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Mayor's Message: State of the City - Another Great Year!



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As I complete another year as your Mayor, I once again have the privilege of reporting that the state of our City is as strong as ever. Building on our progress from last year, I am pleased to report the following:

windstorms have made travel hazardous and brought multitudes of trees and limbs down, resulting in significant damage to our property and interrupting electrical service much too often.

To assist residents in the clean up of the resulting storm debris from these major storms, Board of Aldermen and I authorized the most massive and costly cleanup effort in our City's history. The estimated project cost currently stands at \$250,000. Additional crews are being added to the program in an effort to complete our work as soon as possible. Your continued patience and support is greatly appreciated.

AAA Credit Rating and Solid Financial Condition

Through prudent fiscal management and careful budgetary planning, we have been able to continue our operation of the City delivering high-level services to residents without levying a personal or real property tax. Once again, Town & Country's finances remain in excellent condition with a General Fund reserve that exceeds our annual operating expenditures by more than 100 percent. For ten consecutive years now, the City's property tax rate has been set at zero due to strong financial performance and stable sales tax revenues.

Based on preliminary 2006 financial results, revenues exceeded budget expectations, and expenditures were below budget projections. The City's combined fund balance increased by more than \$1.5 million, with the operating fund showing the largest increase of approximately \$930,000.

The City's stable financial position is reflected by the fact that Standard & Poor's has again awarded the City a credit rating of "AAA", which Town and Country has consistently maintained since 2001. This is the highest rating possible, and an honor never before achieved by any other city in the state of Missouri. Furthermore, the City of Town & Country has been included in Standard & Poor's U.S. Public Finance Report entitled AAA-Rated Credits in U.S. State & Local Government Finance, dated October 2006. There are only 70 municipalities in the United States that carry the S&P "AAA" rating, and Town & Country is proud to be the only municipality selected in the State of Missouri.

Responsive City Services Branch Chipping

The severity of this past winter weather has certainly tested us all. The waves of snow, ice and

Preventive Measures—A Response to Electrical Power Outages

While the City has limited influence and certainly no authority over Ameren, a positive relationship has developed between our City and Ameren officials. For example, increased trimming of tree limbs around electrical lines has occurred throughout our City in recent months, as well as the replacement of many utility poles and lines. We have also been able to help Ameren identify specific areas experiencing repetitive outages, enabling Ameren to take the necessary corrective action.

Because City Hall also serves as headquarters for police and emergency communication services, a new emergency generator capable of providing sufficient electrical power to the police department and dispatch center was recently installed. The new generator provides almost instant electrical service in the case of a power outage at City Hall, allowing all services to continue uninterrupted. The diesel-powered system is capable of providing continuous electrical power as long as necessary.



Clayton Road Agreement

With the upcoming expansion of Highway 40 and the associated lane closures, all of our lives will be inconvenienced to some degree (particularly those of us who work downtown!) In December, I was presented with St. Louis County's plan to utilize Clayton Road as a means to alleviate some of the inevitable traffic that will converge on our City. The County's proposal included declaring Clayton Road to be part of the "arterial road system", which

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meant full control would be taken from the City and vested in St. Louis County. Clearly, this was unacceptable, and as an alternative, the City proposed, and the Country agreed, to enter into an Intergovernmental Service Agreement that now provides some certainty as to when the County will take over control of Clayton Road, what will (and will not) happen during this period, and when (and in what condition) we will regain control of our central city street. In short, you can be assured that we negotiated the most favorable plan possible for our residents.

My concern has been finding the most reasonable option for our community to manage the substantial traffic that travels through our City irrespective of what we do, while affording our residents as much predictability as possible with respect to any changes that might be made to Clayton Road. This challenge was substantial, because while the "capacity" of Clayton Road will be changing, the "character" must remain the same. Our Intergovernmental Agreement is far from perfect, but it allows Town & Country to be part of the solution to this regional challenge while protecting the legitimate expectations of our residents. Please plan to attend one of the two upcoming Town Hall Meetings (March 27 at 7:00 p.m. and March 31 at 9:00 a.m.) during which this agreement will be further explained.

Town & Country Crossing

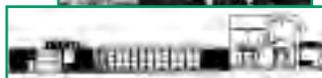
Among the most noteworthy aspects of the Town & Country Crossing project at Clayton and Woodsmill Roads was the paradigm shift that occurred in our City when the various parties put their differences aside and began collaborating in order to facilitate the most productive, beneficial proposal for our residents and the Community as a whole. This new approach made the collaboration possible, and it is that shift that will ensure that Town & Country Crossing becomes a vital and appealing asset to our City for generations to come.

In short, the intersection of Clayton and Woodsmill Roads will be improved through \$9 million in roadway improvements and a 2.5 acre lake that will enhance the development. Major tenants, such as Whole Foods, National City Bank and other familiar names will serve our community. Fine dining establishments, walking trails and a rehabilitated post oak savanna will also be prominent features of this development. Much of the site preparation work has already begun, and a formal ground-breaking ceremony is planned for next month. Clearly, this project stands as a shining example of how the City can fully consider resident concerns while making the best of a difficult situation. Bravo to all those involved.



Longview Farm Park House Plans

Elected officials and resident committee members have been working toward opening the Longview Farm House to the public for a number of years. After many meetings with Powers Bowersox and Associates and much debate, the Board of Aldermen has approved a conceptual plan for the house. The iconic front portion of the house will be restored to preserve the park's aesthetic and historic qualities, while the newer additions toward the rear of the house will be replaced with a new, low profile, ADA compliant



addition that will include two meeting rooms, a catering kitchen and the Parks and Recreation Department office. It will be available to park users as well as for small group activities, meetings and events. Construction is expected to begin this summer, during which time the house will undergo a facelift, while the park will remain open to the public.

Growing Sense of Community

This past year saw our community events expand and reach exciting new levels. This coming year promises to offer even more surprises. In addition to the events offered by the City, throughout the year I partake in as many other community events as possible. This photo shows a lovely evening spent at Garden Villas "Light Up the Villas" event in December.



Once again, Arbor Day, Fire & Ice and the much-enhanced Fall Festival were popular events in 2006. Fire & Ice brought out the largest crowd in its history, and much excitement was created by last year's addition of "A Taste of Town & Country" and a number of new rides that exceeded everyone's expectations. In addition, last October's Fall Festival was a roaring success, complete with horseback rides, games, storytelling, food, and a beautiful autumn day that made for a memorable experience at Longview Farm Park. The thoughtful planning of these events coupled with an enthusiastic reception by our residents allowed for three wonderful opportunities to join together as a community.



Architectural Review Board

In the practice of law, it is very important to recognize "what you know" and "what you do not know." Dating back to my service on the Board of Aldermen, I always felt this same concept should apply to our review of applications for architectural approval of certain developments. While I often liked or disliked what was presented, I was always uncomfortable sitting in judgment without the professional training or expertise to properly analyze a given project.

Accordingly, last year I appointed a committee to assist the City in establishing an Architectural Review Board that would (1) develop a system of criteria and standards against which applicants could objectively measure their development project, and (2) properly and fully evaluate both residential and commercial projects in Town & Country. A bill to accomplish this goal is now pending before the Board of Aldermen. If enacted, our new Architectural Review Board will be comprised of a diverse group of residents who have the skills and commitment to properly and fully consider all applications. Serious disagreements over residential projects may still be brought to the Board of Aldermen for final action, and all commercial projects will require Board of Aldermen approval, but only after full review and a positive recommendation by the Architectural Review Board. Our ARB will enable the City to offer more objective criteria for an approvable project and leave the review of such projects in the hands of experts.

Improved Commission Structure

There is hardly a more important asset to our Community than the legions of volunteers who populate our commissions. These

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dedicated citizens focus on such matters as our City budget (Finance Commission), our employee pension and health-care plan (Benefits and Insurance), our tremendous City parks and gorgeous surroundings (Parks & Trails and Conservation Commissions) and our community-wide events (Community Relations), to name a few.

I believe that good ideas at City Hall are always made better with input and analysis from our commissions. Significantly, however, our commission structure has not kept up with the times and was slowing down the good work of these City ambassadors. Accordingly, last year, I appointed a committee that met over many months, gathered input from area leaders, and formulated a report and recommendation for improvement in this area.

A bill will be introduced in the coming weeks, to adopt these recommended changes, which focus on streamlining our commissions, clarifying the jurisdiction of each and otherwise making a vital City function even better. Once these changes have been implemented, I will be making a number of commission appointments, so if you have been considering becoming involved in your community as a commissioner, I would welcome the opportunity to discuss your particular area of interest with you.

Safe and Secure Neighborhoods

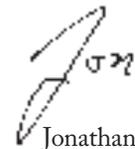
Safe, Secure... Neighborhood quality of life continues to be maintained by the lowest crime levels in 25 years, according to the number of reportable offenses to the FBI's Uniform Crime Report. Of the reported crimes that do occur, our police department solves six out of ten of the lesser offenses and 100 percent of the serious crimes against persons. This is attributable not only to a highly skilled and dedicated police department, but to an involved community. We have just completed our ninth Citizens' Police Academy and we have over 1,000 residents and businesses as partners in our Crime Prevention and Safety Network.

...and Prepared. In addition to being safe and secure, our neighborhoods are also well-prepared to respond to the significant challenges to health and safety posed by nature's destructive forces. Over 400 community members have been trained as part of our Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), and they have received extensive FEMA-based training enabling them to respond to major incidents that overwhelm our public safety organizations. This community spirit and involvement was exemplified on multiple occasions last year as weather and other natural challenges tested our City's infrastructure. Our citizens rose to each occasion and we remain grateful for their many talents.



I am hopeful 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. I appreciate the tremendous support I have received over the past two years, and I pledge to continue earning that support as we look to the future. Working together, we can all look forward to enjoying another landmark year in which Town & Country distinguishes itself in so many significant and meaningful ways.

All the best,



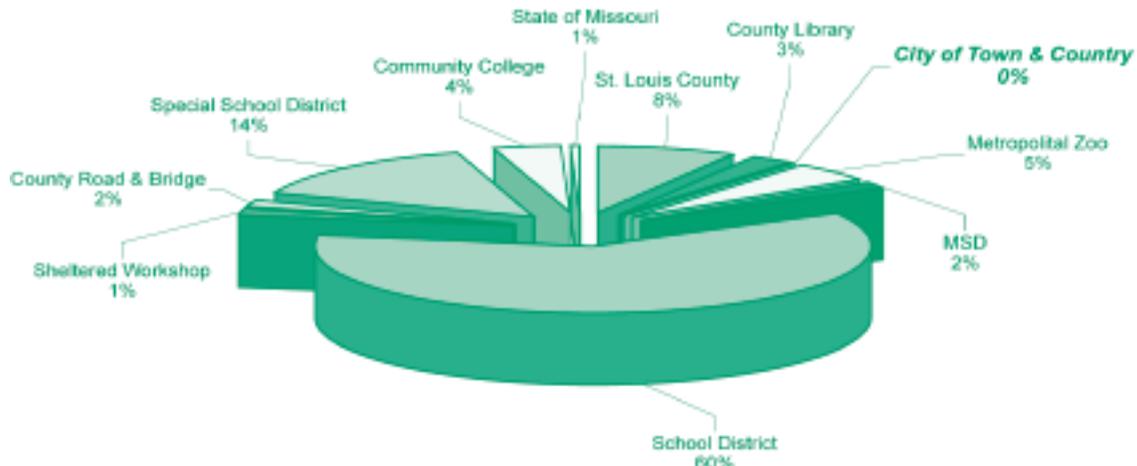
Jonathan F. Dalton
Mayor

WHERE DO YOUR TAXES GO?

You probably paid your real estate and personal property tax bills recently, and are wondering where your taxes go. The following chart illustrates what taxing authorities get your tax dollars. It is important to point out that the City of Town & Country does not assess a real or personal property tax and has not for the past 10

years. Even with a zero property tax rate the City of Town & Country maintains three city parks comprising over 71 acres, 42 miles of public roadway, and provides fire and ambulance services through contractual and statutory provisions at no cost to residents.

COMMON DISTRIBUTION OF TAXES FOR TOWN AND COUNTRY RESIDENTS



For more information you can visit St. Louis County's website at www.stlouisco.com.

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS FOR ALDERMEN – WARDS 1 & 2

RUNNING UNOPPOSED

**Lynn Wright****Candidate for
Alderman Ward 1**

I am privileged to run for my second term as Alderman of Ward 1. During my first term I worked together with the other Board members to meet the various

needs of our community. As Alderman, my objective is to provide the sound fiscal management Town & Country must have in order to preserve our unique city for the future.

During my first term, I was involved in several important projects. Our in depth negotiations with West County EMS Fire District resulted in a very favorable 5 year contract.

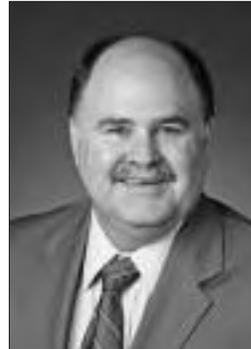
The new development “Town & Country Crossing” brought opportunity and challenges to the board. Helping to approve a balanced plan that enhances our city, the overall upscale appearance of the project reflects our traditionally high property values. A natural setting was preserved together with practical building plan. And equally as important, the plan makes financial sense for the developer, the retailers and Town & Country.

Chairing the Community Relations Commission allowed our commission to present programs of interest to the community. Informative seminars, Fire and Ice, Pops in the Park and the Fall Festival are all events coordinated by this commission.

During my second year I am now chairing the Parks and Trails Commission. We are working on a plan that would connect our trails to our beautiful parks. Cost effective improvements to our parks are part of our mission. Developing plans to renovate the Longview House has been a rewarding challenge. I have enjoyed working with all of the members of these commissions in their efforts to better our community.

My pledge to you during my next term is to continue to listen to all sides of every issue.

I will be available to help our residents make this a better community.

**William Kuehling****Candidate for
Alderman Ward 2**

When current Alderman Steve Donaldson decided not to seek re-election, I decided to run to succeed him.

My wife Pam and I live in the Van Courtland Place subdivision, across from the Dog Museum in Queeny Park. The house we live in has been in my wife’s family since it was built in the early 1970’s.

I am a native St. Louisian having grown up in South St. Louis and attended St. Louis University High School. My education includes a B.A. from Tulane University, a law degree from Georgetown University, and an M.B.A. from Washington University. Since 1976 I have been an attorney and I am currently a senior partner at Polsinelli Shalton Flanigan Suelthaus, P.C. in downtown St. Louis.

Prior to the private practice of law, I served as counsel to two Mayors of the City of St. Louis, finishing my career as Director of Public Safety. In this position I was responsible for the Fire Department, Emergency Management, Corrections, Building and Zoning, and as liaison to the Police Department. This experience should be very useful as the Alderman of Ward 2.

Town and Country has made solid progress over the past several years, and I look forward to working collaboratively and constructively with the Mayor and the other members of the Board of Aldermen to continue this progress.

While I will concentrate on the long term issues affecting the future of our community, I will always make time to be available to any residents who might have a problem with the City, no matter how large or small. I can be reached at 314-821-3482 or by email, Kuehling@sbcglobal.net.

Finally, I would like to thank Alderman Donaldson for his years of dedicated service to the City. We are all better off because of his efforts.

I would appreciate your vote on Tuesday April 3rd. Thank you very much

RUNNING UNOPPOSED



**Fred
Meyland-Smith**
*Candidate for
Alderman Ward 3*

I am proud to have served our City in my first term in office alongside our Mayor and my colleagues on the Board of Aldermen. I am particularly proud to be serving as the President of the Board. I believe our City's elected officials and staff are a hard working group dedicated to addressing matters head on and resolving them in a collaborative, factual manner.

Two years ago I campaigned on a pledge to maintain Town And Country as a premier residential community. I continue with that pledge. Lets look at a "report card" of my first term. First, I point to my effort as chair of the committee that worked for more than a year with the developer of the "Lucent" property to redesign that 75 acre project. My committee successfully transformed the plan from 100% commercial space to a mixed use plan that converted 30 acres to residential use. We helped create a design that removed over 200,000 square feet of retail space, eliminated 1200 parking spaces of asphalt and introduced a 3 acre water feature along with distinctive, inviting architecture. Secondly, I am presently chairing the Strategic Land Use Committee which is comprised of six accomplished Town And Country residents along with Mayor Dalton. Our mission is to provide the City with a proactive set of recommendations on land use regulation and zoning that preserve our distinctive character and values.

Our City will continue to encounter challenging issues. I am committed to responsible budgeting, maintenance of safe and tranquil neighborhoods and visionary governance of our undeveloped land. I look forward to continuing that work.



Jon Benigas
*Candidate for
Alderman Ward 4*

It has been a privilege to serve for the past two years as Alderman. As I review the accomplishments, foremost I see a Board of Aldermen who has individually and collectively accomplished a get deal, and it has been a pleasure to serve with them.

One of my primary 2005 campaign goals was to create a consensus-building environment. While no one person can take credit for this kind of change, I am pleased to report that change has indeed occurred and is continuing. While we have faced some very difficult decisions regarding fire safety, the Lucent property, zoning, etc., each issue has been addressed in a dignified manner with open communication among the parties. Even with some dramatic differences of opinion, a commitment to consensus-building has lead to effective governance for our city.

As we continue to face challenges, we must:

- Plan for the future, so that our Fire and Emergency Medical Services meet the needs of all constituents;
- Update our land use plan to ensure strong enforcement of our existing zoning ordinances for controlled residential development;
- Maintain strict standards for traffic control, public safety and aesthetic appeal for all commercial development;
- Fulfill our promise to survey our residents so they have direct input in their governance; and
- Maintain a balanced budget.

If you have not taken the opportunity to observe your city government at work, I encourage you to join us at our work sessions and Board meetings the second and fourth Monday evenings of each month. I am confident you will see collaboration and decision making that will make you proud to be a T&C resident.

I am committed to continuing to provide decisive and honest leadership if re-elected to the Board of Aldermen. Thank you for your support and your vote.

HELPING THOSE WHO “SERVE AND PROTECT”

Police officers often encounter stressful situations and citizens who are in the midst of a crisis. While our professional officers are trained to aid those who call upon them for assistance, some circumstances warrant a little extra help. Meet Julie Myers, the Town & Country Police Department Chaplain, who is always there for our officers and members of the community no matter the time of day or situation.

Julie, a Michigan native, moved to Missouri three years ago and is a resident of Wildwood. She was recently promoted to Chief of the Missouri Division of the International Police and Fire Chaplain Association, a national organization whose mission is to provide emotional, mental, physical and spiritual support for first responders whenever the need arises. Julie is a trained “First Responder” Chaplain, an ordained minister and is certified to provide first responder chaplain training for those interested in joining the ranks.

Last year, Chaplain Myers enrolled in our Citizens Police Academy to get a glimpse of what police officers in our area encounter and face during their tour of duty. Shortly thereafter, she completed Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training and served as the Incident Commander for an area-wide earthquake disaster drill held in Town & Country. Soon after becoming the Staff Chaplain for the police department, Julie provided assistance and support for one of our officers as they were called upon to make a very emotional death notification. The compassion and encouragement she provided for the officer and the family proved invaluable.

According to Julie, as soon as she became involved with the Town & Country Police Department, she knew that the relationship would be a perfect match. Julie believes that all first responders “deserve the support of highly trained chaplains who can assist them when the need arises.” She

further explains, “The Town & Country Police Department has recognized that need and has provided the resources necessary to accomplish this goal. The residents of Town & Country are very fortunate to have such proactive leaders guiding this community in the 21st century.”

As if Julie is not busy enough with her Chaplain duties, she is the mother of triplet 5-year olds, two girls and a boy! Her husband of 18 years, Jim, is an executive with the Daimler Chrysler Corporation in Fenton. Julie usually comes to the police department weekly to ride along with one of the patrol or traffic officers, and she always comes bearing some baked goods! Needless to say, all of the police department employees love having Julie around and know that they can count on her in a time of need.

Chaplain Myers claims that she is fortunate to be able to work with the employees of the Town & Country Police Department, but indeed it is the employees who are the lucky ones because we have Julie!



Chaplain Julie Myers and Town & Country Police Captain Gary Hoelzer

New Businesses in Town & Country

AD Geo, Inc. Marketing Services
530 Maryville, Ste. 220

Dr. Michael Orgel
1585 Wood Lake Dr., Ste. 218

Advance Promotions, Inc.
14323 South Outer 40 Drive, Ste. 514S

Pipkins, Inc.
530 Maryville, Ste. 220

BeBe Nail and Spa
1087 S. Woods Mill Road

Rehab-1 Network
12875 N. Outer 40 Drive

Holmsley LLC
14418 S. Outer 40 Drive

Semperian
14500 S. Outer 40 Drive, Ste. 405

Integrity Land Title
14323 S. Outer 40 Drive, Ste. 104

Von Hoffman
1714 Deer Tracks Trail



In December, ten members of Mason Ridge's fifth grade gifted program represented their school at the Missouri State-wide First Lego League Nanoquest 2006 competition held at Florissant Valley Community College. The team won the "Most Creative Presentation" award and scored the second most total points in the competition, which focused on introducing the students to the concept of nanotechnology and how it could potentially improve lives in the future. Pictured are from left to right (front row) Austin Meyer, Jay Adamitis, Elaine Reichert, Chandler Dalton, David McKnight, (back row) Jake Socha, Ryan Schlueter, Shawn Roach, Brendan McMorro, and Rigel Robinson.

“GREENS FOR GREEN” CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

On Monday, May 7th, the Town & Country Police Department and the Des Peres Department of Public Safety will host the Fourth Annual “Greens for Green” Charity Golf Tournament at The Landings at Spirit Golf Club in Chesterfield. The past three tournaments helped raise over \$60,000 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 \$100 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 myerjs@town-and-country.org. Registration forms are also available on the City’s website, www.town-and-country.org. Space is limited, so be sure to register early.

We hope to see you on Monday, May 7th at The Landings at Spirit Golf Club!

**THE FOURTH ANNUAL
TOWN & COUNTRY POLICE & DES PERES PUBLIC SAFETY
GREENS FOR GREEN CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT**

MONDAY, MAY 7TH, 2007

**CHECK-IN AND LUNCH BEGIN AT 11:00 AM • TEE-OFF AT 12:30 PM, FOLLOWED BY BANQUET DINNER
THE LANDINGS AT SPIRIT GOLF CLUB • CHESTERFIELD, MO**

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT MISSOURI SPECIAL OLYMPICS, THE BACKSTOPPERS AND OTHER LOCAL CHARITIES.

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

Gold Sponsor (Free Foursome, Major Signage & Recognition)	\$1000 or more
Silver Sponsor (Major Signage & Recognition at Banquet)	\$500-\$999
Bronze Sponsor (Large Signage)	\$200-\$499
Hole Sponsor (Signage at Tee Box)	\$100
Entry Fee	\$100 per golfer

TO BECOME A SPONSOR

Individual or Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Level of sponsorship and/or items donated: _____

Register Player Names: _____

REGISTER PLAYER NAMES:

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

Contact person for team: _____ Phone: _____

Please return this form and any donations to:

Town & Country Charity Fund • C/o Officer Paul Wilson

1011 Municipal Center Drive • Town & Country, MO 63131

Phone: 314-432-4696 Fax: 314-432-4991 • Email: wilsonpm@town-and-country.org

POST OAK SAVANNA

By Alderman Fred
Meyland-Smith



Example of an established restored savanna. Note the one-story trees and the prairie forbs in the foreground.

With the demolition of the large office building and adjoining warehouse, work has begun on the development of the 75 acre parcel of land at Clayton Road and Woodsmill Road, known as the “Lucent property”. Plans call for work to start first with the commercial sector of the property which occupies the eastern 45 acres. That retail center will be named Town & Country Crossing and will be home to a number of shops and restaurants as well as a Target and a Whole Foods supermarket. The western 30 acres of the site will be a gated residential community of town homes.

There is a uniquely precious element of this property that warrants special consideration. Throughout the history of this property, a considerable amount of attention from residents and City officials has been directed toward a 3.25 acre portion of the land referred to as the Post Oak Savanna. Located in the northwest corner of the property near the intersection of Clayton Road and Henry Road, this area has a remarkable number of large trees of the post oak species that date back hundreds of years.

A Post Oak Savanna is defined as an area of widely spaced trees, mainly oaks with occasional hickories, growing over an open understory with a thick ground cover of prairie grasses and wildflowers. Essentially, such a savanna is a prairie with sporadic large trees. Once abundant in this part of America, this ecosystem has largely disappeared because of development and an absence of the natural forces which must be present for its preservation. A widely recognized and respected horticulturalist, Jon Wingo of DJM Ecological Services, has consulted with the City over this natural resource dating back to the mid 1990’s. Mr. Wingo explains that the survival of our

savanna has been seriously threatened by the growth of invasive weeds such as honeysuckle and undesirable tree species which are crowding out the native post oak and hickory trees.

Our City is taking very deliberate steps to assure that this natural resource is protected and restored for the enjoyment of generations to come. In May, 2006, the Board of Aldermen adopted a mixed use ordinance to govern the development of the entire 75 acre site. Following extensive negotiations with the developer, the Board specifically included a provision in that ordinance to provide for the restoration of the Post Oak Savanna.

Mr. Wingo, in collaboration with Rusty Saunders of Loomis Associates, has formulated a comprehensive plan to restore this historic area. The plan calls for the immediate removal of the invasive honeysuckle and undesirable young trees that are choking the native oak. This step will be followed by controlled burn of the land to replicate natural burns started by lightning to allow cultivation of the soil to permit the return of the grasses and wildflowers. This extensive restoration plan encompasses a 3 year timeframe leading to the return of an authentic Post Oak Savanna. Cost for this effort is well in excess of \$100,000 and will be paid entirely by the developer. The resulting savanna will be open to the public and will feature a walking trail with benches.

Our City is a premier residential community dedicated to the preservation of our natural resources. The effort that has been directed to restoring this historic area is entirely consistent with the character and tradition of our community. The City appreciates the attention that has been devoted to this post oak savanna by scores of concerned citizens and the cooperative agreement that has been reached with the developer.



*A view of the Post Oak Savanna presently
Photo by Patty Wiggins*



COLLEEN WASINGER ELECTED TO ST. LOUIS COUNTY COUNCIL

On January 1st, former Town & Country Alderman Colleen Wasinger was sworn in as St. Louis County Councilman for the 3rd District. Ms. Wasinger was elected last November to fill the vacancy of Councilman and former Mayor of Town & Country Richard “Skip” Mange.

In September 2005, Colleen Wasinger was appointed to fill the aldermanic vacancy left when Jon Dalton was elected Mayor. In April of 2006, Ms. Wasinger ran for office and was elected Alderman. While Alderman, she served with distinction as chairman of the Public Works and Stormwater Commission, and chaired the Mayor’s Committee on Commission Structure, a group organized to review all City Commissions.

The City of Town & Country appreciates the dedication and efforts of Colleen Wasinger and wishes her success as Councilman for St. Louis County.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS DOUG HOPKINS RETIRES

GOODBYE DOUG HOPKINS! After 14 years of inspecting countless miles of roads, supervising stormsewer projects, overseeing snow plowing and branch pick-up, as well as a multitude of other duties, Director of Public Works Doug Hopkins has decided to retire.

Doug has been the familiar, friendly face around City Hall all these years who gladly took on the daily challenges of all Public Works' projects for Town & Country. Doug Hopkins has worked closely with elected officials, the Public Works and Stormwater Commission, Public Health and Sanitation Commission, Tree Board, Conservation Commission, Parks & Trails Commission and any others in the community who

needed his capable know-how or skill.

Doug's expertise and sense of humor will be missed by City residents and those who had the privilege of working with him daily. Future plans for Doug and his wife include traveling in a vintage RV that he recently rehabbed, riding his Harley, and enjoying sailing, one of his favorite pastimes.

We all wish Doug good luck and a great and happy future!



ST. LOUIS COUNTY ENACTS NEW WASTE MANAGEMENT CODE

Dear Resident,

At the end of 2006, St. Louis County approved an ordinance that modified the County's Waste Management Code. Some of the requirements of the new county-wide code (includes Town & Country) that went into effect on January 15, 2007 are as follows:

- All households must have waste collection services
- All households must have a waste container approved by their licensed waste service provider
- All households must have a recycling container approved by a licensed recycling service provider
(Please note that the container that you have is a matter between you and your service provider, but the ordinance places the responsibility for having the container on the resident not the service provider).
- All households shall be provided semi-annual bulky waste collection by their waste collection service provider.
- Yard waste collection services must be offered by a licensed provider, but it is not mandatory that you have this service.

At this point it is not clear exactly how this will affect Town & Country. Over the coming weeks and months the City will be asking for your input as to what direction the City should take with regard to the ongoing management of waste in the City. We will begin by inviting you to attend a meeting in the near future where the PHASE Commission will discuss this issue. We may also be sending you survey questions as part of upcoming City Newsletters to get your thoughts.

Please understand that the City desires to follow the wishes of you, the residents. At the same time we must comply with the new County Waste Management ordinance. This may require us to review our current City ordinances to ensure that we are in compliance with the new County ordinance. Hopefully, we will find that these two things come together and allow us to work through this with little disruption in our existing system.

Thank you.

Alderman Tim Welby

Chairman Public Health And Sanitation/Environment Commission (P.H.A.S.E.)

To review the 55 page document please visit St. Louis County's Office of Waste Management Website via the following link: http://www.stlouisco.com/doh/waste/waste_mg.html.

FYI - MASON ROAD UPDATE

FOR RESIDENTS IN THE NORTHERN SECTION OF THE CITY

In conjunction with the Enclave at Bellerive development, Mason Road is being realigned to eliminate the western traffic signal on Ladue Road. Improvements to Mason Road are almost complete and should be opened this spring.

St. Louis County has agreed to replace the bridge on Mason, just west of Bellerive Springs Drive. The County is currently exploring funding for the bridge and no timetable for construction is currently available.

CALLING ALL SUBDIVISION TRUSTEES!!

Communication with subdivision trustees is a valuable tool in getting vital information out to residents. In an effort to improve communication with Town & Country subdivisions, we are attempting to form an email contact list of all trustees. An electronic distribution list of trustees could save time in getting pertinent information regarding emergencies, special branch pick-ups (as we have needed three times in the recent past), or seminar details conveyed to trustees. Trustees, in turn, would be asked to distribute this information to the residents in their subdivisions. Participation is voluntary. If interested, please contact Mary Olsen with your name, subdivision and email address at olsenm@town-and-country.org. This list may be subject to disclosure under the provisions of Missouri's Sunshine Law.

Also, don't forget to notify the City Development Office at 1011 Municipal Center Drive, Town & Country, MO, 63131, 314-432-6606, when new trustees are appointed in your subdivision - and include your email addresses!

MISSOURI BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER EAST PAVILION GRAND OPENING



On Friday, January 5, Missouri Baptist Medical Center held a ribbon cutting ceremony to open the new East Pavilion, which houses their Cancer Center, Pediatrics Units, Cardiovascular Recovery Unit and Emergency Department. Mayor Dalton was on hand to offer words of welcome and join the celebration for the beautiful new addition to the Town & Country community.



COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION ANNOUNCES TWO SEMINARS

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS: WHAT TO DO AFTER DISASTER STRIKES

THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 7:00 PM

TOWN & COUNTRY MUNICIPAL CENTER

Come learn more about what to do in the aftermath of a storm or other natural disaster. Discussions will touch on how to handle downed power lines, downed trees and use of generators. Town & Country's Officer Chris Hunt will expertly explain the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program and describe how trained CERT members respond and react after disasters. Plan to attend and get educated about what to do when disasters strike.

TIPS FOR TRUSTEES: LIABILITY/RESPONSIBILITY ISSUES REGARDING NATURAL DISASTERS

THURSDAY, MAY 10, 7:00 PM

TOWN & COUNTRY MUNICIPAL CENTER

In an effort to offer pertinent information to Town & Country subdivision trustees, the Community Relations Commission invites all trustees to a town meeting aimed at addressing the needs and concerns facing residents after natural disasters. Presenters will include officials of the City and other professionals.

Also, the Community Relations Commission has identified the need to set up a system of communication with all trustees in order to immediately advise them of major information pertaining to disasters, and/or pass on important general information. Please see notice in this newsletter requesting trustees email addresses.

Please contact Chairman Tim Welby for more information, or with any questions or concerns at welbytj@town-and-country.org. Also, details will be posted on the City website town-and-country.org.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET IMPORTANT CITY INFORMATION QUICKLY?



Recent storms and subsequent City storm related debris pickups have required City staff to come up with some creative ways to get the information out to residents. Contacting trustees to pass on the information, putting up informational signs around town, announcements on the City website and publishing notices in the West County Journal and West Newsmagazine have been the major way in which we have attempted to contact residents.

The most effective way to stay informed about happenings in the City is to check www.town-and-country.org for up-to-date news.

Another excellent way to quickly get information out is ECNN – Electronic Community Notification Network. If you wish to receive notices of special events, public forums, hearings and other City announcements via email, please email your name, address and email address to Mary Olsen at olsenm@town-and-country.org, or fill out the application below and mail or drop off at City Hall.

ELECTRONIC COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION NETWORK MEMBERSHIP FORM “ECNN”

The “Electronic Community Notification Network” (ECNN) is a supplementary public information system designed to utilize available technology to provide timely information concerning nonrecurring meeting notifications, such as public forums, special events, and other important community information.

If you would like to participate, please complete this form and mail or drop off at the Municipal Center, or email olsenm@town-and-country.org.

Special notices: The ECNN distribution list may be subject to disclosure under the provisions of Missouri’s Sunshine Law.

- The system is not intended to replace or substitute other notification methods, especially those prescribed by law.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

ZIP CODE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

Mail or drop off:
ECNN
City of Town and Country • 1011 Municipal Center Dr., Town & Country, MO 63131

TREE CARE AFTER STORMS

The Missouri Department of Conservation



Snow, ice, tornadoes, hail and high-velocity winds are just a few of the natural perils Missouri’s trees experience. When storms damage trees, cleanup and recovery can be bewildering. Some injured trees can be treated and

repaired to maintain their health and value to your home. Others should be removed. Here are some tips that will help you make the right decisions for your trees.

Safety first

Damaged trees often are tangled with overhead or down utility lines, creating a dangerous situation. Under no circumstances should you remove limbs that have electrical lines running through them. Treat all lines as if they were live; do not touch or approach them.

If there is no danger from electric lines, the first step is to remove trees or limbs that have fallen on your home or are blocking access. Look for hanging limbs up in the tree that could drop on your home or family.

Selecting an Arborist

When hiring someone to work on your trees, be sure you use a certified, experienced professional arborist. Here are some tips to help you find a qualified person in your area:

- Check the phone directory – if they’re listed then you’ll be able to find them later if something goes awry.
- Ask for proof of certification, worker’s compensation and liability insurance.
- Ask for local references.
- Do not accept take-it-now deals; Get multiple estimates for your job.
- Good arborists do not recommend topping.

Experts Agree: Don’t Top Your Tree

Under no circumstance should trees be topped. This drastic pruning practice is also called dehorning, hat racking or stubbing back. Topping creates large wounds that rarely seal and are a convenient entry point for insects and decay. In addition, such radical pruning results in a profusion of sucker sprouts. These fast growing shoots are the first to go in the next storm. For more information call toll free 1-877-40NO-TOP (1-877-406-6867).

For more information visit the Missouri Department of Conservation website at: http://www.mdc.mo.gov/forest/features/tree_s_torm.htm.

PARKS AND RECREATION



PARK PAVILION RENTALS



Celebrate your next birthday party, organization meeting or family picnic in one of Town & Country's beautiful parks! Each park has a pavilion/shelter available for reservations by Town & Country residents, organizations and businesses. Shelters are equipped with electrical outlets, lights and picnic tables. Playgrounds and restrooms are located adjacent to each of the pavilions. The pavilions are available from sunrise to sunset. Fees are as follows:

Park	Fee
Longview Farm Park	\$50
Drace Park	\$40
Preservation Park	\$30

For more information or to reserve a pavilion, please call: 314-432-6606.

You may pay over the phone with Visa, MasterCard or American Express, or pay by check in person at the Municipal Center, 1011 Municipal Center Drive.



2ND THURSDAYS

At Longview Farm Park

New this year! Come to Longview Farm Park on the 2nd Thursday of June, July and August for horseback rides and fun. Provide your child the thrill of a horseback ride right here in Town & Country! Each participant will enjoy a guided horseback ride, an age-appropriate activity and a snack. Register for one 2nd Thursday or all three.

- DATES:** 2nd Thursday, June 14th
 2nd Thursday, July 12th
 2nd Thursday, August 9th
- TIME:** 9-10:30 AM
- AGES:** 6-12 years
- COST:** \$8 per child per Thursday



Register by phone 314-432-6606 with a credit card or in person at the Town & Country Municipal Center, 1011 Municipal Center Drive. Advance registration is required. A liability waiver must be signed for each participant

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HOT MAMAS IN TRAINING

Hot Mamas in Training fitcamp has been created as a way for moms to get in shape and stay in shape while keeping baby by your side. Hot Mamas in Training will deliver a challenging and motivating workout regardless of your fitness level. We will build your cardio endurance, sculpt your tummies, legs, glutes, and upper body. Look to us to create or bring back that Hot Mama in you. Best of all you are surrounded by moms just like you and your child. So, whether you are a new mama or a veteran mama: if you have a stroller, we've got the class for you.



Location: Longview Farm Park
13525 Clayton Rd

Register: (314) 517-7497

Instructor: Karrey Pheney

Cost: 2 days/week is \$64/session
1 day/week is \$32/session

To sign-up for classes call Karen
McDoniel at 314-276-6204.

Days: Monday and/or Wednesday

Session 1: April 23rd – May 16th

Session 2: June 4th – June 27th

Time: 9:30-10:30 AM

Days: Tuesdays

Session 1: No classes

Session 2: June 5th – June 26th

Time: 6-7 PM

SUMMER TENNIS CAMPS

These popular tennis camps are held at Preservation Park (North Outer 40 between CBC and Mason). Includes instruction, game play, and a little competition for all skill levels!

Days: Monday-Friday

Week 1: June 18-22

Week 2: June 25-29

Week 3: July 9-13

Week 4: July 16-20

Week 5: July 23-27

Week 6: July 30- August 3

Times: 8 -10 AM (4-11 years)

10 AM - Noon (12-18 years)

Cost: \$100 / week for Town &
Country and Creve Coeur
residents



EGG HUNT – MARCH 31



Equine-Assisted
Therapy presents its
2nd Annual Egg Hunt for
children ages 2 –12

Saturday, March 31st

Registration starts at 11:00 AM

Egg hunt begins at noon

\$10 per child

Longview Farm Park

Kids, come out to hunt for 3,300 eggs, then cash in your collected eggs for tons of great prizes at Equine Assisted Therapy's "Country Store."

Concessions will be available.

PARKS AND RECREATION



FUN UNDER A LOG

What's more fun than a "barrel of monkeys"?

How about a log filled with squiggly bugs and slimy slugs?



Fallen trees and dead branches in your garden make great places for kids to explore a new world filled with many-legged mini-beasts and occasional larger ones. Turn over a log and what do you see? Can you hear the mini-beasts at work? What does the log feel like to touch? Open your eyes and ears and get ready to explore the living world in a dead tree.

Some of the first bugs to move into fallen trees are wood-boring insects. Female beetles bore little tunnels into the wood and lay their eggs. Later, the larvae burrow outward with their strong jaws. Although the beetles are chewing through the wood, it is actually the bacteria and fungi on the tunnel walls that provide nutritious food for the beetles.

How do the fungi and bacteria get there? The beetles "plant" it in their tunnels in the form of their droppings. The combination of wood boring beetles, fungi, and bacteria helps the wood to decay. Do you see any tunnels or openings from wood-boring beetles? Other tunneling dynamos are carpenter ants and termites. They carve extensive mazes of tunnels far into the wood. Knock on the wood and listen with your ear up close. Do you hear a rustling sound? Carpenter ants make this sound with their mandibles (jaws). If you hear a "ticking" sound, then you may have discovered termites.



Life-Giving Dead Wood Dying Out?

According to the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), many forest species are threatened because of the removal of the dead and dying trees they depend on. The WWF says that many plants, insects, birds and mammals are having trouble because of the increasing tendency to remove decaying timber from woods and forests. Animals such as woodpeckers, bats and squirrels, which nest in hollow trees, are losing their natural habitats, and many other creatures that rely on dead wood (and the creatures attracted to dead wood) for food and shelter are affected. Daniel Vallauri of the WWF said, "We need to debunk the myths that dead wood and veteran trees mean a sick forest. In most cases they mean a healthy forest with a long life cycle and a very high diversity of habitats for species."

The vast tunnels of beetles and ants become "highways" into the log for moisture, fungus, bacteria, and other small creatures. With such enticing pickings, is it any wonder that a fallen tree becomes a banquet table for other animals? Hungry centipedes prowl the dark recesses of the log, looking for worms, slugs, spiders, and even other centipedes to dine on.

The many-legged millipede, which is related to the centipede, isn't a predator, but rather feeds on rotting wood and decaying leaves. The millipede, if it is not careful, can easily become dinner for a shrew – a funny, four-legged creature that is our smallest mammal.

From above, small female wasps, called ichneumons, land on the log. Using very long ovipositors (egg-laying organs), they can lay their eggs into beetle larvae far below. The eggs hatch into wasp larvae that eat their hosts, the beetle larvae. Woodpeckers also visit fallen logs where the wood-boring larvae provide a year-round source of food. After drilling into the wood with his strong beak, the woodpecker slurps up the juicy larvae with his long tongue. What a yummy meal!

A dead log is more than just "litter" on the forest floor. Approximately one-fifth of woodland creatures depend upon dead trees for their homes. Dead trees also provide moist places for ferns, mosses, fungi and tree seedlings. They harbor insects, spiders and other little animals that either eat the log or are eaten by other animals. The health of the forest itself is dependent upon the life in decaying logs

Through decomposition, nutrients in the log are slowly returned to the soil for new plants to grow. Thus, a dead log is part of the cycle of life. You have probably seen a nurse log on your woodland walks and thought it was just a long mound of soil. A nurse log is a fallen tree that in time becomes completely enveloped with new vegetation – mosses, ferns, fungi and sprouting seedlings. Keep an eye out for these shapes now that you know how they are formed.

By Barbara Bray, reprinted with permission from the Wild Ones Journal, March/April 2005



PARKS AND RECREATION



CHOOSING TREES AND SHRUBS FOR YOUR LANDSCAPE

By Susan Mintun,
Horticulturist and Certified Arborist.
Member of the T&C Tree Board

Each spring the arrival of Arbor Day inspires us to add new trees and shrubs to our landscapes. However, choosing exactly what to plant can be a daunting process. Even at a moderately sized nursery or garden center, homeowners are faced with a perplexing array of choices. A little bit of preparation before going shopping will narrow the field and help you find the right plant for your situation.

Consider Native Plants

Many species will perform well in our challenging climate, but you may want to narrow your list of options by deciding to plant a tree or shrub that is native to Missouri. Choosing native species helps establish a sense of “place” in our landscapes by reinforcing the characteristics that make Missouri a botanically unique region. In addition, many native species provide food and shelter for wildlife and are well adapted to our soils and climate.

Identify Your Goals

What do you want to achieve by adding a new plant to your property? Shade? Then look for large deciduous trees such as one of our native oaks, or the elegant tuliptree. Fall color? Consider trees such as black gum, red maple, sassafras or sweet gum. An ornamental specimen for a smaller space? Then think about small (10 – 50’) flowering trees such as red buckeye, green hawthorn or American snowbell, or shrubs such as Viburnum or American beautyberry. Evergreen foliage? American holly and eastern red cedar are both native to Missouri.

Analyze Your Site

First, consider hardiness. St. Louis city and county fall into USDA plant hardiness zones 5b and 6a so be sure that any plant you consider is rated hardy to temperatures as low as -10°F. After hardiness, soil moisture, soil pH and the amount of sunlight your plant will receive are the most important factors to consider. Observe whether the area you plan to plant is constantly wet, sharply drained and dry, or receives



consistent water from an irrigation system. Soil pH can be determined with a pH kit (available at garden centers) or by sending a soil sample to the county extension office. A “full sun” location is generally considered to be one that receives six or more hours of direct sun each day. Less light than this provides part sun, part shade or full shade depending on your situation.

Get Professional Advice

Now you are armed and ready to consider your options. Carefully read plant labels, talk to the professionals at your garden center, research your choices in books and on the internet or contact an arborist or horticulturist. For a good list of plants native to Missouri visit the Grow Native! web site at www.grownative.org or talk to someone at the Missouri Department of Conservation. And happy planting!

A HEART FOR ART?

The Town & Country Conservation Commission is establishing an ad-hoc sub-committee to focus on the possibilities for public art in the City of Town & Country. If you are interested in public art and would like to serve on this committee, please contact the Parks and Recreation Director at 314-432-6606 or nixona@town-and-country.org.



PARKS AND RECREATION



SOUTH TOPPING PRAIRIE RESTORATION

Prairie restoration on South Topping Road began in 2003 lead by Janet and Joe Williamson, who were inspired by what they were learning about native plants and prairie plantings from a group called the Wild Ones. They consulted with horticulturist Scott Woodbury who is responsible for the prairies and the Whitmire Wildflower Garden at Shaw Nature Reserve. He helped plan the area and contacted the Missouri Department of Transportation. MoDOT approved the plan and sprayed the approximately 5 acres with RoundUp in the fall 2003. A group of 16 volunteers from the Wild Ones, The Sierra Club, The 44 Corridor Group, and garden clubs helped plant the original seeds one cold day in December of 2003. The first summer Scott Woodbury identified 27 of the original 35 species planted, considering the prairie planting a "real success."

To assure even better coverage and to introduce additional species, two additional plantings were done in the winters of 2004 and 2005, again with the help of Shaw Nature Reserve, Scott Woodbury, neighbors and other native plant enthusiasts. A prairie restoration requires patience and 5-7 years to mature.

On Saturday, January 6, 2007, Town & Country aldermen, commissioners, and residents helped over-seed the upper level of the prairie at Manchester and Topping. Seeds were

prepared with the help of Scott Woodbury and spread by hand to thicken the growth and add new varieties of native prairie grasses and wild flowers. Sixteen volunteers worked to seed the entire area.

Stop by this spring and check out the prairie when it is in full bloom!



(Front Row, Left to Right) Jenn Welby and Maret Welby, Daughters of Tim and Nancy Welby; Mary Deweese (sitting), Forsythia Garden Club Member; Nancy O'Brien, Forsythia Garden Club Member; and Alderman Lynn Wright, Parks and Trails Commission Chair.

CLAYTON ROAD TOWN MEETINGS

With the extensive rebuilding of I64 over the next few years, motorists will be forced to find alternative routes to get to work and other destinations. Because Clayton Road, like I64, is an east /west route and in close proximity to I64, an increase in traffic on Clayton Road is both obvious and inevitable.

Town & Country, along with Frontenac and Ladue, are working with St. Louis County to both minimize the traffic impact as well as the duration of increased traffic volume on Clayton Road during this massive I64 construction project.

Please attend one of the following town meetings to learn more about what to expect as a resident and motorist, and what has been done to ensure the changes to Clayton Road are temporary.

BOTH TOWN MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL CENTER

TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 7:00 PM

AND

SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 9:00 AM

MEETINGS & EVENTS

**All meetings subject to change*

MARCH 2007

DATE	DAY	TIME	MEETING (LOCATION)
Mar 19	Mon	6:00 PM	Board of Adjustment (Municipal Center)
Mar 19	Mon	7:00PM	Parks & Trails Commission (Municipal Center)
Mar 21	Wed	7:00PM	Police Commission (Municipal Center)
Mar 26	Tue	6:00PM	Board of Aldermen Work Session (Municipal Center)
Mar 26	Tue	7:00PM	Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting (Municipal Center)
Mar 28	Wed	7:00PM	Planning & Zoning Commission-Staff Review (Municipal Center)
Mar 28	Wed	7:30PM	Planning & Zoning Commission-Regular Meeting (Municipal Center)
Mar 28	Wed	7:30PM	Staff Review (Municipal Center)

APRIL 2007

DATE	DAY	TIME	MEETING (LOCATION)
Apr 03	Tue	6:00AM	MUNICIPAL ELECTION
Apr 03	Tue	7:00 PM	Conservation Commission (Fire House)
Apr 05	Thu	7:00 PM	Court (Municipal Center)
Apr 09	Mon	6:00PM	Board of Aldermen Work Session (Municipal Center)
Apr 09	Mon	7:00 PM	Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting (Municipal Center)
Apr 12	Thu	7:00PM	Community Relations Commission (Fire House)
Apr 16	Mon	6:00 PM	Board of Adjustment (Municipal Center)
Apr 16	Mon	7:00PM	Parks & Trails Commission (Municipal Center)
Apr 18	Wed	7:00PM	Police Commission (Municipal Center)
Apr 19	Thu	7:00PM	Court (Municipal Center)
Apr 23	Mon	6:00PM	Board of Aldermen Work Session (Municipal Center)
Apr 23	Mon	7:00PM	Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting (Municipal Center)
Apr 25	Wed	7:00 PM	Planning & Zoning Commission-Staff Review (Municipal Center)
Apr 25	Wed	7:30 PM	Planning & Zoning Commission Regular Meeting (Municipal Center)

MAY 2007

DATE	DAY	TIME	MEETING (LOCATION)
May 01	Tue	7:00PM	Conservation Commission (Fire House)
May 03	Thu	7:00PM	Court (Municipal Center)
May 10	Thu	7:00PM	Community Relations Commission (Fire House)
May 14	Mon	6:00PM	Board of Aldermen Work Session (Municipal Center)
May 14	Mon	7:00 PM	Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting (Municipal Center)
May 16	Wed	7:00PM	Police Commission (Municipal Center)
May 17	Thu	7:00PM	Court (Municipal Center)
May 21	Mon	6:00PM	Board of Adjustment (Municipal Center)

May 21	Mon	7:00PM	Parks & Trails Commission (Municipal Center)
May 23	Wed	7:00PM	Planning & Zoning Commission – Staff Review (Municipal Center)
May 23	Wed	7:30PM	Planning & Zoning Commission Regular Meeting (Municipal Center)
May 28	Mon	HOLIDAY	– CITY OFFICES CLOSED
May 29	Tue	6:00PM	Board of Aldermen Work Session (Municipal Center)
May 29	Tue	7:00PM	Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting (Municipal Center)

JUNE 2007

DATE	DAY	TIME	MEETING (LOCATION)
Jun 05	Tue	7:00PM	Conservation Commission (Fire House)
Jun 07	Thu	7:00PM	Court (Municipal Center)
Jun 11	Mon	6:00PM	Board of Aldermen Work Session (Municipal Center)
Jun 11	Mon	7:00PM	Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting (Municipal Center)
Jun 14	Thu	7:00PM	Community Relations Commission (Fire House)

COMMUNITY EVENTS

DATE	DAY	TIME	MEETING (LOCATION)
Mar 14	Wed	12:00PM	Town & Country/Frontenac Chamber of Commerce Lunch Meeting (Marriot West)
Mar 27	Tue	7:00PM	CLAYTON ROAD TOWN MEETING (Municipal Center)
Mar 31	Sat	9:00AM	CLAYTON ROAD TOWN MEETING (Municipal Center)
Mar 31	Sat	11:00AM	Equine Assisted Therapy Egg Hunt (Longview Farm Park)
Apr 11	Wed	12:00PM	Town & Country/Frontenac Chamber of Commerce Lunch Meeting (Marriott West)
Apr 21	Sat	9:00AM	ARBOR DAY (Longview Farm Park)
Apr 26	Thu	7:00PM	Disaster Preparedness Seminar (Municipal Center)
May 09	Wed	12:00PM	Town & Country/Frontenac Chamber of Commerce Lunch Meeting (Marriott West)
May 10	Thu	7:00PM	Tips for Trustees Seminar: Liability/Responsibility Issues Regarding Natural Disasters (Municipal Center)
May 19	Sat	10:00AM	Equine Assisted Therapy Walk-a-Thon (Longview Farm Park)
Jun 13	Wed	12:00PM	Town & Country/Frontenac Chamber of Commerce Lunch Meeting (Marriott West)
Jun 23	Sat	7:00PM	FIRE & ICE (Westminster Academy)

**PLANNING & ZONING
COMMISSION ACTIVITY**

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

The following action was taken at the **December 6, 2006** meeting (this was a combined November/December meeting)

- **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT**-Fu Lin House Restaurant at 13935 Manchester Road (Manchester Meadows Shopping Center) (RECOMMENDED APPROVAL)
- **APPROVAL OF IMPROVEMENT PLANS**- Town & Country Crossing, 14250 Clayton Road (APPROVED)
- **APPROVAL OF RECORD PLAT**- Town & Country Crossing, 14250 Clayton Road (RECOMMENDED APPROVAL)
- **ACCEPTANCE OF PRIVATE STREETS**- Clayton Forest Court (RECOMMENDED APPROVAL)
- **DRIVEWAY VARIANCE REQUEST**- 2739 Bopp Road (RECOMMENDED APPROVAL)

BOARD OF ALDERMEN ACTIVITY

*Unanimous vote unless
otherwise indicated.*

*The Board of Alderman
meets the second and forth
Monday of each month.*

ACTIONS OF 11/13/06

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

APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

- 3187 Record Plat for Topping Woods Estates Subdivision
- 3188 Additional expenditures for the 2006 concrete replacement program

CONTINUED/TABLED THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS:

Bill No. 06-85 Amending the Town & Country Municipal code relating to vegetation that obstructs doors and windows; Resolution No. 11-2006-01 Approving sign code variances for Town & Country Crossing Shopping Center.

APPROVED THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS:

Architectural Review, 12700 Post Oak; 13050 Thornhill Drive; Minutes 10/23/06; Warrant List \$191,358.15.

ACTIONS OF 11/27/06

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

APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

- 11-2006-01 Sign code variances for Town & Country Crossing Shopping Center
- 3189 2007 Budget
- 3190 Amends Municipal Code relating to seat belts, child restraint devices and riding in the back of a pickup truck
- 3191 Agreement with Aetna for employee health insurance
- 3192 Agreement with Delta Dental for employee dental insurance
- 3193 Appropriates funds and accepts bid of Parkway, Inc. for the Bryn Wyck Creek Reconstruction Project

APPROVED THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS:

Architectural Review, 12904 Timmer Court; 22 Chapel Hill; Minutes 11/13/06; Warrant List \$164,302.45.

ACTIONS OF 12/11/06

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

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BOARD OF ALDERMEN ACTIVITY

Unanimous vote unless otherwise indicated.

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

APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

- 3194 Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with Town and Country Crossing Transportation Development District
- 3195 Boundary Adjustment Plat for Lamp & Lantern Shopping Center/McDonald's
- 3196 Street dedication, Claycrest Subdivision
- 3197 Contract with Ray's Tree Service for removal of dead trees at Longview Farm Park
- 3198 Contract with Rainbow Iron & Fence Company for replacement of fence on South Topping Road
- 3199 Contract with Professional Irrigation Systems for installation of an irrigation system at Preservation Park
- 12-2006-01 Cancels a scheduled Board of Aldermen Meeting

CONTINUED/TABLED THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS:

- Bill No. 06-97 Adopting the Missouri Local Government Employees Retirement System for qualified city employees;
- Bill No. 06-101 Changing the rate of compensation of the full-time administrative, clerical and custodial employees of the City of Town and Country;
- Bill No. 06-102 Changing the rate of compensation of the part-time administrative and clerical employees of the City of Town and Country;
- Bill No. 06-103 Changing the rate of compensation of the police officer of the City of Town and Country; Minutes from 11/27/06.

APPROVED THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS:

Purchase Order, Speed Alert Messaging System \$17,695.00; Warrant list \$962,438.87.

ACTIONS OF 12/21/06- OPEN FAX MEETING

APPROVED THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS:

Warrant List \$122,130.78

ACTIONS OF 01-08-07

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

APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

- 3200 Adopts LAGERS to provide retirement benefits to all eligible general employees and police officers of the City
- 3201 Approves range of compensation for full-time administrative, clerical, & custodial employees
- 3202 Approves range of compensation for part-time administrative & clerical employees
- 3203 Approves rate of compensation for police officers

CONTINUED/TABLED THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS:

Resolution No. 01-2007 approving a variance from the subdivision regulations to allow one additional curb cut at 2739 Bopp Rd.

APPROVED THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS:

Minutes of 11/27/06, 12/11/06 & 12/21/06; Staff Travel; Warrant list \$122,130.78, 12/21/06; Warrant list, \$143,111.31, 1/8/07.

ACTIONS OF 01-22-07

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

APPROVED THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

- 3204 Conditional Use Permit for Fu Lin House restaurant, 13935 Manchester Road
- 3205 Record Plat for Town & Country Crossing
- 3206 Appropriates funds for emergency tree and limb removal from January ice storm
- 01-2007 Variance for additional curb cut at 2739 Bopp Road
- 02-2007 Agreement with HDR to review and make recommendation regarding St. Louis County's plan to modify Clayton Road in preparation for the I-64 project

APPROVED THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS:

Staff Travel; Minutes 01/08/07; Warrant list \$575,129.24.

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ARBOR DAY

Town & Country Arbor Day

Saturday, April 21, 2007

Longview Farm Park

9 AM – Noon

Activities for Kids!

Educational Demonstrations!

FREE seedlings!



Come celebrate spring in Town & Country! Join the Arbor Day fun at its new location in beautiful Longview Farm Park. Learn about trees, pick up your free seedling, and enjoy the morning at our community's finest natural resource. Fun and educational events for children are planned. The native trees and shrubs available this year include: Baldcypress, River Birch, Blackgum, Willow Oak, Flowering Dogwood, Redbud, Ninebark, Buttonbush, and Arrow Wood. All residents are invited. Rain or shine.



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

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