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Fall **FESTIVAL**

NEW LOCATION!

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2014

4 PM - 7 PM

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AT DARK!



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*Impressions
of Town & Country*

A Plein Air Art Competition

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*The mission of the City of Town & Country is to maintain a hospitable environment for our residents and other stakeholders and to foster a "sense of community" among ourselves through the following values:
Integrity, Respect, Fiscal Responsibility, Safety and Security, Quality of Life, Community, and Excellence!*

2020 Vision: A Historical View as We Look to an Exciting Future



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

For generations, the area around the intersection of Clayton and Mason Roads has been a major focal point of community activity in Town and Country. Over the past two decades, it has been enhanced with the construction of our firehouse in 1991 and by the establishment of Longview Farm Park in 2002. From the Safety Fairs of the 1990s to the newest location for Fire & Ice this summer (postponed due to weather, but rescheduled to take place during the Fall Festival), this location continues today as a central gathering place where we are able to celebrate community, commemorate historical events, and create family memories. With the added ambience and amenities provided by the quaint shops at Mason Woods Village, and the Clayton Road trail-head drawing in walkers and cyclists from all over, a true town square has been re-emerging. Now, with the Wirth property under contract to the City, yet-to-be defined opportunities have been made possible that could positively impact Town and Country for generations to come.



REAL ESTATE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT ("Agreement"), dated as of **September 8, 2014** (the "Effective Date"), is made and entered into by and among Dorothy A. Wirth and Henry W. Wirth, as Trustees of the DOROTHY A. WIRTH TRUST dated March 18, 1986, as amended (as to Parcels 1 and 2 below), Henry W. Wirth and Dorothy A. Wirth, as Trustees of the HENRY W. WIRTH TRUST dated March 18, 1986, as amended (as to Parcel 3 below), Dorothy A. Wirth, as Trustee of the IRREVOCABLE TRUST OF HENRY W. WIRTH dated November 18, 1993, known as the WIRTH FAMILY TRUST (as to Parcel 4 below), HENRY W. WIRTH (as to Parcel 4 below), Dorothy A. Wirth, as Trustee of the IRREVOCABLE TRUST OF DOROTHY A. WIRTH dated November 18, 1993, known as THE WIRTH HOUSE TRUST (as to Parcel 5 below), and HENRY W. WIRTH and DOROTHY A. WIRTH, as husband and wife and as Trustees (hereinafter collectively called the "Sellers"), and the CITY OF TOWN AND COUNTRY, MISSOURI, a municipal corporation (hereinafter called the "Purchaser").

Wirth's Blacksmith Shop and Landscaping - 1890



The desire of neighbors to gather together around Clayton and Mason dates back to a time when Town and Country was known as Alheim, Missouri. Alheim was a farming town located along Clayton Road between what is now I-270 to the east and Woods Mill to the west. Just to the south along Mason Road was the one room schoolhouse that served Alheim. To the north on Conway Road was the first post office in the area, which was housed in the Oge log cabin that is being reconstructed at Drace

Park. The center of Alheim was near Clayton and Mason Roads where you could find the Fette Tavern, and just to the east was the Alheim Inn that served as a gathering place for farmers and popular venue for community dances and town meetings.

In the midst of all this Alheim activity, the Wirth's Blacksmith Shop opened in 1890 in the very location that would later be the site of the gas station many of us remember fondly today. In addition to blacksmithing and horseshoeing, farm wagons were also built at the original shop. The Wirth family later added the sale of petroleum products to service the newly invented automobile. Significantly, however Wirth's was far more than a place to shoe your horse or gas up your vehicle. It was a place where you could connect with a friend or neighbor, catch up on the latest town news, or just revel in a place where time seemed to move just a little slower. For 112 years, people were drawn to the Wirth property for various goods and services and to share in those positive relationships that make up vibrant community life.





Perhaps recognizing the village charm of this area, noted architect Butler Sturtevant designed Mason Woods Village in 1966 with a colonial Williamsburg theme, ensuring that the Clayton and Mason Road intersection would continue to be the focal point of our then very new City, Town and Country. Truly, this geographical center of town has been the community gathering place for over a century and now forms the centerpiece for our collaborative planning purposes as we chart a path forward and establish something really special for our City, its residents, families, friends and visitors to celebrate long into the future.



The Wirth Property Acquisition

I have devoted considerable space in the past two issues of the Times regarding the need for a collective vision for Town and Country, especially



relating to the positive attributes associated with placemaking—where people can gather, enjoy local amenities, and simply benefit by spending time together in areas we all appreciate and enjoy. Such thoughtful, forward-thinking planning could truly be transformative for our community. Fortunately, your elected representatives have seized a major opportunity to further this vision, as well as to take control of our city’s destiny, by purchasing the Wirth property

next to Mason Woods Village. This opportunity was made possible, in significant part, by the incredible generosity of Hank and Dorothy Wirth, who have agreed to a sizable contribution in favor of the City and its residents. The City currently has the property under contract with a tentative closing date in early December.

“Placemaking is how we collectively shape our public realm to maximize shared value. Rooted in community-based participation, Placemaking involves the planning, design, management and programming of public spaces. More than just creating better urban design of public spaces, Placemaking facilitates creative patterns of activities and connections (cultural, economic, social, ecological) that define a place and support its ongoing evolution. ~ Project for Public Spaces

There has been a great deal of interest in this eight-plus acre parcel since 2002 when Mr. & Mrs. Wirth closed one of the last remaining full service gas stations in the area, bringing another chapter of this area’s history to a close. While prospective buyers and developers often view land as a means to maximize their individual or commercial interests, Town and Country, through a collaborative 2020 Vision, has acted decisively to capture this community asset. Now, we can maximize this opportunity and advance the community’s collective interest, thereby assuming a central role in helping to write the next chapter of this century old town square.

Since elected to the office of Mayor in 2005, I have witnessed a wide array of proposals from a myriad of developers, and the question that I always ask is, “What value does the proposal bring to Town and Country and its residents?” Now that we are in control of this valuable piece of property, the stakeholders of the City will now answer that question.

An effective Placemaking process capitalizes on a local community’s assets, inspiration, and potential, ultimately creating good public spaces that promote people’s health, happiness, and well being. ~ Project for Public Spaces

Your Board of Aldermen clearly discharged the duties and responsibilities vested in it by the voters of Town and Country, and now it is your turn. As I stated in my prior message, *it is essential to the success of our 2020 Vision planning process that we work with the stakeholders of adjoining neighborhoods and properties, along with gaining input from city residents at large, to develop a blueprint that will foster planning and development that becomes an asset to our community and emerges consistent with our values...a blueprint that reflects who we are and preserves that identity for future generations.*

In the Driver's Seat: Seizing a Strategic Planning Position:



I have asked Alderman Skip Mange, who has served the City in many capacities for several decades, to act as the Co-Chair of a Town Square Task Force. It is my intention to seek a resident to sit alongside Alderman Mange as Co-Chair, to facilitate the planning and analysis process that will include meetings, forums, surveys and other outreach as we seek community input. Members of the Task Force will be selected from around the community to represent its diverse interests and commitment to securing and advancing the best interests of Town and Country as a whole. This is an exciting paradigm shift in city planning and development...community gatherings and dialogue before there is a proposal on the table! We will proactively, and collectively, formulate a vision with a resulting land use plan for the very heart and soul of Town and Country.



The timeline for our Task Force is to appoint the Co-Chairs, establish the membership, and hold the preliminary/organizational meetings this fall or early winter. Once the Task Force establishes its community-driven process, forums to gather public input and ideas will be scheduled and announced. This important process will build upon the foresight of the 1997 Strategic Planning Committee to develop a "vision" for undeveloped land, while pursuing the mission to enhance our "sense of community." As always, please contact me directly if you have an interest in or observation regarding this fascinating opportunity.



A Grand Celebration on October 18th



Perhaps the sudden summer storm that brought a premature end to our annual Fire & Ice celebration on June 21st has a silver lining after all. On October 18th, we will combine all of the events associated with Fire & Ice with our popular Fall Festival, hosting perhaps the largest community event in our 64-year history. This will be a grand way to celebrate the acquisition of the Wirth property as we prepare to write the next chapter of Town and Country's story. In addition to pony rides at Longview Farm Park, we will have pumpkins, bounce houses, food and music at the Wirth Property (for more details, see pages 8 & 9). The Plein Air Art Competition will be taking place throughout the day, capturing on canvas the pastoral settings of our City, followed by the

Impressions of Town and Country Art Reception in the large bay of the Firehouse. The celebratory day will conclude with the fireworks spectacular that will take place at approximately 7:00 that evening.



Other News Around Town



As exciting as these developments are in the center of our town, we are seeing similar energy and enthusiasm throughout the City. For example, some value-added amenities and retail opportunities are looming on the horizon at Town and Country Crossing that will enhance the already popular dining, grocery, and retail destinations we enjoy on the western edge of town. The Estates at Town and Country Crossing are also proving to be very popular with over 30 homes under construction in that planned mixed use project that was the result of a creative, collaborative effort by your elected officials, residents, and the ownership group.

At the other end of town, you most likely have noticed the demolition of the abandoned gas station at the Ballas and Clayton intersection, making way for a future service opportunity for surrounding neighborhoods. A major step in improving the area began with a partnership with St. Louis County Department of Highways and Traffic, which maintains the intersection. Starting with the improvement of the south side of the intersection to connect the Clayton Road Trail, we will expand the improvement to the north side in the near future with the recently awarded grant by the East-West Gateway Council of Governments. The modernization of this intersection will literally pave the way for a new establishment that will bring value to one of the oldest intersections in the City.



One of the most frequently asked questions at neighborhood meetings relates to the status of Manchester Meadows on our southern border. We have been working diligently with the ownership group to ensure the future vitality of that center, which provides a variety of valuable services to our residents as well as to the neighboring communities. We are making real progress, evidenced by new tenants who have moved in as well as existing tenants who have renewed their leases. I am hopeful that I will be able to report additional information in the next newsletter on our continued positive movement forward at Manchester Meadows.

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I hope you will enjoy perusing the many accomplishments and activities highlighted in this Fall edition of the Times—honoring our storied past, embracing the present with enthusiasm, and envisioning an exciting future. It is indeed a special time in which to live in Town and Country, and yet, we have just “skimmed the surface of possibilities,” as my friend Jamie Cannon once said. So, if you have never been involved in your community, now is the time to do so!

As aforementioned, community involvement will be an essential element in any contemplated changes for our City, so I welcome your observations and comments about these significant opportunities. I hope to see you at the Fall Festival on October 18th!

All the best,


Jon Dalton
Mayor

OGE LOG CABIN RECONSTRUCTION AT DRACE PARK

The City of Town & Country held a “Construction Kick-Off” celebration for the Oge log cabin reconstruction in Drace Park on Monday evening, August 18th. Mayor Jon Dalton and Alderman Skip Mange spoke to a group of about 37 supporters attending the celebration. Included in the group were members of the Mueller family who grew up in the house that contained the log cabin. The cabin was built in 1854 and was originally located on Conway Road and was the site of the first U.S. Post Office for the region.



Pictured along with Mayor Dalton and Alderman Mange are Carrie and Keith Mueller who are brother and sister who grew up in the log cabin. A bedroom was the second floor of the cabin and the first floor was their dining room. The Mueller family is absolutely thrilled and appreciative of what the city is doing to preserve this little piece of the history of our community.

When this project is completed, there will be three log cabins in Drace Park. The Kropp log cabin existed when the city purchased the property. The Kropp log cabin was built on this site by Jacob Kropp in approximately 1855. It was part of a 30-acre homestead site, which went west to Mueller Lane and north to Jenifer Lane. The cabin was built on a stone foundation and contains a large main room with what is presumed to be the original stone fireplace, a root cellar and a loft bedroom. Except for two logs all logs are original. Very few pre-Civil War log cabins have survived in St. Louis County.

The Estill log cabin was relocated from a site at the intersection of Clayton Road and Bopp Road a number of years ago. The Estill log cabin is open at all times. The Kropp log cabin will be open at selected times, as will the Oge log cabin, and will contain historical displays provided by the Town & Country Historical Society. Local schools and organizations will be able to view the inside of both the Kropp log cabin and Oge log cabin by appointment. Adding the Oge log cabin will create a unique historical setting for education and enjoyment by people of all ages.



This wonderful addition to our City and to Drace Park was supported by the St. Louis County Municipal Parks Grant Commission, private contributions from 33 individuals, the Town & Country Parks and Trails Foundation and Brinkman Construction Company.

When completed, you will be able to step back into the 1850's as you tour this little “village” within Drace Park. The preservation of these historical structures for future generations is an important achievement and will hopefully provide many people with an easily accessed living history lesson.

NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILING APRIL 2015 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that an election for a two year term to the office of Alderman, Ward 1; Alderman, Ward 2; Alderman, Ward 3; and Alderman, Ward 4, will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2015. Residents wishing to file for candidacy may do so in the office of the City Clerk beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 through 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 20, 2015.

Qualifications for Alderman include being at least eighteen (18) years of age, a citizen of the United States, an inhabitant and resident of the City for at least one (1) year preceding the election, and a resident of the ward from which he/she is elected.

For additional information, please contact the City Clerk, Ashley McNamara, at 314-587-2806 or McNamaraAN@town-and-country.org.

NEW POLICE OFFICERS

The Police Department has welcomed two new officers to the force.



Daniel Wilkey, age 35, comes to us from the Crystal City Police Department where he has worked for the past 8 years. Daniel is married and lives in Festus with his wife Mary and his 7-year old daughter Mallory. Daniel holds a Masters Degree in Criminal Justice.



Christopher Povich, age 24, comes to us from the St. Louis County Police Department where he has worked for the past four years. Christopher is currently single and lives in south St. Louis County.

SIGN UP YOUR GARDEN!

FOR THE 2015 TOWN & COUNTRY
GARDEN CLUB GARDEN TOUR

Town & Country gardeners – Do you have a garden you would like to share with your community?

The members of the club are again looking for a variety of gardens to be part of their 2015 Tour. No garden is too large or too small!

Please contact Mary Olsen at the Municipal Center, 1011 Municipal Center Drive, Town & Country, MO 63131, 314-587-2804, or Ann Barron at 314-229-8686.



NEW WEBSITE

Town & Country will launch a new website this Fall to better serve residents! Watch for the new look and enhanced communication!

- Find information more easily
- Streamlined engagement with local government
- Submit forms and payments on-line
- Get important updates via social media or texts
- Access mobile site from smart phones and tablets



FALL BRANCH CHIPPING

We are pleased to announce that the wildly popular branch chipping program will be back again this year. As before, the program will collect branches placed at the curb in front of each property. These will be collected during the month of November, chipped on site and hauled away for disposal. No bagging or bundling will be required.

Additional and more detailed information will be distributed by mail to all residents approximately two weeks prior to the collection for their neighborhood. Residents are welcome to contact Craig Wilde, Public Works Director, for additional information at wildecj@town-and-country.org or 314-587-2824.

SATURDAY,

Impressions Of Town & Country A Plein Air Art Competition



Join us for the 5th annual Plein Air Art Competition in the City of Town & Country! New this year, the art reception will take place in conjunction with the City's Fall Festival near the intersection of Clayton and Mason Roads!

CHECK-IN

Longview Farm House, 13525 Clayton Road



Artists check-in from 7:30AM - 11:00AM

Check-in with a blank canvas and have it stamped for the competition.

Spectators can observe artists through out the community all day. All artists 18 and up are welcome to participate. Artists can download registration forms at www.town-and-country.org.

JUDGING/RECEPTION

Town & Country Firehouse, 13443 Clayton Road



Beginning at 3:00PM artists can bring completed work to the Town & Country Firehouse.

Artists will set up easels with artwork in the bays of the Firehouse. VIP parking will be available for artists. The fun art reception at 5:00PM will follow the judging by prestigious local judges.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

7:30AM - 3PM - Plein Air Art Competition

4PM - 6PM - Pony Rides at Longview Farm Park

4PM - 7PM - Fall Festival (east of Mason and Clayton intersection)

5PM - 6PM - Community Art Reception at Firehouse

DARK - FIREWORKS!

QUESTIONS? Please contact the Parks & Recreation Department
at (314) 434-1215 or hodgelf@town-and-country.org

OCTOBER 18, 2014

Fall Festival BLOCK PARTY!

NEW LOCATION!

The Fall Festival will combine traditional favorites like pumpkins and pony rides with the best of Fire & Ice, which was rained out in June. Pony rides will take place at Longview Farm Park from 4-6 PM. The rides are a fundraiser for Equine Assisted Therapy to feed the horses, \$10/ride.

The rest of the festivities will be in the middle of town near the intersection of Clayton and Mason Roads...a good ole-fashioned BLOCK PARTY. The event will be held in the grassy area east of Straubs and on The Principia property directly east of the Fire House. Clayton Road will remain OPEN throughout the event. The Police Department will control vehicle traffic and cross pedestrians.

Come enjoy food, sponsor booths, pumpkins, music, and inflatable bounce houses for children! Visit the Fire House to explore fire equipment and meet real firefighters! While you're there, check out the community art reception from 5-6pm. Bring your lawn chairs for the grassy areas to enjoy the evening with your family and friends! An intimate fireworks display will enchant all ages at dark.

If you live close to the event and are able, please utilize the Clayton Road Trail and walk or bike to the event!



Cars can park at:

The Principia, Longview Farm Park, and the First Church of Christ Scientist.

Shuttles will run between the Fire House and each of the parking locations throughout the event.

Mason Woods Village shopping center will remain open during the event. Parking in this center will be for customers of those businesses only. No event parking.

Thank you to our Community Sponsors!
Mari de Villa Retirement Community
The Principia

QUESTIONS?

Please contact the Parks & Recreation Department at (314) 434-1215 or hodgelf@town-and-country.org



Public Art Defines a Community

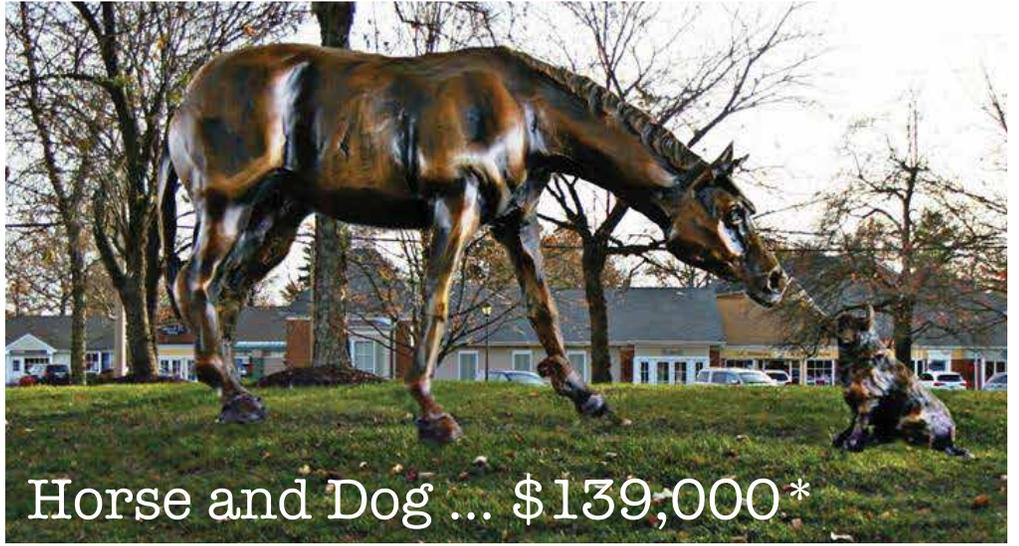
A new bold piece of public art inspired by Town & Country...we need your help!

The Town & Country Public Art Commission chose a representational sculpture by Harry Weber of domestic and wild animals in a natural setting to represent the *Discovery* of nature and the rural lifestyle highly valued by the residents of Town & Country.

Discovery should communicate the essence of the name: Town & Country. It celebrates the confluence of the town experience with the joy and pleasures derived from living with nature...watching Canada geese fly in formation, deer and fox roaming, seeing horses gambol and enjoying abundant varieties of birds. All of these enrich the lifestyle of Town & Country. This sculpture represents those feelings and relationships.

A central large sculpture will serve as a centerpiece to the entire installation offering good visibility to those passing by on Clayton or Mason Road. The sculpture site is at the Clayton Road trailhead, in front of the Firehouse. There is also easy access from the trail allowing intimate interaction with the sculpture.

Contact:
Alderman Lynn Wright
(314) 993-5850
wrightlh@town-and-country.org
Public Art Staff Liaison,
Lindsey Hodge - (314) 434-1215
hodgelf@town-and-country.org



Art is powerful. It defines a community and gives it character. It builds a community by enhancing the quality of life.

An expanding arts program in Town & Country will contribute to our cultural fabric.

There will be one central figure of a horse and a dog. Several animals may be added later and placed around the site. The secondary bronze figures are to be encountered as the viewer walks on the path between Clayton and Mason Roads. The site-specific sculptural array will be evident from any viewing angle. The entire space makes a stroll through the paths a *Discovery*.

* All funds will be privately raised, accepted by the city and eligible as a tax deductible donation. Donors will receive a donation receipt.

The Public Art Commission chose sculptor Harry Weber through a year long selection process of almost 10 artists. Harry's expertise and experience make him the right choice to commission an original bronze sculpture inspired by the City of Town & Country.

Harry Weber



Harry Weber's body of work includes over 100 large commissioned sculptures in public view in fourteen states, the Bahamas and Africa. These include historical figures, notables in the arts, politics and sports in nineteen different cities across the country. Two of his sculptures have been named National Lewis and Clark sites by the National Park Service.

His work is in private collections both in the United States and abroad. His art was displayed at the Newport Museum of Art in Rhode Island and is in the permanent collections of the National Dog Museum in St. Louis and the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York.

PLEASE RETURN THIS PAGE. All donations tax deductible.

Yes! I want to be a donor for the public sculpture **DISCOVERY** and to further improve the cultural fabric of the City of Town & Country.

Underwriting from the business community and interested individuals committed to supporting the Town & Country Public Arts mission is being sought to support this sculpture project. Levels of sponsorship include:

- \$10,000 Arts Leader Level:** Includes a limited edition maquette (small bronze model) of the central figures and recognition on the bronze donor plaque.
- \$5,000 Benefactor Level:** Includes a limited edition drawing by the sculptor and recognition on the bronze donor plaque.
- \$1,000 Sponsor Level:** Includes a photograph of the completed sculpture signed by the artist and recognition on the bronze donor plaque.
- \$500 Contributor Level:** Includes recognition on the bronze donor plaque.
- Friend Level:** Any amount.

Please make your check payable to the City of Town & Country, 1011 Municipal Center Drive, Town & Country, MO 63131. Please call (314) 434-1215 with questions.

Name: _____ Title: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Business Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Home Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please charge my Credit Card: Visa MasterCard AMEX

Amount \$ _____ Signature: _____

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We wish our name to be used in recognition.

We wish to remain anonymous.

Thank you for your contribution!

FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH: Ginni Hartke, RN: Founder & Exec Dir - Equine-Assisted Therapy, Inc.



Be sure to stop by Longview Farm Park during the Fall Festival on October 18. We'll be offering horse rides for children from 4 – 6 PM.

What a wonderful summer! Brody, Dusty, Buddy Blue and Sarge enjoyed long sunny days, plenty of love and attention from the Longview Farm Park visitors, and the joy of helping kids with special needs build muscle, tone, social skills, verbal and vestibular strength and just feel the wind in their face from the top of the majestic horse!

That's what Equine-Assisted Therapy (EAT) is all about. But we don't do all this alone. It takes a village and the people of Town & Country have been that village for us. You've donated your time and money and your eyes and ears! You have called us when you see something amiss with the "boys" or Onyx the barn cat. You've become EAT volunteers who help our participants ride safely or care for the horses as Barn Buddies. One of you even tied your dog to a tree and helped unload a huge load of hay one day! How cool is that? You've attended our fund raisers that have helped scholarship some of the kids as well as pay for the horses' food, farrier and veterinary care. On August 23, our Annual Hoe Down raised enough money to purchase a mechanical lift for our Wildwood location to help with those confined to wheelchairs. Your kindness is a blessing to more than just us, though. If it weren't for you, these kids wouldn't be enjoying this very unique opportunity that EAT offers. The kindness and generosity of the City of Town & Country and its citizens toward those with needs is definitely a feather in your cap. Please come by and watch a class or two and find out for yourself how much this means to our kids! Thanks so much!



Join The MS Center of Saint Louis in our month long effort to practice fitness. As the Center makes it a priority to take the care of its patients One Step Further, we are asking our patients, friends, family, and community to do the same! Every Saturday in October the MS Center will host group fitness classes from 9-10am at our office (1176 Town & Country Commons).

Classes will include:

- **October 11 - Yoga/ Tai-Chi**
- **October 18 - Walking Group**
- **October 25 - Weights & Stretching**

If you're not a professional Zumba instructor, body builder or an everyday Yogi, don't worry, we aren't either! We're excited to try something new and hope you'll join us. Classes will be led by Mercy Physical Therapists and are easily tailored to fit any fitness level or ability. Group classes are free to all participants-all we ask is that you register to help give us an idea of how many to expect. Registration is available online at <http://mscenterstl.org/events-programs/one-step-further> and will also be available Saturdays before classes begin.

Please contact Shannon Blackwell with questions or for more information on these group fitness classes at 636-893-1273.



DEBORAH GROSS: Ms. Missouri Senior America 2014

Town & Country's own Deborah Gross was crowned Ms. Missouri Senior America 2014 at the state pageant held in June at the Florissant Civic Center. Deborah is now looking forward to competing in the National Ms. Senior America in Atlantic City this fall.

Deborah's passion for fashion and the retail industry landed her in St Louis in 1975. A Bachelor of Science in Retail Management and Textiles from Michigan State University started her career as a retail buyer at Famous - Barr. Her career spanned 39 years in the junior fashion world at Edison Brothers and May Company. Fate and career took her to New York City where she met Matthew, the love of her life and husband of 22 years.

Deborah grew up in the suburbs of Detroit, and started dancing at age 4 where she studied tap, jazz and ballet. She danced at the Detroit Auto Show and other venues, but being part of a USO Dance Troop at age 15 was her most memorable experience. Deborah put dancing on the back burner for 40 years, but is so happy to rekindle this passion, using her talent to dance for senior citizens. Retirement has afforded her more quality time to spend with her mom in Michigan, and learn to cook for her husband. Her dad taught her to be adventuresome, so she is always willing to do, try, or learn anything new. In the state pageant Deborah tap danced to the "12th Street Rag".

Congratulations Deborah and good luck in Atlantic City.

The Ms. Senior America philosophy is based upon the belief that seniors are the foundation of America, and our most valuable treasure. It is upon their knowledge, experience and resources that the younger generation has the opportunity to build a better society.



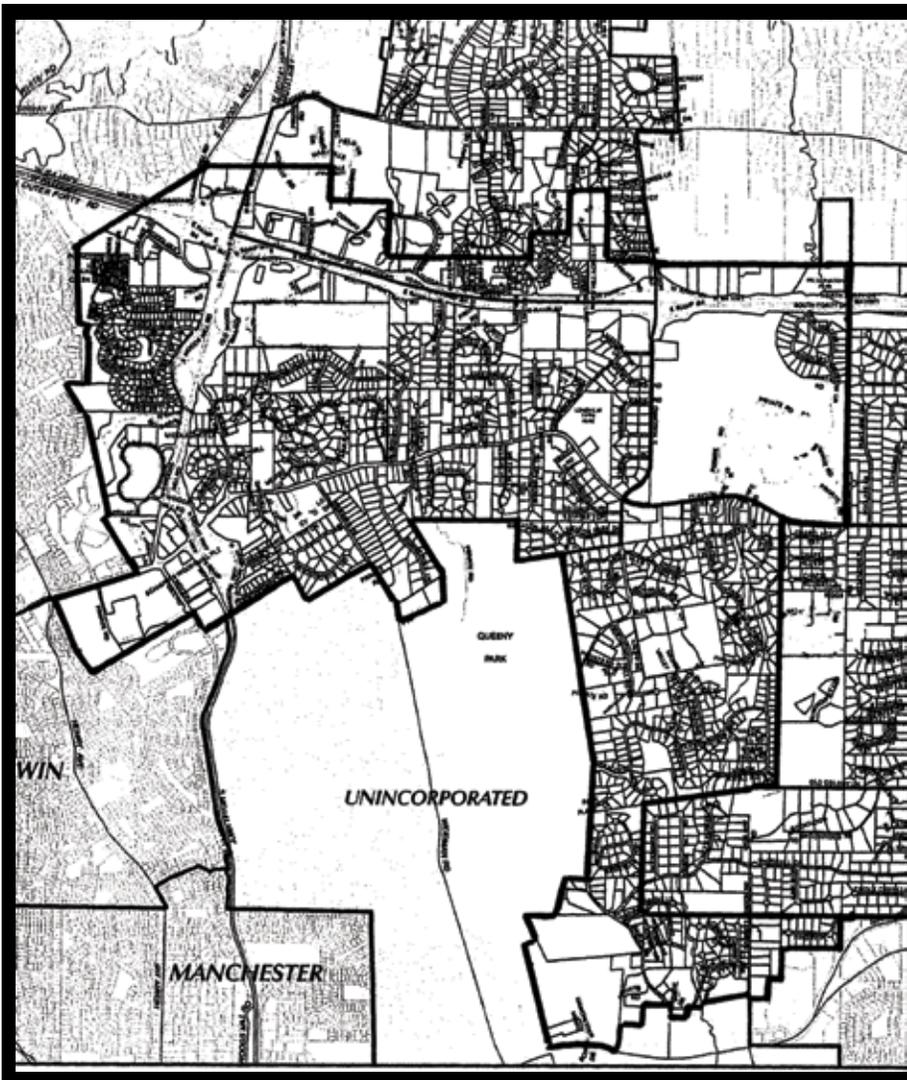
THE HISTORY OF TOWN & COUNTRY

Part 3

*By: Town & Country Historical Society
Skip Mange, President*

In the Spring Newsletter I started a series of articles about the history of Town & Country. Part 1 outlined how the Village of Town & Country was formed in 1950. Part 2 was about how the Village became a 4th Class city under State Law. Part 3 is about the first major annexation of property to the west.

In April 1977 the voters of both the city and the area to be annexed approved a major annexation proposal as shown on the map below. This annexation moved the boundary of the City of Town & Country west to include the then Western Electric Manufacturing Company property on Clayton Road, which is now Town & Country Crossing. The boundary was moved north of I-64/40 to include several office developments. This change also included the Principia School property, along with the McGraw Hill property on Manchester Road, which is now Manchester Meadows. This annexation more than doubled the size of the city and added 3,000 people to the city to bring the population to over 5,000.



A great deal of commercial property was added to the tax base of the city, which greatly improved the financial position of the city at the time, and even more so since then. There were several large undeveloped tracts of land, which now came under the zoning control of the city rather than St. Louis County.

Prior to this annexation the city had two wards. After the annexation was finalized, a Ward 3 was established and Wards 1 & 2 were enlarged. However, several commercial property owners contested the annexation. The Missouri Supreme Court granted final court approval six years later in September 1983. As a result of this annexation, the geographic center of the city moved west to the intersection of Clayton Road and Mason Road.



Turkey Trot

The Friday After Thanksgiving

November 28

9AM - 5K

10AM - 1/2 Mile Fun Run

Longview Farm Park

5K or 1/2 Mile

NEW! Family Friendly Pricing

What is a family fun run/walk?

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

How do I sign up?

PRE-REGISTRATION by November 19

- Adult Registration \$20 (\$30 after November 19)
- 1/2 Mile Fun Run \$10/Child (\$15 after November 19); accompanying adults free
- Immediate Family Registration \$50 (\$75 after November 19)
New option this year! Includes registration for two parents and their children for the 5K and/or the 1/2 Mile Fun Run!

Pre-registration deadline (to guarantee T-shirt) is November 19

Register on-line at activecommunities.com/townandcountry, or call 314-434-1215 to pre-register over the phone with a credit card. Cash and checks are accepted by mail or in person.

RACE-DAY REGISTRATION available

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

The Turkey Trot proceeds will be used to plant trees in Town & Country Parks.



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA!

Saturday, December 6, 2014 - 9am - 11am
Longview Farm House

\$5/person; 2 and under are free
Continental breakfast provided

Bring your own camera for pictures with Santa!

Pre-registration required. Tickets limited!

Call (314) 434-1215

Or register: <https://apm.activecommunities.com/townandcountry>

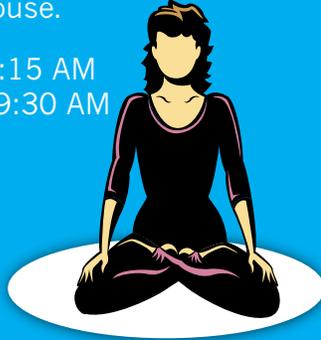
Cozy holiday fun with friends & neighbors!

YOGA AT LONGVIEW FARM PARK

Stretch, strengthen and center yourself in the beautiful setting of Longview Farm Park. This Vinyasa yoga class is suitable for all levels. These classes will emphasize alignment, breath and movement, as well as flexibility and focus. The classes will be held in our studio in the new addition of the Longview Farm House.

Tuesday/Thursday 9:00 - 10:15 AM
Wednesdays Outside 8:30 - 9:30 AM

Single Class - \$15
Five (5) Classes - \$60
Ten (10) Classes - \$100
Twenty (20) Classes - \$180
Drop-ins are welcome



Classes can be purchased online at
www.salveyoga.com
or from the instructor, Sara Clem, before class.
All levels welcome!

Ultimate Green Smoothie FREE Class! Thursday, November 6, 10 AM Longview Farm House Meeting Room

Come learn how to harness the powers of nutrient dense greens through smoothies. Lana Bania, Certified Health Coach, will share with you her tips and knowledge, to help you successfully implement this 10 minute a day habit to improve your health!

Sign up on-line at
<https://apm.activecommunities.com/townandcountry>
or call the Parks & Recreation Department at
314-434-1215.

The class is free and registration is required.

DO YOU HAVE AN ASH TREE?

The Emerald Ash Borer has been found in Missouri. For information on the Emerald Ash Borer and treatment options to protect your Ash tree go to www.emeraldashborer.info.



GREEN TEAM GREEN SPEAKER SERIES

October Green Speaker: SLU's FoodCorps

On October 16, Aaron McMullin will be the guest of the Green Speaker Series. Aaron is an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer at St. Louis University, where she is working to establish the SLU FoodCorps, a community-based effort to reconnect low-income neighborhoods to their food shed for the purpose of improving food security through food production and distribution in an urban environment.

Come hear Aaron describe the work of supplying healthy, locally-grown food to city residents who do not otherwise have ready access to it.

**Her talk will be at Longview Farm Park at 7pm
Thursday, October 16. All are welcome.**



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

Invites you to join us for our...

Grecian Kitchen Holiday Open House

Saturday, November 8, 2014
10:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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

Lunch, Greek Pastries, &
Boutique Shopping

Please come and place your orders for home-made
"Grecian Specialties" for the holidays.
For advanced orders, please contact
Dianne Zotos 636.530.6988

*Proceeds will help fund the work of local & national charities
supported by St. Nicholas Philoptochos*



SAVE THE DATE

**ART, WINE & MUSIC EVENT
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2015**



Art, Wine & Music happens but once a year – don't miss your chance! Plan to attend this relaxing event where friends, neighbors and artists share an evening of fine wine, appetizers and music in the beautiful Longview Farm House.

This unique event has become one of the City's most anticipated annual parties. Tickets are limited for this great evening. Check your mailbox for a postcard invitation in January, or check www.town-and-country.org for more details and updates! Call Mary Olsen at 314-587-2804, for info.

**IT IS NOT TOO EARLY TO MARK THIS
ON YOUR 2015 CALENDAR!**

RIBBON CUTTING FOR TOWN & COUNTRY FAMILY DENTISTRY

Town & Country Family Dentistry celebrated their grand opening on September 6 with a festive ribbon cutting. Dr. Azaryas Mandefro, his wife Bethel, daughter Ellie and staff from his office were joined by Mayor Jon Dalton, Alderman Amy Anderson, Alderman Gussie Crawford, members of the Town & Country/Frontenac Chamber of Commerce, West County EMS and Fire Protection District and a host of others.

Dr. Mandefro and his family are residents of Ward 2 in Town & Country.



NEW BUSINESSES IN TOWN & COUNTRY

Advanced Technology Group
555 Maryville University Drive, Suite 225

Ameriprise Financial
1714 Deer Tracks Trail, Suite 260

Ben Rister Insurance Agency
14145 Clayton Road

Brightmont Academy
195 Lamp & Lantern Village

Cargill, Inc.
625 Maryville Centre Drive, Suite 310

Mahr Agency
600 Mason Ridge Center Drive, Suite 110

McCallum Place Eating Disorder Centers
13428 Conway Road

Mississippi Sand, LLC
1716 Hidden Creek Court, Suite 150

Raintree School
2100 S. Mason Road

St. Louis Eye Institute, PC
1585 Woodlake Drive, Suite 110

The Exercise Coach
13456 Clayton Road

Town & Country Family Dentistry
1083 Woods Mill Road

Megan Bucol Earns Girl Scout Gold Award



For her Girl Scout Gold Award project, Town & Country resident Megan Bucol wanted to make people aware of how local recycling programs help keep the earth clean and prevent water supply contamination.

Megan, a Villa Duchesne High School graduate, created a pamphlet that supplied people in her community with information on how to properly recycle items, and where hazardous wastes can be disposed of properly instead of dumping them on the ground or down sewers. During the project, she recycled 350 pounds of waste at the Household Hazardous Waste facility in St. Louis County that otherwise would have gone into landfills.

"Hopefully, the people that I worked with will reach out to others and educate them to recycle," she said. "This will continue to expand recycling and care of our Earth and its water. The Earth is dynamic and each individual's actions affect the national and global care of our planet and its water."

The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest national award that a Girl Scout Senior or Ambassador, girls in grades 9-12, can earn. Earning the Girl Scout Gold Award requires a suggested 80 hours of planning and implementing a challenging, large-scale project that is innovative, engages others and has a lasting impact on its targeted community with an emphasis on sustainability.

Congratulations Megan!



WEST COUNTY EMS & FIRE HOSTING ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18 - 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Each year, thousands of West County residents attend the annual Fall Festival held on the grounds of West County Fire House #1 located at 223 Henry in Manchester. This year, the Festival will held on Saturday, October 18 between noon and 3 pm.

The Fall Festival is West County’s annual family fun event, combining lots of activities for the youngsters plus delicious food for one and all. Free pumpkins for children ages 12 and under, hot dogs, kettle corn, candy apples, pony rides, Mums for Moms and face-painting are just some of the diversions offered.

In addition, there will be lots of opportunities to explore the fire trucks, ambulances and equipment used by the West County firefighter - paramedics on a daily basis. Whole Foods and Cardinal Glennon Children’s Hospital are scheduled to have booths with special activities and prizes for the children.

*For more information on the Fall Festival,
contact the West County Public Relations line at (636) 256 – 2009.*

BLUEPRINT 2025 - FOR A SAFER COMMUNITY Will Benefit Town & Country



Chief Ernie Rhodes

With an eye to the future as well as the present, The West County EMS and Fire Protection District is initiating an innovative new program called “Blueprint for a Safer Community.”

“If we are to provide the level of service and protection the community has a right to expect, we must always maintain and have an understanding of what the public wants, needs, and thinks about their Fire District,” said Dr. David Cobb, Chairman of the Board of West County. “As part of this effort, we will be making presentations in Town & Country and other locales over the next few months to local government officials, schools, local businesses and other entities to give a complete overview of our District and our work, and more importantly, to gain the active participation of community and business leaders in formulating a strategic plan for the years ahead.”

Dr. Bart Wechsler, Dean of Public Affairs Graduate Programs at the Harry S. Truman School of Public Affairs, University of Missouri, will be acting as a facilitator for the entire program. “We are very fortunate to have the input of Dr. Wechsler in this vital work,” Cobb said. “His experience and expertise will be invaluable to this ground-breaking effort.”

“Our District’s assets and personnel, plus our unique Safety House and the Advanced Center of Excellence, are all tools to serve the citizens of Town & Country and West County,” said Ernie Rhodes, Chief of West County. “We have made it our goal to educate and protect the people who depend on us in the very best ways possible under any and all circumstances.”

For additional information on “Blueprint for a Safer Community” or any related questions, please contact Harry Hamm at the West County EMS and Fire Protection District at (636) 256 - 2000.

FREE FLU SHOTS *(offered by Missouri Baptist Medical Center)*

Appointments are required. Please call 314-996-5433 to register.

Flu shots are FREE and limited to the first 1,200 individuals. Flu shots are recommended for all individuals 50 years of age or older, especially those with a chronic illness.

Tuesday, October 14, 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Town & Country Municipal Center
1011 Municipal Center Drive

Thursday, October 16, 2:00 PM – 7:00 PM

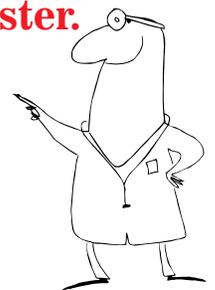
Missouri Baptist Outpatient Center-Sunset Hills
3844 South Lindbergh Blvd.
(South of I-44 and Watson Road)

Saturday, October 18, 8:00 AM - Noon

Missouri Baptist Medical Center
Clinical Learning Institute, Room 419,
(located on 4th floor above main garage)

Monday, October 20, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Longview Farm House
13525 Clayton Road



Longview Farm House Rentals



Stunning garden setting!

We can accommodate up to 100 for private events.

Events catered by:



For rentals, call the Parks & Recreation Department at
(314) 434-1215 or parks@town-and-country.org

Original Art Exhibit at Longview Farm House

Watercolors, drawings & prints
of Town & Country resident,
Jan Adair W. Clayton

On view Friday, November 21
through Friday, January 30
Opening Reception Thursday, December 11
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

This event is free and open to the public
and refreshments are provided.

Weekly gallery hours:
M, W & F from 8am - 12noon
or by appointment.

Questions? Lindsey Hodge - (314) 434-1215

ART CLASSES FOR ADULTS

Come and spend an enjoyable and fun morning painting your own masterpiece. Instructor/artist Joan Williams will teach subjects that are inspired by the great artists of the past such as Monet, Cezanne, Van Gogh, etc. You will learn about colors and composition while working with acrylic paints on canvas. The end result will be your own interpretation of the subject taught, which you will be able to take home at the end of each week.

Classes taught twice each week with a new subject being taught each week. All art supplies furnished - canvas, brushes and paints. Classes taught at Longview Farm House

Tuesday & Thursday Mornings - 10:30 am - 12 noon
October 14 through November 6 - (4 weeks of classes)

Cost: Per Class: \$30 or \$200 for all 8 classes
(sign up for a single class or all classes)

For events & classes,
call the Parks & Recreation Department at
(314) 434-1215 or parks@town-and-country.org

NEW SCULPTURES IN TOWN & COUNTRY



You may have noticed two new additions to the grounds of the Municipal Center and Longview Farm Park. These unique sculptures are from the Canto series of St. Louis native, sculptor Ernest

Trova. Trova was a self-trained surrealist and pop art painter and sculptor who lived in St. Louis most of his life. Trova's gift of forty of his works led to the opening of St. Louis County's Laumeier Sculpture Park. Recently St. Louis County made some of these sculptures available for loan, and the Town & Country Public Art Commission was fortunate to obtain two of them with 25-year renewable leases. Stop by and see them for yourself.

For more information,
please call Alderman Lynn Wright at 314-993-5850,
or Lindsey Hodge at 314-434-1215.

MISSOURI BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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

HEALTH SCREENINGS

Cholesterol & Glucose Screenings at Your Neighborhood Dierbergs

Cardiologists recommend that you monitor your cholesterol and glucose on a regular basis. To make it easy, Missouri Baptist will provide FREE screenings in the pharmacy department at your neighborhood Dierbergs Markets. This screening is FREE and measures your glucose, total cholesterol and HDL. No fasting is required – advance appointments are recommended.

Wednesday, Nov. 5, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Manchester Dierbergs Lafayette Center
421 Lafayette Center

Wednesday, Nov. 12, 1:30-5 p.m.
Heritage Place Dierbergs
12595 Olive Blvd.

LUNCH AND LEARN

Nutrition Update: Holidays “Unwrapped”!

Sherri Hoyt, RD, Missouri Baptist registered dietitian

What are the secrets to enjoying the gifts of the season without unwrapping a year’s worth of healthy habits? Join our dietitian for strategies, recipes and time-saving tips to keep you on course while enjoying the festivities — from the first bite of Thanksgiving turkey until the last bit of New Year’s confetti is cleared away. Enjoy samples of the recipes.

Wednesday, Oct. 15, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Longview Farm House
13525 Clayton Road

What are Probiotics?

Rahul Dhillon, MD, gastroenterologist

Probiotics - good bacteria, are showing up in foods, beverages and as nutritional supplements. Join us and learn why pro-biotics are essential to human nutrition and how they can be used to prevent and alleviate many different conditions, but particularly those that affect the gastrointestinal tract.

Monday, Nov. 10, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Longview Farm House
13525 Clayton Road

EVENING PROGRAMS

Multiple Sclerosis Breakthroughs

Barry Singer, MD, neurologist; Mark Tullman, MD, neurologist; Heather Popham, ANP, MS certified nurse

Join us for a discussion on the latest MS treatments along with strategies to reduce MS symptoms and improve quality of life. Groundbreaking research from the world’s largest annual international MS conference held in September 2014 will be presented, including potential future preventive therapies and treatments to repair myelin and restore function in individuals living with MS. A Q&A session will follow the presentation. Refreshments will be served.

Thursday, Oct. 30, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
St. Louis Frontenac Hilton
1335 South Lindbergh Blvd.

On the Move: Learn About Reducing Pain in Your Hips and Knees

Kurt Merkel, MD, orthopedic surgeon; Christopher Mudd, MD, orthopedic surgeon

Remember all of the things that you used to do so easily, until your hip or knee started slowing you down? Well, imagine doing all those things again. Join us and learn what you can do to reduce your joint pain, as well as hear about the latest surgical procedures in joint replacement surgery.

Tuesday, Nov. 11, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
South County Holiday Inn
6921 South Lindbergh Blvd.

OASIS PROGRAMS

From Loneliness to Social Satisfaction

Mona Resnik, MA

Nearly 20% of the U.S. population state “feeling of isolation” as a major source of unhappiness in their lives. In this interactive class, learn to recognize the difference between normal brief periods of loneliness due to life events, and chronic loneliness that can affect your physical and mental health. Assess the needs that you or a loved one has for “connection” and learn ways to achieve a balance for overall well-being. Take your social satisfaction level from good to great!

Thursday, Oct. 16, 1-3 p.m.
Longview Farm House
13525 Clayton Road

Fit for Function: Preventing Age-related Muscle Loss

Jane Overall, OASIS Health Coordinator

Learn about new research proving basic strength training can reverse age-related muscle loss. Experience this screening and presentation to learn what it means to be functionally fit and whether or not you pass the test based on national norms. This program and screening is specifically designed for those ages 60 and older.

Friday, Nov. 21, 10 a.m.-noon
Longview Farm House
13525 Clayton Road

AARP Drivers Safety Course

Dennison Staub, AARP certified instructor

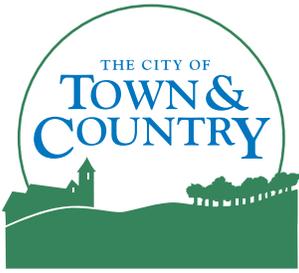
This four-hour training will help you tune up your driving skills, update your knowledge of the rules of the road, learn about normal age-related physical changes and ways to adjust for these changes and reduce traffic violations, crashes and chances for injuries. Some insurance companies also offer a discount to participants!

Space is limited; please pre-register at 314-996-5433.

**Thursday, Nov. 6, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.,
Town & Country Municipal Center,
1011 Municipal Center Drive**

**\$14 for non-members*
*payable to AARP the day of training.**





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Holiday Boutique

Saturday, November 15
 Longview Farm House
 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Plan to add the Holiday Boutique to your list of shopping destinations this fall! Each room of the Longview Farm House will be filled with unique one-of-a-kind, hand-crafted jewelry, scarves, children items, holiday décor and gift items for all ages. This is the sixth year for this fabulous event, and each year it just gets better. Talented vendors from past years, and new ones will make this a shopping experience you won't want to miss. As always, there will be something for everyone.

*Complimentary cookies and drinks will be offered.
 Don't miss the free raffles for great prizes!*

For more information, please go to
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