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Ferguson Easter Sunrise Service at January Wabash Park

The annual 2018 Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service will be held Sunday, April 1 at 6:30 a.m. at January-Wabash Memorial Park, located at January Avenue and North Florissant Road. The service will be held on the west side of the lake. Bring your own chair if desired. Giving a brief meditation for the informal service will be The Rev. Larry Lemke of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Ferguson, and clergy from various churches in Ferguson will also participate. What a great way to begin the celebration of resurrection and new life!

A free-will offering will benefit the Ferguson Caring League. The community is invited, and there will be coffee and donuts afterward. This special service is sponsored by the Ferguson Ministerial Alliance and the Ferguson Partnership of Churches.

For more information, contact Rev. Ellie Stock (314) 521-8418 or elliestock@aol.com

Saturday, April 14th
Ferguson Indoor Farmers' Market

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

St. Stephen's Church 33 North Clay

This is the last indoor market.

See you outside at Victorian Plaza on May 6th.

9:00 am to noon

Outdoor Market Begins May 5th

April Events at the Ferguson Public Library

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

Century Homes in Ferguson - Saturday, April 7 at 10 am

Join the Ferguson Landmarks Commission and learn about the Century Homes in Ferguson. Learn how you can find out the age of your home, if it is historical, and if it could qualify as a future Century Home.

Gardening Basics with EarthDance - Thursday, April 12 at 6 pm

Looking to start a garden this year but have a brown thumb? Have no fear, EarthDance is here! A representative from the oldest organic farm west of the Mississippi will share some tips and tricks to get your garden started just in time for the growing season.

Storytime Science - Saturday, April 21 at 2 pm

Join us and the St. Louis Science Center as science concepts are revealed using the magic of stories! For kids and their caregivers in preschool and kindergarten (ages 3-6).

Wind Turbine Design Challenge - Wednesday, April 25 at 6 pm

Celebrate Earth Day with us and the Challenger Learning Center! You'll learn all about alternative energy sources like wind energy, and compete against other teams to build the best wind turbine. For kids ages 6-12. Registration is required.

Also going on this month:

- Readings on Race Book Club: "Do Not Resist" film, Apr. 9
- Tuesday Book Club: *Eternal Life* by Dara Horn, Apr. 24
- Crafternoon: upcycled mini macrame plant holders, Apr. 27

Coming up next month:

- Star Wars Celebration: May 4
- 2018 Summer Reading Program Kick-off: May 19
- and more!

Check our online calendar for more events as we post them!

The Ferguson City Council will meet twice in April. All meetings will be held in the City Council Chambers at 110 Church Street. The meeting dates are:

Tuesday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 24 at 7:00 p.m.

City Wide Yard Sale is Saturday, June 2nd

CityWalk Concert Series 2018

May 11 – Boogie Chyid

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7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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CityWalk Business Updates

Baked Wood Fired Pizza Joint held their grand opening on Pi day, March 14. Located at 235 S. Florissant Road, the new pizzeria offers unique recipe pizzas, baked in a wood fired oven. The menu also includes appetizers, wings, salads. Gelato is on the dessert menu.

MISSOURI MAIN STREET
Have you heard? The Ferguson Downtown Special Business District (FSBD) has received a grant from the Missouri Main Street Connection (MMSC). MMSC is dedicated to the development of a sustainable, volunteer-based organization that will carry out an economic development program based on the preservation of historic assets in the downtown commercial district.

The Main Street America movement has helped revitalize historic downtown areas for more than thirty-five years. It is a project of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The MMSC volunteer Board of Directors includes Main Street professionals, revitalization and preservation specialists, professors, attorneys, bankers, legislators and Missouri Department of Economic Development staff members. The MMSC has already served 178 Missouri Communities.

During the next two years MMSC will provide FSBD with training and mentoring to establish a volunteer revitalization organization. This organization will in turn engage the entire community as a participant and beneficiary. The group also will attend regional revitalization workshops and conferences conducted by MMSC.

This is great news for small businesses. The Main Street Connection process supports entrepreneurship and private investment in historic districts.

Ferguson residents, business owners, and community leaders are invited to a meeting at Ferguson City Hall, Council Chambers, Thursday, May 3rd, 6-8pm. No registration is required. Missouri Main Street Representatives will present the Main Street 4-Point Approach® to Revitalization. Attendees will form groups based on these four points: organization, economic restructuring, design and promotion, and discuss what the community would like to see happen in each of the four areas. Typically, each group generates a large list; then prioritizes by casting votes for the most important, achievable activities to implement in the first year of work, putting other choices on the "back burner." At the end of the evening, each group will report their top priorities. This information will then be used by the four corresponding committees to draft Action Plans for the CityWalk Board to consider.

CityWalk business owners have a standing invitation to attend meetings of the Ferguson Special Business District Advisory Board, which meets the 2rd Thursday of the month from 5:30-7:30 p.m. FSBD meets at Mobile Eyecare Solutions, 248 S. Florissant Rd. For more information, please contact Robin Shively at 314-495-7452 or cornersframing@gmail.com.

The Plumber's Crack

By Oh Baby *bigohbaby@sbcglobal.net*

Trees budding, bees buzzing, robins fighting for territory, close out sales on winter clothes, grass starting to grow, and there are no fools this year because He has risen yes it's April and time for another Plumbers Crack.

Well my friends, we are going to talk about water this month. Exciting huh. Is what we drink contaminated. Oh oh, got your attention now. Those of you who have refrigerators with ice makers and water dispensers, when was the last time you changed your filter. What filter you ask? Exactly! Most of us forget or don't even know there is a filter on these marvelous appliances. They are usually located in the font of frige at floor level. If you never changed it you would be amazed what you might be drinking. If they get bad enough they could keep your ice maker from working. They are pretty easy to change.

There is a shut off valve on the water line. Have a towel or two ready unscrew old and screw in the new. If you don't have the paper work on your appliance, look it up on line or go to where you bought the fridge and they will the have the filter and instructions on changing. There can be serious health issues with these filters so do yourself a favor and get it done. If you're still afraid, call your favorite appliance repairman and he will do it for you.

The same can be said for the those of you that have had whole house filters installed on your incoming water service. Those can get nasty and also cut down on your water pressure. I know you have figured this out by now but the same goes for those smaller ones you put on or under your sink.

I mentioned in my opening that He has risen. Easter fell on April 1st this year so hopefully this sacred Holliday took precedence over April fools jokes. You know where this is going. Let's treat every day like it's Easter. Show some love to those who are less fortunate. Listen to and show empathy to those who think differently from you. Pay less attention to social media and more attention to your neighbors. That's the real world. Take care of our children and hug them babies; they are our future.

God Bless you all, Oh Baby

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William (Bill) Duncan

Bill Duncan, age 89, passed away March 5, 2018. He was the husband of the late Betty Duncan and the father of Dan (Dana), Scott (deceased), Beth, Bart (Kathy); grandfather, and great-grandfather.

Bill was a former Ferguson Councilman and active member of the community. He was on the St Louis Boy Scouts of America Council, business executive, consultant, administrator of social service program in Jerusalem and St. Louis Neighborhood conserve officer.

The first time I met Bill, he served as the vice chairman of a Ferguson organization called PROUD (People Reaching Out for Unity and Diversity), founded in 1995. It was a time of great upheaval in the area as many residents moved out of Ferguson in what we then called “White Flight”. PROUD sought to be instrumental in the stabilizing of the community. PROUD continued for a number of years after that first year, and many neighboring communities followed Ferguson’s lead in establishing their own organizations.

Bill has left his mark on Ferguson, even today. He was a talented artist and his sculpture of William B. Ferguson stands in the entrance to Ferguson City Hall. William Ferguson developed much of the community and later donated the ground for the railroad to build a station with the stipulation that it be named Ferguson. Another of Bill’s works, “The World Within,” guards the front door of the Ferguson Municipal Library. This statue depicts a young boy reading a book that opens up new worlds, and is of his grandson, Danny.

Another connection to Ferguson was Bill’s contribution of an article call “Senior Moments,” which appeared in the *Ferguson Times* for several years.

After serving on the PROUD committee with Bill, I became good friends with him and Betty. A few years ago, unable to maintain his home on Elizabeth Avenue, they moved to Hidden Lake retirement community, where I enjoyed still visiting them. They both were interested in Ferguson events and relished talking about present goals and past achievements.

Rest in peace Bill and Betty . . . wish I could send you a copy of the *Ferguson Times.*

Dorothy Seiter

Is Your Home 100 Years Old?

The Ferguson Landmarks Commission was formed in 1982 as an advisory body to the city council on matters of historical significance and the study of buildings and structures in the city which have historical or architectural significance. Between 1982 and 2017 over 120 homes have been plaqued as Century Homes.

• Are you familiar with the "Ferguson Historic Inventory" at the library? These books contain information on the majority of the historical homes in the Ferguson area. The inventory contains basic information on the individual houses and is an excellent beginning point for further research.

• The brochure "Qualifying a Ferguson Century Home" will be available at the library and city hall. The brochure explains the functions of the Landmarks Commission as well as the Century Home Program.

• Mark your calendars. This years Century Home Sunday is June 10th; five homes will be celebrated on that date.

Need a Helping Hand in Researching Your Home?

Board Members of the Ferguson Landmarks Commission will be at the FERGUSON LIBRARY from 10am till 12 noon on **Saturday, April 7th.** Board members will be available to assist home owners with research and information on historical homes.

Woodfire Pizza Joint Opens in Ferguson

On Monday, March 5th, the newest pizza parlor opened on Ferguson’s main street.

Mike and Lizzie Lonero, along with Robb Wiessen, took occupancy of part of the ground floor of the recently open Mike Palmer lofts.

Specialty pizzas are on the menu, including gluten free, as well as dairy free, so customers on restricted diets can now enjoy delicious pizza, hot-out-of-the wood fired oven.

Baked Pizza has other foods on the menu and has a full bar available.

Above is the building that houses Baked Pizza with plenty of free, lighted parking right next store.

On the right is Lizzie Lonero serving up pizza and Mike Lonero at the counter.

235 South Florissant Rd.
Downtown Ferguson

314-736-1810

Temporary Hours:
Tuesday-Thursday 4-10pm
Friday & Saturday 4-11pm
Sunday 4-9pm
Closed Monday

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If we want it done, we may have to do it ourselves

By Mayor James W. Knowles III

"It is folly for a man to pray to the gods for that which he has the power to obtain by himself.

— Epicurus (341–270 bc),
Greek philosopher, Scholar, Writer

While I strongly believe in the power of prayer, I don't believe that prayer gives me the ability to rest on my laurels while expecting divine favor to deliver whatever needs I may have or quell any problems that I may experience. The same I would say about our city and our reliance on grant money, especially Federal grant money, which is uncertain and undependable especially in these political times. I am happy to seek out and take grant money when available, but when those doors close we must find other ways to achieve our goals, especially in projects that have already seen much investment.

In 2011, during my first term as Mayor, the City of Ferguson reached out to the cities of Dellwood and Jennings to discuss a plan for a cooperative effort along the W. Florissant Rd corridor that would transform the physical street and development along the road from the Ferguson/Jennings border, all the way north to Highway 270. At the time, the city of Jennings had no interest in their very little section of W. Florissant, but the City of Dellwood was an eager partner. While the project would benefit all us, nearly half of the affected area would be in the city limits of the City of Dellwood, and the core of the W. Florissant development was in the very heart of Dellwood, both as a City and as a business district. The City of Ferguson funded an effort led by our planning and zoning staff and supported by the City of Dellwood, which laid the very groundwork for what would be later known as the W. Florissant Great Streets Initiative.

As we fought to deal with the devastation of the 2011 Good Friday Tornado, and then again the tornado in 2013, the City of Ferguson led this effort to re-imagine the W. Florissant corridor and led a study to determine how we could encourage beautification and redevelopment throughout the corridor. The city's efforts led to a grant from the East-West Gateway Council of Governments which funded a cooperative effort involving St. Louis County, Ferguson, and Dellwood and embarked upon an 8-month effort of community engagement and study that culminated in the Great Streets Plan which was presented in July of 2014.

The events of August 2014 disrupted a great deal of the progress and development that was happening in our community, and put a hold on the project that led to a several year delay in the continuation of those efforts. Over the past year, St. Louis County has taken the lead on the project and has worked to re-engage the community and update the W. Florissant Corridor plan and prepare it for implementation. One major hold-up, is the more than $30 million price tag to fund the infrastructure improvements that will help transform the corridor. I have long been concerned that the St. Louis County plan has thrown all its hopes for success into one basket, a "TIGER" grant from the federal government. The time and effort that has been dedicated to this crucial effort could all be for naught if we rely solely on Federal government to make this dream possible through this grant.

This past week, my fears were realized when the Federal Government released the names of the winners of the 2018 TIGER grants, and the W. Florissant Rd Great Streets Initiative was not among them. What does that mean for our project? What does that mean for the nearly 8 years of work and millions of dollars that have already been invested into re-imagining what the W. Florissant Corridor could look like? At this point in time, the future is uncertain. There was not a back-up plan ready to keep this project moving. Like many other great ideas that have lacked funding or seen adversity, this project very well could end up on a shelf in the St. Louis County Planning department, gathering dust with hundreds of other unfinished initiatives and projects. The money already spent could be added to the untold millions of dollars spent to study, plan, and prepare for things that never came to fruition in our region. But it doesn't have to.

The City of Ferguson has led on this project before. It is the leadership of our city that has helped to bring us to this point we are today. While the entire project is not within our city, and the project as a whole lacks funding, the phase of the project in our community which is along W. Florissant Rd between Highmont and the Jennings City limits is ripe for investment and development. There are developers that we have been in contact with that are ready to invest. There are funding mechanisms like Transportation Development Districts and Community Improvement Districts that could be used to help fund the development of that corridor. St. Louis County could secure enough local funding to rebuild that section of W. Florissant (which is their road), and help transform that part of our community which was devastated during the unrest. This can all be done, and more, with a little leadership from our city, and a little pressure on St. Louis County to make this project their priority.

It's time we do it, and stop praying for others to do it for us. We'll take all the help we can get, but we won't let that be what determines our success.

Ferguson Neighborhood Organizations

Dates & times subject to change. Check www.fergusoncity.com
Unsure of your group? Call 314.524.5257

Group	Next Mtg.	Location	Contact
Forestwood Park Neighborhood Group	Apr 3 7 pm	Emmaus Bible Chapel 900 Highmont	Donald Stevens 314-561-0379 ddd-steeess@att.net
Jeske Park Neighborhood Assc.	Apr 12 7 pm	Ferguson Community Ctr. 1050 Smith Ave	Stephani Von Drasek jeskepark neighborhood @gmail.com
Nesbit-Newton	TBA	Nesbit-Newton Park	Paul Beins 314-869-5080 pbeins@yahoo.com
Northwest Ferguson	TBA	First Baptist Church 333 N Florissant	Shelley Davis leeshel57@sbcglobal.net
Old Ferguson East Neighborhood Assn.	May 7 7 pm	Ferguson Community Ctr. 1050 Smith	Glenda Rickard 314-524-8115 glenda.rickard@mercy.net
Old Ferguson West Neighbors	Apr 5 7 pm	Ferguson Community Ctr. 1050 Smith Ave	Larry Robinett ldrobinett@gmail.com
Robert-Superior Neighborhood Group	TBA	Ferguson Community Ctr. 1050 Smith Ave	TBA
Southwest Ferguson Neighborhood Group	TBA	Fire Station #1 200 So. Florissant	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	Mary Simmons hudsonhills63135@gmail.com
North Hills Neighborhood	TBA	Fire Station #1 200 So. Florissant	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	Donald Moore 314-226-3109 corvette246@yahoo.com

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You can submit a request for records using the Record Request icon.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.fergusoncity.com
You can do all this and more on the city's website. For more information contact Octavia Pittman, City Clerk at 314-521-7721 or opittman@fergusoncity.com

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Consider volunteering on a Ferguson Board, Committee, or Commission. We have multiple vacancies available. The list includes committees like the Architectural Review Board, Plan Commission, Park Board, Personnel Board and others. For more information regarding vacancies, requirements, roles and responsibilities and/or how to apply, visit the City's website or contact your City Clerk at City Hall.

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Don't forget to get to the Recreation Office to register or call us at (314) 521-4661.

COMMUNITY CENTER

Don't forget to pick up the new Destination Recreation brochure with a complete list of programming offered throughout Ferguson at the Ferguson Community Center or online at www.fergusoncity.com

Facility Rentals

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

Memberships

Resident Youth – Daily $1/ Yearly $50
Resident Adult – Daily $3/ Yearly $85
Resident Senior – Daily $1/ Yearly $50
Resident Family – Yearly $165

Non Resident Youth – Daily $3/ Yearly $200
Non Resident Adult – Daily $5/ Yearly $200
Non Resident Senior – Daily $3/ Yearly $120
Non Resident Family – Yearly $300

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Resident Family – $16 per month (12 month agreement)

Non Resident Youth – $18 per month (12 month agreement)
Non Resident Adult – $18 per month (12 month agreement)
Non Resident Senior – $12 per month (12 month agreement)
Non Resident Family – $28 per month (12 month agreement)

Each patron is required to have an I.D. card which can be purchased at the front desk of the community center. Residents must present 2 forms of identification to receive a resident ID card. There is a $5 fee for each card. If the card is lost/stolen, a new card can be issued for $5.

PROGRAMMING

Beginning Tumbling

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

Age: 3 ½-6 years old & 8-12 years old
Start Date: Mondays May 14 to July 9
(No Class July 2)
Time: 5:45pm-6:40pm
Location: Ferguson Community Center
Fee: $34/Members; $39/Residents; $44/Non-Residents

Junior Tumbling

After balance, control and coordination exercises, skills such as forward and backward rolls, cartwheels, round offs, and mat routines will be taught. Children will also learn balance beam routines. This class is a follow-up to the Beginning Class but no prior training is necessary. Gymnastic or ballet shoes, leotard and tights are highly recommended but not required. No jeans, baggy clothing, tennis shoes, or bare feet.

Age: 7 - 13 years old
Start Date: Mondays May 14 to July 9
(No Class July 2)
Time: 6:45-7:40
Location: Ferguson Community Center
Fee: $34/Members; $39/Residents; $44/Non-Residents

Tap & Ballet Dance

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

Age: 3 - 7 years old
Start Date: Mondays May 16 to July 11
(No Class July 4)
Time: 5:45pm-6:40pm
Location: Ferguson Community Center
Fee: $34/Members; $39/Residents; $44/Non-Residents

Hip Hop/ Jazz Dance

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

Age: 8-13 years old
Start Date: Wednesdays May 16 to July 11
(No class July 4)
Time: 6:45pm-7:40pm
Location: Ferguson Community Center
Fee: $34/Members; $39/Residents; $44/Non-Residents

Adult Social Dance

Are you planning to go on a cruise, attend a wedding reception or a reunion? If you are, then you'll need to take this class. You will learn to dance to any music, fast or slow. Simple basics in various dance styles will be taught and soon you'll have the confidence to join the fun on the dance floor. Partners or singles are welcome. Private dance classes are available. Wear comfortable clothes and hard soled shoes, no tennis shoes or sandals.

Age: 16 & Up
Start Date: Mondays May 14 to July 9
(No Class July 2)
Time: 7:45-8:40pm
Location: Ferguson Community Center
Fee: $40/Members; $45/Residents; $50/Non-Residents

Salsa & Swing Dance

Whether you're preparing for a special occasion or just want to dance for Fun and fitness, this class is for you. Salsa and Swing are two of the most popular dance styles in the St Louis area. You'll enjoy learning and moving to these fast paced dance rhythms. We'll start with basic steps and then various spins, rotations and other variations will be added on to give you a nice routine that you'll be proud of. Partners or singles are welcome. Private lessons are available. Partners or singles are welcome. Private dance classes are available. Wear comfortable clothes and hard soled shoes, no tennis shoes or sandals.

Age: 16 & Up
Start Date: Wednesdays May 16 to July 11
(No Class 7-4)
Time: 7:45-8:40pm
Location: Ferguson Community Center
Fee: $40/Members; $45/Residents; $50/Non-Residents

Private Dance Lessons

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

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

Open Play Basketball

Come to the Ferguson Community Center for pick-up basketball games (half court only)

Days: Tues., Wed., Sat. and Sun.
Location: Ferguson Community Center
Fee: FREE/Members; Daily Fee / Residents;
Daily Fee / Non-Residents

Open Play Volleyball

Come to the Ferguson Community Center for pick up volleyball games.

Days: Mondays
Time: 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Location: Ferguson Community Center
Fee: FREE / Members; Daily Fee / Residents;
Daily Free /Non-Residents

Pickleball

A paddle sport created for all ages and skill levels. The rules are simple and the game is easy for beginners to learn, but can develop into a quick, fast paced, competitive game for experienced players.
All equipment will be provided.

Age: 18 and older
Days : Wednesdays and Fridays
Time: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Location: Ferguson Community Center
Fee: Daily rates apply

Parks and Recreation Activities Continue on Page 6

FITNESS

Aerobics
This fitness program is designed for all skill levels. High Impact Aerobics will improve your heart rate, increase energy levels, as well as improve strength and flexibility.
Age: 18 years & up
Start Date: Mon, Apr 9 to May 28
Wed, Apr 11 to May 30
Time: 6pm-7pm
Location: Ferguson Community Center
Fee: $25/Members - 1 day per week
$30/Residents - 1 day per week
$35/Non-Residents - 1 day per week
Additional Days:
$10/members add day
$15/residents add day
$20/non-residents add day

Intro to Fitness
Join the Ferguson Community Center staff and learn how to properly use the fitness equipment in our fitness center. This class is offered once a month and you must pre-register at the front desk.
Age: 15 years old and up
Start Date: Wednesdays April 4, May 2
Time: 7:00-7:45pm
Location: Ferguson Community Center
Fee: FREE/Members
$2/Residents; $3/ Non-Residents and Guests

Corefit Class
Join Will Fitness for this class that is an all-inclusive, dynamic course designed to improve your overall fitness level; including strength and flexibility. More than an ab workout, Core-Strong is about training the abs, back, hips and glutes; covering the 28 muscles of the core and then some. Utilizing ground based exercises that revolve around the medicine ball; anyone can improve their personal level of fitness, gain confidence, and still have fun!
Age: 15 & up
Start Date: Tuesdays May 1 to Jun 19
Time: 6:00-7:00
Location: Ferguson Community Center
Fee: $25/Members; $30/Residents; $35/Non-Residents
PREREGISTRATION REQUIRED

Resistance Band Class
Join Will Fitness as he guides you through a 45 minute full body workout that utilizes resistance bands. This workout will get your heart rate up and strengthen you in new ways without picking up a single weight! Looped bands, cross cables, and bodyweight exercises incorporated for a complete workout!
Age: 15 & up
Start Date: Thursdays May 17 to June 21
Time: 6:00pm-7:00pm
Location: Ferguson Community Center
Fee: $25/Members; $30/Residents; $35/Non-Residents
PREREGISTRATION REQUIRED

Fat Burn Cardio Class
Blast your cardio fitness level through the roof with the best of any type of cardio training the instructor feels like throwing at you! You will challenge your aerobic and anaerobic threshold every time so come prepared to get your cardio on!
Age: 15 & up
Start Date: Fridays May 18 to Jun 22
Time: 5:00 pm-6:00 pm
Location: Ferguson Community Center
Fee: $20/Members; $25/Residents; $30/Non-Residents
PREREGISTRATION REQUIRED

Will Fitness Kettlebell Class
Open to All FITNESS LEVELS and is a kettlebell conditioning based workout. All workouts will be tailored from beginner level to advanced kettlebell movements. Workouts will also include body-weight, dumbbell, and circuit training skills. We strongly emphasize proper technique and skill.
Age: 15 & Up
Start Date: Thurs, May 17 to June 21
Time: 7:30-8:15pm
Location: Ferguson Community Center
Fee: $25/Members; $30/Residents; $35/Non-Residents
PREREGISTRATION REQUIRED

Will Fit Bootcamp
Boot camp with Will Fitness! A group exercise class that mixes traditional callisthenic and body weight exercises with interval training and strength training designed in a way that pushes the participants harder than they'd push themselves and, in that way, resemble a military boot camp. Participants will be indoors and outdoors. We will run sprints; perform lots of pushups and various forms of plyometric and interval training with little rest between exercises and challenging workout.
Start Date: Sat, May 19 - July 14
No Class July 7
Time: 10:00am-11:00am
Location: Community Center
Fee: $30/Members; $35/Residents; $40/Non-Residents
All Ability Levels Welcome, Preregistration Required

Silver Sneakers Program
Silver Sneakers is a fun, energizing program that helps older adults take greater control of their health by encouraging physical activity. Unlock the door to greater independence and a healthier life with Silver Sneakers. With certain Medicare plans you can be eligible to join this program. Silver Sneakers provides a free fitness center membership and free select classes at the Ferguson Community Center. Call the Ferguson Community Center to find out if you qualify for this fabulous program, 314-521-4661.

Silver Sneakers Classic
This class is designed for seniors or someone who is starting to workout 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 utilizing hand held weights, tubes and a Silver Sneakers ball. A chair is made available for seated and/or standing support.
Days: Tuesdays and Thursdays
Dates: Ongoing
Times: 9:55-10:50 am
Fee: FREE/Silver Sneakers Members
$3/ Everyone Else

Silver Sneakers Cardio Circuit
Silver Sneakers Cardio Circuit combines fun with fitness to increase your cardiovascular and muscular endurance power with a standing circuit workout. Upper body strength work with hand-held weights, elastic tubing with handles, and a Silver Sneakers ball is alternated with low-impact aerobic choreography. A chair can be used for standing support.
Days: Tuesdays and Thursdays
Dates: Ongoing
Times: 8:50-9:45 am
Fee: FREE/Silver Sneakers Members
$3/Everyone Else

Personal Training
Get into shape with the Ferguson Community Center's personal trainers. We now offer personalized training for all of your fitness goals! Group training, one on one, meal plans and fitness assessments.

Individual Packages
Beginner Bundle
Includes Fitness Assessment*
and 1 personal training sessions.
Fee: $70/ Members
$80/ Non-Member
Beginner Bundle +
Includes Fitness Assessment*
and 2 personal training sessions.
Fee: $95/ Members
$105/ Non-Member
1 Session
Fee: $35/ Members
$40/ Non-Member
3 Session
Fee: $90/ Members
$105/ Non-Member
5 Session
Fee: $170/ Members
$195/ Non-Member

Training for Two
All prices are per person
1 Session
Fee: $30/ Members
$35/ Non-Member
3 Session
Fee: $80/ Member
$$95/ Non-Member
5 Session
Fee: $145/ Member
$175/ Non Member

SPECIAL PROGRAMMING

Parents Night Out
Come join the staff at the Ferguson Community Center for a night of fun and activities. Parents take the opportunity for a date night or a night out with friends. We will feed your child pizza, play games, and watch a movie.
Ages: 6-12 years old
Dates: Friday, Apr 13
Location: Ferguson Community Center
Times: 5:30pm-10:00pm
Fee: $15 per child
Spots Are Limited So Sign Up Early!

Wayside Park Unleashed (Dog Park)
Ferguson's Dog Park features a large and small dog area and is open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. Dog Park ID required. Owners will need to bring up-to-date shot records: rabies, DHPP, and Bordetella to the Ferguson Community Center to obtain ID.
Yearly Memberships are free for residents or non residents in possession of a valid 2018 ID.
ID Costs: $5 processing fee per dog (max three dogs per household)

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Park Dedication Program

The City of Ferguson offers a great way to honor or remember a loved one, celebrate a milestone, or simply to have a lasting part in one of our parks. Our Tree Dedication program started in 1989 and has seen over 350 dedicated trees to our City. A Spring and Fall dedication ceremony are held. The Spring ceremony generally is on Arbor Day (first Saturday in April) and the Fall date is generally the fourth Saturday in October, dates are subject to change.

Tree Dedication $200

In addition to our tree program we are pleased to offer our new park bench dedication program. Park Bench Dedication $1,000

Call or visit our website for more information

TEEN PROGRAMMING

City Museum

Spaces are limited, sign up today!

Date: Saturday, April 14
Time: 11:30am—4:30pm
Fee: **By April 6,** $5 Resident; $8 Non Resident After 4/6
$8 Resident; $11 Non Resident
After April 6, $8 Resident; $11 Non-Resident

Six Flags St. Louis

(Registration Deadline May 21st)

Date: Saturday May, 26
Time: 10:00am-11:00pm
Location: Community Center
Fee: **By May 4,** $20 Resident; $25 Non Resident;
After May 4, $25 Resident; $30 Non Resident

ADULT PROGRAMMING

Lunch and Bingo

Come and treat yourself to an afternoon at one of Ferguson's fantastic lunch and bingos. Our March bingo celebrates St. Patrick's Day with corned beef and cabbage. Our May bingo event celebrates the coming of summer with a lunch and bingo featuring your choice of chicken or beef. Cost includes lunch as well as bingo. Maximum size: 125.

Date: Thursday May 17
Time: 12pm-3pm
Location: Ferguson Community Center
Fee: $10 Members; $14 Residents; $18 Non-Residents

Dinner & a Show

Enjoy lunch and a matinee showing of the Broadway classic The Phantom of the Opera.

Ages: All
Date: May 10th
Time: 10:30am Departure
Location: Ferguson Community Center
Fees: $90 Members; $95 Residents; $100/ Non-Residents

Cruise 4 Brews

Every other month starting in March the Jolly Trolley will take us from the Ferguson Community Center for a day of indulgence at 4 local breweries. What better way is there to soak up the suds with your buds. Cost covers transportation only.

Ages: 21 and up
Dates: April 21 and June 9
Time: 10:30am—6pm
Fee: $10/Residents; $15/Non-Residents

Tropicana Casino– Evansville, Indiana

Bring along your good luck charm to the brand new Tropicana Casino in Evansville, IN. The casino is now all one level and very accessible for all. You will receive $8 in free play and a free lunch buffet. Remember that you must have valid state id with you. Cost Includes: motor coach transportation, lunch, and all gratuities.

Registration Deadline April 9th

Ages: 21 and up
Dates: Thursday April 12
Time: 8:00 am – 8:00 pm
Fee: $35/Residents; $40/Non-Residents

Blues Game Night

Enjoy pre-game appetizer and drinks buffet at Scottrade Center prior to the Blues taking on the Washington Capitols. Indulge in the fact that you don't have to worry about driving or parking.

Registration Deadline March 2

Ages: All Ages
Date: Monday April 2
Time: 4:30 departure
Location: Ferguson Community Center
Fee: $91/Residents; $96/Non– Residents

Baseball & Bourbon Trail

First travel by motorcoach to catch the Cardinals in action at Great American Ballpark in Cincinnati, where we'll stay for two nights downtown. We'll then travel through bourbon country, otherwise known as Kentucky. We'll hit several Bourbon Distilleries and wind up in Louisville, KY. We'll enjoy three nights stay in a Downtown Louisville hotel not too far from "Whiskey Row" and 4th Street Live! We'll enjoy several museums and even more distilleries that exemplify what truly makes America great.

Registration Deadline June 25

Date: Tues. July 24—Sun. July 29
Fee: $780/Residents; $795/Non-Residents (Double Occupancy)
$1090/Resident; $1105/Non-Resident (Single Occupant)

Day Winery Tour

Come join us every other month to indulge in fine wine. Must have a minimum of 10 patrons preregistered for these trips to be made. Cost covers transportation only.

Ages: 21 and up
Date: Saturday May 12, Sunday July 15, Saturday September 15
Time: 10am-6pm
Fee: $10/Residents, $15/Non– Residents

Area Casino Day Trips

Need a day out and about? Come test your luck at an area casino each month! The trip only includes transportation to the casino. Must have a minimum of 10 patrons preregistered for the trip to be made.

Fee: $5/Residents, $8 Non-Resident
Location: Ferguson Community Center
Time: 10:00am-4:00pm
Wednesday April 18 River City Casino
Wednesday May 16 Ameristar Casino

Branson Getaway

Join us for a trip to Branson, MO, the Live Show Capital of the World. Have your catching arm ready on the way down as we enjoy a great lunch at Lambert's Café "Home of the Throwed Rolls". While in Branson we will enjoy two great shows of the Haygoods and Dolly Parton's Dixie Stampede. Before we leave town we will board the Titanic museum to marvel at the wonder of this historic boat. On the way home we will stop by St. James Winery and Public House Brewing. CompanyCost includes: motor coach transportation, two nights lodging, meals—2 breakfast, 1 lunch, 2 dinner, luggage service, plus driver gratuities.

Date: Tues. May 15—Thurs. May 17
Time: 8:00am—7:00pm
Location: Ferguson Community Center
Fee: $450/Residents
$475/Non– Residents

ATHLETICS

Open Sand Volleyball Tournament

Gather your friends for a fun day in the sun as we kick off the start of warmer weather with a free Sand Volleyball Tournament. Format determined based on the number of teams that register. Trophy awarded to Champions.

Ages: 18 and up (under 18 require parental consent)
Registration: April 4th
Tournament: Sunday, April 8th
Time: 11:00 am
Location: Community Center Outdoor Complex
Fee: Free

Youth Volleyball

Ages: U18, U16, U14, & U12 leagues
Registration: April 16th
Season: May 14th – July 16th
Location: Ferguson Community Center
Fees: $35/individual; $210/team

Sunday Funday Volleyball

Join us for sand volleyball league at the Community Center Outdoor Complex. This league is purely for recreation; games will be self-officiate and report. Come out and have a great time with your friends, family, or coworkers. Teams consist of 4 or more players, up to 6 in rotation on the court during play. Our concession stand will be open during the game for all your concession favorites. Playoff champion team will receive a trophy!

Ages: 18 & up
Dates: Sunday Nights – May 20th—July 1st
Time: Games starting at 6:00pm (6 weeks plus playoffs)
Fee: $40/ team Resident; $50/ team Non-Resident

Start Smart

Each program is designed to give participants an opportunity to develop their sports skills in a fun and safe environment while working and spending quality one-on-one time with their parent. All Start Smart programs feature age appropriate equipment and developmentally appropriate exercises. Each program is 6 weeks long and we will meet at the Ferguson Community Center.

Sport	Ages	Reg. Deadline	Session Schedule
Baseball	3—5	April 27th	May 29—July 10 (no class 6/3)
Football	5—7	Coming Fall 2018	

Day: Tuesday
Time: 6:00pm-7:00pm
Fee: $35/child for each session

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mpion team will receive a trophy!
Ages: 18 & up
Days: Sunday Nights
Dates: May 20th—July 1st (6 weeks plus playoffs)
Time: Games starting at 6:00pm
Fee: $40/ team Resident; $50/ team Non-Resident

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Sport	Ages	Reg. Deadline	Session Schedule
Soccer	3—5	March 9th	March 27–May 1
Baseball	3—5	April 27th	May 29—July 10 (no class 6/3)
Football	5—7	Coming Fall	

Day: Tuesdays
Time: 6:00pm-7:00pm
Fee: $35/child for each session

Youth Baseball

Ages: 1st Grade—8th grade leagues
Registration: Deadline—March 30th, 2018
Season: April 23rd—June 29th, 2018
Location: Forestwood Park
Fee: $45/per youth; $450/per team

1st grade T-Ball, 2nd & 3rd grade Coach Pitch, 4th grade and older is kids pitch.

Adult Softball

Leagues are filling up fast! Register your team with Ferguson Recreation for COED and Men's league this summer. 10 week season + playoffs
Ages: 18 and up
Days: Mens—Thursday, Coed—Sunday
Registration: Deadline–March 30th
Fee: $550/team

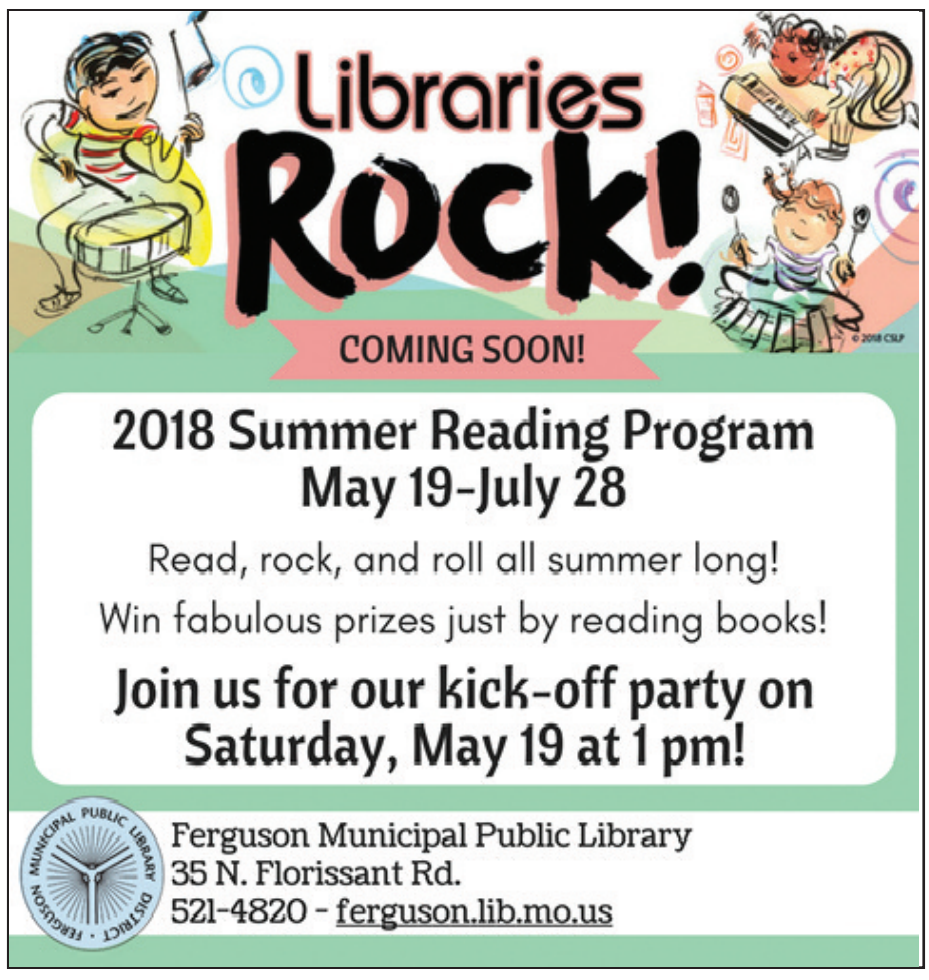
Call (314) 521-4661 for more information.

Field Rentals

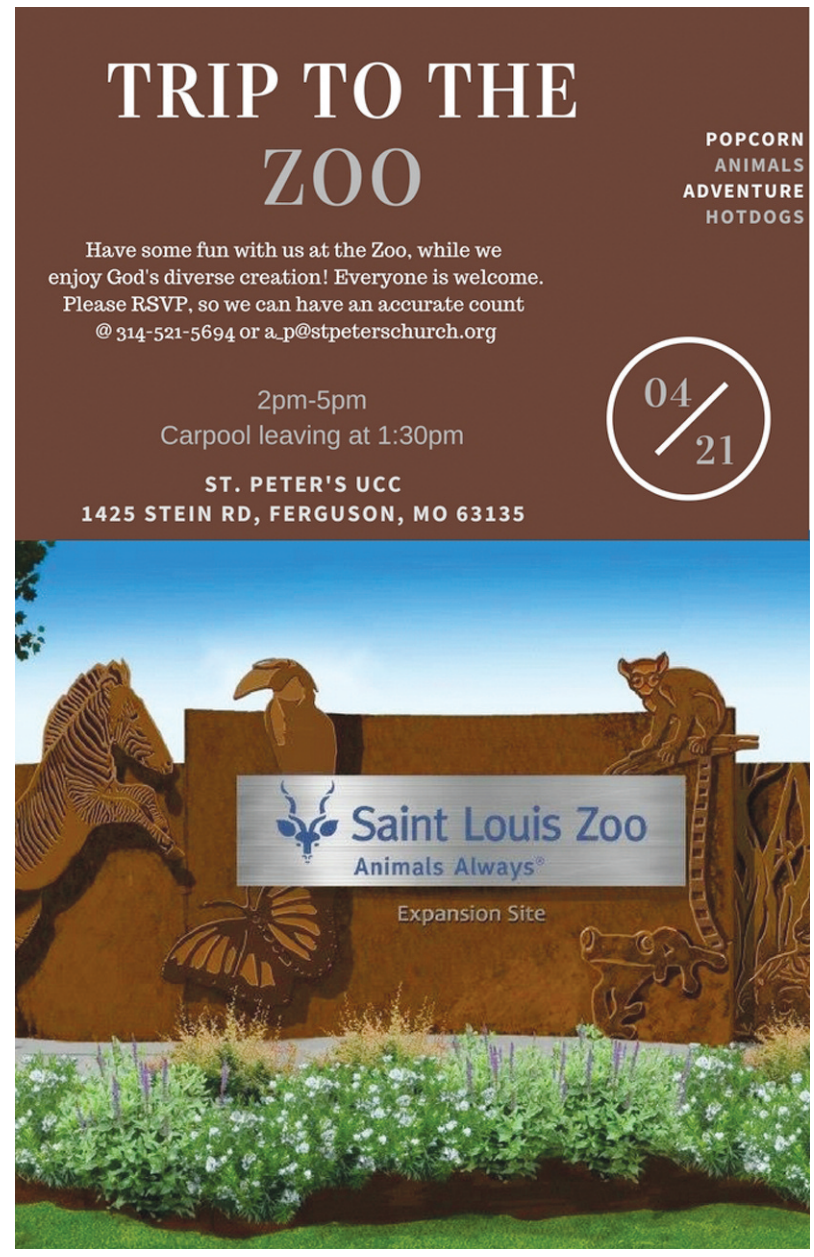
Field rental space is available at the Ferguson Sports Complex at Forestwood Park. Payment is due in full before a field permit will be issued (Requests within 48 hours of use may not be accepted). A refundable $100 deposit is due at the time of payment on all reservations.

Rental Prices	Field #1	Fields 2-5
Daytime	$10/hour	$10/hour
Lighted	$20/hour	$15/hour
Grooming Fee	$15	$10

Help us keep the fields playable: do not use when wet and report any unsafe field conditions immediately.
Please call the Ferguson Sports Hotline for rain out information: (314) 286-9102



VOTE Tuesday, April 3rd



2018 St. Louis Earth Day Festival April 21-22

Forest Park on the MUNY Grounds 11am to 5pm Daily

Join EarthDance Organic Farm School and hundreds of other regional vendors and exhibitors for one of the largest Earth Day celebrations in the country!

The St. Louis Earth Day Festival is an annual happening since 1989 that teaches visitors about sustainable products and services offered by local businesses and organizations. Come out Saturday and Sunday, April 21-22 to meet local area non-profits and enjoy local food and entertainment!

At the Festival, Ferguson's own EarthDance Organic Farm School offers FREE farming and gardening classes every hour on the hour! Learn about composting, healthy eating on a budget, resources for beginning gardeners, backyard chickens, and so much more!

The experienced staff and farmers at EarthDance Organic Farm School and other St. Louis food and farm-focused organizations are thrilled to share this knowledge with you! Come enjoy a FREE class at St. Louis Earth Day, walk around Forest Park, and celebrate Earth Day, right here in St. Louis!

Looking for family-friendly activities? EarthDance has you covered! In addition to our farming and gardening classes, we'll have children's activities. Kids can make and take home planters, jewelry, and some knowledge about plants and seeds!

Want to be more engaged with the Earth Day Festival and EarthDance? Come volunteer with us! Contact Petra Petermann, Volunteer Coordinator to sign up for a shift: volunteer@earthdancefarms.org

Be sure to mark your calendars for April 21st & 22nd and visit EarthDance Organic Farm School for FREE farming and gardening classes all day, every hour on the hour. We'll see you there!

Peas & love, Vicky Chen

BIBLE STUDY

Zion Lutheran Church, 123 Carson would will be having a month long, Bible Study, led by Pastor Larry Lemke----Thursday, **April 12th** ------- 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM The subject will be from the Gospel of John; title of study will be "From the End to the Beginning of John In A Nutshell". The study will be in Upper Room and all are invited and welcome to come join us. No reservation necessary, call the church office if you have any question 314-521 0100

School District News

Cross Keys Middle School Receives National Recognition for Project Lead The Way Program

Cross Keys Middle School (CKMS), in the Ferguson-Florissant School District (FFSD), announced that it has been recognized as a Project Lead The Way (PLTW) Distinguished School for providing broad access to transformative learning opportunities for students through PLTW Gateway. It is one of just 110 middle schools nationwide to receive this honor. PLTW is a non-profit organization that serves millions of K-12 students and teachers in over 10,500 schools across the U.S.

The PLTW Distinguished School recognition honors schools committed to increasing student access, engagement, and achievement in their PLTW programs. To be eligible for the designation, CKMS had to meet the following criteria:

- Offer at least one PLTW Gateway unit at each grade level
- Have more than 50 percent of the student body participating during the 2016-17 school year
- Have 25 percent of students advancing to high school participate in two or more units

“It is a great honor to recognize Cross Keys Middle School for their commitment to students,” said Vince Bertram, president and CEO of PLTW. “They are a model for what school should look like, and they should be very proud of ensuring students have the knowledge and skills to be career ready and successful on any career path they choose.”

FFSD Board and Teacher’s Association Sign Historic Bargaining Agreement

At its March 14 Board of Education meeting, the board approved a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Ferguson-Florissant School District (FFSD) and the Ferguson-Florissant School District National Education Association (FFNEA), making it the first in the district’s history. Upon approving the agreement, Board President Rob Chabot and FFNEA President Lori Sammelmann immediately signed the agreement into action.

“The purpose of this agreement is to maintain mutually beneficial working relations rooted in trust and open and honest communications between the district and its employees,” said Dr. Joseph Davis, FFSD superintendent of schools.

The agreement, which is the culmination of over a year’s work, will establish and maintain rates of pay and conditions of employment, provide appropriate procedures for the prompt resolution of grievances and problems, as well as recognize the mutual value of joint discussion, consultation, and negotiation. Administration and FFNEA discussed several policies related to instructional and operational issues.

Vogt Sixth Graders Receive Chromebooks Donation

Each Student Will Have Access to Their Own Individual Device

Thanks to a generous donation from the St. Louis Chapter of The Links, Inc., sixth graders at Vogt Elementary School now have access to their own individual Chromebook. The Links were able to purchase the Chromebooks, which cost close to $6,000 through a grant from Wells Fargo. A total of 25 Chromebooks were purchased, which allows each student and his or her teacher, to have access to their own personal computer whenever needed.

“We are grateful for this donation and other services The Links have provided to our students,” said Dr. Leslie Washington, principal of Vogt.

The Chromebooks will be used to assist students in their daily lessons and help prepare them for the upcoming MAP test through one-to-one correspondence.

The Links have been working with Vogt students for the last two years, tutoring and providing other academic assistance. Last year, they worked with a fourth-grade class and this year, they decided to work with the sixth-graders. Several members of The Links visit the school each week tutoring students in math, as part of their Khan Academy Mentoring Village.

“The sixth-grade class has made lots of gains in math, and I attribute a lot of the student growth in part through our partnership with The Links,” said Dr. Washington, who is also a member of The Links.

The Links, Incorporated is an international, not-for-profit corporation that has been in existence since 1946. It is a professional women's organization that thrives on giving back to the community through service.

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Saturday, April 7
4:30 pm to 7:00 pm
Adults $8
Children (6-12) $4
Children (5 & under) Free
First Presbyterian Chuch
401 Darst Road

Need more info:
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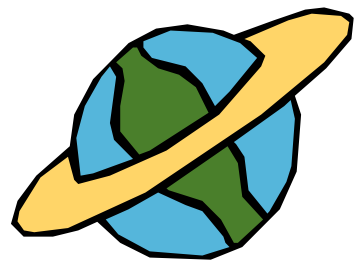
A Word From Our Planet

Did you know that the fossil fuels required to make 14 plastic bags would drive your car a mile?

Your Ferguson Eco Team



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Tariffs, Good or Bad?

Recently, President Trump disturbed many politicians and global leaders with his tariff talks. Most people do know what tariffs are, basically a tax on goods being exported or imported. And whether they are a positive or negative change depends on who you ask. As we've learned from past experience, things we expect to happen after a change like this won't always occur. People don't always do what you think they will and countries respond just as unpredictably. As explained on the campaign trail Trump's expectations are fairly simple. He wants to bring back manufacturing jobs and help our own economy which is what he expects the outcome will be with the new rules for importing steel.

As I looked at tariffs thoughout our history it seems the first Tariff Act passed in the newly formed United States of America was signed by President George Washington on July 4, 1789. In those times our young nation was struggling. We had fought and won the Revolutionary War, but the effects left us vulnerable. Moving from a war economy to a peacetime economy wasn't easy. It became apparent that cheaper goods being imported from Europe were tough on the new businesses being formed within the US. Leading up to its passage the Tariff Act was petitioned for by many manufacturing businesses that wanted relief from the floods of European goods. American businesses were at risk and needed help from the government to level the playing field. The British Navigation Acts passed in the years prior to 1789, made trade difficult and certainly lead to the decision to do something. So our first substantive legislation was passed by the first Congress to help American businesses. Since then US and most other countries have struggled with determining a fair way to manage trade with others in the world.

When the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) was implemented in 1994, the collaboration between Canada, Mexico and the United States was seen as a win-win situation. It is noteworthy to recall that President Ronald Reagan had originally floated the idea back in 1979. And in 1988 we did have an agreement pass with Canada later leading to the inclusion of Mexico with NAFTA. Most economists I have read seem to agree that NAFTA has been good for the US and both Mexico and Canada. We all know that there are also others who feel much differently and one of President Trump's campaign promises was to either make it more beneficial to the US or get out.

The big concerns seem to revolve around whether or not we have a trade deficit or trade surplus. In simplistic terms, it might seem that we should have a balance or that a surplus is better. Most people might believe that having a trade deficit is always bad and hurts our own economy. It is so much more complicated than just that. Right here in our own area we see Granite City Steel ready to hire about 500 new employees. When they shut down 2 years ago, it was termed as a temporary situation. And when the news of increasing tariffs for imported steel came up it gave them the boost needed to jump back in the game. Currently, US steel production is at about 70% capacity. The blame seems to point at cheaper imports flooding the market. So the new tariffs will certainly help create a better deal for those businesses that purchase steel to use in their production if they buy from the US. Unfortunately, it could also cause some businesses that use steel in production to raise their own prices because the less expensive foreign product is no longer available at a low cost. Would car prices go up? Or would the price of an imported car be less and cause more competition for American made automobiles. It remains to be seen. And it is important to recognize that just because we are producing less than we could, it may not be all due to unfair trade.

We've all heard that China can be the worst for dumping goods into the US and causing havoc on our own businesses. This is similar to what we faced in 1789. However, criticizing China and taking all other trading partners down with them may be a double edged sword. And is a trade deficit what really caused the shutdown of Granite City Steel in 2015? As I looked at the history of this major corporation it seems that two factors really played a role. As the US began producing more oil and relying less on imports, prices fell. Add to that the fact that OPEC the oil cartel wasn't interested in cutting production to increase oil prices. So the lower oil prices led to less demand for steel and with Granite City Steel being a major supplier of drilling pipe for Lone Star Tubular Plant in Texas it seemed inevitable that production would need to be halted. That's not to say that trade issues were not also a factor, it just important to point out that it wasn't the only factor.

So while there is much enthusiasm for the new tariffs today, we can hope that some unintended consequences don't cause other problems down the road. Looking at comments from economists who predict a global trade war or worse, there are many other businesses here in the US that may be impacted negatively. Referred to as "protectionism" because of its aim to protect American jobs and the middle class, we may need to think twice about it in the global economy.

Right now I am in the market for a new washer and dryer. Since these appliances are built with steel and several are manufactured in foreign countries, we are already hearing about effects of the new tariffs. LG a Korean producer has announced it may raise the price of each model by $50. So that could be $100 more for a consumer to replace a washer and dryer. Perhaps we should get back on the band wagon about buying American made products. I recall back in 1974 I bought a brand new AMC Gremlin; the car was something we could afford and more important it was made in the US. What could be more patriotic that buying from American Motor Corporation. After nearly 100,000 miles and several large repair bills, we looked at Consumer Reports and our next car was a Toyota. Today it is difficult to really know if you are buying American.

Another appliance maker Samsung has a new factory in South Carolina and has hired more than 600 workers. Whirlpool, a Michigan based company that employs over 3000 workers, has complained that LG and Samsung have made it difficult for them – similar to complaints heard from automobile companies in the seventies. And of course the response by the foreign competitors is that their innovation and features are what consumers want – sound familiar? If LG has their way they will soon be operating a US plant in Tennessee later this year. Is history repeating itself? We'll be watching what happens and meanwhile I will be choosing new appliances based on what works best for me, not necessarily where it was made. If you have any comments or questions, please e-mail me at consultjoan@att.net.

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"I Got Flowers Today"

Dr. Gloria Johnson will be the featured speaker at the April meeting of the Ferguson-Florissant AAUW. Dr. Johnson has degrees in marriage and family counseling and is the author of "I Cried Alone." She has worked on eliminating abuse against women and children since the mid-90s. Her presentation will be comprised of the five types of abuse (physical, mental, emotional, sexual, and financial). Why do women stay in or return to an abusive relationship and what can be done to prevent the return of women to these situations will be addressed in her presentation.

The Ferguson-Florissant (North County) American Association of University Women Branch meeting will be **Monday, April 16**, 2018, at 7:00 pm at Immanuel UCC, 211 Church Street, Ferguson. The program is free and open to the public. For more information call 314-972-7609, 314-831-5359, or 314-831-6884.

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Saturday, April 28th
Any questions, please give me a call at 314-629-7103.

Whistle Stop – Old Fashioned Frozen Custard – At the Ferguson Depot
#1 Carson Road – 521-1600
Tues. thru Sat. 11am-9pm

Sun., April1	Closed	Mon., April 16	Closed
Mon., April 2	Closed	Tue., April 17	Toffee Crunch-
Tue, April 3	Peanut Parry	Wed., April 18	Cookie Dough
Wed, April 4	Brownies N Creme	Thurs., April 19	Red Velvet
Thurs., April 5	Rocky Road	Fri., April 20	Whopper
Fri., April 6	Pistachio	Sat., April 21	Almond Joy
Sat., April 7	Black Walnut	Sun., April 22	Closed
Sun., April 8	Closed	Mon., April 23	Closed
Mon., April 9	Closed	Tue., April 24	Cookies N Creme
Tue., April 10	Oreo Cookie Cake	Wed., Apri 25	Royal Rocket
Wed., April 11	Lemon Pie	Thurs., Apri 26	M&M Vanilla Delight
Thurs., April 12	M&M Choc Delight	Fri., April 27	Choc Cov Dreamsicle
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Ferguson by Foot

By: Margaret Wolfinbarger

The only constant thing in life is change. Take one look at the sky and you will quickly become aware that it is never static. Even the trees are never still. They are constantly moving; exhaling oxygen, and refreshing the air with their exuberant color. The changing of seasons, not unlike the changing tides, brings about a panoply of atmospheric splendor. From driving rain to sunny blue skies, we eagerly watch the daffodils grow and gleam. But sometimes even the flowers fall beneath the weight of muddy paws. When that happens we must remember that each crushed bloom is not the final picture. Today's broken tulip is tomorrow's smiling daisy. And those brave souls who endure the rain may one day wake up to find pretty pink flowers hanging from their boughs.

I have learned many things in the midst of rain and crushed blooms over the years. I was 19 years old when I contracted pneumonia and was forced to miss three weeks of work. A few months later, a missed car insurance payment, a sleepy afternoon behind the wheel, and a dreadful automobile accident left me standing at a bus stop wondering how in the world I was ever going to recover. My car was totaled. My license was suspended for a year. I was humiliated and seemingly broken forever. Those with more means than I, chided me for letting my policy lapse. They had obviously never faced the choice to pay the rent or pay the car insurance.

I remember standing in the rain watching the cars drive by. I wore a thin, black rain coat and held an umbrella. The wind was whipping cold rain against my face and my hands were numb. I distinctly remember watching the cars go by and feeling invisible. Did no one care for me? I felt utterly alone in the world. Was my life over? I watched for the bus, hoping and praying for it to come quickly and deliver me from the wetness that was quickly saturating my body. I arrived at work bedraggled and tired, and my shift had only just begun. How does one keep a positive attitude when everything in life conspires against us?

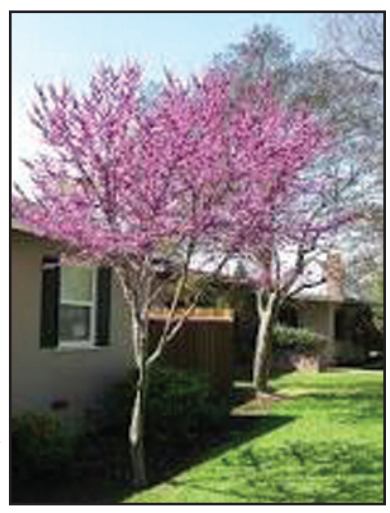
Well, to be honest, I didn't. I spent most of my time complaining about all terrible things that had happened to me and how none of them were my fault. I took little to no responsibility for my actions and blamed strangers for my misery. So when I was sued for the accident and told I needed to cough up $15,000, I balked. I made about $6.00 an hour working at Wal-Mart. The insurance company wanted me to set up a payment plan but by my calculations I would be paying them for the rest of my life. Inconceivable! So I did what every rational person does when they are broke and see no way out, I filed for bankruptcy.

I know what it feels like to stand in court and have the entire room laugh at you. My list of assets was short. I owned a $150 television and my angora bunny, Mo. Every penny I made went to rent or utilities and I lived on frozen pizzas and ramen noodles from Aldi. I was pitiful. I had no bright future. I had only the dreary rain.

One day I realized my life was headed on a dreadful trajectory and I made a decision that changed the course of my life forever. I decided to go back to school. I sheepishly made my way to Florissant Valley Community College and signed up for two classes; a word processing class and a business administration class. I used money I got on a tax return to pay for tuition, learned the bus routes and began learning everything I could about computers. And then a few months later, when a tyrannical boss exerted her power over me by making my life a living hell, I created a resume and started applying for office jobs I didn't have a hope of getting due to an incredible lack of experience.

Still, I was fortunate enough to get hired for an entry-level position after I promised that I was willing to learn quickly. I showed up for work on time, worked hard while I was there, and found myself on the receiving end of a few small raises. The company paid for me to take more word processing classes in order to help me do my job better. One might say that I was lucky, but I also know I was blessed. I took the opportunities I was given and stretched them as far as they would possibly go to make a better life for myself.

I bought my house in Ferguson in the fall of 1997 on the eve of my 23rd birthday. I was a single mother with a new mortgage that was only slightly lower than my rent. I thought I was the luckiest person on the planet. But as much as I would like to take all the credit, I did not get there by myself. My church family and my parents helped with the down payment. Still, I kept my commitments and always paid the bills on time. As far as it depended on me, I resolved to never, ever have to file for bankruptcy again.



There is a dogwood tree in the front yard of a house on Lawrence Avenue that my boys used to climb in when they were little. We weren't wealthy, but we were grateful for what we had. Every spring, after the brutal cold weather of winter, little green buds would open and create the most stunning pink cloudburst of flowers. I would sit on the front porch swing with my dog Gwen at my feet while my boys hung from its branches. It seemed to weather every storm. Now, when I am feeling discouraged about circumstances in my life that seem hopeless, I remember standing at that bus stop in the rain and I remember standing in the shadow of that tree. Life is constantly changing and we really have no choice but to change with it. Today, if you find yourself standing at the bus stop in the rain, please know that there may be a beautiful pink dogwood in your future if you will only try to reach it.

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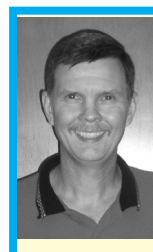

Under The Hood With Robinwood

By Bob McGartland

The Electronics in Our Cars

Automobiles have come a long way since their beginning in the late 19th century. One of the major things that has helped automobiles provide more safety and convenience, though, is electronics. With the advances in technology and electronics, car manufacturers have been able to offer a wide variety of services and conveniences that many new automobile owners appreciate. From the creation of the Electronic Fuel Injection to the popular Global Positioning System, (GPS), found standard in many cars today, the auto industry has revolutionized the way people travel from place to place.

The first electronic control units (ECUs) showed up in mass-production GM and Ford vehicles in the late 1970s to handle basic functions such as ignition timing and transmission shifting in response to tighter fuel economy and emission regulations. By the 1980s, more sophisticated computerized engine-management systems enabled the use of reliable electronic fuel-injection systems. ECUs were crucial to the advent of active safety systems such as anti-lock braking, traction and skid-control, where wheel sensors trigger the unit's reaction to loss of the tire gripping the road.

The Global Positioning System (GPS) is a popular device that has been placed in vehicles in the early 2000's. These are basically electronic navigation devices that use satellites to monitor many aspects of an automobile. By using satellites, the GPS company can find the location of your car, the direction it is moving and the speed at which it is moving. As a result, your car can easily be found if it is stolen. A GPS will also give you step-by-step voice directions to your destinations, which tends to be the most popular feature of this electronic device.

Over the last 4 years, today's vehicles have evolved into complex data networks. Computer modules all connected by a data bus communication system controlling not only engine and transmission operation; they are linked to sonar, radar and laser emitters performing functions such as blind-spot and pedestrian collision warnings, automated breaking and safe distance-keeping via smart cruise control, along with lane departure warning system. Sensors also provide parking guidance and fully automated parking, with the aid of on-board computer modules tied to brakes, steering and throttle controls. The advent of the fully autonomous car is not too for away. This will be a topic for another time.

The electronics in today's cars allows for greater fuel efficient and lower emissions engines than we have yet to see. It provides us with an array of comfort and safety features more complex than the first Apollo mission to the moon. The way these newer vehicles are serviced and repaired are rapidly changing too. When a basic wheel alignment is performed, all the safety feature systems equipped on that vehicle will also have to be recalibrated. Last year Robinwood purchased the latest, greatest, alignment system equipment to keep up with this newer, ever-changing technology.

Robinwood will be to there for many of you who still want to keep old faithful safe and reliable. We will be there as the new space age vehicles roll into our shop too.

Wishing everyone a Blessed and Joyous Easter!

FBC Ferguson Golf Tournament @ Old Florissant Golf Course
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The Ferguson Computer Corner

by Doug Neely

April, 2018
the only item of note for this month is Easter, which is on the first day of this month. i pray that your Easter celebration is filled with God's blessings for you and yours.

Internet, dept.
let's talk of the internet, shall we? and no discussion is complete without answering what it is. lots of you have it. lots of you use it, both at home & at work. lots of you think that it has enhanced your life, allowing you to do things never before imagined, both for work and for play. but do you know what it is?

to put it in it's simplest terms, it is a way to communicate, going beyond newspapers, radio, TV, telephones, or anything else up to this time. we use it for everything we did before it came along, and for things new.

Where Is The Internet?, dept.
the internet exists in the electronically created "shared space" between your puter and others. it is a virtual existence in what we call cyberspace. basically, when we go online, our computer shows us what is in the computer created virtual reality of another computer, usually a "server computer". we people allow it to appear to us as another dimension of reality, even tho we know that it isn't real. so, you can go from one server's version of its reality to another, as long as you keep surfing. the internet is also in your mind, as you allow it to become real to you. each server's version is a version that has been put there by the programmer, just as you might choose a new color scheme and theme for your email. in this way we can obtain whatever content we seek to participate in, all using our own computer (just so long as the version of reality we seek is available online).

Internet Speed, dept.
some of you may believe your internet speed is too slow, and maybe that can be sped up a bit. most of you have a faster connection speed at work than at home, especially if you work for a large company that uses computers for most everything. the speed of any internet connection will vary with other connections, even with what is available from the same source. this speed is called bandwidth. the more of it you have, the speedier your connection, and the more content you can obtain over a shorter period of time. remember the old dial-up days? it seemed fast at first, but then got slower with every passing day. that must've been when the first advertising content was added to your download of virtual reality. you had to wait while your internet connection, which maintained its normal connection speed had to download not only the content you wanted, but had more advertising content added to your download. when you cannot run faster, but have to carry more stuff, you slow down. less gets there in the same amount of time.

as technology increases, so has the available internet speeds increased. this is so that you do not become dismayed when trying to get your internet fix. of course, that is when you get more advertising added to your download. because it can deliver more stuff. so advertising stuff gets added to your stuff. and things slow down again. even if you don't click on the ads, you are still paying for the stuff, because faster speeds cost more $$$. perhaps one day, this cycle will stop, or at least become more favorable for those of us at home. altho i would love to see that, i think this will continue as a self-perpetuating circle. until the next new form of communication comes along. and then it will all start all over again. remember: somebody (meaning we) have to pay for this stuff. it's not free, as some think.

What To Do?, dept.
perhaps i can throw out a few ideas for the present situation next month.

ME GO NOW!
i have to go now to get ready for Easter! if you need some church, give me a call; i'll take you with me! :) please do go and thank Him who gave His life for our sins, so that we may go to eternal heavenly bliss. it's like nothing on Earth! Easter blessings to all!

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

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The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth. The season of singing has come.

Received a card with this message. Is it wishful thinking?

2018 Lenten Schedule

St. Peters UCC
1425 Stein Road
Ferguson

Maundy Thursday Worship
March 29th. – 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Worship
March 30th – 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday Worship
April 1st – 10:00 a.m.

10am

The Removal of the Homeless and the Removal of the Trees

By Wendell Phillips 'Phil' Berwick

As an Arborist of over 40 years, I am disheartened that St Louis has opted to cut down 14,000 mostly healthy Green Ash Trees. Although Emerald Ash Borer is a deadly disease that kills Ash trees, the predominant street tree in St Louis, it is also the most treatable of tree diseases. St Louis contracted to an out of state tree company to cut the trees down. They use their own forestry crews to do things like cut down the shade, then bulldoze down homeless out-of-the-way tent camps. I have watched them do it.

Now, you can ask; how are the homeless linked up with the removal of the trees? Answer; The city, didn't want to deal with saving the trees, and is making them go away. In the same way they didn't want to deal with the city's homeless and are also (trying) to make them go away. The only 24 hour emergency shelter, New Life Evangelistic Christian Center church was shut down last spring, because one man generated a petition, and besides, the city did not want the homeless downtown. The reality of it is that they are walking downtown anyway from the limited shelter that the government opened. Also, crack and heroin dealers lurk and deal outside of the city's Biddle House, a similar thing the city slandered Rev Rice and NLEC with during the K2 epidemic.

Thankfully, several churches have come to the helm, good Samaritans of our city, opening their sanctuaries and their fellowship halls during this record cold winter, including; St Peter AME (African American Episcopal) Church, Destiny Church (the one in the hood on Cottage Ave), Calvary Church, Apostles Church, Travelers Missionary Baptist Church, and Ferguson's own New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church, corner of Carson and Dade.

Unsung citizen heroes have been staying up all night, driving, searching for and finding the homeless, feeding them, stocking up on gloves, and coats, and necessities, shuttling them from church shelter to church shelter, doing what Jesus would do. Presently Rev Larry Rice has sold his channel 24 Television station and with the proceeds has begun to fix the city of St Louis' "honey do list" which was extensive and with which they offered no help. Yet now, the city is putting other road blocks in the way of the shelter re-opening. Rev Rice could have walked away with millions for the sturdy YMCA building that he paid $50,000 for 47 years ago. He is presently attempting to get it open at the least as a day shelter for woman and children. An overnight shelter, which provided safe harbor for 47 years for one and all, is still not even on the horizon, as long as St Louis' administration is concerned.

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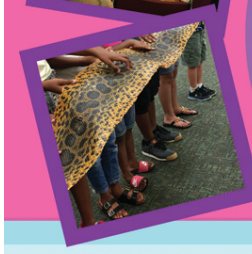
Programs

The library offers something for everyone! Each month the library hosts a mixture of ongoing programs and special events. From book signings to book clubs, storytime to Zoo visits, creating a craft to learning to talk like a pirate, we uphold our mission of lifelong learning and cultural literacy with the programs we bring to the community.

Focus on STEM

With the help of our partners, Boeing and the Gateway Region YMCA, we bring dynamic STEM programs to the library, like coding, robotics, science nights, and more. We also bring the St. Louis Zoo, Science Center, and Magic House to Ferguson, making it easier for families to enjoy these cultural resources without having to travel or pay.



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Beyond building improvements, we increased our efforts in programming, starting with hiring a children's librarian. We also formed partnerships to expand our offerings and bring new opportunities to our community.

Focus on Community

After the unrest in 2014, we looked for ways to support our community. We invited organizations like the Small Business Administration to help business owners, started The Readings on Race Book Club to discuss the issues, and partnered with StoryCorps to record and preserve people's stories. We continue to plan programs today that support the needs of Ferguson.

Community Partnerships

All of this would not be possible without partners. We work with the Ferguson-Florissant School District's Parents as Teachers to support our youngest learners. The Gateway Region YMCA teaches coding and robotics to inspire kids to think about the future. With Boeing's help, we are sponsoring a FIRST Lego League team, teaching kids to problem-solve and work together.

By Bob McCarty

Vacant and Abandoned Houses

Several years ago, Arizona State University did a Garbology Study (the City of Ferguson really likes studies), to find what fill's America's landfill's. The study found that 30 to 50 % of our landfill's are choked with demolition and construction debris. Over six million old growth windows sashes end up in the landfill at the time of this study. Today, the replacement windows industry is doing their best to catch up to that number. Most older homes were built with quality materials that are not available today. The restoration or rehabbing of these homes will always cost less, in not only money, but the carbon footprint and will provide the character not affordable in new construction.

The City of Ferguson has its fair share of abandoned homes and even though these homes may not be the 'Grand Dame's" of some of the older homes that are located here, they are still a fine stock of home that is part of our community. Is the answer to tear down all of these homes? In some instances, yes, in other's, maybe not. It costs a lot of money and time to tear down a house where maybe it's not necessary.

The problem is that many times the cost to rehab exceeds the appraised value in certain areas. So, why not just tear them down? A more creative and environmentally sound way to deal with this issue is to 'mothball' the house. For less than the cost of demolition, a house can be stabilized and held for future rehab. Patching the roof and painting will hold over a house for future restoration as well as meeting the appreciation of its neighbors.

If you had read last month's article, there was a picture that had plywood installed over the windows. It looked a lot nicer than the before picture where all of the windows had been broken out. This is an easy way to mothball a structure just to keep it from becoming an eyesore and holding off on the restoration until someone or a group was ready to go in and make that house a place where someone would really enjoy living.

So how do we go about this? I don't have the answer to that question because I am not familiar with all of the rules, regulations, and ordinances regarding vacant and abandoned houses but to just let them sit and rot away is not the answer. There is a house on Adele visible from Hereford. This house has sat vacant since the 'Good Friday' tornado and it's roof is slowly falling in and some day it will surely decide that it is tired and will do just that. I just hope no one is near when this happens because someone could get hurt. And it makes an awesome impression on someone that is using that road cutting through our community. Not the awesome I care to make about our Ferguson.

If after the house became vacant, there was some sort of Department in the City that would recognize the issue and set the ball in motion to mothball that house. Granted, it will cost money to get these smaller problems taken care of before it becomes a bigger problem, but to tear down a house costs money too. Like I said, I don't have the answer. But Ferguson has a lot of smart people that may have the answer or even part of the answer. And then someone else throw's in their two cents and before you know it, SHAZAM, we have a solution.

So even though Bob is on the Job, I am calling upon everyone who thinks that the abandoned homes in our community are a problem, spend a couple of minutes occasionally and think about a solution. Or if you have an idea, share it because any idea is better than nothing and no action will get us nowhere.

Put on your thinking caps and remember, BobonJob will be right here, in this same location, next month. Until then.

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girl scouts of eastern missouri

Eastern Missouri Girl Scouts share robotic innovation with a state senator

Five Girl Scouts from the Ferguson-Florissant School District meet with State Sen. Gina Walsh during STEM Day at the Capitol

The Missouri State Capitol's dome towered more than 200 feet over five Girl Scouts as they stood near their robotic booth on the third floor of the building. On March 1, The Robotic Agency, a Girl Scout of Eastern Missouri's FIRST® Lego League team, attended STEM Day at the Capitol to showcase their STEM-related accomplishments. The team, made up of fourth graders from the Ferguson-Florissant School District, demonstrated how to prevent pollution; showed off a robot they designed and built; met with public officials; and educated event participants about the STEM opportunities available through Girl Scouts. These G.I.R.L.s (Go-getters, Innovators, Risk-takers, Leaders)TM spent the day championing their passion for STEM, inspiring others to build an even brighter future for their families, friends and community.

Girl Scout Junior, Shelby, and a The Robotic Agency team member, said she loves engineering robots at home and frequently takes apart damaged toys, recycling their mechanical pieces to use in her new creations. She was excited to participate in STEM Day at the Capitol and see other robots designed and built by students. Shelby said she's learned a lot in Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri's robotics program. She's learned to work through the challenges of programming; there have been times their programming failed and the robot couldn't complete its mission.

Fellow Girl Scout and robotics team member Mikayla said they recently completed the 2017-2018 season challenge posed by the FIRST organization. Together the team explored hydro dynamics, they learned the usage of water in daily life and where it comes from. The team also engineered and programmed a robot to finish missions meant to protect a variety of water sources.

STEM is one of Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri's three programmatic focus areas, along with Money Management and Health. Girls in kindergarten through twelfth grade are invited to explore these fields through unique and relevant programming led by experts. Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri sponsors 55 FIRST robotic teams which is more than any other youth-serving organization in the region.

State Sen. Gina Walsh, D-13, spoke to the five Girl Scouts during their time at the Capitol about the importance of STEM and education. She believes education is of the upmost importance, as it can never be taken away from a person.

"For 40 years I worked construction and I was the first woman in my trade in the country," Walsh said. "Never let anybody tell you, you can't do something because you happen to be a girl. That's why supporting [Girl Scouts and their robotic teams] are so important, nothing should hold you back."

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The Challenger Learning Center, located at 205 Brotherton Lane in Ferguson is part of the Ferguson Florissant School District.

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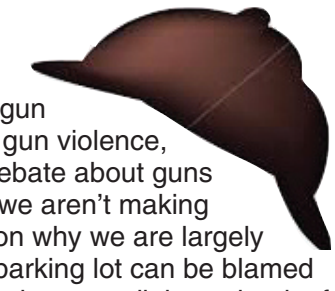
The astronauts deftly dodge the oncoming trickle of rocks and debris from the meteor shower, and as the rubble clears they see the Moon up ahead. It is at this site that they'll soon establish the first permanent human base. Though it sounds like science fiction, novice astronauts attempt this feat daily at Challenger Learning Center-St. Louis. Part of the Challenger Center for Space Science Education—a nonprofit founded by the families of the astronauts who were lost in the 1986 Challenger space-shuttle mission—the center educates and inspires visitors through simulated space missions and other science education programs. Whether navigating a spacecraft or assisting astronauts in Mission Control modeled after NASA's Johnson Space Center, student, community, and corporate groups must maintain a cooperative spirit while completing their mission.

Sherlock's Pal



Like many Americans I am overwhelmed by the gun debate. Other cultures endure their fair share of gun violence, although I know of no other country where the debate about guns has reached our level of cacophony. As I see it, we aren't making much progress in this debate. Perhaps the reason why we are largely spinning our wheels like a teenager in a school parking lot can be blamed on that one seemingly benign exercise that occupies a prodigious chunk of our spare time: debating. America is divided not as much by red and blue-hued voters as it is by those who are in the daily practice of trying to convince others to see the world from their same pop-free bubble zone, and those who are capable of escaping said cacophony.

The debaters, most of whom are sincere in their efforts and are convinced of their righteousness, have, unfortunately, enabled us to kick the can down the road in only small, almost useless, increments. Their arguments stick in my head like a needle in my skull making claims such as, "guns don't kill people; people kill people," and "the Second Amendment applies only to a 'well-regulated militia.'" I'm pretty sure I have heard every single cotton-picking argument ever made, and guess what, I ain't changing my mind. And neither are you.

We don't need any more debate points. Our cup already runneth over. The best thing each and every one of us can do in the midst of the endless debate cycle about guns (or any other hot topic of the day) is to tell our stories. Our stories have more firepower (pun intended) than the seemingly endless trail of debate points. Therefore, in the spirit of transparency I will now tell the story of my relationship with guns in the briefest possible form, with bullet points (this time my pun was not intentional):

• When I was about fifteen, my dad bought me a 22-rifle. For a couple of years we hunted for deer and turkey. After I graduated from high school I left the rifle at home. I preferred to wield golf clubs and softball bats.

• One night I was hanging out with some high school friends at a local motel. Apparently one of the occupants didn't appreciate our activities. He came outside and pointed a gun to my head.

• As a college student I worked as a cashier in a convenience store. One night a man held up the store at gunpoint. Yes, he pointed the gun at my head. (Looking back on those years, I'm lucky I still have a head.)

• As a young pastor with small children we lived out in the country in a parsonage. A man who lived across the street would get drunk on weekend afternoons and randomly fire his weapons. The local sheriff's office said this was his "Second Amendment right," as my family and I were forced to stay away from windows and inside the house on many occasions.

• When my children were small they were visiting relatives for a holiday. I was able to come a day later and discovered that they were playing with their cousins in bedrooms where guns were sitting on beds and hanging on doorknobs, fully loaded. Me and the kiddos left.

• When my children were in their adolescent years we got them a puppy. The puppy escaped the yard one morning before school. A few minutes later we heard a gunshot. The puppy ran home missing a leg. Yes, we lived in the country, and the shooter did not get punished.

• Last year my dad died. While visiting my mom I discovered that he had kept my 22-rifle all these years. I took it home for nostalgic reasons. There are no bullets in my house.

This is my story. Everyone has a story. You might be able to guess what I think and feel about guns from my story, but that's not the point. The point is that our stories are real and need to be respected and heard. Only then will we be able to lower the level of cacophony.

Dr. Jimmy Watson
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FergusonOnWatch News
March 14th 2018 meeting minutes
Reported by Keith Kallstrom
(Keith.Kallstrom@gmail.com)

Col. Alan Eickoff opened the March 14th, 2018 meeting of the Ferguson On Watch, welcoming everyone. Lt. Bill Ballard was also in attendance assisting Col. Eickoff.

The February 2018 Ferguson Crime Review was passed out to those in attendance and reviewed. A question about the Shot-Spotter accuracy was asked, and Col. Eickoff told us about how it could tell who shot at what time.

We also learned that some crooks can now unlock vehicles using a program on their tablet. Looks like we'll have to go back to using the "Club" device on our steering wheel.

Favorite safety tips

"Keep your eyes up." The 2 things a bad guy doesn't like is witnesses and light. Spot lights and motion detectors are the best things to have around your house. They look for heavy shrubbery, places they can do their crime. They want to get in and get out quickly. The police will do safety inspections of your house if you wish. (314-522-3100)

Good locks on your doors are also great to have. For deadbolts, use one with a handle on it, or leave the key in it. You don't want to be searching for a key when you and your children are trying to escape a fire.

Alarm systems are good. Dogs are good. If the dog has a deep voice, burglars don't want to engage them.

Pepper spray may not work on a dog, especially if they are intent on coming at you. Get your pepper spray at Leon's Law Enforcement Supply in Richmond Heights. For about $13-14, you can get the one with a cross on it, as it will discharge in any orientation, up or down or sideways. You can conceal it in your hand.

Your phone is the biggest distraction you have. If you are going from point A to point B, get the directions ahead of time; use MapQuest or your GPS. If there are unfamiliar people outside your friend's house, drive past the house and call your friend. Ask them if they know the people outside their house. When you park, leave space in between your car and the one you park behind. If you pull into a driveway, park at the end of the driveway, so no one can block your exit.

If someone bumps you, pull over and do NOT get out of the car. Call the police and let them know you're involved in an accident, and you want a police officer. Then tell the person that bumped you that the police are coming, and you'll exit your vehicle to exchange information when they arrive. You don't want to exit your vehicle and let the other driver's partner commandeer your car.

If you become a victim of carjacking, don't be heroes; let them take your car and purse. When they leave, flag down a passerby. Most will let you use their phone to call the police.

If someone wants to abduct you, don't let them. Make it happen right there in the parking lot. Yell, scream, do whatever you have to do, to get attention from nearby people.

If you are going to conceal carry, make sure you train on it. Make sure you know what your civil liability is. The bullet from that gun will hit something or someone, all the time.

Home Defense – keep your gun where children CANNOT get to it. You don't want a little kid to get to it.

The weapon to have: 16 gauge shotgun. The buckshot won't go through the wall like a hand gun bullet will. Don't take a life unless you have to.

Next meeting date
Our next meeting is April 11th, 7:00 PM at City Hall.

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Ferguson's Own Brian Owens To Keynote 3rd FYI Banquet

#SupportYoungPeople

Celebrated Soul Artist and Ferguson resident Brian Owens will deliver the keynote address at the third annual fundraising banquet of the Ferguson Youth Initiative this Spring.

Mr. Owens, whose vocal stylings evoke the plaintive emotionality of Marvin Gaye, Curtis Mayfield and Sam Cooke, believes passionately in the power of music to uplift and transform the lives of individuals and communities. He has performed at the Peabody Opera House, the Apollo Theater, the World Series and the White House, and has made numerous appearances on national television. His studio performance of "A Change is Gonna Come" with his father, Thomas Owens, has garnered more than 40 million views on YouTube.

In addition to serving as the community music artist in residence with the E. Desmond Lee Fine Arts Collaborative at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, Owens is the Founder, CEO and Executive Director of LIFE Arts Inc. in Ferguson, MO.

The affiliation between FYI and Owens, dates backs to September 2014 when, in response to the turbulent street clashes between police and protestors, Owens, a youth pastor and ordained minister, made an urgent appeal for youth mentorship during a Concert for Peace and Unity in Ferguson.

"The children of our community are not only the future, they are the present," he says. "Within them they possess the talent and potential to be the change we need. We must rally around them and pour every ounce of time, treasure and talent into their lives—and we must do it now."

The annual FYI Banquet, which will be held this year on **Saturday, April 7** at Norwood Hills Country Club, is an opportunity to showcase the youth's involvement in the broader community. Our theme this year, All Hands In, emphasizes the importance of us all working together to support our young people throughout their journey toward reaching their potential.

Tickets are still available. The cost is $50 per adult and $30 per student. Past Platinum and Gold Level Sponsors include David and Debra Humphreys, OCI, Negwer Materials, and Emerson. Businesses and organizations interested in learning more about FYI's work or sponsoring this event can register online through the website: http://fyifergyouth.org/2018/02/fyis-banquet-is-on-april-7th/. All proceeds will support FYI events and community service activities throughout the year.

The Ferguson Youth Initiative is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Established in 2010, FYI works with local schools, the city of Ferguson and other community youth programs to develop safe, wholesome activities as well as college and job counselling for our teens.
Please join us at the FYI Annual Banquet and #SupportYoungPeople.

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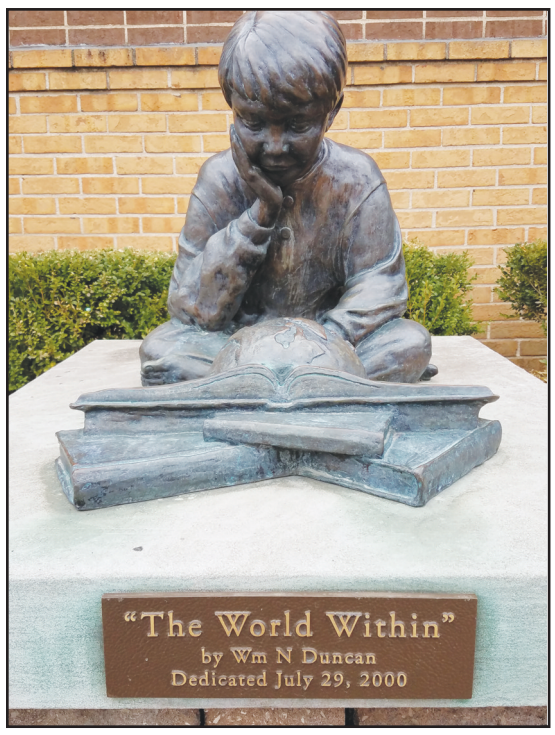
Artful Considerations

by Robin Shively

In last month's column, I started to explore the outdoor sculptures along South Florissant Road. A favorite of mine has always been the sculpture installed near the entrance to the Ferguson Library. It portrays a little boy sitting cross-legged in front of a stack of books. The boy appears to be wondrously engrossed by the world emerging from the open book before him. That sculpture, aptly entitled "The World Within", was created by William N. Duncan and I have been told that the model for the little boy was his grandson. Bill Duncan, a self-taught artist and long-time Ferguson resident, recently passed away at the age of 89. I never had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Duncan, but his whimsical sculptures always brought a smile whenever I passed his home at the corner of Elizabeth and Darst. His yard was an enchanted garden inhabited by delightful creations. There was a whale's tail, chipmunks, a hippopotamus head, a sea serpent half-submerged in the lawn, and a boy frolicked with his dog alongside the "Doubtful Dragon". Adding to this viewer's amusement, the creatures often wore Santa caps with beards at Christmas time and held flags while sporting red, white & blue hats for the 4th of July! Bill Duncan and his art brought smiles to many and he will be sorely missed by many in the Ferguson community.



Upcoming art events in Ferguson during the month of April include:

• Corners Frameshop & Gallery focuses on the literary arts during its First Friday event by hosting a reception for three local authors on April 6th. Children's author Dee Livers and Ferguson's own Braxton DeGarmo will be joined by "60 Days" author Piper Punches. All authors will be on hand to discuss and sign copies of their books between 5:00 and 8:00p.m. Ms. Punches will also talk about a creative workshop planned for a later date.

• Also on April 6th, members of the community are invited to Corners to participate in a collaborative project to be submitted as an entry in #ThisIsMyFerguson, a special art exhibit planned for August. Contributors do not need any drawing or painting expertise. This project focuses on the power of single words to convey what we value about Ferguson; words that evoke cherished memories, affirm one's present values, or portray visions for the future.

Preparations for #ThisIsMyFerguson continue. Follow developments on the event's Facebook page, #ThisIsMyFerguson. Participation from community members is encouraged. Volunteers are needed in the following capacities; artists to help encourage Fergusonians to make art, teams for the installation of the show during the week prior to August 4, and hostesses/hosts for the receptions that will take place simultaneously at the various venues on August 4. The show's committee also seeks ideas for making this event a success.

• Good Shepherd Arts Center's April exhibit will be "The Art of Healing: Hope, Dignity and Respect," featuring Queen of Peace Center, Adolescent Resource Center, community, clients, partners and staff." The exhibit will open on Friday, April 6, with a reception from 6:00– 9:00 p.m. This is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. "The Art of Healing" will run through Saturday, April 28.

Other activities scheduled at GSAC include: Friday, April 13, Grown-up Coloring Party; Friday, April 20, Visio Divina; Friday, April 27, 7:00 p.m., "Mahila: A Woman's Movement Rising" film and discussion.

For inclusion in this column, please send information about Ferguson artists and art events to cornersframing@gmail.com.)

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The Best of Ferguson

– by Ruffina Farrokh Anklesaria, M.A.

Rae Mohrmann

I had the pleasure of meeting Rae, a bright, vivacious runner extraordinaire, for this interview. Rae is known for her many marathons and just googling her name brings up countless interviews across various media highlighting her achievements in this area.

Rae being interviewed by St Louis Public Radio

Here are just a few media clips on Rae:
3-6-15, KSDK News, Facebook
“Rae Mohrmann has run 50 marathons in 50 states and on April 12, at the Go St. Louis Marathon, Rae will be competing in her 100th marathon.”

9-6-12, St Louis Track Club, Facebook
Congratulations to Rae Mohrmann, who absolutely crushed the Missouri resident marathon record for 64 year olds at Monday's Heart of America Marathon in Columbia. The course is one of the tougher marathon courses around but Rae still ran a 4:32, breaking the old record by more than 32 minutes. This is the note from the Missouri record keeper, Mike Lundgren: "Rae Mohrmann set a new Missouri single age 64 resident record yesterday at the Heart of America Marathon in Columbia, running 4:32:26, which bettered the old mark by over 32

Rae with her family after running her 100th Marathon!

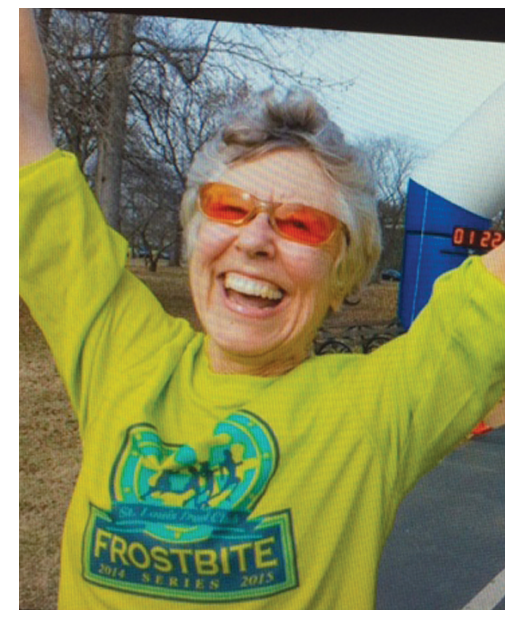
4-2-15, St Louis Public Radio
At next weekend’s Go! marathon, Rae Mohrmann will run in her 100th marathon. Mohrmann, of Ferguson, started running competitively when she was a 30-year-old mother. “I needed another goal,” she told “St. Louis on the Air” host Don Marsh on Thursday. But Mohrmann didn’t run in a marathon until she was 49. She’s now a 67-year-old grandmother, and has run marathons in all 50 states.

Rae started running when she was 30. She saw a movie on Cathy Switzer, the first woman to run in Boston Marathon and was completely inspired by it. Cathy was disguised as a man, back then in 1967, or she would not have been allowed in the race. She’s the president of the St Louis Track Club and is involved with Go St Louis, a nonprofit organization that puts on races throughout the year especially for kids. She coaches cross country teams at the school her grandkids attend.

Rae Leading a Fitness Class

Rae has lived in Ferguson for 40 years and raised her son Gregg Mohrmann, here. She has a Masters in Education from UMSL and did her undergrad at SE MO State University. She taught elementary level for 30 years, then taught a Methods class for eight years at UMSL. She followed that with 18 years of teaching the fitness/wellness program at UMSL. The latter happened by chance as Rae stepped in one day to sub for the exercise instructor who did not turn up to teach class. She enjoyed it so much she decided to seek certification in it. A similar thing happened when she injured her foot. She tried exercising it in the pool and that led to her becoming qualified in aqua. She has been teaching the aqua fitness program at January Wabash park since 2015. Ferguson is recognized as a Silver Sneakers site. Silver Sneakers is a national program for seniors that focuses on staying well. It is usually covered by Medicare supplemental insurance. Rae has her Silver Sneakers certification as well. Silver Sneakers Classic is a class with some standing and seated exercise, and Silver Sneaker Circuit is mainly standing with movement. The Aqua Fitness at JW pool can be done by anyone, but it is also part of the Sliver Sneakers program.

Rae says: “ I feel my calling is to help peers and seniors to be as healthy as they can be. It’s never too late to start exercising!”



Ferguson is proud of Rae and her accomplishments! She represents the very Best of Ferguson! Congratulations Rae!

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

APRIL ENVIRONMENTAL FILM: BLUE GOLD

The Ferguson Ecology Team will be hosting the film showing and discussion of the award-winning documentary BLUE GOLD which sounds a sweeping alarm about our endangered water supply. Wars of the future will be fought over water, as they are today over oil, as the source of all life enters the global market place and political arena. Corporate giants, private investors, and corrupt governments vie for control of our dwindling fresh water supply, prompting protests, lawsuits, and revolutions from citizens fighting for the right to survive. Past civilizations have collapsed from poor water management. Will ours, too?

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

Knee Replacement

As I write this, it has been two weeks since I had a total knee replacement. It is my second titanium knee, and along with my two hearing aids and glasses, I suppose I could be awarded the title of "Bionic Woman".

I don't feel like the bionic woman, and I certainly don't look like her, but all in all, it went fairly smoothly.

I went to the same doctor and the same hospital; I was even in the same room as my last knee operation, but that was about the extent of the similarities.

This time, I woke in the Recovery Room feeling great. In fact, since I was the first operation that day, I was the only patient in the room, and had all the nurses at my disposal. I asked if for some reason my operation was postponed. No, they assured me, you have a new knee. They had to uncover my leg to convince me. "1 to 10, how much pain are you in?" "Zero" I replied.

After a couple of hours, I was wheeled to my room where my daughter was waiting. She told me the doctor said that they had to saw the joint apart, just as they had the other leg, but that it went very smoothly. Later, when I saw the doctor I asked why I felt so good . . . what did he do differently? He said that he has done thousands of operations and that every one was different. (I don't believe he's done thousands, and I think he probably just couldn't remember me from all the other knee replacements he did that day. I guess if you've seen one knee replacement, you've seen them all.)

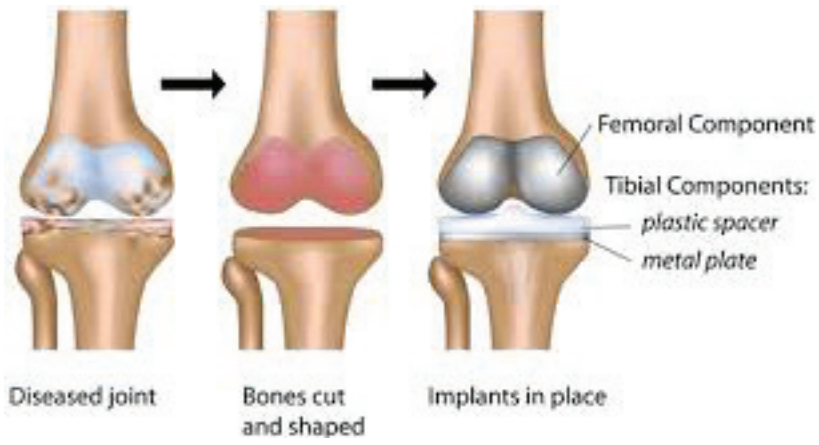
They got me out of bed that first day, and the physical therapist came the next. She and I walked down the hall and into the rehab room where she put me through a series of exercises to bend and straighten the leg. When walking back to the room she asked the pain level. About 2 or 3, I said. She could hardly believe it, and truthfully, neither could I. Far different from the last knee replacement.

After three days I was sent home. I began walking around the house without the walker right away, but the physical therapist who came to the house put a stop to that. The walker is not only to keep you from falling, but you don't want to put too much weight on the knee or the swelling won't go down. But, I forget . . . and leave it in one room when I go another, and then forget where I left it.

I didn't want pain killer, so I was sent home with just over-the-counter Tylenol and aspirin to prevent blood clots.

The nurse came yesterday and took out the staples. Didn't feel a thing. (Isn't that a sign of leprosy?)

Can't wait to get in the car and go someplace, but I'm not suppose to drive for six weeks. I'll wait three.



Kind of glad I didn't look at this website before the operation.
In addition to these parts, there is a covering on the knee cap.

If you've had a knee replacement, all of the above is probably old news, but if you are contemplating one, don't worry. Go to a doctor who has done lots of the operation; isn't it Allstate that says they take care of you because they've seen it all.

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Calendar of Events In and Around Ferguson

Complete Details of These Events Throughout the Paper

Adult Easter Egg Hunt – Community Center	Fri., Mar. 30
UMSL Extension Dinner – Orlando's	Fri., Mar. 30
Children's Easter Egg Hunt – Community Center	Sat., Mar. 31
Crazy for Crayons – Library	Sat., Mar. 31
Easter Sunday Service – January-Wabash	Sun., Apr. 1
Blues Hockey Game Trip	Mon., Apr. 2
VOTE	Tues., Apr. 3
Century Home Discovery – Library	Sat., Apr. 7
Spaghetti Supper – 1st Presbyterian	Sat., Apr. 7
FYI Banquet – Norwood Country Club	Sat., Apr. 7
Reading on Race Book Club – Library	Mon., Apr. 9
Mystery Meal	Thurs., Apr. 12
Garden Basics with EarthDance – Library	Thurs., Apr. 12
Northwest Chamber Membership Mtg. – Moolah Temple	Thurs., Apr. 12
Parents Night Out – Community Center	Fri., Apr. 13
Indoor Farmers Market – St. Stephens	at., Apr. 14
Teen Trip to City Museum	Sat., Apr. 14
Presentation on Women's Abuse – Immanel	Mon., Apr. 16
Ferguson City Council Meeting – City Hall	Tues., Apr. 17
Day Trip to River City Casino	Wed., Apr. 18
FLIERS Spring Book Sale – Library	Thurs., Fri., Sat., April 19-20-21
Science Storytime – Library	Sat., Apr. 21
Crews for Brews Trip	Sat., Apr. 21
Trip to the Zoo with St. Peters UCC Church	Sat., Apr. 21
Earth Day Festival – Forest Park	Sat., Sun., Apr. 21-22
FBC Ferguson Golf Tournament – Old Florissant Golf Club	Sun., Apr. 22
Tuesday Night Book Club – Library	Tues., Apr. 24
Ferguson City Council Meeting – City Hall	Tues., Apr. 24
Wind Turbine Design Challenge – Library	Wed., Apr. 25
Senior Resources Expo – Community Center	Wed., Apr. 25
Craftnoon – Library	Fril, Apr. 27
TEAM Food Pantry Trvia – St. Catherine's	Sat., Apr. 28

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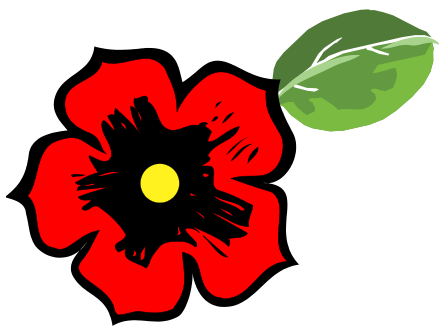

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