

# Ferguson Times

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CITY OF FERGUSON, MO.

November, 2015

Serving Ferguson and Surrounding Communities

6th Annual Ferguson

## TWILIGHT RAMBLE

An Evening Bicycle Event for Cyclists of All Ages & Abilities

### SUNDAY NOV 1, 2015

Sponsors Include:

- Ferguson Twilight 5K/10K & Fun Run MAY 14, 2016
- Ferguson (Brewery Company)
- Ferguson Bicycle Shop
- Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety
- Blue's Art House

2:00pm - Expo Starts (with helmet fittings)  
 3:00pm - 1 Mile Ride  
 3:30pm - 5 Mile Ride  
 4:30pm - 15 Mile Ride (lights required)  
 5:00pm - Live Music & Free Beer Tasting  
 6:00pm - Healthy Food

All rides start and end at the Plaza at 501  
 501 South Florissant Rd, Ferguson MO 63135

**FREE Registration at TwilightRamble.com**

## FERGUSON NORTHERN LIGHTS

Home for the Holiday

**Sunday, November 29, 2015**  
**2 p.m. to 7 p.m.**  
 Victorian Plaza  
 20 S. Florissant Rd. Downtown Ferguson

Bring the whole family to shop for unique gifts and crafts. Enjoy free cookies, hot chocolate, music and activities for the kids. Stay warm with toasty bonfires and a special appearance from Santa!

**Schedule of Events**

- 2-7 p.m. Holiday Market
- 3-6 p.m. Kid's Activities Including Story time with Mrs. Claus, Gingerbread House Decorating, Face Painting, Balloon Creations and Holiday Entertainment
- 5 p.m. Lighted Holiday Parade on S. Florissant Rd.
- 5:30 p.m. Free Cookies & Hot Chocolate
- 6 p.m. Tree Lighting Ceremony

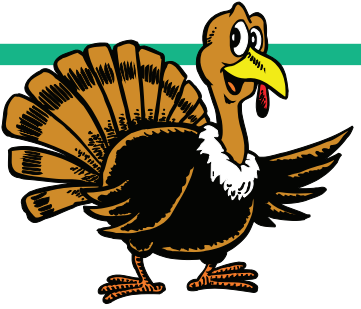
For more information go to [www.fergusoncitywalk.com](http://www.fergusoncitywalk.com)  
 call 314-524-5197  
 or email [citywalk@fergusoncity.com](mailto:citywalk@fergusoncity.com)



### Ferguson Christmas Twilight House Tour

Sunday, December 6th  
**3:00 to 7:00 pm**  
 Tickets \$12 in advance • \$15 day of tour  
 Tickets soon.  
 Proceeds benefit Ferguson Caring League

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### ALLIED WASTE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE THANKSGIVING 2015

THANKSGIVING DAY  
 Thursday, November 26, 2014

Monday routes will not be affected  
 Tuesday routes will not be affected  
 Wed. routes will not be affected

Thursday routes will be picked up  
 Friday, November 27th  
 Friday routes will be picked up  
 Saturday, November 28th

## Free Carriage Rides

Thursday, December 10th  
 5:30 - 9:00 P.M.  
 Plaza at 501

At the Corner of S. Florissant Rd. and Suburban Ave.  
 Enjoy Hot Cocoa, Toasty Fire Pits, and Ride Through  
 Downtown Ferguson in a Horse Drawn Carriage!

For more information call 314-524-5197

Happy Holidays from CityWalk

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



## Greetings from CityWalk

We hoped that you enjoyed our Food Truck series for the 2015, season. The feedback that we received from patrons and vendors helped us to provide our community with great food and exceptional service. CityWalk is looking forward to a phenomenal 2016, season as well.

First Friday Gallery Night will take place on November 6, 2015, from 6 – 9pm. Corners Frameshop & Gallery is hosting Denise Field and Mona Hecht. This fascinating duo is behind the eclectic creations of Sorelli Amici. Come out and meet Mona and Denise, view their new gifts and Holiday décor, shop, and enjoy some wonderful seasonal refreshments.

FYI Ferguson Youth Initiative will be featuring young local talents during their Open Mike event. Refreshments will be provided by Old Ferguson West neighbors using recipes from their Old Ferguson West Cookbook. The cookbook is available for purchase and all proceeds support the neighborhood association's efforts to build a strong, vital, and thriving residential area.

We are excited to see all the new activity taking place on CityWalk. New businesses are opening within our community and all are welcomed. If you are a new business to CityWalk, we would love to get to know you and your business. CityWalk offers opportunities for you to share your product and/or services with other businesses on the Walk.

(This section reserved for the General Membership Businesses of the FSBD.)  
Every third Thursday of the month is our board meeting. We meet at 5:30pm in the offices of Pearce Neikirk's located at 427 S. Florissant Rd. Our next meeting is November 19, 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.

## Paul's Market Celebrates 55 Years in Ferguson



Gary Crump, owner of Paul's Market, cuts the ribbon to celebrate the market's 55 Anniversary. Members of the family, employees, City Officials and Chamber members look on.

## The Plumber's Crack

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

Trees with all kinds of colors, some of them bare; smell of burning wood in the air; store freezers full of turkey's; jackets and long pants replacing shorts and halter tops – it must be November and time for another edition of the Plumbers Crack.



Check your foundation for any new cracks or any movement of the ground around it. The tiniest crack can turn into a laser beam of cold air and freeze a pipe in minutes.

Displaced earth can cause foundation leaks which is a good possibility this year because all the rain

Well my friends, Fall is upon us and winter is right around the corner. Last year winter came in early and caught Oh Baby with his pants down as the old saying goes. This year I'm going to get you prepared early by combining some Fall and Winter tips together.

and then a drought at the end of the summer. It works under the same principle as expansion and contraction.

Let's start with Fall or Autumn if you prefer. I mentioned in the opening that leaves are on the ground. They are also in your areaway drains, basement entrance drains, and your gutters. Stay ahead of potential problems – check those drains daily. You know when leaves break down they turn into mud and mud in drains usually means a flood of some sort. Your gutters are no different even if you have gutter guards – they will still silt up and a good rain can cause foundation leaks.

Remember if we have an extreme blast of cold air your plumbing on outside walls can freeze – especially in your kitchen. That's when you need to prevent freezing by leaving cabinet doors open and maybe putting a small fan blowing air into the cabinet. In some cases leaving a faucet drip will keep it from freezing up. There is a down side to that if your kitchen sits on a slight overhang it can freeze your drain up which can cause major damage and other problems.

Make sure your outside hose faucets are secure. If you have anti freeze type hydrants make sure you detach the hoses. Regular sill cocks or hose faucets should have a shut off in the basement. Turn it off and then open outside faucet to drain. The hose should come off because it forces water to hold at the faucet which can cause it to freeze and break. Also the hose is a good place for critters to live in the winter.

Well I guess Oh Baby has depressed you enough for one month. I want to wish all of you a very warm and joyous Thanksgiving and consider the meaning of the word. I give thanks for knowing the beautiful city of Ferguson and it's strengths. In that spirit share a meal with someone less fortunate. Please get to know and communicate with your neighbors – watch out for our children and hug dem babies.

God Bless you all  
Oh Baby

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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

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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

## JOBS AND MORE STL Continues Training in Ferguson

JOBS AND MORE STL is continuing their mission to help the unemployed and underemployed find employment. JOBS AND MORE STL is a Ferguson-based non-profit, 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, October 12, JOBS AND MORE STL commenced the latest two-week Rise Above Workforce Training Workshop in Ferguson, with eight achievers attending the class.

In September, six individuals became the latest graduates of the workshop. Congratulations to Achievers La'Van Gray, Brenda Holmes, Cathy Jacobi Humphrey, Danyell Jennings, and Deja Noble. JOBS AND MORE STL wishes them much success in their searches.

All workshop achievers learn the importance of traits such as Integrity and Trustworthiness, which are crucial in obtaining employment. 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.

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?



Ella Jones, Councilwoman from Ward 1 addressing the Jobs and More class.

Would you like to volunteer with JOBS AND MORE STL? Could you serve as a mentor for a workshop graduate?

Are you interested in enrolling in the next FREE workshop, to be held November 9-20, 9:30AM-12:30 PM, M-F? The workshop orientation session will be held November 4, 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](mailto:jobsandmorestl@outlook.com), 314.283.2215, on the web [jobsandmorestl.org](http://jobsandmorestl.org), or visit the JOBS AND MORE STL Facebook page.

## Ferguson Councilwoman Receives Prestigious Award

Ferguson Councilwoman, Ella Jones, was honored with a prestigious award during the Youth and Family Center Carnival Fundraiser on Thursday, Sept. 3, 2015.

Jones received "The Equalizer Award" for being the first black woman elected to sit on the Ferguson City Council with over 50% of the votes from Ward 1.

Among others that were honored included Eric and Angela Rhone, April Simpson, Tracy Reed and Pastor Aeneas Williams.

The Youth and Family Center provides assistance to youth, families and older adults to attain self-sustaining lives through innovative social, educational and recreational resources and serves as an anchor for the near North Side of St. Louis.



## Numbers to Remember:

Ferguson City Hall.....	314-521-7721
Ferguson Community Center .....	314-521-4661
Ferguson Library .....	314-521-4820
Ferguson City Garage .....	314-521-8373
Police.....	314-522-3100
Republic Services.....	636-947-5959

## City Leaders Update Local Pastors on Latest Ferguson Initiatives



Mayor James Knowles III welcomes the pastors at the Community Center breakfast.

On Friday, September 25, more than 60 Ferguson area ministers and community members attended a special Pastor's Appreciation Breakfast. The theme was "We are One Together".

During the event, which was held at the Ferguson Community Center, local pastors learned first-hand about the latest work that is currently going on within the city. The group was updated by Mayor James Knowles III, Interim City Manager Ed Beasley and Interim Police Chief Andre Johnson. Each relayed information about new initiatives and existing efforts that are taking place within the City of Ferguson.

The guest speakers for the event were Pastor Jose Aguaya of the Dorea and Billy Graham Ministries, and Pastor Aeneas Williams, senior minister at The Spirit Church and NFL Hall of Famer.

## Ferguson Fire Department Celebrates With Reading



The Ferguson Fire Department participated in the "Largest Book Party in St. Louis" on Tuesday, September 15 at the James J. Eagan Center. The firefighters read stories to the children from new books provided by First Book-St. Louis, a national non-profit organization that provides free books to community groups and school programs that have at least a 70 percent enrollment of low-income children.

The Largest Book Party in Saint Louis aims to reach 200-300 local children in need to give them a fun morning of story time, snacks and picking out new books to keep as their own. Nationwide, more than 100 million free books will be given to disadvantaged children. Locally 85,000 new books are handed out.

## CITY OF FERGUSON CANDIDATE PETITIONS AVAILABLE ELECTION NOTICE – APRIL 5, 2016

The City of Ferguson, Missouri, will hold an election on Tuesday, April 5, 2016, for the offices of Council Member Ward 1, Council Member Ward 2, and Council Member Ward 3 for 3 year terms. Any person wanting to file a declaration of candidacy for this office must also submit a petition signed by at least 50 and not more than 75 registered voters. The petition forms are now available in the City Clerk's office and may be picked up at any time during regular office hours.

The petitions may be submitted upon the filing of a declaration of candidacy but must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. CST on January 19, 2016, and must be accompanied by a \$10.00 filing fee, which will be returned if the candidate receives at least 5% of the votes in the election.

The petitions and declarations of candidacy must be filed with the City Clerk at Ferguson City Hall, 110 Church Street. Under State Law, declarations of candidacy will be accepted starting on the opening date for filing and will not be accepted after the last date for filing. Candidate filing for the Ferguson City Council will open at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 15, 2015, which date is the sixteenth Tuesday before the election. Candidate filing will close at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 19, 2016, which date is the eleventh Tuesday before the election. For further information, please call the City Clerk at 524-5152.

CITY OF FERGUSON  
Megan Asikainen, City Clerk

# Ferguson Community News Page

## We are tough enough to make tough decisions

By Mayor James W. Knowles III

*"In any moment of decision, the best thing you can do is the right thing, the next best thing is the wrong thing, and the worst thing you can do is nothing."*



- Theodore Roosevelt, 1858-1919 - 26th President of the United States

A couple months ago, on the anniversary of the death of Michael Brown, streams of reporters and people came to see what has changed in the community over the past year. Some were curious about changes in government, in policies, and in political leadership. Others were interested in what has changed in policing and in courts. One thing everyone wanted to see, was how the community physically looked one year after the beginning of the unrest. Of course, like many things the media got wrong, they didn't grasp that the real destruction in our community wasn't until a year ago this month.

Of course the images of last November are forever seared in our minds, and archived online for people forever to see. But those of us that live, work, and play in this community are reminded daily of the progress we see all around us. We are reminded by the faces of the people attending the countless community and neighborhood events that bring people together from all walks of life. We are reminded by the images of police officers and children playing ball at our block parties or exploring police vehicles at our farmer's market. We are reminded when we cut the ribbon at the grand re-opening of Little Caesar's pizza that has twice been destroyed and twice rebuilt as part of their strong commitment to this community. We have hope in the future as we see the skeleton of our community's newest mixed-use loft building being constructed only feet from the epicenter of the unrest last November. Yes there has been a great deal of progress, and there are a great many reasons to have hope. However, there are still a number of tough decisions ahead for this community, and the council will need your input and buy-in to continue to make our community a success.

As you may know, the current city budget for fiscal year 2016 is in the red. We are using over \$2.5 million in our general revenue fund to make up the shortfall between income and expenditures this year. This shortfall is sustainable for the short term, but not past this fiscal year. It would be fiscally irresponsible to maintain deficits without taking a hard look at our city operations and our ability to bring in revenue in the future. These are the conversations city staff and city leaders are having right now. They are also the conversations that the city leaders will be looking to have with residents in the near future. We as a council believe it is extremely important that the residents are part of this process, and have input into making these tough decisions. In the weeks ahead we will be reaching out to engage all of you in this very important process.

As we begin to have these discussions, there is no doubt we will all see the very difficult decisions ahead; but there is a great deal of hope on the other side of those decisions. As a community we've endured more than our share of struggles and trials. From national economic downturns, housing market crashes, two tornadoes, and months of civil unrest, we've been tried and tested, and we've always emerged strong. Knowing the obstacles ahead, I have no doubt our city will rise to the challenge.

Our city government's priority will continue to be: to offer the best quality of life for those who live, work, and play in this community. We are dedicated to preserving and even improving that quality of life, even during these difficult financial times. There is a way forward, and with your help, we can make those tough decisions and build an even stronger, more sustainable community.

## City Resumes Leaf Clean-Up

Fall is upon us and the leaves are beginning to fall.

Responsibility for leaf clean-up lies with each homeowner. However, Ferguson residents are fortunate to have unlimited yard waste pick-up through Republic Services. For those new to the City or for anyone needing a refresher, here is a brief summary of leaf pick-up rules and regulations.

Leaves can be placed in your own 30-gallon trash can and marked as "yard waste," or they can be placed in paper yard waste bags available from many local retailers and then put 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 at 636-947-5959 to let them know.

Leaves cannot be blown or raked to the curb or into the street. The City street sweepers are not equipped to clean up leaf debris. Anyone blowing or raking leaves into the street will be cited and issued a summons.

If you are disposing of tree branches, they must be cut into four-foot lengths, bundled no larger than 18 inches in diameter, and tied with string or twine before being placed for pick-up.

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

NOTE: If you are a senior citizen, call Republic Service for a discounted pickup rate.



The Ferguson City Council will meet once in November. The meeting will be held in the City Council Chambers at 110 Church Street. The meeting date is:

**Tuesday, November 10th at 7:00 p.m.**

## Ferguson Neighborhood Organizations

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

Group	Next Mtg.	Location	Contact
Forestwood Park Neighborhood Group	Nov 3 7 pm	Ferg Community Ctr 1050 Smith	Donald Stevens 314-561-0379
Jeske Park Neighborhood Assn.	Nov 12 7 pm	Ferg Community Ctr 1050 Smith Ave	Kate Mazzacavallo katemazza@yahoo.com
Nesbit-Newton	TBA	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.	Nov 9 7 pm	Corner Coffee House 100 N Florissant	Glenda Rickard glenda.rickard@mercy.net
Old Ferguson West Neighbors	Nov 12 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	Nov 9 7 pm	Our Lady of Guadalupe 17 Hawkesbury	Atefa Young atefayoung@yahoo.com
		Joint Mtg with NHF	
Wabash Neighborhood Assn.	Nov 9 7 pm	First Baptist 333 N Florissant	Shonnette Morgan sdenisemor@hotmail.com
North Hudson Neighborhood	Nov 16 7 pm	Ferg Community Ctr 1050 Smith	Mary Simmons hudsonhills63135@gmail.com
North Hills Neighborhood	Nov 9 7 pm	Our Lady of Guadalupe 17 Hawkesbury	Keith Kallstrom 314-524-1720
		Joint Mtg with SWF	
North Elizabeth Assn	Nov 16 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.

## 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., Nov 11 (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., Nov 11 (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, Nov 11 (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, Nov 9 (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-brid 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.

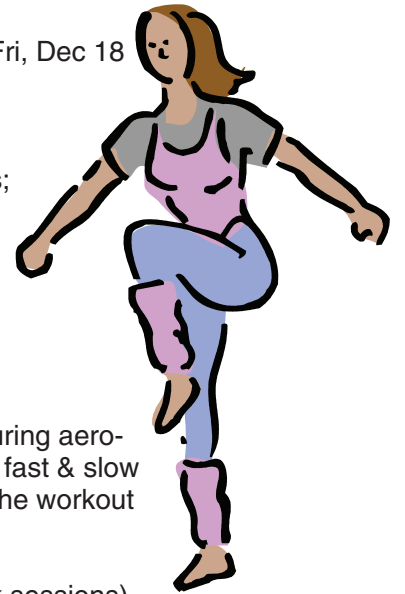
Age: 18 years & up  
Date: Mon, Dec 14; Wed, Nov 16; Fri, Dec 18  
(Ongoing 6 week sessions)  
Time: Mon, Wed, & Fri 6pm-7pm  
Location: Ferguson Community Center  
Fee: \$25/Members; \$30/Residents;  
\$35/Non-Residents

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, Dec 19 (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.

### 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

### Grand Rivers, Kentucky

Visit the recreated historical log cabin village of Grand Rivers, tucked into the natural beauty of western Kentucky. We'll dine at Patti's restaurant voted the #1 restaurant for tourism in the State of Kentucky. Patti's is famous for their 2 inch thick pork chops, mile high merengue pies and flowerpot bread. Our menu includes all 3 making this a true adventure in eating. Then head to the Variety Show across the street where we'll see a matinee performance of the Branson style show "A Variety Christmas". A fun packed day is in store today! Trip includes: motor coach transportation, lunch, all admissions, taxes and gratuities.

Ages: 18 and up  
Date: Tues, Nov 17  
Time: 7:00am-9:30pm  
Fee: \$96/Members; \$106/Residents

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**TRIPS**

**Christmas in Peoria, Illinois**

Start the trip off with lunch at the Par-a-dice Casino Hotel. Here you'll enjoy a luscious lunch buffet. Next see a glass blowing demonstration at J Dragon Glass. This opportunity offers a complete understanding of glass as a studio movement in America. As it begins to get dark we will move drive through the East Peoria Festival of Lights. This is a one-of-a-kind light display. To end the day we'll enjoy a hilarious professional comedy show at Conklin Dinner Theatre. Day two begins with breakfast at the hotel. Then test your luck in the 35,000 sq. ft. casino. From there we'll board the Spirit of Peoria for a holiday cruise. In an old fashioned Christmas town you will sing along with your favorite carols. Sing up today for 2 days of FUN! Includes: 1 breakfast, 2 lunches, 1 dinner, all admissions, motor coach transportation, all gratuities, lodging. Guaranteed to get you into the holiday spirit.

Ages: 18 and up  
Date: Wed, Dec 2-Thurs, Dec 3  
Time: 7:00am-9:30pm  
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Date: Mon, Dec 7-Wed, Dec 9  
Time: 7:00am-10:00pm  
Fee: \$435/ Residents; \$460/Non-Residents (Double Occupancy)

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Ages: 18 and up  
Dates: Mon, Dec 14  
Time: 3:00pm-8:30pm  
Fee: \$75/Residents; \$80/Non Residents

**TEEN TRIP**

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Date: Fri Nov 20  
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Location: Victorian Plaza  
Date: Sun, Nov 29  
Time: 2:00pm-7:00pm  
Fee: FREE

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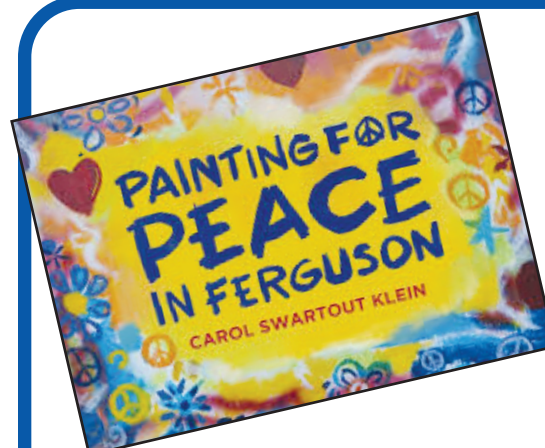
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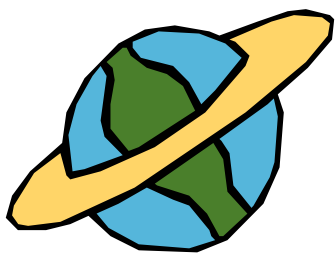
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- Next Steps - Teens are still able to apply for this program that strives to familiarize them with the steps to becoming professionals. The program includes monthly workshops, college/trade school tours, access to employment opportunities, and mentors supporting them. It is FREE with workshops on Thursdays at 7pm.
- Party With A Purpose on November 20th and 21st - Held at Ferguson Middle School, this “party” is an opportunity to engage teens (13-19 years old) in a party atmosphere to gather information on FYI’s impact over the last five years. In addition, the Ferguson Youth Advisory board is seeking input on what priorities they should focus on to continue enriching the lives on young people in the community. The two day event includes giveaways, food, raffles, and a dance; all for \$2/teen. Opportunities to #SupportYoungPeople are available at FYIFergYouth.org

Dwayne T. James

**And Now a Word from Our Planet . . . .**



About that one little styrofoam cup you used--If you think one little thing can't make a difference, try going to sleep with a mosquito buzzing around your head!

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**914 Westwold \$98,500**

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**1660 Horseshoe**

We have been very fortunate to represent some amazing Florissant ranch homes over the past few months and here is another! This three bedroom, two bath ranch is close to McCluer North and the Civic Center and loads of shopping and restaurants. The hardwood has been refinished and both baths and the kitchen are newer. A main floor FR, LR, DR and 3 season room off of the kitchen gives plenty of entertainment space for those Christmas and New Years parties. Call us and we will get you Home for the Holidays!



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# The Ferguson Computer Corner

by thankful Doug Neely



## HAPPY THANKSGIVING EDITION!!!

didja know that on Thanksgiving day, SOME people do NOT EAT THE BIRD? i was shocked! :) oh, it's OK; eat whatever you like. it's not what you eat, but how & Who you thank!

### More On 10, dept.

i don't know about you, but while i was using 10, i found that 10 seemed kinda slow as opposed to the Vista & 7 that i use every day. and this was with a fresh install. also, the processor was a powerful quad-core, and the hard drive was a Solid-State-Drive (SSD), and 8 gbs. of ram. it should've SCREAMED, but no, it was far from it. anybody else out there have a slow 10? or, is yours just peachy? let me hear from you.

### DIDJA KNOW?, dept.

if you are one of those who do a backup (any kind) of your puter, that IF you have an infection living inside, that it will likely be transferred to your backup drive? infections are contagious, just the same as colds & flu are contagious to us. as a matter of fact, you don't even have to be doing a backup; if you connect ANY external device to your infected puter, the chances of passing on the infection are just as great. make SURE your puter is ALWAYS CLEAN!

there are many different ways in which your puter can become infected. one way this is commonly done is for any original, critical file to be deleted, and then replaced with an infected one. when the anti-virus then removes that file

during cleaning, that file will be eliminated, and whatever program needed it won't run. (that often happens to a critical operating system file; if so, Windows will not run. at this point, you NEED to have a pro fix it for you.)

here's another thing: do NOT leave your puter ON when you are not there using it! well, a few minutes is ok, but don't leave it on for long periods of time, like going to the store or overnite. it may indeed seem just fine when you return, but what you don't see is that the service life has been shortened. POH (power-on-hours) should be limited to only the time that you are actually using your puter. all electrical devices have their limits; if that weren't true, everything would last forever.

### ME GO NOW!

i have to go think about all the stuff i'm thankful for to God. to me, that's EVERYTHING! so, i name some of those things, and add: "...and everything else that You have given to me." that covers it! :) i hope it goes that way for you, too. i pray that you & yours have a very happy, a very safe, and a very blessed Thanksgiving!

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

If you would like to ask Doug for his FREE puter advice, please call him at \*314\*521\*1789\* in the PM hours. If you email, BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR PHONE #, and put the phrase i need puter advice into the subject line. Now, go have a loving Thanksgiving dinner!

## Get More Likes on Your Facebook Page

By LaTease Rikard



In this month's column, we're going to talk about a way to increase your visibility as well as increase Facebook Business Page likes. I talk a lot about Facebook because of the amount of people who belong to the social network, over 1 billion as of June 2015. That's a lot of people viewing your business! Here are a few rules and a hidden trick you can use to increase likes, and monetize your business on Facebook!

If you want to make your content sharable and searchable on Facebook, you need to have a thorough understanding of Facebook principles and the general rules that apply to content and behavior.

These rules apply to not only the custom apps people build for Facebook, but the third-party social apps we all use as well: The photo upload contests, the share-to-win contests, trivia, quizzes, polls and Facebook app tab publishers. All of the mechanics of these apps and your usage of them must adhere to the Facebook Terms of Service (TOS) – if you don't want to risk having your content disabled or your brand page shut down altogether.

Facebook has broken down its standards for publishing content on its platform into five broad categories they call principles. The five Facebook principles are:

- 1 / Build a quality product.
- 2 / Give people control.
- 3 / Protect data.
- 4 / Encourage proper use.
- 5 / Follow the law.

Each one of the above categories has a multitude of subcategories and detailed information behind it. This eBook touches on some of the more common aspects of the five principles, and a few of the esoteric details you need to know in order to stay in good standing with Facebook.

We've all seen that Facebook post shared by someone you barely knew in high school. The post that screams, "Click here to get a free iPhone!" or some other offer that seems too good to be true. If you click on that link, you'll probably find that you have to give a lot of personal information to be entered to win that iPhone, if indeed the offer is even legitimate.

Misleading your audience on Facebook is a big no-no. If you run a contest or even just offer a white paper download on a Facebook app tab, Facebook suggests you follow these guidelines:

- If your product is an app, make it stable and easy to navigate.
- Ensure your content meets Facebook Community Standards. These standards touch upon subjects like violence, bullying, phishing, scamming, and harassment.
- Provide a spam-free experience. Don't mislead people. (e.g., the free iPhone example)
- Keep your content below the negative feedback thresholds.

Facebook has an algorithm they use to decide if your content is spam or not. Go over that threshold and you will find yourself in an awkward situation: a pretty page with no interactive content. Here's a partial list of behaviors that can push you over that threshold:

- Multiple people report your post as spam.
- Too many people delete your posts from their feed.
- Too many people hide your posts in their feed.

How many is "too many?" Facebook won't tell us. And unfortunately, if you're using a third-party app, you won't be able to see the App Insights that will show you that information. Only the administrators of the app have access to that information. The main problem that the app providers face is trying to figure out which customer is generating the spam ratings, because in most cases there are hundreds of customers sharing the same app pool.

The fall-out usually proceeds like this: An end user posts something on your Facebook wall that says, "Hey! I tried to enter your contest, but there's no way to enter." Your social media manager sees the post and checks the contest tab, and sure enough the interactive content is missing. This usually means the app has been disabled. The social media manager calls the third-party app provider, who then starts to investigate why the app got disabled.

Facebook will whitelist apps for certain clients. If you are a company that spends big bucks on Facebook ads, and your content is in full compliance with the Facebook TOS, you may be able to get your apps whitelisted so they never go down.

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## Financial Focus

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

Last month I gave examples of different methods of figuring the actual amount of interest on a loan. If you recall, the differences can be pretty significant even with the same interest rate. Seeing the examples made me think about the ways low income households are kept in the cycle of poverty. Falling victim to predatory lenders is certainly one of the more common reasons that make it difficult to get ahead or just catch up.

One section of the Ferguson Commission's Report dealt with this subject. It basically restated what I think we've all known for years – low income households don't have many options for loans or unexpected emergencies that arise. With little or no savings to help these people usually succumb to "payday" lenders where borrowing has a very high cost. As pointed out in the report these types of lenders definitely set up shop in some of the poorest neighborhoods. As they well know, product placement and knowing your customers are important marketing techniques, so we certainly can't blame them for trying to improve their earnings.

In a study done by the University of Missouri in 2012 the average payday loan in our state had an annual percentage rate over 444%. That is higher than any of our surrounding states. Many blame the lack of state regulations on payday lenders for its ability to thrive here in Missouri. So it has been suggested that caps be placed on the interest rates allowed and repayment terms be changed to protect consumers.

If the likely clients for these establishments had better alternatives and understood from the earliest age possible that having a good credit reputation is so important, perhaps the escape from poverty could be a little easier. Passing more regulations may help, but drying up the customer base for these businesses can also force change. With these types of loans the terms are usually very short, 30 days or less. Most will set up the payback with a post-dated check or an automatic withdrawal from a checking account. They are usually unsecured and can be rolled over several times. In many cases it becomes perpetual and eventually the fees inflate to much more than the original loan amount.

Protecting our military from such predatory loans was the focus of the Military Lending Act passed in 2006. Six years later a report from the Consumer Federation of America showed that not much has changed. The lenders seem to be able to circumvent many of the rules by changing their products. So while they continue to offer high cost loans, longer terms and more collateral loans give consumers more opportunities to build credit if they can pay back as agreed upon. If they aren't able to pay back they can sink into deeper debt and build a poor credit score preventing them from getting out of the cycle.

So again I think education on the dangers of borrowing for the wrong reasons may be helpful. The vicious circle created by short term borrowing in this manner has caused so many problems in society that we need to do more to really prepare young people for learning to avoid the traps created by needless borrowing or borrowing for the wrong things or borrowing from the wrong lender. According to the Ferguson Report about 50% of payday loans in Missouri go into default even after the borrower has paid over 90% of the loan amount in fees.

The next part of the Ferguson Report brought up child and family development accounts. As this relates to economic well being "asset building" can provide positive effects on individuals and families. When they thrive the surrounding community also improves. Too many of our poor are caught in a downward spiral that often starts with the higher costs they incur just managing financial transactions. "Unbanked" and "underbanked" are terms that have been used to describe those who do not have bank accounts or have an account, but rely more on alternative services provided at a much higher cost.

Today most people with jobs have direct deposit using a bank account. Managing the account and building a relationship with a Credit Union or Bank enables them to have access to lower rate loans and other services that can help them build an asset base. For the poor there is often mistrust of these traditional institutions and locations of alternative high cost services are more convenient. If you drive around St. Louis you can always tell which areas have more low income residents, check cashing businesses, payday loan offices and pawn shops are abundant. If there wasn't a market for their services they would not be there. These types of businesses have also learned that offering other services such as selling money orders, stamps, wire transfers and accepting utility payments improve their sales. Understanding their target customer's needs is profitable.

Financial Empowerment Centers have been suggested to provide an alternative to those high cost service providers. These centers would support community based investments, financial literacy training and other tools to provide upward mobility to those caught in the cycle of poverty today. This all sounds wonderful on paper, the big question will be: can it be implemented? As I read these ideas I can't help but wonder about all of the previous work done in this area and why it hasn't made enough of an impact.

Having been in banking for over forty years I saw many changes in the industry. I recall a cartoon video we used to show to school children when invited to talk about how banks work. It painted a wonderful picture of a community bank providing loans to the local businesses and people. I was always proud to explain

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in simple terms how banking worked and how it was good for the local community. The story seemed a bit like Bedford Falls where everyone paid back their loans and if they got into trouble the Bailey Brothers Building and Loan worked with them to get thru the tough times. As banks got bigger it seemed there was less focus on community building and more focus on selling the products that would be the most profitable and who could blame them. Every business model needs to show the way to increased earnings. Banks also looked for ways to avoid losses and certain customers that had a history of overdrafts.

Over the years, regulations have been put on financial institutions to provide more services to the unbanked group. Setting up education centers and special accounts with lower overdraft fees were put in effect. Why haven't these worked? Why are we still talking about setting up "Financial Empowerment Centers?" I've seen so many programs designed to solve these problems over the years that it seems like a lost cause. Next month, I'll be looking at programs we've tried and some that are in place now. If you have 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, my favorite day of the year in school was American Heritage Day. I went to a private school and they didn't celebrate Halloween. Instead they picked a day in mid-November where all the children were encouraged to come to school dressed as their favorite American hero. It was a wonderful day filled with homemade cornucopias, handmade turkey themed decorations and lots of laughter. All of the students from Kindergarten to sixth grade joined in and great fun was had by all.

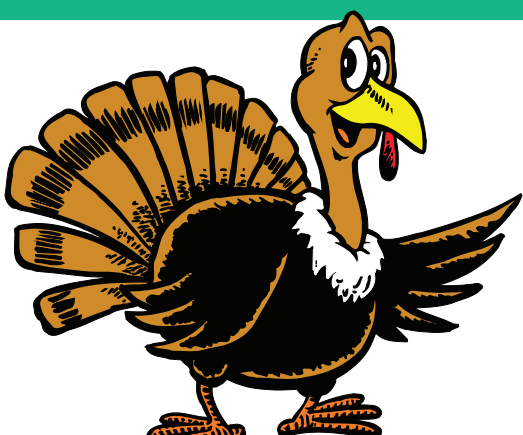
One year I dressed as Miss Marple, the fictional sleuth from the Agatha Christie books. She was my mother's hero. Of course nobody knew who she was. Another year I dressed as a German girl and wore my mother's dirndl from her time spent in Germany. I was ecstatic because my mother let me stuff the top with my dad's socks (In hindsight, I wish she would have checked with the administration first). Still, it was—in my humble opinion—one of the best days of the entire year. All of the classrooms would get in line and march around the school to show off their costumes. The reader needs to understand that for the rest of the year, I was a rather plain girl who was regularly ridiculed, but on that special occasion I was allowed to be someone else, and therefore I took great pride in showing off my fictional persona.

I remember the focus was always on patriotism for America and gratitude for our many blessings. My teachers encouraged us to take pride in the rich history of our great nation while we ate caramel apples. Those simple moments instilled in me a great love for history that remains with me to this day. We sang *My Country 'Tis of Thee* and *God Bless America*. We drank punch. We enjoyed chili dogs. Daniel Boone wasn't just a fellow in some book I read but rather a real hero who fought valiantly in the Revolutionary War. I learned about Pocahontas, Davy Crockett and Abraham Lincoln. I discovered my country was bought with the blood of brave men who considered my freedom was something worth dying for.

As an adult I am more in tune than ever to the injustices that occur in our country and the world, but I have also discovered that I have a great many things to be thankful for. While horrific headlines scream for my attention, I find peace when I focus on the people who are most important to me; my family, my friends, and my God. I find that society as a whole seems to spend a great deal of time complaining. We consider our inconveniences as great offenses and spew vitriol at our neighbors with flippant fingers rather than embracing and binding up their wounds. Maybe it is because I was treated so poorly by my classmates when I was a child that I tend to gravitate to those who are hurting. I don't always have the right words, but I have learned that holding a hand, listening without judgment and allowing people to wet my shoulders with their tears has great merit. I have also learned that by giving love the way I want to receive love is potent and contagious.

The month of November heralds one of the great American holidays, Thanksgiving. We fill our carts with large turkeys, pull out Grandma's candied yam recipe, and bake pumpkin pies. Then we stuff our stomachs and rush out to spend money on things we don't necessarily need. As I consider everything that Ferguson has been through in the past year, this tradition feels rather hollow. Many a friendly eye has turned wary, and with good reason. Our tongues have worn grooves in the backs of our neighbors who now bear scars that may never be erased. But there is hope. There is a remedy! Forgiveness seems like a radical word in today's culture. In an age where we send back a meal because it isn't cooked to our liking, and we freely demand what we feel we deserve, it takes great courage to step back and simply say, "I choose to let it go. I choose to forgive." Our children may not speak it, but they long for a rich heritage expressed through the nobility of our character. Every day we write history with the way we live our lives. We have the opportunity to shine light rather than snuff it out. We can choose to love in tangible ways; provide a meal to our elderly neighbor, express a kind word to the cashier who is not as fast as we would like, or extend a hand to a stranger.

This year on Thanksgiving take the time to examine your personal history. What do you personally have to be thankful for? What pain are you clinging to that you can let go of? How can you express to the people you spend your day with specifically why they are precious to you? How can you convey gratitude not only through good food, but with your heart? As you consider these things, remember that the community of Ferguson will be richer for your response. And even more powerfully, so will you. For more inspiration, follow me on my blog: [www.destinationdiscipline.com](http://www.destinationdiscipline.com).



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## Ferguson Residents Come Together For National Night Out

Neighborhoods throughout Ferguson were invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the 2015 National Night Out on Tuesday, Oct. 6. The largest event took place at the Ferguson Community Center located at 1050 Smith Ave. from 5 p.m.-9 p.m. This year's theme was 'Giving Crime & Drugs a Going Away Party'.

Ferguson Police Officer Sean Gibbons, who helped organize the event, says he believes this event played an important role in moving Ferguson forward.

"Generally, Ferguson neighborhoods come together very well to promote National Night Out. Neighborhood organizations have had cookouts and block parties each year," said Gibbons. "This year, since it was even more imperative that we come together as a community, the event brought us together to establish an understanding with communication that we can, and will, move forward."

The City hosted a variety of special activities at the Ferguson Community Center for all residents to enjoy, including live music, food, family games and giveaways.

National Night Out, which is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) and co-sponsored locally by the Ferguson Police Department, involved over 11,000 communities from all 50 states, US Territories, Canadian cities and military bases around the world. Events were designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime efforts; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. In all, over 35 million people participated in 'America's Night Out Against Crime' this October.

"This was a night for Ferguson to stand together with the nation to promote awareness, safety and neighborhood unity," said Mayor James Knowles III. "National Night Out showcases the vital importance of strengthening neighborhood and law enforcement partnerships to reduce crime in our community."



Some of the Neighborhood Associations held their own Neighborhood Watch events on October 6th. The one pictured above was held in the North Elizabeth Neighborhood.

### CERT update

At this month's Cert meeting we received the Training Schedule for the rest of the fiscal year.

It includes Reviewing Ferguson Emergency Operations plan, CPR class & certification, Basic 1st aid class refresher, Building search & rescue, basic fire suppression Class, room & practical exercise, Outdoor search & rescue, NIMS Refresher: Incident Command System, and Farmer's Market Demonstration & Recruitment.

Due to our local court changes, we've also had to adjust our meeting schedule to bi-monthly and arrival time to 08:30 am. That being said, our next meeting will be December 12, 2015, 08:30. We will continue to utilize the 2nd Saturday of the month.

See you on Veterans day, Nov 11 for Neighborhood Watch meeting at City Hall at 7:00 pm.

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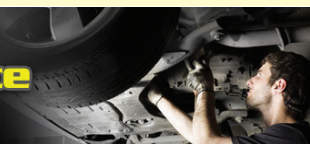
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**Autonomous Braking.** If the driver does not respond to the warning, some vehicles are able to brake automatically to prevent a collision or lessen the impact. Some systems combine forward-collision warnings and auto-brakes to increase the effectiveness.

**Adaptive Headlights.** This technology allows drivers to see better as they round a curve. It is an effective device that can help improve the visibility as you drive.

**Backup Camera.** Backup cameras have been available for several years. It is often displayed in the rearview mirrors or in-dash display. This helps to give you assurance when backing out of a parking spot or down a driveway to see what is behind you. The safety of this feature is unsurpassed in my opinion.

**Reverse Backup Sensors.** For use with or without a camera, this equipment beeps if you are about to hit something while backing up. In place of a backup camera, this is a sound option.

**Side View Assist.** Sensors can detect a car in your blind spot and then alert you with a light in your side mirror or with a beep if you engage your turn signal.

**Parking Assist.** An increasing number of models offer a feature that detects the size of a parallel parking space, guides you into the starting position, and then allows you to completely take your hands off the wheel while the computer backs the vehicle into place. Question? Can your son or daughter use it during a driver's license test...no!

All of these advance technologies make your driving more enjoyable and improves the safety. If a new vehicle is on your shopping list, many or all of these may be available. Have fun!

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World War I armistice ended on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918. Armistice Day, as November 11 became known, officially became a holiday in the United States in 1926, and a

national holiday 12 years later when the name was changed to Veterans Day to honor all U.S. veterans.

### Tomb of the Unknowns

Official, national ceremonies for Veterans Day center around the Tomb of the Unknowns.

To honor these men, symbolic of all Americans who gave their lives in all wars, an Army honor guard, the 3rd U.S. Infantry (The Old Guard), keeps day and night vigil.

At 11 a.m. on November 11, a combined color guard representing all military services executes "Present Arms" at the tomb. The nation's tribute to its war dead is symbolized by the laying of a presidential wreath and the playing of "Taps."

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## Ferguson Florissant School District News

### 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.

### McCluer South Berkeley Students Network With US Ambassador



Students from McCluer South-Berkeley High School, along with their instructor Raghib Muhammad, recently had the opportunity to meet and network with the United States Ambassador to Ireland, Kevin O'Malley. The meeting took place at the Ritz-Carlton in Clayton where the students attended the Growing Global Luncheon as guests of Peabody Energy and the World Trade Center-St. Louis. The luncheon provided students an opportunity to learn about the real world of international business and trade, as well as meet industry people. Ambassador O'Malley was the keynote speaker for the luncheon.

### First Book Donates Over 24,000 New Books to FFSD

First Book has donated 24,288 new books to the Ferguson-Florissant School District. The books will be distributed to schools throughout the district. Assistant Superintendent of Educational Operations Dr. Gwendolyn Diggs, along with Sheila Ward, the district's Reading and Communications Arts Coordinator, recently traveled to Kansas City, MO - First Book headquarters, to receive the donation.

"Getting that book that's a good fit for individual students has been a challenge to have the resources to buy the books that are needed. But with a donation of over 24,000 new books -- that's huge -- and it assists in our efforts to better serve students," said Dr. Diggs.

The books were transported back to St. Louis by members of the district's Facilities Department.

First Book is a non-profit working to end knowledge poverty for children in need by providing them, schools and community-based programs that serve them, with brand-new, high-quality books. Since 1992, First Book has distributed more than 130 million books, a retail value approaching \$1 billion, to children in need from birth through age 18.

### Paul Morris to Receive Outstanding Education Award

Paul Morris, president of the Ferguson-Florissant School District Board of Education, has been selected to receive the North County Churches Uniting for Racial Harmony and Justice (NCCU) Outstanding Education Award. The award recognizes Morris for his continuing support of NCCU, his work to promote understanding in the community and for his longtime commitment to education in North St. Louis County.

Morris, a former industrial arts teacher at McCluer North High School, has been a member of the board since 2011. He was elected president in April 2015. He is the owner of Laser Wood Products and was also an adjunct professor at St. Louis Community College.

### Grant Supplements Writing Program to Encourage Student Authors



Duchesne Elementary School teacher Juanita Phillips House recently received a \$500 grant from the Missouri Retired Teachers Association. The grant will be used to supplement a writing program House uses in her second grade classroom. As part of the program, each student is encouraged to write a book that will be published by the end of the school year.

### Grant Allows Halls Ferry Students to Expand Garden Beds

Halls Ferry has received an extension grant from Gateway Greening to install eight additional garden beds to the school's existing eight beds (The Falcon Garden). The current eight beds are being used to grow swiss chard, lettuce, mustard lettuce, kohlrabi, brussel sprouts, carrots, basil, lemon balm, mint, thyme, oregano, and radishes. A variety of vegetables will be grown in the new beds.

The Falcon Garden is expanding so that students can continue to learn about food growth and its correlation to various subject areas. Currently, the first eight beds are used by second grade. The students study various subjects through the garden with an emphasis in the areas of math and science. The school's health teacher will be using two of the new beds to teach health; preschool and kindergarten will be using a bed for inquiry to explore soil and worms; fourth and sixth grades will be connecting the garden with their curriculum; and Special School District teachers will also use a bed to teach their curriculum. Halls Ferry also has a Green Thumb Garden Club that meets throughout the year and is open to students in third through sixth grade who want to learn how to grow their own food. Last year, students harvested the produce that was grown, and with the support of the cafeteria staff the produce was placed on the school's salad bar for students to enjoy at lunch.

### District Awards 2015-16 Educational Technology Grants

Educational technology grants have been awarded to McCluer North High School, McCluer High School and the Little Creek Nature Area. The district's Technology Services department sponsors the competitive grants. The three receiving schools were among 10 buildings that submitted proposals for funding.

McCluer North High School received \$8,817. Funds will be used to create, Hotspots for Equity. The aim of the program is to address the digital divide between students that have convenient Internet access at home and those that do not.

Students chosen to participate in the pilot program will receive a Dell Chromebook and Kajeet Smartspot mobile hotspot for their use throughout the remainder of the school year. The students are free to use the technology to complete schoolwork and other creative pursuits.

At McCluer High School, math teacher Stephanie Beacham, will use the school's \$8,824 grant to create a central zone for mathematics called, The Matrix. "The Matrix will be a place (room) where all students know they can go to learn something new or get help with their work in a positive environment," said Beacham.

The Little Creek Nature Area will use its \$450 grant to purchase a trail camera to videotape animal activity during the hours that humans aren't around. Little Creek has over 2,000 different species of animals, many of which are nocturnal or don't like human activity. Students, who visit during the day, don't get to see these animals.

## Ferguson Tree Dedication



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- celebrating Arbor Day.



This October, there were four trees dedicated:

- A Swamp White Oak planted in memory of Neva Haulcy in Forestwood Park.
- A Black Gum planted at January Wabash Memorial Park in honor of Madeline Crouch.
- A Black Gum planted in memory of Gunnar Brown in January Wabash Memorial Park and presented to his widow, Ruth Brown (pictured at the right with Mayor James Knowles III).
- An Eastern Redbud in honor of Gail Babcock at the Ferguson Community Center. (Gail is shown above with Mayor Knowles.)

As a Tree City member, Ferguson holds a tree planting event twice a year . . . once in April and again in October. You may have a tree dedicated to an individual or an organization by calling the Parks & Recreation Department at 521-4661. The cost is \$150 for tree and designation stone.



## From the Ferguson Police Department

### Home Safety Tips:

- Lock all doors and windows
- Remember to set your alarm system whether you're at home or away
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- Remember to let the Police Department know if you will be gone on vacation
- Communicate with your neighbors

### Vehicle Safety:

- NEVER leave personal items (purse, cellphone, GPS systems or gift bags) in plain view inside your vehicle
- Always lock your doors and turn on your car alarm (if you have one)
- If you put items in the trunk, put them in there before going to your next shopping location
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### Are you richer than 75% of people in the world?

As Thanksgiving approaches, this is a perfect time of year to be grateful for the abundance of happiness, health, love and prosperity in your life. To some people, these gifts may seem lacking at times. This information will give you some idea of just how blessed you really are. Sometimes, in the midst of plenty, we forget to give thanks for all that we have. This is a great reminder.

1. If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep . . . you are richer than 75% of the people in the world.
2. If you can attend a church or synagogue meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture or death . . . you are more blessed than 3 billion people in the world.
3. If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation . . . you are more blessed than 500 million people in the world.
4. If you have money in the bank, in your wallet and spare change in a dish . . . you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.
5. If you woke up this morning with more health than illness . . . you are more blessed than the million who will not survive this week.

Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday of the year because it is the time of year for giving thanks. Thanksgiving is a golden opportunity to give thanks for the miracles in our lives, for our wonderful family and friends, and for our health, our happiness and the love that each and ever one of us has in our lives.

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## Ferguson Still Stands With (most of) Its Trees



Phil Berwick and his creation, Merferd.

Ferguson has weathered many 'storms' in its recent past. As a new resident I am experiencing this city's resiliency; as resilient as its trees.

When Jefferson County friends and Chicago relatives heard that we were moving here, some freaked out and exclaimed, 'FERGUSON!!!...why would you move to FERGUSON!' My answer: It's a community of fun and friends, black, yellow, red and brown; bicycle shop, brewery, BBQ; the list goes on and on and on. A few who knew Ferguson responded with "It's a cool town with big trees."

I am called upon often to assess the liability or hazard of a particular tree. I check for splits in tight crotches or signs of stress cracks. Unless a tree has had a history of breaking, this is my answer: If your tree/trees have weathered the likes of what nature has hammered Missouri trees with these last several years, and it's still standing tall, it's been TESTED, and it's probably a keeper...like Ferguson itself.

Don't let fear or falling leaves be a deciding factor on whether your tree should be removed. Have the storm damaged rips or tears repaired when and if you can, so weak spots and hollows don't develop. Proper pruning technique minimizes the risk. I can talk about proper pruning some other time. But for now...

I can't end my first 'Arborist Article' in the *Ferguson Times* without some treeology. When leaves 'change' colors, the purples, oranges, reds and yellows do not appear, for these colors were there all along. They were masked by the greens! With cool nights and shorter days, the chlorophyll which gives the green, dissipates and the other beautiful colors are REVEALED. In this city, the green has dissipated, its true colors are changing, and Ferguson's colors will be REVEALED, not as a racist city, but as a COLORFUL city of colorful choice.

Wendell Phillips (Phil) Berwick  
Pres. Living Tree Care / Certified ISA Arborist  
Creator of Merferd of Ferguson & the TreeToons  
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## Lee Medal Awarded to Emerson for Commitment to UMSL Students, Community

St. Louis honored a longtime friend of the university this week, awarding its 2015 E. Desmond and Mary Ann Lee Medal for Philanthropy to Emerson.

The medal annually honors an individual or organization for generous support that has touched the lives of UMSL students, the university and the greater St. Louis area in exceptional ways.



Emerson, headquartered in nearby Ferguson, Mo., and founded in St. Louis 125 years ago, has contributed a total of \$5.9 million to UMSL over the years, said Martin Leifeld, vice chancellor of University Advancement.

Emerson's passion for students has led to its leadership in the Opportunity Scholars Program and, more recently, its founding of the Community Scholars Program, directed specifically at students in the north county region.

Emerson's support also has strengthened academic offerings and provided assistance for various capital construction projects, from the Emerson Endowed Professorship in Technology and Learning to the library addition that now houses the Mercantile Library.

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The Francis Howell students, led by seniors Evan Johnson, Sarah Bostic, Grant Morey, Zack Reader, and Lexi Farran, spent time communicating on social media, shopping, collecting, sorting and packing. The result of their efforts arrived at Our Lady of Guadalupe when Evan and Sarah came to present the gloves to the students on Monday, October 12, 2015. The OLG students helped carry in boxes and bags full of gloves, mittens, hats, and scarves. Each student received a new pair of gloves and made new friends.

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## Evolution of Paint

– by Bob McCarty

I was chatting with Kim at our neighborhood True Value Store a couple of days ago. She was really excited about getting a computerized color matching paint system in her store to be better able to get really good color matches for her clients, right here in Ferguson.

This conversation got me to thinking about how colors were put into paint before computerized systems and I remembered an article from the archives piled on *Bob on Job's* desk. So without further ado, here is a flashback from those archives.

If we lived in Ferguson before Ferguson was Ferguson, and we wanted to paint our own home, we couldn't just run to our neighborhood hardware store and buy our ready-made, computer matched paint. You would need to mix it all yourself. Going back a few centuries, painters were not mere applicators of paint; they were ingredient mixers as well.

Painters of the day didn't arrive at your home, throw out a couple of drop cloths, open a can and start painting. This was a very time consuming project for the painter before 1875. Just to mix the products together by hand was a project in itself. There was no machinery or manufacturers putting the ingredients together and pouring them into a can.

The pigments were coarsely ground and achieving the same color day after day was nearly impossible. These coarse pigments were ground in an oil to form a paste. The paste was hand mixed into more oil and turpentine to produce paint. The amount of oil used determined the sheen, the thicker the oil, the higher the sheen, and by using more turpentine a flatter sheen could be achieved.

Without having machinery to control the amount of mixing and pressure applied to the pigment and oil, these paints did not have any leveling properties. Therefore the painter would take care of the leveling process himself. After the paint was applied, the painter would stroke the surface with his brush to create the most appealing appearance. Always with the grain, panels would be brushed from bottom to the top and if the surface was larger, such as a wall, they would give the surface a cross hatch textured appearance.

To create a finer finish, the painter would rub down the paint finish to get rid of any brush strokes. Between each coat, the painter would use pumice to smooth out the brush strokes. With these finer finishes, four or five and even up to nine or ten coats of paint would be required. This expensive process would leave a rich, smooth appearance that would last for decades.



At that time, colors were limited, unlike with paints today where every manufacturer has 1600 color choices. Chrome yellow, chrome green, some reds and blues were available. Of course these colors could be mixed to create a multitude of colors, depending on the mixer, but what were the guarantees that the same color could be mixed daily, but then again, with the multiple coats, the mixer didn't have to be right on with every mix.

Around 1860, the paint can was invented and with the can came the first ready mixed paint. This paint was considered very undependable and inferior. It was not until the Industrial Revolution when the needs for painted surfaces were needed to protect more and more different surfaces that the demand for paints was more than the painters' ability to mix the ingredients day in and day out.

Somewhere around 1880, a more dependable ready-made paint was available. The first paints in a can consisted of more finely ground pigments mixed in an oil base. Then the painter would add more oil or turpentine to determine the sheen of the paint. For those of you who may not be familiar with why a sheen was important and not just for aesthetics, the higher the sheen, the harder the finish to protect the surface.

It was not until after World War II that ready-made latex paints became available in the open market and the paint roller was not invented until the early 1960's. How's that for a little history.

So to complete the circle, make sure you get down to Ferguson True Value and check out the Computerized Color Matching System and have Kim mix up the color of your dreams.

Until next month, Bob is on the Job.

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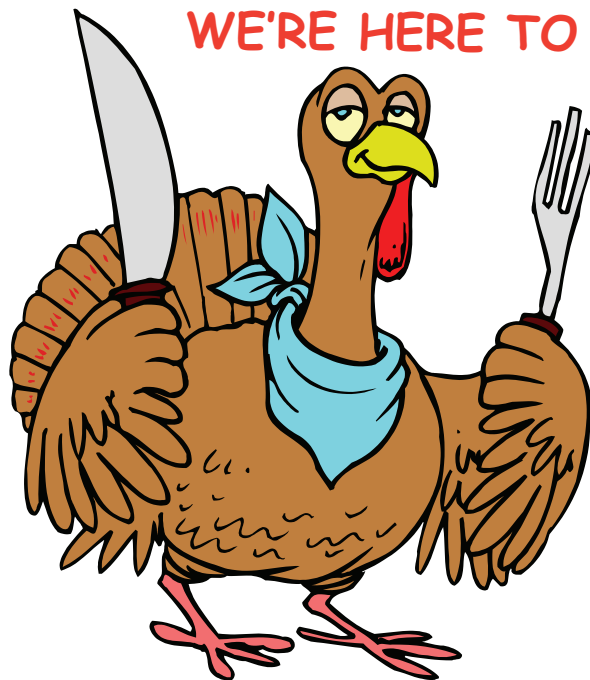
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## The Challenger Learning Center



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The program, which is being funded by Express Scripts, Sigma-Aldrich, and The Saigh Foundation is an expansion of the Center's Educator Scholarship fund. It includes additional professional development workshop opportunities for teachers and resources to develop a more robust evaluation plan to measure the program's impact.

"The community needs to continue to invest in these types of programs that give educators the tools and resources to inspire and engage their students in meaningful STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) experiences. The Express Scripts Foundation is proud to support organizations, such as the Challenger Learning Center, that are making a difference in the community," says Susan Stith, Sr. Director, Diversity and Inclusion, Express Scripts.

"We are honored that companies like Sigma-Aldrich, Express Scripts, and The Saigh Foundation recognize the importance of our programs that not only focuses on STEM experiences, but also provide opportunities that stress the importance of teamwork and communication," says Tasmyn Scarf Front, Director of the Challenger Learning Center-St. Louis.

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### About the Challenger Learning Center-St. Louis

The award-winning Challenger Learning Center, located at 205 Brotherton Road in Ferguson, Missouri, provides simulated space missions and other STEM-related programs for schools, scouts and corporate groups as well as the general public. It features a replica Mission Control center and an orbiting space station.

The Challenger Learning Center-St. Louis is a partnership of the Ferguson-Florissant School District, the Saint Louis Science Center and EducationPlus and is part of the Challenger Center for Space Science Education, an international not-for-profit education organization founded in April 1986 by the families of the crew tragically lost during the Challenger space shuttle mission. For more information, visit [www.clcstlouis.org](http://www.clcstlouis.org).

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"Friends Supporting Ferguson" descended upon Marley's last month. The ever growing group is dedicated to eating dinner almost every Wednesday evening at a Ferguson venue.

## Letter to the Editor



Mary Owens

Wow, so many things to choose from; So many ways to be involved in a great community. As I read the latest issue of the Ferguson Times, I wish I could attend each and every community event with my family. It takes me back to growing up in Ferguson. It was and is a great place for families. The family focus is what I treasure the most.

But, as much as I want to attend each event this month, it is unlikely. You see I live in Florida and haven't lived in Ferguson for over 30 years. I have lived in many communities in several states, but have never found a community quite like Ferguson.

It saddens me when I think about all the negative focus Ferguson has had. When you live as far away as I do, what you find is that people believe what is on the news. They don't know any better. The press image of Ferguson is so far from the truth it personally makes me sick.

So I am on a mission.

I embrace and look for opportunities to tell people where I am from. I proudly say "I'm from Ferguson and what you heard on the news is far from the truth". I then describe a community of family, faith, fun and joy. I might even tell them about an upcoming event (that I learned about when I read the FT's).

I tell them about the many small businesses that are integral to the community like the Ferguson Farmers Market or the Whistle Stop. I talk about the small business owners and the neighbors that rallied together and helped each other rebuild after the riots.

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Mary Owens

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## New Paint for Peace STL Art Exhibit

One year ago this month on November 29, 2014, the Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend, something began to appear on the streets of Ferguson that had not been present for months ... hope. It came in the form of hundreds of volunteers and artists, black and white, young and old, from Ferguson, from other parts of St. Louis and even from out of town, who came to paint the boarded up windows lining South Florissant, West Florissant and Chambers Roads.

Now there is an opportunity to share that story of hope with a much larger community through an art exhibit that is being developed. Carol Swartout Klein, the author of "Painting for Peace in Ferguson" who captured this story in a colorful picture book, has been approached by several major arts organization in St. Louis, which are seeking to put together a comprehensive exhibition of the art that was created in that effort last year.



"We hope to be able to announce the details of the exhibit on or near the anniversary of the original effort," Klein explained. "What was most important to me in writing the book was to be able to share the story of the Ferguson community and how it rallied together in a time of crisis, with beautiful and thought-provoking art as the result. I have seen how the feelings captured in this art have started important conversations, particularly among children. This exhibit will be able to take this remarkable art to an even wider audience."

The hope is to be able to use some of the actual plywood murals that were created in the exhibit. "It is one thing to see the images in a book, it is a much more powerful and meaningful experience all together to see them full scale," Klein noted. "We also hope to capture some of the stories of the artists, the business owners and volunteers as to what the experience meant to them. Art has a way of allowing people to process the events of the last year in a way that words sometimes can't express."

During the past few weeks, Klein has begun tracking down what murals still exist, where they are located and if they could be loaned to the exhibit. "The art selected for the exhibit can be returned to the individuals who want it after the exhibit," she noted. "We also have the capacity to move the art and to store it in a safe place out of the weather."

For now though, she is trying to create an inventory of what exists and where it is. Klein explained there may not be room for many panels due to their massive scale, but the exhibit planners will try to use as many as they can. She has already been in touch with many business owners, the city and the Ferguson Historical Society and knows what panels exist there.

"I'm at a point where I need the communities help," she explained. "For example there were a number of paintings that were on West Florissant that can't be tracked down such as the 'Love Matters' and the 'Believe there is Good in the World' that were on the Auto Tire on West Florissant and the 'One Love' mural on S. Florissant. We are also hoping to find the paintings that were on the Kentucky Fried Chicken by Chambers or the St. Louis Fish & Chicken across the street." Several striking portraits of black women are gone that Klein is also hoping to locate. The goal is to show the breadth of the art and its impact representing the challenging images calling for social change and the hopeful, often childlike images wishing for peace and healing. The hope is that the exhibit will capture many of the emotions and reactions in a wide range of art. She plans to continue to contact businesses, building owners and artists, but would appreciate any leads from the public as to where some of the missing art may be located. Klein would like to have as complete a record as possible of all of the artists involved in painting the murals including contact information as well as names. For example she'd like to get in touch with the area art teacher who painted the black and white "zen" painting on the Beauty World store. If you painted or know someone who worked on a particular painting she is hoping to collect that information. "Nothing will be shared or used without each individuals' permission," she emphasized, "the goal being simply to have as complete and accurate a historical record as possible."

If you know of the location of some of the murals, or have a panel you would be willing to lend to the exhibit and if you are an artist, volunteer or business owner and would be willing to share your story in an interview, please contact Carol Swartout Klein by email at [paintingforpeace.book@gmail.com](mailto:paintingforpeace.book@gmail.com) or by phone at 314-300-6675.



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## Djeli Tales

By Mama Lisa Gage

"Wow! Where'd you get that, Mama Lisa!"

A student marvels at the classroom display, momentarily transfixed in a gaze as she runs her fingers across every carefully crafted edge. The 18-inch by 12-inch model log cabin made a nice addition to the growing window museum of knick-knack relics highlighting rural life in the mid-1800s. So what's the connection between cabin culture and Algebra 2?

Math is in all things. High school students need to be continuously exposed to various genres of information, and my students at Normandy High School are no exception. Their ability to think creatively and approach word problems successfully depends on their grasp of quality lessons taught directly and indirectly. Math students must read as well as compute daily. The environments in which they accomplish these tasks should have boundless stimuli to promote a passion for learning. Having various types of stuff in the classroom makes that happen.

I love to go antiquing. It gives me a chance to venture away from Ferguson to find new shops with nooks and crannies filled with treasures, old and new. I chose a pioneering theme for this fall to encourage my students to appreciate the sacrifices and the contributions of the fearless homesteaders of a by-gone era. So I am always on the prowl to purchase an interesting little something to make a student smile: a log cabin, a pumpkin pie plate, a gourd, a pioneer doll, a cast iron pot, a cowboy hat, a bail of cotton, a horseshoe, and more.

Today's urban learners are unfortunately seduced by the hype of the cell phone frenzy and spend too much time reading low quality texts or watching poorly dramatized videos on drugs, sex, and violence. To combat this, I try to provide a rigorous but unique math experience, an experience that begins upon entering the room. There are plenty of books to discover and cute collectibles dangling or perched nearby to pique an active imagination.

On any given weekend, I scamper to my favorite antique malls and consignment shops. Heading south on Highway 55 gives me a chance to shop and to take in the beautiful natural landscapes along the way. St. Mary Antique Mall in St. Mary and Forever Antiques or Antique Treasures in Farmington, Missouri are real gems. When driving west on Highway 70, I usually pit stop for a sneak peak inside of French Town Antique Mall in St. Charles or Midway Expo & Antique Mall in Columbia. Time permitting, I even venture as far west as St. Joseph, Missouri to ogle wares on display at Jesse James Antique Mall. On a shorter trip southwest of home, I cruise along Highway 44 to find trinkets galore at Great Midwest Antique Mall and the Wallach House in Eureka. While veering north on Highway 55 to Illinois, I frequent Lisa's Antique Malls near Springfield, but first stopping at The Pink Elephant Antique Mall in Livingston to grab a delicious ice cream treat. Regularly, I travel east on Highway 64 to the St. Clair Antique Mall and on to Sadie's Emporium in O'Fallon, Illinois. Lately, I notice that more and more antique dealers have used their talents to create adorable museum-like arrangements. Then I laugh to see the signs that read, "This is not a museum," so buy something.

As the holidays approach, ramping up the decor may be just what's needed to spark a discussion about life from centuries ago. Why not even dare to try a theme and dress the part as well?! My grandmother would always display nice centerpieces, wear a motif apron, and produce enticing smells that swung our little gathering from a simple dinner into an extravagant event. I am grateful for my Granny's influence and flair, so let's try to find ways to showcase unusual curios and antiques in celebration of lifestyles and traditions of the not so recent past.

Bon Appetite and Happy Thanksgiving!



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## Two Young Entrepreneurs From Ferguson Shine at NFTE's National Challenge

Reprinted from Steve Mariotti, Huffington Post

Jacob Tiemann created SneakerTrade in order to provide a safe marketplace for those looking to sell and/or resell their shoes. Jacob says, "I would like to use some of my profits to help the rebuilding process in Ferguson, and to donate to foundations trying to stop racism." Empowered with the skills he learned from the NFTE program, he is ready to make his goals a reality. "I am now aware of how smart I really am," Jacob adds, "and that entrepreneurship is something that can help make me very successful."



Teacher Mr. Lakey, Jacob and Destiny

Destiny Davis has been fashioning personalized T-shirts out of her home since she was in sixth grade. Her business, DestinTees, designs affordable, high-quality, customized T-shirts (and other apparel) for a loyal local clientele. Destiny says the NFTE course has taught her to take risks and develop confidence. She now sees herself rising to meet each new challenge coming her way. Destiny is committed to giving back to her community, and has created a line of clothing dubbed "My Ferguson" which was sold to raise funds for the "I Love Ferguson" campaign.

Destiny plans to attend college after high school and in the meantime, she says, "I am sure that I want to continue running my custom apparel business, and even start a business or two more along the way!"

Brandee McHale, president of Citi Foundation, which presented the event, noted: "These budding entrepreneurs are a testament to the inspiring work of NFTE, which has enabled these students to develop their entrepreneurial mindset and better prepare for success in today's economy."

In partnership with the Ferguson Florissant, Jennings, Ritenour, Normandy and St. Louis Public School Districts, NFTE St. Louis Metro trains teachers to engage students from underserved communities as entrepreneurial thinkers. Since opening in 2013, NFTE St. Louis Metro has provided over 700 students with the tools and entrepreneurial mindset necessary for them to succeed in high school, college and in the workplace. NFTE St. Louis Metro received their business plan coaching from top companies in St. Louis, such as MasterCard.

NFTE St. Louis Metro director Angela Lewis reports, "Five or our fourteen NFTE teachers are in the Ferguson Florissant School District teaching eleven NFTE classes this school year. We have begun to develop a serious footprint in the area. We are excited about the entrepreneurial ecosystem in St. Louis we are developing to develop the next pipeline of business leaders!"

Learning about entrepreneurship empowers young people living amidst strife, racism and violence because it teaches them that their situation is never hopeless. They own valuable assets: their time, their energy and their unique knowledge of their local markets. Through the entrepreneurship education that NFTE provides, they discover that they can use their time, energy and unique knowledge to create success for themselves through entrepreneurship. What life-changing information for a young person to have!

You may view the *Ferguson Times* and current events at:

**[fergusoncitywalk.com](http://fergusoncitywalk.com)**

## 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.

### The Wheat Family



Coming through the Ferguson crisis from August last year, right up to the present time, I came to meet some strong women figures in our community: independent, brave, courageous, articulate, strong but soft, big-hearted and caring, willing to share and to take on the challenges our community in crisis was facing. At the top of the list is my friend, Stefannie Wheat. Stefannie is well known to the Ferguson community. She is part of an amazing family, all of whom I honor today as representing the very Best of Ferguson!

I met Stefannie in 2005 when she was spear-heading efforts to settle one family who was relocating from New Orleans, having lost everything, including two children, in hurricane Katrina. We both lived in Old Ferguson West (OFW) then. Stefannie collected everything necessary to furnish the new home located just across the street from mine. Around that time I also remember seeing invitations to the Wheat Family's home for their annual OFW block party.

I met Ken last year when we both volunteered at the I Love Ferguson store. Ken is now on the board of the I Love Ferguson Committee. Christopher, their 11-year old son, a 6th grader at Our Lady of Guadalupe, came in frequently to assist. I remember him learning to make I Love Ferguson buttons from another volunteer, Ank Ankenbrand. The Wheat family joined many residents for a pot luck dinner at my home last year (pic below), when we residents wanted to meet face to face, after three harrowing months of crisis in Ferguson. We hunkered down during the storm and gave each other courage when we residents were under great strain. We kept talking on social media as we watched our city burn. We picked up the pieces together and we all did countless press interviews afterwards.



Stefannie left; Ken middle; Mayor James Knowles III and wife Lisa, center back; at potluck dinner with residents at the author's home.

Following a CNN interview, the Wheat family was invited by Kevin Costner to the premier of the movie "Black Or White" at Ronnie's in South County. He asked specially to meet with Christopher as he was featured in the Washington Post boarding up and cleaning up after protests in Ferguson.



The Wheat Family with Kevin Costner

Soon after events unfolded on August 9th last year, Stefannie felt that she should do all she could to counteract the negativity being projected about Ferguson. She asked friends on social media to post as much positive information as possible on Ferguson: events, favorite restaurants, shops, etc., and asked them to use the hashtag

#thisismyferguson. It continues to be used up to the present time to showcase beautiful Ferguson and to raise morale of residents.

The Wheat family embodies the wisdom of Stefannie's Grandmother, the late Helen Robertson West, who would have been so proud to see Stefannie following in her footsteps. Grandma Helen hand stitched quilts for terminally ill children and her credo was: "If I have anything at all, I have something to give," a motto the Wheat family lives by.



Volunteering at the I Love Ferguson shop; Ken flanked by Mayor James Knowles, on the left, and Head of the I Love Ferguson Committee, Brian Fletcher, and Christopher.

Stefannie and Ken are active Ferguson residents, involved in many community activities over the years: from 2005 to 2006, they held basketball camps for kids at Dade Park. They held Safe Cooking Classes for Kids at their home on Saturdays. Stefannie was on the Community Center Task Force and helped decide how the former BTC parish building would be remodeled and used. They were both members of the PROUD (People Reaching Out for Unity in Diversity) organisation. They have been devoted to community life because they strongly feel that if you want a community you can be proud of you have to be involved in it.

Ken has been part of the OFW Community Garden for the past three years, planting and reaping crops with other residents. He is also on the Fourth of July Committee. On Saturday mornings, you can find Ken at the Farmers' Market either at the I Love Ferguson booth or helping with the set up and breaking down of booths there.

Christopher is an amazing young man! Besides playing soccer and baseball, he likes to build rockets! He sets them off some 200 feet in the air at a nearby parking lot. He attended a Space Camp at the Challenger Learning Center and took home his first rocket! He's big into Lego building as his Dad and Mike Brandon created a Lego Club and taught kids how to hook up power sources to their lego projects to make their creations mobile. He wants to be an aerospace engineer!

When I interviewed the Wheat family, they had just returned from a trip to KJ Farms in Foristell, MO, where they volunteered, along with other residents, to help build a new home for the resident peacocks. The Wheat Family, every one of them, is giving of their time and treasure to make Ferguson a better place to live in. They represent what is Best of Ferguson! Congrats to all of you! We are so proud of you!

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## Ask Grandma

I'm amazed at how many people I meet around town who don't know who Joe Lonero is.

Joe almost single-handedly transformed Ferguson from a sleepy little St. Louis suburb into a up-and-coming destination.

His first endeavor was to buy a decrepit building on the corner of North Florissant and Darst that had once been an auto parts store. The roof was leaking, the brick walls needed tuckpointing, the interior was a disaster.

He decided to build a coffee shop. At the time Joe did not even drink coffee. Joe and his son, Mike, with help from various friends and contractors tore down the walls, fixed the roof, tuckpointed the exterior and even hand-painted each of the bricks so that they presented a more attractive appearance.

As the Corner Coffee House took shape, Joe decided that the area just south of the train trestle on Florissant Road needed improvement. Even though that is city property, he repaired the fountain, built the retaining wall, installed the gazebo, and as a final embellishment, bought the clock that stands in what now is called Victoria Plaza. To help pay for the renovation, he, with local help, sold dedication bricks and paved the area around the fountain. It was a monumental job that I'm sure he partly bankrolled.

Never to be idle, Joe next tackled the Ferguson Municipal Library. He was part of the "Walkability" study instigated by the city. Part of the final report was to make the library more visibly friendly. He revamped the parking lot and laid the bricks of the wide sidewalk leading up to the front door.

What next Joe? There was an old vacant building that once housed a real estate company. He bought it, and again with help from Mike, completely gutted the interior and opened Vincenzo's Italian Ristorante.

I said, never idle; Joe bought the old SportSprint building just south of Vincenzo's and converted the upstairs into loft apartments. The downstairs now houses Kathy's Kitchen, El Palenque and Quizno's.

OK Joe, are you finished? No; the old Mannino's Market on the corner of South Florissant and Suburban had vacated and after another tenant decided to move, Joe bought that property also. He built the Streetcar Loft Apartments and rented the ground floor to the Cork Wine Bar, Cose Dolci Bakery, Pearce Neikirk Realty and the Ferguson Bike Shop.

Directly catty-corner from the Lofts was the Golden Greek's and former Montrey's Tavern. When that went up for sale, the new Marley's owners, Kelly and Martin Braun were ready to walk away until Joe talked them into purchasing the building by offering to help with the renovation.

Not to rest on his accomplishments, when the St. John's Liquor store building when up for auction, Joe purchased it and after much demolition and renovation, opened up the Ferguson Brewing Co. Incidentally, at the time, Joe did not drink beer.

Does it make you tired just to read about Joe's deep pockets and tireless energy? Did I mention that during all of these accomplishment, he was the most instrumental person in starting the Ferguson Farmers Market?

So what made Joe expend all this energy? Joe was born and raised in Ferguson, attended McCluer High School, opened Lonero Auto Body, built his house here. His main goal for all this renovation was to bring tax paying, viable businesses into Ferguson and make Ferguson a place for people to want to come to live and work.

He loves Ferguson. . . it's just that simple.



Joe and Bud Seiter at the Victorian Plaza dedication in September of 1999.

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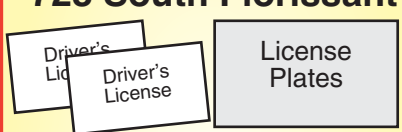

- Turn back your clocks one hour. . . . . Sun., Nov. 1
- Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast – Savoy . . . . . Sun., Nov. 1
- Twilight Bike Ramble – Plaza 501 . . . . . Sun., Nov. 1
- Wurstmarkt at Immanuel. . . . . Sat., Nov. 7
- Beginning Adult Dance . . . . . Mon., Nov. 9
- City Council Meeting . . . . . Tues., Nov. 10
- VETERAN'S DAY . . . . . Wed., Nov. 11
- Children's Tumbling Begins . . . . . Wed., Nov. 11
- Children's Tap and Ballet Begins . . . . . Wed., Nov. 11
- Hip Hop / Jazz Begins . . . . . Wed., Nov. 11
- Northwest Chambers Membership Meeting . . . . . Thurs., Nov. 12
- Adult Coed Kickball . . . . . Sat., Nov. 14
- Vendor and Craft Fair – Immanuel . . . . . Sat., Nov. 14
- Farmer's Formal – Sheet Metal Workers Hall . . . . . Sat., Nov. 14
- Trip to Grand Rivers, Kentucky . . . . . Tues., Nov. 17
- Bountiful Feast Bingo – Community Center . . . . . Thurs., Nov. 19
- Teen's City Museum Trip . . . . . Fri., Nov. 20
- Poker Tournament – Lions Den . . . . . Fri., Nov. 27
- Ferguson Northern Lights Parade and Festival. . . . . Sun., Nov. 29
- Christmas in Peoria . . . . . Wed.-Thurs. Dec. 2-3
- Train Tales at the Whistle Stop. . . . . Sat., Dec. 5
- Ferguson Christmas House Tour. . . . . Sun., Dec. 6
- Chicago Holiday Spirit . . . . . Mon.-Wed., Dec. 7-9
- Free Carriage Rides – Plaza 501 . . . . . Thurs., Dec. 10
- Cookies by the Pound Sale – First Christian Church . . . . . Sat., Dec. 12
- Old Cathedral / Kemoll's / Lights . . . . . Mon., Dec. 14
- Aerobics Class Begins . . . . . Mon., Dec. 14
- Zumba Classes Begin . . . . . Sat., Dec. 19

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