

# Ferguson Times

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CITY OF FERGUSON, MO.

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Serving Ferguson and Surrounding Communities



## Ferguson's Farmers Market

With over 45 vendors, Ferguson Farmers Market is the destination for all your fresh farm food needs; our Saturday morning tradition brings you fresh fruits and veggies, picked within 24 hours of our market and brought directly to you by the friendly farmers who grow them.

Enjoy live music in a festive family atmosphere, and discover a wide variety of edible delights, including homemade jelly, farm fresh eggs, cheese, honey, spices, and organic meats. You'll also find an ever-changing array of gift and specialty vendors, selling everything from cut flowers and bedding plants to hand-painted artwork and small-batch soaps.

### Saturday, June 4th:

Corners Frame Shop & Gallery, 9-11  
Yoga, Presented by Om Turtle Yoga (please bring a non-perishable food item) 10-11  
Band: Jan Marks, 9-11

### June 11th:

Ferguson Salon and Style Shoppe, 9-11  
Yoga, Presented by Om Turtle Yoga (please bring a non-perishable food item) 10-11  
Cert Information  
Northern Arts Council, crafts for kids, 9-11  
Band: The Retro Band, 9-11

### June 18th:

Painted Effects: Building a Window Sash with hand tools, a hands-on event, 9-11  
Yoga, Presented by Om Turtle Yoga (please bring a non-perishable food item) 10-11  
Band: Miss Crystal's Pretty Good String Band, 9-11

### June 25th:

Ferguson Bicycle Shop Presentation, 9-11  
Yoga, presented by Om Turtle Yoga (please bring a non-perishable food item) 10-11  
Northern Arts Council, crafts for kids, 9-11  
Band: ForestWood Boys, 9-11

**The Ferguson City Council will meet twice in June. All meetings will be held in the City Council Chambers at 110 Church Street. The meeting dates are:  
Tuesday, June 14 at 7:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, June 28 at 7:00 p.m.**

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### 2016 CityWalk CONCERT SERIES Plaza at 501

FREE 7PM-9PM

- June 10 Retro Boogie | Variety
- June 24 Miss Jubilee & The Humdlngers | Jazz & Swing
- July 8 Diesel Island | Country
- July 22 Power Play | Variety
- August 12 Odds Lane | Rock
- August 26 Bedlam Brothers | Americana
- September 9 Taste of North County

Jeske Park, Funk Session, Edicks Way  
www.fergusoncitywalk.com

**Upcoming Shows...**

**Retro Boogie**  
June 10



**Miss Jubilee & The Humdlngers**  
June 24



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



Chief Delrish L. Moss

## Introducing Ferguson's New Police Chief, Major Delrish L. Moss

After sifting through 54 applications from candidates across the United States, and then narrowing it down to 16 candidates, Major Moss was selected, based on the following criteria – law enforcement experience, community engagement and professional accomplishments.

See details on Page 4.



### Food Truck at 501 Plaza Monday, June 20, 2016 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Holy Crepe, Wing Nuts, Gioia's Deli

501 So. Florissant Road  
www.fergusoncitywalk.com

Almost Picasso Demo  
Noon to 1:00 pm



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



## Greetings from CityWalk

Lots of rain has not kept Ferguson residents inside this month. Hoping you were able to join the many who visited the Concerts at Plaza 501! Runners and walkers trained for months for the 7th Annual Twilight 5K / 10K on Saturday, May 14th.

Did you notice the car wash at 1000 So. Florissant Road has reopened. Tawania and Reggie Jackson promise a Grand Opening soon for their R.J.'s Total Hand Car Wash and Detailing Business. They offer on and off site services, so stop by or give them a call at 314-913-7393.

Another new business has moved to City Walk. Jeff Akers is now residing in Ferguson and has opened Akers Computers at 311 So. Florissant Road, with a Grand Opening on May 4th. He started the business in Normandy in 2012, and as the sole technician, promises competent and discretionary computer services. You can reach him at 314-873-9984.

At the other end of City Walk, the long-awaited Grand Reopening of Hidden Treasures Boutique, LLC was held on May 6th. Stop by and welcome back Jeneica Andrews and see what treasures she has found for her business at 2203 No. Florissant Road, or you can contact her at 314-757-2858.

If you were out and about on May 6th, you may have been part of the extensive coverage of City Walk, Our Town by Fox 2s Friday morning show and their crew as they visited many Ferguson businesses and community sites to showcase and promote their "Ferguson is a Great Place to Be and Visit" message.

Did you notice the utility boxes along City Walk? They have new, colorful and uplifting wraps for the enjoyment of all. The artwork was chosen from the many boardups that were painted in our town.

And lastly as they say . . . all good things must come to an end. After over 90 years of combined years of hair care service in Ferguson, Fran and Linda at Benton's Hair Salon are announcing their retirement at the end of June. Stop by and visit as you pass by . . . and keep walking.

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Every third Thursday of the month is our downtown business district 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 June 15, 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.

## JOBS and MORE STL Continues Resume Builder Seminar

Do you need a resume? Or want to build a better resume? JOBS and MORE STL offers workshops and seminars in June and July.

On Saturday, April 30, JOBS and MORE STL hosted a special, one-day Resume Builder Seminar at the Ferguson Municipal Public Library. Attendees expressed that this seminar was helpful and created powerful resumes to target the job they want.

Here are some thoughts to share:

- Confidence: One important key to success is self-confidence. An important key to self-confidence is preparation. *Arthur Ashe*
- Achievement: Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence. *Helen Keller*
- Attitude: My attitude is that if you push me towards something that you think is a weakness, then I will turn that perceived weakness into a strength. *Michael Jordan*

JOBS and MORE STL, is a Ferguson-based 501(c)3 non-profit, providing training and motivation in the job search process. JOBS and MORE STL's goal is to arm job-seeking achievers with the skills and drive necessary to find employment that aligns with their individual strengths and interests.

RISE ABOVE Workforce; Training Workshops are offered on **June 13-24 and July 18-29**, starting at 9:30am at the Ferguson Municipal Public Library. Training topics include Keys to Professional and Personal Success, Resumes, Practice Interviews, Interpersonal and Communication Skills, and more.

Want something shorter that fits into your schedule? The Resume Builder Seminar will be offered on **Saturday June 11** at 9:30am at the Ferguson Municipal Public Library.

Interested in participating in this opportunity? Or have questions? Contact JOBS AND MORE STL at [jobsandmorestl@outlook.com](mailto:jobsandmorestl@outlook.com) or 314.283.2215, or visit the web at [jobsandmorestl.org](http://jobsandmorestl.org)

The Ferguson Times may be reached . . .  
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 or by email: [cider@att.net](mailto: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](mailto:bigohbaby@sbcglobal.net)

Temperatures rising daily, lawn mowers roaring non stop, shorts and flip flops are the fashion of the day. Pipes, ties, and watches flying out of stores. Farmers Market in full swing. It must be June and time for a red hot edition of the Plumbers Crack.



water savers over the years. Even if they haven't, your not getting as much water down your drains.

Sludge starts building and almost turns into a thick muddy muck. A lot of the time a regular cable can't get it open, at least not without going in and out

multiple times with the cable. This sludge that builds up also causes those boils you see on your cast iron pipe which inspectors make you change. There are a few things you can do to stop this but they all take a little bit of cash. You can have your cable guy jet your lines once a year. I'm not sure on the pricing. You would have to talk to your cable guy. Sometimes they give a break if you have a maintenance program set up.

Well followers of the 'Crack, I'm catching a lot of heat from my drain cleaning friends and empty nesters. How's that for a combination? Well Oh Baby is gonna' get that puzzled look off your face. In the last year we have been getting a lot of stopped up main lines and since I don't do drain cleaning I wasn't paying much attention to what was causing this rash of stopped drains. Well after some complaints from my loyal customers and the drain guy I send most of my stopped drains to, I found out what's causing these problems. Problem number 1 WET WIPES don't flush them down the toilets. I don't care what the box says; especially in older homes; they hang up in the Clay pipes in your yard, and lay in your cast iron pipes under your basement floor. If you live in a slab house you're really asking for problems because you don't have that added push of the stack in the basement. When you try to cable them out, they shred or stick to the sides of your pipe and take longer to remove. That costs you more money.

Another way to get rid of this sludge, is to find a good bacteria. A good one runs about \$60 but when used properly, lasts about a year. Bio Clean, if you can find it, is proven to work.

Well my friends I mentioned in the opening about ties, pipes, and watches . . . that was in reference to Father's Day. I like to call it Dad's Day. Almost any guy can father a child but it takes someone special to be a good dad. So I hope all you dads out there enjoy your day.

So that does it for another riveting edition of the Plumbers Crack. As always hug and nurture them babies, get to know and interact with your neighbors, get involved with your city and shop locally first.

I know our seniors use them but that's not why I brought up empty nesters. When children leave the home lots of time that leaves only one or two people in the home. Chances are toilets have been changed to

God Bless, Oh Baby

Present and past issues of the Ferguson Times may be viewed:

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

## Premier Plumbing Solutions

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

**CALL BOB 524-1264**



See Bob on Job column on Page 17

## Public Notice

The City of Ferguson will hold a public hearing to discuss the allocation of \$155,300 in Community Development Block Grant funds, which will become available after January 1, 2017. The public hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on June 28, 2016 at Ferguson City Hall, 110 Church Street, Ferguson, MO 63135.

Comments and suggestions for the use of the funds will be heard at the public hearing or may be submitted in writing to Matt Unrein, Assistant City Manager, at the address below before June 24, 2016.

To further its commitment to fair and equitable treatment of all citizens, the City of Ferguson has enacted and/or enforces the following:

- A Fair Housing Ordinance prohibiting unlawful discrimination against any person because of race, sex, color, religion, disability, familial status or national origin;
- A Policy of Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in the admission or access to, or employment in, its federally assisted programs or activities;
- A Policy of Equal Opportunity to Participate in Municipal Programs and Services regardless of race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, familial status, national origin, or political affiliation;
- A requirement for bidding on CDBG activities that promotes employment opportunities created by HUD funding and that these opportunities be afforded to low-income community residents and business.

If you would like information regarding the above policies or if you believe you have been unlawfully discriminated against, contact the following municipal official or employee who has been designated to coordinate compliance with equal employment opportunity requirements referenced above.

Matt Unrein, Assistant City Manager  
110 Church Street, Ferguson, MO 63135  
314-524-4721

If you are a person with a disability or have special needs in order to participate in this public hearing, please contact Rosalyn Lee no later than June 24, 2016. For more information call:

314-524-5152 VOICE  
1-800-735-2466 RELAY MISSOURI  
Equal Opportunity Employer



**ON YOUR MARK, GET SET... READ!**

**June Events at the Ferguson Public Library**  
521-4820 | ferguson.lib.mo.us

**Poetry Workshop**  
Hear some poetry from some experienced poets and learn how to write your own! All ages welcome. A parent or guardian is required for children ages 9 and younger.  
**Thursday, June 2 | 4:30-5:30 pm**

**Library Card 101**  
Is our new catalog still throwing you for a loop? Learn how to use it at our Library 101 class! Please bring your library card with you, and you can bring your own device or use one of ours.  
**Wednesday, June 8 | 2-3 pm**

**Get Ready! Get Set! Go Science!**  
Learn the science of sports with us and Mad Science! Registration required. A parent or guardian must attend with children ages 9 and younger.  
**Tuesday, June 14 | 6-7 pm**

**Adult Computer Classes**  
Master some computer basics in our classes designed for beginners! We'll start with keyboarding before moving on to Microsoft Word and using the internet.  
**Wednesdays, starting June 15 | 2-3 pm**

**Smart Grocery Shopping**  
Learn how to make smart choices and still stay in your budget while grocery shopping! Registration required.  
**Tuesday, June 28 | 5-6 pm**

Join the Ferguson Library, in partnership with the Ferguson-Florissant School District on **Tuesday, June 21, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.** for a Festival to celebrate reading and libraries. There will be food, information, and fun activities for everyone. Best of all, it's FREE

## FLIERS Thank You

The Friends of Ferguson Library and all volunteers wish to thank the shoppers who attended the Spring Book Sale for their support during our sale. We hope you are all enjoying your books, and look forward to seeing everyone at the October sale.

Planning and executing the Book Sales is a year 'round work, done mostly by Janie Norberg and her husband, Pete. The FLIERS appreciate you and all the volunteers who help set up and tear down.

## To All Poets

"The GoodPoetry Journal is an online publication which celebrates poetry from the past and the present! Beginning June 1st, 2016 until August 31st, 2016, the GoodPoetry Journal will accept previously unpublished poetry submissions for three categories: Children, Teens, and Adults. Each poet may submit up to 5 poems per reading cycle. (See the website for Reading Cycle dates.) Include a letter introducing yourself, and why you write poetry; also, share what inspired you to write the poems you are submitting. A photograph of yourself is optional.

Accepted poems will be published in the GoodPoetry Journal (print and electronic versions). The first issue of the Journal will be published in September 2016. New issues of the Journal will be published on a quarterly basis, thereafter.

If you are interested in having your work considered for publication in the GoodPoetry Journal, then please visit our website at [www.GoodPoetry.org/submissions](http://www.GoodPoetry.org/submissions) for complete details. At this time, we can only accept submissions mailed to:

ATTN: Poetry Editor  
The GoodPoetry Journal  
P.O. Box 536  
Florissant, MO 63032

Please include a SASE if you desire a response for rejected manuscripts. Send questions to [submitgoodpoetry@gmail.com](mailto:submitgoodpoetry@gmail.com), or through Facebook, or Twitter."

# FREE TUTORING

## NEW SUMMER HOURS:

THURSDAYS

5:30-7:30

STARTS JUNE 16!



Ferguson Municipal Public Library  
521-4820 - [ferguson.lib.mo.us](http://ferguson.lib.mo.us)

## Save the date, July 30, 2016

It's the day of the first Annual Brian Fletcher Memorial Charity Golf tournament. To benefit *I Love Ferguson*, our non profit 501c3, run by all volunteers, which has donated more than \$140,000 back to the communities in which we live.

The Tournament will be held at Normandie Golf Club, with registration at 7:00 a.m. \$70 per golfer, includes refreshments and more.

Call the I Love Ferguson store to sign up or donate 314.254.7400.



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## Thank you to those citizens "in the arena"

By Mayor James W. Knowles III



"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."

Theodore Roosevelt, 26th President of the United States –  
Excerpt from his speech "Citizenship in a Republic"

If this month's quote sounds familiar, that's because I've used it a few times before. Sometimes there is no other quote or phrase that can quite sum up the message, and because of that, this quote bears repeating.

This past month we have seen the absolute best from citizens who have thrust themselves into public service, either as candidates for elected office, elected officials themselves, or just motivated citizens working to improve their community by being involved in the electoral process. In all, six dedicated residents ran for public office, two stepped down from public office, dozens worked and contributed to support the ballot initiatives, and thousands got out to vote. Each of those citizens who participated played an important role in the political process.

Because politics and politicians are held in such low regard, it is often difficult to find people who want to get involved in the political process.

It is hard to find people that are willing to sit on a board or commission in our community much less run for City Council. It takes a lot out of people to make the time commitment necessary, but even more so, it takes a special commitment to put one's self in the public "arena" as Teddy Roosevelt would put it. Whether you sit on the Park Board or City Council, you are likely to become the target of criticism for some decision you will make. Today, most people do not want to involve themselves in something that takes away from their family or personal time, and then subjects them to additional criticism. However, as Teddy would go on to say later in his speech, the involvement of people in politics and government is the very foundation of what it is to live in a democratic republic. Without people willing to step into that arena, there is not much of a democratic government left.

As we say goodbye to former Councilmembers Dwayne James and Mark Byrne, we should commend them for their service, their sacrifice, and their commitment to this city. They have both served through some of the greatest growth and development this city has seen in decades, as well they have served through some of the most trying and difficult times. Their service has been honorable, selfless, and with the interests of the entire community in mind. They both deserve our utmost respect and gratitude.

While we are losing two great public servants, our City Council is gaining two tried and tested public servants with a long history of leading in this community. First Ward Councilmember Linda Lipka and Second Ward Councilmember Heather Robinett have long histories of being dedicated and involved citizens in our community, and I know they are ready to hit the ground running as we confront the many hurdles ahead, as well as the many great opportunities ahead.

I'll end with a reminder, that "being in the arena" isn't just running for political office or sitting on a board or commission, it's every resident that takes an active role in trying to better the community. It is neighborhood leaders, business leaders, and average citizens that take the time to stand up and give of themselves to improve our community. It is these residents willing to be "in the arena" that has helped make Ferguson a wonderful community and will continue to help us grow and move forward.

## Ferguson Neighborhood Organizations

Dates & times subject to change. Check [www.fergusoncity.com](http://www.fergusoncity.com)  
Unsure of your group? Call 314.524.5257

Group	Next Mtg.	Location	Contact
Forestwood Park Neighborhood Group	June 7 7 pm	Emmaus Bible Chapel 900 Highmont	Donald Stevens 314-561-0379 ddd-stees@att.net
Jeske Park Neighborhood Assc.	TBA	Ferguson Community Ctr. 1050 Smith Ave	Kate Mazzacavallo katemazza@yahoo.com
Nesbit-Newton	TBA	St Peters UCC 1425 Stein Rd	Paul Beins2016 314-869-5080 pbeins@yahoo.com
Northwest Ferguson	June 21 7 pm	First Baptist Church 333 N Florissant	Shelley Davis leeshel57@sbcglobal.net
Old Ferguson East Neighborhood Assn.	June 13 7 pm	Corner Coffee House 100 N Florissant	Glenda Rickard 314-364-4306 glenda.rickard@mercy.net
Old Ferguson West Neighbors	June 30 7 pm	Corner Coffee House 100 No Florissant	Larry Robinett ldrobinett@gmail.com
Robert-Superior Neighborhood Group	TBA	Ferguson Community Ctr. 1050 Smith Ave	Irene Kidd kiddirene87@gamil.com
Southwest Ferguson Neighborhood Group	TBA	Our Lady of Guadalupe 17 Hawkesbury	Atefa Young atefayoung@yahoo.com
Wabash Neighborhood Assn.	TBA	First Baptist 333 N Florissant	Shonnette Morgan sdenisemor@hotmail.com
North Hudson Neighborhood	TBA	Ferguson Community Ctr 1050 Smith	May Simmons hudsonhills63135@gmail.com
North Hills Neighborhood	July 11 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	TBA	North Hills Methodist 10771 Trask Dr	Ella Jones Ejones@fergusoncity.com Rosalyn Lee Rlee@fergusoncity.com

## Chief Delrish Moss

Following a three month nationwide search, Major Delrish L. Moss of the Miami, Florida Police Department, has been named the new Police Chief for the Ferguson, Mo. Police Department. Moss, currently supervises the Miami Police Department's Public Information/Community Relations sections.

The City of Ferguson received more than 54 applications from candidates across the United States. City Manager De'Carlton Seewood, Assistant City Manager Matt Unrein and Human Resources Manager, Patrick Young narrowed the applications from 54 to 16, based on the following criteria – law enforcement experience, community engagement and professional accomplishments.

A 15-page Police Chief Questionnaire was then sent to the final 16 candidates. The top six candidates were chosen based on their responses to the questionnaire. Moss was among the six candidates that were invited to interview locally with several panels that consisted of Ferguson residents, Ferguson City Council members, law enforcement executives and criminal justice experts. The panels narrowed the candidate pool from six to four. City Manager De'Carlton Seewood made the final decision.

"Major Moss exemplifies the type of experience in law enforcement that we believe will enhance the many new programs within the Ferguson Police Department," said City Manager De'Carlton Seewood. "Our officers have worked extremely hard to implement community policing and community engagement in their daily practices. Mr. Moss is the right man for the job to continue those initiatives."

During the past 32 years as Miami law enforcement officer, Moss has worked as a patrol officer, carried out a number of undercover assignments, and investigated countless violent crimes and death related incidents as a member of that department's elite Homicide Unit. In 2008, he was promoted to Senior Executive Assistant to the Chief of Police making Moss, the City of Miami Police Department's Commander of Public Information and a main advisor to the chief of police. "This has been a long and strenuous process, but we believe Major Moss is the right choice," said Ferguson Mayor James Knowles III. "We understand the past 18 months have not been easy for everyone, but the City is now moving forward and we are excited to have Major Moss lead our police department."

Moss is a member of the National Association of Black Journalists, the NAACP, and Tender Essence Incorporated, whose mission is to combat issues such as teen pregnancy, the dangers of drugs and alcohol, and violence. Moss is the current President of the Miami Police Athletic League, a not-for-profit organization that pairs police officers with community children and builds relationships through sports and academic activities.

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City Hall: 110 Church Street, 63135, 314-521-7721. Website: [www.fergusoncity.com](http://www.fergusoncity.com). Contact Us by Email: [Information@fergusoncity.com](mailto:Information@fergusoncity.com)

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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

### Summer Day Camp

Campers will spend most of their time at Ferguson Community Center where they will enjoy games, crafts, activities, and loads of fun. They will swim twice each week at the Splash at Wabash facility. Campers will also visit several local parks and area attractions throughout the summer for field trips.

Age: 6-14 Years old  
Start Date: Monday, June 6 (8 weeks)  
Time: 9am- 3:30pm  
Location: Ferguson Community Center  
Fee: \$80 per week  
After Care: 4pm-6pm \$10 per week  
Before Care: \$10 per week  
Both: \$10 per week

### 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 1/2-7 years old  
Start Date: Mon., July 11 (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

### 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 by not required. No jeans, baggy clothing, tennis shoes or bare feet. Ballet shoes recommended.

Age: 3-7 years old & 8-13 years old  
Start Date: Wed., July 13 (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

### Children's Tap, Ballet, Jazz & Hip-Hop

This is a wonderful opportunity for a child to learn creative movement along with simple dance steps and routines in tap, ballet, jazz & hip-hop. Tap and ballet shoes are highly recommended but not required. No jeans, baggy clothing, tennis shoes or bare feet.

Age: 3 1/2-7 years old  
Start Date: July 13 (8 week session)  
Time: 5:45- 6:40  
Location: Ferguson Community Center  
Fee: \$34/Members; \$29/ 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, July 13 (8 week session)  
Time: 7:45pm-8:40pm  
Location: Ferguson Community Center  
Fee: \$34/Members; \$39/Residents; \$44/Non-Residents

### Beginning Adult Dance

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

Age: 16 & Up  
Start Date: Mon, July 11 (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, July 11th (6 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-bride and the entire wedding party, as well as the bride and groom, a dance to the music they have selected for that special day.

Fee: \$45 for a one hour class for up to 4 students  
\$5 more for each additional student  
Beginner's discount: receive a discount for 6 classes if paid in full at the first class. \$38 per class.

### Wayside Park Unleashed

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

The park is open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. Registration is required and can be completed at the recreation office. Owners will need to bring up-to-date shot records: rabies, DHPP and Bordetella.

### 2016 Wayside Dog Park memberships now on sale.

Yearly Fee: \$30 Residents; \$60 Non-Residents  
\$5 per additional dog (three dogs per family).

## FITNESS

### 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. Check with your health insurance provider to see if you apply! For more information call the Ferguson Community Center, 314-521-4661.

### Silver Sneakers Classic

This class is designed for seniors or someone who is starting to work out for the first time. Have fun and get moving through a variety of exercises designed for a total body workout that will increase muscular strength, range of movement, and activity for daily living skills. A chair is made available for seated and/or standing support.

Days: Tuesday and Thursday  
Dates: Ongoing  
Time: 10am  
Fee: Free/ Silver sneakers members  
\$3/ Everyone Else

### 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 July 11, Wed July 13, Fri July 15 (8 week session)  
Time: 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

classes, social activities, entertainment, games, fitness, health, and education. Call the office to be placed on a list to receive our monthly event schedules.

### Zumba

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

Age: 18 & up  
Start Date: Saturday, July 2 (8 week session)  
Time: 9am-10am  
Location: Ferguson Community Center  
Fee: \$40/ Members; \$45/ Residents; \$50/ Non- Residents

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

**Aquatics**  
**SPLASH! Phone number: (314) 521- 1313**

Hours of Operation:  
Monday, Thursday, and Sunday (1:15-6pm)  
Tuesday and Saturday (1:15-7pm)  
Wednesday and Friday (1:15-8pm)

Adult Swim May 30-August 7 (12pm- 1pm)

\*Close at 5pm on Tuesday for swim meet on: June 14, 21, 28, & July 12

Fee Schedule

**Wabash Club Memberships:**

Individual: \$50/ CC Members; \$65/ Residents; \$125/ Non-Residents  
Family: \$99/ CC Members; \$135/ Residents; \$210/ Non-Residents

**Non Club Membership:**

Individual: \$25 Resident Mini- Member (10 Individual uses)  
Daily Rates:  
Open Swim: \$3.50/ Residents (\$2 Tuesday)  
\$6.50/ Non-Residents (\$5 Tuesday)  
After 4pm: \$2.50/ Residents; \$5/ Non-Residents  
Adult Swim: \$2.50/ Residents; \$4.50/ Non-Residents

**Swim Lessons**

Dates	Days	Time	Weeks
<b>Group Lessons for ages 6 &amp; up:</b>			
June 6-June 17	Monday-Friday	11am-11:45am	2
June 20- July 1	Monday- Friday	11am- 11:45am	2
Price:	\$30 Members; \$35 Residents; \$40 Non-Resident		
June 6-June 30	Monday & Thursday	7pm-7:45pm	4
Price:	\$24 Members; \$28 Residents; \$32 Non-Residents		

**Preschool Lessons**

Dates	Days	Time	Weeks
June 6- June 17	Mon, Wed, & Fri	10:30am-11am	2
June 20- July 1	Mon, Wed, & Fri	0:30am-11am	2
June 4-July 9	Saturdays	10:30am-11am	6
Price:	\$25 Members; \$30 Residents; \$35 Non-Residents		

**Parent & Tot**

Dates	Days	Time	Weeks
June 6- June 17	Mon, Wed, & Fri	10:30am-11am	2
June 20-July 1	Mon, Wed, & Fri	10:30am- 11am	2
June 4- July 9	Saturdays	10:30am-11am	6
Price:	\$25 Members; \$30 Residents; \$35 Non-Residents		

**Adult Swim Lessons**

Dates	Days	Time	Weeks
June 6-June 30	Mon & Thurs	7pm-7:45pm	4
Price:	\$24 Members; \$28 Residents; \$32 Non-Residents		

**Aqua Fitness- Water Aerobics**

Dates	Days	Time	Weeks
June 6- June 30	Mon & Thurs	6pm-7pm	4
Price:	\$28 Members; \$32 Residents; \$36 Non- Residents		

**Silver Sneakers SPLASH!**

Dates	Days	Time	Weeks
June 6- June 30	Mon & Thurs	6-7pm	4
Price:	Silver Sneakers Members, Free, Non-Members, \$5		

**Blast from the Past Days**

Enjoy deeply discounted concession items with the price admission.

Age: Included with open swim admission  
Date: Thursday, June 9, June 23, July 7, and July 21  
Location: Splash at Wabash Aquatic Facility

**ATHLETICS**

**Adult Softball**

Age: 21 & up  
Days: Sun Men, Thurs Seniors, and Fri Coed  
Times: 6:30pm-9:30pm  
Location: Forestwood Park  
Sunday Fee: \$395/ Residents; \$440/ Non-Residents  
Thursday Fee: \$375/ Residents; \$420/ Non-Residents  
Friday Fee: \$220/ Residents; \$260/ Non-Residents

**Open Play Basketball**

Days: Tue, Fri, Sat, Sun  
Time: 1pm-close  
Location: Ferguson Community Center  
Fee: Free/ Members; Daily fee- Residents; Daily fee/ Non-Residents

**Open Play Volleyball**

Days: Thursdays  
Time: 6- close  
Location: Ferguson Community Center  
Fee: Free/ Member; Daily fee/ Residents; Daily fee/ Non- Residents

**Adult Sand Volleyball Laegue**

Age: 18 & up  
Days: Mon Women's Recreation; Thurs Womens Power; Fri Coed  
Time: 6:30-9:30  
Fee: \$180/ Residents; \$195/ Non-Residents; Adult Volleyball  
Age: 18 & up

Days: Mon, Thursday  
Time: 6:30-9:30pm  
Location: Ferguson Middle School  
Fee: \$180/ Residents; \$195/ Non-Residents

**SENIORS**

**Lunch & Bingo**

Ages: 18& up  
Date: Thursday, June 2nd  
Time: 12-3pm  
Location: Ferguson Event Center  
Fee: \$10/ Residents; \$14/ Residents; \$18/ Non- Residents

**TRIPS**

**Lambert's**

Take a trip south of Sikeston for Missouri's famous family owned Lambert's Café. Get ready to eat your heart out on true Southern cooking! Then enjoy a stop at Diebold Orchards. The Diebold family has farmed for over 125 years and has taken pride in fresh, top quality homegrown fruits and vegetables. Lunch, transportation, all admissions, taxes, and gratuity is included.  
Date: Thursday, June 9th  
Time: 9am-6:30  
Fee: \$60/ Residents; \$65/ Non- Residents

**Fairmount Park**

We're off on a trip to Fairmount Racetrack. Enjoy lunch in the black Stallion Room and then enjoy the racing action in air-conditioned comfort. Cost includes: Transportation and a buffet lunch  
Age: 21 and up  
Date: Tuesday, June 28  
Time: 10:45-5:30pm  
Fee: \$30/ Residents; \$35/ Non- Residents

**OmniMax/MAC**

Celebrate the 100th anniversary of the National Park System by viewing this giant screen almost as big as the outdoors. The National Parks Adventure celebrates the majesty of these treasured landscapes. A buffet lunch will be served at the Missouri Athletic Club. YUM! Lunch, transportation, all admissions, taxes and gratuity included.  
Date: Thursday, June 30  
Time: 10:30am-4pm  
Fee: \$30/ Residents; \$35/ Non- Residents

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Rabies Clinic**

The annual Rabies Clinic for dogs and cats will be held at the Ferguson Municipal Garage, 901 Ferguson Avenue. Your pet will receive a one-year rabies shot at a substantial savings.  
Date: Sat., June 4  
Time: Sat, 9am-11am  
Location: Ferguson Municipal Garage  
Fee: Rabies shot \$25 for altered dogs; \$30 for non-altered Resident dog license \$1

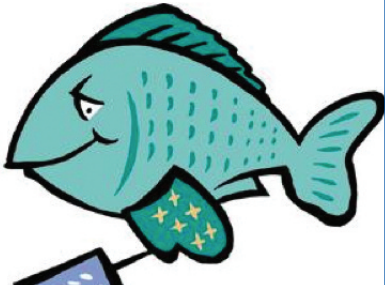
**Seniors Tour Police Facility**



The Ferguson Senior Citizens Commission Committee met April 21st to tour the newly completed Ferguson Police Station. Lt. Ray Nabzdyk is shown here conducting the tour. Afterward, the seniors had lunch at Marley's Bar and Grill.

If you would like to join this group, which plans interesting excursions throughout the year, call the Parks & Recreation Department at 314.521.4661

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**Where?**

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(Gym)  
1425 Stein Road  
Ferguson

**When?**

Tuesdays  
5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

**Who?**

6th - 8th Grade Girls

**QUESTIONS?**

Please call 314-521-5694

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Hosted by  
**St. Peter's United Church of Christ**  
For more info call  
**314-521-5694**

## Wabash Neighborhood Community Garden



Located at the corner of N. Dade and Abston. Garden plots are currently available. Volunteers are needed. If interested, please email Shonnette Morgan at sdenisemor@hotmail.com.

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### Friends of the Market

Invite you to the Farm to Table Dinner  
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Ferguson Partnership of Churches

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday, June 27 thru Friday, July 1  
9:30 a.m. to noon  
at Immanuel United Church of Christ  
221 Church Street  
Ferguson

Ages 3 by July 1; thru 6th Grade Completed  
7th Grade Completed and Older –  
Volunteer Opportunity

### Surf Shack

Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love  
Call 314.420.3752

Ferguson Partnership of Churches Includes:  
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## Marley's Anniversary Celebration

and

## Casino Night

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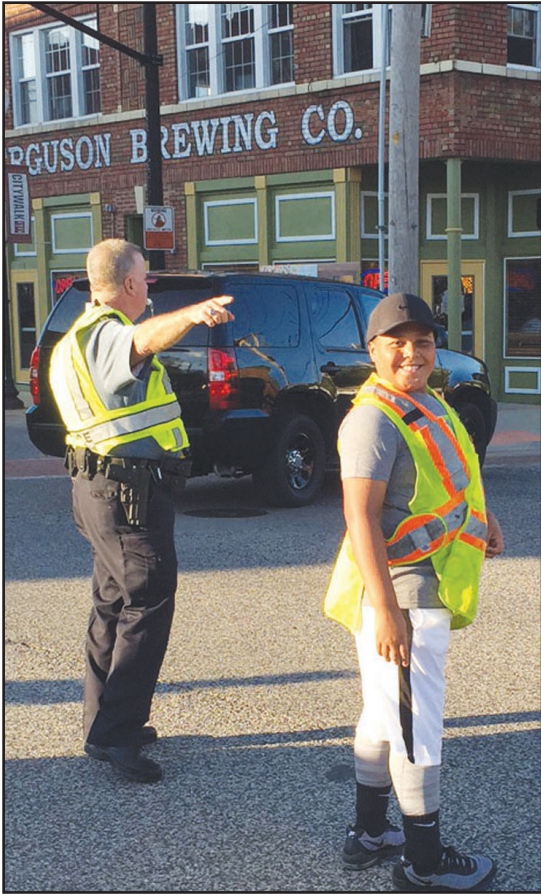


**500 South Florissant Road  
Ferguson, MO 63135**



**Saturday,  
June 25th**

## Letter to the Editor



I would like to say Thank You and express my appreciation of our Police Department (especially Sgt. Tim Harris), the Fire Department and the Emergency Medical Technicians that were on hand for the 7th annual Twilight Run/Walk on May 14, 2016.

My grandson was allowed to aid Sgt. Harris in directing traffic and the Fire Department provided a traffic vest to make our grandson feel special on such a great family outing. With everything our community has gone thru in the last couple of years I want to say 'Hats Off' to the men and women that go out of their way to support our community.

Andrea James

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Date of Notice JUNE 27, 2016

The CITY of CALVERTON PARK will hold a public hearing to discuss the allocation of \$ 20,000-xx in Community Development Block Grant funds which will become available after January 1, 2017. The public hearing will be held at 6:45 am/pm on JUNE 27th, 2016, at CALVERTON PARK CITY HALL, 52 YOUNG DRIVE CALVERTON PARK, MO 63135. To further its commitment to fair and equitable treatment of all citizens, the CITY of CALVERTON PARK has enacted and/or enforces the following:

*A Fair Housing Ordinance prohibiting unlawful discrimination against any person because of race, sex, color, religion, disability, familial status or national origin;*

*A Policy of Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in the admission or access to, or employment in, its federally assisted programs or activities;*

*A Policy of Equal Opportunity to Participate in Municipal Programs and Services regardless of race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, familial status, national origin, or political affiliation;*

*A requirement for bidding on CDBG activities that promotes employment opportunities created by HUD funding and that these opportunities be afforded low-income community residents and businesses.*

If you would like information regarding the above policies or if you believe you have been unlawfully discriminated against, contact the following municipal official or employee who has been designated to coordinate compliance with the equal employment opportunity requirements referenced above.

JEANNE BLANTON / CITY CLERK  
NAME/TITLE  
52 YOUNG DR CALVERTON PARK MO 63135  
ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP  
314-524-1212 2X11  
PHONE

If you are a person with a disability or have special needs in order to participate in this public hearing, please contact JEANNE BLANTON no later than JUNE 27, 2016 @ 1:00pm

For More Information Call:  
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Join us as we celebrate, not only 5 years of providing safe and affordable housing, but also some unsung community heroes that continue to make a difference.

Sunday June 12, 2016

Ferguson Community Center Multipurpose Building

1050 Smith Ave.

Ferguson, MO 63135

5-8pm.

Tickets are priced at \$35 per person or \$350 for a Table of 10. Sponsorships are also welcome. For ticket purchase, please go to [www.nehemiahprogramus.com](http://www.nehemiahprogramus.com)

to RSVP by June 1, 2016

\*For additional information, please call the Nehemiah Program office at 314-521-3666

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# The Ferguson Computer Corner



by Doug Neely (i just don't know how i could've missed Nat'l. DOUGHNUT Day all these years!)

## JUNE, 2014

it's Daddy's turn! :) yes, Daddy gets his own day this month, along with what i condider to be some of the more important lesser holidays. (do you believe that somebody made the 23rd "International Windows Day?" there's just no accounting for taste!) speaking of taste, the 3rd is National Doughnut Day. i'll take a Bearclaw! :) don't forget the 14th; it's Flag Day! fly the old Red, White, and Blue! on the 24th & 29th, we have St. John the Baptist Day, & St. Peter's Day, respectively (REAL HOLYdays!). if you want to see the others, go to wincalendar.com. & put the dates into your memory banks! :)

## YOUR MEMORY BANKS, dept.

are your memory banks slower & more error-prone? do you find you don't have enough? no, i'm not talking about the computer in your head! i'm talking about your puter on the desk (or the laptop/notebook). i have said on many previous occasions that ram is the best single investment you can make to add speed & performance to your puter.

most puters will handle 8 gigabytes of ram; some more (16, 32, 64), and some less (2, 4). how much should you have in your puter? i have always put the max into all of my puters. i have also previously said that you can put ram into your puter all by yourself (assuming that you learn how, or already have performed this simple task). the one big thing you must do first, tho, is to completely unplug the power cord and/or battery, to insure that there is no power lurking around in the thing. once that is done, make SURE that you are grounded, so no static electricity will be conducted to the ram. open up your puter (consult your handbook), and begin to remove some ram (if needed), and then install the new, additional ram. sometimes some of the computer manufacturers will have a video on their website. if not, go to crucial.com and watch it there. as a matter of fact, they can tell you exactly how much, and what kind of ram is already in your puter, and how much you can add, up to its max. pricing is there, too, if you

want to order ram from them. they offer a lifetime guarantee, IF you use their ram configurator to find the ram for your puter. (might be necessary to download a small program, which is free & safe to do.)

ram is often the best way to make your puter run faster. there are other things, however, that can make your puter slow, and there are other solutions for that. if your puter is running slow, or weird, and YOU do NOT KNOW WHY, you SHOULD have someone check it out for you; choose someone you trust, who knows what he is doing! finally, BEFORE YOU DO ANYTHING, FIND OUT WHY YOUR PUTER IS SLOW OR WEIRD. if you don't, you may boogar something up, or spend \$\$\$\$ that is unnecessary/unhelpful!

## ME GO NOW!

if i remember (my memory isn't what it used to be!), i will discuss other reasons why your puter is slow/weird at a later time. until then...

REMEMBER to say THANKS to your father, your grandfather, your uncle, and, of course, your heavenly Father; not just on the 19th, but as often as you can. and give them a LOT of your LOVE, too! things can happen to us poor humans, and that includes fathers, too. but REMEMBER that your heavenly FATHER will NEVER forget to love you forever with His perfect love! go with His blessings!

...it is now safe to turn on your little puter! (the BIG one, too!)

If you would like to ask Doug for some of his FREE PUTER ADVICE, or wish to complain or compliment, or have ideas you would like to see in this column, or just wanna jaw some, call him at \*314\*521\*1789\* in the afternoon or evening of any day. If you prefer to email your concerns, please send to: fergusoncomputercorner@aol.com. Make sure you put your local phone # into the body of the email, and put the phrase "i need puter advice" into the subject line.

## Ferguson Forester

When the Ferguson Times Editor called me saying she needed my article ASAP, I almost didn't know what month it was. These last 4 weeks have been the ride of my life. My new Ferguson family has known me to be a tree guy who likes to draw Merferd, my Treetoon character, which doesn't pay the bills, rather than doing tree work, which happens to pay the bills. The Ferguson Times last issue showed a billboard, of an ugly tag, that I had turned into a giant Merferd.... and that is one of two spots which began this surge in his popularity; events which would make thousands of lovers of Merferd in St Louis, and a hand full of haters. There were two locations, both in south St Louis, where I had painted Merferd over vulgarity on the one, and an ugly tag right near my daughters' home on the other. I had uploaded a free app called 'splice' to my iPhone, and almost overnight, the murals along with the placement of my videos on Facebook.com/treetoons caused Merferd to 'blow up'.

Channel 2 had been trying to get a hold of me, but my main man, 'Kapp' and I had been doing tree work all day and when I called them at the long end of it, they never return my calls ... the story wasn't hot anymore. However Thomas Crone of the *Riverfront Times* was willing to wait until we came down from the trees a couple days later. I agreed to the article under two auspices, that the story would have a positive beginning in Ferguson, (he met us at Montrey's Cigar Lounge and had a second Ferguson Brewing pecan ale, and a Connecticut cigar). The second condition was that I would be able to read the final edit before it went to press. The first requirement he agreed to, the second he said his editor would kill him. The article was pretty good except for one thing, it made me out to be a renegade, but I guess it had to for me to 'fit' the cover story of the RFT. I wish I had insisted on proof reading it, because now I have certain 'graffers' wanting to beat me up. But I am not exaggerating to say Merferd's fans are now in the thousands in the city. I want to thank the *Ferguson Times* for having been the first paper to run Merferd freely. I had finally given up in past years trying to get newspapers to run Merferd. But the beginning of this wave of Merferd fame began right here, in Ferguson, during the "Paint for Peace" phenomenon. I know that I at least try to put 'some' tree information in the issues, but I will try to make up for it next time, especially since at least for now, it still pays the bills.

Wendell Phillips (Phil Berwick)

This was the RFT cover story:  
<http://m.riverfronttimes.com/stlouis/the-man-behind-the-merferds/Content?oid=3072584#panel-nav>

This was the second follow up story:  
<http://m.riverfronttimes.com/newsblog/2016/05/11/free-the-merf-defaces-phil-berwicks-street-art>



The *River Front Times* cover before it went to their office. The 4 x 8 plywood panel, now sits in the offices of RFT.

"Trust in the Lord and do good. Dwell in the land and cultivate faithfulness." Psalm 37:3

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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.

Many parents of high school graduates have been making plans for their child's transition to adulthood. If you are one of those parents you probably already know what a critical time this is for your son or daughter. Young people have the world ahead of them and having the guidance and stability of parents is necessary at this point in their lives, even when they may be saying something different. In past columns I've often suggested ways to help your children get off to the right start with managing their money. From a financial perspective it is easy to wonder just how prepared the typical eighteen year old is to start out on their own. Over the past several years it's become increasingly evident that young adults are staying home longer, often into their late twenties or early thirties. Secondary education in college has become more of a necessity and the cost can be crippling for many families. Above and beyond the financial considerations there is much more to becoming a responsible citizen and self-sufficient. What effect does this trend have on our whole economy may be one question, but something has come up in my own family that has given me another situation to think about.

My niece (I'll call her Cindy) is a young social worker and, like over 20% of caseworkers in the Foster Care Program, she burned out after only three years. Like all case workers I've ever know she was over worked and carried a load that was really impossible to manage effectively. She came to realize those with the most to lose in this system were the children. When she had enough, she took another job at a hospital in another state. Keeping in touch with friends, she came to find out about a 14 year old girl who had been adopted and then returned to foster care. Cindy had been a case-worker for this child a few years ago and she knew her story well. This child had been in foster care since age two. During this time, she moved quite often, switched schools quite often, and eventually was separated from her older siblings who were finally adopted as teenagers. Cindy couldn't get this child out of her mind. Although she now lived about 18 hours away, she kept in touch with her former co-workers and made the decision to adopt the fourteen year old several months ago.

As I've watched this process unfold I have seen what at first seemed like a simple task, turn into a major undertaking with many checks, visits and paperwork to process. Throughout this process Cindy has patiently completed every requirement. Since this is an adoption out of state it may be more complicated, but Cindy's knowledge of the system certainly helps. She moved into a better school district and a larger apartment. She went through several visits with social workers checking out the home she was making for her soon-to-be daughter. I visited Cindy back in March and I was so impressed with all the steps she is taking to make a home and be a good parent. Because she is aware of the girl's struggles in school she also got her signed up for summer school to help.

During this waiting period, the child has been able to have some overnight visits with her new grandmother living in the same city as her. Cindy comes to visit when she can and was recently in town for a fifteenth birthday celebration for her daughter-to-be. And that is when the delay of this process came to their attention. What was supposed to take place when school ended in May has been extended for weeks due to a shortage of workers to process it. And certainly most frustrating for a child who hasn't had much stability in her life and now is so close to having a family she has never known and always dreamed of. Even more disturbing are the sad statistics on foster children which Cindy knows better than many.

There are more than 400,000 children in foster care in the United States and each year about 22,000 will age out of the system. In most states that age is 18, some states have extended it to 20 or 21. These children are at high risk of dropping out of high school and are less likely to attend college. About 75% of these children will deal with post-traumatic stress disorder. About two thirds of the young women will be pregnant by the time they are 21. About half of them won't have jobs for up to six years after aging out. And the worst part is that 20% will be homeless as adults. So if we think we have problems in these areas now, we are creating more.

So how many people are willing to take on a teenager? At this point in a foster child's life the need for a parent and structure is most important. While it may seem like a younger child would be easier to adopt, keep in mind that the real goal of foster care is typically to try to keep families together or reunite them when situations improve. While that is a commendable goal, it can give a child a long term sentence of instability, they just don't stop growing older because the adults in their life can't seem to get their act together. And, sadly, the children haven't done anything to be in this situation, yet they must live their life dependent on the decisions being made on their behalf by someone without the vested interest like a parent.

In family discussions we've talked about the debate of Foster Care vs. Orphanages. We don't really hear too much about orphanages anymore, so I looked to find out why. It turns out we still have a few run by churches or other organizations. Looking back it seems that perhaps Teddy Roosevelt had a hand in the disappearance of orphanages. Back in 1909 he held a conference to deal with the subject of children's welfare when they have no one to take care of them – this would include those whose parents died, were incapable of caring for them or just destitute. Because Teddy Roosevelt cared so much for children and also recognized they were America's

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future . . . “when we help children, we build a stronger, healthier world.” He believed this and certainly by now with all of the studies done on raising children we should all know this. This appears to be the beginning of the foster care system and also the beginnings of the scorned welfare system we struggle with yet today.

At one time, parents who could not support their children because they were poor often turned them over to orphanages. In those days most were run by churches and other organizations. Certainly, “Oliver Twist” and “Annie” have given us some examples of the mistreatment that sometimes happened to children in that period. So the progressive changes that came about after Roosevelt's conference gave government assistance to poor families to make sure the children were taken care of and families were kept together. And for those children who needed a home, the government run foster care system seemed like a better idea. With this system children would be in a family setting, not institutionalized. It was also thought that this would really be a good transition for the children to either return to their families when the crisis leading to their removal was over, or possibly get adopted. As we can see by the records it isn't always the best scenario and today more than 20,000 children who enter the foster care system will not leave until they age out.

Imagine being alone at 18 with no real support system, no family to fall back on and no one to guide you thru the maze of furthering your education or job hunting. This is often the beginning of that cycle of poverty that continues today. While looking into foster care, I have seen some indication of hope with ideas coming forth and being tried in some cases. Next month, I will present some of the positive suggestions and how we can all help. In the meantime, be the best that you can be for the young adults in your life – just being there helps.

If you have any comments please e-mail me at [consultjoan@att.net](mailto:consultjoan@att.net).

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## Ferguson by Foot

By: Margaret Wolfinbarger



Sometimes my body is not my friend. It lies to me like a disenchanted lover. It begs me for ice cream and then repays me with belly fat. It promises me that I won't feel guilty if I sleep through my workout and then whaps me upside the head with lethargy. I blame it on my mother, God bless her. After all, I did come out of her body. I blame it on my Father, God bless him. He's an ice cream addict who raised me with the delectable dessert as the sixth food group. I blame it on Tank, my rambunctious boxer dog, because he dove after a squirrel and pulled my knee out of joint so that it aches

when I walk. But that doesn't solve the fat/lethargy problem. So when I'm done pointing fingers at all of the people who didn't put the ice cream in my mouth, I sit and cry because it doesn't seem fair that some people were born to be on the cover of Shape Magazine while I was made for the cover of The National Enquirer.

"Woman Wrenches Rib out of Place Trying to take Scissors Away from Wily Coyote Child." That seems to be my favorite activity of late. My 7-year-old beastlet (he's not a fully formed beast yet) likes to swipe scissors for all of his homemade concoctions. I have 4 pairs of scissors but I can never find even one of them. It's the same for my husband. He can never find his duct tape, painters tape or electrical tape. Last week it was a strange cardboard helmet meant to obscure the identity of my mini-hero. This week it's cardboard body armor. I hear the pitter-patter of little feet followed by the thumping of male toes about to be stubbed. My husband hollers, "How many times do I have to tell you not to take my tape?" I see the flash of a little blond head followed by the familiar Calvin (of Calvin and Hobbs fame) evil grin. They rush around the corner right before the hallway erupts in howls of pain as shoeless feet land on some unforeseen object. I hear, "Why are there Lego's in the hallway? Are you trying to kill me?" and then the little giggle that signifies someone has slipped under his bed to hide.

This is how we work out in the Wolfinbarger household. Bend and stretch. Bend and Stretch. Bend down to pick up Legos. Stretch up and peel sticky lizards off the ceiling. I am sure I expended at least 300 hundred calories trying to scrub the red residue from sticky lizard off the newly painted ceiling. I prayed my husband wouldn't see it. I even threw extra Legos on the living room floor for good measure. But a month later I found him looking quizzically at the ceiling. "Margaret, what in the world is that? It looks like a giant maxi-pad in the middle of the ceiling." I hung my head in shame. The fifty cent sticky lizard cost \$30 to repaint the entire ceiling. Well, at least I can eat an extra cup of Chick-Fil-A ice cream. It took at least 600 calories of pulled shoulder muscles and dripped paint in my eyeballs to restore to the ceiling to its former glory.

But in order to justify my sneak trip to afternoon ice cream heaven, I had to cut down on the carbs for dinner. My husband was staring at the stove like a confused puppy whose food has been replaced with lettuce. "Where's the pasta? Where's the potatoes? Margaret, don't you understand that Salmon is not food? And peas? Seriously?" I knew better than to lecture him about how important it is to nourish our bodies, he was going to call Imo's pizza anyway. So I sat there sulking while he and the children ate provel-laden pie and I stabbed begrudgingly at my little piles of fishy food. I heard my mother's voice in my head, "If you poke your bottom lip out too long, a bird's going to perch on it." As if that's actually a bad thing. If I could video tape that, I could win \$10,000 on America's Funniest Home videos and install a fancy home gym in my basement.

Besides, who wants to be on the cover of Shape Magazine anyway? Not this frozen-dairy fanatic. They would need a whole crew of air-brush engineers to erase the stretch marks left behind after my "dramatic" weight loss. Because Lord knows nobody wants to see what real people look like without the Magic Pixilation Wand of Gladness.

So even though my body is not always my friend, I suppose I'm stuck with it. And I guess it's not so bad. It did give me some pretty awesome taste buds. And it did let me lose weight once I learned how to feed it properly. And it does enable me to remove sharp objects from little obstinate hands. And a day without anyone stabling themselves in the eye is always a good day, even if there is an Acme booby trap inside the doorjamb of the beastlet's room.

For more inspiration, follow me on my blog: [www.destinationdiscipline.com](http://www.destinationdiscipline.com).

## Our Lady of Guadalupe Is One of the Busiest Places in the USA

The students at Our Lady of Guadalupe found themselves coming and going during the spring of 2016! Some students participated in Soccer Kick Arouns every Wednesday. Some students played chess on Mondays and Fridays. Some students visited St. Patrick Center. Some students attended Art Classes sponsored by the Saint Louis Art Museum on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Some students participated in a special language arts program sponsored by Metro Theater Company. Some students visited the historical sites of St. Charles, Missouri. Some students received the Terrific Kid Awards from the Ferguson Kiwanis Club. Some students celebrated the sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation. Some students participated in programs which they shared with students from different parts of St. Louis. Some students served the community at the Ferguson Kiwanis Club's annual Prayer Breakfast. Some students and their parents attended STEM Night.

WOW! They did all of this and more and had school too. The OLG students deserve a summer vacation!!

## OLG School Welcomes Special Visitor



Student Council of Our Lady of Guadalupe School welcomed Mr. Alex Nsengiamana (Top row center) from Operation Christmas Child.

The Our Lady of Guadalupe students welcomed Mr. Alex Nsengiamana from Operation Christmas Child, to their school on Friday, April 22, 2016. Operation Christmas Child, is a program in which the OLG students participated in a service project.

In December of 2015, the OLG Student Council helped the students collect money and purchased personal items which were packed in shoe boxes. The boxes were sent to Rwanda where they were distributed to children in need. Mr. Nsengiamana is now an adult who has moved to Minnesota, but when he was seven years old, he was a child in Rwanda who actually received such a shoe box through the program. He told the OLG students that receiving that box offered him hope and gave him inspiration. He was adopted by an American family who raised him to be full of love. He is now employed by Operation Christmas Child and spends his days traveling and speaking to groups who are interested in helping people from developing countries. To learn more about this project, please visit <http://video.smartanspurse.org/love-your-neighbor-a-gift-of-forgiveness-in-rwanda/>.

## OLG Super Day



Saturday, April 23 was a SUPER day at Our Lady of Guadalupe School. Many of the students from OLG attended SUPERHERO ACADEMY, a special day of costumes, games, attendance prizes, super food, and visits from Batman and Captain America. It was a wonderful way to remind everyone in attendance that the OLG children are Superkids and that their parents are heroes! This event was sponsored by the OLG Parent-Teacher Organization and was enjoyed by all.

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### Under The Hood With Robinwood

By Bob McGartland

#### Are Americans More Dependent on Their Car Than Europeans?

Actually, both Americans and our friends across the pond are very vehicle dependent, but there are differences. One big difference is that Americans use their cars for trips less than 1 mile 70% of the time, while Europeans choose to walk or bike this distance 70% of the time. The other area where we differ is on long trips. While America was developing our Interstate Highway system, Europe was developing a great rail system. It is not uncommon for an American family to jump into their car and drive across the country. In Europe, a rail pass is a more popular choice. Keep in mind that the distance between major cities in Europe is substantially less than in America. As an example, the distance between Boston and Miami is 2200 miles. This is 30% further than the distance between Moscow and London.

Here are a few examples of how America and Europe compare:

#### Transportation by Trains

Majority of the European transit system consists of above-ground trains that run between the major cities of Europe. The tickets for these are sold from point to point, by either online or at the point of departure. There is often an option to buy a pass that allows unlimited travel for several days, so you do not have to buy tickets at each stop. In America, trains are still an option, but access is limited as are the companies that offer this option. Americans opt for planes due to their speed and access to virtually every city.

#### The Underground Trains

Like major cities in the U.S., the major cities of Europe commonly

utilize underground trains for day-to-day transportation within city limits. There are major subway systems that run throughout the cities and boroughs. You can cross the English Channel on the Eurostar, which passes through the Chunnel, the underwater tunnel that links the United Kingdom with the continent of Europe.

#### Riding Ferries

Ferries can provide a water-crossing transportation option, and can be boarded either on foot or with a vehicle. Tickets for ferries generally can be purchased as single tickets or as part of a package with other transportation options, such as inter-country train tickets. This allows you to get to countries that are surrounded by water.

#### Buses

While trains travel between every major city, the majority of smaller cities and towns throughout Europe are not accessible for trains. In most areas, buses are an option. Buses often are cheaper than train services and may travel between major cities or may simply travel a circular route in one area. Between the train and bus services of the European transit, you can travel pretty much anywhere you need to go within Europe without the need for a car.

Large American and European cities both offer extensive mass transit options...mass transit is a common choice throughout Europe. Many American cities have similar demand, but in many areas of America the mass transit system has yet to kick in for a large percentage of the population. Americans love the personal convenience of their cars.

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For more information, please contact project editor Jimmie Briggs: 917-443-1940; or, [jimmiebriggs8@yahoo.com](mailto:jimmiebriggs8@yahoo.com).



Captain Dennis McBride opened the May 11th, 2016 meeting of the Ferguson On Watch, welcoming everyone. He passed out the April Ferguson Crime Review, which contained the monthly crimes sorted by FBI types (Assaults, Burglaries, etc.)



The April report was compiled for a specific category, Shots Fired, titled Event/Category Report. This report is broken down by the time period starting on 4/1/16 through 4/30/16. In a previous month there were several questions about "shots fired" events, so this report shows all the calls made in reporting "Shots fired". Each of the 48 incidents had a disposition of "NRN" No Report Needed, or "RPT" Report made.

Sometimes, an incident reclassifies its category based on additional information gathered. Weapon / In Progress had 4 incidents during the same time period. Shooting had 4 incidents during the same time period.

If more people would call in these incidents, the police may be able to triangulate and narrow down where the shots are coming from. To further illustrate the work going into research on these items, Capt. McBride showed us a map with multi-colored pins on it, which depicted "shots fired" as noted above. One of the officers on light duty prepared this to help us visualize the problem in a unique way. He also had a chart showing the times these events occurred. The time period with the highest activities was 9:30 pm to 1:30 am. A Supervisor's meeting is held every other week and this updated information is then given to the officers.

We were also provided with an updated list of the Permanent Sector Officers.

#### Detectives – what do they do?

Capt. McBride was in the detective bureau from 1986 to 1987, and he supervised the bureau from 2005 to 2010. Detectives are the "follow-up" guys. The patrolmen arrive and protect the scene; they take the initial reports; provide the descriptions. The patrolmen also have kits so that they can dust for fingerprints, take photographs, etc. The patrolmen may canvass the neighborhood for additional information. The detectives then arrive on scene and collect those reports, and take over the case. They do the follow-up work, like evidence collection and calling for the Medical Examiner for the deceased.

Detective is a transfer position. When an officer transfers to the Detective Bureau, he/she receives additional training in interrogations, latent print processing, scene preservation, etc. Detectives preserve all death scenes as a homicide scene, even if it appears to be a suicide.

Detectives can be attached to different narcotics units. We were shown a photo of a long haired man in 1988-89 that worked under cover with 9 cities. We heard how a controlled drug buy goes down, in order to get a search warrant of the dealer's house. We later found out the photo was of Captain McBride!

#### Officer Miller & Argo

Officer Matt Miller and his K-9 partner, Argo, were introduced to the group. Argo is a dual trained K-9, for patrol & narcotics. He is trained in apprehension, narcotics detection, building search, area search, and article search.

Argo is a 2 year old dark sable German Shepherd from Czechoslovakia border patrol lines. Officer Miller has owned Argo since he was 8 weeks old. He has trained him with the North American Police Work Dog Association, National Police K-9 Association, and the National Narcotics Detection Dog Association. After Officer Miller completed this training with Argo, the dog was donated to the City of Ferguson, saving us about 12-13 thousand dollars.

Officer Miller recently returned from a 3 week training in St. James, Missouri to learn how to better utilize Argo as a working dog. He purchased Argo for sports training, saw Argo progress with his detection abilities, and decided to continue training down the working dog path.

Officer Miller's wife helped him decide to do Argo's training in German, as it was easier for her to assist in training in German than in French. We were shown how Argo handles some obedience exercises in the room. Argo wore a fancy collar with a vibrator that was used to help ensure training commands and instructions were promptly executed. Argo is trained to bite and hold that bite on legs and arms. This dog has been in service with the city since December 2015. A vest for Argo was donated, and can cost \$5,000 dollars, versus the cost of a patrolman's vest, which is under \$1,000. At a crime scene, when the police believe a suspect is in an area, multiple calls are made before releasing the dog to the area.

Argo is also trained in "Proximity Alert" where he will stop and stare and point at a suspect from about 30 yards. This training is done primarily for officer safety, and reduces unwarranted dog apprehensions. Argo has a pinch collar as well as an electric collar with settings from 1-127. Argo is worked around the 25-27 rating. Officer Miller is able to "pop" his vehicle door open, and Argo will exit the vehicle with the sole purpose of finding the bad guy. Officer Miller is assigned to Ferguson's Sector 2, and can be reached at mmiller@fergusoncity.com or by phone at 314-522-3100 ext 5629.

#### Next meeting:

The next Ferguson Neighborhood Watch meeting scheduled for City Hall will be at 7:00 pm on June 8th, 2016. Christine Lanfersieck, municipal

## Book Club Prepares for Author Event

The Ferguson Readings on Race Book Club will be reading *White Rage* by Carol Anderson in preparation for the author's appearance in Ferguson. The repetition of cycles of progress and backlash are themes of Ms. Anderson's book, whose thesis is that black rage is a reaction to smoldering white rage played out in community policies and practices

The book promises to challenge those who attend the book club on Monday, June 13. Readers will have the opportunity to continue the discussion when Left Bank Books brings Anderson to the Ferguson Municipal Library on **Wednesday, June 15**. Left Bank offers discounts to people who order selections for the book club. To reserve a copy, call 314-367-6731.

The public is always welcome to the Readings on Race book Club, which meets from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Ferguson Municipal Library. For information contact Amy Randazzo at the library at 314-521-4820 or Carla Fletcher at carlajeanfletcher@yahoo.com

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#### CERT

Saturday morning, June 11 will be our chance to participate in educating the public about CERT at the Farmer's Market.

Thursday, July 7th from 9am to 11 am will be the next training event, leading up to the Disaster Training event being held in Ferguson at the Florissant Valley Community College from July 19th to 21st.

#### Neighborhood Policing Steering Committee

The Neighborhood Policing Steering Committee held a big NPSC invitation event at the Nesbit-Newton Park pavilion, near the eastern area apartment complexes. This NPSC Invitation Event was held on Saturday, April 30th, and included a Bar-B Que to encourage Ward 3 residents to become more involved in helping set the change for Neighborhood Policing in Ferguson.

Residents were invited to the May 19th meeting at the Family of Faith Church located at 9105 West Florissant Ave. behind the Ferguson Market and Liquor Store.

Have a safe month. Keith :- )K



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### Mission Price Increase

Starting on June 1, 2016, we will be increasing our program fees for school/group missions and Discovery Workshops. In addition to recently upgrading mission software and hardware, our licensing fee to the national Challenger Center has increased. Although we have managed to keep our program costs the same over the past five years, we now find it necessary to make this modest increase to keep up with our operating expenses.

After May 30 missions will be increased from \$600 to \$675. Discovery workshops will go from \$200 to \$225. You can plan your field trip by checking out our school programs.

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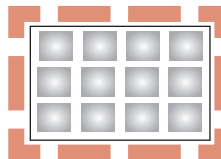
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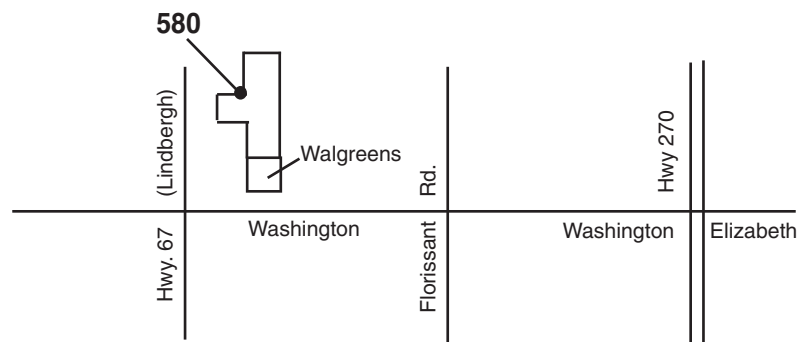
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When I heard that the former car wash at 1000 South Florissant Road was open again, I decided to give it a try. I was expecting the octopus (octopi) or the brushes to plummet my car . . . but was surprised that it was a "hand wash" facility.

"How much for just a car wash?" I asked. "\$8" was the reply. Well that is reasonable, but I had gotten caught in a mud puddle the weekend before and the inside of my beautiful black car was pretty ugly. "\$15 for inside and out," added Reggie Jackson, the owner.

So, I sat in the waiting room and watched as my car was dried, windows washed, door jams wiped clean, vacuumed (even the trunk), and the tires dressed. I've washed a lot of cars in my lifetime (it was either tend to the yard and the cars, or do housework when I was a kid, so you can guess which one I chose), and I know that it would take me over an hour to make my car look so good. I was so impressed with the results, I hesitated to take my car out in the rain a few days later.

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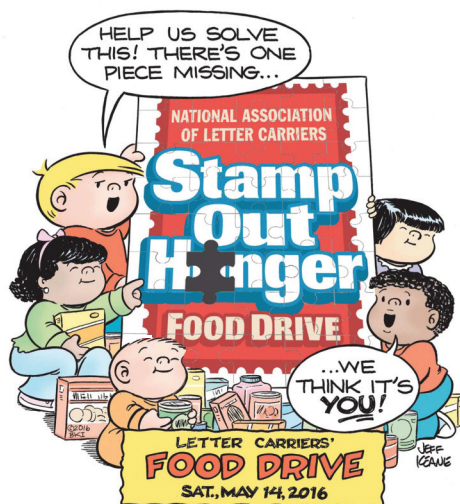


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## McCluer Senior Receives \$81,000 Scholarship

Ga'Nel Wiggins, a senior at McCluer High School and member of the school's Army JROTC has received Alabama A&M University's Bulldog Battalion Order of Merit List for three-year Advanced Designee Campus Based Scholarship. Because of her ACT score and grade point average, Alabama added an additional year to the scholarship. The scholarship, in the amount of \$81,000, will cover four years of undergraduate studies. Wiggins plans to major in biology/pre-med with goals of becoming an Army officer and physician.



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By  
Bob  
McCarty

A few months ago, I attended a seminar presented by a Preservationist. You're probably thinking, okay, this guy works on old houses. You are right about that but, he is serious about the old house he is working on. I mean, really serious! Then again, he doesn't work on just any old house. If this preservationist were to be working on a house that was built in 1855, the only tools he would use would have been made no later than 1855. As he put it, "the tools in our shop all look like they are for sale: with the tags that dangle from the handles. Those tags date the tools and when the 1855 project begins, our apprentice will gather the tools that were made before that date and begin sharpening the chisels and hand saws, and preparing whatever else is needed for the job."

This is considered 'Conservation,' or is it 'Preservation?' There is such a fine line between the two terms that I would consider them the same when it comes to old house repair. As it was explained to me; Conserves are a jam made from whole fruit and preserves is a jam made from mashed fruit. So where does 'Restoration' fit into this confusing mix?

In my opinion, these three terms all carry the same definition. *The house, after restoration, will be preserved so that it can conserve the state that the house was originally built.* Does that make sense? If restoration is being done on an eighteenth century house with a porch that was added on in the nineteenth century, the porch would be history!

This type of old house repair is reserved for homes with historical or architectural value. If you live in a house like this, you probably live in a museum; you are the home's steward. You've taken upon yourself a trusteeship. It is your obligation to keep the integrity of the house, as was meant, when it was originally built. This is 'Preservation.'

Now 'Renovation' isn't as strict a philosophy as preservation. With renovating an older home, you will be adapting the old with the new; without losing the spirit of the structure. If you were to replace the sagging plaster ceiling with drywall, add central air conditioning, and adapt the house to suit you, the

owner, renovation is where you're at. Preservation is a precise science where renovation is more poetic, without losing the homes spirit.

Of course, renovating does not let you off the hook to just do any willy nilly type of repair. You must follow the tenets of older home repair, while maintaining the integrity of the house. You don't want to yank out all of the original windows and replace them with vinyl. You won't want to cover up the redwood siding with vinyl. You want to stay away from vinyl. You bought an old house; you want to maintain it so that when the time comes to move on, the new owners will carry on your tradition of treasuring what was left for them, as what was left for you.

Remodeling is an entirely different animal! If you live in an older home, when you remodel, you're upgrading. New kitchen cabinets and new bathroom fixtures are upgrades that just make life easier. Preparing an area and running plumbing to put your new energy efficient washer and dryer on the second floor in your older home doesn't sound like something a house that was built in 1904 would have even considered. But, technology makes life a lot easier to live and what's wrong with living the easy life? Right? Right!

So, where does BobonJob stand with these philosophies? To start, I do like living the easy life. So I have no problem with upgrading an older home. So I guess I'm more into remodeling. But, I'm not going to move a wall so that we can have a bigger kitchen, so that we would be able to entertain more. Maybe I'm a Renovator. I do enjoy older homes that have been restored and I have been playing around with hand tools lately. So that makes me a Preservationist. I guess I'll categorize myself as a conservative renovator with remodeling leanings.

Just remember when you start thinking about drastic changes to a house; remember those who were there before you. If they had a chance to do to their house what you plan to do to your house, would they do it? Maybe they would. Maybe they wouldn't. I know what I would do.

Until next month, Bob is on the Job and don't forget, if there is a subject, regarding older home/building maintenance you would like for me to touch upon, let me know, you can contact me at paintedefects@sbcglobal.net with a subject of BobonJob or by phone at 314-524-1264.

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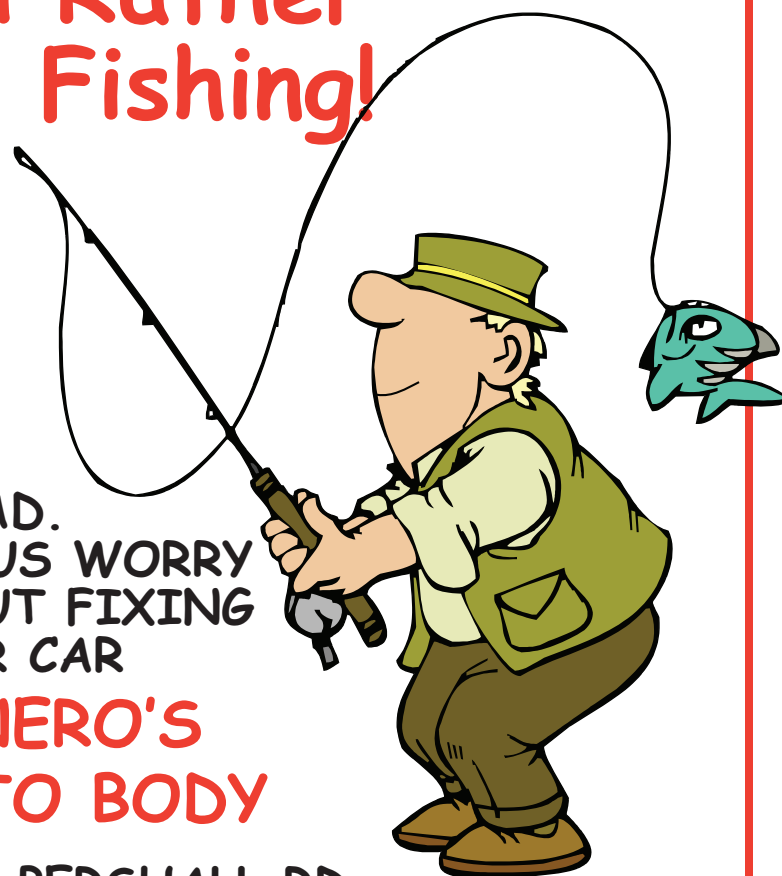
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## If You're Not Using SMS Messaging You're Leaving Money On The Table!

By LaTease Rikard

In today's every changing marketplace businesses have to keep up with trends, as well as the most effective way to engage customers. It seems like it's a race to interact with and serve existing customers while generating new business. However, that is the way things are these days. There is a solution that meets the customer where they are as well as reduce the amount of time needed to go through that process. That is mobile marketing or SMS messaging marketing.



Ever noticed how everyone seems to always be on his or her phones? If it isn't for checking emails, it's responding on Facebook, keeping up with Facebook, or maybe comparing prices while at your store! We have become a society of techies, tethered to our smartphones, tablets, iPads, etc. We have a wealth of information right at our fingertips at all times.

Businesses that use SMS messaging have two things in common: they understand the value of communicating and engaging with those customers. 25 million texts are sent each month and 97.5% of the messages are read within five seconds! In addition, 28% of consumers respond to SMS promotions—that is a fantastic way to increase your ROI. So as a business owner it makes sense to use this method to announce sales, coupons, and other specials. I know I use my digital coupons for Dollar General all the time! The key is locating a robust marketing automation system that deliv-




ers effective, relevant SMS content to your customers.

The way it works is, when your business is able to automate and control the types of messages you send to your customers, business will explode! Imagine sending out an SMS message announcing a special sale you have this week or how about a message offering customer loyalty discounts? There are many companies that will help you automate your marketing, all you have to do is let that company know what you want to say; they create it and send it to you for approval – and now you can send out that message with the touch of a button.

This is known as automatic campaigns. Say for instance you are new to town and don't have a customer database. Most SMS companies will create special signage that sits on your counter. This signage is simply an opt-in card that your customers complete with their name, cellphone number and email address. The customer completes this card, returns it to you, the business owner, and it becomes an addition to your customer database. As your database grows you will send them no more than 5-6 messages a month, automatically. No more worrying if the customer opens the email because studies have shown that SMS messages have a 97.5% open rate!

Your business will be able to send out holiday themed messages; even happy birthday announcements to customers making them feel special on their special day.

This is just the first in a series about mobile marketing and how it can help build and increase your business. If you'd like to know more about this very responsive form of marketing that will increase your bottom line, call me at 314-45-2497 and I'll schedule a time to meet with you to get you started on a mobile marketing campaign.



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## Ferguson-Florissant School District

### Cross Keys Technology Students Excel at State Competition

Students in the Technology Student Association (TSA) at Cross Keys Middle School excelled at the 2016 TSA Championship Conference in Rolla, MO. The students participated in several competitions at the conference, receiving multiple awards. The Catapult Design team of Azaria Covington, Jeremiah Gooden and Bryanna Pargo are state champions and are automatically qualified to compete at the national level in Nashville, TN at the end of June. Jeremiah Gooden is also a state champion in the Prepared Speech category. The students competed against other middle schoolers in 39 schools from throughout Missouri.



### Six Schools Excel in "Fuel Up to Play"

Six schools in the Ferguson-Florissant School District have reached Touchdown status in this year's Fuel Up to Play 60 (FUTP60) program. The schools – Central, Halls-Ferry, Holman, Johnson-Wabash, Lee-Hamilton and Wedgwood Elementary Schools – completed the six steps of the FUTP60 program, which encourages children to make healthy eating choices and engage in physical activity 60 minutes per day. The National Dairy Council and National Football League sponsor FUTP60.

Steps to reaching Touchdown status include implementing a healthy eating and physical activity plan as outlined by FUTP60. The goal of this is to make lasting, healthy changes in the school's wellness environment. Each school must also identify a team comprised of students and staff who are responsible for identifying, coordinating and executing activities of the program that includes conducting a school wellness investigation to assess how the school can improve its health and wellness efforts.

### FFSD to Host Boeing Steam Camp for North County Students

North County Students Ages 8-18 are Invited to Attend FREE STEAM Event

The Boeing Company has partnered with the Ferguson-Florissant School District and United Way to offer the Boeing STEAM Camp. The Boeing STEAM Camp is a FREE STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) focused education event for children ages 8 through 18 who reside throughout the North St. Louis County area. The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, July 16 at McCluer South-Berkeley High School, 201 Brotherton Ln. Student drop-off time is 10 a.m. and activities will start at 10:30 a.m.

Through the Boeing STEAM Camp, students will participate in a variety of fun indoor and outdoor activities including hands-on science experiments, basics of aerospace, applications of mathematics and other interactive STEAM activities. Lunch will be served to all participants, and each child will also receive a gift bag.

To register for the Boeing STEAM Camp, visit the Ferguson-Florissant School District website at [www.fergflor.org](http://www.fergflor.org) and click on the STEAM Camp Sign-Up button. The deadline for registration is June 30, or when 300 registrations have been received (whichever comes first).

### Cross Keys Middle Wins "No More Trash" Design Contest



Eighth graders in Cross Keys Middle School science instructor Amanda Eye's class are the winners in the 6-8 grade category of the Missouri Department of Conservation and Missouri Department of Transportation No More Trash! Trash-Can Design Contest. The students' design of "CKMS Cougars Pounce on Trash," incorporated all recycled materials, including an unused trash can in the building. The trash-can was topped with a paper mache head of a cougar, that was 3-D modeled and cut from discarded yard signs. Recycled newspaper and old classroom handouts were used for paper mache. The students used extra paint from a previous project to paint their design.

## Ferguson Historical Society Shows Off Its New Home



The Ferguson Historical Society invites you to our Open House celebrating the history of Ferguson.

Sunday, June 5, 2 pm - 4 pm at the History House, located behind the Ferguson Community Center  
1050 Smith Ave.

Our displays include photographs and artifacts from the 1850's to 2016.



Some of the items on display at the Historical House are World War I artifacts, shown at the top left, next to a railroad worker's uniform. There is a whole case of railroad items to view. The Ferguson newspapers through the year are pictured above. A section of the house is devoted to Vogt Elementary School, which was the first four-year high school in St. Louis County.



Many other categories in the rich Ferguson history are on display, so be sure to mark your calendar for **Sunday, June 5th** to explore on your own.

The house is located behind the Ferguson Community Center. Upon entering the Center the house is behind on the right. Be sure to park in the large Community Center parking lot because there is limited parking back by the History House.



## About the 4th of July Ferguson Tradition

Every year the Ferguson 4th of July Celebration begins with a parade, starting at noon at Paul Avenue and South Florissant Road. The parade travels north to January-Wabash Memorial Park where the parade disbands and the Festival in the Park begins.

At 1:00 p.m., the awards ceremony begins with an invocation, introduction of the City Officials and the Ferguson 4th of July Committee. Youth Achievers are awarded cash prizes and then the parade awards are bestowed.

The January-Wabash Park is filled with fun things to do for children and adults, such as pig races, a petting zoo, magician, face painting, balloon artist, Science Guy and much more. All this is FREE. The only charge for the day is food and drink.

Then, at 9:15 p.m. the fireworks display begins across the lake.

It is a full, fun, economical day that the whole family can enjoy. So plan on viewing the parade along the parade route, and spending time at January-Wabash Park, the Festival grounds.

## Festival Ad Book

The Ferguson 4th of July Festival is now soliciting ads for the Ad Book that lists the times of all the activities, plus a map of the locations. It also lists the names and telephone numbers of City Departments and Facilities, as well as the Mayor and Councilpersons contact information.

Your company name, information, and telephone number can be an important part of the Ad Book. If you wish to be included, please call 314-524-3180, or write to:  
Ad Book, 16 Sandringham Lane, Ferguson, MO 63135.

If you don't want to take out an ad, but would like to support the Festival effort, you may have a listing for just \$10.00. Just put the wording of your listing, plus a check for \$10, and mail to the address above.



This is a free Christian concert in the field behind the Ferguson Nazarene Church on **Saturday, July 23 at noon**. The purpose of the gathering to help generate solidarity and spread the gospel of Jesus through the speakers and the artist's talents.

## Father's Day Gifts for the Young Family

Below are some ideas of how to celebrate Father's Day from mothers of young children:

"I take a picture of my children holding a 'Happy Father's Day' sign. Their dad keeps the pictures in a small photo album. When he adds his new photo each year, he looks back at the old ones to see how the kids are growing."

"I write a poem for my husband 'from' our son (who I hope will take over this task when he's older). I try to incorporate the things they did together throughout the year. Last year's poem read, 'This year marks Father's Day number two that I am happy to share with you...' It's a much more memorable keepsake than a card."

Every Father's Day, we dip the kids' feet and hands into fabric paint and stamp them onto fabric squares. I add their names and the date with a fabric pen. When we have enough squares, I plan to make a quilt for my husband. His shirt with our kids' first footprints will be the center, and the squares will show how they've grown."

"Our daughters treat their father to breakfast at a restaurant of his choice with money they've saved from chores and good grades."

"I bought a Japanese maple tree. My husband will plant it with our daughter, take care of it with her, and watch it grow as Emily grows."

"I purchased a pair of personalized sweatshirts. Our son's said, 'I love my Dad.' Dad's said, 'I love my son.' They both adored them."

"My husband is a huge Mizzou football fan, so I'm taking our daughter for a portrait in an Mizzou outfit and football paraphernalia. He'll get one for his office and one for his game room."

"I am giving him a portrait of our 11-month-old baby and our other baby — the dog!"

"We gave my husband a stepping stone with our son's handprints. We purchased the kit, mixed the concrete, imprinted his hands, and carved the year. The final touch: Glass marbles."

"I took my son to a 'paint-your-own' pottery shop, stamped his footprints on a ceramic plate, then decorated the border with bright colors."

"Do something important in the community. Volunteer at a homeless shelter. Help Habitat for Humanity build a house. Or, if the kids are older, do some work for a cause they support."

"Make a movie of the day. If you don't have a movie camera, take a few rolls of regular film, get them developed at a one-hour photo place, and make a scrapbook."

**Dads can make the day more memorable, not just for you, but for your kids:**

"Pretend you like the tie they got you and wear it all day."

"Take (don't send) the kids to a concert. They get to pick the music and you resist the urge to complain about it."

"Listen. Set aside some time and let the kids know that you're available to listen to anything they have to say on any topic at all. Give advice only if they ask for it."

"Visit or call or write your own father to wish him a happy Father's Day. If he's not alive, spend some time telling your kids about him."

"Let them meet the secret you. Tell them something about yourself that they've never heard before -- could be favorite place or a secret dream you had as a kid."

## Library Events You May Not Know About!

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### Yoga For Adults

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Upcoming Dates

- June 11
- June 25
- July 9




## READINGS ON RACE

BOOK CLUB

Please join us to discuss issues surrounding the complex and challenging topic of race. Each month we read a new book and meet for an intelligent, engaging, and honest discussion. All are welcomed to take part.

June 13 at 6 pm

Join us for an author event on June 16!



White Rage  
by Carol Anderson

For more information or to reserve a copy of this month's selection, please contact Amy at the library at 314-521-4820.

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Event location { Savoy Banquet Center  
 119 S Florissant Rd  
 Ferguson, MO 63135 } 



## Cocktail Reception Raised Money for the Ferguson 4th of July Festival

Time and again the Ferguson businesses and volunteers have stepped up to support their community. On May 7, the Cocktail Reception fundraiser at Rob and Lisa Chabot's home was well attended. The party raised almost \$2,600 to help defray the expense of the Ferguson 4th of July Festival.

Plenty to eat and drink, plus an over abundance of camaraderie made the evening a huge success.

Special thanks to some of the businesses who donated their time and effort:

Ferguson Brewhouse  
 Monterey's Cigar Lounge  
 Cose Dolci Bakery  
 Robinwood Automotive  
 Quik Trip  
 Loner's Auto Body

Marley's Bar & Grill  
 Mobile Eye Care Solutions  
 Roper Ribs  
 Hooseman Realty  
 The Vine  
 Ferguson Times

But, the real success of the evening came from the volunteers who helped set up, tear down and kept working all evening to assure that the food and drinks were beautifully displayed and served promptly.

*About the 4th of July Festival:*  
 It begins with a parade along Florissant Road at 10:00 a.m. on July 4th, and continues to January-Wabash Memorial Park for games, live music, food, demonstrations, . . . and concludes with a fireworks display over January lake.

Make plans with your friends and neighbors, or businesses to enter a float in the parade. The cost to enter is free . . . just fill out an application!

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## Civilian Oversight of Police Soon to be Reality

The Ferguson City Council passed an ordinance on April 19 establishing civilian oversight of the Ferguson Police Department.

By ordinance, the Ferguson Civilian Review Board will have nine members on the board: two residents from each ward and three at-large members who may be residents, or non-residents who are Ferguson business owners, teachers in a Ferguson school, or ministers in a Ferguson religious institution.

It is important that the Ferguson Civilian Review Board reflects the diversity of the City and residents are encouraged to attend an educational session and apply to be a member of the board.

Six sessions are being held to educate the public on the powers, duties, and responsibilities of the Ferguson Civilian Review Board, and to encourage citizens to apply to be a member of the board. These six sessions will be identical. They are being held multiple times so that anyone interested in learning about or applying for the board will be able to attend a session that fits their personal schedule.

Four sessions remain to be held in June. Residents, Ferguson business owners, Ferguson teachers, and Ferguson religious leaders are encouraged to attend one of these upcoming sessions, and consider applying to be on the Ferguson Civilian Review Board:

- Sunday, June 5, 3-4 pm, Emmaus Chapel, 900 Highmont
- Thursday, June 9, 7-8 pm, Ferguson Community Center, (Room #4), 1050 Smith Ave.
- Monday, June 13, 7-8 pm, Family of Faith Church, 9105 W. Florissant Ave. (behind Ferguson Market and Liquor Store)
- Sunday, June 19, 3-4 pm Ferguson Community Resource Center, 1425 Stein Rd. (behind St. Peters UCC)

If you are interested in being a member of the Ferguson Civilian Review Board, it is a requirement that you attend one of these sessions in addition to applying to be on the board.

Feel free to email us with questions or comments at:  
[FergusonCRBTaskForce@gmail.com](mailto:FergusonCRBTaskForce@gmail.com)

## Thanks for the Memories Benton's For Hair

Fran Rutherford and Linda Hensiek announce their retirement and the opportunity for someone to move their business into this well-kept and unique setting, located in the Old Town Section of Ferguson at 102 So. Florissant Road. Call 524-6777



The top photo is the view from So. Florissant Road.

The photo at the left is the back of the building which faces an ample parking lot.

## 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.



Randy Jefferson of Floors Done Right



Randy Jefferson pictured above.

I first met Randy Jefferson in 2013, after the tornadoes of May 30th cut one of my houses almost in half! Major repairs and renovations included removing carpet and restoring hardwood floors. Randy of Floors Done Right, lived up to his company's name and did an outstanding job. Those tornadoes did a lot of damage to Ferguson but it brought me some great workmen and friends, among them Randy.

I called on Randy again just a few weeks ago to restore the floors at my home. Again, I was impressed by his workmanship, his attention to detail, his professionalism, punctuality and top class job! My floors look like mirrors. He was also affordable and worked with me

when we discussed additional work than what we had originally intended.



Before

After

I am a firm supporter of local businesses. If I can get the job done by professionals right here in Ferguson, this will always be my first choice. For this reason, I set up a FaceBook page called Ferguson Missouri Businesses where local businesses can inform our community of their services and upload pictures of their work.

Randy has lived in Ferguson for 13 years. He started his business here in 2002. He trained on the job and gained as much experience as he could to be considered one of the best in the business. He is a perfectionist and this is much to the customer's advantage. He prides himself on being able to save floors that most people thought could not be refinished. His website is at: <http://floorsdonerightrefinishing.com/>

Randy works long and hard hours six days a week and on a Sunday you can find him at his sister's Baptist church in University City.



Randy attended Tarkeo College in northwest Missouri. He studied special education there and enjoyed teaching kids with autism.

I asked Randy what was his vision for his business. He replied that he wanted to be able to pass on his skills to six or seven young people during a 10-week training period. He said they needed specialized training to do the job to a high standard. To make this a reality, he would need a grant between \$10 k and \$20 k, to cover payroll and equipment.

Randy also does basketball courts and his clients included the Cross Key Middle School basket ball court and the Alton, IL Elementary School.

I congratulate Randy for representing what is the Best of Ferguson as he brings excellence in workmanship as he does floors right! If you need a floor that looks like mirror afterwards, give Randy a call at 314-657-8686 for a free estimate.

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](http://www.BestAgainstStress.com) 314-521-4390

## Women of Achievement

10 area women recognized for their outstanding commitment to volunteer service and leadership

Women of Achievement is pleased to announce the 2016 Class of Honorees, a selection of 10 extraordinary volunteers from the St. Louis metropolitan region. Founded in 1955, the St. Louis Women of Achievement Award is the oldest, ongoing program in the area whose sole mission is to honor and recognize the volunteer service and volunteer leadership of women. The 2016 Class were recognized at the 2016 Women of Achievement Luncheon on Tuesday, May 10 at the Ritz-Carlton, St. Louis.

The 2016 Class of Honorees includes:  
 Maimuna Baig, MD – Community Health  
 Carol Beeman – Community Welfare  
 Ronnie Brockman – Youth Enrichment  
 Etta Daniels – Historic Preservation  
 Lynn Friedman Hamilton – Older Adult Services  
**Carol Swartout Klein – Civic Responsibility**  
 Marlys Schuh, MD – Women's Health  
 Annie Guyton Seal – Health Advocacy  
 Kathryn Winter – Volunteer Leadership  
 Patricia Wolff, MD – Humanitarian Concerns

"Volunteers are the backbone of our community and nonprofits, and each year we take great pride and joy in honoring women volunteers who have selflessly dedicated their time, energy and efforts to helping others," said Women of Achievement President Joni Karandjeff. "With their extensive years of volunteering and unflinching dedication and service, this year's honorees are extraordinary in every way."

"The impact our honorees have made in the St. Louis and beyond really hits home at the luncheon," said Pam Toder, chair of the 2016 Luncheon.

"In addition to awarding the honorees, we feature a beautifully produced video about their volunteer service, history and leadership. To see the smiles, the tears and to feel the compassion in the room is very special."

Women of Achievement honorees are selected from nominations from the St. Louis metropolitan area, including Metro East Illinois, who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to the betterment of the St. Louis region through voluntary contributions, volunteer leadership and a significant breadth of a volunteer career. Women of Achievement considers nominees with significant volunteer impact in areas such as, but not limited to, education, arts, health and human services, youth and family, philanthropy, social justice and advocacy. For additional information about the awards, luncheon and honorees, please visit [www.woastl.org](http://www.woastl.org).

Carol Swartout Klein is the author of the award-winning book, "Painting for Peace In Ferguson."

Carol is a resident of Ferguson





## Ask Grandma

The other day, my daughter was talking about how the role of mother and housewife has changed over the decades. I started thinking of my childhood and my mother.

I was the 6th of 7 children and I remember my mother (who was never in the best of health) doing laundry on Monday. Although she had an automatic washing machine when many women in those days had the old wringer machine, doing laundry was an all-day job. She would begin the day by changing the sheets on the many beds. She would take the top sheet and make it the bottom sheet

(there were no contour sheets in those days), then put on a clean top sheet and pillow cases. We had a clothes chute on the second floor, but you had to be very careful feeding the sheets in or they would clog. But even if you were careful, if you forgot to open the clothes chute trap door in the basement, everything would clog anyway, and it took a long time just to get the dirty laundry into the basement. If I was helping mom on Laundry Day, I just put the sheets in a basket and carried them down to the basement, something my tiny mother couldn't do.

OK, now we are down in the basement separating whites, colors, very dark, etc. I said we had an automatic washer, but it was temperamental. When we first got it (I think I was about 7 or 8) we didn't realize that you couldn't use regular soap (Oxydol was my mother's favorite). Detergents were on the market but not very obtainable. The first couple of weeks, the soap would foam up and nearly fill that end of the basement. Although my mother was exasperated, I thought it was quite fun. It took many loads to get all the "soap" out of the machine.

Now the first load of wash was finished and, of course, we had no dryer. The clotheslines were strung all over the backyard and the laundry was lugged up the basement stairs, out the garage and hung up piece by piece by wooden clothespins, not the snap kind you see occasionally today. I was always a little embarrassed when I got older that all the neighbors could see our underwear.



Although no one actually said anything about it, I believe there was an unspoken competition on Laundry Day, about which neighbor had the whitest laundry. There was a product called "blueing" that was added to the final rinse water that gave the white clothes a "blue" cast which gave them the illusion of being much whiter.

With nine people in the house there were a number of loads of wash . . . too many for the clotheslines. As a result, some of the first loads had to be taken down to make room for more clothes. Rue the day it was cloudy and perhaps a chance drizzle, much less a rain storm, because it would make for a very, very long day. Then the clothes had to be hung in the basement, right by the furnace so that they dried faster.

I'll let you in on a little secret. We had a pool table in the basement. Mom would practice pool while keeping a watch on the unpredictable washing machine on Monday Laundry Day. Mom wasn't a very good pool player, but no one would challenge her on Monday evening, because I don't think even Minnesota Fats could beat her.

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### Calendar of Events In and Around Ferguson

Complete Details of These Events Throughout the Paper

- Lunch and Bingo – Comm. Ctr. . . . . Thurs., June 2
- Poetry Workshop – Library. . . . . Thurs., June 2
- Rabies Clinic – City Garage. . . . . Sat., June 4
- 4th of July Casino Night – Marley's . . . . . Sat., June 4
- Ferguson Historical Society Open House – Comm. Ctr. Grounds Sun., June 5
- Pakt Summer Camp Begins – Central School . . . . . Mon., June 6
- Class on Using Library Catalog – Library . . . . . Wed., June 8
- Neighborhood Watch Meeting – City Hall . . . . . Wed., June 8
- Lunch at Lambert's Trip . . . . . Thurs., June 9
- Retro Boogie Concert – 501 Plaza . . . . . Fri., June 10
- St. Peters UCC Beer and Hymns – Brewhouse . . . . . Sun., June 12
- Jobs & More STL Resume Training – Library. . . . . Mon.-Fri., June 13-24
- Reading on Race Book Club – Library . . . . . Mon., June 13
- Ferguson City Council Meeting – City Hall . . . . . Tues., June 14
- Flag Day . . . . . Tues., June 14
- Go Science! for Kids – Library. . . . . Tues., June 14
- Adult Computer Class – Library . . . . . Wed., June 15
- St. Louis Big Band Concert – St. Peters UCC . . . . . Fri., June 17
- Father's Day . . . . . Sun., June 19
- Food Trucks Monday – 501 Plaza . . . . . Mon., June 20
- Celebrate Reading and Libraries Event – Library . . . . . Tues., June 21
- The Humdingers in Concert – 501 Plaza . . . . . Fri., June 24
- Marley's Anniversary and Casino Night . . . . . Sat., June 25
- Vacation Bible School – Immanuel UCC. . . . . Mon.-Fri., June 27-July 1
- Trip to Fairmount Park. . . . . Tues., June 28
- Ferguson City Council Meeting – City Hall . . . . . Tues., June 28
- Public Hearing to Discuss Grant – City Hall . . . . . Tues., June 28
- Smart Grocery Shopping – Library . . . . . Tues., June 28
- Trip to OmniMax Theater . . . . . Thurs., June 30

Left Bank Books presents  
**Carol Anderson**



Historian Carol Anderson will sign and discuss her new book, *White Rage: The Unspoken Truth of our Racial Divide*.

All are welcome to attend, but proof of purchase of *White Rage* from Left Bank Books will be required to enter the signing line.

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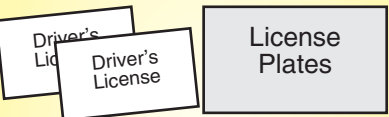

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