

Ferguson Times

Established 1894 Oct. 1999

CITY OF FERGUSON, MO.

February, 2015

Serving Ferguson and Surrounding Communities

Saturday, February 21st Ferguson Indoor Farmers' Market

It may be February, but the monthly Ferguson Farmers Market is still the place to find fresh produce and homemade goods. The market takes place on the Third Saturday of every month at St. Stephens Church, 33 North Clay.

Make plans to visit our vendors 9:00 a.m. to noon to stock up on meat, bread, eggs, winter greens, squash and more!

St. Stephen's Church
33 North Clay – 9:00 am to noon



UPCOMING EVENTS at the FERGUSON LIBRARY

Tuesdays 6-7pm FREE Story Times:

Ferguson-Florissant Parents as Teachers and the City of Ferguson will offer fun activities and songs for children. Parents, you will walk away with some great ideas that can be used at home.

Thursdays 3:30-5:30 FREE Tutoring:

Our tutors are high school students who can help with English, Math, History, Science and more. Come by and get the help you need.

Saturday, February 7th 10am-Noon:

Join us for a story time based on the book, *Henry's Freedom Box*, presented by Deborah Nelson Linck - there will be a prop box just like in the book!

Monday, February 9th 6:30pm:

Readings on Race monthly book club. We will discuss *The New Jim Crow* by Michelle Alexander.

Saturday, February 21st 1pm:

Teen Movie Day will feature "Now You See Me".

Thursday, February 26th 6-7pm:

Voter Registration Training with Kappa Alpha Psi. A free voter registration and information workshop about voting.

The Ferguson Municipal Library is located at
35 South Florissant Road, Ferguson, MO
Questions? Call 314-521-4820.

See more information on some of these events on Page 3.

COLD WEATHER SAFETY

The Ferguson Fire Department took advantage of the recent cold snap to train on ice rescue techniques at January Wabash Lake. While we prepare to handle extreme cold weather emergencies, we'd also like to remind you that cold weather can be dangerous even if you're only exposed for a short time. Learning to recognize the signs and symptoms of hypothermia can help save someone's life.

What is hypothermia? Hypothermia means the body is losing heat faster than it can produce it and the body's core temperature drops below 95 degrees. Falling into cold water can certainly result in hypothermia but it can also occur with any exposure to cold temperatures.



Signs and symptoms of hypothermia include:

- * Shivering
- Slurred speech
- Abnormal slow breathing
- Loss of coordination
- Fatigue
- Cold, pale skin
- Confusion or memory loss

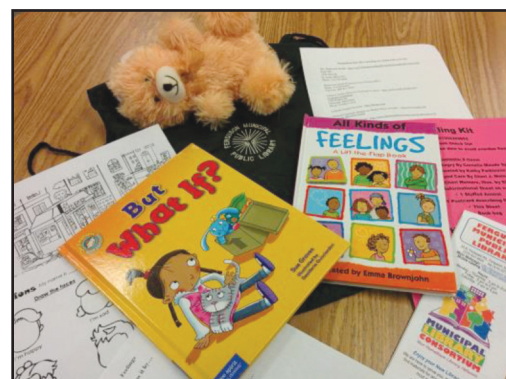
See how to care for hypothermia on Page 14.

City Council Meetings

The Ferguson City Council will meet twice in February.
The meeting dates are:
Tuesday, February 10th
and
Tuesday, February 24th
at 7:00 p.m.
in the City Council Chambers
at 110 Church Street.

PRSR STD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
ST. LOUIS, MO
PERMIT No. 05158

Available Now: Ferguson Library HEALING KITS



We at Ferguson Library want to do everything we can to help Ferguson area families, and especially our youngest patrons. With the aid of students from Forest Park Community College, we have made special Healing Kits available for checkout.

Each kit contains 2-3 children's books dealing with emotional health to help your child cope during this troubled time, an information sheet about where to find mental health help, activity pages, a list of the contents to help you keep track of everything, and a stuffed animal for the child to keep.

Each kit is available at the library for a two week checkout. The stuffed animal and the papers are yours to keep.

Though the primary goal of these is to help our smallest patrons, we hope these kits will bring some measure of comfort to all of our library family in the Ferguson and surrounding areas, young and old.

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



Greetings from CityWalk

New to our business community is Angie Carron, who owns Om Turtle Yoga which is located at 415 South Florissant Rd., Suite B. (At the back of the Lofts next to the Cork.)

I asked the question that was on everyone's minds! "What is an OM Turtle?" In my thinking, a turtle is slow and deliberate, but I learned that that is far from the truth in regards to Yoga. "There are many styles of Yoga" states Carron. "Of course there is the slow and deliberate style in Hatha Yoga but you will also find many very active yoga styles such as Power Yoga." The real reason behind the name is that Carron has a statue of a turtle at home and her son would always call it the 'Om Turtle'. Upon deciding to open her own yoga studio, while contemplating a name, it occurred to her that the name of her new studio was right in front of her the entire time, 'Om Turtle Yoga.'

Carron had previously worked at 'Express Scripts,' right down the street from CityWalk. "Working in corporate America can be very stressful", says Carron, "it was getting to the point that I was having anxiety problems because of my job and I combated the stress of work with meditation and yoga. I so enjoyed the feelings I was left with upon each session that I pursued a certificate in yoga instruction. I was leading classes at Sioux Passage Park and upon completion of those classes; everyone wanted to know where they would be able to continue their practices."

While still working full time at Express Scripts, Carron opens up the Florissant location in October, 2013.

Driving through Ferguson, to and from work every day, stopping, and talking to business owners on 'The Walk,' it didn't take long for Carron to realize what Ferguson was all about. "Everyone I talked to have been so warm and inviting. Just spending time at the local restaurants and talking to the local patrons made me realize that this is an area that I would want to grow my business". And as of December 20th, the second location of 'Om Turtle Yoga' came to be.

If yoga has been something that you have thought of giving a try, if you're stressing over your job or life, and you're looking to relieve yourself of those stresses, check out 'Om Turtle Yoga' at www.omturtleyoga.com and sign up for one of their yoga or fitness classes. Did I not mention Fitness Classes? Also offered at 'Om Turtle Yoga' are classes from total body toning to belly dancing. I cannot think of any better way to de-stress than a good ol' Belly Dancing class! Just remember one thing, "Super Bendy Bodies Not Required!"

(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 Pearce Neikirk, located at 427 S. Florissant Rd. Our next meeting is February 19th. All businesses located in the Downtown District are invited. We hope to see you at our meetings. If there is anything that you would like to share with your fellow district businesses, let us know, we'd be happy to help you get the word out.

Until next month, Namaste.

The Plumber's Crack

By Oh Baby bigohbaby@sbcglobal.net

Big red hearts appearing in stores, pictures of presidents popping up on television ads, people running around wearing beads and masks, fish fries popping up everywhere, cold weather still the rule. It must be February and time for another chilling edition of the Plumber's Crack.



pletely dry to let odor back into your house, so especially in the winter, check it or occasionally throw a small pot of water in there and problem solved .

There are other ways sewer gas can escape. One is from under your toilet especially on one that was installed years

ago. If the toilet was set on a puddly ring it does eventually dry up and the toilet won't leak but sewer gas can escape because the horn on the bottom of the toilet sits inside the pipe. If your toilet gets loose it can let sewer gas escape. I mentioned vents earlier. If a fixture is not properly vented it can cause a trap to siphon. One way you can tell this has happened is when you let the water out of a sink you hear a weird sound like someone gasping for air. That means you're either not vented or your vent is stopping up. In extreme cases it will pull water from the toilet and tub.

Well followers of the Crack, it's getting harder to come up with new material after all these years of writing the Plumber's Crack, but as usual, someone comes up with a small problem they can't solve and just like that I got something write about.

I was asked last week about a re-occurring sewage smell in someone's home. I first told them to turn on the exhaust fan but was told that's not where the odor came from so I moved on to other possibilities. The first thing I always tell people to check is their floor drain. If it dries up you will get to smell what everybody on the street is doing if you know what I mean. Your floor drain has a trap in it which holds water just like the one under your sink. That trap holds water and keeps any odor from escaping into your house. It can dry up through evaporation, or if a vent is partially blocked, or if it was put in a little too close to the main run of the sewer . . . that will pull a little water out of the trap when a toilet is flushed or a sink full of water is drained. If your floor drain is close to your furnace the blower can cause it to evaporate faster in the winter.

Are you ready for the word of the month ? I bet you know what it is. It is trap. A trap is a U shaped pipe that is found in all plumbing fixtures connected to a sewage system .

Well my friends I know I really stunk it up this month so I'll leave you with the same old boring stuff I do each month.

Support your local churches and community groups, hit them Fish Fries, go to the trivia nights . . . it's how you get to know your community and the people in it. As always check on a neighbor and the elderly, hug those babies, and shop Ferguson first. GOD BLESS.

The trap does not have to be com-

Oh Baby

Oh Baby

Don't forget to make your 2014 IRA Contribution.



Maureen Zeugin
Financial Advisor
409 S. Florissant, Suite 101
Ferguson, MO 63135
314-524-6333



Edward Jones
MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING
Member SIPC

www.edwardjones.com

Please support the hard-working small business owners and employees in our community

SHOP LOCALLY FIRST

DELLWOOD • FERGUSON • JENNINGS

shopfergusonmo.com
#ShopFerguson

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

Premier Plumbing Solutions

P8563, D8563



Say "I Love Ferguson" When presented your bill and receive **\$10 OFF**

Dave Walters (Oh Baby)

Master Plumber / Drain Layer / Licensed / Bonded
• No Service Charge • Free Estimates
• 10% Senior Discount (Maximum of \$50)
• Compare our Price on Water Heaters

524-0222

IF YOU LIVE IN AN OLDER HOME AND YOU WANT TO HELP "MAINTAIN YESTERDAY FOR TOMORROW"

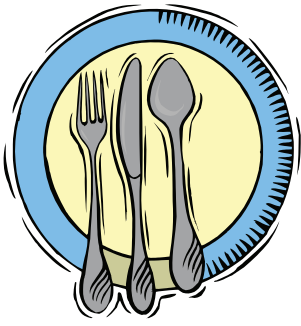
CALL BOB 524-1264



See Bob on Job column on Page 17

Does The Mid-Winter Blues Have You Down???

Well, then grab your family and friends and come on down to our
8th Annual Entertainment and Dining



to benefit the St. Louis chapter of
Handicapped Encounter Christ (HEC)
 at the
 Savoy Banquet Center at 119 S. Florissant
 Road, Ferguson
Friday, February 6th, 2015
6:00 pm
Tickets are \$20/person for Dinner & Entertainment
\$30/per couple

“Free-Will Offering” for Entertainment only
 For Tickets, family rates, or more Information, please contact:
 Dwain at: 314-522-1857
 Jeff at: 314-524-0500
 Pat at: 314-570-3409

Free Tutoring at the Ferguson Municipal Public Library!



Who is welcome? Anyone, of all ages!
Who are the tutors? Our tutors are 10th, 11th, and 12th graders from Parkway Central High School.
What subjects are available? All core subjects: English, Math, History, Science, as well as special areas (depending on the tutor) such as foreign languages, music, engineering, etc.
When is it? Thursdays, from 3:30pm-5:30pm. As we are just starting, we hope to expand to more days of the week as we continue.

If you can, stop by at the library to sign up (sign up not required). This way, our tutors know how many are coming and what subjects to teach. Hope to see you there!

Ferguson Residents Want to Teach Economic Literacy to Your Teens

Dara and Blake Ashby, who live on Thoroughman, are donating their time to teach economic literacy to teenagers who are learning the music business. This after school program is on Wednesdays from March 4th to April 1st.

The Hoffman's are offering this program as their way to give back to the community.

The program will be presented at the Ferguson Municipal Library, 35 No. Florissant Road, Ferguson.



**IF MUSIC MADE YOU RICH
 DO YOU KNOW ENOUGH TO STAY RICH?**



Most musicians don't...

Sound Basics is a free after school program that teaches economic literacy open to teens between the ages of 13 and 18.

- Learn how to get ahead in life financially
- Learn how to make money, and more importantly, learn how to keep it
- Learn how to think like a business person
- Learn to negotiate
- Learn how to protect your interests

Discussions, role playing and a workbook help you develop the confidence you need to present yourself well.

Sound Basics uses what you already know about the music business to teach you the business of music – and business in general.

Sound Basics won't make you rich, but if you are lucky enough to break out, it will give you a better chance of not winding up broke.

JOIN TODAY FOR THIS FREE PROGRAM

*When: Wednesdays from 5pm to 6pm
 From March 4 - April 1, 2015* | *Where: Ferguson Municipal Library
 35 No. Florissant Road
 Ferguson, MO*

You have already started learning the music business – are you ready to start learning music capitalism?

To register for the Sound Basics Program, email or call Dara at darahoffman@icloud.com or 314-853-7550.

Magic Words

- Let me help you.
- I can show you how to do that, if you would like.
- I appreciate what you did.
- That was really good work
- The team made this happen.
- I realize I could have made a better decision regarding this issue.

Free Voter Registration and Voter Information Workshop



UNLOCK YOUR POTENTIAL, AND GET OUT TO VOTE!!!

Thursday, February 26, 2015 at Ferguson Public Library

35 North Florissant Road, Ferguson MO63135

From 6:00 to 7:30 pm.

Mobile Workshops Available

Presented by St. Louis Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity

Ferguson-Florissant School District Parents as Teachers

Parents as Teachers has joined with the City of Ferguson to offer free story times for families with children ages birth to 5 years. Story times will offer fun activities and songs related to featured stories of the day, and parents will be able to walk away with learning ideas that they can use at home.

Story time will be held on February 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th as well as March 3rd at the Ferguson Community Center, 1050 Smith Avenue, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Story time will be held at the Ferguson Library, 35 North Florissant Road, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. on February 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24 and March 3rd.

Reservations are not required. For additional information, please call the Ferguson-Florissant Early Childhood Education Department 314.506.9066.



Ferguson Community News Page

The worst is over, but the work is just beginning

By Mayor James W. Knowles III

"Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end"

-Seneca

Roman Philosopher mid 1st Century AD



Recently in one of my many conversations about everything that has transpired over the past several months, someone remarked to me, "you must be relieved that it looks like it's all over." I paused for a minute because I'm not sure what "it" was. Sure, there aren't nightly protests. The sounds of helicopters flying over our city every night have subsided and the streets are clear of blockades from protestors. In some cases businesses are back open and many have replaced broken glass and removed protective plywood sheeting from their windows, but not all. I can turn on the nightly news and watch something other than the constant talk of ongoing Ferguson unrest, but I still hear mention of Ferguson "protests" and "protestors" in action all over the region, country, and in some cases the world. So I responded that yes, I'm relieved that for our community and our residents, things have largely improved, but there are constant reminders that there is much work ahead.

The first week after the shooting in August, I did an interview with local media about the issues raised during the unrest. It was then I stated, that it seemed these issues largely didn't start in Ferguson; in fact there are many regional, state, and national issues playing out on our streets. However, I truly believed then, as I still do, that Ferguson can be the place where these issues can be addressed, and where these problems can come to an end. However, with nightly protests and constant fear looming in the community, making significant progress on these issues has proven difficult.

I know the last months have been exhausting for everyone in this community. Fatigue has set in for many. Operating on a heightened state of readiness or alert for a prolonged period of time can make you numb to what is happening around you, or cause you to become indifferent and apathetic. Instead of charging toward the sound of the cannons, we are likely to retreat to a place of comfort. No matter how strong we are, there is a point in which we must rest and regroup, before we can reengage.

Over the past 6 months, we've spent countless hours working toward this moment. Not the moment where we can sit back and feel relieved that the trials and tribulations we've endured since August would be over. Instead, we've sought this moment, where we can free ourselves of the constant worry of the unrest, and focus on the work necessary to address those issues which led to the unrest. This isn't the moment where we can sit on our laurels; this is the moment where we must truly stand up and make a difference in our community.

As I've said time and time again, Ferguson residents, businesses, and volunteers are what has made this community strong. They are what have made this community successful in many endeavors over the years. With all of our successes, we've always known there is much more to do, but resources, both human and financial, have been stretched to near their limits. That, however, is changing.

All of the news of Ferguson, good or bad, has accomplished several things. The most significant of which, is that outside businesses and people stand ready to help us move forward. We have more outside resources ready to help this community than at any time in our history. The city is working tirelessly to coordinate and leverage these resources to build upon the work we've already done. These additional resources give us the opportunity to emerge stronger than before, and see progress faster than many of us could have envisioned.

The opportunity we have is not to replace our previous efforts with outside help and resources, but to compound them and make them greater. Now, more than ever, we need every business, every citizen, every volunteer to be active and engaged to make this community thrive. We can use the help, but we must take the lead in our city, and in making progress in our city. The unrest may be over, but the real work is just beginning.

Ferguson Neighborhood Organizations

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

Group	Next Mtg.	Location	Contact
Forestwood Park Neighborhood Group	Feb 3 7 pm	Emmaus Bible Chapel 900 Highmont	Donald Stevens 314-561-0379
Jeske Park Neighborhood Assc.	Feb 12 7 pm	Ferguson Community Ctr. 1050 Smith Ave	Kate Mazzacavallo katemazza@yahoo.com
Nesbit-Newton	Feb 26 7 pm	St Peters UCC 1425 Stein Rd	Paul Beins 314-869-5080
North Hills Neighborhood	TBA	Check website 7486 Halpin Dr	Keith Kallstrom 314-524-1720
Northwest Ferguson	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	Feb 19 7 pm	Corner Coffee House 100 No Florissant	Larry Robinett ldrobinett@gmail.com
Robert-Superior Neighborhood Group	As Needed	Robert-Superior Park	Craig Kidd 314-522-3151
Southwest Ferguson Neighborhood Group	TBA	Our Lady of Guadalupe 17 Hawkesbury	Atefa Young atefayoung@yahoo.com
Wabash Neighborhood Assn.	TBA	First Baptist 333 N Florissant	Shonnette Morgan sdenisemor@hotmail.com
Hudson Hills Neighborhood	Feb 17 7 pm	TBA	Mary Simmons hudsonhills63135@gmail.com

Snow Removal

The City of Ferguson crews work 24/7 to clear approximately 150 (lane miles) of pavement to keep traffic moving. As a resident, the number one thing you can do to assist snow removal crews is to not park on the street whenever snow is in the forecast. If you must park on the street, please make certain that you don't park directly across from another vehicle. This makes it almost impossible for our snowplows to safely pass. Please remember to always stay clear of snowplows.

Residents can also help protect their property and keep streets clear by following these guidelines:

- Don't push snow into the street. Placing any materials, yard waste, or snow on a public street is against city ordinance and may result in a fine.
- Clean your own driveway, sidewalk, mailbox, and parking lots. Residents and Business Owners are required to keep their own driveways, sidewalks, mailboxes, and private streets clear of ice and snow.
- Clear the road. No service will be provided if the crews feel they cannot safely plow your street because of parked cars or other obstructions.
- Cul-de-sac's – over the course of the last few years, it has become increasingly difficult for crews to effectively plow cul-de-sacs. Parallel parking is the only approved parking for cul-de-sacs. If cars are parked in any other fashion, we will not be able to plow these cul-de-sacs. It's difficult to plow a Cul-de-sac even when cars are parked correctly; so it's better if no cars are parked in the street at all.

The City of Ferguson is responsible for most streets within the Ferguson City Limits including Florissant Road from Thoroughman to Brotherton. There are several private streets the City does not plow. MoDOT and St. Louis County are responsible for several streets within the City; a list can be found at the bottom of this article.

When snow begins to accumulate, snow removal crews are dispatched. To keep traffic moving, the city emphasizes clearing primary streets such as Florissant Road, Frost, January, Dade, Carson, Suburban, Forestwood, Powell, Church, Woodstock, Paul, Ferguson Avenue, etc. first. After this is completed, we move on to secondary streets (all remaining streets in the City). Keep in mind the City has four separate snow route crews, and depending on where your street falls in that route, it could be a few hours until your street is plowed. Rest assured, we will be there to plow your street.

For more information on the Ferguson Snow Removal process, please call the Public Works Department, Street Maintenance Division at (314) 521-8373.

The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) is responsible for clearing the following federal and state roads; Florissant Road north of Thoroughman, New Halls Ferry, and Pershall Road. St. Louis County is responsible for; Bermuda, Elizabeth, Hudson, Airport / Hereford / Chambers, and West Florissant. The City of Ferguson cannot clear these areas. If you have questions or concerns about these roads, please contact MoDOT at (314) 275-1500 or St. Louis County at (314) 615-1111.

Ferguson Community News Page is published monthly and paid for by the City of Ferguson.

City of Ferguson City Council: James W. Knowles, III, Mayor; Mark Byrne, Ward 1; Kim Tihen, Ward 1; Dwayne James, Ward 2; Tim Larson, Ward 2; Keith Kallstrom, Ward 3; David G. Conway, Ward 3. City Manager: John Shaw. Public Relations Intern, 314-524-5229.

City Hall: 110 Church Street, 63135, 314-521-7721. Website: www.fergusoncity.com. **Contact Us by Email:** Information@fergusoncity.com

Ferguson Community News Page

Be sure to get up to the Recreation Office to register or call us at (314) 521-4661.

COMMUNITY CENTER

Use one of the Ferguson Community Center's Multipurpose Rooms for your next event or gathering! These spacious rooms are perfect for any occasion! Call up to the Ferguson Community Center for booking information, pricing, and any additional information at (314) 521-4661

Open Gym Basketball

Come to the Ferguson Community Center for pick-up basketball games.

Age: 16 years & up
Time: Mon 6pm-8:30
Tues 6pm-8:30
Thurs 6pm-8:30

Location: Ferguson Community Center
Fee: Free/Members; Daily Fee/Resident; Daily Fee/Non-Residents

Friday Family Fun Night

Enjoy the Ferguson Community Center Gymnasium every Friday evening with the company of your family. These nights are centered on parents and guardians spending time with their young ones in the gymnasium, which will be blocked off from normal day to day traffic.

Ages: All youth must be accompanied by an adult
Time: Fridays 6pm-8:30
Location: Ferguson Community Center
Fee: Free/Members; Daily Fee/Residents;
Daily Fee/Non-Residents

NEW Special Social Events

Brand New Special Social Events will be coming soon. The Ferguson Recreation Department will offer a new monthly event beginning in March. The events will include Trivia Nights, Mouse Races, and more. The revenue profits from these events will be used to fund and increase the quality of the Live Well Ferguson programs, Sunday Parkways, Twilight Ramble, and new events. Check the March Ferguson Times for the first of many fun special events coming to the Ferguson Community Center.

Ferguson Walking Program

It's a new year, enjoy the new Ferguson Walking Program. Enjoy yourself while walking the hall of the new Community Center with perfect climate control throughout the winter.

- Hallway, 4 laps = 1 mile
- Reduce stress
- Live longer
- Lose weight
- Become healthier
- Socialize
- Boost energy

Age: Open to All Ages (children must be with adult)
Date: Begins January 12
Time: 7am-9am
Location: Ferguson Community Center
Fee: FREE/ Members; \$1/Residents; \$2/Non-Residents

PROGRAMMING

Children Tumbling

This class starts off with coordination and balance exercises followed by basic tumbling skills such as forward rolls, back bends, and cartwheels. Gymnastic or ballet shoes, leotard and tights are highly recommended, but not required. No jeans, baggy clothing, tennis shoes, or bare feet

Age: 3 1/2-7
Date: Wed, March 11 (8 week session)
Time: Wed, 6pm-7pm
Location: Ferguson Community Center
Fee: \$34/Members; \$39/Residents; \$44/Non-Residents

Children Tap and Ballet

A wonderful opportunity for a child to learn creative movement along with simple dance steps and routines in tap and ballet. Tap and ballet shoes, leotard, and tights are highly recommended, but not required. No jeans, baggy clothes, tennis shoes, or bare feet.

Age: 3 1/2-7 years old
Date: Wed, March 11 (8 week session)
Time: Wed, 7pm-8pm
Location: Ferguson Community Center
Fee: \$34/ Members; \$39/Residents; \$44/Non-Residents

Hip Hop/ Jazz Dance

High energy class, starts with a warm-up and stretching exercises followed by dance skills in hip hop and jazz which will be incorporated into dance routines. Jazz shoes highly recommended but not required. Stretch pants should be worn. No jeans or baggy clothing, tennis shoes, or bare feet.

Age: 7-15 years old
Date: Wed, March 11 (8 week session)
Time: Wed, 8pm-9pm
Location: Ferguson Community Center
Fee: \$34/Members; \$39/Residents; \$44/Non-Residents

Fitness

*Fitness Class Pricing:

All fitness classes are priced for a single day session per week. If you would to add additional days of a class to your workout schedule the following pricing applies.

Aerobics:

\$10/members add day
\$15/residents add day
\$20/non-residents add day

All other classes:

\$20/members add day
\$25/residents add day
\$30/non-residents add day

Aerobics

This fitness program is designed for all skill levels. High Impact will improve your heart rate, increase energy levels, as well as improve strength and flexibility.

Age: 18 years & up
Date: Mon, March 9, April 20, Wed, March 11, April 22, Fri, March 13, April 24 (Ongoing 6 week sessions)
Time: Mon, Wed, & Fri 6pm-7pm
Location: Ferguson Community Center
Fee: \$25/Members; \$30/Residents; \$35/Non-Residents

Core and More

This class will firm your stomach, trim your waistline, tighten your gluts, and targets the entire midsection

Age: 18 years and up
Date: Tues, March 10, April 21, Thurs, March 12, April 23 (Ongoing six week sessions)
Time: Tues and Thurs 6pm-7pm
Location: Ferguson Community Center
Fee: \$40/Members; \$45/Residents; \$50/Non-Residents

Senior Fitness

Have fun and move to the music through a variety of exercises designed to increase cardiovascular health, muscular strength, and range of movement, balance, coordination, and activity for daily living skills. A chair is used for seated and/or standing support. MSROM means muscular strength & range of movement.

Age: 60 years & up
Date: Mon, March 9, April 20, Wed, March 11, April 22 (Ongoing 6 week sessions)
Time: Mon & Wed 10am-11am
Location: Ferguson Community Center
Fee: \$40/Members; \$45/Residents; \$50/Non-Residents

Total Fit

"Constantly varied, high-intensity, functional movement." Come by and see for yourself.

Age: 18 years & up
Date: Sat, March 14, April 25 (Ongoing 6 week sessions)
Time: Sat 12pm-1pm
Location: Ferguson Community Center
Fee: \$40/Members; \$45/Residents; \$50/Non-Residents

Ripped

High energy cardio exercise class that involves a variety of cardiovascular activities. This cardio class will help motivate you and challenge your existing workout.

Age: 14 years & up
Date: Mon March 9, April 20, Wed March 11, April 20 (Ongoing 6 week sessions)
Time: Mon & Wed 7pm-8pm
Location: Ferguson Community Center
Fee: \$40/Members; \$45/Residents; \$50/Non-Residents

Yoga

Increase balance, ability to focus/concentrate, develop a strong core & powerful legs, build strength and enhance muscle tone, circulation, flexibility, posture, coordination, & range of motion. Enhance body, mind & spirit through movement, meditation & deep breathing.

Age: 18 years & up
Date: Tues, March 10, April 20, Thurs, March 12, April 23 (Ongoing 6 week session)
Time: Tues & Thurs 7pm-8pm
Location: Ferguson Community Center
Fee: \$35/Members; \$40/Residents; \$45/Non-Residents

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.

Age: 18 years & up
Date: Tues, March 10, April 21, Thurs, March 12, April 23 (Ongoing 6 week session)
Time: Tues & Thurs 1:30pm-2:30pm
Location: Ferguson Community Center
Fee: \$40/Members; \$45/Residents; \$50/Non-Residents

Ferguson Parks and Recreation (Continued from Page 5)

Zumba

Latin inspired, dance-themed workout featuring aerobic & interval training with a combination of fast & slow rhythms that tone & sculpt the body. Ditch the workout and join the party!

Age: 18 years & up
Date: Sat, March 14, April 25 (Ongoing 6 week session)
Time: Sat 9am
Location: Ferguson Community Center
Fee: \$40/Members; \$45/Residents; \$50/Non-Residents

Youth Sports Conditioning

A cardiovascular focused class geared toward kids. Instructors will focus on sport minded drills and activities to build kids strength, endurance, and agility.

Age: 8-14 years old
Date: Monday, March 9, April 20, Wed, March 11, April 22 (Ongoing 6 week session)
Time: Mon & Wed 4pm-5pm
Location: Ferguson Community Center
Fee: \$40/Members; \$45/Residents; \$50/Non-Residents

DOG OBEDIENCE

Puppy Pre-School

Get your puppy off on the right paw with classes that encourage good behavior while helping you establish a strong bond with your new arrival.

Date: Fri, Feb 6
Time: 6:15 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Location: January Wabash Park
Fee: \$49/Residents; \$54/Non-Residents

Beginner/Advanced Dog Obedience

Covers command such as heel, sit, down, stay and come. Introduction to agility and socialization with other dogs and people. Class then expands on all beginner level instruction with further development for your dog to learn behaviors involving distance, duration, and distractions.

Date: Fri, Feb 6
Time: 7:30 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.
Location: January Wabash Park
Fee: \$49/Residents, \$54/Non-Residents

Wayside Park Unleashed

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

The park is open from 7 a.m. to 9 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: \$15 Residents; \$30 Non-Residents; \$5 per additional dog (three dogs per family).

ATHLETICS

3 on 3 Men's Basketball League

Grab 3 of your closest friends and join the Ferguson Recreation 3 on 3 men's basketball league. Teams are made of 4 players allowing for one substitution. There will be seven weeks of games with 1 week of playoffs.

Ages: 18 and up; 40 and up
Dates: Men's Tues, TBD; Senior's Thurs, TBD
Times: 6:00-9:00 p.m.
Location: Ferguson Community Center
Fees: \$140/ Members; \$150/Residents; \$160/ Non-Residents

Adult Coed Kickball Tournament

Come out to the new Ferguson Community Center and test your skills this fall at the Ferguson Parks and Recreation Kickball Tournament! Each team will receive a free shirt for each player on the team and games will be provided with an official umpire. The winning team will receive a trophy! All teams are guaranteed at least 2 games. For more information call the Ferguson Recreation Office (314) 521-4661

Ages: 18 and up
Date: Sat, March 21
Location: Community Center
Fee: \$100/team

Forestwood Field Rentals

Are you looking for space for your team to practice or even hold a tournament? The Forestwood Athletic Complex has state-of-the-art fields with or without lights available for rental. We offer baseball, softball, soccer, football, and even tennis courts within the Forestwood Athletic Complex.

Call Jon Gehrin for details: (314) 521-4661

Baseball/ Softball

Field #1 Without Lights: \$6/Hr Field #1 With Lights: \$15/Hr
 Field #2, 3, 4, 5 Without Lights: \$6/ Hr Field #2, 3, 4, 5 With Lights: \$13/Hr

Soccer/ Football

Field #1 Without Lights: \$6/Hr Field #1 With Lights: \$15/Hr
 Field #2, 3, 4, 5 Without Lights: \$6/ Hr Field #2, 3, 4, 5 With Lights: \$13/Hr

JUST FOR TEENS

City Museum

Come explore the City Museum! Make your way through the Enchanted Caves and much more! This 600,000 sq. ft. multi-level interactive museum was built for exploration and fun!

Age: Teens 13-17
Date: Friday, February 13
Time: 5:30am-10:30pm
Location: Ferguson Community Center
Fee: \$5/Residents; \$8/Non Residents

SENIORS

Yahtzee

There is no need to know the rules; come and expect a good time at our next Yahtzee event at the Ferguson Community Center. We'll start the afternoon chowing down to a great tasting lunch. After lunch, the excitement begins with 3 thrilling games of Yahtzee. Great prizes, good food and lots of laughter are in store. Door-to-door transportation via the Jolly Trolley is available for Ferguson residents. Advance registration is required.

Date: Thur, Feb 12 & Thur, April 9
Time: 11:30am-2:30pm
Location: Ferguson Community Center
Fee: \$8/Members; \$12/Residents; \$15/Non-Residents

Lunch & Bingo

Time to get out and treat yourself to an afternoon of Lunch and Bingo. Our March bingo celebrates St. Patrick's Day with corned beef and cabbage as well as a contest for the best dressed Irish person. Our May bingo event celebrates the coming of summer with a lunch and bingo featuring your choice of chicken or beef. Cost includes lunch as well as bingo.

Maximum size: 125
Date: Thurs, March 12 & Thurs, May 28
Time: 12:00pm-3:00pm
Location: Ferguson Community Center
Fee: \$10/Members; \$14/Residents; \$19/Non-Residents

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 meal.

Date: Fri, Feb 20 & Wed, May 13

Time: 10:00am pick-up

Fee: \$30/Members

\$35/Residents

\$40/Non-Residents

TRIPS

Lunch at Pioneer's Cabin

Let's head to lunch in Percy, IL on a Pre-Valentine's Day Outing at the Pioneer Cabin for a family style meal just like grandma used to make. We'll have their famous fried chicken along with catfish, vegetables, chicken & dumplings, cabin salad, flower pot bread and dessert. Before returning home, we make a quick stop at Shawnee Amish Country Store. What a wonderful day!

Date: Fri, February 13
Time: 9:30am – 4:00pm
Fee: \$51 Residents; \$56 Non-Residents

Tunica, MS

Yes, it's time for Ferguson's gambling extravaganza. Odds are you'll love Tunica – with lots of casinos and gaming activities you choose from one-arm bandits, hitting "21" in Blackjack, or winning a poker hand you can bet you are sure to have a winning time on this trip. While staying at the popular Fitzgerald's Hotel and Casino, we'll also be gambling in Sam's Town, Bally's, Gold Strike and Resorts. Six fabulous buffet meals are included in the fee as well as \$50 back in cash. (Note: cash back subject to change due to casino promotions.) Cost includes motorcoach transportation, two nights lodging, six buffet meals, luggage service, plus driver gratuities.

Date: Tues, March 24 – Thurs, March 26
Time: 7:00am – 8:30pm
Fee: \$140 Residents; \$150 Non-Residents (double occupancy)

Lee's Summit via Amtrak Train

What better way to start spring than to go for a train ride to Lee's Summit, MO? We'll head to Kirkwood's station for a 3 ½ hour train trip aboard Amtrak's Missouri River Runner train, we'll see some of the beautiful changes of the spring season. While on the train, lunch will (be on your own) in the snack car before we arrive in Lee's Summit. Upon arrival, we'll meet our motorcoach guide who will give us an overview of some of the highlights of the town. Sites such as the historic downtown area, Train Depot, and Unity Village, just to name a few. Before heading home we will dine at Henry's Antiques, Collectibles & Tea Room before returning to Ferguson via motorcoach.

Date: Wednesday, April 8
Time: 8:30am – 10:00pm
Fee: \$130 Residents; \$140 Non-Residents

Civil War Museum/Crystal City Underground

The Missouri Civil War Museum located at Jefferson Barracks, is the state's premier Civil War museum dedicated to honor thousands of men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice. View the Civil War through the uniforms of those who lived during our nations defining moment in history. After our museum visit we will head to Kimmswick, MO for lunch at the famous Blue Owl. Enjoy this quaint restaurant with friendly service and charming atmosphere. After lunch it's off to Crystal City Underground, a unique experience where it is always 55 – 60 degrees, so bring your jackets. Here we take a pontoon boat ride through the amazing underground area. After a full, fun day, let's head back to Ferguson.

(Continued on Page 7)

(Civil War Museum/Crystal City Underground-Continued from Pg. 6)

Date: Thursday, May 21
Time: 8:00am – 4:30pm
Fee: \$80 Residents; \$90 Non-Residents

Isle of Capri – Cape Girardeau

Grab your good luck charms and join us for some super fun as we head to Cape Girardeau, Missouri. The Isle of Capri Casino is perfect for a great afternoon of gambling. We will enjoy a buffet lunch that is included at the Farmers Pick restaurant. Following lunch everyone will receive \$5 cash to get your gaming started. Before leaving town we will make a stop at the Russell Stover's Outlet Store where they have some awesome deals on chocolate and other delicious candy.

Date: Tuesday, April 21
Time: 9:00am-6:00pm
Fee: \$34/Residents; \$39/Non-Residents

Effingham, IL

Let's visit Effingham, Illinois – the Crossroads of America. This excellent location, coupled with fine schools and health care facilities, has made Effingham a prime site for business and industry. In Effingham we'll visit; the Cross at the Crossroads, Boos Butcher Blocks- -the town's oldest manufacturer, lunch at the scrumptious Firefly Grill, tour My Garage Corvette Museum and visit the downtown sculptures. Cost includes: motorcoach transportation, lunch, all admissions, taxes and gratuities.

Date: Thursday, June 4
Time: 8:00am – 6:30pm
Fee: \$80 Resident; \$85 Non-Resident

SPECIAL EVENTS

Rascally Rabbit – Annual Adult Easter Egg Hunt

Our very own rascally rabbit increased the size of our hunting area and relocated the hunt to January Wabash Park. Our in-house rabbit has been busy stuffing eggs with candy, and 40 prize eggs filled with coupons will be scattered on the grounds of J.W. Park. This "egg-cellent" event is open to adults 21 and older. So grab your basket and flashlight for an evening down memory lane. Bring your own refreshments. Pre-registration is required for this event! Maximum event size: 100.

Date: Friday, March 22
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: January Wabash Park
Fee: \$5 Residents; \$8 Non-Residents

Dogs Only – Easter Egg-Stravaganza Hunt

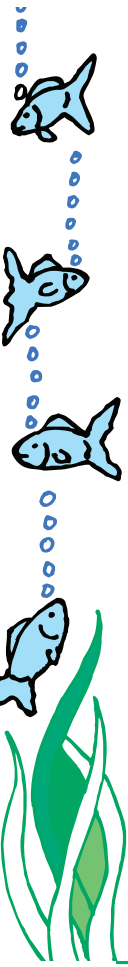
Just like the egg hunt, only for your furry dog! The Doggie Easter Egg-Stravaganza will be held at Wayside Park Unleashed Dog Park. There will be two hunt areas, one in the small dog and another in the large dog area. Each area will have plastic dog treat filled eggs and several prize eggs. Dogs will be allowed to "find" as many eggs a possible in the hunt area. Dogs must remain on a leash at all times. Owners; don't forget to bring your basket to put all of Fido's eggs in during the hunt. Prizes will be given for the best dressed dog. The Easter Bunny will be on-site for photos with your pet. All ages are welcome but pets must have a responsible adult present. Owners assume all responsibility for their dog's behavior. Dogs must be current on all vaccinations.

Date: Saturday, March 30
Time: 2:00 p.m. SHARP
Location: Wayside Park Unleashed
Fee: \$5 Residents; \$8 Non-Residents (Pre-Registration Required)

Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Hop over to January Wabash Park for the annual Egg Hunt. The park will be filled with brightly colored, filled eggs for Ferguson children (8 and under) to enjoy. The children will be divided into separate hunts by the following ages: 3 – 4, 5 – 6, 7 – 8. The Easter Bunny will be on hand for photo opportunities. Children should meet at the upper parking lot of January Wabash Memorial Park with their own basket.

Date: Saturday, April 4th
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: January Wabash Park
Fee: FREE Children ages 3-8



FISH FRIES

Zion Lutheran Church Fish Fry

123 Carson Road is the gathering place for Cod, Shrimp, Catfish and Chicken.
Also Slaw, Spaghetti, Mac'n Cheese & Fries
Fabulous desserts!

\$1 discounts on adult plate when you order another plate at full price (Eat in only)

Every Friday (Zion's Multi-purpose room)
Starting Friday, February 20th – 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

If you are interested in help on the fish fry line every other Friday, contact Sue Dunham at 314-524-7677

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

150 North Elizabeth

Fried and baked cod (with lemon pepper seasoning), Shrimp, Fries, Hush Puppies, Homemade Cole Slaw, Green Beans, Spaghetti with Red Sauce, Clam Chowder Soup, Mac 'n Cheese, Cheese Pizza and Homemade Desserts

Starting Friday, February 20th – 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Also on Feb. 27th, March 6th, 13, 20, 27 and April 3rd.

Ash Wednesday Mass

With Distribution of Ashes

Wednesday, February 18th at 12:00 noon

Our Lady of Guadalupe – 1115 South Florissant Road, Ferguson
522-9264

Guadalupe Princess Tea

Saturday, March 21 – 10:00 a.m. to Noon
Guadalupe Cafeteria / Ballroom
1115 So. Florissant Road, Ferguson
Age 2 and under \$5
Ages 3 and up \$10

Every little girl (princess) must dress up like a princess
Every princess must be in the care of an adult staying for the event

Ballroom Activities:

- Storytelling • Queen's Wave
- Queen's Dance • Face Painting
- Queen's Tea

Bring your camera to take pictures with Disney princess'

Limit 100 children

For more info: Parish Office 522-9264
Sr. Cathy 522-9264



Faith in Ferguson

Everyone is invited to continue praying for
JUSTICE, PEACE AND CHARITY
Tuesday, February 17 – Father Art Cavitt
Tuesday, March 10 – Sister Antona Ebo
Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish
1115 So. Florissant Road, Ferguson



Oak Hill Baptist Church
Food and Clothing Pantry

Open every 3rd Saturday of the Month (February 21)
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Church is located at 3166 Pershall Road
(directly behind the Burger King and Krispy Kreme off West Florissant)

Pantry is open to the General Public and is well stocked with donated items. Spread the word about this free community resource sponsored by Oak Hill Baptist Church where "There is a place for everyone"
Feel free to join us for Sunday service at 10:40 a.m.



Membership Meeting
Thursday,
FEBRUARY 12th

Crowne Plaza Hotel, St. Louis Airport
Come dressed in Pink or Red to be entered into a special drawing!

Ferguson Businesses Benefit from Radiothon on MLK Holiday



Pictured from left to right: RadioOne personality, DJ Kut, Ferguson Mayor James Knowles III, Actor Nick Cannon, RadioOne personality Staci Static.

The City of Ferguson would like to thank Radio One St. Louis, Old School 95.5 and the St. Louis Regional Business Council for participating in the "Ferguson Relief," Radiothon on Monday, January 19, 2015.

Ferguson Mayor James Knowles III, along with award winning actor, and Host of TV's "America's Got Talent," Nick Cannon joined a variety of guest host for the historic event on MLK Holiday. "Many of our businesses in the City of Ferguson were destroyed during the recent civil unrest," said Ferguson Mayor James Knowles III. "We appreciate the efforts of everyone involved to help our businesses to reopen and to once again provide great services to the entire community," added Knowles.

Funds raised from the Radiothon will go to the Reinvest North County Fund, which has two purposes:

1. To provide immediate relief to small business which have been hurt by ongoing civil unrest.
2. To provide school districts with appropriate resources to show their children how important school is, particularly in times of distress.

MISSOURI GLASS CO.

15% OFF ALL COMMERCIAL GLASS REPLACEMENT—FERGUSON BUSINESSES

Please mention: "Friends of Ferguson" when placing orders

Missouri Glass Company

314-664-5100

www.missouriglass.com

Offer expires March 23, 2015

All-You-Can-Eat

Ham & Bean or Chicken & Rice Soup

**Friday, Feb. 13th
4:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

**St. Stephen's Church
(33 North Clay,
at Darst)**



Your dinner consists of Ham & Bean Soup, or Chicken & Rice Soup (or try both) with cornbread, dessert and drink!

**Adults: \$8.00
Children: (under 12) \$4.00**



We Need Your Help!

All proceeds from this dinner go toward funding the Ferguson 4th of July Festival and Parade.

Pearce Neikirk and Partners Realtors

521-5002 495-2304

email: pearce4homes@yahoo.com

FERGUSON . . . WHERE ALL ROADS LEAD TO HOME!

16 Cardigan Dr. \$144,900

Classic Lake Pembroke full brick ranch with terrific views. The trade market cove plaster ceilings and brilliant hardwood floors are well preserved in this 3+ bedroom, 2.5 bath home. Large well lit rooms including a main floor laundry and a huge main floor family plus two full masonry wood burning fireplaces are just a few of many features. Call us today to view.



1080 Chatelet Dr.

The 4 bedroom custom built 2 story, backs to the farm on Hudson Rd, and being that Chatelet Dr is a cul-de-sac neighborhood, gives this home a lot of privacy. Very well updated with an open floor plan, makes the home perfect for entertaining and the TREX deck off of the breakfast room, overlooks the water features in the backyard and the occa-

sional pony that comes to the fence line for a visit. The lower level is walk-out and is finished with a 3rd full bath. Call us today!

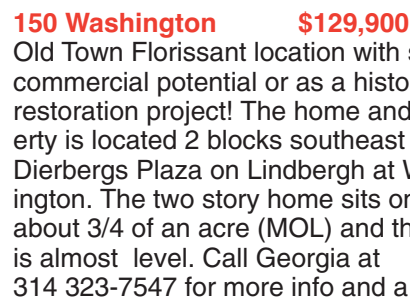
1405 Hudson Road \$99,500

This unique raised ranch sits on almost an acre that is nicely landscaped and provides some beautiful views. 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths updated kitchen and a very private rear yard with patio overlooking a year around creek, perfect for bird watching. Hudson Park and the tennis courts and walking trails are only a short distance away. Call us today!



#2 Miller Place \$72,500

You can't beat the location of this well restored bungalow ranch home...right across the street from the WHISTLESTOP! Located on a dead end lane, the 3 bedroom 2 full bath home has had a lot of updating, including plumbing, electric, roof, siding, decking and painting. This home is move-in ready condition. Call us today!



150 Washington \$129,900

Old Town Florissant location with strong commercial potential or as a historic restoration project! The home and property is located 2 blocks southeast of the Dierbergs Plaza on Lindbergh at Washington. The two story home sits on about 3/4 of an acre (MOL) and the site is almost level. Call Georgia at 314 323-7547 for more info and a visit.



7445 Howdershell \$89,500

This home can be easily converted into office or retail/service space and the size of the lot at the front will provide parking for 10-15 autos. Built in the 1950's the first floor measures at about 1000 square feet. This section of Howdershell is located about 1 mile southwest of KOCH Park and has moderate to heavy traffic flows. Call us for more info or a visit!



pearce4homes.com

29 Beacon

29 Years of helping buyers and sellers with their home needs in St. Louis City, St. Louis County and St. Charles County.

521-5002 495-2304



The Ferguson Computer Corner

by Doug Neely. **HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!!**
(\$10/HOUR labor offer continues thru March 31st.)



GIVE YOUR NEIGHBOR SOME LOVE!

February may be known for several things, but it is Valentine's Day that comes to mind before all else. It is when we get glassy-eyed and mushy, and seek quality time with the one who has stolen our heart. Reciprocity often, but not always, occurs. Sometimes, it lasts for a lifetime!



PUTER LOVE, dept.

Yeah, go ahead and give your puter some love! Its purpose is to serve your every computing need, and does so without question. Shouldn't you give back some love? Clean it up from time to time! Clean those smudges from the screen (NO WINDEX!) wipe down the keyboard with a soft cloth dampened with a mild cleaner (I like to use SIMPLE GREEN). Do that for the mouse, the computer case, etc. Open the side panel of the computer case, & using the crevice attachment, vacuum the dust bunnies from the interior. Go to the control panel and search installed programs to uninstall the ones you no longer need. Add some memory to your system, as many do not come with enough in the first place; in the second place, your system needs more memory as you use more programs. There are also many, many tutorials on Youtube to show how to do these

things. In the search field, type in something like "upgrade Dell insert model # memory". (When installing memory, use the website at crucial.com to see how it's done, and make sure you comply fully with ANTI-STATIC PROTOCOLS!) If you have ANY difficulties with these tasks, you can call me for help, because I love you! :)

ME GO NOW!

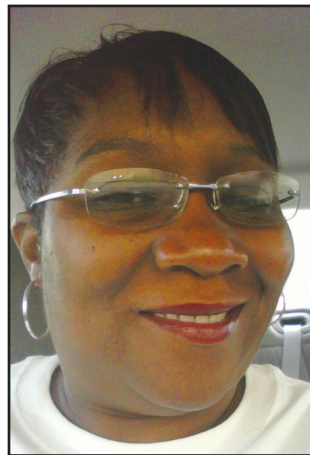
Of course, God loves you with a perfect love; it is never-ending & all-encompassing! He tells us in the bible that He wants us to share the love He gives us with our neighbors* (*EVERYone is our neighbor!) I have to go now and pass out some more love! :)

...it is now safe to give your love!

If you would like to ask Doug for his FREE puter advice, email him at: fergusoncomputercorner@aol.com Make sure that your subject line reads thusly: "I need puter advice", or he won't get it. You can also call him on the phone at *314*521*1789* during the afternoon or evening hours. (Disregard the outgoing message, and when you hear the beep, leave your brief message; your call will be returned ASAP.)

Will you be God's Valentine?

Who is LaTease Rikard?



Dear Readers: I'd like to introduce our new columnist, LaTease Rikard, who will be writing in the coming months about the use of Social Media.
Your Editor

I was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan, the home of the Big 3, the home of the Motown Sound. Many of my mother's side of my family still live in Detroit, however, I left there in 2008, three years after my son died from complications of Type 1 Diabetes. I was at a point in my life where I needed some serious hugs, and my five brothers and sisters who lived in Ferguson and Florissant fit that criteria. So, I moved here, first to Hazelwood, then Florissant and now Ferguson. I have lived in Ferguson for 15 months.

I like the small town feel of Ferguson, people are friendly, and I don't have to leave my community in order to shop or enjoy myself. The recent events last summer in Ferguson triggered a memory of mine that I had not discussed much. That was the riots of 1967 in Detroit. I was six years old at the time, and I remember seeing the huge military tanks rolling down the streets of W. Jefferson and 'army men' walking alongside them. I asked my grandfather one day, why were the 'army men' riding past our streets? He told me they were there to keep anyone else from getting hurt. I knew what he was talking about, because on the news there had been pictures of buildings burning, people stealing televisions, and people getting arrested by the police. As a six year old, that frightened me, and to this day, I still see those images in my mind.

But those images would never define the great city of Detroit, not in its entirety, and that is the same with Ferguson.

There is no denying we have some challenges to overcome, as well as some uncomfortable discussions to be had; this is just the beginning and not the end. We must be willing to listen to opinions, and life experiences that may be different from our own. This is the only way peace, love and understanding can occur. **See LeTease's article on Page 16.**

Ferguson is Bound for Adventure

Meet Ferguson Resident Author and Illustrator, Nancy Schroeder, on Friday February 6th from 6-9 p.m. at Corners Frameshop and Gallery in Ferguson.

Nancy will be presenting and signing her first children's chapter book, "To Dance With The Butterflies," recently released by Mirror Publishing. The book is a two-in-one fantasy where determination makes dreams come true. Her inspiring book has been receiving five star reviews on Amazon.com.

Nancy is a U.S. Navy Veteran and 15 year resident of Ferguson. She is donating \$1.00 for every copy sold of "To Dance With The Butterflies" to United Through Reading.org, uniting U.S. Military families facing physical separation by facilitating the bonding experience of reading aloud together.

Corners Frameshop and Gallery is located at 4 S. Florissant Road.

Read more about "To Dance With The Butterflies" on Schroeder's website: www.nsartexposed.com



Ferguson author, Nancy Schroeder, presents & signs her children's book, "To Dance With the Butterflies"

Corners First Friday Gallery Night

February 6 • 6-9pm

Robin Shively, CPF
314-495-7452 www.cornersframeshop.com
Specializing in creative conservation picture framing

BAILEY'S

HEATING,
COOLING,
Appliances
Repaired,

314-494-3248

Set Aside this Date...

Sunday, April 12

Members of the St. Louis
Symphony will appear

**WHERE YOU
WORSHIP**

at
Our Lady of Guadalupe

BRIAN HAULING

You name it . . . we'll haul it.
7 days a week

Basement, garage cleanout,
appliance and tree branch removal

314-740-1659

Sanders Tree Service



Trees Trimmed,
Removed and
Stumpgrinding

Call Jim:
524-8154

INTRODUCING THE MICHELIN® DEFENDER™ TIRE SAFER.¹ LONGER.²

90,000 MILES³ OF CONFIDENT DRIVING

The MICHELIN® Defender™ tire is here, with the traction superiority to allow you to stop up to 31 feet shorter than a leading competitor¹ and industry-leading wear life technology that gives you a 90,000 mile warranty². That's up to 21,000 miles longer than a leading competitor², and why we say Defender Tires help keep you safer¹, longer². Find out more at michelinman.com/defender

1- Based on internal wet braking test results versus Goodyear Assurance ComfortFlex™ Touring tire size 18S4915.
2- 90,000 mile warranty for H- and T-rated tires; 80,000 mile warranty V-rated tires. See MichelinMan.com for warranty details.
3- Based on commissioned third-party wear test results versus Continental ProContact™ with CCPlus Technology tire size 215/60R16.



ANDY WURM TIRE & WHEEL

Specializing in Tire & Wheel Packages

201 S. Florissant Rd. • Ferguson, MO 63135

(314) 522-3040

Over 10,000 Tires in Stock!

Over 400 Wheels on Display!



TPMS Experts!

www.andywurm.com



Mon. - Fri. 7:30 - 6:00 • Sat. 7:30 - 2:30

Financial Focus

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

Last month I mentioned schools preparing students for life in the work place and what jobs aren't available anymore. Because of the recent events in Ferguson, it seems like a good time to really start working on what we can do to improve the lives of those who do not feel they have access to the good life. So I wondered just what other things schools could be doing to help improve the future lives of their students. Financial literacy came up. I can't tell you how many times I've heard, and maybe you have too, that there is a great need for financial literacy among the poor and less educated. This need seems to translate into a hard life for those unprepared for the challenge of managing their hard earned money.

Having been out of high school more years than I really want to count, I wondered if students are given access to financial literacy courses. When I was in school we had some type of course, I think it was called Life Skills or something similar. I don't believe the class was required, it was probably an elective. We were taught how to make a household budget and minimal information about spending and credit. One thing I do recall from the class was from the home budget process and it was that a person could afford a home that costs 3 times their annual salary. That was considered the rule of thumb until I got to the point of being ready to actually buy a house. As interest rates started to climb that guideline became just twice your annual salary or perhaps less. It's funny how just that one thing about buying a home sticks in my memory. So I checked in with a high school senior from Francis Howell School District to find out if any classes might be offered on this subject.

She told me that they do have a personal finance course and it is mandatory. I was impressed because it really should be, because financial literacy is more complicated now than when I was young. I went on to ask if this course taught anything about credit cards and how the interest can really rack up causing things to end up costing much more. Her answer was yes that it was the main focus of the course managing credit. So I wondered if this course is mandatory at all schools – I hope I am wrong, but I suspect not.

So I checked on line to find out about graduation requirements for high school students in Missouri. Our state requires 24 units of credits to graduate. In the examples given it appears that personal finance is in fact a requirement and worth a half credit. It can be part of the requirement of 3 credits for Social Studies or part of the Practical Arts requirement of 1 credit or it can help satisfy .5 of the electives credits. In any case personal finance is required to graduate. The competencies for this course involve the areas of income, money management, spending and credit, and saving and investing. This class must be taught in grades 10 -12. I could see that this was a requirement for the 2010 graduating class and since then, although I am not sure how long it has been a requirement. I also discovered that about half of the states in the US do require personal finance for graduation. So we are fortunate to live in a state that does.

An international survey was done recently by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. The survey known as PISA (Programme for International Student Assessment) collected the data with a written test. The results showed that American teens are about average when it comes to money management skills. The survey involved over 29,000 fifteen year olds in 18 countries. Among those who scored best were China, Estonia, and New Zealand. Some of the countries in the less than average score categories were Russia, France and Solvenia. While American students are considered average nearly 20 percent of them were not able to achieve a basic level of financial proficiency meaning they would struggle with everyday financial tasks such as making spending decisions or balancing a checkbook. This should be a concern.

Like any subject in school, students may not always retain what they have learned. Just as I mentioned earlier about what I remembered from the Life Skills classes, students may not recall skills when they actually need them during their college years. So it is important for parents to help their teens develop these skills while they are young and give opportunities to use them. Having a bank account and using a prepaid debit card was more prevalent in the countries that scored higher on the survey. In the US only about half of the students had this experience while those in lower economic situations were even less likely to have the opportunity to hold a bank account or prepaid debit card. If we look at the number of adults in the lower socioeconomic bracket we would probably also see that many adults are less likely to have a bank account, debit or credit card. So this can make it even more difficult for a teenager to learn about money matters when their parents don't have a good grasp or may be unable to open a bank account because of early mistakes with credit or banking.

This brings me back to my concerns in the beginning on how to create a better life for our young people through better education. Just having the requirement to complete a personal finance course before graduating doesn't necessarily help those in the lower economic bracket, what can we do to improve the odds for those students? While some students seem to overcome obstacles like not having parents who have the financial literacy to pass on, we need to work on those who need more help. In recent years banks have been more inclined to allow those under 18 to have checking accounts and that really gives the experi-

CORK
wine bar

423 S. FLORISSANT RD. • FERGUSON, MO 63135
(314) 521-WINE



GOOD TIMES
GREAT FOOD & COCKTAILS
LIVE MUSIC FRIDAY & SATURDAY NIGHTS

T H A R P	<i>Cleaning Is Our Specialty</i>	EVENINGS & WEEKENDS
	SEWER & DRAIN	
	DRAIN CLEANING \$73 <i>Over 25 Years Experience</i>	
	ELECTRIC SEWER CLEANING 426-1758 423-5931	
EVENINGS & WEEKENDS		

ence that can coincide with the learning during their high school years. In most cases banks will require an adult at least 18 years old to be on the account as well because it is like a contract between the bank and the customer. We don't really want banks to take undue risks that may cause a monetary loss for them or even more of a loss for the student who could become unable to open a bank account in the future. So having an adult able to help a student open an account can make a difference.

We've had some legislation in recent years to deal with those who have had banking problems thru mismanagement get a second chance. So if you are a parent who isn't able to help your child because of the problems you've had with financial literacy, it might be time to learn together. The PISA website www.oecd.org/pisa can help with questions for discussions between parents and teens on money matters. Parents may also want to talk to their local bank about any classes offered that may help those who don't currently have bank accounts. Often a bank will allow an account to be opened after completion of a course to help those adults who have past problems that prevent them from banking. And once a parent is able to start an account they may help their teen to learn budgeting using a prepaid debit card. Banks may offer special types of accounts that stop problems early and notify parents before things get out of hand. In today's world it is more important than ever to understand how financial education can improve your life and make it easier to get the things you need and have the self-control to know the difference between needs and wants. Parents can also set a good example by demonstrating delayed gratification. It is sometimes better to save for something and if we wait it is often discovered that we really don't need to make the purchase at all. Setting a good example should start while your children are young and build a foundation for them as they start to have their own money and responsibilities to handle. If you have comments or suggestions please e-mail consultjoan@att.net.

Cose Dolci
www.cose-dolci.com • beth@cose-dolci.com

425 South Florissant Road

Pastry Menu:
• Breakfast Treats • Cookies • Sweet Breads • Bars & Squares
• Candy • Dessert Trays • Gift Cookie Boxes
• Pies, Tarts & Tortes • Cakes & Cupcakes

Hours:
• Tuesday thru Friday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
• Saturday: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
• Closed Sunday and Monday




314.799.2157

CORNER COFFEE HOUSE
Now Serving **BREAKFAST All Day!**

All menu items available all day

Hours: Mon. Tues. Wed. 7am-9pm
Thurs. Fri. 6am-3pm Sat.-Sun. 7am-3pm

100 N. Florissant, Ferguson, MO 521-4600



SAVOY We Welcome **Wedding Receptions, Reunions, Birthdays & Other Celebrations**

Savoy Banquet Center is known for creating the perfect package that will leave you and your guests with special memories that will last forever. We are a full service banquet center.

Savoy Banquet Center
119 So. Florissant Road • 521-4500
savoybanquetcenter.com Join us on Facebook



Drake's Place

No need to travel far to enjoy a fine dining style entree. Drake's Place American Cuisine, located in downtown Ferguson offers a warm and cozy environment with friendly staff to greet you. The dishes prepared by our experienced Chef, Deundrake Lewis, are guaranteed to satisfy the distinct tastes of our guests. Entrees include succulent seafood, steaks and sautéed chicken prepared fresh with pan sauces exclusively for you at the time you order.

Plan a visit today to experience Drake's Place for yourself.
701 So. Florissant Road, Ferguson, MO 314-736-1140
Hours: Tues-Sat 11am to 9pm • Sunday-11am-7pm
Closed Monday



What's For Dessert?

Easy Chocolate Covered Strawberries

1 pkg. (7 oz.) BAKER'S Milk Chocolate Dipping Chocolate
36 fresh strawberries
make it

MELT chocolate as directed on package.

DIP strawberries in chocolate; let excess chocolate drip off.

PLACE on waxed paper-covered baking sheet. Refrigerate 30 min. or until chocolate is firm.

Tips: Prepare using BAKER'S Dark Semi-Sweet Dipping Chocolate. For best results, serve strawberries the same day



they are dipped.

When purchasing fresh strawberries, look for plump, brightly colored berries with a strong strawberry fragrance. If pre-packaged in plastic cartons, be sure to check the bottom of the container for any mushy berries or signs of mold. Store strawberries in the refrigerator and wash just before using.

Vincenzo's ITALIAN RISTORANTE

242 So. Florissant Rd. 314-524-7888



For a romantic Valentine's Day, or any special occasion, Vincenzo's offers a cozy atmosphere that is sure to please. Serving delicious, freshly made Old World style Italian food in a friendly setting, Vincenzo's uses only the finest ingredients so that every dish is a pleasant, memorable experience.

OPEN FOR LUNCH & DINNER
• T-TH 11am to 9 pm
• FRI 11am to 10pm • SAT 4pm to 10 pm • SUN 4pm to 9pm
CLOSED ON MONDAYS www.vincenzostl.com

SPENCER'S BAKERY

100 Church Street 521-0259
Dine In or Carryouts

Breakfast Special \$4.60
(2 eggs, 2 bacon or 3 sausages, hash browns, toast or biscuits)
Also serving: French toast, Pancakes Sandwich Combos

Hours: Tues. thru Sun. 5am to noon
Closed Monday

DONUTS 6 For \$3.40



Glazed, Raised and Long Johns, Muffins, Danish, Turnovers and Cookies

Marley's Bar & Grill FERGUSON, MO

500 South Florissant Road
Ferguson, MO 63135
(314) 524-3277
www.marleysferguson.com
Kitchen Open till 11:00 pm

Sunday, February 1st
Super Bowl Party
1st Annual Chili Cook Off

Marley Gras Party

Saturday, February 14th
DJ Bones - Karaoke
9:00 pm to 1:00 am
Food & Hurricane Specials

DJ/Music Every Monday & Friday
Karaoke Every Thursday & Saturday
Team Trivia Every Sunday

Happy Hour Prices During Blues Games



Ferguson by Foot

By: Margaret Wolfinbarger

I was recently walking to the café at work when I happened across a co-worker. Seconds before we met I was grumbling to myself about my food choice for that day. I want pizza not salad! I thought. My friend, who knew nothing of the battle raging in me, echoed her own struggle, "I am trying to eat a healthy lunch because I want to lose weight." She showed me the small Tupperware container that held her food and sighed. "I really need to lose a hundred pounds but it feels so impossible." What stunned me about her admission was that she knew nothing of my story.

"You can do it!" I said without hesitation. "Don't get overwhelmed by the enormity of your task but instead take it one day at a time." Then I proceeded to tell her that I was always a "big" girl and thought losing weight was impossible, that I come from "heavy stock". Then one day I made a choice to try to lose weight and began a journey that has completely transformed my life.

The truth about me is that my natural tendency is not to be positive. I enjoy complaining. Wallowing is a better word. Years ago a friend told me, "You are a pit of despair!" She was right. I made a habit of constantly sharing every bad thought that went through my head. What I didn't realize then was that all of the negativity was infecting other people. Certainly there were some who could bear with my toxicity, and were patient enough to help me work through my issues. Others grew weary and walked away. It was a painful lesson to learn that words and attitudes are powerful. So when my co-worker shared her struggle with me I resisted the urge to complain about my [food] lot in life. I listened to her story and tried to understand where she was coming from. I made no assumption about her struggles or lack thereof. Only when she shared her story did I begin to offer pieces of my own. However, instead of complaining about all the things I can't eat, I expounded on how great I feel eating healthy foods and exercising. The conversation could have been a very dismal one about diets and rabbit food but instead turned into an energizing talk about hope in the midst of trying circumstances.

Last year I gained 18 pounds and it wasn't muscle. I had to buy new clothes and I had to live with the fact that cookies and ice cream had got the better of me. Still, I made many good choices and I never let the darkness grab hold of my heart. I readily admitted my struggles and fought hard to take the weight back off. Today I stand amazed that I have lost all of that weight. My daily struggle against obesity never wanes. I am fighting each day to maintain my weight so I can live a fuller, more enriched life, and I am disheartened when I encounter people with negative attitudes about their bodies. When people say "I can't" without ever trying, what they really mean is, "I refuse." That may sound harsh, but it is inevitably true.

Ferguson has encountered its own share of negative attitudes lately. People around town and around the country are quick to jump on the rhetoric bandwagon. They say it will take years for Ferguson to recover, maybe even decades. They say the hard work of our residents was in vain. They say business owners will leave and property values will decline. If we continue to think and speak with that mindset we are doomed to fail. But if we choose to roll up our sleeves and contribute to the community, if we speak honestly about our struggles with a mindset toward improving our condition, if we choose to ignore the harsh glare from the spotlight the national media has placed on us, I believe we have a fighting chance. Fostering a negative attitude will not improve our neighborhoods. Building relationships that bridge gaps will.

Recently my six year old son was trying to tie his shoes. His hand eye coordination wasn't fully developed yet and he struggled. Finally he hollered out, "I can't do it!" His red little face screwed up in exasperation as he beat his fists in the air. When he calmed down I put my hand on his shoulder and spoke softly. "Honey, let me tell you a story. Once upon a time your mommy thought something was impossible. She gave up hope. Then one day she decided to try. She lost 140 pounds. You may not be able to tie your shoes today, but you should try again tomorrow. One day you just might get it." I am proud to say my son learned to tie his shoes that day, on the very day he had given up. I hope and pray his story will be the story of Ferguson, Missouri, only without the giving up part.



*Valentine's Day is Saturday, February 14.
Don't forget your Sweetheart!*

ROBYN L. STRANQUIST

Attorney at Law

101 Darst Road • Ferguson, MO 63135
314-521-1401



A yearly favorite at the Ferguson Farmers Market!

RITENOUR HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ BAND

ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR

Sat., February 28 & Sun., March 1, 2015

10:00 am - 4:00pm

at Ritenour High School

9100 St. Charles Rock Road, St. Ann, MO 63114

Artisans and crafters of all kinds!

MADE-TO-ORDER OMELET BREAKFAST

8:30 - 11:00am, Saturday and Sunday

CONCESSIONS

11:00am - 3:00pm, Saturday and Sunday

Questions or if you would like to be a vendor: marebake@sbcglobal.net

*A fund raiser for
Ritenour Jazz Band
trip to Germany
June 2015*



www.facebook.com/RitenourHighSchoolBand

Kamken Care Services Presents . . .

A SENIOR CITIZEN RESOURCE DAY



**FREE
PUBLIC
EVENT!**

Friday, March 27th, Noon to 3:00 p.m.
Ferguson Community Center

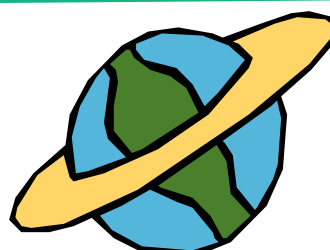
1050 Smith Avenue, Ferguson

- Information on Medicaid Resources
- Important Health Information
- Games, Prizes and Refreshments

RSVP now, space is limited

Phone: 314.731.1563 • Fax: 314.667.3083

Email Kamkencare@yahoo.com



And Now a Word from Our Planet . . .

Recycling 1 ton of plastic can save 1,000 to 2,000 gallons of gas.

(This message is provided as a courtesy of the Ferguson Eco Team.)



*Friends, Fun and Laughter
Await You Here With Us*
St. Catherine
Retirement Community
Near Eagan Center

We Offer:
 • 1 & 2 Bedrooms • Secure Setting
 • Dining Services • Our team of
 • Full Service experts will help
 Amenities you make your
 • Convenient move with ease
 Location

**Call today for our move-in
specials and start enjoying
worry-free living**

3350 St. Catherine Street
Florissant, MO 63033
314.838.3877
A Non-Profit Retirement Housing
Foundation Community

St. Catherine Retirement Community Events

The public is invited and welcomed – RSVP 314-838-3877

Exercise with Melanie/Ann-FREE classes

Classes are led by a licensed Physical Therapist with the use of weights & resistance bands that are provided! Mondays and Wednesdays 1:00 p.m. Class will not be held on Wednesday the 11th. A makeup class is scheduled for Friday, the 13th. RSVP by calling 314-838-3877

Blood Pressure Clinic

Thursday Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26 at 10:15 a.m. Refreshments served RSVP by calling 314-838-3877

Tai Chi for Seniors - FREE classes

Friday, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27 10:00 a.m. Reduce stress, strengthen joints, develop balance and coordination. RSVP by calling 314-838-3877

Line Dancing with Minnie-FREE

Every Monday at 6:00 pm
Beginners welcome!
RSVP by calling 314-838-3877

Sleep Awareness

Presented by GENTIVA
Thursday, February 12 9:30 a.m.
Complimentary Breakfast at 9:00
RSVP by Jan 9th 314-838-3877

Mardi Gras Happy Hour

Entertainment with Bill Row
10:30 a.m.
Happy Hour 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday, February 17
Followed by Complimentary Lunch
RSVP by Jan 23rd - 314-838-3877

Project Hands

No meeting in February



Dennis L. Callahan

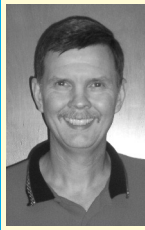
ATTORNEY AT LAW

Lifelong Ferguson Resident
33 years in Private Practice

Personal Injury • General Business
Estate Planning • Probate Administration
Real Estate • Municipal Law
Serving the legal needs of Missouri and Illinois clients

275 North Lindbergh Blvd.
St. Louis, Missouri 63141-7809

Tel (314) 993-4261
e-mail: dlcallahan@callahanlaw.net



Under The Hood With Robinwood

By Bob McGartland

How to get the Most out of Your Car in the Cold

Regardless of the time of the year, when driving it is always important to keep your vehicle in the best condition possible. The cold winter weather and temperatures are tough on your vehicle. Winter driving can be more difficult than driving during other times of the year. Snow, freezing rain, and ice can impact your visibility, as well as the conditions of the roads. Make sure to remove all the snow, ice, and frost from your windows. The headlights should also be inspected. If they burn out, make sure to have them replaced immediately to help improve the visibility when you drive.

During the winter, another part to have inspected and tested is the battery. Cold weather can impair an aging battery's ability to start your vehicle, especially when temperatures dip below freezing. If you have not recently purchased a new battery, consider having your current battery tested. Simple maintenance is to check the battery cables for corrosion and clean them as needed with a wire brush. You may consider investing in a portable power source, which can deliver the juice needed to jump-start your vehicle should you get stranded, and at the very least, never leave home without a set of jumper cables in the trunk. Tire pressure should be checked monthly, but this is especially im-

portant in colder weather. Cool temperature changes air pressure. For every 10 degrees drop in temperature the air pressure in tires drop one pound. This occurs due to the change in atmospheric pressure. Winter driving conditions demand good tires that are properly inflated.

Make sure your vehicle's heating system is working properly. If you are noticing the temperature inside the vehicle is not as warm as it use to be or it takes longer to defrost the windshield; don't wait to have your car's heater tested.

With winter comes road treatment, which usually means rock salt or salty brine sprayed on roads. While this is very effective at keeping the roads safe from ice, salt is also quite corrosive and can damage the finish of your vehicle if left for too long. Regular visits to the car wash are highly recommended to keep this stuff from doing too much damage. Also, do not neglect the undercarriage of the vehicle. A lot of road muck ends up on the undercarriage, which is easy to overlook, so do your best to clean under there, too. Most car washes offer an under carriage wash. This is a good option to choose during the winter months. Remember, once rust takes hold, it is a problem eating at the body, frame and critical parts of the vehicle. Keeping the vehicle's underside clean will pay dividends in the long run.

With almost 2 months of winter remaining. A midwinter check up will help keep your vehicle reliable for what Mother Nature still has in store for us.

Please have a safe and enjoyable winter. Visit us at www.robinwoodauto.com.

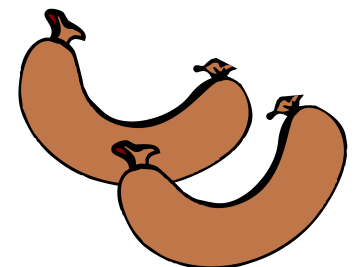


Paul's Bacon Wrapped **Filet Mignon**

5 Ounce **\$4.99** Each
8 Ounce **\$7.99** Each

**Wurstmarkt/
Sausage
Dinner**

**Saturday, March 7th –
2:00 pm to 6:00 pm**
Dine-in or Carry out
Walk-ins welcome
Adults: \$10.00
Children (ages 5-12) \$5.00



Bratwurst, kraut with pork chunks, peas with German Spalese Noodles, real mashed potatoes, homemade peeled apples with cinnamon, Helpers pastries and drink – all served family style

St. Peters Evangelical UCC
1425 Stein Road (at West Florissant)
Ticket Info:
521-5694 or 831-3822



**EMISSIONS
TEST
\$18**

(Reg. \$24)
Only at
Ferguson Motors
coupon expires 2-28-15

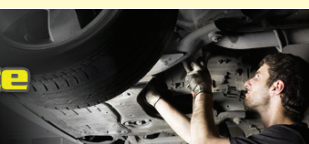
32 North Florissant Rd.
Ferguson MO 63135
314-522-0013
Ferguson Motors has
been in business since
the early 1920's.
Locally owned and
operated.

Call Jesse or Kevin

**\$10
OFF**

Any service over
\$100
Only at
Ferguson Motors
coupon expires 2-28-15

Ferguson Motor Service



Code Enforcement Officer

The City of Ferguson is seeking applicants for the part-time position of Code Enforcement Officer. Primary responsibilities include the enforcement of the City's exterior appearance codes and inspections of buildings and properties. The ideal candidate should have strong interpersonal skills and basic knowledge of building standards and property maintenance. Must work well with the public. Strong oral and written communication skills, customer service skills and driver's license are required. Prefer BOCA/ICC Certification or equivalent of at least two years related experience.

Start \$15.32/hr. Apply to City of Ferguson – Human Resources, 110 Church St., Ferguson, MO 63135

Municipal Services Manager / Streets Superintendent

The City of Ferguson is seeking a Municipal Services Manager / Streets Superintendent.

This is advanced professional, supervisory and administrative work in planning, organizing, and conducting a wide range of maintenance and improvement activities related to the operations of the Garage and the Public Works Maintenance Division. Work involves responsibility for scheduling and planning repair and maintenance projects, coordinating work assignments and contracted projects and supervising and inspecting work related to the city garage and street maintenance. The incumbent manages projects to ensure that work is performed safely, efficiently, and effectively, in accordance with standard engineering practices and procedures. Supervision is exercised over a subordinate workforce. Work is performed under the general direction of the Director of Public Works.

Possession of a valid Missouri driver's license. SALARY: \$43,477 - \$62,878– DOQ

Please send cover letter and resume with references to: City of Ferguson – Human Resources, 110 Church Street, Ferguson, MO 63135 or email hr@fergusoncity.com. DEADLINE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2014.

Apply to be an EarthDance Apprentice in 2015!



Join us for a free informational session about the EarthDance Farm & Garden Apprenticeship at Schlafly Bottleworks Tuesday, February 10th, from 6-7:30pm. Hear from former apprentices & learn about the program's benefits. (For example, we accept AmeriCorps Awards & VA education benefits, & your participation can count as college credit.)

You can apply via our website here. Applications are due Sunday, February 15th at 12pm.

What is the Farm & Garden Apprenticeship?

You might be looking for a career in farming, or simply interested in learning more about where your food comes from and how to grow it. The program (9.5 hours/week from April-October for \$700) offers weekly classes on topics from methods of propagation to food preparation, field trips to local farms, a share in our Community Supported Agriculture, networking opportunities with leaders of the local good food movement, and the chance to make good friends down in the dirt.

Contact

Questions about the program? Contact Apprenticeship Coordinator Tori Dahl at apprenticeship@earthdancefarms.org or call us at 314-521-1006.

Free Vision Screening for Young Children, 6 months to 6 years

KidSight in conjunction with the Ferguson-Florissant School District's Parents as Teachers program will offer free vision screenings on **Monday, February 23, 2015, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.** at the James J Eagan Center, #1 James J. Eagan Drive in Florissant.



The screening takes just seconds and requires nothing of the child except his attention. Using a Plusoptix photo-screening device the technician quickly and noninvasively takes a picture of each child's eyes and the device produces an immediate "pass" or "fail". The screening will detect a variety of vision problems including: Nearsightedness, farsightedness, amblyopia, astigmatism, anisometropia, anisocoria, misalignment and possible cataract.

KidSight is a signature program of Saving Sight, a nonprofit organization with the mission to change lives by saving sight. Since 1995, KidSight technicians have screened more than 300,000 Missouri Children.

Parents as Teachers is a free program provided by the school district for families who live in their district. PAT is a parent education and family support program serving families throughout pregnancy until their child enters kindergarten, usually age 5. Certified parent educators provide child development information, parent-child activities, group connections, community resources and developmental screenings.

For additional information call the Ferguson-Florissant School District's Early Education Department, 314-506-9066. Ferguson-Florissant School District Early Education Program 1005 Waterford Drive Florissant, MO 63033-3694 (314) 506-9066 Fax (314) 506-9080 Website: www.ferglfor.k12.mo.us



Valentine Steak Dinner



12 OZ. USDA CHOICE NEW YORK STRIP STEAK DINNER

Includes: Baked Idaho Potato
Italian Salad
Dinner Roll

Only **\$11.99**

Perfectly Wood Fire Grilled "The Traeger Way"

Please R.S.V.P
(How Many – What Time)



Continuing Benefits of the Ferguson Twilight Run



Long after the last person has crossed the finish line, the Ferguson Twilight Run continues to benefit residents of Ferguson and the surrounding communities. Nearly \$50,000 in proceeds from the Ferguson Twilight Run have been donated to organizations that improve the lives of North St. Louis County residents over the past five years. In 2014, proceeds were donated to four programs that provide active living opportunities to North County residents. Proceeds from the 2014 Ferguson Twilight Run were donated to summer camp youth scholarships at the Emerson Family YMCA, the Girls on the Run program at Bermuda Elementary School, the Ferguson Youth Initiative's Earn-A-Bike program, and the Marygrove recreational therapy program.

2015 race proceeds will be donated to recipients of the Donnie White, Sr. Memorial Ferguson Twilight Run Award. Applications for the 2015 Donnie White, Sr. Memorial Ferguson Twilight Run Award are being accepted through January 16. Eligible award recipients include organizations that support active living opportunities for residents of North St. Louis County.

6 Reasons Why You Should Call a Locksmith

- Broken off key
- Change your locks (just moved in?)
- Sticky locks
- Rekey your locks (cheaper than lock change)
- Loose locks
- Check all your locks (to feel more secure)

Jim Alexander
314.550.0517

Why Isn't Your Business Using Social Media?

By LaTease Rikard

Before getting into social media, ask yourself, what are you trying to accomplish? That should be the first question any local or small business owner should ask. Social media activities are well known for gobbling up huge chunks of time, so it's important that you have a plan before you get started. Do you want to get more leads (or customers), or what about creating brand awareness---getting customers to become familiar with your business or, if you have a website, do you want to use social media to drive more traffic to your site? These are questions that some business owners never ask (think of that!). Instead, they will jump into the deep end of social media marketing and just about drown. Many will say, "I don't know how Twitter works," or "I don't understand how Facebook can help my business." Those are valid concerns, but most of all, they are challenges worth tackling.

I like to take the approach that if it doesn't pose a challenge, then it's probably not worth doing. Let me share something with you. As a kid, I hated math, never did well in it. Going to any math class, geometry, algebra, you name it, made me nauseous. But I had to go. They just won't let you out of high school if you don't take those classes. My mother couldn't understand how her honor roll student daughter was a failure when it came to math. She felt that way primarily because she was a whiz at it, but was terrible at teaching it to me. See, I have always been a creative person, and the side of my brain that processes math equations is not the same side that takes breath-taking photographs (I'm a photographer as well.) Understanding that I had to at least get a passing grade from any of these math classes, I started hanging around students and friends of mine that were doing well in the class. Most of them were math nerds and couldn't break through my barrier of math anxiety, except for one person. Carl Banks explained geometry enough that I could pass the class. Little did I know I would need those lessons as a photographer. It was a challenge, but I made it.

My point is, choosing which social media network in which to showcase your business is a challenge. Quite frankly, it is one of the most difficult decisions you as a business owner will make. The reason being, you have to understand what the pros and cons are for each and which one will best solve your most pressing business challenges. If you own an auto repair shop, you may want to use YouTube to build brand awareness by posting How-To videos on keeping your car running in cold weather; or post tweets on Twitter about discounts and specific sales you have; how about Facebook, using this platform to share pictures of happy customers after they've had repairs done and explaining what was wrong with their cars and how your auto repair shop saved this customer hundreds of dollars. Your audience will enjoy a good, positive, feel-good story.

There are numerous social media marketing methods to get your business in front of customers, the best thing about it is these methods are free. Your customers are already using social media, why aren't you?

Hey, think you'll like this column? Great! In the coming months I'm going to show you how to choose which social media marketing platform is the best for your particular business.

Film on Water Crisis

Taking your water for granted? Water, water everywhere, but... Water is a primary national and global issue, and, in fact, crisis.

The next environmental film and discussion evening hosted by the Ferguson Ecology Team will be the award-winning documentary "Flow--for Love of Water." It raises questions about the ownership, availability, accessibility, quality, and quantity of the world's fresh water supply and is an examination of the tug of war between public health and private interests.

The film will be shown Tuesday, February 24, 7:00 PM in the St. Stephen's Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 33 N. Clay (at Darst), Ferguson, MO 63135. The event is free and open to the public. For more information: (314) 521-8418; carletonstock@aol.com .



The Ferguson Kiwanis Club
presents its 32st Annual

Prayer Breakfast

Wednesday, April 1 – 7:00 am sharp

Savoy Banquet Center, 119 South Florissant Road, Ferguson
Admission by
Advanced Donation Only – \$11.00

For tickets contact any member of the Ferguson Kiwanis Club
or call Kay Klein at 521-5960

Mardi Gras 2015 is Tuesday, February 17



Sunday, Feb. 8 – Starts 1:00 pm
Beggin' Pet Parade – 12th & Allen

Rumor has it that as many as 70,000 people and hundreds of animals turn out for the Pet Parade each year. Spectators and their four-legged pals are invited to attend this amazing spectacle.

Entrants in the parade walk (some in costume and some not) with their costumed hounds through the historic neighborhood of Soulard on their way to the park at the intersection of Lafayette Ave. and South 9th Street.

Sunday, Feb. 8 – First Heat 2:00 pm
Wiener Dog Derby – Soulard Market Plaza

The annual Wiener Dog Derby has become an endearing St. Louis Mardi Gras tradition. Dachshunds and their owners come from far and wide to compete in this often chilly four-legged foot race that pits wiener dogs against one another in three divisions (Cocktail Wienies, Ballpark Franks, and Hot Dogs) for the honor of fastest dachshund.

Saturday, Feb. 14 – 11:00 am
Bud Light Grand Parade – Soulard Neighborhood

This parade is one of the Midwest's largest, and is the focal point of Mardi Gras in St. Louis. The Grand Parade features more than 100 entries from krewes, both old and new.



Pauls Market Stocks
CRAFT BEER
• Local • National
• Imported



Great Selection and Price
REALLY COLD

Lawn Care & More

Mowing, Mulching, Leaf Removal, Shrub Trimming & Removal, Overgrowth & Brush Removal, Small Tree Trimming & Removal

Licensed, Insured
Call Jim (owner)

314-831-2366

Set Aside this Date...
Sunday, April 12

Members of the St. Louis Symphony will appear

WHERE YOU WORSHIP

at
Our Lady of Guadalupe



Meet Sonya

Sonya is a lifelong resident of Ferguson with 11 years of experience cleaning and organizing. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Fine Arts and is able to transform your home or office into a functional area that is also attractive.

Sonya is up for any challenge, large or small.

• Cleaning • Decorating • Party Hosting • Organizing

Gift Cards

Birthday? Anniversary?

Gift Cards are always the right size and color.

Call Sonya
314.971.0403

Check out Sonya's website

sonyassolutions.com



By
Bob
McCarty

As promised, this month we'll delve into finding more areas that could be taxing our energy budgets.

If you remember from last month, we covered most of the areas that exist on the exterior walls and the sill plate that rests at top of the foundation. This month we will look at a few other places that should get you started in buttoning up the majority of the air infiltration that plays havoc with our comfort.

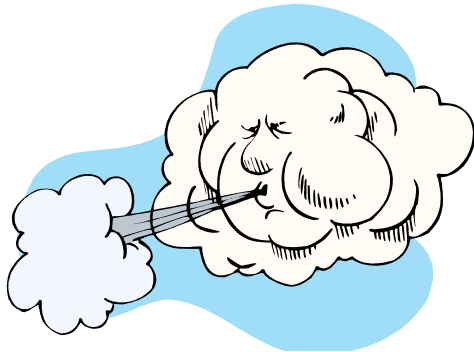
If you remember last month while caulking the areas around the sill plate, did you happen to see where the gas line, electric service, dryer vent, or any other wire, cable or pipe enters or exits your dwelling? These are other areas that need to be caulked. Proceed caulking these areas with the techniques we discussed last month and we are on our way to having the most draftless house on your block. Something you'll be able to brag about at your neighborhood block party next summer.

Do you have a fireplace? Do you close the damper when you don't have a fire? This is another area that will cause the utility bills to skyrocket! When you have a fire in the fireplace, the chimney acts as a vacuum when warmed, to suck all of the smoke up and out of the house. When the chimney is not in use and the damper is open, it sucks all of the warm air out of the house making the forced air furnace to make more warm air which in turn uses more gas or electric. When you know the fire is out, cold out, close that damper!

Speaking of chimney's, this is another area that may have been overlooked when it comes to batten down the hatches. The chimney protrudes through the roof of your home and even though there is probably flashing around the chimney where it meets the roof, this area may not be as sealed as you may think. If you can get to this area, you may be able to just caulk the area with your expanding foam. If the area has a large gap between the chimney and the roof sheeting, you could push some backing rod; which is a foam rope that can be used to fill large gaps before caulking. If the

area is in an unfinished part of the house, it may be enough to just use the backer rod if it is filling the entire gap. If not, you may want to caulk around and over the backer rod to insure that there will be no air infiltration. You could also just cover the area with fiber glass insulation.

Another area that is often overlooked, and probably not a big culprit, is your cold air returns. When your furnace is running, the cold air return is returning cold air back to the furnace. Hence the name 'cold air return,' Duh! If you're old house



is anything like mine, it has massive cold air return registers on the floor. These returns are just a piece of sheet metal nailed over a couple of floor joists in the ceiling of your basement. There could be areas where a hole was poked through the metal or the original seal of the wood to metal has failed. What you can do to remedy this is to cover any open areas with a mesh tape and adhere with duct mastic. (You will have to go online to determine the best source to find this product.) Do not use duct tape because duct tape sticks to everything but ducts. (It does stick to ducts but the mastic eventually fails.) If you have the desire, you could always seal all of the seams in all of the exposed ducts but I don't feel this would be necessary. Insulation is another method to cut back on the air infiltration into your home and we will dive into and scratch that surface next month.

This should give you a starting point to filling all the areas where the air could infiltrate into your home. If there is a way for air to get in . . . well you know where I'm going with this!

If there is a subject, in regards to older home/building maintenance you would like for me to touch on, let me know, or if you need someone to help batten down the hatches in your home, my contact info is paintedeffects@sbcglobal.net with a subject of BobonJob or by phone at 314-524-1264. Until next month, happy hunting and Bob is On the Job.

Meals On Wheels Needs Volunteers

Looking for volunteers to deliver hot meals to our community Seniors 60+ who are homebound. This service helps keep them independent in their own homes.

Time commitment is 1 to 2 hours per week.

Mileage is reimbursable.

Please call 314.741.1930 to offer your services.

Sun-Mon.
11am-9pm
Tues. & Thurs.
11am-11pm
Fri.-Sat
11am-12am



418 So. Florissant Road 314-521-2220

fergusonbrewing.com

Visit us on Facebook & Twitter

—BIG GAME GROWLER COUPON—
WITH THE ORDER OF 50 WINGS FOR \$50...
GET A GROWLER FOR **JUST \$5** —OR—
GET A **FREE GROWLER**
IF YOU ALREADY HAVE
A GROWLER READY FOR REFILL
VALID ONLY FEB. 1, 2015

NOT VALID WITH OTHER SPECIALS OR DISCOUNTS. MUST PRESENT COUPON. WINGS MUST BE PRE-ORDERED BY JAN. 31, 2015.



A Very Artsy Place

The students at Our Lady of Guadalupe were treated twice in recent days with art experiences provided by two of their very good friends and partners. The Saint Louis Art Museum provided an afternoon of fun with two professional artists who taught the children how to decorate canvas bags with fabric markers and fabric crayons. The students were encouraged to design and create a beautiful carry-all keepsakes which are doubling as book bags.

The staff of Express Scripts visited shortly before the holidays and provided each classroom with special treats and more creative art projects. Each class was visited by two members of the Express Scripts team. The art projects were carefully selected for each grade level. The OLG students are certainly lucky to have such good friends from our community!



Is Your Heart
Broken Because
Your Car is
Wrecked?

Don't
Worry - Let the
Crew at Lonero's
Put the Pieces
Back Together!



LONERO'S AUTO BODY
WE'LL GET YOU BACK ON THE ROAD

3776 Pershall
Ferguson, MO 63135
314-524-8006

Djeli Tales By Mama Lisa Gage



A Tale of Two Sweethearts for Valentine's Day

You gotta love them, Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee. Each became a powerhouse of media arts and together created a dynamic legacy of partnership that makes our hearts swell. You may know that they starred together in the films *Do the Right Thing* (1989) and *Jungle Fever* (1991) by Spike Lee, as well as co-authoring a book, *With Ossie and Ruby: In This Life Together* (1998).



However, did you know that in 1999, both were arrested by the New York City Police Department for protesting the police shooting of Amadou Diallo of Guinea, West Africa? Dee and Davis's commitment to civil activism included personal relationships that each maintained with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X. The couple served as emcees during the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. Davis also eloquently eulogized Malcolm X for representing "our living Black manhood" in February of 1965. (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L2PQ3XY_j2E) In 2005, the couple also received the Lifetime Achievement Freedom Award by the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, Tennessee.

Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee were married in 1948 and remained married for nearly 60 years. They met in 1946 while costarring on Broadway in *Jeb*. By the 1960s, The Davis' settled in New Rochelle, NY and were blessed with 3 children: Nora Day, Hasna Muhammad, and Guy Davis. Guy heralds as a blues guitar icon in American music, adding to the family credits. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hl6TSiHJUbl>) As a gift to his grandmother for her 90th birthday, grandson Muta'Ali chronicled their life of love in a documentary film, *Life's Essentials with Ruby Dee*. Photos of their journey were featured in *Essence Magazine* in June of 2012. (<http://www.essence.com/2012/06/13/exclusive-ruby-dee-shares-thoughts-on-marriage-and-loving-ossie-davis-plus-photos/>)

Life for Davis began in Cogdell, Georgia as Raiford Chatman Davis, December 18, 1917. As a railway construction engineer in the early 20th century, Davis's father, Kince Davis faced threats from the KKK. Additional racial bias turned out to be a blessing in disguise when Davis's mother, Laura, was misquoted while filing for his birth certificate. Though Mrs. Davis's southern Georgia dialect was clear when she pronounced that her child's name was R.C. to the court recorder, the name Ossie was written and history was forever made. Davis attended Howard University and Columbia University, finally settling on acting as a career. The opportunities expanded for Davis to add director, film, television, and recording credits to his list of laudable contributions.

Mrs. Ruby Dee claimed New York as home for most of her life despite being born in Cleveland, OH, October 27, 1922. Ruby Ann Wallace grew to love New York primarily due to a shift in her upbringing. Her father, Edward Wallace, remarried and relocated to Harlem, which provided numerous opportunities for Dee to enjoy the arts by studying piano and violin. She graduated from Hunter College with degrees in French and Spanish. Her passion was honed in 1946 beginning with her apprenticeship with the American Negro Theater group. By her death at age 91, Ms. Dee's credits mounted to staggering heights as an actress, poet, playwright, screenwriter, and journalist. I simply fell in love with her all over again during her St. Louis concert of *My One Good Nerve* in 1996, a one-woman show based on her book of the same name. (<http://www.lybrary.com/my-one-good-nerve-p-475965.html?gclid=CKnFwoaTnsMCFQoOaQodXksAdA>)

If seeking a love that will stand the test of time is for you, catch up on their journey. America's fascination with February 14 has become Cupid's bankable commercial holiday only bested by Christmas. Whether you chart your course with the help of Sam Cooke, the St. Louis Valentine's Day Music Festival at Chaifetz Arena, or the Bud Light Grand Mardi Gras Parade in Soulard, make it a moment to remember with a memory to warm your heart for years to come. Ossie Davis (2005) and Ruby Dee (2014) were cremated and placed in the same urn with a message that reads, "In This Thing Together." Now that's love for you. Happy Valentine's Day!

Drums for Cool Valley Elementary



Nancy Kowalczyk, a music teacher at Cool Valley Elementary School, knew she had to do something in order to stock her classroom with musical necessities for her students.

Thanks to DonorsChoose.org and a generous donation from Horace Mann Insurance, Kowalczyk now has over \$20,000 in supplies.

Just Dad and Me

The Ferguson-Florissant School District's Parents as Teachers program will hold "Just Me and My Dad" on Monday, February 23, 6:30 -7:30 p.m. at the James J. Eagan Center, Rooms A & B, #1 James J. Eagan Drive in Florissant.

Dads, bring your young child ages 18 months to 3 years old for a free one-on-one evening full of fun activities just for you and your child.

Children enjoy playing with Dad. One-on-one time with Dad is important to a child's development. Foster the social-emotional development of your child by interacting while focusing on physical activities and games.

Research has shown that when fathers are actively involved in their children's lives, the benefits are tremendous! Boys with warm, nurturing fathers are likely to grow up self-confident, academically successful, generous and compassion-

ate. Girls whose fathers have been respectful and nurturing toward them tend to be confident and relate well with others.

Free parent/child activities are one component of the Parents as Teachers program. The Parents as Teachers program also offers personalized visits provided by certified parent educators. During visits parents learn about age appropriate child development information and activities for their child. Once a year children are given a developmental, health, hearing, vision and dental screening. If needed, parent educators provide assistance in locating community resources. Parent educators also assist expectant parents with prenatal information and what to expect as a first time parent.

You do not need to be currently enrolled in Parents as Teachers to attend. For more information call 314-506-9069.

Still Have Leaves on the Ground? Leaf Vacuuming Service!

You bring your leaves to the curb (not in the street) and then give us a call. We will vacuum and dispose of them. You have no backaches, no bags.



Ferguson business for 25 years!

RAUCH'S LAWN SERVICE
314-524-8297

We ♥ Ferguson



Ferguson resident for 55 years!

Candidate List for April 7th Ferguson City Council Election

WARD ONE

ELLA M. JONES
554 Monceau Drive
Ferguson, MO 63135

DOYLE MCCLELLAN
1131 Hudson Road
Ferguson, MO 63135

ADRIENNE J. HAWKINS*
1330 Fargo Drive
Ferguson, MO 63135

MIKE MCGRATH*
1599 Knollstone Drive
Ferguson, MO 63135

WARD THREE

WESLEY BELL*
419 S. Florissant Road, Unit 3N
Ferguson, MO 63135

LEE SMITH*
7491 Castro Drive
Ferguson, MO 63135

WARD TWO

BRIAN P. FLETCHER
202 S. Elizabeth Avenue
Ferguson, MO 63135

ROBERT "BOB" HUDGINS*
313 Louisa Avenue
Ferguson, MO 63135



*Petitions pending signature verification by St. Louis County Board of Election Commissioners

HELP Provides Local Produce for Schools

Students in the Ferguson-Florissant School District are enjoying more locally grown produce and honing their culinary skills thanks to the Healthy Eating with Local Produce (HELP) program. The HELP program brings locally grown fruits and vegetables to cafeterias across the district, with the processing of the produce done by culinary students at McCluer North and McCluer South Berkeley High Schools.

Employment Opportunity



Job Title: Assistant Court Clerk (Part-time)
Department: Police
Salary: \$13.32/hr

City of Ferguson is seeking a part-time Assistant Court Clerk. The ideal candidate will assist customers with payments of fines and costs; answer telephones; research and answer questions.

Candidate will be required to attend court sessions; locate files and assist attorneys and judges; prepare correspondence and maintain court records. Must provide effective and efficient customer service and promote and maintain responsive community relations.

Daytime hours which include evening court approx. two (2) nights per month. High School Diploma/GED required.

Apply to: City of Ferguson, Attention: Human Resources, 110 Church Street, Ferguson, MO 63135 or online at www.fergusoncity.com

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

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

New Law Enforcement Explorer Posts for Students

For more information, Contact the City of Ferguson Media Relations Department 636-748-7332 or 636-748-7455 media@fergusoncity.com or Lt. Ray Nabzdyk (314) 524-5277

In less than two weeks, the first recruiting session for new Explorer posts in the City of Ferguson will begin. Chief Thomas Jackson says the Ferguson Police Department is preparing to charter a Law Enforcement Explorer Post for youth in the City of Ferguson. The department will have several police officers working in various positions within the Post. They will soon meet with students at McCluer-South Berkeley High School, in the Ferguson-Florissant School District in February to begin discussing the program.

"This initiative will encourage positive interaction with students, the police, and the Ferguson Community," said Jackson. "The Law Enforcement Explorer Post will also inspire young people to develop leadership skills, explore career opportunities, and build life skills. Additionally, it will also encourage our youth to build character and to develop citizenship qualities."

Another new Explorer post being created involves the Ferguson Fire Department and local young adults between 14 to 20 years old. Captain Jeremy Corcoran says the program will be hands on, and lead by Explorers, with firefighters serving as advisors and instructors. The new Explorer Fire Program kicks off with an open house at Firehouse 1 at 200 S. Florissant Road on February 19th from 6 to 8pm for prospective scouts.

The first recruiting session takes place on February 5th from 10 to 1pm at McClure-South Berkeley High. "The classroom instruction and practical evolutions will be as close to our actual training as we can safely manage," said Corcoran.

Members of the Posts will also participate in various community service projects. Interested applicants must be a resident of Ferguson. For more information about the law enforcement post, contact Officer Paul Boudreau at (314) 522-3100 ext. 5589 or Officer Craig Horton at ext. 5448.

For more information about the Explorer Fire Program, contact Captain Jeremy Corcoran at (314) 522-1122.

Roadway Improvements on Woodstock Road

The City of Ferguson and Emerson Electric Co. have partnered together to provide roadway improvements on Woodstock Rd. These improvements will begin during the spring of 2015. Road closures and lane restrictions may occur as a result of the work. Please contact the City of Ferguson Public Works at 314-521-8373 or Emerson's project consultant, Keith Savage at 314-762-6825 with questions.

Stay In The Neighborhood

We have been serving North County Residents with 24-hour nursing care for over 66 years.

Exceptional Service At Reasonable Rates

MEDICARE / MEDICAID CERTIFIED

Private and Semi-Private Rooms Available



Oak Knoll Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

**37 N. CLARK – FERGUSON
314-521-7419**


Calendar of Events In and Around Ferguson

Complete Details of These Events Throughout the Paper

- Handicapped Encounter Christ – Savoy Fri., Feb. 6
- Puppy Pre-School Fri., Feb. 6
- Beginner/Advanced Dog Obedience Fri., Feb. 6
- First Friday Gallery Night – Corners Fri., Feb. 6
- Story Times at Library – Henry's Freedom Box Sat., Feb. 7
- Reading on Race – Library Mon., Feb. 9
- City Council Meeting – City Hall Tues., Feb. 10
- Yahtzee – Community Center Thurs., Feb. 12
- Northwest Chamber of Commerce Membership Meeting Thurs., Feb. 12
- Lunch and Visit to Pioneer's Cabin Fri., Feb. 13
- Ham & Bean or Chicken & Rice Soup – St. Stephens Fri., Feb. 13
- Teen Trip to City Museum Fri., Feb. 13
- St. Valentine's Day Sat., Feb. 14
- President's Day Mon., Feb. 16
- Ash Wednesday, Lent Begins Wed., Feb. 18
- Free Vision Screening for Tots – Eagar Center Mon., Feb. 23
- Author Dr. John Wright Speaks – Immanuel Mon., Feb. 16
- Praying for Peace – Our Lady of Guadalupe Tues., Feb. 17
- Mystery Meal Fri., Feb. 20
- Ferguson Indoor Farmers Market – St. Stephens Sat., Feb. 21
- Teen Move, "Now You See Me" – Library Sat., Feb. 21
- Just Dad and Me – Eagar Center Mon., Feb. 23
- Film on Water Crisis – St. Stephens Tues., Feb. 24
- City Council Meeting – City Hall Tues., Feb. 24
- Voter Registration Training – Library Thurs., Feb. 26
- Ritenour High Arts and Craft Fair Sat., Feb. 28 & Sun., Mar. 1
- Wurstmarket/Sausage Dinner – St. Peters Sat., Mar. 7

Nu Way
 Heating,
 Air Conditioning,
 & Generators
 Jeff Westermann
314.521.1144
For all your Generator needs!
 Licensed, Bonded
 and Insured

 **ROBINWOOD**
 AUTOMOTIVE & TIRE
 Sweetheart Special!
FREE BATTERY TEST... and get
10% OFF NEW BATTERY & INSTALLATION
 If battery needed, coupon expires 2-28-15 • Not valid with other offers
 www.robinwoodauto.com 524-3440

Ferguson License Office
 728 South Florissant

Rules for obtaining Drivers License:

- U.S. Birth Certificate (certified with embossed, stamped or raised seal – not hospital certificates)
- Social Security Number
- Proof of Missouri residence

Note: There are some exceptions.
 Visit www.dor.mo.gov
 Mon. – Fri. 9am-5pm
 Saturday 8am-noon
(314) 521-2360

"Don't Scrap It, Sharpen It"
Carter's Superior Sharpening Service
(314) 591-7902
 Lawn Mower Blades, Chain Saws, Carbide and Steel Blades, Drills, Knives, Scissors and Hand Saws

FERGUSON DENTAL
 • Family Dentistry • Implants
 • Orthodontics (including Invisalign®)
314.522.6300
 46 South Florissant Road
 Downtown Ferguson
 Free Orthodontics Consultations

KENNEDY FENCE
 8632 WABASH AVE. * ST. LOUIS, MO 63134 * 521-0936
 JERRY KENNEDY, PRESIDENT

Gutters, Facia, Soffit, Siding
 Reattach winter damaged gutters. Replace or repair.
 We can save you money!
LM Contracting Services
314.327.3981


Charles A. James
 Attorney at Law

 Clients may meet in Ferguson
 by appointment
314 • 521-1888
cajesq@mac.com
 • Wills • Trusts • Power of Attorney
 • Estate Planning • Corporations
 • Taxes • Partnerships
 • General Business • Limited Liability Companies
 • Contracts • Real Estate • Traffic

 **DIVERSIFIED**
 PAINTING and CONTRACTING LLC
 Residential / Commercial
 Power washing
 Water and fire damage repaired
 Kitchen & bath remodeling available
 Paint / Drywall / Plaster / Stucco
 Fully Licensed and Insured
 Free Estimates
diversifiedpaintingllc@gmail.com
 Give us a call **314.203.7587**

ALL THINGS CONSTRUCTED
 The local concrete & stone specialist
 • Stamped and Colored Concrete
 • Design & Building
 • Innovative Walls
 • Stone and Block Patios
 • Heavy Hauling & Excavating
 Licensed and Insured
314-438-9739

OPEN MAIN SEWER AND DRAINS
 Prices starting at **\$55.00**
 Free Estimates on Plumbing Repairs
 Office 521-5590 Cell 346-0153

"Your North County Realtor"
 **POPE REALTORS**
 Established in Ferguson Since 1959
 2 So. Florissant 521-6666
 Listings Needed. Call Dave Pope

Interior Plaster, Patch and Crack Repair Specialist
 Free Estimates
 20 years experience
 Call Larry
(314) 521-5257 or (314) 412-0048


Kathy McCourt
 Ferguson, Missouri
 Phone:
314-524-3437
www.kathymccourt.mygc.com

A+ rating BBB
HOME IMPROVEMENT SERVICE
 Repairing & Remodeling Specialists
 • Carpentry • Plumbing • Electrical • Painting • Roofing • Siding • Ceramic Tile
 • Windows • Doors • Decks • Tuckpointing • Concrete • Gutters • Wood Flooring
 • Kitchens • Bathrooms • Basements • Leafproof Gutter Protection
 Serving all of North County – SENIOR DISCOUNTS
 Established in 1977
 Big or Small We do it All! Licensed & Insured
MARK & JOE RUFFINO Phone 868-4122 Cell 740-2176


Ferguson Auto Center
 900 So. Florissant
524-3200
 30 Years in Business
 BUY HERE, PAY HERE
 Most payments \$100 every two weeks

Need a fresh look?

TLC Construction and Remodeling, LLC
 No job too BIG, no job too small
314-265-7145

ONE HOUR - ONE DAY EXPRESS LAB
 **Ferguson Optical**
 SERVICE AND QUALITY FOR OVER 45 YEARS
\$10 OFF Regular Eye Exam
\$25 OFF Transition Lenses
 7025 Howdershell Hazelwood, MO 731-1117 1 So. Florissant Rd., Ferguson, MO 522-8484

 **MARIE LODATO CRINNION**
 ATTORNEY & COUNSELOR
 11 Cardigan Drive
 314.524.4513
www.CrinnionLaw.com
 Wills, trusts, estate planning, power of attorney, real estate, contracts, business, family law, traffic