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We have it all in Town and Country - From the Greatest Generation to the Next Generation **THE STATE OF OUR CITY**



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As your Mayor, it is my duty and privilege to report on the State of our City, as I have done with great pride for many years. Serving the residents of Town and Country and working to make our community an even better place to live, work and raise a family is among my greatest aspirations. With the help and support of our dedicated Board of Aldermen and talented staff at City Hall, I can say with confidence that our City is in outstanding shape. We met or exceeded our goals for 2015, and we are very excited about plans underway for 2016 and beyond. As I trust you will agree from the report below, we are fortunate to live in such a fine community, and Town and Country's future is truly promising.

A PROUD PAST SETS THE FOUNDATION FOR A STRONG FUTURE

Several years ago, I was invited to attend a reunion of the 5th Marine Division that was being held in our town at the Marriott West Hotel. These men had participated in the legendary battle at Iwo Jima, which is etched in American history through the iconic picture of soldiers hoisting the American flag. A framed reproduction of this photograph is proudly displayed in my office at the Municipal Center and graced with the signatures of the brave men whom I met that evening. Apparently the members of so-called "Bravo Company" gather each year at a location around the country to celebrate their bonds of brotherhood and service to our country - bonds that remain strong to this day.



Tom Brokaw called these men the "Greatest Generation," and on that night in Town and Country, I understood why. In fact, we have our own hometown heroes who fought similar battles for the grand cause of liberty. For example, Everett Bay, a resident of Town and Country since 1962, is a proud veteran included among this Greatest Generation. We invited Mr. Bay and some of his fellow soldiers to ride in a vintage firetruck in the "Our Town, Our Country" parade last fall and be recognized for their past service and sacrifice. To kick off the parade, a moving ceremony took place at Mari de Villa, complete with an honor guard and the playing of our national anthem, reflecting the respect that exists for these distinguished individuals.

The many branches of military service are united by the courage of men and women who respond selflessly to the call of duty by their country. This same attribute is also possessed by a number of individuals who have lived and served in our community with dedication, determination and humility—answering not a call to military duty, but to civic duty. The contributions of these pillars of the community, such as the late Jamie Cannon, Diane Hertlein, Betty Perry and Dallas Cox helped make us what we are today. The service and sacrifice of these and other past Town and Country leaders provided the foundation for our City's success. We are grateful, too, for those who continue to contribute and fulfill crucial roles as civil servants. For example, Fred Meyland-Smith and Lynn Wright have served on the Board of Aldermen for well over 10 years, and



*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!*

Skip Mange has held numerous positions of public trust, including St. Louis County Councilman, Mayor and now Ward 1 Alderman. Their commitment to the continued prosperity of our City is an inspiring model of what citizenship truly means.

In Town and Country, we are blessed to enjoy a productive confluence of yesterday's heroes with tomorrow's leaders. This respect for our history marries well with our future planning and will ensure our success in 2016 and beyond. This was clearly on display last month at our annual commission recognition event where we acknowledged the service of Sam Hawatmeh, Kraig Kreikemeier and Hermann Metz, each of whom have given their time and talent to the City for over 15 years. This new class of honorees joined the likes of Jim Crowley and Bob Proost, who have served for over 20 years, along with many who were completing their first year of service. Nearly 100 civic-minded residents gathered that evening, similar to the members of the 5th Marine Division, and celebrated their contributions to the collective good of our community. Learning from and building upon wisdom from the past, we are consistently seeking out both new residents and those from a diversity of generations in Town and Country to preserve, protect and advance the solid foundation laid by our predecessors. These emerging leaders are serving in the laudable spirit of Jamie, Diane, Betty and Dallas —safeguarding the values of our City while boldly embracing the future and the fullness of its possibilities.



Advice from a T&C member of the "Greatest Generation"

1. Work hard
2. Trials make you stronger
3. Expect all good
4. Be the best you can be

~ Everett Bay

2020 VISION THROUGH STRATEGIC PLANNING: A TOWN SQUARE STARTS TO EMERGE

In last year's State of the City address, I reported on the opportunity that was seized by the Board of Aldermen in purchasing the Wirth property, an 8.8 acre tract of prime real estate in the heart of Town and Country. In early 2015, following that decisive action, I appointed two groups of representative citizens to develop a vision for this community asset. The "Town Square Task Force," assisted by the

Neighborhood Representatives Subcommittee, completed its analysis through a series of public meetings and town hall forums, delivering its final report to the Board of Aldermen in early October. The Board of Aldermen promptly took up the matter and unanimously endorsed the major components of the conceptual design created by the Task Force, which would *create not only a place for the community to come together, but a reason for people to stay and enjoy themselves, as well.*

KEY PLAN

- A. Discovery Statue & Water Jet Fountain
- B. Town Square
- C. Retail Restaurant
- D. Clayton Road Pedestrian Crossing(Tunnel)
- E. 100 Car Parking
- F. 20 Future Parking Spaces
- G. Food Truck(s)
- H. Public Restrooms
- I. Straub's Truck Maneuvering
- J. Pavilion
- K. Interactive Stone Brook
- L. Historical Compass Rose
- M. Activity Fountain
- N. Trail to Church of Good Shepherd & Queeny Park
- O. Overlook
- P. Lake (Wet Detention with Fountain)
- Q. Enhance Existing Tree Buffer
- R. Remove Heavy Brush & Open Vista to Park
- S. Monarch Butterfly Garden
- T. Walking Trails



The next major step in this placemaking process was taken earlier this year. Two studies authorized by the Board of Aldermen will provide valuable information on calculating the cost of the specific components of the design and ensuring we adequately account for infrastructure needs. With that information, the Board of Aldermen will be in a position to make a final recommendation that is consistent with sound planning and fiscal responsibility. Importantly, there will be many additional opportunities for public input and participation through the Planning and Zoning process, which should commence this spring. (Please see page 12 for additional information.)

TOWN SQUARE VISION STATEMENT - *Adopted by the Board of Aldermen, November 9, 2015*
The Town Square should be a safe, welcoming, comfortable, public space that accommodates users of all ages, where friends and family can dine, shop, recreate and socialize through the day and evening. It should reflect the character, personality, culture, and history of the community, while at the same time addressing the interests and concerns of the adjoining property owners. It needs to be a space that gives people a reason to come to it, along with a reason to stay and enjoy themselves.

INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT THROUGH THE THOUGHTFUL DEPLOYMENT OF OUR RESOURCES

Strategic Planning and Prioritization



The Board of Aldermen and key commission members continue to analyze the City's immediate and long-term needs in an effort to set proper priorities, safeguard our property values and protect our surroundings. This analysis was similarly conducted as we implemented our unprecedented roadway improvement program over the past several years upon the recommendation of the Public Infrastructure Investment Task Force that was appointed to examine existing needs and our financial ability to address them. This group of residents brought their diverse areas of expertise together and recommended a comprehensive plan that strategically deployed our general fund reserve assets by investing over \$5 million into

our street and roadway system, demonstrating what can be accomplished through the execution of a well-conceived plan. Over the summer, we will utilize our internship program to begin development of the next generation of our roadway program by assessing both past accomplishments and remaining needs.

With the major roadway initiative achieved, we are turning our focus to another significant element of infrastructure—preserving land and property assets through stormwater control. The City hired Tim Randick last January to manage those projects and to implement our regionally coveted stormwater program. We established and achieved aggressive targets for 2015 and have squarely set our sights on a number of ambitious stormwater solutions for 2016. With the budgeting of nearly \$1.3 million in stormwater funds, our team is fully deployed, and the coming year promises to bring continued substantive progress to the program.

Revitalizing our Retail Sector

2015 saw impressive developments in the Manchester Meadows shopping center. Fresh Thyme Farmers Market and Total Wine & More have been successful additions to the development, complementing such stalwarts as Home Depot and Cobblestone Quality Shoe Repair. Further signs of success are coming through in other parts of our commercial sector. Colleen Schoendienst and her team recently reopened McDonald's in its new facility at Lamp and Lantern, Stein Mart is under construction in Town and Country Crossing, and our latest news is that Katie's Pizza & Pasta will open their next location at Clayton Village Shopping Center. Great things continue to happen in all of our retail centers and throughout our community, and I look forward to 2016 bringing about even more exciting news.



A Walkable Community – A Connected Community

One emerging trend of the 21st century is reminiscent of previous eras of American life: the desire for more meaningful interactions and connections among people. An offspring of this attitude is the term *walkable community*. These two words truly are mutually dependent. Several years ago, we completed the Clayton Road Trail, which serves as a monument to our own greatest generation, whose vision for Town and Country saw its growth through our Trails and Parks Master Plan. Although we continue to enjoy the results of this endeavor, we must not forget that it was implemented as a beginning, not an end, and was always intended to serve as a core from which new and innovative components can emerge. To ensure that we create a genuinely *walkable* community that can be enjoyed by the greatest number of our residents, I supported a grant that was awarded to update our existing Trails Master Plan to identify and prioritize new trails. Public input will be solicited to formulate our plan moving forward.

Topping Road remains our next priority. We continue to seek outside funds to assist in realizing this project, and we anticipate favorable consideration in 2016 for implementation over the following three years. This long-awaited addition to our network will further connect our neighborhoods and schools, as well as enhance the safety of our residents. It is destined to be a truly valued asset and will be well worth our time, effort and patience.



Partnering for Connectivity

I am pleased to say that through the efforts of many in Town and Country, we are on the cusp of a significant new and unprecedented project. We have undertaken development of a partnership with St. Louis County and the City of Creve Coeur with a view towards connecting neighborhoods along Mason Road, starting from Queeny Park, extending through our future Town Square at the intersection of Mason and Clayton Roads, and continuing to areas north of Interstate 64. In short, our common goal is to develop a pedestrian facility along this corridor that unifies both north and south and east and west. Our participation in this regional cooperation will allow us to enhance portions of our City that have been underserved, enjoy the benefits of a team effort, and create invaluable enhancements that will serve Town and Country for many years to come.

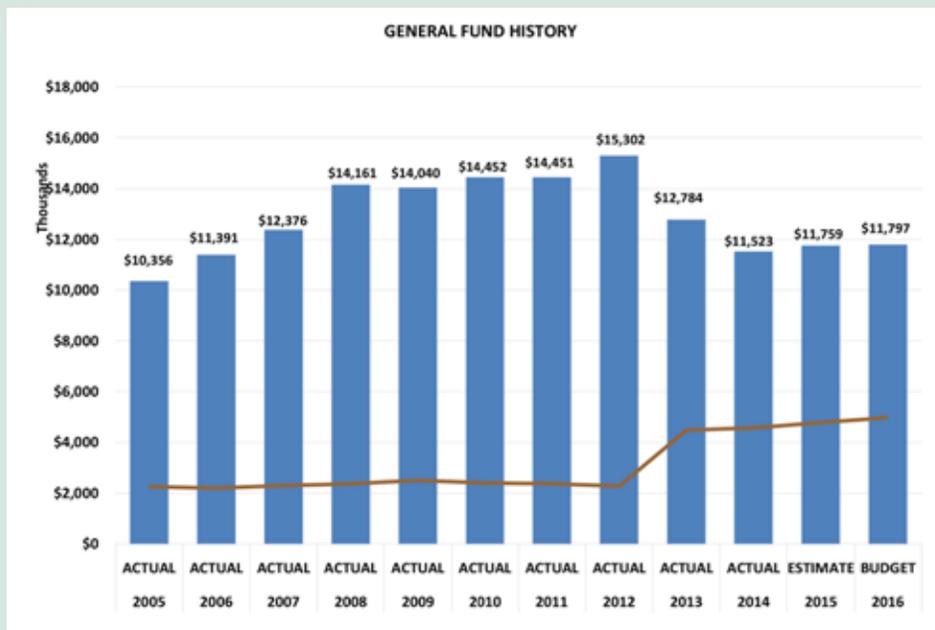
Meaningful connections begin with the collective engagement of individuals, and I encourage you to join in and strengthen the bonds that make us a community. Please consider getting involved in your subdivision, serving on a commission, or meeting your neighbors at one of our many city-sponsored events. Everyone's participation is welcomed and encouraged.

EXCELLENCE IN FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AND FINANCIAL REPORTING

The City continues to exercise exemplary financial management, and in 2015, was awarded the *Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting* from the Government Finance Officers Association for a second time. In addition, our consistent AAA credit rating is an objective assessment of the City's strong financial position, continuing to operate a balanced general fund budget with no debt and no property tax (setting our levy rate again in 2015-2016 at 0%).

Another Balanced Budget Secures Our Financial Future

Because of the City's strong financial position and healthy operating reserve, we were able to end the year with a general fund balance of \$11.7 million, well over two times our self-imposed required minimum reserve level. Based on the 2016 budget, we are anticipating adding another \$38,000 to the general fund balance. Stated differently, our budget is not only balanced, but revenue positive, and we live well within our means with no debt. All expenditures beyond total revenue are made from our substantial reserves, which is in essence our "savings account." In fact, these reserves provide us with the ability to both respond to unexpected emergencies and invest back into the City when opportunities like the Wirth property sale arise, as well as in our neighborhood infrastructure with roads and stormwater projects.



Board Planning Used to Test Priorities and Preparedness

Our Finance Commission, along with critical input from our Public Works and Stormwater Commission, ensures that a proper balance is maintained between our reserve fund and infrastructure investment. To that end, we held a joint meeting of these two groups late last year to ensure a coordinated assessment of all priorities in Town and Country, blending infrastructure needs with fiscal resources. At the conclusion of that in-depth analysis, we all concluded that our public works program was fully deployed with the appropriate funding and that future planning was in place to guide infrastructure investment in the years to come. This very helpful round table discussion was supported by staff, members of the

Board of Aldermen and, most importantly, nearly all members of both commissions, who possess technical and business expertise invaluable to the City's planning efforts.

Public Safety Continues as Budget Priority

In 2015, we completed negotiations with the Fire District and entered into a new five-year agreement that will begin in 2017 and extend through 2021. Overall, the agreement calls for a 2% increase in the base service costs and an additional \$156,000 in annual capital funding, all designed to maintain and, in fact, enhance our first-class, city-wide service. One of the highlights of the new agreement is the transfer of fire marshal services to the City. Formerly provided by the District, fire inspection services will be brought in house to better serve the City of Town and Country, while remaining cost neutral.

Revenue Remains Strong

Overall, 79% of our general operating fund and 53% percent of our total budget is dedicated to maintaining unsurpassed police and fire protection for our residents and businesses. Unlike much of the St. Louis area, residents and businesses in Town and Country are not levied a tax or property assessment for these services, so there is no direct cost to our property owners for the excellent service they receive.

With continued growth in our retail community, sales tax continues to be the City's largest revenue source, generating 43% of total revenues. The following chart depicts the allocation of the revenues generated from each source, providing a clearer picture of the City's economic engine. Following sales tax, the next largest generator of revenue comes from utility taxes. This tax is assessed on *commercial* usage of water, gas, telephone service and electricity. Licenses and permits produce another 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.

Finally, the Road and Bridge tax is a 10 ½ cent property tax assessed by St. Louis County, which is then distributed to municipalities with its use limited to road and bridge improvements and maintenance. It generates 5% of all city revenues.

KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE AND SECURE

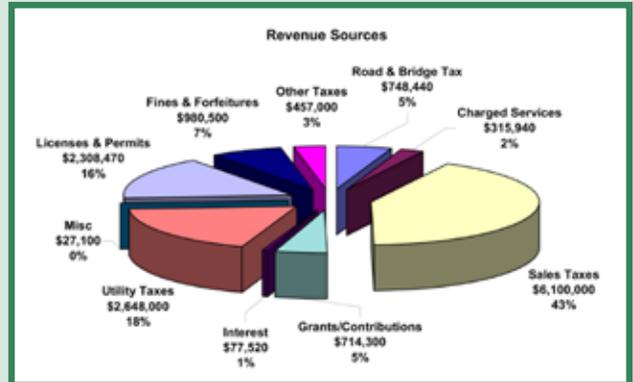
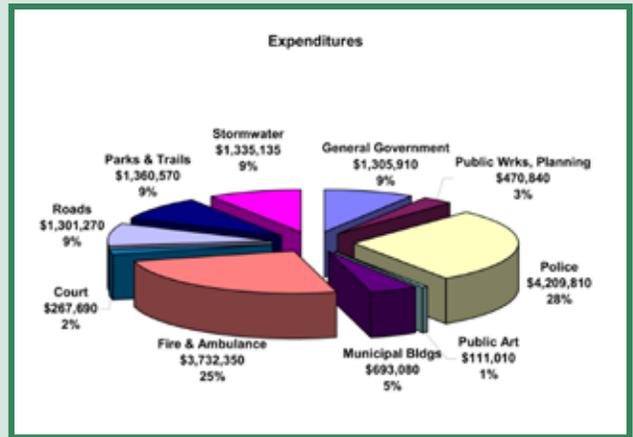


The motto "Public Safety is a Partnership!" can be found as a banner on our city website, depicting part of a story on how we were selected as one of the top ten safest cities in Missouri by *The Safe Wise Report*, an independent home security and safety advice forum. Once again, the partnership principle is vital to our City. While we have a premier police department that is second to none in the St. Louis area, our police officers rely on an *informed and observant* citizenry to assist in their efforts to prevent crime and keep our community safe.

The *informed* component is a responsibility of the police department, facilitated through attendance at neighborhood meetings and through regular distribution of the *BeAware Crime Prevention and Safety Network* email notifications. The *observant* component is a responsibility of the community as a whole. Quite simply, it is important to remember that being a bit of a "nosey neighbor" can make all of the difference in neighborhood safety. When you see or hear things in your neighborhood that are out of the ordinary, please call and report your observations. This practice can lead to good witnesses, and we need everyone to take those extra steps to prevent crime whenever possible.

For example, in August of last year several residents along Topping Road woke up to find that items had been stolen from their unlocked vehicles overnight. Thankfully, one alert resident provided a tip to our police department that led to the arrest of the suspect and the recovery of all the stolen property. In another instance, a resident saw some suspicious activity at her neighbor's house and quickly called the police. Arriving officers discovered that the house had been burglarized, but the reporting party had been able to safely take a cell phone photo of the suspect's vehicle leaving the area. No arrests have been made in that case as of yet, but the picture and information were quickly distributed via the BeAware network, thus keeping our community informed.

The police department often shares the simple message: "If you see something, say something." Both of the above examples validate the importance of that message. Let's work together to continue strengthening the partnership that keeps our community safe.



For more information on the *BeAware Crime Prevention and Safety Network* notifications and to sign up to receive them, please visit our website at www.town-and-country.org and click on the *Notify Me* link.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS: TOWN AND COUNTRY COMES TOGETHER LIKE NEVER BEFORE 2015 – What a Year!



In terms of community events, 2015 had something for everyone. Our annual favorites like National Night Out, Fall Festival and the Turkey Trot were complemented with several new activities such as the Christmas Tree Lighting at Mari de Villa, which included a visit from none other than Santa and Mrs. Claus in a horse-drawn sleigh! It is truly an understatement to say that the sense of community continues to rise significantly in Town and Country, since both the quality and quantity of city events and neighborhood connections have grown substantially.

Last year, we celebrated the first major parade down Clayton Road—our “Main Street”—from Mari de Villa to Longview Farm Park. Cardinal Hall of Famer Red Schoendienst was the Grand Marshal, and guests of honor included a number of other Hall of Famers, notably Whitey Herzog, Roger Werhli and Jackie Smith. Over 1,000 people lined the parade route to take in and cheer on a very impressive array of participants, from the very animated VP Police and the Shriner’s Moolah YOMO cars, to the men and women of our very own police and fire services.



Last February also marked our first of many Community Conversation and Coffee events. Held periodically throughout the year, I enjoy these opportunities to meet with residents and learn what is most important to them—both in their neighborhood and across town. The only agenda is what they bring through the door, and the entire City Hall staff participates with the goal of providing immediate feedback. Our last “conversation” included a visit from our state legislators who offered information about what is going on in Jefferson City, and how these issues may affect Town and Country. I hope you will take advantage of these opportunities and I look forward to hearing from you at our next Conversation.

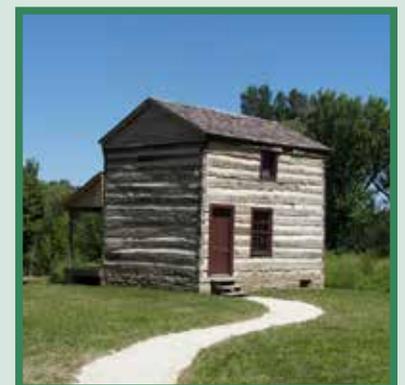
Town and Country Ambassadors Established

To build upon the ever-increasing and dynamic community spirit within Town and Country, we are launching a new program this year called the Town and Country Ambassadors. We are constantly reminded of the enthusiasm and talents that our residents possess, and we hope to harness that passion to build a network of neighborliness and citizen involvement. The Ambassadors will seek to foster collaboration and a greater sense of community among residents while promoting social and civic opportunities within the City. This group, with the support of a liaison from the Board of Aldermen and City Hall staff, will also be tasked with enhancing community outreach, encouraging resident involvement and formulating new ideas for the City. Undoubtedly, with this legion of ambassadors for our City promoting the multitude of activities going on in and around town, our sense of community will be catapulted to new levels.

More Fun to Come in 2016

The first event of the spring is our annual Arbor Day celebration, with highlights and activities that include free seedlings, crafts for children and a fishing derby. Join us on May 1 from 1:00-3:00 PM at Longview Farm Park to kick off the season!

I am happy to report that Drace Park has undergone a facelift over the past year that includes new landscaping, removal of the addition on the Kropp Log Cabin and erecting of the Oge Log Cabin. The Town and Country Garden Club will showcase its beautiful gardens in the park throughout the coming season, and May 21-22, we will host the first Drace Campout. At the Campout, the grand opening of both the Oge Log Cabin and the new Nature Explore



Outdoor Classroom will be celebrated. If you are interested in engaging your children in the outdoors and the history of our community, please mark your calendar for this special weekend!



Each year, I look forward to seeing how the Mason Ridge Garden Club has outdone itself once again through its tireless efforts and dedicated service to the Longview Farm Park gardens, which are so picturesque that photographers regularly use them as a backdrop for portraits. A diverse array of



community activities are already on the calendar at Longview this year, from Art Gallery openings to weddings, barbecue picnics to play dates, robotics camps to tennis lessons. Outdoor yoga and Equine-Assisted Therapy classes also provide ways to enjoy the natural setting, and the tennis court will be replaced this spring and ready for summer play, thanks to a Municipal Park Grant award. The Longview tennis court is original to the property, and its presence and accessibility maintains a residential feel to the frontage of the park.

Summer will bring our biggest event of the year. After the positive reactions and glowing feedback we received about the first “Our Town, Our Country” parade, I am pleased to announce that the 2016 parade will kick-off our annual Fire and Ice event, as well. As always, Fire and Ice will feature music, fireworks and food at our annual Taste of Town and Country. Be sure to save the date—Saturday, June 25—for a community celebration with fun for residents of all ages.

I would like to personally thank our friends, Fred and Mary Kay Wiesehan at Mari de Villa, for their continued support of our community, boundless generosity and leadership. Not only have they served as hosts for our National Night Out and annual commission recognition events in recent years, but they were key in establishing and facilitating our instantly classic “Our Town, Our Country” parade last fall and the wonderful Christmas Tree Lighting event that added so much to the holiday spirit for the countless community members who participated. We are truly grateful to the Wiesehans and Mari de Villa for all they do to make life in Town and Country even more special each year.



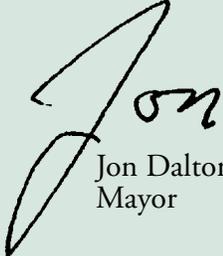
All of these events and activities are signs of a vibrant community that celebrates our progress, honors our past, and bodes well for our future. From the Greatest Generation to the Next Generation, Town and Country is in a very good place.

As Mark Twain once said, “I didn’t have time to write a short letter, so I wrote a long one instead.” Without a doubt, condensing all the gains we achieved together during 2015 into a short report would have been a challenging task. Accordingly, I hope you will forgive the length of this address and enjoy the report with as much local pride as I experienced while compiling it.

Public service is both a privilege and responsibility I take very seriously. Thank you for the opportunity to represent your interests in advancing the great City of Town and Country. I am grateful to those who came before me, and I look forward to working with all those who wish to get involved in continuing the progress we have already attained together.

I look forward to seeing you one day at our new Town Square, where we will have a reason to come together and a reason to stay and enjoy ourselves! In the meantime, may the beauty of spring in Town and Country inspire you to take advantage of the many ways to enjoy the great outdoors in this community we are lucky enough to call home.

Best wishes,



Jon Dalton
Mayor

MUNICIPAL ELECTION: Tuesday, April 5

CANDIDATES FOR WARD 2

Nan Kulkarni



Service above self.

We built our house in T & C in 1987, and have lived here ever since, a span of almost 29 years this spring. We raised our family here. So it is a city I truly call home and am passionate about it's welfare and future.

I am a retired physician and co-founder of Obstetrical Anesthesia Associates of Mercy Medical (more commonly known as Labor and Delivery epidural anesthesia services .) I practiced there for 27 years. I have been married for over 40 years to my husband Dr. Satish Kulkarni, and we have 2 grown kids.

I have served on the Art Commission of T&C almost since its inception several years ago. It has been amazing to see the Art commission grow and to participate in establishing an annual Plein Aire art competition , and the first commissioned statue for T&C, the Discovery statue which is well on its way to completion.

I also served on the Town Square Task force for Wirth property development.

I received “ Citizen of the Year “ award from T&C and Frontenac chamber of Commerce in 2009.

If elected alderman, I can assure you that this position will have my full attention as I have no other major commitments and can devote my time to it fully. My kids are raised, I am retired, and I have a very supportive husband who will not balk at the time commitment . WE both love T&C.

I am not a politician, but just a long term resident who loves T & C, and would like to see it thrive, and maintain its special charm that our family has enjoyed all these years. I respectfully ask for your vote .

Thank you.

Lindsey Butler



How would you describe Town and Country? Would you say a city conveniently located, large lot neighborhoods, great schools, unique shops, wonderful parks, quiet, and safe? When elected I will strive to add the following:

- Pleasures of modern life with the legacy of our history and culture preserved.
- Development that is compatible with and enhances surrounding areas.
- An efficient and fiscally responsible city.
- A walkable community connecting neighbors to parks and shopping.

Six years ago, my husband and I moved to T&C to grow our family and a business. During this time, I became aware of a proposed development incongruent with surrounding properties and brought legal case studies to the Planning and Zoning Commission in opposition. Shortly after, I researched several bills concerning HUD and ICLEI presenting additional facts to the board leading to tabling of the bills. I am uniquely qualified to serve you as Ward 2 alderman due to my knowledge of the critical issues facing T&C. Much of this knowledge has been gathered through my involvement and active participation in BOA meetings, commission meetings, Ward 2 resident forums, Town Center Task Force sessions, and by serving as trustee for Mason Oaks subdivision.

I commit to you that as your alderman I will:

Be Respectful to all residents of Ward 2 and their viewpoints.

Be Responsible with our finances and resources.

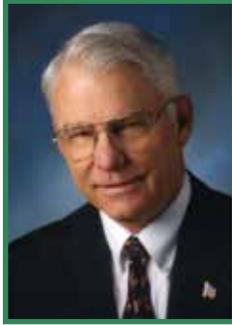
Be Cooperative with the board and build rapport to ensure we are working as a team for T&C.

Be Safe by supporting the 5 Year Capital Improvement plan to update infrastructure as well as supporting current deer management protocols.

Be Considerate to our neighbors by voting for development when it enhances the value of their properties and creates positive community benefit.

I will be honored to be your Ward 2 representative.
lindseybutler4townandcountry@gmail.com

The following candidates are running unopposed.



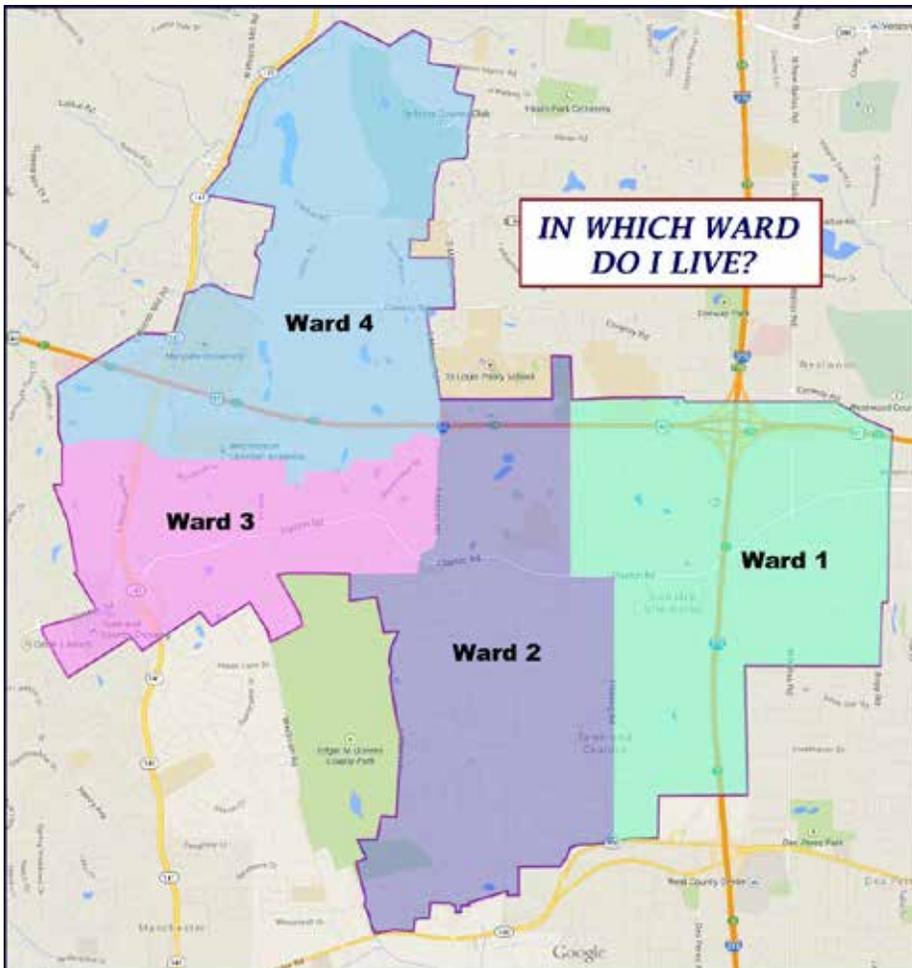
Skip Mange
Ward 1 Candidate



Linda Rallo
Ward 4 Candidate



Gussie Crawford
Ward 3 Candidate



It has been a privilege serving my two terms as a Town and Country alderman representing Ward 3. I have learned that there is a great deal more to operating a city government than appears on the surface. I would like to use that education as I seek a third term.

My goals remain :

- Fiscal responsibility
- Keeping the country appeal in our city
- Maintaining the excellent police and fire service
- Continued revitalization of our shopping centers (i.e. Manchester Meadows)
- Control of the deer population

We have new challenges with the purchase of the Wirth property and thus far there has been a lot of time and energy spent by our citizens with ideas and proposals. It is important that we do not rush this project. Rome was not built in a day!

The reorganization of our Commissions with eliminations, name changes, and consolidation are healthy changes.

I am looking forward to the next two years of service to the City of Town and Country.

Gussie Crawford

FIRE & ICE

SATURDAY, JUNE 25 *with parade!*

SAVE THE DATE!



Everybody loves a parade! And the residents of Town & Country really loved our first procession down Clayton Road last year in connection with the annual Fall Festival. It was a wonderful display of patriotic, community spirit with residents and businesses coming together marching in groups, on decorated floats, in vintage cars, and even in a giant shopping cart. Those not participating in the parade came out in droves to line the parade route and watch the fun from the sidelines. The excitement of the parade participants was contagious and parade watchers loved it!

This year, our patriotic parade will precede our annual summer party – Fire & Ice – on June 25. The parade will step off from Mari de Villa and end at Longview Farm Park just before the fun of Fire & Ice begins at the new Town Square property east of Straub's. Fire & Ice will have music, food, and of course, end with a fabulous fireworks display!

If your business, subdivision, scouts, marching band or group of any kind would like to participate in the parade with a decorated float or marching, please visit TCparade.com. Also needed are volunteers to help the day of the parade.

If you want to be part of the fun, please contact City Administrator Gary Hoelzer at 314-587-2802, or hoelzerga@town-and-country.org.

Stay tuned; final details on the parade and Fire & Ice will be in the summer Town & Country Times and on our website www.town-and-country.org.

Out-of-State Sales Tax on the Purchase of Motor Vehicles, Trailers, Boats and Outboard Motors



On Tuesday, April 5, Town & Country voters will be asked to consider the continuation of an existing sales tax on purchases of motor vehicles, trailers, boats and outboard motors from out-of-state.

What is the sales tax about? A Missouri Supreme Court Case (Street vs. the Director of Revenue) in 2012, followed by subsequent state legislation (HB 184/SB 182) in 2013, required that cities without a use tax (such as Town and Country) must receive voter approval by November 2016 to continue sales tax collections on purchases of out-of-state motor vehicles, trailers, boats and outboard motors.

Is this a new tax? No. The city has collected this tax for many years. The question is on the ballot only as a result of the Missouri Supreme Court decision and the state legislation that followed. If the question is not placed on the ballot, or if the tax is discontinued by voters, the tax would cease to be collected beginning January 2017.

How does the tax affect me? The tax only applies to you if you purchase a motor vehicle, trailer, boat or outboard motor from out-of-state. Similar purchases made in-state will be subject to the local sales tax regardless of the vote on this ballot question.

For additional information, including the actual ballot language, visit the News and Announcements section on the City's homepage at www.town-and-country.org.

NEW BUSINESSES

Vanderbilt Office Properties
540 Maryville Centre Drive
Suite 210

First American Title Insurance, Inc.
12801 Flushing Meadows Drive
Suite 120

B2 Telecom, LLC.
14500 S. Outer Forty Road
Suite 206

Fresh Thyme Farmers Market
13957 Manchester Road

Peoples National Bank
14323 S. Outer Forty Road
Suite 300 South

THE HISTORY OF TOWN & COUNTRY

Part 7

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

In past Newsletters I have written about the formation of our city and its growth in size by annexations. I also reported on how our infrastructure of municipal buildings was developed over the years. In this part I want to report on the Town & Country Comprehensive Plan.

Under State Law, municipalities are required to have a Comprehensive Plan for the use of land within their municipality. The first one in our City was done in 1986 and provided guidance to our community leaders on issues related to land use and development. The 1992 annexation of land area north of Interstate 40/64 led to completion of an updated plan, adopted in 1996. As a part of the City's desire to continue a high quality of life and protect the low density residential core of the community, the City of Town & Country updated the Plan in 2010.

The stated purpose of the 2010 Plan is to create a vision for the use of land in the community. It does this in the following Sections:

- Section 1: Introduction
 - Purpose of the Plan
 - Community Characteristics
 - The Planning Process
- Section 2: Goals and Objectives
- Section 3: Existing Conditions
 - Demographic Overview
 - Existing Land Use
 - Traffic and circulation
 - Natural Resources
- Section 4: Plan Recommendations
 - Land Use
 - Transportation Resources
- Section 5: Implementation Strategies

The complete 2010 Comprehensive Plan can be viewed by searching the Town & Country web site at www.town-and-country.org

The 2010 Comprehensive Plan includes the following statement:

The City of Town & Country is recognized as a distinguished enclave within the St. Louis region. The community has maintained and enjoyed a comfortable, spacious suburban atmosphere centered around a one acre minimum residential lot size. Coupled with this, the City has attracted high quality office and retail development in specific limited areas. The community's open spaces, good city services, careful adherence to zoning and building codes, fiscal responsibility and community-minded residents have given the City a reputation as a well-established municipality with a high quality of life. It is this quality that sets Town & Country apart from other communities in the St. Louis area as a community committed to proactive planning and design excellence. The desire to preserve the community's character and high quality of life is the focus of this Comprehensive Plan.



[2010 Comprehensive Plan](#)

CITY OF TOWN & COUNTRY TOWN SQUARE TASK FORCE

*by Alderman Skip Mange, Co-Chairman
& Gary Hoelzer, City Administrator*

The area around Clayton and Mason Roads has long been the community gathering spot dating back when it was called “Alheim.” The center of Alheim was where you could find the Fette Tavern, and just to the east was the Alheim Inn that also served as the gathering place for farmers, and where community dances and town meetings were held. Imagine those who resided in the log cabins that are now represented at Drace Park traveling to the Alheim Inn for food, conversation, and commerce.

The Wirth’s Blacksmith Shop opened in 1890 in the midst of Alheim activity. In addition to blacksmithing and horseshoeing, the Wirth’s also built farm wagons. The family later added the sale of petroleum products to service the newly invented automobile. Significantly, however Wirth’s was far more than a place to shoe your horse, gas up your vehicle or have the windows cleaned. It was a place where you could connect with a friend or neighbor, catch up on the latest town news, or just revel in a place where time seemed to move just a little slower. For 112 years, people came to the Wirth property for various goods and services and to share in those positive relationships that make up vibrant community life [an excerpt from “Our City’s History” retrieved from www.town-and-country.org].

Continuing the legacy of the Wirth family and Alheim, the City of Town & Country purchased the 8.8 acres that lies just to the east of Straub’s and Mason Woods Village. Mayor Jon Dalton appointed the Town Square Task Force, representative of all four wards of the City, and to ensure that the voice of those most affected had a forum to be heard the Mayor appointed the Neighborhood Representatives Subcommittee. Thus began the process of community planning and placemaking that will ensure that this area at the geographical heart of Town & Country continues to be a place for friends, neighbors and families to be community for generations to come.

After a number of public meetings, the Task Force completed its work and submitted a final report to

the Board of Aldermen in October 2015. That report recommended the adoption of the M+H Architect’s Conceptual Plan. The Aldermen quickly embraced their responsibility and made some revisions to the recommended conceptual plan. They then passed legislation that authorized and funded two professional contracts. The first contract was with a major engineering and consulting firm, George Stock and Associates. The primary purpose of this engineering study is to provide detailed cost estimates of all of the elements in the conceptual plan. The second contract was with the Lochmueller Group to conduct a Parking Demand Analysis that can be used to determine the potential size of the area designated as restaurant space that is consistent with the nature and character of the area.

Once the Board of Aldermen has reviewed the studies a final conceptual plan will be considered and approved. Parts of the plan that have zoning implications will be referred to the Planning & Zoning Commission for public consideration and recommendation.

The final stage will be to develop a Request For Proposal that is consistent with the City’s final conceptual design and zoning and to conduct a competitive process that will provide a community gathering place at the most reasonable cost. Once a development firm is approved, it will be time to break ground.

The complete Final Task Force report and updates can be followed on the Town & Country website by clicking on the Town Square tab at www.town-and-country.org.

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8th Annual EGG HUNT Saturday, March 19 at Longview Farm Park

Registration begins at 11:00 AM
Hunt begins promptly at Noon

Thousands of eggs hidden for
kids ages 2 -12
Price is \$10 /hunter
Bring your own bag or basket

Eggs found will be turned in for
EAT Bucks that kids use to shop at the
EAT Country Store for fun prizes.

*All proceeds to benefit
Equine-Assisted Therapy
www.eatherapy.org*

WEST COUNTY EMS & FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Recently, West County EMS and Fire Protection District Command Officers have received full certification as Blue Card Incident Commanders. The Blue Card Certification brings emergency incident management together with a system based on the best practices. This is very important to our community because at any given moment, any Command Officer can be managing and coordinating multiple units from various fire agencies. Blue Card creates a common operating platform by using countywide Standard Operating Guidelines for emergency operations. This certification also enables Incident Commanders to make smart decisions on scene, in turn potentially eliminating a costly mistake that could have serious ramifications; including loss of life.

There are four main areas of focus within the Blue Card Program that is available to all Company and Command Officers consisting of 40-50 hours of online training, completion of simulation evaluation session, continuing education, re-certification every three years and an instructor training and support program.

At West County EMS & Fire, our priority is to serve our community as efficiently and safely as possible and this program takes that measure to the next level. During the simulation evaluation session, each Officer is evaluated in the role of the initial arriving Incident Commander and as the second arriving Command Officer. In each of those roles, they must complete the five basic building types; residential, multi-unit residential, strip malls, commercial buildings, and big box structures. These occupancies represent over 90% of the structural fires we see as a District. After successfully completing all of the required training, the Officer will be officially certified as a Blue Card Incident Commander.

This type of program then creates the opportunity on mutual aid calls to be operating on one language and the knowledge of the roles and responsibly each individual has on the scene.

As a District, it is our duty and highest priority to provide the best service to our citizens and this certification is the type of training that keeps that level of service at the highest level possible.

TOWN & COUNTRY GARDEN CLUB 2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

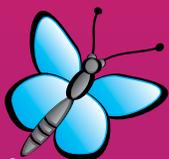


Programs are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month and are free and open to the public. Lunch is optional at noon at Longview Farm House. Pay at the door - RSVP is required.

April 16 - Saturday PM - 60th Anniversary Dinner - tickets now available
May 13 - AM - Field Trip TBD

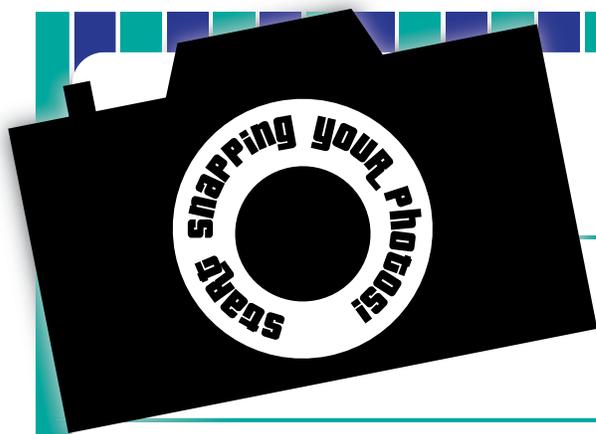
COME CELEBRATE WITH US! SATURDAY, APRIL 16

The Town & Country Garden Club is excited to announce the 60th Anniversary of the society. We are hosting a dinner to honor this milestone in the club's long history at The Hearth Room in Lamp and Lantern Village on Saturday, April 16. Tickets are \$40 per person. A cash bar will be offered. We invite the Town & Country community to share in this special event. Highlights of the evening will be cellist, Melanie Halley, of the St. Louis Philharmonic, playing for your listening enjoyment and guest speaker, Esley Hamilton, Preservation Historian, presenting a program on "Historic Gardens of St. Louis".



Visit our website at www.townandcountrygardenclub.com for updates.
Please contact Pam Jokerst at 314-276-9461 or pamjokerst@gmail.com
for additional information, reservations or questions.





THE CITY OF TOWN & COUNTRY PHOTO COMPETITION

CALLING PHOTOGRAPHERS OF ANY SKILL LEVEL!
SHOW US YOUR CREATIVE EYE IN THE
CITY'S FIRST EVER PHOTO COMPETITION!

Youth Competition: Photographers under the age of 15 may submit 5 photos.

Adult Competition: Photographers OVER the age of 15 may submit 5 photos.

AWARDS and ART SHOW: The competition will culminate in a special art show at the Longview Farm House Art Gallery in November. Winning photographs, selected by a panel of judges, will be enlarged to a beautiful gallery style print for the photographer to keep. The reception will take place in mid-November. Winning photographers will also receive a certificate and recognition at the art show. The winning photographs will be on display during the months of November and December.

DEADLINE to submit photos: **August 31, 2016.**

Information and Entry Agreement can be found at www.town-and-country.org look for **2016 Photo Competition** link on home page.

Or call the Parks & Recreation Department at 314-587-2838.



Longview farm house ART GALLERY

Come inside the beautiful Longview Farm House and enjoy the rotating exhibits of local artists throughout the house. The talent of different artists will be highlighted through 2016. Each exhibit lasts for four to six weeks, and features an opening reception with wine, light appetizers and time to visit with the artist. Please see the schedule below and mark your calendar for 2016!



Birds

Jeff Kapfer
jeffkapfer.com
On view **March 1 - April 8**



Marty Coulter
On view **June - July**
Opening Reception, featuring live artist demonstration
Friday, July 1, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Maryville University - From Arcadia to Suburbia

The two sections of the Foundation Design classes at Maryville will research the founding and growth of St. Louis. Special focus will be on the area that became Town and Country. They will design and construct sculptures that tell the story of development and transformation. The mixed media objects will be abstract and figurative.

On view **April 11 - May 31**
Opening Reception, Friday, April 15, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

The Art of Gina Alvarez

On view **August - September**
Opening Reception, Friday, August 26, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Weekly gallery hours are Monday - Friday from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm, or by appointment.
Opening Receptions are free and open to the public. Refreshments are provided.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW POLICE OFFICER

Officer Curtis McPherson started with the Police Department in mid-September 2015. Prior to Town & Country, Curtis was a police officer with the St. John's Police Department where he worked for one year. Curtis resides in O'Fallon, Missouri with his wife and two children.

DEER MANAGEMENT

In January the latest phase of the City's deer management program concluded with the culling of 210 deer, 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 the danger they pose to motorists, the overpopulation of deer can have a devastating impact upon the natural habitat of other living things; including flowers, trees, insects, bees, and birds.

Over 10,000 pounds of venison were donated to the Share the Harvest program which supplied burger, 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 47.5 deer per square mile in the ten square mile area west of I-270. This is an increase from last year's estimate due to a lower mortality rate caused by the favorable weather conditions this past year. While we have made progress in a number of areas in the City, there are still a few areas that continue to see heavy concentrations of deer, especially along Topping and Thornhill Roads.

The report also makes an observation regarding the adverse impact that feeding deer has on the effectiveness of the program. Not only does feeding deer violate City ordinance, it has a negative affect on wildlife overall and is strongly discouraged by the Missouri Department of Conservation and other wildlife organizations.

The final reports from White Buffalo are available on the City website (www.town-and-country.org) Inquiries, complaints or interest in participating as a cooperating landowner can be directed to deer@town-and-country.org.



Discovery Sculpture



Thank you to all the generous business and individual donors who have made this project come to life!

The Public Art Commission is pleased to announce that the exciting sculpture project is almost complete! The fundraising effort is closing in on the final 5% needed to fund the project. Don't miss your chance to be a part of this exciting addition to our city. Send your donation in today.

The Discovery project started with a vision from the Public Art Commission in 2012. The Art Commission desired to create a unique sculpture that would reflect the joy of living with nature, while reflecting the heritage of the original village of Town & Country. The commission also wanted the sculpture in a good location, so that it would be visible and accessible to all residents.



Harry Weber's First Discovery Sketch

The Public Art Commission invited a group of seven sculptors to submit proposals for this vision. In the spring of 2013, two finalists were selected from this group. In June 2013, Harry Weber was chosen as the top sculptor to create Discovery.

The final concept of a full-size horse and dog in bronze was created and released to the public the following year. Then the fundraising began! The commission starting raising the \$139,000 needed to complete this project, entirely by private donations.

Harry then created the armatures of the central figures of the horse and dog. The armatures are the skeleton or structural support of the sculpture, usually created in metal or wire. Clay was then applied on top of the armatures. As the fundraising progressed, Harry added the clay to the horse and dog figures.

After the final art in clay was approved by the Public Art Commission, the horse and dog molds were created. The horse and dog are currently in the bronze casting process at a foundry located in Lawrence, Kansas.



Final Art of the Horse and Dog in Clay



Wax Mold of the Horse Head

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) 587-2838 with questions.

Name: _____ Title: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Business Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Home Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please charge my Credit Card: Visa MasterCard Discover

Amount \$ _____ Signature: _____

Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____

We wish our name to be used in recognition.

We wish to remain anonymous.

Thank you for your contribution!



Saturday - Sunday, May 21- 22, 2016 - 5pm - 9am

May 21 is National Kids to Parks Day!

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, riding bikes around the loop trail, 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 6.

Register Online at town-and-country.org
Or call the Parks & Recreation Department at (314) 587-2838



Drace Park
2310 Cedar Valley Lane
63131

SATURDAY, APRIL 23 | 8:00 a.m. to Noon

Recycle your old
Computer Equipment, Cell
Phones, Radios, Televisions,
VCR, DVD, Power Tools,
Kitchen Appliances &
much more!



www.town-and-country.org



Town & Country Municipal Center
1011 Municipal Center Drive
South Parking Lot
(Rain or Shine)

City of Town & Country
in Partnership with



FRIDAY 04-08-16
8:00 AM-10:00AM

McDonald's
101 Lamp & Lantern Village
TOWN AND COUNTRY MO 63017

JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS AND POLICE OFFICERS FOR COFFEE AND CONVERSATION!

No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers in your neighborhood!

ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT: OFFICER KATIE EXLINE AT 314-587-2892

**TOWN AND COUNTRY
POLICE DEPARTMENT**



DO YOU HAVE AN ASH TREE?



The Emerald Ash Borer has been found in Missouri. For information on the Emerald Ash Borer and treatment options to protect your Ash tree go to

www.emeraldashborer.info



PICNICS IN THE PARK!

Pavilion Rentals

The pavilions in Town & Country's parks make a great spot for any celebration, picnic or meeting!
NEW Ceiling fans to keep you cool in the summer months!

Longview Farm Park Pavilion - 13525 Clayton Road

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

Drace Park Pavilion - 2310 Cedar Valley Road

- Drace Park Pavilion accommodates up to 40 people; \$40/4 hours
- Features: grill, electric, on-site restrooms, historic cabins, and playground

Preservation/Cadet Park Pavilion - 12625 N. Outer 40 Road

- Preservation Park Pavilion accommodates up to 30 people; \$30/4 hours
- Features: grill, electric, on-site restrooms, playground, access to chipped trail and sand volleyball court

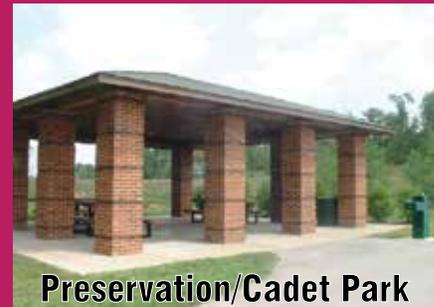
Check availability and request pavilions online at town-and-country.org
Or call the Parks & Recreation Department at (314) 587-2838



Longview Farm Park



Drace Park



Preservation/Cadet Park

Longview Farm House Private Rentals

The Perfect Place for an Unforgettable Event!

Three unique sections of the historic Longview Farm House are available for rental. Outdoor patio with award winning gardens included with all room rentals.

Come see our 2016 updates!
New carpets throughout! Art Gallery lighting!

For more information go to
town-and-country.org
Or call the Parks & Recreation
Department at 314-587-2838.





Tennis Lessons at Preservation Park

****Registration deadline is one week before the first day of each session.****

Each session consists of four (4) or five (5), 60- minute long classes. The last day of each session reserved for makeup lessons. In case of inclement weather the tennis pro will text you an update. Bring a new can of tennis balls and your racket to the first meeting date. ~ **Tennis Pro: Lucian Biesiadecki**

About the Pro: Lucian Biesiadecki played professionally on the satellite tour from 1987-1988. Currently, he coaches Ursuline Academy and Mehlville High School boys.

Pee Wee: Ages 4-6 (Red Ball)

Red Ball tennis is played on a 36-foot court turned sideways across the court. An oversize, high-density foam ball is used which is easier to visually track, receive, and control since it flies slower and bounces lower. Players use 19-21 inch rackets, depending on player size. This modified equipment will help develop good biomechanics.

Saturdays: 8-9 AM
Session 1 Fee: \$45
(4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30-rainout.)
Session 2 Fee: \$55
(5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28, 6/4, 6/11-rainout)
Session 3 Fee: \$55
(6/18, 6/25, 7/2, 7/9, 7/16, 7/23-rainout)
Tuesday/Thursday: 9-10 AM
Session 1 Fee: \$55
(6/7, 6/9, 6/14, 6/16, 6/21, 6/23-rainout)
Session 2 Fee \$55
(6/28, 6/30, 7/5, 7/7, 7/12, 7/14-rainout)

Racketeers: Ages 7-10 (Orange Ball/Green Ball)

The **orange** and **green** balls are lower-compression balls that are easier to control and don't bounce as lively as a regular ball. On these courts players use 23-27 inch rackets, depending on player size. The modified equipment assists with development of good bio-mechanics.

Saturdays: 9-10 AM
Session 1 Fee: \$45
(4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30-rainout)
Session 2 Fee \$55
(5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28, 6/4, 6/11-rainout)
Session 3 Fee: \$55
(6/18, 6/25, 7/2, 7/9, 7/16, 7/23-rainout)

Tuesday/Thursday: 10-11 AM
Session 1 \$55
(6/7, 6/9, 6/14, 6/16, 6/21, 6/23-rainout)
Session 2
(6/28, 6/30, 7/5, 7/7, 7/12, 7/14-rainout)

Aces: Ages 11-14

Saturdays: 11 AM-Noon
Session 1 \$55
(5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28, 6/4, 6/11-rainout)
Session 2 \$55
(6/18, 6/25, 7/2, 7/9, 7/16, 7/23-rainout)
Tuesday/Thursday: 11 AM-Noon
Session 1 \$55
(6/7, 6/9, 6/14, 6/16, 6/21, 6/23-rainout)
Session 2 \$55
(6/28, 6/30, 7/5, 7/7, 7/12, 7/14-rainout)

Cardio Tennis

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 Fee: \$70/session
(6/6, 6/13, 6/20, 6/27, 7/11, 7/18, 7/25-rainout)

Adult Tennis Clinics - Ages 18+

This class is divided into appropriate skill levels. At all levels fundamental stroke technique is developed, live play is emphasized, and singles and doubles positioning is evaluated. Experienced players will focus on advanced technical shots and match strategy. Movement, knowledge and fun is emphasized.

Monday/Wednesday: 7-8 PM Fee: \$55/session
Session 1
(5/23, 5/25, 6/1, 6/6, 6/8, 6/13-rainout)
Session 2
(6/13, 6/15, 6/20, 6/22, 6/27, 6/29 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. Fee: \$85/session
Session 1 July 11-15 (Friday is rainout)
Session 2 July 18-22 (Friday is rainout)



TENNIS
@Preservation
Park





SUMMER CAMPS!

at Longview Farm House

Enroll at www.brick4kidz.com/chesterfield
pick Home, View Classes, Search for Town or
Longview or other key word.

2016 SCHEDULE

JUNE 2016

June 6-10

8:30am - 11:30am - Space Adventures, Fee \$150

12:00pm - 3:00pm - Super Heroes, Fee \$150

June 13-17

8:30 am - 11:30am - Mindstorms Robotics, Fee \$185

12:00pm - 3:00pm - Minecraft, Fee \$150

June 20-24

8:30 am - 11:30am - Model Designer, Fee \$150

12:00pm - 3:00pm - PreK Under the Sea - Duplos, Fee \$125

June 27-July 1

8:30am- 11:30am - Angry Birds, Fee \$150

12:00pm - 3:00pm - Amusement Park, Fee \$150

JULY 2016

July 5-8

9:00am - 12:00am - LEGO Mindstorms Robotics, Fee \$185

July 11-15

8:30 am - 11:30am - Jr. Robotics & Remote Control, Fee \$150

12:00pm - 3:00pm - Minecraft, Fee \$150

July 18-22

8:30 am - 11:30am - Angry Birds, Fee \$150

12:00pm - 3:00pm - Brick Olympics, Fee \$150

July 25-29

8:30am- 11:30am - Movie Making, Fee \$150

12:00pm - 3:00pm - Super Heroes, Fee \$150

AUGUST 2016

August 1-5

8:30 am - 11:30am - Minecraft, Fee \$150

12:00pm - 3:00pm - Clash of Clans, Fee \$150

August 8-12

8:30 am - 11:30am - Space Adventures, Fee \$150

12:00pm - 3:00pm - Jr. Robotics, Fee \$150

Space Adventures (grades K-5)

Inspired by NASA and Star Wars, our Space Adventures Camp is packed full of models that will make your imagination blast off! Each day, campers will learn about real-life space exploration and build models related to the NASA space program. In addition, the day includes LEGO® Star Wars themed models, group games, challenges and more. Space Adventure camp provides the spark for imagination and creativity to take off on an adventure that's out of this world!

Super Heroes (grades K-5)

Join us for a week building Super Heroes with LEGO® bricks. Explore all the caped crusaders and discover their super powers. Create a fantasy world and protect it against all the evil arch enemies with custom contraptions made with LEGO® bricks. At the end of the week, all campers will go home with a custom mini figure!

Jr. Robotics and Remote Control (grades 2-6)

How would you like to turn your next LEGO® creation into a robot, programmed to do exactly what you tell it to do? Join us for this high energy and fun robotic engineering camp where campers will build a new robot each day while learning programming on powerful software including LEGO® WeDo and Scratch programming platforms. This is a great camp to introduce students to the world of programming. Add in remote controls and this fun, action packed week combines real-life skills with real-kid fun!

Mindstorm Robotics (grades 4-9)

Ignite student engagement and energize learning through real-life problem solving. Engage your children in Computer Science, Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Boost learning curves with LEGO® MINDSTORMS® Education NXT and EV3 hands-on, minds-on approach. We will build a rover bot and learn how to program it. Then we will learn about various sensors and attachments we can use and how to program each. Other builds may include a robotic rabbit, dog, a baseball batter, soccer player, and more.

Minecraft (grades 1-7)

Steve is jumping for joy as he welcomes campers to his Minecraft® world. Reward your child with the creativity and excitement this new camp has to offer. Campers will be challenged building Minecraft characters, mosaics, and custom models, incorporating LEGO® bricks, motors and gears. We will also spend about 20% of the time playing the Minecraft game on the computer.

Model Designer (grades K-5)

How do LEGO® brick model-designers come up with their ideas? Where do they begin, and how do the ideas go from concept to completion? This camp will explore the creative process of model design. Campers will learn the function of different LEGO® components and discover how those components work together to create all kinds of solid structures and moving parts.

Movie Making (grades 1-7)

Lights, camera, LEGO® action! Use LEGO® bricks to tell YOUR story, complete with music, special effects and all your favorite LEGO® mini-figure characters! In this unique and creative camp, students will plan, script, stage, shoot, and produce their own mini-movie using Stop Motion Animation. Working as a team, students will use LEGO® components to build the set and props, then shoot their movie using webcams/digital cameras. Teams will use movie-making software to add special effects, titles, credits and more. Don't miss your chance to be a movie producer!

Bricks Olympics (grades K-5)

Calling all sports fans on your mark, get set, build! Celebrate the Olympics with cool models of sports from cycling to soccer, basketball to gymnastics. Take a break from the heat and compete indoors to set your own Brick Olympic records with our exciting sports-themed challenges and medals!

Clash of Bricks (grades 1-7)

Gather your barbarians and archers! It's time for battle! Collect and store gold and elixir to train troops and build villages. You must stop at nothing to defend your village from enemy attacks. Experience the thrill of battling barbarians, greedy goblins, powerful PEKKAs, and wild wall breakers. All this and more at Clash of Bricks camp!

Amusement Park (grades K-7)

This is one of the favorite camps! Get your ticket to ride at Bricks 4 Kidz® very own LEGO® Amusement Park! Campers will delve into the mechanics of favorite amusement park rides as they construct a Carousel Swing, Tilt a Whirl, Loop de Loop ride, Swing boat ride, and Merry Go Round. Models explore the principles of physics as they learn how to how to make things spin, roll, turn. Their day will also include plenty of carnival-themed games and challenges, time for free-play with our giant tub of LEGO® and small daily take homes.

Angry Birds (grades K-5)

Angry Birds is a game and movie about catapulting birds to knock over structures to earn points. Experience the thrill of Angry Birds camp, building different birds with LEGO® bricks and fun structures to knock over with LEGO® catapults. Kids build the birds, build racing karts for them, and more! Students face new challenges each day, building models and motor-powered machines included in their creations. Students will also take home a custom made LEGO® mini figure.

Mason Ridge GARDEN CLUB

ANNUAL PLANT SALE

SATURDAY, MAY 14 9am-noon
LONGVIEW FARM HOUSE



Choose from a unique collection of perennials from the exquisite gardens surrounding the Longview Farm House and the Garden Club members' own gardens. A select number of annuals will be for sale, too. Mason Ridge Garden Club members will be on hand to help you pick the perfect plants for your yard and share their gardening expertise. Cash or checks only, please. Arrive early for best selection. For more information, please contact Claire Chosid at 314-479-3156 or claire@chosid.us

**NEIGHBORHOOD
TRUSTEE
WORKSHOP**

Tuesday, May 24 @ 7:00 pm
Town and Country City Hall - Community Room
1011 Municipal Center Drive

Mayor Dalton has asked that you please mark your calendar for Tuesday, May 24, at 7:00 pm and spread the word that the City is hosting a Workshop for Neighborhood Trustees at the Municipal Center. It has been a number of years since we have conducted a workshop and now is a good time to provide a forum for communication between the City and the first line of local representation at the subdivision level. The tentative agenda will include issues like:

- ❖ SUBDIVISION INDENTURES
- ❖ STREET DEDICATION
- ❖ BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS
- ❖ POLICING MATTERS
- ❖ OPEN FORUM: ASK THE EXPERTS

For questions or if you have agenda suggestions, contact City Administrator Gary Hoelzer at hoelzerga@town-and-country.org.

Come paint with Marilynne Bradley in Longview Farm Park!



Learn watercolor painting techniques with local expert Marilynne Bradley

- Tuesdays: May 17, 24, 31, June 7
- 10 AM – 12 PM
- Classes meet in the Longview Farm Park pavilion, 13525 Clayton Road

\$35 / class – Bring a 16 x 20 board and water container to each class.

Register in advance online at town-and-country.org
Or call the Parks & Recreation Department at 314-587-2838.



Paper and paints provided.

YOGA AT LONGVIEW FARM PARK

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.

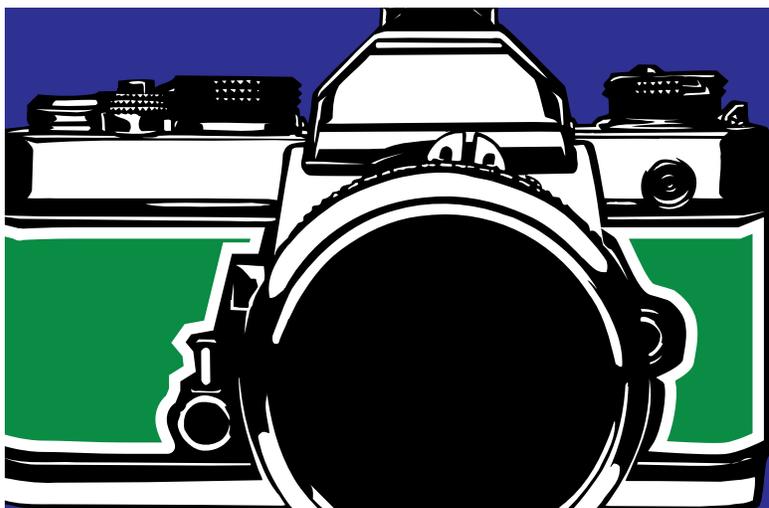


**Location: Longview Farm Park, 13525 Clayton Rd.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9am-10:15am**

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

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.

To register online go to Salveoyoga.com and click on Store.

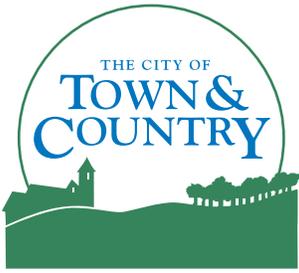


PHOTOGRAPHERS!

New this year, you MUST register for a FREE permit to photograph in Town & Country parks. The purpose of the registration is to communicate the park rules and to provide contact information. You can fill out your registration and permit online at:

www.town-and-country.org

or come into the office at the Longview Farm House. If you have questions or need a form sent to you, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 314-587-2838.



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ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

**Sunday, May 1, 1 - 3 PM ~ Longview Farm Park
 Fishing Derby • Butterfly Wings • Free Seedlings**

Come to Longview Farm Park to celebrate Arbor Day! Take time to dust off your fishing rods to compete in a family-friendly FISHING DERBY from 1:30-2:30 PM at the pond! Advance registration is required. In addition to the fishing derby, children may decorate their very own pair of butterfly wings! Parents can select free native trees and shrubs to plant at home. If it rains, Arbor Day will take place indoors.



Register for the Fishing Derby
 in advance online at
town-and-country.org

Or call the Parks & Recreation
 Department at (314) 587-2838



TREE CITY USA



Parks & Recreation



**FISHING DERBY
 1:30 - 2:30 PM**

\$5 / FISHER (Youth 3-12)

All fishing is catch and release. Participants provide their own fishing pole and bait, we'll provide the FUN! Youth under age 16 do not need a fishing license in Missouri.

PRIZES!

First fish • Smallest Fish • Biggest Fish
 Most Fish • Attendance Prizes



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