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DECEMBER EVENTS at the FERGUSON PUBLIC LIBRARY

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WINTER STORYTIME - TUESDAY, DEC. 4 AT 6 PM
Celebrate winter with us and the Ferguson-Florissant Parents as Teachers Program with a winter storytime! Enjoy stories, songs, and activities with your little one. For children ages 6 and under.

PIE, POETRY, AND PROSE - SATURDAY, DEC. 8 AT 1 PM
Like pie? Have a poem or short story to share? Then this is the event for you! Enjoy a slice of pie while listening to others read aloud. Fun for everyone! Contact Rachelle about including your story.

SOAP AND SCRUB GIFTS - SATURDAY, DEC. 15 AT 1 PM
Need a gift for that last person on your list? Try something homemade and heartfelt! We'll provide all the supplies to make some handmade soaps and scrubs perfect for gift-giving or to keep for yourself. Space is limited! Registration is required.

HOLIDAY MOVIE SERIES - FRIDAYS AT 4 PM
Join us while we watch some classic holiday movies!

December 7 - Last Holiday
December 14 - The Nightmare Before Christmas
December 21 - Olaf's Frozen Adventure and White Christmas

TRY ONE OF OUR ONGOING PROGRAMS!

- Readings on Race Book Club - Monday, Dec. 10 at 6 pm
- Tuesday Night Book Club - Tuesday, Dec. 18 at 5 pm - short book!
- Storytime every Monday at 10 am

PLEASE NOTE! The library will be closed December 24, 25, 31, and January 1 for the winter holidays. Happy holidays!

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!"



Meet at 6:00 pm at Om Turtle Yoga, 415 S. Florissant Rd., Ferguson. Three groups will start on the Crawl in three different directions, but will be going to all the places. Specialty drinks (to be determined by participating business) will be available at each destination. However, other drinks will be available on a cash basis.

Tickets are \$10 each. To order go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/edit?eid=50284252553>

This event is sponsored by the Downtown Ferguson Business District and Ferguson Main Street.

REPUBLICS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS DAY

Tuesday, December 25
and

NEW YEARS DAY

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

Monday pickup will be Monday
Tuesday pickup will be Wednesday
Wednesday pickup will be Thursday
Thursday pickup will be Friday
Friday pickup will be Saturday

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Thanks to our Sponsors Who Helped Make the Northern Lights Event a Success:

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CHRISTMAS MARKET

THE FERGUSON FARMERS MARKET INDOORS
AT ST. STEPHEN'S
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15TH - 9AM TO 12PM
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"It's the most wonderful time of the year!"



It's December and that means the colder weather, holiday parties, family gatherings and, love or hate it, shopping. This year the business district hosted its very own Shop Small Saturday event featuring breakfast snacks, giveaways, festive music and drawings. We continued the day by decorating for a bigger and brighter Northern Lights Festival. This month we talk about the importance of shopping locally and the impact of local business to our city.

American Express is a big supporter of shop small and every year they provide free giveaways, marketing and information on how to make your own Shop Small Saturday Event and ideas on promoting sales. According to the American Express website: "Shopping at home stimulates the local economy. When you shop at home you are creating jobs, funding more city services through sales tax, investing in neighborhood improvements and promoting community development. Shopping locally provides for more choices and better customer service. Local businesses provide products and services from local craftsmen and artisans that you won't find outside your community. Most local businesses are quick to respond to you, stocking products to meet your need, and are more than happy to carry and order special items you want. Local merchants will just be more accommodating. When shopping at home you are often greeted by the owner, your neighbor or your friend who show their gratitude by providing you personal customer service every time; meaningful customer service with a personal touch because it matters to them that you are satisfied and will come back. They survive by their reputation, which means you get a high standard of service.

Local business and their employees invest back into the community. They give back to the community by volunteering their time at non-profit events, coaching sports teams, etc. They are the sponsors of many community events and projects. This directly benefits you, your friends, your family and your neighbors. In many ways, the dollars you spend locally are returned to you." For every \$100 you spend at locally owned businesses, \$68 will stay in the community. That money helps pave roads or fix up parks or many hundreds of other things that your city does. What happens when you spend that same \$100 at a national chain? Only \$43 stays in the community. Finally, local business makes our community unique. You wouldn't want your house to look like everyone else's, why have our community look that way?

**For Every \$100
you spend at
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community**

There are many ways you can help your local small business. You can share their social media posts, recommend them to your friends, mention them in your blog, sign up for their newsletter and always review them. Book your holiday party there. Buy your friends and family gifts and gift cards from your favorite places. It might become their favorite place! The downtown business district has everything you need and more businesses arriving soon.

Upcoming Event: Christmas Caroling Pub Crawl; Dec. 8th, from 6:00 till 9:00 p.m., with a number of downtown businesses participating.

All CityWalk business owners are invited 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. F.S.B.D. meets at Baked Wood-Fire Pizza, 235 S. Florissant Rd. For more information, please contact Robin Shively at 314-495-7452 or cornersframing@gmail.com.



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Maintaining Yesterday, For Tomorrow

The Plumber's Crack

By Oh Baby bigohbaby@sbcglobal.net

Snow on the ground, lights strung across houses, decorations on doors, people singing carols, bell ringers with kettles in front of stores, trees being put indoors with lights – it's got to be December and time for the Plumbers Crack.



Well my friends it's that time of year again and old Mother Nature threw me another curve this year. Two years ago we had a blistering freeze before January, before Oh Baby could throw some winter tips at you. Whoever would of thought we'd get smacked before Thanksgiving, and Thanksgiving was early this year. Well I'll throw some of those tips your way but as I mentioned last month I'll talk a little bit about your vent stacks.

Kitchen sinks tend to stop up more this time of year because of the cold. There are a couple of reasons for this. One, most kitchen sinks are set up on an outside wall. Even though they are usually well insulated, the pipe still gets cool and grease and detergent then start to harden up. Grease you say? Oh Baby I don't put grease down my drain. Well let me tell you if you use a detergent you put grease down your drain. Dish soap, whether it be liquid or powder, it's made from animal fat and petroleum products. Yes grease and oil.

The other way the stack gets cold is through a down draft on cold windy days. How do I keep grease from sticking in my pipes? Well Oh Baby's going to tell you. The best thing you can do at the end of the day is fill your sink about half full with cool water and a teaspoon of salt and let out. That should help rinse out the detergent and other debris that went down the drain that day.

Now let's get to those winter tips. I know it's probably too late but get those hoses off the

faucets and put away. Empty your fountains and remove the pumps and bring them in. If you have shut offs for your outside faucets turn them off and drain them. Check for drafts in areas where water piping might be. A stiff cold wind can freeze a pipe in a heated area. On those sub zero nights open cabinet doors and put a small fan blowing into your sink cabinets. Just like spring make sure your area way drains are clear of debris; ice could form and crack your drain or your butt if you fall. If you have a power outage that lasts more than a day, shut off your main water supply and open up all your faucets. This will keep the pipes from bursting. With cold weather come water main breaks and that's a whole different article.

One quick tip on that shut off your main supply. If that happens leave it off until the main is fixed and wait a while before you open it back up.

Well my friends, as we know it's December and that means it's Christmas time and a time for peace and giving. Giving doesn't always mean material things . . . a smile, a helping hand, a ride to a store or church, watching a child while someone shops. Well I know you get the hint; it's kinda the same stuff I say every month. So have a Merry CHRISTMAS and happy new year. God bless you one and all.

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Strings Attached

Annual Christmas Guitars and Christmas Cookie Recital
Friday, December 7th – 7:00 p.m.



Please join us as students play our favorite Christmas songs, sing-along songs and share a plate of your favorite Christmas cookies with others.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 33 North Clay Ave.,
Ferguson, MO 63135
www.stringsattached.info

McCluer Students Among First to View Exhibit by Nationally-Known Artist

Three McCluer High School students were among the first to view a new St. Louis Art Museum exhibit by nationally-known artist Kehinde Wiley. The students, Imani Greene, Lanae Connelly and Santia Maderios, along with their art teacher Michele Pazarena, were participants of Exploring with the Artist: Kehinde Wiley, held in October. Wiley is the artist who was selected by President Barack Obama to paint his presidential portrait that now hangs in the Smithsonian Institute.

"This was a special activity for the students, as there were only 19 students throughout the metropolitan area who were selected to participate," said Pazarena.



The students met Wiley, who provided an explanation of the exhibit and allowed the students to ask questions. The exhibit features Ferguson residents as the models in his paintings. After their time with Wiley, the students met with St. Louis-based artist Robert Ketchens and worked on self-portraits.

"This was a very interactive day, thinking about art, the communication of what visual art can be and the self-expression of making art that features the students as the artist and model," said Pazarena.

McCluer High and Lee-Hamilton Receive Arts Grants

McCluer High School and Lee-Hamilton Elementary School in the Ferguson-Florissant School District are among 15 area schools receiving grants from the Arts and Education Council and Maritz to support classroom-based art projects during the 2018-19 school year.

The McCluer grant contributed to the much-needed electrical rewiring of its Little Theatre. The project was completed in time for the McCluer Thespians' production of "The Color Purple" scheduled in November.

Lee-Hamilton's funding will fix or purchase instruments and curriculum materials, giving students the opportunity to learn band instruments at little or no cost and teaching self-discipline, leadership and self-confidence.

The Maritz Arts and Education Fund for Teachers is a unique A&E partnership that provides critical funds to arts education programs serving schools in the St. Louis bi-state area. The Fund's goal is to support classroom-based projects and artistic opportunities that engage students in the creative process.

McCluer High School Students Fight Hunger on World Food Day



Members of the McCluer High School Key Club and Army JROTC, along with their faculty sponsors, teamed up to fight hunger by participating in World Food Day, held at John Burroughs High School. The students worked hard for three hours, and together the two groups packaged over 1,200 meals.

Central Elementary Among List of America's Healthiest Schools

Central Elementary in the Ferguson-Florissant School District, is the recipient of the Alliance for a Healthier Generation's 2018 National Healthy Schools Award-Bronze Level. The 2018 list of America's Healthiest Schools is comprised of 19 schools in Missouri, and 461 nationwide, that meet or exceed high standards for creating healthy school environments. As a part of the Healthy Schools Healthy Communities (HSHC) initiative, Central has worked to create a healthier future for students. These changes were made possible by grant funding from the Missouri Foundation for Health and the hard work of school leadership, staff and students.

Award winners were recognized for serving healthier meals and snacks, getting students more active, offering high-quality physical and health education and empowering school leaders to become healthy role models. Requirements for the award include complying with federal nutrition standards for school meals, offering school breakfast, implementing district wellness policies and providing students with at least 60 minutes of physical education per week. Studies show that healthy students perform better on tests, get better grades, attend school more often and behave better in class.

"To see that all 19 Missouri schools named America's Healthiest Schools are part of the Healthy Schools Healthy Communities initiative really demonstrates the power of school districts and community leaders working together to build a healthier future. I'm so proud of our schools and look forward to seeing more healthy changes in the years to come," said Deidre Griffith, program director, Missouri Foundation for Health.

All of America's Healthiest Schools have earned National Healthy Schools Awards, a prestigious achievement that celebrates schools that meet or exceed expert-recommended standards set by Healthier Generation's Healthy Schools Program for serving healthy meals and snacks, getting students moving more throughout the day, offering high-quality health and physical education and empowering school leaders to be healthy role models.

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Coming together is a Holiday Tradition

By Mayor James W. Knowles III

"Love is not patronizing and charity isn't about pity, it is about love. Charity and love are the same -- with charity you give love, so don't just give money but reach out your hand instead."

– Blessed Teresa of Calcutta – Roman Catholic Nun, Nobel Prize Winner



The end of the year is near, and the winter holidays are upon us. It's a very important part of the year because as we close out the year and prepare to begin anew; we take time to recognize what we have, and who we have in our lives. As I write this article, it saddens me that our community just recently, and suddenly lost a very active and dear member of our Ferguson family, Ms. Kathy McCourt.

Kathy has been a part of my life for nearly my entire life, but more importantly, she has been a part of the Ferguson community for her entire life. Growing up on Renshaw, Kathy was one of those neighbors on the street that constituted the "village" that helped raise me. She was a close friend of my parents, and she was always one of those neighbors that helped keep an eye on me and my friends as we roamed the Forestwood neighborhood, having fun and engaging in our share of mischief. She was closer than just a casual neighbor; my earliest memory of going to the Lake of the Ozarks was spending it with her and her family at their lake house. And certainly, she never let me forget how her nephew and I lost one of her fishing poles in the river while we were together on a float trip at my family's house in the Ozarks. Over the years she was there as I grew from a kid in the neighborhood to her Mayor, and through all that she was there for me when I needed her.

But what was remarkable about Kathy is that she wasn't just there for me, she was there for all of us. Kathy worked full-time at Hunter Engineering, but always found time to be an active member of several boards and commissions over the years and was a key volunteer at most of our community events. Though most of you never realized it, you have seen Kathy at the informational tent at the Farmer's Market nearly every Saturday. And when we cheered on the Pig Races at Fourth of July, she was a key volunteer that made that possible. If you were at a Ferguson event, you most certainly saw Kathy. She never sought the limelight, and never wanted to be recognized for what she did. She simply wanted the community to thrive, and she was willing to give of herself to make that happen.

Just this year, Kathy retired from her job at Hunter, and instead of resting on her laurels, she reached out to me about joining the Lions Club of Ferguson. Kathy wasn't looking forward to taking it easy, she was looking forward to getting more involved in our community and helping be part of a newer generation of Lions.

Kathy wasn't married and she didn't have any kids, her family that grew up in Ferguson had long moved away. Kathy's family was the community, and she loved it, despite all our trials and troubles. Like all families, things aren't always perfect. Like all families, we have our share of squabbles and fights. Sometimes those squabbles make the holidays awkward when people loathe the idea of seeing that family member that you are still holding an old grudge against. But the holidays are also an opportunity to overcome the petty fighting and come together in the spirit of a shared love. I know that's what Kathy wanted.

Just a couple days before she died, she and I had a text exchange that was terse at times. She was frustrated with the infighting that was happening in her family. Her Ferguson family.

She was a core member of a very active part of our Ferguson family. This group is largely responsible for making all the wonderful events in our community a reality. Like Kathy, they work tirelessly, give of themselves selflessly, and most of the residents in our community probably don't know them by name. But as of late, she noticed that group had its share of infighting. The last text she ever sent to me said this "I have an attitude about the separation between everybody in this town. We need to all get together for one common cause. Move forward and get the chips off their shoulders, everybody! ... I just wish we could come together and talk."

The sense of community in this town is what has made it special for everyone, and this family has endured a tremendous amount and we have thrived in the face of insurmountable adversity. We have only done that because we did it together. My hope and prayer this holiday season is that we can grant Kathy's wish, that we will come together for this community.

May all of you have a Merry Christmas and a blessed Holiday Season.

Ferguson Neighborhood Organizations

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

Group	Next Mtg.	Location	Contact
Forestwood Park Neighborhood Group	Dec 4 7 pm	Emmaus Bible Chapel 900 Highmont	Donald Stevens 314-561-0379
Jeske Park Neighborhood Assn.	Dec 13 7 pm	Ferguson Community Ctr. 1050 Smith Ave	Stephani Von Drasek jeskepark_neighborhood@gmail.com
Nesbit-Newton	TBA	Nesbit-Newton Park	Paul Beins 314-869-5080 pbeins@yahoo.com
Northwest Ferguson	TBA	First Baptist Church 333 N Florissant	Shelley Davis leeshel57@sbcglobal.net
Old Ferguson East Neighborhood Assn.	TBA	Ferguson Community Ctr. 1050 Smith Ave	Glenda Rickard 314-524-8115 glenda.rickard@mercy.net
Old Ferguson West Neighbors	TBA	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	Dec 17 7 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	Dec 17 7 pm	Fire Station #1 200 So. Florissant	Keith Kallstrom 314-524-1720
North Elizabeth Neighborhood	Dec 3 7 pm	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	Dec 17 7 pm	Fire Station #1 200 So. Florissant	

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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 MEETING
Tuesday, December 11th at 7 pm
in the Council Chambers,
City Hall, 110 Church Street

The City of Ferguson business offices will be closed:
Tuesday, December 25th – in observance of Christmas Day
Tuesday, January 1st – in observance of the New Year

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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

Facility Rentals

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

Memberships

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

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

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Resident Youth – \$6 per month (12 month agreement)
Resident Adult – \$9 per month (12 month agreement)
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Resident Family – \$16 per month (12 month agreement)

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

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

PROGRAMMING

Beginning Tumbling

This class starts off with coordination and balance exercises followed by basic tumbling skills such as forward rolls, back bends, and cartwheels. 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, 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, 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, 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, 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, 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, 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

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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, 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 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, Jan 9 - Feb 13
Time: 7:00-8:00pm
Location: Ferguson Community Center
Fee: \$25/Members; \$30/Residents; \$35/Non-Residents

PREREGISTRATION REQUIRED

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: 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, 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, Jan 9 - Feb 13
Time: 6:00pm - 7:00pm
Location: Ferguson Community Center
Fee: \$25/Members; \$30/Residents; \$35/Non-Residents

PRE-REGISTRATION 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, Jan 10 - Feb 14
Time: 6:00pm-7:00pm
Location: Ferguson Community Center
Fee: \$25/Members; \$30/Residents; \$35/Non-Residents

PREREGISTRATION REQUIRED

Will Fit Bootcamp

Boot camp with Will Fitness! A group exercise class that mixes traditional callisthenic and body weight exercises with interval training and strength training designed in a way that pushes the participants harder than they'd push themselves and, in that way, resemble a military boot camp. Participants will be indoors and outdoors. We will run sprints; perform lots of pushups and various forms of plyometric and interval training with little rest between exercises and challenging workout.

Start Date: Sat, 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: 9:50-10:55 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)

Personal Training

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

Individual Packages

Beginner Bundle
Includes Fitness Assessment*
and 1 personal training sessions.
Fee: \$70/ Members
\$80/ Non-Member

Beginner Bundle +
Includes Fitness Assessment*
and 2 personal training sessions.
Fee: \$95/ Members
\$105/ Non-Member

1 Session
Fee: \$35/ Members
\$40/ Non-Member

3 Session
Fee: \$90/ Members
\$105/ Non-Member

5 Session
Fee: \$170/ Members
\$195/ Non-Member

Training for Two

All prices are per person
1 Session
Fee: \$30/ Members
\$35/ Non-Member

3 Session
Fee: \$80/ Member
\$95/ Non-Member

5 Session
Fee: \$145/ Member
\$175/ Non Member

TEEN PROGRAMMING

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

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SPECIAL PROGRAMMING

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

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

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, 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*
Location: Community Center
Fee: FREE Member; Daily Fee Resident;
Daily Fee Non-Resident
*Times may change based on league play.

Field Rentals

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

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

Help us keep the fields playable: do not use when wet and report any unsafe field conditions immediately.

Please call the Ferguson Sports Hotline for rain out information:
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Membership Meeting
Thursday, December 13th
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The Clay Corner Concert Series
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A Free Holiday Concert

**Sunday, December 9
at 3:00 pm**

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
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A reception follows

The Clay Corner Concert Series is a partnership of 1st Presbyterian Church of Ferguson and St. Stephen's and the Vine



Come Join us for a

HOLIDAY HANG OUT!!

Where: Zion Lutheran Church
123 Carson Road
Ferguson Mo 63135

**Saturday, December 22nd
at 7:00pm**

We will sing carols, decorate a Christmas Tree (or 2), have cookies, popcorn, hot cocoa, s'mores, and fire pits to help keep us warm!

Bring friends and come on over and hang out with us as we celebrate the season! We hope to see you there!



This Holiday season the Ferguson Fire Department wants to remind everyone to stay safe by following some simple holiday safety tips



Holiday decorating

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.



Before Heading Out, Or to Bed

Blow Out lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed. **Turn off** all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

FACTS

- ! More than a third of home decoration fires are started by candles.
- ! Forty-two percent of decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.



Come Grow With Us in 2019 as a Farm & Garden Apprentice!

The Farm & Garden Apprenticeship Program is a part-time, hands-on, education in organic gardening, market farming, and applied permaculture and runs April through September 2019.

The Program Includes:

- Mentorship from professional farmers
- Field and market training
- Weekly classes on topics such as soil stewardship and farming as a business
- Tours of nearby farms and gardens
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Smoke Detector Blitz of Southeast Ferguson

On Saturday, November 11th, almost 100 homes were visited and 197 detectors were installed. We would like to thank those who volunteered their time and to the American Red Cross for providing the Smoke Detectors. The volunteers were Ferguson residents, The Korey Foundation, The Carpenters Union, and North County Labor which all paired up with at least one Ferguson Fire Fighter on the cold morning. The Fire Department plans to canvass different subdivisions over the next 10 years so eventually the entire city of Ferguson will be on a rotating program to replace defective smoke detectors. The Fire Department is also very grateful for the Mayor and council on their dedication to the residents and the help they provided installing smoke detectors.

FLIERS Treasures, Trinkets and Treats Sale

Gift quality items, baked goods,
For more info call
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**Friday, November 30
9:00 am-5:30 pm**

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



Ferguson Library Auditorium
35 No. Florissant Rd.

Murphy's Law, S.N.A.F.U.s & Errors or How to Screw Up a Glass of Water

A huge 'Thank You' to Art Holliday and Channel 5 for the story about us that aired on October 1st about Specenr's Bakery GoFundMe.

When I signed on GFM, I thought that I could wait until the amount got high enough, then start the transfer process. Around election week I had two very sweet ladies come into the Bakery to give me donations in person. Both telling me the GFM site wouldn't let them online. That evening I checked my e-mails (I am horrendous at checking them) and found that on October 14th they stopped letting donations through. Seems that they have a rule (that wasn't mentioned when I signed in) that you have to start the transfer process 30 days after your first donation or they stop letting them in.

I checked at the bank the next day to make sure I could start. The gentleman I talked to said the balance was 0.00 (the reason I'm doing this), but that I could go ahead (YAY!!).

Problem solved. Right? . . . Riiiiight.

I checked at the bank the following week (GFM said it would take at least 5 days) to see if it started.

The lady I talked to said the gentleman I talked to was mistaken (always listen to the ladies, folks). The 0.00 meant the account was closed (AAAHHH!!) so nothing could be put in until it was re-opened (which I did). BUT they said it wouldn't be up until November 27th (Double AAAHHHH!!)

So, in other words, the GFM wasn't able to do anything for A MONTH AND A HALF because of - well - Murphy, S.N.A.F.U.'s, and Errors.

But the GOOD news is that, starting shortly after November 27th, people can start donating to 'Please help save Spencer's Bakery' on GFM again (you might want to wait 'til December 1st to play it safe).

So, in closing, I would like to apologize for the errors and ask for your help. And anything - no matter how great or small - would be greatly appreciated in helping keep our 'hole-in-the-wall' Bakery going.

Thank you all. God Bless You all. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Louis Dale Spencer II, Marilyn Spencer, Charles Wade Spencer

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McCluer High School Senior is a Published Author

Khaliah Booker, a senior at McCluer High School, can add to her list of extensive accomplishments, "published author". Booker introduced her novel, *Of a Man*, to McCluer students during a recent book signing, where she read an excerpt from the book and answered questions regarding her journey to becoming an author.

"I started *Of a Man*, when I was 14-years old," said Booker, who drew her inspiration to write the novel from family, friends and her own experiences. "During a creative writing class, I created an outline for the novel that resulted in the finished product."

Booker says she also took advantage of her participation in NaNoWriMo, or National Novel Writing Month, which is held in November. NaNoWriMo allows students and adults across the county to track their writing progress, join support groups, practice and edit their writing, and meet fellow writers online and in person. Booker connected with a fellow teen, who is also a published writer, and they have motivated and encouraged each other's success.

Of a Man, features Le'Darius Washington, a 24-year old CEO of the Rock, a non-profit geared at bettering the community. Although he has huge responsibilities at work that make major impacts in the community, his home-life is the reason he wakes up. Family is his number one priority. His family is threatened and the novel tells his story of being a father, a friend and a man.

Booker, says her mom is also a major supporter of her writing. "I had the choice of either buying a car or having my novel published," she said. "My mom said, 'a car is only temporary, but a published book will last long after the car is gone.'"

In addition to being a published author, Booker is a member of St. Louis ReCast, president of the Ferguson Youth Advisory Board, a member of the McCluer High International Thespian Society, GSA, Book Club, SLACKers and coordinator for the ACT Prep Club. She is also a self-described civil rights activist and believes that everyone should stand up for what they believe.

To get a copy of *Of a Man*, visit liahsnook.weebly.com.

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.



Sisterhood Club Presents Santa Mailboxes

It's that time of year again! Want to write a letter to Santa and receive one back? Here is your chance. Bring the kiddos to one of the two locations:

**Ferguson Community Center
or Ferguson Municipal Library**

Fill out the form provided or bring your list complete with name and address. Santa will be returning all letters by Dec. 20th. All letters must be submitted by Dec. 14. You can also fill out the electronic form on our website www.sisterhoodclub.com under the events tab!

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Financial Focus

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Managing the Holidays!

Last month, I wrote about managing time and some tools that might help. I regret to admit I haven't spent much time looking at the new apps available for tracking just how time gets spent so quickly. This month with the holiday hustle and bustle, "time" will be at a premium. And for many people "money" will also be stretched to the limit. So we've got to balance both our time and money to enjoy this blessed time.

Retailers start earlier each year to get us shopping for the holidays. If you haven't already started you may be getting stressed about now. Perhaps a little reminder of just what a gift is might help. Here is one definition: "A gift or a present is an item given to someone without the expectation of payment or anything in return. An item is not a gift if that item is already owned by the one to whom it is given. Although gift-giving might involve an expectation of reciprocity, a gift is meant to be free." If you haven't already made a list of those you want to give a gift to, you really should. It's the best way to ease some of your stress. And looking at the definition above may help you list only those for whom you want to gift.

Often I hear people discussing all they need to buy and they'll say I need to get something for so and so because they always get something for me. Like most people I have felt that way too. Who wants to arrive at a gathering to find that someone presents you with a gift and you didn't even think to get one for them. I have been in that awkward position a few times and now I often bring extra homemade gifts of small sweet breads or cookies to make sure no one is left out. However, if I am the giver and did not receive a gift in return I would not be upset. And I would not want the receiver of a gift from me to feel bad if they had no gift for me. Most people would probably feel the same, but we are human and it is in our nature to want things to be fair. It's been discussed by some that gift exchanges are more difficult and not really necessary in an office environment. As I've gotten older I couldn't agree more. Although for those young workers perhaps the fun of choosing a gift from a list to surprise a co-worker is a joy. Or, if the office does something like a Secret Santa where small gifts or goodies appear throughout the season, everyone enjoys wondering just who their Secret Santa is.

Not meaning to sound like the Grinch, I really feel the holiday season has a much deeper meaning and that perhaps it is time to make other suggestions for an office staff. Perhaps a group of workers could all agree to make a significant donation to a worthy cause with each person contributing \$10 or what they can afford. That can be quite a generous donation to most non-profits. I've known offices to Adopt-a-Family and do other things to get into the spirit of the season. Most of us have so much that "things" begin to mean much less and giving to a worthy cause can feel much better than receiving a gift.

Staying within your means is most difficult this time of year. So keep that in mind, especially if you have children. We know children imitate what they observe not necessarily what their parents suggest they do, so this could turn out to be a very worthwhile lesson. So let's not overspend, we'll make a list and stick to it. We'll look for ways to make gifts or give the gift of time to help a relative. Shoveling snow or mowing the lawn at Grandma's house could be great gift. Running errands for someone who has difficulty getting out could also be a help. Taking little ones to the theatre to see a live performance is a wonderful holiday surprise for children and the time spent together is priceless.

Helping your children manage their holiday budget can be good for the whole family. Have your child make a list of the people they want to get presents for. Years ago I would take my children to an annual event called The Mouse House. Children would come prepared with their list and a small amount of money, usually \$10. They would crawl thru the hole cut in a semi-circle at the bottom of a wall made to look like a big cheese. Parents would wait in a large room with groups selling bakery goods as part of the fundraiser. Behind the cheese wall the children were accompanied by teenagers and adults with mouse ears to help them do their Christmas shopping and wrapping. When the children came out they were so proud of their gifts and couldn't wait to get home and put them under the tree. That was one of the more memorable traditions our family had. And as my children got older we continued to give them some shopping time with their own money. Today I realize people don't want to let their children out of sight, so having another adult accompany them can help give them some direction without taking away their ability to make decisions about what to get and learn how to do some give and take with their list and the funds they have.

With teenagers on my list, I admit it is frustrating to find a good gift. Most of them want money or gift cards because they know better than to ask for an expensive gift. However, like most grandparents, I feel that it really takes away the pleasure of giving a gift. It seems so impersonal . . . almost like you are just paying a bill. I recall last year when my fifteen year old grandson was talking to his cousins about what he received from his other grandparents. I overheard how he felt his grandpa didn't even know him because he had received some bongo drums. Suddenly, I was worried about the gift I had for him under the tree. As it turned out he was very gracious with my gift, but I did feel it wasn't his favorite. So one thing I may try this year is to make sure that any gift cards are not just tossed in a Christmas card or bag.

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Having a Treasure Hunt with clues may turn it into more of an adventure. To help figure out other ideas, I've gotten myself to look more at Face Book. Finding their interests doesn't always happen when we go for periods without seeing each other. And today teenagers are especially busy and often I feel pretty lucky just to catch up with them from time to time.

So do enjoy this blessed season and take the time to be with family and friends. Don't forget about those who may not have family or friends nearby; invite them over for a little cheer and some snacks. Stop by and check on older neighbors who can't get out. Don't be afraid to drop some traditions and be flexible with others. Avoid the over spending and you will really be grateful in January when the credit card statement can be paid off. And one more thing, every year I see so many letters in the newspaper from disappointed relatives who never got a hand written thank you note. I've learned not to expect them and then when they do happen I am overjoyed. That's not to say that we should excuse those who don't acknowledge a gift. Today giving a gracious thank you can take many different forms and we have to be willing to accept them all. An e-mail or phone text does the same job and saves the cost of a stamp. So being a gracious receiver and a gracious giver is the best you can be.

If you have any comments or questions, please e-mail me at consultjoan@att.net.

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Ferguson by Foot

By: Margaret Wolfinbarger



There is nothing more magical than when the lights go up for Christmas. Blue and white colored electric icicles dangle from gutters in stunning formations that grow more intricate with every passing season. The yard ornaments blossom and strobe lights punctuate the sides of homes in brilliant patterns. These warm reminders add a brilliant sheen to a holiday season already slick with advertising. If "shimmery" and "shiny" motivate one to buy more, the more marketing the better.

If I sound a little cynical, please forgive me. The stress of providing that perfect holiday experience for my friends and relatives blew the

"warm and fuzzy" blood vessel in my brain. After all, the Hallmark Channel and the DIY Network have tried to ruin Christmas by setting completely unrealistic expectations for frazzled working moms like me. As much as I want to spend hours designing a seasonal citrus wreath to hang on my front door, I'm much more concerned about sleeping.

Candidly, I do not begrudge anyone their holiday traditions, especially when they benefit me. I mean, who doesn't like to open gifts? It's just that purchasing and wrapping gifts present a real challenge for me. Namely, I'm not very good at it. That is why for many years I have made consumable gifts. Cookies. Caramel corn. Fudge. These treats are holiday staples in our home. The problem is I usually end up eating too much, gaining weight, and fighting long into January to curtail my sugar addiction once again. In addition to this, I feel rather disingenuous giving desserts to my friends and family when I preach incessantly about the evils of sugar.

Still, one could forgive the annual iniquitous delicacies except that I don't think that's what the "holiday spirit" is all about. I don't think God intended us to walk around stressed out and anxious, gluttonous and invariably guilty while we celebrate the birth of his son. Granted, many people who do not believe that God exists celebrate the holidays with feasts and gifts and feel the same pressure that I do. It's just that I struggle with the idea that showing love to family and friends necessitates extravagance to the detriment of sanity.

In a perfect world I would prepare early. Yes, I am a procrastinator extraordinaire. But much the same as every other year, I have arrived in December with no better idea for what to do about Christmas than I did in previous years. It's embarrassing, and cynicism seems like an effective form of deflection.

But lest I resort to the grumblings of years gone by, I resolve to approach the situation differently this year. The reason for this is that our family has experienced a great deal of loss in 2018. We suddenly lost the matriarch of my father's family and the father to my beautiful nieces. But while our cups have been filled with bitter tears, we have come to see what is most precious in this life; each other.

Once we say goodbye to someone we never thought we could live without, our perspectives change. We learn that life does go on for the living but it is never really the same. I realize in writing this that I don't feel the same pressure to buy the perfect gift so much as I feel the desire to simply call and talk to the person I want to give it to. In past months I have found excuses to stop by my sister's house to visit. I have invited neighbors I did not know well over for dinner or tea. In fact, I have spent more time cooking meals for people this year than in any previous time in my life. I have been investing in the daily goings on of my family, friends and neighbors so much that worrying about gifts seems rather ordinary and plain. The rich times we have spent playing games or talking or holding each other while we cried feels of infinitely more value than something I would buy at the store.

This year, I encourage the dear reader to have an intentional conversation with someone you love. Share your heart. Say you're sorry for something you did to hurt them, even if it was 30 years ago. Laugh with them. Cry with them. Treasure them. And if you are short on loved ones due to age or demographic, make the effort this month to reach out and make a new friend. Give the gift of yourself to someone who is lonely or hurting. Donate your time and in turn your heart. It truly is the most precious gift you can give.

For more inspiration, follow me on my blog: www.destinationdiscipline.com.

The FLIERS (Friends of the Ferguson Municipal Public Library) would like to thank everyone who helped to make our October Book Sale another successful one! The support that we receive from the donors, patrons, and volunteers is greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing you at our annual "Treasures, Trinkets, and Treats" Sale that will be held on Nov. 30th and Dec. 1st.



Sincerely, Janie Norberg, FLIERS President

Kathy McCourt 1952-2018

Kathleen "Kathy" McCourt (nee Mulligan), 66, of Ferguson passed away suddenly on Monday, November 19, 2018. She is preceded in death by her parents Jack and Helen Mulligan. Kathy is survived by her sister, Barbara (Bill) Jenkins; nieces, Laura (Mike) Benack and Michelle (Ian) Graham; nephew, Thomas Jenkins; great nieces and nephew, Elizabeth "Ellie", Jack, and Samantha Benack; and baby Graham on the way! Kathy was a dear friend to many and will be missed by her dear dogs, Libby & Lester.



Kathy was a very social and fun-loving person. She had a great sense of humor and could turn any sad situation around with her witty personality. She retired recently after more than 30 years from Hunter Engineering. Kathy was very active in the Ferguson community. Her kindness, wit, and zest for life will be missed but never forgotten.

A celebration of Kathy's life was held on Saturday, November 24, 2018 at Alexander White Mullen Funeral Home in St. Ann. Memorials appreciated to the Humane Society of MO or Stray Rescue. Expressions of condolence may be offered at www.alexanderstlouis.com.

On a personal note, I served on the 4th of July Committee with Kathy. She was the Secretary, but in addition, no job was too big or too small for Kathy to tackle. She also volunteered at her Neighborhood Organization, showed up to work every Saturday at the Ferguson Farmers Market, and, over the years, served on many Commissions for the City of Ferguson. She will be missed by all who worked alongside her.

Dorothy Seiter

Trivia

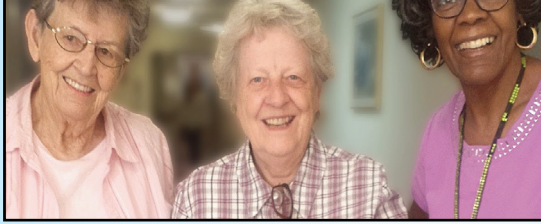
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2. Elvis was blue here.
3. Edible poodles.
4. When you care enough, you send this.
5. Old time actor, or a New York River.
6. Early TV puppet.
7. One time president or a vacuum cleaner.
8. What the chick did on his birthday.
9. Fighting Irish with a spine problem.
10. General who rode and elephant.
11. What Christmas and New Years are.
12. Masculine church songs.

See answers at bottom of page 23.

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Under The Hood With Robinwood
By Bob McGartland

Holiday Traditions of Giving

The Holiday Season is upon us where there are many seasonal family traditions people continue year after year. The Robinwood Automotive family will continue its longstanding annual tradition of giving back to the less fortunate in our community with the very popular Shoe Box for Seniors gift drive.

Last year's generous response of donations and support from the community and the warm positive effect the gifts boxes had on our seniors just touched my heart. There are many local seniors who are living alone or in nursing homes who unfortunately don't have much of a Christmas. The little things we take for granted every day brings boundless joy to someone when that wrapped shoebox is opened. It is a simple idea of taking a shoe box, filling it with useful items, wrapping them up and giving them as gifts to our older adults.

I am asking for your help again in bringing a brighter Christmas to our local seniors.

Here is our wish list of items we'd like to pack our shoe boxes:
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The shoe boxes will be distributed to seniors by local churches and organizations in time for Christmas. Please let us know if someone in your neighborhood could use some holiday cheer. Just give us their name, address and phone number and we will deliver a shoe box to them before Christmas.

So, spread the word and bring your donations in! Follow your heart in helping our local seniors. I am grateful for whatever you can do to help spread some Christmas Joy with human dignity.

I want to thank you in advance for your generous support. Your donations are greatly appreciated. Please keep all our less fortunate children, families, seniors and those who find the holiday season difficult, in your prayers.

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The Ferguson Special Business District Board was created to promote the downtown business district and as the board focuses more on business development and retention, we asked, what could Ferguson do to make the development process and procedure easier to navigate for a developer? Several members attended the National Main Street Convention in the spring, we have held several meetings with the Missouri Main Street Convention, three members met with Cape Girardeau city leaders and several conference calls with other downtown directors has given us a few ideas.

Cities that make economic development a priority all seem to have a few things in common: they either have a designated staff person who works one-on-one on a project seeing it through, or they may have several staff members who are designated for certain areas of the developer. The main point is that when a developer calls or comes by city hall, they have a knowledgeable, passionate ally to help them get their business open. The best advertising a city can have is their new businesses owners saying, "open here".

Over the last few years many news outlets have asked what makes the downtown business district special, my answer is always the same, invested business owners, hard-working volunteers and private development. Encouraging private local investment in development is crucial to Ferguson's survival and by marketing the city as business friendly and partnering with the downtown business district we can take Ferguson to the next level. Researching development and retention programs that will benefit possibilities developers and new business owners, soliciting businesses to locate here with our business-friendly atmosphere and keeping communication open and ongoing with those property owners is a must. We can partner with realtors to help bring quality tenant and businesses to downtown while also working with UMSL and larger corporations to see if a

2018 advent

- Dec. 2nd
Rejection
Jeremiah 33:14-16
- Dec. 9th
Belief
Luke 1:26-38
- Dec. 16th
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Luke 1:39-45
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Restoration

A few months ago, we were hired to replicate a door frame in a house built in 1870. The house had been in the family for many years and was sold sometime in the 70's or 80's. Luckily, the descendants of the original homeowners lived across the street and would eventually reclaim the house for the family by buying the house.

While the house was in the stewardship of the previous owners, they took it upon themselves to upgrade the exterior facade of the house. Vinyl siding, new windows, new doors including two brand new steel clad doors from one of our favorite big box stores. (Think Builders Square if you remember the grand daddy of the big box hardware store.) You know, using all the stuff we love to use to change our older homes into modern marvels of plastic and steel.

As I said earlier, luckily, the future homeowners would go through the construction debris and salvage whatever building materials could be used in the future. They were able to retrieve the original front door. After the new homeowners took possession of the old family homestead, their goal is now to restore the home to how she remembered it from her youth. We have done a few projects for them and I guess after it was seen that we take care to provide quality craftsmanship (cheap plug), we were asked if we could replace the double steel clad doors.

So, needless to say, the modern double steel clad doors looked hideous on a house that was close to 150 years old. They had some old photos of the house, which were probably taken in the 30's or maybe 40's. So we had the original front door and a photo of how it looked when the house was built, or at least what it looked like when it was 70 years old.



So off we go to replicate a door frame for a 150 year old house.

First thing we did was to measure the opening and make some drawings from the photos. We took measurements from the door for width, height, as well as the different measurements of the door itself, stile width, rail width, door thickness, and the size of the molding. As you can see in the early photo, the door opening was for a single door, two sidelights, and four transom windows.

The door was brought back to the shop and stripped to bare wood and the interior was scraped and sanded carefully so that the old wood would accept new stain. This door frame was built using reclaimed lumber; which may be as old as the wood of the original frame, or close, before it was discarded. The wood was milled and cut to size, dadoed, a groove cut into the jamb, where the door would rest when closed. We also dadoed the jamb legs, the vertical boards of the frame, so that the head jambs, horizontal boards, could be set for extra support. A nice piece of red oak was cut with a taper



on the exterior edge and holes were cut where the jamb legs get inserted for the sill.

After all the pieces were milled, cut to size and fit, we set the different parts together on the floor for some last minute measures. We had a couple of pieces of one inch angle iron that we fit into the doors head jamb to support the weight of the transoms window.

At the job site we removed the modern steel clad doors and the area above the door that had had some vinyl siding installed. After removing the doors and with a few minor cuts, the door frame slipped into place like it was made to fit. The door was temporarily installed; then back to 'replication dome'.



So, we're back at the shop, where we built the transom windows and the sidelights. Then came the interesting part . . . the original molding. I could have had a knife cut and the trim milled but to have two knives made for the trim on the door, it would have cost a bundle. Off to the router bit store where I had brought the two molding profiles with me for matching. We were able to replicate the molding for the interior and exterior trim, using three and four different router bits, respectively.

Everything was fit into place with a few adjustments, the door was hung with the original, 1858 patented hinges, that had their channels chisled out of the new jamb legs. The glass was installed in the sidelights and transoms, and the mulls, the trim covering the jamb legs, was installed.

The interior was stained and the exterior will be painted when we get a couple of nice days that are not on a holiday week-end and the original 'rim lock' was installed with a new skeleton type key and porcelain knobs. I can tell you this, we put a lot of thought into this replication and everything was custom made, down to the moldings. It has been a very rewarding project because there is nothing better than the satisfaction of a job well done. Okay, I can think of a few things that could be classified as better, but it still feels pretty good.



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone and until next month Bob is On the Job.

Northern Lights Parade



Thanks to Tim Lawson for this beautiful picture of the lighted parade held on Sunday, November 24th.

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- ❖ Why does my neighbors not clean, cut or rake the leaves in their yard...I tried talking to them... but they are unreasonable, and you can't talk to them about anything without them catching an attitude...!
- ❖ As a business owner I support the community, but does my community support me? We have a patrons who sit all day in my business working on their computer and only orders water! It's a business not an indoor park! How do I let them know I also need their financial support without creating a bad reputation?
- ❖ I hired a contractor to do some work on my house. I paid them in advance, as they requested, and guest what? They are stalling or is it called ghosting. It's been two months and they still have not started the work. How do I get them to listen to my concerns? I'm the customer.

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FAMILY CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

Posted by Carly the Mommy

(I found this on the Internet and copied it . . . and added a few traditions.

MAKE A FAMILY HOLIDAY BUCKET LIST AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MONTH

On December 1st, sit everyone down and let each person pick one thing they'd like to do (as a family) in December. It could be skating, going for a drive to see the lights, building a snowman, baking cookies – whatever they want! Then try to pick dates and schedule the activities so everything on your "holiday bucket list" gets checked off.

FILL SHOEBOXES WITH TREASURES FOR LESS FORTUNATE KIDS

Take the whole family shopping for shoebox supplies and teach your kids that Christmas is not ALL about getting.

MAKE A GINGERBREAD HOUSE

This is never as much fun when you have to do all the baking of the gingerbread house pieces... but after they came out with pre-baked gingerbread houses, we did one every year. You can also just use graham cracker squares. That way each person has his or her own house.

HAVE A FAMILY SLUMBER PARTY

Everyone's allowed to stay up late and build forts in the living room! (Or have them build forts in mom and dad's room – this way mom and dad still get to sleep in their bed, but it's still a party.) Read Christmas stories and drink hot chocolate. Talk about all the wonderful things that happened throughout the year – and write them in a special journal that you can add to every year. Or make pretty paper chains or threading popcorn for garland.

CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

Watch your favorite movie . . . a Christmas cartoon if your children are younger . . . *It's a Wonderful Life* or *Christmas Vacation* if it's adults.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

You all don't have to play the same game unless it's *Pictionary* or *Charades*. Uno is a fun game even the young ones can play. I have sons-in-law who used to play *Risk* into all hours of the night until someone finally won.

CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENT

Pick out one new tree ornament, and add to your growing collection of "special" ornaments. Or better yet, MAKE a tree ornament every year. You could make salt dough hand prints and paint them (these will be precious forever), cut a ring off the bottom of your tree and date it, or dip pine cones in glitter!

CHRISTMAS MORNING FAMILY PHOTO

Everyone in their jammies, with their hair crazy, surrounded by wrapping paper. We set the camera on self timer. These are some of my favorite photos to look back on.

WANT, NEED, WEAR, & READ GIFTS

I really want to keep Christmas from getting too materialistic. I love the idea of gifting everyone with something they want, something they need, something to wear and something to read.

Whoops . . . ran out of room. Maybe I'll continue next year.

Sherlock's Pal

By the way, I applied for a passport recently and wouldn't you know it. It asked for my hair color. The only two possible choices for me are "brown" and "gray" and neither one is entirely applicable. Because I was not allowed to check a "salt and pepper" box, I had the eerie feeling that Big Brother will soon be pounding on my door, placing my hands not-so-gently in handcuffs for checking the wrong box. And they probably won't allow me to leave the country either.



I'm at that point in my life when the demon on my left shoulder argues frequently with the angel on my right shoulder (or is it the demon on my right shoulder, etc.?—I can't tell). Yes, I checked the "brown" box, although as I stare at a recent picture of me and my wife dancing I have to admit that the gray has taken over my head like the dandelions will be taking over my lawn about the time I am scheduled to hop on a plane to Iceland. Yes, Iceland. Don't ask.

An irrational fear of trivial incarceration is not the only thing keeping me up at nights. December is here. December is both my personal nemesis and my favorite month on the calendar. As a pastor, it is one of two stretches of time on an annual basis (the other is Holy Week) that call for me to step up my game, so to speak. It's like asking Steph Curry to add a few more two-point shots to go with his standard 3's. Okay, so I'm not exactly the Steph Curry of pastors, but I'm definitely Robert "Big Shot Bob" Horry-clutch. December is clutch-time for pastors.

I refer to December as my personal nemesis for two reasons. First, it feels like the end of a game, time is running out, and I'm always behind on the scoreboard, and yet, I usually end up winning (i.e. surviving). Second, the end of December itself signifies the end of another year of my life because, yes, the 31st is my birthday. Obviously I look for any way possible to share my birthday announcement because you never know who, out there, is a habitual gift-giver for friends and strangers alike. In case anyone is interested, I enjoy weird socks.

Of course, with every birthday comes more and more gray hair, presumably, unless one is losing their hair, which is a topic that is best left to the shiny scalped folks among us. What the passport application experience has taught me is that, if given the opportunity, most of us will fudge a little bit on personal descriptions. Online dating is a good example of picture fudging because everyone seems to be about five years younger than they are. When we have to provide information about height and weight we are almost always a tad taller and a little lighter than we really are. Perhaps some of this is due to sincere confusion—I really don't know if my hair is brown or gray at this point, I really don't know if I am still six feet tall or if I have begun the slight downward descent of the elderly, and I really don't know if I still weigh the same as I did the last time I looked. Thank goodness my eye color is not up for interpretation.

All I really know is that the demon on one of my shoulders—I'm not sure which—is nudging me to fudge the statistics in favor of a more idyllic image of myself. I'm certainly not in the mood, nor do I have the time, to undergo an exorcism. And yet, if I begin to hear the sound of helicopters and see the black boots land in my front yard with a loud thud, I will slowly open my door, wave a white flag, and yell, "It's gray! Are you happy now?"

Dr. Jimmy Watson

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Candidates sought for St. Louis County Extension Council

Nominations are being accepted for the January 2019 election to the University of Missouri Extension Council in St. Louis County.

The St. Louis County Extension Council is the local link between county residents and the University of Missouri four-campus system. Council members assist in planning and carrying out extension educational efforts to improve people's lives. As public officials, extension council members administer a local budget to support education that meets people's educational priorities.

Candidates must be at least 18 years old and reside in the county. Nominations for the extension council must be made by December 17. Individuals interested in serving on the council may contact Dwayne James, County Program Director, at the St. Louis County extension center at 314-400-7391.

The St. Louis County Extension Council meets at 6:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month at the St. Louis County office.

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DECEMBER, 2018

i was thinking recently about how far we have come in the world of computing. did you know that a computer was used to predict the election of Dwight D. Eisenhower over Adlai Stevenson way back in 1952? the following is from: <https://www.computerhistory.org/timeline/1952/>

"On election night, November 4, CBS News borrows a UNIVAC computer to predict the outcome of the race for the US presidency between Dwight D. Eisenhower and Adlai Stevenson. Opinion polls predicted strong support for Stevenson, but the UNIVAC's analysis of early returns showed a clear victory for Eisenhower. This sharp divergence from public opinion made UNIVAC executives question the validity of the computer's forecast, so announcers Walter Cronkite and Charles Collingwood postponed announcing UNIVAC's correct prediction until very late in the broadcast."

also, according to: <https://www.computerhistory.org/timeline/1990/>, Windows 3.0 was shipped.

"Microsoft ships Windows 3.0. Compatible with DOS programs, the first successful version of Windows finally offered good enough performance to satisfy PC users. For the new version, Microsoft updated the interface and created a design that allowed PCs to support large graphical applications for the first time. It also allowed multiple programs to run simultaneously on its Intel 80386 microprocessor. Microsoft lined up a number of other applications ahead of time that ran under Windows 3.0, including versions of Microsoft Word and Microsoft Excel. As a result, PC users were exposed to the user-friendly concepts of the Apple Macintosh, making the IBM PC more popular."

and according to: <https://www.geek.com/chips/nasa-needs-8086-chips-549867/>, 8086 processors were used in NASA's space shuttle for the first time.

(In) "1981 nasa sent up the first space shuttle, which used intel 8086 processors for a host of diagnostic equipment. more than 20 years on these chips are still being used to make sure the shuttle's twin booster rockets are safe for blast-off, and nasa is finding it increasingly hard to replace any faulty chips." (there were 5 of these computers used on the shuttle.)

i remember using a Wang computer in college to do all the calculations for our physics class, and since there were only two of them, we had to share timed useage. the Wang, btw, was what we would now know to be a non-portable electronic calculator, using AC power. and it was slower than a pocket calculator, which we would not have for a few more years. just think how much more computing power is in that phone in your pocket. your notebook would run circles around the 8086. even a few years later we would have the 286, 386, and 486 processors from Intel that would leave the 8086 in the dust and bring true, affordable home computing to us all. today's processors are not only orders of magnitude faster, but we have multi-core processors that give us true multi-tasking capabilities that were unimagieable only 20 years ago.

Speaking Of Super-Computers, dept. the most recent info at top 500.org, the U.S. has taken the lead again; FIVE of the top 10 supercomputers in the WORLD are in the United States, and they hold the #1 and #2 slots. China holds #3 & #4, Switzerland holds the 5-spot, #6 is U.S.A., Japan is #7, Germany is #8, and the 9th & 10th belongs to the U.S.A. this does do us PROUD!

This Month, dept. this is the month we Christians celebrate Christmas, the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. there will be multiple Christmas services at all Christian Churches in Ferguson. my church, Grace Chapel, will be no different. if you want more info about dates & times, call our church office at *314*868*3232* from 9am to 4pm, M-F, or call me (my number is below). let's ALL go to church and give Jesus a present from our heart! (and MONEY is NOT REQUIRED, unless you have some and WANT to contribute!)

ME GO NOW!
 well, i am getting quite hungry, and i need to go look for something appetizing in the kitchen! :) i have a LOT to do before the holidays, too! and then there's also the New Year; busy, busy, busy! i am praying for your most blessed Christmas & New Year!

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

IF YOU would like to ask Doug for some of his FREE puter advice, please call him at *314*521*1789* most any day during the PM HOURS. When emailing, be sure to put the phrase i need puter advice into the subject line, and include your local telephone number so he can call you back. EMAIL: fergusoncomputercorner@aol.com

**A VERY MERRY & BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR
 TO ALL OF YOU!**

Artful Considerations

by Robin Shively

"Art is either revolution or plagiarism."

- Paul Gauguin



Sculptureworks Ferguson, 830 S. Florissant, will host a "Year in Review Exhibition" for Paul Artspace, which is a contemporary art residency program located in the Florissant area on December 1st, from 7:00 till 9:00 p.m. The exhibit will show artwork from and celebrate, the artists who stayed at the North County Artist Residency, Paul Artspace in the last calendar year. As a part of the Paul Artspace exhibit, there is also a closing reception at Gallery 210 at UMSL earlier that evening.

The 2016-2018 Exhibit at Jeske Sculpture Park was a great success! Artists are coming to collect their artworks and sites are being prepared for the 2018-2020 show, the majority of which is coming to us on loan from Six-Mile Sculptureworks in Granite City, Illinois. This is a unique opportunity for Jeske Sculpture Park to build and strengthen regional partnerships with another local art organization. Bryce Robinson, curator for Jeske Sculpture Park, thinks the Ferguson community will appreciate and enjoy these artworks.

There is also a new Dog Log at Jeske Park, thanks to Phil Berwick's collaboration with Nick Richie. Nick's canine character "Bruno" invites neighbors to stop by and write something about themselves, their dog or their town. Even mentions of cats are allowed!



Good Shepherd Arts Center, 252 S. Florissant, has a current exhibit which runs through December 15th. "Those Who Teach Can Too (2)", features works of dedicated educators from North County Schools that teach art out of their own love for it. Their art ranges from traditional painting to whimsical drawing to glass and more. Participating artists and the schools in which they teach include:

- Jeffrey Arnold, Woodland/Hanrahan Elementary in the Jennings School District
- * Tony Bodnar, Trinity Catholic High School
- David Goodman, Vogt Elementary in the Ferguson-Florissant School District
- Veronica Ross-Mickan, Hazelwood West High School

Almost Picasso, 18 Church Street, has their 3rd annual "Sock It To The Homeless" painting event on December 1st. Participants are asked to bring a package of new socks to be donated to area homeless and create a painting to take home for only \$15. Register at www.almostpicasso.com.

Corners Frameshop & Gallery, 245 S. Florissant, hosts its monthly First Friday Local Artists event along with its postponed 5-year Anniversary Celebration on December 7th, from 5:00 till 8:00 p.m.

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 Rachele Brandel at the Ferguson Library (314-521-4820) or email 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.

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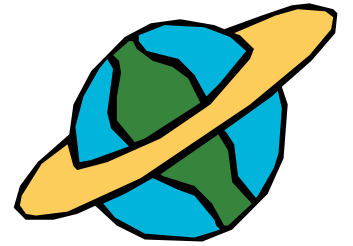
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Jeske Park Sculpture Exhibit



The Best of Ferguson

by
Ruffina Farrokh Anklesaria, M.A.



Cora Faith Walker

When I was in line at the polling booth in November, I thought I would be first, arriving there just about 6.00 a.m. Except, about 100 other residents had the same thought! One of those early birds, standing in line before me, was the vivacious representative for District 74 of Missouri, Cora Faith Walker! The charisma, energy, optimism and vision embodied by Cora made me recall with pleasure my interview with Raychel Proudie who was campaigning as representative for Missouri, District 73. There are 163 districts in Missouri with an equal number of representatives in the House.



Cora, a Democrat, is the representative for part of N St Louis County, District 74. She was elected to her first two-year term in November 2016, and was up for re-election, unopposed for her second term. Cora is an attorney with extensive experience in the field of health law and public policy and speaks of reform with a passion. In addition to her work as a legislator, Cora is a member of the House Administration and Accounts Committee, the Joint Committee on Life Sciences, and the MO HealthNet Oversight Committee.

Cora is also actively involved in her community, serving on many nonprofit boards, including Nurses for Newborns, St Louis Area Diaper Bank, University City Children's Center/LUME Institute, and Civic Arts Company. She is also on the Advisory Board for the St Louis Regional Health Commission and was the 2017-2018 FOCUS St Louis Impact Fellow.

Born in St Louis, Cora was raised in Tuskegee, Alabama. She left AL in 2002 to pursue undergraduate studies at Washington University in St Louis. She did a BA there in Social Thought and Analysis with a minor in Business and Legal Studies, and followed this up with a Master's of Public Health. She went on to earn her Juris Doctorate and Health Law Certificate from St Louis University School of Law.



Shown here is Cora with (from the left) the Reverend Steve Lawler, pastor of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Ferguson, who sits next to her mother, Robyn Drew, Cora, her husband, Timothy Walker, and her father, Edward Drew,

Cora is the second youngest of eight siblings. Her father is a disabled combat veteran and her mother a public school teacher. She is married to Timothy Walker. All of us were standing together in line to vote on election day!

Tim and Cora attend St Stephen's Episcopal Church. They both live in Ferguson though Cora has an apartment in Jefferson City where she stays four to five days a week from January to May when the House is in session.

Cora plays the piano and she and her husband love the outdoors. They are both big Cardinal fans and got married at Busch stadium, exchanging vows at home plate in front of 175 guests! They love hiking and biking together and enjoy the bike trails in Ferguson. They have four dogs: a poodle, two chihuahuas and a mixed dog.

Her earliest memories were of her Dad struggling with PTSD and damage from the war. She remembers her Mom sent him for help at the VA and she saw such a remarkable change in him that she decided that she would become a doctor. She started off her studies at Wash U to become a doctor but her first chemistry class left no doubt in her mind that she was not cut out for that! She saw other ways to help people get health care and decided to go to law school instead to study policy. She never expected to become an elected official!



Promoting Healthy Missouri platform. Walker is a health lawyer with a Masters in Public Health

Another incident impacted her greatly. She saw her 23 year old nephew drop dead from a heart attack playing basketball, and no one knew CPR to save his life. She thought there should be some law on this. These were the thoughts that were the basis for the course of studies she ended up taking. She worked for the Mo Foundation for Health, a nonprofit – the largest philanthropic organization in Mo on health. She was on the policy team there soon after the Affordable Care Act (ACA) came out. Medicaid expansion was left to be a state decision. She worked to get this passed in Mo and started teaching people what it meant. This took her to Jefferson City where she realized there was a need for someone with her background. This gave her career the trajectory it has taken. Her legislative accomplishments have focused on maternal and child health.

We both thought the ACA was very beneficial though by no means magical. We both appreciated the fact that preconditions were not grounds for disqualification for insurance. We are both hoping that President Trump does not roll back this particular benefit. She hopes to do whatever she can to favorably impact health care for us in Mo, but she agreed that it was a great challenge.



Speaking on the floor of the Missouri House of Representatives.

Cora loves cooking southern food and enjoys drawing. Her husband plays golf and went to the PGA tournament to watch Tiger Woods play in August at Bellerive Country club here in St Louis. Her entire family plays lawn tennis. Cora and Tim have traveled to Mexico and Canada and hope to make Bali their next destination.

Ferguson is blessed to have such young, intelligent and capable leaders among its residents. Hats off to Cora Faith Walker for representing the Best of Ferguson. We wish her success

as she represents our interests in the Mo House of Representatives.

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Birthdays

“Grandma, what’s it like to be 84?”

Well, since I share a December birthday with Watson (see page 19), I feel honored to know that we both share a birthday with Someone else . . . Someone Who is quite significant.

But I’m not answering the age question. Over the years, how people acted when they hit certain milestones in their lives, has changed dramatically.

For instance, when I was in high school, we wore a uniform, a white blouse and navy jumper. When we attended college, females still wore dresses, or skirts and blouses. I was shocked when, along about mid semester some of the girls began wearing jeans. Since I was in art school, these girls were considered “arty” or “hippies” although that term did not become popular for a number of years later.

When I started working at McDonnell Aircraft, I had to apologize one Saturday morning for wearing slacks to work because I had to shovel the snow from in front of the garage door in order to get my car out.

When women got married and started raising a family, they began wearing cotton housedresses and flat laced-up shoes. I tried that for a while, but went back to jeans which I found more practical.

Thirty was suppose to be a big deal, but I didn’t feel any differently. I had just had my sixth child a few days before my birthday and was happy that I was home to celebrate Christmas.

Forty, I don’t even remember, but when I was 42 I married my second husband, Bud, and began 33 years of a delightful marriage, even though I still had six bratty teenagers.

At fifty, some of the children were married and living in their own houses. I remember worrying about them, knowing how hard it is to adjust to the emotional and financial stresses of marriage and parenthood. I tried to help when I could, and tried to keep my mouth shut instead of giving advice.

But, when I was in my fifties, Bud and I started to travel and enjoy ourselves, even though we both were still working. By this time I had opened a small graphic arts business in Ferguson and my four daughters began working for me. I taught them everything I knew about the business and bought the best equipment I could afford . . . but before long I was the pupil. It’s true, “You can’t I teach an old dog new tricks.” No, that’s not true; eventually I became proficient on the various machines, but it took me a long, long time to master the programs.

Let’s see . . . Sixty: Now, when I was a child, 65 was elderly, and as I remember, they looked quite elderly. They dressed in out-dated clothes, drove old cars, and had old fashioned ideas. It was as if, in my eyes, they had just given up and were ready to sit around and do nothing. Today, I see people getting ready to retire and they are active, involved, and even dress in the latest fashion.

At seventy I began to really feel my age. The feet hurt, the back hurt, and boy oh boy did the knees hurt. But the mind was still active. I’ve always been involved, curious, industrious and opinionated. Unfortunately, when I was 75 I lost my dear husband. But he had lived to be 83 years old and loved every minute of being a husband, father and active member of the Ferguson community.

Now, at 84, I’m still an avid reader, opinionated, a little less industrious. I used to jump out of bed in the morning, anxious to face the day, now I lie there wondering what chore I can postpone until tomorrow. I forget people’s name, or can’t think of the word that best describes the idea I want to convey; but I eventually remember that name or that word. How do I dress? Jeans and tee shirt or sweat shirts still make up 99-1/2% of my wardrobe.

So Merry Christmas readers . . . oh, and for that Someone significant I mentioned above, Happy Birthday, Jesus!

Answers to Trivia, Page 12

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| 1. Heroin(e) | 7. Hoover |
| 2. Hawaii | 8. Hatched |
| 3. Hot Dogs | 9. Hunchback of Notre Dame |
| 4. Hallmark | 10. Hannibal |
| 5. Rock Hudson | 11. Holidays |
| 6. Howdy Doody | 12. Hymns |

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Calendar of Events In and Around Ferguson

Complete Details of These Events Throughout the Paper

- FLIERS Treasures, Trinkets & Treat Sale Fri. & Sat., Nov. 30 & Dec, 1
- Community Healthy Fair – Our Lady of Guadalupe Sat., Dec. 1
- Winter Storytime – Library Tues., Dec. 4
- Movie – Lasrt Holiday – Library Fri., Dec. 7
- Guitar and Cookies Recital – St. Stephens Fri., Dec. 7
- Breakfast With Santa – 1st Presbyterian Sat., Dec. 8
- Breakfast With Santa – Blessed Teresa Sat., Dec. 8
- Christmas Caroling Pub Crawl Sat., Dec. 8
- Poetry, Prose and Pie – Library Sat., Dec. 8
- Holiday Concert – St. Stephens Sun., Dec. 9
- Ferguson City Council Meeting – City Hall Tues., Dec. 11
- North County Chamber Membership Mtr. – Moolah Temple . . Thurs., Dec/ 13
- Funk Party with Justin Goolby – Hwy. 67 BBQ Fri., Dec. 14
- Movie – The Nightmare Before Christmas – Library Fri., Dec. 14
- Soap & Scrub Gifts – Library Sat., Dec. 15
- Indoor Farmers Market – St. Stephens Sat., Dec. 15
- Ice Skating – Carpooling at St. Peter’s Sat., Dec. 15
- Human Rights Day Open Mic – Our Lady of Guadalupe Sun., Dec. 16
- Holiday Concert – St. Peters Sun. Dec. 16
- Movies – Olaf’s Frozen Adv. and White Christmas – Library Fri., Dec. 21
- Holiday Hang Out – Zion Lutheran Sat., Dec. 22
- CHRISTMAS DAY Tues., Dec. 25
- NEW YEARS DAY Tues., Jan. 1

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