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From the Mayor's Office

Town & Country — A First Class City— A First Class Year



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It is a true privilege to serve the people of Town & Country as Mayor, and as we look ahead to the upcoming municipal election, it is my pleasure to report that all is well in our great City. Since last April's election, Town & Country has enjoyed a landmark year. While it is a substantial challenge to condense the many exciting achievements and significant progress our City has experienced into short and readable form, I am pleased to report the following:

Safe & Secure Neighborhoods



The high level of security and exceptional quality of life in Town & Country are reflected by the lowest crime statistics since our City's first annexation in late 1983. Offenses reportable to the FBI's Uniform Crime Statistics were lower in 2005 than any time over the past 20 years. The number of residential burglaries, considered a barometer of the safety and security of a community, were also at their lowest mark in our City's history, with only four such offenses in 2005, compared to 39 burglaries in 1984.

In contrast to the low incidence of crime in Town & Country, 277 persons were injured and one person was killed on our City's roadways last year. Although these numbers actually reflect a decrease over 2004 figures, they are a stark reminder that one of the greatest challenges to our residents'

safety is the high volume of traffic that flows through Town & Country each day. Our police officers continue to vigilantly enforce traffic laws, while our City officials steadfastly work with MoDOT to further improve the engineering and flow of our roadways.

Solid Financial Condition

Town & Country's finances remain in excellent condition with a General Fund reserve account that exceeds our annual operating expenditures by more than 100 percent. 2005 was the ninth consecutive year in which the City, due to strong financial performance and good growth in sales tax revenues, levied no personal or real property tax. In fact, based on preliminary financial results, revenues for 2005 are expected to exceed budget expectations. Moreover, through prudent fiscal management and careful planning, City expenditures are anticipated to come in below budget projections. In keeping with this trend, 2006 revenues are estimated to increase by approximately 3 percent.

In addition, the City is constantly evaluating services in an effort to serve residents and businesses in the most efficient and cost-effective manner possible. As a result, we have been able to contain costs while maintaining our high level of service to the community. In fact, the rate of expenditure growth in Town & Country is significantly below that of the Missouri state-wide average, and with the substantial new revenue generated by passage of the two (2) ballot propositions regarding business license fees last November, financial trends in the City are starting to reverse from our previous position.

The bottom line is reflected in the fact that Town & Country's stable outlook, strong financial operations and low debt profile have allowed us to retain our AAA credit rating, which we have consistently held since March of 2001.

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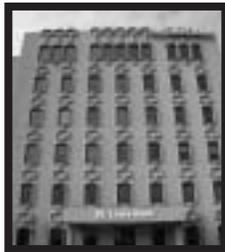
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TO VOTE!**

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Business Growth and Revitalization

The past year has seen the birth of several new businesses in Town & Country, as well as the relocation of many others to our fine community. We have been pleased to welcome the following new businesses to town since last spring:



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| Access Capital Funding | Sallie Home |
| Accutira Mortgage | St. Louis Bank |
| Advance System Design | Sanofi Aventis Pharmaceuticals |
| Ariana's | Sojourner Counseling |
| Bellacino's Pizza and Grinders | Solutions to Wellness (Goffe Ent.) |
| Bespoke Apparel | Success Promotions |
| Child Evangelism Fellowship of
St. Louis | Taylor Media |
| Coat & Tie Courier | Tips & Color Nail Salon & Spa |
| Conway Financial | Town & Country Bridal Boutique |
| Cooks On Call | UMB Bank |
| Data Serv LLC | U.S. Bank |
| E Search LLC | The Veranda Café |
| The Gallery Salon | Wellness Alternatives |
| Hearing Pro | West County Spine & Sports
Medicine |
| Memories Unlimited (new owner) | Wm. French Buyer's Real Estate
Services, Inc. |
| Rawlings Sporting Goods | |
| Right Management | |

In addition, as mentioned previously, our City has greatly benefited from the overwhelming passage in November of the business license fee measures that have not only brought our revenue rates in line with those of neighboring communities, but closer to the level necessary to cover the high cost of providing superior services to such businesses and their patrons.

Responsive City Services

On August 13, Town & Country was struck by one of the most severe storms in our community's history. Despite the vastness and immediacy of its impact, the manner in which our City's public service employees and its residents pulled together and weathered the storm was nothing short of impressive.

Although the Municipal Center lost electricity for several days, the Police Department's Communications Operation, which includes Emergency 911 service, phone service and radio communications, remained online by means of the Municipal Center's generator. In short, all



backup systems performed admirably, and our Communications Center was even able to provide key services for the Creve Coeur Communications Center while it was without electricity.

Following the storm, the Mayor and Board of Alderman unanimously supported a program to assist residents with an emergency branch pick-up service. Based on the tremendously positive resident response, this was precisely the type of assistance that the City can and should provide to its residents in a timely and efficient manner.

Sound Wall Replacement

Bordering on disgraceful, the so-called "ugly sound wall" that lines Hwy. 40 as you approach the I- 270 interchange from the west will be entirely replaced within the next month. The sound wall is the property of the Missouri Department of Transportation, who for years has claimed a lack of sufficient funds to replace the structure (since it was technically functioning properly). Accordingly, the City took the necessary actions to remedy the situation.



Specifically, after extensive negotiations with MoDOT officials, we reached an agreement whereby the City would pay half of the cost to replace the sound wall, and the State of Missouri would assume the other half. This financial partnership represents a worthwhile investment to improve the aesthetic aspect of a much-traveled portion of our community.

As you can see from the photo, massive improvement is on the way! The panels are being fabricated at the time of this publication and will be in place when spring flowers bloom in Town & Country.

Beautiful Parks and Amenities

Our beloved parks constitute some of our community's most enjoyable features. Many Town & Country residents take advantage of these fine facilities daily, regardless of the weather. In an effort to further enhance these community treasures, the Board of Aldermen approved, for the first time, funding for the position of a Parks and Recreation Director for the 2006 budget. As a result and beginning this year, our parks will feature expanded services and programs for our residents, while benefiting from a more comprehensive, well-conceived maintenance plan.

Funding has also been approved for the expansion of sidewalks along both Clayton Road and Mason Road to provide for continuous walking paths to not only our parks but Queeny Park, as well. We have been working closely with area residents and businesses to ensure that the interests of everyone affected by this effort are fully considered.

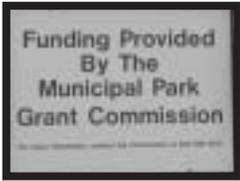
Planning for the future use and renovation of the House at Longview Farm Park continues with gusto. The committee established by the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen has made significant progress by gathering input from the community regarding

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preferred uses for this facility and developing a plan to incorporate these preferences and priorities. This plan will be further refined over the coming weeks and months with architectural drawings and a bidding process to follow shortly thereafter. Our goal is to begin construction on the renovations by early fall of this year.



In an effort to accommodate the growing number of visitors to Longview Farm Park, additional parking was added last fall. This expansion project was funded in large part through the Municipal Parks Grant Program. As part of the grant, we also received funding to make substantial improvements to the existing tennis court, add lighting and replace the deteriorated retaining walls that surrounded the court on two sides.



Fire and EMS Service

In 2005, the City commissioned a comprehensive study of our fire and emergency medical services. Currently, the City of Town & Country delivers these services pursuant to a multi-year contract with the West County EMS and Fire District. The study's primary goals were to reassess the quality of services being provided in our community and to ensure that delivery of those services matched expectations and needs. Moreover, because we were in the final years of our contract with the District, we wanted to fully consider all available options in this area, including the establishment of our own municipal fire department, partnering with other cities or contracting with a different service provider. To assist the City with this challenging analysis, I formed a blue-ribbon committee of area residents and professionals from diverse backgrounds and perspectives, which worked with our consultant and ultimately issued a report of its findings and recommendations to the Mayor and Board.

After months of work on this critical matter, our goals were successfully accomplished, and the Committee's work proved to be an invaluable resource in our negotiating a new five-year agreement for Town & Country with West County EMS and Fire District for the years 2007 through 2011. West County is widely considered to be among the most talented and efficient service providers in the region, if not the State, and the City is very proud of its continued partnership with the District.

In short, while our new contract continues to provide for our City to bear the cost of EMS and fire service for all residents, it has secured a substantially more favorable position for Town & Country. Not only does it guarantee our future service at remarkable rates for a total of six years (the current year in addition to the next five years), but we were able to negotiate removal of the utilization fee for the entire term of the new contract one year earlier than even necessary. This modification, combined with the revenue sharing arrangement we entered into with the District, will generate a minimum of \$100,000 per year to the City and lock in a cost structure that compares very favorably on an assessed valuation basis.

Storm Water Project Achievements

The Public Works Department has five employees maintaining 40 miles of public streets, two municipal buildings and three city parks. The major projects completed in 2005 follow:

Ballas Acres/Bopp Lane Stormwater Improvements, Phases I & II. Replacement of an old, undersized storm sewer system to correct street and yard flooding problems. Total cost: \$400,000.

Clayton Road Improvements. Construction of new asphalt surface and bike lane from Ballas Road to I-270. Total cost: \$250,000.

General Street Improvements. Concrete street and sidewalk replacements, street sealing and asphalt overlays. Total cost: \$525,000.

Longview Farm Park Improvements. Expansion of parking lot and renovation of tennis courts and related areas. Total cost: \$125,000.

Salt Storage Facility. Completion of design and contract awarded to construct a 1500 ton salt storage facility. Total cost: \$800,000.

Other Services. Fall branch chipping program, storm damage clean up (August), snow removal, daily building and parks cleaning and maintenance.

Beautification Grant Program

The Beautification Grant Program has the potential, as much as any other program in the community, to unify neighborhoods, by bringing together neighbors who are interested in enhancing



the entryway to their subdivision or otherwise beautifying areas of the subdivision regularly enjoyed by the community as a whole. These grants provide reimbursement of up to \$5,000 (or no more than 50% of the total costs, whichever is less) for certain pre-approved costs, and can give a much-needed boost to subdivisions desiring to invest time, energy and resources toward the improvement of their neighborhoods.

By means of additional funding made possible by careful planning throughout the budget cycle this year, we have seen the approval of several area beautification projects, including those for the Oak Springs Lane and Essex Point neighborhoods. We are committed to supporting this program to the maximum extent possible as an incentive to substantial local investment in our community.

Ad-Hoc Advisory Committees

This year, perhaps more than ever, we have drawn on the talents of many dedicated residents throughout our community to study key issues relating to the improvement of City government and advise the Mayor and Board of Aldermen accordingly. These advisory committees have explored issues ranging from land use and planning to the Architectural Review process associated with new development and redevelopment in Town & Country. Recently proposed commercial developments in Town & Country have underscored the need to thoroughly review our zoning ordinances to ensure that we have the requisite safeguards in place to manage such major proposals in the future. The Land Use and Strategic Planning Subcommittee chaired by our Aldermanic liaison to the Planning and Zoning Commission, has begun a comprehensive examination of current laws and will be making a report to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen that will form the basis for updated legislation to modernize our land use and planning ordinances this year.

Similarly, with continued growth in the number of tear-down and reconstruction projects in Town & Country, it is critical that we implement a more sophisticated system of Architectural Review that will facilitate the full and appropriate consideration of such projects. This vital function is necessary to maintain a proper balance between preserving the character of our community and allowing for updated structures and amenities. As with any construction project, neighboring properties are vulnerable to the effects of changes to water run-off and other surface conditions. A panel of experts considering defined and objective criteria must be established before our elected officials can properly perform their duties in this area. Accordingly, I have called for the establishment of a seven-person task force, comprised of engineers, architects, public officials and trustees, to conduct a comprehensive study of this issue and make recommendations to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for subsequent enactment into law.

Community-Wide Activities



The annual Fire and Ice event promises a fun-filled summer evening each year to celebrate our nation's birthday in general and our community in particular. This past summer, we set out to expand the number of attractions for Town & Country families, and despite a limited budget, we were able to meet our goal with the generous support of area merchants and organizations such as our friends at Wal-Mart,

Missouri Baptist Medical Center, Marriott, Westminster Christian Academy, Prudential Alliance Realtors, The Laura MacDonald Team, Alliance Lending Group, Bentley Studio, Ltd., Town & Country Symphony, MoDOT, Town & Country/Frontenac Chamber of Commerce, The Towne Criers, Garden Villas and many more. Specifically, our theme of family-friendly entertainment was enhanced by "bouncy-houses", "super slides" and even a dunking booth giving area little leaguers the chance to douse City officials!

While the dunking booth may have seen its last Fire & Ice event, we have already begun preparations for the 2006 show by introducing a "Taste of Town & Country" whereby local merchants can showcase their culinary delights to all attendees. On June 24, 2006, the Town & Country Symphony will get this year's event started, and once again our very own Featherstone Drive Band will entertain the crowd leading up to the evening's annual highlight—the spectacular fireworks display. Please mark the date, and join your friends and neighbors for what will undoubtedly be a memorable evening.



This year, the Safety Fair, which our City co-hosts with the City of Creve Coeur every other year, took place on October 22 and was held on the grounds of Missouri Baptist Hospital in Town & Country. This popular event attracted a large crowd of residents from both communities and the surrounding areas, including special guest County Executive Charles Dooley. Several dramatic demonstrations were featured, such as a simulated accident scene complete with a Jaws of Life extraction and a highly convincing portrayal of the effectiveness of a sprinkler system on a room being engulfed in flames. Because the need for emergency preparedness is at an all-time high, this event has become an increasingly valuable program for our community.

Community Wildlife Habitat Recognition

Since 1973, the National Wildlife Federation has sponsored the Backyard Wildlife Habitat Program, which highlights the efforts of individuals committed to preserving viable wildlife habitats in their own backyards. The Community Wildlife Habitat Program was created to expand this concept to recognize those communities who fulfill specific requirements by documenting the number of backyards, schoolyards, workplaces, and community projects to receive such individual certification, resulting in the more comprehensive Community Wildlife Habitat certification.

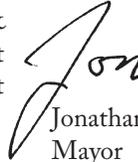
On May 14, 2005, the ninth community nationwide and the first in Missouri to successfully meet the program's criteria was awarded the honor of Community Wildlife Habitat. We are proud that our community was jointly recognized for its participation with the City of Chesterfield in achieving this extraordinary honor, which was made possible through the efforts of the Chesterfield Citizens' Committee for the Environment in conjunction with Town & Country's Tree Board, Conservation Commission, and Public Health And Sanitation/Environment (PHASE) Commission.

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As residents of such a beautiful, prosperous community, we may sometimes have a propensity to lose sight of how truly fortunate we are. It is my sincere desire that this "State of the City" message has provided you with both news of past accomplishments and insights into exciting new projects on the horizon, not only for the purpose of informing you, but to involve you with the inner workings of your community. Hopefully, you have gained a renewed appreciation of the many dedicated City staff members, administrators, Aldermen, Commissioners and other residents who work tirelessly on behalf of Town & Country, enabling it to thrive by providing their talents, efforts, and the necessary impetus to see so many worthwhile projects through to fruition. Town & Country's success is a tribute to their unwavering commitment and, they, in turn, are a tribute to all that is good and noble about our community.

I appreciate the tremendous support I have been given during my first year in office, and I pledge to continue earning that support throughout the coming years. While 2005 certainly presented its share of challenging issues and opportunities, our community consistently proved itself not only equal to these challenges, but committed to the pursuit of excellence. Working together, we can all look forward to another landmark year in which Town & Country distinguishes itself in so many significant and meaningful ways.

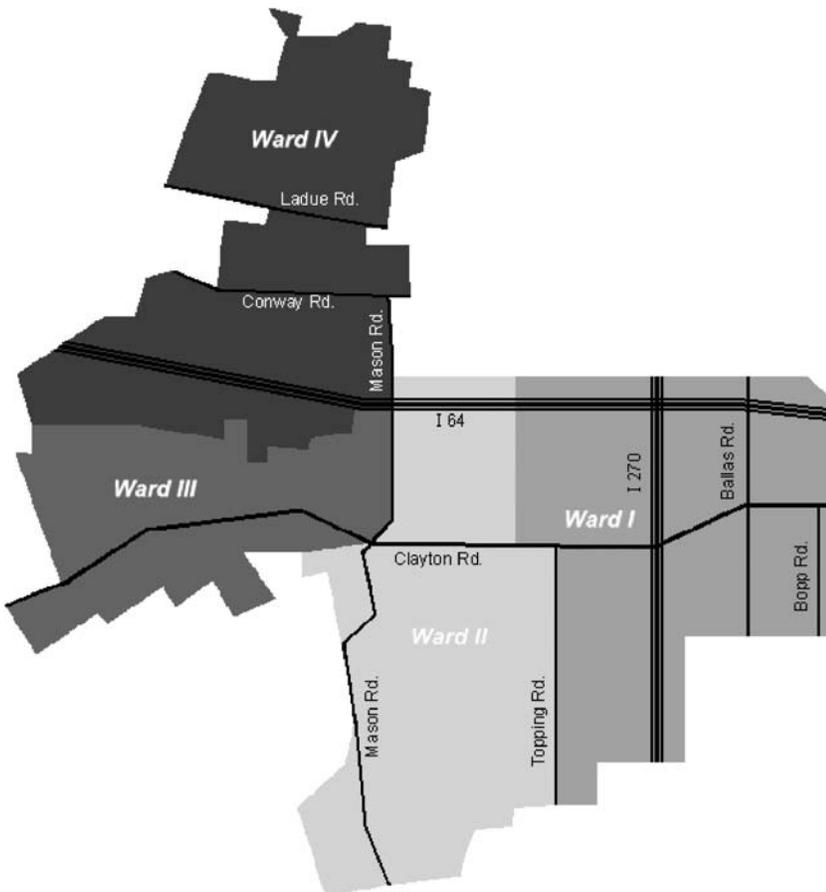
All the best,



Jonathan F. Dalton
Mayor

In Which Ward Do I Live?

During election time it is helpful to Town & Country residents to have a map showing the different wards. If you need further assistance, please call the Municipal Center at 314-432-6606.



Tribute Tree and Bench Program

By Tom Blanchard,
Assistant Planner

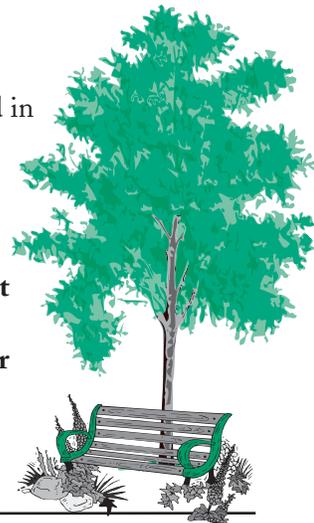
Honor a special person or event by sponsoring a tree planting or bench in one of our City parks. Sponsoring a tree or bench is a considerate gift and will provide added beauty and value to our parks for generations to come.

Sponsored trees will be planted in a designated area of Longview Farm Park called "Tribute Grove", located along the eastern boundary of the park. Both trees and benches will include a plaque with sponsor's choice of inscription.

Anyone interested in becoming a sponsor should contact :

Tom Blanchard at the Municipal Center for further information:

314-432-6606.



CANDIDATE STATEMENTS FOR ALDERMEN – WARDS 1 & 2



Colleen M. Wasinger

*Candidate for
Alderman Ward 1*

Strong community leadership, fiscal responsibility, integrity and devotion to preserving the unique landscape of Town & Country are my objectives for serving the residents of

Ward 1. There is no stronger calling than community service which gives one the opportunity to give back to the community in which we live.

I grew up in St. Louis and my husband, David, and I moved to Town & Country in 2001. We have two sons, Alex (4) and Andrew (2). Prior to our sons being born, I was a corporate attorney where I specialized in real estate transactions. Shortly after the birth of our second son, I decided to stay home with our children.

Public service is a strong value in our family and since moving to Town & Country we have been blessed with opportunities to serve. I served as Vice President of the St. Clement Ladies Society and was appointed by Mayor Jon Dalton to serve out the remaining term of his Ward 1 aldermanic seat after he became Mayor. I currently serve as Chairman of the Public Works and Storm Water Commission and as a trustee of Huntington Farms Subdivision.

As your Ward 1 Alderman, I pledge the following:

1. ***Fiscal Responsibility.*** I will work with the other community officials to assist in guiding the City towards sound fiscal management with no undue burden to our residents.
2. ***Beautification.*** I will strive to preserve the unique landscape of our community while encouraging growth within our permitted zoning laws and ordinances.
3. ***Assisting Residents.*** I will assist the residents of Town & Country to the best of my ability with any issues or ideas that they have with respect to our community.

With all the foregoing in mind, I ask for your vote on Tuesday, April 4th.



Patty O. Wiggins

*Candidate for
Alderman Ward 2*

I am seeking re-election because of your tremendous outpouring of encouragement and support.

I've served since 1995, working to eliminate factions collaboratively while addressing a wide range of issues without compromising my principles.

My colleagues elected me five times as President of the Board. As Finance Commission Chair, we held the budget growth to under 3% for 2006 and led a detailed review and charting of all funds. I am responsible for our Tree City USA and Community Habitat designations, significant because these programs balance our development and support our parks and trails. I led the survey of Thornhill, Mason Valley, and Nettle Creek projects to ensure MSD and the City were properly maintaining the stormwater projects. Additionally, I work continuously to ensure the trustees of each subdivision are supported in their decisions about their community.

I have a proven track record and base my decisions on researching each issue. I don't make empty promises or rhetoric, but I do pledge to continue to make researched decisions to advocate and support:

- Our heritage of **strict zoning** standards, based on the Comprehensive Plan with our one-acre zoning as the foundation, to control and manage development and any traffic generated.
- Our **sound financial position** with Standard and Poor's AAA rating, limiting budget growth.
- Our **residents' priorities**, based on past surveys and your input, protecting our most important investment, our homes.

I have defined myself by my willingness to act in the interests of residents. I have solid experience to make wise decisions collaboratively. My researched decisions serve YOU by my dedication to enhance property values, not diminish our quality of life, nor increase traffic, nor reduce the town's character or country-roadways. **Your necessary vote on April 4 for Patty O. Wiggins assures continuity of my advocacy. Thank you!**

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS FOR ALDERMEN – WARDS 2, 3 & 4



Tim Welby

*Candidate for
Alderman Ward 2*

I am pleased to introduce myself as a candidate for Alderman in Ward 2. As native St. Louisians, my wife, Nancy, and I set our sights on Town and Country as the place that

we wanted to settle and raise a family. That was 14 years ago. During those 14 years we have loved and appreciated the sense of community and the high standard of living that Town and Country has offered our three young daughters and us.

Our Mason Ridge Elementary School “family” is a major part of our lives. Nancy is a dedicated volunteer there, as well as Parkway West Middle School. I too enjoy being involved and giving back to my community. I have been a Girl’s Soccer Coach for St. Anselm Parish for the past five years, and have been the President of our previous Neighborhood Association. Now I’d like to take my volunteerism to the City level as your Alderman. My proven background of 13 years in business management, leadership, and developing solutions makes me a strong candidate to represent YOU!

As your Alderman, I promise to preserve the integrity of our fine city while planning for tomorrow. In doing so I will remain committed to the following principles:

- To be fiscally responsible in budget matters in order to maintain a zero percent city property tax.
- To uphold zoning ordinances, as well as seeing that new home construction is in keeping with the integrity of the existing neighborhood.
- To protect and preserve the natural beauty of our neighborhoods, parks, and other green space.

I would be honored to serve as your Town and Country Ward 2 Alderman and ask for your VOTE on April 4th.



Phil Behnen

*Candidate for
Alderman Ward 4*

I look forward to the opportunity to serve as your Ward 4 Alderman. I take the responsibility of being your public servant very seriously and promise to work hard to make sure our

great community maintains our high quality of life. I take great pride consulting with members of the community to preserve the fiscal responsibility we all share. I am an excellent problem solver and willing to build consensus with others to improve the overall quality of our great community. I promise to be fiscally conservative in our budget matters.

As a CPA and Certified Financial Planner™, I have always put my clients first, thoroughly researched issues, been open minded to all viewpoints and made my decisions with great certainty. My beautiful wife Cathy, who is a CPA/Partner at RubinBrown, and I have been residents of Ward 4 for over 12 years. My oldest son will attend St. Louis Priory School in August and my second son will start Priory in 2007. I also have a wonderful energetic 10 year old daughter. We love the large lots, friendly neighbors and appreciate the true sense of community we have found here.

Having experience on the finance committee, I have a good understanding of the opportunities facing Town and Country and will strive to build Town and Country into the premier residential community in Saint Louis County. As Town and Country looks toward its future, it must maintain a balance between its abundant natural beauty and responsible residential and commercial development.

I feel it is important to contribute to one’s community. I vow to listen to all sides of an issue and work hard for the long-term interests of the Town and Country community. I thank you for your vote and support to represent Ward 4 as your alderman.



Steve Fons

*Candidate for
Alderman Ward 3*

Alderman Steve Fons (incumbent) is running unopposed



You asked. ... We listened!

8th ANNUAL ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

Free Native Trees & Shrubs

Alderman Patty Wiggins, Liaison to the Tree Board

Tom Blanchard, Assistant Planner

At last year's Arbor Day celebration, many of you asked for smaller trees and shrubs, and more flowering varieties. We listened! This year for the first time we are offering flowering shrubs in addition to the flowering dogwood and redbud trees.

Free trees and shrubs will be offered at our 8th annual Arbor Day celebration on Friday, April 28th at the Municipal Center from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. For those of you who cannot make it on Friday, the celebration will continue, in partnership with the City of Chesterfield, on Saturday April 29th from 9:00 am to noon, at Chesterfield's Central Park behind Westfield Shopping Center (formerly Chesterfield Mall).

Native shrubs selections for this year include Ninebark, Witch Hazel, Buttonbush and Arrow Wood. The Ninebark has clusters of white flowers in late spring followed by reddish fruit. The Witch Hazel has small ribbon-like flowers in late winter. The Buttonbush's flowers resemble a pincushion and are very attractive to bees and butterflies. The Arrow Wood has showy clusters of white flowers in early summer with blue-black berries in the fall. **Native tree selections include Bur Oak, White Flowering Dogwood, Redbud and Shortleaf Pine.**

This celebration is part of the annual requirement to maintain our Tree City USA status, as well as various tree related projects in our parks, Municipal Center and Fire Station. Trees are an asset to our community and we are proud

to continue this worthy cause. Trees planted and properly cared for today, will cool and beautify our communities, increase property values, help clean the air and water and conserve energy for years to come.

Grow Native!

Native trees and shrubs are hardy, low maintenance and will add natural beauty and value to your landscape. Because natives are winter hardy and drought tolerant, there are fewer losses and there are also fewer problems with destructive insects and diseases. (See other articles referring to native trees in this newsletter).

To learn more about these and other Missouri native trees and shrubs, visit the Missouri Department of Conservation's web site at www.conservation.state.mo.us. For more information about Arbor Day, go to the National Arbor Day Foundation's web site at www.arborday.org. To learn more about Missouri's rich array of landscape worthy native plants and how to use them to create beautiful landscapes on your property, visit the "Grow Native" website at www.grownative.org, a joint program of the Missouri Department of Conservation and the Missouri Department of Agriculture. Another site with valuable information is the International Society of Arboriculture's site at www.treesaregood.com.

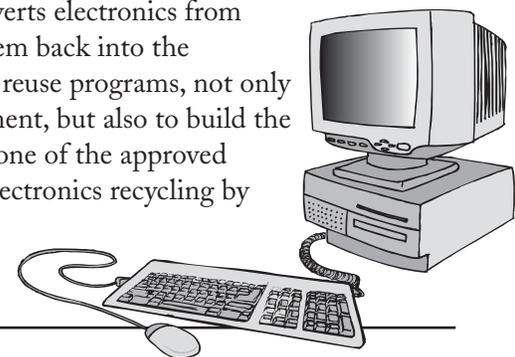
Please stop by April 28th to get your free trees and shrubs. Supplies are limited and are given away on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, please call Tom Blanchard at 314-432-6606 ext. 119 or Patty Wiggins at 314-878-8783.

Arbor Day Bonus: E-Cycling

This year at the Arbor Day Celebration in Chesterfield, you will be able to **recycle your old household electronics for free** and keep them out of landfills. So, bring your old computer, cell phone, PC parts, monitors, television, pager, printer, fax machine, scanner, audio equipment, VCR, stereo, DVD player, radio, or kitchen appliance to the Chesterfield event on **Saturday, April 29, from 8:00 am to noon**, at their Central Park, 16365 Lydia Hill Drive (behind Chesterfield Mall).

This service is being provided free of charge by Web Innovations & Technology Services, a local non-profit organization that diverts electronics from landfills and puts them back into the community through reuse programs, not only to help the environment, but also to build the economy. WITS is one of the approved collection sites for electronics recycling by E-Cycle St. Louis.

(See related article.)



Community Relations Commission – Seminars

By Alderman Lynn Wright, Chairman, Community Relations Commission

The Community Relations Commission is very excited to announce two upcoming seminars!



Disaster Preparedness

Tuesday, April 18th
at 7:00 PM

at the Municipal Center

Are you prepared to survive in the aftermath of a disaster? Come talk with our experts and find out. In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, and even the storms that hit Town & Country last August, there is a renewed interest in disaster preparedness. Our panel of speakers will include Captain Gary Hoelzer of Town & Country Police Department, resident Jerry Alpert, designer of “The Chapel Hill Disaster Preparedness Plan”, and Dr. Suresh Nellore, an infectious disease expert. Topics covered will be individual disaster preparedness, tips on getting your own neighborhood prepared for responding to a disaster, and infectious diseases that can be a result of a disaster. **This seminar is a must to prepare yourself** and your neighborhood for a disaster, and to gain knowledge on efficient ways to survive in the aftermath of any number of natural or manmade catastrophes.

What Teens Don't Know Can Hurt Them – Information Parents Need to Know to Keep Their Teens Safe

Tuesday, May 16th

at 7:00 PM at the Municipal Center

An open forum between parents, teens, and T&C Police discussing issues such as drugs, alcohol, curfew, and safe driving, will be moderated by our local experts, Town & Country Police Department's own Lt. Bob Arthur and Cpl. Jeff Myer. **If you have teenagers, this forum is a must.** Teens are welcome and encouraged to attend to join the discussion. If your teens can't attend - parents are invited to come alone. This will be an eye-opening discussion and will answer many questions regarding: warning signs of troubled teens; ramifications of teenage drug and alcohol abuse; alcohol poisoning; civil liability and criminal consequences for serving alcohol to minors in your home; and intervention strategies for parents. Important information and resource referrals will be available. Don't miss this valuable and potentially life-saving opportunity to hear facts and strategies for keeping teens safe.

No reservations needed. Refreshments will be served at both events. For more information, please call Alderman Lynn Wright at 314 993-5850.

“Greens For Green” Charity Golf Tournament



On Monday, May 15th, the Town & Country Police Department and the Des Peres Department of Public Safety will host the Third Annual “Greens for Green” Charity Golf Tournament at The Landings at Spirit Golf Club in Chesterfield. The past two tournaments helped raise over \$40,000 to benefit the BackStoppers, Missouri Special Olympics as well as numerous other charitable organizations.

Several local celebrities, including St. Louis Blues and Rams players, Cardinals announcers, and former Cardinals players have played in past tournaments. The \$90 per golfer entrance fee includes free prizes, lunch, drinks, banquet dinner and a fun filled day. A silent auction will feature many wonderful items including sports memorabilia, and all proceeds will benefit those in need. We will also feature

awards for the longest drive, closest to the pin as well as the overall winner and the highest score.

The community support for the “Greens for Green” Charity Golf Tournament has been nothing short of spectacular. In order to ensure another successful event, the support must carry on. If you are able to make a charitable donation, or you have items to contribute, the Town & Country Police Charity Fund is an IRS 501c3 organization.

If you would like to receive more information about the tournament, make a contribution or register a team to play, please contact Officer Paul Wilson or Corporal Jeff Myer at 314-432-4696 or by email at wilsonpm@town-and-country.org, or myerjrs@town-and-country.org. Space is limited, so be sure to register early.

**We hope to see you on Monday, May 15th at
The Landings at Spirit Golf Club!**

How Do You Fall in Love with a Park?

Claire Chosid

Mason Ridge Garden Club President



In spring of 2002, I received a phone call from a former alderman. The City was progressing with the construction of Longview Farm Park, the thirty-acre oasis at the corner of Clayton and Mason Ridge Roads. Situated on the property was the old Zinsmeyer/Baur residence. The West County landmark sat high on a hill, overlooking Clayton Road.

The numerous gardens surrounding the house were all overgrown, and in need of some love and knowledgeable assistance. Would Mason Ridge Garden Club be interested in helping out? As I toured the grounds one wet, spring day, doubt spread across my face. The place was a horrendous mess. Anything resembling a garden was hard to find; even a swampy pool was evident below the courtyard. Everything was overgrown, dogwood trees were dying or dead, invasive honeysuckle and poison ivy were everywhere. I checked with the group, but honestly doubted they would be up to the task.

Much to my surprise, some of the members accepted the challenge. On most days, we were working to the point of exhaustion, but we were also falling in love. We imagined our daughters getting married on the grounds. We fantasized

about what elegant parties must have been held at the home. With the exception of the construction crews, the place belonged to us. We became proud and possessive of everything around us. When the lake was finished and the fountain installed, we'd take breaks and relish the coolness under the shade of the old trees.

We turned skeptic residents into awestruck visitors that summer. A friend, who happens to be a current alderman, was bemoaning the amount of money being spent on the park. I invited her over on a workday, lead her towards the lake, and she was amazed. I didn't have to say a word; the park said it for me. She was a frequent visitor back then and continues to walk her dog there to this day.

Now four years have passed. The love affair continues. If you've never been to Longview Farm Park, or haven't been for a while, you must go. View the front gardens and you just might see a bride getting her portrait taken there. A couple may be eating a picnic lunch on the historic Edith Mason courtyard. A small child could be feeding the horses a carrot, imagining how the farm equipment in the field was used. Walk to the lake. Listen to the sound of the water as the scenery unfolds before you. Sit on the dock and forget that you're in the middle of West County. But most of all, daydream. You'll find that it IS possible to fall in love with a park.

MASON RIDGE GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE

Saturday MAY 20 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Rain or Shine, Mason Ridge Garden Club will hold its 4th annual plant sale at Longview Farm Park.

- Perennials will be for sale from Longview Farm Park, members own gardens and tear-downs in the Town & Country area
- Amazing prices!

- Cash or Checks, only
- Arrive early for best selection

Questions? Call Claire Chosid at 314-579-9876

New Businesses in Town & Country

Tips & Color Nail Salon & Spa
13484 Clayton Road

Sanofi Aventis Pharmaceuticals
635 Maryville Centre

Solutions to Wellness
(Goffe Ent.)
763 S. New Ballas, Ste. 235

Coat & Tie Courier
14352 S. Outer 40

Hearing Pro
777 S. New Ballas Ste. 132W

E Search LLC
12977 N. 40, Ste. 213

Success Promotions
14440 S. Outer 40

Sallie Home
272 Lamp & Lantern Village

Data Serv LLC
12825 Flushing Meadows, #210

UMB Bank
13969 Manchester Road

Rawlings Sporting Goods
500-510 Maryville Centre Drive

Equine Assisted Therapy at Longview Farm Park

E.A.T. (Equine Assisted Therapy) is gearing up for its second season at Town and Country's beautiful Longview Farm Park, and the phone is already ringing off the hook for our upcoming Spring 2006 sessions. We have been very busy with our new improvements, which include brick flooring, a new office, new electrical updates, a new arena, and best of all, horses - Rudy, Smokey, Ebony, and Skye, who is the newest addition to our family. All of our new improvements were generously donated, and we are extremely grateful.

Speaking of donations, we are adding a Tree of Giving to the upper room of the barn. We will have gold and silver leaves, with the color of the leaves being based on the amount donated. Each leaf will display the name of the donor, and will be placed on the tree as the donations are received.

For more information on how you can help, and upcoming events, please visit our webpage at www.equine-assistedtherapy.org.

We plan on having an exciting and busy year. A few of our upcoming events are:

- **Egg Hunt: April 8, 2006 from noon until 2:00p.m. at Longview Farm Park. Cost will be \$10 per person, with plenty of fun and prizes!**
- **Walk-a-Thon: May 13, 2006 - starting at Mason Ridge Elementary School**
- **Golf Tournament: October 2, 2006 at Players Club Golf Course**

Equine Assisted Therapy is a non-for-profit 501-c3 organization that relies on donations, grants, and fund raising. The riders that come to E.A.T. pay a small fee for each lesson, which only pays for one fourth of operation costs. Equine Assisted Therapy is dedicated to helping those with physical and mental disabilities by addressing their fine, gross and cognitive motor skills, and by helping raise their overall self-esteem. We also help them learn self-control, problem solving, multi-tasking and socialization. We are always looking for volunteers and donations, either in funding or in tack.

CERT - Community Emergency Response Team

The Town & Country Police Department partnered with the Creve Coeur Police Department, the Creve Coeur Fire Protection District and the West County EMS and Fire District to offer citizens specialized training, known as CERT, to assist the community in the event of a large-scale disaster.

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

The course is being offered to all residents of the City. CERT training is conducted on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 - 9:00 PM continuing for 6 weeks. The training is free of charge. The next class is scheduled to begin on May 9th.



CERT members train to extricate a trapped victim.

It is important to have trained citizen volunteers available to assist our police and fire departments and the community in the aftermath of a disaster. If you would like to enroll and/or receive additional information regarding CERT, please contact Corporal Jeff Myer at 314-432-4696 or by email at myerjs@town-and-country.org.

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



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED:

The Town and Country Garden Club is proudly hosting its 50th anniversary on Saturday, April 22nd at 6:30 p.m.

The celebration will include a dinner at the American Kennel Club Museum of The Dog. There will be a slide presentation on gardens of England and Scotland given by Esley Hamilton, the preservation historian for the St. Louis County Department of Parks and Recreation. Note cards featuring a watercolor of the garden at Drace Park, that the Town & Country Garden Club members have created, will be for sale as well as a raffle for a framed Giclee print of the watercolor. Also featured will be a silent auction where plants and other horticultural items can be bid upon. Dinner and slide presentation is \$25 a person. Reservations are required by April 15th.

To reserve your place for this elegant and enjoyable evening, please call (314) 434-1188.

Joan Williams, Town & Country Garden Club



Officer Kent Berry is the 2005 Police Department

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR



Early in January, Officer Kent Berry was recognized by his colleagues and awarded the 2005 Employee of the Year award. Officer Berry is affectionately known by many Town & Country residents and Mason Ridge Elementary School students as “Officer Kent” for his role as DARE instructor and community ambassador.

Officer Berry has given eight years of dedicated service to the Town and Country Police Department and the community. He has served in the Patrol Unit, assisted part time in the Investigative Unit, and served with distinction in the Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving (COPPS) Unit for over four years. He has played an integral role in expanding school-based programs as well as the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training in the West County area.

Officer Berry’s commitment and dedicated service is demonstrated by two Chief’s Award of Excellence during his law enforcement career with Town and Country. He has also received three awards from Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) for outstanding service in Driving While Intoxicated education prevention programs.

Perhaps the greatest award is to be recognized by one’s peers. Kent’s outstanding skill and professionalism, along with his commitment to our mission of providing an “exemplary level of service and protection” make him the ideal person to be named the 2005 Employee of the Year.

Congratulations Kent!

Save the Date!!

Our annual Fire and Ice celebration will be

Saturday, June 24

This event promises to be *better than ever*. Plan to bring out the whole family for a night of fun and fireworks!!

Announcing Electronics Recycling for the Region

Alderman Patty Wiggins, Task Force Member

Announcing the “e-cycle St. Louis” consumer electronics collection program for an education and outreach campaign raising consumer awareness. *Pictured: Keith Ham, EPC Audit Manager E-Scrap Processing Center; Alderman Patty Wiggins, Town & Country PHASE Commission, Task Force; Darcy Capstick, Chesterfield Citizens for the Environment, Task Force; Rebecca Shelby, St Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District; Laura Yates, St Louis County Department of Health, Task Force Manager; and Jill Hamilton, St Louis City Solid Waste Department, Task Force.*



Following is a current list of registered host sites:

- DCAL Services, Webster Groves
- EPC, Inc., St. Charles
- Gunther Electronics, St. Louis
- Hi-Tech Charities, St. Louis
- Missouri Appliance Recycling Center, Barnhart
- Recycle Works, St. Charles County Environmental Services
- RIMCO, St. Louis
- City of University City Public Works
- WITS, St. Louis

(Visit www.ecyclestlouis.org for more complete information.)

It's critical to keep obsolete electronics out of landfills since many contain toxic substances such as lead, cadmium, mercury and arsenic. When these substances leach into the soil, water and air, they pose a risk to human health and the environment. The EPA estimates that Americans have discarded up to 154 million computers and about 128 million cell phones annually, making electronics one of the fastest growing “waste streams” or portions of our trash.

Please do your part to allow your old electronics to be refurbished, donated or recycled by taking it to one of the approved collection sites.

The Task Force for the St. Louis Regional Partnership for Electronics Recovery was formed in 2002 as a result of a grant issued by the St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District to Saint Louis County Department of Health Solid Waste Management Program. The purpose of the grant was to develop a regional consumer electronics collection program that would offer a convenient and sustainable recovery programs throughout the region year-round - a much-needed program for our area. The task force had representatives from industry, local government, and non-profit organizations in St. Louis County (including Town and Country), St. Louis City, St. Charles County, and Jefferson County.

Consumers can bring unwanted electronics to these “host” sites where they will be recycled or refurbished, depending on the condition of the items. In most cases, fees apply for items such as monitors and CPUs, but each host site has its own fee structure.

Upcoming Public Improvements

- Concrete slab replacements for streets, curbing and sidewalks are scheduled for Arlington Oaks, Huntington Farms, Essex Point, Mason Valley, Barrington, Van Courtland Place, Mason Oaks, Wellington Manor, and Princeton Place subdivisions.
- Asphalt streets scheduled for slurry sealing include Clayton Estates and Town & Country Lane.
- Bopp Road is scheduled for micro-surface sealing.
- MSD has scheduled to replace a large stormsewer culvert under Topping Road at Woodlark Lane.
- New sidewalks are planned for portions of Mason Road, Clayton Road and Cedar Valley Drive.
- A new sound wall will be coming soon to South Outer 40.

Any questions or concerns regarding the above projects should be directed to

*Doug Hopkins,
Director of Public Works, at
314-432-6606 Ext. 112.*

Reducing the Likelihood of Electrical Power Outages

Last August, our community experienced significant power outages, both in scope and duration, as a result of one of the worst windstorms on record. Since this storm, elected officials and staff met with Ameren representatives to identify the cause of the outages as well as ways to minimize their reoccurrence.

Based on field observations and information provided by Ameren, it became evident that the primary cause of outages in our community is tree limbs (or whole trees) coming into contact with or falling on power lines. This contact can occur with or without high winds, but clearly, high winds dramatically increase the likelihood and extent of related damage and power outages.

We all certainly treasure the abundance of trees in our community as trees play an essential role in the overall quality of life and beauty in Town & Country. Their importance is further evidenced by the fact that our City has been awarded Tree City USA status by the National Arbor Day Foundation for the last six-years, backed by a strong commitment of continued eligibility, forever.

But we must also recognize that the delivery of uninterrupted electrical power to our homes, hospitals, schools, public safety facilities and businesses is also important to our quality of life, and an essential element of our community's safety and security.

While this article is being offered to assist residents and businesses, rest assured that we will continue to work with and encourage Ameren to increase their power outage mitigation efforts to the fullest. To help minimize the extent and duration of power outages in the future, we offer the following Ameren facts and tips to assist you in making an assessment of your property so that you may take the appropriate action to minimize or eliminate tree/power line conflicts.

The following represents only a portion of related information available

from Ameren, therefore we encourage you to call Ameren at one of the numbers listed, or visit their website www.ameren.com.

Why do trees need to be trimmed?

Ameren trims trees to minimize the likelihood of safety hazards and power outages. During high winds, strong thunderstorms or snow or ice storms, limbs and even whole trees can fall on electric lines, tearing down energized lines and equipment. Broken limbs can cause outages just by making the right kind of contact with electric lines and equipment.

Usually, when homes are built an easement is granted at the time of development that allows utilities the ability to access and maintain their equipment. Ameren may therefore hold easement rights on the land on which power lines and poles are located. Ameren requests landowners not to encroach on the easements with trees or buildings that may disrupt the operation of the lines.

How can the public help to reduce the frequency of outages?

First, Ameren's tree trimming service is an integral part of their goal to provide you with safe, reliable electric service. Second, try to keep an open mind when Ameren's line clearance crews explain why trimming is occurring.

Third, by allowing Ameren's contractor to use the proper trimming techniques your trees remain healthy, and the regrowth from the tree will tend to interfere less with power lines.

Finally, if you are planting new trees, remember to plant the right tree in the right place. See our Tree Planting Tips for more information.

Can I prune trees myself?

Never attempt to prune trees near power lines yourself. Only qualified line clearance tree contractors are allowed to work within a minimum of 10 feet of high voltage lines. If there is any question, call Ameren at 800.552.7583 for an inspection of your tree and line situation.

Service drops—the lines that deliver electricity from Ameren power poles to the customer's meters—are relatively low voltage (typically 120/240) and are not normally pruned by Ameren's contractors. Trees near this line are the property owner's responsibility. See an illustration of a Distribution System that includes service drops.

If you are concerned about tree growth near your service drop you may call and schedule an appointment to have your service drop disconnected in order to have the trees near this line trimmed safely. Please call Ameren at 800.552.7583 to request a service drop disconnection. We recommend that you hire a professional tree service to do this trimming.

Phone and cable company lines, those usually found in the lowest position on a pole, do not have clearance requirements, because they do not carry any significant electrical current.

What if I have a complaint about your tree trimming policies or procedures?

In Missouri, you may voice your concerns by calling 800.552.7583 and asking for Ameren's Vegetation Management Department, or e-mail Ameren's Vegetation Management Department.

Can you offer any advice for planting trees to avoid being in conflict with power lines?

If you are planting a tree, keep these hints in mind:

- Avoid planting trees directly beneath power lines or too close to electrical equipment. This will help guarantee healthy growth in a safe area.
- Consider planting trees of a slower growth or limited height variety, such as crab apples, hawthorns, ornamental pears or cherries.
- Check for overhead and underground utility lines before working on trees.

The above information and more can be found at www.ameren.com

Trees Every Gardener Should Know

By Susan Mintun, Certified Arborist
Town & Country Tree Board Member

If you think you might like to add a special tree or shrub to your landscape this spring consider one of these outstanding plants. All three are native to the United States and will perform superbly in St. Louis gardens if sited properly.



Amelanchier arborea, also known as **Service Berry**, may be grown as a tall, multi-stemmed shrub or a small single stemmed tree. It is one of the first woody plants to bloom in the spring, producing showy white flower clusters in March and April. Throughout the summer the plant sports clean medium green foliage that serves as a nice backdrop to summer blooming plants. The fruits, produced in June, make excellent pies and jellies, but good luck beating your feathered friends to the feast. In fall the show returns when the foliage blends green with lovely shades of orange, gold and red. *Amelanchier* grows best in slightly acidic soil that is evenly moist throughout the season and performs well in sun to part shade.

Aesculus parviflora is commonly called **Bottlebrush Buckeye**. It is native to the east coast of the United States but grows beautifully for us in St. Louis. The large flower panicles are produced in June and July when few other shrubs are flowering, and lend an elegant look to the summer border. It will grow well in full sun but will especially proliferate in part shade, forming a nice large clump. One of the most beautiful plantings of *Aesculus parviflora* that I have ever seen is at our own Missouri Botanical Garden. Even if you do not add this shrub to your own landscape it is worth a trip to the Garden to see it this summer.

Chionanthus virginicus. Common name: **White Fringetree**. Native to the southeastern United States including southern Missouri this is one tough, beautiful plant. A large shrub or small tree, it produces fragrant white flowers with long delicate petals in May just as the leaves have finished emerging, creating a fresh clean green-and-white effect. **Fringetree** will grow best given full sun and moist, fertile, acidic soil, but I have seen it growing in extremely harsh conditions and doing a fine job of it, too. It is an elegant and dignified plant.

So, here are three options you might not have previously considered. All deserve to be better known and used in St. Louis gardens. **Happy planting!**

Community Habitat

Patty Wiggins, Chair

Public Health And Sanitation/Environment (PHASE) Commission

Representatives from the National Wildlife Federation recently visited our area to review in person our Community Habitat. Last spring, this area was certified as a Community Habitat, the first in Missouri and the 9th in the nation! This is part of a nationwide effort to restore local native plant communities, emphasizing native ecology. As more and more land is developed, less and less land is available for native flora and fauna. Native flora is adapted to our local weather and other conditions resulting in lower maintenance costs and no need to add herbicides, pesticides or fertilizers, requiring little or no extra watering, resulting in a healthier environment for all of us.

For more information about creating your own backyard habitat, visit their web site at www.nwf.org/backyardwildlifehabitat.



Community Habitat Team Members with NWF Representatives: Dan Rothwell, Chesterfield's Historic Preservation and Landmarks Commissions; Darcy Capstick, Chair Chesterfield's Citizens for the Environment; Roxanne Paul, National Wildlife Federation Habitat Education Program; Melinda Hughes, National Wildlife Federation Manager of Volunteer Programs; Jim Foley, Director Faust Park, Phil Stutz, Horticulturist, Butterfly House and Faust Park; Alderman Patty Wiggins, Chair, Town & Country Public Health And Sanitation/Environment (PHASE) Commission.

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1011 Municipal Drive
63131 314-432-6606

Fire House
13443 Clayton Road
63131 314-469-4412

West County EMS
223 Henry Road
63011 636-227-9350

Marriott West
660 Maryville Centre Dr.
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**All meetings subject to change*

MARCH 2006

DATE	DAY	TIME	MEETING (LOCATION)
Mar 16	Thu	7:00PM	Community Relations Commission (Fire House)
Mar 16	Thu	7:00 PM	Court (Municipal Center)
Mar 20	Mon	6:00PM	Board of Adjustment (Municipal Center)
Mar 20	Mon	7:00PM	Parks & Trails Commission (Fire House)
Mar 22	Wed	7:00PM	Planning & Zoning Commission – Staff Review (Municipal Center)
Mar 22	Wed	7:30PM	Planning & Zoning Regular Meeting (Municipal Center)
Mar 27	Mon	6:00PM	Board of Aldermen Work Session (Municipal Center)
Mar 27	Mon	7:00PM	Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting (Municipal Center)

APRIL 2006

DATE	DAY	TIME	MEETING (LOCATION)
Apr 04	Tue		MUNICIPAL ELECTION
Apr 06	Thu	7:00PM	Court (Municipal Center)
Apr 10	Mon	6:00PM	Board of Aldermen Work Session (Municipal Center)
Apr 10	Mon	7:00PM	Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting (Municipal Center)
Apr 17	Mon	6:00 PM	Board of Adjustment (Municipal Center)
Apr 17	Mon	7:00PM	Parks & Trails Commission (Fire House)
Apr 19	Wed	7:00PM	Police Commission (Municipal Center)
Apr 20	Thu	7:00PM	Court (Municipal Center)
Apr 20	Thu	7:00PM	Community Relations Commission (Fire House)
Apr 24	Mon	6:00PM	Board of Aldermen Work Session (Municipal Center)
Apr 24	Mon	7:00PM	Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting (Municipal Center)
Apr 26	Wed	7:00PM	Planning & Zoning Commission – Staff Review (Municipal Center)
Apr 26	Wed	7:30PM	Planning & Zoning Commission Regular Meeting (Municipal Center)

MAY 2006

DATE	DAY	TIME	MEETING (LOCATION)
May 02	Tue	7:00PM	Conservation Commission (Fire House)
May 04	Thu	7:00PM	Court (Municipal Center)
May 08	Mon	6:00PM	Board of Aldermen Work Session (Municipal Center)
May 08	Mon	7:00PM	Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting (Municipal Center)
May 15	Mon	6:00PM	Board of Adjustment (Municipal Center)
May 15	Mon	7:00PM	Parks & Trails Commission (Fire House)
May 17	Wed	7:00PM	Police Commission (Municipal Center)
May 18	Thu	7:00PM	Court (Municipal Center)
May 18	Thu	7:00PM	Community Relations Commission (Fire House)
May 22	Mon	6:00PM	Board of Aldermen Work Session (Municipal Center)
May 22	Mon	7:00PM	Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting (Municipal Center)
May 24	Wed	7:00PM	Planning & Zoning Commission - Staff Review (Municipal Center)
May 24	Wed	7:30PM	Planning & Zoning Commission Regular Meeting (Municipal Center)
May 29	Mon		HOLIDAY – CITY OFFICES CLOSED

JUNE 2006

DATE	DAY	TIME	MEETING (LOCATION)
Jun 01	Thu	7:00PM	Court (Municipal Center)
Jun 06	Tue	7:00PM	Conservation Commission (Fire House)
Jun 12	Mon	6:00PM	Board of Aldermen Work Session (Municipal Center)
Jun 12	Mon	7:00PM	Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting (Municipal Center)
Jun 15	Thu	7:00PM	Court (Municipal Center)
Jun 15	Thu	7:00PM	Community Relations Commission (Fire House)
Jun 19	Mon	6:00PM	Board of Adjustment (Municipal Center)
Jun 19	Mon	7:00PM	Parks & Trails Commission (Fire House)
Jun 21	Wed	7:00PM	Police Commission (Municipal Center)
Jun 26	Mon	6:00PM	Board of Aldermen Work Session (Municipal Center)



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JUNE 2006 (CONT'D)

DATE	DAY	TIME	MEETING (LOCATION)
Jun 26	Mon	7:00PM	Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting (Municipal Center)
Jun 28	Wed	7:00PM	Planning & Zoning Commission – Staff Review (Municipal Center)
Jun 28	Wed	7:30PM	Planning & Zoning Commission – Regular Meeting (Municipal Center)

Community Events

DATE	DAY	TIME	MEETING (LOCATION)
Mar 19	Sun	2:30PM	Town & Country Symphony Orchestra (Parkway United Church of Christ)
Apr 8	Sat	2:00PM	Equine Assisted Therapy Egg Hunt (Longview Farm Park)
Apr 12	Wed	12:00PM	Town & Country/Frontenac Chamber of Commerce Lunch Meeting (Marriott West)
Apr 18	Tue	7:00PM	Disaster Preparedness Seminar offered by the Community Relations Commission (Municipal Center)
Apr 22	Sat	6:30PM	Town & Country Garden Club 50th Anniversary Dinner (Museum of the Dog)
Apr 28	Fri	9:00AM	Arbor Day Tree and Shrub Seedlings Giveaway (Municipal Center)
Apr 29	Sat	9:00AM	Arbor Day Tree and Shrub Seedling Giveaway (Chesterfield's Central Park)
May 7	Sun	2:30PM	Town & Country Symphony Orchestra (Ridgway Auditorium)
May 10	Wed	12:00PM	Town & Country/Frontenac Chamber of Commerce Lunch Meeting (Marriott West)
May 13	Sat		Equine Assisted Therapy Walk-a-Thon (starts at Mason Ridge School)
May 16	Tue	7:00PM	What Teens Don't Know Can Hurt Them Seminar offered by the Community Relations Commission (Municipal Center)
May 20	Sat	9:00AM	Mason Ridge Garden Club Plant Sale (Longview Farm Park)
Jun 14	Wed	12:00PM	Town & Country/Frontenac Chamber of Commerce Lunch Meeting (Marriott West)
Jun 24	Sat	7:00PM	Fire & Ice (Westminster Christian Academy, 13480 South Outer 40)
Oct 2	Mon		Equine Assisted Therapy Golf Tournament (Players Golf Club)

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION ACTIVITY

The Planning & Zoning Commission meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month

The following action was taken at the **December 5, 2005** meeting

- **PINETREE ESTATES SUBDIVISION – PRELIMINARY PLAT** — Approved subject to variances.
- **MARYVILLE UNIVERSITY SIXTH AMENDED DEVELOPMENT PLAN** — Recommended approval.
- **ACCEPTANCE OF PRIVATE STREETS, TOWN & COUNTRY ESTATES** — Recommended approval.
- **DRIVEWAY VARIANCE REQUEST, 972 MASON RIDGE ROAD** — Recommended approval.
- **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, BLIMPIE RESTAURANT AT 13901 MANCHESTER ROAD** — Recommended approval.
- **WHEATLEIGH SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENT PLANS** — Approved.
- **WHEATLEIGH SUBDIVISION RECORD PLAT** — Recommended approval.

The following action was taken at the **January 25, 2006** meeting

- **ACCEPTANCE OF PRIVATE STREETS, TOWN & COUNTRY ESTATES SUBDIVISION** — Recommended approval.
- **951 REVERE DRIVE SUBDIVISION PRELIMINARY PLAT** — Approved subject to variances.
- **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT – SERVICE RESTAURANT, WALKER MEDICAL BUILDING AT 12855 NORTH FORTY DRIVE** — Recommended approval.



BOARD OF ALDERMEN ACTIVITY

Unanimous vote unless otherwise indicated.

The Board of Aldermen meets the second and fourth Monday of each month.



ACTIONS OF 11-14-2005

(Aldermen present: Benigas, Donaldson, Fons, Marsden, Meyland-Smith, Wiggins, Wright; Absent: Wasinger)

Approved the following ordinances/resolutions:

- 11-05-01 Approves sign variance for CI Select, 1716 Hidden Creek Court.
- 3079 Appropriates funds for construction of a salt storage facility
- 3080 Transfers appropriations for police vehicle changeovers and mobile video cameras
- 3081 Appropriates funds for a Board of Aldermen Retreat mediator
- 3082 Appropriates funds for consulting services with Donald Phares

Approved the following motions:

Minutes 10/24/05; Appointment of Michael Zambrana to the Planning & Zoning Commission; Reappointment of James E. Crowley to the Board of Adjustment; Warrant List \$191,792.52.

Approved the following motions:

Architectural review, 12921 Timmor Court, Appointments to the Longview Farm Park Subcommittee, Minutes 07/25/05, Warrant List \$223,317.17

ACTIONS OF 11-28-05

(Aldermen present: Benigas, Donaldson, Fons, Marsden, Meyland-Smith, Wasinger, Wiggins, Wright)

Approved the following ordinances/resolutions:

- 3083 Amends 2005 Budget relating to the Safe Neighborhood Heroes Program contribution from the WalMart Foundation
- 3084 Appropriates funds for Board meeting expenditures
- 3085 Approves voluntary employee accident insurance
- 3086 Authorizes enforcement of parking regulations, Wheatleigh Subdivision
- 3087 Appropriates funds for employee recognition expenditures

Approved the following motions:

Minutes 11/14/05, Warrant List \$116,113.13.

ACTIONS OF 12-12-05

(Aldermen present: Benigas, Donaldson, Fons, Marsden, Meyland-Smith, Wasinger, Wiggins, Wright)

Approved the following ordinances/resolutions:

- 3088 Approves 2006 Budget
- 3089 Transfers appropriation for parks grounds care expenses
- 3090 Transfers funds for police vehicle maintenance
- 3091 Accepts bid of Will Electronics, Inc. for a digital video recording system
- 3092 Approves a network management contract with REJIS
- 3093 Approves holiday pay in lieu of holidays for certain employees
- 3094 Appropriates funds for employee holiday breakfast
- 3095 Approves sixth amended development plan for Maryville University
- 3096 Authorizes West Co. EMS & Fire to charge for ambulance service
- 3097 Authorizes agreement with West Co. EMS & Fire and fire house lease
- 3098 Approves contract with Blue Cross for employee health insurance
- 3099 Approves contract with Delta Dental for employee dental insurance
- 3100 Changes range of compensation rates for full-time employees
- 3101 Changes range of compensation rates for part-time employees
- 3102 Changes range of compensation for police officers
- 3103 Appropriates funds for the Town & Country Symphony Orchestra
- 3104 Amends city's flexible benefit plan
- 12-05-03 Cancels the 12/27/05 BOA meeting

Approved the following motions:

Architectural Review, 13300 Thornhill & Maryville University; Minutes 11/28/05. Warrant list \$196,618.47.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN ACTIVITY

Unanimous vote unless otherwise indicated.

The Board of Aldermen meets the second and fourth Monday of each month.



ACTIONS OF 12-28-05- OPEN FAX MEETING

Approved the following motions:

Warrant List \$933,092.16

ACTIONS OF 01-09-06

(Aldermen present: Benigas, Donaldson, Fons, Meyland-Smith, Wasinger, Wiggins, Wright, Absent: Marsden)

Approved the following ordinances/resolutions:

- 12-05-01 Approves of sign variance, UMB Bank
- 01-06-01 Approves additional curb cut at 972 Mason Ridge Road
- 01-06-02 Approves sign variance, CBC High School

Approved the following motions:

Minutes of 12/12/05 & 12/28/05; Staff Travel; Warrant list \$933,092.16, 12/28/05; Warrant list, \$421,723.09, 01/09/06.

ACTIONS OF 01-23-2006

(Aldermen present: Benigas, Donaldson, Fons, Meyland-Smith, Wasinger, Wiggins, Wright; Absent: Marsden)

Approved the following ordinances/resolutions:

- 3105 Approves conditional use permit for Blimpie restaurant at 13901 Manchester Road
- 3106 Amends Municipal Code regarding permit fees for excavation permits
- 3107 Approves a beautification grant, Essex Point Subdivision

Approved the following motions:

Architectural Reviews, 1810 Manor Hill Road, 125 Hawthorne Estates Drive, Delmar-Garden Villas, 13590 South Outer 40 Drive, 12930 Thornhill Drive; Minutes 01/09/06; Warrant list \$410,294.23.

Rechargeable Battery Recycling Program

As you can imagine, with all of our flashlights, walkie-talkie radios and other portable battery powered devices that the Police Department uses, we go through our fair share of rechargeable batteries. Following our City's lead to recycle whenever and wherever possible, we discovered a specialized rechargeable battery-recycling program that not only has the obvious environmental pluses - **it's also free!**

Even better, we can share this great program with the community!

The T&C Police Department has joined forces with the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation (RBRC) to help recycle portable rechargeable batteries. These batteries are commonly found in:

- Cordless power tools
- Cellular and cordless phones
- Laptop computers
- Camcorders
- Digital cameras
- Remote control toys

RBRC recycles the following battery chemistries:

- Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd)
- Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH)
- Lithium Ion (Li-ion)
- Small Sealed Lead (Pb) less than 2 pounds

To participate, bring your old worn out rechargeable batteries to the Police Department, which is an official collection site for RBRC. We will place them in a special box and ship them to the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation. RBRC pays the shipping costs.

Please note that this recycling program is for **RECHARGEABLE** batteries only. You should continue to dispose of your non-reusable batteries in a safe manner. This program **does not take** vehicle batteries (lead core).

Get **CHARGED UP** about recycling and join us by participating in this Earth Friendly program and keep those unhealthy battery chemicals out of landfills.

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Two Police Officers Honored for Life Saving Actions

On December 16th, 2005, the Town & Country Police Department Communications Center received a frantic call for help from the Marriott West Hotel located in the Maryville Centre Office Complex. It was reported that a subject had collapsed and was in cardiac arrest. Fortunately for the victim, all Town & Country Police Officers are trained as first responders, and Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) are carried in every patrol vehicle.

Officers Mark Luetkemeyer and Chris Moore were the first on the scene and appropriately determined that the patient was in cardiac arrest. Mark and Chris



Officer
Chris Moore



Officer
Mark Luetkemeyer

effectively utilized the Automatic External Defibrillator and were able to revive the patient. After being treated at the hospital, the victim has since made a full recovery and is enjoying spending time with his five children and eleven grandchildren.

Due to the quick actions of Officers Luetkemeyer and Moore, this patient survived an otherwise life-threatening event. For performing their duties with professionalism and skill, Officers Luetkemeyer and Moore were each presented the Chief's Award of Excellence by Chief John Copeland. We are proud and grateful for the life saving actions of our police officers.

Congratulations Mark and Chris!



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!***

Mark your calendars!!

Candidate Forum

Tuesday, March 28, 2006

7:00 PM

Maryville University

Auditorium

See yellow insert for more information!



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