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A Time to Reflect and Give Thanks!

BY CLARKSON VALLEY MAYOR SCOTT DOUGLASS, RESIDENT OF FOREST HILLS

he time has come to close our relationship. Yes, for 34 years, I have been your Mayor. You have honored me with that many re-elections. I hope you will be able to understand the gratitude I feel for allowing me to serve. What's happened during these years? As your first Mayor, we started with a 'clean' slate. We were a Village, so there were ordinances in place. New regulations for a Fourth-Class City were established. We established the City's purpose:

- 1. Protection of Individual Citizen's Safety
- 2. Protection of Property Values
- 3. Protection of the Environment

Our basic belief was 'less Government is better Government'. So, how have things worked out? Change is good or better, yet correct change is good. These are the parameters our ordinance changes have used. We did explore an annexation of a portion of an unincorporated area (now Wildwood). The Clarkson Valley citizens voted no and two years later, the area was included in the Wildwood formation. The development of the Marquette High School campus was completed. We have held the line on no retail in the City. As well as maintaining one-acre residential lots. Through a City lawsuit, we were able to establish for Missouri city ordinances that regulating residential solar panels is within State law. We were successful



in requiring the State to follow its own detailed stipulation before constructing sound walls. These were important decisions not only for us but for all Missouri cities. Yes, we even had a court case challenging our ordinance restricting the use of barbed wire in the City. And, like most cities, during the economic slowdown (2007-2009) we have had our financial challenges. And we have been able to weather them.

Your City is financially stable. The many ups and downs have not been so different than those you have experienced in your business and/or personal life. That takes me to why is this good news to talk about. It's been my good fortune to have served with council members (past and present) who have been willing to work together in solving problems. The volunteers on our Board, our Building Commissioner (Jack Schenck), and our City Attorney (Patrick Butler). Most of these people have multi years of service. Our City Clerk, Michele McMahon, has continued doing an outstanding job now for going on 28 years. I thank each and everyone for their time, their dedication,





commitment, and friendship. So, if you know any of these people, give them a Thank You for their service!

I have been asked why/how did you serve that long? It's an easy answer. First, it's you, the resident of Clarkson Valley, who take personal responsibility for your actions (I hope you never lose that) making problem-solving less complex and the solution path identifiable. And with the staff (described above) failure is not an option. Not being Mayor will be a big adjustment for me and my family. Allowing me to serve has obviously been a major joy in the life of both my wife and me. But it's time to step down and hand over the reins. Keep in touch if you wish. Best wishes and God Speed!

Scott Douglass

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Municipal League of Metro St. Louis – elected to the Executive Board in 2002 serving on many committees and was elected President of the Board in 2014. He continued serving on the Board, resigning in 2023.

For years he was active in the Mayors of Small Cities organization, serving 2 years as President. He personally committed his time and talent to work with small cities to encourage high standards.

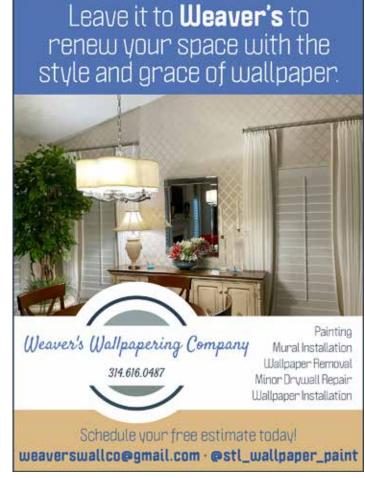
Mayor Douglass is extremely proud that he was awarded the Buzz Westfall award "For Excellence in Local Government", awarded in recognition of his outstanding leadership and commitment to the City of Clarkson Valley, St. Louis County, and the St. Louis Region.



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Sue McNamara

Hi, I'm Sue McNamara. Born in St. Louis, I attended Kirkwood High School and received a BFA from Southwest Missouri State University. Our family has lived in Clarkson Valley for 36 years, and both of our kids — our son, Steve, and our beautiful daughter, Leah — are Marquette graduates. We're a proud military family. My father, my husband and my son represent almost 75 years of voluntary service to the Army, Air force and Marines. My career at Anheuser Busch spanned 20 years, where, as a Senior Acct. Executive, I managed the creative design and budgets for all the SeaWorld Parks. I later pursued a career in wine sales and became a Certified Sommelier. I previously served on the Board of Kehrs Mill Estates Residents Association, which provided valuable insight into residents' and subdivisions' needs and how we can work together harmoniously. I currently serve on the Clarkson Valley Board of Aldermen. Over the past five years, I have developed an even deeper understanding of and appreciation for the City's unique character and personality. After decades of service to the City, Mayor Douglass is not running for re-election. I am excited for the opportunity of advocating for residents and leading in an open, transparent government. It would be my honor to represent the face of change and the future of Clarkson Valley.

Lin Midyett

My wife, Lynne, and I have lived in Clarkson Valley for almost 29 years. We have two adult daughters — Andrea and Katherine — both Marquette High graduates. We are blessed with five granddaughters. Three are in Rockwood District, and the other two are in the Webster Groves District. I have been on the Clarkson Valley City Council since 2010. Presently, I serve as President of the Council, and I am on the City's Investment Committee. This is my second term as Board President. For at least a decade and a half, I served Westhampton's HOA, including the last five years as President. During my time as President and with the help of outstanding board members, we developed a plan to resurface Westhampton's roads that met homeowners' approval. We also developed a formula to adjust the annual assessment for inflation. I have an MBA. Early in my career, I worked in finance for a major corporation. Presently, I am a Senior Vice President of Sales for a specialty chemical company. In addition, I am a proud Army veteran. If elected, my goal is to engage the community for improvement, such as working with the State to build sidewalks along Clarkson Road, which are certainly needed. It would be an honor to serve as Clarkson Valley's Mayor.

Bradley Johnson

I have been a resident of St. Louis for 29 years. I am coming from a successful career in business and civic interests, where I held senior management positions in both. My work as a Corporate Director at Sigma-Aldrich taught me the leadership, business, and organizational skills I bring to city government. My positions with the Boy Scouts of America (Scoutmaster, District Commissioner) have taught me the ethical, communication and team-building skills needed as well. I have served as President and Trustee of a Home Owner's Association in Fenton, MO, for 24 years, where I learned the importance of elected officials representing their residents. I currently serve on the Clarkson Valley Planning and Zoning Board and as a Trustee for the Westhampton Home Owner's Association. I am married with two adult children, and I am a graduate of Virginia Tech (BS degree) and the College of William and Mary (MBA degree). Clarkson Valley is one of the best cities in Missouri, and I believe that our mayor's role is to serve and support the residents and businesses, not to control or manage them. That requires open communication, transparency, an open mind to new ideas, urgency and integrity.





MEET YOUR CANDIDATES FOR ALDERMAN

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FOR ALDERMAN WARD 1

Andrew R. Low

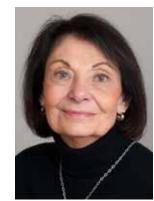
Andrew is a federal IT Program Director who has dedicated his career to public service. He has a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering and a Masters in Business Administration. Andrew is a registered professional engineer, local real estate investor, enthusiastic little league coach, and current member of the Clarkson Valley Planning and Zoning Commission. Andrew lives in Kehrs Mill Estates with his wife and two children. Visit www.andrewforcv.com for more information about his plans for the city.



FOR ALDERMAN WARD 2

Honora Schiller

Honora Schiller has served as an Alderperson for over 20 years. She works to keep costs low so there are no tax increases. Alderperson Schiller works to maintain high-quality city services including police protection and trash pickup. She makes sure ordinances have a positive effect on property values and quality of life. She knows the importance of keeping residents



informed and listening to their input. Honora and her husband have lived here for 40 years and raised their three sons here. She will continue to protect everything that makes Clarkson Valley special.

John F. Orbe

John has been on the Clarkson Valley Board of Adjustment since 2019 and is a member of the Home Owners Assn. in Kehrs Mill Estates. His focus is working and collaborating to yield strong curb appeal and property values in KMERA and Clarkson Valley. John leads his firm's sales engagement in the West of the US Theater. The organization's

focus is upon leverage of Next Generation Network Architectures and Solutions to exceed expectations for the Campus, Data Center, and Wide Area Networks. John has a BS in Business Administration from St. Louis University, in 1981. John was born and raised in New Jersey and has lived in the St. Louis area since 1982. His wife, Maureen is also a SLU Grad and graduated from Webster Groves HS. Three of their four kids live in



Christine (Chris) Hoffman and her family have lived in the St. Louis County area for over 20 years. Her son Michael and his wife Stephanie live in Chesterfield with her two grandchildren.

Currently, she is employed at Centene Corporation as a Senior IT Program Manager, leading large-scale Enterprise implementations and re-



procurements across many Business and IT functional teams. With experience in refined skills of communication, listening, asking questions, analysis, meeting deadlines and when needed putting in extra hours. These skills will be needed as an alderman to unite people on how best to allocate the ARPA grant for Clarkson Valley along with other key issues. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Minnesota at Mankato. She Is a member of Forest Hills Country Club enjoying book club, served as President and







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Owner David Castee



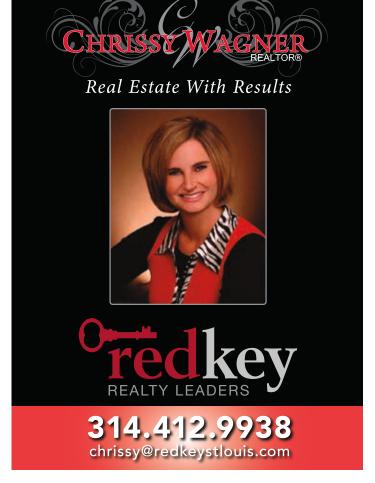


eet the Gatto family! Dave and Cassie have 3 children, 11-year-old Gabby, 3-year-old Ben, and 1-year-old Piper. Last, but not least, their handsome Yorkie, Dexter. The Gattos moved into Dunhill Farms in September 2021. They love the big, flat lots, their neighbors, and the proximity to Marquette. Ben loves to kick the ball around on the fields and hear

the roar of the football games. Their favorite thing about their neighborhood is how they celebrate Halloween, with bounce houses and big parties.

Dave is a Clarkson Valley native; he grew up living in the Kehrs Mill Estates neighborhood. His mom was an alderwoman of Clarkson Valley, and she started the newsletter (1 page at a time) and website! Dave





FAMILY I

THEY LOVE TO GO DOWN TO BRANSON AND ENJOY ALL THE FUN ACTIVITIES AND CREATE NEW MEMORIES IN THEIR NEWLY BUILT LAKE HOUSE AT TABLE ROCK LAKE.



is in management for Beckton Dickinson, a medical device company. Cassie is originally from Sacramento, California. She stays at home with the kids full time and also manages their Airbnb property called Lakeview Oasis in Branson. Which is exactly where they have started memorable family traditions. They love to go down to Branson and enjoy all the fun activities and create new memories in their newly built lake house at Table Rock Lake. They are in the process of building 2 more cabins in the area to expand their Airbnb business and it also gives them more of an excuse to visit.

in the mountains. They are also both scuba certified, so they love to travel to the Caribbean, island hop and explore new places to scuba dive. They even got married in Grand Cayman. They also enjoy visiting different towns in Italy and checking them off of their bucket list. You can find Dave golfing or working on home projects. Cassie enjoys baking and trying new foods/restaurants. Their favorite restaurants are Paul Manno's, Poke Munch, and Annie Gunn's. Gabby likes arts and crafts and plays volleyball. Ben is a busy toddler who loves any activity with a ball, dinosaur, or truck. Piper just started walking!

The Gatto's love patio season because they can hang out by their pool and enjoy a few drinks with friends and family. They also enjoy cheering on the Cardinals and the Blues, obviously!



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I grew up in a Southern family with roots deep in the soil. My grandparents grew anything at all you'd want to eat right there in our back gardens, though my grandmother's favorite plants to meddle with were, by far, her houseplants. That love spilled over to my mother and her sisters and, eventually, to me. Though my collection may look a little different than hers, we both recognize(d) the endless benefits of having useful, versatile and visually engaging plants in the home, such as those on the list below.

BY SHAUNA OSBORNE



Peace Lily

In addition to its gorgeous white "flowers" in the summer, the stunning peace lily is a master of air pollutant removal, working hard to absorb and break down toxic compounds throughout your home. Sometimes called "closet plants," peace lilies are perfect for rooms that don't get much natural light.

Snake Plant

This low-maintenance plant is a popular choice for small apartments and bedrooms, working while you sleep to convert carbon dioxide to oxygen. Snake plants purify by removing toxins from the air, absorbing them through their leaves.

Aloe Vera

This plant has been used for thousands of years as a natural remedy to ease irritated skin. The clear, gel-like substance found inside the plant's leaves can be used to soothe and heal burns and even cold sores when applied directly to the skin.

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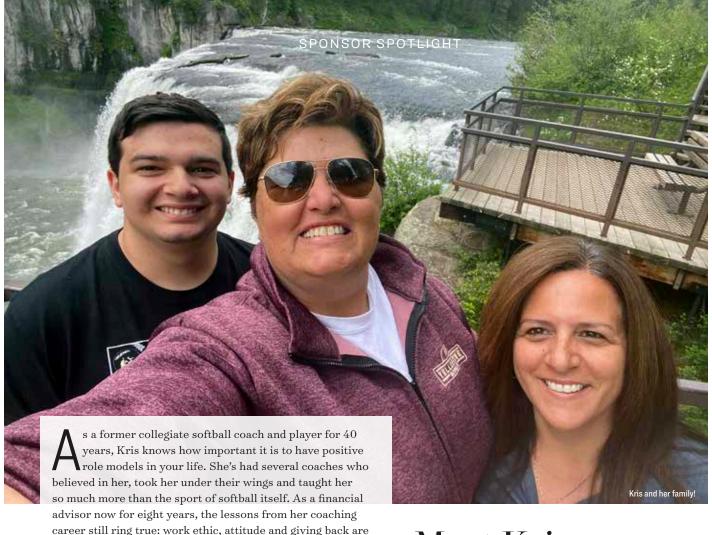


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Outside of work, her family resides in Ballwin. They enjoy sports, hiking and playing golf together. Each Thanksgiving, they run a food drive to feed homeless families in the Parkway School District.

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Now that we've put winter behind us — at least on the calendar — it's time to think about sprucing up our homes, inside and out. But it also may be time to do some financial spring cleaning.

For starters, dust off your investment strategy. Over time, your circumstances and risk tolerance can change, and these changes may lead you to reexamine your future financial and investment decisions.

Next, think about "de-cluttering" your portfolio by possibly getting rid of some duplicate investments and using the proceeds to expand your investment mix. And it's also important to organize all your financial documents, whether they're on paper or in electronic form.

Finally, just as you remove dangers around your house, you'll want to explore strategies to help ensure you're protecting your loved ones from financial threats. Spring cleaning can pay off in a cleaner, safer home environment and in helping keep your financial strategy working hard for you.

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Nickname: Papa

Grandchild's Name: Zachary Cantor

Nickname: Zac

Subdivision: Dunhill Farm

QUESTIONS PAPA ASKED ZAC:

What do you want to be when you grow up?

My whole life I have been influenced and interested in becoming a lawyer. I'm very interested in being in the court in general and helping people get money after an injury. I also like public speaking, so I think being a lawyer would be a good job for me.

Of your various family traditions, what's your favorite?

My favorite family tradition is our Christmas break trips, they are really fun. For most of my life we have gone to Cabo and I just like hanging out with my family and my cousins at the beach.

What is one way you think the world will be different when you grow up and you are my age?

I hope the world will be different in a way that we could be not only in this world but a way we can figure out how to live on other planets. I also think that we will live a much more compact life. There will be so many people and a lot more electronically-based living.

What makes you happy?

Spending time with people I care about.

What are you afraid of?

I guess I'm a little bit afraid of death, not so much now but when I was younger. Also, how the fighting that goes on in the world, and how it can get out of hand. Most countries have the power to change the world in a negative way. I don't want any of them to use that power.

Are you responsible for any chores at home?

A few. Some simple ones like taking out the trash. I just have to make sure I am not too messy, which can be difficult on its own.



If you are saving money, what are you saving money for?

I would say I'm saving money for my future. To be able to live freely without worry at some point in my life. I would like to be financially stable to live worry-free. Also, for my future family.

What is your favorite thing to do with me?

There are a lot of things that are my favorite to do with you. I love going out to dinner with you and grandma, especially Shabat dinner every Friday night. But my favorite is when we are on the couch at home and we are having talks, and you ask me questions, like how I feel about things. You teach me how to be a better person.

When you are older, how many grandchildren do you think you will have?

I have no clue. I hope I have a lot to keep me busy. A lively family is all I can ask for.

If you could change one thing about the world, what would it be?

The animosity people have towards other people because of the way they look. How they judge people just by the way they look for the language they speak, that is something I would change.

Who is your hero and why?

So they ask me this in school, and the answer is always you or my dad. Because you have really taught me how to talk to other people, and be kind no matter what. I look up to the way you treat others.

QUESTIONS ZAC ASKED PAPA:

When you were my age, what did you want to be when you grew up?

I don't know why but I always wanted to be a doctor. To make people feel well and healthy. That's what I wanted to be when I was your age. I wanted to be financially successful as well.

What is one way the world was different when you were my age?

One of the major ways was the absence of artificial intelligence. So many people have cell phones and they are on their computers and they are able to access information, sometimes misinformation, wrong information, hateful information; but we all have access to information rapidly and easily now. I think that is one of the major ways the world is different now.

Is there a story behind the name I call you, Papa?

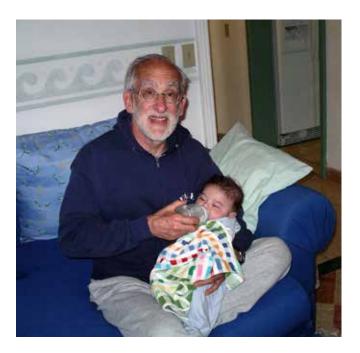
Not really. I was trying to think of what I would want my grandchildren to call me, and as you know I call your grandmother on our side, G-ma. I was trying to think of a name that I would like you all to call me that would be easily identified by others, and that's how I came up with the idea of Papa.

What makes you happy?

What makes me happy is number 1 being with you and the family, which I love. Another is when I behave in a manner that is compatible with my favorite motto which is "the purpose of my life is not my happiness but is to be worthy of







happiness." So when I act like a good guy instead of a jerk, on those few occasions that I am able to do that, that's what makes me happy. Zac says that I do it well because he thinks I am the nicest person in the world.

What is your favorite memory of your grandparents?

I only knew 1 of the 4, because all the others had predeceased before I was born. I vaguely remember going to my maternal grandmother's home to visit her. She passed away when I was 4 ½ or 5 years of age. She was the last of the 4. I vaguely remember being with her. One memory that I will cherish is just in the last year or 2 I realized that my grandfather on my mother's side was one of the first Jewish graduates from the medical school where I talked for years. He graduated as a doctor from Germany, and then he came to the United States. I never knew him. But then he went back to medical school at St. Louis University, a Catholic Jesuit school, where he got another MD degree. Then he practiced medicine. And I learned just a few years ago that he passed away because as a volunteer he would go down to rural Missouri and administer care to many of the farmers and the poor people who had the flu in 1928. He caught the flu and that's what he died from. That's a wonderful, sad, but powerful memory that I have of him.

What were you scared of when you were little and when did you stop being afraid?

Zac answered for his Papa: Papa said that he was scared of the dark or nighttime when he was younger. And he would think that Superman or Batman was in his bedroom and that they would protect him the whole time no matter what. The superheroes would try to beat up any monsters trying to get him.

Can you tell me about the first time we ever met?

Right after your birth. I remember coming up to the hospital and celebrating your birth on your older brother's birthday, which was great because that saves us. We only

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had to buy one birthday cake instead of 2 birthday cakes. I remember meeting you and hugging you slightly, just touching you slightly, which your mother was objecting to because she was protecting you. Of course in a very normal manner. You were born 4 weeks early, I can't remember if you already had Respiratory Distress Syndrome, and you weren't able to leave the hospital for 2 weeks. But you looked good, when I examined you, your lungs were doing very well. Those were worrisome days.

How did you meet my grandmother?

I enrolled as a physician in the Army. I had just finished my first year after med school, I was an intern at Harvard at the Boston Massachusetts Hospital. So I went to the Army and was stationed in San Antonio, Texas. I wrote to some friends to see if they had any friends who knew girls in San Antonio. Someone sent me your grandmother's name. I called her and asked her out on a date. She said that she didn't take blind dates but that she would go with me. I think it was because I was a doctor. That's how I met her.

What's your favorite part of having grandchildren?

This is such an awesome question. Without any question in my mind, my favorite part is being with them, and seeing them grow up and mature, and to be good people. They tend to put meaning into my phrase "the purpose of my life is not my happiness but is to be worthy of happiness", seeing them be good people without prejudice against others for their race, sexual orientation, or religion. But trying to make the world a better place, makes me happy. You do such a wonderful job, Zac. You are outstanding in doing that, it makes me very proud of you.

What was my dad like when he was my age and do I remind

You guys are very similar in many ways because your father likewise was a good person. He had a personality that was unique to him. He was a nice, worthwhile young man. He grew up to be a worthwhile adult and has continued along that pathway. That is the pathway that I hope you continue to follow and emulate your father for all those wonderful reasons. Helping to make the world a much better place. For that, I am grateful and very proud of you and him. That is how you remind me of him.

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i, my name is Dusty, Dusty Rhodes! My family named me after a famous wrestler also known as "The American Dream". I have no idea who that guy is, but I'm sure he was pretty cool. I'm a full-sized standard Poodle. My birthday is on Independence Day. Yep! The 4th of July, 2022. So that makes me about 8 months old. I'm getting bigger and bigger, but I promise that I am very kind and gentle. Although, sometimes I do get into a little bit of trouble. Like that one week I chewed through 4 leashes. Oh, that wasn't good.







My family said they have been wanting a dog for a long time. When my 2 older brothers, Danny and Patrick, were old enough to help with the responsibilities, they finally got me! That makes me so happy because I love being part of this family. Danny takes me out every morning and makes sure I

always have water and food in my bowl.

I need lots of that.

My favorite things are long walks, playing with my brothers when Dad comes home, and belly rubs. I also love going on car rides and taking my brothers to school. One time I even got to stay! Patrick

took me into his preschool for Show and Tell. Danny came also since they were reviewing the letter "D", for Dusty and Danny. That was the best day of my life—so far!

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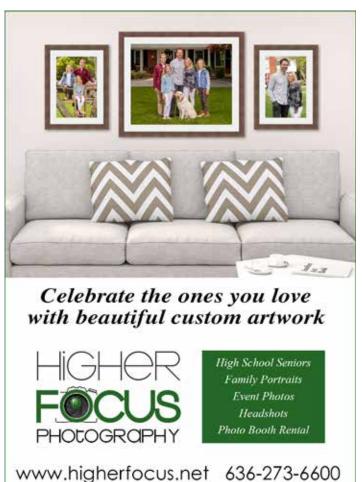






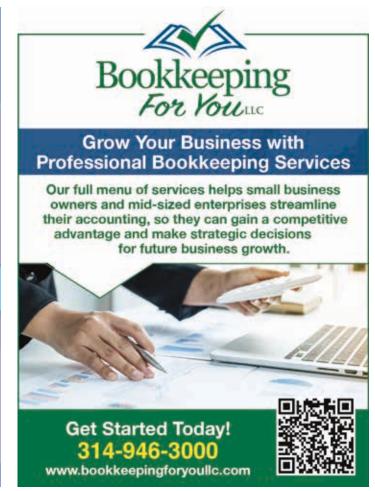














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Ziti with Spinach & Tomatoes!

BY THE MANORS AT CLARKSON VALLEY RESIDENT CINDY MUNICH

asta is one of the best meals to prepare for your family if you ask me. It's filling, flavorful and always a family favorite. It can be simple or inspired! This Ziti recipe is a bit of both. It is easy to pull together yet has a unique flavor thanks to the pesto. In late fall I will make and freeze pesto to use all my basil before the fall freeze. This is great in this recipe but a store-bought pesto from the grocery works equally well. This dish freezes beautifully, so I often double the recipe. I hope your family enjoys this wonderful ziti as well as mine. Serve with a green salad, crusty garlic bread and a light red wine, like a Beaujolais to round out the meal. Buon Appetito!

4-6 servings

- ¾ Pounds Brush Creek Valley Farms Spicy Sausage
- 2 Small Shallots, Chopped
- 3 Garlic Cloves, Chopped
- 1 28-Ounce Can Diced Tomatoes
- 1/4 Cup Pesto Sauce
- 10 Ounces Ziti or Penne Pasta (About 3 Cups), Freshly Cooked
- 2/3 of 10-Ounce Package of Thawed and Drained Spinach, or One 5-Ounce Bag of Fresh Baby Spinach, Loosely Chopped
- 6 Ounces Fresh Mozzarella Cheese, Cubed
- 1 Cup Grated Parmesan Cheese





2. Preheat oven to 375. Combine pasta, spinach, mozzarella and 1/3 cup parmesan cheese in large bowl. Stir in warm tomato sauce. Transfer mixture to lightly oiled 13x9 baking dish. Sprinkle remaining 2/3 cup parmesan over. Bake until sauce bubbles and cheeses melt, about 30 minutes.



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ore than 80% of people have already ditched their New Year's goals. Why is this? Because goals without a system in place become much more difficult to achieve. Without a clear path to achieve a goal, it is easy to lose steam and vision altogether. The most common reason people struggle to keep a fitness routine is a lack of motivation. Motivation is temporary. Often, this has more to do with the system itself than any characteristic trait of "laziness." To be successful in anything, you already know that luck is not a key ingredient. Rather, hard work, commitment, and patience.

Consider these five practices to help you create a fit lifestyle:

1. TRY MULTIPLE STYLES OF EXERCISE

There are a lot of great gyms in our community, and most offer a free trial. Take advantage of them! Be open to every opportunity. Try multiple studios to learn what style is the best fit for you. Do you thrive in high-energy environments? One-on-one attention? A community? Fast or slow movements? For any fit lifestyle to stick, you have to enjoy the environment!

2. MOVE EVERY DAY

Getting started is always the hardest part, especially if you are not used to exercising. Start slow. A simple walk in the neighborhood can boost your energy exponentially to give you that temporary motivation to begin a free trial. Energy *creates* energy. We can create energy in the most uninteresting parts of our day. Try parking further away to get in more steps or taking the stairs instead of the elevator.

3. EXPECT TO BE UNCOMFORTABLE

Do not give up the moment you become uncomfortable! Trust the process and be patient with yourself. Allow that discomfort to be your signal for growth. Significant change requires you to overcome uncomfortable situations. This can be anything from showing up to a gym alone, trying a new exercise or increasing your heart rate. Embrace these uncomfortable situations and begin to reshape these associations as an avenue toward success.

4. FIND A FRIEND, BUT BE WILLING TO **SHOW UP ALONE**

An accountable partner is always helpful but be careful not to let their lack of attendance become yours. If we rely

on external factors to create our own success, we lose ownership over how we are showing up for ourselves. If your friend is unable to join you, expect to be uncomfortable and show up anyway. But yes, you are right, it is always more fun to sweat with friends!

5. PAY ATTENTION TO HOW YOU FEEL... AFTERWARD

This goes for exercise, nutrition and even the habits you have each day. We live in a society of instant gratification. Look beyond the satisfaction you feel in eating a super-sized fry, or the intensity of your workout. Pay closer attention to how you feel afterward. Did you feel lethargic or energized? Bloated or strong? Guilty or empowered? This intel is your map for success.

Remember, change is gradual. It is the details of your day that lead to radical change years from now. Be realistic and kind to yourself in your own expectations.



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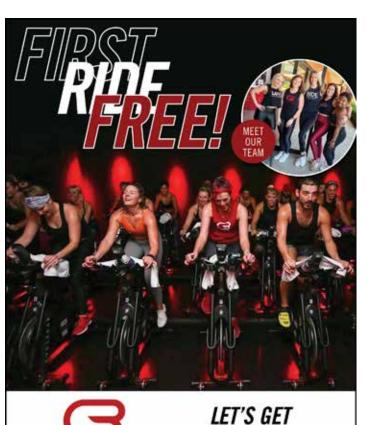
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loves is all the traveling he gets to do, playing hockey in different cities.

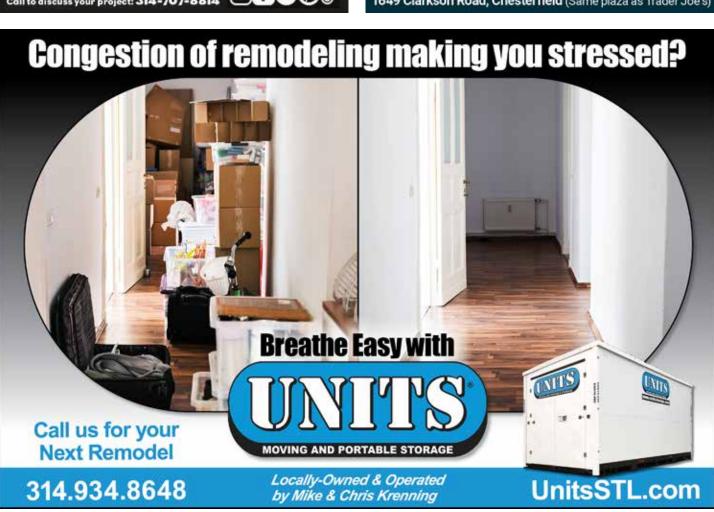
For anyone younger than him, he would like to tell them to keep working hard. Hockey is not easy, and it takes a lot of time and commitment. Don't give up! Luke has worked very hard to play at the level of hockey he plays now. He has received the USA Hockey Hat Trick Award, and his teams have won a lot of tournaments. Eventually, he wants to play college hockey and make it to the NHL.

When he isn't at the ice rink, Luke likes to be outdoors: fishing, hunting, and riding horses. He also loves playing all different types of sports. Let's not forget, he loves to go out to eat. A growing athlete needs fuel!









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