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TOWN & COUNTRY

Times

FALL festival

October 15, 2016

at Longview Farm Park

4-7 pm - Pony Rides in Pasture, Inflatable Slides and Games, Live Acoustic Music by MidLife, Bubble Bus, Crafts for Children, Fundraising Booths, Food and Drinks for Sale and FRED BIRD®

4:30 pm - *Discovery* Sculpture Dedication on Longview Farm House Front Lawn

5-6 pm - *Plein Air* Art Reception and Art Sale in Longview Farm House

PARKING: ADA Parking available at Longview Farm Park.
Event parking at Town Square Property, east of Straub's

More details
inside!

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!

Progress as Promised in Town & Country — Continuing the Conversation

Dear Friends and Neighbors,



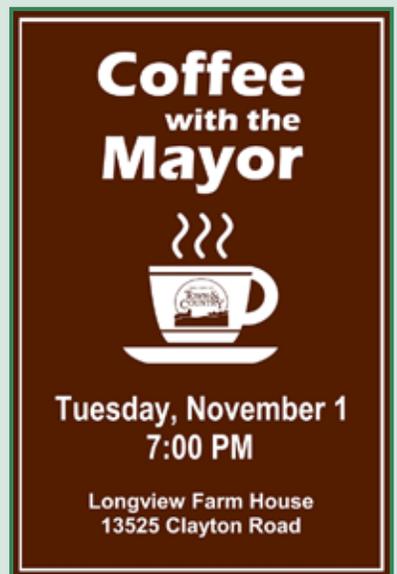
For the last twelve years, we have been working hard to enhance the sense of community in Town and Country through a broad array of significant initiatives. Among these include our connecting neighborhoods by expanding our trail system, protecting our property values by investing in our infrastructure while guarding against over or inappropriate development, prioritizing public safety and police protection through the budget process, and most recently, placemaking at our emerging Town Square. I am extremely proud of what we have accomplished by working together as friends and neighbors, but our work is not yet finished.

The simultaneous execution of multiple priorities — particularly in a diverse community where opinions naturally differ on how and when to deploy our limited resources — can be a significant challenge. Nonetheless, by adhering to our 2020 Vision for the City, we have successfully advanced many projects, both large and small, that have generated remarkable gains. Responsible leadership, however, requires that we periodically step away from our focus on forward progress and assess whether the underlying vision supporting our plan is being appropriately manifested by the changes that are being implemented. Stated differently, is our progress consistent with our goals?

To this end, we have employed three distinct approaches to solicit resident input on pending projects and actively engage residents in a conversation about where we are today and where we are headed in the future. These exchanges include (1) an open forum called “Community Conversation and Coffee” that I, along with all Department Heads from City Hall, host on a regular basis, (2) Town Hall Meetings to brief citizens on specific initiatives and solicit direct feedback, and (3) a community-wide survey that was made available to all households covering topics ranging from utilization of city assets and amenities to satisfaction with every-day city services. Invaluable information has been obtained from these outreach efforts, and while it reflects that there is a strong consensus we are indeed moving in the right direction, such communication must continue to ensure we finish even stronger than we started.

Your participation in the Community Conversations, the workshop for subdivision trustees in May, the public forum on neighborhood preservation initiatives in June, and the community-wide survey has unequivocally enhanced our progress and given us the confidence to continue on track in furtherance of our collective vision for the City. In fact, the community-wide survey documented that 99 percent of the respondents believe that Town and Country is an exceptional place to live and an outstanding place to raise children. While we can point to a variety of factors that have contributed to this extraordinarily high favorability rating, community engagement by so many different voices is at the top of my list. We will continue to work hard to make Town and Country even better, so that one day, we can earn a perfect score!

The balance of this Mayor’s Message will discuss some of the exiting initiatives currently underway in Town and Country, as well as the continued support provided by resident input and interaction.



Town Square

Confirmed by nearly one thousand survey responses, residents overwhelmingly support the Town Square concept developed through an exhaustive community planning process. The broad representation of the Town Square Task Force, with the localized input of the Neighborhood Representatives Subcommittee, contributed to the creation of a conceptual design that has widespread appeal and support.

In fact, the specific question was posed in our survey, *“Assuming that the Town Square would have all or most of the features in the conceptual design, do you... strongly favor, somewhat favor, somewhat oppose, or strongly oppose...the project?”* An overwhelming number of residents supported the design with 82 percent either strongly or somewhat in favor. Here is how this figure is reflected across our four wards:

BY WARD:	BY LENGTH OF RESIDENCE:	PRESENCE OF CHILDREN IN HOME:
85% Ward 1	77% 20 years or more	88% in favor Yes, children present
79% Ward 2	84% 10 - 19 years	79% in favor No children present
83% Ward 3	86% Less than 10 years	
84% Ward 4		

With this strong affirmation, we charted a course for the next phase of the Town Square, which will be located just east of Straub’s and Mason Woods Village in the geographic center of our City. The Board of Aldermen voted to engage the professional services of Landmark Contracting Management, Inc. to prepare a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and a Request for Proposal (RFP). Brad Hornburg, principal at Landmark, has experience that covers the spectrum, including the development of Universal Studios in Florida, the redevelopment of West County Center in Des Peres and the construction of a municipal fire-house. With his assistance, the City will receive proposals for consideration by the Board of Aldermen as early as October.

With continued progress, we will establish a true sense of arrival to Town and Country, affording residents and visitors a central gathering place as early as 2018. Particularly notable among the hundreds of resident comments from our survey on this major undertaking are the following:

“I am thrilled about the development of the Town Square! Our family frequently (weekly) enjoys walks to Longview Park and the stores in Mason Village. We would welcome the addition of new dining options, trails to enjoy, pavilion space for gathering, center to gather for special events such as outdoor concerts and the other possibilities noted in the plans for the Town Square. We are new residents to Town and Country as of last year, and are most pleased with the direction things are going. We love being a part of a community and see the Town Square as a key vehicle to foster that sense of community. We participated in the parade this fall and also the tree lighting event at Mari de Villa. My kids enjoyed the egg hunt at Longview this Easter, and we are looking forward to the parade this summer. We hope to continue to enjoy such wonderful events, and eagerly look to the future and the development of the Town Square and all that it will offer.”

“I think the task force has done an AMAZING job bringing together so many desirable features. As a young family with children, I especially love how they are making T&C more child friendly with the splash fountain and (hopefully) family friendly eateries... The town center design will certainly draw more young families to our town and help it grow in vibrancy and desirability. Thanks for all their hard work!!!!”

“I think the town square is essential to making Town and Country a comfortable family oriented, needed place for residents to enjoy...Longview Farm is great - Town Square will be greater.”

“I have lived here for 18 years and I love the changes that have taken place. The parks are terrific! I look forward to the day when the trails have us all easily connected. I am so looking forward to the Town Center. Town and Country feels much more like a community than ever before. I am looking forward to what the next 18 years has in store for the residents.”

With all of the positive comments regarding the Town Square project, one of the trending messages coming through the survey leads me to address the next topic: trails and sidewalks. Here are a few more comments from the community survey:

“If you have a walking trail on Topping, I think it will bring a lot of foot traffic to the Town Square! I am so excited about the idea of a walking community for my family. I can imagine riding my kids and I riding our bikes there! They are 1 and 3 so let’s getting moving so we can enjoy it while they’re little!”

“It looks wonderful [Town Square]. Has there been any thought given to connecting it to Queeny with a pedestrian/bike path on Mason?”

“Would love to walk there [Town Square] from Conway & Mason. Put in a sidewalk along Mason Road.”

“I would love to be able to walk to and from the town square, but WE NEED SIDEWALKS!!!!”

Community Connections through Trails and Sidewalks

When asked the question, *“How important is having a community-wide trail and sidewalk system to the quality of life in Town and Country?”* the response highlighted the importance and value of a walkable community. Overall, 70 percent of those surveyed feel that a community-wide trail and sidewalk system is “very” or “extremely” important to the quality of life in Town and Country. This enormous interest in trails was expressed across all four wards, irrespective of length of residence or the presence of children in the home:

BY WARD:	BY LENGTH OF RESIDENCE:	PRESENCE OF CHILDREN IN HOME:
91% Ward 1	85% 20 years or more	94% in favor Yes, children present
87% Ward 2	92% 10 - 19 years	88% in favor No children present
94% Ward 3	94% Less than 10 years	
89% Ward 4		



The adage, “build it and they will come” is certainly true for trails. Over half of those surveyed use existing trails and sidewalks at least once a week and 34 percent use them frequently throughout the week. We received many suggestions and requests from the survey, and additional input on locations and priorities are key to bringing our community’s desire for connectivity to fruition. The Parks and Trails Commission made a formal recommendation on updates to the Trails Master Plan that was reviewed at a Public Forum and Open House on September 19th at Longview Farm House. Your contribution to this ongoing conversation will prove invaluable as we finalize the Master Plan, which will serve as the blueprint for achieving neighborhood connectivity.

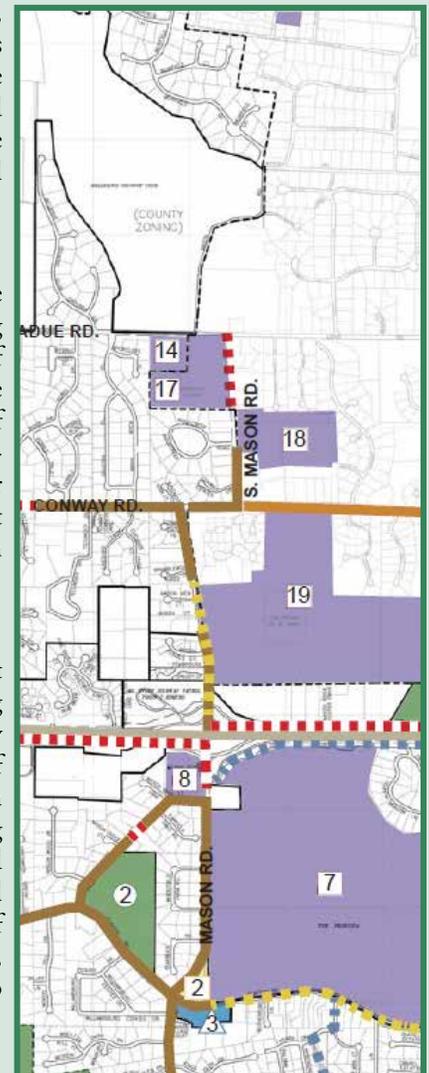
A number of projects already in the queue are detailed below, including Topping Road, Mason Road south of Clayton, Mason Road north of Clayton to Creve Coeur, and both sides of Ballas Road from Clayton to Visitation Academy and Missouri Baptist Medical Center. We have convened four separate work groups and tasked them with engaging their neighbors and providing guidance through the myriad of civic partnerships and grant programs that may be applicable. Our overarching goal to integrate all parts of Town and Country through our trail system will continue to be boosted by the relationships we foster through these efforts.

Mason Road South

The Board of Aldermen passed a Resolution in August that authorized an application to the Municipal Park Grant Commission of St. Louis County that would assist in connecting pedestrians to Queeny Park from the Clayton Road Trail. Currently, there is a patchwork of sidewalks from Mason Heights to Clayton Road and this project would interconnect those walkways, providing access for residents along Mason Road. We convened a working group of neighborhood representatives, along with several members of the Parks and Trails Commission, to refine the details and to make recommendations on how the project could be further improved. Their work should be finished by November, and we will receive the Grant Commission’s decision in December. If all goes according to our plans, construction will begin in late spring and be completed by the end of 2017.

Mason Road North

Among our most exciting efforts involves the trail on Mason Road north of Clayton Road that will extend across I-64, through Ward 4, and into Creve Coeur. We have been working diligently on the development of a multi-pronged, multi-year partnership with both the City of Creve Coeur and St. Louis County to complete a pedestrian link that connects the center of our community to our northernmost neighborhoods. As we demonstrated with the Clayton Road Trail, we are ever mindful of the high standards of our community, so it is our ongoing goal to develop a multi-use trail that integrates itself into the landscape while providing a broad spectrum of functionality. Entering into such a partnership with these agencies is as beneficial as it is complex. For this reason, I have brought together residents from the entire length of this corridor to serve as the Mason Trail North Task Force. They have been asked to identify, evaluate and integrate the entire gamut of opportunities, including grant and partnership funding, which will benefit both their neighborhoods and our community as a whole.



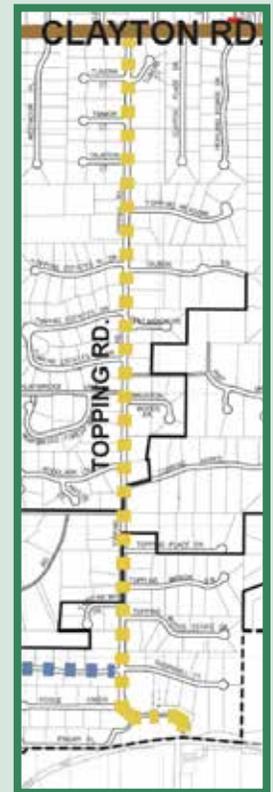
Clayton and Ballas

Through another partnership developed with St. Louis County in 2013, we will be bringing traffic improvements to the intersection of Clayton and Ballas Roads, as well as sidewalks that extend to the north. Connecting the Clayton Road Trail with existing facilities near Missouri Baptist Medical Center on the west side and Visitation Academy on the east side, these sidewalks will provide a long desired link to two of our premier institutions and community partners.

A more salient part of the project is the improvement of the performance at the intersection itself. With the introduction of ADA compliant crosswalks, the project will provide the opportunity to address traffic flow concerns, as well, and to this end, I have asked the Ballas and Clayton Work Group, which consists of neighbors and business interests surrounding the intersection, to prioritize the functional enhancement of this important gateway to our community. The work group's mission of assessing needs and identifying solutions has been ongoing for the past several months, and to date, it has met with experts in the field of traffic engineering, sought input from the community through an open house and integrated this information into a realistic and attainable plan. We will continue to work with our partners through the federal grant process to complete this work in 2018, and we fully anticipate that the City of Town and Country will receive substantially more benefit than its projected 12 to 15 percent share of the cost.

Topping Road

Although our goal of constructing a trail on Topping Road will require additional exploration and effort, we continue to move forward with optimism. In previous years, we have attempted to obtain federal funding for as much of the project cost as possible. Unfortunately, such programs have become increasingly competitive each cycle, but we will continue to refine our efforts in the year ahead in order to not only pursue, but to successfully attain outside funding for this ambitious project in 2017.



2017 Public Infrastructure Investment Task Force

In 2012 I appointed a task force to review our capital revenues and projected expenditures associated with the growing need to maintain our investment in infrastructure. That task force provided valuable analysis to the Board of Aldermen regarding appropriate levels of investment of public funds to address those pressing infrastructure needs, while maintaining our AAA credit rating.

Ultimately, the Task Force formally recommended a transfer of \$3.6 million from our general fund reserve to supplement capital improvement funds so that those community needs could be adequately and expeditiously addressed. In April 2013, the Board of Aldermen officially adopted the task force recommendations and the work began.

From that foundation, we commenced a multi-year, multimillion dollar investment in our road system, timely deploying a modest percentage of our substantial reserves to avoid more costly expenses in the future and protect property values within our neighborhoods. Within the first year, nearly \$2 million worth of projects were executed with curb and overlay projects throughout the City, and with the Mason Knoll pavement replacement project in 2015, we could claim, "Mission accomplished!"



Given the significant city-wide interest in expanding our system of trails and sidewalks, the ongoing demands of our current stormwater program, and the continued support of our parks and related programs, the City must again carefully analyze and calculate the appropriate level of investment in these major categories while updating our five-year capital investment strategy. For this reason, I will be appointing round two of the Public Infrastructure Investment Task Force to thoroughly analyze the needs and desires of the community, while scrutinizing current staffing and funding levels along with alternative financial support for identified objectives. As indicated by the community survey, over seventy percent of residents who responded supported the sale of Preservation Park and the reinvestment of those resources into trails and other park amenities. This Task Force, depending on the needs assessment, will explore the repurposing of those assets from a challenged and underused park to other assets in order to better meet the needs of our community.

The Parks and Trails Commission has long wrestled with the question whether to make a significant capital investment into Preservation Park to bring it to the level of quality our residents expect, or to redirect those assets into trails and sidewalks. Following an initial survey conducted in 2015, which indicated that Preservation was highly underutilized, the Parks and Trails Commission made a formal recommendation that the Board of Aldermen should explore the sale of Preservation Park in order to redeploy those assets in a higher and better use. The Commission's recommendation was strongly validated by the city-wide survey. As stated, over 70 percent of those responding supported a sale of the park. The Public Infrastructure Investment Task Force will delve deeper into this significant issue as it conducts its comprehensive analysis and prioritization of the other needs and opportunities before us.

Neighborhood Preservation

One of the most significant challenges facing our City is the transition of older, well established neighborhoods through both the demolition of existing homes and construction of larger homes in their place. The Planning and Zoning Commission, the Architectural Review Board and the Public Works Commission jointly took up this challenge, addressing the distinct issues respective to each body. At the June 29 public forum, nearly 140 residents were in attendance to hear their key recommendations. Led by Planning and Zoning member Will McKnight, with assistance from fellow members, Dennis Bolazina and Alderman Fred Meyland-Smith, the forum began with an excellent overview of key elements of their proposed initiatives, which are intended to apply more thoughtful guidelines to the overall physical presence of structures through our zoning code. Will, Fred and Dennis were followed by Alderman Tiffany Frautschi, the Chairman of the Public Works Commission, with Alderman Jon Benigas concluding the presentations with matters pertaining to the Architectural Review Board. They covered everything from setbacks and the height of walls, to rules that would address parking during construction and improve stormwater retention.

Significant time was devoted to questions and feedback, and that information was taken back to Planning and Zoning, Architectural Review and Public Works for further consideration. As a result, they have refined their original recommendations, and their revised proposals will be considered by the Board of Aldermen as early as this fall.

Economic Development Update

Manchester Meadows continues to redevelop and revitalize. Billed as the home décor superstore, *At Home* should open by Thanksgiving, and it will occupy two-thirds of the old Wal-Mart space. Next to At Home, a recreational venue known as *Amp Up Action Park* will offer indoor electric go kart racing, a ropes course, and laser tag. *Value City Furniture* will also be opening later this year in the space formerly occupied by Sports Authority. Added to the already successful additions of *Total Wine & More* and *Fresh Thyme Farmers Market*, we project that Manchester Meadows will be over 90 percent occupied within the next year.



Town and Country Crossing will also be making several significant additions to its roster that already includes *Target* and *Whole Foods*. *Stein Mart* is expected to open this fall, and *Starbucks*, which has proposed outdoor seating and an art feature on the western side of the Crossing, should open in the spring. *Home Goods*, which will be located next to *Stein Mart*, should make its debut in the spring, as well. In addition, *First Watch* will soon be serving its popular breakfast and lunch menu, bringing this vibrant center to 98 percent capacity.

These enhancements to our retail areas not only provide amenities to the community, but they also serve as our primary economic engine by generating sales tax revenue, enabling the City to maintain a zero percent property tax rate. While some residents expressed dissatisfaction in the community survey about the amount of property taxes they pay, it is important to note that *none* of those dollars are assessed by the City of Town and Country, since we consistently set our property tax levy at zero. The property taxes we all pay are largely assessed by St. Louis County, with the highest percentage going to public education, not the City of Town and Country.

With the exception of the quaint shops and businesses at Mason Woods Village, our primary commercial areas have been thoughtfully situated at the perimeter of the City, providing convenient access to goods and services while maintaining the residential feel of our core. As we continue to work diligently to seek new revenue opportunities, rest assured that our commitment to preserving the nature and character of our beautiful City will never waiver.

A Season of Celebration and Thanksgiving

After several years of planning, under the leadership of Alderman Lynn Wright and the Public Art Commission, and through the generosity of so many throughout the community, most notably Fred and Mary Kay Wiesehan at Mari de Villa, a major piece of public art has been completed for Town and Country. This impressive sculpture of a horse and dog, known as “Discovery,” was created by renowned artist Harry Weber. Discovery is emblematic of Town and Country — a vibrant community nestled in the beauty of our natural environment. It will eventually find its permanent home at our Town Square just east of Straub’s, but we will celebrate its completion at its temporary home at Longview Farm Park in a ceremony during the Fall Festival on October 15. The day will also include the Plein Air Art Competition; the ever-popular pony rides, pumpkin decorating, live music, Bubble Bus, FREDBIRD, food and drinks, and bounce houses; and the Impressions of Town and Country art exhibit that will take place that evening in the Longview Farm House.



The Fall Festival is more than just another event on the calendar. It represents a special opportunity for families and neighbors to come together as a community and celebrate all that is good and the many blessings that we enjoy.



As we enter into the fall season of cooling weather, changing colors, and the approaching holidays, take some time to get outside and walk one of our trails, visit one of our parks, and join me and your neighbors at our annual Fall Festival. Most importantly to me, the Board of Aldermen and City Hall staff, we hope you will also join the conversation! Your input, observations, and feedback are vital to our continued success. As I mentioned at the onset of this message, we have traveled a great distance together. There is no question that work remains to be done, but by sharing our collective talents and commitment to our community, we will continue to preserve the high standing held by our great City and ensure that our path forward is the right one for all.

Best wishes, and thank you for the continued privilege to serve as your Mayor.

Jon Dalton
Mayor

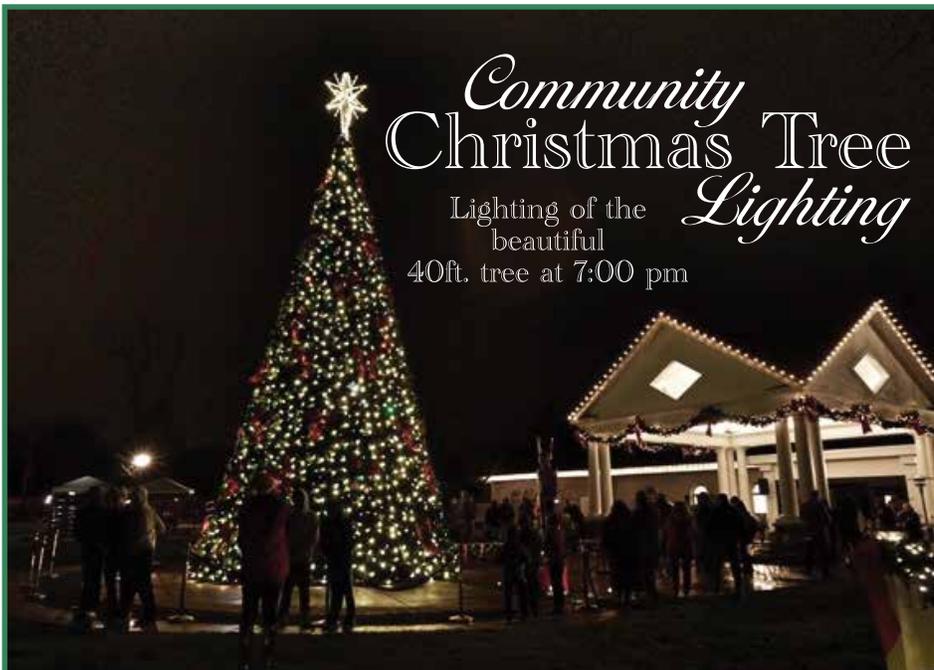
NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CANDIDATE FILING APRIL 4, 2017 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that an election for a four year term to the office of Mayor and a two year term to the office of Alderman, Ward 1; Alderman, Ward 2; Alderman, Ward 3; and Alderman, Ward 4, will be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 in the City of Town and Country. Residents wishing to file for candidacy must do so in the office of the City Clerk beginning at 8:00 AM on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 through 5:00 PM on Tuesday, January 17, 2017. The City Clerk's office, located at 1011 Municipal Center Drive, will be open from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM for filing, with extended hours until 5:00 PM offered only on opening and closing day.

Qualifications for Mayor include being at least twenty five (25) years of age, a citizen of the United States, a resident of the City at the time of and at least for one (1) year preceding his/her election.

Qualifications for Alderman include being at least eighteen (18) years of age, a citizen of the United States, an inhabitant and resident of the City at least for one (1) year preceding the election, and a resident of the ward from which he/she is elected.

For additional information regarding filing procedures and requirements, candidate eligibility, or with any other questions, please contact the City Clerk, Ashley McNamara, at 314-587-2806 or McNamaraAN@town-and-country.org.



Community Christmas Tree Lighting

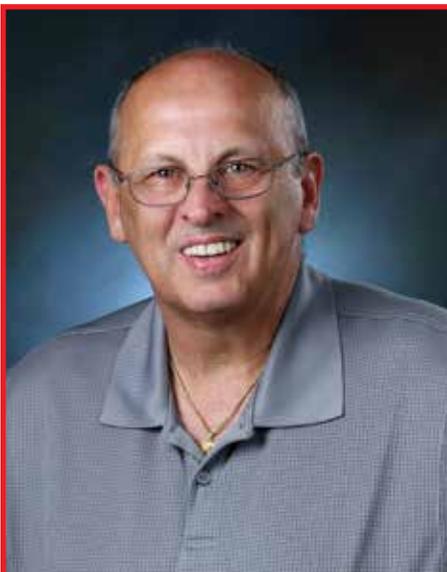
Lighting of the
beautiful
40ft. tree at 7:00 pm

Please come join the fun at the lighting of the Town & Country Community Christmas Tree on the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

**Mari De Villa Senior Living
13900 Clayton Road
Saturday, November 26
5-7:30 pm**

The event is free and the whole community is invited.
The fun will include:

*Santa Claus, live reindeer,
live Christmas music,
hot chocolate,
Christmas cookies
and much more!*



WELCOME TO OUR NEW FIRE MARSHAL

We are proud to introduce our new Fire Marshal, David (Dave) Phipps. This position was created this past June to accommodate the specific needs of the City of Town & Country while allowing the West County EMS & Fire Protection District to continue in its function as our operational partner. This new personal touch will allow for more targeted outreach into our business community and educational institutions as well as provide greater flexibility in construction permitting operations.

Personally, Dave is married and has three children. Professionally, he comes to us with 42 years of experience in fire service, most recently as Fire Marshal for the Metro West Fire Protection District. His credentials are as impressive and extensive as his reputation in and out of the industry. These include International Code Council (ICC) and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) certifications in addition to a Masters Degree in Business Administration.

If you would like to schedule for Dave to come visit your organization or community group, please feel free to contact him directly 314-587-2839 or at phippsd@town-and-country.org.

THE HISTORY OF TOWN & COUNTRY

Part 9

LOG CABINS

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

According to the book *The History of St. Louis County, Missouri* by William L. Thomas, first published in 1911 and then re-published by Todd Abrams (member of the Town & Country Historical Society) with County Living Publications in 2011, the area around Town & Country was in the early 1800's known as New Alsace and Alheim. It was a quiet neighborhood that ran between Manchester and Des Peres on the south; Creve Coeur on the north; between Ballas Road on the east; and Bonhomme (what is now Chesterfield) on the west. It was traversed east and west by Clayton (formerly Smith) and Conway Roads, and north and south by the Mason and Woods Mill Roads.

During that time the farmers constructed log cabins as their living quarters. Several of these log cabins can be seen today. Town & Country has preserved three such log cabins with some help from the Historical Society. The Kropp (Drace) log cabin stood on the property that is now Drace Park and has been restored this past year to its near original condition. In 2003, the City moved the Estill log cabin from a house that was about to be torn down at the intersection of Clayton and Bopp Roads to Drace Park. This past year the Historical Society and the City moved to Drace Park a third historic log cabin that was about to be torn down on Conway Road. That cabin was owned by George Oge, who was designated as the Postmaster for the area in about 1875. There are now three historical log cabins in Drace Park originally constructed in the 1800's. Visitors to the Park can now walk through one of the cabins and view the others to get a feeling of what life was like in that period.

There are other historic log cabins hidden in our city in existing houses. The Historical Society is trying to find them and document them as part of the rich history of our region. They typically are not visible from the outside, but have parts of them exposed in the inside. The Historical Society is aware of three of them, but we are sure that there are more. If you know of one, please contact Skip Mange at 314-401-6129 or skip.mange@att.net.

DO YOU KNOW OF A LOG CABIN HIDDEN IN TOWN & COUNTRY?



FALL BRANCH CHIPPING

We are pleased to announce that our very popular branch chipping program will be back again this year. As before, the program will collect branches placed at the curb in front of each property. **These will be collected during the month of November**, chipped on site and hauled away for disposal. No bagging or bundling will be required.

Postcards with detailed information will be mailed to all residents approximately two weeks prior to the collection for their neighborhood. Residents are welcome to contact Craig Wilde, Planning & Public Works Director, for additional information at wildecj@town-and-country.org or 314-587-2824.

City of
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FALL

October 15,
at Longview



Fall Festival Schedule

4-6pm 🍁 Pony Rides \$5/short ride; \$10/long ride

All proceeds help feed the horses at Longview Farm Park (Equine Assisted Therapy)

4-7pm 🍁 Bounce Houses

🍁 FREDBIRD®

🍁 Bubble Bus

🍁 Live Music - MidLife

🍁 Fair Trade Items for Sale

🍁 Buy Halloween Supplies from
Mason Ridge School 5th Graders

🍁 Mini Pumpkin Decorating

🍁 Wear Your Halloween Costume!



Support Equine Assisted Therapy by purchasing a chili or hot dog dinner! Ray Ray's Kettle Corn and drinks also available for your enjoyment!

PARKING: Town Square Property
(east of Straub's Market)



festival

2016 • 4-7pm
Longview Farm Park



Impressions Of Town & Country

What is *Plein Air*?

En Plein air is a French term meaning “in the open air”. Artists who participate in our annual competition create amazing works of art entirely outdoors in the style of Monet and Renoir! In addition, artists start the day with a blank canvas and finish in a matter of hours.

Now in its seventh year, the Impressions of Town & Country event is not to be missed! Join us by observing artists throughout the day in our community. Stop by and have a glass of wine and experience the amazing art inspired by Town & Country!

Plein Air for the Artist:

CHECK-IN - Longview Farm House, 13525 Clayton Road

- Artists check-in Saturday, October 15 from 7:30 am - 11:00 am
- Check-in with blank canvas and have it stamped for the competition

See complete details and register: www.town-and-country.org

JUDGING/RECEPTION - Longview Farm House

- Beginning at 3:00 pm artists can bring completed work to the Longview Farm House
- Artists will set up easels with artwork at Longview
- The judging, by top artist judges, will take place at 4:00 pm
- The art reception will kick off at 5:00 pm

EVENT SCHEDULE

7:30 am - 11:00 am

3:00 pm

4:00 pm

4:30 pm

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Artist registration at the Longview Farm House

Artists will take completed artwork and easels to Longview

Judging begins at Longview - Fall Festival begins!

Discovery Sculpture Dedication on Longview Farm House front lawn

Community *Plein Air* reception and art sale



CAR THIEF TELLS POLICE WHY HE TARGETED TOWN AND COUNTRY



A MUST READ!

by P.O. Jim Gorman, (Ret.)

This is a true story. Sunday, August 7, was a typical summer day, sunny and hot. A resident in the west end of our City had just returned from brunch with her friends and parked her vehicle across the street from her home and went inside to escape the heat and humidity.

That same day, some 20 miles away, Chris S. of East St. Louis, Illinois was sitting in his home. Chris was hot and tired. You see Chris did not have a car, which meant he had to walk everywhere in the heat and humidity. So sometime after midnight, Chris began his odyssey to remedy his transportation problem. He boarded a Metro bus in East St. Louis and rode it west for nearly 2 hours. A few transfers later he reached his final destination – the Ballas Metro Bus Center located at I-64 and Ballas Road in Town and Country.

After arriving in the early hours of Monday morning Chris started out. He walked south on Ballas Road and then west on Clayton Road. He was on a mission. His objective was to steal a car. As Chris walked west he explored the many side streets flipping car door handles in hopes of finding one unlocked with the key left inside. Chris took advantage of the darkness, and when he saw headlights of a vehicle coming, he would quickly duck down behind cover until the vehicle passed. This action allowed him to elude our police patrols.

Chris walked for more than 2 hours covering approximately 5 miles. He was almost out of the city limits of Town and Country when he turned south down a side street. There it was, in the middle of the block, just where the owner had parked it after returning home from her brunch on Sunday afternoon. Chris approached the car, lifted the door handle and the door opened. Without hesitation he slid into the driver's seat and began to look for the keys. Bingo! It couldn't have been any easier. The keys were hanging from the car's ignition. A quick turn of the key and Chris was off. Mission accomplished! No more walking for him. Now he was traveling in air-conditioned comfort. In less than 30 minutes Chris would be back home in East St. Louis to rest after being up most of the night.

On Monday afternoon our resident walked out of her home and crossed the street to where she had parked her car on Sunday. Did she forget where she had parked it? She searched for her vehicle but couldn't locate it. Returning to her home she telephoned the police who responded and took a stolen auto report. In the report the owner disclosed that she had left the vehicle unlocked with the keys inside. There was nothing more for the victim to do but contact her insurance company.

Tuesday, August 9, started out pretty good for Chris with his recently acquired car. But that all changed as he sat in the car in front of a friend's house. An East St. Louis patrol car pulled up behind him and ran the Missouri license plate. Chris went to jail and our victim's vehicle was recovered with just a few additional dents and scratches. Detectives from

Town and Country traveled to East St. Louis and interviewed Chris. The quote below was taken from the story Chris told our Detectives when he confessed. The Detectives asked him why he came all the way out to Town and Country from East St. Louis. They weren't quite prepared to hear his response. Chris looked at them and said,

“Everybody knows that in the rich neighborhoods everyone leaves their car unlocked with the keys in it”

Chris had prior arrests not only for auto theft but for burglary and robbery too! Detectives have forwarded the case to the St. Louis County Prosecutor's Office for warrants.

Since June 19, four vehicles have been stolen from residents' driveways. The frustrating common denominator in all of these incidents is that the vehicles were UNLOCKED and the KEYS WERE LEFT INSIDE! To date only two have been recovered. One was found in St. Louis City and this one in East St. Louis. In addition to the stolen autos this department has taken numerous reports of items stolen from unlocked cars. We also recovered a car stolen out of St. Charles County that was connected to an armed robbery in St. Louis County.

Police departments from St. Louis City, St. Louis County, and St. Charles County have linked the rash of stolen cars to multiple crimes in the Greater St. Louis region including robberies, home invasions, burglaries and homicides.

It is unknown whether any of the vehicles stolen from Town and Country were used in the commission of any other crimes but it is clear that thieves are targeting the area with the hopes of acquiring vehicles for their use.

For the record, this is not a new phenomenon. In 1972, the St. Louis Commission on Crime along with the St. Louis Police Department, in an effort to develop area-wide citizen empathy, cooperation and participation in a campaign to substantially reduce auto theft – adopted the slogan, “Lock it and Pocket the Key” and made it part of a Public Service Announcement. The slogan is still applicable today.

Let's not make it easy for them, LOCK your car and NEVER leave the keys inside!

PS. It should be noted that shortly after the submission of the above article another vehicle was stolen from a resident's driveway. It was unlocked and the keys were left inside. The vehicle was later recovered in East St. Louis.

To stay up-to-date on important crime and safety information, sign up to receive our BeAware emails. Go to Town-and-Country.org and click on the 'Notify Me' link.

NEW BUSINESSES

Academy Mortgage Corporation
12935 N. Outer Forty Road, Suite 212

Orli's Boutique
161 Lamp & Lantern Village

Prologue Technology, LLC
555 Maryville University Drive, Suite 445

Xentuate The Positive
13416 Clayton Road

Charterhouse & Co, Inc.
14163 Clayton Road

Peak Sport & Spine
777 S. New Ballas, Suite 218E

Saettele Jewelers
279 Lamp & Lantern Village

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(314) 996-5433**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7 - 9:00am - 1:00pm
Longview Farm House, 13525 Clayton Road

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15 - 8:00am - Noon
Missouri Baptist Medical Center, Clinical Learning Institute
Room 419 (located on 4th floor above Main garage)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25 - 4:00 - 8:00 pm
Town & Country Municipal Center, 1011 Municipal Center Drive

MISSOURI BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER COMMUNITY OUTREACH

**All programs are free-of-charge and reservations are required.
Please call 314 996-5433 for reservations and specific locations.**

Annual Update: What's New with the Treatment of Multiple Sclerosis?

Barry Singer, MD, neurologist
Mark Tullman, MD, neurologist
Melanie Huff, BSN, RN

Learn about the latest groundbreaking research from the world's largest annual international MS conference. Light refreshments served. **FREE**

**Thursday, Oct. 6, 6:30-8:30 p.m. St. Louis Hilton Frontenac
1335 South Lindbergh**

The Diabetes and Heart Disease Connection

Martin Schwarze, MD, cardiologist
Kathy Little, BSN, RN, CDE, diabetes educator

Join Dr. Schwarze and Kathy Little as they discuss what puts one at risk for diabetes and, if you are diabetic, how that impacts your risk of heart disease. Light refreshments served. **FREE**

Thursday, Oct. 13, 6:30-8 p.m.
St. Louis Hilton Frontenac
1335 South Lindbergh

Cholesterol, Glucose and Blood Pressure Screenings

Cardiologists recommend that you monitor your cholesterol, glucose and blood pressure on a regular basis. To make it easy, Missouri Baptist will provide these FREE screenings for blood pressure, glucose, total cholesterol and HDL at local Dierbergs stores. No fasting is required – appointments are recommended.

OCTOBER

Dierbergs Market Place
1730 Clarkson Road
Wednesday, Oct. 5, 1:30-5 p.m.

Dierbergs Telegraph Road
5640 Telegraph
Wednesday, Oct. 19, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER

Dierbergs Heritage Place
12595 Olive Boulevard
Wednesday, Nov. 9, 1:30-5 p.m.

Dierbergs Manchester at Lafayette Center
421 Lafayette Center
Wednesday, Nov. 16, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Town & Country Symphony Orchestra

by Roger Fagerberg, City Liaison to the Orchestra

The Town & Country Symphony Orchestra, formerly the Maplewood/Richmond Heights Orchestra and then the Brentwood Symphony Orchestra, changed to its current name when, in May, 1998, it moved to Town & Country upon the invitation of the City of Town & Country and The Principia, a private Christian Science affiliated pre-school through high school facility located on a very large and beautiful campus with a spacious and wonderful Ridgway Auditorium in the City of Town & Country, with both entities giving much financial and other support for the orchestra.

The Town & Country Symphony Orchestra has most of its rehearsals and free concerts (usually about four concerts annually) at The Principia and some of its rehearsals and free concerts (usually about one concert annually) at Parkway United Church of Christ, also in Town & Country. For many years after it moved to Town & Country, the orchestra or a small ensemble from the orchestra has played free concerts at the Fire and Ice programs held annually in Town & Country. In recognition of the city's 50th anniversary in 1999, the orchestra performed a free program at The Principia. The full orchestra also played at the city's fire station for the Safety Fair, and small orchestra groups played for various city functions.

A small brass ensemble from the orchestra played on a float in Town & Country's first parade on October 3, 2015. The orchestra had a free concert at Delmar (now Dayspring) Baptist Church in Town & Country in honor of that church's 125th anniversary. Various small ensembles from the orchestra have played many free concerts at nursing homes located in the city. The orchestra has also had several free concerts outside of the city, including the zoo and the botanical gardens. The orchestra holds its Board of Directors meetings at the Longview Farm House.

The orchestra needs to receive significant financial support from donor individuals, businesses, non-profit organizations, program advertising revenue, and various fund raising activities, in order to continue performing free concerts. Although almost all of the orchestra musicians are volunteers, there are many costs for music leadership, music purchases and rentals, music licenses, supplies, postal costs, insurance, public relations, program guides, accounting services, and refreshments. Among the many fund raising activities are Trivia Night programs, which were held in 2015 and in 2016 at Trinity Lutheran Church, also located in Town & Country. The orchestra is a qualified 501(c)(3) organization, and therefore tax deductible contributions for general orchestra support can be mailed to P.O. Box 6901, Town & Country, MO 63006-6901.

Detailed information about the orchestra's current concert schedule can be found at <http://www.tcsomo.org>. The orchestra's Fall, 2016 through Spring, 2017 concert schedule is **October 23**, **December 11**, and **May 14** at The Principia, 13201 Clayton Road, a short distance east of Mason Road, and **April 2** at Parkway United Church of Christ, 2841 North Ballas Road, a half-block north of Clayton Road.

TOWN & COUNTRY GARDEN CLUB 2016-2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please join us this Fall and Winter seasons for interesting and informative talks on a variety of gardening subjects. Programs are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month and are free and open to the public. Lunch is optional at noon and RSVP is required. Payment is taken at the door at Longview Farm House, except for the outing at Drace Park in October.

- October 12** 1pm to 2pm - *Outing at Drace Park--Stories & Rememberings of the Estill Log Cabin with Harry Estill*
- October 15** 4pm to 7pm - *Town & Country Fall Festival - Q&A gardening info table*
- November 9** 1pm to 2pm - *Wild for Monarchs--Bob Siemer of the Monarch Society-Presentation on life cycle, migration and population trends & what you can do to help them.*
- November 19** 9am to 3pm - *Town & Country Holiday Boutique - Q&A gardening info table*
- December** *Happy Holidays - no program*
- January 11** 1pm to 2pm - *Maintaining Boxwood - Bruce Chalker of Mobot Speakers' Bureau - Planting, care, pruning and pest & disease management of these shrubs*
- February 8** 1pm to 2pm *Orchids of Mobot - Behind the Scenes at the Greenhouse & Orchid Show - Carol Gravens*
- March 8** TBD - *Check online calendar for future program announcement. See website address below.*

Contact Myla Stevens, Corresponding Secretary, at mylajstevens@gmail.com for lunch reservations and Anne Bond, President, at (314) 469-0127 or ambond@prodigy.net for more info.

Additional information about Town & Country Garden Club monthly programs and membership can be found on our website at www.townandcountrygardenclub.com. A link is available on the city website at www.town-and-country.org.



Town & Country Crossing Kicks Off FREE Walking Club

Take the first steps to health and fitness by joining YOUR WALKING CLUB at Town & Country Crossing. It's a great way to meet new people while improving your mind and body - and it is completely FREE!

Through October 28, walkers can join us at Town & Country Crossing every Tuesday and Friday. We'll meet at 8:30AM in front of Three Dog Bakery and we'll walk until 9:30AM. A certified personal trainer from Wellbridge Athletic Club & Spa will be on-site each week to encourage, teach and motivate. Registered walkers receive a free T-shirt and will be registered to win gift cards each time they walk.

Register at www.yourwalkingclub.com
For more info, contact Leslie Melton,
Lmelton@rgpt.com, 636-220-7827.



at Town & Country Crossing

Town & Country Crossing is hosting a free pre-Halloween Trick-or-Treating event in the shopping center on October 15 from 11 AM to 1 PM. Come out in costume for this SPOOKTACULAR event, featuring trick-or-treating, pumpkin decorating, music, balloon artist, and a fall photo opportunity. Children 12 and under please.



EMERALD ASH BORER

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.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The St. Louis County Older Resident Programs (CORP) need Volunteer Drivers who live in the Town & Country area to give a few hours during the day to provide transportation to and from doctor's appointments for senior residents of St. Louis County who live near you! No weekends, and mileage reimbursement is available. Contact Tom Cole, Neighborhood Coordinator, at (314) 481-9999.

Are you good with numbers? Volunteers are needed to assist County residents who are 60+ years of age or older, and have moderate incomes. Volunteers will prepare and file 2016 Federal & State tax returns electronically at sites in North, South & West Counties. Related experience is helpful. Training will be provided in January of 2017.

Like working with people? Volunteers are needed at various sites & days as greeters and appointment schedulers. Training will be provided. Volunteers will be VITA-certified and will begin volunteering at CORP sites mid-January & continue through mid-April. Interested individuals can call Sheryl Trask at (314) 615-7430 for north of I-64 locations or Kathy Paulsen at (314) 615-4021 for south county locations.

Volunteer Paralegal is needed to prepare final documents that are prepared by CORP Volunteer Attorneys. (314) 615-4435.

PRINCETON PLACE SUBDIVISION ANNUAL PARTY



Princeton Place Subdivision held their annual party on Sunday, August 21, 2016. The party, hosted by Julie and Mark Burns, was a terrific success. Over 50 people attended for a great barbecue and a chance to catch up with their neighbors. The subdivision has had a number of new residents move in during the past year, so it was a great opportunity for everyone to meet. A good time was had by all and everyone is looking forward to next year's party.

TOWN & COUNTRY, YOU DID IT!!!

The *Discovery* sculpture project is now complete! This summer the bronze horse and dog sculpture was completed and the entire amount of \$139,000 was collected in full. This amount was raised entirely by funds donated from Town & Country residents and local businesses.

Special thanks to Mari de Villa and the Wiesehan family for their generous \$75,000 donation, which included a \$25,000 dollar for dollar match.

The completed sculpture was unveiled for the Public Art Commission in June at the studio of famed sculptor Harry Weber (pictured above). *Discovery* will be installed at Longview Farm Park for temporary display while we await the completion of its permanent home at the Town Square, where it will be displayed prominently as this iconic symbol of Town and Country welcomes residents and visitors to this community gathering space.



You're Invited:

Please attend the dedication of *Discovery* in the front lawn at Longview Farm House

Saturday, October 15, at 4:30 PM

Make this dedication ceremony a part of your Fall Festival plans!

Come celebrate the first original piece of public art inspired by the City of Town & Country.



SAVE-THE-DEER SUMMER: EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION IN ACTION

On Friday, July 22, 14 students of Raintree School headed out into Town & Country to distribute their save-the-deer handwritten message on postcards. They spent July perfecting their deer artwork, researching the issue of deer collisions, and working together to spell their message using their best handwriting. In this first step of their initiative, the children were able to see the power of their action and feel that their voices were heard. In just one morning, the 4-8 year-old children shared their message with 32 homes in their own neighborhoods.



Yoga at Longview

Stretch, strengthen and center yourself in the beautiful setting of Longview Farm Park. This Vinyasa yoga class is suitable for all levels. These classes will emphasize alignment, breath and movement, as well as flexibility and focus.

Classes will be held in our studio in the new addition of the Longview Farm House.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9-10:15 am

Single Class - \$15

Five (5) Classes - \$60

Ten (10) Classes - \$100

Twenty (20) Classes - \$180

(Drop-ins are welcome)

Classes can be purchased online at salveoyoga.com or from the instructor, Sara Clem, before class. All levels welcome!





TURKEY TROT

**THE FRIDAY AFTER THANKSGIVING
NOVEMBER 25 @ LONGVIEW FARM PARK
5K AT 9AM • 1/2 MILE RUN AT 10AM**

WHAT IS A FAMILY FUN RUN/WALK?

A family fun run/walk is an opportunity for all ages and abilities to participate in an active, family event with friends and neighbors. You will be timed with a stopwatch, not a professional timing system. All participants will receive a T-shirt, plus post-race refreshments.

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Register online at town-and-country.org  or call (314) 587-2838 to pay over the phone with a credit card. Cash and check are accepted by mail or in person at the Parks Department in Longview Farm Park.

PRE-REGISTRATION ENDS ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

\$20 adult registration (\$25 after November 16) • \$5 Under 14 registration - for 5k or 1/2 mile (\$10 after November 16)

RACE-DAY REGISTRATION

Arrive at the Longview Farm House 30 minutes before your event. T-Shirts will be first-come, first-served with this option.

THE TURKEY TROT PROCEEDS WILL BE USED TO PLANT TREES IN TOWN & COUNTRY PARKS!

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	Dogi-bag Station with Sign (annual sponsorship)
\$100, \$200, \$300	Dedication Bricks
\$350	2" Caliper Tree with Plaque
\$700	Premium Tree with Plaque
\$1,200	5' Recycled Bench with Plaque (Drace Park Only)

To order call the Parks and Recreation Department at 314-587-2838.

Breakfast with Santa

**Saturday, December 10, 2016
9:00am - 10:30am
Longview Farm House**

**\$10/person; 2 and under free
Hot and Cold Breakfast choices**



*Bring your own camera
for pictures with Santa!
Enjoy holiday crafts and games!*



Pre-registration required - tickets limited!
Call (314) 587-2838 or register online at
town-and-country.org

Cozy holiday fun with friends and neighbors!

Longview Farm House

A Special Meal or Hors d'oeuvres...
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**New Catering
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Farotto's Catering: farottos.com | (314) 962-0048

In partnership with Longview for over 6 years, the best St. Louis Italian as well as casual or fine dining options! We do it all from rentals, flowers, music, cake and more!

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Callier's Catering: callierscatering.com | (636) 230-0019

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Hearth Room Cafe: 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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Menchie's Frozen Yogurt: 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**

Introducing...the newly consolidated Environment, Horticulture & Wildlife Commission



Members: (Back Row Left to Right)
Alderman Lindsey Butler, Anne Nixon, Linda Robson,
(Front Row Left to Right)
Mariette Palmer, Hera Gerber, Sandra Murdock,
Linda Hultgren, (Not Pictured) Todd Abrams, Susan Blake,
Carl Strasser

Our mission is to:

1. Make recommendations to and advise the Board of Aldermen with respect to the development and/or support of ecologically sound programs and practices within the City.
2. Provide educational programs and engage the community in various events and efforts that promote horticultural and sustainable practices.
3. Manage Community Garden and maintain connection with the active garden clubs in the City.
4. Make recommendations regarding the beautification of the City.
5. Consider and make recommendations regarding area wildlife and forestry.
6. Provide educational resources to support wildlife safety and harmony with the City.
7. Review beautification plans at locations of high traffic or high interest in public rights-of-way.
8. Foster civic pride in the community by promoting an awareness of the City's history to its residents.

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 two shows of the year will highlight the collaborative work of two special Public Art Commission events. Early next year we start off with the art of Mason Ridge Elementary school students.



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

Mason Ridge Elementary Students Art Show Save the Date!

On view **February 13 - March 10, 2017**

*Weekly gallery hours are Monday - Friday
from 8:00 am - 12:00 Noon, or by appointment.*



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comes but once a year.
Don't miss out on this
year's *fabulous* event!



We have some new and exciting vendors for you this year, but also some of your favorites from years past. Plan to join in on this great one-day holiday shopping event! Longview Farm House will be filled with beautiful gifts for everyone on your shopping list and some things you might just buy for yourself.

Saturday, November 19
9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Longview Farm House

Complimentary cookies and drinks will be offered.

For more information, please contact Mary Olsen at OlsenM@town-and-country.org, or 314-587-2804.

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