

Ferguson Times

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CITY OF FERGUSON, MO.

October, 2015

Serving Ferguson and Surrounding Communities

Ferguson Farmers' Market

CELEBRATING OUR 13TH YEAR!





Saturday October 3rd:

- Caramel Apple Decorating, 9-11
- Ferguson Public Library, Children's Activities, 8-11:30
- Music: Rewind Band, 9-11

Saturday October 10th:

- Children's Pumpkin Decorating Contest Judging at 11
- Author's Fest
- Ferguson Public Library, Children's Activities, 8-11:30
- Northern Arts Council, Crafts for Kids, 10-12
- Music: Not Wired Right, 9-11

Saturday, October 17th:

- Chili Cook-Off – Judging at 11
- Ferguson Public Library, Children's Activities, 8-11:30
- Eco Team

Saturday October 24th:

- Kid's Halloween Trick or Treat, 10-11
- Ferguson Public Library, Children's Activities, 8-11:30
- Northern Arts Council, Crafts for Kids, 10-12
- Jim Mayhew, Native American Flute – Mayhew Music Studio, 9-11

20 S. Florissant, at the Victorian Plaza
(just south of the train trestle)
Check our our website, FergusonFarmersMarket.com
"LIKE" us on facebook

This is the last of the 2015 Outdoor Ferguson Farmers Market.
Thanks you for your support.

The Indoor Market will resume on the 3rd Saturday of the month at
St. Stephens Church, starting in November

Sunday, November 29, 2015
2 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Annual Community Holiday Celebration
Theme: Home for the Holidays

FERGUSON NORTHERN LIGHTS

Parade & Vendor Application
available at fergusoncitywalk.com

Join the planning committee
Next Meeting: 10/14/15 • 6 p.m. • Ferguson Community Center

Look for these signs →

Ferguson Daylight "Pumpkin Walk" Returns Sunday, October 25th

(See details on Page 3.)




YOU CAN'T STOP TIME . . .

but you can turn your clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 1st at 2:00 a.m. (See story on page 16.)

THE TASTE IN FERGUSON

A FUNDRAISER FOR THE ROBBIE MCGARTLAND / SAMANTHA LIPKA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

THANKS for your generous support!

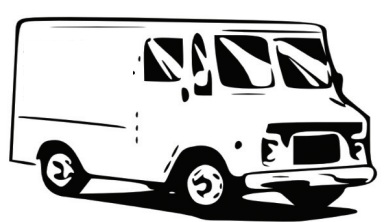
Taste in Ferguson raised close to \$30,000 on Sunday, September 20th at the Savoy Banquet Center. Over 900 people attended the event and enjoyed the food, the ambiance, and the camaraderie.

(See pictures and details on Page 20.)

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Food Truck Monday on the Walk

Last one of the year!



MONDAY, OCTOBER 19
11am to 2 pm

Plaza @ 501
501 South Florissant Road

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

2015 CityWalk CONCERT SERIES

Plaza at 501
FREE • 7PM-9PM

Upcoming Show...
Blend
Doo Wop/A Capella
October 9

FREE

www.fergusoncitywalk.com

Bring a lawn chair.
Coolers are permitted. No glass please.
Concessions available for purchase on-site.
501 S. Florissant Rd.
www.fergusoncitywalk.com

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



Greetings from CityWalk

A special thanks to those businesses that were able to attend our quarterly brunch. It is refreshing to meet with our neighbors on the CityWalk. The quarterly breakfast is an opportunity to meet casually with other business members on the Walk. Conversations emerge from common interests in everything from our local eateries, new construction, and business growth and development along CityWalk. Be on the lookout for our next quarterly breakfast.

Our final Food Truck Monday for the season will take place on October 19, 2015. Come out and enjoy CityWalk during this final annual event. We truly appreciate all of the visitors and food truck vendors that supported CityWalk this season. Meals can be picked up to go, or enjoy lunch on the plaza.

The Farmer's Market is open each Saturday morning, we'd love to see you there. The Farmer's Market is committed to working with local vendors to bring you fresh home grown foods. Stop by and check out new vendors and the selections of fresh seasonal fruits and vegetables.

Thank you to all the volunteers, vendors, participants, and patrons to our annual Streetfest. Each year this event brings out the best of our community. We hope that you enjoyed the variety of entertainment and great food. Our Streetfest is a wonderful event filled with activities for everyone. Once again, we thank you for your support and look forward to seeing you next year.

(This section reserved for the General Membership Businesses of the FSBD.)

Every third Thursday of the month is our board meeting. We meet at 5:30 pm in the offices of Pearce Neikirk located at 427 S. Florissant Rd. Our next meeting is October 15, 2015. All businesses located in the Ferguson Special Business District are invited and welcomed. We would like to see you at our meetings. If there is anything that you would want to share with your fellow district businesses, let us know, we'd be happy to help you get the word out.

Until next month, keep walking.

The Plumber's Crack

By Oh Baby bigohbaby@sbcglobal.net

Temperature's are dropping, leaves starting to turn, baseball playoffs starting, football in full swing, my bones aching a little more than usual . . . it must be October and time for the fall edition of the Plumbers Crack.



to replace this washer. You grip the shaft, give the top a quarter turn and there it sits. They sell at your local hardware store for a couple of bucks.

One other problem with things going wrong in toilet tanks is cleaners. Do NOT put any type chlorine

Well my friends we have been talking about simple repairs that you can do yourself. This month we will talk about Oh Baby's vacation spot. Yes, you got it; the porcelain palace, the china throne, the news desk, or known to some as the water closet or toilet.

cleaners in you tank . They destroy your flush valve, flapper, and the gasket around your fill valve. If you want to use bleach use it in the bowl only. It does work wonders there. In fact once or twice a month it's a good idea to put a cupful in your bowl when you go to bed at night and let it sit. It will remove stains and keep calcium from building up in the part of the bowl you can't see.

The toilet is one of the causes of a high water bill. One way to find out if it's running your bill up is put a little food coloring in your tank and check back in an hour or so and see if it makes it to your bowl. If it does you probably have a bad flapper or tank ball. If it's the flapper buy a good universal brand like Korky.

We can talk a little more about my favorite spot next month and I got some disturbing news about water heaters this week. I'll check into it more and report back to you next month.

Before you install it make sure the opening that it sits on is smooth and clear of any build up. If you have an older style toilet that still has a float ball on the fill valve, it's probably a good time to switch to the new style fill valve. They are adjustable and will fit any size tank and will definitely let you know when your flapper is bad. The other quality about the new style is they are easy to repair.

I will close this month like I always do. Please shop and dine Ferguson first. The Farmers Market is a must this time of the year . . . it will keep you healthy and you can stay in touch and make new friends there. Remember to hug and love dem babies, check on the elderly maybe offer them a ride to church, and get to know and watch out for your neighbors .

Oh Baby

In the top of the valve there is a large washer. No tools are needed



Ferguson Youth Initiative

FYI is a not for profit organization serving the youth of the community by encouraging them and engaging them as active members of the community, developing programs as needed, and further communicating and partnering with existing community youth programs.

FYIFergYouth.org
(314) 749.5379 * info@fyiferyouth.org

Upcoming Events

- Friday, Oct 2
 - Open Arts 6-9pm
 - FYI Backbay
- Saturday, Oct 10 & 17
 - FYI Backbay Updates
- November 2015
 - Party With a Purpose
 - Teen Summit

Volunteer

- Event Support
 - Open Arts
 - Spot 394
 - Next Steps
- FCSP Site Mentors

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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



Ferguson Kiwanis

52nd ANNUAL PANCAKE DAY SAVOY BANQUET CENTER

119 So. Florissant Road Sunday, Nov. 1 Serving 8:00 am to 1:00 pm



Proceeds to Scholarship & Welfare Fund

Adult: \$8.00 Under 13: \$4.00

For tickets or more information, call Kay Klein 521-5960

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 inclusion in the following month's paper.

Thank YOU for making Ferguson StreetFest a Success!

See event photos at www.fergusonstreetfest.com & www.facebook.com/fergusoncitywalk

Please Support Our Sponsors!



McCluer High School Key Club, Marley's Bar & Grill, Ferguson Brewing Company, Hewkin Auto Body, Andy Wurm Wheel & Tire, Benton for Hair, Corners Frameshop & Gallery, The Film Perspective, Tim Larson, UMSL Athletics, Haywood Hoosman Realty, Sam's Club, StreetFest Committee & all our volunteers.

JOBS AND MORE STL Continues Training in Ferguson

JOBS AND MORE STL is continuing their mission to help the unemployed and underemployed find employment by providing training and motivation in the job search process. JOBS AND MORE STL's goal is to arm workshop achievers with the skills and drive necessary to find employment that aligns with their individual strengths and interests.

Monday, September 14, JOBS AND MORE STL commenced the latest two-week Rise Above Workforce Training Workshop in Ferguson, with six achievers attending the class.

In August, two Ferguson residents, Achievers Bob Sobczak and Daniel Hayes, graduated from the workshop. JOBS AND MORE STL wishes Bob and Daniel success in their searches. Bob, Daniel, and all workshop achievers learn the importance of traits such as Integrity and Trustworthiness. They also learn about Resume Writing, Personal Presentation, Problem Solving and Conflict Resolution from subject matter experts. Local HR representatives discuss keys to the job search process, and perform mock interviews. These skills are crucial to achievers in obtaining and retaining employment.



Executive Director Adrian Shropshire, with Achievers Bob Sobczak and Daniel Hayes and Mayor James Knowles.

Upon completion of the workshop, all achievers receive a JOBS AND MORE STL mentor, to further help them on their path to success.

Do you want to know more?

Would you like to volunteer with JOBS AND MORE STL?

Are you interested in enrolling in the next FREE workshop, to be held October 12-23, 9:30AM-12:30 PM, M-F? The workshop orientation session will be held October 7, at 9:30AM. Both the orientation and workshop will be conducted at the Ferguson Municipal Public Library, 35 N. Florissant Rd.

Contact JOBS AND MORE STL for more information about the services offered, to make a tax-deductible charitable contribution, or to volunteer to serve as a mentor, fundraiser or workshop facilitator: jobsandmorestl@outlook.com, 314.283.2215, on the web jobsandmorestl.org, or visit the JOBS AND MORE STL Facebook page.

"Pumpkin Walk" keeps Halloween safe for Ferguson kids

The "I Love Ferguson Committee" is hosting the second annual "Pumpkin Walk" for Ferguson children to celebrate Halloween. The event was created to offer a safe daytime trick-or-treat activity.

The "Pumpkin Walk," is set for October 26 from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. through the Old East Ferguson area. Several local churches will be asked to help again this year and we are asking for volunteers to escort children and hand out candy.



Homeowners in the Old Ferguson East neighborhood will once again be asked to place "Open for Halloween" signs on their lawns to welcome the children. The signs were generously donated by Scott Newger, president of Ferguson-based Newger Materials. Homeowners will be given candy if needed to distribute. Candy and signs will be available for pick up at the "I love Ferguson" Store at 299 South Florissant Road, starting October 19th. To volunteer call the store at 314-524-7400. Volunteers are also needed to put out the signs.

Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more details and meeting places, please visit <http://iloveferguson.com> or e-mail lovefergusoncommittee@gmail.com

Old Ferguson East neighborhood
Sunday, Oct. 25th, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

All-You-Can-Eat Ham & Bean or Chicken & Rice Soup

Friday, Oct. 23rd
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.



Food Truck Mondays on the Walk is Here!



October 19, 2015
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Plaza at 501, 501 S. Florissant Rd.
www.fergusoncitywalk.com



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There is no “us” or “them”, only “We”

By Mayor James W. Knowles III



“...it ought to be the happiness and glory of a representative to live in the strictest union, the closest correspondence, and the most unreserved communication with his constituents. Their wishes ought to have great weight with him; their opinion, high respect; their business, unremitting attention. It is his duty to sacrifice his repose, his pleasures, his satisfactions, to theirs; and above all, ever, and in all cases, to prefer their interest to his own. But his unbiassed opinion, his mature judgment, his enlightened conscience, he ought not to sacrifice to you, to any man, or to any set of men living. These he does not derive from your pleasure; no, nor from the law and the constitution. They are a trust from Providence, for the abuse of which he is deeply answerable. Your representative owes you, not his industry only, but his judgment; and he betrays, instead of serving you, if he sacrifices it to your opinion.”

—Edmund Burke 1729-1797,
Anglo-Irish Author, Statesmen, Political Theorist

It's October and Halloween time is upon us. So what better time to talk about big scary monsters like, "the government". In all seriousness, polls today show that skepticism and fear of government is at an all-time high in our country's modern history. Skepticism in government is nothing new in the American experience; after all, our country was founded on a healthy distrust of government. It was with this mindset that our forefathers set out to examine the failures and successes of governments of the past and establish our new national government with the ratification of our constitution.

The type of government that they chose was a republic. Now that sounds contrary to what we hear on TV, in schools, and just in casual conversation. We usually hear people refer to our government as a democracy. Surely, there are democratic principles in the foundation of our government, after all we believe in the right of the people to participate in government, to vote, to express their points of view, just to name a few.

But ultimately, when the framers of the US Constitution chose our form of government and set up the process for how decisions are made, they chose a representational form of government in the form of a republic, as opposed to a direct democracy. This bit of history has been on my mind for some time because of comments I continue to hear from residents regarding “the people” and “the council”, especially those that continue to put “the people” vs. “the council”.

Whether we recognize it or not, the council is made up of citizens of Ferguson, and they too are members of this class referred to as “the people”. The council isn't made up of distant elected officials that are impossible to meet, and serve in this capacity far away in Washington, D. C. They are neighbors that live, sometimes work, and play right next to you in this small community. Members of the council are residents that devote a tremendous amount of time, energy, and talent, for almost no pay, to serve this city and its residents. And while their job and the decisions they make are not always popular, they are necessary part of our government. Because contrary to some popular beliefs, we cannot effectively exist as a “democracy” where every citizen votes on every issue. In the spirit of our constitution, we are collectively better served by citizen representatives that are devoting the necessary time and resources to ensuring the best long term decisions are made for the entire community.

Citizens often mistake the concept of your elected officials as a “representative”, believing that to mean they should represent your individual opinion in their official capacity as a legislator. That is difficult considering elected officials represent hundreds if not thousands of individuals, with individual opinions. In political theory, one would consider that type of role as a “delegate”; someone who simply speaks on behalf of other's opinion. As Edmund Burke mentions above, a true representative is going to engage the entirety of the citizens on the issues, divest themselves of their own personal passions or interests, and make an informed judgement in the best interest of the community.

I think it is no surprise to anyone, to say that the city, and the city government, has some serious challenges ahead. The council will be forced to make some tough decisions over the next year, and it will be imperative to gain input from the residents on these important issues. Ultimately the council will be forced to make decisions on behalf of the city, and it is likely that citizens will not universally agree on the path forward. Sometimes there are no “good” decisions, but we need to remember that the council is here to make the best decision possible for the entire community. This city, and its citizens would be best served, if we all recognized, there is no room for “us” and “them”, there can be only “we”.

Leaf Clean-up 2015

Fall is upon us and the leaves will be turning beautiful colors. Unfortunately the beautiful leaves will begin to fall.

Each property owner is responsible for cleaning up the leaves in his/her yard. We are fortunate to have unlimited yard waste pick-up through Republic Services/Allied Waste. You can either put the leaves in your own 30-gallon trash can marked as “yard waste” or use paper yard waste bags available at hardware stores. Then put the bags out on your weekly trash pick-up day. If you have an extremely large number of yard waste containers you may want to contact Republic Services/Allied Waste at 636-947-5959 to let them know.

Leaves cannot be blown or raked to the curb or in the street. The city street sweepers are not equipped to clean up leaf debris. Anyone blowing leaves into the street may be visited by one of our code enforcement officers.

If you need to dispose of tree branches they must be cut into 4 foot lengths and bundled no larger than 18 inches (1.5 feet) in diameter and must be tied with string or twine.

If you have any questions or concerns about yard waste disposal you can contact Republic Services/Allied Waste at 636-947-5959.

Walgreens Pharmacy will provide flu shots to those in need. A Flu Shot will be free for residents and community members who cannot afford it. Those with insurance should bring their insurance ID cards.

When: Tuesday, October 20
Where: Ferguson Community Center
1050 Smith Ave., 1:30- 3:30 pm



The Ferguson City Council will meet twice in September. The meetings will be held in the City Council Chambers at 110 Church Street.

The meeting dates are:

Tuesday, October 13 at 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 27 at 7:00 p.m.

Ferguson Neighborhood Organizations

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

Group	Next Mtg.	Location	Contact
Forestwood Park Neighborhood Group	Oct 6 6 pm Natl Nite Out	Ferg Community Ctr 1050 Smith	Donald Stevens 314-561-0379
Jeske Park Neighborhood Assc.	Oct 8 7 pm	Ferg Community Ctr 1050 Smith Ave	Kate Mazzacavallo katemazza@yahoo.com
Nesbit-Newton	Oct 22 7 pm	St Peter's 1425 Stein Rd	Paul Beins 314-869-5080
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 glenda.rickard@mercy.net
Old Ferguson West Neighbors	Oct 8 7 pm	Corner Coffee House 100 No Florissant	Larry Robinett ldrobinett@gmail.com
Robert-Superior Neighborhood Group	TBA	Robert-Superior Park	Irene Kidd kiddirene87@gmail.com
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
North Hudson Neighborhood	TBA	Ferg Community Ctr 1050 Smith	Mary Simmons hudsonhills63135@gmail.com
North Hills Neighborhood	Oct 6 6 pm Natl Nite Out	Ferg Community Ctr 1050 Smith Ave	Keith Kallstrom 314-524-1720
North Elizabeth Assn	Nov 9 7 pm	Ferg Community Ctr. 1050 Smith Ave	Renee Benage rbenage@sbcglobal.net

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

COMMUNITY CENTER

Facility Rentals

Use one of the Ferguson Community Center's Multipurpose Rooms for your next event or gathering. These spacious rooms are perfect for any occasion. Also, newly opened is the Ferguson Event Center, a 5600 square foot air-conditioned facility with a stage toward the front of the room, which can accommodate up to 450 guests for your next wedding reception or family reunion. Call up to the Ferguson Community Center for booking information, pricing, and any additional information at (314) 521-4661.

Membership Promotion

October 1 Through October 31

(Charter Member and New Member Anniversary Sale)

If you buy a membership or renew a membership you get 1 additional month free. 13 months for the normal 1 year price.

PROGRAMMING

Children's 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. Ballet shoes recommended.

Age: 3 ½-7 years old

Start Date: Wed., Oct 7 (8 week session)

Time: 6pm-6:50pm

Location: Ferguson Community Center

Fee: \$34/Members; \$39/Residents; \$44/Non-Residents

Children's Tap & Ballet Dance

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 clothing, tennis shoes, or bare feet. Ballet shoes recommended.

Age: 3 ½-7 years old

Start Date: Wed., Oct 7 (8 week session)

Time: 7pm-7:50pm

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

Start Date: Wed, Oct 7 (8 week session)

Location: Ferguson Community Center

Fee: \$34/Members; \$39/Residents; \$44/Non-Residents

Beginning Adult Dance

Warm-up with easy Freestyle dance steps followed by basics in Waltz, Fox Trot, Tango, Cha-Cha, Rumba, Salsa, and Swing (learning these dance styles will enable participants to dance at any social event). Class is taught by Diane Brown who has 30 plus years dance and choreography experience in the St. Louis area. Wear comfortable clothing and hard-soled shoes. No tennis shoes.

Age: 18 & Up

Start Date: Mon, Oct 5 (8 week session)

Location: Ferguson Community Center

Fee: \$40/Members; \$45/Residents; \$50/Non-Residents

Private Dance Lessons

Are you going to a wedding, on a cruise, or will you be attending a social event that includes dancing? Are you an engaged couple that need to learn a routine for their first dance? Or do you just want to learn to dance for fun and fitness in a class designed to teach you the styles of dance you want to learn? Private dance lessons are the answer. Classes are taught by Diane Brown, instructor and choreographer of 30 years. Diane can teach you most any style of dance including Ballroom, Latin, Swing, Salsa, Hip Hop, Tap and Ballet. For wedding dances, she can teach the bride and father-of-the-bride and the entire wedding party, as well as the bride and groom, a dance to the music they have selected for that special day.

Fee: \$45 for a one hour class for up to 4 students

\$5 more for each additional student

Beginner's discount: receive a discount for 6 classes if paid in full at the first class. \$38 per class.

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.

The Wayside Dog Park is now half price for the half of the year.

Yearly Fee: \$15 Residents; \$30 Non-Residents

\$5 per additional dog (three dogs per family).

FITNESS

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, Oct 19; Wed, Oct 14; Fri, Oct 16 (Ongoing 6 week sessions)

Time: Mon, Wed, & Fri 6pm-7pm

Location: Ferguson Community Center

Fee: \$25/Members; \$30/Residents; \$35/Non-Residents

To Add an Additional Day:

\$10/members add day; \$15/residents add day

\$20/non-residents add day

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

Start Date: Sat, Oct 24 (Ongoing 6 week sessions)

Time: Sat 9am

Location: Ferguson Community Center

Fee: \$40/Members; \$45/Residents; \$50/Non-Residents

ATHLETICS

Adult Coed Kickball

Come out to Forestwood Athletic Complex 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 the winning team will receive a trophy! The tournament will be held on Saturday, November 14. All teams are guaranteed at least 2 games. For more information call the Recreation Office at 314-521-4661.

Ages: 21 and up

Date: Sat, Nov 14

Location: Forestwood Park

Sand Volleyball Tournament

The Ferguson Recreation Department is proud to announce that Sand Volleyball Courts will be added to the Ferguson Community Center this fall. The beautiful complex will be complete with three high lit volleyball courts with high quality white sand. To introduce this new amenity to the Ferguson Community Center the Ferguson Recreation Department will be hosting a volleyball tournament for you and your friends to enjoy! All participants will receive shirts and the winner will go away with a team trophy! Date and pricing will be made available soon!

SENIORS

Senior Center

The Ferguson Senior Center offers a variety of activities, classes and programs for residents. We offer a number of leisure and recreation opportunities to enhance the quality of life. Activities at the center include clubs, classes, social activities, entertainment, games, fitness, health, and education. Call the office to be placed on a list to receive our monthly event schedules.

Yahtzee

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

Ages: 18 and up

Date: Thurs, Oct 29

Time: 11:30am-2:30pm

Location: Community Center

Fee: \$9/Members; \$12/Residents; \$15/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.

Ages: 50 and up

Date: Wed, Oct 21

Time: 10:00am pickup

Fee: \$32/Members; \$37/Residents; \$42/Non-Residents

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Ferguson Parks and Recreation Continued from Page 5.
Call 521-4661 to register for any of these events.

SENIORS

Bountiful Feast Bingo

For a cornucopia of fun, make plans to attend this fall's harvest time lunch and bingo. A bountiful lunch consisting of roasted turkey and stuffing, green beans, and pumpkin pie will be served. Then try your hand at bingo. We'll also have lots of attendance prizes with chances to win!

Ages: 18 and up
Date: Thurs, Nov 19
Time: 12pm-3pm
Fee: \$12/Members; \$14/Residents; \$18/Non-Residents

TRIPS

Illinois Amish Country

This trip to Illinois Amish Country includes a countryside tour with a step-on-guide, lunch in an Amish home, and some shopping time in the quaint little village of Arthur. We will learn about the Amish way of life and enjoy a wonderful family experience during lunch time.

Ages: 18 and up
Date: Wed, Oct 28
Time: 8:00am-7:00pm
Fee: \$69/Members; \$74/Residents

Gambling in Oklahoma- Downstream

This overnight "Gambling Getaway" takes us along the OK-MO-KS border to a "Las Vegas Style" casino! On the way home we'll be stopping at the Indigo Sky Casino. Also on Thursday, a side trip will be included to Sandstone gardens in Joplin, Missouri. Comps for this trip include: \$25 worth of slot play, 1 lunch and 1 dinner and \$3 off in the food court. This is the total between both casinos. Cost includes: Motor coach transportation, lodging, taxes and gratuities.

Ages: 21 and up
Date: Wed, Oct 28
Time: 8:00am-7:00pm
Fee: \$69/Members; \$74/Residents

Grand Rivers, Kentucky

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Ages: 18 and up
Date: Tues, Nov 17
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Time: 7:00am-9:30pm
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Time: 7:00am-10:00pm
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Ages: Teens
Date: Sat, October 17
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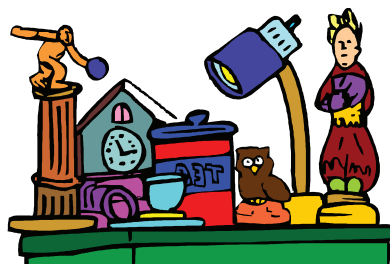
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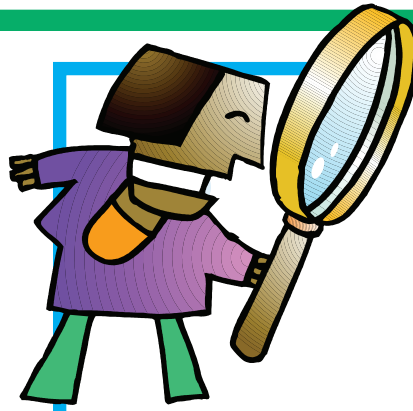


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Dr. Art McCoy, Founder and President of Severing the Achievement Gap in the Education of Students (SAGES) Foundation and Superintendent-in-Residence at the MIND Research Institute at the University of Missouri in St. Louis, will be the featured keynote speaker at the 50th anniversary celebration of PAKT Community Resource Center October 25th at 3:30 p.m.

Through SAGES, McCoy has inspired scores of initiatives and served as an education consultant and keynote speaker nationwide. He authored SAGES: Bridging Gaps of the Heart, Head, and Hand and raised more than \$7 million for students from grants and corporate donors to sustain and increase innovative initiatives. MIND serves over 800,000 students, 31,000 teachers, and 2500 schools across America.

PAKT is a nonprofit organization that serves the North St. Louis County Community with an emergency food pantry, mortgage, rental and utility assistance, after school and summer day camp programs. Founded by clergy in 1965 to serve the community of Kinloch, PAKT now serves 13,000 clients annually throughout North St. Louis County through a myriad of programs. PAKT's Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (S.T.E.M. + Art); STEAM program has been recognized by Ferguson-Florissant School District administrators, board members, principals, teachers, parents, clergy, and community stakeholders for its contribution to the community. The anniversary will be celebrated at St. Mark's United Methodist Church at 315 Graham Road in Florissant on Sunday, October 25. Doors open at 3:00p.m., with dinner served promptly at 3:30p.m.

To register for tickets on-line go to www.paktcenter.org and click on the picture on the home page titled "Save the Date."

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Alex Bouas
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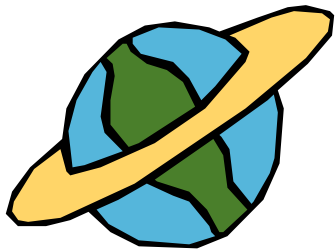
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by Doug (save me some treats) Neely



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October is here, and it took (as always) 9 whole months to get here. was it worth it? some yes, & some no. take your pick. Halloween, a composite of the words hallowed & evening, is upon us. yes, the great celebration of the Christian Church for all the Saints, is celebrated the next day.

Let's Get Right To It!, dept.
i have noted that quite a number of you have asked me about 10; specifically, they wanted me to tell them whether or not they should accept the free upgrade to 10. that's a very tall order, you know. there is no short answer.

i don't have the space here to tell you what (little) i actually know about 10. i am sure there will be quite a lot more new info pop up in the next year. i suspect it will be more bad than good. you see, with each successive new OS from M\$, i see them trying their corporate best to put more of THEIR wants into an OS that should be for US, and OUR wants & needs. M\$ is herding us a certain direction.

But, Is It Better Than 8/8.1?, dept.
you're asking someone who likes Vista & 7 the best. still, if i could not choose from those (and there will come a day when we cannot), i would choose 8.1. (8 is crap, as far as i'm concerned.)

to get YOUR OWN answer, you are going to have to TRY 10 for yourself. i'm sorry, but i have no earthly idea what you like, or what you consider best for yourself/family. here are 2 points to consider.

the 1st is that once the extended support for your chosen OS ends, you will have to choose a new one to remain "in the game". 2nd is that you will have to pay for that new OS. free now, or pay later for 10. such a deal.

once you have tried 10 for yourself, and if you are SURE it's for you, then take the freebie, knowing you canNOT go back. if you can't bear to part with what you already have, stick it out for as long as you can, before you are forced to replace it. as Don Adams used to say: "Sorry about that, Chief!"

ME GO NOW!
i need a haircut, so that's where i'll be going. it's a good thing to have your needs fulfilled. that's why i go to God for most all of my other needs, because He is a LOT better at that than my barber. or anybody else, for that matter. do you need God? most assuredly! you can upgrade to God for free! He has a perfect guarantee; if He does not fully satisfy your needs, you may leave. unlike 10, if you try God, you won't leave! :)

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

Need some free puter advice? Just call Doug at *314*521*1789* in the PM hours. When emailing, send to fergusoncomputercorner@aol.com; just make sure to put the phrase "i need puter advice" into the subject header, & include your local phone # for his return call.

Have a grisly, ghostly Halloween!

Email Marketing

By LaTease Rikard



Email marketing is by far one of the most lucrative and successful methods of increasing your revenue. Costs are low, and with so many different content automation products available, it is not time consuming. (It takes about an hour to build and design a contest or giveaway when you use a template.)

Let's face it, if you have an email mailing list of subscribers who have agreed to receive marketing messages from your company, then you are familiar with CAN-SPAM laws. Done properly, with compelling subject lines and copy, your business can obtain conversion rates as high as 40%.

Facebook can help grow that list, allowing you to add more subscribers, while increasing your businesses' brand awareness. The best way for your business to grow your list using Facebook is by integrating giveaways and contests in your promotional efforts.

To make it almost effortless, many email service providers offer templates that assist you in building and designing your contest or giveaway. Functioning like a one-box meal recipe, contest and giveaway templates need only images and copy. They even have social sharing options built in, so you don't have to hunt for Facebook or Twitter icons and then create links for them. That's done for you.

Your email marketing efforts on Facebook will really come to life and be successful if your audience is active and engaged in what your business posts. It also helps if you know your audience and what their needs are. Ask yourself does my audience like my updates? Do they engage with posted content? If the answer is yes to both these questions, then Facebook giveaways and contests will increase your email marketing subscriber list.

The reason contests and giveaways work is because everyone likes freebies or likes winning things. It's also a great way to say thank you to your customers and fans. Oh, and make sure you implement your contest or giveaway on a Facebook Business page and not your personal profile page (these should be separate anyway.)

If your business doesn't have its own Facebook page, you're missing out. Contact me at 314-255-6686, and I can help get you started.

Women's Legislative Forum October 17th

What new actions and surprises await Missouri residents in the upcoming legislative session which begins January 6, 2016? How will the new Speaker of the House affect legislative efforts aimed at improving the status of Missouri's women? What ramifications will the actions of the Veto Session have? Learn what prominent women legislators have to say about these and other current legislative issues at a Women's Legislative Forum.

This forum, sponsored by the Ferguson-Florissant (North County) Branch American Association of University Women, will be held on October 17 beginning with refreshments at 9:30 a.m.. The forum will be from 10:00 to 11:30 at Ferguson First Presbyterian Church, 401 Darst, Ferguson.

Park in the back parking lot and enter through the back door. The event is in the Fellowship Hall, which is the first facility off the parking lot.

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Financial Focus

By Joan Cleaveland (consultjoan@att.net)
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Lindenwood University BA – Business Administration.

"If I had a million dollars, if I had a million dollars, I'd be rich" – that song got stuck in my head after watching a story about how former football stars and other sports figures have become penniless within a few years after they retire. This sad situation seems to occur very often because athletes are not prepared to handle the swift change into an overnight millionaire at a very young age. During the interview former linebacker Keith McCants admitted that in 1990 at the age of 20 he was given a contract for 7.4 million and the largest signing bonus ever offered to a rookie defender. Yet he lost everything the way many in his situation do. As he explained money destroyed everything around him that he loved. This has brought about a new business training young athletes to manage their finances and keep from going broke. It's been referred to as a "financial boot camp" and it may help these young players avoid the traps too many have fallen into.

Anyone can experience these same problems when they receive any type of windfall involving a large sum of money. We've all heard that money can't buy happiness and it often does just the opposite by ruining people's lives. Just looking over the stories of lottery winners and where they were 10 years after being a winner can really be depressing. Marriages have fallen apart, all the money was lost and in a few cases even suicide or violence within a family. So if money can be so evil why does everyone think it will solve problems? That is perhaps the first mistake many people make.

Suddenly having a great deal of money seems like a dream come true and many believe that life will be good and worries will be gone. Thinking you are now on easy street is a common misconception and leads many to spend too much too quickly without thinking about the future. Buying a big house and a fancy car are just a couple of choices people make right away. With these purchases they can show others their success. The feeling that you can spend without worry seems to drive the financially inexperienced. If we look at some of the wealthy people for advice we often find out they are very frugal with their spending and don't always drive the most expensive cars or live in the finest homes.

Another surprise for the newly wealthy is the fact that funds will run out. Thinking you're on easy street is fun and buying things you couldn't afford before doesn't seem like a bad idea. As a matter of fact most people can justify to themselves and others that they deserve to celebrate the windfall. So taking on more debt doesn't seem as scary knowing you have wealth and the means to pay it back. However, if the spending involves taking out loans such as an expensive home might, you may find yourself homeless down the road as many of the former lottery winners have. Having the means to pay back a loan might sound easy in the beginning, but if the spending keeps up you may find yourself deep in debt with no more wealth to bail you out.

Another misfortune is what often accompanies new found wealth are those friends and relatives that come out of the wood work. That is just what happened to several of the young athletes. Who can turn down a request from those they love? Being taken advantage of by others can help reduce a windfall quickly. And sometimes the culprit isn't even a friend. Getting bad advice from an investment person can be a problem. There are many good financial planners that have your best interest in mind, but we all know there are many unscrupulous people looking to help with investments that will make them a lot wealthier too. As we've seen with some of the high profile brokers, the losses for some people were quite large.

So whether your new found wealth is a couple of thousand or millions, you can end up better off or much worse off depending on the choices you make. Being financially savvy is important for everyone because you never know when an inheritance might come your way, a new high paying job or a winning ticket for something of value like a car, a home or lots of money. Knowing the possible mistakes can help you make the most out of your situation and hopefully make life easier and happier. So if you already have issues with money take the time to get some help by taking a financial management class or reading a book with some examples of managing money.

You may also want to consider this. If you were able to earn \$50,000 a year and work for about forty years (age 25 to 65), you would have earned \$2,000,000. This of course assumes you don't get any raises and that you start out earning a pretty good salary at a young age and can maintain it throughout your career. While this isn't quite the same as getting 2 million dollars all at once – it is a good steady income and could provide you with the ability to earn enough over time to have a comfortable life and a pretty comfortable retirement.

The reality is that most of the time we start off making a small amount of money when we are young and then by using that money wisely we increase our earning power through experience and education. And if we save some of our earnings by paying ourselves first throughout our career an emergency fund can set up to prepare for a set back and a nice nest egg for retirement. This is what most people I know would be happy with. So why is it that people go a little crazy when a large sum is within their grasp? Human nature I guess.

So the lessons to be learned by those who have made mistakes are pretty much the same for anyone who wants to be able to have a better life. Frivolous spending is a bad idea and doesn't help anyone build wealth. Tracking what you spend and how you spend can help you learn from your own mistakes. When I mentioned that you would earn 2 million dollars in 40 years of working

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earlier, it might be a good exercise for anyone to figure out just how much they have made so far in the working life. And then look at what you have to show for it.

Building up a reserve for those emergencies that come up is also important. Paying yourself first from your earnings helps develop the discipline to stick to a savings program. Even if you just won the lottery this might be a good first order of business. If you are one of those people who buy a lottery ticket every-day dreaming that someday you'll be the winner, try tracking how much you have spent on tickets and compare it to what you might have earned if those few dollars were saved.

As we hear more discussions on how to improve the lives of the working poor, I hope we don't ignore the facts that just getting more income won't always help. Financial literacy is still an important part of the change that needs to happen. More on this next month and also how sometimes what looks like a good idea may not always be best in the long run. If you have any comments or suggestions please e-mail me at consultjoan@att.net.

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Ferguson by Foot

By: Margaret Wolfinbarger

When I was a child, the turning of the seasons was indicated by the colorful candy that lined the grocery store aisles. In the fall, there was no greater delight than candy corn. When I grew old enough to drive and make my own money, there was no shortage of this sweet treat in my vicinity and I grieved when the season concluded. I would stock up, but my stash never lasted very long. I have a very rich heritage in poor eating habits so today when fall arrives, I find myself lingering near brightly colored

packaging while I try to rationalize with past behaviors. I will have whole conversations with myself where I try to convince my body that I can eat just a little, as if just a little arsenic is any less toxic than a lot.

I could produce reams of paper on the toxicity of sugar and the havoc it wreaks on the body, but people are highly resistant to any kind of information that forces them to change beloved behaviors. So it was this past weekend as my husband and I sat and visited with a dear friend who is desperately trying to break free from the grip of alcoholism. I explained to him the connection between sugar addiction and alcohol addiction; mainly that alcohol is very high in sugar, and that cutting sugar from his diet would help with the cravings for alcohol. He looked at me like I had three heads, but I had just seen him put two heaping teaspoons of sugar into a very small cup of coffee so I knew he had a sugar addiction. He didn't know that consumption of sugar and alcohol affects the brain by boosting dopamine, the chemical that causes feelings of pleasure. Alcohol and sugar also cause the release of serotonin, a hormone that plays a large role in mood. That is one of the reasons people generally feel good when they drink and turn to sweets when they are feeling sad. The catch-22, however, is that these feelings are extremely short lived as both alcohol and sugar are depressants.

I listened to my friend talk about his struggle with depression and breaking years of bad habits. I could totally relate. I never understood the relationship between my sugar addiction and depression until I stopped eating it, but for most people, they can't get past eliminating sugar from their diets any more than they could jumping out of a ten story building for fun. It's that terrifying. I believe any addiction is impossible to break until the addicted person comes to a place of complete desperation. Then one needs to ascertain their behaviors and develop tools that will enable them to break the cycle. I employ those tools every day, especially while staring at the most beautiful candy corn on the planet. I know from personal experience that if I dive down that rabbit hole, I will not arrive in Wonderland.

A changed perspective is important. Too often we focus on what we can't have as opposed to what we can. A fundamental shift in my perspective was key to breaking a multitude of bad habits. I endured several weeks of withdrawal symptoms as I detoxed from sugar. I replaced Swiss cake roles with fresh berries, Snickers bars with apples, and ice cream with sugar free chocolate pudding. These were difficult and deliberate choices that I made because I was passionate about improving my health. As my taste buds changed, these new treats became just as pleasurable as the old ones and without the terrible side effects. I remember my first glass of milk post sugar. It was deliciously sweet. Also I learned that exercise was not torturous when my body wasn't in a constant state of trying to rid itself of toxins in the form of excess sugar. Breaking free from sugar was truly illuminating for me. An idea that once seemed ludicrous has given me a blessed freedom to enjoy a great many things I could never have enjoyed before.

Sometimes recognizing the chains of addictions for what they are is difficult. For instance, I recently encountered a smoker who assured me that smoking was a very pleasurable activity and she saw no reason to give it up. I have also met sky divers who enjoy jumping out of planes, but at least they are aware of the heightened sense of risk associated with such endeavors. I am grateful for healthy addictions that give me a better appreciation for fall; hiking in local parks, taking in the fall foliage, fossil hunting in dry creek beds. There is something pure and wonderful about lying on my back in the woods and staring up through the trees into a sky so blue I wish I could taste it. Add to that the pleasure of knowing I am no longer chained to my couch with a bag of candy corn and I am enraptured. The memory of those moments is usually enough to motivate me to look past the candy aisle and towards the fresh produce section. For more inspiration, follow me on my blog: <http://margaretwolfinbarger.blogspot.com>.

Community Health Fair to be Held Friday, October 9th

The Ferguson-Florissant School District will host a Community Health Fair from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9. The event will be held at the district's Administration Center-Building B, 1005 Waterford Dr.

During the fair, attendees will have the opportunity to receive blood pressure and vision screening. Information will be provided on smoking cessation, dental health, cold/flu prevention, stress awareness, disease screening for men and women, and resources for making informed medical decisions. Flu shots will also be offered. Insurance companies, including Medicare and Medicaid, will be billed directly, or individuals may pay \$20 for the shot.

The Community Health Fair is open to the public.

EarthDance to Host its 8th Annual Farmers Formal

Farmers Formal 2015 will feature a welcome from Honorary Chair Will Witherspoon, former Rams Football linebacker and Owner of Shire Gate Farm. "As a grass-fed beef farmer, I see the importance of what EarthDance is doing," said Witherspoon. "They are on the forefront of organic farming education in our region. I think it's important to demonstrate to the public that we can meet our need for sustainably produced food, right here at home. You really can see your dollars at work at EarthDance—in the young farmers they train, and in the food they grow."

Attendees will also hear from participants in EarthDance's Junior Farm Crew, a jobs program for youth in Ferguson. Following the young farmers' testimonials, guests can contribute to the Fund-a-Future-Farmer portion of the evening.

Bid, feast, and dance the night away at the Sheet Metal Workers Grand Hall on Chouteau Avenue. Tickets are available for purchase at three tiers with individualized perks. Benefactors (\$250) will receive a locally sourced artisan food or beverage to take home, as well as a homemade pie to spruce up their Thanksgiving table. Patrons (\$150) will choose an artisan food or beverage, and all event Guests (\$100) will receive a signature Farmers Formal tea towel.

Have a toe-tappin' good time while you help EarthDance grow food, farmers, and community, by attending this year's Farmers Formal! For additional event details and to purchase tickets, visit earthdancefarms.org/events/farmers-formal. For more information on EarthDance, visit earthdancefarms.org, or follow us on Facebook, Twitter, & Instagram.

Reading on Race Book Club

The Ferguson Readings on Race Book Club will meet at the Ferguson Municipal Library on Monday, October 12, at 6 p.m. to talk about the book *Race Matters* by Cornel West. All points of view are welcome and enrich the conversation.

Readers can obtain the book from the local library or those in the City of St. Louis or St. Louis County Libraries. Library Director Scott Bonner orders additional copies when notified at sbonner@fergusonlibrary.net. Copies are available for purchase at Left Bank Books at 399 North Euclid, which offers a 20% discount to participants in the Ferguson Readings on Race Book Club.

Persons may get more information about the book club by contacting Dan Sachs at dansachs77@gmail.com or Carla Fletcher at carlajeanfletcher@yahoo.com. Updated information is also available on the Ferguson Readings on Race Book Club facebook page.

North County Christian School Maintains Full Accreditation Status

North County Christian School, in Florissant, has retained full accreditation through its dual affiliation with the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and AdvancED. Effective July 1, 2015, the South-Central Regional Accreditation Commission of ACSI voted to renew the school's full accreditation status, effective through June 30, 2020.

ACSI is the world's largest association of Protestant Christian schools, representing over 24,000 schools in the United States and worldwide. AdvancED is also a global leader in school accreditation, providing accreditation and other school improvement services for over 30,000 public and private schools across the United States and 70 countries worldwide.

Dr. Greg Clark, Superintendent at the school said, "We are excited to receive this accredited status as acknowledgement of our quality educational program. It is a tribute to the commitment and efforts of our entire school community."

North County Christian School has been part of the community since 1962. The school serves over 300 students, preschool through 12th grade, on a 14-acre campus at 845 Dunn Rd, Florissant, MO.

North County Christian School provides a complete college preparatory curriculum. NCCS' students consistently outperform the state and national averages in student achievement measures, and over 95% of NCCS students enroll in higher education.

In addition to strong academics, NCCS offers excellent fine arts and athletic programs in grades K-12. NCCS also offers outstanding after-school and summer camp programs.

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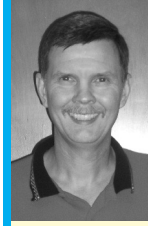
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The SSJ Rock and Roll Show Band will perform on **Sunday, October 11th** at the Fall Festival.

The fun keeps rolling with two sets by The SSJ Rock and Roll Show Band on Sunday afternoon at the 100 block of St. Francois on the bandshell with performances at 1:00 and 3:00 pm. This concert highlights entertainment for the family which continues throughout the day on Sunday.

From 11:00 am until 5:00 pm rue St. Francois and the side streets will be closed off for eleven full blocks from Florissant Road to the St. Ferdinand Shrine to accommodate the festival. Over 150 booths will line the street with activities for everyone including games to play, sale items, food and beverages. We have the old favorites like the Chili Cook-off, wine garden, pumpkin decorating, Kincaid Puppets, Fido Follies and entertainment on almost every block.

Join us in the historic Old Town area of Florissant for a great day of entertainment for the whole family at the 18th Annual Florissant Old Town Festival.



Under The Hood With Robinwood

By Bob McGartland

History of the Tire

Do you know the history of the tires on your vehicle? By today's definition, a tire is a ring shaped vehicle component that covers the rim of the wheel to protect it and enable better vehicle performance. It also will help provide traction between the vehicle and the road while providing a flexible cushion that helps absorb shock. (I bet that you have never heard this description.) Today, most of us take our tires for granted until we have a flat, or our automotive service provider makes us aware "that it is time to consider replacing your tires." Here is some information you may enjoy knowing...

Before rubber was developed, the first versions of tires were simply bands of metal fitted around wooden wheels to prevent wear and tear. The first rubber tires actually appeared in the mid-1800's. They were solid or cushion tires in which the rubber itself carried the load, absorbed shocks, and resisted cutting and abrasions. The air-filled tire, which carried the load and absorbed shocks by the compressed air in the tire casing, was patented as early as 1845. Solid rubber tires were preferred over air-filled tires because of their durability, so the air-filled fell into disuse.

The first use of air filled tires for automobiles was pioneered by the Michelin brothers, André and Édouard. They equipped a car with air filled tires and drove it in the 1895 Paris-Bordeaux road race. Though André and Édouard didn't win the race, they generated popular interest in air filled tires, and Michelin & Cie became a leading producer of tires in Europe. For the next fifty years automobile tires were made up of an inner tube that contained compressed air and an outer casing that protected the inner tube and provided traction.

The materials of modern air filled tires are synthetic rubber, natural rubber, fabric and wire, along with carbon black and other chemical compounds. The tread provides traction while the body provides the area necessary to hold the compressed air. Goodyear finally produced a radial tire in 1977 by investing billions of dollars in radial technology. Other American tire companies either merged or were bought out. All American new cars came with radial tires by 1983. Today, over one billion tires are produced annually in over 400 tire factories.

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The Brewhouse Is Open



Ferguson Brewing is now open after experiencing an electrical fire in their kitchen a few months ago. The tables and chairs are new, artwork is new, cleaner, simpler lines and, I was happy to experience a new quieter atmosphere thanks to the new acoustical ceiling tiles.

The exterior is different too. Note the "Ferguson Brewing Co." lettering that is painted on the Florissant Road Side of the building.

McCluer North Junior is Library Foundation's Outstanding Volunteer

De'Angelo Jones, a junior at McCluer North High School, has been named the recipient of the St. Louis Public Library Foundation's 2015 Sidney Johnson Learning Award. The award honors teens for outstanding volunteer service. Jones volunteers at the Florissant Valley Branch library. The foundation presented the award, along with a \$1,000 check at the Starcatchers gala on Sept. 19 at Library Headquarters in Ladue.

Since May 2014, Jones has accumulated more than 600 hours of service, helping during a particularly busy time for the branch. With two nearby branches closed for renovation, the Florissant Valley Branch has taken on some of their collections and services. Jones took the initiative and helped reorganize family literacy kits. He also helped with the branch's free lunch program this summer.

In addition to volunteering at the library, Jones is in McCluer North's band and color guard. He is also a graduate of ServiceWorks, a program that promotes student leaders and equips them with opportunities to learn life and leadership skills.

A total of 21 teens were nominated for this year's award. The Sidney Johnson Learning award recognizes library service by a teen and is in memory of Lewis & Clark library staff member, Sidney Johnson, who passed in 2007.

About the Ferguson-Florissant School District The Ferguson-Florissant School District, located in suburban St. Louis, serves more than 11,000 students from preschool through 12th grade with an excellent comprehensive educational program. Fully accredited by the state of Missouri, the Ferguson-Florissant School District operates 17 elementary schools, three middle schools, three A+ and AdvancED-accredited high schools and an alternative school. In addition, the District includes a nationally-recognized early education program, the award-winning Challenger Learning Center space education facility and the Little Creek Nature Area, a 97-acre nature preserve which offers experiential learning opportunities for students in science, biology, ecology and related areas of study.

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According to the National Fire Protection Association, almost two-thirds of home fire deaths resulted from fires in properties without working smoke alarms. A working smoke alarm significantly increases your chances of surviving a deadly home fire.

Install smoke alarms in key areas of your home

Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, including the basement. Many fatal fires begin late at night or early in the morning, so the U.S. Fire Administration recommends installing smoke alarms both inside and outside of sleeping areas.

Since smoke and many deadly gases rise, installing your smoke alarms at the proper level will provide you with the earliest warning possible. Always follow the manufacturer's installation instructions.

Smoke alarm maintenance

Is your smoke alarm still working? Smoke alarms must be maintained! A smoke alarm with a dead or missing battery is the same as having no smoke alarm at all. Remember to test them monthly and replace the batteries according to manufacturer's recommendation.

A smoke alarm that sounds while you're cooking or taking a shower with lots of steam is just doing its job. Disabling a smoke alarm or removing the battery can be a deadly mistake.

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World War II Housing

– by Bob McCarty

Last month, I made a reference to the World War II era cottage, aka the ‘Roosevelt Cottage’. This month, we’ll take a more in-depth look at these homes.

These homes were built between 1935 and 1950 to meet the housing demands of the GI’s returning home from the war and their young families. Because of the small size of these homes, compared to the homes that were being built in previous decades; with the help of the incentive programs from the government the ‘American Dream’ of home ownership became possible for many young families.

These WWII era cottages averaged around 800 and 1000 square feet. The majority of these homes were built by speculative builders who utilized the spatial planning (*tract housing) of the era; adjacent to the older neighborhoods. Quite a number of these homes were built and due to the repetitive use of only a few plans, lack of ornamentation, and smaller size; they were able to keep the costs low. Even though the houses of this era and style weren’t as grandiose as the homes that were built just a few decades before, the quality of the materials being used was still pretty high, maybe even more superior to what is being used today. Of course with great demand, there will always be an exception to that rule. Therefore, suburbia is born.

Many of these homes are easily recognized by their forward-facing gable. A large “picture” window marked the placement of the living room with at least one window in the other rooms of the house. The front entry was what is considered a slab door with three small windows cut out of the slab. These homes were one or one and a half story with a hipped or gabled roof and very little overhang. (Remember, these houses were built keeping the costs low.) The large porches were not part of these homes footprint but some had a small covering over the front door. This style of home was wood framed and could be sheathed with a number of materials such as wood siding, brick, or the infamous asbestos/cement shingle; what material that was readily available in the area was what was usually used.

Due to the lack of ornamentation, the style of these homes was known as ‘Minimal Traditional’. This style of house became popular after the ‘Great Depression’ but the style survived into the 40’s and 50’s to keep up with demand. The craftsmanship that was needed to build the larger more elegant homes of previous decades was no longer necessary; by using less qualified builders, ordering materials in bulk, and then producing a large number of units, developers were able to keep their costs down while raising profits.

The garage, if it was offered, would have been detached usually connected to the house with a breezeway.

All of the interior rooms were small. The only cabinetry was the sink and a counter unit in the kitchen, possibly a bathroom closet, and a linen closet in the hall. Now that is what I would call ‘Minimal’.

Ferguson has a fair number of this style of home. These were the styles of homes that many from the Baby Boomer generation grew up in. Today, this type of home would be considered a starter home for young couples. When you’re driving around town, you will see many of this style of house.

This is the style of home that brought us to Ferguson. Yes, Bob and his family lived in a WWII era home before Bob was on the job in an older home. Even though this style of home is not as grandiose or as elegant as the houses that were built earlier in the century, they are still a part of our history. As my business tag line states, ‘Maintaining Yesterday for Tomorrow,’ the owners of these houses are the stewards of their homes so that future generations will have an opportunity to see how their ancestors lived, hands on.

Until next month, Bob is on the Job.

* Tract housing is a type of residential development in which many identical or nearly identical dwellings are built adjacent to one another.



Pictured above is Steve Terrell and grandsons in a typical World War II. Steve lives in the Old Ferguson west neighborhood

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Lessons from Ferguson in Two Voices

By Veronica Delgado (plain text) and Gussie Klorer (italics)

I had lived in St. Louis, Missouri for all of 24 hours when Michael Brown was fatally shot by Officer Darren Wilson in Ferguson. I looked up a few facts about the incident but not many; I felt that I already knew the story. To me, this felt like Trayvon Martin all over again. From my home in Atlanta I had been close to Martin's case both geographically and emotionally. The two cases felt similar to me, another tangible example of systemic oppression, white supremacy, and the police state in the United States.

When protesting and rioting began over Michael Brown's death, I was pleased. I contacted some acquaintances I knew from home that might be involved, hoping to find a group or organization to protest with. To me, destruction of property and violence were an unfortunate but important part of shifting oppressive forces, because when has anyone in a position of power voluntarily surrendered? It was collateral damage in the pursuit of a greater good. I made a few attempts to get involved in protests in Ferguson but ultimately could not shake the feeling that I had no right to be there since I had just moved here.

The founder of the graduate art therapy program where I am currently enrolled, Gussie Klorer, is a Ferguson native. Hearing her speak about her reactions and thoughts to everything that happened was very interesting for me. Her sadness at the destruction was apparent, as was her anger about how the situation was being handled by the media. The way that she spoke about Ferguson made me consider several things that even after a very exhaustive undergraduate program in critical race theory and systemic oppression I had not ever considered before. Slowly, my thoughts on the violence happening began to shift.

Gussie: It was surreal to see my hometown, the place where I lived for over 45 years, on national news. I watched in horror as angry people from out of town descended upon Ferguson to protest. Who were these people? What right did they have to descend upon and destroy this town? During the first 10 days of violence, only 4 of the 120 people arrested were from Ferguson. Assumptions were being projected on to Ferguson that I did not feel belonged to Ferguson. We discussed the events in several classes. I tried not to impose my viewpoints, but I was appalled at the misinformation circulating at the university where I teach, even by people in leadership positions. I went to meetings at the university, in Ferguson, in St. Louis, trying to figure out how to respond, how to help, what to do.

For weeks I watched Gussie and the community around me try to cope with what had happened in Ferguson and the way it was being portrayed in the media. I participated in community arts projects like Ribbons of Hope for Ferguson and Hearts for Ferguson. I started realizing that the protests were causing a lot of damage and creating more pain. It was a confusing realization and one I would not be able to put words to for quite a while.

Gussie: I couldn't understand why the local media wasn't defending Ferguson. Local media needed to educate the world that Ferguson was one of the most successfully integrated towns in St. Louis and today nearly every street has both black and white residents. The protestors picked the wrong town and the wrong shooting to be their example. I brought the "Ribbons of Hope for Ferguson" community arts project to my school and students joined me in collecting ribbons at a candlelight vigil for Michael Brown, in some of the dormitories, in the Student Center, and at a leadership training workshop for students.

On November 24, 2014, when the grand jury decision not to indict Darren Wilson was handed down, I was disappointed and filled with rage. To me it had been always clear that this was a demonstration of the power of the police made palpable through the unnecessary death of a teenaged boy. This did not feel just, and that made me so angry and sad for Michael Brown's family. I followed threads on social media to keep up with protests. Most were in Ferguson but one was about 2 miles from my apartment in St. Louis. For the first time in the whole ordeal, I was a bit scared. Should I move my car off the street? The family-owned grocery store across the street from my building boarded up its windows and doors and that added to my fear. My few hours of fear one night made what Ferguson residents had been going through for months real for me. The thought of families huddled up expecting the worst or fleeing for their safety made me ashamed of originally condoning such violence.

Gussie: When the announcement was made that the grand jury declined to indict Officer Darren Wilson, all the physical and forensic evidence of the case was made public. Ultimately the investigation by the local prosecutors, FBI and Department of Justice would all come to the same conclusion based upon hard evidence. This was when I realized that the facts of the case didn't matter. That night began another wave of violence, lasting 8 days. Over 25 buildings and businesses were burned in Ferguson and neighboring Dellwood, many of them minority owned. Friends and family who lived near the protest area could not sleep for fear of fire or burglary. The weekend after the second wave of riots there was a grassroots swelling of residents and volunteers who couldn't let the town be defined by boarded up windows and burned out buildings. Gallons of paint were donated and dozens of volunteers descended upon the town to paint murals on the boarded up storefronts. I mentioned the volunteer opportunity to my students. When three of my students showed up I felt really grateful that they wanted to be there.

I joined Gussie and some of my classmates the Saturday following Thanksgiving to paint boarded up buildings. There were youth volunteers and adults, many from Ferguson and many not. We randomly split up into groups, collected cans of paint, and were off. In my group was an art teacher and a Ferguson Youth Initiative (FYI) volunteer who was a mentor to the youth. Spending a few hours painting with them made me feel so guilty. The art teacher shared with me that Ferguson had been her home all her life, and she and her husband were raising their son there because they loved the town. When I asked the youth volunteer how he came into his position he said that he wanted to be a positive role model to the young people in Ferguson. While we painted other volunteers walked up and down the streets offering bottled water. People walked by and thanked us for what we were doing, told us our mural was beautiful, took pictures in front of it, and offered to take our picture in front of it when we were finished. Something felt backwards to me in this. I had come to bring some positivity and care to this little town, yet it was the town making me feel cared for by their unwavering thanks. Many times while I was painting tears pooled in my eyes. While I wholeheartedly believed in fighting systemic oppression, the idea of collateral damage in the pursuit of a greater good was unraveling.

After painting along Florissant Road I moved over to City Hall. I worked with a 16-year old high school student from Ferguson. I listened to a family of five working next to me divvy up assignments. I watched a 12-year-old boy wearing work gloves as big as his head tirelessly pick



shards of glass up off the ground. This was just a normal little town. It wasn't unlike other towns of its size all over the United States, yet somehow it was being held responsible for racial inequalities of the entire country. When I was exposed to the collective heartbreak that loomed over the town, I focused on aligning myself with the people that live here and tried to communicate my empathy with each stroke of my brush against the wood.

The current imbalance of power between the races and classes is not equitable, but neither is a small town being so badly damaged and becoming the scapegoat for injustice all across America. In all of my studies as well as personal experiences, people do not surrender positions of power voluntarily. Historically, this is where violence enters the equation. But I started to question: does it have to?

Gussie: Fast forward to one year later. I went to the conference of the American Art Therapy Association in the summer of 2015 and found myself avoiding presentations about social justice. I've seen "social justice" up close, and I wanted no part of it. I saw my town burn, minority owned businesses destroyed, families traumatized in the name of social justice. I shared this feeling with only a few close friends and colleagues, certainly not my students. I was asked to consider writing an article about Ferguson for a national journal, and I couldn't do it. Veronica had already written a blog about her experiences, so I asked her to consider writing an article. I was surprised to read the first draft of Veronica's viewpoint and how her feelings evolved over the course of the year. We did not talk about any of this at the time, so her conclusions were not anticipated, but very affirming for me. At the one-year anniversary of Michael Brown's killing there were more protests. Some were peaceful, but there were over 100 more arrests, shootings, and looting of some of the same minority businesses that had been hit the year before and were just starting to recover from the previous year's violence. Some of these businesses may not make it.

For a year I have grappled with the need for protesting and demonstrating dissent versus the destruction of a small town and the devastation of its residents. Being a witness to the reactions of residents in Ferguson taught me that social justice work includes far more than I already understood it to include. Saying that damage in Ferguson is the collateral damage in the pursuit of a greater good is excruciatingly dismissive and discards people with the same carelessness that racist ideologies do. Not all of social justice work includes overtly insulting the status quo in anger like I previously thought. It involves care, compassion, and empathy as well. Social justice work invigorated by Michael Brown's death includes addressing the circumstances of his death and how to prevent them from recurring, but it also includes aligning our hearts with the entire town and replacing the narrative of Ferguson that the media has created with one that expresses empathy for their experiences and unburdens them the responsibility for inequality that exists everywhere in the United States.

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September 2015 Meeting Minutes

Reported by Keith Kallstrom
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Interim Police Chief Andre Anderson opened the September 9th, 2015 meeting of the Ferguson On Watch, welcoming everyone.

Chief Anderson is originally from Philadelphia, PA, initially raised in the housing projects. After high school, he joined the Army for a 3 year term, working with trucks. He was also on the boxing team, trying out for the 1988 Olympics. After leaving the military, he became a professional boxer, until a car accident ended that career. He then chose to become a police officer. In that career change, he decided to become the best police officer he could, and received several awards for community policing. Chief Anderson received a Master's degree in Educational Leadership, and became a teacher of community policing.

He began his presentation by rearranging the chairs in the City Hall Council Chamber to resemble a horseshoe, or "U" shape. He then assigned titles for each person. One was assigned to be the police chief, others were assigned to be the executive officer, patrol captain, patrol sergeant, criminal investigations captain, traffic officer, community engagement officer, probation officer, parks & recs representative, code enforcement officer, and two community members. He then proceeded to role play with the purpose of each member becoming aware of the duties and responsibilities of the others.

A transition in policing

Chief Anderson asked the audience what they thought "Community Policing" looked like. One member thought it should be an officer on foot or bicycle, engaging the public at a personal level. Another member thought it should be an officer serving the same neighborhood or area for a long time. Others thought officers should change assignments frequently, in order to gain familiarity with the rest of the city. Another member thought it was working with the youth, to understand the issues they have. Also, trying to build a rapport with the youth, to engage them in a friendly and familiar manner was mentioned.

Community policing is difficult to define. When you change a youth's mind, how do you quantify that? "Community policing is a philosophical approach to the way you go about being a police officer." It's a combination of the way you think and what you do. Putting a person in jail may only temporarily solve his or her access to drugs or access to bad people.

An example was given in recalling that a person was given a ticket for avoiding a traffic intersection by driving through private property. The officer also noticed that a 5 year old child in the back seat did not have a seat belt on, and so wrote another ticket for that.

The Chief reported that a community policing method would focus on helping the community, and this incident could have gone down differently. Upon seeing the unbelted child, the officer could have continued the conversation and found out that the parent had been telling the child to buckle up, but he kept unbuckling the belt. By asking the parent if he could talk to the child, the officer could have asked the child why he was not listening to his mom and disobeying his parent, and that the parent was trying to keep him safe by asking him to keep his belt buckled.

Under the Community Policing model, the community has a responsibility to tell the police how they should be treated and how they should be responding. That's the part that's often missed. When police put a plan in place, they don't always ask how it impacts the people in the community. One of the non-traditional evidence based community policing tactics is called "Predictive Policing." By using patterns of conduct loaded in computers and applying algorithms to the model, we can predict where a crime may occur, and place police resources there to prevent it from occurring. Before Chief Anderson got here, he was using "Social Network Analysis," a derivative of the Predictive Policing. Criminals have a social network, like others in a community do. Once you apply technology to disrupt their network, you've begun to disrupt their criminal activity.

In Ferguson, soon, the police will begin to ask people to become part of a Neighborhood Policing Plan.

In the meantime, the police officers will be given "POP" training, or Problem Oriented Policing. Each officer will be trained on how to solve problems using a model called SARA. The acronym stands for Scan it, Analyze, Response, and Assess. By gathering the leadership in a room, problems can be displayed on a screen. When they see these problems displayed, they will be asked to suggest solutions to the problems. We then used a scenario of kids disrupting and stealing from a local store, with a pattern identified as being done on Saturdays and Mondays at 7pm. The problem solving team put together several options, including finding out that the lights went out on a certain basketball court at 7pm on those nights. The suggestion of using a faith based organization to arrange extended basketball play nearby was one suggestion. Another was to place additional cameras, including police vehicle cameras, in place to identify the persons

Have a Safe and Happy Halloween

Halloween is a fun and spooky time of the year for kids. The Ferguson Fire Department wants to make trick-or-treating safe for your little monsters with a few easy safety tips from the National Fire Protection Association.

- When choosing a costume, stay away from billowing or long trailing fabric. If your child is wearing a mask, make sure the eye holes are large enough they can see out.
- Provide flashlights to carry for lighting or glow sticks as part of their costume.
- Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper are highly flammable. Keep these and other decorations well away from all open flames and heat sources, including light bulbs and heaters.
- It is safest to use a flashlight or battery-operated candle in a jack-o-lantern. If you use a real candle, use caution. When lighting candles inside jack-o-lanterns, use long, fireplace style matches or a utility lighter. Be sure to place lit pumpkins well away from anything that can burn and far enough out of way of trick-or-treaters.
- Remember to keep exits clear of decorations so nothing blocks escape routes.
- Tell children to stay away from open flames. Be sure they know how to stop, drop and roll if their clothing catches fire. Have them practice stopping immediately, dropping to the ground, covering their face with hands, and rolling over and over to put the flames out.
- If your children are going to Halloween parties at others' homes, have them look for ways out of the home and plan how they would get out in an emergency.

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engaging in this theft activity. Use of undercover detectives was mentioned by the detective captain. The trick is, once a plan is decided on, that everyone would engage on that plan, unless and until evidence showed another course of action was appropriate.

Addition of Parenting Programs was also discussed. The Chief says Community and Neighborhood policing needs to permeate the community. He also acknowledged that when he came to Ferguson, he saw how the unrest events had wounded our police.

National Night Out – Tuesday, October 6

Some neighborhoods will be recognizing National Night Out Against Crime in their neighborhoods from 5 pm to 9 pm. Check the *Ferguson Times* for locations near you. For those that are not conducting their own event, Officer Sean Gibbons will be hosting the event behind the Ferguson Community Center from 6 to 9 pm. There will be free food, a live band, and activities for kids.

Next Meeting –

The next Ferguson Neighborhood Watch meeting scheduled for City Hall will be at 7:00 pm on November 11th.

Cert Update

The Cert training events have been temporarily suspended, due to the unavailability of Lt. Ray Nabzdyk. Once Officer Nabzdyk returns to duty, we can reinitialize the training that is normally held on the 2nd Saturday of each month.

Have a safe month. Keith :-)K



Picture from the rooftop as the crowd begins to gather.



Jerry McClure and Tracy Crump from Paul's Market distribute pulled pork to the hungry participants.

Paul's Market was just one of the many, many food vendors who donated their time and expense to The Taste in Ferguson.



Inside the Savoy (pictured above), more vendors offered their wares to the crowd. Everyone sampling the food, both inside and out in the parking lot, enjoyed the taste and the camaraderie.

At the right is Wesley Bell, Ferguson Councilman from the 3rd Ward and Molly Rockamann, representing EarthDance, Ferguson's own organic farm.



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WOW, AWESOME, EXCEPTIONAL! That is what took place in Ferguson on Sunday, September 13, 2015 at the 3rd annual The Taste in Ferguson fundraiser event.

WOW, is for the 900 people, our biggest attendance so far, who came out to the Savoy Banquet Center, on a beautiful, not a cloud in the sky, 74 degree day, to sample some great food and support a great cause. The demographics of where people came from was a WOW to me. There were many of our tried and true Ferguson residents, along with many others from our surrounding North County communities in attendance. People came from the City of St. Louis, South County, Chesterfield, St. Charles, Wentzville, and as far away as Kansas City, West Virginia and Minneapolis. The City of Ferguson got to shine before the eyes of many that Sunday afternoon.

AWESOME, was the support and generosity from our food vendors. These restaurants and businesses donated their food, their time and their staff to our event. Without food vendors, you can't have a taste event. Thank you, to Breakaway Café, Cathy's Kitchen, Cornerstone Bakery, Cose Dolci Bakery, Drake's Place, EarthDance Farms, El Palenque Mexican Restaurant, Faraci's Pizza, Ferguson Burger Bar & More, J&C BBQ and Blues, Marley's Bar and Grill, Mimi's Subway Bar and Grill, Natalie's Cakes and More, Papa Murphy's Pizza, Paul's Market, PieCraft, Roper's Ribs, Sam's Club, Schnucks Markets, USA Market, Whistle Stop and Wilsing Design and Desserts. Thank you to our Spirit vendors; Ferguson's own Cork Wine Bar and Ferguson Brewing Co. (which is now open again), along with Master Mind Vodka and New Holland Brewing. These vendors were awesome. Please support their businesses and tell them you were at The Taste in Ferguson.

A big thank you goes to Centene Charitable Foundation who came on board this year as our premier event sponsor. By supporting our scholarship funds and their investment into the City of Ferguson by building a new center and providing 300 new jobs, Centene will have an awesome impact on our city for years to come.

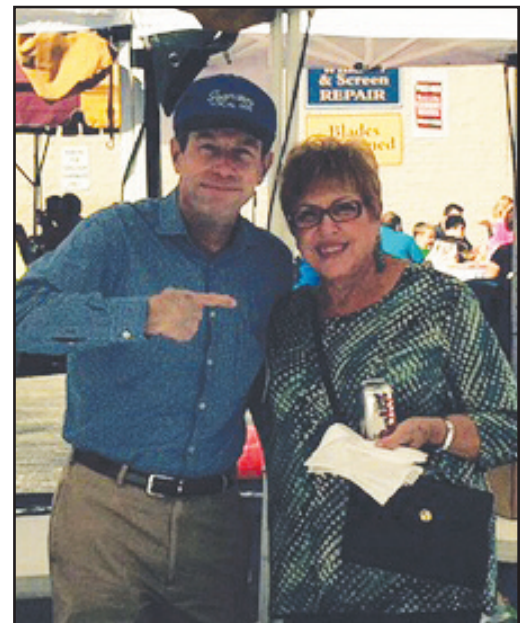
Two new voices were part of our event this year. Charlie Brennan from KMOX Radio was the event emcee. His familiar voice radiated over the speakers that Sunday afternoon. Charlie has been awesome in his support of our event and the City of Ferguson on his radio show. He truly does care about our community. I told him he has become the "Voice of Ferguson".

We also had the talented voice of our local Ferguson resident Brian Owens and his band. Their presence and music brought about a sense of community to those attending the event.

New and awesome this year was our four Celebrity Chefs performing at the cooking demonstration tent. When Mike Johnson from Sugarfire and Lia Weber the Next Great Baker winner in 2014 from Florissant were asked to join us, there was no hesitation. They both said count me in right away. To round out our celebrity chefs the interim Ferguson Police Chief Andre Anderson and Ferguson Fireman Eric Nutis had a friendly cooking competition.

We also had the continued support from the City of Ferguson, Tony and Lisa Lonero owners of The Savoy Banquet Center, Sam's Club, Ferguson Farmers Market, The Ferguson Times, and all of our other generous sponsors and supporters. Last but not least our event came together with the help of our many awesome volunteers and the dedication from our planning committee.

EXCEPTIONAL is the result of the 3rd annual The Taste in Ferguson fundraising event. Everyone that played a role in some generous way or another helped to show case our City of Ferguson in a first class way. While bringing our community together with help of so many, we were able to raise almost \$30,000 to support the educational efforts of our local young people. Thank you to everyone for being EXCEPTIONAL in your own way. The Taste in Ferguson will be back in 2016.



Charlie Brennan and Jackie Dehmer

Bob McGartland

Djeli Tales

By Mama Lisa Gage

VVVVVVvvvvrrrrrrrrrrrrrrroooooooommmmmmm!!!!!!! Engines revved on high as cars proceeded from the staging lanes to the starting line. The 2015 Black Sunday event proved to truly uphold the traditions from the past. The track at Gateway Motorsports Park in Madison, Illinois accommodated hundreds of enthusiastic fans on hand for the 21st annual event hosted by the United Black Drag Racers Association (UBDRA). (<https://www.facebook.com/ubdra.sunday>)

Since 1994, UBDRA aimed to thrill crowds with hype cars raced at blinding speeds. Each year, dragsters issued challenges of 'put up or shut up' to show off the powerful engines under the hood and the talent of the drivers. Drivers from near and far vied for bragging rights in a simple 'grudge' race or a more rigorous series of elimination rounds. This year's purse ranged from \$500 to \$1600. Various makes and models of cars entered as Super Pro, Pro, or Street class competitors at a nominal weekend rate for 2 days of racing on September 12 and 13. Only Super Pro cars raced for a distance of 1/8 mile, while all other car classes and motorcycle entrants competed for farther distances of 1/4 mile. On average, the drivers 'put the pedal to the metal' and reached speeds of 90 to 140 mph.

To ensure safety at these speeds, technical inspections routinely occur on all vehicles. Minimizing accidents and keeping the race running smoothly means a ban on fluid leaks, poor tread, missing safety belts, and faulty steering. Drivers must also be licensed and above age 16, though Junior Dragsters can compete while in elementary school.

Geno Sharp of Normandy has donned race events around the country since the 1960s. He reminisced back to his first race, "It was a super fantastic natural high." Sharp's passion for the sport is shared by his family. His wife, Linda, is proud to be a part of a legacy that she calls 'a family thing.' Their son, Jackie (pictured below), began racing at a very young age as a Junior Dragster. Today, he also works with his dad as a mechanic in their shop in Madison.



Jackie Sharp; racer, mechanic, member UBDRA

Black Sunday's popularity and appeal has attracted other racers to participate. Joining the races again this year were competitors from Victory Nostalgia Super Stock Series in Jefferson City, Missouri. This series runs as an event within an event, with its own entry fees and purse prizes. Series director Chris Schneider brings 30 plus years of experience and insight. He explains that all of their muscle cars must be vintage 1959 to 1969 vehicles, usually small block, multi-carbureted types. Schneider exclaims that Victory NSS is hoping to attract greater racer and spectator participation. He is proud to report that the Victory NSS crew is friendly and love to interact with the fans. Their enthusiasm with the fans rises to a premium because they pit together and enjoy showcasing their cars for local displays and school functions. (<http://victorynss.com/>)

UBDRA also spearheads initiatives to support local students and families. A portion of their proceeds provides much needed financial assistance for college scholarships and community programming in Missouri and Illinois. In addition, Saint Louis University's Cancer Center partnered this year to provide free cancer screenings for the spectators.

Winning at life reflects across all things. As I attended a portion of the race events with my son, we were happy to share a smile together amidst the noise and smoke generated by nearby cars executing a burnout before the race. Our eyes met, and our hearts synced as one; we had missed hanging out like that. So I encourage all parents to continue to embrace the activities our sons enjoy and do it with them; as young men, they need to know that they matter.

Black Sunday Winners: Super Pro Class = Eric Barach (2003 Nelson) 4.821 sec @ 140.61 mph; Pro Class = Artie Schneider (1971 Camaro) 10.275 sec @ 130.33 mph; Sportsman Class = Jason Phillips (2002 Mustang) 14.119 sec @ 98 mph; Super Pro Motorcycle Class = Scott Leonard (2009 Suzuki) 9.377 sec @ 138.47 mph; Street Bikes Class = Al Jones 13.653 sec @ 96.2 mph. (<http://www.gatewaymsp.com/complete-results-from-ubdra/#.VfiecRFVikp>)

Chess Program Launched at FFSD Elementary Schools

Thanks to the generosity of the Chess Club and Scholastic Center of St. Louis and Ascension, the nation's largest Catholic and non-profit health system, Ferguson-Florissant School District students now have the opportunity to become expert chess players. The Chess Club and Ascension are partnering with the district to offer after-school chess programs in all elementary and middle schools. The program was launched at Walnut Grove Elementary School on Tuesday, Sept. 15, where 34 third through sixth graders met representatives from sponsoring organizations, as well as played a few rounds of chess with grandmaster chess players.



Walnut Grove Elementary students are challenged by Grandmasters Alejandro Ramirez and Yasser Serawan.

"Chess is truly a special and magical game, particularly for young people," said Maurice Ashley, the first and only African-American Grandmaster. "I learned to play chess at the age of 14 and it became the largest influencer in my life."

Ashley, who is from Kingston, Jamaica and grew up in Brooklyn, NY, shared with the students his humble beginnings and how chess has allowed him to experience opportunities he may not have been exposed to had it not been for his dedication and love of the game. "I've traveled all around the world, and I've met many famous people," he said.

The 10-week chess program will be funded by Ascension and administered by the Chess Club and Scholastic Center of St. Louis. The hope is to engage hundreds of students across the district in once-a-week chess club events led by a certified instructor. The program is free to students.

"I'm excited about this opportunity for our students," said Dr. Joseph Davis, the district's superintendent. "It's a terrific chance to instill confidence in our children and provide them with lifelong skills that will enable future success." Not only is chess a challenging game, but the type of thinking involved empowers players and strengthens their decision-making skills. "You are great students, you have great minds, and you can be whatever you want to be," Dr. Davis told the students.

At the conclusion of the program launch, each of the 34 students in attendance was given a travel chess set.

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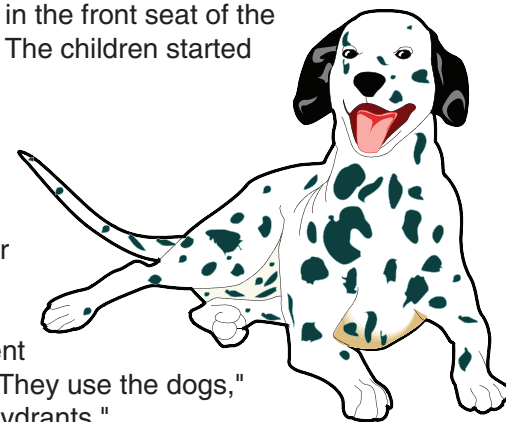
Dalmations

A grandfather was delivering his grandchildren to their home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children started discussing the dog's duties.

"They use him to keep crowds back", said one child.

"No", said another. "He's just for good luck."

A third child brought the argument to a close. "You're both wrong. They use the dogs," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrants."



The Best of Ferguson

This column is devoted to the people of Ferguson whose efforts and dedication make Ferguson the "Community of Choice"

– by Ruffina Farrokh Anklesaria, M.A.

Jeniece Andrews, 20 years a resident of Ferguson



Jeniece and her husband Eddie Andrews III, in front of their burnt out store

not picked from a catalogue, they are hand-picked at shows and wherever Jeniece and Eddie go looking for them.

Eddie is a bible scholar, preacher and ordained elder at the Bethel Lively Stone Church in East St Louis. Jeniece's late father, Bishop James L. Pittman, was pastor and founder until his sudden death several months prior to her business being totally destroyed. Jeniece and Eddie desire to have their own ministry going, helping people spiritually and in more concrete ways like a food ministry that takes cares of those in need on a daily basis.

The couple have three sons: Brandon, 25, who is a junior at Harris Stowe University; Joshua, 23, who has been working at Four Seasons Hotel since he was 16; and Eddie IV who was studying civil engineering at St Louis University College while employed at Hidden Treasures. They were all educated here in Ferguson: Vogt Elementary, Ferguson Middle School and Mc Cluer High School. Their father, Eddie III, is a part-time transit bus driver. He and Jeniece ran Hidden Treasures together.

Before opening Hidden Treasures, Jeniece said she found her true passion and fulfillment when she was a Special Needs Assistant. She enthused that it was one of the most fulfilling jobs she had ever done in her life other than being a homemaker for her husband and sons. She worked for five years at the ResCare Community Alternatives in St Louis, which provided housing and day care for people with special needs. She also worked with MERS, supporting and coaching the blind when they worked. One person she coached was Mary. Mary was nominated Employee of the Year in Missouri! Jeniece stated that she was honored that Mary acknowledged her by stating that she couldn't have done it without Jeniece. Mary (who was blind) was doing computer work, and manned the phones. Jeniece helped her overcome her fears, being her eyes and support, as necessary.

I believe that Jeniece has herself been one of the Hidden Treasures of Ferguson. I am happy to congratulate her for representing the Best of Ferguson in her untiring service to our community and to those whom she cared for as a coach. We hope that Hidden Treasures reopens soon and that her GoFundMe is a great success with our readers' support.

The author teaches Transcendental Stress Management meditation to members of the public; and provides these services to the family courts in St Louis. She conducts Retreats here in Ferguson, across the U.S. and abroad. She is also a Motivational Speaker and her lectures include corporate presentations on Wellness.

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Friends of Ferguson Disc Golf

After months of hard work and planning the Friends of Ferguson disc golf hosted their first annual Labor Day Tournament at Hudson Disc Golf Park.

With a mix of first time disc golfers to semi pros, everyone enjoyed the course and gave it high praise.

We especially want to thank the Ferguson Parks and Rec and Public Works for putting the finishing touches on Ferguson's Disc Golf Course. The course looked fantastic and we couldn't have done it without your help.

Thanks, Joe Wenger

"Hidden Treasures" are those things we either go searching for or come upon by happy chance. Jeniece Andrews has been one of the hidden treasures of Ferguson that I have had the pleasure of discovering and enjoying for the past few years. I met Jeniece, her husband of 28 years, Eddie Andrews III, and their son Eddie IV, as they worked at their antique store "Hidden Treasures," at 220 B. North Florissant Road, next to Little Caesar's pizza shop.

I enjoyed browsing through all that she and her husband and sons had painstakingly collected from shows across the country, brought back home here in Ferguson, and proudly sold in her store. There was antiques, jewelry, new furniture on consignment, ladies' clothing that I saw on racks, all types of novelty items: glasses, candle holders, wonderful mirrors, tea sets and chinaware. The list goes on. I visited her place every time we bought pizza and when I wanted something special to purchase.

I bought all the furniture for one of my guest rooms from Jeniece, as I felt they had the Indian flavor I desired for that room. We mixed and matched mirrors and pieces until I got exactly what I needed. I was really surprised when Eddie offered to deliver it to my home, free of charge, to set up the queen bed, and to install the large mirror on the wall! This was exceptional service and right here in Ferguson! When my family visited from Trinidad, they bought, among other things, a lovely Tiffany lamp with stained glass and little trinkets to remind them of their visit here.



Jeniece in happier times at her store, Hidden Treasures

It was simply devastating to all of the residents when rioting broke out on November 24th last year, when the decision to not indict Officer Wilson was reached. Many of us looked on in horror on TV even as we were hearing it all live! Hidden Treasures is not far from where I live. The following morning, I went out to the I Love Ferguson store, as almost all the volunteers did. On my way over, like many residents, I was crying like a baby to see the destruction wrought on the city. Hidden Treasures and Little Caesar's were both burnt flat to the ground! I drove with tears in my eyes as Walgreen's was next, and so many shattered windows all the way down Florissant Road. When I arrived at the parking lot and started to make my way into the store, cameras were rolling and I was interviewed by one of many press agencies. I cried on camera and spoke with the passion of one who had been deeply hurt by the cut our city suffered the night before. I cried unashamedly for I knew how much entrepreneurs like Jeniece had sacrificed to make their dreams come true by offering their services and quality merchandise to us in Ferguson.

I had Jeniece's phone number and in the days that followed I learned about GoFundMe and even though I had not done one before, I set up an account for her, with the hope that she would be able to raise the money she had lost in inventory, in store infrastructure, and in earnings. She has not yet reached her goal for this. I appeal to all our readers to donate to the fund so that Jeniece and her family could recover and reopen Hidden Treasures once again. In your Google search bar, type in the following: Hidden Treasures Ferguson Rebuild GoFundMe. It will take you to <http://www.gofundme.com/JenieceAndrewsforH> page where you can see how much has been donated to date and the goal.



Ask Grandma

My father was born in 1898 in St. Louis. In 1904, his parents left St. Louis to “escape the fighting and shooting in the streets of St. Louis,” and moved to Normandy (yes, the community to our south). Grandpa bought a red brick house on St. Mary’s Lane on about 2 acres of ground. This gave the family room to have a truck garden, grape arbor, fruit trees and a barn for their cow and horses. They had 5 children, one girl and four boys (my dad was the middle child).

Dad often spoke of his mother and sister canning vegetables and fruit from their garden. Excess produce was loaded on a wagon and driven to downtown St. Louis to be sold. They drove down Natural Bridge, which was a plank road. (The only rock road near their home was St. Charles Rock Road.) The trip downtown and back took all day.



The house in Normandy (it still stands today). In the back from the left is Grandma, Grandpa and daughter Agnus. The boys in the front are John, George, my dad and Leonard. You may remember Leonard as the owner of Meiners Plumbing in Ferguson. Circa 1904

The children attended St. Ann’s School, a five room frame building that stood behind the old stone church which was built in 1856 by Fr. Peter DeSmet. (The frame house was still standing and used as a kindergarten when I attended St. Ann’s School).

About 1912, when the first automobiles were making their appearance in St. Louis, Grandpa bought his four boys a Franklin automobile and put it in the barn. There was a catch though. Before they could drive it, the boys had to take it completely apart, piece by piece, and then put it back together again. It proved to be a great experience for all of them.

Grandpa did not believe in much formal education and as each of the boys was about twelve years old, he sent them to Rankin Trade School; one to be a stationary engineer, dad to be a Tool and Die Maker, and the two other boys to be plumbers.

At fourteen, dad was graduated and ready for his first job. After working in several machine shops, he found out it was easy to boost his age up a few years in order to get better jobs and better wages. As a result he was often much younger than the men working for him. The work day was six a.m. to six p.m. and from six to noon on Saturdays. (As I recall, dad had very colorful language, and I heard that when you were a foreman, that was the language that the workers understood.)

When World War I began, men with dad’s knowledge were needed to make the tools of war and he was asked to go to the Rock Island Arsenal located in Rock Island, Illinois. When the war ended he returned to St. Louis to work in machine shops and also taught Mechanical Drawing and Machine Shop Practice in the evenings at the YMCA.

Dad met and married a Irish girl while ice skating at the Winter Garden and eventually moved his family back to Normandy. He worked at Lewis Invisible Stitch Company, and had advanced from foreman to factory superintendent. At the same time he was working on a little side adventure. All things mechanical, and automobiles in particular, were of great interest to him. He was a stickler for perfection in his automobile, and a rattle here or a squeak there annoyed him. (I find it peculiar that noises bothered dad since I inherited my hearing impairment from him.)

When mechanics could not solve his mechanical problems he began designing parts to do the job. These parts he made at Lewis, and he put them on his car. When the mechanics saw how well the parts worked they talked dad into opening their own business making automobile replacement parts. During World War II they had contracts with the government to supply parts for Army vehicles. During the war, production of automobiles had ceased; therefore, there was a great demand for parts to keep the existing cars on the road. Henry Ford approached dad to move to Detroit to work for the Ford Motor Company, but his business was doing so well, he was not interested.

There are lots of fascinating stories about my dad’s life, particularly since they revolved around living in North County, but I’ll have to continue them another time.

Note: Much of the above was taken from my sister’s account of our family history.

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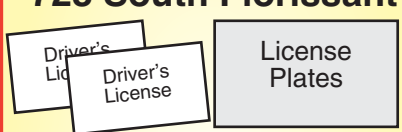
Calendar of Events In and Around Ferguson

Complete Details of These Events Throughout the Paper

Open Arts at FYI Backbay	Fri., Oct. 2
Rummage Sale – St. Stephens	Fri., Sat., Oct. 2, 3
Train Track Tales for Tots – Whistle Stop	Sat., Oct. 3
Beginning Adult Dance	Mon Oct. 5
Childrens Tumbling, Tap & Ballet Begin	Wed., Oct. 7
Hip Hop / Jazz Dance Begins	Wed., Oct. 7
Cards and Luncheon – Immanuel Church.	Thurs., Oct. 8
N/W Chamber of Commerce Membership Mtg. – Orlando’s.	Thurs., Oct. 8
How to Run for Local Office Workshop – Library	Thurs., Oct. 8
Get Crafty with Books – Library	Fri., Oct. 9
Blend Concert – Plaza @ 501	Fri., Oct. 9
Ferguson’s Got Talent Workshop – Library	Sat., Oct. 10
5K Run to the Shrine – Florissant	Sat., Oct. 10
Reading on Race Book Club – Library	Mon., Oct. 12
Jobs & More STL New Workshop Begins – Library.	Mon., Oct. 12
Evening Storytime at the Library.	Tues., Oct. 13
Ferguson City Council Meeting.	Tues., Oct. 13
Classic Albums at the Touhill	Fri., Oct. 16
Women’s Legislative Form – 1st Presbyterian	Sat., Oct. 17
Teen 6 Flags Fright Fest	Sat., Oct. 17
Murder Mystery and Dinner Theater – Savoy	Sat., Oct. 17
Food Trucks at 501 Plaza	Mon., Oct. 19
Aerobics Classes Begin.	Mon., Oct. 19
Flu Shots at Community Center	Tues., Oct. 20
Icky Sticky Science – Library	Tues., Oct. 20
Mystery Meal.	Wed., Oct. 21
FLIERS Fall Book Sale – Library.	Thurs., Fri., Sat., Oct. 22-23-24
4th of July Ham & Bean Dinner – St. Stephens	Fri., Oct. 23
Zumba Classes Begin.	Sat., Oct. 24
Daytime Pumpkin Walk – Old Ferguson East	Sun., Oct. 25
Pakt 50th Anniv. Dinner & Celebration – St. Marks, Florissant	Sun., Oct. 25
Ferguson City Council Meeting.	Tues., Oct. 27
Illinois Amish Country Trip.	Wed., Oct. 28
Gambling in Oklahoma	Wed., Oct. 28
Yahtzee and Lunch – Community Center	Thurs., Oct. 29
Trunk or Treat – Church of the Nazarene.	Sat, Oct. 31
Turn back your clocks one hour.	Sun., Nov. 1
Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast – Savoy.	Sun., Nov. 1
Trip to Grand Rivers, Kentucky	Tues., Nov. 17
Bountiful Feast Bingo – Community Center	Thurs., Nov. 19
Ferguson Northern Lights Parade and Festival.	Sun., Nov. 30

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