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POPS IN THE PARK

Sunday, September 24, 2006 • 2:30 PM • Longview Farm Park

Come join us for a musical afternoon at the park and enjoy the sounds of the Town & Country Symphony Orchestra. Scheduled to be on the program are Hoedown by Copland, several Sousa marches, selections from the Music Man by Willson, Victory at Sea by Rodgers and many other selections.

This will be a great family event! A Frosty Treats truck will be on hand selling ice cream, soda and bottled water. Bring your chairs and blankets for

lawn seating -- bring a picnic if you'd like. In case of rain, the concert will move indoors to the Ridgway Auditorium on The Principia campus at 13201 Clayton Road, 63131. For more information regarding this event, contact the Parks and Recreation Director at 314-432-6606 or log on to www.town-and-country.org. See additional article in this newsletter for more information on the Town & Country Symphony Orchestra. See you at the concert!

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FALL FESTIVAL

Longview Farm Park

Saturday, October 21

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Bring your family to Longview Farm Park for the 2006 Fall Festival! It promises to be a fun, fall day in the park. This event is brought to you by the City of Town & Country and Equine Assisted Therapy. Equine Assisted Therapy is a non-profit organization whose mission is to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities through innovative equestrian activities. Highlights of the day will include:

- PONY RIDES AND HORSEBACK RIDES
- GAMES
- STORYTELLING BY MARCIA OLLINGER
- FACE PAINTING
- CONCESSIONS FOR SALE (hot dogs, chips, soda, etc.)



Parking is limited. Take this opportunity to walk or bike if possible! The rainout hotline is 314-991-1435. For more information about this event contact the Director of Parks and Recreation at 314-432-6606 or nixona@town-and-country.org.



COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION ANNOUNCES SEMINARS FOR THIS FALL

INTERNET PREDATORS

Thursday, September 28, 6:30 PM

Mason Ridge School

TIPS FOR TRUSTEES

Thursday, November 9, 7:00 PM

Town & Country Municipal Center

See related articles for more information

NEW FITNESS CLASSES

HOT MAMAS IN TRAINING

at Longview Farm Park

BOOT CAMP

at Drace Park

See Parks and Recreation pages for more information



Mayor's Message:

Town & Country's Top Ten Most Frequently Asked Questions

I have had the privilege of serving Town & Country as Mayor for nearly a year and a half now, and during this time, I have had

the opportunity to visit with friends and neighbors on a variety of matters of local interest. Whether I am addressing Mason Ridge students at the annual Fifth Grade Celebration or guests at the Town & Country Garden Club's 50th Anniversary Celebration, I find that not only do our residents enjoy a great event, but they also tend to be interested in becoming better informed about many of the same community-related activities and issues. In an effort to share some interesting facts about Town & Country government and keep you abreast of current local events (with apologies to David Letterman) I present "Town & Country's Top Ten Most Frequently Asked Questions."

1. How can I get more involved in serving my community?

The City of Town & Country is fortunate to be served by several advisory boards and commissions that were established in order to provide the Mayor and Board of Aldermen a means by which citizen volunteers could make meaningful contributions to the City's decision-making process. The advisory boards and commissions, such as the Board of Adjustment, Planning & Zoning Commission, Finance Commission, Community Relations Commission, Police Commission and the Parks and Trails Commission (among others), are populated by residents of our community who first expressed an interest in serving on a commission, then were appointed by the Mayor based on their professional expertise, personal experience, special interest, ability, or education in the particular area covered by the commission. Ordinarily, the commissions meet on a monthly basis to discuss and analyze a variety of issues, offering recommendations to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that offer creative vision and wisdom towards maintaining Town & Country as a premier residential community.

I encourage all residents interested in serving our community in this capacity to contact me, or visit our website at www.town-and-country.org and click on "Boards and Commissions" in order to learn more about our advisory boards and commissions and their respective responsibilities. By clicking "Forms" and selecting "Admin.", you may print and complete a Commission Application for submission to the City Clerk for consideration. Serving on a Commission is the best way to share your expertise, talents, and experience with Town & Country and make a difference in your community.

2. What's the deal with our fire and emergency medical services; I hear a lot of mixed messages about this situation.

I want to be perfectly clear about this matter. The City has enjoyed an excellent relationship with our fire and emergency medical service provider, the West County EMS and Fire Protection District, for many years. Following extensive evaluation and negotiations last year, we are now in the first year of a renewed five-year contract that will continue to provide the City with first-

rate service under very attractive terms. Recently, West County EMS petitioned to ask our residents if they wished to be annexed into the fire protection district. The City had nothing to do with this effort and, in fact, decided against this option when we concluded it was in the best interest of our residents to renew our contract with West County EMS late last year. Although West County EMS has now opted against pursuing annexation, it will continue to work cooperatively with the City to address any long-term service and emergency preparedness issues.

3. Town & Country seems to always lose power during storms. What are we doing to address this problem?

This is one of our biggest challenges since there is very little we, as a city, can do in this area. Nonetheless, we have two initiatives underway that will hopefully lead to some progress on this vitally important matter. First, we have opened up a regular and ongoing dialogue with officials at AmerenUE in an effort to educate the utility on the specific challenges in Town & Country. Hopefully, through this exchange, we will gain support for needed changes in both the conditions and quality of our local lines and equipment. Second, the City is developing a database of information on all power outages (both area wide and within certain neighborhoods), the duration and extent of the loss of power and related information. This data will be most helpful in dealing with various regulatory agencies, and it will be essential to establishing our claims for assistance from AmerenUE. While I recognize these steps will do little to expedite the restoration of electricity to your home in the event of another outage, they are critical toward addressing the long-term issue of power outages for Town & Country.

4. What's going on with the Longview Farm Park House? Are we making any progress?

Absolutely. In accordance with a plan developed by a diverse group of citizen volunteers along with support from City Hall and the Board of Alderman, this central community asset will soon be revitalized for the enjoyment of many generations to come. In fact, the Longview Farm Park Committee recently gave conceptual approval to the architect's plans for redeveloping this property, which include the demolition and replacement of the 1960's additions to the historic structure in a way that not only emphasizes the original building but provides a much-needed and desired meeting and gathering space for our community. Visitors to the park will be treated to cultural activities planned in the "old house", as well as refreshment and reception areas in the new addition. Clearly, the House at Longview Farm Park will be a dynamic part of our community and a valued asset for many years, and the City is focused on implementing the plans as soon as possible. We are extremely optimistic that construction should begin early next year.

5. I hear the Target store proposed at Clayton and Woodsmill is history. Is this project dead?

On the contrary, the so-called Lucent property project has been dramatically transformed and is moving forward in a manner that has received nearly unanimous support by community leaders and residents. Previously, this project involved a massive commercial retail center anchored with a Target store. After extensive negotiations over the last year, the Lucent project has evolved into a high-end, mixed-use development that will follow approximately \$9 million in road improvements designed to improve the Clayton

and Woodsmill intersection before the first business opens. “Town and Country Crossings” (the likely name of the project) will feature a 2.5 acre lake framing the intersection, specialty shops, a major destination store (as a junior anchor), two gated residential communities, a fully integrated walking trail and a rejuvenated Post Oak Savannah and surrounding woodlands. A Target store designed in a manner that is architecturally fitting for the surroundings is included in the plan. A tremendous amount of effort, years of dialogue (including multiple court battles) and a concerted effort to promote the best interests of the residents of Town & Country have resulted in what promises to be an outstanding addition to our community.

6. Why don't we have more City services available, such as municipal trash collection, leaf pick up and multiple branch chippings?

Actually, the City of Town & Country does provide annual branch chipping service, and emergency branch chipping service under special circumstances, but the available funding for such services is quite modest. Each year during our budget process, we strive to match available resources with desired services, and the key to success lies with fully understanding the community's needs. We have solicited, and will continue to solicit, resident input in this regard; however, it is also important to note that our residents have consistently expressed an interest in maintaining our zero property tax rate. Substantial increases in City services could certainly put our zero property tax rate at risk. Rather, by taking a conservative approach in this area and concentrating on the delivery of vital city functions such as police and fire service (which account for approximately 80 percent of our general revenue funds expenditures), the City provides first-class core functions to all residents.

7. I keep hearing we are “deficit spending” in Town & Country. What's the deal with our budget situation?

The City is on solid financial footing and trends are improving for the future. In fact, we have in excess of \$9 million in our general fund and over \$5 million in our capital improvements fund. It is true that we are very carefully spending down those reserves on important City priorities, but we recently enacted laws that prohibit the expenditure of funds below minimum reserve levels without a super majority vote of the Board of Aldermen following a finding of an “emergency” justification for such an expenditure. Each year during the budget process, we start with the objective of ensuring our City government is functioning within our means and as efficiently as possible. That way, we ensure that the calculated spend down of our reserves (what some have confused with “deficit spending”) is done as prudently as possible, again matching projected revenue with the cost of essential City services. In that regard, the Finance Commission continues to evaluate, monitor and coordinate our long-term financial strategy, and we have engaged the services of a distinguished economist to support and advise the City in this important area.

8. We loved Fire and Ice. Are there more such community events in the works?

Make plans to bring your family to Longview Farm Park for the 2006 Fall Festival on Saturday, October 21, 2006! It will be a wonderful opportunity for families, friends and neighbors to gather together in our beautiful park, and we are hopeful it will become another community tradition for Town & Country. This event will be jointly sponsored by the City of Town & Country

and Equine Assisted Therapy, a non-profit organization whose mission is to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities through equestrian activities. Highlights of the day's activities will include pony and horseback rides, storytelling by Marcia Ollinger, face painting and other fun events. For more information, please visit our website or contact Anne Nixon, our Director of Parks and Recreation at 314-432-6606 or nixonona@town-and-country.org.

9. Is the Mayor's job a full-time responsibility, and do you make a lot of money being Mayor?

These are very popular questions with many young students I have had the opportunity to address from time to time. As I tell them, while much responsibility comes with being Mayor, it is not a full-time job. The City Administrator and other staff at City Hall are full-time professionals working for the benefit of all of us in Town & Country. The Mayor and Members of the Board of Aldermen are elected to positions of community service. We help set policy and direction for the City, and I thoroughly enjoy every hour I contribute to our town. In addition to serving the City, I am an attorney for multiple and diverse clients. It is simply not possible to make a living and raise a family by being Mayor, as the office only pays a few hundred dollars a month. Stated differently, being Mayor is a labor of love in service of the community – my law practice must still pay the bills.

10. What is your favorite part about being Mayor?

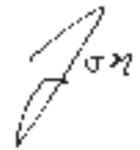
In this position, it is often easy to identify “challenges” facing our town; it is quite another to develop solutions to these challenges. As a lawyer who has worked in the government arena on the federal, state and local levels for over twenty years, I enjoy lending my experience to the collective efforts of our Board of Aldermen, City Hall Staff and multiple Commissions in furtherance of the best interests of our community. As I have often said, you don't do this job to (1) spend more time with your family, (2) improve your marriage, or (3) enhance your business interests. You do it because you care about your friends and neighbors and you want to give something back. That's the best part of this job.

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I hope my “Top Ten List” has resolved at least a few questions you may have had. As always, I would be happy to discuss any issue of concern to you or your neighborhood in more depth. Additionally, I am looking forward to hearing from you regarding a Commission appointment you may like to pursue. Please feel free to contact me at any time.

May this September find you and your family enjoying fond memories of a sometimes challenging, but nonetheless enjoyable, summer and looking forward to another beautiful fall in Town and Country!

All the best,



Jon Dalton
Mayor



BRANCH CHIPPING

The Fall Branch Chipping Program is under way and will continue for six weeks through October 20th. The program provides for removal of residents' branches placed along the street. Postcards will be mailed to residents three weeks prior to pick up on their street. The crews chip on-site, moving from east to west through the City. Free wood chips will be available at Drace Park after September 20 on a first-come, self-served basis.

The guidelines include:

- Do not tie/bundle brush or limbs.
- Stack next to curb and perpendicular to the street.
- Separate limbs from brush and stack neatly.
- Only branches six (6) inches or less in diameter are acceptable.
- No leaf/grass waste, root balls or stumps.
- No commercial or contractor waste.

If you have questions about the preparation of your branches, please call the Branch Chipping hot line at 314-567-4900, ext. 201.

THE AVIAN (BIRD) FLU

What You Need To Know

On July 21st, Michael Williams, Ph.D., Director of the Division of Communicable Disease Control and Emergency Preparedness for the St. Louis County Health Department, presented information to the Lafayette Mayors' Group. This article is a synopsis of Dr. Williams' presentation.

Background Facts

In the 20th Century, there were three influenza pandemics. They occurred in 1918, 1957 and 1968. In each case they were the result of the appearance of a new influenza A strain that had special characteristics. Each of these viruses was new to humans so no one was immune. Each was easily transmitted from person to person. Each caused illness and death at a much higher rate than in other years, and had a worldwide impact. In 1918, the Spanish flu killed 675,000 Americans. In 1957, the Asian flu pandemic resulted in 70,000 deaths in the United States. In 1968, the Hong Kong flu killed 34,000 people in the United States. In the years following 1918, 1957 and 1968, less virulent forms of these strains circulated each winter as the "normal" seasonal flu.

The sobering fact causing alarm throughout the world health community is the potential for the next new strain of influenza, which could cause one to three million deaths in the U.S. alone! Public Health officials are keeping a close watch on the "Bird flu" that has circulated widely since 2003. This virus has the potential to become the next pandemic strain if it mutates and becomes easily transmitted from human-to-human.

In the event that the "Bird Flu" becomes a pandemic strain, prevention and containment will be the only weapons available to prevent its spread. During the first six months of the pandemic hygiene will be the only preventative. It will take at least six months to develop an effective vaccine against the avian flu virus.

Social Implications

An avian influenza outbreak on the order of the 1918 pandemic could result in social instability similar to that which was experienced in New Orleans in the aftermath of the hurricanes of 2005. The rising floodwaters led to the collapse of healthcare services and as the waters continued to rise, there was widespread social collapse. A similar phenomenon could occur with the increase in the number of cases of avian flu. Healthcare services could be pressed to the point of collapse and the ability of society to function normally could be severely challenged.

Organizational Planning

The three issues that business or government planners must address before an outbreak of avian flu are:

- How will you function with 30 percent of your workforce absent?
- How will you protect the remaining functional capacity?
- How will you effectively communicate with your employees and the public?

Here are some suggestions for addressing these major concerns for your organization:

- Develop Staffing plans and response capabilities for a diminished workforce that include cross training and prioritizing services.
- Preserve the ability of your remaining workforce to function while short-staffed by providing personal protective equipment such as surgical masks and hand sanitizers and by reorganizing tasks to promote social distancing.
- Enforce illness policies (stay home if ill) and remove disincentives for using sick leave.
- Develop a method for your workforce to receive the vaccine when it becomes available.
- Assure effective risk communication by educating employees in advance and assuring that you can keep both employees and the public informed during the pandemic.

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Finally, these are some general considerations that may be useful in planning for a pandemic.

1. Recognize that school-age children are highly efficient transmitters of influenza and plan for the likelihood that school closings will be used as a means of controlling the spread of the virus.
2. Consider that cancellation of large public gatherings maybe necessary
3. Implement healthy hygiene practices that can benefit your organization now as well as in a pandemic.

These include:

- Emphasizing the importance of washing hands with soap and water after using the bathroom, sneezing or blowing your nose.
- Making hand sanitizer available in the workplace.
- Using spray disinfectant on hard to clean surfaces and frequently handled devices such as telephones.

In conclusion, the experts cannot accurately predict when the next pandemic will occur; but they are almost unanimous in their prediction that it will occur. Therefore, it is imperative that everyone has a plan in place and hopefully this article will give you a head start.

CONSTRUCTION ZONE ENFORCEMENT

With the increase in injuries and deaths to highway workers, the Police Department started a special detail of construction zone enforcement along I-64. In the first ten nights of operation, 12 drunk drivers were arrested in the construction zone and over 120 summonses were issued for hazardous moving violations. The initiative has become a model that is being endorsed and funded by the Missouri Division of Highway Safety. In the photo below Officer Luetkemeyer approaches a motorist who had been traveling in a closed construction lane. The construction crew can be observed just ahead of the stop. The driver was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

The enforcement project will continue until the end of the construction within the city limits of Town and Country, which is estimated to last through mid-September.



A traffic crash in the construction zone involving a drunk driver.



KEEPING POLLUTANTS OUT OF STORMWATER -

A Homeowner's Guide

Please Be a Responsible Neighbor

Did you know ...water that leaves your property impacts water quality?

To help protect our creeks and streams from contamination around the home...

- Never allow pesticides, fertilizers, or any other materials to be washed down or put into storm drains.
- Do not dump yard waste onto a creek bank or into a storm drain where it will be washed into creeks or rivers untreated.
- Purchase and use nontoxic, biodegradable and recyclable products whenever possible.
- If you must buy an item that is hazardous, be sure to buy only as much as you need and follow the instructions on the label, and properly dispose of the excess at a household chemical collection.
- Recycle reusable materials. Cleanup discarded trash as this can be carried by runoff into streams.
- Never allow roof gutters to drain directly to the street or storm drains. Instead, allow the water to flow over your lawn.
- Reduce the amount of paved area and increase the vegetated areas on your property where storm water can soak into the soil.



Auto Care

- 🚗 Washing your car and degreasing auto parts at home can send detergents and other contaminants, such as oil and toxic metals, to the storm sewer.
- 🚗 Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on your lawn or other unpaved surface so that the water flows into the ground.
- 🚗 Repair fluid leaks as soon as possible, and dispose of used auto fluids at designated recycling centers.
- 🚗 Clean up spilled fluids with an absorbent material like kitty litter or sand and properly dispose of the waste material.
- 🚗 Would you drink the water you wash your car in? Storm sewers carry runoff directly to our lakes and streams.

Pet Waste

- 🐾 Pet waste is a major source of bacteria in your watershed. To help reduce the public health risk from disposing of pet waste in your yard, and when walking your pet, please properly dispose of pet waste by ...
- 🐾 Put pet waste in a sealed bag and place it in the trash.
- 🐾 Flush pet waste down the toilet. Do not flush plastic bags or kitty litter.
- 🐾 Bury waste in soil at least 6 inches deep. Do not bury it in the garden or compost pile.
- 🐾 Have pets defecate in tall grasses (higher than 4 inches) located away from storm inlets. The grass acts as a filter and allows the waste to naturally break down.

Pools and Spas

- 🏊 Discharge of chlorinated water from pools, even in low concentrations, into a storm sewer can kill fish and other aquatic life.
- 🏊 Drain residential pool or spa chlorinated water to storm water only when a test kit does not detect chlorine levels and only if approved by your local municipality.
- 🏊 Discharge filter backwash water from residential pools and spas into the sanitary sewer.
- 🏊 Properly store pool and spa chemicals to prevent leaks and spills.

Septic Systems

- Leaking and poorly maintained septic systems can cause public health problems by discharging waste water containing bacteria in our creeks and streams.
- Have a professional inspect your system every 3 years.
- Pump the septic tank every 3 to 5 years.
- Don't dispose of household hazardous waste in sinks or toilets. Household chemicals like paint, oil, and antifreeze can destroy the biological process with the septic system.
- Protect your septic system drain field by not driving or parking vehicles on it.
- Plant only grass over and near the drain field to avoid damage from tree roots.

Everyone Lives in a Watershed!

A watershed is an area of land where storm water runoff will ultimately drain to a particular stream, river, wetland or other

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body of water. As individuals, our actions have a direct impact on the quality of our water resources. Storm water runoff occurs when snow melts and flows over the surface of the ground in the watershed. Hard surfaces like rooftops, driveways, sidewalks and streets prevent storm water from naturally soaking into the ground.

Is Storm Water Runoff a Problem?

Storm water runoff can pick up soil, trash, fertilizers, chemicals and other debris, and carry it into a storm sewer, which transports it directly to a lake, stream, river or wetland in your watershed.

Anything that enters a storm sewer goes untreated into the same waterbodies we use for swimming, fishing, and drinking water. The way you take care of your home and yard impacts water quality.

Who Can You Contact?

Report Illegal Dumping

To file a report, visit the Missouri Department of Natural Resources Environmental Report Form website:

<http://www.dnr.mo.gov/concern.htm>

St. Louis County – Solid Waste Management Program – 314-615-8958

Report a Spill

National Response Center 800-424-8802

Missouri Department of Natural Resources 573-634-2436

Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District 314-768-6260

Household Chemical Collections

Contact St. Louis County's Waste Management Hotline at 314-286-9200 for household chemical collection events and waste recycling.

Questions and Comments

Contact Joyce Theard, Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District, 314-436-8715, or visit their website www.msdl-st-louis.mo.us

All information was taken from MSD publication Keeping Pollutants Out of Stormwater – A Homeowner's Guide

COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION ANNOUNCES SEMINARS FOR THIS FALL

By Alderman Tim Welby
Community Relations Commission Chairman

INTERNET PREDATORS **Thursday, September 28, 6:30 PM** **Mason Ridge School**

As parents, we need to be more informed about the dangers and risks associated with our children and their use of the Internet. This will be an eye opening and informative evening, with separate discussion groups conducted simultaneously, tailored for both parents and children. Guest speakers include Glendale Police Department Sergeant Joe Larramie, Director of the Missouri Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and Clayton Police Department Officer Ken Nix, Supervisor of the Regional Computer Crime Education and Enforcement Group (RCCEEG).

Calling all moms, dads, teens and children to attend. Don't miss out on this valuable seminar to help keep our children safe from Internet predators.

No reservations needed. For more information contact Karen Tabrizi 314-878-4664.



TIPS FOR TRUSTEES **Thursday, November 9, 7:00 PM** **Town & Country Municipal Center**

The Community Relations Commission invites all Trustees of Town & Country subdivisions to a town meeting aimed at addressing the needs and concerns facing Trustees.

Attending will be officials of the City to discuss and answer any and all questions pertaining to by-laws, rules and regulations, and any other questions Trustees might have.

The Community Relations Commission will also discuss the need to set up a system of communication with all Trustees in order to immediately be able to advise them of major information pertaining to disasters, and/or pass on important general information.

Trustee input is requested. Please contact Chairman Tim Welby for more information, or with any questions or concerns at welbytj@town-and-country.org.

HOLLYWOOD COMES TO TOWN & COUNTRY



Excitement built as the cameras, actors and various movie-making personnel descended upon the Town & Country Police Department holdover cell for the shooting of a scene in the upcoming movie **Bill**.

Aaron Eckhart will star in the comedy **Bill** along with Elizabeth Banks, and Jessica Alba. In the movie, Eckhart plays a man fed up with his job and marriage who bottoms out when he catches his wife cheating. He finds a catalyst for a resurgence when he reluctantly mentors an unruly teen. Melisa Wallack wrote the script and will direct with her husband Bernie Goldmann.

For the use of the facility, a donation of \$500 was made to Town & Country Police Charity Fund, which donates to a variety of worthwhile causes in the area.

Watch for Bill to be released in early 2007.

UNUSUAL THINGS ARE GROWING IN A TOWN & COUNTRY GARDEN

In the Town & Country garden of Chris and Randy Beussink, you will find a cool tunnel made of gourds and some funny faces too!



This summer, the Beussink family has grown a terrific gourd arbor made of Indonesian bottle gourds. The arbor is 32 feet in length and creates a shaded tunnel to walk through. Gourds take approximately 120 days of growing time and will be harvested sometime in November. However, the gourds can hang until they are dry, which takes approximately 4 - 6 months. The Beussink's six year old son, Jack has learned many ways to use the gourds - bug house, frog house, drinking vessel, torpedo and sword, just to name a few.

A veggie face mold was clamped over a gourd in its early stages of growth. It took only a few days for the gourd to grow inside the mold. The mold was used again and again to create more hanging faces.



Chris Beussink currently teaches pine needle weaving through the Community College Continuing Education, is a juried artist of Best of Missouri Hands and is published in magazines and a few books.

ATTENTION SUBDIVISION TRUSTEES

Most subdivisions in Town and Country have trustees for the purpose of managing subdivision business under indentures of trust. On occasion, the City will contact the trustees about issues or concerns that require trustee attention. For instance, trustees were notified this summer about the storm debris pickup offered by the County, and about National Night Out participation. Trustees were asked to forward the information to the residents of their subdivisions.

In an attempt to have the most up-to-date information, the City sends forms annually to current trustees for updates and revisions of trustee names. (Included with the annual update is approval to remove snow on private streets.) This information is helpful to the City Administrator, Police Department and City staff when subdivision issues occur, or when information needs to be broadcast to residents.

When you receive your update-request in the mail, please fill it out or pass it onto current trustees for updating. Questions regarding trustee update information should be directed to Diana Kaufman at 314-432-6606, extension 116, and completed forms sent to her attention at the City of Town & Country, 1011 Municipal Center Drive, Town & Country, MO 63131-1101.

Don't miss the Community Relations Commission seminar on "Tips for Trustees" November 9th



TOWN & COUNTRY
Symphony
Orchestra

The Town & Country Symphony Orchestra has performed at many different venues in Town & Country and in the St. Louis area. The symphony helped the city celebrate its 50th Anniversary in 1999. The orchestra has participated in the KFUE Classic 99 promotion "Classics Go Wild" at the St. Louis Zoo in 2000 and 2001. In 2001 the orchestra also played for an alumni reunion for The Principia. In 2002 the orchestra played in the KFUE "Classics in Bloom" at the Missouri Botanical Garden and for the 125th Anniversary of the Delmar Baptist Church. In 2003 and 2005 the orchestra played at the Town & Country Safety Fair. In October 2003 the orchestra dedicated a concert to the City of Town & Country and The Principia to express its appreciation at being a member of the community. And the Orchestra's Brass Choir has been a "regular" at the annual Fire and Ice event. This summer, the full Orchestra performed at Fire and Ice and the Algonquin Country Club with many patriotic selections as well as Sousa marches, with the Overture of 1812 as their finale.

Auction to Conduct: An Offer you can't refuse!

For those who have always wanted to conduct an orchestra or band, the Town & Country Symphony Orchestra is making an offer you can't refuse. Beginning at the "Pops in the Park" Concert we will be taking bids for a chance to conduct the Town & Country Symphony in a classic piece at one of our winter concerts. Make your bid:

- at the table at the concert,
- online at www.tcsomo.org,
- at a fall concert at The Principia or
- on our hotline at 314-878-4949.

The bidding is open to people of all ages and you do not have to be a resident of Town & Country to bid. Help support our community orchestra and fulfill your fantasy or that of someone you know. The deadline for bidding is December 3, 2006.

Other Concerts:

On Sunday, September 10, 2006 at 2:30 PM, Tod Bowermaster, French Horn, St. Louis Symphony Orchestra will be the soloist with the Town & Country Symphony Chamber Orchestra on the opening concert of the season at Parkway United Church of Christ, 2840 N. Ballas Rd, Town & Country, 63131. Mr. Bowermaster will perform the Horn Concerto #1 in D, K. 417 by Mozart. The program will also include Symphony #1 by Beethoven and Classical Symphony by Prokofiev. There is no charge for admission.

On Sunday, October 15, 2006 at 2:30 PM The Town & Country Symphony Orchestra will feature our own Michelle Godbee on violin. Ms. Godbee is the Concertmistress of the St. Louis Symphony Youth Orchestra and the All-State Orchestra. Ms. Godbee will be performing Violin Concerto by Tchaikovsky. The program will also include Overture to Schone Helena by Offenbach and Symphony #1 in Eb, K. 16 by Mozart. The concert will be performed in the Ridgway Auditorium, The Principia, 13201 Clayton Road, 63131. There is no charge for admission.

Info:

For more information regarding the Town & Country Symphony Orchestra, please call Patty Wiggins at 314-878-8783 or check the Orchestra's web site at www.tcsomo.org.



New Businesses in Town & Country

Sporting News 14500 S. Outer 40	Fire Stream World Wide 12935 N. Outer 40, Suite 200	Allied Physicians Group 14322 S. Outer 40	Fidelity Mortgage 555 Maryville Centre Dr.
Albritton Financial Services 12977 No. 40 Drive, Suite 110	St. Louis Wine and Beer Making (new owner) 251 Lamp & Lantern	Career Education System (new owner) 14450 S. Outer 40	Meta Matrix, Inc. 424 S. Woods Mill Rd.
Reliant Financial 12977 No. 40 Drive, Suite 110	Bright Ideas Toys LLC (new owner) 13476 Clayton Road	Kaspick & Co. 13422 Clayton Road	St. Louis Graphic Arts Joint Health & Welfare Fund 14323 S. Outer Forty
Michele C. Woosley, MD 3009 N. Ballas	Teresa L. Knight, M.D., LLC 3009 Ballas, Suite 354C	Nayak Plastic Surgery 763 S. New Ballas	USA Sports Marketing LLC 13422 Clayton Rd
Laidlaw 424 S. Woods Mill Road, Suite 350		Gateway Spine, LLC 3009 N. New Ballas	

FIRE and ICE

AWESOME - IS THE ONLY WORD THAT DESCRIBES THE SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL FIRE AND ICE EVENT!!

Once a year the City officials and residents come together for a night to celebrate summer and our community. Beautiful mild weather accompanied the record crowd, making this year's Fire and Ice the best ever! The sounds of the Town & Country Symphony Orchestra, Featherstone Drive band and Katy Struckhoff's version of the Star Spangled Banner mingled with the shrieks of delight from the children enjoying the "bouncy" activities, clowns, Ronald McDonald, police cars and fire trucks. Those who came hungry enjoyed delicious treats at the "Taste of Town & Country", featuring Bellacino's, Mike Duffy's, Regatta Bar and Grille at the Marriott, and the Veranda Café. As should be, the firework display was the highlight of the evening, stealing the show, and sending everyone home with an evening to remember.

The evening was made extra special due to the generosity of the following sponsors: Missouri Baptist Medical Center; Prudential Alliance Realtors; The Laura MacDonald Team; Alliance Lending Group; UMB Bank; John J. Diehl, Jr., Nations, Hettenbach and Diehl; Wal-Mart; Westminster Christian Academy; Town & Country Symphony Orchestra; Town & Country Police Department; West County EMS and Fire Protection District; David Bentley, Bentley Studio, Ltd.; Duke Realty; Missouri Department of Transportation; Town & Country/Frontenac Chamber of Commerce; and Ronald McDonald.

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*Regatta Bar and Grille –
Marriott West – Best
Appetizer – Grilled Shrimp*



*Mike Duffy's Pub and Grill - Best
Entrée - Hamburger*

*Veranda Café -Best Salad -
Spinach Strawberry Salad*



*Bellacino's Pizza and Grinders -
Best Sandwich - Steak Grinder*



*Alderman Colleen Wasinger, and husband
David, President of the Town &
Country/Frontenac Chamber of Commerce,
enjoyed Fire & Ice with sons Andrew and Alex*



*Katy Struckhoff wowed the crowd with her
a cappella rendition of the Star Spangled Banner*



*Community Relations Commission members Lori
Griffin, Chairman Tim Welby, Karen Tabrizi,
Nadeen Ahmed, and Mayor Dalton share the
enviable task of judging food items at "Taste of
Town & Country", while Conservation Commission
member Mariette Palmer looks on.*



PARKS AND RECREATION



TRIBUTE TREES & BENCHES



Honor a special person or event by sponsoring a new tree or bench in a Town & Country Park. Sponsoring a tree or bench is a rewarding gift and will provide added beauty and value to our parks for generations to come. Both trees and benches will include a plaque with inscription. Inscriptions may be up to three lines with 16 characters per line. Trees are available in flowering, shade or evergreen varieties. Sizes and prices are listed below. For more information contact Anne Nixon, Director of Parks and Recreation at 314-432-6606.

Tribute Tree & Bench Prices

	\$225	1 1/2" caliper Tree with Plaque
	\$300	2 1/2" caliper Tree with Plaque
	\$1,200	5' Recycled Bench with Plaque

Payment by cash, check or money order only. Please make checks payable to City of Town and Country.

Your preferences will be accommodated if possible. However, final locations of trees and benches will be based on site conditions. Tree and tree plaque replacement will be the sponsor's responsibility starting one calendar year (365 days) after installation date. Bench and bench plaque replacement will be the sole responsibility of the sponsor.



OAK STUMPS PRESERVED!

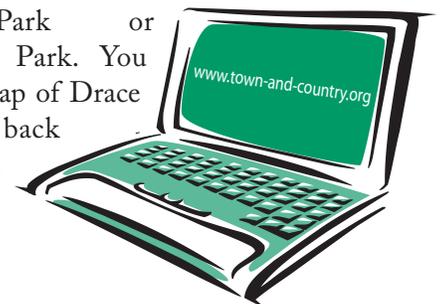


The City of Town and Country would like to recognize and thank former Alderman Jim Haven (left) and Don Barr (right). Conservation Commission Member, for their tireless work preserving the White Oak (300 years old) and Black Oak (200 years old) stumps in Longview Farm Park. The process was part

art and part science, evolving throughout the summer. Many hours of applying and inserting wood preservative, sanding, glazing with a moisture cure urethane product called Rexthane, and more sanding, resulted in the shiny finish you see in the park today. Thank you to Don and Jim for applying their collective knowledge-and sweat-to the project!

TRAIL MAPS FOR TOWN & COUNTRY PARKS NOW ON-LINE

To download or print a Town & Country park trail map, go to www.town-and-country.org. Click on "Forms" on the left of the screen. Then go to "Parks" and click on the drop down menu. Choose the appropriate park map- Longview Farm Park, Drace Park or Preservation Park. You will find a map of Drace Park on the back cover of this newsletter.



PARKS AND RECREATION



HOT MAMAS IN TRAINING



Hot Mamas in Training fitcamp has been created as a way for you moms to get in shape and stay in shape while keeping baby by your side. Hot Mamas in Training will deliver a challenging and motivating workout no matter what your fitness level. We will build your cardio endurance, sculpt your tummies, legs, glutes, and upper body. Look to us to create or bring back that Hot Mama in you. Best of all you are surrounded by moms just like you and your child. So, whether you are a new mama or a veteran mama: if you have a stroller, we've got the class for you.

Location: Longview Farm Park

13525 Clayton Rd

Register: (314) 517-7497

Instructor: Karrey Pheney

Cost: \$48/6-week session, 1 day/week

\$96/6-week session, 2 days/week

Session 1: September 18th-October 25th

Monday and/or Wednesday: 9:30-10:30AM

Tuesday: 6:00-7:00PM

To sign-up for classes call Amy McPheeters 314-517-7497 or Melisa McPheeters 314-283-8138.

BOOT CAMP IN DRACE PARK

Boot Camp is a fun, interval-based fitness class in the beautiful setting of Drace Park. The non-competitive class consists of strength training stations interspersed between bouts of running and/or walking for cardiovascular fitness. This is a great class for all fitness levels because each individual works at their own pace. Sign up now for fitness and fun this Fall!

Location: Drace Park

Register: 314-283-8138

Instructor: Lisa Moellenhoff

Session 1: September 18th-October 26th

Mondays and/or Thursdays: 5:45-6:45AM

Cost: \$90/6-week session, 1 day/week

\$180/6-week session, 2 days/week

To sign-up for classes or to learn about other class times call Lisa Moellenhoff 314-221-7158.



CHURCHILL SCHOOL MOVING TO TOWN & COUNTRY

Town & Country residents may be wondering what in the world is happening just south of the Municipal Center! The answer is that The Churchill Center & School is moving from Ladue to Town & Country. The City Board of Aldermen approved final plans for the school in June 2006, and school construction started almost immediately, to be ready for the 2007-2008 school year. The school will house up to 150 students in a building of about 50,000 square feet on its 11 acre site, along with an unlighted track, playfield and parking for 65 cars. The school will maintain about 3 1/2 acres of woodlands in the southern part of the school lot, and even after all construction is done, about 78% of the site will be kept in green space. Extensive landscaping and berms will be added to the school site, enhancing the existing woods and separating the school from residences to the west.



Spirits were as high as the temperature on July 13th at the groundbreaking ceremony of Churchill Center & School. Churchill Board President John S. Ross and other dignitaries welcomed the enthusiastic crowd of Churchill supporters, City officials, parents and students.

We welcome The Churchill Center & School to our city! For further information about the school plans, please call Sharon Rothmel, City Planning Director, 314-432-6606 ext. 113.



Churchill students take their turn breaking ground for the new school.



Alderman Lynn Wright, Churchill Board President John Ross & Mayor Jon Dalton.



GET 'IN TOUCH' WITH ST. LOUIS COUNTY'S NEW VOTING SYSTEMS

Voting is one of your most important duties as a citizen of St. Louis County. August 8, 2006 marked the first time to experience St. Louis County's new touch screen and optical scan voting systems during the Primary Election. The St. Louis County Board of Election Commissioners is committed to making the voting process simple, convenient and accurate. The County's two new Election Systems & Software voting systems are state of the art voting machines that should make the process much easier and faster.

With the introduction of a patented touch screen voting, voters can cast a paperless ballot easily and securely with the touch of their fingers. Available with a 15" full-color display, the iVotronic is wireless and ADA-compliant. To ensure voter intent and ballot correctness, the iVotronic prevents the voter from over-voting and asks voters to review and confirm their ballots before they are cast.

Optical scan voting involves completing a paper ballot that is then read by an optical scan machine utilizing advanced Intelligent Mark Recognition (IMR) technology. The machine alerts voters to over-voted races, greatly enhancing the ability to capture voter intent.

More information is available at the St. Louis County Votes! Web site at <http://vote.stlouisco.com>. There you can find detailed information about the voting machines, including instructional videos and an interactive Flash demonstration. Are you part of an organization that is interested in a hands-on voting demonstration? Call 314-615-1851 to set one up!

And, for those of you looking for extra cash, there is an urgent need in St. Louis County for poll workers for the upcoming general election. You will be paid for your service on Election Day, and additionally, you will be paid to attend a training seminar. You must be a registered voter in St. Louis County and you must declare your political party preference. For more information, please call 314-615-1804 or visit <http://vote.stlouisco.com>.

SUMMER STORM RESPONSE

Coming to the aid of others

The severe thunderstorm that struck on July 19th once again strained the public safety network of the St. Louis region, but fortunately the City of Town and Country sustained only minor damage compared to other parts of the metro area. Although many households and businesses lost power, physical damage to most buildings was minimal. The evening of the storm, Police Officer Chris Moore traded his badge for a chainsaw as soon as the storm roared through, clearing trees from Mason Knoll Road, Featherstone Drive, and Darien Drive. Jordan Geist, with the Public Works/Parks and Recreation Department, came to work later Wednesday evening to assist with the clean up.

The morning after the storm, Police Chief/City Administrator John Copeland was notified by the director of Town & Country Healthcare that an evacuation of the facility would be necessary due to a power outage. Due to interior temperatures in excess of ninety degrees, and a forecasted high temperature of 100 degrees, the residents of the facility would need to be evacuated to a nearby church, where an emergency shelter would be established. The staff at Trinity Lutheran Church graciously opened their doors and hearts to assist their neighbors during a critical time when they were in need of shelter. This outpouring of kindness and generosity, which has become the norm in Town & Country, was the backbone of this relief effort.

While this evacuation sounds relatively simple, the procedure was a massive effort that was facilitated by a number of organizations. As soon as Chief Copeland and Building Inspector Bob Bodley met with the director of Town & Country Healthcare, it became obvious that the evacuation would require assistance from the West County EMS and Fire District as well as other transportation and citizen resources. Shortly thereafter, a joint incident command post was established, with several battalion chiefs from the West County EMS and Fire District managing the incident along with commanders from the Town & Country Police Department.



The Town & Country Police Department and West County EMS & Fire District joint command post.



Town & Country resident and CERT member Chuck Lenz assists with moving residents.

A call to all Town & Country/Creve Coeur Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members was made via the police department's high speed phone notification system known as The Communicator, which is capable of alerting thousands of residents and pre-established groups within minutes or hours. The prerecorded message requested the assistance of trained volunteers and asked that any available CERT members meet at the Trinity Lutheran Church. Within forty-five minutes, about 25 CERT members responded and began to provide what proved to be an invaluable service.

One of the first CERT members to arrive, Sam Hopmeier from the Fairfield neighborhood, was placed in charge of organizing the volunteers as they arrived. Numerous other CERT members also quickly responded and provided assistance and encouragement for the displaced evacuees. Sam and all of the CERT members did an outstanding job, assisting with evacuating the residents, providing support during their brief stay at Trinity Lutheran Church, and assisting with their return to Town & Country Healthcare.

Shortly after the evacuation began, transportation buses from Delmar Gardens and Metro's Call-a-Ride program began to arrive and convey about one hundred of the residents across Clayton Road to Trinity Lutheran. Two CERT members were deployed on each bus to assist the residents and bus driver. Once the buses arrived at the church, CERT members and staff from Town & Country Healthcare greeted each bus and helped unload the passengers and make them comfortable in the gymnasium.

During their stay at Trinity Lutheran, the evacuees were treated to lunch compliments of Mari de Villa Retirement Center. Owners Fred and Mary Kay Wiesehan volunteered their time and resources to provide every volunteer, resident and public safety official with a delicious meal, for which all were grateful. Anheuser Busch donated forty-eight cases of sport energy drinks for workers and evacuees. For the trip back to Town & Country Healthcare, The Principia and the Parkway School District provided additional buses.

Many of the residents headed for Trinity Lutheran were able to walk, and others required assistance due to medical conditions. The residents who required life-sustaining care were taken by ambulance to several different area hospitals. To accomplish this

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substantial task, the West County EMS and Fire District requested assistance in the form of 5-ambulance “strike teams” made up of personnel and equipment from surrounding fire departments. The responding agencies included the Monarch Fire District, the Metro West Fire District, the Creve Coeur Fire District, the Fenton Fire District, the Valley Park Fire Department, the Ladue Fire Department, the St. Charles County Ambulance District, the Washington, MO Ambulance District, the Pattonville Fire District and the Robertson Fire District.

Once the power was restored and all of the evacuated residents were safely home and resting comfortably, a collective sigh of relief was shared by everyone involved with the evacuation. With the assistance from many professionals and citizen volunteers, over 160 nursing home residents were moved out of an unbearably hot building to a cool, safe place in a few short hours. There were no injuries reported as a result of the evacuation, providing further evidence that the public safety officials and CERT members are well trained and among the best responders in the area.

In the days that followed the Town & Country Healthcare evacuation, many Creve Coeur and Town & Country CERT members assisted the St. Louis County Office of Emergency Management with disaster relief. After being notified via The Communicator of the need for volunteers, CERT members were activated and sent to various shelters, cooling sites and food and water distribution sites throughout St. Louis County. Additionally, the police department’s CERT coordinators, Corporal Jeff Myer and Officer Chris Hunt, were deployed to the St. Louis County Emergency Operations Center to assist with coordinating the disaster response.

One of the harsh realities of living in the Midwest is the fact that severe storms are a common occurrence. The storm of July 19th was one of the strongest to hit this area in decades and proved to be a challenge for public safety agencies throughout the St. Louis region. Town & Country residents can rest assured knowing that police, fire and EMS officials, along with trained CERT members, are ready, willing and able to assist our community when Mother Nature, or any other disaster, strikes.

CERT

The Town & Country Police Department partnered with the Creve Coeur Police Department, the Creve Coeur Fire Protection District and the West County EMS and Fire District to offer citizens specialized training, known as CERT, to assist the community in the event of a large-scale disaster. Our program is now a 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 CERT training will include disaster preparedness, fire suppression, medical operations, light search and rescue, and disaster psychology. Required training manuals, as well as some supplies, will be provided for participants.

Recently, CERT members were called to assist the Town & Country Police Department and West County EMS and Fire District with the evacuation of a nursing facility in the aftermath of a severe thunderstorm. For several days after the storm, CERT members continued to assist the community at numerous cooling shelters and food and water distribution centers throughout St. Louis County.

CERT training is offered to all residents in the City and is free of charge. The training is conducted on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 – 9:00 PM continuing for 6 weeks. The next class is scheduled to begin on October 3rd.



CERT members transport an injured victim at the August 4th training exercise.



Edward Jones employees work to free a trapped victim at the August 4th CERT training exercise.

Additionally, for businesses interested in providing CERT training for a group of employees, classes can be held at your facility during business hours. Edward Jones, Monsanto and Maryville University employees have recently completed the training.

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 Chris Hunt at 314-432-4696 or by email at huntc@town-and-country.org.

Additional CERT information is also available at the FEMA website, www.ready.gov.



Fairfield Resident and CERT member Sam Hopmeier assists with the evacuation of a nursing facility on July 20th.

2ND ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT ONCE AGAIN A SUCCESS!

On Tuesday, August 1st, Town & Country residents participated in National Night Out when seven subdivisions held events designed to gather residents and send a message to would-be criminals that their neighborhood is “off limits” to crime.



Two caravans, each including representatives from the Town & Country Police Department, Town & Country elected officials and representatives of the West County EMS and Fire district made their way through the City and visited each of the neighborhood gatherings. Among the special guests were Aldermen Tim Welby, Steve Donaldson and Steve Fons, Police Chief / City Administrator John Copeland, Fire Chief Dave Frazier, as well as members of the police department and fire district. Each caravan included a police vehicle and either a fire truck or ambulance.

Most of the “block parties” included food and drinks, and all that attended looked as if they were having a great time. Before the caravan departed each subdivision, the kids were encouraged to get inside of a police car and check out the fire truck or ambulance.

The Town & Country Police Department is grateful to residents in the following neighborhoods for participating in National Night Out:

**Huntington Farms,
Bopp Lane
Mason Valley Estates
Summerhill Lane
Cedar Springs
Mason Estates Court
Thornhill Estates**

We are looking forward to next year’s National Night Out celebration and encourage residents in every subdivision to participate.



Jon Benigas, Lt. Bob Arthur, Fire Chief Dave Frazier, Al Tabrizi, Adileh Tabrizi, Steve Fons, Tim Welby, and Steve Donaldson gather at the Cedar Springs block party.



Chief Medical Officer Wayne Sanders of West County EMS and Fire District visits with residents on Summerhill Lane.

MESSAGE FROM PHIL BEHNEN, ALDERMAN WARD IV

While reflecting on my first few months as your Ward IV alderman – I have come to realize how much hard work, dedication and time commitment our Mayor and my fellow aldermen make to the community. They should all be commended as a fine group of individuals. I see this dedication to community service everyday with the citizens of Town & Country also with my fellow citizens who serve with me on the Finance Commission, Town & Country/Frontenac Chamber of Commerce and the Longview Farm Park House sub-committee. These citizens should be congratulated on their dedicated service and I urge others in the community to get involved and enjoy this special place to live we call Town & Country.

As your Chairman of the Finance Commission, I am proud to report that the commission has again recommended to the Board of Aldermen that our city have a zero property tax for 2006. This is a truly remarkable time that we can all enjoy considering all the services that are provided to residents. The Finance Commission, along with our fine city Finance Director - Betty Cotner, has done an excellent job of financial projections and creating reserve levels so we maintain our AAA bond rating. There are always financial challenges that face us and we are preparing for them. I am anxiously awaiting the report on Fire and EMS services to our city and especially Ward IV. The city has hired a consultant to review this report and make recommendations to the Board of Aldermen. I believe our current contract serves our City well and I can assure you that future service will be maintained at a very good level. This may very well require additional costs in the future as our population continues to grow and mature. Another financial challenge facing us is the Longview house renovation and addition. Citizens are requesting this jewel be renovated into a very special place that all residents can enjoy. I fully support this and I am looking into ways to make Longview house as environmentally compatible as possible while keeping future maintenance costs down.

As always, please email me with your feedback at behnenpj@town-and-country.org

MEETINGS & EVENTS

**All meetings subject to change*

SEPTEMBER 2006

DATE	DAY	TIME	MEETING (LOCATION)
Sept 14	Thu	7:00PM	Community Relations Commission (Fire House)
Sept 15	Fri	7:30AM	Finance Commission (Municipal Center)
Sept 18	Mon	7:00PM	Parks & Trails Commission (Longview Farm Park)
Sept 20	Wed	7:00PM	Police Commission (Municipal Center)
Sept 21	Thu	7:00PM	Court (Municipal Center)
Sept 25	Mon	6:00PM	Board of Aldermen Work Session (Municipal Center)
Sept 25	Mon	7:00PM	Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting (Municipal Center)
Sept 27	Wed	7:00PM	Planning & Zoning Commission - Staff Review (Municipal Center)
Sept 27	Wed	7:30PM	Planning & Zoning Commission Regular Meeting (Municipal Center)

OCTOBER 2006

DATE	DAY	TIME	MEETING (LOCATION)
Oct 03	Tue	7:00 PM	Conservation Commission (Fire House)
Oct 05	Thu	7:00 PM	Court (Municipal Center)
Oct 09	Mon	6:00PM	Board of Aldermen Work Session (Municipal Center)
Oct 09	Mon	7:00 PM	Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting (Municipal Center)
Oct 16	Mon	6:00 PM	Board of Adjustment (Municipal Center)
Oct 16	Mon	7:00PM	Parks & Trails Commission (Fire House)
Oct 18	Wed	7:00PM	Police Commission (Municipal Center)
Oct 19	Thu	7:00PM	Court (Municipal Center)
Oct 19	Thu	7:00PM	Community Relations Commission (Fire House)
Oct 23	Mon	6:00PM	Board of Aldermen Work Session (Municipal Center)
Oct 23	Mon	7:00PM	Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting (Municipal Center)
Oct 25	Wed	7:00PM	Planning & Zoning Commission - Staff Review (Municipal Center)
Oct 25	Wed	7:30PM	Planning & Zoning Commission Regular Meeting (Municipal Center)

NOVEMBER 2006

DATE	DAY	TIME	MEETING (LOCATION)
Nov 02	Thu	7:00 PM	Court (Municipal Center)
Nov 09	Tue	7:00PM	Conservation Commission (Fire House)
Nov 13	Mon	6:00PM	Board of Aldermen Work Session (Municipal Center)
Nov 13	Mon	7:00 PM	Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting (Municipal Center)
Nov 15	Wed	7:00PM	Police Commission (Municipal Center)
Nov 16	Thu	7:00PM	Court (Municipal Center)
Nov 16	Thu	7:00PM	Community Relations Commission (Fire House)
Nov 20	Mon	6:00PM	Board of Adjustment (Municipal Center)
Nov 20	Mon	7:00PM	Parks & Trails Commission (Fire House)
Nov 23	Thu	HOLIDAY	- CITY OFFICES CLOSED
Nov 24	Fri	HOLIDAY	- CITY OFFICES CLOSED
Nov 27	Mon	6:00PM	Board of Aldermen Work Session (Municipal Center)
Nov 27	Mon	7:00PM	Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting (Municipal Center)

DECEMBER 2006

DATE	DAY	TIME	MEETING (LOCATION)
Dec 05	Tue	7:00PM	Conservation Commission (Fire House)
Dec 07	Thu	7:00PM	Court (Municipal Center)
Dec 11	Mon	6:00PM	Board of Aldermen Work Session (Municipal Center)
Dec 11	Mon	7:00PM	Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting (Municipal Center)
Dec 18	Mon	6:00PM	Board of Adjustment (Municipal Center)
Dec 18	Mon	7:00PM	Parks & Trails Commission (Fire House)
Dec 20	Wed	7:00PM	Police Commission (Municipal Center)
Dec 21	Thu	7:00PM	Community Relations Commission (Fire House)
Dec 21	Thu	7:00PM	Court (Municipal Center)
Dec 25	Mon	HOLIDAY	- CITY OFFICES CLOSED
Dec 26	Tue	6:00PM	Board of Aldermen Work Session (Municipal Center)
Dec 26	Tue	7:00PM	Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting (Municipal Center)
Nov/Dec		to be announced	Planning & Zoning

COMMUNITY EVENTS

DATE	DAY	TIME	MEETING (LOCATION)
Sep 24	Sun	2:30PM	POPS IN THE PARK, Longview Farm Park
Sep 28	Thu	6:30PM	SEMINAR - "INTERNET PREDATOR" (Mason Ridge School)
Oct 03	Tue	7:00PM	C.E.R.T. (Community Emergency Response Team) (Municipal Center)
Oct 10	Tue	7:00PM	C.E.R.T. (Community Emergency Response Team) (Municipal Center)
Oct 11	Wed	12:00PM	Town & Country/Frontenac Chamber of Commerce Lunch Meeting (Marriott West)
Oct 15	Sun	2:30PM	Town & Country Symphony Orchestra, Ridgway Auditorium, The Principia, 13201 Clayton Road
Oct 21	Sat	11:00AM	FALL FESTIVAL (Longview Farm Park)
Nov 08	Wed	12:00PM	Town & Country/Frontenac Chamber of Commerce Lunch Meeting (Marriott West)
Nov 09	Thu	7:00PM	SEMINAR - "TIPS FOR TRUSTEES" (Municipal Center)
Nov 28	Tue	7:00PM	Advanced Police Academy (Municipal Center)
Dec 05	Tue	7:00PM	Advanced Police Academy (Municipal Center)
Dec 10	Sun	2:30PM	Town & Country Symphony Orchestra, Ridgway Auditorium, The Principia, 13201 Clayton Road
Dec 13	Wed	12:00PM	Town & Country/Frontenac Chamber of Commerce Lunch Meeting (Marriott West)

BOARD OF ALDERMEN ACTIVITY

Unanimous vote unless otherwise indicated. The Board of Aldermen meets the second and fourth Monday of each month.

ACTIONS OF 05/08/06

(Aldermen present: Behnen Benigas, Fons, Meyland-Smith, Wasinger, Welby, Wright, Absent: Donaldson)

APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

- 3138 Approves the Preliminary Site Development Plan for West Hills Community Church
- 3139 Grants a time extension for Hawthorne Office Park Phase Two construction
- 3140 Grants a time extension for Maryville Centre Plat Two, Lot One construction
- 3141 Adopts 2005 Edition Electrical Code of St. Louis County

05-06-01 Authorizes the Director of Parks & Recreation to apply for a TRIM Cost Share program

Continued/Tabled the following meeting:

Bill No. 06-37 to approve certain documents with Commerce Bank

APPROVED THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS:

Architectural Review, West Hills Community Church; Minutes 04/24/06; Commission Chairman appointments; Warrant List \$117,242.41

ACTIONS OF 05/22/06

(Aldermen present: Behnen, Benigas, Donaldson, Fons, Meyland-Smith, Wasinger, Welby, Wright)

APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

- 3142 Approves Commerce Bank banking agreements
- 3143 Accepts bid of Boling Concrete Construction, Inc. for the 2006 concrete replacement program
- 3144 Transfer appropriations and accepts bid of Missouri Petroleum Products Company for the 2006 slurry Sealing and micro-surfacing program
- 3145 Transfers appropriations and accepts bid of RJP Electric for replacement of the emergency generator at the Municipal Center
- 3146 Approves a beautification grant for Crystal View Lane Subdivision
- 3147 Authorizes an additional agreement with Reitz & Jens, Inc. for the preparation of plans & specs for design of Bryn Wyck stormwater improvements
- 3148 Amends Municipal Code to add a new zoning district, Planned Mixed Use (PMX)
- 3149 Approves the Preliminary Site Development Plan for Town & Country Crossing development, 14250 Clayton Road at Woods Mill Road

05-06-02 Reschedules the Annual Board of Aldermen Retreat for 2006

APPROVED THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS:

Minutes 05/08/06, Architectural Review, 1016 Claymark Drive, 121 Ballas Court, 2433 Town & Country Lane, 17 Devondale Lane; Churchill Center & School; Staff Travel; Warrant List \$182,441.72

ACTIONS OF 06/12/06

(Aldermen present: Behnen, Benigas, Donaldson, Fons, Meyland-Smith, Wasinger, Welby, Wright)

APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

- 3150 Amends Ord. No. 3041 approving the Preliminary Site Development Plan for Churchill School
- 3151 Authorizes an agreement with Powers Bowersox for architectural services for renovation of the Longview Farm Park house
- 3152 Authorizes an agreement with Andy Davis Tennis for tennis lessons at Preservation/Cadet Park

06-06-01 Authorizes the submission of a map plan to the St. Louis County Boundary Commission

APPROVED THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS:

Approval of Purchase Order in the amount of \$14,100.00, Staff Travel; Minutes 05/22/06; Warrant list \$327,722.79.

ACTIONS OF 06/26/06

(Aldermen present: Behnen, Benigas, Donaldson, Fons, Meyland-Smith, Wasinger, Welby, Wright)

APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

- 3153 Approves a boundary adjustment plat for Heintz's Subdivision
- 3154 Approves stable agreement with Equine Assisted Therapy, Inc for boarding of horses and use of the stable at Longview Farm Park
- 3155 Accepts bid of Communitronics for the purchase and installation of a video projection system
- 3156 Amends Municipal Code to assess costs of incarceration against inmates in the St. Louis County jail
- 3157 Amends Municipal Code relating to tinted windows in vehicles
- 3158 Waives city's bidding procedures and accepts bid of R.V. Wagner for emergency repair of concrete pavement and trench drain on Mason Knoll Road

APPROVED THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS:

Various Liquor Licenses; Election of acting President of the Board of Aldermen; Minutes 6/12/06; Warrant list \$1,015,460.77

ACTIONS OF 07/10/06

(Aldermen present: Behnen, Benigas, Donaldson, Fons, Meyland-Smith, Wasinger, Welby, Wright)

APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

- 3159 Approves bid of Custom Tree & Lawn Services for fall 2006 branch chipping

Referred to Commission (Police):

Bill No. 06-59 to approve an agreement with IDB Leasing for police department communications recording equipment

APPROVED THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS:

Minutes 06/26/06; Warrant list \$119,216.67

ACTIONS OF 07/24/06

Open Fax Meeting: Approval of Warrant List, \$90,673.15

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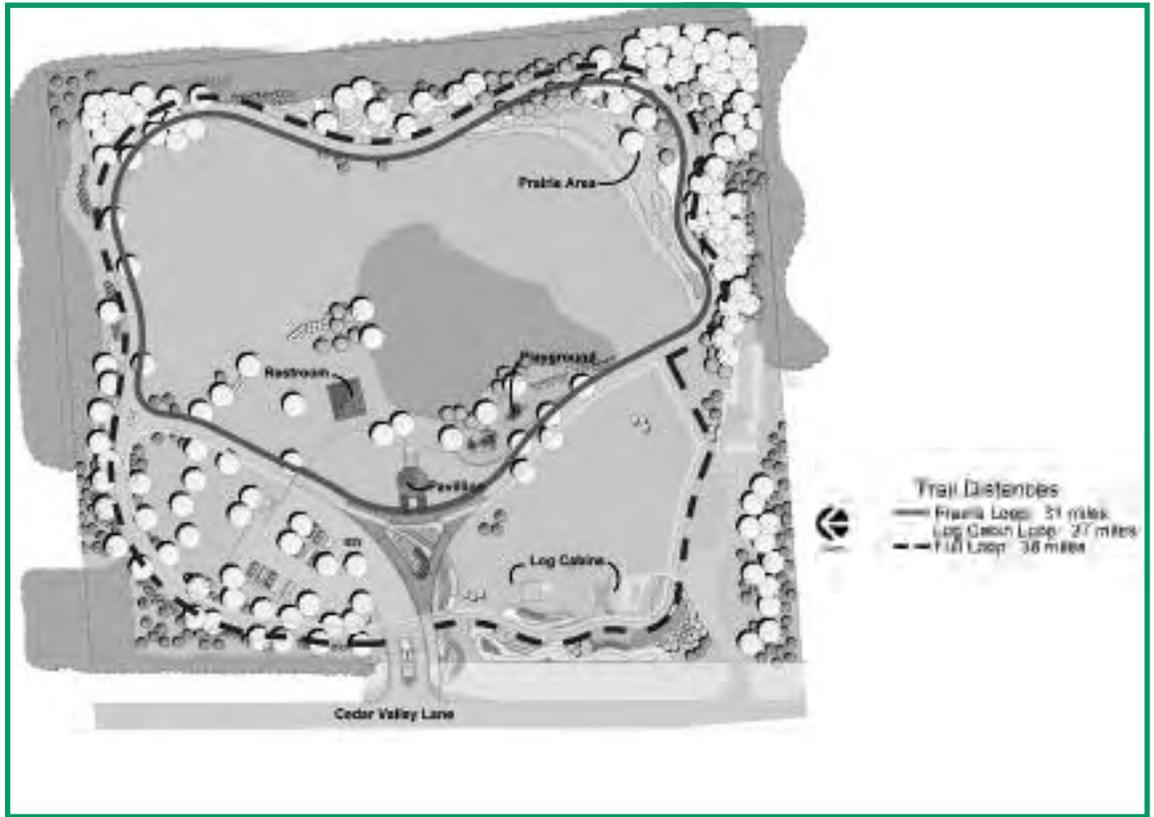
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DRACE PARK TRAIL MAP



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