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# TOWN & COUNTRY

# Times



## SATURDAY, JUNE 25

Our Town Our Country  
**PARADE**

STARTS @ 5:00 PM



Start at Mari de Villa



# FIRE & ICE

6 - 9 PM  
at Town Square  
east of Straub's



See page 11 for more details and back cover for map!

Thank you to our  
Community Sponsors!



**Mari de Villa** & The Principia  
Retirement Community



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!

Parade & fireworks photos courtesy of David Bentley, Bentley Studio, Ltd.

# Collaboration – Participation – Celebration

Dear Friends and Neighbors,



As one of the highest rated cities in Missouri, Town and Country strives to provide first class services and be as responsive to its citizens as possible. To that end, we host ongoing public exchanges to hear from residents and discuss current topics of interest to them. These informal events are known as “Community Conversation and Coffee,” and they take place every six weeks or so at Longview Farm House. Recently, questions have emerged at these events regarding a major regional issue taking place around us, which has the potential to adversely impact our city and our ability to govern. Therefore, in this edition of the *Times* I would like to address this issue and the challenges we face, as well as the bonds that will keep us strong both now and in the future.



## Town and Country: “Cosmopolitan Conveniences, Small Town Ambience”

Dr. Terry Jones, professor of Political Science and Public Policy at the University of Missouri–St. Louis, was asked by Better Together about his perspective on the unusually large number of municipal governments in the St. Louis metropolitan area. Better Together, with its interest in consolidating municipalities, may have been surprised by the answer given by Dr. Jones, who is a widely respected expert on the subject, having been an advisor to more than 70 governmental and non-profit organizations and the author of several books, including *Fragmented by Design: Why St. Louis Has So Many Governments*.

Dr. Jones stated that one of the benefits of a county that is divided into a number of municipalities is having “cosmopolitan conveniences” while maintaining a “small town ambience.” For example, a resident of Town and Country can access the amenities of a top-tiered city, while enjoying that “small town feel” so cherished in our community. Where else could you dine with the service and comfort of John Mineo’s Restaurant, then retreat to a family camp



out just

minutes

away, like the one enjoyed by dozens of our residents recently at Drace Park? These community events are

created by people in town that care deeply about those who live here, and we are committed to building upon



the strong sense of community that is hard to replicate in a major metropolitan area. Perhaps, the best example of my point will occur on June 25, as we celebrate our unique identity as a community with a patriotic parade, great food, children’s activities, music and a spectacular fireworks display during our annual Fire & Ice event, which will once again take place at the site of our emerging Town Square.

A principal reason so many communities elected to incorporate, according to Dr. Jones, is the ability to achieve “local control”—citizens influencing those decisions that impact their lives, their neighborhoods and their community. That is why Viola Anderson Church and her neighbors began a petition in 1949 that eventually led to the formation of the Village of Town and Country. It is why a group of citizens, led by Richard and Mariette Palmer, championed the cause to expand the borders of the Village in the early ‘70s in a major annexation that became the landmark case in the State of Missouri, enabling other citizens to incorporate for control and the autonomy of their communities.

In light of the current debate surrounding the proposal to consolidate municipal governments in the St. Louis area, I would like to update you on three important areas of focus I have maintained throughout my three terms as Mayor that have solidified our collective identity as a city, and I believe will continue to do so—collaboration, participation, and celebration.

## Better Working Together: Regional Collaboration While Preserving Local Decision-Making



Collaboration, not consolidation, is the key to regional vitality, economic prosperity, and collective satisfaction. There have been a number of attempts, both at the state and county levels, to either eliminate or reduce the extent of local control enjoyed by municipalities like Town and Country. While we recognize there are real and pressing issues that must be addressed in the metropolitan area, it should not be at the expense of local control and the ability to create that small town ambience that Dr. Jones describes and which many value greatly. Recently, courts in Missouri have agreed and declared unconstitutional both a state law and a county ordinance that, while seemingly well intentioned, would have limited the ability of professionally managed municipal governments to fully serve and protect their citizens.

One of the great challenges created by “fragmentation” recognized by experts like Dr. Jones is the need to collaborate on issues that have an impact and benefit to the St. Louis region as a whole. The willingness of citizens to not only identify with their local community but also as “St. Louisans” is evident in the support of a so-called “911 tax” that has improved the ability of our first responders to communicate with one another during a major event, while also improving the coverage of the emergency notification system. The voters also showed their collaborative spirit and willingness to look beyond their own municipalities and vote for Proposition P in 2013, which has resulted in the current renovation of the Arch grounds and provided more money for municipal parks. In fact, our recent renovation of the tennis court at Longview Farm Park was funded from this same revenue source, as were other important park amenities around town.

The St. Louis Economic Development Partnership and the St. Louis Zoological Park and Museum District are further examples of regional cooperation for the greater good, as is the Regional Justice Information System (REJIS) that supports the daily information and intelligence functions of the 2000 police officers who serve the metropolitan area. Closer to home, the West Central Dispatch Center, housed in our own Municipal Center, is an award-winning emergency dispatch center for Frontenac, Creve Coeur and Town and Country. This partnership was recognized for its excellence by the East-West Gateway Council of Governments.

Strong collaboration of this kind among independent communities creates a strong social network, while providing for greater accountability and efficiency. In a study conducted by the University of Missouri’s Public Policy Research Center, this collaborative, yet fragmented, structure of local government has actually proven less costly to the taxpayer than the larger, centralized “unigov” approach in another major metropolitan area (the full report may be viewed at [www.CitiesStrong.com](http://www.CitiesStrong.com)). Just as the centralization of government is not always the most efficient way to provide services, moving elected and appointed officials further away from the people they serve is not the most representative form of governance. Your Board of Aldermen and I adhere to the principle that local control equates to local accountability. Without a doubt, municipalities in St. Louis County—and for that matter across the State of Missouri—can and must do better in delivering truly thoughtful, transparent and responsible governments by assessing the needs of the community, setting proper priorities and making the best of what everyone has to offer locally. It’s the right thing to do, and done properly, it is the best way to represent and champion the interests of the community. Conversely, imposing artificial controls untethered to best practices in local governments will not advance the vitality of and opportunities for our residents, cities, county, region or state.

### Participation and Representative Governance

For over a decade, I have been a strong advocate for engagement with the community—bringing more voices to the table on decisions that affect our daily lives. We currently have over 100 residents serving on Commissions, which are formally appointed groups of citizens that serve our community by focusing closely on various issues that face our City. These advisory commissions make recommendations to the Board of Aldermen, with the exception of the Board of Adjustment, which has specific statutory authority to render decisions.

In addition to our standing commissions, we also have a number of active working groups or task forces that I have appointed from time-to-time to study pressing matters and advise city officials on how best to proceed. From our regionally recognized trail system to our proposed Town Square, these residents represent our city and neighborhood interests well and are working together to address vital issues and exciting opportunities. Another such working group is comprised of commercial property owners and area residents who are analyzing ways to improve the intersection of



Ballas and Clayton. The working group and task force meetings are posted on our website and are open to the public, so please look at the calendar on our homepage to stay informed or to get involved.

On May 24<sup>th</sup>, the City hosted a major event that brought together neighborhood leaders from all across our community. Over 100 trustees gathered at City Hall for the Neighborhood Trustee Workshop and received valuable information on relevant legal issues from Steve Garrett, our City Attorney, and resident real estate expert Mark Dunn. Trustees provide an invaluable service to their neighbors, taking on tough issues and ensuring sound management of subdivisions. We were pleased to support their efforts with a workshop focused on creating a strong framework to maintain the character and charm of our neighborhoods. We will plan similar workshops in the future.

At the Workshop, I announced another forum that will be held later this month. The growing prominence of the teardown and rebuild trend in our neighborhoods has led to issues regarding maximum buildable square footage, design and lot placement. The houses of the 70s and 80s are being set aside to make way for the “lifestyle centers” of the new millennium, impacting surrounding properties and their neighborhoods. In response to this trend in the housing market, the Planning and Zoning Commission, Public Works Commission and Architectural Review Board have been developing mechanisms, refining regulations and reinforcing policies in order to make this inevitable growth more thoughtful. Representing the collective interests of the entire city and striking a balance among potentially competing concerns is another task that is best done at the local level, especially when it comes to something as personal and sensitive as land use and planning. Towards that end, on June 29 at 7:00 p.m., we will be hosting a Town Hall Forum at the Municipal Center to share these efforts with you and solicit your thoughts. Please join us for what will be a substantive and enlightening exchange of ideas.



A year ago, the City launched a major overhaul of our website with the specific goal of increasing community engagement. Thanks to the hard work of our staff and a citizenry that takes an interest in its neighborhoods, we now have over 8,000 visits to our website each month! In addition to those “hits,” there are nearly 3,000 subscriptions to receive regular updates on key activities, including meetings of the Board of Aldermen, Commissions and task forces, and other news and events, through our *Notify Me* subscriptions that are available on our homepage ([www.town-and-country.org](http://www.town-and-country.org)).

Last month, the Board of Aldermen facilitated yet another outreach effort to solicit input from every household in Town and Country. Specifically, we engaged professional assistance in conducting a community-wide survey on some major opportunities in the City, and at the same time, we sought to gauge resident satisfaction with city services. This type of input is an invaluable component in establishing public policy, setting priorities and delivering quality services that are reflective of the entire community. Stated differently, local governance and decision-making cannot and should not be done without a thorough and in-depth understanding of the goals and objectives of the residents served. We will make the full report available at the Municipal Center and on our website as soon as possible.

These types of engagement, interaction, and participation are the components that have molded and shaped Town and Country into an outstanding community. We are a better place through the efforts of those who join in and help advance the City, and we all benefit from their good works.

## Celebration

Every community, especially one as laudable as ours, should take the time to celebrate its past and present and aspire to an even brighter future. Town and Country enjoys a number of traditions that allow us to do just that, and what better way to celebrate than with a parade and a party! Once again, I encourage you and your neighbors to line Clayton Road between Mari de Villa (at the Weidman Road intersection) and Longview Farm Park on June 25 around 5:00 pm to commemorate our nation’s independence and our community’s pride as the “Our Town - Our Country” parade passes by. Then follow the parade right into the Town Square site east of Straub’s for our 16<sup>th</sup> annual Fire & Ice spectacular.

Celebrating what we value as a city comes in many forms. This past year, the Board of Aldermen, led by Aldermen Lynn Wright and Linda Rallo, updated our Commission structure to ensure it reflects the current operating conditions for each entity’s stated mission and purpose. In addition to the reorganization of several of our commissions, we established the Community Ambassador Program. The Ambassadors are a volunteer-based, community engagement arm of the City, who will support events, festivals, ribbon cuttings, and more. These Ambassadors will embody the celebration of civic pride and inspire and engage the entire community. If you love and care about Town and Country, please consider applying to become an Ambassador! Please contact the City Clerk at [McNamaraAN@town-and-country.org](mailto:McNamaraAN@town-and-country.org) to apply.



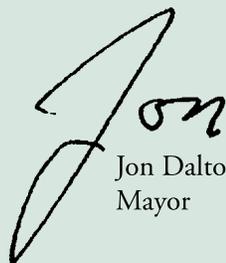
We will soon celebrate another major achievement with the long-anticipated installation of *Discovery*. Over a year ago, the Public Art Commission, with the authorization of the Board of Aldermen, began a public campaign to raise \$139,000 for a bronze sculpture designed by world famous sculptor Harry Weber. The Commission chose a horse and dog design as reflective of our community's character and heritage. *Discovery* communicates the essence of our name: Town and Country, celebrating the convergence of the beauty of nature and the vibrancy of the town experience. To date, through the generosity of over 130 individuals, families and organizations—most notably the Wiesehan family and Mari de Villa—we have nearly achieved our goal. We hope to have a major announcement at Fire & Ice regarding this impressive effort, so please stay tuned!

Town and Country is a strong community today because of our willingness to collaborate with one another, participate in our community and celebrate the things we treasure. While there is still work to be done, these values will continue to secure a wonderful future for our community, and I like our chances for success!

Thank you for the continued privilege to serve this great City as your Mayor. It is a responsibility I take seriously and an honor I cherish.

Best wishes to all for a wonderful summer season, and I look forward to seeing you at Fire & Ice!

Kindest regards,



Jon Dalton  
Mayor

# NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS



The Town & Country newly elected Aldermen were sworn into office at the April 25 Board of Aldermen meeting. Congratulations to all, and welcome to Lindsey Butler!

Being sworn in from left to right are Ward 4 Alderman Linda Rallo; Ward 2 Alderman Lindsey Butler; Ward 1 Alderman Skip Mange; and Ward 3 Alderman Gussie Crawford.



*Chamber of Commerce*

The Town & Country-Frontenac Chamber of Commerce is an independent organization dedicated to bringing business professionals the latest information and programs geared toward educating and building better businesses as well as support to each city and their residents.

Join us on the third Wednesday of the month for networking at 11:30 am, followed by a luncheon program at noon. Our many other activities that support both businesses and residents can be viewed on our website [www.tcfchamber.com](http://www.tcfchamber.com).

Not a Chamber member? Consider joining to ensure exposure for your business and to have access to information only granted to our members.

We encourage your participation and hope that you will complete the membership application. When a Chamber gains and retains members, we can make a greater difference in our community.

Check us out for yourself! Contact Executive Director, Tammy Wildman at 314.469.3335 for more information.

## NEW BUSINESSES

Bess Insurance Agency  
14332 S. Outer Forty Road

Celebrating Life Cake Boutique  
13877 Manchester Road

Elemental Esthetics  
777 S. New Ballas Road, Suite 302W

Town Planner  
14440 S. Outer Forty Road



# THE HISTORY OF TOWN & COUNTRY

## Part 8

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

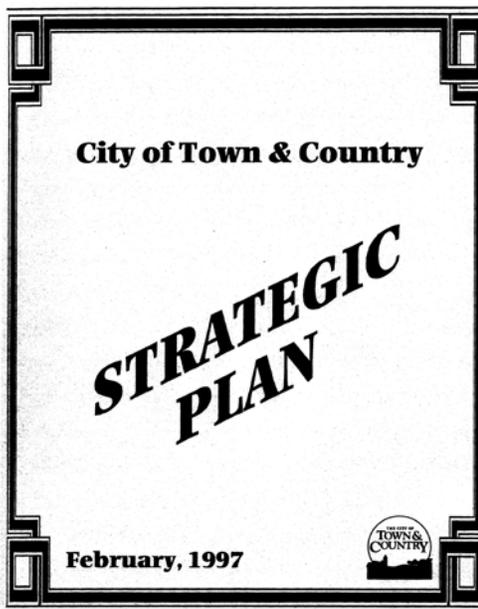
*The Town & Country Strategic Planning Survey* was mailed out to all of the residents of our city in December of 1996. A Strategic Planning Committee appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Board of Aldermen started drafting the survey in the summer of 1996. The Resolution establishing the Committee stated that the purpose was “to review and define City provided services and to advise the implementation of community vision in prioritizing and budgeting any and all projects, for example, but not limited to, private street maintenance and improvements, tax reduction, trash and leaf removal, greenspace, parks, trails, arterial roads, and street maintenance fees.”

The Committee consisted of two residents from each ward and a Chairman. They held many hours of meetings, with input from a consultant and the Board of Aldermen. The idea was to gather community attitudes toward a “Sense of Community” as the guiding force to direct community betterment efforts. In addition, it asked for input on 25 other programs that could be adopted for the betterment of our community.

The following are examples of some of the programs included in the survey that received the strongest support:

1. Evaluation of remaining undeveloped property worthy of conservation.
2. Homeowner services such as yard waste removal, trash pickup, and curbside leaf pick-up.
3. Annual survey of residents.
4. Purchase of land and rights-of-way for parks, trails, and greenspace.
5. Control of wildlife.

The survey results were tabulated and evaluated by the Committee. A SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) analysis was prepared along with a mission statement and definition of the term “Sense of Community”. They also prepared a list of “values” that should be embraced by elected officials, paid city staff and appointed, non-paid volunteers and guide the day-to-day operations of the city as follows: Integrity, Respect, Fiscal Responsibility, Safety and Security, Quality of Life, Community, Excellence, and Vision.



It is interesting to now look back some 20 years later and see how many of the programs supported in the Strategic Plan have since been implemented. For example we now have city parks and major trails with more in progress.

### “Sense of Community”

A “sense of community” is indicated when the residents of Town & Country share a common identity with and feeling of satisfaction and pride in their city because of its laws, respect for individual privacy, property values, environmental attractiveness and communal interest.

# CITY OF TOWN & COUNTRY TOWN SQUARE TASK FORCE

*by Alderman Skip Mange, Co-Chairman*

Since the last Newsletter, the Board of Aldermen has taken several actions on the continued review of the Town Square Task Force recommendations on the development of the Town Square on the Wirth property at Clayton and Mason Roads:

1. A consultant was hired to prepare a detailed cost estimate of all of the elements of the recommended concept plan.
2. A consultant was hired to conduct a parking analysis of both the development site and the adjoining Mason Woods Village commercial property.

Both of these studies have been completed and are available for public review on the Town & Country website by clicking on the Town Square tab at [www.town-and-country.org](http://www.town-and-country.org).

The Board of Aldermen is now reviewing these reports and will have a number of public work sessions to decide what elements should be included in the final design.

A major consideration is the overall cost of the development, which is estimated to be around \$3,355,000. It should be noted that a portion of that cost would be offset by a financial consideration from a developer for the approximate 2.5 acres of the commercial restaurant portion of the property. In order

to determine that number, Request For Proposals (RFP) will be prepared by the city and sent out to any interested parties with a deadline for submittal. After that the Board of Aldermen will have a more accurate picture of the ultimate cost.

It should also be noted that the lake portion of the development is actually a large wet detention facility that will greatly relieve a serious downstream flooding problem for residents south of the property. Currently there is no storm water detention from either Mason Woods Village or the Town Square site. The Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD) will require a detention facility no matter what we do with the Town Square property, which means that it is a cost the city will have to bear at some time in the future regardless of the Town Square development.

The city has also conducted a citywide survey that included many issues of interest to residents, including the Town Square development. The results of this survey are being processed and will be included in our deliberations.

For questions or for more information you may go to the Town Square pages of our website at [www.town-and-country.org](http://www.town-and-country.org) and click “Town Square” on the left tool bar.



As the last few fundraising dollars trickle in we want to give Town & Country residents one last chance to be a part of this project. Fundraising efforts will wrap up July 30. Send in your tax deductible donation today!

The bronzing of the sculpture is nearly complete! The Public Art Commission has been overwhelmed by the support and generosity of residents and local businesses. We did it! Town & Country has raised almost \$139,000, entirely by private funds.

# Don't miss your chance to be a part of *Discovery!*

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.

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 We wish our name to be used in recognition.    **Thank you for your contribution!**  
 We wish to remain anonymous.



## NEW EMPLOYEE

We would like to welcome Ed Hobein, the newest staff member in the Parks and Recreation Department. Ed is a Park Maintenance Technician focused on keeping our parks well-kept and beautiful. He comes to the City with a wealth of knowledge and experience from running his own contracting business. He brings a strong work ethic and a customer service attitude to the team. Welcome, Ed!

## SUBDIVISION BEAUTIFICATION GRANT PROGRAM BY ALDERMAN SKIP MANGE

For many years the City of Town & Country has had a program whereby subdivisions could apply for grants from the city to improve the appearance of their subdivision entrances. Many subdivisions have taken advantage of this program.

The grants are for 50% of the cost of the improvements up to a maximum grant of \$5,000. The project must be located in the right-of-way of public or private streets, on a subdivision easement or common ground clearly visible from a major street.

Authorized items include:

- Live plants and ground cover other than annuals
- Trees and shrubs
- Mulch, stone work or other special landscape features
- Irrigation systems, lighting systems and subdivision entrance monuments
- Major improvements to deteriorated systems and entrance monuments

Grants will not be approved for:

- Normal annual maintenance
- Specialty street signs and posts

For more information and an application form, please visit our website at [www.town-and-country.org](http://www.town-and-country.org) and click on the Forms & Applications tab, and then click on the Beautification Grant Application tab under Planning and Development.

**SUBDIVISION BEAUTIFICATION GRANT PROGRAM Deadline: October 15, 2016**

# EARTH DAY - THE PRINCIPIA 2<sup>ND</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADERS



# ARBOR DAY & FISHING DERBY



Mason Ridge Gives Back

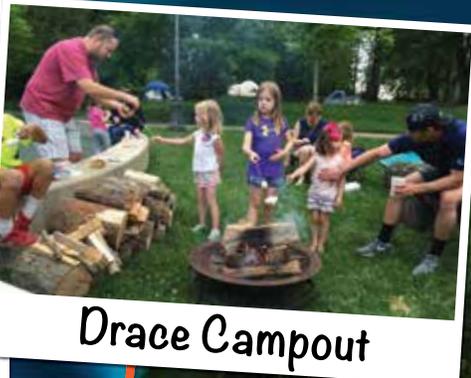
# NATIONAL KIDS TO PARKS DAY



Oge Log Cabin



Nature Classroom



Drace Campout

# SATURDAY, JUNE 25



## Our Town Our Country **PARADE**

**STARTS @ 5:00 PM**

**Clayton Road between  
Weidman and Mason Roads**

The *OUR TOWN – OUR COUNTRY* parade last fall was so much fun we are doing it again! On June 25, we will take to the streets with fire trucks, police cars, vintage cars, clowns, veterans, dignitaries, princesses and a giant shopping cart! There will be something for everyone to enjoy. Please come out and watch the fun as residents and businesses show off their patriotic spirit.

The parade will step off at 5:00 pm from Mari de Villa and end at Longview Farm Park just before the fun of Fire & Ice at the new Town Square property east of Straub's.

### **LINE THE ROUTE**

Use the Clayton Road Trail to line Clayton Road between Weidman and Longview Farm Park. There is a sidewalk that runs the entire parade route on the north side of Clayton Road. Bring a lawn chair and set up off of the sidewalk. Scouts will be passing out American flags so *everyone* can participate in the patriotic display.

### **ROAD RESTRICTIONS**

Through traffic will be prohibited and road restrictions will be in place from approximately 4:30 to 6:00 pm on Clayton Road between 141 and Mason Road.

*Please see map  
with parking locations  
on back cover*

## **FIRE & ICE**

at Town Square  
east of Straub's **6 - 9 PM**

The Town & Country party of the year returns to the Town Square! The property just east of Straub's will be transformed for a community celebration! The Miles Band and bounce houses will provide another year of family fun! Visit the Taste of Town & Country local restaurants for dinner, desserts and drinks (cash only). An ATM is available at Midland Bank in Mason Woods Village. Don't miss the opportunity to explore the fire station and meet our firefighters. Fireworks will launch at dark, approximately 9:15.

The Principia property on the north side of Clayton Road will be open for blankets and chairs to have picnics and watch the fireworks. Clayton Road will remain open throughout the event. The Town & Country Police Department will control vehicle traffic and cross pedestrians.

**Consider walking or biking the  
Clayton Road Trail to the event!**

Cars can park at: The Principia; First Church of Christ Scientist; and Mason Ridge School. Shuttles will run between the Fire House and each of the parking locations throughout the event. Mason Woods Village shopping center will remain open during the event. Parking in this center will be for customers only.

# POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS



Officer Kent Berry began his career at Town and Country in April of 1998, after spending three years at the Ellisville Police Department. It was apparent early on in his career that he was a great ambassador for our Department. During his career Kent taught the DARE program at the elementary schools in town, and he was a valued team member on both the Citizens' Police Academy program and our Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program. Kent was also a Department Armorer, maintaining our firearms and range equipment, and was instrumental in the development of our current Active Shooter Response training. Kent was promoted to Corporal in 2012, and was assigned to a squad on the night shift.

On January 18, 2015, Corporal Berry was injured in the line of duty while making an arrest. Due to the extent of his injuries Kent will be unable to return to police work and he recently completed paperwork for a disability pension.

Kent will be sorely missed by the Police Department, and we wish him the best as he seeks to begin a new career.

## PROMOTIONS

*Congratulations to the following officers who were recently promoted.*



Chris Moore was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and will be the Watch Commander of C Squad. Chris started with the Department in 1999 and has worked in our Patrol and Traffic Units. Chris was promoted to the rank of Corporal in 2008 and his most recent assignment has been Corporal, serving as the Assistant Watch Commander on D Squad.



Jordan Fowle was promoted to the rank of Corporal and will be serving as the Assistant Watch Commander on C Squad. Jordan started with the Department in 1995, working various assignments in our Patrol Unit. Jordan's most recent assignment has been Acting Patrol Supervisor on C Squad.



Jeff McNutt was promoted to the rank of Corporal and will be serving as the Assistant Watch Commander on D Squad. Jeff started with the Department in 2011 and has worked in our Patrol and Traffic Units. Jeff is one of the Department Firearms Instructors and he has recently completed a Field Training Officer course. Jeff's most recent assignment has been the Traffic Officer on A Squad and he will play an important role in the Field Training of our newly hired officers.



Effective January 1, 2016, Officer Jim Gorman relinquished his police officer commission to take the newly created civilian job of Administrative Services Manager. Jim proudly wore the Town and Country police uniform for 23 years and was instrumental in developing our first community policing program and our first Safety Fair, both in 1997. Jim's most recent assignment was in our Administrative Services Unit, so his transition to the civilian manager job was seamless.

*Congratulations to Jim on his new position.*

## NEW OFFICERS

*Congratulations to the newly hired police officers Joshua Smith, Alexander Pflueger and Steven Doll.*



Josh Smith began his career at Town and Country in May. He is a recent graduate of the Eastern Missouri Police Academy, entering the academy after taking early retirement from the United States Marine Corp, where he served for 16 years, achieving the rank of E-6. Josh lives in Maryland Heights with his wife Cassie.



Alex Pflueger joined our Department in late May. He comes to us from the Bellefontaine Neighbors Police Department where he has worked for approximately three years. Alex is single and lives in Florissant.



Steven Doll started with Town and Country in June, and comes to us from the St. Louis County Police Department where he has worked for the past five years. Steven lives in University City with his wife Felicia.

## **CERT TRAINING BEGINS October 5, 2016**

The Town & Country and Creve Coeur Police Departments, along with the West County EMS and Fire District and Des Peres Department of Public Safety have partnered together to offer citizens specialized training, known as CERT, to assist the community in the event of a large-scale disaster. Our program is part of the Meramec Valley Citizen Corps Council, which includes CERT programs from several local municipalities and fire districts.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training was designed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and is designed to train citizen volunteers to assist their communities after disasters, such as an earthquake. Topics covered during the training include: disaster preparedness, fire suppression, medical operations, light search and rescue, disaster psychology, and terrorism. Required training manuals, as well as some supplies, will be provided for participants.

**CERT training is offered to all city residents and is FREE of charge.**

**The training is conducted on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 – 9:00 PM for 7 weeks and a practical exercise will be held at the end of the class. The next class is scheduled to begin on October 5, 2016.**

This year the CERT classes will be held at the new West County EMS and Fire Training Facility at Manchester and Mason Rd.

It is important to have trained citizen volunteers available to assist our police and fire departments and the community in the aftermath of a disaster. **If you would like to enroll and/or receive additional information regarding CERT, please contact Officer Katie Exline by email at [exlinek@town-and-country.org](mailto:exlinek@town-and-country.org) or call 314-587-2892.**

Additional CERT information is also available at the FEMA website, [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).

## **2016 ADVANCED CITIZENS' POLICE ACADEMY BEGINS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

Due to the success of the Citizens' Police Academy, the Town and Country, Creve Coeur, Des Peres, Frontenac, and Olivette Police Departments have implemented an Advanced Citizens' Police Academy. This advanced academy will be held once a year and participants will be given the opportunity to gain even more perspective on the daily operations of police departments. The advanced academy is open to citizens who have graduated from the Basic Citizens' Police Academy

An additional background check of all applicants will be completed to ensure the safety and confidentiality of law-enforcement specific material. All applicants must be over 18.

**The Advanced Citizens' Police Academy is free of charge.**

The 2016 class is scheduled to begin September 6, 2016 and continue for four consecutive Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

For more information or to enroll in the Citizens' Police Academy contact Officer Katie Exline at [exlinek@town-and-country.org](mailto:exlinek@town-and-country.org) or 314-587-2892.

# TOWN & COUNTRY GARDEN CLUB: 2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please join us this Fall for interesting and informative talks on a variety of gardening subjects.

Programs are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month and are free and open to the public.

Lunch is optional at noon and an RSVP is required. Payment for lunch will be taken at the door at Longview Farm House except for the outing at Drace Park in October.

**September 14** - History of the Linnean House at the MO Botanical Garden with Dan Gravens at 1pm. It is the oldest continually working greenhouse west of the Mississippi.

**October 12** - Outing at Drace Park - Stories & Rememberings of the Estill Log Cabin with Harry Estill at 11am.

**November 9** - Wild for Monarchs with Bob Siemer of the Monarch Society at 1:00PM. Presentation on life cycle, migration and population trends & what you can do to help them.

Please contact Anne Bond, President at (314) 469-0127 or [ambond@prodigy.net](mailto:ambond@prodigy.net) for reservations.

Additional information about Town & Country Garden Club monthly programs and membership can be found on our website at [www.townandcountrygardenclub.com](http://www.townandcountrygardenclub.com). We do not hold programs in June, July and August. Have fun and enjoy your garden this summer!

## Pond Tour - June 25

Tour the ponds and gardens of T&C residents Rick and Pam Jokerst at 305 Wyndmoor Terrace Court between 9am and 5pm on Saturday, June 25.

Park on north shoulder of Conway.  
Free to residents. Meet Town & Country Garden Club members.

Call Pam at 314-276-9461  
for more information.

## ARTISTS AND CRAFTERS NEEDED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE!

Calling all talented artists and crafters! The Town & Country annual Holiday Boutique will be on Saturday, November 19, this year. Please join in the fun when the entire Longview Farm House is converted into a gift shop full of locally handcrafted, trendy jewelry, gifts, home décor and more. This is the 8th year for this fantastic event!

Don't miss your chance to be a vendor at this popular boutique. Applications are now being accepted. If you'd like to apply, please go to [www.town-and-country.org](http://www.town-and-country.org), click on "I Want To" on the top menu, on the dropdown menu choose "Apply", then click on "Holiday Boutique", or contact Mary Olsen at [olsenm@town-and-country.org](mailto:olsenm@town-and-country.org) or 314-587-2804.





# 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 age 15 and under 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.

Information and Entry Agreement can be found at [www.town-and-country.org](http://www.town-and-country.org). Look for **2016 Photo Competition** link on Parks and Recreation page. Or call the Parks & Recreation Department at 314-587-2838.



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

## EQUINE ASSISTED THERAPY NEWS at Longview Farm Park

by Ginni Harke, RN | Founder/Exec Director | Equine-Assisted Therapy, Inc.

Have you ever wondered what's going on with the horses in Longview Farm Park?



It's a beautiful thing and something the City of Town & Country should be very proud of. These are special horses trained to embrace the needs of T&C's residents with special needs. We are always eager to share what we do with park visitors but could also use some extra hands during lessons if you'd like to help us help others. No need for horse experience...we will train you. Go to [www.eatherapy.org](http://www.eatherapy.org) and fill out a volunteer application and we'll get you trained and started right away!



## Tribute Program

Honor a loved one... Commemorate a special occasion... Pay Tribute to your pet

Give a unique and long-lasting gift this year. Consider one of the commemorative donation options in a Town & Country park!

- \$100 - Doggy waste bag station with personalized sign (annual sponsorship)
- \$100, \$200, \$300 - Dedication bricks
- \$350 - 2" Caliper Tree with plaque
- \$700 - Premium Tree with plaque
- \$1200 - Drace and Preservation Park 5' recycled bench with plaque

To order: Call the Parks and Recreation Department at (314) 587-3838 or download the commemorative tribute gift form: [town-and-country.org](http://town-and-country.org)



# Longview

farm house  
ART GALLERY

Come inside the beautiful Longview Farm House and enjoy the rotating exhibits of local artists throughout the house. The final four shows of the year will be focused on two talented artists from the St. Louis area, followed by the collaborative work of two special Public Art Commission events. Each show is free and open to the public and features an opening reception with wine and light appetizers.



Weekly gallery hours are Monday - Friday  
from 8:00 am - 12:00 Noon, or by appointment.  
The gallery is also open every 2nd Saturday  
of the month from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm.



## Marty Coulter

On view June - July

Opening Reception, featuring live artist demonstration  
Friday, July 1, 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

## The Art of the Impressions of Town & Country Plein Air Competition

Competition on Saturday, October 15

On view after the competition

Tuesday, October 18 - Thursday, November 10

## Town & Country Photo Competition display

On view November 14 - December

Opening Reception, Thursday, November 17, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

# ART CLASSES FOR CHILDREN

Take trips to foreign destinations as  
you explore art from around the world!

Monday, August 1 - Thursday, August 4  
Longview Farm Park Pavilion

Each day will present a new culture and art project, so join us for  
one or all of the sessions.

Age appropriate projects will be presented for younger children  
ages 4 - 7 from 9 - 10am

Followed by students grade 2 - 6 from 10am - Noon

Taught by Mary Beth Wilson, art instructor and member of the Public Art  
Commission. Registration is required.

Call the Parks and Recreation Department 314-587-2838  
\$5/p student p/day materials fee



# Longview *Farm House*

Let our charming patio and indoor spaces  
be a unique oasis for a memorable event!  
**Introducing new preferred catering options!**

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**Farotto's Catering: [farottos.com](http://farottos.com) | (314) 962-0048**

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**Callier's Catering: [callierscatering.com](http://callierscatering.com) | (636) 230-0019**

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**Hearth Room Cafe: [hearthroomcafe.com](http://hearthroomcafe.com) | (636) 220-4120**

*The Hearth Room Cafe is an exclusive restaurant and caterer, nestled in the heart of Town & Country. All of our menu items are freshly made with the finest ingredients, which provides for a discernible difference in taste.*

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frozen yogurt

**Menchie's Frozen Yogurt: [menchies.com](http://menchies.com) | (314) 384-8773**

*Catering Fun! Menchie's Frozen Yogurt offers over 100 rotating frozen yogurt flavors, made through its own private label, and more than 70 rotating toppings. They also offer handmade frozen yogurt cakes in the flavor of your choice!*



**Call the Parks Department to begin planning  
your special event: (314) 587-2838**



## **St. Louis County Parks is excited to announce that the long-awaited Dog Park at Queeny Park is open!**

This off-leash, 5-acre park features separate areas for large and small dogs. Other amenities include two water features, four permanent agility and skill stations, biodegradable waste bags, disposal containers, WiFi and watering stations. Tails and Trails also features secure, double-gated entry, a pavilion with electric and on-site paved parking. The dog park is located on the Mason Road side of beautiful Queeny Park near the American Kennel Club Museum of the Dog. Membership information is available at St. Louis County's website: [www.stlouisco.com](http://www.stlouisco.com).



# SUMMER CAMPS!

at Longview Farm House

## 2016 SCHEDULE

### JUNE 2016

**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 Bricks, Fee \$150

**August 8-12**

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

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

**Enroll at:**

**[www.bricks4kidz.com/chesterfield](http://www.bricks4kidz.com/chesterfield)**

**Click on Home - View Classes - Search**

#### **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.

# TENNIS @ Longview Farm Park

## NEW COURT!



Register online at [www.town-and-country.org](http://www.town-and-country.org)  
or call Parks & Recreation Department  
(314) 587-2838



### Tennis Lessons at Longview Farm 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.

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.

Session 2  
(6/28, 6/30, 7/5, 7/7, 7/12, 7/14-rainout)

#### **Aces:** Ages 11-14

Tuesday/Thursday: 11 AM-Noon

Session 2 \$55  
(6/28, 6/30, 7/5, 7/7, 7/12, 7/14-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)

## Yoga at Longview

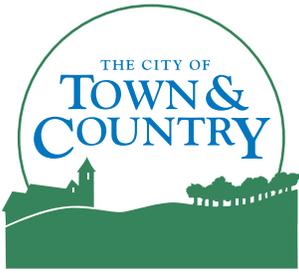
Stretch, strengthen and center yourself in the beautiful setting of Longview Farm Park. This vinyasa yoga class is suitable to all levels. From the complete novice to an experienced yogi, this class will be tailored to accommodate multiple levels. This class will meet outdoors down by the lake on Tuesdays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

Location: Longview Farm Park, 13525 Clayton Road  
August classes forming now

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](http://Salveoyoga.com) and click on Store.  
Questions? Call the Parks and Recreation Office at 314-587-2838.



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- 2** First Church of Christ, Scientist, 750 S. Mason Road (Mason and South Outer 40)
- 3** The Principia (western entrance), 13201 Clayton Road

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**Our Town Our Country Parade Route**  
 5:00 - 6:00PM

**6:00 - 9:00PM**

**See front cover and page 11 for more details!**

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