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Town & Country Times

Fall Festival

Longview Farm Park

Saturday, October 13
9 AM - Noon

Horseback Rides

Mother Goose - Live

Pumpkin Patch

Mad Science

Yoga Kids

Wear Halloween Costumes

This is a **NO CANDY** Halloween event!

**Fall Festival is FREE
to the public**

Lunch for Sale

**Pony rides are \$5/short ride and \$10/long ride
Pony rides and lunch are fundraisers by Equine
Assisted Therapy to help feed the horses.**

**Event inside the Longview Farm House if inclement
weather. Rain or shine!**



Impressions of Town & Country

A Plein Air Art Competition
Saturday, October 13

Join us for the 3rd annual Plein Air art competition at Longview Farm Park!

When? Artists check in at 7:30AM and paint till 4PM. Spectators can observe Artists throughout the community all day. Artists can download registration forms at www.town-and-country.org.

Where? Check in at Longview Farm Park. Artists will spend the day anywhere in the city limits of Town & Country.

At 5 PM the evening reception will kick off with competition awards, complimentary wine & cheese and art for sale!

Who? Talented local artists are welcome to participate. There will be a separate High School artist category. The reception will feature top artist judges. All residents are invited to come to the reception and art sale.

More information on page 15



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!

A REFLECTION ON TOWN & COUNTRY'S MANY ASSETS



During my tenure as Mayor, I have often written in this space about a number of weighty subjects, such as law enforcement efforts, public infrastructure programming and city financial planning and budgeting. All of these topics involve issues confronting our administration every day. These matters are vital to our collective well-being, and I take my associated responsibilities very seriously.

In this message, however, I have chosen to do something that I suggest we all should from time to time; namely, step back mentally and take account the many amenities Town & Country has to offer that are vital in their own right, because of how they make our community such a great place to live and work. I recognize that whenever one creates a list, incumbent risks in that exercise involve concern over proper prioritization and commentary by exclusion. While I assume those risks, I do so by first stating that (1) there is no order to my observations—I just started writing, and (2) I had to stop somewhere (page limits) so this list is not exhaustive by any means.

Town & Country's Spectacular Parks and Open Spaces

Purchased in March of 2000 and opened as a park in September 2002, **Longview Farm Park** is centrally located at 13525 Clayton Road. It is widely regarded as the crown jewel of our parks system, and if you have spent any time at all in the park, you understand why. If you have not had the opportunity to visit Longview, you are missing out on one of the most charming parks in all of St. Louis



County. Numbered among its many features are a barn, a pasture, horses, a fishing pond and playground facilities. It is approximately 34 acres in size with paved trails across rolling hills and scenic terrain. The picnic pavilion is conveniently located across from the ADA accessible playground and proximate to the restrooms. A newly resurfaced tennis court is available to residents seeking more physical activities. In addition, the beautiful quarter-

acre lake is stocked for fishing, and the large fountain washes the area with the tranquil sound of running water.

Longview Farm House is a wonderful enhancement to the park, featuring the historic home and a complimentary public gathering and meeting place. This multi-faceted facility is an ideal place to hold a wide variety of ceremonies and receptions, such as anniversary and birthday parties, wedding and baby showers, as well as neighborhood functions and other meetings. The new addition's ceiling-to-floor windows fuse the indoors with the outdoors for a truly unique setting. Meticulously maintained gardens surround the house, thanks to the talented and dedicated work of the Mason Ridge Garden Club. As a result, Longview Farm Park is the site of a wide array of community gatherings ranging from the annual Turkey Trot and Holiday Boutique to the Fall Festival, Plein Aire Event and Arbor Day activities. For all of these reasons, there is a lot going on at Longview Farm Park!



Drace Park was purchased from the Drace family in October of 2000 and dedicated in June of 2003. The nine-acre park is located at 2310 Cedar Valley Lane, just southeast of the intersection of I-



270 and Clayton Road. In addition to the log cabin that is original to the property, the park features a second log cabin, which was relocated from Bopp Road, along with native landscaping. The Town & Country Garden Club beautifully maintains the gardens surrounding the larger log cabin.

Drace Park boasts a half-mile, figure eight, nearly-flat walking trail. This trail is ideal for everything from strollers and training wheel bikes to dog-walking and jogging. The picnic pavilion seats forty people and is conveniently located adjacent to the ADA accessible playground and restrooms, making it an excellent asset for birthday parties and family picnics.

Preservation Park was the city's first park, dedicated in April 1999. It was purchased to avoid the area being developed into an office park, and thus aptly named by an adult and child who entered a contest to name the park. Preservation Park is 12 acres in size, and although the City of Town & Country originally acquired 32 acres, 20 acres were sold to Christian Brothers School (CBC) for the construction of its new campus which graces the space today. CBC Cadet Park was built, as well, including athletic facilities available for use by the public, since CBC and the city entered into a mutually

beneficial joint use agreement to allow for school and resident use of the athletic facilities.

While perhaps best known for and distinguished by its eight tennis courts, Preservation Park has the only sand volleyball court in our park system. It is nestled with a 30-person picnic pavilion, an ADA accessible playground and restrooms. These amenities are adjacent to three athletic fields, tennis courts and a quarter-mile paved walking trail. Preservation Pavilion is a favorite for graduation parties and birthday parties due to the variety of amenities.

The west side of Preservation Park features a wooded area with a small picnic gazebo. Work is underway to assess the merits of adding an off-leash dog area within this underutilized space. The development of the "dog park" area would be funded by the Municipal Park Grant Commission of St. Louis County, with the maintenance costs being covered through an annual fee paid only by those who use the area. No new taxes will be levied to create and operate this potential new addition to the park.

Unique and Expanding System of Trails.

New Community Fitness Trail. By collaborating with Missouri Baptist Medical Center, a unique opportunity presented itself that allowed us to add yet another asset to our community. As part of a recent campus enhancement, the Medical Center planned to construct an expansion of its existing fitness trail, while committing over eight acres to green space in a critically important area of this site. Not only did this dispel a misconception that there might one day be access to the Medical Center from Clayton Road, it presented a partnership opportunity with our city. Through this agreement, the proposed trail was extended to the south across the committed preserve along the I-270 right-of-way and will ultimately connect to the new Clayton Road Trail. Specifically, at its terminus, it will directly link into the second phase of the Clayton Road Trail directly across from Cedar Valley Lane and the Drace Park Trail.

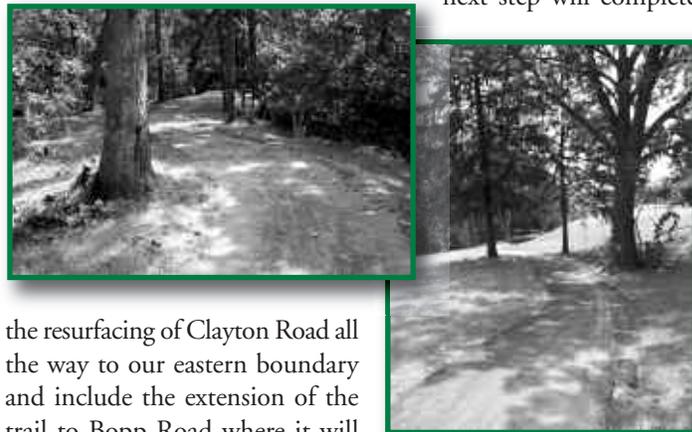
This meandering path allows for access to the reserve woodland area adjacent to the Medical Center for all to enjoy. It is open for use by the general public and acts as a testament to the benefits that can be derived when all members of our community work together towards a common goal.

Clayton Road Improvements and Trail. Through our Parks and Trails Master Planning process, the community stressed a desire for connectivity among neighborhoods and access to recreational facilities such as Longview Farm Park, Drace Park, Preservation Park and Queeny Park. This Master Plan calls for the development of a multi-use pedestrian system on Clayton Road, Topping Road and Mason Road to serve as a backbone for this purpose. When combined with the need for resurfacing Clayton Road, a timely opportunity to pursue 80 percent funding through the federal government presented itself and allowed for the first stage of this ambitious program to be conceived.

Since completion of the first phase of the Clayton Road Resurfacing and Pedestrian Enhancements Project from Old Woods Mill Road to Oak Springs Lane, its popularity has become evident. The daily usage by residents using numerous modes of travel, as well as feedback received from a myriad of sources, show that when an all-inclusive process is utilized, an exceptional facility can be

implemented that not only meets our needs, but exceeds our expectations.

The excitement created with the completion of the first phase has made the anticipation of the second phase even greater. This next step will complete



the resurfacing of Clayton Road all the way to our eastern boundary and include the extension of the trail to Bopp Road where it will connect with the existing sidewalk. Combined with the link over Highway 141 to be constructed in the third phase, pedestrian access will extend completely across the city. Scheduled for final completion in the spring of 2013, these three projects will effectively create a connection among the many assets of our community for many years to come.

Topping Road Resurfacing and Pedestrian Enhancements. Pedestrian facilities were a common theme throughout our last Parks and Trails Master Planning process. As mentioned above, developing a network that connects the community was a priority. Through long-range planning and programming, we are making this notion a reality. As we continue to implement the final phases of the Clayton Road Trail, we have already begun taking the next steps. This fall, Town & Country will begin work on a programming study which will assess Topping Road for pavement improvements as well as a proposed pedestrian facility. The information gathered as a part of this programming study will provide the necessary tools to seek grant funding for our next ambitious undertaking.

Public Infrastructure and Service.

The City of Town & Country maintains approximately 100 lane miles of streets and roadway. This combined with the snow removal services supplied for the remaining 60 lane miles of private streets places a heavy burden on our limited annual roadway funding. Through a process of targeted maintenance procedures, we attempt to extend the life of each street to obtain maximum value. In 2007,



an evaluation was completed for all of the streets maintained by the city in an effort to quantify the status of our system. This evaluation led to the creation of a five-year roadway program that provided structural treatments to a large portion of our roadways, utilizing revenue from our one-half cent capital improvements sales tax. With the shifting economy and the loss of some key retailers

over the last couple of years, much of the program was deferred to later years.

Fortunately, our fiscally conservative approach has enabled us to maintain a stable financial position, which is certainly not enjoyed by all communities. We constantly strive to obtain value while living within our means, and the benefits of this approach are evident in our bottom line, allowing us to take advantage of certain economic factors to obtain even greater value for our community. Increasingly over the past several years, feedback from members of our community has indicated that the serviceability and aesthetic integrity of our roadway network is a top priority.

Accordingly, the Finance Commission and the Public Works and Storm Water Commission have been given the task of evaluating and updating the 2007 roadway program. With a healthy reserve in place and the city on solid financial ground after weathering a fiscally tumultuous few years, we are now in a position to address the needs of our largest asset. In order to prudently program any major infrastructure investment, I have established a task force comprised of residents with experience in the areas of (1) finance and fund accounting, (2) engineering and public works, and (3) service as a subdivision trustee. The chairs of our existing Finance and Economic Opportunities Commission and Public Works and Storm Water Commission will jointly lead this important effort.

With the benefit of the task force's input, we anticipate an aggressive resurfacing program as a part of the upcoming 2013 budget and beyond. This strategic planning and investment, while maintaining a high level of service to promote safe and functional streets in neighborhoods throughout Town & Country, will position us favorably for the future and protect our collective investment in our surroundings.

Storm Water Management. Since its inception, the one-half cent sales tax dedicated to Parks and Storm Water has been utilized to support numerous community assets. Drace, Preservation and Longview Farm Parks were all purchased and developed through this revenue source. With the bonds issued to finance the park acquisitions now retired, we are able to expand our efforts in the area of storm water control.

Many of us have been affected by changes to our watershed. The dynamics of water flow and hydrology consistently alter the landscape, and in turn, present the potential to impact our property interests, and through a multi-pronged approach, we are attempting to address these issues. Controlling the impact of future development is a large key to our success. Through a cooperative effort with the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District, numerous controls have been put into place both by the city and by the Sewer District that are designed to mitigate the impact of development. Not only do these controls address properties directly adjacent to these activities, but they also benefit the entire watershed through control of water volume, erosion, and in turn, water quality.

Once the proper controls were implemented for future projects, it was time to turn our attention to correcting issues created in the past. With the adoption of our Storm Water Program in 2010 we began the methodical process of evaluating, programming and correcting storm water deficiencies throughout the city. Projects are primarily identified through resident feedback. Once in the program,

these projects are assessed utilizing a process with an underlying cost-benefit metric. The goal is to rank potential projects on need and value to obtain the greatest benefit for our storm water dollar.

Several projects have been completed during the last two years, while others are currently in the planning stages. With approximately 40 projects and \$6.5 million worth of programmed work ahead of us, we continue to evaluate the resources supplied to this program.

Firehouse Renovations. After 22 years of around the clock service, our architecturally significant firehouse at the intersection of



Mason Road and Clayton Road is in need of some additional care. Many of the mechanical systems have reached the end of their useful life and need to be replaced. In addition, over the years, changes have been

made to the manner in which public safety services are provided, so it was certainly clear that more than some fresh paint and new carpet were needed to keep this community asset at acceptable levels. Renovations to the firehouse are scheduled for completion later this winter. The major component of the project addresses HVAC and electrical capacity deficiencies by installing zoned control throughout the building, which will then be placed on back-up power. In the event of any type of emergency, we can ensure that this facility will remain in service to provide support to our community.

With respect to the current manner in which fire services are delivered, and accounting for the diversity of personnel in today's dynamic environment, the provision of private bunk rooms and expansion of fitness facilities were identified as key factors in updating the facility. Once completed, the firehouse will be able to provide a comfortable four-season working and living environment for personnel of both genders, while still maintaining the architectural integrity of the building.

Now for an invitation: Create your own list of local amenities/assets, and send it to me with your reflections and comments. As I often tell residents during neighborhood meetings and otherwise—in the job of public service, all feedback is welcomed and appreciated; good or bad.

As the cool winds of autumn start to blow, I hope that you, your family and friends will have the opportunity to get out and enjoy our spectacular community together. Best wishes and stay safe.

Yours truly,

Jon Dalton
Mayor

CANDIDATE FILING OPENS IN DECEMBER FOR THE TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2013 MUNICIPAL ELECTION



- An election for a four year term to the office of *Mayor* will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2013. Qualifications for Mayor include being at least twenty-five years of age, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the City at the time of and at least for one year preceding the election.
- An election for a two year term to the office of *Alderman*, Ward 1; Alderman, Ward 2; Alderman, Ward 3; and Alderman, Ward 4, will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2013. Qualifications for Alderman include being at least twenty-one years of age, a citizen of the United States, a resident of the City at the time of and at least for one year preceding the election, and a resident of the ward from which he/she is elected.

Town and Country residents wishing to file for either *Mayor* or *Alderman* may do so beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 11, 2012 through 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 15, 2013.

For additional information, please contact the City Clerk, Pamela Burdt at 314-587-2806.

New Businesses in Town & Country

Digital Intersection
12825 Flushing Meadows
Suite 270

Michigan Mutual
425 S. Woods Mill Road

Myseum / JJJ Interactive Play
283 Lamp and Lantern Village

Nails & Else
777 S. New Ballas
Suite, 206W

Only Link
14323 S. Outer Forty,
Suite 510 South

Ramco Gershenson
1236 Town & Country Crossing



In Memoriam **Former Mayor** **DIANE HERTLEIN**

Town & Country former Mayor Diane Hertlein passed away recently. Diane was elected Alderman for Ward 2 in 1994. She was then elected Mayor in 1995 and served for two years. She was dedicated to preserving the natural beauty of Town & Country and was a tireless worker on behalf of all residents.

Diane served the Town & Country Christian Science Church in many capacities, including Committee Chairman, Executive Board member, and Reader. She was an active parent and leader in the Principia School community here in Town & Country, with her children and grandchildren attending the school.

Diane also gave back to her community through her active participation for over 20 years in the Town & Country Garden Club. She cared about her family and her community. She was truly an asset to the City of Town & Country.

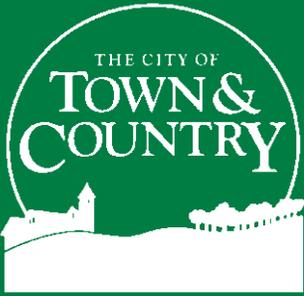
Caregiver to Caregiver Volunteers Needed in St. Louis County



Would you like to find a "cause" near your home, where you can contribute time and really help out? Are you a "people person" who enjoys interacting with others? If so,

you may be interested in learning about a volunteer program offered by the Saint Louis County Department of Human Services' County Older Resident Program (CORP). CORP's Caregiver to Caregiver volunteers visit with senior adults to provide the caregiver with a needed break. Visits last

approximately 2 hours, with frequency determined by the volunteer and caregiver. The volunteer may be asked to read aloud, play card games or engage in similar activities with the homebound individual allowing the caregiver to leave the home or attend to other matters within the home. Volunteers should possess good verbal communication skills and ideally, have experience visiting adults with terminal illness, cognitive impairments and/or poor physical health. Participation in CORP's Caregiver to Caregiver Volunteer training session is required. For additional information, please contact CORP at (314)615-4516.



**TOWN & COUNTRY COMMISSIONS ARE
SEARCHING FOR SOME NEW AND ENTHUSIASTIC MEMBERS**

If you have ever considered volunteering on one of the City's various commissions, now is the time. Town & Country's Commissions are vital to the continued growth and prosperity of our City, and keeping them fully populated adds to their value. Serving on a Commission can be a very rewarding and fulfilling experience. If you are interested in becoming a member of one of the Commissions listed below, please fill out the application and send it to City Clerk, Pam Burdt, 1011 Municipal Center Drive, Town & Country, MO 63131; fax to 314-587-2807; or you may email it to burdtps@town-and-country.org.

CITY OF TOWN & COUNTRY COMMISSION APPLICATION

Please Print

Name: _____ Ward: _____

Street Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Business Phone: _____ Business Fax: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Do you prefer to be called/emailed at your home or business regarding commission meetings?

Home Business Cell Either (please circle one)

Please identify your Commission choice(s) in order of preference
(1 being the most desired)

_____	Architectural Review Board	_____	Green Team
_____	Benefits & Insurance	_____	Parks & Trails/Tree Board
_____	Board of Adjustment	_____	Planning & Zoning
_____	Community Relations	_____	Police
_____	Conservation	_____	Public Art
_____	Finance	_____	Public Works & Stormwater

Please briefly describe your interest in your choice(s) of commission(s) and any ideas or suggestions you may have. _____

Please return to: City Clerk, CITY OF TOWN & COUNTRY, 1011 Municipal Center Drive,
Town & Country, MO 63131 Phone: (314) 587-2806 Fax: (314) 587-2807

Signature _____

Date _____

(For office use only)

Date Received: _____

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Date Appointed: _____

Term Expires: _____

Notification Letter Mailed: _____

TOWN & COUNTRY Symphony

Orchestra 2012-13 Concert Season

tcsomo.org

2012-13 Concert Season Schedule

- October 28, 2012, 2:30 pm
Ridgway Auditorium, The Principia
- December 23, 2012, 2:30 pm
Ridgway Auditorium, The Principia
- March 10, 2013, 2:30 pm
Parkway United Church of Christ
- May 5, 2013, 2:30 pm
Ridgway Auditorium, The Principia



With a history that dates back to 1953, the Town & Country Symphony Orchestra is dedicated to supporting our city and surrounding communities by providing orchestral music at the highest level of excellence. Creating the music you hear requires the commitment of many talented musicians who volunteer many hours of their time and talents. However, while the musicians are not compensated, there are considerable expenses required to create a performance like this. The money provided to print the programs, buy the music and rent the equipment is largely provided by voluntary contributions from people who love classical music and attend our concerts. As a 501(C)3, the Orchestra is non-profit and donations are tax deductible. Thank you for your consideration.

Fall Yard Waste Program



Since its suspension over two years ago, one thing has become apparent...

the fall branch chipping program was very popular among our residents and it needed to make a return. Although reviving this program in its previous form was not feasible, developing one that accomplished similar goals at a more modest cost was. With this in mind, the **Fall Yard Waste Program** was conceived. During the month of November, the City will contract with the three licensed trash haulers to provide yard waste service to each residential property.

Property owners will be able to dispose of all varieties of yard waste under the policies of their current waste hauler. Generally, this includes the once weekly collection of 10 bags, bundles or combination of the two each week over the course of the month. Residents currently contracting with their hauler for yard waste will receive a credit for the month while those not currently obtaining the service will not see any change to their bill.

All residents will receive a mailing with more detailed information in mid-October.

For additional information regarding the individual requirements of your waste hauler, please contact them directly at the numbers below. They will be able to provide information regarding bag / bundle size, composition and quantity as well as their collection schedule.

Allied Waste – 636-947-5959

Meridian Waste Services – 314-291-3131

Waste Management – 314-506-4700

For your reference, you can review a copy of the policy adopted by the Board of Aldermen at the link below. If you still have questions, please contact Director of Public Works Craig Wilde at 314-587-2824 or wildecj@town-and-country.org.

**[http://www.town-and-country.org/
PublicWorksStreetDepartment.aspx](http://www.town-and-country.org/PublicWorksStreetDepartment.aspx)**

RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

By Detective Jim Gorman and Captain Gary Hoelzer

As reported in the spring issue of the Town and Country Times, 2011 was a challenging year for many our residents and the police department in responding to a steady series of burglaries committed by hard core criminals. While officers and detectives were busy arresting no fewer than six serial burglars who had previously done prison time, it was apparent that there were many individuals who were willing to take their place in targeting our neighborhoods and homes to support their illicit drug habits.

Our experience thus far in 2012 verifies that statement, with the number of burglaries keeping pace with 2011. While our detectives eventually clear about 60% of burglaries committed, they continue to occur until the perpetrators are apprehended. 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. Here are some reminders from our most recent burglaries:

French doors. Several burglaries in June and August involved French doors, which are some of the easiest doors to force open even when the knob and deadbolt locks are applied. Failure to properly secure both the doors of a French door system by sliding the door bolts into the floor threshold and header jam may allow them to be forced open by pushing from the outside where the two doors meet. A recent serial burglar told Town and Country detectives he looked for homes that had French doors, and that all he had to do was push the two doors open with his shoulder. Once inside he simply closed the French doors and went to work stealing expensive gold jewelry. If your house has French doors and they are not equipped with floor and header sliding bolts, many after-market solutions are available at hardware and locksmith stores.

Inactive alarm systems. In August two burglaries were reported on the same day. In the first incident, the residents left their house without setting the alarm system. Sometime during the two hours of their absence, a door was pried open and the house was ransacked and valuables stolen. In the second incident, the residents left the house and within minutes the would-be burglars pulled into the driveway. Again the (French) doors were pried



open...but this time the alarm system sounded and the suspects fled without making entry.

We encourage residents that if you have expended your resources to have a system installed, use it. Residents have told us that they don't like the hassle of constantly turning on and off the alarm or in some cases have just moved into the home and do not know how to operate the system. Taking just a few minutes to learn your system and using it properly is far more advantageous than dealing with the aftermath and heartbreak of a burglary. Our officers would rather respond to a false alarm than to a burglary. We do not have any false alarm fees in Town and Country.

Unlocked doors. Forced entry is the typical experience the last two years regarding home burglaries. However, several burglaries occurred when the perpetrator merely walked into the house through an unlocked door or open garage door. Through the first six months of 2012, officers on the midnight watch have found over 70 garage doors open during the overnight hours. On the day this article was written

in late August, officers reported finding six garage doors open on the midnight watch. While the homeowners are informed of the oversight, as one household learned recently, it only takes 15 minutes for a stranger to walk into the house through the opened garage and steal cash right out of the purse on the kitchen counter...along with a laptop.

Join our crime alert network. We would also invite you to join the other 750 members of our *Crime Prevention and Safety Network (CPSN)*. The CPSN is a free email alert program offered by the Police Department. When a crime is reported an email is forwarded to the members to alert and inform residents. An informed citizenry is a powerful tool in crime prevention. Having multiple pairs of eyes scanning the neighborhood ready to report suspicious activity to the police is an effective tool in protecting your neighborhood. Signing up is easy, visit the City of Town and Country web site www.town-and-country.org and click on "E-Mail Subscription Lists" on the left tool bar; or contact the Police Department at 314-432-4696.

Police Department Promotions



Jeff Wolfe was promoted to sergeant in July and is currently a watch commander. Jeff joined the Department in February of 1991 and was promoted to corporal in 1995. He has an extensive background, in which he has served as a traffic officer, field trainer, detective and member of the Greater St. Louis Major Case Squad that investigates homicides throughout the St. Louis area.

Sergeant Wolfe served with the Jennings and Dellwood Police Departments for six years before coming to Town and Country.



Kent Berry was promoted to corporal in July and is currently assigned as a patrol squad supervisor and is a firearms armorer and instructor. After beginning his career with the Ellisville Police Department in 1995, Kent became a Town and Country officer in April of 1998.

Kent is well known in our community from his devotion to the Citizens Police Academy and the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). He has also taught DARE at Town and Country schools and has served as a School Resource Officer.

Kent received his Bachelors in Criminal Justice from Southeast Missouri State University.

Underaged Parties

By Captain Gary Hoelzer and Officer Chris Hunt



Your police department deals with several party calls a month involving underaged drinking. Adults who either serve or allow the consumption of alcohol by minors at their home are also in violation of the law. Town and Country is serious about targeting underaged drinking, whatever the setting, and parents can find themselves in court if minors consume alcohol on their premises.

Illegal alcohol use by underage persons contributes to crime, car crashes, injuries, and deaths; as well as those minor crimes and nuisances that degrade the quality of life in our community. Not only do unsupervised parties adversely impact the neighborhood, they tie up valuable police resources for several hours while parents and guardians are called to pick up their teenager who has been drinking.

Please help us keep the next generation safe and maintain order in our neighborhoods by keeping alcohol out of the hands of our youth.



BUSINESS EXPO

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3
FROM 10AM TO 2PM

AT PLAZA FRONTENAC

The Town & Country-Frontenac Chamber of Commerce will host their annual Business Expo at Plaza Frontenac on Saturday, November 3rd from 10:00am - 2:00pm, admission is free. Chamber members will be set up in the Center Court area of Plaza Frontenac and will have information ranging from estate planning, to banking, to retirement communities, to healthcare. Attendees will be able to participate in the Passport Guide and when their Passport is completely stamped by Chamber members, they will be entered to win several gifts. Missouri Baptist Medical Center will have Flu Shots again this year for the first 75 attendees to visit their booth. For more information visit www.tcfchamber.com or call 314.469.3335.

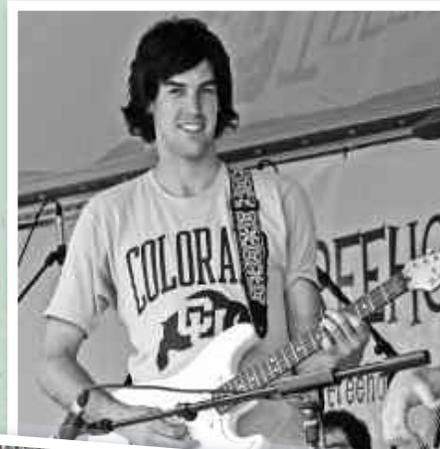
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Whole Foods Market



TOWN & COUNTRY GARDEN CLUB'S *Annual Dinner*

*H*ydangeas and beautiful baskets of impatiens graced the pink and chartreuse tablecloths at the annual Town & Country Garden Club dinner on June 9th. Members and their friends dined on delicious food. The evening began with guitar music by Bill Ash of the Guitar Society and concluded with a program given by Diane O'Connell, the creator of gardens on a thirteen acre estate in Ladue.



LONGVIEW FARM HOUSE

**Featured in a Victorian Garden Botanical
inspired Photo Shoot.**

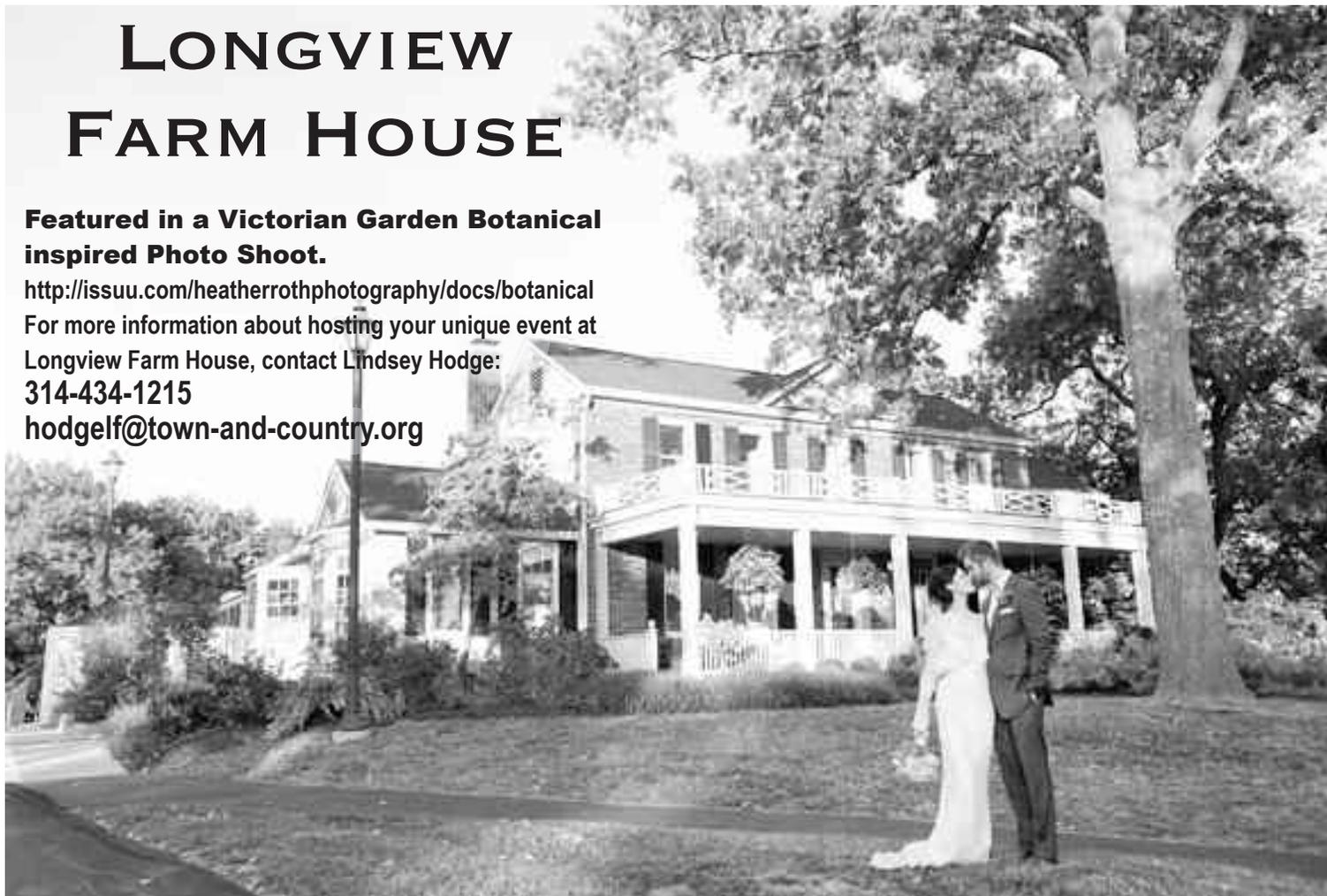
<http://issuu.com/heatherrothphotography/docs/botanical>

For more information about hosting your unique event at

Longview Farm House, contact Lindsey Hodge:

314-434-1215

hodgelf@town-and-country.org



St. Nicholas Philoptochos Society
the Women's Auxiliary for St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church



Invites you to join us for our

GRECIAN KITCHEN HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, November 3, 2012 • 10:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**St. Nicholas Family Life Center
12550 South Outer Forty Road
Town & Country**

Lunch, Greek Pastries, & Boutique Shopping

*Please come and place your order for home-made "Grecian Specialties" for the holidays.
For advanced orders, please contact Georgia Ferretti at 636.458.8577. Proceeds will help fund the work of local &
national charities supported by St. Nicholas Philoptochos*

TRIBUTE TREES

Looking for a UNIQUE, LASTING GIFT?

Do you need a special holiday or birthday gift? Why not honor a family member or friend with a tree in a Town & Country park? Trees gifts include a customizable plaque. You can present your gift with an official certificate from the City's Parks and Recreation Department. The tree and plaque are gifts enjoyed by the whole community! Tree donations are \$275 for a 1 1/2-inch caliper tree, \$350 for a 2-inch caliper tree, and \$700 for a premium tree. Call Anne Nixon for more information at 314-434-2128, or email nixona@town-and-country.org

YOGA AT LONGVIEW FARM PARK

The holidays are for creating peace. Yoga is a great way to alleviate some of the stresses brought on by the holiday season. Come join us on Tuesdays and Thursdays from November 13 through December 20. The Vinyasa Yoga program at the park will help you stretch and strengthen your body while relaxing and focusing your mind in order to complete that mind/body connection to get ready for the holidays.

To register, please contact Lindsey Hodge at 314-434-1215.

Holiday Session Dates

-Tuesdays at 9:30am to 10:45am from November 13 - December 18
(6 classes)
-Thursdays at 8:30am to 9:45 from November 15 - December 20, no class on Thanksgiving
(5 classes)

Holiday Session Prices:

Full Session - \$100
Five Classes - \$60
Per Class - \$15

Winter Session Dates

-Tuesdays at 9:30am to 10:45am from January 8 - March 5
(9 classes)
-Thursdays at 8:30am to 9:45 from January 10 - March 7
(9 classes)

Winter Session Prices:

Full Session - \$180
Ten Classes - \$100
Five Classes - \$60
Per Class - \$15

Winter Session

Ignite your New Year with Energy, Strength, Focus and Flow. Come join us on Tuesdays and Thursdays from January 8 through March 7. The Vinyasa Yoga program at the park will help you stretch and strengthen your body while relaxing and focusing your mind in order to complete that mind/body connection to start your New Year.



Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 15
9AM - 11AM
Longview Farm House

\$5 per person - 2 and under free

Continental breakfast provided

Bring your own camera for pictures with Santa!

Call 314-434-1215

Pre-registration required.
Tickets limited!

Crafts!
Games!

TOWN AND COUNTRY GARDEN CLUB PLANNING 2013 GARDEN TOUR AND A NEW SEASON OF GARDEN LECTURES AND EVENTS

The Town and Country Garden Club is looking for gardens in our community for the 2013 Garden Tour. We invite you to share the beauty and uniqueness of your garden by opening your yard to the residents of Town and Country on this one day tour.

We are busily planning garden outings and speakers to give garden-related talks at our monthly meetings. The community is invited to attend. We meet on the second Wednesday of the month at Longview Farm House, 13525 Clayton Road just west of Mason at 11am or at a designated location if an outing. Membership in the club is available to residents of St. Louis County.

For additional information, please call or email Ann Barron at 314-229-8686 or mobarron@charter.net, or visit www.townandcountrygardenclub.com.



Turkey Trot for TREES!

The Turkey Trot proceeds will be used to help reestablish the woodland understory at Longview Farm Park.

What is a family fun run/walk?

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

How do I sign up?

PRE-REGISTRATION \$20
(Fun Run for Kids \$10)

This option guarantees your technical T-shirt and size. Call **314-434-1215** to pre-register over the phone with a credit card. Cash and check are accepted by

mail or in person. Pre-registrations deadline is **November 16th**.

RACE-DAY REGISTRATION- \$30 (Fun Run for Kids \$15)

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

How do I volunteer?

Volunteers are needed along the course. This event qualifies for high-school community service hours. Volunteers must contact Anne Nixon at **314-434-2128** or nixona@town-and-country.org by **November 16**.

NOVEMBER 23 Family Fun Run/Walk

The Friday after Thanksgiving
November 23, Longview Farm Park
Start Times:

5k Family Fun Run/Walk 9AM
½ mile Fun Run for Kids 10AM
(Parents may accompany children
and strollers welcome.)

ART, WINE & MUSIC EVENT

IT IS NOT TOO EARLY TO MARK THIS ON YOUR 2013 CALENDAR!

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, February 8, 2013, Longview Farm House

Once a year, Longview Farm House is transformed into an exciting venue featuring great art, food, drink, music, and people - and you are invited! Share a relaxing evening, in the warm ambiance of the charming Longview Farm House with friends and neighbors while winter weather lingers outside. Please check www.town-and-country.org for details and updates for this great event!! Call Mary Olsen at **314-587-2804** for info.



Impressions of Town & Country

A Plein Air Art Competition Saturday, October 13, 2012

Paint, create, and celebrate outdoors in Longview Farm Park!

Art enthusiasts!

Come to Longview Farm Park to watch artists paint "en plein air," a French expression which means "in the open air". Town & Country's Fall Festival will take place the same day from 9AM - 12N.

Artists will draw inspiration from the natural beauty within the borders of Town & Country.

Enjoy a free Public Art Reception at Longview Farm House at 5:00PM. All art submissions will be on display, and many for sale!

Artists! Come and try your hand at painting

**Download a registration form
<http://www.town-and-country.org> (In the news.)**

CASH PRIZES!! \$1000

**will be divided among
1st, 2nd and 3rd place artists!
Separate category with prizes for High School students.**

**For more information and registration forms:
<http://www.town-and-country.org>, or call
Lindsey Hodge at 314-434-1215.**



Missouri Baptist Medical Center Community Outreach

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

Free Health Screenings

Cholesterol & Glucose Screenings at Your Neighborhood Dierbergs.

Cardiologists recommend that you monitor your cholesterol and glucose on a regular basis. To make it easy, Missouri Baptist will provide FREE screenings in the pharmacy department at your neighborhood Dierbergs Markets. This screening is FREE and measures your glucose, total cholesterol and HDL. Fasting is not required – appointments are recommended.

OCTOBER

Market Place Dierbergs,
Wednesday, October 10,
1:30-5 p.m.

NOVEMBER

Manchester Dierbergs at Lafayette
Center, **Wednesday, November 7,**
10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Heritage Place Dierbergs,
Wednesday, November 14,
1:30-5 p.m.

Lunch And Learn

Varicose Veins: Not just a Cosmetic Concern

Brent Allen, MD, vascular surgeon
Varicose veins are gnarled, enlarged veins in your legs and affect about 50% of U.S. men and women. For some, they are a cosmetic concern. For others, however, they can mean pain and swelling, and possibly other circulatory problems. Join Dr. Allen and learn more about the causes, as well as the treatment options available for varicose veins.

Longview Farm, 13525 Clayton Road,
Tuesday, November 6, 11:30 a.m. -1 p.m.

Programs

Joint Health: Learn More About Your Hips and Knees

Kurt Merkel, MD, orthopedic surgeon;
Cristine Blaesing, RN, ANP; Lisa Schraut, PT, MHS

Is annoying hip or knee pain keeping you from participating in your weekend golf game? Do you find yourself sitting on the sidelines at family activities? If so, join us and learn what you can do to reduce your joint pain, as well as the latest procedures in joint replacement surgery. Refreshments will be served.

St. Louis Frontenac Hilton, 1335 South Lindbergh, Tuesday, October 9,
6:30-8:30 p.m.

MS Breakthroughs: Advancing Care

Barry Singer, MD, neurologist; Mark Tullman, MD, neurologist

Thanks to pioneering new oral and antibody multiple sclerosis treatment options, individuals living with MS can look forward to a brighter future. Join us for a discussion on the latest research news, including positive new potential treatments and myelin repair. A Q&A session will follow the presentation. Refreshments will be served.

St. Louis Frontenac Hilton, 1335 South Lindbergh, Tuesday, October 23,
6:30-8:30 p.m.

Tips for Long Distance Caregivers

Judy Mange, MBA, PT, CMC, President and Founder of Aging Well

Caring for an elder adult can be a challenge, but organizing care for your loved one from a distance is even more of a challenge. Learn about the different perspectives of the elder adult and his/her children and how to get everyone on the same page. Ideas and resources will be shared to balance the coordination of being a caregiver for a parent. Questions and situations will be addressed, such as assessing the elder adult's capabilities from a distance, how to make sure they remain safe, and handling feelings of guilt and remaining true to promises that were once made. To register for this FREE event, call 314-996-5433.

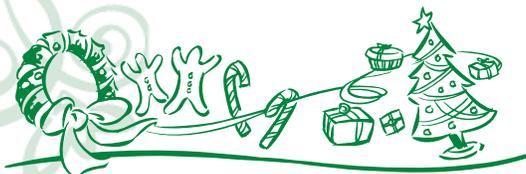
Kirkwood Community Center, 111 S. Geyer Road, Wednesday, November 7,
10-11:30 a.m.

A Season of Tasty Celebrations!

Sherri Hoyt, RD, registered dietitian; Michelle Pasia, RD, registered dietitian; Karen Conant, "Distinctive Designs by Karen Conant"; Claire Chosid, Mason Ridge Garden Club

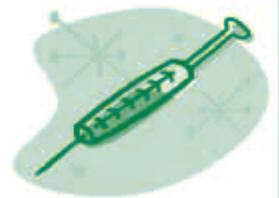
Gather family and friends to celebrate the season in good cheer and with great food. Our dietitians have planned five holiday-inspired menus – complete with recipes and time saving tips, to keep you enjoying the festivities as much as your guests. The food demonstration includes a sampling of some of the recipes, and learn how to make festive holiday decorations, tree trimmings and tablescapes that are sure to have your house dazzling from Thanksgiving through New Year's. Refreshments will be served.

Longview Farm, 13525 Clayton Road,
Thursday, October 11, 6-8 p.m.



Flu Shots: Avoiding the "Flu Blues"

Flu shots are FREE and limited to the first 1,000 individuals. Appointments are required. Please call **314-996-5433** to register. Flu shots are recommended for all individuals 50 years of age or older, especially those with a chronic illness.



Longview Farm, 13525 Clayton Road, Tuesday, October 16, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Missouri Baptist Outpatient Center-Sunset Hills, 3844 South Lindbergh Blvd., (South of I-44 and Watson Road), **Thursday, October 18,** 2-7 p.m.

Missouri Baptist Medical Center, Clinical Learning Institute, Room 419 (located on 4th floor of Main garage), **Saturday, October 20,** 8 a.m.-noon,

Telegraph Plaza Dierbergs, **Wednesday, October 24,** 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Town & Country Municipal Center, 1011 Municipal Center Drive, **Monday, October 29,** 4-7 p.m.

WEST COUNTY EMS AND FIRE INVITES FAMILIES IN OUR DISTRICT AND THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY TO ATTEND OUR UPCOMING EVENTS!



**FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL,
SATURDAY OCTOBER 13 ,
NOON – 4:00 PM,
FIRE STATION 1,
223 HENRY AVENUE**



Free pumpkins for children
ages 12 and under

Hot dogs, firehouse chili, kettle
corn, drinks, and
candy apples

Candy, Candy, Candy!

Face Painting

Time to explore the trucks and
other emergency vehicles

Mums for Moms drawing

Smoke House

and more!

**SANTA AT THE STATION, SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 15, 1:00 TO 4:00 PM, FIRE
STATION 1, 223 HENRY AVENUE**

West County EMS and Fire invites you
to meet Santa, share your list with him,
and help children in need! Get your
picture taken at 'Santa at the Station'.
Be sure to bring a toy for the
Department's toy drive for the State of
Missouri Department of Social
Services—St. Louis Division, and help
everyone have a Happy Holiday
Season!



**WEST COUNTY EMS & FIRE WILL BE
HELPING SANTA CLAUS TOUR
OUR DISTRICT,
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8,
NOON – 4:00 PM**



Santa will be touring the area on a fire
truck (as the reindeer will be resting
up for the big day). Look for him on
top of our 100-foot aerial platform
truck on Saturday, December 8, Noon
to 4:00 p.m. Be sure to come out and
wave as he goes by.

Green Speaker Series at Longview Farm Park

The Green Speaker Series, a project of the Green Team Commission, is a monthly series of presentations on environmental topics. Usually held the third Thursday of the month at Longview Farm Park, topics have included beekeeping, green building, solar energy, new urbanism, backyard chickens and climate change. The events are free, open to the public and informal — questions from the audience are welcome. The next Green Speaker Series event is:

October 25 – 7:00 PM - Longview Farm

The topic will be sustainable food production,
and the documentary Fresh (freshthemovie.com) will be shown.

Please join us, and you may leave with some swag — a reusable grocery bag, or perhaps a bar of shampoo (it's green because, being solid, it needs very little packaging). Videos of recent presentations are available online at youtube.com/user/dirkavlmaas. Look for more information on upcoming GSS events on the Town & Country online calendar, or contact Craig Wilde, wildecj@town-and-country.org or 314-587-2824 if you'd like to be added to the email list. Come join us!



FASHION SHOW LUNCHEON

TO BENEFIT DRACE PARK AND KROPP LOG CABIN GARDENS
HOSTED BY THE TOWN AND COUNTRY GARDEN CLUB
SUNDAY • NOVEMBER 4 • 1PM
THE DREAM HOUSE AND TEAROOM
15425 CLAYTON ROAD AT KEHRS MILL



The Town and Country Garden Club is hosting a Fashion Show Luncheon to benefit the gardens their volunteers plant and maintain at Drace Park around the Kropp Log Cabin and the educational programs the club provides during the year for the community. The club receives \$10 for each ticket sold and 10% of total cash register sales during the event.

Invite your friends and enjoy tableside modeling of boutique women’s wear and accessories while dining on a delicious 3-course lunch. You will have a choice of seven entrees, signature Sunflower Salad, and a selection of four desserts along with unlimited beverages. Each attendee will also receive a 20% off coupon on that day’s purchase of ladies’ clothing, purses, shoes, jewelry and accessories. The Dream House and TeaRoom will be decked out for the holidays with a fabulous collection of gifts for everyone on your list along with ornaments, decorations, furniture, lamps and children’s items. Great door prizes, too.

Tickets are \$30 per person by check only and are available at the Town & Country Municipal Center. Please see Mary Olsen, M-F, 8am-4:30pm to reserve your seat. You can also mail in your reservation by completing the form below along with your check payable to T&CGC to Pam Jokerst, 305 Wyndmoor Terrace Court, T&C, MO 63141. Deadline for ticket purchase is October 15. If you need additional information, contact Ann Barron at 314-229-8686 or mobarron@charter.net. Visit our website at www.townandcountrygardenclub.com to view the club calendar.

TOWN & COUNTRY GARDEN CLUB FASHION SHOW LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

OF TICKETS _____ @ \$30 EACH = \$ _____

TO BEST ACCOMMODATE YOUR GROUP, PLEASE LIST PERSONS AT THE SAME TABLE.
INDIVIDUALS AND SMALLER GROUPS MAY BE COMBINED.

Please mail completed form and your check payable to T&CGC, c/o Pam Jokerst, 305 Wyndmoor Terrace Court, Town & Country, MO 63141. Deadline is October 15.

Faces of TOWN & COUNTRY



ADAM LAUER POLICE CHIEF FOR A DAY



Adam Lauer, a 5th grade student at Mason Ridge School had the memorable experience of being Police Chief for a Day in Town & Country. Adam is the son of Town & Country residents Cheryl and Dave Lauer. Their family was the high bidder on this item at a Mason Ridge auction earlier this year.

During Adam's time as Chief, he inspected the jail and the state of the art fingerprint system, had his mug shot taken, and checked out a police car. Officer John Nienhaus gave Adam and his buddy, Jake Kyriakos, a tour of the station and police vehicles.



ERIC STRAND MADE IT - WITH TIME TO SPARE!!

By Claire Chosid

How do you spell "winner?" After completing the Leadville 100, I spell "winner" E-R-I-C S-T-R-A-N-D. Yes, folks, he did it. 101.8 miles in 29 hours, 14 minutes and 28 seconds. 1,100 runners entered, 802 began and only 358 actually finished. Eric Strand was one of those 358 elite ultramarathoners who hung on, running the distance and winning the coveted "Buckle" at the 2012 Leadville 100.

Town & Country's "Marathon Man" ran the Leadville 100 on his 52nd birthday- Saturday, August 18th. He began in darkness on Saturday morning, ran all day Saturday, continued Saturday night and finished Sunday morning. He finally crossed the finish line at 10:14am on Sunday the 19th. Why did he have a burning desire to show the world that he could run, nonstop, for almost 30 hours?

The desire to run the Leadville 100 had been gnawing at Eric for some time. He had been running marathons since he was 39 years old. He thought that this particular race would push him further than he could do on his own. Eric's mantra was: "You can do more than you think you can, you are better than you think you are."

The morning of the race was clear and cool, with a new moon. Unfortunately, that meant no moonlight- the evening sky enveloped the runners in complete darkness. At 4am, equipped with a headlamp, iPod, water, food and flashlight, Eric headed off into the sunrise. For 50 miles he had to creep, shuffle, walk and run alone.

At mile 50, you get your "pacers." Who are they and what do they do? Well, I can tell you one thing: without the pacers, these marathoners would be up a creek. The pacers have many jobs: they need to be firm and insistent when the runner doesn't want to eat, drink or listen to reason. They keep the runner focused and on course, making sure they're fed and drinking adequate fluids.

Eric, his pacers and wife, Tami, all crossed the finish line together. Son Collin was waiting on the other side with a video camera. To see the video Eric created, chronicling his 101.08 mile trek in Leadville, click on this link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OlbOw3hE3E&feature=youtu.be>



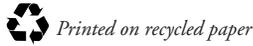
So, Eric came, he gave it his all, and he conquered the Leadville 100. He finished with time to spare, earning him the envied Leadville "Buckle." In addition to the "Buckle," Eric developed 6 black toes and a feeling of fatigue and achiness he thought impossible. All of them pale in comparison to finishing at Leadville.

So, what lies ahead for Eric? In October, it's a trip to Italy- he's bringing his wife, Tami, his Mom Corrine, and his Mom's sister, Fay. There will be lots of sightseeing, and Eric sneaked a marathon into the trip. Who goes to Italy just to sightsee!

If another Leadville 100 is in Eric's future, he isn't revealing it just yet. All I know is, if he runs again, I sure want to be a part of it- it was one of highlight of my year.



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Please join the City of Town & Country's Community Relations Commission at the 4th annual:

TOWN & COUNTRY
Talents and Treasures
Holiday Boutique

Saturday, November 10
Longview Farm House
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Stop by one of the most popular fall shopping events and enjoy an enjoyable day in the beautiful Longview Farm House. Each room in the historic house and new section will be filled with exciting hand-crafted items made by talented local vendors. You will find the newest looks in jewelry, darling children clothes and accessories, home decorations and holiday items – something for everyone! Complimentary cookies and drinks will be offered. Don't miss the free raffles for great prizes!

For more information, please go to www.town-and-country.org, click on Holiday Boutique in the right side column, or contact Mary Olsen at olsenm@town-and-country.org or 314-587-2804

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