

Ferguson Times

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CITY OF FERGUSON, MO.

April, 2016

Serving Ferguson and Surrounding Communities

The Ferguson City Council will meet twice in April. All meetings will be held in the City Council Chambers at 110 Church Street. The meeting dates are:
Tuesday, April 19 at 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m.

Ferguson City Election April 5th

PROPOSITION E BALLOT – Introduces additional revenues from the Economic Development Sales Tax. Economic Development in Ferguson provides many critical services to the community including facilitating and planning for the future of our residents, and assisting businesses in Ferguson.

Plans for future revenue generated by the extension of the sales tax include major retail development, redevelopment and expansion of existing retail as well as recruiting new, targeted brands to the area.

Sales taxes are paid by anyone who purchases goods or services in Ferguson. This means that the tax burden is spread over residents rather than just those who own property. In addition, a portion of the burden is paid by travelers or visitors who make purchases.

If the sales tax is increased it will still be comparable to the regional destinations where many Ferguson residents go to shop. Sales tax rates in Hazelwood are 10.00%, Florissant is 10.19% and Black Jack is 11.13%.

PROPOSITION P BALLOT – Introduces a Property Tax Increase of .40 per \$100 Assessed Value property tax increase. The average home value in Ferguson is around \$89,600 a typical tax bill should be \$1,670.19 with the proposed .40 property tax increase the average bill would be around \$1,708, an additional \$37 to their tax bill.

City Manager De'Carlton Seewood states that if both Propositions are not passed by Ferguson voters in April, the city will be forced to make tough decisions which could mean layoffs and a reduction in services. Without the tax levies some of the proposed budget cuts will include laying off some Police and Fire personnel along with other municipal employee staff reductions. If both Propositions pass, there will be a potential increase to the budget by \$1.4 million which will mean most services will continue as normal. There will still be a need for budget reductions.



Food Truck Mondays on the Walk is Here!

Bingo on-site Noon-1 p.m.
 Prizes! UMSL Athletics Sports Tickets!

April 18, 2015
11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Plaza at 501, 501 S. Florissant Rd.
www.fergusoncitywalk.com

COCKTAIL & APPETIZER RECEPTION



SATURDAY, MAY 7TH
 7:00 p.m to 9:30 p.m.
 149 North Elizabeth, Ferguson
 \$25 / Person
 Contact 314-302-7589 for tickets

All Proceeds Support of the Ferguson 4th of July Festival

More information

For more information about the Propositions E & P, visit the city's website at: www.fergusoncity.com or call 314-801-8540.

FERGUSON COUNCIL ELECTION – Elect one Council Representative from each Ward among the following candidates:
 Ward 1, Linda Lipka (unopposed) –
 Ward 2, Heather Robinett, Annette Jenkins, Robert "Bob" Hudgins –
 Ward 3, Keith Kallstrom (incumbent and unopposed)

FERGUSON-FLORISSANT SCHOOL BOARD – Elect two members from the allowing candidates: Leslie Suzanne Hogshead, Connie Harge, Roger Hines and Donna Marie Dameron.

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Saturday, April 16th Ferguson Indoor Farmers' Market

Find friendly farmers, meat vendors, specialty baked goods, teas, olive oils, coffees, made-to-order omelets, and other natural goodies.

St. Stephen's Church
 33 North Clay

This is the last indoor market. See you outside at Victorian Plaza on May 7th.

9:00 am to noon
April 18th

Outdoor Market Begins May 7th

CITYWALK CONCERT SERIES

Mark your calendar!

- May 13
- May 27
- June 10
- June 24
- July 8
- July 22
- August 12
- August 26
- September 9

Free Concerts
 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Unless otherwise noted
 501 S. Florissant Rd.
 524-5197 • citywalk@fergusoncity.com
www.fergusoncitywalk.com

Marquise Knox
 Blues - May 13

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



Greetings from CityWalk

Corners Frameshop & Gallery will host local authors for its First Friday event on April 1st, from 6 – 9 pm. Ferguson author Braxton DeGarmo will be signing his newly released novel, book five in his Medair action thriller series. James Veech will discuss & sign his new book, entitled *The Hard Way IS The Easy Way*. Other local authors will also be on hand to discuss and sign copies of their books.

AN EARTH DAY KALEIDOSCOPE: Art Show by Students of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne School will take place from April 21st -May 6th. Opening Reception will be on Thursday, April 21, 4 - 7 p.m. and on May 22nd-June 26th, **LAUDATO SI'**: Exhibit by Sisters and Priest of Archdiocese of St. Louis will be on display. Opening Reception on Sunday, May 22, 1 - 5 p.m. Join us for these events at Shepherding Images Studio, 252 S. Florissant in Ferguson.

Would you like to write an icon? Glynnis, of Shepherding Studio would be happy to guide you through the process. The cost is \$30 for materials. There is no charge for instruction, although good will offerings are accepted. Lessons need to take place in 2-4 hour blocks of time during regular business hours (Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Saturdays, Noon - 4 p.m.). Estimate a minimum of 20 hours to complete your work. For more information and to sign up, please call 314-522-1155.

FRIDAY, APRIL 1, LADIES' SOBER PAINT: An Alternative to Paint and Sip
• **WHEN:** Friday, April 1, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.
• **WHERE:** Shepherding Images Studio, 252 S. Florissant in Ferguson.
• **WHAT:** Paint your own image of recovery.
• **COST:** \$10 for materials. Donations welcome to cover studio/gallery costs.
• **BRING:** Soft drinks, snacks, music, older clothing. Paint, canvases, brushes and guidance will be provided.

CALL 522-1155 or email <rgsicons@yahoo.com> to reserve a spot. Spaces are limited.

(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 office located at 427 S. Florissant Rd. Our next meeting is April 21, 2016. 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.

North Hudson Group Meets For "Dine Out"



Dine Out: On February 2, 2016, the North Hudson Friends met at Drake's Place for fellowship and food. This is their second Dine Out as they explore and support the various restaurants in Ferguson."

In March, North Hudson Friends met friends and neighbors at Celebrity Soul Food Restaurant for their Dine Out.

The North Hudson Neighborhood Association meets at the the Ferguson Community Center. For fun, food, and fellowship, an informal group, the North Hudson Friends, was started out of the North Hudson Neighborhood Association. The Dine Outs explore and support the various restaurants in Ferguson.

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

The Plumber's Crack

By Oh Baby bigohbaby@sbcglobal.net

Yards full of colorful signs, muddy tennis shoes, trees in full bloom, eyes watering, people sneezing without having a cold, grass greening and growing, and Uncle Sam smiling like he only does once a year. Yes my friends it's April and time for another Plumber's Crack.



Make sure the discharge pipe on the outside is clean and free of any obstructions or cracks. Make sure the water shoots straight out and not straight down. If it shoots straight down it could cause more foundation trouble and you don't need that.

Yes it's April or November judging by the weather in St. Louis but we'll concentrate on April. As the saying goes April showers bring May flowers but from Ohbaby's point of view April showers bring flooded basements and garages.

Yes, it's time to check them sump pumps and outside drains. Easiest way to check that sump pump is to take your hose and fill the pit where the pump is. The pump should kick on pretty quick. After it's pumped out the pit should have clear water in the bottom. Look for any loose debris or trash and remove it. Make sure the pump is still sitting on a flat surface like a patio stone or bricks.

If the pump didn't turn on it could be because you have a water proofing system and the water from the hose is filling that system. In that case most sump pumps have a float or a rod with a ball like you would see in a toilet. Just raise the float manually and see that the pump kicks on.

For those area way drains make sure the leaves didn't compost into mud and stop up the drain. Take a bucket of water or your hose and see if it drains rapidly. If it's slow, stick the hose in the drain and flush for 5 or ten minutes or sometimes just a plunger will do the trick to unblock it.

Well my friends, I hope if nothing else this served as a little reminder and speaking of reminders don't forget April 15th is tax day and more importantly, April 5th is election day. Please take the time to read up and listen what the candidates have to say and make YOUR OWN decision who to vote for. You will feel empowered and proud to be part of the process.

Another thing you need to watch out for is kids playing outside because of the nice weather. Please drive carefully and keep a close eye on your children.

As always, hug them babies, get to know and interact with your neighbors, and get involved in your city.

God bless you all, Oh Baby

Thoughts to Ponder

Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day.
Teach a person to use the Internet and they won't bother you for weeks, months, maybe years.

Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday,
lying in the hospital, dying of nothing.

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

CALL BOB 524-1264



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See Bob on Job column on Page 17

Major MetroBus Service Change

Metro's quarterly service change impacts the operations of 48 MetroBus routes in the St. Louis metropolitan region, including the introduction of nine new MetroBus routes and discontinuation of service on eight routes. This service change will also introduce a new and completely redesigned MetroBus service plan for North St. Louis County, made possible with the opening of the new North County Transit Center in Ferguson, Missouri. "The new North County Transit Center is the latest example of Metro's commitment to build a better transit system and a better transit experience for our riders," said Ray Friem, Executive Director of Metro Transit. "In addition to offering amenities like public restrooms, security 24 hours a day/seven days a week and an indoor passenger waiting area, this new transit center allows us to redesign MetroBus service in a way that provides even better transit options for passengers who live, work or travel in North St. Louis County, one of our fastest growing transit markets."

The new MetroBus service plan for North St. Louis County will provide more frequent service, more direct service, faster transfers and connections to more destinations throughout the region. Metro conducted public information sessions last fall at transit centers and encouraged online participation to engage riders about transit service in North St. Louis County, and the feedback received through these sessions helped Metro create the new service plan for North St. Louis County.

Outside of North St. Louis County, several MetroBus routes serving downtown St. Louis, West St. Louis County, Illinois and other areas in the region will experienced changes on March 14, including route and/or schedule adjustments. Metro regularly monitors and reviews feedback from passengers and MetroBus operators to identify changes that would improve transit operations. As a result, MetroBus routes and schedules are regularly updated to improve MetroLink connections and MetroBus on-time performance.

For more information about the Service Change, including new MetroBus schedules, maps and route details, visit metrostlouis.org or contact Metro Transit Information at 314-231-2345 or 618-271-2345, Monday-Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Summary of major MetroBus changes effective as of March 14, 2016:

New MetroBus Routes

- 🕒 #37 Hanley-Graham
- 🕒 #38 Hazelwood
- 🕒 #39 Berkeley-Florissant
- 🕒 #47 Clayton-NCTC
- 🕒 #71 Parker
- 🕒 #72 Monarch
- 🕒 #76 Waterford
- 🕒 #78 Larimore
- 🕒 #79 Ferguson

Discontinued MetroBus Routes

- 🕒 #27 North County Shuttle
- 🕒 #36 Spanish Lake
- 🕒 #44 Hazelwood
- 🕒 #45 Ferguson-Florissant
- 🕒 #47 Hanley
- 🕒 #75 Lilac-Hanley
- 🕒 #158 Ballas-West County
- 🕒 #36X Bissell Hills Express

Renamed MetroBus Routes

- 🕒 #15 Belleville-Shiloh/O'Fallon (IL)
- 🕒 #58 Clayton-West County
- 🕒 #174 North Express

The North County Transit Center will serve nine MetroBus routes and Metro Call-A-Ride. The facility will provide passengers with the highest level of amenities the Metro system currently has to offer, including:

- Public restrooms
- Indoor, climate-controlled waiting area
- On-site security - 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- Digital arrival-time display boards
- Free Park-Ride lot
- Outdoor bus shelters
- Ticket vending machines
- Café offering fresh food (coming Summer 2016)

Metro successfully competed against other transit agencies around the country for federal funding to plan and construct the North County Transit Center. Federal funds supported 80% of the cost of the new facility in Ferguson.



North County Transit Center

Located at 3140 Pershall Road in Ferguson, MO, the new North County Transit Center is a key transit hub for the region. This new facility allows Metro to redesign service in North St. Louis County, the region's fastest growing transit market. The new transit center also offers passengers an even better transit experience with new amenities and features.

Passenger Amenities:

- Public restrooms
- Indoor, climate-controlled waiting area
- 24/7 security
- Digital arrival time display boards
- Free Park-Ride lot
- Café offering fresh food (Coming Summer 2016)

Metro successfully competed for federal funding to plan and construct the North County Transit Center. These funds support 75 percent of the cost of the new facility.

April Events

at the
Ferguson Public Library

For more information, please call the library at 521-4820 or visit our website at ferguson.lib.mo.us

Fine Amnesty Week: April 11-16
We miss you.
Let's not let anything keep us apart.
Help us celebrate National Library Week by returning your overdue books, CDs, and DVDs and we'll welcome you back by waiving your fines! Damaged items will not be accepted.

Adult Computer Class:

Career Search Basics and Library Databases

Learn some basics of online job searching and how to use many of the resources the library has available in our class designed for beginners! The class is offered on a first come, first served basis.
Tuesday, April 5 at 5 pm

Storytime with Parents as Teachers

Join Maggie of the Parents as Teachers program for a preschool storytime that will be sure to please!
Wednesday, April 13 at 10 am Monday, April 25 at 6 pm

St. Louis Community College Tech Fest

Computer on the fritz? Smart phone not acting so smart?
Get some help at our free Tech Fest!
Saturday, April 16 from 12-3 pm

Free Computer Repair



If your computer or device is on the fritz, bring it by the Ferguson Library! On Saturday, April 16th from Noon to 3pm, members of the St. Louis Community College ABOUT student club will be on hand to troubleshoot your computer problems **FREE OF CHARGE!**

This will be a FUN event with music, giveaways, and new technology. There will also be assistance on hand to help with Microsoft Office applications, job searching, and cell phone questions. Don't miss this terrific opportunity to "get up to speed" with your technology.

The Biggest Yard Sale in History is Coming to Ferguson on May 28th

The annual yard sale will take place on Saturday, May 28, 2016, 7:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Contact Rosalyn at 524.5151 or via Email at rlee@fergusoncity.com with questions.

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

Citywalk
CONCERT SERIES *Plaza at 501*
Will Return Next Month!

Sponsor a concert for a fun opportunity to get exposure for your business or organization and keep the music playing!

Call 524-5197

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Our Future is in Our Hands

By Mayor James W. Knowles III

"Discretion is the better part of Valor"
— Falstaff, From Shakespeare's play - Henry IV



When we talk of valor, most of us envision Hollywood's cinematic depiction of the brave soldier charging into the gunfire, hopelessly fighting for a cause that he believes in so dearly. In Hollywood, that bravery is almost always rewarded with a victorious end, even if the valiant and brave soldier meets a tragic fate. Whether our view of valor comes from timeless stories of heroes like Achilles, or more modern movies like Rambo, our view of valor still often derives from actions of our characters in battle.

But valiant displays of bravery and strength don't always bode well for our heroes, even in victory. Though King Agamemnon went on to win the battle for Troy, the hero Achilles was killed in the battle. Certainly there are valiant displays of heroism on all sides of a battlefield, mere bravery doesn't make your cause right, it certainly doesn't ensure victory, and it may be the cause of your death.

Since September of 2014, the City has began the process of making reform minded changes in our courts and in the way we provide police services. We have invested time and money into ensuring that our officers and our legal system protects the security of our citizens and neighborhoods as well as their individual constitutional rights. The City of Ferguson has from the beginning, embraced moving our police department into the 21st Century with new technology and modern policing practices, but the issues of reform were never going to be fully addressed without an agreement for reform in writing with the DOJ.

Over the past 18 months, I have heard many residents say they wish the city would fight the Department of Justice in court; many of explicitly stated they'd rather the city "go down fighting" or "be bankrupt in court than live under the boot of the DOJ". While valiant statements about charging off into the cannon fire against the DOJ may certainly appeal to the emotions of many, as Mayor and Council, it is important that we utilize discretion and prudence to choose a course for the city that ensures the city's future, not drag the fight on for an uncertain term and to an uncertain end; especially when we know that we have already successfully fought for an agreement we can live with and afford.

Last month, after pushing back against the DOJ to get additional financial considerations addressed, the City Council of the City of Ferguson unanimously supported entering into a Consent Decree with the DOJ regarding city police and court practices. Unfortunately, the Consent Decree from the DOJ has been seen by many as punitive, and because so, many residents resisted moving forward with signing such a document. While we certainly would not be signing such a decree with the DOJ, had it not been for their report last March, the decree is not a punitive document. Instead it is a roadmap for reform that works to ensure the entire community is constitutionally served by our law enforcement. In doing so, it is our hope and expectation that the decree will help us heal the mistrust that exists in some segments of the community and establish a foundation for working to bring this community together.

The simple truth is that decree stipulates the city institute reforms, additional oversight, training, and implementation of new procedures which are meant to improve policing and improve the relationship between the community and the police department. The costs associated with the decree are an investment in the police department, and an investment in the community, resulting in a safer city that is better served. There are no fines or punishments assigned, there is no rehashing of the March DOJ report or even the assignment of culpability. This document is about moving forward, and that is what myself and the rest of the Council wholeheartedly believe is necessary.

Last month the Council fought hard to secure this community's future by bringing closure to the issues of police and court reform in our community. This month, it is up to you, the citizen, to secure the future of this community by voting for the tax increases on the April 5th ballot.

Our community is at a crossroads, where we can continue moving our community forward or we will be forced to pull back city services to a level which leads the community down the path to ruin. The vast majority of our general fund budget goes to public safety salaries, and because of that, the vast majority of cuts will have to come from public safety. Once we begin to lay off police officers, there will be no getting them back. I assure you this isn't a scare tactic, this is the sincere truth.

There are many futures possible for this community, and there is a bright one on the horizon, assuming we take the path that leads us there. There are many paths, and many directions, but few of them lead us to that bright future where we all want to go. Without these tax increases, we most certainly will be taking the path that leads us to the cliff.

To find out more about what these tax increases mean to you, including a property tax calculator, visit Fergusoncity.com, and click on the link Moving Ferguson Forward

Enjoy the Touhill and Support Ferguson Businesses

On the special dates listed below, you can drive to and park close to the Touhill, then hop on the free Citywalk Shuttle which will bring you back to Ferguson to dine at a variety of restaurants along Citywalk. The shuttle will then pick you up and deliver you back to the Touhill to enjoy the entertainment.

Pickup Times:

For the 8:00 pm shows – Pickup time will be 4:45, 5:15, 5:45 and 6:15

For the 7:30 pm shows – Pickup time will be 4:25, 4:45 and 5:45

Friday & Saturday, April 1 & 2 – 8:00pmSwan Lake
Presented by St. Louis Ballet

Saturday, June 18 – 8:00pm.....Ambassadors of Harmony
Your favorite a capella chorus entertaining with the songs you love
www.fergusoncitywalk.com

Ferguson Neighborhood Organizations

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

Group	Next Mtg.	Location	Contact
Forestwood Park Neighborhood Group	Apr 5 7 pm	Emmaus Bible Chapel 900 Highmont	Donald Stevens 314-561-0379
Jeske Park Neighborhood Assc.	TBA	Ferguson Community Ctr. 1050 Smith Ave	Kate Mazzacavallo katemazza@yahoo.com
Nesbit-Newton	June 2016	St Peters UCC 1425 Stein Rd	Paul Beins2016 314-869-5080
Northwest Ferguson	TBA	First Baptist Church 333 N Florissant	Shelley Davis leeshel57@sbcglobal.net
Old Ferguson East Neighborhood Assn.	TBA	Corner Coffee House 100 N Florissant	Glenda Rickard 314-364-4306 glenda.rickard@mercy.net
Old Ferguson West Neighbors	Apr 14 7 pm	Corner Coffee House 100 No Florissant	Larry Robinett ldrobinett@gmail.com
Robert-Superior Neighborhood Group	Apr 19 7 pm	Ferguson Community Ctr. 1050 Smith Ave	Irene Kidd kiddirene87@gamil.com
Southwest Ferguson Neighborhood Group	May 9 7 pm	Our Lady of Guadalupe 17 Hawkesbury	Atefa Young atefayoung@yahoo.com
Wabash Neighborhood Assn.	TBA	First Baptist 333 N Florissant	Shonnette Morgan sdenisemor@hotmail.com
North Hudson Neighborhood	TBA	Ferguson Community Ctr 1050 Smith	May Simmons hudsonhills63135@gmail.com
North Hills Neighborhood	May 9 7 pm	Our Lady of Guadalupe 17 Hawkesbury Dr.	Keith Kallstrom 314-524-1720
North Elizabeth Neighborhood	TBA	Ferguson Community Ctr. 1050 Smith Ave	Renee Benage rbenage@sbcglobal.net
Ferguson Woods	Apr 28 7 pm	North Hills Methodist 10771 Trask Dr	

HELP WANTED

January Wabash / Splash Concession Aide

Qualifications: Must be 15 years of age or older, previous experience in public contact and cashiering work preferred.

Duties: Will be responsible to greet patrons; operate a cash register, complete money transactions, daily financial reports and deposits. Will prepare, serve and inventory concession products and keep concession area clean. All concession employees must have their hepatitis vaccination.

Visit fergusoncity.com/jobs and submit an application.

January Wabash / Splash Front Desk Worker

Qualifications: Must be 15 years of age or older, previous experience in public contact preferred.

Duties: This employee will provide quality member service to members and the general public. He / she is responsible for satisfaction of the customers. Will be responsible to greet patrons; operate a cash register, complete money transactions, daily financial reports and deposits.

Visit fergusoncity.com/jobs and submit an application.

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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 300 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

Silver Sneakers

The Ferguson Community Center is now enrolled in the Silver Sneakers program for seniors! This program offers free admission to the Ferguson Community Center and Silver Sneakers exercise classes that will be offered in the near future. Check with your health insurance provider to see if you apply! For more information call the Ferguson Community Center, 314-521-4661.

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: Mon., May 2 (8 week session)
Time: 5:45pm-6:40pm (3-1/2-7 years old)
6:45pm-7:40pm (8-13 years old)
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: 7-15 years old & 8-13 years old
Start Date: Wed, May 4 (8 week session)
Time: 5:45pm-6:40pm (3-7 years old)
6:45pm-7:40pm (8-13 years old)
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: 14-18 years old
Start Date: Wed, May 4 (8 week session)
Time: 7:45pm-8:40pm
Location: Ferguson Community Center
Fee: \$34/Members; \$39/Residents; \$44/Non-Residents

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: 16 & Up
Start Date: Mon, May 2nd (8 week session)
Location: Ferguson Community Center
Time: 7:45-8:40
Fee: \$40/Members; \$45/Residents; \$50/Non-Residents

Slide Dance

Do you want to enjoy your workout while also having fun? Try out our slide dance class! It is a 1 hour dance class designed to teach basic and intermediate slide dance skills and routines. Participants are given a chance to grow more comfortable on the dance floor while having fun and socializing with others in the community. Wear comfortable clothing and adhere to these 3 rules: have fun, forgive, and keep moving!

Age: 18 & Up
Start Date: Mon, May 6th (8 week session)
Time: 6:30-7:30
Location: Community Center
Fee: \$25/ Member; \$30/ Resident; \$35/ Non-Resident

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.

2016 Wayside Dog Park memberships now on sale.

Yearly Fee: \$30 Residents; \$60 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 May 2, Wed May 4, Fri May 6
(Ongoing 6 week sessions)
Time: Mon, Wed, & Friday 6pm-7pm
Location: Ferguson Community Center
Fee: \$25/Members; \$30/Residents; \$35/Non-Residents
Additional Days:
\$10/members add day;
\$15/residents add day
\$20/non-residents add day

ATHLETICS

Cricket Camp

Cricket is a growing sport in the St. Louis area. This is the perfect opportunity for your young ones to get introduced to the game. They will learn the basic fundamentals, have a lot of fun in the process, while learning from an experienced coach during this six week camp. Equipment is provided. All that is needed is the proper athletic attire, tennis shoes, water and a snack. Don't miss this perfect opportunity to learn more about this popular European sport!

Ages: 7-14
Date: Mon, April 4 (six weeks)
Times: 6:00-7:30pm
Location: Forestwood Park
Fee: \$10

Adult Softball

Teams are needed for adult softball leagues. League fees include one umpire per game, lighted fields, ASA regulation softball, bases, awards and make-up for rainouts. Additional information and rosters can be obtained at the Ferguson Community Center. For field conditions call (314) 286-9102 Supervisor: Jon Gehrin

Men's DH	Sun, April 17
Length of Season:	20 Games
Fee:	\$600
Men's (Over 50)	Thurs, April 21
Length of Season:	20 Games
Fee:	\$560
Co-ed	Fri, April 22
Length of Season:	10 Games
Fee:	\$350

Sand Volleyball

The Ferguson Recreation Department is proud to announce that Sand Volleyball Courts will be added to the Ferguson Community Center this spring. The outdoor complex will boast 3 lit volleyball courts filled with beautiful white sand. Information about the Sand Volleyball League will be announced upon completion of the courts!

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.

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

SENIORS (Continued from Page 5)

Yahtzee

Date: Thurs, April 14
Time: 11:30-2:30
Location: Ferguson Community Center
Fee: \$8/Member; \$12/Residents; \$15/Non-Residents

TRIPS

Isle of Capri – Cape Girardeau

If you have a lucky number, a lucky token, or a lucky charm, be sure to bring it along today when we visit the Isle of Capri Casino in Cape Girardeau, MO. Whether you play the slots or the tables, this could be your lucky day. Regardless of how you fare in the casino, you'll come out a winner with the tremendous buffet selection you will find here. They offer everything from a huge array of salads, vegetables, pastas, meats, and desserts. In addition to the free buffet you will also get \$5 free in slot play. It's hard to beat a deal like this one. Cost includes: motorcoach transportation, lunch, taxes and tips.
Date: Tuesday, April 19
Time: 9:00 am – 6:00 pm
Fee: \$34 Residents, \$39 Non-Residents

Fox Theater- The Sound of Music

The hills are alive with the brand new production of The Sound of Music to be performed at the Fabulous Fox Theatre. Our excellent seats are located in the Orchestra Section, Rows M,N,O,P, and Q. Before seeing this marvelous show, the group will dine on a pasta dinner at Pietro's in South St. Louis. Registration deadline: Monday, March 21st. Fee includes: transportation, lunch, ticket, taxes, and gratuities.
Date: Thursday, April 28
Time: 4:30pm-10:30pm
Location: Ferguson Community Center
* Parking on the North end of Community Center or behind the Community Center only
Fee: \$110 Residents; \$120 Non-Residents

Huntsville, AL/Chattanooga, TN

This spring head south! Stops include: the Johnny Cash Museum, the US Space and Rocket Center, The Unclaimed Baggage Center, a cruise on the Tennessee River, a visit to Lookout Mountain and a visit to the Tennessee Aquarium. Included in the package are: 3 breakfasts, 3 dinners, motor coach transportation, lodging, all admissions, taxes and tips.
Date: Tues, May 3-Fri, May 6
Time: 7:00am-10:00pm
* Parking on the North end of Community Center or behind the Community Center only
Fee: \$635/ Residents (Double occupancy); \$660/Non-Residents (Double Occupancy)

Biloxi, Mississippi... Beau Rivage Hotel

Two nights in Tunica, Mississippi staying at the Gold Strike hotel each way, three nights in Biloxi with a day trip to New Orleans, and a shrimp boat tour. Cost includes: motor coach transportation, all lodging, 2 special tours and some meals. The Beau Rivage Hotel is Gorgeous and right on the beach!
Dates: Sun, May 15th-Fri, May 20th
Time: 8:00am-8:00pm
Location: Ferguson Community Center
*Parking on north end of Community Center or behind the Community Center only.
Fee: \$385/Residents (Double Occupancy); \$410/Non-Residents (Double Occupancy)

Soothing Sunday Symphony

Jim Brinkman, the most charted male adult contemporary artist to date brings his piano music to the beautiful Powell Symphony Hall. Dinner at Miss Sheri's in Warson Woods brings this day to a harmonious finale! Cost includes: transportation, dinner, taxes, tips and symphony ticket.
Date: Sun, May 22nd
Time: 2:00pm-7:30pm
Location: Ferguson Community Center
*Parking on North end of Community Center or behind the Community Center only

A Progressive Dinner on Fine China

A progressive dinner is always a fun experience; we go to one place for salad, another for entrée, and yet another for dessert. You'll have a ton of fun on our adventure down Main Street, St. Charles. The night will begin with a guided tour of the Havilland China Museum and will be followed up with a visit to the Mother-In-Law House for an endless array of salads. Next, we will have our entrée at the Little Hills Winery and end the night at Braddens for coffee or tea and a delectable dessert. Cost includes: transportation, dinner, dessert and all admissions, taxes and tips.
Date: Wed, May 25th
Time: 3:30-9:00
Location: Ferguson Community Center
*Parking on North end on Community Center or behind Community Center only
Fee: \$60/Resident; \$65/Non-Resident

TEENS

Incredible Pizza Company

Join us for an afternoon of fun games and food! Video games, bumper cars, go-karts, laser tag, mini gold, and all you can eat pizza buffet. This is going to be an event that you don't want to miss!

Age: Teens 13-17
Date: Sat, April 23rd
Time: 6pm-9pm
Location: Community Center
Fee: \$15/Resident; \$20/Non-Resident

SPECIAL EVENTS

Food Truck Monday on the City Walk

A taste of St. Louis' delicious food truck cuisine will be available in the Downtown Ferguson CityWalk area beginning in April at Plaza at 501. Each month a variety of trucks will serve a wide range of cuisines. There will be picnic tables available for dining. Have your favorite truck call 314-524-5197 to participate in our event! Find information on the food trucks and dates at www.fergusoncitywalk.com

Sunday Parkways

Come join us for this free community event that promotes physical activity, public health, and social unity in a relaxed atmosphere free of automobile traffic. There are plenty of fun and exciting activities for people of all ages.
Date: Sun, April 24th
Location: A Ferguson Neighborhood still being determined
Time: 1:00pm-4:00
Fee: FREE

CityWalk Concert Series

Beginning in May, the Ferguson Special Business District will host a Friday night CityWalk Concert series at Plaza at 501 in Downtown Ferguson. Open to all ages, the live entertainment will feature a wide variety of music styles. Guests are welcome to bring lawn chairs, blankets, and coolers to the outdoor event. Concession items will also be available for purchase on the site. The concert series is free to the public and offer the opportunity to enjoy music and socialize in the Ferguson CityWalk area. Check out the summer brochure for this season's lineup!

Ferguson Twilight 5K/10K & Fun Run

Join us on May 14 for the 7th annual Ferguson Twilight Run! Runners and walkers of all ages and fitness levels will take to the streets of the City of Ferguson on a USATF certified course. The races start and finish at Plaza at 501. The post-race festivities include a free concert, vendors, and specials at local restaurants. So gather the family, get your friends, and strap on your running shoes for a race just North of Ordinary. 5k, 10k, & one mile fun run. Register Online at www.fergtwilightrun.com

The Ferguson Arborist



Different trees have different 'issues'. Some more than others...just like us. Though I have customers with a love/hate relationship with their sweetgum trees, I was not ready for the ankle twisting nuisance that mine would personally be to me when I moved into Ferguson. I don't tell too many people this, but there is a way to inject and 'neuter' them so they don't get the balls, but it's not cheap, sometimes doesn't work and they have to be injected every year. Although they can be a bane to the existence of their not so proud owners, sweet gum trees have beautiful fall color and thick summer shade. We learn to take the good with the bad in life.

Uh oh, Here we go, time to get some tree-ology. What makes a tree weak and a nuisance, and what makes it strong and desirable?

News flash from the Ferguson Forester; there is no such thing. Take the tornados that slammed this city two years apart. It was not so much the weaker 'soft woods' that uprooted, but the more 'mighty' of the wooden brethren. Where there is no flexibility, a tall 'proud' tree will fail. Our city is experiencing the width and height and depth of uprooting, re-rooting, strength verses flexibility right now.

No one will ever be able to tell us.... That in this city, we don't have any balls!

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TEAM Trivia Night

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Saturday, April 23

Doors open at 6:15 pm –
 Trivia starts at 7:00 pm

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
 Parish Hall – Door #3
 751 N. Jefferson St., Florissant

Entry Fee: \$200/table
 (Maximum of 8)

Includes beer, soda, water, popcorn

Attendance prizes, cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd and best theme (feel free to bring own food and drink)

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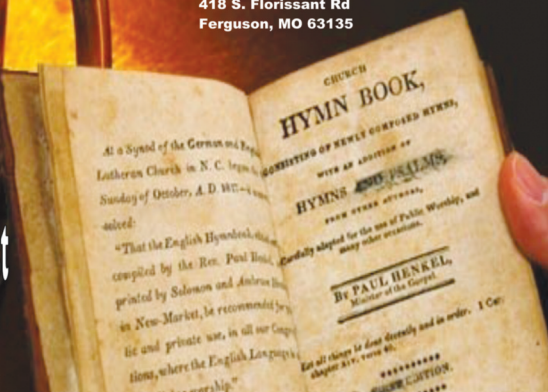
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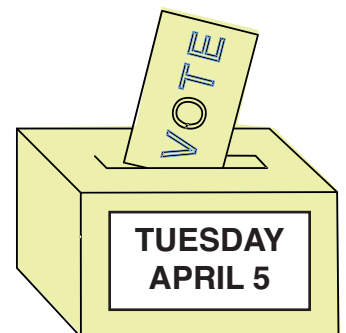
Saturday, April 23, 2016, 10 a.m. to Noon
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 Sponsored by the Ferguson Human Rights Commission and the City of Ferguson

Leaping for Legos For Youths 6 to 15

Join us for a night of Lego-themed fun and games. Not only will we build a new model out of Legos for each session, but we will also have plenty of time for "free play." If you like to play with Legos or building blocks, then this is the perfect event for you!

Tuesday, April 5
 Thursday, April 7
 Tuesday, April 12
 Thursday, April 14

Ferguson Community Center
FREE
 Time: 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.



All-You-Can-Eat

Ham & Bean or Chicken & Rice Soup

Friday, April 22
 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

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



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

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



We Need Your Help!

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CNN Hero Nomination: Brian Fletcher

Submitted August, 2015 by Nancy Hilary Welsh

The following is an excerpt from the 2015 CNN Hero nomination which I submitted for Brian Fletcher. This is an annual event sponsored by Cable News Network, and hosted by Anderson Cooper. The contest is open to nominees worldwide. There are ten finalists each of whom is given \$10,000, and the winner is awarded \$100,000 for his or her organization. The competition was steep and although Brian did not make the cut, the nomination was still very much worth the effort on my part.

This is the final of a 2-Part nomination:

Then, when tragedy occurred in our hometown, and rioters looted and burned many neighborhood establishments, Brian proved his commitment in new ways, taking it to new levels.

What distinguishes Brian's efforts is that while others were acting out in anger and violence, he responded with love and positive actions, intended to bring about relief and working to bring people together. To rebuild and restore. Even the name of his organization has the word "Love" in it.

Many of us have called Ferguson home for decades and harbor a very special fondness for this community. The events over the last year not only destroyed businesses and public property, but broke our hearts.

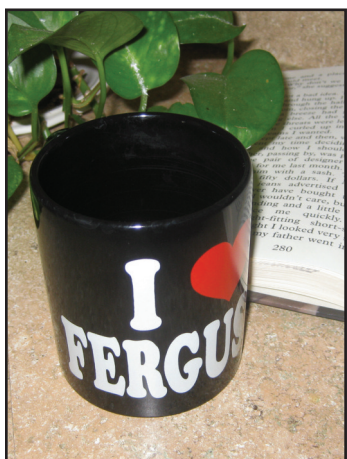
Our town has been in the news a great deal lately, but the world may not know that we have faced disaster and misfortune before. We are not new to hard times. In the middle of Tornado Alley, recent years have seen numerous devastating storms and tornadoes. In July of 2006, one such storm left many in Ferguson without power for weeks. With the heat index well over 100° F, volunteers drove through our streets handing out water bottles to those in need. And, the Good Friday Tornado of April, 2011 destroyed homes, churches, and commercial establishments: ripping off roofs, and taking down century old trees. Again, the community came together. Neighbors and friends assisting each other, lending a hand to clean up and rebuild. With no regard to race or color.

Brian's campaign reminded us of who we are: a close-knit, resilient community of proven resourcefulness. We had rebuilt before and we could do it again. He rallied us to come together once more to aid, support, and encourage one another.

His first project was to initiate a yard sign campaign. The idea was inspired by something Brian saw in a neighbor's yard. A simple green sign with one word – "Jesus". His idea was that we could use placards to unite neighbors and show the world how we feel about our hometown.

Signs began popping up all over town. On August 24th, in response to a Facebook request, more than 200 people showed up to help. Volunteers went door-to-door and within two hours, over 2,500 signs were given and received. Residents were thrilled to have them - some even chasing after the vans to get their signs. It turned into an opportunity for neighbors to connect and know one other better. Driving through our neighborhoods and seeing these signs in front of businesses and residences lifted our spirits and reminded us that we have each other.

Thus far, close to 10,500 signs have been distributed. I Love Ferguson signs can be seen in all 50 states and have been shipped to 48 countries.



But, Brian did not stop there. Businesses had been looted: buildings burned to the ground. People's life work and livelihoods were gone. Jobs were lost. Properties damaged. What had once been a beautiful middle class community now resembled something closer to a war zone. So, he and his group created the I Love Ferguson store to raise much needed capital. In addition to the signs, items such as coffee mugs, t-shirts, jackets, and Xmas ornaments are sold. The proceeds go to funds which help local schools and businesses in Ferguson, as well as Dellwood, and the North County area to recover and rebuild.

To date, \$272,000 has been raised. His campaign has aided 57 businesses, as well as many regional school children affected by the civil unrest. Numerous area programs have also benefited, including: Parents as Teachers; Project Graduation at local high schools; Volunteers in Policing; Strength and Honor summer camp for teens; and Earth Dance organic farms youth summer camp.

Brian is a hero to me and the town of Ferguson, because his actions have not only helped our community, but he has lifted our hearts, given us hope and reminded us that by working together we can overcome adversity and create positive changes to benefit us all. He continues to work to connect residents, support businesses, and uphold the town of Ferguson, giving us a brighter future.

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McCluer South-Berkeley Educator Chosen As UMSL EdPrenuer in Residence



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The Systems Teaching™ Framework revolves around five key principles or laws with the goal of helping teachers become better educators. "We accomplish this goal by introducing teachers to the 8 Systems Teaching™ archetypes, which is a way for them to identify their teaching styles," said Muhammad.

The EDprenuer in Residence Program is a joint effort by MasterCard and UMSL's College of Education. Muhammad will join a cohort and interact with MasterCard mentors and UMSL College of Education researchers who will support him, as his idea becomes a testable prototype.

Campaign promises are, by long democratic tradition, the least binding form of human commitment.

A. Scalia

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The Ferguson Computer Corner

by Doug Neely who takes any Holiday he can get! :)



APRIL, 2016

well, as i review the calendar this month, i see that there are no major holidays (probably because March STOLE Easter from April this year!), and all we have left are some secondary holidays. April 1st is April Fools Day, the 22nd is Earth Day (we will call it World Day when we all "come together"), the 27th is Administrative Professionals Day (i think this used to be Secretary's Day), and the 29th is Arbor Day, when we all go out and plant a tree, right? (and SOME people think that the 15th should be a holiday of some sort, because it costs many people more than Christmas does. you shouldn't think of Christmas like that---shame on you!) Passover starts on the 23rd, and ends on the 30th; lots of Jews and Christians will celebrate Passover Seder Meals! (ALL of the above info was found online at WinCalendar, <http://www.wincalendar.com/April-Calendar/April-2016-Calendar.html>)

Once Upon A Time, dept.

i once told you about this, but i think we need to go over it again. if your puter is running slowly, it should first be checked for infections. once that is ruled out, we should check to see how many programs are running when windows starts. if there are too many running & hogging system resources, memory, & processing power, we should remove all unnecessary such programs from the startup group. if things are still too slow for our liking, we might be able to add some ram. and now there is a new alternative: the Solid State Drive (SSD). if your puter is too old (maybe over 5 years old), you may not get as much extra speed as you may like, based upon the capabilities of your puter. SSD cost has come down somewhat, but not, IMHO, as much as they should be at this point. still, it may be a great solution for you. if you would like to discuss this, give me a call, and i will give you more detailed info, based upon YOUR puter. one last thingie: don't get upset, toss it out into the trash, and buy a new one. usually, i have found that most re-

pairs are much more cost effective than a new puter. there are more compelling reasons, but i can't go into them all here. (again, call me if you like!)

Is Doug Healing & Still Alive, dept.

umm...yes...i think so. it would seem that many of you out there are saying a LOT of prayers for me (THANK YOU!), because i seem to be beating the recovery schedule that my doctor told me. he gave me 6 months; i believe that will be cut short by about 2 months, the way things are going.

it's NOT me; it's Him! He must have some things for me to do. :) if so, i should be back to nearly full health by sometime in May. and YES, i will look at your puter then! :)

ME GO NOW!

for those of you who called me, i am deeply sorry that i could not do more for you, but i really have HAD to rest & take it easy. if you can afford the wait, i will be happy to help you in May. THANK YOU for your understanding, for your waiting, and for your prayers; ESPECIALLY THE PRAYERS! well, i have to go now, as it is past my bedtime! :) May God bless you ALL! (PS--for what it's worth, the chicken fried steak at DePaul is highly recommended, and so are the doctors & nurses!)

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

If you would like to ask Doug for his FREE puter advice, discuss your puter issue, or just jaw a bit, please call him in the PM hours at: *314*521*1789*. When emailing, MAKE SURE to put "i need puter advice" into the subject line of your missive, and put your local telephone number into the body of same. Only these will insure a response. Happy Secondary Holidays, mentioned above, to you & to yours! God's blessings!

Heartland Hospice Care

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Volunteers are the heart of the Hospice Team.

We depend on our Hospice volunteers to help us provide the extra love and care our clients and their families need at this time in their life. Heartland volunteers offer support, companionship and practical, caring help to this special group of people. Staying with the patient so family members can take a break, reading scripture to patients, or holding their hand. The help and support our volunteers give is returned to them in countless ways. You can make a DIFFERENCE. All assignments are in close proximity to your home, work or school. You can donate as little or as much of your time as you desire. Please contact Virginia at 314-453-0990 if you would like to bring something special into someone's life. Be sure to inquire about our next Training Class.

Author Coming to Ferguson

The Ferguson Readings on Race Book Club welcomes author Leah Gunning Francis to the Ferguson Municipal Library on **Monday, April 22**, for a discussion of her book, *Ferguson and Faith: Sparking Leadership and Awakening Community*. Dr. Francis is Associate Dean of Contextual Education at Eden Theological Seminary in Webster Groves. In her book she explores the relationship between faith and action through a look behind the scenes of unrest in Ferguson.

The book club gathers the second Monday of each month from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. for a conversation about a different book concerning issues surrounding race and culture. Titles are suggested and voted upon by members. People of all ages, races, and points of view are always welcome.

For information, contact Carla Fletcher at carlajeanfletcher@yahoo.com or Library Director Scott Bonner at sbonner@fergusonlibrary.net.

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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.

Tax day is right around the corner and this election year continues to amaze me. April Fool's Day has already passed and I'm not sure if anything has changed in the Republican nominee choices. For right now it is a bit tense. I thought a lot about this when I was in Kansas City recently and visited the Harry S. Truman Library. We lived in Independence when I was very young, I actually "Trick or Treated" at Harry's home in the late 1950's. Of course, Mom says there was someone at the front gate handing out candy, so it wasn't like we got to go up and ring the doorbell. I really don't even remember it. As was noted in the museum section of the library, when Truman became president, people were pretty zealous for souvenirs. As he recalled they had to put the gates around the house to protect it. He had been warned by Herbert Hoover that souvenir hunters nearly dismantled his home when he moved into the White House years before.

What I really wanted to discuss is how many of the ideas being suggested in our government back in Harry's day were intended to make the lives of ordinary citizens better. Seems like these same issues come up over and over again. Take health care, over the past 20 years it has continued to take an ever larger bite out of everyone's budget. It's been talked about for at least 75 years and likely more. The Affordable Care Act was supposed to improve things and in some cases it did. But the costs haven't slowed any and they actually seem to be increasing. Another issue that seems timeless is the level of poverty. And today we keep hearing about the larger gap between the rich and the poor. Back in Harry's time it was also a concern, as well as prior to the great crash of 1929.

We've heard that the Republican Party may not survive this election and if it does it will not be the same. Maybe that's not such a bad thing. As I read and saw the evidence in pictures and newsreels strolling through the Truman Library, I learned a lot about Harry and realized how serious he seemed to take his role as President back then. Here is one of the quotes from Harry on Oct. 26th 1948 "All Americans, whatever their job, or whatever their income-wherever they live or whatever their race or creed-are entitled to a good education, good medical care and a decent place to live." For a moment I thought I was reading a Bernie Sanders quote.

When Harry became President to replace Franklin D. Roosevelt when FDR died in 1945, the economy was switching from wartime to a peacetime economy. Harry knew changing too quickly was dangerous and he recommended his 21 – point program to remove wartime wage & price controls. In doing so he hoped to avoid inflation and shortages. Calling it the Fair Deal, he added more benefits for the individuals such as increasing the minimum wage by 50%, increasing social security benefits, building more housing, clearing slums and banning racial discrimination in employment. Remember this was 70 years ago. At that time the conservative congress ignored Truman's proposals and most of his reforms. When this resulted in strikes, shortages and inflation – the president was blamed. The Republican slogan for the congressional election in 1946 was "Had Enough?" People were angry and they showed it when the Democrats lost both houses in that election making things even more difficult on the President who would be facing his own election in 2 years.

So if that doesn't have some strange similarities, I don't know what would. In any case I am having trouble this year finding a candidate that I can agree with on all points. But I do know the gridlock we've had doesn't keep us moving in the right direction. And while we are being told the economy is in recovery, there are many Americans who continue to fall further behind. We often hear comments on how we need to look ahead and forget about the past, but I think we are doomed if we don't learn from our past and seek better practices to make things better for more people. Perhaps I should have said all people, but I'm not really sure if that is possible, but we certainly should shoot for it.

The concerns about Donald Trump seem to involve his ability to act presidential. Whatever that means? He definitely gets attention and often seems better suited for the "Apprentice" than real life government. When a woman interviewed in Iowa commented on her reason for voting for The Donald was because she liked him on the "Apprentice" I was shocked. Could the reporter have found anyone else to give a more intelligent answer? The fact that Trump has such a large following just proves how disgruntled the people are with politicians.

Most of the Republican debates seem to involve criticizing each other and very little substance about the issues at hand. The one that really affects the most people is the economy and as I mentioned earlier the theme from the liberal side seems more like mid-twentieth century. And over the past 60 years we have made progress in good education, good medical care and a decent place to live. Unfortunately, these things still seem to be out of the grasp of many citizens. The real question is why? Is our system still tilted in favor of some, but not all? If so, does it need to be fixed? The term "un-fair" is coming up often in the speeches we've heard.

A teacher called in on a program I was listening to as I drove home. She stated the obvious, when we continue to say things aren't fair, we imply that to be fair everything must be equal. We need to remember that being equal in opportunities won't ever result in all things being equal. There will still be those who are more talented or who take the time to learn more or take a

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risk being an entrepreneur. They will ultimately succeed and possibly earn more than others. While those who waste their opportunities will find it difficult to compete in the real world and just complaining about how unfair things are won't help them. So being fair and being equal are not the same.

As we've learned over the past 50 years, some legislation passed in an attempt to improve things has actually made things worse and done little to really equalize opportunity. So if we can learn from that experience maybe we could provide some benefits for those who are working hard to improve their lives and raise a family. One of the most important lessons has been to let people do for themselves what they can. If we provide too much assistance without some investment from the individual we enable the loss of incentive and the feeling of self-worth.

If you are interested in seeing a more fair system which provides jobs and looks out more for the individuals than for the large corporations, get to know the candidates. Learn who may be able to provide what is needed to really make our economy strong without having to compromise protections that are necessary to prevent another financial crisis. In the next few columns I will look at some of the ideas being suggested. Even on the state level improvements can be made during these uncertain times.

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April Observances

2nd week in April: National Library Week	Child Abuse Prevention Month
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Ferguson by Foot

By: Margaret Wolfinbarger



Spring is here and I'm as happy as a robin. I'm shaking off the cold and fluffing my tail feathers. I'm chirping to all my friends that it's time to get out and get active. And while I do my happy dance, my friends are giving me that look like I'm missing a few brain cells. But that's okay. Ain't no thang. I'm my own bird and I march to my own drum beat. Because Harry Belafonte is the king of cool and I'm trying like crazy to imitate Senora as I "jump in the line."

So it was that I found myself hopping around on a recent morning when I remembered the old adage, "the early bird gets the worm." I have always thought that saying meant that the first person to act gets the best opportunities. I'm a bit of an early bird and always thought that was a good thing. So on that fateful morning as I was leaving the house, I noticed the streets were a little wet. I know that wet streets in warm weather are relatively safe. It's the wet streets in cold weather that beg for broken ankles. So there I was enjoying the thick fog that indicates winter is gasping its last breath, and I didn't pay any attention to my footing until I slipped on something. Still, I recovered and kept jogging. And then I slipped again. This time I looked closer. Maybe there was a patch of mud I couldn't see in the dim light. Nope. But the third time I slipped I stooped down and saw them...the worm army. Yes. Army. Overnight millions of worms had crawled out of their watery beds and invaded the sidewalk. And I wanted to cry but I was too busy trying not to get sick. And I wanted to wipe my shoes in the grass but it was muddy. And the only safe haven was the street but cars were speeding by. And you thought the zombie apocalypse was terrifying! Add worms guts to my new list of phobias.

So why is Margaret writing about this, you ask? Well, I will tell you. I love to exercise and frequently get so excited about my workouts that I don't pay attention to conditions. I've been known to ride my bike in freezing rain. I've even been caught jogging in sudden blizzards. So in the interest of saving lives (the worms and yours), I thought I'd remind my readers that before you take off outside, it might be a good idea to check the weather. Because Spring is no excuse for carelessness, and I want my misfortune to prevent the kind of nightmare inducing worm slaughter I unknowingly experienced on that terrible morning.

Now lest you think an invasion of slimy vertebrae-less creatures is enough to stop me, I would like to reiterate that I was back at it the next morning. And the good news is there were no worms. I would also like to tell my readers that the animals I see in the early hours of the day are usually more of the fluffy variety. I've seen foxes, raccoons and even a glimpse of the shy Barred Owl. The truth is, the streets in Ferguson offer exciting views the mainstream media will never report on. So if you are feeling a little "fluffy" and are concerned about your physique for that summer beach trip, hop on out! You don't need expensive active wear, though I do recommend a good pair of sneakers. Besides, a smile is a better accessory than lycra, and shaking your tail feathers down the sidewalk is cheaper than a gym membership. And if you are feelings really ambitious, you can follow the example of our fine feathered friends and whistle while you walk. In retrospect, I've had some of the most fascinating conversations with Mockingbird's over the years and, let me tell you, they are some of the happiest warblers around.

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The Board of Education consists of seven members who each serve rotating three-year terms. The terms of current board members Hogshead and Keith Brown expire this year. Brown is not seeking re-election.

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By Bob McGartland

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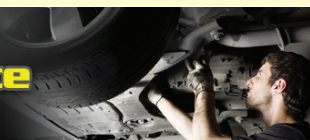
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He then passed out a new report titled "Neighborhood Crime Statistics for February 2016" which identified types of crimes being committed in each sector.

Sector 5, Northwest quadrant of Ferguson, saw 5 burglaries in the 2nd degree as their highest incident, followed by 3 incidents of Burglaries in the 1st degree and 3 incidents of Property damage.

Sector 1, Northeast quadrant of Ferguson, saw 8 stolen Automobiles as their highest incident, followed by 3 incidents of property damage.

Sector 2, Southwest quadrant of Ferguson, saw 4 Property damage as their highest incidents, followed by 2 Assaults in the 1st degree.

Sector 4, the Southeast quadrant of Ferguson, saw 13 incidents of Property damage, followed by 2 incidents of Stealing Felonies & 2 of Stolen Automobiles.

The 3rd report was the updated list of Permanent Sector Officers. It showed the 4 squads headed up by each Sergeant, and which officers were assigned to which sectors, with their DSN numbers. Each officer has voicemail that can be reached by dialing the police station number (522-3100) and then "5" + DSN#. The example given was for Officer Mullen in Sector 5 with a DSN of 571 would have the extension of "5571".

Guest Speaker City Manager De'Carlon Seewood

De'Carlon Seewood, our new city manager, spoke to the group in attendance. The 1st subject was about how the new Police Chief selection process is proceeding. As of this time, the field of 54 applicants nationwide had been narrowed down to 6 who were invited for interviews. Various committees made up of a variety of community stakeholders graded the interviewees, and the field narrowed to 4 candidates. The next step to narrow the field will be done by using background checks, credit checks, polygraph, and psych evaluations. De'Carlon reported that the process of selecting the next Ferguson Police Chief should be complete by mid-April.

A member of the audience asked about Shots Fired calls, and what to do about it. Capt. McBride stepped in to ask the public to call it in to the police station, (314) 521-3100. He described how they take the calls that come in, and triangulate the calls to determine the origin. A lot of calls came in at New Year's, and even the Captain was on duty at the Park Ridge apartments when a variety of shots went off. He described how when that is done. The perpetrator usually goes back indoors quickly. If a sufficient number are reported, an address can be identified where the shots may have come from.

Some additional code violations issues were inquired about, and an explanation of our Responsible Landlord Ordinance was given, and how it works to hold landlords responsible for their tenants code issues.

Someone else asked about Section 8 housing. Only cities that have a housing authority can issue Section 8 vouchers. Without that authority, the city does not know which homes are occupied by Section 8 renters.

De'Carlon talked about the possibility of having the Ferguson Human Rights commission sponsor "Neighbor to Neighbor Dinners". The 1st step is for neighbors to talk to each other. We can utilize a volunteer group that does mediation programs to help with the resident training process.

A new program being started will make sure sex offenders are registered at their proper addresses. In Ferguson, there are about 44 people that fall into this category. Police will check the reported address at least twice per year.

Next meeting:

The next Ferguson Neighborhood Watch meeting scheduled for City Hall will be at 7:00 pm on April 13th, 2016. Due to the large number of Code Violation questions that came up, a Code Inspector will be invited to attend.

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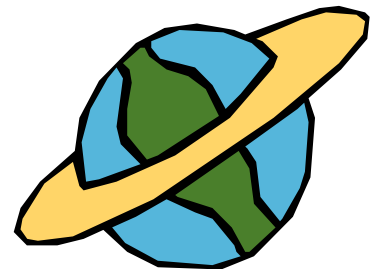
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Challenger Learning Center, Boeing, and Engineer's Week



FERGUSON— Challenger Learning Center-St. Louis matched Boeing Engineers with area classroom teachers and students to lead a design challenge that was kicked-off during Engineer's Week. The activity allowed the engineers to work closely with students in the classroom and see the positive impact they have to inspire the students in a meaningful STEM experience.

A total of 16 engineers are participating in the program, which is part of the Challenger Learning Center's "Challenger Academy" program and is funded by Boeing. The program includes a series of four professional development workshops, educator resources, and a volunteer component for Boeing engineers to engage with students. The activity that the engineers did with the students involved a challenge to design the most effective parachute, using a limited supply of materials and time.



Boeing Engineer, Dan Kim (middle) with Compton Drew Middle School students during Engineer's Week

"This was a rewarding opportunity for me," says Dan Kim, Lead Engineer at Boeing. "The high level of engagement and enthusiasm of the students was matched by their creativity in problem-solving. I look forward to continuing my engagement with the students and fostering their interest in STEM."

"For my students, the work that engineers do is an abstract concept," says Dorothy Rice, teacher at Compton/Drew ILC Middle School. "Meeting an engineer who actually works on these projects made the field of engineering more relatable. After our visit with Dan, several of my students started wondering if they could possibly do it, too."

The Challenger Learning Center-St. Louis is a partnership of the Ferguson-Florissant School District, the Saint Louis Science Center and Education-Plus 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 astronauts tragically lost during the Challenger space shuttle mission. For more information, visit www.clcstlouis.org.

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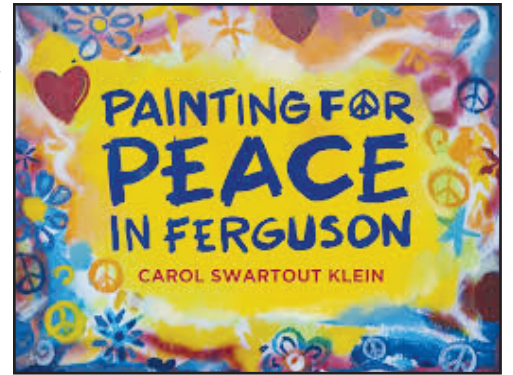
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Painting for Peace in Ferguson

one year later the book continues to bring people together

What started out with only local distribution and a small press run for the children's book, *Painting for Peace in Ferguson*, has turned into a much bigger year than anyone anticipated. Launched on February 21, 2015, not only was it selected to represent the state of Missouri at Library of Congress' National Book Festival, it also received an IPPY Outstanding Book of the Year award beating out more than 6,000 other entries.



Appearing on the local, indie book best-seller list for 22 out of 52 weeks, it quickly sold out of its first run of 2,000 books. As the second year of *Painting for Peace in Ferguson* begins, the book continues to gain interest and momentum with two exciting projects in the works. Author Carol Swartout Klein is working on a companion coloring book and a large art installation that involves dozens of pieces of the painted boards from the windows of businesses in Ferguson and the surrounding communities that is slated to open in early fall.

Now in its second printing, the book began national distribution starting in August with libraries throughout the country placing it on their shelves and teachers from Texas to New York and California reading it in classrooms. Since the book was published, Klein has been a sought-after presenter at conferences, book stores and with school groups not only locally, but throughout Missouri and other states.

And, making good on the promise to give back to youth programs and businesses in the Ferguson area, more than \$4,000 in donations have been contributed and more than 650 books have been donated to area schools including the Ferguson-Florissant School District.

What's next:

Painting for Peace: A Coloring Book is scheduled to hit the bookstore shelves on May 24 with some advance copies available mid-April.

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By
Bob
McCarty

I'm sure everyone is familiar with treated timber, the type that uses chemicals to preserve the wood. Do we need more chemicals in our life? What about Thermally Modified Timber (TMT)? Thermal Modification is a process that replaces the use of chemicals with heat and steam so that it can be used not only outside but indoors as well. The high heat used during the modification of the wood changes its cell structure by converting the wood sugars into a natural substance that cannot be digested by insects and is highly resistant to mold and fungus.

With this cell restructuring, the expansion and contraction of the wood is greatly reduced. Even though you won't have to compensate for the expansion and contraction of the wood, you will still need to understand that the wood is more brittle and not as flexible. Therefore, this type of wood is not as suitable for the support of a structure.

The modification process uses heat and steam making it a natural, chemical free way to extend the life of a wood product.

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2. The temperature is raised even higher to change the color of the wood to the desired color you are looking for up to 415 degrees. The longer the wood is kept in these high temperatures the darker it becomes. Steam is used to keep the wood from bursting into flame.

3. The temperature is reduced by spraying water onto the wood and finally the wood is conditioned and re-moistened to bring the moisture content back up to 5 to 7 percent.

Some common uses for TMT are not limited to outside applications such as decks and siding, but doors and windows could be built from this wood. Interior applications can include flooring, bathroom interiors and saunas, in case you have a sauna.

Any wood species can be Thermally Modified and during the process as stated above, the color can be manipulated to any desired color and the overall weight of the wood is considerably less.

In the eyes of Bob, when on the Job, this type of wood will be used on repairs to the older homes that we work on. This wood will last longer than any of the natural woods that are on the market today. After the completion of the repair, the TMT will be top coated and you can count on this wood to hold up for many years to come.

A Special Note to BobonJob readers; beginning next month, Bob on Job will be occupying Page 16 of this publication, the whole page. Bob will not be limited to only being able to explore partial explanations of the projects that are being presented. My Editor-in-Law has granted this move because she finds these articles not only interesting, but very informative and wants the readers of this good newspaper to be able to finish the project that is being explained. Watch out – before you know it Bob on Job will be two page event and every old house in Ferguson will be in such top notch shape that all of the house inspectors won't need to inspect our homes and the day of those 30 and 40 page reports on what is wrong with your house will be gone.

Oh, and by the way, if you want to move into a house that doesn't have a few quirks about it; then move into a new house and tell me about the quirks that you are going to miss about living in an older home. So with that being said BobonJob will only be allowing this Aprils Fools prank to play out just this one time.

Until next month, Bob is on the Job.

Disc Golf

Two Holes remain...That's right, we have two left to clear. We currently have seven full new holes carved in to the honey suckle that has taken over the park and we need all the help we can get, clearing and hauling brush, removing downed trees and picking up trash.

We will be working every Saturday afternoon until the course is done, depending on weather (only the rain will keep us away.) The times may vary, but are generally posted on our Facebook site. If you can't assist with the physical aspect of helping, donations will always be highly appreciated.

Do you know a Boy/Girl Scout Troop or service organization that is looking for a service project? We have a bridge and staircase that will need to be built to complete the course. This will require physical labor and some engineering aptitude. Contact us via email or Facebook.

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Advertising Your Brand on Facebook: Part 2

By LaTease Rikard

Last month I gave you the beginning steps to using Facebook Ads. Facebook Ads are available to use when you have a Facebook Business Page. Personal Profile Pages are not eligible. Facebook Advertising is less expensive than you think and with the help of a revised advertising module, Facebook allows you to target your audience as well as determine who you want to see your ads. This can be fun if you and financially rewarding if you follow the steps.



Advertising on Facebook can be accomplished two ways. Right Hand Column (RHC) advertising give advertisers more chances to reach the massive Facebook audience. These ads are smaller with a Title (25 characters allowed,) and a text body with a 90-character allowance. The image used also has stipulations. Images must be 600x315 pixels. Don't worry if your image is not this size, Facebook will let you know by rejecting the ad. See the image below for an example of a Facebook ad that meets regulations.



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The other type of ad allowed on Facebook is called News Feed advertising. Facebook has 1.82 billion monthly active users and 1.01 billion mobile active users. That's a lot of eyeballs possibly looking for what you have to sell.

"By advertising in the News Feed, marketers have the best possible chance of reaching over a billion monthly active Facebook users. These highly engaging native ads combine a large image with social elements (like, comment, and share). And because a single insertion persists in the user's News Feed, each placed ad gives an advertiser multiple opportunities to reach the customer," (AdRoll, 2014.)

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Once you know who your audience is, what they like, what websites they are most likely to visit, etc., you can use this information to your benefit. Data such as this is valuable to business owners. Use Facebook to your

Ferguson-Florissant School District

FFSD NAMES 2016 TEACHER AND SUPPORT EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

The Ferguson-Florissant School District has named Sheila Carves as its 2016 Teacher of the Year and Thomas Miller as the Support Employee of the Year.

Carves, a sixth-grade teacher at Johnson-Wabash Elementary School, has worked in the district for eight years. She serves as the school's Teacher in Charge and has consistently facilitated professional development workshops for colleagues. According to Johnson-Wabash Principal Robin Witherspoon, Carves teaches each child as her own.

"I accept all children as they come to me in their own unique packages. As a teacher, I have to be flexible and creative enough to try different teaching techniques," said Carves. "I impress upon my students that they need to strive to do their best always and meet each challenge with a positive frame of mind. The heart of my teaching philosophy is to give students strategies from which to construct a more substantial education."

Under this philosophy, Carves' 2015 class of sixth graders performed at the highest academic level in English Language Arts in the district.

"Ms. Carves is very invested in her students and works closely to ensure they reach their full potential. She knows they can achieve greatness and expects nothing less," said Henan Hamden, school nurse at Johnson-Wabash, who nominated Carves to the honor.

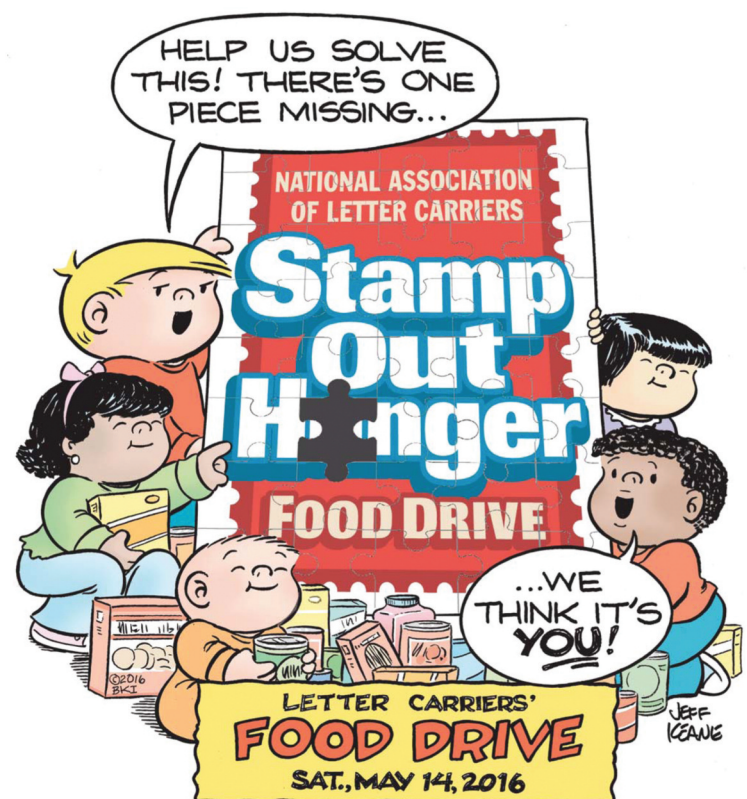
Miller, a telecommunications specialist, is the district's lone phone maintenance technician. He's worked in the district for almost 11 years. He is responsible for the entire telecommunications infrastructure.

"Tom represents the department well as he comes in contact with most all stakeholders given his role," said Kyle Hagaman, the district's network supervisor. "The district is fortunate to have an individual like Tom. People need to communicate, and Tom helps the district to meet that objective."

In her nomination of Miller, Margie Reale, executive secretary to the superintendent, stated that Miller is a true professional who provides top-level support.

"The scope and impact of his work is felt in every area of Ferguson-Florissant," said Reale. "He not only provides technical support, but makes every effort to know how to search for better solutions, anticipating the needs at the building level as well as district level."

Carves and Miller were recently surprised with the announcement of their recognition by district administrators and staff who visited their respective work sites. They will also be recognized at the April 13 Board of Education meeting. Carver will be nominated to the Missouri Teacher of the Year.



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STEM in St. Louis

The St. Louis area has a great number of very active and nationally-recognized STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) projects and activities. Find out what is happening in the area at the April 18 meeting of the Ferguson-Florissant (North County) Branch of the American Association of University Women.

Siinya Riley, who has been involved with the STEM program at the St. Louis Science Center for 25 years, will present the latest initiatives of that institution. This program is nationally recognized.

Christina Hughes, Science Coordinator for Hazelwood School District, will give an overview of STEM activities in a major suburban school district. Hazelwood has been an innovator in school STEM programs.

The AAUW meeting will be **April 18 at 7:00 pm** in the Educational Building of Immanuel UCC Church, 211 Church Street, Ferguson. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, call 314-517-8973, 314-831-5359, or 314-831-6884.

Vogt Viper Bots



On March 3, the Viper Bots robotics team from Vogt Elementary joined the Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri for a STEM expo at the Missouri State Capitol in Jefferson City. The girls showed off the robot they made this year, and performed science demonstrations like melting styrofoam cups in acetone. They also were introduced on the floor of the House of Representatives by Rep. Sharon Pace.

Pictured in back: Coach Josh Renaud, Mame Diarre Ndaw, Coach Seynabou Ndaw
In front: Jadzia Renaud, Jossie Gates, Ariana Faulkner, Rep. Sharon Pace, Allyson Shelton, Diana Espinoza, Carisa Hale

The Viper Bots have accomplished a lot in their first year, including winning an award for their project at the First Lego League qualifier back in November.

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Jadzia Renaud, a fifth grader at Vogt Elementary School, is the Ferguson-Florissant School District's 2016 Spelling Bee Champion. Renaud competed against elementary and middle school students who represented their respective schools as building level winners.



As the district winner, Renaud will compete in the annual Post-Dispatch Spelling Bee. Jonathan Hinton, a seventh grader at Berkeley Middle School, is the runner-up in this year's competition.



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Community Policing Update

The Ferguson Community Policing Steering Committee held a meeting Thursday March 17 at the First Baptist Church. The next meeting will be a Community Outreach meeting with the theme of "Lead the change: our community, our police" on Saturday, April 30th at Nesbit-Newton Park from 1:00 to 3:00.

This meeting was the first since the Consent Decree with approximately thirty people attending (almost all of whom residents of the 1st or 2nd Wards) and was very productive. It began with a far reaching conversation on progress to date, the need to broaden participation to include Ward 3 residents and how best to insure that everyone had a chance to have their voice heard. The Steering Committee agreed that it made sense to pause the Steering Committee development work in support of the Consent Decree until an additional outreach effort was initiated to Ward 3 and particularly the Southeast part of Ferguson. The Committee decided that its next meeting would be used to solicit broad community input, particularly from younger residents, and to attempt to recruit additional participants for the Steering Committee.

That's Mom - A Tribute

We at Spencer's Bakery would like to thank all of our dear customers/friends for your support since Marilyn's passing. She considered all of you - as do Charles and I - a part of our family. So much so that, if someone hadn't been in for a while, she would ask 'I wonder where so-and-so is?' or 'We haven't seen whatchamacallit in a while.'. She was always worried about her family. But...That's Mom.

When I think back to before we moved to Ferguson, when I was little (yes, I was little. once). I was walking a friend home from school and was a little late getting home. When I finally got home I saw Mom on the phone, asking people if they saw me. When she saw me, she ran over and hugged me tight. I didn't think it was a big deal, but... That's Mom.

When I think of the artistry she displayed, and she was a true artist. Not just in the way she did cookies or donuts or breakfast. But especially when she did decorated and wedding cakes. The way she did them, turning a plain cake and some icing into a masterpiece, she was a true master. When I think about that, I'll think... That's Mom.

When I think of the strength to be up at that podium 10 years ago, being our family's 'rock' when Dad passed away. And, later that year, the strength to fight back cancer, and come back stronger than ever, I'll think... That's Mom.

When I think of the strength, the drive the spirit. To be able to - 3 days... before - to be able to stand up on her own from that wheelchair, I'll think - not only how proud I am of of her - but also... That's Mom.

And now, in the early morning. When I look up at the pre-dawn sky and see that lone star shining bright, I'll think... That's Mom.

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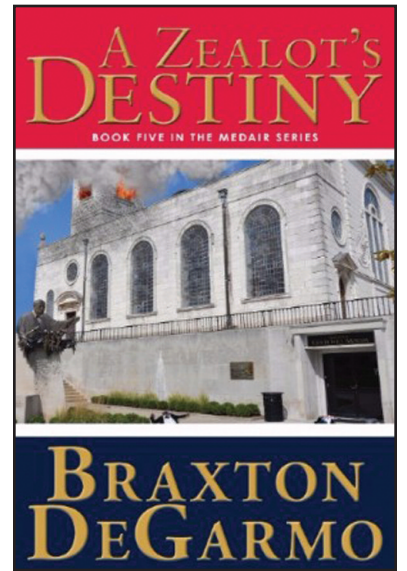
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Book Signing

A book signing and presentation of Dr. Jimmy Watson's book, *Big Jesus*, will be Monday, April 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Immanuel United Church of Christ, 126 Church St., Ferguson, held in the Reception Room (basement of the Church). There will be a limited number of books available for purchase at \$10.50 a book.

Also FREE COPIES of Dr. Watson's book *Jesus is Still Speaking Through the Gospel of Mark* will be available.

A six-week study of *Big Jesus* will begin on Monday evenings, April 18 through May 23, at 7:00 p.m. in Immanuel's Educational Building, Room 202. Everyone is invited to attend! Dr. Watson is the Senior Pastor at Immanuel UCC.



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Lafayette Industries North, Inc. Expanding its Footprint in Berkeley

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On February 4, 2016, Lafayette Industries North, Inc. broke ground on an expansion to its facility in Berkeley, Mo., which will add 80 new jobs to the area. The \$4.4 million project is being funded by a \$2.3 million grant from the Productive Living Board and Lafayette's "North County Strong" capital campaign to raise \$2.1 million. Lafayette's capital campaign was launched by a \$100,000 donation from Emerson which led to additional individual gifts, as well as a challenge grant by the Mabee Foundation. Combined, the gifts have put the organization halfway toward its overall capital campaign goal.



"Emerson is proud to support Lafayette Industries and their commitment to job creation in the North County area," Patrick J. Sly, executive vice president of Emerson, which is located in Ferguson, said. "This expansion truly represents

community-wide commitment to increased opportunities for those with developmental disabilities. We look forward to seeing the great success of this project."

This progress has allowed Lafayette Industries North, Inc. to begin construction of a 19,500 square foot expansion to its current North County facility at 4621 World Parkway Circle. Upon completion, Lafayette Industries North, Inc. will encompass more than 40,000 square feet and will expand its work force by more than 80 jobs over the next 18 months. Planned additions to the facility include four packaging areas, a high-bay storage warehouse and four docks, as well as other renovations. Completion of the entire project will take approximately eight months.

"This expansion allows us to enhance our mission in the North County area and enables people with developmental disabilities to have choice for gainful employment and a feeling of purpose," Kyler Humphrey, senior partner with Polsinelli and member of the board of directors of Lafayette Industries, said.

"Lafayette Industries offers its employees much more than just a job," Rob Libera, chief executive officer and executive director of Lafayette Industries said. "Our workers are excited each day to be among their peers, contributing and working together as a team, bringing them a sense of self-worth that many did not have prior to working at Lafayette. We have a long waiting list of people who want to work with us. This expansion will allow that to happen."

Lafayette Industries, a non-profit organization, is the largest full-time employer of adults with developmental disabilities in the state of Missouri and has more than 165 people currently on its waiting list for jobs. This expansion will allow Lafayette Industries to increase the number of people it employs at its two facilities from 373 to 500. During the past 10 years, Lafayette has doubled the number of people it employs.



Ferguson Twilight Run Awarded Best Neighborhood Support for 4th Year

Registration for the 2016 Ferguson Twilight Run increases on April 15. Register online at www.FergTwilightRun.com to receive the early bird discount.

For the fourth year in a row, the Ferguson Twilight Run has received the Best Neighborhood Support Award from Big River Race Management. The race has also received awards for Best Post-Race Atmosphere and Most Growth at a Large Event. The Ferguson Twilight Run has consistently been awarded Best Neighborhood Support because of the overwhelming amount of support from local businesses as sponsors and vendors, extremely high turnout of local residents to participate, tremendous encouragement along the route from local residents, and great community atmosphere before, during and after the event.

Each year at the Ferguson Twilight Run, the party continues long after the final pair of shoes have crossed the finish line. Over the years, we've changed from our running shoes into our dancing shoes and partied at the finish line with bands such as Dirty Muggs, Dr. Zhivegas, Smash Band and Javier Mendoza. This year, we'll be funking out to the tunes of the brass band with attitude, the Funky Butt Brass Band! Stick around after the race and enjoy the brass funk until 10:00 pm!



The Ferguson Twilight Run is the definition of a community event, led by neighbors for neighbors. The race attracts runners and walkers of all fitness levels, ages and abilities. The people who walk, run, wheel in a chair, or ride in a stroller are joined together in health, wellness, fitness, community, and of course, fun.

Sponsoring the Ferguson Twilight Run is a way for you to share your commitment to the people in our community who are achieving their active lifestyle goals while advertising your name throughout the region. Sponsorship applications are due by April 27 to have your business or organizations name included in promotional materials for the race. Visit www.FergTwilightRun.com to learn more about the 2016 Ferguson Twilight Run sponsorship opportunities.

Registration for the 7th Annual Ferguson Twilight Run on May 14, 2016 is available online at www.FergTwilightRun.com. When you register ten or more people as a team for the 5K or 10K, everyone receives a \$2 discount. Teams of four or more registering for the one mile fun run receive one free entry. Email RaceDirector@FergTwilightRun.com to receive your unique team code to enter.

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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.



Ferguson United Organization

My column is dedicated to the men and women who represent the Best of Ferguson. My featured group this month is the Ferguson United Committee, of which I am a member. Our group is led by Rob Chabot, whom I first met when I volunteered at the I Love Ferguson store. I was invited to join this group which was formed to educate residents on what it will take for us to maintain the integrity of our beautiful city, Ferguson, and why it is important that we go out to the polls on Tuesday 5th April, and vote Yes to Propositions P and E.

Nobody likes new taxes unless the life of the city itself is at stake. This is the choice we have to make now. If we wish to continue to enjoy the amenities we are used to, emergency, fire and police services, road repairs, recreational parks etc, we need to generate more revenue. Voting Yes to Propositions P and E will take care of the shortfall in our City's budget.

Proposition P seeks a small increase in property taxes. Proposition E (Economic Development) will increase sales taxes in the city by half of a percent. Without these taxes, city staff will be cut by almost 25% and our city's infrastructure will deteriorate. It has even been suggested that with no additional revenue, the city might go bankrupt and even unincorporate. If you love Ferguson, I urge you to vote Yes on Propositions P and E!

All of us residents have been through a great deal of stress since the events of August 9, 2014. We have become known in the media for so many things that we do not associate with our city. We are a diverse community and have enjoyed many years of peace and harmony. The crisis here brought out the best in most of us. I personally made about 100 friends in Ferguson! I came to love this place even more than I did before because I had to fight for my city and raise the flag of harmony for all to see.

I had a choice then, as circumstances would have it: leave Ferguson and settle elsewhere, or stay and make it home, confident that the best is still to come. I chose the latter. I did so because I had already lived here 12 years and loved that everything was within easy reach - the main chain stores, homegrown restaurants, lovely parks, Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Catholic school, Zion Lutheran church, the Corner Coffee House, banks, post office, the Whistle Stop ice cream shop and so much more.

A bond of friendship and closeness was forged among us residents that is very precious. We went through tough times together and came out stronger than before. We had to unite to survive the onslaught of bad press. While we had real problems to deal with, they were certainly blown out of proportion and misrepresented in the news.

Against this background, we were all waiting to hear what changes would

be made to maintain the integrity of our city and to improve it. When I heard that terms and conditions were being negotiated between our city and the Department of Justice, my interest was piqued when I heard that new measures for monitoring and staff training would probably mean new taxes. Like everyone else, I certainly did not want any new burden of tax. However, as I started to dig deeper into the details, I realized that without the new taxes proposed, the face of our beautiful city would be drastically changed.

It is to be noted that the housing market tanked in Ferguson over the last few years, as it did everywhere else across the United States. Property values were free falling for some time and our property tax revenue was eroded. As a result of the upheaval from August 2014, retail sales in our city went down, and so did taxes collected. In addition, due to new policing regulations, income from ticket fines evaporated. All of these things have reduced the revenue available to our city.

I own a few properties in Ferguson and I calculated that my share would not be at all onerous. Again, nobody likes paying new taxes, but this is one time, I urge all residents to first of all GO OUT AND VOTE on April 5th, then VOTE YES ON PROPOSITIONS P & E. With these two measures in place, the Ferguson that we love and know will continue to thrive.



Members of the Ferguson United Committee: from L: Mike Urness and Sara Holmes (standing), Tom Claffy (sitting), Blake Ashby, Tim Larson, Sandy Sansevere, Adrian Shropshire, Chairman Rob Chabot, Nicole Beasley and Treasurer Tom Sansevere.

As before, I have had the pleasure of working with residents who stepped up to the plate when our city needed it. Rob Chabot, Chairman of Ferguson United, and all the Committee members are to be congratulated for taking on a job that nobody particularly wants: to help residents make the better choice FOR a slight increase in taxes than for reduced services and assets for our city. I honor those members doing all that goes into educating our residents on these Propositions, building a website for this purpose, fundraising, distributing flyers, doing mailings, making phone calls, coordinating activities, talking to residents at various forums: Adrian Shropshire, Bill Tucker, Blake Ashby, Jeremy Corcoran, Mayor James Knowles, James Knowles Sr, Marveena Miller, Mike Urness and Nicole Beasley, Paul Morris, Tom and Sandy Sansevere, Sara Holmes, Tim Larson and Tom Claffy.

Remember, our beloved city is at stake. Vote Yes on P & E or we may well be saying goodbye to the City of Ferguson.

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

On February 18, the Ferguson Senior Committee attended the Elder Voices on Ferguson at the Community Center. This was a focus group sponsored by Washington University, UMSL, Mid-East Area Agency on Aging, St Louis County Age-Friendly Community, and Better Family Life. This was a focus group expressing experiences and collecting ideas about improving our communities and senior services. After the meeting we all met at Drakes Restaurant on South Florissant and enjoyed a lovely meal.

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Ask Grandma

I don't think I ever wrote about pets I've had during my lifetime. Although I don't mind cats, I never had one who would greet me at the door and nestle next to me when it was storming.

The first dog I remember as a child was named "Teddy" . . . perhaps because he was chow and looked like a teddy bear. Teddy was not a house dog but kept in the backyard on a leash attached to his doghouse. Well, Teddy grew to be a pretty muscular dog and was able to drag that doghouse around the yard. We lived in a house alongside a sidewalk that bisected the block that led to Thomas Jefferson Elementary School. Teddy did not

like the kids invading his territory and I'm sure more than one child walking to school began to take a different route.

Chows are also very protective of their family. One day my younger sister, Elaine, who was about 5 years old, was playing with her friend, Bobby, who lived up the street. Bobby must have approached Elaine and the next thing we knew Bobby was flat on his back and Teddy was on his chest baring his teeth. After that, Teddy was hooked to a chain attached to a stake driven in the ground. I told you he was strong. He soon learned to pull the stake out of the ground.

One day I took Teddy for a walk to the school playground. I tied him to the swing set while I tried to swing high enough to loop over the top of the bar (pretty stupid, I know). A young boy approached Teddy and I yelled at him not to go near. He did not listen to me and the dog bit him. I thought nothing of it until that evening when the bitten boy and his parents rang our doorbell. Yes, I admitted, Teddy bit him. The bite must have been at an unmentionable spot, because I was asked to leave the room. I don't know what transpired after that, but I was no longer allowed to walk the dog.

The next dog I remember was just the opposite of Teddy. He was a tiny dog who thought he was a Great Dane. His name was "Tuffy" because he strutted around the house and was going to let everyone in the neighborhood know if a stranger knocked on our door.

Tuffy liked to play tug of war with anything he found on the floor. It might be socks, towels, underwear, etc. He would drag the item around the house until someone tried to take it away from him. Thus began the fight of a lifetime! My parents entertained a lot and one day a gentleman pulled his handkerchief out of his pocket (this was before Kleenex, and all men had white handkerchiefs in their pockets). Quick as a wink, Tuffy was digging that handkerchief out of his pocket ready to play his favorite game. Pretty soon, if a man sat down, Tuffy would jump up on the chair and root around in his pants pockets until he found a handkerchief. Sometimes Tuffy was the hit of the party.

Later on, when I became an adult we had many dogs and cats, usually strays of kittens or puppies no one wanted. The dog I remember the most was named "Woofus". Funny name for a dog. At first everyone in the family called the dog something different. He had lived with us for 6 months of so and had never barked. One day he let out a bark that sounded just like "Woofus." From then on, Woofus was his name.

Woofus loved to go to the playground with the kids. They taught him to jump on the merry-go-round and keep his balance as he went 'round and 'round. Then they taught him to climb the ladder to the slide. It took a long long time for him to enjoy going down the slide, but I think he would do anything to please his family.

Teaching him to climb the slide ladder turned out not to be such a great idea because he could then climb the backyard fence. Needless to say Woofus roamed the neighborhood whenever he wished.

Somehow we adopted a cat. The cat would sit on the back of the sofa and jump to the back of a high backed chair. Woofus watched that for a week or so and then he tried to perform that stunt. Did I mention that Woofus was not a small dog? He was medium sized with long black hair. Jumping from the back of the couch to the back of the chair resulted in tumbling to the floor. I don't know how many times he tried that stunt but it never worked, so he finally gave up.

The house we lived in had wide windowsills (about 8"). The cat liked to lay on the windowsill and Woofus found that he too could enjoy curling up and watching the street and sidewalk. Long after the cat was gone, Woofus enjoyed his windowsill perch.

One hot summer day I took Woofus up to Rose the Groomer to get rid of some of his hair. When I picked him up she had shaved him like a poodle. I laughed when I saw him and he didn't like that. When my husband pulled in the driveway that evening Woofus went out to greet him as usual. "Hello doggy, are you new in the neighborhood?" Bud asked. By the time he came in the back gate, he knew that the strange looking dog was his old buddy. I had to warn the kids as they came home not to laugh at Woofus. He took to hiding under the back porch until his hair grew out.

When we had to put Woofus asleep, both Bud and I cried. I vowed I would never have another dog and I have kept my promise.

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Calendar of Events In and Around Ferguson

Complete Details of These Events Throughout the Paper

Authors at Corners Frame Shop	Fri., Apr. 1
Ladies Sober Painting – Shepherding Images	Fri., Apr. 1
Adult Easter Egg Hunt – Comm. Ctr.	Fri., Apr. 1
Volunteer Mediator Course Begins	Fri., Apr. 1
Mother of Good Counsel Trivia Night	Sat., Apr. 2
Clothes Give-Away – Cathedral at the Crossroads	Sat., Apr. 2
Soroptimist Ladies Night Out – Sacred Heart in Florissant	Sat., Apr. 2
Spaghetti Supper – 1st Presbyterian	Sat., Apr. 2
Flo Valley Kiwanis Trivia – Hazelwood Comm. Ctr.	Sat., Apr. 2
Dr. Jimmy Watson Book Signing – Immanuel Church	Mon. Apr. 4
Cricket Camp – Comm. Ctr.	Mon., Apr. 4
VOTE	Tues., Apr. 5
Adult Computer Class – Library	Tues., Apr. 5
Leaping Legos – Com. Ctr.	Tuesdays & Thursdays, Apr. 5, 7, 12, 14
Library Amnesty Week	Mon., - Fri., Apr. 11 thru 16
Northwest Chamber Membership Meeting – Orlando's	Thurs., Apr. 14
Lunch and Yahtzee – Comm. Ctr.	Thurs., Apr. 14
Community College Tech Fest – Library	Sat., Apr. 16
Free Computer Repair – Library	Sat., Apr. 16
Indoor Market – St. Stephens	Sat., Apr. 16
Lipka Trivia Night – Comm. Ctr.	Sat., Apr. 16
Adult Softball Begins	Sun., Apr. 17
Food Truck – Plaza @ 501	Mon., Apr. 18
Ferguson Council Meeting – City Hall	Tues., Apr. 19
Isle of Capri Trip	Tues., Apr. 19
FLIERS Book Sale – Library	Thurs., Fri., Sat., Apr. 21, 22, 23
Han & Bean Dinner (4th of July Fundraiser) St. Stephens	Fri., Apr. 22
Where Do We Go From Here – Worship Center, Bridgeton.	Sat., Apr. 23
Teen Incredible Pizza Trip	Sat., Apr. 23
TEAM Trivia – Sacred Heart i Florissant	Sat., Apr. 23
Meet & Greet Council Members – Com. Ctr.	Sat., Apr. 23
Sunday Parkways	Sun., Apr. 24
Ferguson Council Meeting – City Hall	Tues., Apr. 26
Beer and Hymns at the Brewhouse	Wed., Apr. 27
"Sound of Music" at the Fox Trip	Thurs., Apr. 28
Community Policing Update – Newbit-Newton Park	Sat., Apr. 30
Sunshine Foundation Trivia – Lions Club	Sat., Apr. 30
Huntsville / Chattanooga Trip	Tue.,- Fri., May 3-6
4th of July Cocktail Reception	Sat., May 7
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