

# Ferguson Times

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CITY OF FERGUSON, MO. Oct. 1999

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Serving Ferguson and Surrounding Communities



**Local Vendors  
Local Music  
Community**

**Saturday,  
November 16th**

9 am to 12 pm  
Every 3rd Saturday  
from November - April

**At St. Stephen's  
Episcopal Church**

33 N. Clay Ave.  
Ferguson, MO 63135

## FERGUSON NORTHERN LIGHTS

**At Plaza 501 – Sunday, December 1st**  
Parade at 5 p.m. Theme: "Parade of Trees"  
(floats should depict different and outrageous Christmas trees).

Parade begins at First Baptist Church, travels south on Florissant Road and ends at Plaza @ 501.  
Pick up parade applications at:  
Community Center or <fergusoncitywalk.com>  
Mail to: Northern Lights Planning Committee  
248 S. Florissant Rd., Ferguson, MO 63135

Lighted Parade: 5:00 pm  
Carriage Rides: 6:30 to 8:30 pm  
Tree Lighting Ceremony 8:00 pm  
Also, kids activities, Face Painting, Food, Vendors and Photos with Santa.

Questions, call 314-302-7589  
or email rchabot@mobileeyecaresolutions.com

### COUNCIL MEETINGS – HOLIDAY NOTICE

Tuesday, November 12th and Tuesday, December 10th at 7 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

### CITY HALL HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The City of Ferguson business offices will be closed on the following days:  
Monday, November 11th – in observance of Veteran's Day  
Thursday, Nov. 28th & Friday, Nov. 29th – in observance of Thanksgiving

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**November Events at the  
Ferguson Public Library**

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

**Fall Storytime – Saturday, November 2 at 10 am**  
Celebrate fall with us! We'll enjoy stories, songs, activities, and more.  
For kids and their caregivers ages 0-6.  
Older siblings are welcome too!

**Buying a Home – Saturday, November 2 at 1 pm**  
Learn the ins and outs of buying a home with Keller Realty!  
Presentation in English: 1-2 pm | Presentation in Spanish: 2-3 pm

**Meet Your Government Representatives  
Saturday, November 9 at 1 pm**  
Have a question or concern about your neighborhood? Meet with your local elected officials at the library!

**Tech Assistance – Saturday, November 16 at 10 am**  
Computer on the fritz? Need help with navigating your smart phone?  
Get some one-on-one help from the STLCC ABOUT Club!

**Painted Wine Bottles – Saturday, November 23 at 2 pm**  
Paint a wine bottle and add lights for a sparkly addition to your home decor! You'll also learn about our Cricut machine and how you can use it in the library. Registration is required.

**Drop In and Write**  
Work on your writing with us and the Gateway Writing Project!  
**TWO DATES: Saturday, Nov. 2 and Saturday, Nov. 23 at 10 am.**

**Have you checked out one of our ongoing programs?**  
We have a variety of programs to try out, like our **Card and Paper Club** on Nov. 16 at 12 pm! You'll learn how to make your own greeting cards out of paper, and we provide all of the supplies!  
**To find out more about our ongoing programs, call us or visit our website today!**

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



**CITY OF FERGUSON CANDIDATE PETITIONS  
AVAILABLE – NOVEMBER 1, 2019  
ELECTION NOTICE – APRIL 7, 2020**

The City of Ferguson, Missouri, will hold an election on Tuesday, April 7, 2020, for the office of Mayor for a 3 year term. Any person wanting to file a declaration of candidacy for this office must also submit a petition signed by at least 50 and not more than 75 registered voters. The petition forms are now available in the City Clerk's office and may be picked up at any time during regular office hours.

The petitions may be submitted upon the filing of a declaration of candidacy but must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. CST on January 21, 2020, and must be accompanied by a \$10.00 filing fee, which will be returned if the candidate receives at least 5% of the votes in the election.

The petitions and declarations of candidacy must be filed with the City Clerk at Ferguson City Hall, 110 Church Street. Under State Law, declarations of candidacy will be accepted starting on the opening date for filing and will not be accepted after the last date for filing. Candidate filing for the Ferguson City Council will open at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 17, 2019, which date is the sixteenth Tuesday before the election. Candidate filing will close at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 21, 2020, which date is the eleventh Tuesday before the election. For further information, please call the City Clerk at 524-5152.

CITY OF FERGUSON  
Octavia Pittman, City Clerk

**RESTAURANT: IMPOSSIBLE'S  
Public Invitation to the Grand Re-Opening of  
DRAKE'S PLACE**

*Restaurant: Impossible* invites you to Drake's Place for their grand re-opening on Wednesday, November 6th at 7:00 PM!

*Restaurant: Impossible* is hosted by Chef Robert Irvine. Robert's Challenge: Save America's most desperate restaurants from impending failure in just two days with only \$10,000.

Come dine with us and be one of the first patrons to see the newly renovated space. If you are interested in making a reservation at Drake's Place for their grand re-opening, please email the *Restaurant: Impossible* production @ volunteer@restaurantimpossiblevolunteers.com by Friday, November 1st, at 12:00pm (PST). Please use the following in your subject line: 1608 DP RESERVATIONS .

PLEASE NOTE: Production is NOT covering the cost of your meal - you will be responsible for paying your own bill. This event is first come first serve by email and we CANNOT guarantee everyone who responds will get a table. If you are selected, you will receive a confirmation email close to the date of the dinner. Unfortunately, we cannot have guests under 8 years old.

Please include your contact information (full name, email address, cell number) your party size (number of people at your table) and the names of the people in your party.

*Restaurant: Impossible* is also looking for volunteers. We are seeking enthusiastic individuals that would love to work with Robert Irvine and his talented renovation team as design and construction volunteers on the show!

Volunteers may be any licensed or certified individuals in painting, crafting, constructing, remodeling, cleaning, decorating etc. (depending on your skill set). We are always looking for skilled contractors, electricians, plumbers, upholsters' and painters to help out and donate their time but we welcome all skill sets and skill levels always.

The volunteer schedule is as follows:

- Shift #1 – Tuesday, November 5th: 12:00PM to 7:00PM
- Shift #2 – Tuesday, November 5th: 7:00PM to 2:00AM
- Shift #3 - Wednesday, November 6th: 10:30AM to 6:00PM

- We are only interested in volunteers, however, meals will be provided.
- You must be 18 years or older to volunteer.
- All volunteers must sign an appearance release and volunteer agreement on site.
- Please wear sneakers or boots and work clothing with no logos.

If interested, please email us at volunteer@restaurantimpossiblevolunteers.com by Friday, November 1st, at 12:00PM (PST) with your preferred day(s), full name, email address, cell number and skill set/ related profession (ex: plumber or painter). Please use the following subject line: 1607 GM Volunteer

Anyone who replies to volunteer is guaranteed a spot. Confirmation emails will be sent the day before each day you intend on volunteering.

**Pumpkin Recipe Contest Winners**



Congratulation to the winners of our Pumpkin Recipe contest at the Ferguson Farmers' Market on Oct 12. Left to right: 3rd place - Peggy Gibbs with Pumpkin Crunch Cake, 1st place - Sheritha Yates with Streusel-topped Pumpkin Bread, and 2nd place - Stephanie Becker with Cranberry Swirl Pumpkin Cake with Cream Cheese Frosting. Winners received \$30, \$20, and \$10 in market bucks for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places.

**Ferguson Boards/Committees/Commissions Meeting Schedule**

Board/Committee/Commission	Meeting Dates	Location	Time	Staff	Contact
Civilian Review Board	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday	City Hall 110 Church St.	6:00pm	Nicolle Barton	314-524-5260
Ferguson Farmers Market	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	Ferguson Library	7:00pm	Dave Musgrave	314-524-5070
Ferguson Neighborhood Improvement Program	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	City Hall (NATA Room)	6:30pm	Kellie Shelton	314-524-5149
Youth Advisory Board	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday	FYI Basement 110 Church Street	6:00pm	Aaron Harris	314-749-5379
Human Rights Commission	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	Ferguson Library 35 S. Florissant	5:30pm	Octavia Pittman	314-524-5152
Library Board of Trustees	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	Ferguson Library 35 S. Florissant	7:00pm	Becky Chisholm	314-521-4820
Park Board	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	Ferguson Community Center 1050 Smith	6:00pm	Dave Musgrave	314-524-5070
Pension Board of Trustees	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday in May, August, November and February	City Hall 110 Church Street	6:00pm	Alexis Miller	314-524-5189
Senior Citizen Commission	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	Ferguson Community Center 1050 Smith	9:30am	Dave Musgrave	314-524-5070
Technology Review Board	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	Ferguson City Hall 110 Church Street	7:00pm	Matt Unrein	314-524-2721
Neighborhood Police Steering Committee	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	Urban League	5:30pm	Nicolle Barton Frank McCall	314-524-5260 314-718-3785

# Ferguson Community News Page

## Giving Thanks, being Optimistic

By Mayor James W. Knowles III

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

- Oprah Winfrey, American Businesswoman, Author, Television Personality



This year I turned 40 years old, and while I'm not thankful for getting older (it's starting to show unfortunately), I am immensely thankful that I have grown up and grown older here in the community of Ferguson. Like many long-time residents, I have lived through and been witness to tremendous changes in our community. As a young child growing up in the Forestwood neighborhood, I roamed the streets with my friends and played sports with groups of neighborhood friends at the park. We played as soldiers and built fortresses in the creeks that fed into Maline Creek that runs adjacent to the Park. My family shopped and dined along the W. Florissant Rd corridor which ran between the entrance to our subdivision at Highmont and W. Florissant and extended to Ferguson Ave. We paid our cable bill at American Cablevision next to what is now Sam's Meat Market, we dined on nights when kids ate free at the now demolished Ponderosa where the new Boys and Girls Club now stands. We rented VHS movies from the Movie Gallery which was a small movie store that existed in the two story strip mall across the Boys and Girls Club and the family routinely shared one large order of Chicken Fried Rice from New Kings Chop Suey in the strip mall across the street (dad actually got his own half order of shrimp fried rice.) When we were out of milk, I would ride my bike to the old Quicktrip and get two gallons of milk (partially because we drank milk so fast in our house and partially because it leveled out the handlebars while riding home with a gallon hanging from each side). There are lots of great memories of growing up here, and what used to be. But after 40 years one can't help but see change, but we can control how we view that change.

Long before the events of 2014, this community began to change. Some of it is part of a natural cycle of community and economic development, decline, and redevelopment. Some of it was related to systemic issues that exist in our country, our state, and our community. An objective look at what has changed in our community will show a mix of both good and bad. Many old businesses have left but many new businesses have taken their place. The old St. John's Liquor Store is Ferguson Brewing Company, and the Streetcar Lofts occupy the space where Mannino's Market once stood. I can remember a staple business for many years in Ferguson was Turner's Frozen Custard, where Plaza 501 now stands. While I would give almost anything for a concrete made by one the girls at Mr. Turner's old custard stand, I couldn't for a minute say that I would give up the wonderful plaza that has taken it's place and the community events that call it home.

I'm sure if it were a Friday night and people were gathered around that custard stand, standing in the shadow of the huge and rusty billboard that sat at the edge of the creek, many people would decry the thought of losing that business for a patch of concrete with a semi-circle pavilion on top of it. But today, is there anyone that would go back to the way it was and sacrifice the beautiful plaza we have built in its stead?

While it is nostalgic to remember what we had and it is great to dream about what we want, if we want to continue to move forward, we need to start by being thankful for what we have. In 40 years there have been many ups and downs, starts and stops, and some big obstacles along the way. There are certainly things that are worse than they have been, and many things that are better. This will always be the case in life, and in our community.

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

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

## Ferguson Neighborhood Organizations

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

Group	Next Mtg.	Location	Contact
Forestwood Park Neighborhood Group	Nov 5 7 pm	Emmaus Bible Chapel 900 Highmont	Donald Stevens 314-561-0379
Jeske Park Neighborhood Assn.	Nov 14 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 Library Large Conf. Room	Glenda Rickard 314-524-8115 glenda.rickard@mercy.net
Old Ferguson West Neighbors	Nov 21 7 pm	Ferguson Community Ctr. 1050 Smith Ave	Larry Robinett ldrobinett@gmail.com
Robert-Superior Neighborhood Group	Nov 18 7 pm	Ferguson Community Ctr. 1050 Smith Ave	TBA
Southwest Ferguson Neighborhood Group	Nov 18 7 pm	Ferguson Library 35 No. 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	Nov 18 7 pm	Fire Station #1 200 So. Florissant	Keith Kallstrom 314-524-1720
North Elizabeth Neighborhood	Dec 9 7 pm	Ferguson Community Ctr. 1050 Smith Ave	Renee Benage 314-705-0993 rbenage@sbcglobal.net
Ferguson Woods	TBA	North Hills Methodist 10771 Trask Dr	Donald Moore 314-226-3109
South Ferguson	Nov 18 7 pm	Fire Station #1 200 So. Florissant	
Southeast Ferguson	Nov 13 5 pm	Empowerment Ctr. 9420 W. Florissant	Latasha Brown 314-465-9757 brownlatsham@go.wustl.edu

## Ferguson City News?

### How do you get your Ferguson News?

- Like our Facebook Page: City of Ferguson, MO
- View Updates on Charter Channel 993

## Did You Know?

### NOTIFY ME

You can sign up to receive notices of meetings, hearings and other postings by registering your email address using the Notify Me Icon. You can submit a request for records using the Record Request icon.

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE:** [www.fergusoncity.com](http://www.fergusoncity.com)

You can do all this and more on the city's website. For more information contact Octavia Pittman, City Clerk at 314-521-7721 or [opittman@fergusoncity.com](mailto:opittman@fergusoncity.com)

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

Consider volunteering on a Ferguson Board, Committee, or Commission. We have multiple vacancies available. The list includes committees like the Architectural Review Board, Plan Commission, Park Board, Personnel Board and others. For more information regarding vacancies, requirements, roles and responsibilities and/or how to apply, visit <http://www.fergusoncity.com/57/Boards-Commissions> or contact your City Clerk at City Hall.

### COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesdays, November 12th and December 10th at 7 pm in the Council Chambers.

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

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City of Ferguson City Council: James W. Knowles, III, Mayor; Linda Lipka, Ward 1; Ella Jones, Ward 1; Heather Robinett, Ward 2; Toni Burrow, Ward 2; Fran Griffin, Ward 3; Byron Fry, Interim Ward 3; Jeff Blume, Interim City Mgr.; Public Relations Intern, 314-524-5229.

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

# Ferguson Community News Pages

Be sure to get to the Recreation Office to register or call us at (314) 521-4661.

## COMMUNITY CENTER

Don't forget to pick up the new Parks & Recreation brochure with a complete list of programming offered throughout Ferguson at the Ferguson Community Center or online at [www.fergusoncity.com](http://www.fergusoncity.com)

### Facility Rentals

Use one of the Ferguson Community Center's Multipurpose Rooms for your next event or gathering. These spacious rooms are perfect for any occasion. Also, newly opened is the Ferguson Event Center, a 5600 square foot air-conditioned facility with a stage toward the front of the room, which can accommodate up to 250 guests for your next wedding reception or family reunion. Call up to the Ferguson Community Center for booking information, pricing, and any additional information at (314) 521-4661.

### Memberships

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

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

### NOW OFFERING MONTHLY PAYMENT OPTIONS

Resident Youth – \$6 per month (12 month agreement)  
Resident Adult – \$9 per month (12 month agreement)  
Resident Senior – \$6.00 per month (12 month agreement)  
Resident Family – \$16 per month (12 month agreement)

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

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

## 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 & up  
Days: Mondays or Wednesdays  
Start Date: Mon, Sept. 16th-Nov. 4th  
Time: 6:00pm - 7:00pm  
Location: Ferguson Community Center  
Fee: \$25/Members - 1 day per week  
\$30/Residents - 1 day per week  
\$35/Non-Residents - 1 day per week

Additional Days:  
\$10/Members add day  
\$15/Residents add day  
\$20/Non-Residents add day

### Will Fit Core Class

A class for anyone who wants to tighten up their midsection, carve a stronger core, and sculpt total-body definition through intense core work. Set to upbeat music, you'll work your entire core and learn new exercises to help sculpt the body. This class is for all fitness levels and is a great way to fit a quick but challenging workout into your busy day.

Age: 16 & up  
Days: Tuesdays  
Start Date: Tues, October 29th– Dec 17th  
Time: 6:00pm-7:00pm  
Location: Ferguson Community Center  
Fee: \$25/Members; \$30/Residents; \$35/Non-Residents

### PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

### Jump Rope Fitness Class

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: Thursday  
Start Date: Thurs, Oct 30th – Dec 18th  
Time: 6:00pm-6:30pm  
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 body workout!

Age: 16 & up  
Days: Thursday  
Start Date: Thurs, Oct 31st – Dec 19th  
Time: 6:00pm-7:00pm  
Location: Ferguson Community Center  
Fee: \$25/Members; \$30/Residents; \$35/Non-Residents

### PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

### Walk this Weigh

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. Participants may be indoors and outdoors. Format and routine change weekly. Instructor acts as a coach to ensure proper technique and alignment.

All Ability Levels Welcome

Age: 16 & up  
Days: Saturdays  
Start Date: Sept 21st  
Time: 10:00am-11:00am  
Location: Ferguson Community Center  
Fee: \$25/Members; \$30/Residents; \$35/Non-Residents

### PRE-REGISTRATION 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.

Days: Tues & Thurs  
Dates: Ongoing  
Times: 8:55 am-9:55 am  
Fee: FREE/Silver Sneakers Members; \$3/ Everyone Else

### 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. Please bring your own mat.

Days: Tues & Thurs  
Dates: Ongoing  
Times: 7:55 am-8:45 am  
Fee: FREE/Silver Sneakers Members; \$3/Everyone Else

### Personal Training

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

#### Individual Packages

1 Session: \$35/ Members; \$40/ Non-Member  
5 Sessions: \$150/ Members; \$175/ Non-Member

## SPECIAL PROGRAMMING

### 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

### Nerf War Birthday Packages– NEW!

Join us for our Nerf War theme birthday party packages! We will host your child's Nerf War birthday party for up to 25 participants. You will receive a 3 hour party block, 1.5 hours in the gym with one of our staff supervising the Nerf War. Then the last 1.5 hours you have a room dedicated for you to have food/drinks, cake, and open presents. The cost includes all nerf bullets, safety glasses, bunkers and the party room. Must reserve 2 weeks prior.

**A \$100 security deposit is required at time of birthday party rental.**

Days: Saturdays and Sundays  
Times: Sat, 2:00pm—5:00pm; Sun, 1:00pm-4:00pm  
Location: Ferguson Community Center  
Fee: \$200 Residents; \$240 Non-Residents

### YOUTH

#### Preschool Playdate

Are you and your kiddo tired of being in the house and need something to do? Join us for our monthly Preschool Playdates that children and parents experience together. Each month we will take on a different theme and activity. All of our activities will involve sensory play while making new playdate friends! Grab your friends and bring them to our Preschool Playdates!

**Registration deadline is the Monday prior to each session.**

Ages: 1-5  
Dates: Wednesdays, Nov 13th, December 11th  
Time: 9:30am-10:15am  
Fee: \$3/Residents; \$5/Non-Residents

#### Paint and Pizza Night

Join us for a night of painting galore at the Community Center! We will provide the paint and supplies, while you provide the creativity. Come enjoy pizza and refreshments while using you paint away the night.

**Registration deadline is Monday, November 4th.**

Ages: 5-12  
Dates: Friday, November 8th  
Time: 6:30pm-8:30pm  
Fee: \$12/Member; \$15/Residents; \$18/Non-Residents

#### Beach Bash

Are you tired of the cold weather? *You will be by the end of November!* Come join us for our Beach Bash at the Community Center to forget about the cold weather and have some fun with friends! We will have pizza, games, crafts, & a movie. Grab a friend or two and dress in your best Hawaiian outfit. **Registration deadline is Tuesday, November 19th.**

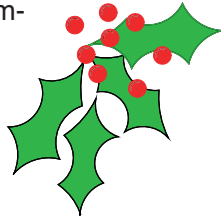
Ages: 5-12  
Dates: Friday, November 22nd  
Time: 6:00pm-9:30pm  
Fee: \$10/Member; \$12/Residents; \$15/Non-Residents

#### Holiday Drop and Shop

Holiday shopping with children can be stressful. Let us take them while you make the holidays magical. We will have supervised games, crafts, and movies throughout the day. You can drop off your child anytime between 9:00am-4:00pm. If your child is present between 11:00am-12:30pm, they will be fed pizza for lunch! Please bring snacks and a water bottle.

Ages: 5-12  
Dates: Saturday, December 14th  
Time: 9:00am-4:00pm  
Fee: \$20/Residents; \$25/Non-Residents

**Register before Monday, December 9th for \$15/Child.**



#### Santa's Little Workshop

Calling all of Santa's little helpers! Santa is coming and needs your help with the last minute Christmas details. Santa and his elves have requested that we make letters to Santa, ginger bread houses, Christmas cards, and more! Who knows, maybe Santa will come visit all of his little elves! Parent participation is required. **Registration deadline is Friday, December 13th.**

Ages: 1-5  
Dates: Wednesday, December 18th  
Time: 12:30pm-2:30pm  
Fee: \$8/Member; \$10/Residents; \$12/Non-Residents

### TEEN

#### Teen Night Out: City Museum

Join us for our teen night out at the City Museum. Expect the unexpected; City Museum is a hundred-year-old warehouse in downtown St. Louis in which artists have repurposed the pieces of old cities to build miles of tunnels, slides, climbers, bridges, and castles. From secret passages and grand galleries, to playgrounds and ball pits. Registration fee includes admission and travel costs. Teens must bring additional money if they would like snacks or souvenirs. All teen trips are chaperoned by Ferguson Community Center staff.

**Registration deadline is Friday, November 1st.**

Ages: 13-17  
Dates: Saturday, November 16th  
Time: 6:00pm-11:30pm  
Fee: \$10/Residents  
\$15/Non-Residents

#### Teen Night Out: Holiday Lights Spectacular

Do you love Christmas light displays? We will be taking our Ferguson Teens on a Holiday Light tour throughout some of St. Louis's favorite light displays. We will begin the night at the Community Center for sandwiches then head to Ted Drewes for Hot Chocolate before we venture down Candy Cane Lane. We will then visit Winter Wonderland in Tilles Park! Grab a friend or two and come along this wonderful holiday lights spectacular!

**Registration deadline is Monday, December 9th.**

Ages: 13-17  
Dates: Saturday, December 14th  
Time: 6:00pm-10:00pm  
Fee: \$10/Member; \$12/Residents; \$15/Non-Residents

### SPECIAL EVENT / FAMILY PROGRAMS

#### Family Game Night

Join us for a fun-filled family game night at the Ferguson Community Center! We will have various types of board games and puzzles for your family to enjoy. Enjoy desserts and refreshments while you spend quality time with family and friends. **Registration deadline is Monday, October 28th.**

Ages: All Ages  
Dates: Saturday, November 2nd  
Time: 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm  
Fee: \$10/Child and Adult; \$2/Each Additional

#### 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. We will crafts and photos with Santa! Admission includes all you can eat pancakes, sausage, orange juice, and all activities. Grab your family and friends for a morning with Santa! Pre-registration is required for this event, space is limited.

**Registration deadline is Thursday, December 5th.**

Ages: All Ages  
Dates: Saturday, December 7th  
Time: 9:00am – 11:00am  
Fee: \$5/Child; \$8/Adult

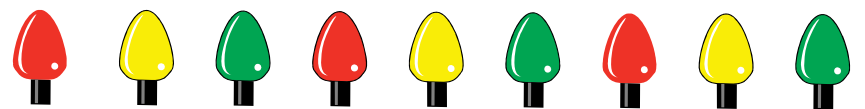
**Register before November 25th for \$3/Child, \$5/Adult.**



#### Cookies and Cards

Are your kiddos bothering you to decorate Christmas cookies, but you don't want the mess? We have the perfect solution for you! We will be hosting a Cookies and Cards event at the Community Center. We will have cookies galore for families to decorate and WE will clean up the mess! We will also have a card making section for all those Holiday cards you need to complete. **Registration deadline is Monday, December 9th.**

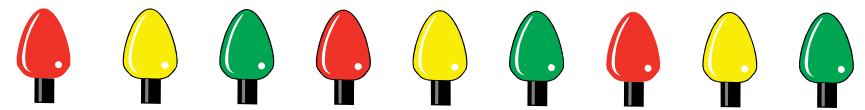
Ages: All Ages  
Dates: Friday, December 13th  
Time: 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm  
Fee: \$10/Child and Adult  
\$2/Each Additional



#### Holiday Lights Contest

The Ferguson Holiday Lights Contest is back by popular demand! Do you have the most cheerful and bright lights on the street? Enter into our Holiday Lights Contest to show off your amazing light display. You don't have to be super fancy to enter, as we will have different style awards. We can't wait to see who will claim bragging rights for this year's Holiday Lights Contest. To enter, submit your address to [thecenter@fergusoncity.com](mailto:thecenter@fergusoncity.com). All displays must be set up and turned on by 7:00pm, December 8th. For more information on the contest visit [www.fergrec.com](http://www.fergrec.com).

Dates: Sunday, December 8th  
Time: Judging Begins at 7:00pm  
Fee: FREE



### ADULT PROGRAMMING

#### Area Casino Day Trips

Need a day out and about? Come test your luck at an area casino! Fee includes transportation only. All residents can receive door to door pickup. Departure is from the Ferguson Community Center. A minimum of 10 patrons pre-registered is required for trip.

Ages: 45 and Up  
Dates: Wednesday November 6th - Casino Queen  
Time: 9:00am Pickup  
Departure: 10:00am - Return 3:00pm  
Fee: \$5 Residents  
\$8 Non-Residents

### Bountiful Feast Bingo

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

Ages: 18 and Up  
Date: Thursday November 21st  
Time: Doors Open at 11am-3:00pm  
Fee: \$14 Members!; \$16 Residents; \$20 Non-Residents

### 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. All residents can receive door to door pickup. Fee includes transportation via the Jolly Trolley and meal. A minimum of 10 patrons required for trip to make.

Ages: 18 and Up  
Dates: Wednesday November 13th,  
Time: 10:00am Pickup – Departure 11:00am  
Fee: \$32 Members; \$37 Residents; \$42 Non-Residents

### Holiday Gift Wrapping Brunch– NEW!

While we help to wrap gifts, enjoy a delicious holiday brunch. You may bring up to three gifts per participant. Will have wrapping paper on hand but you are more than welcome to bring your own.

Ages: 45 and Up  
Dates: Thursday December 19th  
Time: 10:00am-1:00pm  
Fee: \$5 Members; \$7 Residents; \$10 Non-Residents

**Registration Deadline: Friday December 13th**

### ADULT EXCURSIONS

#### Isle Casino – Cape Girardeau

Bring along your good luck charm at the Isle Casino in Cape Girardeau, MO. You will receive \$5 in free play and a \$10 food voucher for Fairdays Restaurant or Lone Wolf Restaurant. Remember that you must have valid state id with you. Cost Includes: motor coach transportation, lunch, and all gratuities.

**Registration Deadline November 1st**

Ages: 21 and up  
Date: Thursday, November 14th  
Time: 8:30 am – 7:00 pm  
Fee: \$45/Residents; \$55/Non-Residents

#### Holiday Lights Tour Spectacular

It's that time of year again when thoughts turn cookies, presents, family, & holiday lights! We will begin our "lights" tour at Rotary Park in Wentzville, MO for their spectacular Holiday Night Lights. The evening will climax with a trip through the Celebration of Lights in Fort Zumwalt Park. What a light display they put on each year! We will stop at Golden Corral for a buffet dinner prior to this "light" activity. Cost includes: motor coach transportation, meal, admissions, taxes and all gratuities.

**Registration Deadline December 3rd**

Age: 21 and up  
Date: Tues, Dec 17th  
Time: 4:00 pm-9:30 pm  
Fee: \$58/Residents; \$65/Non-Residents

#### Pacific Northwest and California

Explore the majestic Pacific Northwest and California on this 8-day adventure, from the wilds of Mount St. Helens and the Columbia River Gorge to the sophistication of Portland, Seattle and San Francisco. Travel along Oregon's beautiful coast, making stops at Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area, Yaquina Lighthouse, Newport and Coos Bay. Explore Oregon's Wilderness on a Rogue River cruise. Visit Redwood National Park's Avenue of the Giants. Explore Eureka, a historic timber and fishing village. Cross the Golden Gate Bridge and discover the "City by the Bay," San Francisco. Don't miss one of America's most beautiful regions! Join us for an informational meeting with Collette on October 28th @ 6:00pm at the Ferguson Community Center.

This trip has NO minimum! You will travel with Collette no matter how many people register. **Registration Deadline is April 20th**

Ages: 21 and up  
Dates: Sunday, September 20th – Monday, September 28th  
Time: Flight Departure-TBD  
Fee: Single: \$3,949/person; Double: \$2,999/person  
Triple: \$2,949/person



### ATHLETICS

#### Open Play Basketball

Come to the Ferguson Community Center for pickup basketball games. (Half court only) Days are subject to change.

Days: Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat, & Sun  
Location: Community Center  
Fee: FREE/Member; Daily Fee/Resident; Daily Fee/Non-Res.

#### Open Play Volleyball

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

Days: Mondays and Thursdays  
Times: 3:00pm– 6:00pm  
Location: Community Center  
Fee: FREE/Member; Daily Fee/Resident; Daily Fee/Non-Res.

#### 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.

Ages: 18 and older  
Days: Wednesday and Friday  
Location: Community Center  
Time: 9:00am-12:00pm  
Fees: Daily Rates Apply

#### 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.

## Ferguson Fire Department

Home Fire Safety Tips for Fall

#### Check Your Detectors

Spring forward, fall back, and check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. When you change your clocks, also change the battery in your detectors. Developing this habit is a good way to remember a simple task that can save your life. Be sure there are working smoke detectors on each floor of your home, particularly outside of sleeping areas. Approximately 20 percent of detectors don't work because of dead or missing batteries. In addition to replacing smoke detector batteries twice a year, smoke detectors should be replaced every 10 years.

#### Space Heaters

Space heaters need space, too. As the weather gets cooler, space heaters come out of their summer hiding places. Remember to leave at least 3 feet of space around your heater. Unplug it when not in use. Do not use extension cords with heaters!

#### Cozy Up to a Safe Fireplace

Fireplaces are involved in thousands of home fires each year. Before you toss a log on the fire, have your chimney inspected annually and cleaned when needed. Creosote, the buildup of deposits, is a top reason for fireplace fires. In addition, cracks can allow poisonous carbon monoxide to seep into your home. And finally, a thorough inspection will remove any animals that may have built a home in your chimney during the summer. The fire protection association also suggests the use of fireplace screens to keep sparks from floating out. In addition, don't leave your home or go out or go to bed with a fire left burning. And if you have a gas fireplace, have all the connections and lines checked.

#### Have an Escape Plan in Place

Be sure you have a family fire escape plan, and practice it regularly. Have an escape route for each area of your home and a designated meeting place outside. Draw a map of the escape plan and make it easy for all members of the family to understand. Train every one to stay low to the ground when escaping a fire. If you must travel through smoke to your exit, crawl and keep your head at level of 12-24 inches above the floor. Windows may provide a secondary means of escape from a burning home. For two-story homes, we would suggest the purchase of a non-combustible escape ladder that's tested and listed by an independent testing laboratory. Store the ladder permanently near the window. Escape ladders are available at most hardware stores. Buy one that hangs away from the house, rather than right up against it. Practice deploying the ladder, including how to use it from a first floor widow.

#### Outside the Home

Never park your car or truck over a pile of leaves. The heat from the vehicle's catalytic converter or exhaust system can ignite the leaves below. The resulting fire could destroy your vehicle. Flammable liquids should not be stored inside the home. Remove fuel from lawn mowers before storing them for winter. Contact your utility company if trees or branches are not clear of power lines. Prune back trees, and rake up leaves and debris. If you live in an open area with a lot of natural vegetation, consider creating a defensible fire zone around your home. Prune the bottom branches from trees and remove shrubs and trees within 20 feet of your home. Don't store cardboard boxes, paper or other flammable materials in the backyard. These materials provide ready fuel for a fire and all it takes is one spark.

**Have a Plan, Be Safe, and have a Great Fall!**



## A Farewell to Ferguson

by beachbumpoppy

At one time when someone would ask me where I was from, I would answer; "St. Louis Area," or "A suburb of St. Louis," because I knew they would have never heard of Ferguson. Now when I'm asked the same question and knowing that I live in one of the most recognized towns in the nation, I puff out my chest a little, look them straight in the eye and say, "I'm from Ferguson, Missouri!"

Family obligations require us to sell our house of 27 years and that's okay because it's for family. We moved to Ferguson in 1984 and have lived in two different houses, both built in 1890, the same year Ferguson was incorporated.

How to describe Ferguson?

That's a tough one because the perceptions of those outside of Ferguson are likely totally different from those who live here. "Diversity," is the first word to come to mind. Diversity of architecture, diversity of housing stock, diversity of locally-owned businesses and of course diversity of its citizens. We are a mix of races, ages, religions, professions and orientations. Within its boundaries you will find doctors and lawyers, retirees, single parents and those newly married. You will find folks who are well-to-do and those living at the poverty level. You will find saints, sinners and sons of bitches, that is to say, all of us.

If you want to live in a community where everyone looks, thinks, and votes like you, then Ferguson won't be a good fit, because in any trip to the local grocery store or watering hole, you will be surrounded by this wonderful mélange of humanity. If you want to live in a community where most of your dining options are national chains, then you will be disappointed, because Ferguson is rich in family owned restaurants and bars.



To the next owner of my home, I would offer this advice; get involved. Get involved in your neighborhood association, or church. Volunteer for a spot on one of the cities many boards and commissions. I was a member of the Ferguson Landmarks Commission when we

presented the then current homeowner with a plaque recognizing the 100th "birthday" of the property. I took the opportunity to get to know the owner and when she was ready to sell, we arranged a private transaction and the house never went on the market. This house has not been on the open market since 1953!

Mimsy and I head for home after the last walk of the day. The skies are veiled with a thin gauze of grey clouds, those cool colors contrast with the warm light spilling out of the windows of our house. It's early autumn and the squirrels are working overtime. Our yard is a veritable squirrel smorgasbord with its oak, hickory, and walnut trees, and that's just in the front yard. Mimsy starts to tug on her leash, I don't know if that's because she wants to get at the squirrels or she is anticipating the bacon treat awaiting her. I would suspect the later.

I wonder how many more times we will be able to walk this neighborhood. I am the definition of mixed emotions, I will miss this house but I'm excited about the future as we turn the page to the next chapter.

Poppy



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## Paul's Market Honors First Responders

Paul's Market invited all on-duty Ferguson first responders on September 11th to the market for lunch in recognition of their outstanding work.



## Father Steve Lawler To Retire From St. Stephen's

The Rev. Steve Lawler, of St. Stephen's & The Vine, is retiring from the parish after 18 years. "Father Steve," as he is known to many, has been an active part of the Ferguson Community since his first Sunday in December of 2001. He has served as a member and the chair of the Board of Earth-Dance Farms, given the benediction at the Ferguson 4th of July Gathering, helped with "Tomlettes" at the Farmers Market, and been seen in countless places around town with a coffee cup in hand. Steve will become full-time as the founding Director of the Walker Leadership Institute at Eden Seminary, an institute founded in 2016.

During Steve's time at St. Stephen's, the parish became the launchpad for various community collaborations and developed this work into what is known as The Vine. Collaborations include EarthDance, the Ferguson Youth Initiative, the North County Homeschool Cooperative, SoulFisher Ministries ENAL Tutoring Program, Circus Harmony and the Ferguson Ecoteam. Strings Attached, a roots music education program for young people led by Steve Housewright, began as a program of The Vine during this time.

St. Stephen's & The Vine has been the host for countless national and local groups, ranging from scout troops to Witnessing Whiteness groups, organic farming conferences, and conferences of church musicians, police and community member dialogues, as well as numerous food entrepreneurs using its certified kitchen.

A very popular gathering is the Clay Café was launched with Abide Ferguson in January of 2016. It offers a free meal to any and all who show up, whether old neighbors or new friends as well as arts, music, games and fun. It recently expanded to a once a month breakfast as well.

To celebrate Father Steve's retirement, the community is invited to the **Sunday, November 17th's Clay Café** from 4:30 – 6:30 pm. Come enjoy the food, the fellowship, and some special surprises. For more information contact Alie Flores at [alie@the-vine.us](mailto:alie@the-vine.us).

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At the Ferguson Library, 35 North Florissant Rd.



## Leaf Clean-up 2019

Fall is upon us and the leaves will be turning beautiful colors. Unfortunately the beautiful leaves will begin to fall.

Each property owner is responsible for cleaning up the leaves in their yards. We are fortunate to have unlimited yard waste pick-up through Republic Services.

You can either put the leaves in your own 30-gallon trash can marked as "yard waste" or use paper yard waste bags available at hardware stores. Then put the can/bags out on your weekly trash pick-up day. If you have an extremely large number of yard waste containers you may want to contact Republic Services/Allied Waste at 636-947-5959 to let them know.

Leaves cannot be blown or raked to the curb or into the street. The city street sweepers are not equipped to clean up leaf debris. Anyone blowing leaves into the street may be visited by one of our code enforcement officers.

If you need to dispose of tree branches they must be cut into 4 foot lengths and bundled no larger than 18 inches (1.5 feet) in diameter and must be tied with string or twine.

If you have any questions or concerns about yard waste disposal you can contact Republic Services/Allied Waste at 636-947-5959.



## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE 2019-2020

THANKSGIVING – Thursday November 28, 2019  
Monday routes will not be affected  
Tuesday routes will not be affected  
Wednesday routes will not be affected  
Thursday routes will be picked up on Friday, November 29th  
Friday routes will be picked up on Saturday, November 30th

CHRISTMAS DAY – Wednesday, December 25, 2019  
Monday routes will not be affected  
Tuesday routes will not be affected  
Wednesday routes will be picked up on Thursday, December 26th  
Thursday routes will be picked up on Friday, December 27th  
Friday routes will be picked up on Saturday, December 28th

NEW YEARS DAY – Wednesday, January 1, 2020  
Monday routes will not be affected  
Tuesday routes will not be affected  
Wednesday routes will be picked up on Thursday, January 2nd  
Thursday routes will be picked up on Friday, January 3rd  
Friday routes will be picked up on Saturday, January 4th

## How to Compost in 3 Steps

This article is from the Ferguson Eco Team and is Part 1 of a 3-part series.

Composting drastically reduces food and other organic wastes. Approximately 700 pounds of waste per household turns into compost instead of trash each year. Composting is good for the environment and provides rich fertilizer to grow large, healthy produce or beautiful flowers.

If you support the idea of cutting waste and reducing trash in our landfills, composting can help you put nutrients back into your own garden.

Compost is quite easy to make by combining DE-compostable waste materials from your own household to make nutrient-rich, plant-enriching soil. Follow these eight easy steps to make composting easy. Here's a little secret: anyone can compost regardless of where they live. With the right ingredients and proper care, you can turn your old food and waste into the best soil around.

### Choose the Right Compost Ingredients

Choosing the correct ingredients for your compost bin is crucial for it to function effectively. It's important to strike the right balance between *green* nitrogen-rich material like old food scraps and yard waste, and *brown* carbon rich material like fallen leaves and old newspaper. When properly prepared and in the right ratio, these materials create the perfect environment for bacteria and worms to thrive, turning what would be waste into valuable compost. Follow this list of compostable categories to ensure that your compost pile remains healthy and productive.

#### Green

The term *green* here refers to nitrogen-rich materials that provide crucial proteins and amino acids necessary for cell growth within the compost pile. Here is a list of *green* materials that you can include in your compost bin.

Fruit & vegetable scraps	Stale bread, tortillas and pitas
Coffee grounds & filters	Stale potato chips
Crushed egg shells	Spoiled tomato paste
Natural tea bags & loose leaf tea	Spoiled tofu
Cooked rice and pasta	Seaweed

#### Brown

The term *brown* here refers to materials rich in carbon. These compost materials are important because they work as both the energy source and the basic building block of microbial cells within your compost. Here is a list of *brown* materials that you can include in your compost bin.

Fallen leaves	Floor crumbs
Woody pruning	Stale cereal
Untreated wood sawdust	Cereal Box (must shred)
Black & white newspaper	UN-waxed used paper plates
Used paper napkins	Nut Shells (except walnut shells)
Use paper towels	
Paper bag (must shred)	
UN-waxed cardboard (must rip into small pieces)	

### Items you should not compost

Another good rule of thumb: Avoid composting animal products. Things like butter, meat, animal fat, and dairy products are not good things to compost.

### Turn Your Pile Regularly

Once you make your bin and fill it with the proper ingredients, it's easy to

forget to maintain the mixture. Just like other living organisms, the bacteria in compost needs oxygen to survive, so it's important to turn the mixture about once a week. Without proper ventilation, the bacteria in the middle of the pile will slow down the process, thus producing less heat. An easy way to tell whether a compost pile needs turning is its internal temperature. Regularly turning your pile provides a series of benefits including:

#### Ventilation

It's important to take care of your microorganisms because then they will take care of you. When the microorganisms in your compost pile have the proper amount of oxygen, they are able to break down waste at an increased rate.

#### Speed

With the amount of compostable waste that we go through in a single day, it can be hard to keep up. When a compost pile is properly ventilated, it breaks down compostable material significantly quicker, allowing for a quicker turnaround between compostable material and usable compost.

#### Heat Generation

As the microorganisms in your compost begin to work faster, they give off more heat in the process. Heat is essential to the composting process. Without it, intrusive bacteria will thrive and plant seeds won't get killed off. Although there are many different DE-composers hard at work turning plant matter into compost, bacteria is the real powerhouse of a compost pile. When they break down plant matter, they create carbon dioxide and heat which, in turn, creates a more suitable environment for more heat loving microbes to join the party.

#### Put your finished Compost to Use

One common misconception is that compost has to be collected all in one batch. Most people who compost choose to section off their bin or create multiple bins in order to always have compost at different stages. This means that you would always have some compost just starting off at the same time as compost that is ready for use. This turns composting into a continuous rather than a temporary process. So now that you're finished making compost, what do you do with it? The answer is much simpler than you might think. Compost can be used for any sort of garden work that requires soil or fertilizer. Some of the most common uses are:

#### Soil Amending

Although compost can work as a soil substitute, the best way to maximize its benefits is by mixing it in with the existing soil you already have. Doing so revitalizes the soil, making it much more nutrient rich.

#### Mulch

Just like the mulch you might buy at a gardening store, mulch made of compost has the ability to suppress weeds and add fertility to your soil. The best part is that you don't have to treat it any differently than any other type of mulch; spread it around plants and trees. After a few days it will begin to break up and absorb into the soil.

#### Lawn Dressing

Sprinkling compost on your lawn provides nutrients to the soil, making it healthier and better equipped to hold water. Repeat this process a few times a year and your lawn will appear greener and thicker without the need for additional fertilizers.

## Financial Focus

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### The Cashless Society

It's been interesting to look at different forms of making payments without using cash or even paper checks. The advantages of using a plastic card or iPhone have really taken off. So the need for waiting in a long line at the bank is pretty much over, it's really been over since direct deposit took off in the last quarter of the twentieth century. Today if you don't get paid by direct deposit or a plastic card, you are in the minority. As with many of my friends we are still a little wary using a cell phone to make payments, being so dependent on this little flat rectangle that knows more about me than anyone else can also be a bit frightening. And at least for now, I can still enjoy many conveniences by using plastic and shopping on-line which is another convenience. To help quell my fears of using the iPhone to expose myself to more fraud, my daughter introduced me to the "magic band" at Disney World earlier this year. And I must admit it did wow me. Being at Disney makes you feel as if you don't have a care in the world except to have fun. So this was a good intro into the future of paying for goods without using a plastic card or cash.

Last month I mentioned learning more about "virtual currency." It is "intangible" meaning there is no physical presence. And depending on what type of virtual currency being referred to, it can be a bit risky. The term "digital currency" is another type of intangible currency. And yet another new term is "crypto currency." As progress moves us in the direction of not needing actual cash, we probably need to become more familiar with the various types of intangible currency that could become the norm. Turns out that digital currency is more of an umbrella describing all forms of electronic money. Transferring funds from one account to another on-line is done with digital currency, that would include the electronic transfer of funds like your paycheck going into your bank account. This type of digital currency is real money that is intangible, but widely accepted and usable to nearly everyone. Some forms such as a Paypal account involve transfers between other users, but of course anyone can join Paypal, so it would fall into the real money category.

Today many central banks are looking at getting into digital currency due to the diminishing need for cash. Central banks are the institutions that manage financial policy for a nation like the Federal Reserve in the United States, the Bank of England in the UK and the People's Bank of China. This movement towards digital currencies brings up a host of questions that there doesn't seem to be many answers to yet. One of those is the role between the citizen and the state – a former researcher at the Bank of England asks: "Does the government have an obligation or a duty to provide risk free money to the general population? Does that duty persist after cash usage drops off." No answers yet. Technology is moving faster and the need to understand how the other digital currencies work is important for everyone.

Last year I looked into the Bitcoin and found the information to be confusing and left me wondering why anyone would choose to collect or accept Bitcoins as payment. It is the most popular example of a crypto currency. Only those who have agreed to accept this form of payment belong to the bitcoin community. Unlike the digital currency we are more familiar with this is not real money as we are accustomed to. It has value within the bitcoin community and can be used for payments within this group. The more popular use of the bitcoin and other crypto currencies is as an investment. Like a stock you could buy bitcoins and just hold them until the value increases and then sell. Bitcoin's value is determined by an algorithm parameter, supply and demand. Crypto currencies are self-regulating, decentralized and don't rely on third parties to process transactions making users anonymous. This is what makes the "crypto" confusing for many of us. To help this understanding we need to look at how it was created and recognize the importance of the cryptographer. From the dictionary the definition is: "the science or study of the techniques of secret writing, especially code and cipher systems, methods, and the like."

During 2008, the financial world was in crisis. Lehman Brothers Holdings the world's fourth largest investment bank filed for bankruptcy protection under Chapter 11. Meanwhile, a person or persons under the guise of Satoshi Nakamoto registered the domain bitcoin.org and soon published a white paper explaining the workings of a crypto-currency to a cryptography mailing list. The timing was perfect for its introduction. Using a blockchain technology all bitcoin transactions are recorded on its network. The actual blockchain is a ledger distributed to all computers within the bitcoin network. It records all transactions ever made on a block. As the memory of each block becomes full, it is added sequentially to the chain of blocks. The ledger is freely available on any computer in the bitcoin network. Each computer validates, stores and relays transaction data to other network computers which are referred to as "nodes." So basically, the cryptographers write the code which is the algorithm parameter that helps determine the value of the bitcoin along with supply and demand.

We were used to the value of money being measured on the gold standard for years, as we recovered from the Great Depression, President Roosevelt required Americans to turn in gold coins to the Federal Reserve for paper currency. In 1934 he set the devalued dollar at a rate of \$35 per ounce of gold. Then in 1971, President Nixon recognized we could no longer convert

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dollars to a fixed value of the tangible gold and its value began to float freely through trade in the foreign exchange markets. Those markets use a variety of factors in determining what positions to take, including the relative economic strength of the countries, interest rates, and other macroeconomic factors. Central Banks also intervene as needed during volatile periods. Unlike the crypto-currency, most of us feel a little safer in this environment. When the problems in the financial markets of 2008 made us nervous about trusting big banks and the government to keep them solvent, the creation of cryptocurrencies seemed like a good idea.

So now we have about 1900 crypto currencies in the market, most we've never heard of and some are fraudulent. Their anonymity has made them attractive to some illegal activities, but bitcoin survived many of these problems and along the way made some investors huge profits. There are also "virtual currencies" which like cryptos are not regulated, however they are only available to be used for purchase within a specific group – an example might be the rewards in the gaming industry that can be used on other games, just not outside of that group. As central banks look at phasing out cash in favor of digital currencies, we need to learn more about how they work and determine a government's role in monetary policy without physical cash.

If you have any comments or questions, please e-mail me at cleav73@sbcglobal.net.



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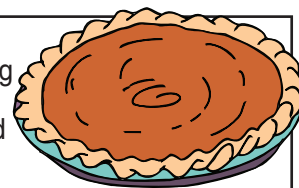
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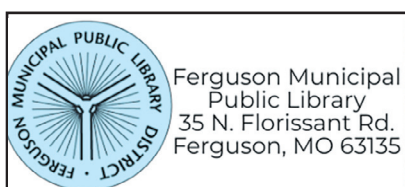
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# Edward Jones Perspective

by Joe Meyer

## Be Creative When Withdrawing from Retirement Accounts

Like many people, you may spend decades putting money into your IRA and your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. But eventually you will want to take this money out – if you must start withdrawing some of it. How can you make the best use of these funds?

To begin with, here's some background: When you turn 70 ½, you need to start withdrawals – called required minimum distributions, or RMDs – from your traditional IRA and your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan, such as a 457(b) or 403(b). (A Roth IRA is not subject to these rules; you can essentially keep your account intact for as long as you like.) You can take more than the RMD, but if you don't take at least the minimum (which is based on your account balance and your life expectancy), you'll generally be taxed at 50% of the amount you should have taken – so don't forget these withdrawals.

Here, then, is the question: What should you do with the RMDs? If you need the entire amount to help support your lifestyle, there's no issue – you take the money and use it. But what if you don't need it all? Keeping in mind that the withdrawals are generally fully taxable at your personal income tax rate, are there some particularly smart ways in which you can use the money to help your family or, possibly, a charitable organization?

Here are a few suggestions:

- **Help your grown children with their retirement accounts.** Your grown children may not always be able to afford to “max out” on their IRAs. You might want to help them with any excess funds from your own retirement accounts. You can give \$15,000 per year, per recipient, without incurring any gift taxes – an amount far higher than the current annual IRA contribution limit of \$6,000 (or \$7,000 for individuals 50

or older).

- **Help your grandchildren pay for college.** You might want to contribute to an investment specifically designed to build assets for college. A financial professional can help you choose which investments might be most appropriate. Of course, if your grandchildren are already in college, you are free to simply write a check to the school to help cover tuition and other expenses.

- **Help support a charitable organization.** Due to recent changes in tax laws, many individuals now claim a standard deduction, rather than itemizing. As a result, there's less of an incentive, from a tax standpoint, for people to contribute to charitable organizations.

But if you'd still like to support a charitable group and gain potential tax benefits, you might want to consider moving some, or all, of your required distributions from your IRA to a charity. You can transfer up to \$100,000 from your IRA in this type of qualified charitable distribution, thus meeting your RMD requirements without adding to your taxable income. Furthermore, this move might keep you in a lower tax bracket. (Before making this transfer, though, you will need to consult with your tax advisor.)

Your RMDs can contribute greatly to your retirement income, but, as we've seen, they can do even more than that – so use them wisely

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We, the volunteers and everyone that enjoyed a beautiful week-end of good music, old and new friends, good food, and

libations want to give you this really big THANK YOU.

## Trivia

All answer begin with the LETTER “S”

1. Bash for grooms-to-be
2. Fair weather timepiece
3. A dance with all right angles
4. A conversation in Munchkinland
5. Tweety's “puddy tat”
6. Puxsutawney Phil's sometimes discovery
7. Benny Goodman was its king
8. Unlocks the doors of a haunted house
9. Don't cook the food. Let them eat it raw.
10. You take it step-by-step
11. Unswayable mule-like attitude
12. Less than a Junior
13. Vacation junk

See answers at bottom of page 23.

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

**History of the Tire**

Do you know the history of the tires on your vehicle? By today's definition, a tire is a ring shaped vehicle component that covers the rim of the wheel to protect it and enable better vehicle performance. It also will help provide traction between the vehicle and the road while providing a flexible cushion that helps absorb shock. (I bet that you have never heard this description). Today, most of us take our tires for granted until we have a flat, or our automotive service provider makes us aware "that it is time to consider replacing your tires". Here is some information you may enjoy knowing...

Before rubber was developed, the first versions of tires were simply bands of metal fitted around wooden wheels to prevent wear and tear. The first rubber tire actually appeared in the mid-1800's. They were solid or cushion tires in which the rubber itself carried the load, absorbed shocks, and resisted cutting and abrasions. The air-filled tire, which carried the load and absorbed shocks by the compressed air in the tire casing, was patented as early as 1845. Solid rubber tires were preferred over air-filled tires because of their durability, so they fell into disuse.

The first use of air-filled tires for automobiles was pioneered by the Michelin brothers, André and Édouard. They equipped a car with air filled

tires and drove it in the 1895 Paris-Bordeaux road race. Though André and Édouard didn't win the race, they generated popular interest in air filled tires, and Michelin & Cie became a leading producer of tires in Europe.

For the next fifty years automobile tires were made up of an inner tube that contained compressed air and an outer casing that protected the inner tube and provided traction. The materials of modern air-filled tires are synthetic rubber, natural rubber, fabric and wire, along with carbon black and other chemical compounds. The tread provides traction while the body provides the area necessary to hold the compressed air. Goodyear finally produced a radial tire in 1977 by investing billions of dollars in radial technology. Other American tire companies either merged or were bought out. All American new cars came with radial tires by 1983. Today, over one billion tires are produced annually in over 400 tire factories.

Fall is the time to have your tires inspected for uneven wear and tread depth. Once the tread depth is down to less than 4/32nds it doesn't have good traction in the rain or snow. Make sure your vehicle is safe for wet, snowy weather that is around the corner. Call for an appointment or visit us at robinwoodauto.com

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## Traveling With Marveena



by Marveena  
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A three day weekend always equals a trip, so for the last weekend in September we jumped on a short two hour flight after work and landed in New Orleans. After a short 15 min. cab ride we arrived at our perfectly located hotel and off to Bourbon Street we went. I am happy we booked Thursday night, it gave us time to enjoy Bourbon Street without the chaos I didn't know was coming.

Thursday night we were able to walk around the street, visit the shops and find a seat at any bar we chose. In hindsight I wish I had stayed much later than 11:30 that first night; little did I know, that because of the crowds, come Friday I would not be able to walk, hear, or enjoy the rest of my time there. Thanks to the excessive heat, record breaking of course, the normal chaos of New Orleans and the almost sold out Saints vs. Cowboys game, it was utter chaos the rest of the trip.



Street performers on Bourbon Street Saturday Night

Up early we walked the six blocks to Cafe de Monde and tried the world famous Beignets and coffee. Chris said the coffee was delicious but the band was already planning to start, and we were covered in powdered sugar, so we quickly moved on. There was nothing relaxing or peaceful about New Orleans and although I expected excitement at night, I did not anticipate in the late afternoon. I generally enjoy my European vacations with the mornings so quiet and relaxing. That is definitely not New Orleans on a weekend. After being hounded for money by everyone we walked by, we found refuge on the Hop-On, Hop-Off bus. It was brutally hot, a nice steamy 98, but at least I could hear. The tour takes about two hours and we rode past old cemeteries, tiny houses and stunning homes. New Orleans has an interesting history, founded by the French and acquired by the U.S. through the Louisiana Purchase in 1803 for the deal of only \$15 million, or \$8/sq. mi. There are numerous historical tours, even a Hurricane Katrina tour, and I would have enjoyed doing a few but they were all booked to capacity; couple that with the blazing heat, we skipped them all. I did not learn any new history on the bus; it was all pretty text book. They briefly talked about the Civil War, the importance of the port, a few words on the Plantation Slave's Rebellion in 1811, the tragedy of Hurricane Katrina and a brief mention of Voodoo Queen Marie Laveau. My suspicion is that it has more to do with American Horror Story than history and the struggles they are currently facing as a city moving forward.

I would have enjoyed Mardi Gras World, but with the thought of waiting for a different bus, in the heat, we just finished the loop and got off. We walked around, stopping in for a drink when we could find a seat and get away from the crowds. Eventually,



we decided on dinner, New Orleans style. Chris tried Oysters Rockefeller, Gumbo, Jambalaya, Crawfish Etouffee, but my boring self...had a burger. By the time we left the restaurant the crowds had multiplied such that it was like being at Six Flags, one long continuous line looping around, with one line following another. There literally was never any break in sight from the crowds, no open areas. We tried to stop in the shops but you



Mural painted on Canal Street. Murals are very big currently in New Orleans. "Street Art" is proudly displayed all over New Orleans

couldn't walk through the mass of bodies to get to them. We tried to listen to some music and there were either no seats or a ridiculous cover charge. Defeated and exhausted, we headed back to our room and decided to stop by the pool.

Saturday morning we headed for the bus and used it as our transportation to get around the city. We visited the Magazine Street Area, where again because of the crowds you could not walk in the shops; the wait for food anywhere was 1-2 hours, so we hopped back on the bus and ended our loop. We headed to the Spotted Cat on Frenchman Street and listened to live music the rest of the afternoon. After a few hours we headed back down to the riverfront area, where Chris had a Muffuletta sandwich at the oldest Italian grocer, and I had fried chicken down the street at Coop's Place. The fried chicken was good but the Lemp Brewery has better. We walked around some more, had a few more drinks and headed back to our room.

Sunday was our last day there and I was ready to go home. We had a nice Southern brunch, listening to some more live jazz on Frenchman Street before heading to the airport.

There is a variety of different architecture in New Orleans. Shown to the right is a castle just off downtown.



There is rarely a trip from which I am ready to leave, but three days in New Orleans was plenty for me. I am glad I can check it off my list, and I am sure some people love it, but I am counting down the days for Krakow and Prague at Christmas. Bring on the cold, the snow, the festivities and the quiet relaxing atmosphere.

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Though running is an effective exercise, it can also be hard on the body. The pounding of the feet on the pavement hour after hour puts a significant strain on the musculoskeletal system. This is why pain and injuries are common for runners in the knees, ankles, and hips. It worsens when your body is out of alignment, or your muscles are unbalanced.

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**Sherlock's Pal**



The other day I got what I call a “wild hair” (or is it “hare”?) and decided to sort through my nostalgia box. Now, for those of you who haven’t been digging through the corners of my clothes closet, my nostalgia box is an actual box of things I have kept since high school. If my math skills are still intact, this means that I have stuff in there that is over forty years old. By the way, I still use the same box. It is funny how even boxes seem to age over the years—wrinkles, yet no gray hair. My box contains everything from golfing medals and ribbons (I used to be good . . . used to be) to letters to the editor and newspaper columns I have written over the years (I used to be a community pot-stirrer . . . used to be) to letters I have received from VIP’s. It’s an interesting box.

One of the pleasant discoveries I made was a collection of one-liners from a well-known Texas pastor named Gerald Mann, who died in October 2015. I met him in the early 1990s and somehow managed to convince him to share some of his witty prayers with me. Years earlier, Mann became the pastor of a church in Austin, Texas, the state capital. According to Mann’s obituary: “Austin found Gerald Mann a refreshing breath of fresh air and he became increasingly visible when asked to provide the opening prayer for the State Legislature in 1976. Accustomed to lengthy, sermon-like prayers from local pastors, legislators were intrigued by Gerald’s brief remarks: ‘Lord, help us to lead such lives that when we die, even the undertaker will be sorry.’ The positive response led to him serving as the chaplain for the House and Senate, where lawmakers and spectators in the gallery waited to hear what this unusual preacher would say. One of his prayers was, ‘Father, as we face the difficult decisions of this week, may we not grow wishbones where our backbones ought to be,’ while another posited, ‘Lord, help these senators to remember that making laws is like a love affair; if it’s easy, it’s sleazy. Amen.’

In honor of Rev. Mann, I thought I would share with you a few more of his one-liner prayers:

- Bless our politicians—it ain’t easy to straddle a fence and keep both ears to the ground at the same time.
- Teach us to be mediators instead of gladiators.
- Remind us that you (God) don’t need a wiretap to know what we’re up to.
- May all of the wild oats we have sown experience crop failure.
- Deliver us from politicians who make nothing happen very slowly.
- Teach us the difference between an open mind and an empty head.
- Help us to remember that it is always easier to fight for our principles than to live up to them.
- Remind us that if we’ve really got it, we don’t have to flaunt it.

Dr. Jimmy Watson  
Pastor, Immanuel United Church of Christ, Ferguson, MO  
If you would like to read more of Rev. Mann’s one-liners, write to me at [sherlockspal@yahoo.com](mailto:sherlockspal@yahoo.com).

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November, 2019 by Bob McCarty

### Easy ways to Save your Energy Dollars in your home

Search the internet and you will learn where homes lose most of their energy. 'Bob on Job' works with the restoration of your original windows because our stock of historical windows, and buildings, are dwindling and once they're gone, they're gone. I just hate seeing people throwing away their windows and their money in landfills. Let's take a look at a couple of directions to improve the energy efficiency of your older homes. But first:

Did you know that older homes were built with energy conservation in mind? Air conditioning wasn't available in the early 20th century. Dishwashers and electric stoves were still waiting to be a part of our everyday life. Most of our least energy efficient homes were built between the years 1940 and 1975; when these luxuries were installed, energy was cheap and plentiful. Recent studies have shown that older homes, built before those years, are more energy efficient.

The World War II era houses that were built after the war, only used a couple of house designs and they were built one right after the other to keep up with the serviceman coming home from the war in pursuit of the 'American Dream'. Did the construction trade think about energy efficiency, with the abundance of fossil fuels available to be disposed of at our discretion at that time? Even some of the homes built today, even though they are well insulated, don't perform as the homes that were built in the early 20th century because the natural sources of physical comfort, heating, lighting and ventilation, have not been taken under full consideration.

If you are lucky enough to live in an older home that hasn't been altered, your home was built with your personal comfort in mind. How the home was placed on the property, the large soffits, the placements of the windows, all played a part to the physical comfort of the occupant.

Let's talk about a couple of directions where we can save energy in our homes, older and newer. First and the cheaper direction is to use a passive route. The second, and more extensive route is the retrofitting of new materials into the fabric of the building. (Investigate the materials you are using in regards to your home. Some materials, such as expanding foam, may or may not be a good choice to use in your retrofit. It's better to do the research rather than to find out later that it wasn't a good choice.) Using a passive approach would be to survey how and when rooms are to be used.

- Lowering the thermostat in the winter and raising it in the summer is the most common-sense approach. Put on a sweater or have a pile of blankets next to the couch for an evening in front of the television.
- Close off the rooms not being used and control, with dampers in the vents, the temperature in the rooms being used.
- Maximize natural light. Turn off the lights when you leave a room and control the numbers of lights that are turned on in the rooms being used.
- Maximize fresh air by using operable windows when the outside temperatures permit. They were built to help control your interior's comfort.
- Hang heavier curtains, or drapes over your windows
- Maintain your mechanical equipment by servicing regularly and don't forget to change the filters.

By using these few measures, you can save as much as 30% of the energy used in your home.

There are many retrofitting measures that could help conserve energy in your older home than are listed here, but these two were at the top of the list that I had researched, and the way I look at it, the top of the list is the most important.

- Air Infiltration is the culprit that leads to substantial energy consumption. Loose windows, doors, and cracks in the exterior shell of the house are invitations to air infiltration into your home. You don't need to yank out the old windows and doors and replace with new (remember what was said earlier about research). By adding weather stripping to windows and doors as well as caulking cracks on the envelope of the building will help cut back air infiltration. Just remember, that some infiltration is needed to help with moisture migration. If your home is too closed up, condensation problems will begin and you could get rotted sills and possibly mold and mildew problems.
- Attic insulation will prevent the warm air that rises from rising right on out of the house. If your attic doesn't have flooring and the joists are exposed, insulating the floor is your best direction. If there is a floor in the attic, insulating between the rafters of the roof is the second-best direction. Just remember that if you are insulating the floor the vapor barrier should be facing down and if you are insulating at the roof, the vapor barrier should be facing in. And of course, ventilation of the attic is just as important as it is in the rest of the house.

Saving energy without proper ventilation will produce condensation. Even though you're saving money on your energy bills the condensation is invisibly causing problems that will cost you a lot more than you saved with your retrofitting.

Until next month, stay warm and remember that Bob is on the Job working to help you live comfortably in your older home. Don't forget to do your research before you do something you may regret in the future.

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## Ferguson by Foot

By: Margaret Wolfinbarger



Private First-Class Raymond Charles Allen laid down his life in Seoul, Korea on September 21, 1950, just five days after he turned twenty-one. He was part of Baker Company, First Battalion, First Marine Regiment and was killed in the battle for Yongdung-po. His friend, Jack M. Witter, said he was on top of the dike, where the road led from Kimpo Airfield into Seoul, firing on the North Koreans on the other side of the dike when he was hit. "He was a good Marine, a friend, and I will never forget him."

Ray's picture hangs in the home of my grandparents—a picture I have not ceased to marvel over since I was a child. I used to wonder, who was this young man in uniform with the white hat cocked to the side and the hint of a grin? Was he naturally brave or courageous by necessity? My grandpa said he was a hero who died in the Korean war, and never spoke of him without a tear in the corner of his eye.

The picture of Ray took on new meaning when my son, Andrew, enlisted as a Marine on September 18th, 2015. By the time his first letter reached home, ("Boots" are not allowed to call home) I was in a frenzy of expectation. Was he warm? Was he well fed? Was he safe? His letter said boot camp wasn't as bad as he thought it would be and he "liked his drill instructor". Three months later, when I went to observe his Marine Corps graduation, he showed me the base and we were treated to a very nice buffet style lunch. How different our enlisted men and women experience the Marine Corps in a time of peace. Still, the sacrifices they make are nonetheless remarkable.

Jack Witter wrote, "Yongdung-Po. It was a fierce battle. Street by street and building by building. My friend, Frank Devine, knocked out four or five North Korean tanks with his rocket launcher and was awarded the silver star for doing so."

My Grandpa Allen tells me that his mother grieved for Ray a long time. She was not alone. Jack also wrote about a place in Korea they called, "Massacre Valley."

"We regained that ground in which an American Army unit had been wiped out by the Chinese. A long convoy of Army vehicles had been destroyed during a retreat and around their vehicles were the bodies of hundreds of dead American soldiers. In all, about 120 trucks and 19 howitzers were lost. I did not see the body of one dead enemy. The Army reported 1,537 casualties, of which 948 soldiers were reported missing. Those who hadn't been killed were captured and marched into North Korea by their captors. We recovered about ten wounded soldiers who had been left behind because they couldn't walk, and they told me the story of what had happened. I remember a scene in which approximately 20 Marine bodies had been laid side by side. What impressed me most was that all of them wore wedding bands."

The Korean War is often referred to as the "forgotten war". It ended with an armistice on July 27, 1953. Nearly 5 million people died. More than half of these were civilians, which was higher than WWII's and Vietnam's casualties. 40,000 Americans died in action in Korea and 100,000 were wounded.

The American flag hangs on the front of our home to remind us we are still one nation under God because of brave men and women who gave all they had to preserve our liberty. I can think of no greater gift to be thankful for this month than my freedom. I am also thankful for those young men and women who serve our country today. Even in peace time they live in harsh conditions on bases that lack modern conveniences (my son did not have air conditioning while stationed at 29 Palms). He was often soaked with sweat or shivering from the cold.

Our view from America may be different than in 1950 when Communism was a threat our government refused to ignore. Unless we know someone in the military, the wars we fight on distant soil are far removed from our daily experience. Not like then, when our boys were drafted or when they valiantly enlisted to preserve liberty. I sometimes think the younger generations have not counted the cost paid for our freedoms. We are too often consumed with plans for our next beach vacation to think about blood-soaked battle fields.

This Thanksgiving, I hope you will stop and consider the cost. As we are inundated with advertisements for food and entertainment, I hope you will choose to visit a war memorial, thank your neighbor who served, or donate to fund that supports wounded veterans. No matter how many years have passed since they served, their memories are often acute and painful. They deserve to be honored.

My Great Uncle Ray was first and foremost a son and a brother. He died a Marine. May his sacrifice never be forgotten. For more inspiration, follow me on my blog: [www.destinationdiscipline.com](http://www.destinationdiscipline.com).

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## FYI Welcomes New Board Members

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**Ferguson**  
Youth Initiative

The Ferguson Youth Initiative announces the selection of six new members to its Board of Directors. Representing a diverse cross-section of community stakeholders, the new members join FYI as it prepares to celebrate a Decade of Empowering Youth.

The new members include Trent Ball, Assistant Vice President for Academic Diversity and outreach at Southeast Missouri State University; Winnie Caldwell, Manager of Books N Bros; Megan Klenke-Isgriggs, Learning Officer at Missouri Foundation for Health; Nichelle Orange, Talent Acquisition Specialist at SSM Health; Dionne Orr, Senior Lead Merchandiser at Pepsi Co.; and Renee T. Wood, Associate Professor at St. Louis Community College.

After 10 years of continuous service, Board Chairman and founding member Dwayne T. James is shifting into a new role as head of the FYI Emeritus Advisory Board. "I look forward to continuing the work of FYI to engage and empower by supporting Aaron and the new board members," says James. Another long-serving board member, Ferguson City Councilwoman Heather Robinett, has reached the end of her term. FYI greatly appreciates the energetic contributions made by Mr. James and Ms. Robinett and looks forward working with them in new capacities as the organization celebrates its Decade of Empowering Youth in 2020.

For more information on how you can become involved with the Ferguson Youth Initiative as we gear up to celebrate our Decade of Empowerment please email [info@fyiferyouth.org](mailto:info@fyiferyouth.org)

Founded in 2010, the Ferguson Youth Initiative empowers teens from Ferguson and surrounding communities to become productive, positive, & contributing members of the community.

## Oct 9th, 2019 meeting

Reported by Keith Kallstrom  
( [Keith.Kallstrom@gmail.com](mailto:Keith.Kallstrom@gmail.com) )



Sergeant Tim Harris opened the October 9th, 2019 meeting of Ferguson On-Watch, welcoming everyone.

The September 2019 crime stats were passed out and reviewed. As one of the attendees was a victim of a house break-in during July, I counted up the "Property Damage" accounts for September and came up with 25 incidents, happening all over town. This is down from August. "Burglary" accounted for 26 incidents in September, up by 5 since August. Of these 51 incidents of property damage & burglary, 24, almost 1/2 of them occurred in the apartment complexes off of West Florissant Ave. Regarding the burglaries, 15 of the 26, or over 1/2 of them, were for copper pipes, which means vacant buildings were burglarized. Officer Harris also told us about a bad accident on West Florissant at Lang, where a speeding vehicle lost control and slammed into a house, killing 1 of the 4 occupants. The car trip started in the city of St Louis.

Crime tip: Don't leave your purse or your gun or other valuables in your car. A lot of property damages are crimes of opportunity.

Pedestrian & Vehicle accidents: West Florissant Ave. Additional accidents are occurring on West Florissant Avenue between Quick Trip and south to Ferguson Ave. In some areas the lighting is not the best, and people are wearing all black, which makes it hard to see jaywalkers going across the street.

New Special Traffic Detail – Issues on South Florissant Road and on West Florissant Road: When traffic issues are called to the police's attention in the neighborhoods, additional attention will extend to those identified streets.

Breaking & Entering? The term Breaking & Entering is no longer used in Missouri. If they break a window and enter your house, it is classified as a Property Damage and Trespassing. If you are at home when the break in occurs, then it is a Burglary. If a weapon is involved, then it is a Burglary 1st.

K-9s Merica, Kojak & Champ: Officer Harris described some of the training that goes on with our K-9 dogs. Our K-9s also serve in our neighboring communities, bringing their unique abilities.

Lock it or Lose it: One of the attendees asked about the new "Lock it or Lose it" yard signs appearing around town. The Neighborhood League was given 1st opportunity by Kelly Shelton from City Hall to obtain and post the signs in the neighborhoods. The signs are sponsored by the National Neighborhood Watch organization.

Next meeting date: Our next Ferguson On Watch meeting is November 13th 7:00 PM at City Hall. Have a safe month!

## Recognize a Teacher Who Inspired YOU!



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## Labor Law Breakfast Presentation

In 2019, the National Labor Relations Board has made numerous and significant changes to labor law. Michael Evans with Hartnett Reyes-Jones, LLC will discuss these changes and their impact on workers. This will be a great presentation. We hope to see you there. Breakfast is at 8:00 a.m. The program starts at 8:30 a.m.

Labor Law Breakfast Details:

When: **Wednesday, November 13, 2019** from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Where IBEW Local 1439 (2121 59th Street, St. Louis, MO 63110)

Cost: \$20/person

Presenter: Michael Evans, Attorney, Hartnett Reyes-Jones, LLC

Register: Call Amy at 314-400-7632 to register.

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# The Ferguson Computer Corner

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## “Welcome to Ferguson, Home of Painting for Peace”

Open Letter to the City and Citizens of Ferguson

NOVEMBER, 2019

so, what are the holidays for this month? let's check.

1st: All Saints Day  
11th: Veterans' Day  
28th: Thanksgiving Day

As always, I mention only the holidays that are most commonly celebrated by most of us, according to WinCalendar.com; please see the other dates listed at this site for a more complete understanding/appreciation of what is going on this month. Or not. Your choice.

DO YOU LIKE “TOP 10” LISTS?, DEPT.

I think I have one for you. I searched for the most USED operating system, world-wide. Not the most popular, or the most sold; the MOST USED. that's because companies like Micro\$oft don't like to admit to what they produce or sell. They consider it to be a trade secret; unless of course, they want you to know that they are the TOP seller, and they have indisputable proof from universally accepted sources. This would be good for their business, you see.

Anyhow, according to Statcounter, the GLOBALSTATS are, as of the most recent info available, show:

1. Android at 40.44%
2. Windows at 35.32%
3. iOS at 14.29%
4. OS X at 6.4%
5. UNKNOWN at 1.59%
6. Linux (all distros) at 0.8%

Please understand that these results are apparently for all devices that, I suppose, do ANY kind of computing, and are therefore considered to be a “computer”. Of course, operating systems are only put on computers, right? Well,

it seems that tablets, phones, etc., are computers. If you wanna get real picky, so are watches, right? I even contend that the BIOS in a computer has an operating system, as the BIOS is the little computer inside a computer that has a very simple operating system running it, called FIRMWARE. Firmware is usually NOT able to be modified by the end user, hence FIRMware. Anyhow, firmware is coded by the BIOS manufacturer, and rarely modified, except by a process called “flashing”. We are not talking about this kind of operating system here, nor did the writers of this article from Statcounter.

Altho I admit that I expected to see Windows at the top, it is not surprising to see Android occupy the top slot, because there are so many phones in use. I kinda doubt that this will change anytime during our lifetime. At least not until they put a puter into our brain, like science fiction has told us all these decades.

iOS is used on Apple products, like the iphone, ipad, etc. OS X is used

on Apple computers like notebooks and desktops.

UNKNOWN is their way of saying all the other OS's that are not used enough by anyone to be a meaningful OS, so they just lump them all together. Well, ok. I DID ask for the MOST USED, after all. :)

LINUX. I must admit that I was kinda shocked by this one, too. I guess there just aren't many Linux users today as there used to be (proportionally). Linux was, at least a few decades ago, more popular. I think that is because there are now so many other “computers” being sold, and they have their own OS, because Windows and Linux were never ported for those devices. You can't put just any OS on just any hardware device, just like any tire won't fit any car. Duh!

I also want to point out that the Linux guys are working on an OS for tablets and for phones. I give them another 3 years. But when that day comes, i'm gonna jump on it. I know it will be a most reliable and feature-rich OS, and be better than anything that's out there now or then.

Also please notice that the bad guys out there only target the biggest OS's, as proven by the current top 3 (Android, windows, and iOS/OS X) are getting hacked all the time.

The same will be true when Linux tablet/phone OS's come out; those who use them will probably still be in the vast minority, and will be a LOT SAFER than the others.

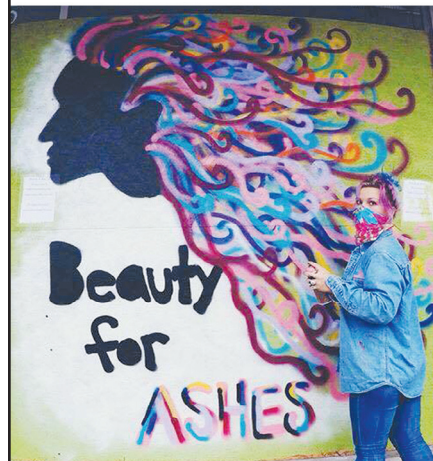
ME GO NOW!

As I have mentioned before, I have put Ubuntu Linux on several computers already, and ALL the owners of those puters just LOVED it! I think the same will always be true in the future, too. As a matter of fact, “IF YOU CAN READ THIS, YOU ARE READING AND USING LINUX!”. You see, I am writing this on my LINUX puter, even as we speak! :) And since I am done writing, I think I have to go somewhere and do something. At least, that's what Yvonne is telling me! Until next month, God's blessings to us all! HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

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

IF YOU would like to get some of Doug's FREE PUTER ADVICE, call him at \*314\*521\*1789\* in the PM hours of most any day/afternoon/evening. Of course you can always email at: ferguson-computercorner@aol.com.

Be sure to put the phrase “i need puter advice” into the subject line, and include your local telephone number for his reply! Failing to do this will mean that you will not hear from him, nor will you get any pie for dessert! :(



This month of November is the fifth anniversary of a couple major things that impacted the city of Ferguson forever. The whole world heard and read about one of them, the Darren Wilson decision in the case of the shooting of Michael Brown. The other event that happened, the world did not know that much about although it never had happened before in the world.

It became known as PAINTING for PEACE.

It began on Thanksgiving day 2014 in Ferguson, a spontaneous coming together of human beings painting colorful themes over the boarded up storefronts in Ferguson, Dellwood, Jennings and the South Grand business district. When it was all over toward the end of that December, approximately three hundred people had painted over two hundred 8' by 4' plywood boards. The media news flashes had showed bandana covered faces destroying, but there were also bandana covered faces creating. People from all walks of life descended on the towns with paint and positive themes in tow.

A certain citizen of Ferguson that deserves mention is the man at the top of the montage, Michael Brandon. For a period of days and weeks Michael put aside his own livelihood as a carpenter and painting contractor and prepared boards, buffing them white and canvas ready for many of us artists. He tirelessly assisted in every capacity he could. There was an energy that all involved could sense.

It was an unseen force of creation that was nullifying outside forces of destruction.

During the ‘Re-Branding’ of Ferguson that is happening, we can either make some good stuff up, or better yet to brand that this one city bore the finger of the judgment of God and man, and in a process of redeeming ourselves from our nation's and our forefather's racism and sin, bettered ourselves with paint brush and can in hand.

I submit, let us be known as “Ferguson, Home of Painting for Peace.”

Wendell Phillips ‘Phil’ Berwick

### Note from the Editor:

I believe another “First” to happen in the world at the same time as the “Painting for Peace” was the “Ribbons for Peace”. People, schools, organizations, etc. from around the world sent ribbons to Ferguson with uplifting messages. These ribbons were fastened to the fences along North and South Florissant Road.

# Artful Considerations

by Robin Shively and Glynis Mary McManamon

*"All children are artists. The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up"*

-Pablo Picasso



Fall has arrived, bringing cooler weather and other seasonal changes. The outdoor Ferguson Farmers Market closed the end of October and the 19th was the last day for Art at the Market this season. This was the first year for Good Shepherd Arts Center's involvement as the facilitator of art activities in the Ferguson Farmers Market, and Glynis Mary McManamon, executive director of GSAC, reports that it was a rich experience. The following paragraph was written by Glynis about her experiences and observations while providing creative activities for children at the market. Of particular value was the interaction with parents to get their opinions about why the arts are important in the lives of children. While it would be the perfect opportunity to use the activity as free baby-sitting, many parents remained, helped and reassured their children. One day, a dad held his eighteen-month-old son on his lap and they made a hand puppet together. When asked why it is important for their children to make art, parents shared these observations.



Cameron and Andrew with their parents.

Ashley Mitchell and Howard Jacobs are parents to Cameron, age 6 and Andrew, age 8. Ashley is quite vocal about art and child development:

"Nowadays kids are bogged down with social media. They need to be able to express themselves with color, play, wild imagination, reading. This helps build their confidence. Arts and crafts are a foundation for thinking outside the box.

A blank piece of paper can become almost anything in the world. We cut off the wi-fi, have paper, crayons, markers ready in the kitchen, and we play a game: you have to draw three pictures before the wi-fi is back up."

Claire Widaman is very determined; has a clear idea of what she wants to do with the supplies. Her mother, Georgia, observes how happy art makes Claire. "Art is not competitive, it is collaborative."

Rachel Penczykowski held her little boy, Ziggy, on her lap painting a flower pot. She affirmed: "Children enjoy being creative. Engage them in the creative process as part of their development. We also get fun stuff to decorate our house with!"



Good Shepherd Arts Center, 252 South Florissant Road, is a non-profit organization whose mission is "exhibiting art and offering experiences that affirm human dignity, uplift hearts and link creativity with spirituality, here in Ferguson, Missouri." GSAC is able to offer programs such as Art at the Market through donations and community support. Their recent fundraising campaign was a success and they've issued this statement of appreciation:

"Thank you, Ferguson, with your support we raised \$6,870 (including pledges), meeting and exceeding the \$5,000 challenge grant goal. The Y-Art Sale alone brought in \$1,100 of that amount. We would not be here if not for you. We plan to continue to offer dynamic exhibits and to increase our arts activities offerings."

Among upcoming activities planned at GSAC include:  
Small Business Saturday, November 30 – Good Shepherd Arts Center will

serve cake at 2:00 p.m. and demonstrate the folding of origami cranes to celebrate their fourth birthday.



At press time, GSAC was lacking sufficient submissions by high school and undergraduate artists for the November exhibit, "Who Is My Neighbor?" However, if all goes as planned, that show will open Sunday, November 24 with a reception from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. and run through Saturday, December 21. Visit [www.goodshepherdarts.org](http://www.goodshepherdarts.org) for additional information.

To submit information about local artists and art events to be included in future columns, contact Robin at [cornersframing@gmail.com](mailto:cornersframing@gmail.com).

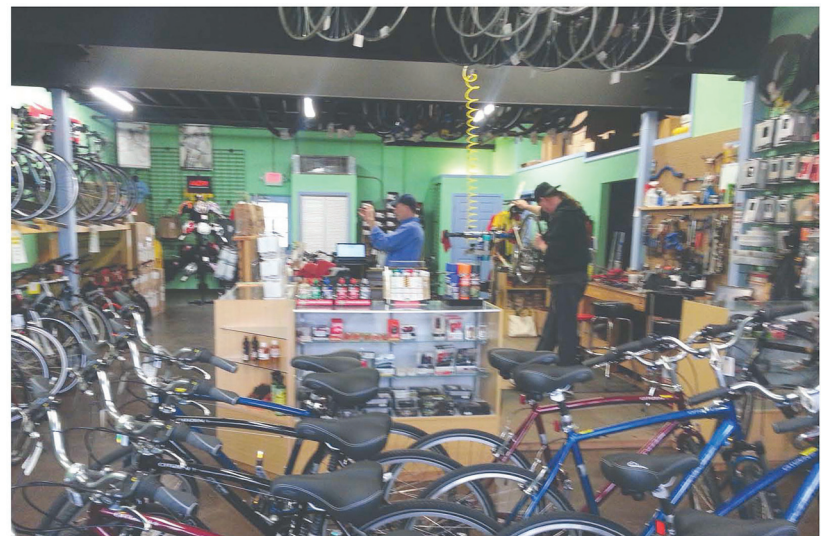


Friends making greeting cards.



Erica M. Brooks, an activist who has worked for months to keep the Metro bus route through downtown Ferguson, takes a creative pause to make a pop-up bicycle card."

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- 40% off starting Monday, November 25
- 45% off starting Monday, December 2
- 50% off starting Monday, December 9

Please come visit again! If you want to enjoy a healthy discount on a new bike or any other items, possibly for a holiday present, don't wait...when it's gone, it's gone.

Thanks again, Gerry Noll  
429 S. Florissant Rd., Ferguson, MO 314-315-4940

## The Best of Ferguson

by  
Ruffina Farrokh Anklesaria, M.A.

### William Martin, Jr.



Pastors William and Audrey and their family

Pastor William grew up in Normandy and graduated from Normandy High School. Pastors William and Audrey have been together 20 years and have a combined family with nine kids and nine grandchildren.

Pastor William worked for 15 years as the customer service manager at National Foods in St Louis, a company that was bought by Schnucks in 1995. He moved over to Schnucks, starting as a cashier there. He worked himself back to a position of leadership, moving from cashier to video manager, to assistant customer service manager, to assistant service center manager, to assistant grocery manager, to customer service manager, to co-manager, then to manager in June 2018. He has been with Schnucks since 1996, and has been based here in Ferguson a year and four months.

Pastors William and Audrey just returned from their first vacation abroad together. Over the years they have been busy raising their kids and investing their spare time in building their church. They spent six days in Los Cabos, Mexico, with good friends who invited them on the trip. They had such a good time they plan to do more of this in the future.

Pastor Williams' only hobby at the moment is working out with his youngest son who is 26 years old.

We are proud to have Pastor Williams as head of our local Schnucks. His energy and happiness are infectious! He is an inspiration to those who know him, and he leads by example. He represents the Best of Ferguson!



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Pastor William Martin, Jr., Manager of Schnucks

I had the pleasure of interviewing the Store Manager of Schnucks in Ferguson, Pastor William Martin, Jr. Pastor William was bursting with energy and happiness. He looked so dapper in his suit, I asked him if he always dressed like this and the change of coats in his office showed that he did! When I complimented his sartorial splendor, he replied: "Good example starts from the top!" Indeed!

Pastors William and Audrey head their own church. They were Ministers at New Northside Missionary Baptist Church in St Louis for several years before this. Pastor William responded to his calling

seven years ago and established the Tabernacle of the Congregation of God. The church started from a converted sunroom in his home. He got items donated, including a drum kit and chairs. He said God told him he had everything and needed nothing more to begin his work in His name. For many years he carried the name of the church in his heart like a sweet secret waiting to blossom into the church he would actually found. A year later, the church moved to Jennings where services are conducted every Sunday (communion is offered on the first Sunday of every month). The church is open to everyone.



## Ferguson Police Lend Helping Hand



Members of Ferguson PD took time out of their busy day to lend a helping hand for a worthy cause. Sgt. Harris, Officer Adams, Officer May and Chief Armstrong all pitched in to assist Adopt-A-Block with packaging up goods to be sent to the Bahamas as part of the hurricane relief efforts going on in the country. We want to thank these officers for their continued commitment to the service of others.



## Ask Grandma



I just received my credit card statement in the mail. No I don't use the internet to receive or pay my bills (I'm old; what more can I say). Other than taxes, utilities, and an occasional fast food trip, everything I spend is on my credit card. It certainly makes it easier to keep an accurate account of where my money goes.

But I remember a time before the proliferation of credit cards. My mother paid cash for groceries and entertainment, and wrote checks for everything else, except clothing. She used something called a ChargeCard when she shopped downtown St. Louis. There were no shopping centers in the suburbs in those days and I know that both mother and dad would of necessity shop downtown. Except for shoes. Dad would take us children into Wellston at the Red Goose store to buy our shoes. He would be very particular about the fit and make us walk around the store while he would tend to another of our brothers or sisters before he would check the walker's fit again.

Anyway, getting back to the ChargeCard. It was a metal plate, about the size of a dogtag. On one side was a place for your name and address and a line for your signature. On the edges were notches. If you had charge privileges from a particular store, the notch would fit into their hand contraption that would allow the store to print out your name and address on the two-part receipt. One receipt for the store and one for the customer. I know that there were 4 notches on mom and dad's plate. One was for Famous-Barr (now Macy's), one for Stix-Baer-Fuller (now Dillard's), one for Scruggs-Vandervoort-Barney (closed in 1969), and one for Boyd's (I guess that one was for dad and the men in the family).



I found that you can purchase vintage ChargeCards on line. This is the one that looks most like the ones we had in St. Louis.

Mother had terribly bad feet and would take infrequent shopping trips. She did go downtown to a Chiropractor for her feet often, but one of her children would take her, drop her off at the Arcade Building and then go park the car until it was time to pick her up.

I was quite young, still in grade school, when I was allowed to use the ChargeCard. I would take the bus or streetcar into Wellston where I could connect to a downtown bus. I could always find Famous-Barr and Stix because they were on the same street (between 6th and 7th), but Scruggs was a few blocks away. I would walk out the door of one of the aforementioned store and start walking. If I got to 5th street I knew I was going the wrong way, so I would turn around. I knew Scruggs was a big white building, so I'd look up and down each street until I found it.

No one ever questioned me about being so young to use a ChargeCard so I suppose that was not unusual in those days. You never carried your purchases home. Home delivery was free so everyone used it. The ChargePlate came into being around 1940 and most stores kept them until the 60s.

Now you can use your bank card in almost any business, even fast foods. Is this progress?

## TOY TOWN

We are fortunate to be one of the designated drop-off locations for this year's Salvation Army's Toy Town toy drive. Please remember the needy children in our community by dropping off a new, unwrapped present at our office between now and December 13, 2019.



This is a wonderful chance to make sure everyone in our community enjoys a little bit of holiday cheer this season.

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## Answers to Trivia, Page 12

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|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. Stag       | 8. Skeleton Key |
| 2. Sundial    | 9. Sushi        |
| 3. Square     | 10. Staircase   |
| 4. Small talk | 11. Stubborn    |
| 5. Sylvester  | 12. Sophomore   |
| 6. Shadow     | 13. Souvenirs   |
| 7. Swing      |                 |

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## Calendar of Events In and Around Ferguson

Complete Details of These Events Throughout the Paper

Trunk or Treat – North Hills Methodist . . . . .	Fri., Oct. 25
Trunk or Treat – St. Peters UCC . . . . .	Sat., Oct. 26
Trunk or Treat – Zion Lutheran . . . . .	Thurs., Oct. 31
Monster Bash! – Library . . . . .	Thurs., Oct. 31
Storytime at the Library . . . . .	Sat., Nov. 2
Beginners Guide to Buying a House – Library . . . . .	Sat., Nov. 2
Wurstmarkt – Immanuel . . . . .	Sat., Nov. 2
"When They See Us All" – Vashon High School . . . . .	Sun., Nov. 3
Volunteer Flower Department Gathering – Victorian Plaza. . . . .	Sun., Nov. 3
Meet Your Government Rep – Library . . . . .	Sat., Nov. 9
Veteran's Day . . . . .	Mon., Nov. 11
Ferguson Council Meeting – City Hall . . . . .	Tues., Nov. 12
Northwest Chamber Membership Meeting – Orlando's . . . . .	Thurs., Nov. 14
"My Story Is Your Strength" – Library . . . . .	Sat., Nov. 16
Card and Paper Club – Library . . . . .	Sat., Nov. 16
Technical Assistance – Library . . . . .	Sat., Nov. 16
BTC Craft Fair . . . . .	Sat., Nov. 16
5K Run / Walk – McCluer High School. . . . .	Sat., Nov. 16
The Vine Indoor Market – St. Stephen's . . . . .	Sat., Nov. 16
Potluck Supper and Movie – St. Peters UCC. . . . .	Sat., Nov. 16
Painted Wine Bottles . . . . .	Sat., Nov. 23
Thanksgiving . . . . .	Thurs., Nov. 28
Glow Disc Golf Tournament – Hudson Park. . . . .	Sat., Nov. 30
Ferguson Northern Lights . . . . .	Sun., Dec. 1
FLIERS Treasures and Treats Sale . . . . .	Fri. & Sat., Dec. 6 & 7
Medical Marijuana Seminar – IBEW Local . . . . .	Wed., Dec. 11

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