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Ferguson Farmers' Market

OPENING DAY SAT., MAY 3RD, 2014
CELEBRATING OUR 12TH YEAR!

May 3 @ 8:00 am – 12:00 pm:

Welcome Back!! This is our first market of the Spring!
SPECIAL EVENT: Garden Day, Missouri Botanical's "Master Gardner", the Easy Chicken, Eco-Watch. Any questions about putting in your garden, come out and get answers!
MUSIC: Maple Jam Band

May 10 @ 8:00 am – 12:00 pm:

SPECIAL EVENT: Mueller Farm Tours 12-1:30pm, leave from the market and tour an Urban-Organic Farm. Jolly Trolley will pick-up and drop-off at the market. Don't Miss!

AUTHOR FEST:

Braxton DeGarmo – Thrillers: "The Militant Genome," "Indebted," and more
Eileen Dreyer – NYT Bestselling author of The Drake's Rakes Series
Elle Meyer – "Chronicle of the Mound Builders"
Robin Tidwell – the dystopian trilogy: "Reduced," "Reused," and "Recycled"
Mike and Carol Hodge – "The Creator's Essence" (Carol), "Where is the United States in Bible Prophecy" and "Unto Us A Child Is Born" (Mike)
MUSIC: Tom Irwin

May 17 @ 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

SPECIAL EVENT: Ferguson Twilight Run Packet Pickup, Health & Wellness Fair. Want to run? Speak to "Track Club" Coaches.
MUSIC: Ritenour Jazz Band

May 24 @ 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

SPECIAL EVENT: Wildflower Farm Sheep Shearing & Petting!
MUSIC: The Ramblers

May 31 @ 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

SPECIAL EVENT: Ferguson's Biggest Yard Sale, Pick up your Yard-sale map at the market. Enjoy breakfast before you go or stop by for lunch after you are all shopped out.
MUSIC: Not Wired Right

The Ferguson Farmers' Market brings you fresh fruits and vegetables all season. Our produce and fruits are picked within 24 hours of our market and brought directly to you by the friendly farmers who grow them. Enjoy live music & food booths in a fun, festive, community atmosphere. And discover a wide variety of edible delights, including baked goods, homemade jelly, farm fresh eggs, cheeses, nuts, honey, spices, and organic meats.

Come Visit Us Saturdays, Now thru October 8am - Noon

20 S. Florissant, at the Victorian Plaza (just south of the train trestle)

Check our our website, FergusonFarmersMarket.com

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The Biggest Yard Sale in History!!!
Ferguson, Missouri

Saturday, May 31
7:30 am to 2:00 pm

- Furniture • Clothing • Toys • Household Goods
- Books • Electronics • Lots of Cool Stuff

REGISTER:

Registrations accepted by phone, email or in person – 314-521-7721 or kbarnadyn@fergusoncity.com

Deadline to be included on the map is May 23rd.

PICK UP A MAP AT:

Ferguson Farmers Market, 20 South Florissant Road or Paul's Market, 1020 North Elizabeth after 5:00 pm on May 30

Maps also available online at www.fergusoncity.com

For info call 314-521-7721 or visit www.fergusoncity.com

Race Day Schedule

- 8:00 am-noon: Live Well Fair/Packet Pickup and Race Registration at Ferguson Farmers Market
- 4:00 pm: Packet Pickup at Race Location and Pre-Race Entertainment by Island Duo
- 5:00 pm: Start of One Mile Fun Run
- 6:00 pm: Start of 10K Race
- 6:20 pm: Start of 5K Race
- 6:30 pm: Post-Race Concert by Javier Mendoza
- 7:45 pm: Awards Ceremony
- 10:00 pm: Post-Race Festivities End



See more information on Page 3

CITYWALK CONCERT SERIES

PLAZA @ 501
Upcoming Shows...

	EINSTEIN Classic Rock Friday, May 9 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	
	*Palm Duo Steel Drums Saturday, May 17 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	
	*Javier Mendoza Pop Rock Saturday, May 17 6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	
	The Chaz 45 Band R&B Friday, May 23 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	

* Concerts in partnership with the Ferguson Twilight Run.

FREE Concerts April through October at 501 So. Florissant Road

Concerts take place on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month unless otherwise noted.

Bring a blanket or lawn chair. Coolers are permitted. No glass.

Concessions available for purchase on-site.

For more information call 314-524-5197 or

email citywalk@fergusoncity.com www.fergusoncitywalk.com



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MONDAY, MAY 19
11am to 2 pm
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Check our website.

www.fergusoncitywalk.com

If You Have Items of Interest, Contact The Ferguson Times – 314-524-1958



Greetings from CityWalk

Spring has sprung on CityWalk and the festivities have begun.

Were you at the Plaza at 501 for the Food Truck event? It was awesome. There were five trucks stationed around 501 serving up their fare. A Slice of Italy, Steak Louie, Shell Coastal Cuisine, and Andrew's Bayou Ribs and to finish off a wonderful meal from whichever truck you chose, Sarah's Cake Shop. There was a large gathering of our neighbors as well as our area business neighbors. All of the Food Truck vendors were happy with the event, even with the threat of inclement weather. All in all, this event was a success, and with this success, you can count on more Food Truck events. I will tell you this, from here on, I brake for cupcakes.

Our first concert at the Plaza at 501 was Samba Boom. If the turnout for the concert was as successful as the food truck event, it was great. Just remember, we have a lot more concerts to come. Concerts that will be featured during the month of May include Einstein. Einstein is a group of musicians that have been traveling the musical circuit for many years. Classic rock, old school R&B and the Blues will be on the menu when Einstein takes the stage at the Plaza at 501 on May 9th. A local group that has been playing around Ferguson and the entire St. Louis area will grace the stage on May 23rd. Our own Chuck Henson will be leading the band from behind his congas holding the beat together while they perform in the genres of R&B, Classic Rock and Funk. If you like that old time rock and roll, these two groups' performances won't let you down.

More concerts this month will coincide with the event of events right here in Ferguson. That's right; I'm talking about the Live Well Twilight 5K, 10K, and One Mile Fun Run. Every year, Live Well has exceeded their goal with the tremendous turn outs that they have received, and being the only organized twilight run in North County, I'm sure they will do it again. You have probably been seeing a lot of people running on the streets, training to get their shoes prepared to run another 3.1 or 6.2 or even one mile. This is the premier Event in Ferguson, even if you're not a runner. Mark your calendar and come on down to the Plaza at 501 on May 17th and join in on the festivities. You know I'll be walking down The Walk, CityWalk, to run the 5K.

You're thinking . . . did this columnist forget to tell us who the entertainment might be for this great event! Of course not! I was just whetting your appetite. The pre-run entertainment will be Palm Duo, featuring the island sounds that can only be produced by Steel Drums. You can count on those steel drums to put a little more spring in your shoes before the beginning of the run. Then for the main event, everyone's favorite entertainer, Javier Mendoza, will be burning up the stage during the evening, after the run. May 17th at The Plaza at 501.

There are lots of things happening on The Walk, and you don't want to be left out. So, lace up your walking shoes, and walk on down. We'll be looking for you.

4th of July Parade and Nominations



FERGUSON . . . 120 YEARS THEN AND NOW

That's the theme for the 2014 Fourth of July Parade and Festival. You have time for your company, organization, neighbors or just individuals to plan and begin building your parade float. The parade steps off Paul Avenue at 10:00 am on Friday, July 4th, and marches north on Florissant Road to January Wabash Memorial Park where the day-long Festival and fireworks begin. Get into the spirit of

celebrating Ferguson's 1894 founding. To enter the parade is free, just call the Parks & Recreation Department at 521-4661 for an application.

YOUTH ACHIEVERS

The Committee is also accepting nominations for the 2014 Ferguson Youth Achievers. If you are a Ferguson resident attending high school, and excel in scholastics, sports or community, you are eligible to receive a scholarship from the 4th of July Committee. Call for an application at 521-4661, or write to Ferguson Fourth of July Festival, Ferguson Parks and Recreation Department, 501 North Florissant Road, Ferguson, Missouri 63135.

The deadline for nominations is Wednesday, May 31, 2013. For more information, call 521-4661.

The Ferguson Times may be reached . . .
by phone: 314-524-1958
or by mail: Dorothy Seiter, 16 Sandringham, Ferguson, MO, 63135
or by email: cider@att.net
Copy or ads for the paper must be received by the 15th of the month for insertion in the following month's paper.

The Plumber's Crack

By Oh Baby bigohbaby@sbcglobal.net

Lawn Mowers purring, flowers blooming, graduations, weddings, allergies, short sleeve shirts and shorts, flip flops, it's really May and time for another Plumbers Crack.



Well my loyal followers of Crack I will try and keep it positive this month even though I'm still seeing all sorts of negative things out there. Mother's Day is this month, so in her honor I will start by talking about flower gardens. What do flower gardens have to do with plumbing you ask? Well Oh Baby's gonna' tell you and give one of my spring tips at the same time.

When you're planting your flowers you normally use fertilizer and potting soil. After you get them planted you get the hose out and water them. Sometimes we leave the hose in the garden or we use a hose with little tiny holes to water flowers and shrubs. This can leave puddles and if the hose is left lying in those puddles a drop in water pressure like a water main break can cause that fertilized water to syphon back in your house. Another big problem with gardening is the weed and feed fertilizers you hook on your hose. Those are really dangerous. Take them off when your done. Two things you can do to stop this. Buy a screw on vacuum breaker to put on outside faucet (if it don't have one built into it) or, roll up your hose when your done. These same practices should be used with pools, bird baths, and fountains. If your wondering how to know if your outside

faucet has a built-in vacuum breaker, this is how you tell. Most anti freeze hydrants have them built in. It looks like a little plastic dome behind the handle of the faucet and if it starts to leak it can be repaired.

Well it's that time again. Yes it's time for the word of the month. It's Vacuum Breaker . . .

an anti syphon device or an air gap for a plumbing fixture.

Well, as I mentioned earlier Mother's Day is this month. Please make it a special day for all the moms out there. For your wives too, even though I know they're not your mom. They deserve special treatment too. I have good reason to celebrate Mother's Day because I'm lucky enough to have my mom still around and the mother of my children, and I will be celebrating our 40th wedding anniversary this month . . . love you Hagatha (Carole).

I would also like to take this time to thank Kevin Casey and Kurt Cavin for all the hard work they put in for 4th of July BBQ last month. We were missing our lead Q chef Emmett Shaw because of pryor commitments but hopefully he'll be back next year.

Well enough with the public service announcements. As always hug them babies, check on the elderly and your neighbors and get involved in Ferguson.

God Bless you all.

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See Bob on Job column on Page 17

5 Years and Still Running



In just a few short weeks, the City of Ferguson will welcome runners and walkers for the fifth annual Ferguson Twilight Run/Walk.

On Saturday, May 17, the City will be the host to the only evening race in North St. Louis County. Ferguson Twilight Run includes one-mile, 5K and 10K distances. The race was formerly known as LiveWell Ferguson

Twilight 5K Run/Walk. Race times are set for 5:00 p.m. for the one-mile distance, 6:00 p.m. for the 10K and 6:20 p.m. for the 5K. The courses are USATF certified and timed by Big River Running. To check out the routes, go to fergtwilightrun.com

In partnership with the Live Well Events Board, organizers of the Ferguson Twilight Run selected four local agencies to receive proceeds from the annual spring race. Since the race began in 2010, Ferguson Twilight Run has supported healthy fitness activities in Ferguson and North St. Louis County through donations to the Emerson Family YMCA. The donations helped provide scholarships for youth to participate in summer programs. This year, the race will benefit more agencies that provide healthy and active programs.

The 2014 beneficiaries include Emerson Family YMCA and Girls on the Run. Each agency will receive a percentage of the proceeds from this year's race. The goal is to raise \$12,000 with 1,900 participants.

Register Today

You've heard about the fun and excitement of the Ferguson Twilight Run, so what are you waiting for? Race fees for the 5K and 10K events are \$25; on May 16, the fee increases to \$30 through race day. The One-Mile Fun Run is \$10.

Registration includes a performance shirt and a medal for one-mile, 5K and 10K race finishers. Join your friends for the race and register online at fergtwilightrun.com.

Race Packet Pick-up

Participants can pick up race bibs and shirts on May 13 and May 14 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Ferguson Bicycle Shop. Packet pick-up continues on May 15 and May 16 from 10:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Ferguson Bicycle Shop.

Packets can also be picked up on race day during the Live Well Fair which takes place at the Ferguson Farmer's Market from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Late pick-up begins at 4:00 p.m. at the race location.

Volunteers Equal Success

Organizers of the Ferguson Twilight Run are asking for volunteers to help support the annual community race.

If you can't run or walk the race, you can still be part of the excitement as a volunteer. It takes a lot of dynamic and energetic people to make the race a success year after year. It's a great opportunity for community groups and individuals.

Volunteers are needed for packet pick up and late registration activities. On race day, volunteers are needed for registration, setting up the course, route monitors, start/finish area and more. To become a volunteer, please complete the Volunteer Form at fergtwilightrun.com



Ferguson Landmarks Commission invites you to attend

**CENTURY
SUNDAY**
June 22
1:00 pm

... to recognizes
15 North Clay • 429 Wesley
Ferguson's Newest Century Homes

We will gather at 12:45 pm on the rear parking lot of City Hall, 110 Chuch Street. Ferguson's Jolly Trolley will be available to transport those who prefer not to drive to each home. Refreshments will be available after the ceremonies. Call 524-5257 for questions or assistance.

Help Stamp Our Hunger

"Stamp Out Hunger" is the largest, single-day food drive in the nation, and an easy way to make a difference in our community.

Simply fill a grocery bag (or two) with healthy, non-perishable food, and set it by your mailbox the morning of **Saturday, May 10**. Donations will be picked up by your letter carrier, and delivered to the Post Office where they are sorted and then taken to local food pantries.



Come Shop With Us At:

Ferguson's Biggest Yard Sale in History
Saturday, May 31, 7:30 am to 2:00 pm

We will be in front of the cabooses,
across from UMB Bank

Antiques and better-than-average
junk

All proceeds to the Society

To donate your treasures
call 524-6547 or 524-3820 for pick-up



Ferguson's Rae Mohrmann named Volunteer of the Year



Rae Mohrmann, longtime fitness instructor at UMSL, gives her Abs, Buns & Cardio class a workout at the Mark Twain Athletic & Fitness Center. Mohrmann recently was named Volunteer of the Year for the St. Louis Track Club for her dedication to running and the more-than 200 hours a year she spends helping other runners. (Photo by August Jennewein) In a cold and sometimes violent rainstorm in Little Rock, Ark., on March 1, Rae Mohrmann ran her 93rd marathon. She took second place in her age division – not because of the weather, but because she stopped to give the extra shirt she was carrying to a shivering young woman on the side of the road.

"When you've run as long as I have, you prepare for just about everything," Mohrmann said. "I had two jackets and an extra shirt tied around my middle, and that young woman had a tank top on." She shrugged off the idea that second place was the result of stopping to help a fellow runner.

For those who know Mohrmann, a longtime teacher in the Normandy School District and an aerobics and fitness instructor in Recreational Sports at UMSL, the kind gesture toward the woman is a big part of who she is.

Mohrmann, 66, has been a member of the St. Louis Track Club for nearly 20 years. She didn't start volunteering until she had the time and energy to devote. Since then she's ramped up her activities donating more than 200 hours each year handing out runner's packets days before a race, handing out cups of water during a race and organizing the annual picnic. She even works on the committee to plan the volunteer banquet where she received her award.

Mohrmann was 49 when she decided to take up marathon running, a 26-mile, 385-yard race. Do the math: 93 marathons in 17 years is 5.47 per year. She's run at least one marathon in all 50 states, some of them, like the Boston Marathon, she's run multiple times.

She talked about the recent race in Little Rock where the temperature dropped from 54 degrees at the beginning of the race to 37 at the end. The rain and wind were whipping all around the runners, and then it started lightning. "I came across a man running with a blade, the running prosthesis used by some runners these days," she explained. "He told me, 'nothing is going to stop me but me,' and I knew what he meant. We gave each other courage. Runners are survivors. They know they will survive this race in order to run the next one."

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Decisions are best made after, not before discussion

By Mayor James W. Knowles III

"At the heart of science is an essential balance between two seemingly contradictory attitudes--an openness to new ideas, no matter how bizarre or counterintuitive they may be, and the most ruthless skeptical scrutiny of all ideas, old and new. This is how deep truths are winnowed from deep nonsense."

Carl Sagan, American Astronomer, Scientist, Philosopher



The study of politics and decision making is not a new field. Philosophers, theologians, and scholars have long pondered how society is governed in hopes of gaining some understanding of our leaders and the decisions they make. It wasn't until the last 100 years that the principles and methods used in the study of physical sciences were applied to the study of social phenomenon like politics and public administration. Since that time, researchers and academics have tried to improve governing by providing data and analysis that may help explain certain phenomena, predict outcomes, and shape better decisions. The application of the scientific method to the field of politics meant the study of politics and government would no longer simply be an observation of what has happened, but also a tool to guide future decision making of governing bodies and executives. Like any tool it has to be used to be effective, but shamefully sometimes politics makes no room for reasoning backed by empirical research.

While the study of politics and governance has evolved greatly over the years, the way we govern and make decisions hasn't necessarily changed that much. Forces are constantly pushing and pulling elected officials to support or oppose an issue based on the feelings, beliefs, or interests of an individual or group of voters. As an elected official, it is always easy and politically expedient to raise your finger to the wind and go with whatever may be the prevailing public sentiment. But elected officials that make decisions solely based on polls instead of a thorough and honest examination of the issues may neglect their duty to make the best decision possible on behalf of their constituents.

Last month, the Cities of Ballwin and Ellisville raced to the forefront of the current discussion about changing our regional governance, by passing a resolution opposing any proposal to "merge" or "reunite" the city of St. Louis with St. Louis County government. While there is not currently an actual proposal out there to do either, the Ballwin and Ellisville Board of Alderman clearly felt they needed to make a public statement aimed to please some voters that polls have shown are fearful of change to our regional governance.

For those readers who are unaware, our regional government has been fragmented since 1876, when the city of St. Louis seceded from St. Louis County, forming one of the few independent cities in the nation. As our Missouri Constitution calls it, they are "a city, not within a county." From time to time, almost immediately since the "Great Divorce," the region has discussed ways to eventually reconcile the split. Today there are several well-funded and active organizations advocating a change in the way our region is governed. Probably the most notable of hypothetical scenarios that have been floated for public discussion, is 1.) allowing the City to re-enter the county as the 91st municipality, no different in status than the city of Ferguson or 2.) merge the City of St. Louis and County of St. Louis into one large unified government much like Louisville, KY, Indianapolis, IN, or Kansas City, KS. This would make St. Louis the 8th largest city in the nation (up from the current spot at 58th)

I asked our council to take a different tact than Ballwin and Ellisville. In the spirit of free and fair discussion, we should take a stand to support an honest examination of our regional governance using the most modern tools and techniques of today's political science researchers. We should furthermore promise to remain open minded and defer judgment on any proposal that may come forward until we can make a decision based on facts derived from the scrutiny of rigorous academic research, not fear or feelings. The council liked the idea, and we unanimously passed a resolution on April 22nd supporting those ideals. Within days of passage, I received several calls and emails thanking the city for its open minded and professional approach to this sensitive regional issue.

It is important that our citizens recognize that we are not endorsing any particular group's agenda or any course of action. We are simply showing our willingness to be involved in an open minded discussion about our region's future. A closed minded approach will only result in us being shut out from the discussion, which hurts our ability to ensure the process is fair and in the best interests of our citizens.

Even though our council as a whole is making a stand against making premature decisions, we recognize it is human nature for us to individually formulate feelings and judgments without all the facts. These feelings are natural reactions all people have based on the information they had presented to them at the time. This only becomes problematic if we are not willing to be open minded to new information that may be presented in the future. As the famous economist John Meynard Keynes once said, "When my information changes, I alter my conclusions. What do you do, sir?"

The Ferguson City Council will meet twice in May. All meetings will be held in the City Council Chambers at 110 Church Street. The meeting dates are:
 Tuesday, May 13 at 7:00 p.m.
 Tuesday, May 27 at 7:00 p.m.

Ferguson Neighborhood Organizations

Dates & times subject to change. Check www.fergusoncity.com

Group	Next Mtg.	Location	Contact
Forestwood Park Neighborhood Group	May 6 7 pm	Emmaus Bible Chapel 900 Highmont	Donald Stevens 314-561-0379
Jeske Park Neighborhood Assc.	May 8 7 pm	Jeske Park Clean Up Day	Kate Mazzacavallo katemazza@yahoo.com
Nesbit-Newton Neighborhood Walk	June 7, 9 am	St Peters UCC 1425 Stein Road	Paul Beins 314-869-5080
North Hills Neighborhood Assc.	TBA	Check website for updates www.fergusoncity.com	Keith Kallstrom 314-524-1720
Northwest Ferguson Ferguson Hills, Ferguson Fields & Pauline Park	TBA	First Baptist Church 333 N Florissant	Shelley Davis leeshel57@sbcglobal.net
Old Ferguson East Neighborhood Assn.	TBA	Corner Coffee House 100 N Florissant	Glenda Rickard glenda.rickard@mercy.net
Old Ferguson West Neighbors	May 1 7 pm	Corner Coffee House 100 N Florissant	Vicki Salsman 314-522-3883 www.oldfergusonwest.com
Robert-Superior Neighborhood Group	As needed	Robert-Superior Park	Craig Kidd 314-522-3151
Southwest Ferguson Neighborhood Group	May 12 7 pm	Our Lady of Guadalupe 17 Hawksbury	Ken Barnadyn 314-524-5254
Wabash Neighborhood Assn.	May 9 7 pm	First Baptist 333 N Florissant	Shonnette Morgan sdenisemor@hotmail.com

Master the Met



Last month, members of the Ferguson Fire Department made their annual pilgrimage to the top of the downtown Met building as participants in the "Fight for Air" event. The race consisted of participants racing up the stairs to the 40th floor of the Metropolitan Building to raise money for the American Lung Association. Each year the fire department's team competes in the First Responder - Full Gear Division. Competitors in this division compete in full firefighting gear, weighing around 60 pounds, and must breathe from their air tanks.

The 9-man team consisted of Henry Ballard, Doug Patrick, Nick Lodes, Tony James, Matt Stearn, Tony Bommarito, Steve Lagermann, Jeremy Corcoran, and Chad Fogue. The group performed well and the Ferguson team earned second place overall while raising more than \$1,000 for the American Lung Association. "Our department takes a lot of pride in always being among the race leaders" says race veteran Steve Lagermann. "The guys really put in a lot of work in the months leading up to the event." First time climber and Ferguson resident Matt Stearn said, "It was definitely a feeling of personal accomplishment reaching the top, but doing it with Ferguson in big letters across my back makes it much more fulfilling. We're definitely cognizant that when we are competing we are representing this community. I think it makes us push a little harder."

Constant exposure to harmful and potentially lethal gases makes lung disease a cause that is at the forefront of the fire service. If you would like to know more about the American Lung Association or the work they do, you can visit the organization's webpage, <http://www.lungusa.org>

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Summer is right around the corner and the Ferguson Recreation Department has programs that fit the mood! Be sure to get up to the Recreation Office to register or call us at (314) 521-4661.

Six Flags

It's that time again! Join us for another exciting trip to Six Flags St. Louis on Saturday, May 10. Enjoy all the rides, games, and attractions throughout the park. The Batman, Ninja, Screaming Eagle, Superman, Tony Hawk, and many more are waiting for you at the best amusement park in St. Louis! Get a group of friends together and sign up today! The trip departs at 11:00 a.m. and includes admission and transportation; you must bring money for food and drink. Cost is \$25 for residents and \$30 for non-residents.

Yoga

Yoga is one of the best ways to relieve stress and tension! Yoga is a great way to better health by challenging yourself with a non-stop series of integrated movements. Yoga sessions run on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays. The cost for a 6 session punch card is \$30 for residents and \$35 for non-residents. Participants are asked to bring a towel to class. Classes are filling up fast so sign up today!

Tai Chi

The slow, dance-like speed of Tai Chi facilitates balance, flexibility, and calmness, with an emphasis on deep breathing. Tai Chi benefits your mind and body by relieving stress, improving balance, and promoting an active lifestyle. New 6 session Tai Chi punch cards cost \$39 for residents and \$44 for non-residents. Sign up today!

High Impact Aerobics

Want to improve your cardiovascular health and burn off those pounds? Our high-impact class involves exercises that get your feet off the ground and your heart pumping. Classes are offered three days a week. It's easy to get a routine started. If you're ready to burn off those pounds, give high-impact aerobics a try. The cost for an 8 session punch card is \$24 for residents and \$29 for non-residents.

Zumba

Zumba fuses hypnotic Latin rhythms and easy-to-follow moves to create a dynamic fitness workout that will blow you away. We want you to want to work out, to love working out, and to get hooked. Zumba participants experience an absolute blast in one exhilarating hour of calorie-burning, body-energizing, awe-inspiring movements. A six session punch card costs \$39 for residents and \$44 for non-residents. Sign up today!



Ultimate Frisbee

Come join the Ferguson Ultimate Frisbee Team! The fastest sport on land is inviting any and all adults ages 21+ to come play on our team. We will meet every Wednesday starting May 7 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Forestwood Park to play pick-up games. The location is subject to change based on availability. Weekend games will begin on Saturdays starting June 7. This program costs \$10 and includes team shirts. For more information call the Recreation Office at (314) 521-4661.



Kickball Leagues

Kickball is about having a good time, meeting new people, and playing a timeless recreational game. This is the newest trend and it's quickly becoming the most popular recreational activity. Due to its popularity, we will offer it three days a week. If you haven't played kickball since the 4th grade, or if you are a seasoned veteran, this league is for you. The only requirement is that you are 18 years of age or older. Ad-

ditional information and rosters can be obtained at the Parks and Recreation Office. A \$40 discount is given to resident teams.

Tuesday	Co-Ed	May 6	8 games + Playoffs	\$220
Tuesday	Women's	May 6	8 games + Playoffs	\$220
Friday	Co-Ed	May 9	8 games + Playoffs	\$220
Friday	Women's	May 9	8 games + Playoffs	\$220

Lunch and Bingo

No need to know the rules; just come and have a good time. Great prizes, good food, and lots of laughter are in store. We'll start the afternoon chowing down on a catered meal. After lunch, the excitement begins with a thrilling game. Join us as we have fun and develop new friends in the process. Door-to-door transportation via the Jolly Trolley is available for Ferguson residents. Advance registration is required. Please call if you must cancel because space is limited! The bingo is on Thursday, May 22 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Savoy Banquet Center. The cost is \$12 for residents and \$17 for non-residents.

Mansions, Mansions, Mansions

Participants will have the unique opportunity to tour the private Magic Chef

Mansion. Then they will enjoy a delicious lunch and music at Roemer Topf German Restaurant in Mascoutah. After lunch we will tour the Latzer (Pet Milk) Mansion in Highland, Illinois. Cost of the trip includes motor coach transportation, lunch, all admissions, taxes and gratuities. This trip takes place on Tuesday, May 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$75 for residents and \$80 for non-residents.

Wayside Park Unleashed

This park is for the dogs, accompanied by responsible owners, to play without leashes. The facility offers a great opportunity for individuals to spend quality time with their dogs and friends while enjoying the park. The park features both small dog and large dog areas.

The park is open from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily. Registration is required and can be completed at the Recreation Office. Owners will need to bring up-to-date shot records: rabies, DHPP and Bordetella.

Yearly Fee: \$30 Residents, \$60 Non-Residents
\$5 per additional dog (three dogs per family)



SPLASH at WABASH

Ferguson's summer place!

The Splash at Wabash Aquatic Complex in January-Wabash Memorial Park has become Ferguson's summer place to cool off. The Splash is in its eleventh year of operation which will be the best year yet. Summer 2014 season highlights include:

Open Swim

Something for every member of the family: 100-ft spiral slide, 75-ft speed slide, zero entry pool with water works play area, 250-ft lazy river, 14-ft whirlpool, splash pad playground, diving board, 25-yd 6 lane lap area, huge deck area (lounges, 20-ft umbrellas and tables), and Cannonball Café (full service concession).

Schedule: Daily May 24 - August 10 (plus weekends only Aug. 16 - 17, Aug. 23 - 24, and Aug. 30 - Sept. 1)

Hours: Open daily on Monday, Thursday, and Sunday from 1:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Tuesday and Saturday close at 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday close at 8:00 p.m.; Tuesday when there is a swim meet close at 5:00 p.m.

Fee: \$3.50 Residents (\$2 Tuesday and \$2.50 daily after 4:00 p.m.)
\$6.50 Non-Residents (\$5 Tuesday and after 4:00 p.m.)
(Ferguson students with a valid school

ID may swim at resident rate May 28 - June 7 except Saturday and Sunday)

Wabash Club Membership

Benefits include: free priority entry to open swim, extra large Café soft drinks for only \$1, Splash Mug discounts, free exclusive monthly Club parties (June 13, July 18, and August 31), discounts for private and birthday parties, grandkids included, and discount on season deck locker fee.

Fee: Individual - Residents \$65; Non-Residents \$125
Family - Resident \$135; Non-Resident \$210
(Memberships discounted 50% beginning July 5)



Adult Swim / Mom & Tot / Walk the River

Fitness minded adults (18 and over) may swim laps or walk the river while others may prefer to relax, catching some rays or socializing with friends. The Cannonball Café has concessions for you to enjoy after your swim. Also parents may bring their children that are 12 years and under to enjoy the Splash Pad.

Schedule: Daily 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Fee: \$2.50 Residents; \$4.50 Non-Residents

Swim Lessons

A complete series of American Red Cross certified lessons for ages 2 through 99 taught by the certified Splash lifeguards. Classes include Moms, Dads, and Babies, Pre-School, Adult, and Group lessons. Swimming is a lifetime skill that everyone needs to learn.

Schedule: 11:00 a.m. Monday - Friday; 11:00 a.m. Saturdays; or 6:00 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays.

Dates: Sessions begin in early June

Fee: Group- \$34 Res., \$39 Non-Res.; M, D, & Babies / Pre-School- \$29 Res., \$34 Non-Res. / Adult - \$39 Res., \$44 Non-Res.



Birthday Parties

The Splash is the place for kids to have their Birthday parties this summer. Parties for residents include a snack (hot dog, popcorn, and soda), use of the party room, and admission to the Splash.

Schedule: During open swim

Fee: \$8 per person; minimum of 8; maximum of 18; plus \$25 for party room

(Splash at Wabash Continues on Page 6)

Splash at Wabash (Cont.)

Private Parties

The Splash is available for groups to rent for private parties. The fees vary depending on the size of the group and how much of the Splash is rented. The Splash is the perfect place to have a summer party for your church group, civic organization, sports league, neighborhood or other groups. Schedule: Primarily Friday (8-10 p.m.), Saturday (7-10 p.m.), and Sunday (6 -10 p.m.)
 Fee: \$85 - \$215 /hour with 2 hour minimum (based on group size and how much reserved)

Aqua Fitness

Water aerobics exercise program in the shallow end of lap pool for adults of all fitness levels. Class concentrates on continuous movement in the development of total fitness. No swim experience needed.
 Schedule: 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Monday and Thursday or 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday
 Dates: June 2 – July 3; July 7 – August 8
 Fee: \$39 Residents; \$44 Non-Residents

Cannonball Café

The Splash has a full service concession stand with a menu including burgers, hot dogs, fries, chicken strips, along with a variety of other concession favorites including some healthy food options. Plus Blast from the Past Days with significant discounted Café prices and fun contests.

Deck Lockers

Splash users may rent a deck locker to store their personal items while using the facility. The lockers with key locks may be rented on a daily basis or for the entire season.

Splash Mugs

Splash Mugs are now on sale at the Recreation Office, \$10 gets you a Splash Mug and \$1 refills all summer long at all Ferguson Concession stands. Help the City of Ferguson "Go Green", buy a Splash Mug today! (Discounted price for Club Members)

Photo Identification Card

All individuals 4 and older who wish to purchase a Club membership, or use the Splash this summer at the Ferguson resident rate, must have a new photo identification card, available at the Recreation office for \$5 per card. Residents must have two forms of current identification with their name and Ferguson address to purchase the ID card, please contact the Recreation Office for acceptable identification.

More information

Call the Ferguson Recreation Office (9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday plus special summer hours Saturday 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. May 17 – June 21) at 521-4661 or the Splash at 521-1313. Also call for more information about these special events: Dive In and Duck Race – June 21, and Dog Splash - September 3 (rain date September 4).



Coming Soon . . .

The NEW Ferguson Community Center is coming soon. The City of Ferguson is excited to offer a diverse range of programming at the new community center including fitness classes, youth programming, teen programming, senior programming, and fun family activities. The building will consist of a fitness area, a game room, gymnasium, internet café, locker rooms, multi-purpose rooms, senior center, and a teen center. The building will be open Monday through Thursday from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Community center will be available to rent for special events, meetings, and parties, as well as provide space for a variety of community groups such as neighborhood associations, civic groups, and other local organizations to meet. The multi-purpose rooms will be able to house a small meeting up to a larger event.

The City of Ferguson will be hosting an open house event prior to the opening of the community center. Keep your eyes open for advertisements about the date and time of the open house. We look forward to showing off our new community center.

Employment Opportunity

Job Title: Police Dispatcher (Full-time)
Department: Police Salary: \$15.32/hr

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Qualified persons should submit an application to: Human Resources Department, Ferguson City Hall or for more information call 314-524-5256. EOE

A City application may be obtained or a resume submitted at
 The Human Resources Department,
 110 Church Street, Ferguson, MO 63135.
 The City of Ferguson offers excellent benefits.

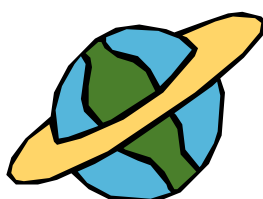
Distinguished Budget Presentation

The City of Ferguson has been recognized by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for a distinguished budget presentation.

The GFOA awarded the City a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for satisfying nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. Its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving about 17,000 government finance professionals. They have offices in Chicago and Washington, D.C.

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Ferguson Volunteer Flower Gardeners

Please join us for spring clean-up Thursday, May 1st at 6:00 pm at Victorian Plaza (at the market) in anticipation of opening market day, Saturday, May 3.

A small group of dedicated volunteers does spring cleanup and summer / fall maintenance at Victorian Plaza and the Ferguson City Library.

We meet every Thursday evening at 6:00 pm. We alternate weeks at each garden, weather permitting.

Bring your gloves, trimmers, clippers, etc. – all are welcome! We really need some additional helpers. High school students should be able to get community service hours – so please join us. We're happy to help direct what needs to be done. You don't have to be a master gardener to help beautify Ferguson.



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2. Return our Passport to any of the Libraries by closing time Saturday, May 17, 2014 to enter.
3. Participants must carry a MLC Library card to receive stamps and enter drawing.
4. Additional prizes may be awarded at each Library. Look for clues & win prizes.
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Ferguson Library Children's Storytime

Jump into a summer of adventures with reading!
This month, the Ferguson Library launches into
worlds of magic and fantasy.

Children, ages 3-10, along with parents and
caregivers are invited to join us on **Saturday,
May 31st** from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. to share in
the wonders of fantasy, where knights, dragons, and
mythological heroes are center stage this month. For the younger
children, ages 3-5, two of the books read that day can be counted
toward your Summer Reading goal!

As always, snacks are provided at the end of the event. So come and
be enchanted. We look forward to see you!



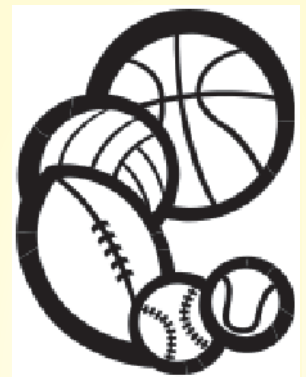
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The Ferguson Cyclist by Gerry Noll

In a recent Facebook post I asked "What do Florissant, Nairobi, and Tucson have in common?" The answer: they are three of the only places in the world with gardens devoted to helping bees and other pollinators survive. In recent years we've read a lot about the fact that bee populations are declining. With that decline comes a threat to our food supply since bees are crucial to the process of pollination. With no pollination, no vegetables. These gardens hope to help reverse that trend.

Florissant's garden is located at 601 St. Charles Street, near the Old St. Ferdinand Shrine. Right now the pollinator garden is in its early stages. But in a cooperative effort with the St. Louis Zoo, plans are for it to expand to 3.5 acres.

And what does the pollinator garden in Florissant have in common with bicycling? I'm glad you asked! A visit to the garden was the goal of a recent 10-10-10 bicycle ride. (You can read more about the 10-10-10 rides further down in this column.)

One beautiful Saturday morning in April a group of us rode from Ferguson to Florissant, a round trip of a little over 10 miles, in order to see the garden and hear a short presentation about it. One of the joys of bicycle riding is that opportunities for exercise can be combined with interesting learning experiences. This ride had them both.

In another connection with bicycling, the garden is located directly adjacent to the Sunset Greenway trail. One of the trail's gazebos overlooks the garden. And as the garden develops, informational displays about it will be posted along the greenway trail.

So...ride the Sunset Greenway, get some exercise, and visit one of the unique gardens in the world!

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National Bike Month is celebrated every May. And once again there will be a bicycle commuter refueling station in Ferguson on **National Bike to Work Day, Friday, May 16!**

Trailnet hosts refueling stations for bicycle commuters on National Bike to Work Day all around the St. Louis area. These refueling stations provide coffee, orange juice, bagels, bananas, etc. for bicyclists on their way to work. Trailnet will be doing that again this year (see <http://trailnet.org/work/bicycling/bike-work-day-month/> for details) and so will we here in Ferguson! Live Well Ferguson will be sponsoring a Bike to Work Day refueling station in front of the Ferguson Bicycle Shop from 6:30am-9am on Friday, May 16. Stop by and grab some fuel while bicycling to work that day!

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As the weather warms, opportunities to bicycle increase. Here are some of the continuing and upcoming bicycling rides and events in the Ferguson area...

Weekly 10-10-10 bicycle rides will continue through October. You've read about one of these rides up above. These rides leave from the Ferguson Bicycle Shop every Saturday and are open to all bicyclists. The rides will go 10 miles at 10mph. Meet behind the shop at 10:00am, and be ready to leave promptly at 10:10am. Come ride with us and enjoy some adventures!

Earn-a-Bike classes also continue through October. Six young people graduated from the first class of the year in early April. The current class has twelve young people in it, eager to learn about bicycling and earn a free bike for themselves. Three more classes are scheduled this year after this class completes in late May. This free program teaches young people basic bicycle maintenance and safe riding skills, while they also learn responsibility and teamwork. Every young person who completes the program earns a free bike, helmet, lock, and light! Please let any young people or families who might be interested know about this program. Applications are available at the Ferguson Bicycle Shop, the Ferguson Parks and Recreation building in January-Wabash Park, or online at <http://fyiferyouth.org/programs/earn-a-bike-program-in-ferguson/>

The Ferguson Twilight 5K/10K is on Saturday, May 17. Bicyclists will patrol the route and help keep the routes safe for the runners. Call the Ferguson Bicycle Shop, 314-315-4940, if interested in this volunteer opportunity. Or signup as a volunteer at <http://fergtwilightrun.com/wp/sponsorships/volunteer/>.

Trailnet Ride Calendars are available in the Ferguson Bicycle Shop. These calendars show a schedule of rides throughout the year, all around the St. Louis metro area. Stop by the shop to pick up a free copy and plan out the rides that you want to take this year.

The Pedalers Jamboree will be on Saturday and Sunday, May 24-25. This overnight bicycle camping trip departs from Columbia, MO and rides along the Katy Trail to Booneville, MO where a campground and music concert awaits. More info at <http://www.pedalers-jamboree.com/>

Sunday Parkways will kick off its sixth year on Sunday, June 8, from 1-4pm. Sunday Parkways are free community events hosted by Live Well Ferguson. This first one of the year will be held on the blocks surrounding Central Elementary School. Special activities will highlight the historic significance of the school and the neighborhood surrounding it. Other activities will include: free bicycle helmets, a bicycle-mounted blender for making smoothies, Earn-a-Bike info, a rock climbing wall, slide dancing, etc. More info at <http://livewellferguson.com/main/livewell-events/sunday-parkways/>. Come out and play!

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Captain Gary Chura, Local Attorney Receives Bronze Star Medal

At a March 16, 2014 Awards Ceremony at Regional Command South Headquarters, Kandahar Afghanistan, Captain Gary P. Chura was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for his combat service in Afghanistan. The Bronze Star Medal is the fourth-highest individual military award, and the ninth-highest by order of precedence in the US Military. It may be awarded for acts of heroism, acts of merit, or meritorious service in a combat zone.



Captain Chura, a Judge Advocate with the Missouri National Guard, has completed two tours in Afghanistan, and led over 100 combat and stability operations missions. On his most recent deployment, he served with Fires Squadron of the Second Cavalry Regiment, as the Rule of Law/Evidence Based Operations Advisor. In this position, he advised and mentored officers of the Afghan Security Forces on evidence handling,

and served as a field consultant to security and intelligence gathering operations related to terrorist cells in Kandahar. His Afghan counterparts included Brigadier General Wazir Gul, the Chief Prosecutor for Terrorist crimes in Kandahar, and LTC Abdul Satar, Chief of Counter-Terrorism of the Afghan Uniformed Police.



Captain Chura led a team which collected forensic and biometric evidence in hundreds of cases, including those surrounding the deadly suicide attacks on the Kandahar City Branch of Kabul Bank, in September 2013. The citation for this award described conspicuous meritorious service, increased prosecutions of terrorist networks, and selfless service above and beyond the call of duty.

Captain Chura is also the recipient of the Army Combat Action Badge, presented for direct engagements with the enemy, for actions in Nangarhar Province on September of 2011.

Captain Chura's unit returned from Afghanistan in late March of 2014. His wife, Nicole, and four children, Brendan, Casey, Brigid and Danny, have resided on South Elizabeth Avenue since 2004. They all deserve sincere gratitude for their collective sacrifice. The family was reunited at Captain Chura's homecoming in Ferguson in early April.

The Ferguson Computer Corner



by Doug Neely, "HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! TAKE HER OUT TO EAT A NICE MEAL!"

IT'S TIME!
time to present a few FACTS, that is! for instance, did you KNOW:
1. certain infections, known as "droppers," are designed to enter your system, then open up one of the thousands of "back doors" of your puter to let in some of his buddies. these back doors are internet connections, and the dropper uses them to download other infections with which to plague your puter.

2. doing a backup (incremental) of your important files is directly related to how important those files are to you. if you just canNOT live without it, you better get just as serious about saving it. get into the habit of backing up on a REGULAR basis, and ONLY DO SO WHEN YOU KNOW YOUR PUTER IS CLEAN!!! this will help to keep your already saved files from also becoming infected. malware infections have been known to propagate by CONTACT, just like many human illnesses do. as a matter of fact, the best method of backup is to use a NEW, NEVER BEFORE USED, media. this could be cd or dvd discs, or usb memory sticks, or whatever

media you wish to choose. use new media for EACH AND EVERY INDIVIDUAL backup you perform. when using a disc, ALWAYS USE THE "CLOSE SESSION" selection so that no new data (like MALWARE) can be added to the disc once it has been burned.

3. these days, one MUST be EXTREMELY ALERT to what goes into ones' puter. i can hardly believe it myself, but even some of the heretofore trustworthy manufacturers of software have been delivering additional and unneeded/undesirable software along with the installation of their own.

why? times are tough. they think that they have a RIGHT to load you up with whatever they like. and they do that because it will earn them more \$\$\$, either directly (in the form of a kickback) or indirectly (in the form of increased revenue). so NOWADAYS, you HAVE to not only be CERTAIN of the product you are installing, but also of ALL manufacturers of said products, and of ALL providers (sellers, download sites) of said products! like i always have said: "DON'T IN-

STALL ANY SOFTWARE INTO YOUR PUTER UNLESS YOU NEED IT, OR YOU WANT IT SO BAD THAT YOU JUST CAN'T BEAR TO GO ON LIVING WITHOUT IT!" yeah, i know, that's really tough. lastly, make SURE you READ EVERY INSTALLATION page before you click on "next" or "install." tough times call for tough decisions.

4. go read the article at the below address. it will give you additional info that YOU NEED TO KNOW!
<http://www.kaspersky.com/internet-security-center/threats>

ME GO NOW!
even tho my Mom has left and gone to heaven, i still thank God for her. if YOUR Mom is still here, you should let her know how much you think of her, and thanks for all she did for you. AND thank God, too! and THANK YOU for stopping by! i hope you liked the read! contact me for free puter advice and/or ideas for this column! PM ONLY PHONE# *314*521*1789*, OR EMAIL fergusoncomputercorner@aol.com PUT THE PHRASE "i need puter advice" INTO THE SUBJECT HEADING TO KEEP YOUR MISSIVE OUT OF THE TRASH CAN!

...it is now SAFE to turn on your puter!

"Curves" Collects 1,032 Pounds of Food



During the month of March, "Curves" all over the country held food drives to benefit their local food banks. The Curves here in Ferguson collected 1032 pounds of food for the food bank operated by the St. Vincent DePaul Society at Blessed Teresa of Calcutta church.

With an average of just 80 women working out each week in March, we had 72 people actually make donations! The women that attend our club from Ferguson and the surrounding area are very generous and caring people.

I want to congratulate them on caring about their community and participating with so much enthusiasm.

Eileen Dyall
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Is it just me or are things getting more complicated? This question seems to come up more and more. Baby boomers joke about the fact that their children or grandchildren must help them with their cell phones, TV remotes or any of the new products meant to make life easier. And of course, those in my parent's age group really seem to have a tough time. Just this morning, I heard my brothers were at mom's trying to make her DVD player work again. Since the cable guy had come by to hook up something new to improve her service the DVD player stopped working.

So how did we get to this point where everything we do seems to involve complication resulting in confusion? With all of life's conveniences there are so many new things to learn that just didn't exist thirty years ago. When television first entered our homes in the fifties, you just plugged it in, adjusted the antenna and possibly the television vertical and horizontal dials. Remember how complicated that seemed, only the man of the house could handle such technology. And we put up with poor reception sometimes because just the fact that we could see something being broadcast from so far away was enough of a miracle to behold. Today, the man of the house often calls the son or daughter in to program the new television and sound system.

While dealing with some complications may be maddening, most of us have been complacent about the increased difficulty of managing areas of government and business we must deal with daily. The US Tax code has increased from 1.4 million words to 3.8 billion words in just the past ten years. Being this complex, tax returns are estimated to require 6.1 billion hours in preparation. This complexity also causes more cheating through loopholes, deductions and errors which are estimated to be in the trillions.

We have come to accept the increased bureaucracy and sometimes even blame ourselves when we don't understand things that are written in "legalese" often referred to as lawyer talk. Businesses that must comply with new legislation will have attorneys write the disclaimers and agreements lest they be taken advantage of by customers. So instead customers are inundated with material to explain what is expected of them and what they can expect from the business. While the goal has been to make things accessible and inform people about exactly what they are agreeing to, it seems today fewer people are even bothering to read all the disclosures and disclaimers. So this leaves them more vulnerable to portions of agreements that may put them at risk.

It may be funny when the TV commercial ends with the fast talking disclaimer that no one can understand; or your credit card company sends you the new terms and agreements in the world's tiniest font which you need a magnifying glass to read. If a problem occurs and you are being told that you are accountable for something that was covered in one of these agreements, you're likely to be surprised. On the internet we run into this everyday. To download something or get onto a website we click yes rarely actually reading the disclosures because we are in a hurry and assume that it must be okay. I am guilty like everyone else of clicking OK without reading just what I am agreeing to. When I am speaking with a PC expert to resolve a problem they will say click OK on some of the pop up boxes. Even when I see "downloading this may be harmful to your PC," the expert always assures me it's OK. Without that assurance I do get concerned because we've all heard stories of PCs being attacked because of something clicked on that seemed harmless.

Recently, a young couple's story of how they lost their home demonstrates how costly complicated loan agreements can be if you don't understand what you are signing. As a banker, I've seen customer's ask about the loan papers they are signing and getting that deer in the headlights look from a bank employee. A typical loan closing on a mortgage type loan usually takes about 30 minutes. If the customer were to sit there and read every line possibly even asking questions to clarify the closing might turn into a marathon spanning several hours. That is why on a mortgage loan you do have 3 days to change your mind and back out, yet that rarely happens. And most people don't spend 3 days reviewing the papers. The mortgage company that that young couple used is now being investigated for their practice of putting a quit claim deed within the loan agreement which allows them to take possession of the property if the home owner becomes delinquent. While all loan documents involving a mortgage have conditions on the foreclosure process, using the quit claim deed seems a bit suspect. This method of property transfer avoids the cost of a foreclosure and the consumer safe guards included in the foreclosure process.

Other costs to us may not just involve money, but also lives. Over the counter drugs and prescription overdose or mix ups within households are caused by complicated warnings and instructions which are misunderstood. Deborah Adler designed a better labeling system for prescriptions after her grandparents experienced a problem with a mix-up that caused an illness that could have been much worse if the problem had not been discovered quickly. Her system is currently being used by Target Pharmacies. It is based on simplifying the labels.

What can we do to start demanding simplification from businesses we must deal with? Over the past 30 years several groups have worked to demand clarification from government and companies to encourage simplification in our daily lives. In some cases social media has been the road to communicating how fed up we are with businesses that make life difficult through bureaucracy. You may

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recall "Bank Transfer Day" which was started on social media by an Art Gallery owner in Los Angeles a few years ago. The result was 650,000 people moving from large banks to credit unions within a month. It did send a message to the big banks - people were tired of the increased fees and rules.

Many businesses are starting to recognize how much they might save and also how they can increase revenue by making things simple. The fact that we have too many choices can often cause distress and too much information doesn't make things clearer; more often it causes more confusion. Consumers distrust big business and regaining that trust comes with making it easy to do business by understanding what is expected from both the customer and the company in clear communications. Over the past 30 years, Southwest Airlines became a leader in air travel by simplifying with only one type of plane and direct flights.

Many people think government is too big and can't be simplified. And there are those who can see the possibilities and savings created by making things simple. We need to demand simplicity and keep asking questions to ensure clarity from lenders, government and other businesses. Customers will flock to the companies they trust and can communicate simply with. If you have comments or suggestions please e-mail consultjoan@att.net.

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Ferguson by Foot

By: Margaret Wolfinbarger

Have you ever worked hard to meet a goal and been crushed by disappointment? You spend weeks or months doing the right work and the scale doesn't reflect your effort. Or you train for a marathon only to tear your ACL the week before the run. It feels like a rusty razor blade to the heart. If you're anything like me, you grab a big bowl of ice cream and have a good cry. Disappointment is a bitter pill. It has the capacity to choke us and if nurtured, grow into resentment. When wounded we

have the urge to give up our dream forever and bury our heads in the sand.

I wasn't born with a positive attitude. In fact, pain and disappointment have often been close friends. They shadow my days when I would certainly prefer jollier companions. For this reason I love the story of Pollyanna. I saw the Disney movie when I was a child and reveled at the upbeat attitude of a little girl that could lift the spirits of a town by choosing to look on the bright side of things. I'll never forget sobbing when she fell and lost the use of her legs. Yet all the people she had spent her time encouraging rallied around her and petitioned her to not give up.

I love to run but I am plagued with injuries. Every time I heal and get back up to speed another piece of me breaks. The level of frustration I feel escalates to a fever pitch but I am helpless, so I sit with my bag of ice and contemplate my situation. I must make a decision, will I quit or will I keep moving?

I walk around Ferguson with my knee brace and sacroiliac belt and groan. Look at all the runners! I want to run. It's not fair. It would be so easy to sink into the mindset that life has conspired against me and decide to put away my running shoes. But then I see Mariah Powers and Dawyne Bollinger and I know how fortunate I am that my closest companion is not a wheelchair. For this reason I have a great dislike for people who complain. Complaining is a fruitless endeavor that does nothing to make life more beautiful. I met a woman in line at the grocery store who was complaining about the long lines. I tried to encourage her but she insisted that complaining is helpful. I respectfully disagreed while silently grieving her attitude. Blaming others for our own impatience ignores the real problem.

Overcoming disappointment is hard work and requires great courage. Sadness is a powerful emotion and while it is healthy to grieve, it is important to move forward. We are brave when we face the darkness with determination and make a decision to shine anyway.

I recently walked up Carson Road with a heavy feeling in my heart. I had lost something I really wanted, something very important to me. I was sad and I thought about cookies and how I wanted to eat a whole tub of them. Cookies make me feel better, if only for 10 minutes. As I walked up the hill I saw a little green plant growing out of the bricks that lined my neighbor's driveway. This brave little plant had pushed through the rock and asphalt and sprouted a pretty white flower. I knew that within days the flower would wither and die. I also knew that next year the flower would return because I have seen it in the same place every year that I can remember. I extracted an abundance of joy from that little flower, enough joy to sustain me for one more day. You can call me Pollyanna. It won't hurt my feelings. Pollyanna was a brave little girl who always looked on the bright side of things. And you know what? She was a much happier person because of it. For more inspiration, follow me on my blog: <http://margaretwolfinbarger.blogspot.com>.

Reverend Reflections

.....Living wisely in these wild and wonderful times
Rev. Carleton Stock (carletonstock@aol.com)

WHY WE NEED PUBLIC EDUCATION

The school year is winding down for the summer, a good time to talk about public education for a moment. All of us are aware of the turmoil in our schools in this area since we are near Normandy and Riverview Gardens Districts and since the Ferguson-Florissant District has had its share of controversy this year. As the son and brother of public school teachers and the product of a public school education, I want to remind us that there can be no democracy without educated citizens, and public schools are committed to making sure all students get an education, not just students in certain categories. That is essential if we are to have, as President Lincoln said, "government of the people, for the people, and by the people."

Let me list a summary of some of the benefits of a public education:

1. Provides tuition-free education for all students.
2. Gives promise of equal education opportunities no matter race, religion, economic status or ability.
3. Committed to high standards and expectations for all students.
4. Has a system of governance that ensures public accountability.
5. Teaches democratic principles and values.
6. Provides education and related services for children with disabilities.
7. Promotes the value of diversity.
8. Focuses on education, not turning a profit.

Many of us are aware that there is a concerted effort to undermine the public education system in America. I don't mean the sincere efforts to create viable alternatives to public schools while working with the current system nor do I mean the religious schools or home schools. A recent article in Yes! Magazine titled "The Myth Behind the 'Failure' of Public Schools" states that certain corporations see the possibility of huge profits in privatizing schools. A few corporations already control the textbook and standardized testing industry. Too many times, private schools spend more on administration and less on instruction and instructors so they can turn a greater profit. The article ends by saying, "The problem with education is not bad teachers making little Johnny into a dolt. It's about Johnny making big corporations a bundle---at the expense of the well-educated citizenry essential to democracy".

Well-meaning citizens need to be strong advocates for healthy public schools in America. We can start with the Ferguson-Florissant School District working together to make it the best example of public education in the state! It will take all of us---teachers, administrators, students, school boards, parents, government officials at all levels, business leaders, communities of faith, and community leaders---to build a school system that truly serves our children and our democratic form of government.

Local Picture Framer Becomes President of Professional Association



Robin Shively with Corners Frameshop & Gallery, Ferguson, MO has become president of the Mid America Chapter of the Professional Picture Framers Association (PPFA).

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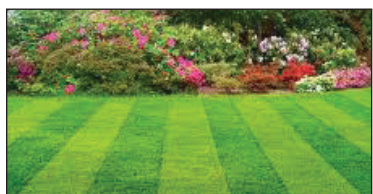
a member association of PMA, The Worldwide Community of Imaging Associations – hosts an annual Convention, and Chapter events around the United States, Canada, and Australia/New Zealand.

Robin has been a professional picture framer for 30 years & started her first framing business 21 years ago in Waxahachie, Texas. She opened Corners Frameshop & Gallery in Ferguson last November, specializing in conservation framing. Corners provides commercial and residential framing services. Robin's expertise includes framing of photography, memorabilia, and textile art and she has won awards in PPFA framing competitions. Robin is an active member of the Ferguson Special Business District Association, Greater North County Chamber of Commerce, Northwest Chamber of Commerce, and a founding member of the Ackerman School Family Organization.

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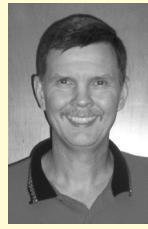
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Under The Hood With Robinwood

By Bob McGartland

Longer Daylight Hours

Spring is here and summer is close behind. The daylight hours are longer now and usually that means we drive more. There is just something about longer days that make us take to the highways and byways! It is always a good idea to make sure your car is ready! The best place to start is at your auto service and repair shop!

Oftentimes we look at things that don't always occur to the average driver unless they faithfully read their owner's manual. Since it is the most unread book in our nation...I thought it was a good idea to go over some symptoms that need to be mentioned to your mechanic:

- Have your lights and bulbs checked out at every visit. This is an easy and inexpensive fix and one of the most important things on the road is to be seen by others.
- Many drivers spend half the year with the wrong time on their car's clock...because they don't know how to change it when daylight savings time comes around. No problem, we fix that for free so you always know what time it really is!
- Belts, clamps and hoses are difficult for the average consumer to check out and determine if they are in need of changing...but if

they are frayed or rotted...they can cause expensive damage to other parts of the vehicle. It is a good idea to always have them checked.

- The radiator or cooling system is a major player when it comes to the overall health of a vehicle. The levels need to be maintained and periodically flushed to keep the car running at peak efficiency.

- This is the time of year when many notice their air conditioner is not functioning as it should! Don't suffer in the heat...have it checked out so your ride is cool and comfortable!

- Warm weather brings challenges to our windshields...such as more dust and insects that seem to line themselves up to smash on the glass! Always ask that your wipers be checked out and don't forget to have the windshield fluid topped off!

- Tires should always be checked and rotated if need be. Since they are the only part of the car that comes between us and the road they take a lot of abuse.

- As always, remember that the life blood of your vehicle is the oil. This needs to be changed along with the filter. Don't delay on this important and inexpensive service. It keeps your car young and healthy!

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Property damage was the leading crime this month, due mostly to BB gun activity in the Forestwood area on house and car windows. If anyone has information on who is doing this damage, please contact police at 522-3100.

One of the burglary events involved the former daycare next to the Cork that's being remodeled. The owner came in one day & found a person asleep next to the radiator. He asked the person if he was supposed to be there, and he said "no" and left. The owner also noted a variety of tools was missing. He reported these to the police, and gave a very good description of the person he found, and in what direction he left. During a canvas, police found him on Paul near S. Florissant, and noticed tools matching the description behind the garage. That suspect was arrested and charged with burglary.

We also heard about the YMCA incident that involved a large number of youth that exited the building around 11pm. Someone was shot in the foot and went to Children's Hospital. The nearby QuickTrip closed their pumps and facilities while the youths passed through the area. It seems not making any sales was better than letting the large groups of youth enter and remove inventory from the store.

Frauds – Scams- & Forgeries

This month our special guest speaker was Detective Steve Trikenkas, of the Ferguson Police Department. He has been with Ferguson PD for almost 12 years. When a case dealing with Frauds & Forgeries comes in, it usually ends up on Officer Trikenkas' desk. He shared a few of the scams with us:

Fraudulent IRS Tax Returns Filed

The IRS reports that over 20,000 taxpayers have been affected to the tune of over \$1 million. One of the scams involves someone impersonating an IRS employee claiming that you owe them money. In an effort to collect, they often convey a false sense of urgency, often asking the victim to use a "money card" like the Wal-Mart Green Dot card. The scammer also uses addresses that are not IRS addresses. The real IRS takes much longer, and will accept payments of the traditional kinds.

Another IRS scam deals with victims finding out their Tax Return has already been filed by someone else. One common denominator is the previous year the victim may have used a tax preparation company. Be careful of who you use to prepare your tax return.

Too Good to be True

One hook used to get victims is the "Too Good to be True" scam. A lady found an ad from a Canadian advertising a Yukon Denali for \$5000. After contacting them, and getting money grams for \$5000 together, she asked Officer Trikenkas to take a look at the transaction. The car (supposedly from a Canadian) was actually a picture of a car in a Texas dealer lot. She stopped that transaction and the scammer was never heard from again.

Pharmacy Scams

If someone asks you to get a prescription filled for them for money, don't do it. The crime will have your name on it instead of the real scammer.

Civil vs Criminal Fraud

If the fraud involves someone doing something for money, but not to the victim's satisfaction, it is usually referred to as a civil court matter. If the fraud involves someone doing nothing for their money, then it is usually referred to as a Criminal court matter.

ID Theft Prevention tip: Use a paper shredder to dispose of documents that have your personal information on them, including credit card offers and blank checks.

Traffic Analysis

Officer Zoll gave a report on February's traffic analysis, from Officer Chris Midyett. Out of 52 crashes investigated, 8 were injury related, 44 were property damage.

Crashes for the month highest intersections involved were New Halls Ferry & Pershall, Pershall & West Florissant, and the eastbound I-270 exit ramp & West Florissant. These are also red light camera monitored locations, either existing or planned. During the same month, 1,056 traffic citations were issued, and 64 verbal warnings were issued.

Crime Statistics review:

	2012	2013	2014(1st qtr)
Assaults	8%	8%	10%
Auto theft	12%	8%	6%
Burglary	31%	32%	31%
Stealing	28%	28%	27%
Prop Dmg	17%	17%	21%

Calendar event updates

May 17th : 5k/10k Ferguson Twilight run coming up. CERT members & VIP members were asked to assist with street closings for this event. May 21st: Ferguson Volunteers-Neighborhood OnWatch-CERT-VIP'S BBQ

Sunday Parkways Events:

June 8th @ Central School in the Old Ferguson West Neighborhood.

August 24th @ St. Louis Avenue & Redmond

October 12th @ Community Center/ Smith Road area

Next month's meeting is the Annual Volunteer's BBQ scheduled for May 21st , 2014 at January Wabash Memorial Park. Neighborhood Watch, CERT, VIP's bring a dessert or side dish. Crimes & Happenings for April will be available at this meeting.

Ferguson Community Emergency Response Team info:

CERT training 4/12
The Ferguson CERT group and the Ferguson VIP'S received training at the Ferguson Firehouse #1 on 4/12/14. The special guest was from the St. Louis chapter of the American Red Cross.

Emergency Response from Red Cross Perspective: Early Stages
Scott Grimwood gave us a Power-Point Presentation showing the early stages of emergency response from the perspective of the Red Cross. Two types of local responses included residential fires (about 1300 annually) and natural disasters or events that affect a significant number of people in our community. We saw different ways they are notified, and how they assess the damage. Also included was their mobilization, core services information, and timing with regards to small vs. large disasters. Recovery varies on funding, as the Red Cross is not a federally funded organization.

Scott also identified ways in which CERT personnel can help. During this session, Officer Zoll reported on his progress with obtaining yellow Safety Jackets for CERT & VIP personnel for evening & cool weather events. Any businesses wishing to assist with this worthy cause can contact him at TZoll@fergusoncity.com.

Have a safe month! Keith :-)

Basketball Camp at UMSL

This is a camp to teach the fundamentals and basic skills of basketball to children Grades 1 to 8. The campers will be taught by the UMSL coaching staff and the UMSL Triton players. Campers will participate in different contests and competitive games.

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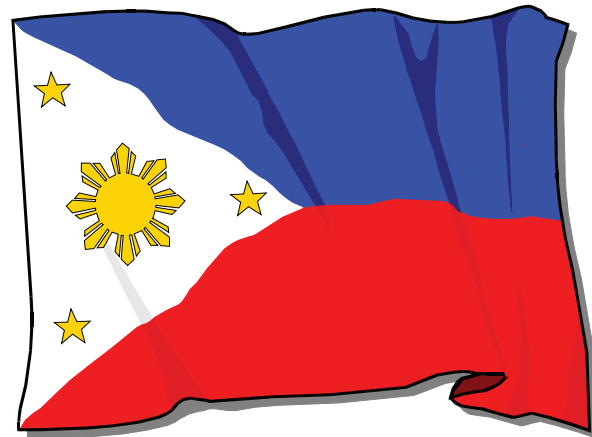


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314-516-6734 or Tritonyouthbasketball2014@gmail.com

Immanuel UCC Hosts Philippine Disaster Relief Fund Event

Immanuel United Church of Christ, 221 Church Street invites you to a special event in their Fellowship Hall to benefit the Philippine Disaster Relief Fund.

We are fully aware that parts of the Philippine Islands where devastated by a powerful typhoon and that recovering and rebuilding after such an event will take time and money.



Sunday, May 18, 2014, beginning at 6:00 p.m. We will experience Philippine Food Tasting, Ron Caguin, a member of Immanuel who is of Philippine decent, will teach us a few words of the Philippine language, we will view pictures and hear presentations from Pastor Karen Aitkins (former Associate Pastor at Immanuel) and Bill Wooten (an Immanuel member) about their experiences while traveling in the Philippine Islands. We will have Philippine music and possibly Philippine dancing.

THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC and free of charge. You will have an opportunity to make donations to the Relief Fund. This is a family friendly event. Invite your friends, neighbors and extended family.

City of Ferguson Seeks Job Applicants



Library Director

The Ferguson Public Library, an urban Library serving a diverse local community of 21,000, with additional services to regional consortium and reciprocity districts having a combined population of over 1,000,000, is seeking a Library Director. As a member of the Municipal Library Consortium of St. Louis County, combined resources of over 700,000 items and e-

resources are available. Our mission is to encourage lifelong learning, foster community sharing and participation, and bridge the digital divide to remove barriers to economic competitiveness.

Required are an MLS/MLIS from an accredited ALA program; 2 years professional library experience; minimum 2 years supervisory/management experience. Responsible for all aspects of operations. Proven fiscal management experience, grant-writing, policy development, human resources, governmental reporting and compliance. Solid understanding of technology and its application in libraries.

Excellent opportunity to make a positive difference in the lives of people. Interested candidates with a commitment to professional standards, positive work ethic, strong analytical and problem-solving skills, and the ability to work in a dynamic environment are encouraged to submit their resume, including cover letter and three professional references to Cathy Bindbeutel, President of the Ferguson Municipal Public Library District Board of Trustees, 35 N. Florissant Rd. Ferguson, MO., 63135. EOE.

Code Enforcement Officer

The City of Ferguson Department of Public Works is seeking applicants for the positions of Code Enforcement Officer I & II (lead position). Primary responsibilities include the enforcement of the City's exterior appearance codes and inspections of buildings and properties. The ideal candidate should have strong interpersonal skills and basic knowledge of building standards and property maintenance. Must work well with the public. Strong oral and written communication skills, customer service skills and driver's license are required. Prefer ICC Certification or equiv. of at least two years related experience.

Recreation Supervisor

The City of Ferguson Department of Parks and Recreation is seeking applicants for a Recreation Supervisor I. Work involves responsibility for planning, organizing, supervising and evaluating a variety of recreation programs, special events and services. Work includes the scheduling of activities and facilities and responsibility for hiring, training, supervising and evaluation of recreation leaders, instructors, and other part time recreation staff. Work requires a close relationship with the community in developing programs and activities that meet the needs of the community. Employee is expected to carry out assigned duties independently within the framework of established departmental policies and under the general supervision of the Director of Parks and Recreation.

Concession Aid and Lifeguard

The City of Ferguson Department of Parks and Recreation is seeking applicants for Concession Aide and Lifeguard. APPLY EARLY!! Summer positions fill quickly! Looking for responsible teens/young adults with good communication and customer service skills. Requires serving food and beverages to visitors at January Wabash Park/Splash and Forestwood Sports Complex. Must also be able to handle money. Dependability a must. The Splash at Wabash has openings for Lifeguards age 16 and above. Interested individuals must be certified in American Red Cross Lifeguarding and be able to work morning, afternoons, evenings and weekends.

Business Expo to Be Held May 1st



Thursday, May 1st, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Orlando's Events & Conference Center
2050 Dorsett Village, Maryland Heights,
MO 63043
Cost : FREE

Theme: Decades – Whatever decade your company started is how to dress to be entered into special prize drawing.
Taste of the Chamber: 11:30 – 1:00, Sample assorted area Restaurants: \$10 in Advance, \$15 for Non Chamber members or at the door registration.

info@northwestchamber.com

Northwest Chamber of Commerce Membership Meeting

Thursday, May 8th
Syberg's Restaurant, 2430 Old Dorsett Road, Maryland Heights
Registration opens 11:15 am – Meeting begins at noon.
Attendance \$20 / person – Walk-Ins \$25 / person
Reservations Required to Attend
314-291-2131

NCI Names 2014's Award Recipients To Be Honored at 37th Annual Breakfast

North County Incorporated (NCI) is pleased to announce that our annual Business Development, Community Development, Elmer Belsha Leadership, Public Service, and Special Recognition recipients have been chosen. The 2014 award recipients will be honored at NCI's 37th Annual Breakfast on **Friday, May 16, 2014** at 7:30 a.m. at the Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel. This year's presenting sponsors are HDR Engineering and SSM DePaul Health Center. The public is encouraged to attend and tickets are only \$45.00 per person. Generous sponsorship packages are still available. Reservations are required; please call NCI at (314) 895-6241 or go to www.NorthStLouisCounty.com.

NCI's Community Development Awards will be presented to those whose efforts positively benefit youth, residents, civic organizations, or others through selfless acts. **Scott Negwer, Owner, Negwer Materials, Inc. and a former NCI Board Member will be honored with Community Development Awards this year.**

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Historical Preservation

– by Bob McCarty

This month we're going to remove the third floor windows -the windows that we numbered 301 and 302. Let's get started.

The first thing we need to do is to get our tools together. You will need a utility knife, small pry bar, stiff putty knife, hammer or some sort of nail pulling tool, spray bottle, HEPA vacuum, sheet of cheap plywood, and a saw to cut the plywood.

We also need to think about safety. The windows that we are working on are over 100 years old and even though we did not test for lead based paint, we will assume that there is lead somewhere on or around the area where we will be working.

After protecting yourself with an approved dust mask and gloves, you will protect the surrounding area with plastic and tape. Tape the plastic down so that it won't slide around or away from the wall. You will also want to build a plastic wall around the area you will be working to keep the surrounding areas free from the dust that we could produce.

At the window, you will find a piece of trim board that butts up to the bottom sash, this is called a sash stop, you will need to cut the sash stop with your knife along the edge that is next to the window frame to break the paint seal. (NOTE: Before you start to cut into any paint, spritz the area with water, this helps keep the dust down.) You will then pry this piece of trim away from the window jamb; use the stiff putty knife to get started and being careful not to break this piece of trim. Remember, it is over 100 years old . . . force the knife between the moldings and give a slight back and forth movement as you move up the length of the molding. Continue with this movement until you can use the small pry bar to completely remove the piece. Any nails that are left in the window frame can be pulled right out and with the nails left in the sash stop, pull these nails out from the back side of the trim so as not to disrupt the surface of the sash stop. You will only need to remove one side.

At this point, the bottom sash should be free from its jamb. Grab the sash weight rope and cut it just above the sash. Lightly set the weight down into its pocket. If the sash is still stuck, you will need to break the seal that is holding it in place, by just wiggling it back and forth, you will be able to remove the bottom sash from the jamb; set aside.

The top sash may be a little harder to remove because after many paint jobs, the top sash is usually painted shut. You will need to cut the paint seal around the inside of the sash next to the parting bead. The parting bead is the strip of wood that separates the two sash and keeps them sliding smoothly in their tracks. You may also find yourself reaching out to cut the paint seal around the outside of the sash next to the blind stop. The blind stop works much as the sash stop but is on the outside of the window. Since the top sash was askew, this sash should come down nice and easy. Just push it down to the bottom of the jamb and cut the rope as you did on the bottom sash.

Now that the top sash is at the bottom of its jamb, you will need to remove the parting bead. As you did with the sash stop, push the stiff putty knife into the groove that the parting bead is in. You will need to come in at 90 degrees and pry out, chances of this molding being nailed in place is pretty good. Just take your time and you will be able to get the parting bead out in one piece, but if it breaks, you can find this trim board at any lumber yard. Keep prying the parting bead out of its groove and when it is free, just lift it out and the top sash is free. (Don't forget to remove the nails from the parting bead or if it broke, set it aside with any other pieces that are broken.)

Set the top sash next to the bottom sash and mark the edges of the sash and the frame with the window number 301. Then proceed on to window 302 and use the same process to remove it.

Now that both windows have been removed and marked, you will need to find a place to clean up and restore the sash unless you are going to do this work in the contained area. Wrap the sash in plastic and move it to the location where the restoration process will take place. You will also use plastic to double wrap and tape any pieces of trim that broke before you dispose of them in your trash. Since we are working using lead safe practices, vacuum up the area where you have been working. Make sure all of the contained area is cleaned up and if you can leave the area in place, you won't have to rebuild it later. And, don't forget to vacuum yourself off because the lead dust that we assumed is there will be on your clothes. If you are not going to restore the sash in the contained area; remove them to your work area and reward yourself with a shower.

Measure the window openings and cut the plywood to fit. Set the plywood into place and secure with a few screws into the blind stop.

Now we're ready to restore the sash, which we will delve into next month. If this sounds like a lot of work, it is; it's just not hard work. But it is tedious and time consuming. If this is something you would like to have done and don't have the time or patience to take on a project like this, this is what we do. Right here in Ferguson. You are welcome to give us a call at 314-524-1264 and we can have a conversation about your windows.

Until next month, Bob is on the job.

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Djeli Tales

By Mama Lisa Gage

A Story, a story... comes in May. There are a multitude of African-centered events flooding the 'to do' list this month. If you fancy old-fashioned storytelling, stories that dance, or storied paintings; you will not be disappointed with all that St. Louis has to offer.

First up is the 35th annual St. Louis Storytelling Festival, May 1-3. Young and old alike are beguiled by the alluring tales of master tellers from around the country. Among this year's featured tellers is the dynamic duo of Kim and Reggie Harris. Philly's finest flavor their yarns with traditional folk, gospel, jazz, classical, pop and rock rhythms. Their 'food for the soul' is meant to educate, inspire, and entertain. For over 30 years, audiences have gathered to see them in places far and wide, including The Kennedy Center, The Brooklyn Academy of Music, and The Smithsonian Institute. Catch them at UMSL's Touhill Performing Arts Center on May 3. Field trip reservations for school groups are also available.

On May 11, The Color Purple hits the stage of the Peabody Opera House for 2 shows. This year's touring cast shines a light on the talents of Angie Stone and Vanessa Bell Armstrong. Alice Walker's timeless classic can still move us to laugh, cry, shout 'Amen,' and hum along. Get reacquainted with the bittersweet characters of Mister, Cellie, Nettie, Harpo, and Sophia.

Ready for dancing? Kreative Pandemonium hosts Djeneba Sako of Mali, West Africa. Classes will take place May 17 and 18 at Better Family Life, Inc. The call of the drums will uplift your spirits and move your feet. What a better way to get a cardio workout?! The workout continues May 21-24 with BFL's 29th season of Black Dance USA, offering dance instruction on Guinean, Afro-Cuban, Kemetic Yoga, Afrikan Caribbean, Hip Hop, and Dunham Technique. Group rates are available as well.

The weekend proves to be packed with performances and demonstrations of all types. The 23rd annual St. Louis African Arts Festival will be in high gear for the Memorial Day Weekend, May 24-26. With plenty of food, entertainment, crafts, children's activities, and merchants, the festival sounds will cascade down the hill from the World's Fair Pavilion at Forest Park to beckon you to stop by and shop, shop, shop. Try your hand at negotiating a price for African art décor or a newly tailored outfit.

Rounding out the month, viewing an exhibit of works by Dr. Synthia Saint-James at Portfolio Gallery is a must see. A self-taught artist, she has graced humanity with African-inspired images that can be seen on numerous children's books and book covers, greeting cards, calendars, on television, in films, and in endless public and private galleries around the world. Dr. Saint-James was also commissioned to create the Kwanzaa stamp for the U.S. Postal Service. Several of her pieces will be on sale at the gallery.

Spend May in blissful mayhem. Drench yourself in the enrichments of the arts. Dare to go a step further to buy, collect, and wear art. As we finally settle into the warmth of the upcoming season, close your eyes and let your spirit move you to a harmonic that will elevate you to a sweeter moment in your day. Life's story... is yours.

For more information, visit <http://stlstorytellingfestival.com/storytellers/6-kim-reggie-harris> (storytelling)
<http://www.peabodyoperahouse.com/events/detail/the-color-purple-starring-angie-stone> (Color Purple)
<http://www.wherevent.com/detail/Andrea-Peoples-STL-on-Fire-w-Djeneba-Sako> (African dance)
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<http://www.hectv.org/video/14177/an-evening-with-synthia-saint-james/> (Dr. Synthia Saint-James)

West Florissant Great Streets Project Update

In June, citizens of Dellwood and Ferguson will have a final opportunity to review redevelopment plans for West Florissant Avenue between the Buzz Westfall Plaza Shopping Center and Interstate 270.

Planners from the West Florissant Avenue Great Streets Project will share their recommendations for making the area more prosperous, attractive, pleasing and safe.

At a community meeting on June 4, 2014, community members and stakeholders will get to view and comment on new street and sidewalk designs, retail and housing proposals, landscaping and green space options, transit improvements, healthy living amenities and much more. Time and location specifics will be posted on the City of Ferguson's website in the coming weeks. Also, to help shape the team's final recommendations, visit www.westflorissantave.com and take the 5 minute online survey. Your input will help to determine the corridor's future!

FeelingKindaBlue, Social Media Site, for Depressed Young Adults

The excruciating pain of one mother's loss has been transformed into an online source for help and support for today's generation of internet-connected young people struggling with depression. Feelingkindablue.com brings the decades-old approach of telephone based 24/7 crisis line services offered by Provident to the era of the internet, made possible through the financial support and vision of Sally Barker, a St. Louis attorney whose son died by suicide in 2007. "My son Alex was struggling with depression and the social isolation that comes with it. Even during his toughest times, he was online trying to connect with friends," Barker explains. "I feel strongly that an online lifeline in addition to his therapy would have helped him tremendously."

Provident provides counseling, community support services and suicide prevention through its Life Crisis Services division, which offers 24/7/365 intervention assistance from staff and volunteers who each have received more than 68 hours of intensive training. One of Provident's six counseling offices is located in Ferguson at 409 South Florissant Road, Ferguson, MO 63135. To schedule an appointment, call 314.533.8200. Other counseling offices are located in Midtown, Creve Coeur, Wildwood, Arnold and Fairview Heights.

Barker, through a fund at the St. Louis Community Foundation established in Alex's memory, brought her idea of an online social networking site to Provident in late 2013 and to date, with members joining daily, the community has grown to more than 1,500 people nationwide.

The American Association of Suicidology (AAS) has recognized Feelingkindablue.com with the Association's esteemed Excellence Award for Innovative Programming. "This program was selected due to the creative use of a social media site, effectively reaching out to young adults ages 18-28, providing support to individuals with mental health needs and the work they do in preventing suicide," explains Pat Morris, LMHC, CDP and Crisis Centers Division Chair on the AAS Board of Directors. "Congratulations to the staff of Feelingkindablue." Provident will receive the award at the Association's annual meeting on April 9, 2014 in Los Angeles.

"This site conveys Provident's unique ability to help people in crisis far beyond our St. Louis roots. Young adults across the country now help each other, connect with our staff and find hope through feelingkindablue.com," explains Heather Barnett, director of Provident's Life Crisis Services. In fact, in just the last 5 months, 475 posts from participants threatening harm to themselves, required intervention by Provident staff or emergency personnel.

Serving the St. Louis Area since 1860, Provident is an accredited, nonprofit, United Way-funded agency that helps individuals and families to a brighter future through counseling, suicide prevention, and community support services.

FERGUSON LIBRARY

2014 Summer Reading Program

May 28th thru Aug 2nd



Let the experiments begin! Young people will have the chance to experience an explosion of ideas as the Ferguson Public library presents Fizz, Boom, Read. This summer reading program is open to kids ages 2 through 7th grade. The program will provide plenty of prizes and incentives for reading and completing your goals; more than enough to get the brain pumping. Storytime programs will further the exploration AND count toward your reading goals! Registration begins May 28, 2014. To learn more, please call Ferguson Library at 314-521-4820 or come in and talk with the mad scientists... I mean librarians, at the desk.



Ask Grandma

I was the sixth of seven children, born in 1934. My sister, Marie, was the oldest, followed by my four older brothers. So, of course, when I was born, (being a girl after four boys) I was the spoiled, curly headed, dimpled darling of the family. I was the baby for five years before my younger sister was born.

I remember the metal baby bed that was in my parents bedroom and how I used to suck my thumb to put me to sleep. My mother was always afraid I would have buck teeth. She would hold my hand until I fell asleep so that I couldn't slip my thumb in my mouth. My present dentist says I would have benefited from braces when I was young, but I didn't know anyone who had braces back then. I also never heard of flossing until much later in my life.

I don't remember a whole lot about my very young years except that I didn't speak very well. I remember mispronouncing words and everyone would laugh. I'd get angry because when I asked about the proper pronunciation, no one would tell me. As I look back at that time, I realize that I was hearing impaired, so my lack of understanding probably had something to do with my speech.

I always wanted to play with my brothers. I liked baseball and football, and enjoyed joining in their games, but, of course, they seldom let me play. One year, my mother asked me what I wanted for Christmas and I said, "A football." Guess what I got? A doll. (Incidentally, I now have a football, but I can no longer throw that perfect spiral. I also have a volleyball, but the knees won't allow me to play the game that was my favorite.)

I clearly remember Pearl Harbor Day. My mother happened to be operated on that very same morning and came close to death. It seems she was allergic to the anesthetic and almost bled to death. Hawaii was not yet a state and nobody ever heard of Pearl Harbor. What we read in the newspaper and the photos did nowhere near tell the horror of what I saw later in movies of the bombing and the devastation. What? I read the papers when I was seven? Yes, the family subscribed to both morning and evening papers and everyone in the family read at least part of one or both of the papers. Without television and very few radios, it was the only way to get the news of the world.

Two of my brothers were in World War II and I would add my letter to the growing envelopes that were mailed several times a week. I recently found a letter that my dad wrote to my brother Joe. He had saved it all these years.

Those years before I started school were happy and carefree and I have fond members of family, neighbors, holidays, parties, games, and laughing and singing. Next month, I'll write a little something about walking to school in the deep snow. (No, I'm kidding; I walked to school, but never in snow up to my waist; that's your other grandmother's story.)

Local Student Named State Geographic Bee Semifinalist

Jacob Tiemann, son of Molly McClintock and Tom Tiemann of Ferguson, and 8th grade student at Ferguson Middle School participated in the 2014 Missouri Geographic Bee. Bees are held in schools with 4th through 8th grade students throughout the state participating to determine each school's Bee winner. The winners then take a qualifying test and the National Geographic Society invited the students with the top 100 scores in each of the 50 states and territories to compete at state level.

The Missouri 2014 winner was Evan Hensel, an 8th grade student from Wentzville Middle School. Evan received \$100, the "Complete National Geographic on DVD" and a trip to Washington D.C. to represent Missouri.

The National Bee will be held in May and the winner will receive a \$50,000 college scholarship and lifetime membership in the Society. He or she will also travel along with one parent or guardian, an all expense paid trip to the Galapagos Islands, where he / she will experience geography first hand through up-close encounters with the islands' unique wildlife and landscapes.

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Calendar of Events In and Around Ferguson

Complete Details of These Events Throughout the Paper

- Cub Scout Fair – Lee Hamilton School Thurs., May 1
- Northwest Chamber of Commerce Business Expo. Thurs., May 1
- Spring Rummage Sale – St. Stephens Fri. & Sat., May 2 & 3
- Farmers Market Opens for the Season. Sat., May 3
- Bel Canto Chorus – St. Peters UCC. Sat., May 3
- Kickball Leagues Begin Tues., May 6
- Visit Mansions Trip Tues., May 6
- Ultimate Frisbee Pick-Up Games Begin – Forestood Wed., May 7
- Kickball Leagues Begin. Wed., May 7
- Northwest Chamber of Commerce Membership Mtg. Thurs., May 8
- Einstein Playing at the Concert Series – Plaza @ 501 Fri., May 9
- EarthDance Plant Sale – Farmers Market Sat., May 10
- Letter Carriers Food Drive "Stamp Out Hunger". Sat., May 10
- Teen 6 Flags Trip Sat., May 10
- Library Consortium Week Begins Sat., May 10
- City Council Meeting. Tues., May 13
- Hosta Sale – Temple Garden Sat., May 17
- McCluer Yard Sale Sat., May 17
- The Future of North County – Hendel's Sat., May 17
- 5K / 10K Twilight Run Sat., May 17
- Palm Duo Streeel Drums – Plaza @ 501 Sat., May 17
- Javier Mendoza – Plaza @ 501 Sat., May 17
- Philippine Disaster Benefit – Immanuel. Sun., May 18
- Food Trucks at 501 Mon., May 19
- The Chaz 45 Band – Plaza @ 501. Fri., May 23
- Splash at Wabash Pool Opens Sat., May 24
- City Council Meeting. Tues., May 27
- Ferguson Library Summer Reading Program Begins. Wed., May 28
- Biggest Yard Sale in History Sat., May 31
- Ferguson Historical Society Yard Sale – Cabooses Sat., May 31

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