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November, 2018

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## FERGUSON NORTHERN LIGHTS

**At Plaza 501 – Sunday, November 25th – 5-9 pm**

- 5 - 6 pm Lighted Holiday Parade on So. Florissant followed by Tree Lighting Ceremony
- 5 - 9 pm Trackless Train, Pictures With Santa, Circus Kaput
- 5:30 -7 Face Painter, Balloon Twister
- 6 pm After Parade, Performers Stroll the Plaza: Fire Performer, Elf on Unicycle, Nutcracker on Stilts, Juggling Elves, Snowflake Wishes, Etc.
- 6 - 8 pm Christmas Carolers, Mrs. Claus Strolling Table
- 6 - 9 pm Carriage Rides, Christmas Band

In honor of *I Love Ferguson* Founder, Brian Fletcher, the committee is donating to Ferguson Mainstreet, a real life Snow Globe Photo booth and a Winter Wonderland Area.

For more information go to 314.324.4298 or email: marveenamiller@hotmail.com

### ALLIED WASTE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE THANKSGIVING WEEK 2017

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday routes will not be affected  
Thursday routes will be picked up Friday, November 23rd  
Friday routes will be picked up Saturday, November 24th

### COUNCIL MEETINGS – HOLIDAY NOTICE

Tuesday, November 13th and Tuesday, December 11th at 7 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

### CITY HALL HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The City of Ferguson business offices will be closed on the following days:  
Monday, November 12th – in observance of Veteran's Day  
Thursday, Nov. 22nd & Friday, Nov. 23rd – in observance of Thanksgiving

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## November 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](http://ferguson.lib.mo.us).

**Happy Birthday Parents as Teachers and Dr. Seuss!**  
**Thursday, November 8 at 10 am**  
Join us and the Ferguson-Florissant Parents as Teachers Program as we celebrate Parents as Teachers' birthday and Dr. Seuss with stories and fun activities! For children ages 6 and under.

**Hoot: The Life of Bob Gibson - NEW DATE!**  
**Tuesday, November 13 at 6 pm**  
Performer Gregory Carr returns to reenact the life story of stellar St. Louis Cardinals pitcher, Bob Gibson. Learn about his life, from his beginnings in Nebraska to his short stint as a Harlem Globetrotter to his amazing pitching as a Cardinal, culminating in his National League MVP season in 1968. Baseball fans of all ages welcome!

**Just Wreath It - Saturday, November 17 at 2 pm**  
Craft a beautiful fall wreath just in time for Thanksgiving. We will provide the supplies, you supply the creativity! All ages welcome. Limited space available - registration is required.

**FALL INTO ONE OF OUR GREAT ONGOING PROGRAMS!**

- Readings on Race Book Club - Monday, November 12 at 6 pm
- Tuesday Night Book Club - Tuesday, November 27 at 5 pm
- Storytime, every Monday at 10 am
- FREE Afterschool Tutoring - Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:30-5:30, Saturdays, 11-1 pm **\*\*\*NO TUTORING NOVEMBER 19-24\*\*\***
- Resume and Job Help - call the library for more information!

If You Have Items of Interest, email: [cider@att.net](mailto:cider@att.net)



## November 2018 CityWalk

The purpose of the Ferguson Special Business District Advisory Board is "to be an efficient organization for guiding the collective enhancement and business climates within the Downtown Special Business District".

As the board focuses on new business development and current business retention, we asked ourselves, what could Ferguson do to facilitate easier navigation of the process and procedure for developers and prospective new business owners? We have explored this challenge through participation in the National Main Street Convention last spring and hosting several meetings here in Ferguson with the Missouri Main Street Convention. We have also researched what has been successful in other business districts by reading articles and studies, meeting with Cape Girardeau city leaders and taking part in conference calls with other downtown directors. We learned that cities that make economic development a priority seem to have something in common. They either have a designated staff person who works one-on-one with a developer to guide a project through completion, or have several staff members assigned to this task, each of whom are designated to assist in specific areas. The main goal is that when a developer or prospective business owner calls or visits city hall, they have a knowledgeable, passionate ally to guide them through the process of getting their business open or project completed. Business owners that have had a positive experience and feel welcomed into the community are more likely to be good advocates. The best advertising a city can do to attract new businesses is for its current business owners to tell others, "open here".

Over the last few years many news outlets have asked what makes the Ferguson downtown business district special. Our answer is always the same; invested business owners, hard-working volunteers and private development. We believe that encouraging private local investment in development is crucial to Ferguson's survival. We also believe that through partnership and cooperation between the city and the downtown business district, we can market the city as business friendly in an effort to take Ferguson to the next level. Researching development and retention programs to benefit potential developers and new business owners, soliciting businesses to locate here within a business-friendly atmosphere and continuous open communication with those property owners is a must. Other avenues to economic vitality of the downtown business district we seek may include; working with realtors to help bring quality tenants and businesses to downtown, and nurturing relationships with UMSL and some of the larger corporations in our area to explore possible opportunities. We have some fun and exciting events planned in Citywalk for this Holiday Season!

**Shop Small Saturday, November 24th.** Kickoff will be 9:30am @ Plaza 501, with lists of participating businesses & special offers, refreshments, drawings and more! We're going to have a fun Shop Small event in Ferguson Citywalk this year! Several shops, boutiques, restaurants, salons and other small businesses in the district are participating. For late starts after 10:30am or in the case of inclement weather, kickoff will be moved to Corners Frameshop & Gallery at 425 S. Florissant Rd.

**Ferguson Northern Lights, Nov. 25th @ Plaza 501, 5-9pm.** This is going to be an expanded Holiday event this year, with all activities at Plaza 501! There will be gift vendors from 5-9; parade beginning at 5, with tree lighting immediately following at Plaza 501; and carriage rides from 6-9.



**Christmas Caroling Pub Crawl, Dec. 8th, 6-9pm,** tickets available online at Eventbrite.com

CityWalk business owners are welcome and encouraged to attend meetings of the Ferguson Special Business District Advisory Board, which meets the 2nd Thursday of the month from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Baked Wood-Fire Pizza, 235 S. Florissant Rd. For more information, please contact Robin Shively at 314-495-7452 or [cornersframing@gmail.com](mailto:cornersframing@gmail.com).

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## The Plumber's Crack

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

Leaves turning colors and falling, coats and jackets are the style of the day, turkey sales booming, and pumpkins melting away into pies, election propaganda running rampant, It must be November and time for another addition of the Plumbers Crack.



Well my friends it's that time of the year again. The mighty Mississippi and the muddy Missouri waters are getting nice and cool again. That means a few things that meshes with your plumbing. Your ice makers don't work as hard. You can get a cool glass of water without adding ice. The bad thing that happens is it can cause problems with your water heater. I know I've written about this before but it's a good reminder.

The cold water does several things. First of all it causes your heater to work a little harder. My advice is not to turn the temp up on your heater but regulate the temp at your faucet. Use a little more hot water with your mix. If you feel that's not working for you and you want to the water warmer turn the dial at the most one notch. When the heater is sitting dormant the temperature should be between 120 and 125 degrees. If you turn the heater up, your looking at over 130 degrees, and that could scald you.

No matter the temperature setting, the problem is the expansion and contraction of the fixture. That's why plumbing companies love the fall. That's when most water heaters fail.

One other thing that happens when it gets real cold is that it drafts down your vent pipes and the hardening of the grease and detergent can cause your drains to slow down or stop up. This is more prevalent with kitchens than main stacks but can happen in either. That's another article from the past that we will get to in the future.

Well my friends I want to thank you who called in supporting my closing message and the kind words my plumbers and myself received on that matter.

Please check on and get to know your neighbors. Offer a ride to those who can't drive. Watch out for our kids and give them lots of hugs and love, they are our future. Support local business and get out and VOTE.

God bless you all.  
Oh Baby



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or by email: [cider@att.net](mailto:cider@att.net)  
**Copy for ads for the paper must be received by the 15th of the month for inclusion in the following month's paper.**

## Board of Education Holds Historic Vote - Sets Course for Future

**Ferguson-Florissant School District Board of Education Votes to Establish District-Wide Early Education for Three and Four Year-Olds and STEAM High School in Ferguson**

In an historic move the Ferguson-Florissant School District Board of Education voted to create opportunities for student success. Dr. Joseph Davis, Superintendent, presented three options for the Board's consideration. These options were the culmination of a multi-year effort to improve learning and achievement for students while increasing fiscal efficiency. "Ferguson-Florissant School District is the birthplace of Parents as Teachers, and we are expanding on that legacy," stated Dr. Davis. "We are focused on strengthening the bookends of a strong foundation in early education and transforming high schools to prepare students for their future success in college and life."

In an emotional decision that reflected the passionate feedback from the community, the Board voted for Option 2.

Option 2 includes

- Free, full-day, full-week early education with certified teachers for three and four year-olds in PreK-2nd grade schools.
- 3rd-5th grade schools.
- Two middle school campuses with 6th grade schools to ease the transition to middle school and mitigate barriers to success and provide access to advanced middle school programming at the adjoining 7th-8th grade schools.
- An Innovation School that will provide innovative, transformative options for students to experience success in a non-traditional environment including in career academies, internships, and mentor/instructors.
- Two comprehensive 9-12 high schools at McCluer and McCluer North.
- Transforming McCluer South-Berkeley into a cutting edge STEAM high school.

"As a graduate of the district and a parent, I understand the desire to prepare our children for the best opportunities in life. That's what I want for our children too. I am excited that we are acting to create opportunities for our youngest students with free, full day, full week, early education with certified teachers for all three and four year-olds in our community," emphasized Board of Education President, Dr. Courtney Graves. "As president of the Board of Education I know we have been entrusted to raising the quality of education in our schools while being fiscally responsible stewards of your financial investment as taxpayers."

Information on the restructuring process including a timeline for implementation will be available at [www.fergflor.org/strong](http://www.fergflor.org/strong) in the coming weeks.

### About the Ferguson-Florissant School District

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

For more information, contact:

Kevin Hampton, (314) 687-1920 or (314) 541-4022  
khampton@fergflor.org

## Susan Lonero



Susan C. Lonero (nee Smeltzer) of Ferguson, MO passed away on October 2, 2018 peacefully in her home at the age of 60. Sue is survived by her husband, Joe Lonero, son Jason (Lacy) Lonero, son Mike (Lizzie) Lonero; her cherished grandchildren, Connor, Addison, Dominic, Lucia, Sofia, Ellie, and Rocco; her brothers Jeffery Smeltzer and Kevin (Joan) Smeltzer, nieces, nephews, many friends, and her adored Dachshund's Homer and Millie.

Sue was the beloved daughter of the late Byron and Betty Jane Smeltzer and was a dear friend of the late Debbie (John) Misuraca. She touched so many lives with her kind, generous and witty soul. A special thank you to life long friend Gail Ponder and the "Sue Care Crew".

Sue's life was celebrated on Saturday, October 20th, at the Ferguson Community Center, 1050 Smith Ave, Ferguson, MO 63135.

### Celebrate 15 Years With Us!

November 3, 2018 | 10am - 4pm

#### Challenger Learning Center Anniversary Event



- Space missions
- Rocket launches
- Drone demonstrations
- "Earthrise" movie screening
- Hands-on activities
- Lunch included in admission

Activities will take place at the Challenger Learning Center and next door at McCluer South-Berkeley High School

Cost: \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door (Includes all activities and lunch)

Registration  
<https://challengerstl.bpt.me>



### Teaming Up to #SupportYoungPeople in Ferguson The Ferguson Youth Initiative announces its new board members for 2018:



Dr. Joseph Davis is the Superintendent of the Ferguson-Florissant School District. He earned his doctorate from the Harvard School of Education.



Mr. Cedric Gerald is the Principal of McCluer High School (of the Ferguson-Florissant School District). He holds a Masters Degree in Education Management from Strayer University.



Ms. Anaja "AJ" Sander is the Development Lead of the St. Louis Civic Pride Foundation and Director of Community Engagement at Explore St. Louis.

The Ferguson Youth Initiative (FYI) is a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit organization which was started in 2010. We began serving the youth of the Ferguson community by encouraging them and engaging them as active members of the community, developing programs as needed, and further communicating and partnering with existing community youth programs.

We're just looking to advance our initiative to #SupportYoungPeople throughout the City of Ferguson, the surrounding school district, and throughout the greater community.

For more information about this topic, please contact Aaron M. Harris by calling 314.749.5379, or via e-mail at [aaron@fergfyiyouth.org](mailto:aaron@fergfyiyouth.org).

## Christmas Caroling

### Ferguson Main Street Pub Crawl

Saturday December 8th 6-9 PM

\$10 for a Bracelet Earns 1 Specialty Drink\* Per Location  
\*Specialty drink determined by participating businesses. Additional drinks available for purchase.

Join us for a little mischief and merriment as we wish the town a "Merry Christmas" crawling from pub to pub singing old Christmas favorites.

"We won't go until we get some... a cup of good cheer!"



# Ferguson Community News Page

## Being thankful for our many blessings

By Mayor James W. Knowles III

*"Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough."*

- Oprah Winfrey,  
American Businesswoman, Author,  
Television Personality



For most Americans, the Thanksgiving holiday isn't much more than an obligatory family dinner at the beginning of a four-day holiday weekend. For some it's the precursor that kicks off the winter holiday season. The season that begins a month-long ritual of holiday luncheons, happy hours, parties, family get-togethers and of course holiday shopping.

But the purpose behind Thanksgiving is much deeper than an extended weekend and the chance to hang out with those relatives that you see two to three times a year. It is supposed to be a time to reflect on those things for which we should be thankful. Those blessings in our lives that we receive throughout the year but quickly fade from memory with each new trial or tribulation we face in our daily lives. Whether we believe them to be earned through sweat, toil, and tears, or benevolent gifts derived from some divine Providence, taking the time to reflect upon and appreciate those blessings helps keep balance in our lives.

In the days of the Early American settlers, celebrating the harvest and being thankful to have enough food to sustain them through the Winter was at the heart of Thanksgiving. For most of us today we take for granted that we will have shelter and food to last us through the winter, though there are still some in our society that will do without. The mere fact that most of us won't be concerned with meeting our most basic needs is itself, a reason to be thankful.

As we look at our own lives, all of us have our own experiences which have tested us in some way or another. We most certainly could find ourselves in a state of depression if we only acknowledged the shortcomings in our lives and failed to recognize and give thanks for the many blessings we all enjoy, no matter how small. The same could be said about our community as a whole.

I've lived in this community now for over 38 years, and I've spent the majority of my adult life in service to this community. While there were great things about the community I grew up in, I've always been committed to fixing those shortcomings that existed and improve the community for the betterment of all. After over a decade of service to this community, I can look around and be demoralized by the work left to do, or I can be encouraged by the tremendous work that has been done. It's a balance that I've had to reconcile, between that drive to do better and expect better while not allowing the work left ahead leave you discouraged or cynical.

Over the past several years, we as a community have endured tremendous hardships and stress, but even in the face of these difficult times we have made tremendous progress and continue to see improvement in many aspects of our community. Admittedly, even with all we've accomplished, there is still a great deal of work to be done.

With the Thanksgiving Holiday upon us, we should heed this opportunity to really take stock of the many wonderful things in our lives, and in our community, and give thanks. Giving thanks for these blessings adds balance to that drive to improve and want more. We should enjoy the many successes we have experienced and let them strengthen our resolve to continue to do better and always seek to improve our community. Let all we have accomplished fuel our optimism that the effort we are putting toward a stronger and better community will continue to pay off.

This year I'm giving thanks for the many blessings in my life, for the many wonderful things we've accomplished in our community, and my resolve to continue to move this community forward is stronger than ever.

## Ferguson Neighborhood Organizations

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

Group	Next Mtg.	Location	Contact
Forestwood Park Neighborhood Group	Nov 6 7 pm	Emmaus Bible Chapel 900 Highmont	Donald Stevens 314-561-0379
Jeske Park Neighborhood Assn.	TBA	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.	TBA	Ferguson Community Ctr. 1050 Smith Ave	Glenda Rickard 314-524-8115 glenda.rickard@mercy.net
Old Ferguson West Neighbors	Nov 8 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	Nov 14 6 pm	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
South Ferguson	TBA	Fire Station #1 200 So. Florissant	

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

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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](mailto:opittman@fergusoncity.com)

### EVER WONDERED HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED WITH YOUR CITY GOVERNMENT?

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 <http://www.fergusoncity.com/57/Boards-Commissions> or contact your City Clerk at City Hall.

## CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS Tuesdays, November 13th and December 11th at 7 pm in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 110 Church Street

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and Thursday, November 22nd & Friday, November 23rd –  
in observance of Thanksgiving**

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# Ferguson Community News Pages

Be sure 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](http://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

### NOW OFFERING MONTHLY PAYMENT OPTIONS

Resident Youth – \$6 per month (12 month agreement)  
Resident Adult – \$9 per month (12 month agreement)  
Resident Senior – \$6.00 per month (12 month agreement)  
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. Simple balance beam skills will be taught. Gymnastic or ballet shoes, leotard and tights are highly recommended but not required. No jeans, baggy clothing, tennis shoes, or bare feet. Children must be potty trained.

Age: 3 ½-6 years old  
Days: Monday or Saturday  
Start Date: Mon, Oct 1 - Nov 19 (No Class 11/12) \*Make up class Sat, 11/17 10:00am  
Mon, Nov 26 - Jan 28 (No Class 12/24, 12/31, 1/21)  
\*Make up class Sat, 1/26 10:00am  
Mon, Feb 4 - March 25, Sat, Oct 6 - Nov 24,  
& Sat, Dec 1 - Feb 2 (No Class 12/29, 1/5  
Sat, Feb 9- March 30  
Time: Mon 5:45pm-6:40pm; Sat 10:00am-10:55am  
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  
Days: Mondays or Saturdays  
Start Date: Mon, Oct 1 - Nov 19 (No Class 11/12)  
\*Make up class Sat, 11/17 11:00am  
Mon, Nov 26 - Jan 28 (No Class 12/24, 12/31, 1/21)  
\*Make up class Sat, 1/26 11:00am  
Mon, Feb 4 - March 25  
Sat, Oct 6 - Nov 24  
Sat, Dec 1 - Feb 2 (No Class 12/29, 1/5)  
Sat, Feb 9- March 30  
Time: Mon 6:45pm-7:40pm; Sat 11:00am-11:55am  
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: Mon, Oct 1 - Nov 19 (No Class 11/12)  
\*Make up class Sat, 11/17 1:00pm  
Mon, Nov 26 - Jan 28 (No Class 12/24, 12/31, 1/21)  
\*Make up class Sat, 1/26 1:00pm  
Mon, Feb 4 - March 25  
Time: 7:45-8:40pm  
Location: Ferguson Community Center  
Fee: \$40/Members; \$45/Residents; \$50/Non-Residents

### Tap & Ballet Dance

A wonderful opportunity to learn creativemovement 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. Children must be potty trained.

Age: 3 1/2 - 7 years old  
Days: Wednesdays  
Start Date: Wed, Oct 3 - Nov 21; Wed, Nov 28 - Jan 30  
(No Class 12/26, 1/2)  
Wed, Feb 6 - March 27  
Time: 5:45 pm-6:40 pm  
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: Wed, Oct 3 - Nov 21; Wed, Nov 28 - Jan 30  
No Class 12/26, 1/2  
Wed, Feb 6 - March 27  
Time: 6:45-7:40pm  
Location: Ferguson Community Center  
Fee: \$34/Members; \$39/Residents; \$44/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: Wed, Oct 3 - Nov 21 & Wed, Nov 28 - Jan 30  
No Class 12/26, 1/2  
Wed, Feb 6 - March 27  
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

# Ferguson Community News Pages

## 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

## 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: 16 years & up  
Start Date: Mon, Sept 24-Nov 19 (no class Nov 12)  
Wed, Sept 26-Nov 21 (no class Nov 14)  
Mon, Nov 26-Feb 4 (no class Dec 24, & 31, Jan 21)  
Wed, Nov 28-Feb 6 (no class Dec 26, Jan 2 & 23)  
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

### Will Fit Core 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: 16 & up  
Start Date: Tues, Nov 6-Dec 11, Jan 8-Feb 12  
Time: 6:00-7:00pm  
Location: Ferguson Community Center  
Fee: \$25/Members; \$30/Residents; \$35/Non-Residents

**PREREGISTRATION REQUIRED**

### Pump and Abs

This class is focused on helping you get and stay strong! We will utilize free weights, your body weight, stability balls, and more to challenge all of your muscles especially your core. Resistance training does more than just make your muscles stronger though it can also boost your metabolism, improve your posture and mood, and much more.

Age: 16 & up  
Days: Thursdays  
Start Date: Thurs, Nov 8 - Dec 13; Thurs, Jan 10 - Feb 14  
Time: 5:00pm - 6:00pm  
Location: Ferguson Community Center  
Fee: \$25/Members; \$30/Residents; \$35/Non-Residents

**PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

### Will Jump Rope Fitness

This class is based on plyometric, otherwise known as jump training! Come for an athletic based, high intensity workout. Please come wearing proper athletic shoes that support your feet and joints.

Age: 16 & up  
Days: Wednesdays  
Start Date: Wed, Sept 19 - Oct 31 (No Class 10/10)  
Wed, Nov 7 - Dec 12 & Wed, Jan 9 - Feb 13  
Time: 6:00pm - 7:00pm  
Location: Ferguson Community Center  
Fee: \$25/Members; \$30/Residents; \$35/Non-Residents

**PRE-REGISTRATION 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: 16 & Up  
Start Date: Wed, Nov 7 - Dec 12, Wed, Jan 9 - Feb 13  
Time: 7:00-8:00pm  
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: 16 & up  
Start Date: Thurs, Nov 8 - Dec 13, Thurs, Jan 10 - Feb 14  
Time: 6:00pm-7:00pm  
Location: Ferguson Community Center  
Fee: \$25/Members; \$30/Residents; \$35/Non-Residents

**PREREGISTRATION REQUIRED**

### Stretching for Fun and Fitness

Age: 16 & up  
Days: Tuesdays  
Start Date: Tues, Sept 18 - Oct 30 & Tues, Nov 6 - Dec 18  
(No Class 11/20)  
Time: 7:00pm-8:00pm  
Location: Ferguson Community Center  
Fee: \$25/Members; \$30/Residents; \$35/Non-Residents

**PRE-REGISTRATION 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, Sep 22nd - Nov 17th  
(No Class 10/13 & No Class 11/24)  
Sat, Dec 1st - Jan 19th (No Class 12/24)

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/Chair Yoga

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. In addition, the yoga activities will increase flexibility, balance and mental clarity.

Days: Tuesdays and Thursdays  
Dates: Ongoing  
Times: 9:55-10:50 am  
Fee: FREE/Silver Sneakers Members-\$3/ Everyone Else  
(No class 11/20)

### Silver Sneakers Cardio Circuit/ Yoga

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. In addition, the yoga portion will move your whole body through a series of seated and standing yoga poses.

Days: Tues & Thurs  
Dates: Ongoing  
Times: 8:35am-9:40am  
Fee: FREE/Silver Sneakers Members; \$3/Everyone Else  
(No class 11/20)

## TEEN PROGRAMMING

### Roller Skating at Coachlite

Join us for a afternoon of rolling skating and pizza party to follow at the community center. Registration Deadline November 10th  
Date: Sat, Nov 17  
Time: 3:30pm-8:00pm  
Fee: \$12 Resident; \$14 Non Resident

### Demo Ball/ Adrenaline Zone

Spaces are very limited, register today!  
Registration Deadline December 7th  
Date: Sat, Dec 15  
Time: 12:00pm-5:00pm  
Fee: \$20 Resident; \$25 Non Resident

### 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

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\$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

#### Trick or Treat

Parents bring your little heroes, princesses, and even ghouls out for a safe and fun evening at the Ferguson Community Center where the Parks and Recreation staff will be providing an indoor oasis and treats. This event is free for all families. If you would like to volunteer please contact (314) 521-4661.

Date: Tues, Oct 30  
Time: 6:00pm—8:00pm  
Location: Community Center  
Fee: Free

#### Ferguson Northern Lights

Our annual holiday celebration and parade the Sunday after Thanksgiving. Included in the celebration is a holiday market, lighted holiday parade at 5pm, tree-lighting ceremony, food, free activities for the kids, live ice crav-ing, an appearance by Santa, and Carriage rides 6-9pm. The theme this year is Polar Express.

Date: Sunday, November 25  
Time: 5pm – 9pm  
Location: Plaza 501, 501 S. Florissant Rd.  
Fee: Free

#### Pancake Breakfast with Santa

Join us for a morning of pancakes and a visit from Santa! Santa is flying his reindeer down from the North Pole to visit his friends at the Ferguson Community Center. Admission includes all you can eat pancakes, sausage, and orange juice and a coloring book for children. Pre-registration is required for this event, space is limited.

Date: Sat, Dec 15  
Time: 9:00am – 11:00am  
Location: Ferguson Event Space  
Fee: \$3 children

#### 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)**

#### 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

### Spring Training

If you haven't gotten your fill of baseball for the year, we're creating an interest list for those who would like to get away from the cold in 2019, and head to Florida for a Spring Training game and much more. Complete details to come Fall 2018. Sign up for the interest list.

### Christmas Tree Disposal

Free to all residents, bring your old Christmas tree to the front parking lot of Forestwood Park to discard. Make sure that your old tree is free of all contaminants, such as garland, tinsel, lights and ornaments. This service will be provided through the end of January.

### ADULT PROGRAMMING

#### Mystery Meal

If you love good food and enjoy fun-loving people, then this program is for you! Every trip is an adventure, so register to enjoy the day with good food and good friends. Due to the popularity of this program, residents have registration priority. All residents can receive door to door pickup. Fee includes transportation via the Jolly Trolley and meal.

Dates: Thurs, Dec. 13  
Time: 10 am pickup  
Fee: \$32/Members; \$37/Residents; \$42/Non-Residents

#### Bountiful Feast Bingo

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

Ages: 18 and up  
Date: Thurs, Nov 15  
Time: Noon – 3 pm  
Location: Community Center  
Fee: \$12/Members; \$14/Residents; \$18/Non-Residents

#### Gambling in Oklahoma—Downstream

This overnight "Gambling Getaway" takes us along the OK-MO-KS border to a "Las Vegas Style" casino! On the way home we'll be stopping at the Indigo Sky Casino. Also on Wednesday, a side trip will be included to Joplin, Missouri to visit several Historic sites including Murphysburg, Bonnie & Clyde's garage apartment, Candy House and much more. Comps for this trip include: \$20 worth of slot play, 1 lunch and 1 dinner at Downstream and \$10 in slot play \$5 off in the food court at Indigo Sky. Cost includes: motor coach transportation, lodging, taxes and gratuities.

Ages: 18 and up  
Dates: Tues, Nov 6 - Thurs, Nov 8  
Time: 7:00am – 8:00pm  
Fee: \$140/Residents; \$155/Non-Residents  
(Double Occupancy) Additional \$40 for single

#### Ambassadors of Harmony

It's that time of year to enjoy sounds of the season. Join us as we start the evening by enjoying a meal at Hendells before heading to the Touhill to enjoy the sounds of the season performed by the Ambassadors of Harmony. Cost includes: Motor coach transportation, dinner, tickets, taxes and gratuities.

Date: Fri, Dec 7  
Time: 4:30 pm-11:00 pm  
Fee: \$95/Residents; \$100/Non-Residents

#### Holiday Lights Tour

It's that time of year again when thoughts turn to the age-old story of the Christ Child. What better way to experience this ageless phenomenon than a visit to the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville and their Christmas Way of Lights. Along this Way of Lights you will visit the little town of Bethlehem as you watch the shepherds tend their flock and listen to the angels announce the good tidings of great joy. The evening will climax with a trip through Winter Wonderland at Tilles Park. What a light display they put on each year! A buffet dinner at the Shrine Restaurant will precede this "light" activity. Cost includes: motor coach transportation, meal, admissions, taxes and all gratuities.

Date: Tues, Dec 18  
Time: 4:00 pm-10:00 pm  
Fee: \$58/Residents; \$63/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 from the Ferguson Community Center. Must have a minimum of 10 patrons pre registered for the trip to make.

Registration Deadline is the week before each trip.

Fee: \$5 Residents; \$8 Non-Resident  
Location: Ferguson Community Center  
Time: 10:00am-3:00pm  
Wednesday, November 28 - Hollywood Casino  
Wednesday, December 19 - River City Casino  
Wednesday, January 30 - Casino Queen

**ATHLETICS**

**Open Play Volleyball**

Come to the Ferguson Community Center for pick up volleyball games.  
 Days: Mondays  
 Times: 3:00pm– 9:00pm – Times may change based on league play.  
 Location: Community Center  
 Fee: FREE Member; Daily Fee Resident; Daily Fee Non-Resident

**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
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



St. Peter's United Church of Christ, 1425 Stein Rd., Ferguson  
 Adults 18 and Older – FREE – More Info 314-521-5694

**FLIERS Treasures, Trinkets and Treats Sale**

Gift quality items, baked goods,  
 For more info call  
 Janie Norberg, 314-521-4663

**Friday, November 30  
 9:00 am-5:30 pm**

**Saturday, December 1  
 9:00 am to 3:00 pm**

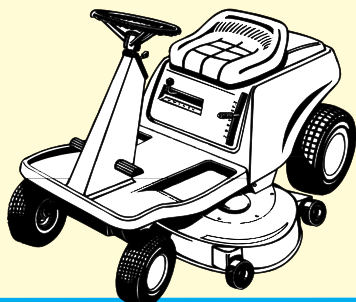


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**BALLOT BRIEF:  
 Election Date is Nov. 6, 2018**

**PROPOSITION D seeks to raise the motor fuel tax to improve public safety related to state highways, local streets, and bridges.**

**Current Missouri fuel tax per gallon is 17 cents, established in 1996.**

- Missouri's motor fuel tax per gallon would increase from 17 cents to 27 cents, spread over 4 years.
- Missouri motor fuel tax dollars are constitutionally protected and will be audited. They may only be used to cover the cost of: collecting revenue, local and state roads, local and state bridges, and enforcing laws on state highways by the Missouri State Highway Patrol.
- The last fuel tax increase in Missouri was 22 years ago, in 1996.
- Missouri has the 7th largest state highway system.
- Missouri's motor fuel tax ranks 49th lowest in the United States.
- Today, the average motor fuel tax in the United States is 30 cents per gallon.
- When fully implemented, revenue increases are estimated at \$288 million per year to the state road fund and \$123 million to local governments to construct and maintain roads and bridges.

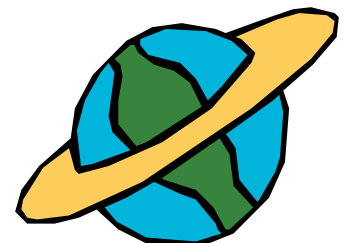


**A Word from Our Planet...**

"When all the trees have been cut down, when all the animals have been hunted, when all the waters are polluted, when all the air is unsafe to breath, only then will you discover you cannot eat money".

Cree Prophecy

**Ferguson Eco Team**



**CITY OF FERGUSON  
 CANDIDATE PETITIONS  
 AVAILABLE NOVEMBER 12, 2018  
 ELECTION NOTICE – APRIL 2, 2019**

The City of Ferguson, Missouri, will hold an election on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 for the office of Council Member Wards 1,2,3 for a 3 year term. Any person wanting to file a declaration of candidacy for this office must submit a petition signed by at least 50 and not more than 75 registered voters. The petition forms will be available in the City Clerk's Office beginning Monday, November 12, 2018, and may be picked up at any time during regular office hours.

The petitions should be submitted upon the filing of a declaration of candidacy and must be accompanied by a \$10.00 filing fee, which can be returned if the candidate receives at least 5% of the votes in the election.

The petitions and declarations of candidacy must be filed with the City Clerk at Ferguson City Hall, 110 Church Street. Under State Law, declarations of candidacy will be accepted starting on the opening date for filing and will not be accepted after the last date for filing. Candidate filing for the Ferguson City Council will open at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 11, 2018, which date is the sixteenth Tuesday before the election. Candidate filing will close at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 15, 2019, which date is the eleventh Tuesday before the election. For further information, please call the City Clerk at 524-5152.

CITY OF FERGUSON  
 Octavia Pittman, City Clerk

## LITTLE CREEK NATURE AREA TO CELEBRATE 50-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

North County Nature Preserve Welcomes Community for Free Family Fun

The Little Creek Nature Area, 2295 Dunn Rd. hosted a 50-year anniversary celebration on Saturday, Oct. 20. The event was free and open to the public.

The anniversary celebration began with a blessing by Native Americans who were some of the first inhabitants of the area. The day included live music from Strings Attached and entertainment by Ferguson-Florissant students, guided tours of the preserve's ADA-accessible nature trails, nature-based arts and crafts, flint knapping, finger weaving and wool dyeing demonstrations, interactive activities such as birdhouse making and painting, a wild bird release, farm animal feeding and other activities.

For two dollars per person, attendee enjoyed a hayride that stopped for apple pressing. Partners such as the Department of Natural Resources, US Fish and Wildlife, Forest ReLeaf, the Audobon Society, St. Louis Zoo, Wildlife Rescue and Earth Dance were on hand to provide information and conduct hands-on activities. A panel discussion on the history of Little Creek was part of the day's activities.

'Little Creek Nature Area is a 97-acre preserve owned and operated by the Ferguson-Florissant School District for experiential learning in science, biology, ecology and related areas of study. Little Creek provides a natural habitat that is uniquely suited to teaching an understanding of nature as a total system; fostering knowledge of Missouri's natural environment and the organisms that live in the environment; investigating man's interaction with the environment relative to science, technology and society; and developing an appreciation of the natural world and its inhabitants, while modeling stewardship and conservation.

## Boeing St. Louis and St. Louis Community College hosted free Women in Aerospace Manufacturing hands-on information event

Calling all women! Does a career in aerospace manufacturing sound interesting, but you're not sure if it's the right fit for you?

Boeing St. Louis and St. Louis Community College hosted an evening in October for a free, hands-on Women in Aerospace Manufacturing event. They learned about in-demand careers in aerospace manufacturing and drilling and riveting sheet metal and the lay up and fabrication of carbon fiber composites. Attendees also learned more about Boeing's pre-employment training program, which is offered at no cost to students through St. Louis Community College. In addition to experience-based "on the work floor" style training, students who successfully complete the five-week pre-employment training program receive a guaranteed interview with Boeing.

### About St. Louis Community College

Established in 1962, St. Louis Community College is the largest community college district in Missouri and one of the largest in the United States. STLCC has four campuses: Florissant Valley, Forest Park, Meramec and Wildwood. The College annually serves more than 80,000 students through credit courses, continuing education, and workforce development programs. For more information about STLCC Workforce Solutions Group, visit [stlcc.edu/workforce](http://stlcc.edu/workforce).

## All Among Us set to open a Women's Care Center in Ferguson

A beautiful historic church building has transformed into the Women's Care Center, a long-term transitional living home led by nonprofit All Among Us. Founder and Executive Director Cathryn Shaw invites the community to view the renovation at two open house events. "The transformation has been a work of heart, sweat and grace. We are beyond thrilled to finally open our doors in Ferguson."

The Women's Care Center provides safe and stable housing for single women, currently living in poverty, in order that they have the opportunity to reclaim and rebuild their lives. The women will call the Women's Care Center their home while they work toward reaching their personal goals.

"We will provide educational opportunities, work-force readiness workshops, trauma-informed care and counseling, financial literacy programs, arts and creative experiences, cultural immersion, physical and mental health support, job opportunities, and affordable housing assistance," Shaw says. "It is our goal to tear down barriers and provide opportunities in order for women to step out of poverty, and step into being self-sufficient and a valuable member of their community."

Open house events will be held on Saturday, November 3, 2018, 10:00 am - noon. The Women's Care Center is located at 107 Carson Road, Ferguson, MO 63135. Parking is available to guests on the east side of the building. The public is invited to attend.

Contact us at: [gigi@allamong.us](mailto:gigi@allamong.us)

## Leaf Vacuuming Service

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## Grow Your Own Food?

Do you want to grow your own food? Or start a community garden? Are you "agri-curious" about careers in farming?

A year from now you could be snacking on the bounty you grew! EarthDance Organic Farm School in Ferguson is accepting applications for its Farm & Garden Apprenticeship! The apprenticeship provides seed-to market training in organic food production and small farm operation.



The program includes:

- Mentorship by professional farmers
- Field trips to diverse farms and gardens
- Classes led by agricultural professionals
- A weekly share of produce YOU helped grow!
- Membership in a supportive community of aspiring growers

Applications are due February 1st. and information is available on our website. Tuition is \$1250 for the 5.5 month part-time program. Scholarships are available. For more info visit: <http://earthdancefarms.org/farmers/farm-garden-apprenticeship/>

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## Financial Focus

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

### Time is Money

Years ago, when I started writing this column it was to help those who may need a little direction to improve their financial situation. Through the years I've given instruction on personal finance, and also spent columns writing about concerns in our nation's economy and how it affects each of us with regard to finances. What happens globally and nationally affects everyone. So now as I have grown older another important commodity has surfaced as a timely topic that can affect our financial health and physical health and that is managing our time.

We've all heard the phrase "time is money", especially in the world of sales. If someone is trying to sell a product the pitch always seems to include how much money and/or time you can save with it. Just like money, time is a resource and we need to use it wisely. Budgeting our time is a noble pursuit because as I've gotten older I realize that time is perhaps my most valuable resource even more than money. And if I see something as a waste of time, I get annoyed because it may make me miss other things that may be more important. Often those things that waste our time are also out of our control, such as a long line at the store, being on hold, trying to get a computer voice to get you to a live person . . . just to name a few. Today everything seems to be on high speed and the effect of the increased frustration with time wasting while waiting has put many on a very short fuse.

We all get the same amount of time every day – 1,440 minutes to be exact. If we plan to spend 8 hours sleeping that means we've still got 960 minutes. Every day I hear people complain that they don't have enough time to get everything done and I say it myself pretty often. If our ancestors heard this they might think we are a bunch of whiners. With technology, we have so many gadgets at our disposal that make our lives easier and promise to save us time. So what happens to all that time we are saving? If you can shop on-line, pay bills in your pajamas and order delivery for dinner, it would seem like you would have a couple of extra hours at the end of the day.

It seems that time is more abstract than money and trying to manage something that doesn't feel the same to everyone is a challenge. When I was a child the summer days seem to last forever, sometimes we'd complain about being bored because there was nothing to do. Being much older it seems that time goes by more quickly and gets faster every year. So our perception of time is really all about our experiences. A study done in 2015 found that our perception of time is also impacted by depression and even medical conditions such as Parkinson's disease and schizophrenia. And others have recognized that our perception of time has a lot to do with our culture, age, occupation and just the chemicals in our brains. When we are having fun, time seems to go by faster and when we aren't enjoying an activity it seems to drag. A one week vacation is over before you know it and a week at work often drags on much slower. Yet a week is a week – 7 days 24 hours in each one.

Another aspect of time is the fact that while we can save time, we can't stop it. If I were to save a couple of hours, I can't really put them in a safe place and have them to use on the week-end. With money I can save it for a rainy day or for a special occasion. Time marches on and we need to be careful with our time. Another aspect is that we can make time for something. A good example of this might be making time to spend with an elderly relative. Often our lives are so busy that we neglect those who are important to us, believing that tomorrow we'll have more time to catch up. And what happens is that sometimes we never get caught up and when someone dies, we often hear how much we wish we could have made more time for them. And it isn't just the elderly that we need to make time for, a very good friend lost a child at a very young age due to a serious accident. He has told me on several occasions how he recalls his young daughter calling to him from the swing set – "watch me daddy, watch me!" Knowing him I am sure he watched her plenty, but he is haunted by the times he said "daddy's busy."

Time is extremely valuable and to many people it is priceless. We would all give up something else to have just a little more time with someone we've lost. So there is a constant battle going on inside our heads nearly daily trying to get everything done. What one person can accomplish in 24 hours may be quite different for others. Today, it seems more and more people are stressing about a lack of time. So just like managing our money and making the most of what we have, it is extremely important to use our time wisely. An exercise I've seen given at seminars to help us manage our time better involves considering how you would spend your time if you found out today you had one year left. You certainly wouldn't want to waste time. This scenario may have been the driver of the "bucket list." Seems every middle aged and some younger persons have created a list of things they want to do before they die. Former President Bush wanted to skydive and he finally did at age 90. Seeing a different part of the world or meeting a person you've admired could also be on someone's list. No matter what it is, the only way to accomplish it is to allow the time to do it.

With all those technological advances comes the curse of information overload which consumes our time and stresses us more than ever. With social media and the internet, we are so connected, yet it seems as if we don't know how to connect in person anymore. Seeing young people constantly

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on their phones or playing video games when they could be enjoying the fresh air outside or meeting actual people instead of texting, seems rather sad. With the newest IOs 12 download for phones, it is now easy to track how much time you are spending on your phone. A recent posting from a user who was curious about this, found that she was spending a great deal more time than she expected. The results are broken into categories like texting, internet, social media, calls or e-mail. If people do start to see just how much time they spend on some activities such as social media, they might do what the person in the posting did after seeing her results. She moved closer to the beach and took up riding a bike or walking rather than being on her phone. It would seem that this would also lead to more satisfaction and better health. So this may be a real eye opener for some and lead to more positive changes in how time is spent.

Here is where technology might be able to help. If we do work on tracking what we are doing for a specific period of time perhaps a month, we can recognize whether we are wasting time, saving time, or giving time to what is really important. There are plenty of new apps to help you do just that or you can do it the old fashioned way with pencil and paper.

Next month I will tell you of my experience with tracking my time. And by the time you read this you will have actually received the gift of one extra hour with the end of daylight savings time, but don't forget you will lose it in the spring.

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

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## Ferguson by Foot

By: Margaret Wolfinbarger



We don't speak much of Providence today, mainly because so many of our basic needs are supplied. We are not as desperate as we once were, suffering from hunger, lack of shelter, or clean water. One needs only to read the history of the first Americans to understand this.

The passengers on the Mayflower were called pilgrims because their overseas adventure hoped to afford them a new home where they could escape religious persecution. Half of them died the first year from malnutrition, cruelty from the natural elements, and lack of suitable shelter. They survived by divine providence; a theme that was woven through corre-

spondence as evidenced by "Mourt's Relation: A Journal of the Pilgrims at Plymouth," which was written 396 years ago.

Several hundred years later the term pilgrim was revisited in the Negro spirituals. These men, women and children were brought to the new world by slave traders who treated them as property. One groaning man would sing, "I am a poor pilgrim of sorrow. I'm tossed in this wide world alone. No hope I have for tomorrow. I've started to heav'n my home." (from a City Called Heaven)

We speak of pilgrimage in our time in respect to a journey for spiritual enlightenment, but the waters surrounding definitive knowledge are muddier than they once were. Namely, we emphasize the search rather than the destination. We celebrate the question rather than the answer. We delight in ambiguity rather than placing our hope in a known truth. We have the freedom to choose what to believe and worship and therefore providence does not play so large a role in our culture. But this does not mean we are not in need of it.

Despair is now a cultural norm. The loss of hope feeds our addictions. Our relationships break down because we are so busy looking inward that we neglect to pay attention to the needs of our neighbor. Our communities break down because we no longer have strong friendships with those around us. Basically, we have become ships without a defined course. We are lost at sea with no safe harbor in sight.

The early American pilgrims trusted God to provide for all of their needs and the Negro slaves trusted in God to deliver them to Heaven, but we trust in ourselves. Unfortunately, we are often poor saviors. What other excuse can we make for our inability to stop smoking, stop overeating, or stop abusing alcohol or drugs? Our headlines are littered with rich and powerful men and women who take their own lives even though they have everything physically necessary to survive—need I say thrive—in a culture of overabundance. We have self-help manuals and philosophers to tell us what to believe and do but we are no closer to a solution to our basic problem; namely, why do we exist, what is our purpose while we are here, and what happens when we die?

I recently read "South: The Endurance Expedition" which was written by Ernest Shackleton and published in 1920. He was an explorer who wanted to find passage across Antarctica. After the loss of his ship, he and his 28 men were stranded on a confluence of icebergs for 10 months. All in, they experienced nearly 2 years of frostbite, unbelievable adversity, and conversely, strikingly cheery camaraderie—due to his strong character and leadership abilities. All 28 men survived by, in Shackleton's own words, providence. During the last hours of his trek to find help he said that he and his two friends, "often felt that we were four, not three." Someone walked with them and delivered them to safety, someone they could not see.

I have written often in this column of my experiences in and around Ferguson as I tried desperately to escape the prison my body had become. My path has not changed and neither has my faithful companion who has walked beside me every step of the way. By providence he taught me to trust him when I could not see in the darkness. By providence, he reassured me of his love for me regardless of my physical attributes. By providence, he freed me from slavery, not only to food, but to hopelessness. We need not wait for a holiday to reflect, and express gratitude for the gifts we have been given. We can thank God every day by testifying to his providence.

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

### Correction:

Thanks to the many readers who caught the mistake of the Trivia Letter "E".

The answer to the term, "it just keeps going . . . and going" should have been the "Energizer Battery," not "Eveready Battery".

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The residents of the Canfield Green Apartments are always happy when they see the St. Louis Metro Market parked at the entrance to their apartment complex. The St. Louis Metro Market is a bus that has been beautifully converted to a full-service grocery store on wheels. The Healthy Schools Healthy Communities Initiative, coupled with help of St. Louis Metro Market, are working to break down barriers in accessing fresh and healthy foods with weekly stops at Canfield Green. It gives the community access to healthy, affordable and culturally relevant foods. Metro Market is stocked with fresh fruit, vegetables, meat, dairy and bread from local farmers and community gardens. In addition to the groceries, workers and volunteers offer nutritional information and often provide food demonstrations that show customers healthy alternative ways they can prepare the food sold on the bus.

Metro Market began operation in 2015 in the City of St. Louis in a neighborhood that was considered a food desert, i.e. residents had little or no access to healthy, affordable foods. In 2017, Metro Market began serving north St. Louis County. Earlier this year Metro Market began visiting Ferguson's Canfield Green Apartments every Wednesday from 4:30 pm-6:30 pm, and will continue its regular stops in Canfield Green Apartments until the end of November. Metro Market also makes monthly stops at The Emerson Family YMCA in North County. That stop is sponsored by Healthy Schools Healthy Communities, in partnership with the Emerson Family YMCA and the City of Ferguson Councilwoman Ella Jones. The St. Louis Metro Market is an innovative way to restore access to healthy foods and healthy eating.

By: Phedra Nelson -  
Community Wellness Director of the Emerson Family YMCA

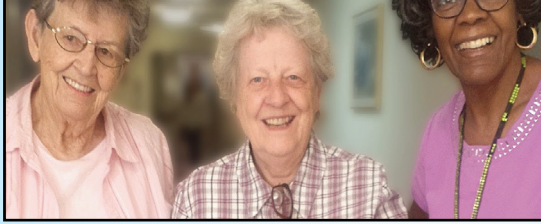
### Trivia

All answer begin with the LETTER "G"

1. Elvis' home.
  2. Harlem athletes.
  3. Bat town.
  4. Cheerful colosseum contestant.
  5. Where they regularly hang painters.
  6. Marmaduke.
  7. Marie Antoinette thought this was a pain in the neck.
  8. A very serious hole.
  9. A type of Italian salami.
  10. Alley oops!
  11. Cowboy questionnaire.
  12. Strange happenings? Call these professionals.
- See answers at bottom of page 23.

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Twenty-four local employer training projects guided through the grant application process by St. Louis Community College have been approved for funding, providing the green light for customized training within multiple St. Louis business sectors. With the awarded funds, STLCC's trainers will deliver tailored programs on lean manufacturing, continuous improvement, technical training, safety and quality, and leadership and professional development.

Don Robison, director of corporate services for STLCC Workforce Solutions Group, explains, "This is one of many ways STLCC delivers customized workforce solutions to local employers. As one of the largest providers of training and consulting services in the St. Louis metro area, we help clients improve production efficiencies and employee retention—factors that ultimately help local businesses remain competitive in a global economy."

The 24 STLCC-guided projects approved under the training assistance program will impact workforce development across advanced manufacturing, life science, engineering, grocery, consumer packaged goods and various other industries within the St. Louis region.

"Not only will this funding help Missouri workers gain new skills, it delivers value to Missouri businesses in an area of critical need—the availability of a quality workforce," Governor Mike Parson said. "By helping businesses train new and existing workers, we're helping them stay competitive and remain here in Missouri."

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**Under The Hood With Robinwood**  
By Bob McGartland

**A Career as an Automotive Technician**

We all love the freedom of getting in our cars and going to pretty much any place and anywhere we want. We also want the peace of mind knowing our car is safe and reliable. It is your trusted technician who makes this happen for you. There are many good technicians in our industry, male and female. They are the professionals servicing and repairing today's vehicles.

So, what is it going to be like a few years down the road when there are even less highly skilled and experienced technicians in the service bay? The reason I propose this question is that there is a shortage of skilled technicians right now and the trend is even fewer technicians in the years ahead. For the last ten years the number of new technicians entering the industry has not even begun to keep up with the natural attrition rate of technicians retiring. Now we are seeing the trend where there are even less people wanting to become an automotive tech. Then, compound the fact that in the next 5-7 years 20 to 25% of technicians will be reaching retirement age.

What does this all mean? I believe for the car owner it will take much longer to get any highly skilled repair or electrical problems fixed. It could be 3 or 4 weeks before the car is looked at. Minor services, like oil changes, tires, batteries would still be available at today's convenient same day service. I believe for young people this is an incredible opportunity. Unfortunately, many of our young people aren't exposed to or guided down the path towards a career as an automotive technician. Other skilled trades, like plumbing, heating and air-conditioning, and electricians are feeling the effects as well.

I picked this time of year to write about this topic because this is when high school seniors are looking at

colleges. We have seen the educational system making the shift towards STEAM – Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math. Programs are now being developed at the middle school level. There isn't as much focus on the trades industry. I think as an industry we are partly at fault in not tooting our own horn. Yet, these are great careers with high wages, great benefits and don't require a four-year college degree. If you are interested in computers, this is a growing segment needed in our industry and these jobs are highly sought after. Late model vehicles are complex computer networks riding down the road transmitting thousands of gigabytes of data a second.

Our industry is developing apprenticeship programs with high school students. After high school, and attending a good two-year automotive program, a person is started on a solid foundation. We are creating mentors within our businesses that pair up the newly graduate technician with a seasoned technician; this is helping retain young people and developing their skills at a faster rate. If you or anyone you know is interested in a career as an automotive technician, feel free to contact me at the shop. I would love to sit down talk with them.

For all the parents out there with young children, I would encourage you to put aside the electronic devices for a while and put some skill development toys in their hands. Let them take things apart, learn how they work and put them back together. It is never too early to discover the next generation of automotive technicians.

Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving! This month of November let's remember how blessed we are living in this country and to share our blessings with our less fortunate brothers and sister.

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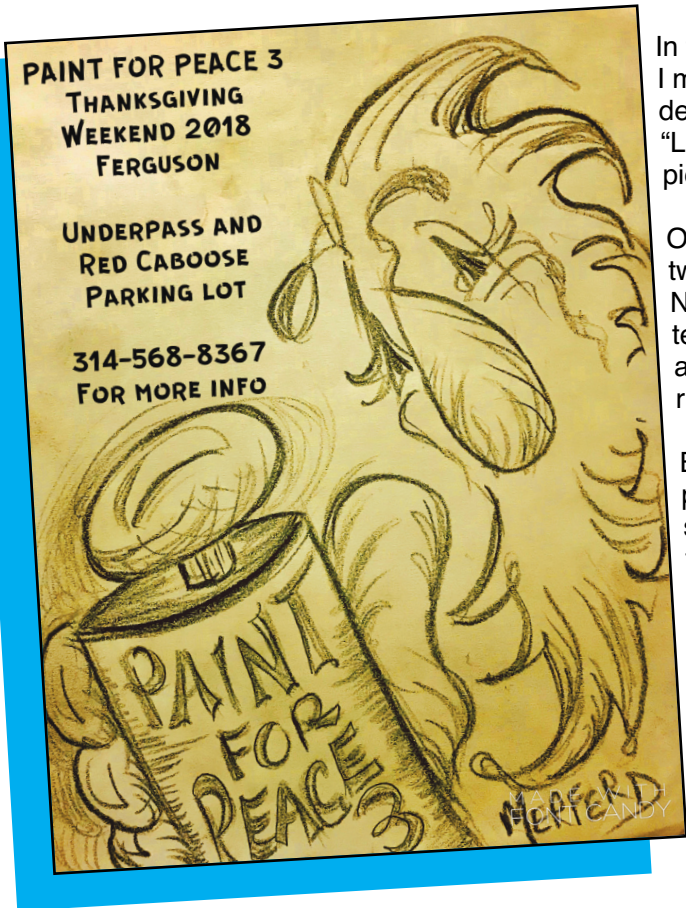
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# FERGUSON; Home of "Paint for Peace."

ONCE UPON A TIME, something magical happened in Ferguson, the likes that never happened on earth before; a spontaneous movement named "Paint for Peace".



In the aftermath of riots, during the Ferguson unrest, and the day before Thanksgiving, 2014, I meandered through Dellwood and Ferguson. Two dozen primarily minority businesses were destroyed, and dozens more broken, and boarded up for blocks. Then, in the midst, the lone word; "LOVE", sprung out at me from a lonely board. The next morning I traded the chainsaws in my pick up truck for paint cans.

On that Thanksgiving day, when I thought I was returning back to a ghost town, I encountered twenty other humans, armed with paint supplies, all of us supernaturally drawn to paint for peace. News media teams, while scouting for destruction to film, came upon us instead. We each got interviewed and photographed. A Russian news team scurried around their van, wielding cameras and microphones, before I even aimed my paint can at wood. The following eve it was Al Jazeera running with a story.

But while the "Paint for Peace" movement spread like a tipped over five gallon bucket of latex paint, it faded from the lime light of the world's media. The news magnified and flashed a Ferguson of ongoing conflict instead. We confess that change of hearts and habits had to happen, and that to this day righteousness must overcome racism of every kind and color. At the same time, "Ferguson" COST Ferguson, and made much for media, much money. Conflict 'sells', to our basest human natures, reading and watching conflict as long as conflict doesn't come too close to us.

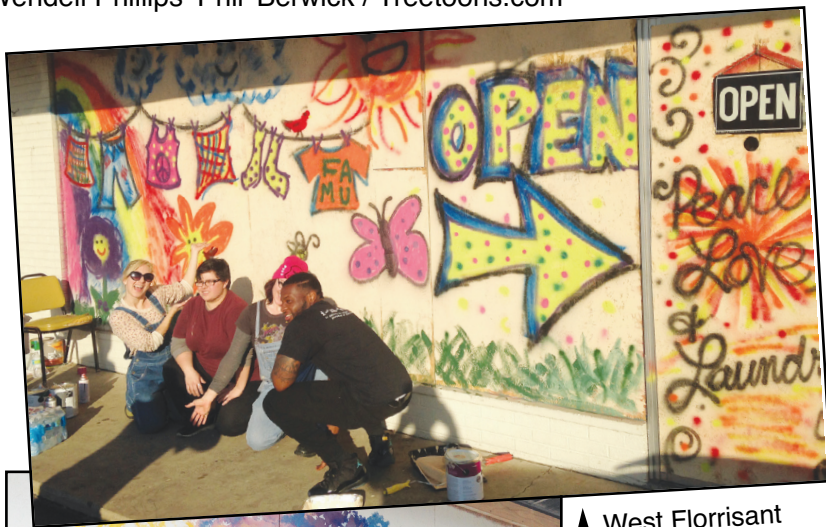
By the time Christmas arrived, approximately 300 paintings had been completed by 250 artists, mom pop and children artists and a certain tree guy artist. A Ferguson school teacher, who had once wished to write a children's book, would get to write her book, "Painting for Peace", which has since been widely distributed and adopted by the Smithsonian. A sculpture teacher/ artist and a Mayor, who both had a vision for the arts in Ferguson, would have the vision set on fire before their eyes.

Red and yellow, black and white, painted reds and yellows, blacks and whites. The spirit of anarchy and destruction was not going to wear it's banner beyond a few days. Creation was covering over, and the broken store fronts of Ferguson, Dellwood, Jennings and south Grand Ave, showcased themes of love, peace, justice and forgiveness with pictures of butterflies, rainbows, mermaids and Merferds.

Four years later, the city of St Louis, instead of being a place that travelers avoid, could claim bragging rights; "The Birthplace of Painting for Peace." And Ferguson could use a new facelift and sign; "Ferguson; Home of Paint for Peace." Out of the approximately 300 paintings, 100 remain in storage. Copies could be produced, encased and showcased along our roadways coming in and out of St Louis, coming in and out of Ferguson.

For any who would like to take part in Paint for Peace 3 in Ferguson this Thanksgiving weekend, we'll be here, in the middle of the town, in the middle of the US, in the middle of the earth, painting for peace. If you wish to participate, call 314-568-8367.

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↑ West Florissant Road in Dellwood and Ferguson received the most destruction, AND the most lovin'.

← Husband, wife and brother on the So. Florissant side of Ferguson Optical.



↑ Old and young painters on South Florissant Road



Tree man with his hairy friend.



↑ Another painter on the Carson Road side of Ferguson Optical.

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The ability of our central nerve systems to accurately process inputs from our five senses depends, in large part, on our ability to transfer information from point to point, that is, from the nerve receptors to conscious awareness. Competing signals such as pain, can suppress information being carried in other pathways, and in this way, information from the five senses may be distorted or lost entirely.

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## New Ferguson Parks & Recreation Director



Hello,

My name is Doug Wiggs and I am the new Director for Parks and Recreation for the City of Ferguson. A little about me: I have worked in the Parks and Recreation field for over 30 years. I started out my career as a Recreation and Aquatics Coordinator, then advanced to the Recreation Supervisors position with the City of Sioux City, Iowa. I then moved on to become the Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation for the Town of Normal, IL and I now consider myself fortunate to be the new Director for Ferguson Parks and Recreation Department. I began my duties July 31, 2018 and have already met many great staff members and community leaders.

A little about my family: My wife Cyndi (a professional photographer/social media designer) and I have been married for almost three years now, together for six. I have three grown children, Tyler, Chase and Lindsey. My oldest son Tyler, his wife Hillary, along with my granddaughter, Lucia, live in Bloomington, IL. My middle son Chase lives in Chicago, IL and my daughter, Lindsey Morales, and her husband Michael, live in Cape Girardeau, MO. I have two stepsons, Keagan who is 13 and Drew who is 11, they live in Downs, IL. We have two dogs, Ariel, a 3-year-old Black Lab that we rescued from a shelter and Augie our 4-year-old Shih Tzu.

I am very excited about being a part of the City of Ferguson Administration team. I feel we have some very gifted and dedicated employees who truly want to continue to make Ferguson a great place to live and work. As I look ahead to the future I see many great opportunities and a few challenges that will be met head on as we move our department forward and provide high quality parks and programs to the community. The Parks and Recreation staff are a group of energetic, creative and passionate staff. In the next 6-9 months you may see some new faces joining our staff and you may see some new programs come to life and most certainly there will be a revitalization of the appearance of our parks. So as residents and users of our programs and parks I encourage you to contact our staff or myself as you have questions or concerns about things related to Parks and Recreation.

Sincerely,  
Douglas Wiggs  
Director of Parks & Recreation

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By Bob McCarty

I am taking the month off to get out and explore the area around our little slice of heaven. The fall colors won't be with us long, so

get out and enjoy those most wonderful days of autumn.

### THE DANCE OF THE LEAVES

by Virginia (Ginny) Ellis

With good reason, each Fall season,  
I choose to travel country roads,  
The leaves on trees are dancing then,  
And they put on an awesome show!

Tantalizing, lively vixens  
Tossing back their heads to laugh.  
Catch them! Catch them! If you can,  
Though we know they can't be trapped.

Falling freely, sailing smartly!  
The dance of leaves begins,  
Twirling, swirling, tumbling, stumbling,  
At the mercy of the winds.

Every which way - no direction,  
October leaves are on the go,  
Front row seats for everyone,  
At the grandest of God's shows.

Warm Indian summer breezes  
First alert the leaves to Fall,  
Then chilling gusts and icy blasts  
Coat and paint them all.

All now dressed for the occasion,  
In pumpkin hues and russet reds.  
Startling yellows, royal purples,  
And richest browns like ginger-bread.

Each tiny leaf is different,  
No two prance or dance the same,  
Fascinating, captivating,  
A revue of wide acclaim.

Their choreographer? The Master!  
For who else could thus design  
A way to so entice us  
Into leafless wintertime?

Dance on, you little beauties,  
You've seized both my heart and toe,  
Though Winter's waiting in the wings,  
Please complete your charming show.

Virginia (Ginny) Ellis

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You can find more poems by Ginny at her website, poetrybyginny.com. You're sure to find more poems you'll like.

Until next month, when the winds of winter begin to swirl, Bob is on the Job.

## McCluer Army JROTC Promotes Four Cadets to Leadership Roles

Parents, family members, school administrators and fellow cadets watched with pride as four McCluer Army JROTC Cadets were promoted to leadership positions during the squad's Promotion and Assumption of Command Ceremony.

The 2018-19 Comet Cadet Battalion Chain of Command are Arkayla Page who was promoted to Cadet Lieutenant Colonel and assumes duties as the Comet Cadet Battalion Commander (Top Cadet); Cadet Kyra Sanders who was promoted to Cadet Command Sergeant Major and assumes duties as the Comet Cadet Battalion Command Sergeant Major (Senior Enlisted Advisor for the Corps of Cadets); Cadet Tiara Worshim who was promoted to Cadet Major and assumes duties as the Comet Cadet Battalion Executive Officer; and Cadet Erin Stroud, who was promoted to Cadet Battalion Sergeant Major.

Conducting the ceremony was Lieutenant Colonel (R) Darrell Gray, McCluer's senior army instructor. Parents and other family members of the cadets assisted in the ceremony by changing their uniforms' rank insignias and shoulder marks.



Four McCluer Army JROTC female cadets hold the battalion's top leadership positions for the 2018-19 school year. The cadets are (from the left ) Arkayla Page, Kyra Sanders, Tiara Worshim and Erin Stroud.

## McCluer Seniors Participate in American Legion Boys State of Missouri

McCluer High School seniors Alphonso Martin and Jalen Walker-Wright were among 960 students from throughout Missouri to participate in the prestigious American Legion Boys State of Missouri, held this past summer. Staff members nominated the students to attend Missouri Boys State based on their merit and ability.

Established in 1937, The American Legion Boys State of Missouri is a highly interactive educational program that teaches young men the duties, privileges, responsibilities, and rights of American citizenship. Missouri Boys State is a mythical 51st state patterned after the State of Missouri. During the eight-day program, held at the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg, MO, participants organize their own city, county, and state governments; campaign for office and hold elections; introduce and debate bills in their own state legislature; establish law enforcement and court systems; publish a daily newspaper; and create daily radio and television broadcasts.

Missouri is one of 49 states (all except Hawaii) with such a program for boys

### About the Ferguson-Florissant School District

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

## Municipal Public Library

### History

#### Volunteer Community Library

The Ferguson Municipal Public Library began as a volunteer community library in June 1930. Fourteen charter members of Chapter FH of the P.E.O. Sisterhood (Philanthropic and Educational Organization) were contacted in January of that year by the Missouri Library Commission in Jefferson City about the prospect of starting a public library in Ferguson as one of their educational projects.

#### Founding Committee

A committee made up of Georgia Atwood, Ruth Geiser, and Grace Mounce proceeded to locate suitable quarters and to acquire books for the library collection. Mrs. Henry Walker, head of the library committee for the Kirkwood Public Library, was contacted through Georgia Atwood's daughter, Mrs. Claude Fiske, who lived in Kirkwood. Mrs. Walker gave suggestions on how to start a public library and a gift of fifty books came from the Kirkwood Public Library.

#### Initial Library Housing

Housing for the first library came from the Bindbeutel family who provided, rent-free, the use of a little frame building at the corner of Carson and Florissant Road. On June 1, 1930, the Ferguson Library opened with 575 books for its collection.

#### The Early Years

During the first three years of the Library's existence, it moved several times. From the little frame building on South Florissant Road, the Library went to 114 North Florissant Road to a coal-heated room in an office building owned by Dr. Otto Schudde, next to White's Funeral Home (now vacant). The third move took the Library back down to the west side of South Florissant Road to where the Ferguson Hardware store was located. In the Spring of 1933, the Library went to the back of Deckmeyer's Drug Store at 20 South Florissant Road. In September of 1934 a city ordinance was passed providing for the maintenance of a public library.

#### Changing Locations

The library was located at 18 Church Street in the Bindbeutel Building from October 1937 to May 1952. The library moved to larger quarters in the new Municipal Building on Church Street (now City Hall) when it was completed in 1952.

The library expanded again in 1961 with the addition of the balcony annex. The library joined the Municipal Library Cooperative in 1966. In 1985 a computerized circulation system was added. In 1995 the library moved to its current location at 35 No. Florissant Road.

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St. Louis, MO: Creating Whole Communities, in partnership with University of Missouri- St. Louis, University of Missouri Extension, and St. Louis Promise Zone- St. Louis Economic Development Partnership, opened applications in October for the second annual advanced leadership training program, Neighborhood Leadership Fellows. The application deadline will be **November 2, 2018**.

The mission of Neighborhood Leadership Fellows is to increase the voices of North St. Louis City and North St. Louis County residents at the civic decision-making tables in order to produce more equitable regional policies for neighborhoods. The primary geographic focus for the program is the federally designated St. Louis Promise Zone.

Neighborhood Leadership Fellows is a nine-month leadership training for community leaders. The program, set to convene on January 11, will meet one weekend a month for nine months from January through September 2019. During the Friday afternoon and Saturday sessions, participants will engage in shared collaborative learning experiences through dialogue, and presentations among fellows and respective community and state leaders. Educational workshops will cover policies, new research, and innovations that promote equitable neighborhood development in areas of housing, education, economic development, public health and safety. Positional power trainings will give participants the foundational knowledge to run for boards, commissions, committees and elected office.

Neighborhood Leadership Fellows strongly encourages residents from the St. Louis Promise Zone to apply for the program. All participants who are accepted and complete the program will receive a monetary award and UMSL Chancellor's Certificate in Civic Leadership.

To learn more about the program and apply, please visit [cwc.umsi.edu/nlf/](http://cwc.umsi.edu/nlf/) Neighborhood Leadership Fellows Program Partners:

① Creating Whole Communities (CWC). CWC, formed in 2014, brings together the University of Missouri–St. Louis (School of Social Work, Des Lee Collaborative Vision, and the Public Policy Research Center), University of Missouri Extension (MU Extension), and the St. Louis region's neighborhoods to focus on strengthening our communities. CWC looks to link the resources of the university's local efforts throughout the region to create whole communities.

② St. Louis Promise Zone – St. Louis Economic Development Partnership. The St. Louis Promise Zone program launched in 2013, designates high-poverty urban, rural and tribal communities as Promise Zones in order to increase economic activity, improve educational outcomes, reduce serious and violent crime, invest in transformative development and improve health and wellness.

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## North County Inc. Board of Directors Supports Prop D.

St. Louis, Mo North County Inc. (NCI) Board of Directors voted to support Missouri Proposition D, the Gas Tax Increase, Olympic Prize Tax Exemption and Traffic Reduction Fund Measure. Proposition D will be on the ballot November 6, and NCI encourages the St. Louis community to support this critical measure for our state and local communities.

If passed, the 10 cents tax increase is estimated to generate a revenue stream of \$50 to \$70 million transit and other multi-modal transportation and an additional \$430 million a year for roads and bridges. For nearly two decades, there has been no gas tax increase.

Proposition D will allow Missouri Department of Transportations to better maintain major corridors through our community, such as I-70 and I-270. It will also bring more than \$5 million to the North County communities and north St. Louis County to help improve local infrastructure.

"North County is among Missouri's aging, deteriorating transportation infrastructure and is in dire need of repair, maintenance and upgrades. This investment in transportation would go a long way to improving travel safety and economic development," said North County Inc. Board President Dr. Chris Kilbride.

Transit funding in Missouri was cut to \$1.7 million for State Fiscal Year 2018. Currently, Missouri ranks 46th in the country with respect to transit funding.

"It is critical MoDOT receives a revenue stream that provides the ability to maintain its roads and bridges as well as funds for major capital improvements such as the reconstruction of I-270 in North County," said Florissant Mayor Tom Schneider.

*About North County Incorporated*  
North County Incorporated (NCI), founded in 1977, is an economic and community development advocacy organization serving the North St. Louis County community with a focus on education, healthcare, infrastructure and transportation. NCI builds collaborative partnerships and coordinates resources and efforts of civic and business leaders to speak as a unified voice on regional issues.

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## Sherlock's Pal

Who do you root for? For those of you who do not approve of ending sentences with prepositions, I will ask this another way: For whom do you root? Nah, that's stupid. If someone asked me, "For whom do you root?"

I would assume they are not actually sports fans. That's like asking, "Why does the man on the little hill go through funny motions before he throws the ball to a heavily armed man with a mitt while trying to get the man with a helmet to use a big stick to swing at the ball and miss?"

Words are funny creatures, especially when they have more than one meaning. When we hear the word "root" we usually think of the underground part of a plant, that which is usually hidden from full view. Closely related is the use of the word to mean the cause or origin of something (My peeing puppy is the root of all my anxiety.)

As a verb, the original use of the word "root" referred to digging with a snout, probably because some animals with snouts were observed using said snouts to dig for roots.

All of this makes me wonder how we got to the use of the word "root" in the sense of cheering for a favorite team. Later this month I will be traveling to Texas to watch the Dallas Cowboys take on the New Orleans Saints. Although I am a fan of the all-time passer, Drew Brees (the quarterback of the Saints), I have been rooting for the Cowboys my entire life. When you think about it, there is no rational reason for cheering for the same team year after year. It's not like we know any of the players. I have often wondered about the psychology involved in being a fan(atic).

By the way, some sports fans are known to have "man caves." I once had an upstairs room that I used for ballgame watching that I called my "fan attic." I'm almost certain this label did not originate from (i.e. was not rooted in) my creative mind.

In American English, using the word "root" in the sense of cheering for or supporting a team originated (i.e. was rooted) in a baseball context. So I guess we can "root" for the St. Louis Cardinals but we can only "cheer" for the St. Louis Blues?

At first I didn't see how the word "root" as cheering relates to the underground part of a plant or to the cause or origin of something. Yes, we can root for a plant to grow, but I suspect that the energy used for cheering won't make much different to a plant that grows too slowly for the naked eye to notice. They say talking to your plants helps, and yet I don't see anyone using cheerleaders (i.e. "rootleaders") to inspire greener leaves, plumper vegetables, or healthier stalks in their gardens, although I would pay to see that.

I really struggled with this root/cheer dilemma (while at the same time asking myself, "What is the root word of "root"? Is it "ro" or "root" or is the actual root word of "root," well, "root") until I was watching the Cowboys on television one day. Then it dawned on me. I root for the Cowboys, the Cardinals, etc. because my butt is rooted in the chair while watching them. Dilemma solved.

Dr. Jimmy Watson  
Pastor, Immanuel United Church of Christ  
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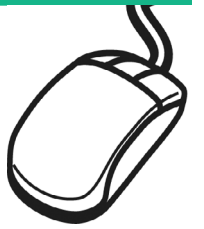
Ashley is a Lifelong Ferguson resident

October 10th, 2018  
meeting minutes  
Reported by Keith Kallstrom  
( Keith.Kallstrom@gmail.com )



## The Ferguson Computer Corner

by Doug Neely, Thanksgiving is giving thanks!, but needs to be done all year!



Sergeant Tim Allen opened the October 10th, 2018 meeting of the Ferguson OnWatch, with some crime prevention tips to give us for this fall season.

### Crime Prevention Tips

1. The upswing in stolen cars is dramatic in the cold weather months. This upswing is attributed to people leaving their vehicles to warm up in the morning, while high school students are out at the same time going to school. Car thieves are "opportunistic" and will use that opportunity to appear as if they were a local high school student waiting for the bus, waiting for you to go inside and leave your car running for them.
2. When making the police report, know your license number. Time wasted to look for the renewal paperwork is time the auto thief has to get further away.
3. It's start up time for the stores to have Christmas products available. If you purchase gifts, keep them out of sight in your car. Put them in the trunk, cover them with a blanket, or under the floor mats. Don't make an opportunity for thieves to celebrate with your gifts, before you can give them to your intended recipients.
4. Fire Safety - a lot of older properties in Ferguson, and have fire places in them. Please consider cleaning them out, including the flues, as they gather lint, etc, and become fuel for an unintended fire event. Have your furnaces checked out also, for the same reasons.

### What's going on in your neighborhood?

Speeding seems to be a common theme in our neighborhoods, so the police are beginning to address them better. A plan to place the speed trailers in neighborhoods and on busy thoroughfares has been initiated.

Our public works department is purchasing a couple of portable speed tables to also place in our neighborhoods. The speed table, if hit at high speeds, can cause damage to the underside of speeding vehicles. The entry ramps are short, and the table is about a car length long, before the exit ramp appears. These devices can be used to alert drivers of their speed, without having to ticket them. A speed table when properly signed, can be used and reused on multiple streets.

The initial locations would be near schools and parks, where children congregate. Sometimes, the moms & dads picking up the children find themselves late, and having to speed to arrive.

### Deterrence Car

A suggestion was made to use "retired" police vehicles to help deter speeders. These can be used in some situations, especially if they are monitored in some way. Officer Allen asked which streets should have deterrence cars and some suggestions were made.

### Fraud Type Claims

There has been an upswing in fraud type claims. If someone claiming to be from the IRS or the Dept. of Revenue, don't give out your personal information, and don't get them any money cards. The IRS will contact you in writing if they think you owe them money. They are getting pretty good at disguising their web page to look official, and they use a dialing program to make you think the call is coming from the local IRS field office. It's really coming from Jamaica, or Cayman Islands, or Nigeria. If they say "you'll be arrested by the local cops" be cautious, as most legal entities refer to the "local police".

### Next meeting

The next meeting of the Ferguson OnWatch will be the 2nd Wednesday of November, the 14th, at 7:00 pm at City Hall. Have a safe month!

### NOVEMBER, 2018

it was back in September of 1998 that Google first showed up online. it was a modest startup, and i, like so many others were using other search engines, and we were used to them. knew what to expect of them (even tho we wanted more from them). i felt that i wasn't getting ALL the hits i should have gotten; there was always the need to change our key word and key phrase search terms to get additional info that we didn't get with our original search. we also used more than one different search engine, because we had to. and we had to wait what seemed to be forever for those hits to be delivered.

### Was It An A.I. problem?, dept.

altho A.I. did exist back then, it was in its infancy, and, simply put, wasn't very good. the real problem was that programmers, who wrote programs to target and find the hits, used algorithms which also were not yet up to the task of functioning accurately and efficiently.

### And Now?, dept.

accuracy and efficiency of the algorithms has grown by leaps and bounds. and everything computer-related has become far more capable. faster internet, more info logged onto the internet (the lack of which contributed mightily to the dearth of hits we used to get), better A.I., etc.

### Programmers Program Algorithms, dept.

yes, programmers have learned a LOT about writing algorithms to find what they want to find and feed to us. see how i worded that? selectivising the algorithms to selectivise the results. see the problem here?

### Who Is Deserving Of Our Trust, dept.

i don't know anymore. shortly after Google went online, i heard about them in the trade news. for several months i used Google. i found it to be a superior search engine. and then i told you about it in this column. i was so fond of Google, i actively talked it up to anyone willing to listen. usually, once i showed someone how great it worked, they were sold.

### End Of Story?, dept.

nope. not by a long shot. for more than 2 years, there have been many make the charge that Google has monkeyed with its algorithm to result in more hits that align more precisely with their own corporate political views. one may say that Google should be able to do whatever they want. this sounds correct at first, but i don't like the idea of anyone or anything trying to change my thinking thru manipulating the information i need. these charges have been made against Youtube as well. and yes, Google owns Youtube. as a matter of fact, Google owns, at last count, about 200 companies, give or take.

### Youtube, dept.

surprisingly, i have found some vids that are still available on Youtube. here are 3, all from different Youtube accounts.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qbh30TXQIDs>

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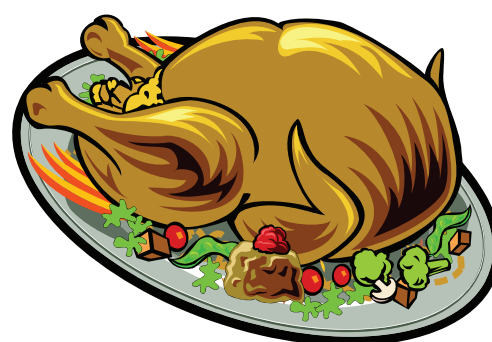
you can look for some yourself, which i always encourage you to do, but don't expect to get the whole truth, and nothing but the truth from Google anymore. that's my honest take.

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### THANKSGIVING TIME!, dept.

i want to take this opportunity to wish all of us the most blessed Thanksgiving! please take time to give thanks and praise to Almighty God for all that we have been given; He does provide for us all.

### ME GO NOW!

i need to go and make plans with Y for our Thanksgiving! it's gonna be great, and i can't wait for it to get here! oh! and THANK YOU for all

you do to make Thanksgiving holy for all of us!  
may God richly & abundantly bless us all!

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

If you would like to ask Doug for some of his FREE puter advise, call him most any day in the PM HOURS at \*314\*521\*1789\*. If you feel the need to email, make sure to put the phrase i need puter advise into the subject line, and include your local telephone number so he can call you back. You must do both to get a reply! eat the bird! :)

# Artful Considerations

by Robin Shively

*"We don't make mistakes, just happy little accidents." - Bob Ross*



Ever wondered how a piece of art was created? Has Bob Ross been captivating you for years? Then stop by the Ferguson Municipal Public Library's "Created in Ferguson" event! Each month, they feature a local artist creating a work of art at the library. Phil Berwick, with his popular Merferd and Treetoon characters, was highlighted during October's event.

November's featured artist is Bryan Robertson. Mr. Robertson, a member of the St. Louis Artists Guild, holds an MFA in painting and drawing with distinction from the University of Washington, Seattle. He has held solo exhibitions in both commercial and non-profit spaces in St. Louis and Seattle. His works include drawings, paintings, mixed-media and digital collages. Read more about him and his art on the website, [www.bryan-robertson.com](http://www.bryan-robertson.com). He is planning a still-life drawing demonstration for the November event at the Ferguson Library, 35 N. Florissant. Watch the library's website ([www.ferguson.lib.mo.us](http://www.ferguson.lib.mo.us)) and facebook page for announcement of the date and time for this event.



Bryan Robertson

Good Shepherd Arts Center, 252 S. Florissant, has these events planned for November: November 10th, the Arts Center is participating in the arts & crafts sale at Blessed Teresa of Calcutta. November 24th, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Reception for "Those Who Teach Can Too (2)". Teachers from North County Schools share their artwork with the public in this exhibit. Good Shepherd will also celebrate their third birthday with cake at the opening.

Corners Frameshop & Gallery, 425 S. Florissant, also celebrates an anniversary this month. On Friday evening, November 2nd, from 5:00 till 8:00, Corners celebrates its 5th anniversary during its November First Friday reception. Christmas cards by local artists will be available, including Anne Marie Mosher's bear collection and new designs by local artists Jeff Arnold and Cindy O'Hare.



Visitors to the Northern Arts Council's tent at the Ferguson Farmers market on October 13th were invited to learn about and create Aboriginal Dot Art. According to the N.A.C. facebook page, "Aboriginal Art has survived for over thousands of years and continues to be one of the oldest art forms practiced today. Aboriginal Art consists of symbols. These symbols were used as a means of

communication; communication of their lives on earth, their rituals, food, customs and also to show constellations and for ritual decorations. These works were almost always ceremonial or religious. Symbols were used in order to show the presence of different things or objects that existed around them. Unlike the well-known artists you've studied, Aboriginal artists created their works based on how the land was created, basing their subject matter mainly on patterns and animals."



Call for Artists! The Ferguson Municipal Public Library seeks local artists to highlight during their monthly event known as "Created In Ferguson". If you would like to be featured, please contact Rachelle Brandel at the Ferguson Library (314-521-4820) or email [rbrandel@fergusonlibrary.net](mailto:rbrandel@fergusonlibrary.net). If you are an artist or art venue in or around Ferguson, send information about your events for inclusion in this column to [cornersframing@gmail.com](mailto:cornersframing@gmail.com).

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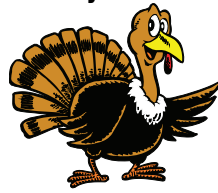


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Pictured above is a self portrait of Bryan Robertson, the featured November artist at the Ferguson Municipal Library.



Here is Phil Berwick, with his popular Merferd and Treetoon characters, interacting with library visitors at the October event.

## The Best of Ferguson

by  
Ruffina Farrokh Anklesaria, M.A.



### Daniel S. Wentz, D.V.M.

Dan and Julie Wentz are both veterinarians who own the Ferguson Animal Hospital. Dan has been in practice here since 1993 and is well known in his field nationally as the vet for exotic pets! Even though they both live in Bridgeton, they have adopted Ferguson as their unofficial home, caring for all our pets. Dan and his staff offer a full range of services including routine vaccinations, diagnostic testing, surgical procedures, radiographs, wellness exams, in-house pharmacy, therapeutic diets and more.



They microchipped both my dogs Sasha and Jackson, and take care of all our pet needs. Dan specializes in reptile and exotic medicine, offering full service care for snakes, turtles, frogs, ferrets and small mammals, among others. Dan told me that many years ago a client brought in a feline lion cub for vaccination! He had purchased it from a pet store in St Charles. He came back in for a booster shot also. The owner said that all the other lion owners were eaten by their pets! Dan asked him how he planned to care for his 600 lb animal when he grew up. He replied he had two rooms in his house for him! Some time later, Dan read in the news about a lion cub left chained to the zoo gate! He felt sure he knew who had been the owner! Here's a picture of younger Dan taking care of that cub!



I attended one of Dan's wellness clinics where everyone brings in their pets, and picks whatever services they want, cafeteria-style: for example, they might just want a heartworm test or nails trimmed etc, without a full exam. At the wellness clinic there's no charge for the doctor's visit. He also holds a dental health month twice a year, offering free oral exams and 15% off all dental services during those months.

Dan and his staff do a community outreach vaccination clinic in seven areas: Bel Ridge, Moline Acres, Berkeley, Bellefontaine, Ferguson, Edmundson and Glasgow Village. You can see the schedule on his website at <fergusonanimal.com>. They also do an outreach program for schools, providing information on career days.

Dan takes care of animals at several attractions as well: the aquarium at the city museum - sharks, eels and sea turtles. He's the vet for the Riverside Wildlife Center in Stanton, MO, where animals include lemurs, lions and tigers.

While Dan specializes in exotic pets and reptiles, his wife Julie does emergency specialty care for pets. She works at AVS Emergency in Bridgeton

and has had the opportunity to provide care for the research pet colonies at the Nestle-Purina research facility in Gray Summit. She worked for the University of Missouri, Columbia, College of Veterinary Medicine, Radiation and Oncology for pets for four years, but returned to emergency medicine, which is her passion.



The Wentz family: Dan, Julie, four daughters and one son-in-law at the Grand Canyon.

Dan and Julie have been married 33 years and have four daughters; Rebecca, Jessica, Kathryn and Olivia. They met doing their undergrad, in the marching band, Illini, at the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana. Dan is from a suburb in Chicago and Julie is from Granite City in IL. I asked him what was the secret of their long and happy marriage. Dan replied: "we never go to bed angry, and we take separate vacations every year, in addition to our joint family vacation!" Now that's a novel idea, I thought!

Dan and Julie have a condo in Marathon Key in Florida, where they vacation at least once a year. The Keys were hit by hurricane last year. The couple and their family have not been out of the country together but Julie and Dan have vacationed in Cancun and did a cruise to the west Caribbean, visiting Cozumel, Jamaica and Grand Cayman islands on a cruise. Julie spent a summer in Germany as a volunteer for the Army Corps of Engineers and Dan visited Japan as a guest lecturer on reptiles about 10 years ago.

Dan likes fishing and his favorite place is boundary waters between America and Canada (upper peninsula of Michigan). Last year he went on a mission trip to Cuba with his church, and spent about 10 days helping to rebuild after a hurricane hit the island.

He is fully involved in the Ferguson community. His clinic sponsored the first police dog in Ferguson 15 yrs ago. He was on the Ferguson Centennial Celebration Committee and the Fall Festival Committee. During the unrest in Ferguson in 2014, he established a FaceBook page called Ferguson Proud with over 5,000 followers, to support local businesses. It got over a million views after the Darren Wilson verdict. It featured photos of Ferguson residents cleaning up and boarding up after the grand jury's verdict was released. He was happy to be a positive force at a very dark time for Ferguson. His clinic sustained damage then also - the windows were broken out. He mentioned he needed help on his FaceBook page and before he could even finish the purchase of the board to replace the windows, eight people had volunteered! I myself was looking for volunteers during that time, to print and distribute letters to the protesters. Julie offered to help with photocopying at the clinic.



Bringing a little Ferguson to the Grand Canyon.

Dan closed on a very positive note. He said: "Before the unrest, I used to say that Ferguson was the best kept secret in North County. After the unrest, I say the secret is out! It's such an amazing community!"

Ferguson is happy to have Daniel Wentz and his wife Julie as part of the fabric of our community. Hats off to Dan for representing the very Best of Ferguson!



## Drivers License

When my dad brought home my drivers license the year I turned 16, I was pleasantly surprised. I hadn't asked to drive, much less have a license.

Yes, my dad picked up my license (I assume he had my birth certificate, or maybe not). No vision test, no written test, no driving test; in fact I've never taken a written or driving test.

My dad had his car, and there were two other cars in the family for the children to drive. One was a standard transmission, the other was a manual.

My brother (the one 2 years older than I) taught me to drive. I'm not sure, but my dad probably made him volunteer. Anyway, we got in the manual car (he in the driver's seat, me in the passenger). "Watch me," he said, as he started the car and drove about a block. He turned off the motor, got out of car, changed seats with me, and said, "Do what I just did."

Well, you can imagine my total bewilderment. After finally getting the car started, and jumping all over the road for 50 feet, he yelled, "Stop," changed seats with me again and drove home. A few days later we got into the automatic transmission car and my lessons continued. I remember the first time I drove over the old St. Charles bridge. That bridge is torn down now, but it was very narrow and had a bend in the middle. I believe at the time it was built, the engineers thought that a bend in the middle strengthened the structure. So . . . I'm driving over the bridge (with my heart racing) when what should be coming toward me (it was a 2-lane bridge) but a huge semi. It's a wonder I didn't drive off the other side and kill us all.

Over the years, I was a fair driver (never a good one) but I was really good at backing up and parallel parking. Unfortunately, those two attributes have disappeared more than just a few years ago. But . . . Hallelujah! the invention of the backup camera. Fortunately for pedestrians in parking lots, my last three autos had both the back-up cameras, and the warning signal when something or someone walks in back of the car. It seems that everyone leaving a store now-a-days thinks that automobiles are going to stop when he or she have their nose buried in their smart phone.

As far as the parallel parking is concerned, I know some cars have that ability, but I don't have one of those. I've even on occasion, stopped a pedestrian and asked them to parallel park my car. My kids would be so embarrassed!

I've made an interesting observation the last few years. When I'm driving in an unfamiliar area, I noticed that when I check my speedometer, I am doing the speed limit. The only time this is not true is in school zones, but more and more school areas now have flashing lights saying "Speed limit only enforced when children are present". This is much appreciated on Sunday mornings. Incidentally, I've never had a ticket.

A funny story happened right before I had cataract surgery. I had to wait a few weeks before the surgeon could give me an appointment. The ophthalmologist asked me where I lived and what times I was on the road. He said he wanted to be sure that he was safely at the office or at home at those times. I hope he was joking.

So . . . If your child has failed his written or driving test and has to repeat it, tell him he was just born 60 years too late.

**An object at rest tends to stay at rest, especially if you're behind it when the light turns green.**  
~Robert Brault

**Leave sooner, drive slower, live longer.**  
~Author Unknown

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### Answers to Trivia, Page 12

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| 2. Globetrotters | 8. Grave         |
| 3. Gotham City   | 9. Genoa         |
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## Calendar of Events In and Around Ferguson

Complete Details of These Events Throughout the Paper

- WurstMarkt Sausage Dinner – Immanuel . . . . . Sat, Nov. 3
- VOTE . . . . . Tues., Nov. 6
- Happy Birthday Parents as Teachers and Dr. Seuss – Library . . Thurs., Nov. 8
- Northwest Chamber Membership Meeting – Orlando's . . . . . Thurs., Nov. 8
- Craft Fair – Blessed Teresa of Calcutta . . . . . Sat., Nov. 10
- Autumn Vendor and Craft Show – John Knox Presbyterian . . . . Sat., Nov. 10
- Arts & Craft Fair – Ritenoir . . . . . Sat. & Sun., Nov. 10 & 11
- Reading on Race Book Club – Library . . . . . Mon., Nov. 12
- Life of Bob Gibson – Library . . . . . Tues., Nov. 13
- City Council Meeting – Ferguson City Hall . . . . . Tues, Nov. 13
- Neighborhood OnWatch Meeting – City Hall . . . . . Wed., Nov. 14
- The Vine Indoor Market – St. Stephens . . . . . Sat., Nov. 17
- Just Wreath It – Library . . . . . Sat., Nov. 17
- Life Size FOOSBALL – St. Peters . . . . . Sat., Nov. 17
- Dinner at the Clay Cafe – St. Sephens . . . . . Sun., Nov. 18
- THANKSGIVING . . . . . Thurs., Nov. 22
- Ferguson Disc Golf Tournament . . . . . Sat., Nov. 24
- Shop Small Saturday – Plaza 501 . . . . . Sat., Nov. 24
- Northern Lights Parade and Festival . . . . . Sun., Nov. 25
- FLIERS Treasures, Trinkets & Treat Sale . . . . . Fri. & Sat., Nov. 30 & Dec. 1
- Christmas Caroling Pub Crawl . . . . . Sat., Dec. 8
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