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Fire & Ice

SATURDAY
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6:30-9:30 PM

Town & Country Crossing
(grassy area west of Target)

Don't miss the best Town & Country party of the year! Come enjoy dinner at the Taste of Town & Country area! Local restaurants offer a variety of dinners, desserts and drinks (cash only). Listen to the local favorite, the Featherstone Drive Band. They will join talents with the Town & Country Symphony Orchestra for a few joint numbers. Children will enjoy a huge inflatable slide, a climbing wall, and bouncy house - all free! Bring your blanket or lawn chair for the grassy hillside to enjoy the evening with your family and friends! An intimate fireworks display will delight all ages at dark!

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

A Grand Plan with a Simple Goal- Connecting Our Community through Parks and Trails



No one can successfully make the case that it has been easy. No one can claim it has been quick or without controversy. In fact, no one can even establish that significant sacrifices were not made over an extended period, which regularly tested the patience and resolve of many. Similarly, however, no one will convince me that the system of

diverse parks and trails, borne out of a master plan and its consistent implementation, have not brought us closer together as a community, linking neighbors and neighborhoods alike. The sign in this photo that says “Share the Road” speaks volumes to me and is a graphic reminder of an opportunity that Town & Country residents have taken full advantage of in the ongoing development of our trail system, most notably along Clayton

Road. *A pullout map with descriptive information is provided at the center of this edition of the Town & Country Times.*



With the upcoming completion of the final two phases of the Clayton Road resurfacing and pedestrian enhancements project, I want to acknowledge the many homeowners who have been adversely affected as we endeavored to complete these community-wide improvements. To these families, I extend my

heartfelt appreciation for tolerating the obvious inconvenience to their daily activities and significant disturbance of their property. Although we constantly endeavored to minimize challenges



along the way, the many sacrifices that these individuals have made have allowed our community to fulfill its dream of constructing physical ties to strengthen bonds all across town, and I know I speak for the entire City when I say that they deserve our sincere gratitude.

Town & Country has a long history of visionaries who have developed programs and amenities in order to bring us closer together as a community. Through years of careful planning and constant promotion, our shared objectives and collective efforts have resulted in such activities as the annual Fire & Ice/Taste of Town & Country event, the Arbor Day celebration and Fall Festival, the Turkey Trot and Clayton Road Classic bike race, each of which provides opportunities for families, friends and neighbors to gather as one in the serene setting provided by our parks.

1. It Starts with a Plan. These dreams all started almost two decades ago with the development of the Parks and Open Space Plan. In 1997, forward-thinking minds collected extensive community input and provided the City with the framework for all our future programming efforts. This provided the basic parks, recreation and open space goals of Town & Country. In



fact, the plan reviewed national parks standards, identified possible park locations and open space sites, and outlined a potential trail system. Our work, however, did not stop there.



2. Preservation Park. In 1999, these well-laid plans started to generate meaningful benefits. Through a joint effort with Christian Brothers College High School (“CBC”), the passive Preservation Park and athletics-oriented Cadet Park collaboration was developed on 32 acres just north of Highway 40. Providing amenities that promote sportsmanship through amateur athletics and the serenity of naturally vegetated woodlands, this community asset blends numerous interests.



3. Longview Farm Park. The property near the intersection of Clayton and Mason Roads was originally identified in the 1997 Parks and Open Space Plan as a priority for the City. In 2000, this jewel of our current system with its prime location in our geographic center became available for



public use, and its acquisition represented the beginning of a full service park system for the City of Town & Country. The process of community-based master planning was again pressed into service with the development of the Longview Farm Park

Master Plan. Countless public hearings and town hall meetings exposed a strong desire for a passive park and (ultimately) physical facility that would afford residents a gathering place for family and neighborhood activities. I am proud to say Longview Farm Park serves that very purpose to this day. Due to its popularity, we are currently working together to improve the safety of ingress and egress to the park by redesigning the driveway loop, a project largely funded through a St. Louis County municipal parks grant program, which should be completed very soon.



4. Drace Park. Building on this success, Drace Park was the third property acquired in quick succession. With its dedication in 2003, the internal loop trail and



open pasture-like feel have provided a tremendous location where visitors can host a variety of activities for nearly a decade. With two log cabins located

on the site and a third historic structure in the development stages a unique experience awaits, which can take those of an older generation back in time while exciting the imagination of our youth for years to come.



Late last year, the City became aware of a historic log cabin dating back to the 1850s that was actually inside a house which was about to be torn down for the construction of a new home. The Town & Country Historical Society, along with the Town & Country Parks

“Adding this historic log cabin to Drace Park with the other two existing log cabins would provide the city with an opportunity to create a unique historical setting for the education and enjoyment of our residents, our neighbors, and our schools”

– Skip Mange – Ward 1 Alderman



and Trails Foundation, raised the \$12,000 necessary to save the log cabin. It has since been dissembled, with the logs, support beams and foundation stones moved to and stored at Drace Park for future reconstruction. A series of forums will be held this summer seeking public input on how the cabin should be established at Drace Park in order to maximize the educational and entertainment value of this new addition. Grants will be sought to partially cover the cost of the reconstruction.

5. Tying Everything Together. In a relatively short period of time, the City provided residents and visitors a unique and active park and internal trail system, but there was much work still to be done before fully realizing our dream. Since many of the goals identified in the Parks and Open Space Plan had been accomplished, it was now time to evaluate our position and identify opportunities for the continued development of a fully integrated trails and parks system. In 2009, the Trails and Parks Master Plan Update affirmed the direction of our original effort and documented five specific objectives for advancement: 1) evaluation of existing trails, 2) evaluation of existing parks, 3) future trail connections, 4) future parks and open space preservation, and 5) future programming opportunities.

In essence, the Master Plan Update reinforced some of the existing trail priorities, and placed substantial emphasis on connectivity. Top priorities included connecting city parks through pedestrian trails as well as establishing trails to link neighborhoods, schools, retail centers and municipal buildings. The trail system identified Clayton and Mason Roads as the central “spines” within the City. Auxiliary trails radiating from these spines were identified to extend the system throughout the community.

6. The Clayton Road Trail. Guided by the 2009 plan update and ignited by real potential to succeed, the process of implementing our connectivity objective was initiated. In fact, the City

“The Clayton Road Trail is a wonderful enhancement to an already fabulous community”
Janine Fabick -Tundra Court

successfully secured almost \$4,000,000 in grant monies to take the next step toward development of a multi-use pedestrian facility through the heart of our community. The so-called “Clayton Road Trail” is being extended almost 2.5 miles from Longview Farm Park to its final destination at Bopp Road, and is rapidly nearing completion. Combined with existing sidewalks on the west (reaching past Highway 141 leading into the Post Oak Savannah at our western border) and south along Bopp Road, our residents are afforded the ability to undertake a five-plus mile trek across town, while enjoying a number of amenities and opportunities for engagement along the way.

With additional details to follow, a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the completion of this widely recognized community asset is being planned for July. A gathering and commemoration will occur at the intersection of the Clayton Road Trail and the Missouri Baptist Fitness Trail. Please make plans to participate in this community celebration to recognize the culmination of years of effort by many dedicated people in furtherance of our dream of a truly connected community. Check our website at www.town-and-country.org and like us on Facebook (search City of Town and Country, Missouri) for the most recent updates.

7. Public Art and Gathering Space. After the party, we have no intention of stopping there. We are also working towards the implementation of another feature that will provide a sense of arrival and identity to the heart of our community. With the



creation of the Public Art Commission several years ago, our dedication to enhancing the community through the promotion of uniquely creative programs was reinforced. This Commission is in the process of selecting a nationally renowned sculptor who will be asked to apply his or her vision and talent to a substantial piece of public art for all to enjoy for generations. The proposed location for this masterpiece is within the trailhead site adjacent to our firehouse at the intersection of Clayton and Mason Roads. While the Commission is tasked with refining the concept and implementation plans for this symbol of community pride, its goal can only be achieved with the support of our Town & Country family. Funding support for this project will come solely from the private donations of our residents and business community. Consequently, in conjunction with the members of the Public Art Commission, I ask for your assistance in meeting this goal. Please contact Lindsey Hodge at 314-434-1215 if you are interested in becoming a Patron of the Town & Country Public Art Project.



the Topping Road Task Force have been asked to give their time and energy to evaluate the challenges, needs and opportunities presented by this proposed future undertaking. A plan for community engagement is currently being developed, and (as always) I encourage your active participation.



As you can see, it is an exciting time to be a part of our community. A great deal of collaborative energy and effort has been invested to enhance these linear parks and related assets with the consistent goal of making Town & Country an even better place. It has been said that a goal without a plan is just a dream. If we continue to put forth our best efforts staying true to our master plan, our dreams of an interconnected community will continue to become a reality.

On behalf of the entire City of Town & Country, its staff and your Board of Aldermen, I wish one and all a fun-filled, safe and peaceful summer.

8. Future Developments. We are also committed to continuing the assessment and feasibility of additional connectivity spines along our trail system. Recently, the pursuit of grant support for the installation of a pedestrian facility along Topping Road was initiated. Consistent with my belief that more engagement by stakeholders equates to a better outcome, I have appointed an ad hoc committee of homeowners along the Topping Road corridor to guide this process. Members of



All the best,

Jon Dalton, Mayor

John Copeland:

LEAVING A LASTING LEGACY

After nearly 30 years with the City of Town and Country, John Copeland retired April 30th, leaving a lasting legacy upon our community. John answered the call to public service in 1976 as a police officer with the City of Rock Hill. Before coming to Town and Country he also served with the Frontenac Police Department. In 1983, the *Village* of Town and Country became the City of Town and Country and in November its police department was formed. John Copeland was among the first hires and he quickly progressed through the ranks.

In 1997 he was appointed unanimously as the Chief of Police after the selection committee reviewed over 100 resumes from all over the country. In 2004, due to his tenure and vast knowledge of Town and Country, John Copeland added the title of City Administrator in which he demonstrated the same values and dedication to the entire operation of municipal government as he did when only overseeing the police department.

While this entire article could detail the achievements of John Copeland, and we will include a brief summary of those, the indelible imprint John has left on Town and Country goes beyond personal awards and accolades. Framed awards and resolutions will adorn a wall wherever John chooses to call home; but what will remain in Town and Country are the values that he has instilled in those left to carry on the work.



One of the first phrases that began to characterize the police department under Chief Copeland was “policing as though people matter.” He would instruct his officers, “Respond to the call and treat the resident as though he or she were your father or mother.” And then he would ask the question, how would you like the police to treat your parent in similar circumstances? This philosophy changed the mindset from officers handling “just another call” to an opportunity to provide excellent, personal service. Case in point: recently a scout leader called and asked for a tour of the police station and a safety talk for his young troop. That is not unusual. What was out of the ordinary was that this scout troop was not from Town and Country. He had been turned down in his own municipality due to lack of resources, so he was told. Although faced with our own resource challenges, the response to the request was in line with Chief Copeland’s values; so of course the group was hosted and the troop was given a great presentation! It was also evident on a Thanksgiving holiday a few years back. A crime spree had left the City uneasy with our neighborhoods plagued by a burglar that would creep into homes

while residents slept. Other detective agencies took the holiday off. Our detectives didn’t, conducting a stakeout in South St. Louis. The burglar was in custody by days’ end and our City was once again safe and secure.

Another indelible value left by John Copeland is to “never stop improving.” Command staff sometimes quipped that being on the cutting edge of technology also meant that we were on the “bleeding edge”. The police department was the first in many important areas among the St. Louis law enforcement community; which also meant that we went through trials, and errors, in the implementation of innovation. But the end result was a department advanced in many of the technologies that have proven effective in delivering the highest quality of service to our community. Applicants often stated that they wanted to work for Town and Country because of the reputation for innovation.

As City Administrator, John Copeland took those values of innovation and service and implemented them throughout city government. He managed the City budget during challenging fiscal times while enabling the City to maintain a reserve fund balance that is nearly six times that which is required by ordinance. He was one of the architects in reformulating our relationship with the Fire District and Central County Fire Dispatch, maintaining the highest level of service while being prudent with city finances. And he played a major role in envisioning a consolidated police dispatch center that would enhance service while improving our stewardship of taxpayer dollars.

An article highlighting the impact of John Copeland upon our City would not be complete without addressing one other area. When asked by a member of the Police Commission what his greatest achievement as police chief was, he responded, “Improving the pension program.” His response illustrated his concern for the employees of the City, from the lowest paid worker to the department heads. The change to a publicly managed system not only has saved the City money as compared to the previous program, but has greatly improved the benefit ensuring a stable retirement for those who have dedicated their careers to municipal service.

Most of all, John has been a visionary, mentor, and a friend whose philosophy of compassion and excellence will continue on in the professional lives of the municipal staff.

Pam Burdt

RETIRED CITY CLERK



After almost 20 years of dedicated service to Town & Country, through seven Mayors, countless Aldermen, many members of City Commissions and thousands of residents, our beloved City Clerk, Pamela Burdt, has retired.

Pam started in the Development Office in 1993, and in 1996 was elected to the position of City Clerk by the Board of Aldermen. Pam embraced her new duties and continued learning and being accredited through her tenure. In March 2009, after many years of hard work and dedication, Pam Burdt was awarded the designation of “Master City Clerk” by the *International Institute of Municipal Clerks* for having achieved the combined required hours of education and on-the-job experience as City Clerk.

Pam Burdt has been a trusted resource, a reliable colleague and a friend to all, who will be missed but never forgotten in the City of Town & Country. On March 8, Pam worked her last day with the City and was sent off with love and best wishes to begin what we hope will be many years of joy and a happy retirement.

Pat Keevin

RETIRED



Pat Keevin, the City's accounting clerk since 1993 has decided to turn in her calculator! From day one Pat has been industrious, untiring and exceptionally accurate in her accounting work for the city. Also, Pat

often was the friendly, helpful voice who answered the many phone calls to the Municipal Center. Fellow employees enjoyed Pat's team spirit and her sunny disposition. Pat's attention to detail and work ethic was unquestionable, and therefore she was a treasure to our City for almost 20 years.

Pat plans to enjoy international travel, and more camping and hiking trips in the U.S. in her retirement. Her warm, cheerful attitude and fun personality will be deeply missed at the Municipal Center, and we extend our sincerest appreciation for a job well done and wish her the best in her retirement years.

Ashley Mc Namara

APPOINTED CITY CLERK



Our new City Clerk, Ashley McNamara, started with Town & Country in 2005 as Police Clerk. Because of her professionalism, attention to details and expertise in the demanding, multi-faceted job of

Police Clerk, she quickly became an invaluable asset to the Department. In fact, because of her ability to be a quick study and extremely organized, she was voted Employee of the Year by fellow Police Department staff in 2008.

When the position of City Clerk came open, Ashley was the perfect candidate. After interviews with other candidates, Ashley's excellent skills and valuable history with the City made it clear that she was the person for the City Clerk position. Ashley was elected unanimously by the Board of Aldermen at the March 11th meeting and immediately took over her new duties. We all wish Ashley well as City Clerk.

TOWN & COUNTRY WELCOMES NEW EMPLOYEES

MELANIE RIPPETOE

Assistant Planner/
Code Enforcement Officer



Melanie Rippetoe joined the City Development Department staff on March 18 as Assistant Planner/Code Enforcement Officer. Melanie came to us from the City of Maryland Heights, where for five years she was a Code Enforcement Officer in the Community Development Department. While working at Maryland Heights, Melanie earned a Master's degree in Urban Planning and Real Estate Development from Saint Louis University. Her undergraduate degree is from the University of Missouri – St. Louis. In her spare time, Melanie enjoys taking her pit bull Prince for long walks. She also has become an accomplished rehabber, practicing tile setting, dry-walling, painting and landscaping on her home. In addition, she serves as a public member of MOHELA, appointed by Governor Nixon, and was recently elected to be Secretary of the MOHELA Board.

MARIAN BOCK

Accounting Clerk



Marian comes to us with over 27 years of municipal experience with the City of New Madrid in general administration and accounting as the City Clerk and prior as the Economic Development Coordinator. She is a graduate of William Woods University in Fulton. Marian is a French history buff and enjoys reading, volunteering, and visiting wineries. Marian has two children Carrie (25) and Nathan (20) and lives in Ballwin.

JOSH HAMEL

Police Officer



Officer Joshua (Josh) Hamel comes to us from the Chesterfield Police Department where he served for the past three years. Prior to attending the police academy Josh served as an Intern with our department while working on his criminal justice degree at Maryville University. It was always Josh's ambition to become a Town and Country Police Officer but this is the first time the opportunity presented itself. Josh, his wife Danielle, and his two sons Preston and Lucas reside in O'Fallon, MO.

LAURIE HANGGE

Police Clerk



Police Clerk Laurie Hangge comes to us from the St. Louis County Police Department where she has worked most recently as a Records Clerk, serving in that position for a little over two years. Prior to that Laurie served as a Dispatcher with County for four years. Laurie and her two sons reside in Oakville, MO.

In Memoriam SUZY GUNTER

Suzy, a valued and vibrant member of the Community Relations Commission since 2006, enthusiastically volunteered at many Arbor Day, Fall Festival, Impressions of Town & Country, Art, Wine and Music and Holiday Boutique events. Her zest for life and community spirit will be deeply missed in Town & Country.

NEW CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND POLICE CHIEF

With the retirement of Chief of Police and City Administrator John Copeland on April 30th, the Mayor, with the confirmation of the Board of Aldermen, appointed Captain Gary Hoelzer as the new City Administrator and Captain Pat Kranz as the new Chief of Police. Both men have served the City of Town and Country for over 26 years and are looking forward to continued service in their new roles.

Gary Hoelzer

CITY ADMINISTRATOR



Gary Hoelzer began his law enforcement career with the St. Louis County Police Department in 1980 and came to Town and Country in 1985. He oversaw policing operations since 1997 in which he established an evidence-based approach to the problems facing the City. He was elected the President of the Law Enforcement Officials in 2002. He has written a number of articles on the topics of organizational management and police innovations that have been published in major national police management publications. He also teaches undergraduate and graduate courses at Maryville and Missouri Baptist Universities. Hoelzer has a Master of Science from the University of Central Missouri and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy.

His professional goal as City Administrator is to dedicate himself and the rest of the staff to the City's mission of maintaining an environment of hospitality and fostering a sense of community; and to uphold and promote the values of integrity, respect, fiscal responsibility, quality of life, safety and security, and excellence in municipal service.

Patrick Kranz

CHIEF OF POLICE



Pat Kranz began his law enforcement career in 1981, and after gaining valuable experience at two previous police departments, he started with the Town and Country Police Department in October of 1986. He worked in the patrol division where he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 1989. In 1991 he was appointed as the Commander of the Investigative Division where he served until 1996. During his time in this position he was a member of the Greater St. Louis Major Case Squad and of the Professional Investigators Council. In 1996, he became the Deputy Commander of the Operations Division. While in this position he also served as a Squad Commander on the St. Louis County Mobile Response Team. In 2001 he was appointed as the Commander of the Administrative Services Division where he served until this promotion.

Chief Kranz graduated from the FBI National Academy in 2004 and has a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Central Missouri. He is a former president of the Law Enforcement Officials of Greater St. Louis, a former guest instructor at the St. Louis County and Municipal Police Academy, and he also serves on the Technology Committee for the St. Louis Area Police Chiefs Association.

CERT TRAINING BEGINS

October 2, 2013

The Town & Country and Creve Coeur Police Departments, along with the West County EMS and Fire District have partnered together to offer citizens specialized training, known as CERT, to assist the community in the event of a large-scale disaster. Our program is part of the Meramec Valley Citizen Corps Council, which includes CERT programs from several local municipalities and fire districts.

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

CERT training is offered to all city residents and is FREE of charge. The training is conducted on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 – 9:00 PM for 5 weeks and a practical exercise will be held on Saturday November 16th. The next class is scheduled to begin on October 2nd 2013.

This year the CERT classes will be held at the new West County EMS and Fire Training Facility at Manchester and Mason Rd.

Additionally, businesses located within the city limits interested in providing CERT training for a group of employees, can host a class during normal business hours. Edward Jones, Monsanto and Maryville University employees have completed the training and are better prepared to assist and respond should a disaster occur while they are at work.

It is important to have trained citizen volunteers available to assist our police and fire departments and the community in the aftermath of a disaster. **If you would like to enroll and/or receive additional information regarding CERT, please contact Officer Katie Exline by email at exlinek@town-and-country.org or call 314-587-2892.**

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

CHURCHILL CENTER & SCHOOL WELCOMES RWANDAN PEACE CORP VOLUNTEER AND ALUMNAE MARKEY CULVER



Students at Churchill Center & School had the opportunity on April 11 to hear alumnae Markey Culver share her Peace Corps service experience in Rwanda. Markey served as an English and a Foreign Language teacher for a rural government school and designed the construction of a library and Internet resource center for her school. Markey was able to establish a Teacher's computer and Internet Training program. She also helped develop and administer grass-roots community development programs promoting economic empowerment, such as a women's baking cooperative and a school-run printing business.

The Peace Corps encourages all returned volunteers to share their stories of service. Markey's presentation spotlighted her accomplishments in her two-year Peace Corps experience in Rwanda, illustrating how her service as a community-volunteer has allowed her to advocate for and strengthen multiple facets of the community.

Churchill students have been focusing on helping others in the community this school year and have raised and contributed more than \$3,000 to those in need. We are proud of our alumnae and current students for the generous contributions to helping others.

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Since 1978, Churchill Center & School has provided individualized, remedial education for high-potential children with learning disabilities, enabling them to successfully return to traditional classrooms. Churchill also provides workshops for parents, administrators and teachers from area schools and conducts the Terri's Tutors program, which assists children whose learning has been compromised due to the effects of cancer treatment. Churchill Center & School is located in Town & Country.

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CELEBRATE TOWN & COUNTRY NIGHT OUT ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1ST

The St. Louis Area Police Chiefs Association has established the first Tuesday of October as St. Louis Night Out in lieu of the National Night Out in August. So on October 1st we will celebrate the evening in neighborhoods all across the City. The goals of Town and Country Night Out are to foster partnerships between members of the community and our police and fire organizations and to acknowledge the many residents and neighborhoods who are taking an active role in promoting safe neighborhoods.



Between 6 and 8 pm on October 1st residents are encouraged to meet and socialize with their neighbors. During this time, Town & Country Police Officers, members from the West County EMS and Fire Protection District, and Town & Country Elected Officials will visit as many "block parties" as possible.

The Town & Country Police Department encourages you to organize residents to get together either at a neighbor's home or in a safe location in your neighborhood. Ideas for different activities during National Night Out may be found at the National Night Out web site at www.nationaltownwatch.org.

For additional information or to register a National Night Out neighborhood gathering, please contact Officer Katie Exline at 314-587-2892 or by email at exlinek@town-and-country.org.

AGE SMART, AGE WELL IN ST. LOUIS COUNTY



St. Louis County residents, age 50 +, have an opportunity to learn computer skills and strategies for successful aging through the "Age Smart, Age Well" program sponsored by the Saint Louis County Department of Human Services.

"Age Smart, Age Well" offers various options for computer training, including Basics, Microsoft Windows, Word, Internet and Email. Participants also attend presentations about free and low cost community resources that support wellness and life enrichment for the retirement years.

"Age Smart, Age Well" sessions are scheduled in 4-week intervals throughout the year, on Monday and Wednesday mornings, at various locations throughout St. Louis County.

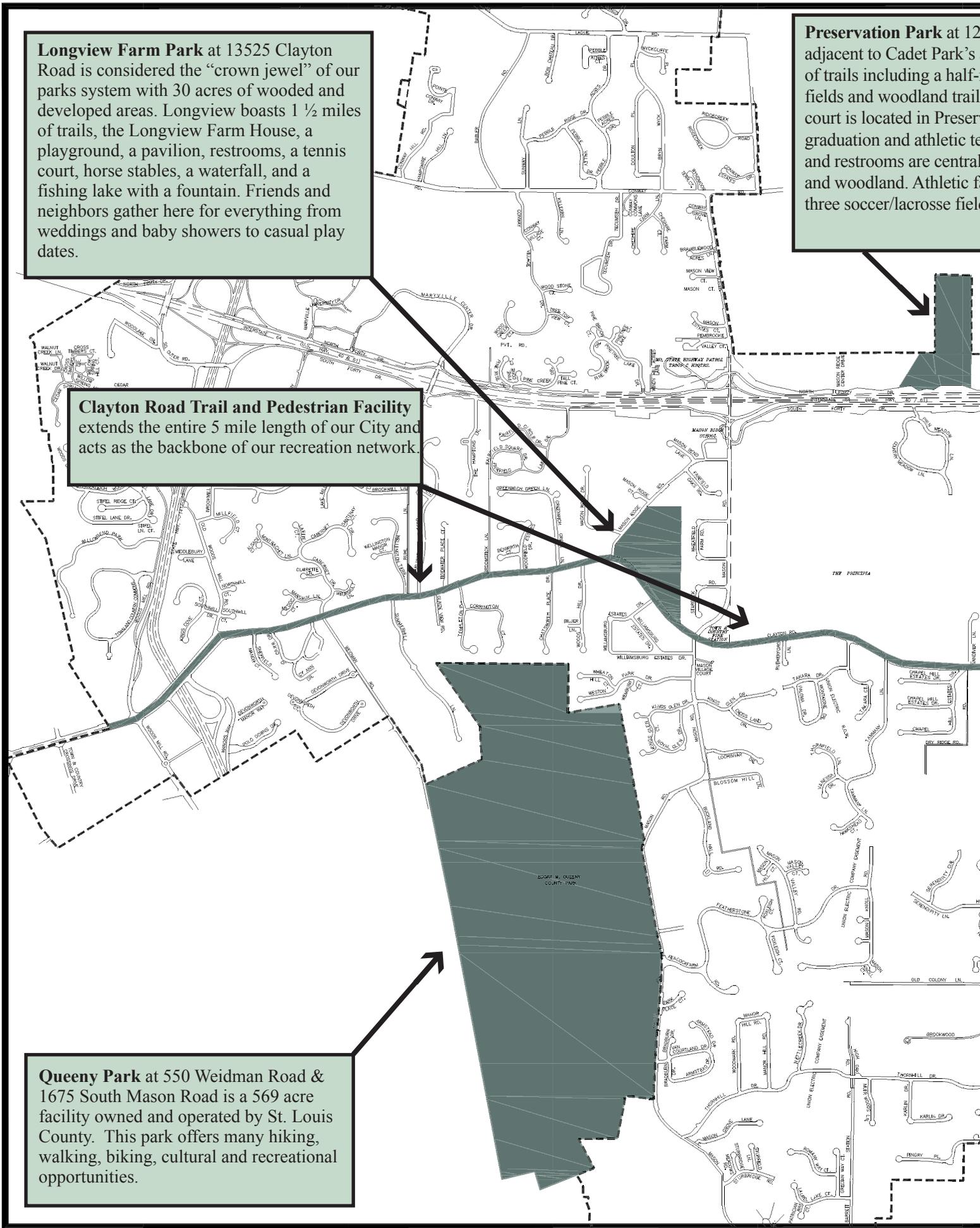
Additional volunteers are needed to instruct computer classes for the fall session in South County. For more information about upcoming Age Smart, Age Well sessions or volunteer opportunities, please call Karen Bono at (314) 615-4474.

Longview Farm Park at 13525 Clayton Road is considered the “crown jewel” of our parks system with 30 acres of wooded and developed areas. Longview boasts 1 ½ miles of trails, the Longview Farm House, a playground, a pavilion, restrooms, a tennis court, horse stables, a waterfall, and a fishing lake with a fountain. Friends and neighbors gather here for everything from weddings and baby showers to casual play dates.

Preservation Park at 12... adjacent to Cadet Park’s... of trails including a half-... fields and woodland trail... court is located in Preser... graduation and athletic te... and restrooms are central... and woodland. Athletic f... three soccer/lacrosse field

Clayton Road Trail and Pedestrian Facility extends the entire 5 mile length of our City and acts as the backbone of our recreation network.

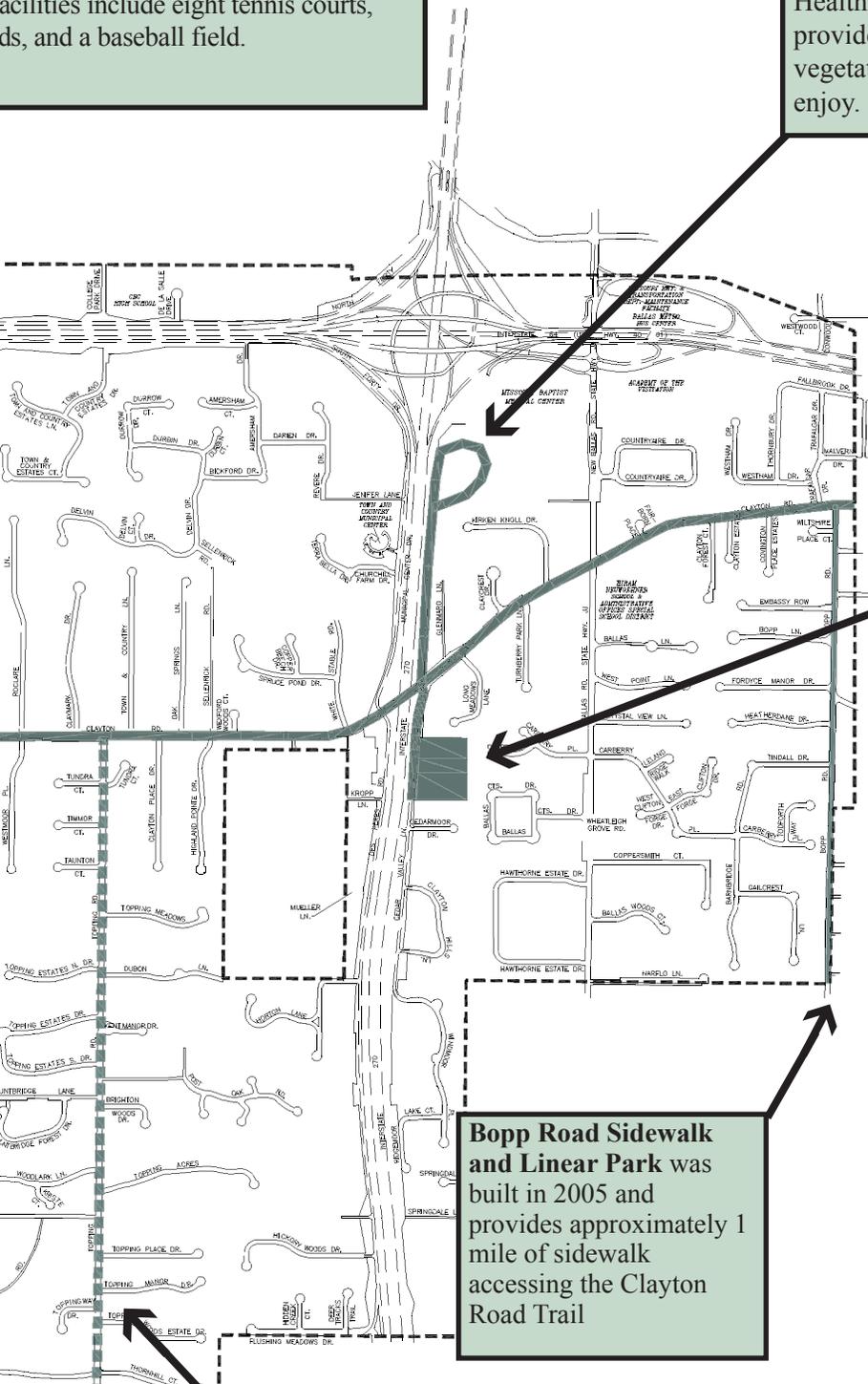
Queeny Park at 550 Weidman Road & 1675 South Mason Road is a 569 acre facility owned and operated by St. Louis County. This park offers many hiking, walking, biking, cultural and recreational opportunities.



625 N. Outer 40 is 12 acres and athletic facilities. The park has 1 mile paved loop around the athletic fields. The City's only sand-volleyball court is located here. The City's only sand-volleyball court is located here, making it popular for team parties. The pavilion, playground and picnic shelter are also located among the athletic fields. Other facilities include eight tennis courts, basketball courts, and a baseball field.

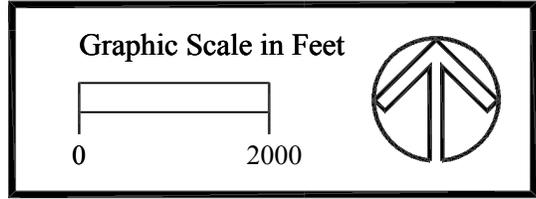
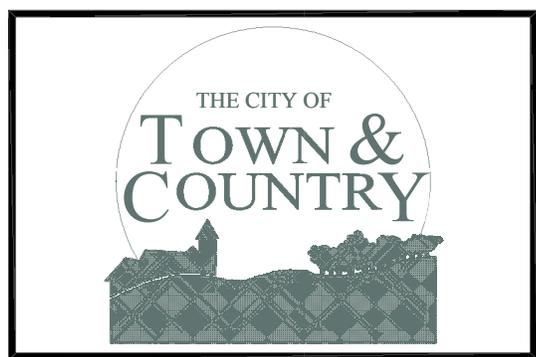
MO-Baptist Hospital Fitness Trail at the intersection of Clayton Road and Cedar Valley Road was created through a cooperative effort between BJC Healthcare and the City. This trail provides a loop through naturally vegetated woodlands for all to enjoy.

Drace Park at 2310 Cedar Valley Road is a beautiful nine-acre park with 1 mile of trails. It is a very popular park for children's birthday parties with its playground adjacent to the pavilion and rest rooms. The trails here are flat, perfect for young bicycle riders, stroller, and dog walkers. Two historic log cabins are located on-site, with a third planned in the near future. Get away for a shady picnic in the woods in the center of Drace Park.



Bopp Road Sidewalk and Linear Park was built in 2005 and provides approximately 1 mile of sidewalk accessing the Clayton Road Trail

Proposed Topping Road Pedestrian Facility will connect the Clayton Road Pedestrian Trail to the southern portion of our City.



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	PEDESTRIAN FACILITY
	PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN FACILITY

Town & Country Trails and Parks

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We are looking for talented artisans and crafters!

Talents & Treasures Holiday Boutique – Saturday, November 16

The Town & Country Community Relations Commission is accepting applications from vendors who would like to showcase their talents at one of the best holiday shopping events in the area. This very popular annual Holiday Boutique held at the beautiful Longview Farm House features only handcrafted items by local, talented artists and crafters. If you are interested, please go to www.town-and-country.org, click on Holiday Boutique in the right side column for vendor application, or contact Mary Olsen at olsenm@town-and-country.org or 314-587-2804.

Shoppers -
Mark your
calendars
for Saturday,
November 16 from
9am to 3pm.

New Businesses in Town & Country

Data Source

12801 Flushing Meadows
Dr.
Suite 250

Optimus

555 Maryville University
Suite 250

MetLife

625 Maryville Centre Drive
Suite 200

Perfect Fit Hearing Aid Center

13426 Clayton Rd.

Music & Arts

1236 Town & Country
Crossing Dr.

TJC Management Services

12801 Flushing Meadows Dr.
Suite 270

PERMANENT HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE PROGRAM OPENS!

The Saint Louis County Department of Health is pleased to announce that the first permanent household hazardous waste collection facility is now open. The permanent program is regional and residents from St. Louis County, St. Louis City, and Jefferson County are eligible to participate by making a reservation at www.hhwstl.com.

The site is located at 291 E. Hoffmeister (on the grounds of the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District's Lemay Waste Water Treatment Plant). Residents should follow the reservation instructions and to print off the voucher that confirms the reservation. Residents should bring the voucher and proof of address to the appointment. Proof of address can be a utility bill or driver's license. Town & Country residents can also call for assistance in making a reservation: **Saint Louis County: 314-615-8958**

The permanent program replaces the one day collection events previously hosted by the Department of Health.

Questions about the permanent program can be emailed to
recycle.doh@stlouisco.com.

TOWN & COUNTRY GARDEN CLUB BUZZ

The Town and Country Garden Club has scheduled their work days for the Drace Park Log Cabin Gardens. We will meet on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 10am-noon. We welcome the community to stop by to see the gardens and meet members of the club or better yet, bring your gardening gloves and sun hat and have some fun helping pull a weed or two!

2013 Calendar of Events

June 15, Saturday - Garden Tour in Edwardsville, IL--we will carpool to visit eight gardens with lunch included, leaving at 8am and returning at 4pm--\$25

September 11, Wednesday - Hydrangeas for the St. Louis Area presented by Master Gardener Anne Kirkpatrick - Longview - 1pm - free

September 22, Sunday - Embrace Drace Wine Taste - 4:30-6:30pm - Drace - \$20

September 26, Thursday - Fall Panel of Experts at Longview, 7-9pm, free- three professionals will answer questions and “up” your knowledge about...

Clean Up - What to “leave” and what to toss in the compost bin

Color Up - Make your landscape glow this fall and pop in the spring

Up Your Numbers - Wintering over your tropicals and what & when to divide

October 9, Wednesday - Morning outing to tour Faust Park’s historic village--Fee charged

November 13, Wednesday - Color, Form & Texture, applying principles of art in the garden presented by Master Gardener Terry Milne--Longview--1pm--free

Visit www.townandcountrygardenclub.com for additional information about all events, or contact Club President, Ann Barron, at www.mobarron@charter.net or 314-229-8686

We are a participant in the Community Garden at Delmar Baptist Church, www.delmarbc.org. Our produce harvests will be donated to Circle of Concern. Garden helpers happily accepted.

“EMBRACE DRACE” WINE TASTE EVENT

To Benefit Drace Park And Kropp Log Cabin Gardens

Hosted By **The Town And Country Garden Club**
Sunday- September 22 - 4:30-6:30pm
THE DRACE PARK PAVILION AND GROUNDS
2310 Cedar Valley Road, Town & Country 63131

The Town and Country Garden Club is hosting a Wine & Cheese Taste Event to benefit the gardens their volunteers plant and maintain at Drace Park, around the Kropp Log Cabin, and the monthly educational programs the club provides for the community, throughout the year.

Invite your friends and enjoy wine, cheese & savory bites & wonderful silent auction items.

Tickets are \$20 per person, by check only, & are available at the Town & Country Municipal Center beginning June 1st. Please see Mary Olsen, M-F, 8am-4:30pm to purchase tickets. You can also mail in your reservation by using the form below. Tickets are \$25, at the park, day of event.

Visit www.townandcountrygardenclub.com for additional information about all events, or contact Club President, Ann Barron, at www.mobarron@charter.net or 314-229-8686

TOWN & COUNTRY GARDEN CLUB “EMBRACE DRACE” WINE TASTE EVENT RESERVATION FORM

This Event Is For Guests Age 21 And Older, Please. Event Is Rain Or Shine.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

OF TICKETS _____ @ \$20 EACH = \$ _____

Please mail completed form and your check payable to T&CGC, c/o Barb Putnam, 624 Aspen Ridge Ct., Town & Country, MO 63017. Deadline is September 15 for advance ticket price.

DELMAR BAPTIST CHURCH COMMUNITY GARDEN



On Saturday, May 4, the new community garden at Delmar Baptist Church in Town & Country was formally dedicated during a morning of activities for all ages. Master Gardener, Matt Even from Gateway Greening led the participants in a seminar on raised bed gardening. Members of the Town and Country Garden Club staffed an information table to tell about the work they do in the community. The Club has also rented a garden plot in the community garden and will donate their harvest to Circle of Concern.

The church worked closely with the Town and Country Green Commission to expand community gardening opportunities to a second location within the city. The additional 30 plots on the

church's property at 1001 Municipal Center Dr. doubles the number of protected garden spaces available to those who work and live within the Town and Country community.

About 50 people gathered in the garden as Rev. Fillingham, Senior Pastor at Delmar led the dedication service. He said "Delmar has been blessed with many sacred spaces and we want to share them with our neighbors and be good stewards of the land. We also hope that those who garden with us will share some of their extra produce to increase the donations to Circle of Concern." He introduced Ms. Chris Pallozola, Executive Director of Circle of Concern in Valley Park, MO. She expressed how thankful they are for the fresh produce and how important it is to the agency's ability to provide wholesome food to the 2,200 people that it serves in western St. Louis County.

Rev. Fillingham added how grateful the church is for the local support it has received toward the development of the garden. Financial support was received from Maryville University and Greenscape Gardens in Manchester, MO gave fundraising assistance. Publicity has been provided through the Town and Country Garden Club and the Green Commission. The church also received a grant from the American Baptist Churches USA.

The garden will be available to the public for years to come. More information on garden plot availability is at www.delmarbc.org or by calling the church office at 314-432-1960.

RAINSCAPE REBATES PROGRAM

Landowners in Town & Country are eligible to participate in a RainScape Rebates Program. RainScape Rebates is a voluntary program that financially assists landowners in the Deer Creek Watershed wishing to landscape their yards to improve stormwater management. Seventy-five percent of the funds will be reserved for residential landowners; the remaining 25% will be available for schools, churches, businesses, and parks.

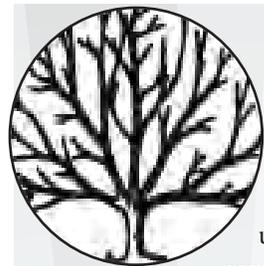
The purpose of the program is to improve water quality in Deer Creek and its tributaries by installing landscaping that helps capture rain where it falls, instead of allowing water to run off-site. RainScaping can also be employed to solve a drainage problem, increase aesthetic appeal, improve property values, attract birds & butterflies and more. Landowners may select from a variety of RainScaping options, including planting a rain garden, installing a rain barrel, amending soil, and/or replacing lawn grass with trees, shrubs, and low-maintenance ground cover.

The application for this program and all the necessary information are available on the Deer Creek Watershed Alliance website at deercreekalliance.org. The application deadline is July 15, 2013. The maximum rebate per site is 75% of documented expenses up to \$2,000. Sign up for the Deer Creek Watershed Alliance email newsletter to receive first access to the materials. In addition, hard copy application forms are available at the Town & Country Municipal Center.



The Deer Creek Watershed Alliance is a project of Missouri Botanical Garden; the RainScape Rebates rebate program is funded by Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District, Mabel Dorn Reeder Foundation, cooperating municipalities, and US EPA Region 7 through the Department of Natural Resources (subgrant number G11-NPS-15), under Section 319 of the Clean Water Act.





ARBOR DAY

Arbor Day, March 23rd began as a cold and windy morning. As the day progressed the sun came out and warmed everyone up at the City's 13th Arbor Day Celebration. Free native seedlings were passed out to all. Children frolicked in a sea of bubbles generated by the Bubble Bus. Canvas bags were decorated with dragonfly and squirrel images while our yoga instructor, Sara Clem, provided yoga games and prizes. Arbor Day is always a great way to welcome Spring, even if it was late this year.



Thank You PRINCIPIA 2ND GRADERS

On April 24th, Mr. Doug Hoff brought his second grade class for the 8th year to volunteer at Longview Farm Park to celebrate Earth Day. Their job was planting native trees and shrubs in areas where bush honeysuckle had been removed.

The class learned that bush honeysuckle is an exotic, invasive plant which competes with the native plants to our region. Not to be confused with Missouri's native vine honeysuckles, invasive bush honeysuckles such as Morrow's and Amur are shrubby natives of

Asia. Here in the United States, where they have no natural controls, they leaf out in April, grow fast, spread fast, and form dense thickets that crowd out Missouri's native forest plants.

The ten students, teachers and parents learned about silky dogwoods and loblolly pines, and how to plant them. Then, the students went straight to work planting the entire designated area! They worked diligently and enthusiastically, encountering many worms along the way. The work the 2nd Grade Class accomplished is a real and lasting contribution to the community! Thank you!



PAINTING CLASSES for children
with Mary Beth Wilson

Have fun! Get creative, and explore the whimsical art of the famous artist Kandinsky. Classes held in Longview Farm Park pavilion

Create Art in the Park

Tuesday, June 18th
10:30AM – 11:30AM

Geared towards ages 3-6

Thursday, June 20th
10:30AM – 11:30AM

Geared towards ages 7-12

Longview Farm Park Pavilion

Registration required.

314-434-1215

Material fee \$5



Have the kids stay after art class to enjoy Yoga! (See Yoga info with Parks programs)

SAVE THE
DATE!

*Impressions of
Town & Country*

**4th Annual Plein Air
Painting Competition**

Saturday, October 19

SENIOR PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

The 74th Senior PGA Championship was a record setting event for golf enthusiasts, the City and the entire St. Louis metropolitan area. It was a privilege to welcome fans, volunteers, PGA of America officials and players from all over the world to our community. We were excited for the opportunity to share the features and attributes that make our City one of the treasures of the Midwest.

Chief Kranz and his staff did a tremendous job in coordinating the multi-agency operations; and building inspector Neil Cantwell and Fire Marshal Dan Bruno provided ongoing inspections of the temporary facilities, all contributing to a safe and successful event.



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YOGA AT LONGVIEW FARM PARK

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YOGA EVENTS IN LONGVIEW FARM PARK

Family Yoga – Wednesday June 12 - 6pm to 7pm

Practicing yoga with your family is a great way to relax and exercise together. Yoga improves your attention span and ability to focus. This class will teach breathing techniques and body awareness as well as exploring yoga poses in a playful and creative manner. Registration is required. \$20 per family.

JUNE AND AUGUST YOGA CLASSES



Vinyasa Yoga - Every Tuesday and Thursday 8-9 AM

These vinyasa yoga classes are for all levels. This class emphasizes alignment, breath and movement in order to stretch and strengthen your mind and body. Class will be

held outside on the Longview Dock next to the tranquil sound and cool mist from the water fountain, weather permitting.

\$15/Class; \$60/5-Classes; \$100/10-Classes; \$180/20-Classes

To register contact Town & Country at (314) 434-1215 or email Sara Clem at sara@salveoyoga.com

* Sara Clem is a certified yoga instructor through Yoga Alliance and YogaKids.

Kids - come try yoga in Longview Farm Park this summer! Stretch, strengthen, improve focus, connect with nature and have fun! Taught by Sara Clem, Yoga Kids Certified Instructor.

Yoga Buddies (Ages 3-6)

9:30-10:30 AM, Tuesdays

Begins June 4 – (Stay after yoga on June 18 for art class - see info with art programs)

\$50-4 weeks or \$15/class

Kids Yoga (Ages 7-12)

9:30-10:30 AM,
Thursdays

Begins June 6 (Stay after yoga on June 20 for art class - see info with art programs)

\$50-4 weeks or \$15/class

To register contact Town & Country at (314) 434-1215 or email Sara Clem at sara@salveoyoga.com



PUBLIC FORUM

Tuesday, June 11

6:30 PM, Longview Farm House

Come give your input on the location of a log cabin to be reassembled in Drace Park.



Kids in Nature

PROGRAMS!



Be a Bird

Friday, July 12, 9-9:45 AM
Drace Park Pavilion
Geared toward Ages 2-7



Take a close look at a bird's wings, feet and beak. Learn how these body parts and other adaptations are essential for a bird to survive in the wild? After a short bird discussion, we will use wings, feet and beaks to practice bird survival techniques.

FREE - Registration is required. 314-434-1215

Reptiles of Missouri

Friday, August 9, 9-9:45
Drace Park Pavilion
Geared toward Ages 4 and Older

Lizards and turtles and snakes-oh my! What makes an animal a reptile? Find out the answers to this question and touch live reptiles in this fun program.

FREE - Registration is required. 314-434-1215

Art in Nature: FLOWERS!

Friday, June 14, 9-9:45AM
Drace Park Pavilion
Geared toward Ages 2-7

Come get creative and explore the beauty of flowers through art. This hands-on class will engage each budding artist. Each student will create a take home masterpiece.

Registration required. 314-434-1215

Materials fee \$5 per person

Bring a snack to enjoy at the Drace Park playground before or after the nature programs! Restrooms are nearby the pavilion and playground.



Join Us

CLAYTON ROAD TRAIL Groundbreaking Celebration in July



For event details, check out our website www.town-and-country.org
and like us on Facebook (search City of Town and Country, Missouri).



Summer Robotics Camps at Longview Farm House! Register 314-434-1215

All camps are held indoors and are 5 days long. Sign up for both morning and afternoon camps for \$260/ week. Full-day campers should bring a sack lunch which will be eaten outside and supervised in the park!

CAMP SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

June 3-June 7

- 8:30-11:30 AM
Mining & Crafting (Minecraft)
Ages 5-12, \$150
- 12:30-3:30 PM
Ninjago Games Galore
Ages 6-12, \$150

June 24-June 28

- 8:30-11:30 AM
Stop Motion Movie Making
Ages 7-12, \$175
- 12:30-3:30 PM
MindstormsNXT 2.0 Robotics
Ages 9-12, \$150

July 15-July 19

- 8:30-11:30 AM
Robotic Ride: Amusement Park Adventures
Ages 6-12, \$175
- 12:30-3:30 PM
Remote Control Mania
Ages 6-12, \$150

June 3-June 7

MINING & CRAFTING

8:30-11:30 AM, (Ages 5-12), \$150

Experience the world of Minecraft® with LEGO® bricks in this creative camp! Kids will begin by crafting their shelters and some of the mobs, critters and tools using traditional bricks and mosaic builds. Build with motorized Bricks 4 Kidz® models and craft key elements from the Minecraft® game. Themed games and challenges, creative building stations and small weekly take homes add to the fun!

NINJAGO GAMES GALORE

12:30-3:30 PM, (Ages 5-12), \$150

This action-packed camp explores all things Ninja! We will learn about, create and play Ninjago® characters, use standard bricks to construct arenas and dojos, and incorporate motorized models including launching spinners and Dragon Boat rides!

June 24-June 28

STOP MOTION MOVIE MAKING

8:30-11:30 AM, (Ages 7-12), \$175

Lights, camera, LEGO® action! This unique camp allows your child to use the medium of bricks to tell *their* story, complete with music, special effects and all their favorite LEGO® minifigures! Participants' creativity will be encouraged as they plan, script, stage, shoot and produce their own mini-movie using Stop Motion.

MINDSTORMS NXT 2.0 ROBOTICS

12:30-3:30 PM, (Ages 9-12), \$150

The hottest selling LEGO® brand, *Mindstorms NXT 2.0* combines classic LEGO® building with the world of robotics using motors, sensors and software. Participants learn how to design and program their own LEGO® robot that can perform all kinds of tasks!

July 15-July 19

ROBOTIC AMUSEMENT PARK ADVENTURES

8:30-11:30 AM, (Ages 5-12), \$175

Get your ticket to ride at Bricks 4 Kidz® very own LEGO® Amusement Park! Campers will delve into the history and mechanics of favorite amusement park rides as they construct a Carousel Swing, Tilt a Whirl, Loop de Loop ride, Swing boat ride, and Merry Go Round. Models explore the principles of physics described in a way children can understand, such as "G-force" inertia and momentum as they learn how to how to make things spin, roll, turn and rock to design their own ride.

REMOTE CONTROL MANIA

12:30-3:30 PM, (Ages 6-12), \$150

Making it move is the name of the game at this exciting camp! Kids will love to see their creations in motion using LEGO □ wireless remote controls. Each day campers will use fascinating and challenging LEGO □ components to create dynamic vehicles, inventions, machines and more. As they enjoy the fun of building, campers will understand the basic working principles of many ingenious devices that are part of our everyday lives. Campers will also learn how to magnify, diminish and redirect objects at different speeds and in different directions.

GREEN CHOICES I MAKE IN MY EVERYDAY LIFE

By Green Team Commissioner Linda Robson

You can make easy green choices everyday that will add up to a big change. Here are 10 tips which I follow to go green!

- When shopping, take reusable bags. Most stores offer them for sale, sometimes under a dollar each. If every American would use one less plastic bag, it would eliminate 187.5 million pounds of waste.
- Use a laptop computer rather than a desk top, it uses 1/4 of the energy.
- Recycle ink cartridges, MP3 players and cell phones. Target has bins inside their store for these items.
- When replacing appliances, look for the Energy Star Label. The label allows the consumer the ability to compare the operating cost and annual energy consumption. Check out www.energystar.gov for more information.
- Plant shade trees in your yard. Mature trees absorb almost 50 pounds of CO2 a year.
- Opt out of junk mail. Go to www.catalogchoice.org to take advantage of this service.

- Whenever possible buy local, because it means less fossil fuels are used to transport these goods to the consumer.
- Get a travel mug. Americans used 14.4 billion paper coffee cups in 2005. Most of these cups are bleached with chlorine and lined with a thin film of plastic, which makes them not recyclable.
- Set your refrigerator at 37 degrees and freezer at 3 degrees. Set your water heater to 120 degrees. If every American household turned the water heater down by 10 degrees, it would prevent 45 million tons of CO2 from entering the environment.
- Use energy efficient light bulbs, such as compact fluorescent that use 1/4 of the energy, last ten times longer and produce significantly less residual heat than incandescent bulbs.

There are things we can all do to make this world a safer, cleaner and better place to live.

Linda is one of the original members of the Green Team Commission, Chair of the Community Garden Subcommittee, Master Gardener and long time member of the Mason Ridge Garden Club

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE GREEN TEAM?

The Green Team Commission is currently seeking to strengthen their roster with a few new members. The Green Team was established in 2008 with the mission to implement sustainable practices, raise awareness and promote stewardship, with the goal of reducing our carbon footprint. The Green Team sponsors booths at City events, and for more than a year has hosted a popular Green Speaker Series. These presentations are usually held once a month at the Longview Farm House and feature interesting speakers and films promoting “green” practices and sustainability.

If you would like to apply for the Green Team or any other City Commissions, please go to www.town-and-country.org, click on Forms & Applications from the left-side menu, and click on the Commission Application listed under Administration, or contact the City Clerk, Ashley McNamara, at 314-587-2806, or mcnamaraan@town-and-country.org.

CONVERSATIONS WITH A GREEN COMMUNITY

By Ellen Maas, Green Team Commission Member

The "Conversations with a Green Community" feature series focuses on Town & Country community members who are taking action to live more sustainably and reduce their personal carbon footprints. Their stories are shared here to encourage and inspire others with their perspectives and choices. Know someone who lives, works, or attends school in Town & Country and is making a significant effort to live sustainably? Let us know! Send an email to greentc.conversations@gmail.com

Introducing: Patty O. Wiggins

Patty was a very active Alderman of Town & Country from 1995 to 2006. Among her duties and accomplishments, she was Chair of the Public Health And Sanitation/Environment Commission (PHASE), initiated the Tree Board, participated in the Task Force for the Regional Electronic and Recycling Association, was instrumental in acquiring all three parks in Town & Country, and was one of the founders of the Green Team Commission.

What does the term "green" mean to you?

Green to me means being aware of the amount of resources used for a product, including its production, packaging, and transportation, and then making an informed purchase-decision weighing these factors against its real usefulness or necessity. We should also consider their toxic effects on the environment, including out-gassing and its effects on the indoor air quality of our homes and offices, the toxicity of cleaners such as bleach, ammonia, and petroleum-based sprays, and unhealthy chemicals, pesticides, and herbicides in our food supplies. It also means using resources such as water, electricity, and gas prudently. Disposing of unneeded items is also a factor, whether those items can be repaired, repurposed, reused, and/or donated before heading to the landfill.

What would a "sustainable" community look like?

Any viable community should have a diverse population, a thriving business base, and open or green space. A sustainable community would have these as well as clean air and water

and access to locally supplied healthy foods while maintaining the ecological balance. People would have an impact over their community's future and a spirit of cooperation would pervade decision-making. The community would have a revitalized city center, reducing sprawl and promoting regional identity and pride. Solar and wind technologies would be implemented, farming would be organic and landscaping would use mostly native plants.

What got you interested in green issues? Did you have a sudden "Aha!" moment you can share, or did your interest build gradually?

My mother was recycling, reusing, and repurposing long before those terms became popular. That's what one did back then. Nothing was wasted. Items were reused and repurposed, mended and darned, altered and patched, handed down and given to others. Leftovers were a step toward creating new recipes and vegetable scraps were composted or fed to farm animals. Fabric scraps became colorful quilts with a story and buttons were saved in the button basket. Real dishes were used. Water was conserved and travel was limited. So, my interest grew from that background.

If someone asked you, "How can I start going green?", what would be your advice?

I'd suggest starting with a small step and making it a life-long habit. Pick one or two and build from there. Just turning off the lights when you leave a room, throwing your junk mail and old newspapers in your recycling bin, using green cleaners, and using reusable bags for your groceries are all great steps to start building healthy habits. We can turn down the thermostat a bit in winter and up in summer, we can let the grass clippings fall back into our lawn to nourish it rather than having them hauled away, we can car-pool and consolidate shopping trips, and we can plant native plants requiring less maintenance. As we all gain a better understanding of the fragile environment on our planet and its finite resources, I'm confident we can all think of other ways that work for our own families in our own situations.



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