

# Ferguson Times

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## Ferguson Farmers' Market

CELEBRATING OUR 12TH YEAR!

### Saturday, July 5

SPECIAL EVENT: Red Cross Blood Drive 9-11am  
MUSIC: Eastside Acoustic Duo

### Saturday, July 12

SPECIAL EVENT: Pie Bake Off – Judging at 10:30am  
MUSIC: Maple Jam Band

### AUTHOR FEST:

*Braxton DeGarmo* – Thrillers: “The Militant Genome,” “Indebted,” and more

*Eileen Dreyer* – NYT Bestselling author of The Drake’s Rakes Series  
*Connie Brown* “Simple Wisdom Nuggets,” “Encouragement”

### Saturday, July 19

SPECIAL EVENT: Whistle Stop Ice Cream Social

Ferguson Farmer’s Market, partnering with Curves of Ferguson. “Get to know your local Farmers Market Tour” at 8am. Walk the market with the manager and meet the farmers, get recipes for in-season food, ask questions. Each person who works out at Curves on Saturday, July 19, and attends the market walk, will receive \$5 in Market Bucks.

MUSIC: Boeing Jazz Band

### Saturday, July 26

SPECIAL EVENT:

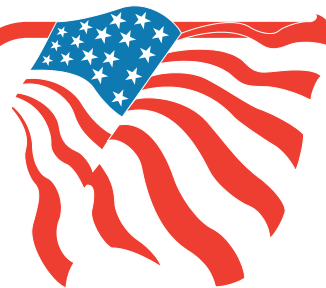
Tomato Festival, Salsa Contest Judging 10AM, Spaghetti Sauce Contest, Judging 11AM

MUSIC: The Ramblers

\* All contest winners are paid in Ferguson Farmer’s Market Bucks

If you are interested in partnering your business with the market, contact Marveena Miller, famersmarket@fergusoncity.com

**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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## 4th of July Schedule

120 Years...Then and Now

Our 39th Annual Full Day of Fun on Independence Day!

- 10 am Parade Starts (at Suburban & So. Floissant Rd.) north to January-Wabash Memorial Park, (501 No. Florissant)
- Noon–Close Food, Beverage and Game Booths Open at Park
- Noon Opening Ceremony at Park
- BANDSHELL AREA**
- 2 to 5 pm Miss Jubilee and the Humdingers (Vintage Jazz/Swing)
- 6 to 9 pm Street Beat (Blues/Rock)
- CHILDREN’S AREA**
- Noon to 7 pm Free Kids Rides, 62 Sports
- Noon to 7 pm Free Show-Me Safari Exotic Animal Petting Zoo
- 1 pm Show Me Safari Racing Pigs
- 1 to 5 pm Facepainting with BEBE and Sparkle
- 1 to 4:30 pm Graffiti Wall
- 1 to 2 pm Pictures and Autographs with Aeneas Williams
- 1:30 to 2 pm Afternoon of Magic
- 1:30 to 2 pm Fire Stage Show by Cosmic Collaborative
- 2 to 3 pm Hula Hoop Playshop with St. Louis Hoop Club
- 2:30 to 3 pm Afternoon of Magic
- 3 pm Show Me Safari Racing Pigs
- 3 pm “It’s a Gas” with Nitro Joe
- 3 to 6 pm Balloon Artistry
- 4 pm Watermelon Eating Contest
- 4 pm Magic with Steve Corbett
- 4 to 7 pm Slime Making with Nitro Joe
- 4:15 to 4:45 pm Fire Stage Show by Cosmic Collaborative
- 5:00 pm Show Me Safari Racing Pigs
- 6 to 6:30 pm More Magic with Steve Corbett
- 7 pm Show Me Safari Racing Pigs
- FIREWORKS**
- 9:15 pm Fireworks Spectacular at January-Wabash Park

Please...no dogs or pets, no bicycles or skateboards, no moving picnic tables, no BBQ’s or tents, no fireworks.

For further details, please call Nancy at the Ferguson Recreation Office, 314.521.4661.

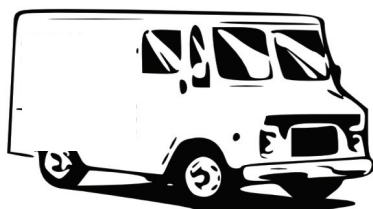
## ALLIED WASTE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

FOURTH OF JULY  
Friday, July 4, 2014

Monday routes will not be affected  
Tuesday routes will not be affected  
Wed. routes will not be affected  
Thursday routes will not be affected  
Friday routes will be picked up  
Saturday, July 5th

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## Food Truck Monday on the Walk



**MONDAY, JULY 21**  
**11am to 2 pm**  
**Plaza @ 501**

**501 South Florissant Road**  
**Andrew’s Bayou Ribs, Russo’s Trucktoria, Destination Desserts, & more!**

**For all participating trucks go to:**  
**www.fergusoncitywalk.com**

## CITYWALK CONCERT SERIES

PLAZA @ 501  
Upcoming Shows...

### The Coleman Hughes Project

featuring **Adrianna Felton**

R&B  
Friday, July 11  
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.



### Tumbao Tropical

Latin Jazz  
Friday, July 25  
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.



Free Concerts April through November.

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.

501 S. Florissant Rd.

For more information call 314-524-5197 or email citywalk@fergusoncity.com



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



## Greetings from CityWalk

Happy Independence Day and greetings from CityWalk! It seems like yesterday when I was talking to you about the concerts are getting ready to start and that spring was just around the corner. And here we are heading straight into the Dog Days of Summer! Where does the time go?

The Concerts at the Plaza at 501 are in full swing. With the weather getting warmer, you will be able to stay cool while enjoying a jazzier line-up of musicians this month. On July 11th, the Coleman Hughes Project featuring Adrianna Felton will be taking the stage offering up their version of cool. Everyone will want to dig out their Caribbean shirts on July 25th for the Tumbao Tropical, a Latin Jazz Band, whose rolling rhythms will get your feet a-tappin' and your hips a-swayin', while you enjoy that cool feeling from the winds wafting through the palms. Make sure you check your calendars and make it a date to welcome these groups to Ferguson. Now that's Cool!

Have you walked down to Drakes Place yet? It's located just south of the Plaza @ 501 in the old BBQ building, across from the Laundry Basket. They offer an American Cuisine with a lot of sandwiches, burgers and other quick plates that can be enjoyed for lunch as well as dinner. Councilman Tim Larson, Ward 1, said that he really enjoyed the steak he was served by Drake. My wife and I enjoyed a meal there a couple of weeks back and she raved about the grilled salmon and even though I'm not one to eat Italian anywhere but at home or at an Italian restaurant, the spaghetti and meatballs were, how do you say it? Magnifico! Race on down to Drakes Place; you'll be glad you did.

Before I get to the business at hand, I want to wish everyone a Happy 4th and hope to see you at the parade and the festival at J-W Park. The Fourth of July Committee has been working diligently to make sure that Ferguson has this festival every year. I would like to tell everybody on the committee that they are doing a great job and we really appreciate their hard work. Thank You!

(This section reserved for the General Membership Businesses of the FSBD.) Every third Thursday of the month is our board meeting. We meet at 5:30pm in the offices of Maureen Zuegin whose Edward Jones office is located at 409 S. Florissant Rd. Our next meeting is July 17th and all businesses located in the Downtown District are invited. We also sponsor business workshops throughout the year. Last month, there was a workshop on how to use Social Media to help grow your business. If you have always wondered about this subject, you missed a very informative workshop that opened my eyes as to how to use Social Media. We hope to see you at our meetings and future workshops so that all of our businesses will grow by giant strides.

Until next month, we're walking; that's right, walking the Walk, CityWalk. Happy Birthday America.

## Local Presbyterian Churches Join Forces



When word hit the streets late last Fall that Northminster Presbyterian Church in Dellwood was closing, many people were concerned that the north county area would be losing another church population. The good news came when the Northminster members decided to join with the First Presbyterian Church of Ferguson congregation located at 401 Darst Road.

In January, just two months after the decision was official, Northminster and First Presbyterian began to worship together and work toward becoming one family of faith. Pastor Mike Trautman commented that he was naturally apprehensive about bringing two long established congregations together but was amazed at how quickly they came together on their own with little effort needed on his part, a tribute to the quality of the members of both congregations. The end result is a stronger, more vibrant church community with new inspiration.

Northminster members brought their successful Food and Voucher Program to First Presbyterian. This program complements active mission projects, such as First Presbyterian's St. Louis Urban Mission Camp, Room at the Inn, the Peanut Butter Church Project and many others. The newly combined members started working seamlessly together and are committed to maintaining and enhancing mission and outreach programs for the local community and the world.

We give praise to God for opening our hearts to a new direction and look forward to discovering how the Spirit will work through us in the days and years ahead. Please join us any Sunday morning at 9:45 for fellowship and 10:15 for worship, and visit [faithinferguson.org](http://faithinferguson.org) to check out all of the events happening at First Presbyterian Church of Ferguson. Everyone is welcome.

Peace, Duane Mazzacavallo and Jan Foster

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## The Plumber's Crack

By Oh Baby [bigohbaby@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bigohbaby@sbcglobal.net)

Holy Cow, fireworks, parades, American flags a flying, Farmers Market with healthy stuff to eat, weather starting to get hot and sticky. God Bless America it must be July and time for another edition of the Plumbers Crack!



Well, me fine followers of the Crack, I think I'm going to screw around this month. No really I'm literally going to talk about screws. Did you ever look at a drippy faucet and say "I can do this." You proceed to take the handle off (so far so good), you remove the bonnet nut and unscrew the bonnet and the stem comes out. Bam! You're feeling like a super star. You get your screw driver out and as you start to take the screw out, it crumbles like crushed corn flakes. So now what are you going to do?

Well Oh Baby's gonna tell ya. Carefully take a razor knife or ice pick and dig that washer out trying not to hit what's left of that screw. After you have that washer removed, take some WD40 or penetrating oil; put in on the screw, wait a couple of minutes, take a pliers and unscrew it. Take it to your local hardware store and get a new one.

So how do I keep this from happening again? The best way is to change the washer every year. Another way is to turn your faucet on and off real fast; turning a little harder on the off side of doing it. This will break the calcium loose which is what starts eating the screw head and the washer.

Another good trick is to buy a little can of plumbers grease or silicone lubricant and dip the threads in that

before putting the screw back in. This is also very important to do with the screws on the handles. One of the better medium priced faucets made has sort of a cheap handle that corrodes where the handle meets the stem. I always grease the end of the stem before I screw them on. I have broken many

stems trying to get those handles off.

There is another product that works miracles on screws and handles. It's called anti siege compound. It's a little expensive but a great product. Another thing this does is it helps insulate dissimilar metals. The stem may be brass but screw may be steel and the handle pot metal which can cause electrolysis, or as we know it corrosion.

Now it's time for the word of the month. Are you ready? Are you sitting down? Here it is . . . Bibb Screw. It's the small screw that holds the washer in the cup it fits in or as us plumbers call it the Bibb.

OK my friends, I hope this information was a little helpful. If nothing else I hope reading it helped you get some sleep.

Say a little prayer for our country to get it on the right track; pray for our service men and women.

We are celebrating another birthday this month so honor our Forefathers and do a good deed for a friend or neighbor; check on the elderly; get involved in your community and government; and most of all give them kids a big hug.

God Bless You all and God Bless America . . . Oh Baby

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See Bob on Job column on Page 17

## The 4th of July Festival Committee has Chosen Sara Crinnion and Eriq Byrne as This Year's Youth Achievers

Scholarships of \$500 to be awarded to each Achiever, thanks to the addition of \$600 donated by Linda Lipka and Angels at Work

### Eriq Byrne



Eriq Byrne, son of Emily and Richard Byrne has been chosen as one of the Len Winters Youth Achievers for 2014. Eriq just finished his junior year at Chaminade College Preparatory School where his academic advisor rates him "outstanding" in his academic potential and personal characteristics.

Although Eriq is a good student, his real love is Environmental Science and Honors Biology. He has received Math and Chemistry Achievement Awards at Chaminade. That is why he is contemplating a career as an Oceanographer and Marine Biologist. His school of choice is Miami University.

Eriq is a member of the Peace & Justice Club and the Magic Club

In athletics, Eriq is on the Chaminade Swim and Wrestling teams and plays on the Water Polo Team. Here at home he has been a member of the Ferguson Swim Team since he was nine years old where he has assisted young swimmers and has received the Coaches Choice Award.

Eriq volunteers as an Acolyte and Youth Activities Leader at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. He also volunteers at the Ferguson Sunday Parkways and has participated in the Ferguson Twilight 10K run the past two years.

When asked why he loves Ferguson, his Home Town, Eriq responds that he loves the variety of activities and events that Ferguson has to offer. Eriq particularly enjoys the Teen Trips where he and fellow teenagers are able to attend non-school related trips with friends once a month during the school year.

At present, Eriq works as a lifeguard at the Ferguson Pool.

Congratulations Eriq!

### Sara Crinnion



Sara Crinnion, daughter of Marie and Mark Crinnion, and graduate of Incarnate Word Academy (IWA), has been chosen as one of the 2014 scholarship winners by the 4th of July Festival Committee.

Sara excels in the academic field (with a GPA of 3.337) but her real strengths lie in her leadership, reliability, enthusiasm, organization and originality abilities. She has been a member of the Leadership Advisory Council, French Club, Photo Club, Science Club, GIFTS (Girls in Faith Together) Club. Has been a Liturgy Committee representative, Student Representative, Senior Art Intern, participant in Art Shows, and a member of the Thespian Troupe (light and sound, as well as Best Director Award).

Achievements include a scholarship at Spring Hill College, the Johnson Technical Theater Award, the Sherena Lange Award and Scholarship; she was asked to be a leader for the KIAROS spiritual retreat at IWA, received the Mission Model Service Award at IWA, the Sr. Liz Healy Scholarship from IWA and the Andy Gartland Scholarship from BTC.

Sara has been on Incarnate Word Golf Team for four years, earning a varsity letter her junior year. She has been on the school Swim Team, a member of Ferguson Swim Team, and the St. Louis Track Club.

For volunteer work, Sara participated at the Special Olympics Soccer match held at IWA, worked at St. Patrick Center, volunteered at Immanuel Church Vacation Bible School, volunteers to give swim lessons at the Ferguson pool, provided lights and sound of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta (BTC) talent show and also volunteered at the BTC fish fries during Lent.

At present Sara works as a lifeguard and swim instructor at the Ferguson pool, has taught swimming at Bellefontaine Neighbors Recreation Department, and served as umpire for the CYC softball league.

Sara plans to attend Spring Hill College located in Mobile, Alabama and hopes to pursue a career in Marketing / Public Relations with a non-profit organization.

## New Sculpture Garden Dedicated At Ferguson Park



Just one of the sculptures on display at Jeske Park.

On Saturday, June 14 the new Jeske Park sculpture park was dedicated at Jeske Park. Jeske Park is a small, 7-acre neighborhood park in the middle of a quiet neighborhood in Ferguson.

In the wake of a damaging tornado in 2011 and 2013, a group of concerned residents and officials wanted to do something positive for the community. The Jeske Park Neighborhood Association held a meeting where people could present ideas and discuss future improvements to the park. Resident Bryce Robinson suggested a Sculpture Park and presented a plan to the council for consideration and endorsed the idea by passing a resolution designating Jeske Park as a sculpture park.

The Council established, by ordinance, a commission appointed by the Mayor to make recommendations for improvements to the park and for the display of original artwork exhibitions. The "Friends of Jeske Park Sculpture Garden" which is the non-profit founded by Bryce, Councilwoman Kim Tihen, and Mayor James Knowles, paid for the initial sculptures and was funded with a generous donation from the Lions Club of Ferguson.

The sculpture garden was made possible by a public-private partnership between the City of Ferguson, and the Jeske Park Neighborhood Association in cooperation with the Jeske Park Sculpture Garden Commission.

**Download Ferguson's mobile app today! Check it out by searching for "Go Ferg!" or "Ferguson, MO" in the Apple App Store or Google Play.**

## Ferguson Library Hires New Director



The Ferguson Municipal Public Library District welcomes Scott Bonner as its new Director.

For the past seven years, Mr. Bonner served in an administrative role at the Richmond Heights Memorial Library and has a Masters in Library Science from University of Missouri - Columbia. With his history of promoting library services and providing excellent customer service, the Ferguson Library is looking forward to having him on the team. Mr. Bonner is eager to use his passion and enthusiasm for public service to make the library the heart of the community.

Mr. Bonner's first day with the Library is Tuesday, July 1. Please join us in welcoming him to Ferguson.

## Ferguson Library Storytime

The Ferguson Library's Storytime rolls onward and is, again, connected with our Summer Reading program. On Saturday, July 26th, children ages 3-10, along with their parents or caregivers, are encouraged to join us from 10-11 AM. If your child is registered for our Summer Reading program, be sure to bring their reading log---children aged 3-5 will be able to count two of the books read during storytime on their reading log!

Our theme this month is Staff Favorite, so you never know what kind of crazy books we'll have! Come, join us for the adventure on Saturday, July 26th at 10 AM.

As always, snacks will be provided at the end of the event. Hope to see you there!

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## Spreading our success, by spreading our borders

By Mayor James W. Knowles III

"They are ill discoverers that think there is no land when they can see nothing but sea."

— Sir Francis Bacon, 1561-1626  
English Scientist, Philosopher, Statesman



Of all the gifts that God can bestow upon us, the one I often find most difficult for people is the ability to envision something grand where there is currently only blight. While traveling through the blighted areas of North St. Louis, I often find myself daydreaming about the splendor of what the area must have looked like in its prime. I can envision how the beautiful architecture was once new and immaculate, and I imagine what it could look like again if we only had an infinite amount of resources to restore its former glory. I have always been a day-dreamer, and I have always looked to what could be, instead of lamenting what is.

I know I'm not the only one that has splendid dreams of restoring old buildings and revitalizing neighborhoods; I think many people share that dream. However, the path to accomplish those lofty goals is often elusive, which leads many people to lose hope. Not because they lack the ability to see something different, but because they can't see the way to that vision. With no way in sight, hope is often lost, and so too is the vision.

For a number of years, leaders in the city of Ferguson have shared a vision where the City of Ferguson would stretch its borders across Interstate 270 and annex the unincorporated areas of St. Louis County along W. Florissant, New Halls Ferry, and Old Halls Ferry. Over the past 25 years, economic development in that area has ebbed and flowed. Once a shopping and entertainment destination, many of the businesses along New Halls Ferry have gone and there is nothing left but grass sprouting up between the asphalt where the movie theater that I grew up visiting once stood. Businesses we once visited regularly like Chuck E Cheese, Children's Palace, Casa Gallardo, and Target, are all empty buildings or empty lots, devoid of any significant commercial activity, but not devoid of significant economic potential.

Over the past 20 years, Ferguson has made huge strides and huge achievements in its economic development efforts. We have successfully cleared many blighted areas, attracted new businesses, restored historic buildings, and built new ones. Unfortunately where Ferguson ends and St. Louis County takes over, so does much of those successes. I would attribute this to the simple fact that north of 270, St. Louis County is trying to play the role of a city and a county, and it is proving difficult to be both well. In fact, a recent poll commissioned to gauge public opinion of municipal services and citizens' attitude toward a possible annexation in the area across 270 showed that residents in the proposed annexation area are not happy with the services they are receiving from St. Louis County. They feel they are heading in the wrong direction and they believe they deserve better. I know the city of Ferguson can offer them better.

Last month the City Council passed an ordinance to submit a proposal for annexation of the area north of 270 along W. Florissant and New Halls Ferry to the St. Louis County Boundary Commission. This decision wasn't reached hastily and it is a decision that we don't take lightly. The decision was reached only after months of examining the revenues generated from the area and the liabilities related to providing an increased level of service. The findings of our examination show this to be mutually beneficial to the citizens of Ferguson as well as those residents in the proposed annexation area.

Over the next few months, the St. Louis Boundary Commission will hold hearings to give Ferguson an opportunity to explain its case for annexation, and allow residents of both areas to give their thoughts and concerns on the proposal. If the Commission believes the proposal to be viable, they will place the issue on the ballot next year to be voted on by the residents of Ferguson and the residents in the unincorporated area. If the issue receives a majority approval in both areas, we will be welcoming the largest influx of new residents in decades.

The City will be releasing details of the annexation proposal this month, I encourage everyone to see the information for themselves. I also encourage people to go visit the areas we wish to annex and imagine what the area could look like once again. This annexation has the potential to be a huge game changer for Ferguson and for North County. Cleaning up the blight and restoring commerce to this very visible area along the highway would change the public face of North County, and help bring revenue and jobs back to the area.

This area has a great deal of potential, and the journey to make this dream a reality is not going to be short, it is just beginning. And remember, because we can't see it yet, doesn't mean that it is not there and that it is not possible!

The Ferguson City Council will meet once in July. The meeting will be held in the City Council Chambers at 110 Church Street.  
The meeting date is: Tuesday, July 22 at 7:00 p.m.

## Ferguson Neighborhood Organizations

Dates & times subject to change. Check [www.fergusoncity.com](http://www.fergusoncity.com)

Group	Next Mtg.	Location	Contact
Forestwood Park Neighborhood Group	July 1 7 pm	Emmaus Bible Chapel 900 Highmont	Donald Stevens 314-561-0379
Jeske Park Neighborhood Assc.	July 10 7 pm	Corner Coffee Hous 100 N Florissant	Kate Mazzacavallo katemazza@yahoo.com
Nesbit-Newton	TBA	Nesbit-Newton Park	Paul Beins 314-869-5080
North Hills Neighborhood Assc.	TBA	Check website for updates <a href="http://www.fergusoncity.com">www.fergusoncity.com</a>	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 314-364-4306 glenda.rickard@mercy.net
Old Ferguson West Neighbors	July 24 7 pm	Corner Coffee House 100 N Florissant	Vicki Salsman 314-522-3883
Robert-Superior Neighborhood Group	As needed	Robert-Superior Park	Craig Kidd 314-522-3151
Southwest Ferguson Neighborhood Group	July 14 7 pm	Our Lady of Guadalupe 17 Hawkesbury	Ken Barnadyn 314-524-5254
Wabash Neighborhood Assn.	TBA	First Baptist 333 N Florissant	Shonnette Morgan sdenisemor@hotmail.com

## Attention Ferguson Homeowners

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- Repair or replace the roof
- Pave or repair your driveway
- Install new windows
- Update your kitchen or bath
- Complete other repairs or improvements

General qualifications:

- You must own and occupy the property to be improved as your primary residence
- You must have good credit history and the ability to repay the loan
- You must have a City of Ferguson occupancy permit
- Your waste disposal payments must be current
- You must not use more than 15% of the total area of your residence in a trade or business
- A City of Ferguson Exterior Appearance Inspection will be conducted. The loan may be used to abate code violations.

For more information and a full list of loan terms please call the Ferguson Neighborhood Improvement Program at 524-5158. For a loan application please call UMB Ferguson Banking Center at 314-595-6000.

## Ferguson - Playful City USA Community

Playful City USA is the only national recognition program that honors cities and towns across the nation committed to taking action for play. For the fourth time Ferguson has been honored as a Playful City USA Community. In addition to Ferguson, only two other cities in the state of Missouri were recipients of this honor, Ballwin and Chesterfield.

Playful City USA recognizes programs and advocacy efforts that build awareness and support for play. Play Days in Ferguson include: Sunday Parkways, Tennis Block Party, Blast to the Past at the Splash, creating a Popcorn Ball Record – Sticky Kids, Doggie 3K Walk/Dog Splash, Twilight Ramble, 5K-10K Run, and more. Ferguson, Missouri makes play a priority!

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

## Community Center

The NEW Ferguson Community Center is coming soon. The City of Ferguson is excited to offer a diverse range of programming at the new 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. Hours of operation will be 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 for rentals for special events, meetings, and parties as well as provide meeting space for a variety of community groups such as neighborhood associations, civic groups, and other local organizations. 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 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 facility.

## 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. Sessions run on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays. 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 extra pounds? Our high-impact class involves exercises that get your feet off the ground, and really get 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 class 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. Six session punch cards cost \$39 for residents and \$44 for non-residents. Sign up today!

## Wrigley Field Adventure

Cards-Cubs...there's nothing like it! We will enjoy a behind the scenes tour of Wrigley Field and excellent seats for the Sunday, July 27th match-up of the Cardinals vs Cubs. We will spend 2 nights lodging at the newly remodeled Palmer House, along with an afternoon of racing at Arlington Racetrack. Next, we will have dinner at the Berghoff and get a tour of the Sanfilippo Mansion. Trip dates are Saturday, July 26 – Monday, July 28. Cost of the excursion is \$590 for residents and \$615 for non-residents (double occupancy).

## Mystery Meal

If you love good food and enjoy fun-loving people, then this program is for you! Every trip is an adventure, so register to enjoy the day with good times and good friends. Due to the popularity of this program, residents have registration priority. All residents can receive door to door pickup. Fee includes transportation via the Jolly Trolley and the meal. Pick up is on Thursday, July 31 at 10:00 a.m. and the cost is \$29 for residents and \$34 for non-residents.

## Kentucky Lake Get-Away/Nashville Flea Market

This trip includes dinner at Patti's Settlement Grand Rivers, a Grand Rivers Variety Show, the Nashville Flea Market (One of a kind shopping experience!), Yacht Sunset Dinner/Cruise, 2 nights stay at Lake Barkley Lodge, and Resort activities. Trip dates are the weekend of Friday, August 22 – Sunday, August 24. Cost of the excursion is \$410 for residents and \$435 for non-residents (double occupancy).

## 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 and 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).

## Neighborhood Flicks

The Ferguson summer movie series continues into July at several locations throughout the city. In cooperation with the neighborhood organizations, Ferguson Recreation is offering family fun on selected evenings and various sites throughout town. Bring your lawn chairs and/or blankets and take this opportunity to meet your neighbors and get to know our beautiful city. Movies start at 8:45 p.m. and are always FREE!

Neighborhood	Location	Date	Movie
Southwest Ferguson	Guadalupe Church	Sat, July 12	Monsters Inc.
Wabash	Abston/Dade	Fri, July 18	The Wizard of Oz

## SPLASH AT WABASH – 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 (July 18 and August 31), discount for private/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 prefer to relax, catch some rays or socialize with friends. Also parents may bring their children that are 12 years and under to enjoy the Splash Pad.

Schedule: Daily 12:00 noon – 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 continue in July

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

## Teen Night

Join your friends for Teen Night at the Splash on Friday, July 11th from 8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

## 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

## 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 group.

Schedule: Primarily Friday (8-10 p.m.), Sat. (7-10 p.m.), & Sun. (6-10 p.m.)

Fee: \$85 - \$215 / hour with 2 hour min. based on group size and how much reserved

(Plus Umbrella Parties- a special package during regular weekday open swim for groups of 20 or less and 15 or less).

## 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: Week of July 8 – August 7

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. Upcoming Blast from the Past dates include: July 3, 17 and 31.

## Splash Mugs

Splash Mugs are on sale at the Recreation Office, \$10 gets you a Splash Mug with \$1 refills all summer long at all Ferguson Concession stands. Help Ferguson "Go Green", buy a Splash Mug today! (Club members pay only \$5 for the mug.)

## Municipal League Board of Directors

FLORISSANT MAYOR TOM SCHNEIDER GIVES OATH OF OFFICE TO THE NEW OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS OF THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL LEAGUE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Pictured from left to right; Immediate Past President(2012/2013) Tom Schneider, New President Mayor Scott Douglass of Clarkson Valley, Treasurer Council Member Debi Salberg of Webster Groves, Vice President Mayor Mike Schneider of Overland, and board members Mayor Barry Glantz of Creve Coeur, Mayor James Knowles of Ferguson and Mayor Norm McCourt of Black Jack.

Traditionally, the immediate past president from the prior year presides over the committee to select new officers and board members and swears them in. 2013/2014 President Mayor Art McDonnell of Kirkwood will be doing the honors next year.

## Did you know that you pay a fee on line when you renew your license plates, but the state keeps your money?

A tip of the hat to the courteous employee at the Ferguson License Office today. I went in to renew my plates and the line moved quickly and efficiently. The Ferguson Lions Club runs the license office and its proceeds helps support our schools with scholarships, and our community with some of the 4th of July celebration costs, monies for the lovely new sculptures in Jeske Park, and over the next three years they will contribute \$18,000 to the teen room in the new community center, as just a few examples.

The fee you pay at the Ferguson License Office is the same as you pay on line. So please support our local community.

Kathy N.

## Scott Negwer Receives NCI Honor

North County Incorporated Honors Community Leaders Making a Difference in North St. Louis County

As part of the organization's 37th Annual Breakfast celebration, North County Incorporated (NCI) recognized several area leaders for making a significant positive impact in North County. At a sold out event on Friday, May 16th, 2014 more than 600 business, civic, and community leaders gathered to honor this year's award recipients.

Scott Negwer, owner of Negwer Materials, Inc., located at 49 Airport Road in Ferguson, and former NCI Board Member, received the Community Development Award.



From left to right; Back Row: Mayor Norm McCourt, Brian Goldman, Scott Negwer, NCI President Rebecca Zoll, Pete Hall, Lt. Jerry Fuesting; Front Row: Dr. Grayling Tobias, Veronica Morrow-Reel, Dr. Jerry Dunn, Patty Gould, Dr. Marcia Pfeiffer

## NCI to Salute 30 Leaders in Their Thirties

The 2014 NCI *Salutes 30 Leaders in their Thirties* campaign will recognize leaders in their thirties who are making a significant positive impact on North County through their profession and/or community involvement.

To nominate someone in their thirties who works and/or lives in North County and is an outstanding professional, excels at his/her company, is a committed volunteer who uses their leadership skills for the betterment of a civic or charity organization, is a municipal employee who, through proactive involvement, is helping create a more livable community, or an entrepreneur who has become successful and is giving back to North County, call NCI for a nomination form or go online to [www.NorthStLouisCounty.com](http://www.NorthStLouisCounty.com). All nominations are required by July 14, 2014.

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Our Pre-kindergarten program serves children who are four years old as of July 31.

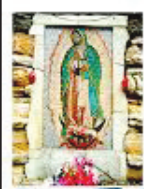
The cost for a full school day is \$3,000 for the year.

Tuition (including book fee) for Kindergarten through Grade 8 begins at \$4,160 for one child.

A special plan is available for families with more than one child.

SCHOLARSHIPS are available for students in Kindergarten through Grade 8.

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## Ferguson Partnership of Churches VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 7th thru 11th – 9:30 am to noon

“Workshop of Wonders,” Imagine and Build with God!

Immanuel UCC, 221 Church Street

For ages 3 years (by July 1, 2014) to 6th Grade (completed)

Pick up registration forms

at any of the Ferguson Partnership Churches listed below:

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, First Presbyterian, Immanuel UCC, St. Stephens Episcopal, St. Peters UCC, Zion Lutheran

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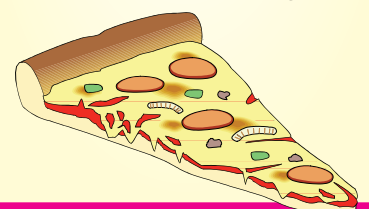
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## The Ferguson Cyclist by Gerry Noll

Last June's column included an excerpt from an old book of bicycling tips that was given to me. The book was written back in 1979, but many of the tips still ring true. Check out this tip, along with a few of my comments in parentheses:

"The traditional bicycle job is a paper route --- and becoming a newspaper delivery boy or girl is still an ideal job for a person with a bike. (Comment: newspaper delivery seems to have been taken over by adults in vans. Maybe that's because newspapers are delivered very early in the morning...before dark. When I had a paper route it was for an evening paper, delivered after school.) But there are other possibilities. For instance, more things need to be delivered than just newspapers. Grocery stores, drugstores, restaurants, and all sorts of businesses have customers who would like things brought to them. There are professional messenger services, sure, but they're very expensive and many small businesses can't afford them. So offer your services to store owners and other merchants in your town. You may be surprised at how willing they may be to take you up on the offer. (Comment: these opportunities existed in 1979. They still sound like good ideas and might be opportunities for young people to earn a little cash.) Also, when you deliver groceries, drugs, and other goods, you normally will get a tip for each trip you make. Paper boys and girls usually only get tipped at Christmas. (Comment: we would get tipped at Christmas, yes, but we also were tipped every week when we collected each customer's newspaper subscription in person.)"

"Here's another suggestion: perhaps there are people in your neighborhood who would like speedy errands done for them, such as going to the store or delivering a package or hand-delivering party invitations. Advertise your services on homemade signs and post them in shopping and other public areas."

The Bike Book (Doug Colligan and Dick Teresi)

Moms and dads, grandmas and grandpas; some of these ideas might still work! You might even entice your kids and grandkids to try these ideas by letting them know that they will be on the cutting edge of competing with Amazon drones for delivery services!

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Have you tried riding in the rain yet? Last month I encouraged you to try it. Now with hot, dry summer weather here the opportunities for riding in the rain will lessen. Take advantage of wet weather when you can! Just don't ride when lightning or thunder is around.

Earn-a-Bike graduates have been riding together every other Wednesday. A few Wednesday's ago it threatened rain and in fact was drizzling a little bit just before

we started our ride. Were the kids put off by the rain? Not at all! They were ready to go. So we rode and it didn't rain more than a few drops. The moral of the story: we miss a lot of opportunities for riding out of fear that we will get wet. Many times the rain never comes. And if it does...so what, you get a little wet.

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July and August have some great rides in store:

Weekly 10-10-10 bicycle rides. Leaving from the Ferguson Bicycle Shop every Saturday, these 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!

Two Wheeled Tour Series. This series of family-friendly rides, sponsored by St. Louis Bicycle Works, will give you the opportunity to visit historic areas of St. Louis. Each ride starts at 9:30 AM. More info at <http://www.bworks.org/events/>

- July 12th • Central West End / West End Literary Tour. Meet in the parking lot of Five Guys Burgers and Fries, 4183 Lindell Blvd.

- o In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, St. Louis' Central West End and West End were home to a surprisingly large number of writers who became part of the American literary tradition. This ride includes stops at the former homes of several renowned authors and short readings from their work on a route through architecturally fascinating neighborhoods.

- August 2nd • Automobile Row/Locust Street Meet at the intersection of Locust and Theresa, one block north of Olive and east of Grand

- o This tour visits several of the buildings from "Automobile Row" as well as other sites of historic importance, and perhaps the most overlooked literary landmark in the entire country.

- August 30th • Old North St. Louis Meet at Crown Candy Kitchen, 14th & St. Louis Avenue

- o This tour begins and ends at Crown but explores the entirety of a neighborhood that began its existence as an independent city with an unusual and visionary urban plan.

- The Moonlight Ramble – "The World's Original Nighttime Bike Ride", Saturday, August 9. The granddaddy of them all! Just like last year, you will be able to pick up your t-shirt and registration packet in advance at the Ferguson Bicycle Shop. And this year there is an added twist: a moonlight run! Runners start at 12:30am and run the same course as the bicyclists. More info and online registration at <http://www.moonlightramble.com/>.

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If you want to talk about cycling, comment on this column, or learn more about the Ferguson Cycling Club (<http://www.fergusoncyclingclub.com>), you can reach me at: [emd0072-cycling@yahoo.com](mailto:emd0072-cycling@yahoo.com).

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### 311 Carson Road – SOLD

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The City of Ferguson mourns the loss of Former Council Member **Charles Turner** who passed away on June 17, 2014. Council Member Turner served on the City Council for two terms in 1991 and 1992.

# The Ferguson Computer Corner

by Doug Neely, WHO TRUSTS IN GOD



CONTINUING FROM LAST MONTH, and now that we KNOW your puter is CLEAN, we will now plan our backup. there are two types of backup: one backs up your entire system onto an optical disc (or similar), which will boot, and replace everything from your hard drive; the second type is one which creates copies of selected files (NOT programs) onto storage media, for use in the event that the original files are damaged/lost. the first option is available on most brand-name puters, but if you don't have that option, you can buy a program that will let you copy your drive's contents. if you need to make this kind of bootable recovery disc, contact your puter's manufacturer, or the seller you got it from. if they can't/won't help, call me. the second type of backup (for files only) is what we will discuss.

## ORGANIZE YOUR IMPORTANT STUFF, dept.

1. KNOW where you have put stuff. if you don't know WHERE your stuff is, then you can't make a backup of it, can you?
2. KNOW how much stuff you have! this means how much space the stuff consumes on media. put

your mouse cursor on a file or folder, and you will see a little window appear; within that window, you will see something like this: 97kb., 97mb., or 97gb.

3. you will have to add up ALL of the sizes of ALL of the files you want to save. it is not critical to be exact, just as long as you know how much there is. for example, if i have 3 file folders that hold 1mb, 10mb, and 100mb, then i have a total of 111mb. to back up.
4. if you have 111mb to back up, you have to choose a backup media (usb thumb drive, hard drive, optical disc, etc.) that is at least that large (bigger is better) upon which to place those files.
5. of the 3 above-mentioned media, the usb thumb drive is the most convenient, but the least useful for long-term archiving. the optical disc (cd or dvd) is best for archiving, IF stored properly. the hard drive is in the middle, but closer to the disc. however, the usb thumb drive is great for short-term use, as well as intermediate use, until it can be copied to, let's say, a cd or dvd disc.
6. yes, i have not forgotten "cloud storage" on the internet. having

trusted your files to the cloud, they will usually be stored with the double or triple redundancy of hard drives on servers. the problem is that if you don't pay EVERY month, or if you simply stop paying for any reason, your files will be deleted/destroyed/obliterated.

7. depending upon how highly you value your files, or perhaps how paranoid you may be, you will need to consider the lengths to which you are prepared to go to keep them safe; this also includes the amount of time and \$\$\$ that will be required to do so. consider these points carefully.

## A SEMINAR?, dept.

i am forced to be brief here, and i am depending upon YOU to know how to copy files, and other basic operations. however, if enough of you tell me that this just isn't enough info, and you need more basic instruction in this endeavor, i would be happy to meet with you at the Ferguson Library for such instruction. contact info at end of

article.

## ME GO NOW!

i trust that we all had a GREAT Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day. i also trust that we shall all have a most memorable and blessed Independence Day this month. those who founded our great republic trusted in the Almighty, and so can you. please pray to Him Who made all things, to bless us and all our endeavors! Blessings be to you and to yours!

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

If you want to ask Doug for his free puter advice, God-stuff, or whatever, here's how:

1. PHONE (BEST): \*314\*521\*1789\*, 3-11pm daily.
  2. EMAIL: fergusoncomputer-corner@aol.com
- BE SURE TO PUT THE PHRASE: "i need puter advice" INTO THE SUBJECT LINE, OR ELSE!

## THANK YOU...

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## Financial Focus

By Joan Cleaveland (consultjoan@att.net)  
Business Manager for St. Joseph's Parish in Cottleville  
Lindenwood University BA – Business Administration.

There's been good news lately about consumer debt. Credit card debt is going down. People are reducing it and being more cautious about creating more debt with credit cards. The same can be said for second mortgages. After the past 5 years there are still many people underwater with a mortgage or two. And those who are building some equity are hesitant to borrow against it knowing the value can change quickly. So what's there to worry about? Well, it's also been reported that borrowing from a retirement plan is on the upswing. While this avenue isn't available to everyone it should hold some precautions especially if you are using it to get out of debt or a financial set back. So here are a few things to review before you jump on board.

As with any kind of debt consolidation, your first inclination is to think about how much you may save in interest. Typically, loans against retirement funds carry rates just slightly higher than prime. Comparing that to the interest being paid on a credit card is a no-brainer. Just don't stop comparing there. While borrowing from yourself seems like a good choice remember you are borrowing from your future. Most plans such as 401k's and 403b's will allow a participant to borrow up to 50% of the vested amount they hold. And what about those who do not participate in a qualified plan that allows loans? The Internal Revenue Service does not allow loans using an IRA (Individual Retirement Plan) as collateral. If you were to do this it would be considered a distribution and if you are younger than 59 ½ the transaction would also incur penalties along with taxes. So this is not the best solution to reduce debts quickly and even the qualified plans have other drawbacks.

Borrowing the maximum allowed will lower your earnings and reduce the effect of compounding interest which slows down growth of your retirement account. So it's important to consider the cost of lost earnings. You should also consider what might happen if you lost your job. The loan would need to be repaid or you could risk entering default which would change the loan into distributed funds. If you leave the job before you turn 55 those distributed funds would be considered an early withdrawal with a 10% penalty and taxes to be paid. Defaulting under any other circumstance would result in the penalty and taxes unless you were over 59½ and even then you would still have the tax to deal with. Visit [www.bankrate.com](http://www.bankrate.com) and use the calculator to help you measure just how much a loan like this may cost. I've heard estimates as high as \$100,000 in lost earnings for just a \$10,000 loan.

It would make sense if only you were really just borrowing money from yourself, such as from your rainy day fund. And of course, many people are probably thinking "Gee if only I had a rainy day fund I certainly wouldn't consider borrowing from my retirement." Sorry I even brought that up, but if you've gone through the calculation and still feel this is your best alternative please take the time to check into other options if you need to consolidate debt.

If you have enough equity, a home equity loan would probably cost less and will also provide a tax benefit to most people making this loan even more advantageous. Or, think about something else of value you own to use as collateral for a personal loan, maybe a certificate of deposit, savings account or title to a vehicle? These types of loans will likely cost less than an unsecured loan like a credit card and enable you to protect your retirement funds. And no matter what type of loan you choose, debt consolidation carries other risks. The trap many fall into is the lack of discipline to avoid the lures of new credit cards to replace those paid off. So if you know yourself and this could become a problem, taking a loan from your retirement funds is an even worse idea. You'd be wise to take the long hard road of paying down debt without trying to make things easier. Going through the tough times may be necessary to give you the valuable lessons that many have learned about getting out of debt permanently the slow and steady way. Keep in mind that any type of loan used for debt consolidation carries these same risks.

So if you still aren't convinced that this is a bad idea, consider being taxed twice for the money you are borrowing from yourself. You'll be taxed on what you are earning to pay off the loan, unlike making a contribution to your retirement fund and receiving a tax benefit. And, when you do retire and actually withdraw the funds you will be taxed again, albeit probably at a lower rate. So depending on the amount of your loan this could be significant amount and needs to be weighed in the loss of earnings.

Another concern is that you will more than likely need to have your spouse agree to a loan from your retirement fund. This feature should also help remind you that borrowing this way is a serious decision, not to be taken lightly. So what if your need to borrow doesn't involve paying down debt or new spending on short term wants? There are a couple of reasons that might make sense to borrow in this manner, to cover education expenses or for purchasing a home. If you are unable to secure a loan in a conventional manner, this may be a good choice for you because you will also be investing in your future. For those unable to secure a traditional mortgage this may enable them to be able to purchase a home and start building some good credit. With a mortgage most plans will also allow a longer payback period than the usual five years. So if you are young and not too close to retirement this may be a good choice especially if you can pay down the loan quickly.

For some people resorting to this type of loan may be their only way out of a bad situation. In that case you might qualify for a hardship distribution. Not every qualified plan offers one, but if they do it may be better than the loan depending on the need. Usually it would only be allowable for specific reasons such as medical bills or a funeral. According to the IRS an employee must have an "immediate and heavy need" which the plan can determine based on facts and circumstances that are fair and non-discriminatory. This need also applies to spouses and dependents of the employee. However, if another re-

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source is found to meet the need such as a vacation home or other assets the request may be turned down. With this type of distribution the money is withdrawn and never paid back. If you are in a difficult position there may be other things you can do to avoid the penalties of an early withdrawal. If medical reasons are involved it may be that you can qualify for early withdrawals due to a disability. Unless the funds were part of Roth contributions you will need to include the hardship distribution on your tax return. And depending on your age there may still be early withdrawal penalties.

So if you must dip into your retirement funds while you are still young make sure you have a good reason. And then, pay down the loan quickly, continue to make some contribution to your account and don't default on the loan. With these suggestions you can minimize the risk to your future. If you have comments or suggestions please e-mail [consultjoan@att.net](mailto:consultjoan@att.net).



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## Ferguson by Foot

By: Margaret Wolfinbarger

Fear is omnipresent in our lives. We fear the future even as we try to forget the past. We deal with the consequences of our choices and say we would have done things differently but so often we keep making the same mistakes. As creatures of habit, we generally take the path of least resistance and we stick with the familiar because learning something new is hard work.

I mention all of this because fear has the capacity to paralyze us into inaction. We adopted a boxer dog a few months ago. At

first I was worried about Tank because he was so fearful. He was afraid of the wind and the sound of trains clacking down the tracks. And don't even mention the word airplane! But more than anything he was afraid of the rain. No matter how many times I told him he wasn't going to melt, he didn't believe me.

I came home from work recently and really wanted to go on a walk. Tank wanted to go too but I worried about the dark clouds gathering in the sky. Still, he insisted so I put on his leash and off we went. We got about a mile down the road when it began to sprinkle. Now I like walking in a gentle rain because it's cool and it feels good on my skin but Tank wasn't so excited. A few minutes later the sky opened up and we had to take refuge on the porch of one of our neighbors. My miserable dog kept lifting his wet paws and sighing. When the sky relented, I tried to hurry home but Tank was dragging his feet. Suddenly he was curious about the wet stuff on the road. It seemed that everywhere a dip in the street had been, there was now a fresh puddle. He stopped to investigate and much to his surprise discovered it was love at first taste.

Too often our mindset is closed to the possibility of something pleasant simply because of its label. We stand with clenched fists and say, "I hate exercise" and never consider the simple pleasure of walking through the woods as the sun rises and the birds sing. We forget how much fun it was to play tag when we were young, or how we were happy to race our friends to the top of the stairs. We forget the simple bliss of jumping off the diving board and slicing through the water, or splashing down a waterslide. Even worse, we worry that as adults people will look at us funny if we do these things. How unfortunate that we limit our activities because of the perceived opinions of strangers, and that's when we're not stifling unrealized joys by acting as our own worst enemy. I would like to suggest that too much of our adult lives are governed by fear. When we stop being afraid to try or to fail, when we stop worrying about what other people think, or how difficult change will be, we take the first step on the road to success.

This July we celebrate Independence Day. Our brave forefathers officially cut ties with their homeland in order to form a new nation. Their courage and valor resonates across time because they faced their fear and forged ahead to ensure their vision of freedom for their children and grandchildren was realized. They could have succumbed to their fears and taken the easy road but America, as it is today, would not exist.

Today I am not afraid to face my fears. I freely admit I am afraid to go back to the person I was before I lost the weight, and not for the reasons you might expect. The truth is I never again want to live in a mindset that gives up and refuses to try new things, be it broccoli or riding a unicycle. My life is not perfect but I continue to try, to fail and to succeed. It's funny, but somewhere along the way I was walking in the rain and discovered a world full of tasty puddles. For more inspiration, visit me on my blog: [www.margaretwolfinbarger.blogspot.com](http://www.margaretwolfinbarger.blogspot.com).

## Ferguson-Florissant School District Officer Named One of "One Hundred Most Inspiring St. Louisans"



Dr. Gwendolyn Diggs, chief learning officer for the Ferguson-Florissant School District, was honored by the St. Louis County NAACP branch as one of its "100 Most Inspiring St. Louisans" at the branch's 76th annual Freedom Fund Leadership Dinner on June 3, 2014.

Selected by a panel of community leaders, the 100 people honored are individuals whose talents, power and ability to change people's lives for the better have helped shape and transform the St. Louis community.

## Reverend Reflections

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### THE NEXT REVOLUTION

The July 4th weekend is just around the corner when we Americans celebrate the Declaration of Independence in 1776, throwing off our colonial ties to Great Britain and starting a whole new nation based on democracy and justice not a monarchy. As we all know, it catalyzed our American Revolution and gave birth to the United States of America. And thank God for America! But the revolution going on today, as great as the 18th century one was for all of us, far overshadows it in scope and impact. A recent article in Time Magazine (June 16) calls it the Green Revolution: the transition from relying on fossil fuels to relying on renewable sources for energy.

The article says that it's a whole new world of electricity today. The "age of renewables" has begun. "The U.S. has enjoyed a surge of climate-friendly renewable power over the past five years, with wind capacity tripling and solar increasing about sixteen fold in red and blue states alike. Alternative power sources have become increasingly affordable and therefore increasingly mainstream. For instance, a new solar-power system is now installed on an American roof every three or four minutes! Coal plants, still the biggest source of electricity in the U.S. (and especially in Missouri), are phasing out."

The article continues, "It is interesting to note that all energy stored in fossil fuels (coal, gas, oil) in the earth is matched by energy from just twenty days of sunshine!" The more enlightened companies and corporations are seeing the handwriting on the wall....renewable energy will produce more profits and jobs than the old fossil-fuel energy did and is more sustainable for the earth and for people on the earth. Power generation does not have to be damaging to people or the environment. There are lots of examples of clean energy in the St. Louis area. The Ferguson Eco Team I am part of, recently visited a demonstration of geothermal energy in newly constructed homes in the Botanical Heights neighborhood of the city. It provides steady heat and cooling year-round with considerable up-front cost but gigantic savings in maybe five to ten years. We'd be foolish not to make the transition!

Ferguson has been doing earth-friendly projects for some years. In addition to its Complete Streets Ordinance, the City Council passed an ordinance that imposes new energy conservation requirements on city operations. It requires the city to develop, implement and maintain a plan to reduce energy usage by at least 30% and waste generated by 20% within the next five years. They have also legislated green building practices by requiring LEED certification on the renovation of city hall. (The Environmental Sustainability Roadmap, Focus St. Louis, 2009). And lastly, the Ferguson Eco Team, in conjunction with the Green Dining Alliance network, is beginning to invite restaurants in the Ferguson area to reduce their environmental impact and create a Ferguson Green Dining District consisting of several "green" restaurants that follow environmentally sustainable practices.

July 4th weekend, we celebrate the revolution that gave birth to the United States of America. But we should also celebrate the current Green Revolution that will assure that America and all the nations of the world will have the energy they need while sustaining the earth.

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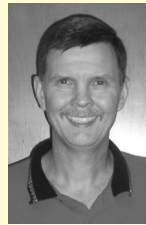
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Summer is normally the time we put the most miles on our vehicles. Let's not forget about getting ready for a summer driving vacation, here are a few recommendations before you leave...

- 1) Have us check your tires! Under inflated and worn tires need immediate attention.
- 2) Oil is the life blood of your vehicle. Change it before you leave.
- 3) Let us check all your fluid levels and inspect for leaks.
- 4) Belts and hoses need to be inspected for cracks, wear, and loose connections.
- 5) Change your air filter! A filter plugged with dirt and grime and impacts your gas mileage.
- 6) Have us check your wiper blades.
- 7) Schedule a FREE brake inspection.
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## **Florissant Kicks-off Summer Series with July 4th Concert; Other Favorites Returning**

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The following is the 2014 concert series:

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| July 4  | Northwinds Concert Band – Florissant Valley Park at the Civic Center.                                      |
| July 12 | Fanfare Band – St. Ferdinand Park  |
| July 19 | Ground Flow Fusion – High Energy multi-genre group: Rock, Blues, Jam, Funk and Groove – St. Ferdinand Park |
| July 26 | Bob Kuban Brass – St. Ferdinand Park   |
| Aug 2   | Butch Wax & The Hollywoods with Theo Peoples from The Four Tops - St. Ferdinand Park                       |
| Aug 9   | Billy Peek Band – St. Ferdinand Park   |
| Aug 16  | SmashBand Superhits – St. Ferdinand Park   |
| Aug 24  | Boeing Employees Concert Band – St. Ferdinand Park   |
| Oct 12  | The Ralph Butler Band – at the Old Town Fall Festival, 100 rue St. Francois                                |

Music Under the Stars 2014 summer concert series gratefully acknowledges support from the Regional Arts Commission, the Missouri Arts Council and the Employees Community Fund of the Boeing Company. Contract negotiations are underway. Dates and shows subject to change.

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A special thank you to our culinary vendors, our generous sponsors, our participating artists, Eddie Schmidt and his assistants, our activities partners, our super volunteers and dedicated planning team. Thank you to all of you who attended the event along with the prayers and love given by many of you. We could not have done it without all of you.

It is an honor for us to keep the memory of Robbie and Sam alive using the proceeds from the Taste in Ferguson event to provide scholarships to grade school and high school students.

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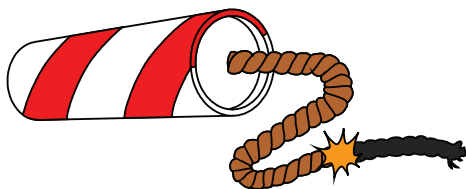
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## Ferguson FD wants you to Have a Fun and Safe 4th of July

As Independence Day draws near, the Ferguson Fire Department would like to remind everyone of the inherent dangers of fireworks. Consider the following facts compiled by the National Fire Protection Assoc. concerning consumer fireworks:

- In 2010, fireworks caused an estimated 15,500 reported fires, including 1,100 total structure fires, 300 vehicle fires, and 14,100 outside and other fires. These fires resulted in an estimated eight reported civilian deaths, 60 civilian injuries and \$36 million in direct property damage.
- In 2010, U.S. hospital emergency rooms treated an estimated 8,600 people for fireworks related injuries; 57% of 2010 emergency room fireworks-related injuries were to the extremities and 37% were to the head.
- The risk of fireworks injury was highest for children ages 5-14, with more than twice the risk for the general population.
- On Independence Day in a typical year, far more U.S. fires are reported than on any other day. Fireworks account for two out of five of those fires, more than any other cause.



The U.S. Fire Administration states that "The best way to protect your family is not to use fireworks at home - period. The U.S. Fire Administration recommends attending public fireworks displays and leaving the lighting to the professionals." Additionally,

consumer fireworks are **ILLEGAL** in St. Louis County. That being said, history proves that many of you will still choose to celebrate using fireworks.

If so, please keep the following tips in mind:

- Never light fireworks indoors or near dry grass.
- Always have a bucket of water and/or a fire extinguisher nearby. Know how to properly operate the fire extinguisher.
- Do not wear loose clothing while using fireworks.
- Stand several feet away from lighted fireworks. If fireworks do not go off, do not stand over them to investigate; douse them with water and carefully dispose of them.
- Always read the directions and warning labels on fireworks. If the fireworks are not marked with the contents, directions, and warning labels, do not light them.
- Supervise children around fireworks at all times.
- If not handled properly, fireworks can cause burn and eye injuries in children and adults. The best way to enjoy fireworks is to visit public fireworks displays put on by professionals who know how to safely handle fireworks under leaves and branches.

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Abuse of painkillers and other medication is sending as many people to the emergency room as the use of illegal drugs. In 2008, ERs saw an estimated 1 million visits from people abusing prescription or over-the-counter medicines — mostly painkillers and sedatives. That was about the same number of visits from those overdosing on heroin, cocaine and other illegal drugs. Only five years prior, illegal drug visits outnumbered those from legal medications by a 2 to 1 margin.

Drug use, both illegal AND legal is risky business. Pay close attention to the side effect warning in every drug commercial and you'll agree. The medical philosophy of 'better health through better chemistry' is flawed, unpredictable and dangerous at best. Instead, Chiropractors advocate a safer approach 'better health through better Power.'

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## Students From Ferguson-Florissant Elementary Middle School Perform at the Touhill

The annual Celebrate Children concert in the Ferguson-Florissant School District, which began as a dream to inspire students to 'reach for the stars' in artistic expression, showcased its 18th annual event in performances of a program titled Oh, Freedom! on May 13 and 14 at the Touhill Performing Arts Center on the campus of the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Inspired by a visit in 1995 by program director Betsy Anderson to Austin, Texas to observe the Summer Institute of the Believe in Me program, Celebrate Children is the only program of its kind in the Midwest and one of just eight in the United States. Using dance to transform lives, Celebrate Children has helped 6,323 children in the Ferguson-Florissant School District dance across the stage with increased self-confidence since 1996.



With Ferguson-Florissant facing a \$7 million budget deficit for the 2014-15 fiscal year, the Celebrate Children program is among the District's budget cuts totaling \$5 million. This year's show cost more than \$92,000 to produce, including Touhill rental fee, professional fees for director, choreographers, singers and musicians and other ancillary costs. The program generated just over \$23,000 in revenue.

Efforts are underway by Celebrate Children supporters and District administrators to find ways to reduce the cost of the program and raise money so that future editions can be self-funded.

Broadway star and 1995 Kennedy Center Honor Recipient Jacques d'Amboise developed the teaching method along with Ellen Weinstein, Artistic Director of the National Dance Institute. The program is available to students in all District elementary and middle schools. Children become

participants through auditions and staff recommendations and must attend 25 dance classes before school or on Saturdays to prepare for the culminating performance in May.

Among the hundreds of volunteers who devote time and talent to the annual extravaganza are four dance instructors who choreograph 13 dances as well as professional instrumentalists and vocalists who lend their talents to the performance. This year's theme was Oh, Freedom!, saluting the efforts of African-Americans, women, Jewish people who have fought for freedom.

More than 250 children from 20 District elementary and middle schools performed in the 2014 edition, with the assistance of educator liaisons at each school. Betsy Anderson was writer and artistic director of the production and Kimberly Phillips served as lead dance instructor and choreographer. Other choreographers included assistant dance instructors Erin Lawson and Charmin McGee and junior dance team instructor Pam Burroughs.

Frank Green provided narration, Richard Thayer contributed set design and props and Elizabeth Hutcherson-Rucks was musical director and arranger of songs by such composers as Duke Ellington, Dave Scott, Irving Mills, Fats Waller, Harry Brooks, Andy Razaf, Barry Manilow, Bobby Sharp, Teddy Powell, the Eurythmics, Robin Spielberg and traditional African spirituals.

### About the Ferguson-Florissant School District

The Ferguson-Florissant School District, located in suburban St. Louis, serves more than 11,000 students from pre-school through 12th grade with an excellent comprehensive educational program. Fully accredited by the State of Missouri, the Ferguson-Florissant School District operates 17 elementary schools, three middle schools, three A+ and NCA-CASI-accredited high schools and an alternative school.

In addition, the District includes a nationally recognized early education program, the award-winning Challenger Learning Center space education facility and the Little Creek Nature Area, a 97-acre nature preserve which offers experiential learning opportunities for students in science, biology, ecology and related areas of study. For more information, visit [www.fergflor.org](http://www.fergflor.org).

## Grilling Safety

- Position the grill well away from siding, deck railings and out from under leaves and branches.
- Place the grill at a safe distance from lawn games, play areas and foot traffic.
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- Use the proper starter fluid and store it out of reach of children and away from heat sources.
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Dorothy Seiter



That's me on the left and my sister, Elaine Goodwin on the right displaying our artwork. Frames and all materials were supplied. Although most of the pieces (scraps) were already cut, I did cut some of them to fit, even though I was reluctant at first.

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## Letter to the Editor

### AUTHENTIC SCIENCE AND RELIGION CAN COEXIST

The recent "Reverend Reflections": "Science and Religion Need Each Other" makes a few assertions that need to be answered both by Christians and scientists alike. The article states that evangelical Protestants do not accept the tenets of today's pop science: the Big Bang Theory, atheistic evolution, and human responsibility for climate change. The article believes that both sides of the debate over these tenets should welcome the balance of hearing both sides. This is not a bad idea, but both evangelical Christians and authentic scientists might desire a more accurate description of their respective positions than this article provides. A proper understanding of both sides in this debate might provide the balance.

The article indicates that religion would have to concede to science authority for the facts, but what sort of science are we talking about? The "sacred story" told by science presents their Big Bang, Evolutionary, and Climate Change theories. This clearly shows that the pop science that pushes these theories is unlike an impartial discipline that seeks the truth about reality through looking at all the empirical evidence and listening to the views of scientists who have opposing views, e.g., "intelligent design." Modern day pop scientists who insist on their speculative theories have become adherents of a new religion that rivals Christianity and other religions. The pop science of today is just as dogmatic, and intolerant towards those who do not tow the official line as any medieval inquisition would have been.

Rev. David R. Boisclair, S.T.M.

## Love Notes to My Husband (and Yours)

by Cynthia Thillet

Reviewed By Faridah Nassozi for Readers' Favorite 5 Stars

Love Notes to My Husband (and Yours) by Cynthia Thillet is a collection of love notes written by the author to her husband. In a very special way, Cynthia Thillet shares with us her beautiful journey and her special moments with her husband through love notes she has written to him over the years. The book contains beautiful hand written notes and some advice on how to write these special notes to your loved one so he/she can know you love them, no matter what. Her notes are spontaneous and written about any and everything. Cynthia picked inspiration from almost anything, giving the notes a special feel that radiates her love for her husband.

Cynthia Thillet's Love Notes to My Husband (and Yours) is a beautiful compilation of notes written from a heart filled with true love. Some notes are hilarious, some are just super sweet and some are crazy, while others are the kind of silly notes that could only have come from a heart full of love. Cynthia shows that one should not wait for a special occasion to write a note to their loved one but instead use the notes to make every moment special. And the notes should not just be reserved for happy moments; she always found a way to express her love for Ray even when she was mad at him. Cynthia Thillet's love notes would be a great help for anyone looking for inspiration on how to express feelings for a sweetheart, and even for a man looking to show the love of his life how special she is. The book contains the kind of notes that will keep your love young and fresh at all times.

*(Cynthia lives on Forestwood Drive in Ferguson. She works at Sam's Club and her husband is a flight attendant.)*

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The residents of "Ferguson Station" petitioned for incorporation as a City of the Fourth Class (more than 500, but less than 3,000) in 1894.

Rapid changes began taking place after the year of 1894. Electricity came the following year. In 1900, a streetcar franchise was granted that connected Ferguson with St. Louis, and this line became the longest in the entire metropolitan area. It was called the Kirkwood-Ferguson Line and was numbered "01." It continued to operate until after World War II when it was replaced by bus service.

Water mains were laid, and in 1902, the first general telephones were installed.

*This information was obtained from "Ferguson, A City and Its People," and was published in 1976 by the Ferguson Historical Society. It is available for purchase at the library.*

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## Historical Ferguson

— by Bob McCarty

This month we're going to take some time away from the restoration of our windows. As in previous July articles, we visited some of America's historical homes and this month, we are staying close to home to visit one of Ferguson's historical homes, 'Wildwood'.

'Wildwood', located at 40 Dames Court, was built in 1857 by Major Joseph Hatch LaMotte and his wife, Ellen Chambers LaMotte. This is a two-story Italianate style brick home that was built in the area that was known as the Maline Tract.

In 1799, the Spanish Lt. Governor, Don Carlos Dehault Delassus granted the land, 680 acres - also known as Survey 393 - to John Engle. The land was split up and sold multiple times until 1819 when John Mullanphy was able to reunite Survey 393. Mullanphy deeded Survey 393 to his grandson, Owen Augustine Chambers, in 1830 who died in 1841. In 1850, Owens' nine surviving siblings divided the land amongst themselves with Ellen receiving Lot #7 and John Chambers receiving Lot #8. Ellen's husband, Major LaMotte, purchased Lot #8 from John increasing the LaMotte's land holdings to 200 acres. This is where the Wildwood house was to be built.

Major LaMotte met Ellen Chambers while stationed at Jefferson Barracks and they were married in 1842. During his military career, he fought in the Mexican war and received the rank of Major because of his gallant conduct in many conflicts. In 1855, he wrote a letter to Ellen instructing that no trees be cut down during the construction of the home and in 1857, Mrs. LaMotte referred to the house in a letter she wrote, "At Wildwood, our country place on the Maline."

The home was built by the slaves that lived on the property and it was the third rose-red brick home built in the area. Typical of the Italianate style, the cornice (eaves), is supported by paired scrolled modillions (brackets), which are aligned with the paired, boxed posts of the full length porch that features a jig-sawed balustrade of circles and scrolls on both levels which rhymes with the transom window light of the front door. The first floor windows, at the back porch and south side, offer straight lintels with a broken pediment above them and the second floor has arched windows with painted, working shutters.



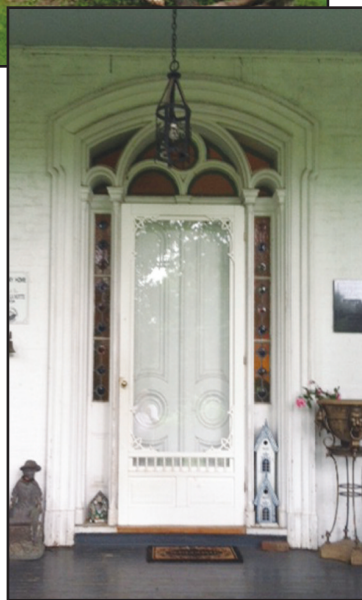
The interior features a center hall on both floors dividing two rooms on each side. The staircase rises to a landing and returns to the second floor hall. For its age, Wildwood had a lot of closets. The two rooms on the north side of the hall were separated by closets and the bedrooms on the second floor each had its own closet. If you live in an older home now, you're probably jealous of a house, older than yours, having so much storage space.

With Ferguson becoming one of the more fashionable suburbs of the time, as it is today, the community was expanding out towards Wildwood and with the construction of Hartnett Avenue, access to Wildwood was from the west, the original back of the house.

Major LaMotte and Ellen lived in a town house in St. Louis located at Grand and Washington Avenues between 1875 and 1885 with Wildwood serving as their country home before moving there full time. The major died in 1888 and Ellen lived there with her daughter Ellen Jane (Nellie), and her family until her death at the age of 92 in 1911. Nellie had married Thomas Coppinger in 1884 and together, they had five children, two sons and three daughters. Nellie died one month after her mother, Ellen, and the Wildwood house was left to Nellie's widower, Thomas Coppinger who lived at Wildwood for a few years before leaving the house in approximately 1913 or 1914.

The house was left vacant and was believed to be haunted by the neighborhood children.

In 1928, the heirs of Thomas and Nellie Coppinger sold a portion of the estate



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and house to Eugene W. Zeppenfeld. Zeppenfeld painted the brick white after tearing out the two-story original kitchen that had been damaged in a fire. The Zeppenfelds did a lot of improvements to the house including repairing the roof and chimneys.

After World War II, the proximity of some rather large corporations spurred growth in the Ferguson area. Wildwood would eventually be caught right in the middle of this growth.

In 1955, Zeppenfeld sold the property to Henry Cernicek. Cernicek subdivided the property as Hartnett Place linking Dames Court to Hartnett by way of a short street bearing his name. Understanding the significance of Wildwood, the subdivision was laid out so that the house would remain undisturbed.

Today, Wildwood is an impressive example of the Italianate style as was popular in the St. Louis area during the mid-19th century. It will always be considered as one of the historic jewels of St. Louis County.

Until next month when we continue the restoration of our windows, Bob is on the Job.

(The information reviewed in this article was taken from the application for the National Register of Historical Places. I did not research all of the dates to verify them, so as far as I know, all dates are correct or at least close.)

## Djeli Tales

By Mama Lisa Gage

I usually enjoy a relaxing walk to the Ferguson Farmers Market, especially on a warmly inviting Saturday morning with sunbeams streaming brightly towards me from between the leaves and across rooftops to set aglow the dewdrops clinging to the tips of what seems like infinite blades of grass. As I meander alongside the empty parking lot across from Wellspring Church, I reposition the grip on the leash to restrain my 'Golden' girl to clear an unobstructed path westward for a perspiring jogger clad in a sporty orange sherbet tank top with matching sneakers. As we briskly cross South Florissant, three Ball Mason jars clink loudly inside of the plastic bag dangling from my left hand. I breathe a sigh of relief to finally return the jars to Larry for recycling. Immediately, he 'lovingly' reminds me about the rule of no pets at the market. My 'Golden' girl had energetically tried to greet Larry as well, by showing off how well she could stand on her hind legs while offering her paw from atop the table beckoning honeyed delights! I quickly transact the purchase of a three-pound jar of Missouri Honey, bid an apologetic farewell, and asked Larry to give my regards to his wife. He is my favorite market vendor. <http://fergusonfarmersmarket.com/our-vendors/>

On a previous afternoon, I needed to take The Viper in to the specialist for a diagnosis. She had contracted a severe case of 'hail pox' from a recently violent, bombarding squall. With her usually perky coat now dulled by geo-dimensional denting, we trek two minutes to the local hospital on Darst, Hewkin Auto Body. After nesting into a space nearby, I traverse the walkway out front and smile as two green awnings dressing the south panes appear to blink like eyelids donning newly applied eye shadow to allure an awaiting acquaintance. Inside, a smile and welcome came from the Mistress as I was invited to a seat beneath the window while waiting for the doctor. The office was clean and interesting. The numerous photos of police officers and canines piqued my interest. I was not disappointed as Steve, the doctor, happily quelled my inquisition with tale upon tale about Ferguson's finest and their heroic companions whom frequented the shop. As I zigzag home, I reflect on what feels like time well spent with an old friend. Jittery anticipation surprises me when I receive the text to walk back over; The Viper was ready to go. I would no longer have to wonder what mystery lurked behind the 'eyes' that stared across the parking lot of American Cleaners; The Viper now knew. <http://hewkinautobody.com/>

Ever think about what's the best way that a resident can thank the community organizers for planning events? How about by attending! The City Walk Concert Series on the Plaza is one event that makes everyone 'move it, move it' to rousing rhythms from cultures far and wide. FSBD, the Ferguson Special Business District, helps to keep our toes tapping, bellies full, and feet walking or running around the community. During the Chuck Henson concert on Memorial Weekend, my guest from Gambia and I picnicked behind the pavilion. As we bopped our heads to old-school funk tunes, we marveled at the myriad of children whizzing by on scooters. As dusk approached, a few young men whirred in on motorcycles, and the children momentarily suspend their speedway dash to gaze in awe. It was pleasant to watch the pockets of inspired dancers sashaying to-and-fro throughout the Plaza. A giddy, good time was had by all. <http://fergusoncitywalk.com/citywalk-news-june-2014/>

More recently, the Live Well Ferguson Task Force hosted a fitness event in Old Ferguson West. From a distance, I noticed people at the corner intensely staring at the ground. As I inched closer, I saw large black and red circles atop a carpeted checkerboard mat; a game was in progress at the corner of Clark & Wesley Avenues. Sunday Parkways was in full swing. I stopped to talk with the friendly ladies from the Ferguson Historical Society whom were truly a wealth of information. At every stretch of the route, I passed broad, happy faces, young and old. Some had just conquered Zumba dancing, basketball, wall climbing, or rope jumping. Others were still in line for refreshing smoothies on Carson Road after bike riding. A brigade of cute, colorfully face-painted toddlers waddled by, leading empty strollers pushed by their chatty siblings. The Ferguson Officers at stations, on bikes or walking rounded out the experience of a great, safe, and fun Sunday. Let's all do it again on August 24, Ted Jones Trail.

Here's a big shout-out to all of the hard-working planners! Ferguson is a great community to live, work, and play. <http://livewellferguson.com/main/live-well-events/sunday-parkways/>

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## McCluer North Girls Track Team Wins First Class 4 State Championship

### All Three Ferguson-Florissant School District High Schools Field Winners in Annual State Track Competitions

Led by the McCluer North High School girls track team and their first Class 4 state championship, all three high schools in the Ferguson-Florissant School District achieved victories in the 2014 Missouri State Track and Field Championships. The event was held on Saturday, May 31 at Lincoln University's Dwight Reed Stadium in Jefferson City.

For the first time in school history, the McCluer North High School girls' track team won the Class 4 state championship. The Stars, who are coached by Sheldon Webster, garnered 65 points to win the meet. Team members include Jasmine Barge, Rachel Culberson, Miche-Ala Woods, Sydney Rogers, Demetria Jackson, Jayla Riggins, Kiana Harvey and Michala Austell.

Junior sprinter Barge won four gold medals in leading the Stars to the championship, winning the 100-meter hurdles and 300-meter low hurdles as well as being a member of the championship 800 (4x200) and 1,600(4x400) meter relay teams along with Woods, Rogers and Culberson. Barge set a state record in the 300 meters by finishing in 41.79 seconds.

## Ferguson Community Center

Dave Musgrave gave us an update on the Ferguson Community Center. Annual rates have now been established as:

Resident Individual Rate:	\$ 85.00
Non-Resident Rate:	\$200.00
Resident Family Rate:	\$165.00
Non-Resident Family:	\$300.00
Resident Seniors:	\$ 50.00
Non-Resident Seniors:	\$120.00
Opening was estimated at mid-August	

### Crime Free Multi Housing initiative

Officer Zoll hosts an 8 hour class on how to protect apartment properties. The process includes teaching the landlords what marijuana smells like male (no THC) & female. He also reviews the apartment facilities to identify ways to enhance their existing security measures. This includes what hardware to substitute when obtaining locksets to improve door stability. Can we get this initiative to be extended to our Responsible Landlords that have multiple houses for rent?

### Neighborhood Watch BBQ

The Neighborhood Watch & Volunteers barbeque was well attended this year. Hat's off to Officer Tim Zoll for setting up this annual event.

### CERT training 6/14

Next month's CERT meeting is cancelled in favor of assisting the Ferguson Police with traffic control for the 4th of July Ferguson Festival.

### July On Watch Meeting

Next month's Ferguson Neighborhood Watch meeting will be Wednesday, July 9th, at 7pm, at Ferguson City Hall.

## Ferguson OnWatch News

as reported by Keith Kallstrom  
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Community Resource Officer Tim Zoll opened the June 11th 2014 meeting of the Ferguson On Watch, welcoming everyone, including new attendees.

Now that school is out for the summer, it is the time of year we begin to see an increased amount of thefts and property damages. Here are some suggestions to secure your property this summer.

### Property Damage:

- The main way to prevent property damage is to continually keep an eye/ear out for your neighbors by reporting anything suspicious, especially at night time. If you see any teenager out past curfew, contact our dispatch center at 314-522-3100. When officers are patrolling the area during the overnight hours, they will always stop to check on pedestrians who appear to be underage, so we need your help in reporting these individuals.

Curfew ordinance says that any individual 16 years of age and under cannot be out without a guardian after curfew in any public area. Curfew hours are from 11:00 pm until 6:00 am on Sunday through Thursday, and from Midnight until 6:00am on Friday and Saturday.

Invest in good lighting around your residence. Be mindful, however, that it does not disturb your neighbors. Lighting is a great way to deter people from coming onto your property to steal or damage your belongings.

Do not leave loose landscaping bricks, rocks, or other tools around your property. These are frequently used to break windows or to gain access into a locked vehicle.

### Theft:

- LOCK VEHICLE DOORS.** Every time. Period.
- The majority of thefts from vehicles occur when people forget to lock their car doors. Thieves will walk around just trying door handles on vehicles and enter those that are unlocked. This method is preferred for two reasons: It is easy and it draws little to no attention. Remove valuables from your vehicle.
- We take too many reports for laptops, purses, debit/credit cards and guns stolen from vehicles. These items should not remain inside the vehicle because they are easily and commonly stolen.

If you have to leave these items in your vehicle make sure they are kept out of sight and when you place them out of sight, you should always do it prior to arriving at your destination so no one sees you hiding them.

- Close garage doors. Always close your garage doors when it is being left unattended, including when you are at home. Thieves can steal from open garages very quickly and are very rarely caught or detected by the owner or neighbor because it can be done so



fast. Most garages lead into the home and by leaving the garage door open, unattended, you are risking a possible burglary. Invest in deadbolt locks on the garage door leading into your home and use them.

Always use at least 3" or longer screws to secure the strike plate.

Record serial numbers on your possessions. This can easily be done by taking a photo of the serial number with your Smartphone and storing it the photo on a cloud drive. Serial numbers can be entered as stolen so officers can identify your property if it is abandoned somewhere, found in a store or a person.

Report any suspicious behavior, especially overnight. Majority of all the thefts from vehicles happen overnight.

### Vacation:

Going on vacation? Here are a few tips:

- Do not announce vacation on any social media site! Do not post pictures or "check-in" at out-of-town locations while you are away. Make sure other family members (teenagers?) are not posting this information either. Teenagers tend to have hundreds or thousands of "friends" on Facebook, most of whom they do not personally know, which means they will be telling complete strangers no one is at your home. And yes, these types of burglaries do occur.
- Have someone watch over your home, preferably a neighbor you trust. It is great to have someone to bring in your mail, feed the fish, etc. But a trusted neighbor is your best line of defense while you are away. Leave them information about how to contact you and if anyone will be stopping by your house. Your neighbor knows what is normal for the area and can best identify anything suspicious.
- Stop newspaper/mail OR have it collected daily by a neighbor.
- Use lights with timers to give the appearance someone is home. Also, leaving a radio/TV on or on a timer to be on during the day will give the illusion someone is inside the house which can deter a burglary.
- Mow the lawn prior to leaving or have it mowed when out of town. Unkempt lawns will give the indication the house is unoccupied.
- Store valuables (expensive jewelry, cash, and documents) in a non-descript place while gone. Non-descript would be: young child's bedroom, storage room in basement, attic, etc.
- Notify the Ferguson Police Department at 314-522-3100 that you will be away. Be prepared to give the dates, who will have access to your house, including the name and phone number of someone who will be able to respond and have a key to your residence, in case of emergency.

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### Calendar of Events In and Around Ferguson

Complete Details of These Events Throughout the Paper

- Blast from the Past Pricing – Splash . . . . . Thur., July 3
- Neighborhood On Watch Meeting – City Hall . . . . . Wed., July 9
- Northwest Chamber Meeting – Hollywood Casino . . . . . Thurs., July 10
- Concert – Adrianna Felton – Plaza @ 501 . . . . . Fri., July 11
- Teen Night at the Splash. . . . . Fri., July 11
- Neighborhood Movie – Monsters, Inc. – Our Lady Guadalupe . . . Sat., July 12
- Blast from the Past Pricing – Splash . . . . . Thurs., July 17
- Neighborhood Movie – Wizard of Oz. – Abston-Dade . . . . . Fri., July 18
- Food Trucks at Plaza @ 501 . . . . . Mon., July 21
- City Council Meeting – City Hall . . . . . Tues., July 22
- Concert – Tumbao Tropical – Plaza @ 501 . . . . . Fri., July 25
- Kim Massie Concert – St. Peters . . . . . Fri., July 25
- Storytime at the Library . . . . . Sat., July 26
- Daily Vacation Bible School – First Christian . . . Sun.-Thurs., June 29-July 3
- Blast from the Past Pricing – Splash . . . . . Thurs., July 31
- Daily Vacation Bible School – Partnership of Churches. . . Mon.-Fri., July 7-11
- Rummage Sale – Marygrove. . . . . Fri., July 18
- American Christian Heritage – Parker Road Baptist . Mon.-Fri., July 28-Aug. 1

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