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SAFETY FAIR + FALL FESTIVAL =

## Safety Festival

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

11:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

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**LONGVIEW FARM PARK**  
13525 CLAYTON ROAD

**ADMISSION AND PARKING ARE FREE!**

**PARKING will be at Mason Ridge Elementary School and the First Church of Christ, Scientist Town & Country, both located on Mason Road just south of Highway 40. A shuttle service will operate throughout the event. Longview Farm Park will be designated as HANDICAP PARKING ONLY.**

### Highlights of the event are:

**Helicopter Landing by ARCH**  
**Horse Rides by Equine Assisted Therapy**  
**Competitions by Wellbridge Athletic Club and Spa**  
**Bike Helmet Fitting by Missouri Baptist Medical Center**  
**Dog Competitions by Pro Care Center**  
**Geode Smashing by Conservation Commission**  
**Nature Booth by Parks and Trails Commission**  
**Fall Crafts by Community Relations Commission**

**Childrens' Workshop by Home Depot**  
**Safe House by West County EMS and Fire District**  
**Buster the Talking School Bus by Parkway School District**  
**Police, Fire and Rescue Equipment**  
**K-9 Rescue and 911 Simulator by Central County Fire and Rescue**  
**Tow Truck by Bill's Wrecker Service**

**FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR CASH PURCHASE FROM THE PRINCIPIA AND EQUINE ASSISTED THERAPY!**

**PRESENTED BY:**  
**CITY OF TOWN & COUNTRY**  
**WEST COUNTY EMS AND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! CALL ANNE NIXON AT 314-432-6606**  
**INFORMATION AND RAINOUT HOTLINE: 314-991-1435**

## Mayor's Message:

### Town & Country Volunteerism: A Rising Sense of Community!



Town & Country is enriched by a number of organizations whose members not only demonstrate a great sense of community, but also give so much back to our city for the benefit of us all. Over the past two years, I have endeavored to recognize and encourage the fine work of citizen volunteers throughout our community for two major reasons:

(1) I firmly believe that our residents embody a vast store of valuable talents, experience and expertise and that their inclusion in the process always creates a better work product; and (2) the more people work together, the stronger the bond that holds our community together, thus enriching the lives of us all. In short, it is this *esprit de corps* that has been instrumental in strengthening our wonderful city's sense of community.



Today, the commissions serving Town & Country along with other new and established organizations are flourishing. The quality of our parks and trails are at the highest caliber in our history, and through the fine leadership of our City Hall Staff and the countless hours of work from volunteers across the city, we all are enjoying many more and expanded community activities such as the Arbor Day celebration, the Town & Country Charitable Golf Tournament, Fire & Ice



(complete with the Taste of Town & Country), and the Fall Festival. In addition, we will launch our first annual Turkey Trot Family Fun Run/Walk on the Friday after Thanksgiving, giving

us all a chance to gather as we head into the holiday season (not to mention the opportunity to work off the extra turkey and potatoes we



were over served the day before). These community events, along with the ongoing work of the Town & Country Historical Society, the Mason Ridge Garden Club, the Town & Country/Frontenac Chamber of Commerce and so many other important organizations, are what make Town & Country the great community that it is.



In order to properly recognize and continue to develop this commitment to our city, I have asked Alderman Nancy Avioli and her Community Relations Commission to take on two new initiatives. First, I would like to establish the Town & Country Squires, which would be patterned after and reflect the Missouri Squires recognition. Second, I would like to

establish the Town & Country Ambassadors, which would resemble the St. Louis Ambassadors program that was active in downtown St. Louis many years ago. While the actual parameters and criteria for receiving these honors will be delineated by the clear thinking and very capable



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Community Relations Commission, I wanted to outline my thoughts for these initiatives here.



**1. Town & Country Squires.**

As you may know, the Academy of Missouri Squires was founded in the fall of 1960 by Governor James T. Blair, Jr. The purpose of this organization was to honor Missourians for their accomplishments whether at the community, state or national level. Governor Blair sought input and advice from throughout the state and appointed the first class of ten squires in the year the organization was founded. Like the Missouri Squires, I believe that similar recognition should be paid to distinguished residents of Town & Country who have given selflessly to our community over the course of many years for the betterment of all citizens.

**2. Town & Country Ambassadors.**

Since 1965, the St. Louis Ambassadors, a non-profit organization, has enjoyed a tradition of recognizing extraordinary community service, personal leadership, charitable outreach and civic pride. The Town & Country Ambassadors would exemplify these values in our own community, and allow us as a community to

recognize those individuals whose enthusiasm for and contributions to our city promote our sense of community and enhance the quality of life for us all. Through their consistent dedication and commitment to Town & Country, these shining stars make our city a better place and maintain our standing as one of the foremost residential community throughout the St. Louis metropolitan area and beyond.

As you can see from the surrounding photos and descriptions of recent local events, our sense of community and civic pride are as strong as ever and steadily growing. While we celebrate our current progress and look forward to our city's promising future, we must be ever mindful that our heritage is at the core of who we are as a community. Since our incorporation in 1950, it has not only distinguished us as a community, but it continues to define our present and guide our future. For these reasons, I strongly feel we should honor those individuals whose leadership and vision were instrumental in cultivating what we now enjoy as one of the premier communities in our region, as well as those citizens whose more recent efforts continue to enhance our community. I hope that you will join me in supporting the Town & Country Squires and Town & Country Ambassadors programs by celebrating these major contributors to the success—past and present—of our community.

Have a wonderful fall, and I look forward to seeing everyone at the first annual Turkey Trot in November!

All the best.

Jonathan F. Dalton  
Mayor



## ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD STARTS WORK

**O**n July 9, 2007, Alderman Phil Behnen convened the first official meeting of the city's new Architectural Review Board (ARB). At that meeting, the ARB reviewed and approved drawings, materials and site plans for five new houses.

The purpose of the ARB is to ensure that the City of Town and Country maintains the highest quality of new residential and commercial construction. Mayor Dalton appointed the ARB, chaired by Alderman Behnen, to give focused professional expertise to the city in reviewing the architecture of new construction. The ARB may challenge applicants with standards that address the environment, water run-off, landscaping, efficiency, materials and green space requirements, to encourage the best in architectural design. According to Chairman Behnen, the ARB will work cooperatively with applicants to everyone's satisfaction.

In addition to Alderman Behnen, the Board includes six resident members and Mayor Jon Dalton. The six resident members are:

- John Diehl, Attorney
- William P. McMahan, Architect
- John Eilermann, Chief Executive Officer, McBride & Sons Enterprises
- Kathy Reeves, Community Relations Manager, Enterprise Rent-A-Car
- William Langenbacher (Alternate), Attorney
- Mary Beth Benes (Alternate), Realtor

The ARB's scope of review is architecture of:

- All new houses
- Residential additions that affect a front elevation
- All non-residential construction.



Although the ARB's decisions regarding residential architecture are final, the Board of Aldermen will make final decisions about all non-residential architecture, after first considering recommendations from the ARB. As in the past, the Board of Aldermen will review requests for approval of non-residential architecture at one of their regular monthly meetings.

For information about the city's architectural review process, please call Bob Bodley, Code Official (314-432-6606, ext. 115), or Sharon Rothmel, Planning Director (314-432-6606, ext. 113).

## New Businesses *in Town & Country*

**Abner Engineering & Construction**  
14522 South Outer 40

**Ballas Group, LLC**  
763 S. New Ballas

**Cambridge Medical Clinic LLC**  
777 S. New Ballas Road, Suite 100-E

**Center for Energy Therapies  
and Massage**  
14377 Woodlake Drive

**Fu Lin House**  
13935 Manchester

**GEMS (Division of Harris)**  
424 S. Woods Mill, Suite 310

**Health Scan of Missouri**  
14377 Woodlake Drive, Suite 218

**Jena Creations, Ltd.**  
777 S. New Ballas

**St. Louis Salon & Spa**  
280 Lamp & Lantern

**Sedgwick Claims Management Services**  
424 S. Woods Mill, Suite 340

**We-Flex LLC**  
1566 Woodlake Drive

## MICROSURFACING OF STREETS TO BEGIN SOON!

**T**he Department of Public Works will begin surface treating streets in late September. The process of microsurfacing involves the placement of an oil-emulsion based sealant over the entire surface of the street. This is intended to provide a barrier to prevent moisture infiltration as well as extend the life of the pavement by allowing it to maintain its flexibility. The most noticeable attributes to the everyday user will be the uniform appearance of the pavement, some increase in the smoothness of the pavement and a slightly enhanced aggressiveness to the surface to increase skid resistance.

The following locations are scheduled, and affected property owners will be notified by mail several weeks in advance of the work beginning:

- Old Woods Mill Road
- Woods Mill Road (South of Clayton)
- Bramblewood Acres Subdivision
- Cheshire Farm Subdivision
- Conway / Mason Estates Subdivision
- Faron Acres Subdivision
- Killearn Subdivision
- Mason Estates Subdivision
- Pebble Acres Subdivision
- Sunswept Subdivision
- Pine Tree Lake Subdivision
- Strathmore Subdivision
- Templeton Place Subdivision
- Village on Conway Subdivision
- Wheatfield Road Subdivision

The contractor will also be required to provide notice immediately prior to beginning work on individual streets. Some access delays to individual properties are anticipated, and driveways will be closed for up to three hours during the midday application period. No access restrictions are anticipated during the evening hours.

For more information contact Craig Wilde at [wildecj@town-and-country.org](mailto:wildecj@town-and-country.org) or 314-432-6606.



## BRANCH CHIPPING

The Fall Branch Chipping Program is under way and will continue for six weeks through October 19th. The program provides for removal of residents' branches and bushes 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 west to east through the City. Free wood chips will be available at Drace Park after September 17th on a first-come, self-serve basis.

The guidelines include:

- Do not tie/bundle brush or limbs.
- Stack brush and limbs 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 hotline at 314-567-4900, ext. 201.



## RECYCLE!

*It is cost effective for you.*

**I**n December 2006, the St. Louis County Council, using its authority to protect the health, safety and welfare of its residents, enacted a revised solid waste ordinance. One of the major changes in the ordinance is that hauling companies, as part of their basic service, are required to provide once weekly curbside recycling in addition to trash collection if they wish to maintain their licensing status with the St. Louis County Department of Health. The five companies licensed to do business in Town & Country have since implemented this into their programs and some residents have seen a modest increase in their disposal rates.

Recycling started as a means of helping the environment by reducing the amount of material sent to landfills to degrade. Recently, with the inception of single stream recycling (all recyclable materials can be placed in a single container separate from the solid waste), the amount of material diverted from the landfill stream has grown into a marketable product. The ever-increasing volume of recycled goods continues to open additional markets throughout the world. This has allowed disposal companies to avoid expensive land fill tipping fees for some portion of collected materials and potentially pass this savings on to the end user.

Although there is an initial cost associated with the addition of the service, it can be anticipated that increased recycling will help regulate future costs.

Recyclable materials are as follows:

- Aluminum Cans, Foil and Trays
- Plastic #1,2,3,4,5 and 7 (typically indicated on the bottom of the container)
- Steel Containers
- Glass Containers
- Paper – Office Paper, Newspaper, Junk Mail, Magazines and Catalogs
- Cardboard and Paperboard

*These materials are to be placed at the curb in containers approved by the hauler. There is no requirement for the hauler to supply a container.*

For more information on recycling and the new St. Louis County Ordinance requirements, go to [http://www.co.st-louis.mo.us/doh/waste/waste\\_mg.html](http://www.co.st-louis.mo.us/doh/waste/waste_mg.html) or call the St. Louis County Department of Health at 314-615-0600.



### THE FIVE HAULERS LICENSED TO PROVIDE SERVICE IN THE CITY OF TOWN & COUNTRY ARE:

**Allied Waste Services**  
636-947-5959

**Charles Sanders Hauling**  
314-645-5670

**Waste Management**  
314-506-4700

**Meridian Waste Services**  
314-291-3131

**Robert Sanders Hauling**  
314-482-0570

## PRINCIPIA DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

Persons interested in following the potential development of a portion of the property owned by The Principia should click on the link entitled "Principia Updates" in the menu found in the column on the left side of the City of Town & Country's home web page at [www.town-and-country.org](http://www.town-and-country.org).

This link has been provided to ensure that residents and other interested parties have access to the latest news, as well as past information.

In addition, we have set up a convenient direct link to a dedicated inbox for "Principia Development Comments" at [principiacomments@town-and-country.org](mailto:principiacomments@town-and-country.org). By means of this link, interested parties may submit their comments

and concerns via email which will be reviewed by our City's elected officials to help them better understand the community perspective. Please note that this message portal is for the collection of information, therefore senders may not receive a response.

Citizens desiring a response to an email relative to this matter are encouraged to send a message directly to one or more of the City's elected officials. Direct links to all elected officials can be accessed by clicking on "Elected Officials" in the page listings on the left side of the City's home web page.

Your input is truly appreciated and valued!

# PARKS AND RECREATION



## Turkey Trot

Family Fun Run/Walk  
Benefiting the Town & Country  
Police Charity Fund

The Friday after Thanksgiving  
November 23

Longview Farm Park

Start Times:

5k Family Fun Run/Walk 8AM

1/2 mile Fun Run for Kids 9AM

**Q: What is a family fun run/walk?**

**A:** A family fun run/walk is an opportunity for all ages and abilities to participate in an active, family event with your friends and neighbors. This is not a race and you will not be timed-you can run or walk.

**Q: What is The Town & Country Police Charity Fund?**

**A:** The Town & Country Police Charity Fund is an IRS 501c3 organization whose mission is to support numerous local charities including the Backstoppers, Missouri Special Olympics, Friends of Kids with Cancer, and several other worthwhile charitable organizations. The fundraising is a cooperative effort between the Town & Country Police Department and the Des Peres Department of Public Safety.

**Q: How do I sign up?**

**A:** Bring your family to Longview Farm Park on November 23rd, 30 minutes before your event. A \$10 (cash) Minimum Donation will be collected to benefit the Town & Country Police Charity Fund. A waiver of release and liability must be signed by each participant. Fill out the release below to shorten your registration time. All participants will receive a T-shirt, a goodie bag from our sponsors, plus a continental breakfast.

**Q: How do I volunteer?**

**A:** Many volunteers are needed and community service hours will be awarded. Call Anne Nixon at 314-432-6606.

Complete the information below and sign waiver. Please bring this form and your \$10 minimum donation to Longview Farm Park on November 23, 30 minutes before your event. For additional waivers, go to [www.town-and-country.org](http://www.town-and-country.org) or call City Hall at 314-432-6606.

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ 0-7 \_\_\_\_\_ 8-12 \_\_\_\_\_ 13-18 \_\_\_\_\_ 19-24 \_\_\_\_\_ 25-40 \_\_\_\_\_ 41-55 \_\_\_\_\_ 55+

Run/Walk Release: in consideration of this entry, I the undersigned, intending to be legally bound hereby for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against the City of Town and Country and its personnel, committees and volunteers for any and all injuries suffered by me in said event. I also give my permission for the free use of my name and/or picture in any account of this event and my physical competition in this event.

Signature (Parent if under 18): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# PARKS AND RECREATION



## THE GARDENS AT LONGVIEW FARM HOUSE

**I**f you have ever admired the beautiful gardens at the Longview Farm House, then you have seen the handiwork of the Mason Ridge Garden Club. The group of dedicated volunteers has been working their magic on the gardens around the iconic home for the past six years. When the club was approached to take on the ominous task of taming and beautifying the previously attractive but neglected gardens, it appeared doubtful that beautiful gardens would again bloom in those spaces. But in the hands of the “Longview Group,” the transformation became a labor of love. Friday after Friday, enthusiastic workers have faithfully shown up ready to work. At almost any time of the year, visitors to Longview Farm Park are greeted by abundant, lovely gardens surrounding the house. The City is deeply grateful for the many, many hours of work put into making Longview Farm Park even more beautiful. Actually, the Longview Group from the Mason Ridge Garden Club has logged over 3,000 volunteer hours over the past six years – very impressive!

After much consideration and planning, construction and renovation will soon begin on the house in Longview Farm Park. The Longview Group will prepare their landscaping plans for the new and improved house. In the meantime, they will roll up their sleeves and share their gift of gardening in other areas of the park!

Thank you to all who have contributed to this endeavor!



*Back, left to right: Kay Smith, Linda Robson,  
Betsy Rinehart, Kim Kleine  
Front, left to right: Claire Chosid, Karen Roos,  
Kathy Boyd*

## GO FISHING AT LONGVIEW FARM PARK!



**W**ind your way down the trail in Longview Farm Park to the lake. You will find no cars, no rush hour, and no deadlines—just a chance to relax. Fishing is a great way to spend time with family and friends, creating memories that will last a lifetime. For a quiet weekend morning, fishing gets you away from it all. Bluegill, crappie, catfish and albino (white) catfish are swimming in the lake at Longview Farm Park. If you are a Missouri resident 65 years of age or older, and any person (resident or nonresident) 15 years of age or younger, you do not need a Missouri Fishing License. Fishing is catch and release in the park.

## KEEP DOGS LEASHED IN PARKS

**Reminder!** By ordinance, dogs must be on a leash and under the owner's control at all times in Town & Country City parks.



# PARKS AND RECREATION



## A WISH COME TRUE

For the past three summers I have welcomed my Flagstaff, Arizona grandchildren, Kaia 4 and Aiden 5, for two weeks while their parents enjoyed “alone time”. Last summer my husband and I created an itinerary for them that included but was not limited to The Science Center, City Museum, Grant’s Farm, the circus, the Butterfly House, the Zoo, a baseball game, a carousel ride, daily swimming in our backyard pool and Fire & Ice. The fireworks awed them for this was their first such experience.

This summer Town & Country held its first summer camp, officially called “2nd Thursdays” one morning a month for three months. One of its highlights is the opportunity to experience the thrill of riding one of the wonderful horses stabled at Longview Farm Park.

Kaia loves horses. She collects toy horses. She combs “Pretty Pony’s” hair. She wears a dress with horses on it and has shorts and shirts with horses on them. She rode a pony once. Anticipation of riding a horse at Longview Farm Park excited her for a month.

We arrived in St. Louis from Arizona late the night before the camp. Even later we fell asleep. I couldn’t imagine them waking early. After all, there was a two-hour time difference. However, when I mentioned horses the next morning they leaped from their beds with glee.



*Aiden pets Mr. Snickers*

They were not disappointed. Anne Nixon, Director of Parks and Recreation, runs a wonderful summer camp with the aid that day of city employees Pam Burdt, City Clerk and Mary Olsen, Administrative Assistant to the City Administrator and Mayor.

Kaia and Aiden, along with other fortunate children, were fitted with helmets and assisted in a riding adventure that took them around the pasture many times. Kaia rode Smokey

*by Mariann Hoffman*

while Aiden handled Mr. Snickers. Each thought his horse was the finest. Beaming with elation, they made memories that will last a lifetime. Then they had their photos taken and made picture frames to hold them. They also had some fun with a giant parachute and ate a healthy snack. Sergeant Jeff Meyer gave them police badges and former Mayor Skip Mange shook their hands. I’m not sure they knew what a Mayor was but they sure knew what a police officer was!

The following two-week visit was crammed with visits to Meramec Caverns, 6 Flags, another baseball game, the Transportation Museum, the Magic House, an antique car show, swimming and even a trip to Kansas City to visit their newborn day-old cousin. But the highlight of the visit and what Kaia never stops talking about was her ride on Smokey. As we flew back to Phoenix, they recited a litany of favorite things about the trip. They always began and ended with their wonderful morning at Longview Farm Park.

Twenty years ago, when I first began volunteering for Town & Country, I never imagined that the city could host such an event. The park is a wonderful meeting place for friends and strangers. Strangers become friends. Moms watching their children playing on the playground just naturally begin talking with each other. Walkers welcome each other with a hello and often stop to chat. And now, there is a summer camp. Whoever would have thought?

Kaia and Aiden’s other grandparents from Chicago visited with us during this time, attended Fire and Ice and thought the fireworks display was moving, very moving. As a matter of fact, we all felt the earth move under us during the finale.

Thank you, Town & Country, for being innovative, forward thinking and giving my grandchildren a memory that will last a lifetime!



*Kaia’s wish came true!*

## HOT MAMAS IN TRAINING STROLLER FIT CAMP

Whether you are a new mama or a veteran mama, if you have a stroller, we have the class for you! Hot Mamas in Training delivers a challenging and motivating workout no matter your fitness level. Hot Mamas in Training will help you build your cardio endurance, sculpt your tummies, legs, gluts and arms while you are having fun with your kiddos by your side. We promise to deliver a dynamic workout for your entire body!

HOT MAMAS IN TRAINING makes getting in shape so much fun!

**Mon and Wed Mornings 9:30-10:30**

**Tues Evenings 6-7:00 pm**

**For Hot Mamas in Training schedule, registration and prices call Karen McDoniel at 314-276-6204**



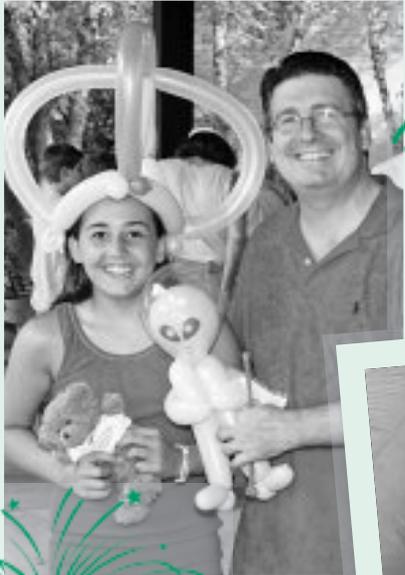


***Fire & Ice brings out the best of Town & Country!*** A little bout of rain could not dampen the enthusiasm or the spirit of the large crowd who came for a good time to this year's Fire & Ice. On Saturday, June 23, the Taste of Town & Country brought back some of last year's favorites and welcomed some newcomers too. Tasty food served by Mike Duffy's, Veranda Cafe, Bellacino's, Einstein Bros., Melting Pot, Cooks on Call and Maui Wowie was enjoyed by all. The Town & Country Symphony Orchestra and Featherstone Drive Band entertained everyone until the FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR took center stage. Thanks to all who attended and made it a special evening for Town & Country!

*These are just a few of the fabulous pictures by David Bentley that captured the spirit of the evening. Check out the new wall of photos at the Municipal Center for more!*



A big thank you goes to this year's sponsors for their generous support: Missouri Baptist Medical Center, UMB Bank, Wellbridge Athletic Club and Spa, Marriott Hotel West, Wal-Mart, John Diehl, Jr., Nations, Hettenbach, and Diehl, Prudential Alliance Realty, Alliance Lending Group, The Laura MacDonald Team, Town & Country Symphony Orchestra, Town & Country/Frontenac Chamber of Commerce, Ronald McDonald, David Bentley of Bentley Studio, Ltd., Katy Struckhoff, Westminster Christian Academy, West County EMS & Fire District, MoDOT, Duke Realty and Garden Villas.





Do you have some news you would like to share with other Town & Country residents? Is your subdivision planning something special? Is your Boy or Girl Scout group involved in something newsworthy? Are your children, friends or neighbors getting special awards?

If you have news to share, let us know. We will be featuring small articles about exciting activities involving our residents in the NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS column. Send your news and photos to Mary Olsen at [olsenm@town-and-country-org](mailto:olsenm@town-and-country-org), and we will print as space allows.

## BARE TREES PRIME FOR PRUNING

*International Society of Arboriculture*

Leaves are now on the ground, but trees still need attention. Mid-winter is actually a good time to prune most non-flowering trees. Trees are dormant in the winter, making pruning easier because you can better see a tree's structure when no leaves are on the branches. Without leaves it is easier to spot dead or broken branches that need to be removed in order to help avoid breakage resulting from harsh winter weather. Deciding what and where to prune involves an understanding of basic tree biology, sharp tools, and an artful eye. The International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) emphasizes a few simple principles to understand before you prune:

- **Prune with a purpose**-Remove dead or diseased wood, provide clearance, or improve structure
- **Use proper technique**-Improper cuts can cause long-term damage.
- **Make small cuts**- Creates less damage to the tree than large cuts.
- **Make cuts just outside the branch collar**- Allows for faster wound closure.
- **Do not leave stubs (no tree topping).**
- **Only use sharp and clean tools.**

"Proper pruning is an important part of tree health maintenance," according to Jim Skiera, Executive Director of the ISA. "Every tree is different. Pruning at the wrong time, pruning incorrectly, or pruning too much may create more problems than not pruning at all," says Skiera. When in doubt it is best to hire a professional arborist to do the pruning for you.

If pruning a tree cannot be done without using power equipment or leaving the ground, then it should be done by an ISA Certified Arborist. Pruning of large trees can be dangerous and should be performed by a professional. For more tips on how to prune trees or to find a local Certified Arborist, visit [www.treesaregood.com](http://www.treesaregood.com). For more information on ISA and Certified Arborists, visit [www.isa-arbor.com](http://www.isa-arbor.com).

## CHURCHILL SCHOOL MOVES TO TOWN AND COUNTRY



**O**n September 4, 2007, 130 excited children and 52 faculty and staff members started the first day of school at the new Churchill Center and School just south of the City of Town and Country Municipal Center. Construction of the school on its 11-acre site started in mid-2006, to be ready for the 2007-2008 school year. The Churchill Center and School is a co-educational day school dedicated to educating high-potential learning-disabled children through a specialized curriculum and one-on-one instruction.

The school's architecture carries forward the arts and crafts theme of the school's prior building in Ladue, but with many modern flourishes and more space and amenities for both students and staff, including an unlighted track and about 3 1/2 acres of woodlands in the southern part of the school lot. A special feature in the new building is the ceramic work by Paulette Carr, a ceramicist and parent of a Churchill alumnus who is now a stockbroker in New York City. She and her husband have donated custom tile work installed throughout the school's entrance and gallery. The tile work illustrates the "starfish" story, whose theme is echoed in the school's purpose of "making a difference, one child at a time."

Sandy Gilligan, Director and Head of School, said that the school community is "thrilled to be in our new home in Town and Country, and look forward to being a contributing member of the Town and Country community."



## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

## PRINCETON PLACE PRAIRIE

Article & photo submitted by Brad and Cindy Marrs

**T**wenty years ago Princeton Place subdivision was finished. This included the remodeling of the storm water retention basin between Tammany Lane and Hawkshead Court. It was clear the combination of seeding, sodding and irrigation had failed and we were faced with a replanting. It was suggested we plant a Wildflower Meadow; after all, if Ladybird Johnson could plant the entire state of Texas with bluebonnets then surely the Board of Trustees of Princeton Place could take on approximately one acre of west county. Several volunteers enthusiastically mail ordered and planted enough wildflower mix, root saplings from the Missouri Wildlife nursery to replant the margins, and fescue seed. The rains fell and the seeds were washed about. By fall it was clear the saplings had taken hold and the rest of the planting had failed. Still, the possibilities of a self-renewing prairie seemed intriguing, especially since for part of the year the area is a muddy retention basin and unmowable.

Reasoning that prairie is a natural element to parts of Missouri, we volunteers decided to try again, and the next fall, with a no-till seed drill borrowed from Lincoln County

Quail Unlimited pulled by a borrowed tractor, we reseeded the entire area. No fertilizer or Round-up was used at this time.



Another year passed and finally in the spring came success: full-sized native grasses: Big Blue Stem, Little Blue Stem, Indian Grass, and other native grasses. Mixed in are many species of wild flowers: bergemot, prairie coneflower, butterfly milkweed, Queen Anne's lace, red white and yellow clovers, dogbane, penstemon, mullen, and coreopsis. Altogether there is one giant slice of Mother Nature's pie of life. The seasons bring surprises if one stops to look and listen. A walking path is maintained and is open for all to enjoy. The storm water runoff is steady and controlled. Most importantly what was once a troublesome problem has been transformed into something beautiful, natural, and appreciated by many of our walking residents and others who use the path as a connection to Mason Valley subdivision.

## A VISIT TO THE POLICE STATION

**O**n July 24, Luke Dunbar and his mom, Diana, stopped by the Town & Country Police Department to bring cookies to the officers and ended up in jail! Seriously, Luke and mom were treated to a personal tour of the station by Captain Gary Hoelzer. Luke got to see the 911 communication area up close and personal and made a short visit to the jail. In an email, Diana Dunbar thanked Captain Hoelzer for the memorable experience for Luke, and

wrote: "Based upon his excitement the rest of the day...the visit is likely the highlight of his summer vacation!"



Luke Dunbar was happily put in jail



Dispatcher Adron Long with Luke and Captain Hoelzer

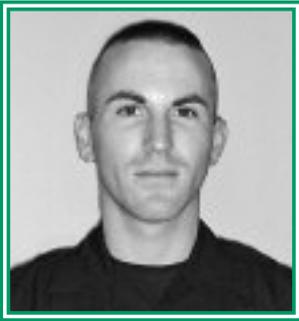
## RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES OF ST. LOUIS DONATES \$12,000 TO EQUINE ASSISTED THERAPY

**B**ig smiles all around were the look of the day when representatives from Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) met at McDonald's restaurant on July 30 to present a \$12,000 check to Equine Assisted Therapy (EAT). Pictured are Gary Hartke, RN, Founder and President of Equine Assisted Therapy, a non-profit organization that offers benefits of horseback riding to persons with physical and mental disabilities located at Longview Farm Park; Bob Manges, volunteer with both EAT and RMHC; Lori Rood, EAT instructor; Steve Akre, member of the EAT Board of Directors; Colleen Schoendienst, owner/operator of Lamp & Lantern McDonald's and RMHC grant committee member; and Pat Schneider, RMHC grant committee member and volunteer. For more information on Equine Assisted Therapy, visit: <http://www.equine-assistedtherapy.org>.



McDonald's customers contribute thousands of dollars to RMHC locally by dropping change into donation canisters and supporting other fund-raisers throughout the year at McDonald restaurants. With these funds and other gifts from the McDonald Owner/Operators, RMHC reaches out to meet the needs of the community by funding programs specifically benefiting children in the area. Beneficiaries of RMHC grants are nonprofit organizations that have demonstrated an ability to respond to the needs of children and their families in a definitive, hands-on manner that yields measurable results. Since 1990, RMHC has awarded more than \$2 million locally for programs in the following three categories: health care and medical research; education and the arts; and civic and social services. For more information on grant recipients, visit: <http://www.rmhcstl.com/grants/index.php>.

**NEW POLICE OFFICERS**



**S**hawn Rackhaus started employment with Town and Country as a Police Officer on July 16th, coming to us from the Jennings Police Department where he was employed as an Officer since October of 2005. Shawn is a 2005 graduate of the Eastern Missouri Police Academy. He is single and resides in St. Charles. Shawn, a former United States Marine, comes from a military family where both parents are retired from the United States Air Force.

**SHAWN A. RACKHAUS**

**J**ulius Edwards began employment with Town and Country as a Police Officer the week of September 3rd, coming to us from the Sunset Hills Police Department where he was employed as an Officer since February of 2003. Julius is a 2001 graduate of the Eastern Missouri Police Academy and resides in North St. Louis County with his wife and 2 children. Julius is currently attending Harris-Stowe University working on his Bachelors degree in Criminal Justice.



**JULIUS D. EDWARDS**

**CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY  
BEGINS IN OCTOBER!**



**T**he Town & Country, Creve Coeur, and Frontenac Citizens Police Academy will begin on **Tuesday, October 23, 2007**. The Academy will give citizens in all three communities the opportunity to learn about law enforcement through practical training and exercises.

Topics covered in the Academy will include Constitutional and criminal law, the use of force, investigations, traffic safety and active shooter demonstrations. "Recruits" will also have the opportunity for hands-on experience in firearms training and real life "role-play" scenarios. Additionally, a ride-along with a patrol officer will be offered as part of the curriculum.

The Citizens Police Academy class will meet on **Tuesday evenings from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., and continue for 9 consecutive weeks**. The Academy is open to all residents, as well as non-residents, providing that space is available, who are 21 years or older. A background check will be required. The Citizens Police Academy is offered **free of charge**.

For more information or to enroll in the Town & Country, Creve Coeur, and Frontenac Citizens Police Academy, please contact Town & Country Police Officer Chris Hunt at 314-567-4900 x129.

**TOWN & COUNTRY /FRONTENAC  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**CALLING ALL TOWN & COUNTRY RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES!** The Town & Country/Frontenac Chamber of Commerce is a growing Chamber and exists to promote the interests of member businesses through networking, educating and advocating on their behalf.

Home-based businesses, business firms, organizations, and individuals from all areas of the City and County are eligible for membership and invited to join. Our collaborative marketing opportunities will be especially important with the upcoming I-64/Highway 40 closure. Please support your community and join the TCF Chamber today!

We have a new membership level: self-employed/home-based businesses may join for a first year rate of \$60.00, plus a one time new member administration fee of \$25.00. Other membership levels begin at \$100. For more information, please contact Lila at TCFChamber@charter.net.

**Everyone is invited to attend our Business Showcase to be held at Plaza Frontenac on October 4th, 4-8 PM**

## MAY I BE BLUNT...?

*By Captain Gary Hoelzer*

**I** think the bad guys are getting a bad rap...they're really not so stupid after all. Sure there are the occasional ones that are good for a few laughs. Like the woman who stole some personal checks from a resident and went shopping. Eventually the victim realized the checks were missing and that the thief was making purchases with them so she called police and we began our investigation. Detectives thought that Christmas came early after they seized one of the cashed checks as evidence. Instead of forging the victim's name (it's printed on the check for cryin' out loud!) the suspect signed her own name! "Book em', Danno!" Case closed.

Another criminal who adds to the "less than stellar" stereotype is the man who robbed an area bank! It wasn't too difficult to identify and eventually apprehend the bandit when one of the cashiers recognized that he was one of their regular customers! Believe it or not—he robbed his own bank! Our officers were waiting for him when he returned home with the bank bags still in his possession. It took even less time for the police to arrest him after his second bank robbery. Apparently federal officials thought he learned his lesson after the first failed robbery so they released him from custody. But some people just don't learn very quickly. He took a taxi to rob his second bank and he was arrested as he came out of the bank with the loot.

So I agree that not all of the criminals we come into contact with are candidates for Ocean's 11. However, after 27 years in law enforcement I am beginning to question some of the victims of crime. I know that is not the politically correct thing to say, but consider some of the following cases we have investigated:

There are dozens, if not hundreds, of cases with jewelry losses in the millions because the jewelry was left insecure in the master

bedroom where workers were allowed unsupervised. The cases differ slightly on where the expensive jewelry was left-- on night stands, unlocked jewelry cases, bathroom sinks, or under the bed. But all of the cases have one thing in common—the jewelry ended up missing.

Then there were the cases of a stolen I-Pod and a stolen I-Phone...not unusual objects for theft. Unfortunately how they were stolen is also not unusual. A resident left his car door unlocked while his vehicle was parked in the driveway overnight. The opportunistic thieves simply opened the unlocked door and stole his I-Pod. The next night the same household left another car unlocked, same driveway, same thieves, and an I-Phone was stolen.

A young doctor received word that his great uncle died in Holland and he was the only heir of seven million dollars. All he had to do was travel to Holland. He had never heard of this uncle but stranger things have happened so he flew over to Holland to check it out. He was escorted to a warehouse where there were vats of money...at least it looked like money, but the content of the vats had been preserved in some substance and he could not retrieve it. It would only cost him \$25,000 for his escorts to use a special solution to remove the preservative from the inheritance of millions. He paid up and flew back to the U.S. to await his fortune. While enroute back home his Holland connection called and he was told that they needed more money because the preservative was tougher than they thought. He paid up again...and, of course, they never did! A version of this story could be repeated over and over with T&C residents falling for scams that are too good to be true, but apparently worth thousands to the thieves.

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While the occasional theft of a cell phone, MP3 player or I-Pod, is frustrating, it is another potential problem that really moves my key board to write this article. While some of our criminals are just West County kids who need to learn a lesson about integrity, we also encounter hard core gang members who regularly travel through Town and Country neighborhoods looking for unlocked car doors. They are not looking for valuables in the vehicle. They are looking for garage door openers that will give them access to the \$80,000 automobile in the garage and an open interior door that leads to the sanctity of your home and whatever else they can find inside...all while you and your children are fast asleep. Scary but true!

So since the stakes are quite high when it comes to criminal acts, let me share a few pointers that may keep you out of the "victim" category. There are three elements to any crime—a target (jewelry, I-Pod, a person, etc.), a place (vehicle, house, bedroom), and an offender. If you remove any of the three, then the crime cannot occur. A brief comment on the components of the triangle.

First, remove the potential offender's accessibility to the **target** by

- removing valuables from your vehicle,
- hiding valuables that cannot be removed,
- removing jewelry from an insecure jewelry box and placing valuable items in a safe or locked cabinet that is bolted to a floor joist or wall stud.

Second, decrease the opportunity for the potential criminal act to occur. Many of our neighborhood thefts are "opportunistic". Most thieves are not willing to break glass or pry

doors, especially on vehicles, due to the risk of alarms and the noise. So merely locking doors removes the opportunity and your I-Pod and I-Phone are safe. Properly installed dead bolt locks, environmental design and lighting are also great deterrents to would-be burglars.

Potential offenders are the third leg of the triangle and you have the least ability to control their presence. However, you can limit the people that have unsupervised access to valuable targets. It is always best to know your contractors or at least check out references very carefully before you allow access to your sanctuary.

While you cannot totally eliminate the possibility that you will be the victim of a criminal act, you can take positive steps to greatly reduce the likelihood. If you would like a crime prevention specialist to conduct a vulnerability survey of your home or business please call **Officer Chris Hunt at 314-432-4696 ext. 129** or contact him by email at [huntc@town-and-country.org](mailto:huntc@town-and-country.org).





## SCHOOL BUS SAFETY INFORMATION FOR MOTORISTS AND CHILDREN



**W**hether you have children in school or not, you will no doubt encounter increased pedestrian and school bus traffic along area roadways now that school is in session again. The helpful information below will remind you of the importance of staying alert when driving, and for the children - the safety rules when riding a school bus.

### WHEN DRIVING

1. Be alert for children on or near the roadway.
2. Be aware of School Zones. Reduced speed limits usually apply.
3. When a School Bus is loading and/or unloading:
  - Come to a complete stop when a bus displays its stop sign and flashing lights. You must stop no matter which direction you are traveling, including the section of Clayton Road that now has a center turn lane. On divided highways or roadways with four lanes, stop only when traveling in the same direction of the school bus.
  - Proceed only when the bus has started moving or when the driver signals for you to proceed.
  - Before proceeding, be sure all the children are safely on the sidewalk or shoulder of the roadway.
4. Watch for suspicious activity at bus stops. If something or someone appears to be suspicious, it probably is, please call the police at 911 or 432-1000 without delay. Remember, it only takes a few seconds to abduct a child.

### RIDING THE BUS

1. Be at the bus stop early.
2. Wait for the bus in a safe place - away from the road.
3. Take your seat right away.
4. Stay seated at all times.
5. Keep hands, arms and head inside the bus at all times.
6. Listen to the bus driver and follow directions.
7. Leave the bus carefully, using the handrail.
8. Take 10 giant steps beyond the front bumper before turning toward the road.
9. Look both ways before crossing the road.
10. Keep away from the bus if you drop an item or forget something.



## TRICK OR TREAT AT THE MUNICIPAL CENTER

**CALLING ALL TRICK OR TREATERS! COME TO THE MUNICIPAL CENTER IN COSTUME, ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31, DURING BUSINESS HOURS (8:00 AM TO 4:30 PM), FOR CANDY AND TREATS. STOP BY ON YOUR WAY TO AFTERNOON PRE-SCHOOL OR KINDERGARTEN OR ON YOUR WAY HOME FROM SCHOOL. HOPE TO SEE YOU THEN.**



## MAP MY TRIP

### MoDOT Launches Origin/Destination Tool That Will Help Motorists Get Around Closed Sections of I-64

Motorists now have a tool to assist them in finding alternate routes around highway and ramp closures in the St. Louis area, especially along the I-64 reconstruction project.

In May, the Missouri Department of Transportation unveiled "Map My Trip", a web based travel information tool that will aid motorists traveling through St. Louis City and County.

Before heading out, travelers can visit <http://www.modot.org/stlouis/index.htm> and click on the *Map My Trip* feature. Links are also available on the I-64 website (if you would like to link your website to the mapping tool, the URL is <http://dist6.modot.mo.gov/mapmytrip>).

After providing origin and destination locations, the program will offer an alternative route, directing motorists away from complete ramp, interchange or highway closures due to construction in St. Louis City and County.

"Although this is not the first origin/destination tool available, it is different because it considers construction activities," said MoDOT District Engineer Ed Hassinger. "The I-64 project is going to force many drivers out of their comfort zones and onto different routes to get to their usual destinations. *Map My Trip* provides simple street-by-street directions to get you around the closures

on I-64 and all of our work in St. Louis."

Businesses and attractions are encouraged to link their websites to *Map My Trip* to help people continue to visit their favorite shopping, dining and entertainment venues in St. Louis despite the construction work.

Travel can be plotted from any origin or destination, but accurate information on highway and ramp closures is limited to St. Louis City and County only. Although there is no formal time line to make *Map My Trip* statewide, beginning with the St. Louis area is a start and could open the door to providing this unique tool to other regions across the state of Missouri. *Map My Trip* will suggest an alternate route for your travel; however, that route may not necessarily reflect the fastest route based on real-time traffic conditions.

**For current travel times on St. Louis interstates and highways, motorists are encouraged to visit Gateway Guide at [www.gatewayguide.com](http://www.gatewayguide.com) or dial 511, a free voice activated telephone service that provides around-the-clock real-time traffic information or incidents on interstates and major state highways in the St. Louis area. Also, check out [www.thenewi64.org](http://www.thenewi64.org) for facts and up-to-date information on the I-64 project.**



## TOWN & COUNTRY RESIDENTS CELEBRATE NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

**O**n Tuesday, August 7th, Town & Country joined communities across the country by participating in the 24th Annual National Night Out. Seven subdivisions held events designed to improve police-community relations and promote drug and crime prevention awareness.

Caravans including representatives from the Town & Country Police Department, West County EMS and Fire District and local elected officials made their way through the City and visited neighborhoods. Among the special guests were Mayor Jon Dalton, Alderman Tim Welby, Police Chief/City Administrator John Copeland, Fire Chief Dave Frazier, Fire Marshal Paul Mercurio and several other members from both the police department and fire district. Each caravan included a police vehicle and either a fire truck or ambulance.

Activities at all events included food and drinks, and several residents were observed trying to "beat the heat" by eating ice-cream and swimming. Everyone in attendance looked as though they were having a great time. Before the caravans departed each neighborhood gathering, children were encouraged to climb inside a police vehicle and look at the equipment on the fire truck or ambulance. Children were also given complimentary "sticker badges", baseball cards, and

souvenir fire helmets.

The Town & Country Police Department is grateful to the nearly 200 residents in the following neighborhoods who participated in this year's National Night Out:

- Essex Point**
- Pebble Acres**
- Mason Valley Estates**
- Town & Country Manor**
- Cedar Springs**
- Sturbridge**
- Thornhill Estates**

Officer Hunt cautioned that neighborhood togetherness and cooperation between police, fire and the community needs to last longer than one night. Hunt stated, "It needs to last year round."

It is estimated that 35 million people in over 11,000 communities participated in this year's event.



*National Night Out fun at the Thornhill Subdivision pool!*



**MEETINGS & EVENTS**

*\*All meetings subject to change*

**SEPTEMBER 2007**

DATE	DAY	TIME	MEETING (LOCATION)
Sep 17	Mon	6:00PM	Parks & Trails Commission (Municipal Center)
Sep 18	Tue	7:00PM	Police Commission (Municipal Center)
Sep 20	Thu	7:00PM	Court (Municipal Center)
Sep 24	Mon	6:00PM	Board of Aldermen Work Session (Municipal Center)
Sep 24	Mon	7:00PM	Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting (Municipal Center)
Sep 26	Wed	7:00PM	Planning & Zoning Commission-Staff Review (Municipal Center)
Sep 26	Wed	7:30PM	Planning & Zoning Commission-Regular Meeting (Municipal Center)

**OCTOBER 2007**

DATE	DAY	TIME	MEETING (LOCATION)
Oct 02	Tue	7:00PM	Conservation Commission (Fire House)
Oct 04	Thu	7:00PM	Court (Municipal Center)
Oct 08	Mon	6:00PM	Board of Aldermen Work Session (Municipal Center)
Oct 08	Mon	7:00PM	Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting (Municipal Center)
Oct 11	Thu	7:00PM	Community Relations Commission (Fire House)
Oct 15	Mon	6:00PM	Board of Adjustment (Municipal Center)
Oct 15	Mon	7:00PM	Parks & Trails Commission (Municipal Center)
Oct 15	Mon	7:00PM	Public Works & Stormwater Commission (Fire House)
Oct 16	Tue	7:00PM	Police Commission (Municipal Center)
Oct 18	Thu	7:00PM	Court (Municipal Center)
Oct 22	Mon	6:00PM	Board of Aldermen Work Session (Municipal Center)
Oct 22	Mon	7:00PM	Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting (Municipal Center)
Oct 24	Wed	7:00PM	Planning & Zoning Commission-Staff Review (Municipal Center)
Oct 24	Wed	7:30PM	Planning & Zoning Commission Regular Meeting (Municipal Center)

**NOVEMBER 2007**

DATE	DAY	TIME	MEETING (LOCATION)
Nov 01	Thu	7:00PM	Court (Municipal Center)
Nov 06	Tue	7:00PM	Conservation Commission (Fire House)
Nov 08	Thu	7:00PM	Community Relations Commission (Fire House)
Nov 12	Mon	6:00PM	Board of Aldermen Work Session (Municipal Center)
Nov 12	Mon	7:00PM	Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting (Municipal Center)

Nov 15	Thu	7:00PM	Court (Municipal Center)
Nov 19	Mon	6:00PM	Board of Adjustment (Municipal Center)
Nov 19	Mon	7:00PM	Parks & Trails Commission (Municipal Center)
Nov 19	Mon	7:00PM	Public Works & Stormwater Commission (Fire House)
Nov 20	Tue	7:00PM	Police Commission (Municipal Center)
Nov 22	Thu	HOLIDAY	CITY OFFICES CLOSED
Nov 23	Fri	HOLIDAY	CITY OFFICES CLOSED
Nov 26	Mon	6:00PM	Board of Aldermen Work Session (Municipal Center)
Nov 26	Mon	7:00PM	Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting (Municipal Center)
Nov 28	Wed	7:00PM	Planning & Zoning Commission - Staff Review (Municipal Center)
Nov 28	Wed	7:30PM	Planning & Zoning Commission Regular Meeting (Municipal Center)

**DECEMBER 2007**

DATE	DAY	TIME	MEETING (LOCATION)
Dec 06	Thu	7:00PM	Court (Municipal Center)
Dec 10	Mon	6:00PM	Board of Aldermen Work Session (Municipal Center)
Dec 10	Mon	7:00PM	Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting (Municipal Center)
Dec 13	Thu	7:00PM	Community Relations Commission (Fire House)
Dec 17	Mon	7:00PM	Board of Adjustment (Municipal Center)
Dec 17	Mon	7:00PM	Parks & Trails Commission (Municipal Center)
Dec 17	Mon	7:00PM	Public Works & Stormwater Commission (Fire House)
Dec 18	Tue	7:00PM	Police Commission (Municipal Center)
Dec 20	Thu	7:00PM	Court (Municipal Center)
Dec 25	Tue	HOLIDAY	CITY OFFICES CLOSED

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

DATE	DAY	TIME	MEETING (LOCATION)
Sep 12	Wed	12:00PM	Town & Country/Frontenac Chamber of Commerce Lunch Meeting (Marriott West)
Oct 10	Wed	12:00PM	Town & Country/Frontenac Chamber of Commerce Lunch Meeting (Marriot West)
Oct 20	Sat	11:00AM	Safety Festival (Longview Farm Park)
Nov 14	Wed	12:00PM	Town & Country/Frontenac Chamber of Commerce Lunch Meeting (Marriott West)
Nov 23	Fri	8:00AM	Turkey Trot Fun Run/Walk (Longview Farm Park)
Dec 12	Wed	12:00PM	Town & Country/Frontenac Chamber of Commerce Lunch Meeting (Marriott West)
Dec 18	Tue	8:00AM	Candidate filing opens for the April 8, 2008 General Municipal election

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# LONGVIEW FARM HOUSE GROUNDBREAKING

The long-awaited Longview Farm Park House project is becoming a reality! On Friday, August 24th, community members joined the Mayor and Board of Aldermen; the Longview Farm House Subcommittee; the Conservation



Commission; the Parks and Trails Commission; the Mason Ridge Garden Club; and some familiar park-goers for the house addition groundbreaking. Mayor Dalton welcomed and thanked all of those involved in aiding this project to fruition. It was a true community effort, (attested by the picture), which evolved over many years.

The August humidity was palpably heavy, but the crowd's tone was light with anticipation and visions of utilizing the "new" Longview Farm House.

The two-story, front portion of the house will undergo some restoration and minor reconstruction, while a new addition will replace the rear of the house. The new, low profile addition will be available for small meetings and parties, as well as house the Parks and Recreation office. Powers Bowersox and Associates is the architect on the project and Diestelkamp Construction Company is the general contractor.

The park will remain open during construction and a new park entrance, west of the tennis court, will be open for park users during construction. The main park entrance, the upper parking lot and the entire house will become a construction zone and closed to the public. Thank you for your patience during construction as we await our new gathering space for the community.



*The mission of the City of Town & Country is to maintain a hospitable environment for our residents and other stakeholders and to foster a "sense of community" among ourselves through the following values:*

***Integrity, Respect, Fiscal Responsibility, Safety and Security,  
Quality of Life, Community, and Excellence!***



**For Board of Aldermen meeting activity and voting records see [www.town-and-country.org](http://www.town-and-country.org), click on Aldermen Mtgs Activity from the menu**



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