go Tigers!), and even during the short period of time I lived in Chicago after graduating from law school, Missouri, St. Louis, and

now Town and Country, have been home! My wife, Amber, and I moved into Thornhill Estates in 2007, and although we had previously admired Town and Country and its offerings, we never truly appreciated the essence of Town and Country. Yet, after moving into Thornhill, we referred to our neighborhood, community and the Town and Country as St. Louis's "hidden gem." The "hidden gem," to us, referred to Town and Country's protection of acre-zoning and enforcement of ordinances that preserve a comfortable buffer between "close by" and "convenient" commercial areas and the interconnected neighborhoods which make our City great. Very few other municipalities are as conveniently located to major highways, jobs, and commerce centers, and also provide subdivision options with neighborhood pools, walking trails, access to great community parks and residents that care.

I am passionate about safeguarding our community and want to serve Town and Country on the Board of Alderman. I am honored to have served on the City's Board of Adjustment since 2008 and privileged to serve as a neighborhood Board of Trustee since 2010. Both positions trained me to respect our ordinances and community standards while exploring options to enhance our City. Now, as a candidate for Alderman, I vow to preserve the community I love, to develop sustainable standards for future generations, and to manage our finances through sound fiscal policy. I promise to be your voice, your vote and your connection to what we all want in our HOME. I invite you to contact me at timothyjwalsh@yahoo.com.

Tiffany Frautschi



After a lifetime of military moves, my husband, children and I were finally ready to put down roots. We knew we had to find the perfect place to call our own, one that combined our love of the country with the amenities of city living. We chose Town and Country because

of its large lot neighborhoods, open spaces, great schools, proximity to shopping and services, and wonderful sense of community.

With no property taxes, I realize that T&C needs commercial and retail businesses to generate sales tax revenue ensuring our financial viability. However, we as residents and good stewards of our land must **strike a balance** between town and country. Together we can guarantee that commercial development is responsibly restrained. Open space is a finite resource. We must adhere to the T&C Comprehensive Land Use Plan to ensure that all development is well thought out.

Over the last year, I attended many Board of Alderman meetings and worked diligently on our behalf. I researched topics and spoke up when bills were brought forward that were incompatible with our mission as a city. I met with city employees to discuss issues and held our elected officials accountable for their actions. Now, I'm ready for you to hold me accountable as your Alderman. When elected, I will commit to informing Ward 2 residents about what is happening in T&C and work for transparency in our local government. I pledge to listen to residents and give voice to your concerns. I will do independent research and analysis on bills and resolutions set before the Board. I will balance the concerns of citizens with the responsibilities of city government. After all, government has a responsibility to work for and represent the people. It will be my honor to work for and represent you.
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TUESDAY, APRIL 7

CANDIDATES FOR WARD 3

Fred Meyland-Smith



I am privileged to have served our community as alderman for 10 years. Recognizing that success in government results from a collaborative effort, I am fortunate to work with a talented and committed Alderman team.

Noteworthy achievements recently accomplished by the team and opportunities that I see going forward include:

- Purchase of the Wirth property. I strongly supported the City's acquisition of this property. Now the residents – not a developer – will decide how best to use this special place for the enjoyment of all.
- Clayton Road trail. Fun to use for a stroll or exercise, this asset has added connectivity to our community. Now we need to extend our trail system to include more of the City.
- Deer management. This is simply an issue of human safety. Under the strict supervision of our police department and the Missouri Department of Conservation, we have made progress but deer-auto collisions remain unacceptably high. This year's effort also produced approximately 7000 lbs. of meat for a local food bank – a point often overlooked in the media.
- Financial management. Our General Fund is in excellent condition...and achieved without a property tax since 1997. Our balance beginning 2015 is more than double our self imposed required reserve.
- Economic development. I do not support the creation of new commercial space in our City, but believe we should optimize the existing commercial space with quality businesses. Thoughtful development like T&C Crossings represents both a sales tax revenue source and shopping convenience for our City. Now we must focus on revitalizing Manchester Meadows.

Our family has resided in Town & Country for 29 years. We live in a remarkable community and my goal is to continue serving to make our town a place we're all even more proud of.

Mary Steward



I am honored to announce my candidacy for Alderman, and look forward to serving the residents of Ward 3.

My husband and I have been fortunate to call Town & Country our home for five years, and we have been blessed with a son who recently celebrated his first birthday. I currently have the pleasure of serving as a trustee of the Williamsburg Estates neighborhood. My educational background includes a master's degree in public health; my profession allows me to work in a collaborative environment where I am able to engage community members and healthcare professionals to achieve improved health outcomes. I also devote much of my time to giving back to our community by volunteering for several non-profit organizations whose primary purpose is creating a better living environment for those in greatest need.

Town & Country is a premier residential area of St. Louis for one simple reason—our sense of community. This and our devotion to helping our neighbors is what fuel my desire to serve as your Alderman. I believe the idea of a public servant being truly engaged and in-tune with voters is something we see less of today. **If elected, I promise to seek residents' views and feedback on significant issues and developments facing Town & Country prior to Board of Alderman and committee meetings.**

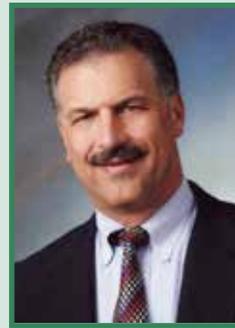
I have great faith in our ability to work together and make decisions that best represent the views of all residents, not just a select few. Too often recently, we have seen large monetary decisions made without voter approval. I will always advocate for voters to be involved in the decision making process.

Given the opportunity, I will enthusiastically represent Ward 3 residents through hard work and a common sense approach to government that strongly reflects your needs and goals.

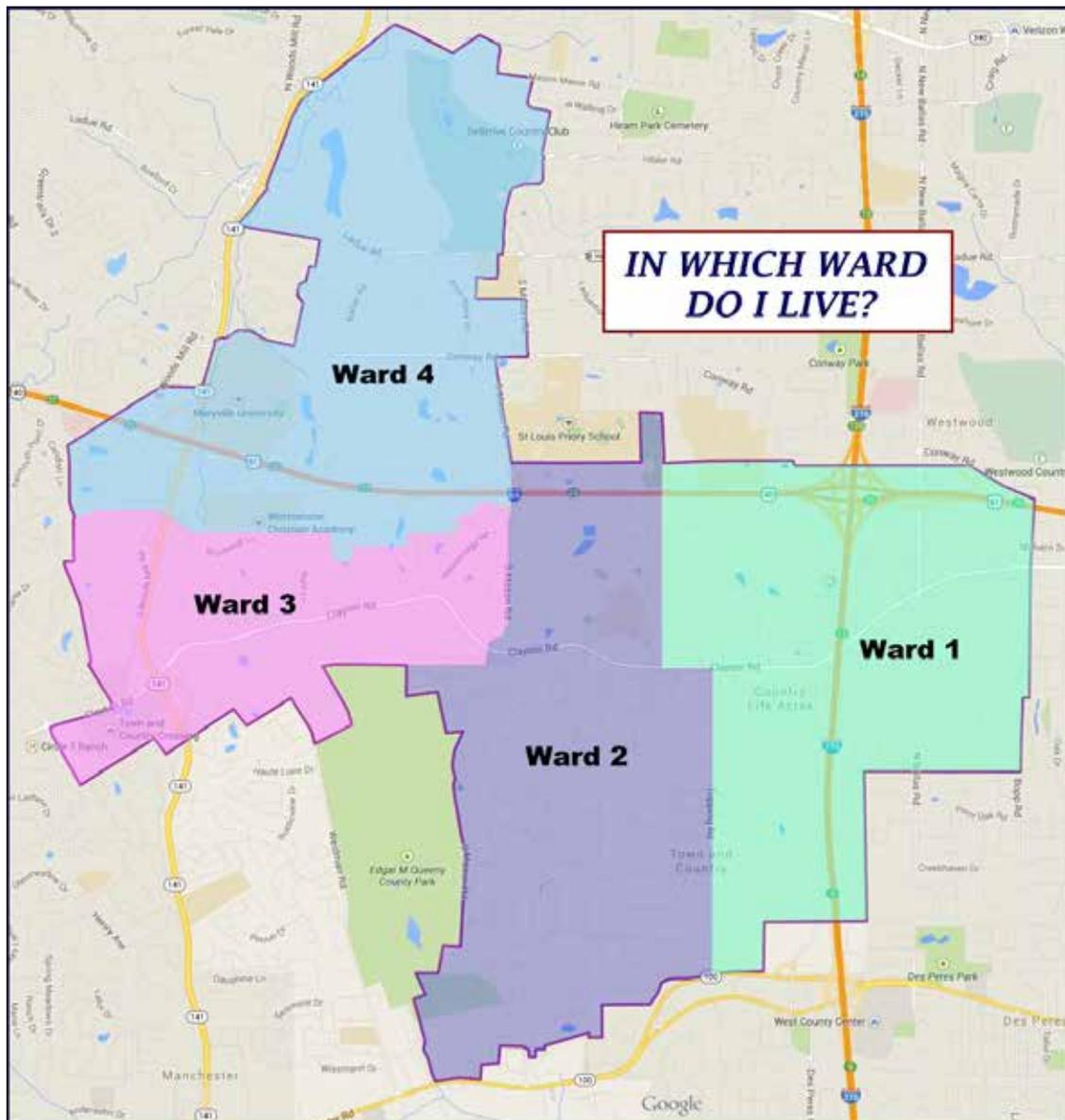
The following candidates are running unopposed.



Lynn Wright
Ward 1 Candidate



Jon Benigas
Ward 4 Candidate



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Aberi Steel
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Concero Technology Group
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Custom Edge Shears
13941 Manchester Road

Edward Jones
13478 Clayton Road

Engle Martin & Associates, Inc.
12813 Flushing Meadows Drive
Suite 210

Lola and Penelope's
13424 Clayton Road

Massa's
14312 S. Outer Forty

One Beacon Insurance
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Suite 325

Pickett Group, Inc.
14500 S. Outer Forty Road
Suite 210

Re/MAX Stars-Prime Properties
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Michael Schoenwalder, DO
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Silver Lining
13418 Clayton Road

Turnkey Technologies, Inc.
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Suite 1S

Wesley Ranew Agency
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Principia Spring Craft Fair Saturday, April 18, 2015

Time: 10 am - 2 pm

Come shop and support our enterprising students from The Principia (grades 1-12) at our 2nd Annual Arts and Craft Fair!

Come find homemade bird houses, beautiful stationary, baked goods, homemade lotions, soaps, vanilla, and more!

Questions: Katy McKinney, katy.mckinney@prin.edu or 636-222-3442

MASON RIDGE SCHOOL NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

In the spring of 2014 Mason Ridge School was one of only eight schools to achieve Gold Star status from the State of Missouri. This was only the first of the recognitions that the school would receive last year. In November the U.S. Department of Education announced that Mason Ridge would be recognized as one of the prestigious National Blue Ribbon Schools for 2014.

The Blue Ribbon award was based on their overall academic excellence. Department of Education Secretary Arne Duncan stated:

These great schools are fulfilling the promise of American education – that all students, no matter their name or zip code, can flourish when schools provide safe, creative, and challenging learning environments. National Blue Ribbon Schools are models of consistent excellence and a resource for other schools and districts. We celebrate them for their tireless effort and boundless creativity in reaching and teaching every student.

The National Blue Ribbon was awarded in a ceremony in Washington, D.C. on November 10th and celebrated with the entire school community at Mason Ridge.



In Washington, D.C., accepting the award were Counselor Mollie Krazl, Mason Ridge Principal Mike Schmerold and 1st grade teacher Wendy Sciortino

CITY OF TOWN & COUNTRY TOWN SQUARE TASK FORCE

by Alderman Skip Mange, Co-Chairman

The City of Town & Country recently purchased 8.85 acres of land just east of Mason Road on the south side of Clayton Road from the Wirth family. This property, along with the shops in Mason Woods Village, has been a central location in our community for years. The Wirth property started out very early as a blacksmith shop, and later became a gasoline and service station run by the Wirth family. Mason Woods Village over the years has been a very popular Colonial style retail area with small, friendly shops. Straubs has been a long time tenant along with many other shops to include Mineo's restaurant, and more recently Starbucks.

Resolution No. R21-2014 was passed by the Board of Alderman and approved by the Mayor in December 2014 establishing a Town Square Task Force and charging them "to identify and provide for a variety of public forums, information exchanges and other communications to gain broad input from the community regarding the best use of the Wirth property and any related subject or matter that would enhance the concept of a town square in and around that area of Town and Country, consistent with the nature and character of the community."

The Task Force is a diverse body representing all wards within our city. Alderman Skip Mange from Ward 1 and Leslie Yoffie from Ward 4 will Co-Chair the Task Force. Preston Polk and Chris Mower represent Ward 1; Tom Adamitis, Rico Salmon, and Dr. Nan Kulkarni represent Ward 2; Derek Goodin and Juli Hesser represent Ward 3; and Judy Weber and Kristin DiCarlo represent Ward 4. Alderman Amy Anderson will Chair a Neighborhood Representatives Sub-committee consisting of representatives from all of the subdivisions and property owners who immediately adjoin the area. The role of this sub-committee is to make specific recommendations to the Task Force as to how various ideas will affect the adjoining neighborhoods. Gary Hoelzer, City Administrator, and Melanie Rippetoe, City Planner will supply staff support for this activity.

The first meeting of the Task Force was held on January 29th at the Longview Farm House. It was an informational meeting to give all of the members an opportunity to meet and get to know each other. A general outline of how the Task Force will proceed was discussed. The members were encouraged to physically walk both the Wirth property and Mason Woods Village to see how they relate to each other and the surrounding homes.

There will be many multifaceted means established to gather public input. All meetings of the Task Force and the Neighborhood Representatives Sub-committee are public meetings that will have notices published and every agenda will provide for public comment. All city newsletters until the work is completed will include updated articles about the progress of the activity, as will the city website. You are encouraged to go to our website and sign up for "Notify Me." By selecting the "Town Square Task Force" under the Agenda Center, as well as "News Flash", you will be assured of receiving timely electronic updates on news and meetings related to the Task Force.

There will be at least two roundtable input sessions (one on a week night and one on a weekend) where the public will be invited to come to Longview Farm House and discuss with others what their ideas are about the concept of a Town Square. Printed comment forms will be available at all of the meetings and from the city web site.

The Resolution setting forth this activity includes a deadline for submitting a report to the Board of Aldermen of October 1, 2015.

For questions or more information please contact Alderman Skip Mange (314-401-6129 or skip.mange@att.net), Alderman Amy Anderson (314-724-0790 or aia@andersontech.com), City Administrator Gary Hoelzer (314-587-2802 or hoelzerga@town-and-country.org) or City Planner Melanie Rippetoe (314-587-2827 or rippetoe@town-and-country.org).

The next Town Square Task Force meeting is on Tuesday, March 31 at 7:00pm at Longview Farm House.

save the Date! For the BIGGEST PARTY OF THE SUMMER!

FIRE & ICE

**June 20, 2015
6:00 - 9:00pm**

CITY LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

In February, the City implemented new functionality and features to make information more easily available to residents, to increase transparency, and to improve communication tools. Please visit the new website at www.town-and-country.org



Social Networking:

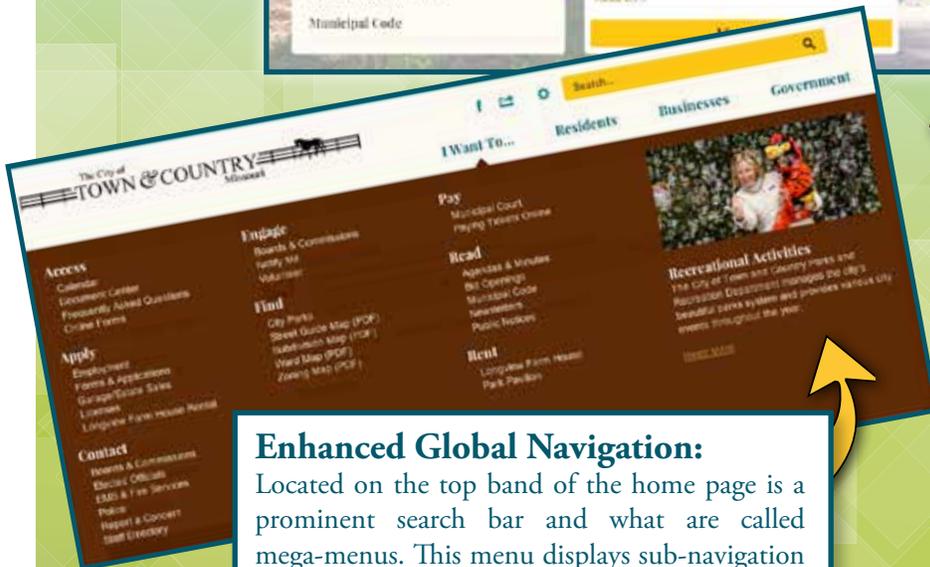
Located to the left of the search bar, the Social Networking links are another way to connect with other residents. Share an event or a meeting notice.

Stay Informed with Notify Me:

Sign up to receive notifications about meetings, events, crime prevention, or public notices. You choose the information you want!

Enhanced Global Navigation:

Located on the top band of the home page is a prominent search bar and what are called mega-menus. This menu displays sub-navigation and related categories.



THE HISTORY OF TOWN & COUNTRY

Part 4

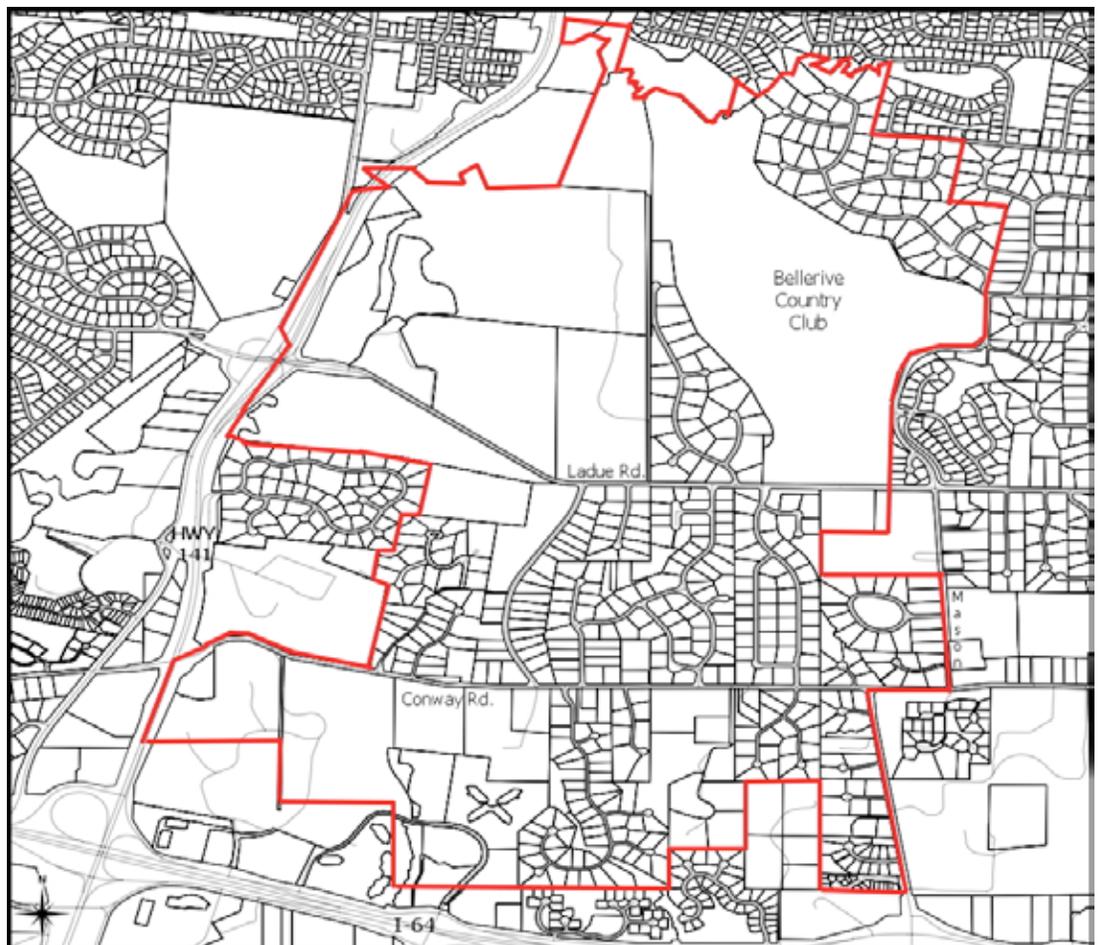
*By: Town & Country Historical Society
Skip Mange, President*

In the 2014 Spring Newsletter I started a series of articles about the history of Town & Country. Part 1 outlined how the Village of Town & Country was formed in 1950. Part 2 was about how the Village became a 4th Class city under State Law in 1974. Part 3 was about the first major annexation of property to the west that was approved by the voters in 1977 but because of a lawsuit did not become effective until 1983.

On November 5, 1991 another large annexation shown on the adjoining map was passed adding 2.5 square miles to the area of the city, and moving the city boundary to the north past Conway and Ladue Roads. This action was official on May 15, 1992 and completed the current boundary of the city.

The annexed area included the Maryville Office development, Maryville University, Hunter Farm, Bellerive Country Club and a number of residential subdivisions. Mason Road became the major north/south connector of this area to the rest of the city.

Prior to this annexation the city had three wards. After the annexation was finalized, a Ward 4 was established and the boundaries of Wards 1, 2, and 3 were adjusted. The political boundaries have remained the same since then as we continue to have four wards and eight aldermen. Future articles will deal with the infrastructure improvements in the city.



OFFICER JOHN MATTINGLY RETIRES



Officer John Mattingly has announced his retirement effective March 4, 2015. This is a symbolic date for John as 30 years ago on this day he began his career with the Town and Country Police Department. The police department was still in its infancy, having just started up in November of 1983, but John was eager to join and assist with the department's maturation. Throughout his career, John was consistent in his delivery of professional police services to our residents. Many things have changed over the last 30 years but John Mattingly was not one of them. Congratulations to John, and we wish him a long and happy retirement.

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Welcome New Employee - Tim Randick



The City of Town & Country would like to introduce its newest team member. Tim Randick joins us as Project Manager in the Department of Planning & Public Works. Tim has over 8 years of experience in municipal project management in the St. Louis Region. His primary

role with the City is to forward the Storm Water Program and Capital Improvements Plans. This will involve his myriad of skills to be applied to many different portions of the community and will allow for a significant amount of direct communication with the residents.

On a more personal side, Tim lives in Crestwood with his wife of 18+ years Heather Sloan-Randick. When not shuttling their two kids (Tyler and Hannah) around town, the Randick family can be found enjoying the premier St. Louis past time.....rooting on the Cardinals. His interest in gardening and landscaping is also a welcome asset which can be applied in his role with the City.

WEST COUNTY EMS & FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

The City of Town & Country has worked hard to establish an outreach to its citizens in many realms, including the services of West County EMS & Fire. West County protects our citizens in cases of medical emergencies and fire suppression, but in addition to all that, West County offers a "good neighbor" policy which is meant to insure a constructive bonding and understanding between the residents of Town & Country and West County.

Group visits by organizations and families to West County's House 3 at 13443 Clayton Road are a regular occurrence. In some cases, birthdays parties for children can also be scheduled.

Through its agreement with the City of Town & Country, West County EMS & Fire strives to provide a strong level of understanding to everyone they serve. This includes familiarity and a level of comfort with the personnel and equipment of the District. Please feel free to visit House 3 in Town & Country and get to know your firefighters and paramedics. For additional information please check out the West County web site at www.wescofire.org, or call their public information line at (636) 256 - 2009.



FIRE DISTRICT TAX PROPOSAL

The West County EMS & Fire Protection District is seeking an increase in their general fund tax levy in the April 7th election. The proposed tax increase does not affect the real estate or personal property taxes of residents or businesses within the city limits of Town and Country. The City contracts for fire and emergency medical services with the District so residents and businesses within Town and Country are not assessed taxes related to these services. The Creve Coeur Fire Protection District also provides fire service to a very small commercial area along North Forty Drive east of Mason.

TOWN & COUNTRY GARDEN CLUB

2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Programs held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month - free and open to the public.
Lunch is optional at noon - RSVP required - pay at the door - Longview Farmhouse.

Wednesday, April 8 - 1 to 2pm - "All About Bees"

Wednesday, May 13 - Morning Field Trip - Sappington House Tour of Gardens and Library, lunch at Sappington House Restaurant following tour—carpooling available

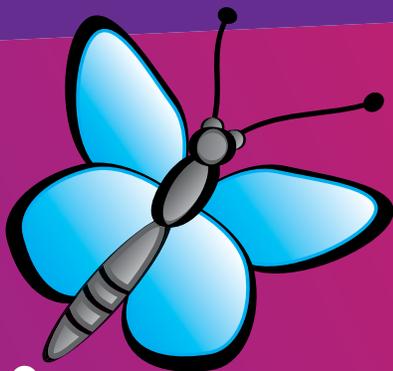
Contact Pam Jokerst at (314) 276-9461 or pamjokerst@gmail.com for reservations.

SIGN UP YOUR GARDEN! FOR TOWN & COUNTRY GARDEN CLUB GARDEN TOUR

SATURDAY, JULY 11

Town & Country gardeners – *Do you have a garden you would like to share with your community? The members of the club are again looking for a variety of gardens to be part of their 2015 Tour. No garden is too large or too small!*

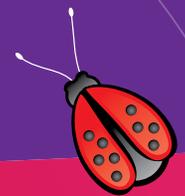
Applications for entering your garden are available from Anne Bond at 314-469-0127, ambond@prodigy.net or Mary Olsen at the Municipal Center, 314-587-2804, olsenm@town-and-country.org. *The deadline to submit your garden is May 1.*



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE GARDEN TOUR!
July 11, 10AM to 3PM

Attention Gardeners and Garden Lovers! Come explore the beautiful gardens tucked away in the yards of Town & Country homes. See Mary Olsen at the Municipal Center after June 1 for tickets. Cost \$15 in advance, \$20 day of event.

Additional information about Town & Country Garden Club monthly programs and the Garden Tour can be found at www.townandcountrygardenclub.com.



Our 2015 Fundraising for Discovery is under way. By supporting Discovery you will make your mark on the City's new Town Square development and help define and beautify our community. WE NEED YOUR HELP TO ENSURE INSTALLATION OF DISCOVERY THIS FALL.

Public Art Defines a Community

The Town & Country Public Art Commission chose a representational sculpture by Harry Weber of domestic and wild animals in a natural setting to represent the *Discovery* of nature and the rural lifestyle highly valued by the residents of Town & Country.

Discovery should communicate the essence of the name: Town & Country. It celebrates the confluence of the town experience with the joy and pleasures derived from living with nature...watching Canada geese fly in formation, deer and fox roaming, seeing horses gambol and enjoying abundant varieties of birds. All of these enrich the lifestyle of Town & Country. This sculpture represents those feelings and relationships.

A central large sculpture will serve as a centerpiece to the entire installation offering good visibility to those passing by on Clayton or Mason Road. The sculpture site is at the Clayton Road trailhead, in front of the Firehouse. There is also easy access from the trail allowing intimate interaction with the sculpture.



Horse and Dog ... \$139,000*

PLEASE RETURN THIS PAGE. All donations tax deductible.

Yes! I want to be a donor for the public sculpture DISCOVERY and to further improve the cultural fabric of the City of Town & Country.

Underwriting from the business community and interested individuals committed to supporting the Town & Country Public Arts mission is being sought to support this sculpture project. Levels of sponsorship include:

- \$10,000 Arts Leader Level:** Includes a limited edition maquette (small bronze model) of the central figures and recognition on the bronze donor plaque.
- \$5,000 Benefactor Level:** Includes a limited edition drawing by the sculptor and recognition on the bronze donor plaque.
- \$1,000 Sponsor Level:** Includes a photograph of the completed sculpture signed by the artist and recognition on the bronze donor plaque.
- \$500 Contributor Level:** Includes recognition on the bronze donor plaque.
- Friend Level:** Any amount.

Please make your check payable to the City of Town & Country, 1011 Municipal Center Drive, Town & Country, MO 63131. Please call (314) 434-1215 with questions.

Name: _____ Title: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Please charge my Credit Card: Visa MasterCard AMEX

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- We wish our name to be used in recognition.
- We wish to remain anonymous.

Thank you for your contribution!

Harry Weber



Harry Weber - World renowned Sculptor commissioned to sculpt DISCOVERY.

REGISTER FOR EVENTS/CLASSES ON OUR NEW WEBSITE!



CLICK ON THIS BUTTON

Picnics in the Park! Pavilion Rentals

The pavilions in Town & Country's parks make a great spot for any celebration, picnic or meeting! Please call 314-434-1215, for more information or to book over the phone with a credit card. For more information and to view availability: town-and-country.org.

City Parks:

Longview Farm Park - 13525 Clayton Road

- Longview Farm Park Pavilion accommodates up to 50; \$50 for 4 hours.
- Features - large grill, electricity, on-site restrooms, playground, access to horse stable and walking trails.

Drace Park - 2310 Cedar Valley Road

- Drace Park Pavilion accommodates up to 40 people; \$40 for 4 hours.
- Features - Grill, electricity, on-site restrooms, playground and walking trails.

Preservation/Cadet Park - 12625 N. Outer 40 Road

- Preservation Park Pavilion accommodates up to 30 people; \$30 for 4 hours.
- Features - Grill, electricity, on-site restrooms, playground, sand volleyball court and walking trails.



Longview Farm Park



Drace Park



Preservation/Cadet Park

Longview Farm House

Let our charming patio and beautiful gardens be a unique oasis for a memorable event! Rooms available with outdoor space. Private parties & special events! Call Lindsey Hodge for more information: 314-434-1215 • www.town-and-country.org



Nitro Joe Half-Day Summer Camp June 8-12

Children will experiment with detective skills and determine the identity of mystery powders. Students will also understand the aerodynamics of paper airplanes and gliders. Personal ecosystems will be created with live plants and worms. Basic electricity will be discussed and students will construct their own battery powered device. Various experiments with physical and chemical changes will excite and astound students. Children will even have the opportunity to create their own science slime. Each day will have a take home experiment completed by the students.

Ages: Entering Grades 1-5
Fee: \$130.00/student
Location: Longview Farm House
Time: 8:30-11:30 AM

Call 314-434-1215 to register.





FAMILY CAMPOUT AT DRACE PARK

Saturday - Sunday, May 16 - 17, 2015 - 5pm - 9am

Join us as we transform Drace Park into a family-friendly campsite for one night! Bring your family, a tent and sleeping bags to enjoy camping games, riding bikes around the loop trail, a scavenger hunt and a campfire right here in Town & Country! A hot dog dinner will be served including s'mores for dessert! After an evening of memories, wake up to a continental breakfast organized by our staff. You may bring additional food and drinks if you choose. All children must be accompanied by an adult. One community campfire will be built, no personal fires. The modern restrooms will be open throughout the night. Registration is required and the deadline is May 12.

Fee: \$10/person (2 and younger free)
Register Online at town-and-country.org
Or call the Parks & Recreation Department at 314-434-1215.

Drace Park
2310 Cedar Valley Lane, 63131

**May 16 is National
Kids to Parks Day!**

REGISTER FOR EVENTS/CLASSES ON OUR NEW WEBSITE!



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Tennis Lessons

Each session consists of five (5), 60 minute long classes. The last day of each session reserved for makeup lessons. In case of inclement weather please call 314-434-1215 30 minutes before class time to check for cancellations or rescheduling. Bring a new can of tennis balls and your racket to the first meeting date.

Fee: \$50/session

Pee Wee: Ages 4-6

Saturdays: 9-10 AM

(5/2, 5/9, 5/16, 5/23, 5/30, 6/6-rainout)

Tuesday/Thursday: 9-10 AM

Session 1 (6/9, 6/11, 6/16, 6/18, 6/23, 6/25-rainout)

Session 2 (6/30, 7/2, 7/7, 7/9, 7/14, 7/16-rainout)

Racketeers: Ages 7-10

Saturdays: 10-11 AM

(5/2, 5/9, 5/16, 5/23, 5/30, 6/6-rainout)

Tuesday/Thursday: 10-11 AM

Session 1 (6/9, 6/11, 6/16, 6/18, 6/23, 6/25-rainout)

Session 2 (6/30, 7/2, 7/7, 7/9, 7/14, 7/16-rainout)

Aces: Ages 11-14

Saturdays: 11 AM-Noon

(5/2, 5/9, 5/16, 5/23, 5/30, 6/6-rainout)

Tuesday/Thursday: 11 AM-Noon

Session 1 (6/9, 6/11, 6/16, 6/18, 6/23, 6/25-rainout)

Session 2 (6/30, 7/2, 7/7, 7/9, 7/14, 7/16-rainout)

Tennis Camps

Ages 8-12; 8 AM-10 AM

Ages 12-14; 10 AM-Noon

Tennis camp is a fun way to practice drills, matches and games. Bring a can of new tennis balls to your first practice, your racket and a water bottle.

Session 1 July 13-17

(7/13, 7/14, 7/15, 7/16, 7/17-rainout)

Session 2 July 20-24

(7/20, 7/21, 7/22, 7/23, 7/24-rainout)

Fee: \$60/session

Cardio Tennis: Adults

A fun group activity, featuring a circuit of heart pumping drills to give players of all abilities a high-energy workout! (Limit 8 players.)

Mondays: 6 classes

(6/1, 6/8, 6/15, 6/22, 6/29, 7/6, 7/13-rainout)

Fee: \$65/session

All lessons and camps are taught by tennis pro, Lucian Biesiadecki.

About the Pro: Lucian Biesiadecki played professionally on the satellite tour from 1987-1988. He lead Ursuline Academy to its first time state tournament berth and top ten finish. He coached at Sunset Tennis Center working with regional and national ranked junior players. Once completing his Masters Degree he moved to the classroom at Vianney and became head coach of the boy's team advancing to the state tournament. Currently, he coaches Ursuline Academy and Mehlville High School boys. Lucian enjoys coaching all levels of tennis and is looking forward to coaching in Longview Farm Park.





SUMMER CAMPS!

at Longview Farm House

Enroll in EasyTech LLC (EZT) Camps
at easytechllc.com
Click on CAMPS

Enroll in Bricks 4 Kidz (B4K) Camps at bricks4kidz.com/chesterfield
At top of page, click on:  Search for Location: **Town and Country**

Need extra help enrolling,
call (314) 610-4862
or email nancy@easytechllc.com

JUNE 2015

June 8-12: 8:30 - 11:30am - B4K Minecraft™, Grades 1-6 • Cost \$150

Experience the thrill of playing Minecraft and building LEGO® brick Minecraft creatures and Minecraft crafts... what could be better? No previous Minecraft experience necessary.

June 8-12: 12:00 - 3:00pm - B4K LEGO® Brick Movie Making, Grades 2-7 • Cost \$185

Lights, Camera, Action! Explore the means of making Stop Motion Animation. Set and figures made of LEGO® bricks.

June 15-19: 8:30 - 11:30am - B4K Under the Sea, Ages 3.5 - 5 • Cost \$150

This is an awesome LEGO® Duplo® camp. We will build sea creatures and create sea art and make a 3D mural!

June 15-19: 12:00 - 3:00pm - B4K Super Heroes of LEGO® bricks, Grades K - 5 • Cost \$150

Join Bricks 4 Kidz for a week building Super Heroes with LEGO® bricks. Includes crafts and games as well

June 22-26: 8:30 - 11:30am - EZT Digital Photography with Web Design, Grades 2-7 • Cost \$150

This is a fun technology-friendly camp that gives students hands on project work when they take their own photos and transform them with photo editing software.

June 22-26: 12:00 - 3:00pm - EZT Video Game Design, Grades 2-7 • Cost \$150

Students create their very own game in this class that involves system-based thinking, problem solving, collaboration, art, storytelling, and digital media literacy.

June 29-July 2: 8:30 - 11:30am - B4K Remote Control Mania, Grades K-6 • Cost ????

Turn your Lego® bricks model into something you can control without a wire!!!

June 29-July 2: 12:00 - 3:00pm - B4K Animal Grossology, Grades K-5 • Cost \$150

If you're fascinated by the weird but true, wild and wacky, gross and yucky, then this is the camp for you! Spend the week discovering the zany biology of our animal friends and building LEGO® brick models of them.

JULY 2015

July 6-10: 8:30 - 11:30am - B4K Minecraft™, Grades 1-6 • Cost \$150

Experience the thrill of playing Minecraft and building LEGO® brick Minecraft creatures and Minecraft crafts... what could be better? No previous Minecraft experience necessary.

July 6-10: 12:00 - 3:00pm - B4K Amusement Park Designer, Grades K-6 • Cost \$150

Get your ticket to ride at our own Amusement Park! Build a new ride each day with amateur robotic and motorized Lego® bricks.

July 13-17: 8:30 - 11:30am - B4K Advanced Robotics LEGO® Mindstorms® EV3, Grades 4-9 • Cost \$185

The latest Mindstorms® from LEGO® - build awesome robotic creations... this is the camp all the kids are looking for.

July 13-17: 12:00 - 3:00pm - B4K Jr. Robotics with LEGO® Wedo®, Grades 1-5 • Cost \$150

How would you like to turn your next LEGO® creation into a robot, programmed to do exactly what you tell it to do?

July 20-24: 8:30 - 11:30am - B4K Space Adventures, Grades K-5 • Cost \$150

This camp is packed full of LEGO® brick models inspired by NASA and Star Wars. Your camper's imagination will blast off each day.

July 20-24: 12:00 - 3:00pm - EPIC Ninjago, Grades K-5 • Cost \$150

Grab your friends and experience a week creating everything spinning ninja-style with LEGO® bricks.

July 27-31: 8:30 - 11:30am - EZT Hour of Code, Grades 1-5 • Cost \$150

Elementary age children can learn to code through playing simple code games.

July 27-31: 12:00 - 3:00pm - EZT Build Your Own Engine, Grades 3-8 • Cost \$150 plus \$40

(additional supplies fee for the take home engine model) What better way to learn how an engine works than to build your own working combustion engine!

AUGUST 2015

August 3-7: 8:30 - 11:30am - B4K Minecraft™, Grades 1-6 • Cost \$150

Experience the thrill of playing Minecraft and building LEGO® brick Minecraft creatures and Minecraft crafts... what could be better? No previous Minecraft experience necessary.

August 3-7: 12:00 - 3:00pm - B4K LEGO® brick Movie Making, Grades 2-7 • Cost \$185

Lights, Camera, Action! Explore the means of making Stop Motion Animation. Set and figures made of LEGO® bricks.



TOWN & COUNTRY PUBLIC ART COMMISSION PRESENTS:

Longview

farm house
ART GALLERY

**Rob Dreyer - A Recognition of Beauty
Reflections of a Wildlife Artist**
robdreyer.com

On view during April and May
Opening Reception, Thursday, April 2 - 5:30 pm - 7:30pm



Nesting Snowy Egrets



Rocheport River Bluffs on the Missouri

Billyo O'Donnell - Landscape Paintings
billyoart.com

On view during June and July
Opening Reception, Thursday, June 11
5:30 pm - 7:30pm

Marilynne Bradley

Images of St. Louis Watercolor Paintings
mgrad.com

On view during August and September
Opening Reception, Thursday, August 27
5:30 pm - 7:30pm

NEW WEEKEND Hours!
Starting Saturday, April 18th,
the Longview Farm House
Art Gallery will be open
every 3rd Saturday
of the month from 10am - 2pm

**Weekly gallery hours at Longview Farm House are Monday - Friday from 8am - 12noon, or by appointment.
Opening Receptions are free and open to the public. Refreshments are provided.
Contact Lindsey Hodge for more information: (314) 434-1215**

Mason Ridge Garden Club's Annual Plant Sale



Longview Farm Park - Saturday, May 9 - 9AM - Noon

Cash or checks only, please - Arrive early for best selection.
You'll find perennials from members' own gardens and from the Longview gardens.
A select number of annuals will be for sale, too.

Tap into the garden club members' extensive knowledge to find the best plant material for your planting location. Members will be on hand to answer questions and share advice.

Questions? Contact Claire Chosid at 314-479-3156 or claire@chosid.us

EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 28
at Longview Farm Park

Join Equine Assisted Therapy in their annual Egg Hunt!! Bring a basket to search for eggs from the multitude scattered on the grounds of beautiful Longview Farm Park.

Registration for the Egg Hunt is on-site beginning at 11 AM and the hunt begins promptly at Noon. Cost for the Egg Hunt is \$10 per participant and is a fundraiser for Equine Assisted Therapy horses. The eggs are counted at the end of the hunt and are exchanged for "EAT Bucks" to spend on prizes, not candy!

Bring the family out for some springtime fun! Rainout information will be posted at eatherapy.org.



YOGA
AT LONGVIEW



Stretch, strengthen and center yourself in the beautiful setting of Longview Farm Park. This vinyasa yoga class is suitable to all levels. From the complete novice to an experienced yogi, this class will be tailored to accommodate multiple levels. This class will meet outdoors down by the lake. In cases of inclement weather, the class will meet inside the Longview Farm House.

Location: Longview Farm Park, 13525 Clayton Rd.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9-10:15

Starting in June-Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 8-9 AM
Instructor: Sara Clem of Salveo Yoga has been practicing yoga for 18 years. She is skilled in tailoring classes to her students' skill level and teaching yoga as a friendly practice anyone can do! Sara is Yoga Alliance certified.

Fee: \$15/class; \$60/5-class package;
\$100/10-class package

To register on-line go to Salveoyoga.com
and click on Store.

PRESERVATION / CADET PARK

To reserve the fields at Preservation/Cadet Parks for spring and summer usage, please contact Tony Kosciolek at Kosciolekt@cbchs.org, or 314-985-6046



DEER MANAGEMENT

In January, the latest phase of the City's deer management program concluded with the culling of 100 deer, which was the number authorized by ordinance and the Missouri Department of Conservation. The program was once again conducted by White Buffalo, Inc., which is a nonprofit organization that is focused on the conservation of native species and ecosystems. In addition to deer management, Dr. Anthony DeNicola and his team conduct scientific research and educational efforts to improve the understanding and conservation of natural resources. The overpopulation of deer can have a devastating impact upon the ecosystem and other living things, including flowers, trees, insects, bees, and birds, in addition to the danger they pose to motorists.

White Buffalo is not authorized to enter upon private property to conduct sharpshooting activities without the prior consent of the owner. All properties that are used for deer management are first inspected by the police department for safety considerations and are also subject to inspection by the Missouri Department of Conservation.

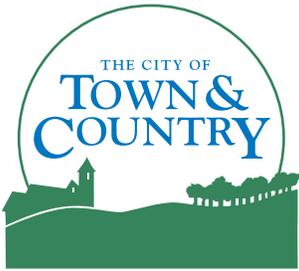
All meat was donated to the Share the Harvest program which supplied burgers, steak, roast, and loins to families and individuals in need through the St. Louis Area Foodbank.

White Buffalo also completed a distance sampling study, which estimated the current deer population at 36.9 deer per square mile in the ten square mile area west of I-270. This is a 14 percent decrease from last year's estimate, although there are still a few areas that continue to see heavy concentrations of deer. The City's initial population goal established several years ago is 30 deer per square mile. It is hoped that this population level will result in a significant reduction in deer-vehicle collisions.

Of the deer culled this year, 30 percent were removed from areas that feed the eastbound I-64/South Outer 40 corridor, which traditionally has a higher collision rate due to the higher speed limits on those roadways. Other sites should prove beneficial in reducing crashes along Clayton Road west of Mason. Since the inception of the program in 2009 deer-vehicle collisions have been reduced by 21 percent.

The final reports from White Buffalo are available on the City website www.town-and-country.org, under "Residents", "Community Information", click on "Deer Management". Inquiries or complaints can be directed to deer@town-and-country.org.





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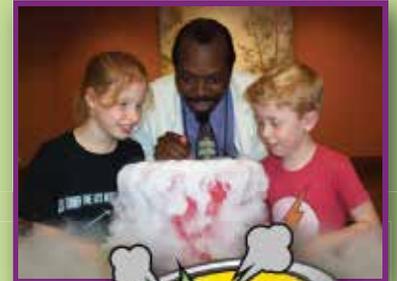
arbor day celebration

Sunday, April 26, 1-3 PM ~ Longview Farm Park

Trees • **NITRO JOE** • Butterfly Wings

Come to Longview Farm Park to celebrate Arbor Day! Nitro Joe will do a special science show from 1:30-2:30! You never know if he will bring amazing floating gas bubbles, experiments with fire, or slime for everyone! In addition to the science show, children may decorate their very own pair of butterfly wings AND make a beaded Mother's Day bracelet! Parents can select native trees and shrubs to plant at home.

The event is **FREE** and open to the public.
 If it rains, the event will be indoors.



TREE CITY USA®

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