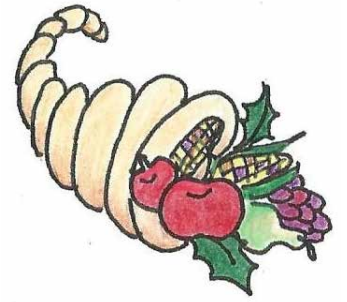


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Ferguson, City of Choice

I was fortunate to interview a long time resident of Ferguson.

In 1936 Dorothy Kaiser moved to Ferguson with her parents when she was 2 years old. They rented the first house she lived in on Harvey Avenue, until they found the house Beacon Avenue where she grew up. She attended Central School from kindergarten through grade 5, then Vogt school and graduating from Ferguson in 1952 with a class of 125.

After graduating, Dorothy worked for Southwestern Bell as a service rep. She met her husband Dale whose family went to the same church. They dated and were married in 1954 and purchased their first house on Jean Avenue.



Dorothy at home

Dale was an engineer who worked at McDonnell Aircraft Co. (Before the merger with Douglas). After a couple of years he was asked to go to New Mexico for work where they were supposed to be there for 1 to 3 months which turned into a year and half. So they sold their house on Jean.

Their son Scott was born and then they moved back to Ferguson into her parents house until they found a house on Drummond. They were

back for six months when Dale was sent on another assignment to Florida. When they returned they were blessed again with daughter Martha. Three years later son Steve was born.

As their son Scott was preparing to get married, Dorothy and Dale were in search for another house in Ferguson. They thought about moving to a retirement community. However, while planning and scheduling for a wedding, a house became available in Lake Pembroke. They viewed the house and walked through with a friend and after sleeping on it, Dale wanted to look at the house again. They put a contract on it and the contract was accepted. Nothing like getting a call from the realtor saying you bought yourself a house. All they could say is "what do we do now". They put their house up for sale and after a walk-through and an open house, it sold within a week which Dorothy and Dale took as a good sign. In Dorothy's words: "it was meant to be".

Dorothy asked me if I think Ferguson was the city of their choice? She answered her own question with: "We wouldn't have lived in five different houses in Ferguson if it wasn't the city of our choice."

Dorothy is a charming lady who has so much information about Ferguson and still gets together with five ladies from her kindergarten class.

I asked her what major changes she has seen in Ferguson. "Ferguson was an incredible town. Department store, hardware store, drug store, post office all in a central area. Ferguson-Florissant R2 had a reputation as a great school district. Now, like other districts, we cannot say that. Florissant Road used to be the pride of the city. Now I'm sorry to say it is not the pride of the city." She is thankful that we've had people like Bud Sieter and Joe Lonero that kick-started the revitalization beginning with the plaza.

I asked her what thoughts she would like to pass on to the youth. "Show some respect, be responsible, make a commitment and keep it, get rid of the attitudes of the world owes me a living, and do unto others as you would like to be done to. And it's not just the youth."

"Don't be bad mouthing my town"

Growing up during the depression, they scrimped and saved. They walked. She said she didn't have a car until her father-in-law passed away.

After 85 years of living in Ferguson, she is moving because it is too much house for her now.

What a privilege it was to spend an afternoon with such a gracious lady.

Papa Deau



November News and Events at the Ferguson Public Library

For more information, please call the library at 314-521-4820 or visit us online at ferguson.lib.mo.us

Virtual: Thanksgiving Tips and Tricks - Mondays in November, 7 pm
Join us on Facebook (facebook.com/fergusonlibrary) as we walk you through Thanksgiving planning and prep!

- **Nov. 1 - Thanksgiving Planning:** COVID could impact your dinner - learn how to adapt on the fly.
- **Nov. 8 - Perfect Pies:** We'll teach you all the secrets to perfect pie crust and fillings.
- **Nov. 15 - Sumptuous Sides:** Need some side-dish inspiration? We'll talk favorite sides and new spins on old classics!
- **Nov. 22 - Last Minute Q&A:** This is it! What questions do you have as you embark on your cooking adventure?

Virtual: Falling Leaves Storytime - Saturday, Nov. 20 at 2 pm
Rake up a big pile of fun with us at our Falling Leaves Storytime! We will enjoy stories and songs all about fall and the changing leaves. Join us on Facebook (facebook.com/fergusonlibrary) for all the leafy goodness!



November Craft Kits

- Pick up a new free craft kit each week in November!
- **Nov. 1-6 - Marker Watercolor Art:** Use markers to create colorful art!
 - **Nov. 8-13 - Stamped Leaf Painting:** Turn fallen leaves into stamps to make a beautiful fall picture!
 - **Nov. 15-20 - Clay Dish:** Make a small dish to hold trinkets!
 - **Nov. 22-27 - Framed Woven Paper Art:** Weave colorful strips of paper into funky art!
 - **Nov. 29-Dec. 4 - Pulled String Art:** Dip string into paint to make unique art!

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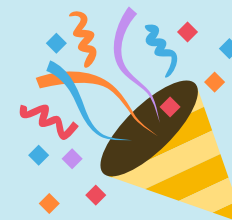


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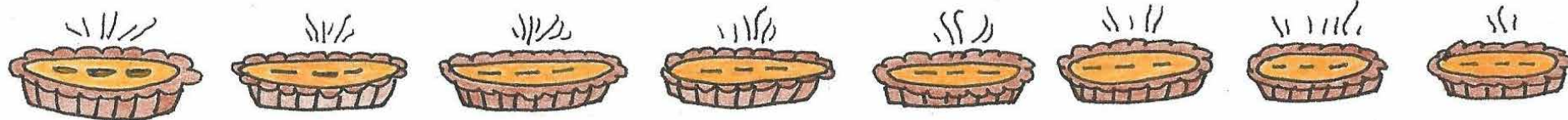
November Celebration Shout-outs



14 - Happy 24th Birthday Hope Beer
 24 - Happy Birthday Lorraine Cook



Email Shout-outs to savoystl@yahoo.com - deadline is the 15th of each month



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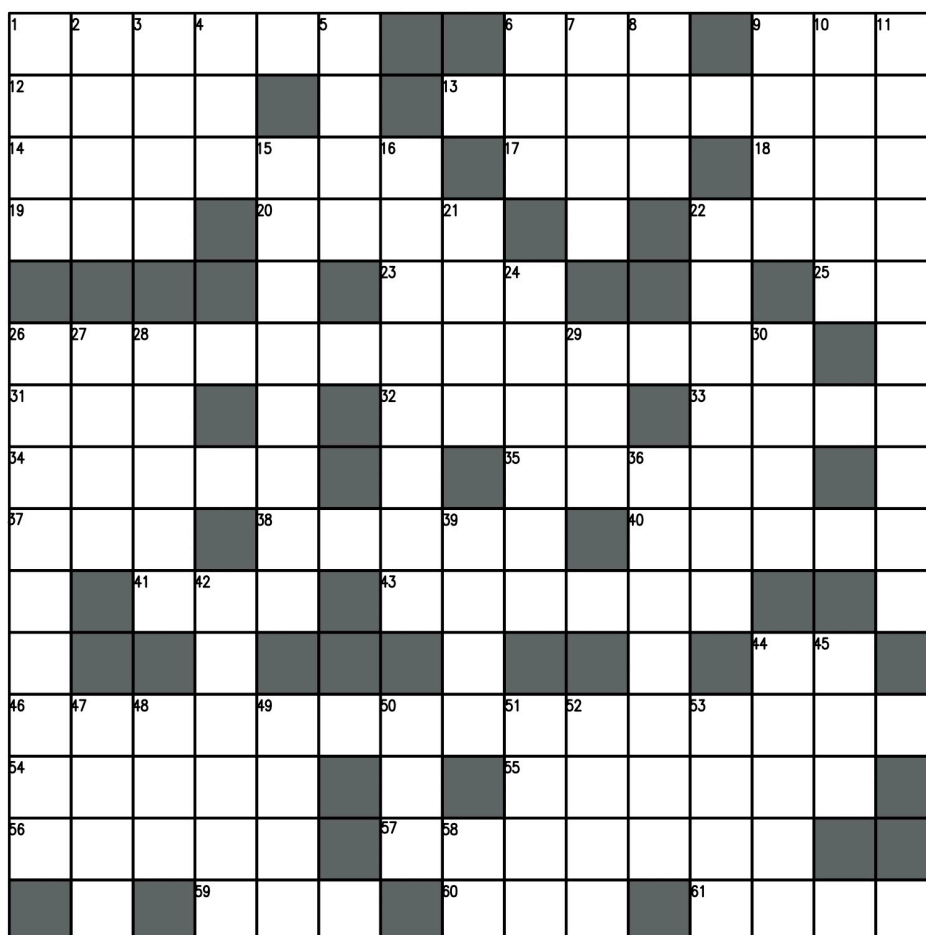
Community Support
 By Robin Shively

ACROSS

1. Beat
6. Brown with a Band of Renown
9. Int. fig.
12. Do it for the home team
13. Chic shop
14. Protozoans
17. Makeup of some seams
18. Partner of downs
19. Joined
20. Jazz hangout?
22. They want you to take it
23. Rocky outcrop
25. __ Cucaracha
26. November 27th event, with 16 down
31. Adjective after red or white
32. Behind
33. Scorch
34. Eye-related
35. It may bear fruit
37. Louvre pyramid designer
38. Deal with change
40. Yours truly!
41. Disney work unit
43. Naval petty officers
44. Poetic initials
46. Corporate sponsor of November 27th event
54. Elton says he shall be a good man
55. Ferris Bueller was one
56. Don't be a 55 across if you want to do this
57. To cover an area with planks
59. I.D. No.
60. Key
61. Engrave

DOWN

1. Coal mine railcar
2. There's no place like it
3. Carrot but not celery
4. Dined
5. If you can't stand it, get out of the kitchen
6. Brit John
7. Overseas union money
8. Fr. Holy woman
9. __ Velva
10. Student
11. Where one may host or wait
15. Strongly encouraged on November 27th
16. November 27th event, with 26 across
21. Firefighter's tool
22. Double-reed wind instrument
24. Venetian market district since 1097
26. Slogan for November 27th event
27. Act gloomy
28. Floor on top
29. Gun rights grp.
30. Native of Belgrade
36. It creates drafts
39. Hammer feature
42. Mistakes
44. Principle
45. Former boomer, briefly
47. They shall inherit the earth
48. Peron or Mendes
49. Small lodging establishments
50. Mimic
51. James who sang At Last
52. Bare bone photo
53. Pneumonic rattle
58. 12th State



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November at a Glance

- 7 Daylight Savings Time Ends (Fall Back)
- 11 Veterans Day
- 20 Opening Day Ferguson Indoor Winter Market
- 25 Thanksgiving - gobble gobble

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Congratulations to the winners of the Ferguson Farmers' Market Fall Pie Contest!

l to r.: 1st Place - Beth von Behren with Chocolate Bourbon Pecan, 2nd Place - Don Frey with Rhubarb Custard and Gooseberry, 3rd Place - Geraldine Clark with Pumpkin. Winners received \$30, \$20, and \$10 in market bucks respectively. Thank you to our judges: Eric Osterberg, Ferguson City Manager, Chef Maurice of King of Soul Cafe, and Molly Rockamann, Founding Director of EarthDance Organic Farm School.

ARTFUL CONSIDERATIONS

by Glynis Mary McManamon, RGS

Paint & Play Picnic November 6, 2021

Throwing and Growing and Be Art Gallery and Studio are partnering to host a Paint & Play Picnic at Walnut Park Carter Park Extension (Robin and Lillian Ave. 63120) November 6, 2021, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



Throwing and Growing, a 501c3 organization, is an active use partner with Green City Coalition on this space of land. Throwing and Growing provides



Throwing and Growing

mentoring, physical training, etiquette programs, goal setting, educational and personal enrichment, nutritional information, and the “411” on acceptable behavior.

The organization’s leaders and volunteers model self-respect, responsibility, leadership and sportsmanship in an effort to encourage a balanced life by participating in throwing events. i.e. shot put, discus, javelin, hammer and weight throws.

Be Art Gallery and Studio is a nonprofit organization committed to supporting youth and their families around social and emotional health. They do this by creating art experiences that promote individuality, celebrate uniqueness and encourage self-exploration. Be Art Gallery and Studio hope that art will be an avenue for youth to heal, grow and connect. The focus will be a paint by number mural on their forty foot container housed on the Carter Park Extension, and the installation of a certified throwing cage for our State-of-the-Art certified throwing facility. (shot put, discus, hammer, javelin).

In addition to the art making, family fun and throwing events Free Flu Shots and Covid vaccines will be available.

Donations are sought to ensure the success of the event. Monetary donations can be sent to donations to Throwing and Growing – P.O.Box 26014 Jennings, MO. 63136 or PayPal (throwingandgrowing) Cash app (\$throwingandgrowing) or from the donate button on throwingandgrowing.org.

Can you volunteer to help, or donate any of the items listed below? Contact the organizers at either throwingandgrowing@gmail.com or bagsincstl@gmail.com. Items needed include:

- Rust-Oleum Enamel/Acrylic Paint
- Latex Gloves Masks table / chairs
- Brushes
- Tents
- 1,000 styrofoam cups
- Bottled water
- Hand Wipes
- Snacks
- Volunteers



Glynis with buyer

Life Creative Group TV Special in Production

Life Creative Group, soul singer Brian Owen’s organization which is building a “creative infrastructure” is currently filming a movie that will be on PBS in December. We hope to have details about viewing for the December issue of FNN.

GSAC Programming

GSAC (Good Shepherd Arts Center) will host “Visualizing Hope: Who Is God?” in the web gallery for November. This exhibit is live at Union Avenue Christian Church.

The original “Who Is God?” was begun by Andrea Mastrangelo of Museum Contempo of Shelton, Washington. The Midwest exhibit was begun by Mary Martin at Ms. Mastrangelo’s request. Mary Martin has curated three of these exhibits in collaboration of Carla Duncan.

Fr. Terrence E. Dempsey, SJ, juried the exhibit. He observed that the exhibition is “focused on the virtue of Hope, one of the three major theological virtues (along with Faith and Love), and of the three, there is a special sense of aspiration in the virtue of Hope, a yearning for something not yet attained. In this time of the Covid-19 pandemic, major hurricanes and fires in the Western United States, the experience of Hope is a greatly desired experience of many people now more than ever.”

GSAC is continuing to plan for the 2nd Annual Ferguson Children’s Exhibit, May 7, to seek undergraduate and high school artists in order to showcase their work, and will continue to host artists at the winter Ferguson Farmers Market. November’s artist is Showay Chang with the Friends of Taiwan STL.

And As Always...

...thank you Ferguson Municipal Public Library for your kind generosity in distributing craft kits weekly. You decorate our lives!

Photo credit: Jeanette McDermott, Communications Director, Sisters of the Good Shepherd Province of Mid-North America. I know, it’s a long one.



Hope Rising by Mary Martin



Glynis with buyer



Art in the Park January Wabash



Glynis sand angel painting



Hello Ferguson!

by Marian Linck

November 2021

I have been writing articles for "Ferguson Neighborhood News" for a few months now. I have shared some experiences, some interests and have avoided personal politics and opinions for the most part. My Facebook article came close, but I reconsidered some of my verbiage and backed off a bit.

I have shared my pool experiences, my love of the Bourbon Trail, our battle with squirrels, which by the way we are still fighting and losing miserably. I talked about my childhood a little in my Piasa story as well the Mecum Auction tale.

Do I have any readers? I would love to hear from you!

Not sure where to start this month, but here is my best shot. I will try to spin it with some lightheartedness in spite of the events.

We started planning our first vacation in two years and our first trip to our beloved Destin Florida in three years. I found a nice affordable condo across the street from the beach with a nice view of the gulf. We reserved bicycles. We anticipated going to our three favorite restaurants, Dewey Destin, Fat Clemenza's and Mama Clemenza's. We made sure my husband's 91-year-old mother would be ok for the week we would be gone. I arranged with the "Angels" at the Episcopal Church to cover my hours in the office. By the way, the "Angels" are members of the church that will happily come to the church office when I need or want some time off. They are delightful, kind and willing to help anytime. They are truly a gift!



This is better

We planned to leave on a Sunday morning and drive to Birmingham where I had reserved a hotel room in what had been built in 1914 as luxury apartment building, one of the first in Birmingham.

Let me back up now to the Friday before we planned to leave. I was meeting a dear friend for lunch. Now, I can be a little clutzy, but have avoided injury for some time. I was looking for my friend, looking at my phone for a message from her when this GIANT sidewalk crack jumped up and tripped me! My purse and all of its contents went flying as well as my phone and the foul language out of my mouth. I got up, looked around to make sure no one had seen the incident and went on my merry way. I found my friend, made no mention of the incident and we enjoyed our luncheon of wonderful Greek food.

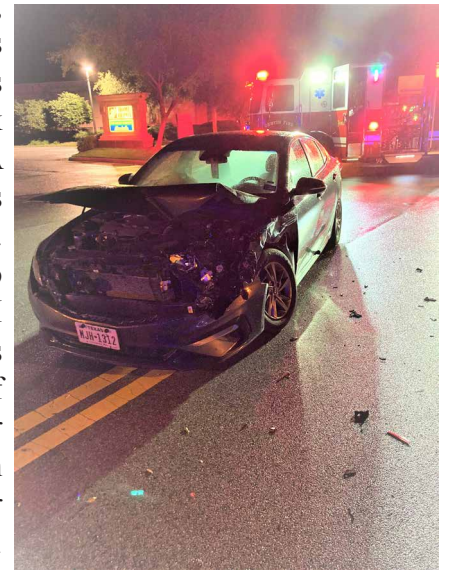
I felt fine, good, no lingering injury from the fall. Well, that's what I thought. Spending a day in the car I realized I couldn't get a deep breath and sneezing was a major event in pain. Uh oh. When I fell, I landed on my arm and probably cracked or bruised a rib. Never mind! I am going to FLORIDA! All will be fine!

While driving we tried to ignore predictions of any tropical storms, we tracked the storms and we had to admit we may be headed right into one,

we threw caution to the wind and went onward and southward. If it rains, we can read, go shopping and out to eat. "It's ALL good"!

We arrive in Destin. Its cloudy and humid but the condo is nice, and our bikes are waiting for us. We unpack and head to our traditional first night in Florida restaurant, Kenny D's. Kenny D's is a bit of a dive but has been there forever and serves the best Cajun food in the area!

We go back to the condo and it seems warm and muggy inside. The air conditioner seemed to be running but not doing it's job. After a call to the owner a repairman came by and determined the unit was "froze up" and needed a new filter. He said he would be back later after the unit had a chance to thaw out. He never came back. Big surprise there. There was no more ice around the unit so we decided to go out for dinner and stop at Home Depot on the way back and buy a filter. One trip into the hardware store and \$12 dollars later we headed home. At least that's what we thought. Our little rental, a KIA Optima, met up with a big fat Jeep Wrangler in a most sudden and profound way. We were still in the shopping center parking lot. It was dark, rainy and Destin, Florida evidently does not believe in street lights. Air bags deployed. Police cars came. Fire truck arrived. We were a banged up but ok. A lovely woman on her way to Marshall's heard the crash and came to the scene. She stayed at the scene and offered to give us a ride back to our condo. Now I do not usually take rides from strangers but I had little choice. I got stuff out of our "wreck", put the items in her car and waited for the authorities to finish their jobs. She kindly drove us to our condo and we thanked her profusely. Truly kind people still live in this world.



Damaged Rental Car

Now, I love Marshall's. So, I apologized for ruining her "Marshall's Fix". We both laughed.

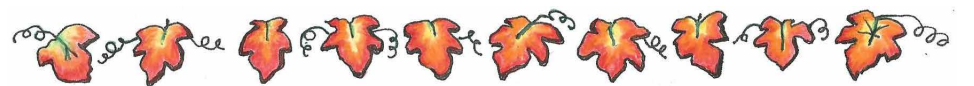
We replaced the filter in the AC unit and set the thermostat to "icy" and went to bed. Breakfast the next day was enjoyed in a nice cool kitchen!

The rest of the week continued to be dark and gloomy, matching our mood and our aching bodies. We even thought about going home after we got a replacement rental car. The dog/house sitter had already been paid as well as the condo and the rental car. We stayed.

Our injuries were minor. My husband has a mild shoulder separation. What bothers him most is that this was his FIRST accident ever. Mind you, we are 67 years old. We have both been driving for 51 years. I have had my share of minor fender benders but never anything serious. My husband had never been involved in an accident of any kind. His pride is seriously injured.

I hope I did not bore you with my tale of the "vacation from hell". Let me hear from you.

As always, thank you for letting me share with you. I can be reached at manhattanmarian@gmail.com.





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A Safety Reminder from Police Chief, Colonel Frank McCall, Jr.

We have reached the end of summer and are beginning to usher in the holiday season. In doing so, remember some basic tips/facts concerning the promotion of safety and enhancing your holiday travel or shopping experiences. Remember to always:

- Lock your motor vehicle at all times;
- Remove all items of value including money, jewelry and electronics, (cellular telephones, GPS System, laptop computers, cameras, video equipment), from your vehicle or secure in a secured compartment;
- Always attempt to park in well lit areas;
- When entering or exiting your vehicle during times of darkness, always be observant. Be aware of your surroundings as you approach, having your keys in hand, ready to unlock your vehicle and after doing so, immediately secure your vehicle after entering;
- If staying at a hotel, utilize the room safe to store valuables if available;
- Do not carry large purses or loose bags on your shoulders;
- Do not take shopping bags or merchandise to your vehicle, and then return to the store to continue shopping.

If you plan to participate in Trick or Treat activities this Halloween, please:

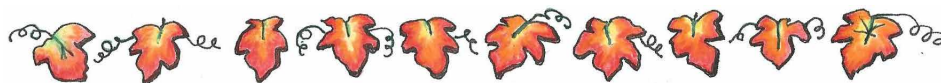
- Travel in groups;
- Travel one (1) adult per four (4) children;
- Dress children in illuminated costumes;
- Cross all streets at the intersection cross walk;
- Inspect your child's candy and do not allow children to eat unwrapped items.

REMEMBER, YOU MAY REPORT ANY CRIME OR SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY ANONYMOUSLY

The City of Ferguson Police Department has an Anonymous TIP Line. If you don't think its right, you can call us anonymously at:
(314)524-8177

HAVE A VERY SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON

We are excited to announce The Ferguson Neighborhood News is sponsoring a bicycle giveaway next month. We will announce the location of Santa's Mailbox and also have the contest form in December's issue. This is for a girls bike and also a boys bike. We hope other businesses might donate a new bicycle to add to the contest. The drawing will be held on Friday, December 19th.



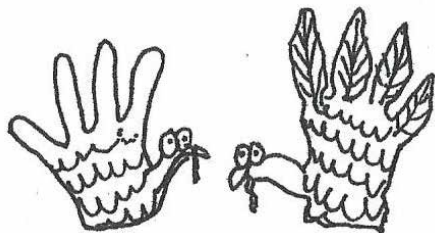
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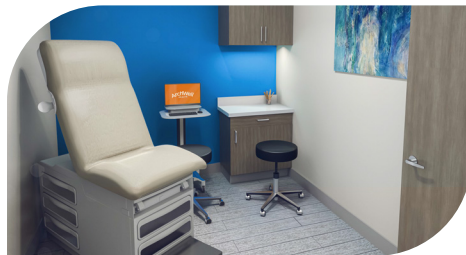


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Public Safety and Welfare of the Citizens

Public safety and the general welfare of the citizens are the foundations upon which local governments were founded. The local government has a great mandate to hear from all citizens concerning their public safety, welfare and the laws that are passed for citizens to uphold for a better quality of life. Public safety services and welfare of the citizens go far beyond speeding and infrastructure and are by far the two most critical areas that need our immediate attention.



Mayor Ella Jones

Our public safety services are comprised of the Ferguson Police Department and the Ferguson Fire Department which operates 24/7. The Police Department preserves order and provides prompt responses to calls from citizens, and the Fire Department provides prompt responses for fire and rescue, and emergency medical services. There are additional public safety and welfare for the community such as, preserving property values, maintaining public property, recreation for citizens, planning and zoning, new building codes, ensuring reliable utilities, nuisance abatement, incentives to maintain properties, commercial business, entrepreneurs, environment for growth, funding for administration of government, and many more public safety and welfare services that are not listed here.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic, we must include improving the indoor and outdoor air quality and testing water sources for public safety. Even new technologies must be assessed with the old for sustainability that will also improve public safety and the welfare of the community and should increase efficiencies in many instances.

Public Safety should not only be the concern of the local government, but should be the concern of everyone. It must be for all the people who live in Ferguson, the business owners, and for visitors because they must feel safe when they visit Ferguson.

Police don't stop crime, people do! However, we must create a climate which encourages people to do so. As the population achieves more economic viability and becomes more socially equitable and politically responsive, it will more actively champion its responsibility of looking out for each other and promoting the common goal of building a better Ferguson for generations to come.

Working together to decrease and prevent crime makes Ferguson a safer community. Subsequently, such efforts directly and positively impact our neighborhoods, attract new homeowners and additional businesses, and improve the quality of life for everyone.

Finally, public safety and welfare for our citizens are the fabric from which all of us are made. This is a mandate that we cannot ignore since the pandemic has forced us to live our lives in an ever-changing world. You and your families have a safe Thanksgiving Holiday.

Mayor Ella Jones

COUNCIL MEETINGS – HOLIDAY NOTICE

Tuesday, November 9th and December 14th at 7 pm. Council meetings are held in City Hall Council Chambers, however, to protect the health and safety of the public this meeting may be held virtually (RSMO 610.015); via Zoom Conference. Visit the website calendar or agenda center for instructions on how to access the Council meeting. A copy of the recording will also be made accessible via the City's Website after the meeting. Feel free to contact the office of the City Clerk if you have any questions.



FERGUSON EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER / BUSINESS RELIEF

The City of Ferguson has created an Emergency Operations Center portal on its website. Here, you will find information related to the COVID-19, helpful resources and links to government agencies as well as the city's responses and adjustments to operations. Visit <http://fergusoncity.com/661/Emergency-Operations-Center> for more information.

LOOKING FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION OF HOW THE CORONAVIRUS IMPACTS YOU?

- City of Ferguson..... <http://fergusoncity.com/661/Emergency-Operations-Center>
- Center for Disease Control and Prevention..... cdc.gov/covid19
- Missouri Health and Human Services..... <https://health.mo.gov/>
- St. Louis County..... www.stlcorona.com
- Ferguson-Florissant School District..... www.fergflor.org

CITY HALL HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The City of Ferguson business offices will be closed on the following days:

- Thursday, November 11th – in observance of Veteran's Day
- Thursday, November 25th & Friday, November 26th – in observance of Thanksgiving

Ferguson Community Center				
Hours: Monday-Friday - 6:30am -8pm Saturday 8am-8pm				
Membership Rates	Resident		Non-Resident	
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Adult (Ages 16 - 59)	\$85	\$9/month (\$108 annual)	\$200	\$18/month (\$216 annual)
Senior (Ages 60+)	\$50	\$6/month (\$72 annual)	\$120	\$12/month (\$144 annual)
Youth (Ages 15 and under)	\$50	\$6/month (\$72 annual)	\$120	\$12/month (\$144 annual)
Family	\$165	\$16/month (\$192 annual)	\$300	\$28/month (\$336 annual)
Silver Sneakers and Renew Active				
The Ferguson Community Center participates in both Renew Active and Silver Sneakers to offer eligible individuals a facility membership free of charge. Visit silversneakers.com , myrenewactive.com , or call your health insurance provider to check eligibility. Bring proof of membership to either of these programs to the Ferguson Community Center to get your free membership				
Residents must bring 2 forms of proof of residency Monthly memberships must place Credit Card on file and are billed on the 1st day of the month				

School's Out Camp

School's out, but camp is in! Come join us for an action packed and supervised day filled full of games, crafts, and activities! Campers are able to be dropped off and picked up anytime between 7:00am-6:00pm, but MUST be signed out by an authorized parent/guardian. Campers must bring a lunch, but a snack will be provided.

- Ages:** 5-13
- Dates:** Nov 1 & Nov 2
- Time:** 7:00am – 6:00pm
- Location:** Ferguson Community Center
- Fee:** \$16/Day, per child

Feed the Masses

We are excited to host the 2nd Annual "Feed the Masses" food drive contest this holiday season for local food banks. Residents from over 20 different cities are invited to bring food items to their parks and recreation department offices through November 30, 2021.

- Begins:** November 1st
- Ends:** November 30th
- Donation Drop Off:** Ferguson Community Center (1050 Smith Ave.)

Ferguson City Hall Information

St. Louis Wheel & Aquarium

Back by popular demand, St. Louis Wheel and Aquarium at Union Station. While at the aquarium you will venture on a self-guided tour throughout the Aquarium. This self-guided tour is expected to take 2 hours. Once we finish with the Aquarium we will take a ride on the St. Louis Wheel in the temperature controlled pods. Then off to Rigazzi's on the Hill for an all you can eat delicious buffet with cash bar in our private dining room! The fee for this trip will cover the cost of admission for the Aquarium, St. Louis Wheel, Lunch, tips/gratuities, and motor coach transportation.

Ages: 18 and Up

Date: Wednesday November 10th

Time: 8:30am – 4:00pm

Fee: \$83 Residents; \$87 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 18th

Time: Doors Open at 11am-3:00pm

Fee: \$23 Members/ Residents; \$28 Non-Residents

Branson Ozark Christmas

Ferguson is getting festive in the Beautiful Ozarks with Dining, Great Entertainment and Holiday shopping. Enjoy a delicious Italian dinner at Florentina's before we go Rocking into the Season with "Elvis" at the Clay Cooper Theater. We will visit the beautiful Branson's Landing Holiday festivities, then were off to the production of "Jesus" at the Sight and Sound Theater followed by Dinner at Branson Center Stage with live entertainment. Our festivities will wrap up with a Holiday Cruise aboard the Showboat Branson Belle with a delicious home cooked lunch and holiday show. Two night accommodations at the newly renovated Holiday Inn Express and Suite; 5 meals included: 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 2 dinners; motor coach transportation, escort and gratuities.

Dates: Monday, November 29 – Wednesday, December 1

Time: Leaving from the Ferguson Community Center

Monday, November 29th at 8:30am

Returning to the Ferguson Community Center

Wednesday, December 1st at 9:00pm

Fee: \$475 Residents; \$515 Non-Residents (double occupancy)

Preschool Pop Up Playdate

Come join us for our Preschool Pop Up Playdate! We will have outdoor games, balls, hula hoops, and more. You will even get a chance to play on our playgrounds. This is a great opportunity to meet new mommy and me friends!

Ages: All Ages

Dates: Nov. 10 @ Forestwood Park

Time: 10:00am-11:00am

Fee: FREE

Ferguson Winter Palooza

Join us at January-Wabash Memorial Park for an all new FREE festival celebrating all things winter holidays! Festival will feature: Elsa's Castle, Photos with Santa, Holiday Shopping, Inflatables, Entertainment & More! We are excepting vendors for our Vendor Village, for more information visit www.fergrec.com.

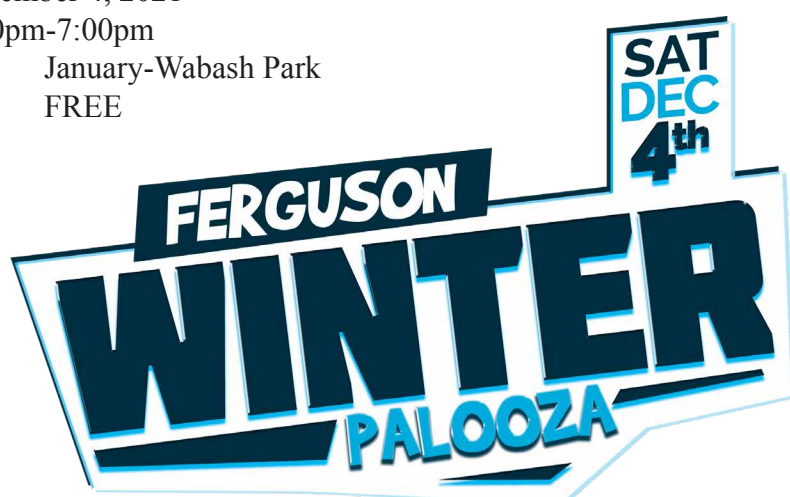
Ages: All

Date: December 4, 2021

Time: 3:00pm-7:00pm

Location: January-Wabash Park

Fee: FREE



Pupsgiving Playdate

All pups need a playdate! Join us for our Pup Playdate at Wayside Dog Park. We will have a pupsgiving themed playdate with delicious treats and an opportunity to snap a photo of your pup and their friends!

Date: November 20th

Time: 11:00am – 12:00pm

Location: Wayside Dog Park

Fee: \$5/Dog, Free for Wayside Dog Park Members

Field Rentals

Rentals are now available for our fields and courts at Forestwood Park and the Ferguson Community Center! For more information, visit <http://www.fergusoncity.com/597/Athletic-Fields-Courts>.

Superhero Movie Night

Do you love Superheroes?! Join us for the showing of "SpiderMan – Into the Spider-Verse". We will have free popcorn and treats. You don't want to miss out on this superhero movie night, you never know what special characters might show up!

Ages: All

Date: November 20, 2021

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Ferguson Community Center

Fee: Free for Community Center Annual Members, \$2/Residents & Non Residents



Ferguson Candy Cane Fun Run

The Candy Cane Fun Run is THE run that'll get your holiday season jump-started! Holiday spirits will be high with plenty of participants dressed for the occasion, costumes and holiday cheer strongly encouraged! Candy canes and other holiday treats for all at the finish line! The Candy Cane Fun Run is a 1-mile, untimed run (not a race) for all ages and abilities. They'll be 3 staggered starts for: (A) Runners, (B) Walkers/Families, & (C) Strollers/Dogs.

Ages: All

Date: December 4, 2021

Time: 9:00am

Location: January-Wabash Park

Fee:

Register Before 11/17: \$10/Person (includes shirt)

Register After 11/17: \$15/Person (Shirt not guaranteed by race day)

Register by visiting or calling the Ferguson Community Center.

Winter Adventure Camp

Join us this winter as we escape into a Winter Wonderland Extravaganza! This winter break we will have an action-packed traditional camp experience where kids will laugh, explore, and create memories and friendships that will last a lifetime! Campers will experience several themed days, crafts, games, field trips and more, held at the Ferguson Community Center.

Ages: 5-13

Dates: M-F, December 20th – December 31st (No Camp 12/24)

Time: 7:00am – 6:00pm

Main Camp programming runs 8:30am – 4:30pm

Open Door runs 7:00am – 8:30am and 4:30pm – 6:00pm

Location: Ferguson Community Center (1050 Smith Ave.) Fee:

\$16/Day, per child

Field Notes from Farm Girl - A Year of gratitude and thanks

It's the time of year when everything that was bright and blooming is not. Days are shorter (and bleaker) and we're left with the warm mental embers of the beauty and joy of summer days now past. If you do a good job of plucking them at the right time, these nuggets of happiness can be carried around to light up even the coldest days of winter. Before I tuck mine away, I thought I might show you a few of my favorites:

I am thankful for Baker's Creek Seeds for having such pretty seed packaging. The beauty of the packets themselves made it easier to over-buy tomato seed varieties as if I'm collecting them like tradeable baseball cards.

I am thankful to my friends who saw how many varieties and packets of tomato seeds I had, and who didn't make an excuse to get something out of their cars and then just leave. They instead filled up 10 million seed starting trays and lovingly pressed ALL the seeds into waiting moist soil. There were a lot of prune-like dirty fingers, and not a single complaint. Thanks friends!

Thank you again to Baker's Creek for the beautiful varieties of tulips I planted two years ago, and whose varieties are so striking that they look like something from the gardens of Versailles...thank you for the whole two days I got to enjoy them this year before either a deer or rabbit destroyed them by biting all their beautiful heads off in a single night. I hope that creature got a trophy or a write up in their newsletter because next year, I'm not going down like this again.

Thank you to the calendar predictability of peonies. My mother planted a gorgeous white variety with yellow centers, and since she passed, her flowers bloom like a VP fireworks display exactly on her birthday. Every year without fail. Even this year.

A petite 'thank you' to the tiny tortoise who moseyed through my garden and hung out long enough for me to make him a glass pie dish pond next to my dahlias. He was the size of a Susan B Anthony, he was bright green, and apparently, he had places to be.

A 'thank you' to God for making baby turkeys so much fun. They're antics are like watching endless reruns of Jan & Marsha Brady Bunch antics. It never gets old.

I am so grateful to the Universe for pumping up my confidence by telling me that I am smart and diligent enough to be able to hatch goose eggs. The Universe says I am 6 times more capable than I thought.

I am thankful for whatever amount of patience I possess in that the Foxglove seeds I started last year that take 360 days to reach maturity, were heads up and ready for the world 362 days after I started them.

A juicy 'thank you' to summer strawberries. Sweeter and better than anything in the store, and finally this year I've discovered that the best time to enjoy them is after everyone has left the garden and we can finally be alone together.

Same thank you for the solo peach tree, but because I am not 18 feet tall, I need a sharing buddy who's good with ladders

Thank you for whoever made dark purple dianthus (mistrals). They make mini carnations as fancy as orchids.

Thank you to 'Tigger' the barn cat who showed me that 'catnip' really is a thing, and who then a day later pranked his cat friend 'Roo' into rolling himself into an embarrassing cat stupor in the garden while 'Tigger' looked on with haughty and detached judgement.

My gratitude to the Echinacea variety - 'Green Twister'. I have learned the lesson of unfolding beauty while this giant bloom takes the whole season to slowly metamorphosize into about 5 different versions of herself while you watch.

An enormous 'thank you' to my friend Chris who shows up for every single ridiculous plan or idea I come up with and no matter how hard, complex, or frustrating the task, she works like a Russian miner and always has the temperament of Snow White.

Thank you to Amazon for having a beautiful and seemingly well-made colorful hammock that I bought for my garden and that is placed in the most perfect spot for me to take a minute and relax in the garden. It looks very well made and durable. I have yet to lay on it but it looks amazing!. A Carol Burnett ear tug of thanks to the zucchini that grew beautifully in my garden for about 3 minutes before being overrun and overtaken by a mercenary army of squash beetles.

Thank you for your wisdom, 'Jilly' the Muscovy duck. You have the calm grace to wait quietly in the corner of the chicken yard like a ninja and when you hear the kiddie pool being refilled with fresh cool water, you get to it first and bathe like Angelina Jolie in a clawfoot tub in sunshine.

Thank you to red sunflowers. Just because. You make sunflowers look sexy.

Eternal confounding gratitude to neighbor Connie, who's basement has every treasure you can ever dream up hidden in it. Sometimes my life is like 'Let's Make a Deal', and only one time have I asked if she has something, and she had to say 'NO'. For goofball fun, I've made the things I seek almost Monty Python-esque, and she never disappoints!

Thank you Prednisone. After getting stung by a wasp and laying awake while it felt like my hand was covered in fire ants, you made everything better and I didn't want to kill anyone or lift up a tractor. Thanks Big Pharma!

Thank you, Mr. Snapping turtle who lives in the garden, and who is mostly invisible except when my husband thinks I am lying and then he comes out like Snuffleupagus. Thanks.

Thank you, 'Little Bird', for the gift of every moment we spent together and how magical you made the garden this year. I miss you every single day. Still.

Thank you, baby goats, for being so cute and letting me hold you when you were two days old and before you'd discovered that rolling in and eating Poison Ivy is fun. Timing is everything.

Ever-loving gratitude for new friends Marilyn & Kay who thought they might just come visit the garden ONCE.

Thank you for not making me feel stupid for all the sunflower seed heads I harvested, dried and pulled the seeds out of to lay out on my porch and dry. Thank you for not telling me I'm an idiot for wondering why we have mice and then looking at the giant cookie sheets of 'drying' sunflower seeds to see only hulls. Thanks for not making me feel dumb.

Thank you for the rainbow of gorgeous tomatoes that grew in my garden and made every day of late summer feel like a vegetarian Easter Egg hunt.

Thank you 'Hot Biscuits' Amaranth for growing in my front yard. I love showing you off to everyone so I can see how many times I can get people to say the words 'hot biscuits'.

Thank you, friend Chris, for having a huge stone in the shape of a heart for 'Little Bird's' memorial stone in the garden.

Thank you huge garden spider for giving me the chance to walk all my squeamish friends past you without shooting burning venom in their face and instead showing them that some spiders are beautiful and elegant.

Thank you, strawflowers, for looking the same in death as in life.

Thank you to the black bell peppers and purple tomatillos who look like garden 'garanimals' next to the 'Patio Baby' & 'Little Finger' eggplant.

Thank you, 'Dinner Plate Dahlia', for not smirking while I held out a ruler before I took your picture.

Thank you, neighbor Janie, for saying 'yes' when I asked to come cut your celosia. You said you have "no idea what it is but come cut as much as you want".

Thank you clouds. Just thanks. There were so many Henri Magritte days this year and they were better than any art museum of ceiling in Caesar's Palace.

Thank you to 'Daisy' the miniature Sicilian Donkey, her mother 'Ruthy' and grandmother 'Naomi'. Randomly just out of the blue you'll make your little donkey noises and if people are here, they ask me what it means and to this day I have no idea. None.

Thank you to my 12-year-old Old English Bulldog 'Lucy' who is psychic and she can feel a disturbance in the force when I start to mentally hatch a plan. Before I can even take a step outside, she's already in the golf cart waiting.

Thank you, Mr. European Chestnut tree. Thank you for showing yourself just after I finished the first chapter of 'The Overstory' (about Chestnut trees) and I was ready to see you and know how special you are.

A heart full of love and gratitude for getting to be the person loved by Wally the Goose. 12 years of protecting our flock of birds, and retired to living at home with us, you pretend like you've never eaten chicken feed, and only eat oyster crackers and grass you make me go cut fresh. I'll do it 5 times a day for as long as you like.

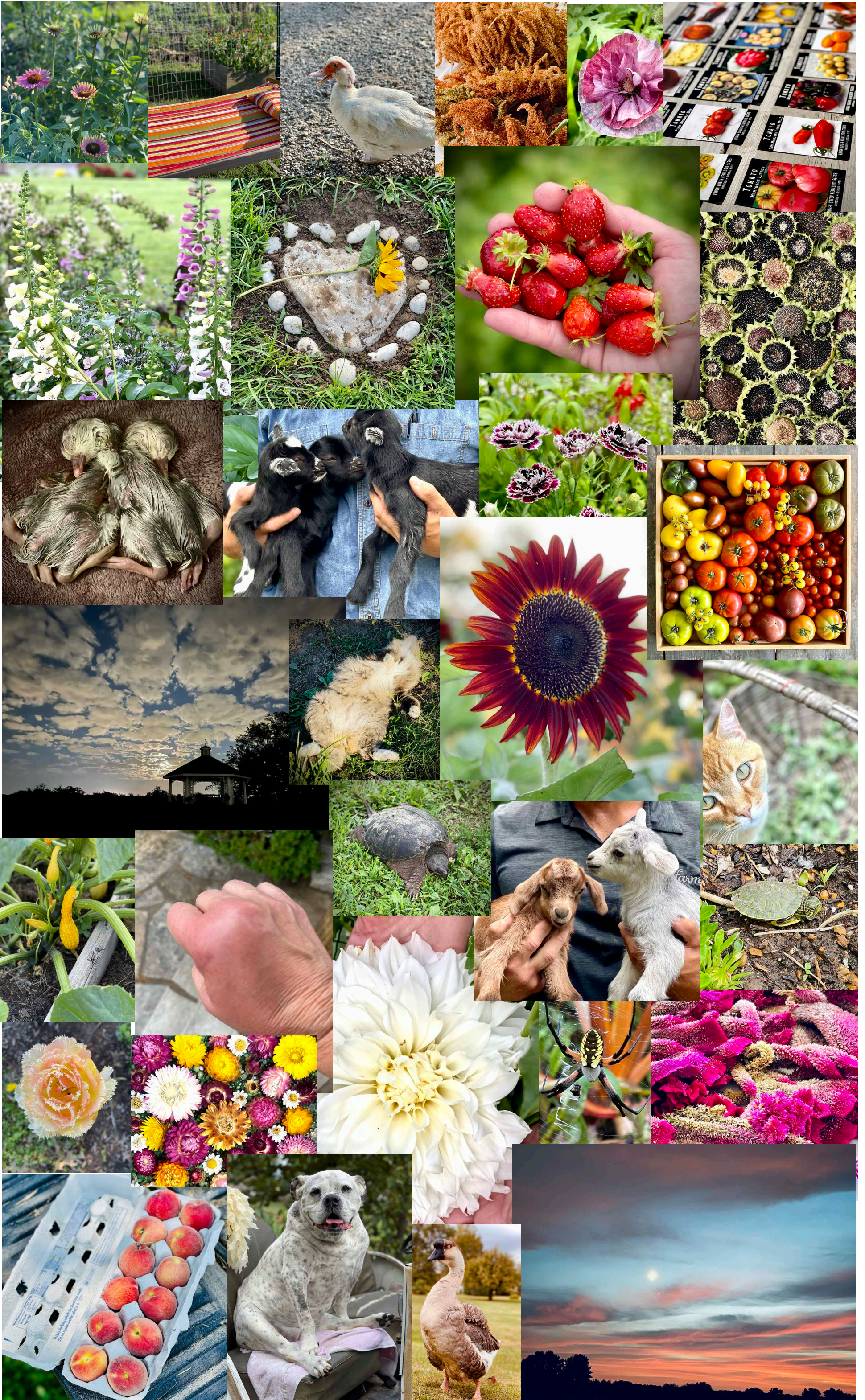
Thank you to my husband who I confound daily, and who though he is a minimalist and lover of organization and order, still tolerated egg incubators in his bathroom, tomatoes ripening on every available surface touched by sunlight in our home, doesn't ever say a word about the zillion paper sandwich bags everywhere with different plant variety seeds in them and my collection of Flemish Giant dust bunnies.

Thank you to the producers of my nightly sunset, who make me feel like Ed Neil might shout 'cue the sun' at any moment.

And if you've gotten this far, 'Thank You' dear reader for giving me reason to write down and share some of the field notes of this Farm Girl.

May you have a blessed and wonderful Thanksgiving, as you take a moment to think of all the things you're thankful for.





Financial Focus – Finance 101!

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As I pointed out last month I grew up in the era where cash was king. Advice given for learning how to manage the family budget often suggested the envelope method, dividing up your cash in various envelopes to cover expenses like rent and groceries. It really helped many families in the last century keep from overspending. When ATMs first came on the scene, I didn't really see the need, now I can't imagine carrying much cash knowing that I can access it 24 hours a day. Paying for things without touching that dirty money has become even more popular during the past year with COVID fears. The technology that allows all sorts of new payment systems to be introduced is changing quickly. So listening to a recent PBS program and hearing that these advances might help some of the poorest countries increase their wealth and that of their citizens seemed surprising. The Gates Foundation and McKinsey & Company did a very thorough study on how building a sustainable and inclusive financial system can fight poverty profitably. Although the study was done several years ago it seems very relevant today.

The study compared payment systems in more than 30 countries from around the world. And it provided a more detailed examination of China, India, Kenya, Nigeria, the Netherlands and the United States. Like with many studies the main finding seemed obvious already. "The economics of serving low income consumers simply does not work for many providers. The reasons are simple. Poor people usually conduct financial transactions frequently, and in small amounts." While that summation wasn't surprising it did pave the way for understanding the problems facing the dilemma for providers to be profitable. So while cash may not disappear completely, the expanded use of digital payment systems can improve efficiency and reduce costs by as much as 90%. With many of the changes proposed both providers and users, even the poor can benefit with more financial inclusion at all levels.

While this all sounds great, it is somewhat overwhelming and proves just how complex payment systems are throughout the world. So perhaps we should use that model to look at the financial service industry in just the United States. The Gates study identified four main groups of payments systems: accounts, cash in cash out, transactions and adjacencies. Accounts would be like a checking account or mobile money account. Cash in Cash out would include the activities to access cash thru a bank, ATM or mobile money agent where a customer can convert their cash to digital funds or back to cash from digital funds. Transactions would involve transferring funds between accounts and to a merchant for goods

or services. All three of these groups generate very little income for the financial provider, although transactions provide the most revenue with credit card transaction fees paid by merchants. The last component, Adjacencies includes the other products a financial provider can connect to the use of their payment system. This could include savings, insurance and lending and this is where a financial provider can make a profit. Breaking it down in to the categories and recognizing where a profit can be made is helpful. As mentioned earlier about how the economics of serving the poor doesn't work because it isn't profitable, so we need to look at how some changes might improve profits for the providers while also giving more available options to the consumers. And that is why the move towards digital funds could be the answer to making payment systems more efficient and accessible.

Having worked in banking for many years, I saw how it often just didn't work for the poor. Opening a checking account had fees attached unless a certain balance could be maintained. And when more banks began to offer free checking to everyone, fees for insufficient funds jumped. There were also changes made in how fees would be assessed. At one time banks would pay smaller checks first when more than one check was clearing on the same day. Then many changed their system to pay the largest check first. So if you had an \$800 balance and five checks came in - \$750, \$75, \$65, \$60 & \$55 – the first check would be paid and the other 4 would be returned each generating an insufficient fund charge of at least \$35. Like this many of the problems over the past seventy years or so have kept the poor from using banks. Payday lenders have sprung up as alternatives for those who fell further into poverty due to some of these practices. Loan policies of the past such as red-lining have improved, however it is still often difficult for the poor to utilize some of the more profitable products a financial institution has to offer. And when mortgages were being marketed aggressively before the bubble burst, the poor were burdened with higher interest rates often due to lower credit scores. And they often borrowed more than should have been allowed because everyone was convinced that property values could only go up. Being less savvy about how the value of a home can also decline put many under financial strain, but it was especially hard on the poor with foreclosures causing them to lose nearly all of the wealth they had built up to buy a home.

It does seem that if we can improve efficiency by moving towards more digital payment system and find ways to offer some of the opportunities for better financial services to the poor, both providers and users can benefit. In our current economy it doesn't seem to be on the horizon, but maybe we need providers to review the analysis provided by the Gates foundation and McKinsey & Company to restructure the system we have to work better for everyone. If you have any questions or comments please contact me at cleav73@sbcglobal.net.

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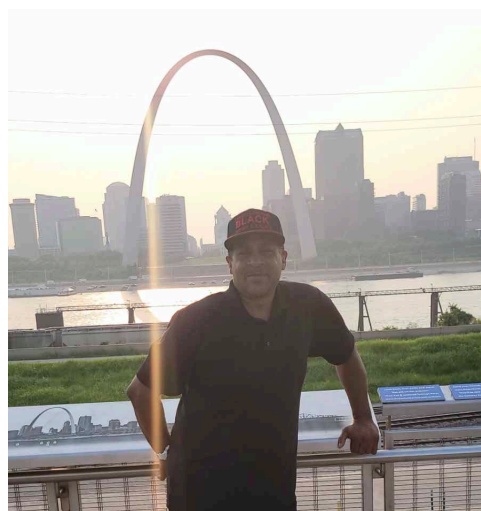
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“Curtis Conyears--- Bringing Music and Laughs to Ferguson”

One of the great things about Ferguson is that people from all walks of life are here. Whether they are residents, business owners, employed in Ferguson, or Ferguson volunteers, there’s always someone new to meet who has a great story to share. In this month’s article, I will share my interview with Mr. Curtis Conyears--- the owner of HollyLou Entertainment, and a passionate youth volunteer. Let’s read about the man who is bringing music and laughs to Ferguson.

Although Curtis Conyears is a Saint Louis City resident, he is a proud (and successful) Ferguson business owner. During our interview, Mr. Conyears shared that “I saw Ferguson as the perfect location to house HollyLou. I always frequented Ferguson in the past...”

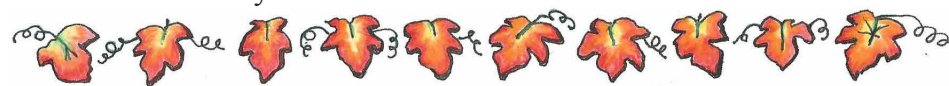


Curtis Conyears

I, first, learned about HollyLou as I was driving down South Florissant Road one evening, and I noticed that the parking lot where the business is located was completely filled! I was curious to learn more about the company, so I asked several neighbors about it. They told me that HollyLou featured live performances by musicians and comedians. I thought that this was a unique

business to come to Ferguson. Soon, I was introduced to Mr. Conyears, and I’m so glad he, and HollyLou are in Ferguson.

I asked Mr. Conyears “Why did you decide to start HollyLou Entertainment?” He replied, “It actually wasn’t my idea. My best friend Ken Kaid...gave me the idea. You see one of my passions was and is promoting. Most promoters rent venues to stage their events. After Mr. Kaid planted that seed, it only made sense to do it at my own venue. Since I relocated from Hollywood back to my home City of St. Louis, the name HollyLou was birthed. Then, we had to find the location. After looking all over, a very close friend of mine told me about this building in the Ferguson Plaza which I repeatedly passed by time after time. One day, I actually looked through the window, and that’s when the light bulb went off! (Thank you, Ms. Battle!) Next, I needed a visionary. That person was my very own brother Robert. And by the way, he just happened to be a very talented and creative contractor. Through his company RFC Designs, HollyLou’s home base was created and manufactured to be what it is to this day.”



I also learned that Mr. Conyears is a very accomplished entrepreneur. He explained, “During my tenure, I have worked for some very prominent individuals that have aided me in getting to where I am presently. The ones I am allowed to mention are, Terry Lewis of Jimmy Jam & Terry Lewis, Jerome Benton & The Bishop Noel Jones, brother of Grace Jones.

Through him, I was graced to be in the presence of other high-profile individuals that touched my life and gave me a broader knowledge of this entertainment industry.”

I, then, asked Mr. Conyears, “What is it that you like the most about being a business owner and entrepreneur in the entertainment industry?” To this, he replied, “I don’t just like it. I love seeing people happy and enjoying themselves. When they come to Hollylou, I want them to leave anxious to return. I also realize that there may be some who aren’t quite satisfied for whatever the reason may be. But we at Hollylou pride ourselves in addressing those individuals’ needs. Nine times out of ten, they leave satisfied, and they look forward to return. Then again, maybe that’s because we’re known as having some of the best chicken, shrimp and tripe on the Northside. (Thank you, Renee!).”

During our interview, Mr. Conyears shared with me that he graduated from college with degrees in Business Management and Marketing with a minor in Physical Education. Then, I asked Mr. Conyears that famous Saint Louis Question, “Where did you go to high school?” Mr. Conyears responded, “I went to and graduated from DeSmet Jesuit High.”

Mr. Conyears also told me about some of the things he likes to do when he’s not working as a business owner and entrepreneur. “I love working with kids and I do this through a local school district. I love working with kids.”

I also took the time to ask Mr. Conyears my favorite question, “What are the three things that make you awesome?” To this, he replied, “I love kids and make myself available to their cause. I love people and believe, as myself, that the majority of them are good and decent. I will give the shirt off my back for what I believe, and I believe that everyone no matter what race or color deserves to be loved and treated with respect.”



Curtis Conyears

It’s people like Mr. Conyears who make communities like Ferguson, and the whole of the Greater Saint Louis Region better. Having HollyLou and other great businesses in Ferguson ultimately strengthens the Ferguson Community and adds to the many things you can do, and places you can go in Ferguson, Missouri, including a place like HollyLou where smiles and laughs show-up in Ferguson.

(To learn more about HollyLou Entertainment, email HollLouEnt@gmail.com, or call 240.355.0420.)

Photographs were provided courtesy of Mr. Curtis Conyears for the purposes of publication with the 2021 edition of The Best of Ferguson in the Ferguson Neighborhood News.



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SSM Health DePaul Hospital Officially Launches Food Pantry to Alleviate Food Insecurity

The Bread Basket at SSM Health DePaul is part of a partnership with St. Louis Area Foodbank to connect patients who have been identified as having food insecurity with community resources.

BRIDGETON, MO—SSM Health DePaul Hospital officially opened a food pantry in hopes of alleviating food insecurity in North St. Louis County. The Bread Basket at SSM Health DePaul Hospital is part of a partnership with St. Louis Area Foodbank that will provide patients, who have been identified as having food insecurity, with meals that align with their health care needs.

Food insecurity is a health care issue and a key social determinant of health in the DePaul Hospital service area. Ensuring patients have access to food that will meet their nutritional needs will also ensure better health care outcomes.

“We know that 20-30% of families that we serve in this area are food insecure in some way,” SSM Health DePaul Hospital President Tina Garrison said. “We also know that 50% of all health is driven by social, economic and environmental factors. Certainly, food insecurity is the basis of all of that.”

Patients will be screened for food insecurity when they are admitted to the hospital. Patients identified as having a need will be discharged a set of meals that will be built to meet the needs of their other health conditions. Patients will also take part in a warm handoff with the St. Louis Area Foodbank to connect patients with longer-term community resources.

“This is unique to DePaul and we want to make sure that we’re doing our due diligence to take care of our patients and extending their care post-discharge,” Janetta Feeny, clinical director of telemetry services and a key leader of the food pantry project at DePaul Hospital, said. “The food pantry is there to provide food to patients long enough for them to start making connections with those community partners.”

The project began with a pilot on one patient unit earlier this summer. The ribbon cutting serves as an opportunity to recognize that this project is now being implemented throughout the inpatient hospital units.

“This is what community health looks like,” Garrison said. “We are community hospital, working with community partners like the St. Louis Area Foodbank, to meet a community challenge in food insecurity.”



Janetta Feeny of SSM Health DePaul Hospital and Nicole Hawkins of the St. Louis Area Foodbank prepare to cut the ribbon.



Leaders from SSM Health DePaul Hospital and the St. Louis Area foodbank celebrated the opening of The Bread Basket at SSM Health DePaul Hospital.

STEAM ACADEMY AT MCCLUER SOUTH-BERKELEY RECOGNIZED AS A PLTW DISTINGUISHED HIGH SCHOOL

Ferguson, MO (September 21, 2021) - STEAM Academy at McCluer South-Berkeley has been recognized as a 2020-2021 Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Distinguished High School. The STEAM Academy is one of only 204 high schools across the U.S. (top 1.7%) to receive this recognition. The PLTW Distinguished Program Recognition celebrates districts and schools committed to helping to empower students to unlock their potential by developing in-demand, real-world knowledge and skills necessary to thrive beyond the classroom.

This program honors schools committed to increasing student access, engagement, and achievement in their PLTW programs. To be eligible for the designation, STEAM Academy @ MSB had to meet the following criteria in the 2019-20 school year:

Offer and had students enrolled in at least three PLTW High School courses from any pathway during the 2019-20 school year.

Had 25 percent or more students who participated in PLTW High School courses from any pathway during the 2019-20 school year OR at least 33 percent of those students who participated during the 2019-20 school year took at least two PLTW courses during their tenure at your school.

Had strategies and procedures in place to support reasonably proportional representation with regard to race, ethnicity, poverty, gender, and can support with relevant data.

“It is a great honor to recognize these schools and districts for their commitment to students,” said Vince Bertram, president, and CEO of PLTW. “They should be very proud of ensuring students have the knowledge and skills necessary to be career-ready on any career path they choose.”

The STEAM Academy at MSB is the only high school in north county that provides a STEAM-focused curriculum around the areas of science, technology, engineering, art design, and mathematics. The high school serves resident students in the Ferguson-Florissant School District who meet the admission criteria for the program. Each STEAM pathway -- Computer Science, Engineering, Business/Finance, and Biomedical Science -- allows students to learn through project-based learning in an accelerated learning environment.

PLTW is a non-profit organization that serves millions of PreK-12 students and teachers in over 12,200 schools across the U.S. The program empowers students to develop hands-on skills through computer science, engineering, and biomedical science pathways.



The Ferguson Computer Corner

by thankful Doug Neely

Some of you may have noticed my absence over the past several months. Rest assured that there was good reason for it.

Simply put, I was in the hospital quite a bit. I had several operations on my legs. In the end, the doctors were unable to keep me whole. The blame falls solely upon diabetes; and for that I lost one of my legs.

Obviously, there are certain physical abilities that I no longer am able to call upon. That will limit some of the computer work I do here. So, I will be learning what I can do, and what I cannot do, as I go along.

For now, you can always call me on the phone or email me to discuss your puter issue. If you need me to work on your puter, we will figure something out. The way to go is one thingie at a time; that will get the job done properly.

Thanksgiving, dept.

I want all of you to have a most thankful Thanksgiving on the 25th of this month.

A few weeks ago, my high school class got together to celebrate our 51st anniversary. (yeah, I know it is supposed to be 50th, but things did not work out in a timely fashion, and we had to settle for 50 plus 1, as it were.)

It was and is quite a sad situation for me, as I was not able to go, and it was likely the last time we will be able to see each other again. It is a very tearful time for me.

Let me please admonish all of you to keep your loved ones close at all times. When I wore a badge and a gun, we had a little term to describe the situation, and it went like this: “Well, you never know.” The part of the phrase left unsaid is this part: “...so always be prepared!”

Let me translate that for you. Not only should you be thankful for your blessings, but show appreciation to those you love on the 25th before, during, and after the meal. Be genuine. Be Thankful to God. Be generous with your love.

ME GO NOW!

I plan to write a puter column for December. After that, I plan to write for only about HALF as much as I used to. In other words, not every month. If YOU have a topic you would like me to cover, please let me know, and I will gladly start writing along those lines. I need to go now in order to prepare for turkey day. God’s blessings to us all!

IF YOU need some of Doug’s puter advice, please contact him in one of two ways. First, use your phone and dial this number in the afternoon hours: *314*521*1789*. Second, email me at: fergusoncomputercorner@aol.com, without the comma at the end. Also, be certain to put the phrase “I need puter advice” into the subject line of your missive. If you don’t, I won’t get it, and you won’t get an answer. Not cool.

Have a very Thankful and loving Thanksgiving!

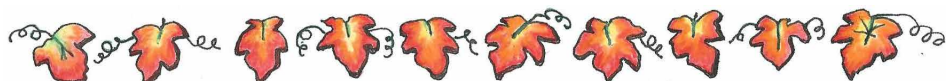
CITY OF FERGUSON CANDIDATE PETITIONS AVAILABLE NOVEMBER 1, 2021 ELECTION NOTICE – APRIL 5, 2022

The City of Ferguson, Missouri, will hold an election on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 for the office of Council Member Wards 1,2,3 for a 3 year term. Any person wanting to file a declaration of candidacy for this office must submit a petition signed by at least 50 and not more than 75 registered voters. The petition forms will be available in the City Clerk’s Office beginning Monday, November 1, 2021, and may be picked up at any time during regular office hours.

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

The petitions and declarations of candidacy must be filed with the City Clerk at Ferguson City Hall, 110 Church Street. Under State Law, declarations of candidacy will be accepted starting on the opening date for filing and will not be accepted after the last date for filing. Candidate filing for the Ferguson City Council will open at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 7, 2021, which date is the seventeenth Tuesday before the election. Candidate filing will close at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 28, 2021, which date is the fourteenth Tuesday before the election. For further information, please call the City Clerk at 524-5152.

CITY OF FERGUSON
Octavia Pittman, City Clerk



Ferguson Has A History Museum

Ferguson, indeed, does have a Historical Society and a History Museum and we are moving forward with the help of our readers of the past three weeks. We had a wonderful gathering of members and newcomers at an amazing Landmark Century Home on Clay in Ferguson. The tour of the home was stunning and the chance to gather new ideas was exciting. We encourage any of you reading this article to join in the conversation. Contact information is at the bottom of this article.

We all know that Hollywood and University City have their Walks of Fame. But – did you know that Ferguson has a Wall of Fame? The Wall of Fame is located at 220 South Florissant Road – and it’s been there since 2010! Some of the names you have heard of: Cardinal players Enos Slaughter and Mike Shannon both have lived in Ferguson. Slaughter played for the Cardinals from 1937-1953 and was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1985. Shannon began his Cardinal career in 1962 but is best known for his broadcasting the Cardinal games since 1972. He just retired this year.

Others, while less well known, are also distinguished. Mary Jo Bang, a poet, lived in Ferguson. Her most notable writing, Elogy, won the 2007 National Book Critics Circle Award for Poetry. Joanie Lum, a 1980 McCluer High School graduate, is a well-known broadcaster. After graduating from Journalism School at MU, she began a broadcasting career in Columbia and has ended up in Chicago. Susan Notorangelo, a long-distance cyclist, grew up in Ferguson. One of her many records was her cycle tour from Los Angeles to New York City in 9 days and 9 hours. Many will recognize the name Jeanne Trevor. A long-time Ferguson resident, she is known as “The “First Lady of Jazz in St. Louis”.

Among the honored men is Michael McDonald, who attended McCluer High, a musician who is known for his work with Steely Dan, The Doobie Brothers, Aretha Franklin among others. He is a 5-time Grammy winner. Dan O’ Bannon, who attended McCluer High, was a screenwriter and film director who’s film credits include Star Wars, Alien, Dead and Buried and Total Recall. Finally, there is Antoine Predock, an architect who attended Ferguson High School (as did this writer). Predock is the winner of numerous awards and Honors. He is a fellow of the American Institute of Architecture.

Perhaps you have some name to propose for this Wall of Fame. Please contact Jerry Benner at fjbenner@mindspring.com. You can visit the History Museum. Visitation is by appointment by contacting Kathy Eckberg at eckberg7@aol.com.

“The Ferguson Historical Society is dedicated to preserving and promoting the history of Ferguson Missouri. Membership is open to all sharing our interest.”

Christmas Caroling
Ferguson Main Street Pub Crawl

Friday, December 10th Gather at Savoy Banquet Center at 6:00 p.m. for check in. Crawl begins promptly at 6:30 p.m.

Must have prepaid registration. \$35.00 per ticket

Tickets can be purchased on Eventbrite

Includes 1 Specialty Drink* per Location

*Specialty drink determined by participating businesses.

After party with DJ and appetizers

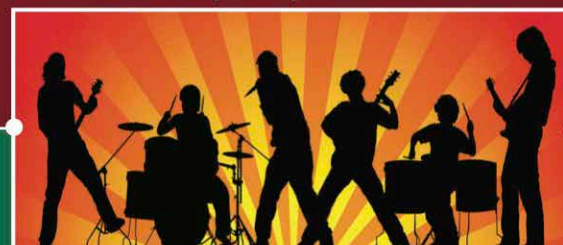
8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.



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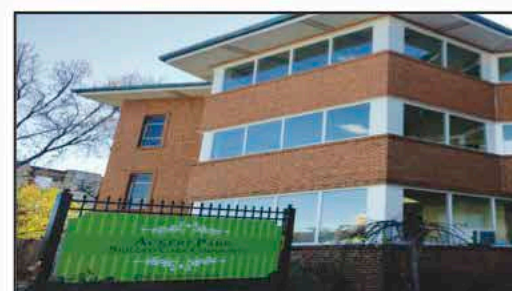
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2022 Republic Services Holiday Schedule Residential Routes

NEW YEAR'S DAY – SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2022

No residential routes will be affected

MEMORIAL DAY – MONDAY, MAY 30, 2022

Monday routes will be picked up on Tuesday, May 31
 Tuesday routes will be picked up on Wednesday, June 1
 Wednesday routes will be picked up on Thursday, June 2
 Thursday routes will be picked up on Friday, June 3
 Friday routes will be picked up on Saturday, June 4

INDEPENDENCE DAY – MONDAY, JULY 4, 2022

Monday routes will be picked up on Tuesday, July 5
 Tuesday routes will be picked up on Wednesday, July 6
 Wednesday routes will be picked up on Thursday, July 7
 Thursday routes will be picked up on Friday, July 8
 Friday routes will be picked up on Saturday, July 9

LABOR DAY – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2022

Monday routes will be picked up on Tuesday, September 6
 Tuesday routes will be picked up on Wednesday, September 7
 Wednesday routes will be picked up on Thursday, September 8
 Thursday routes will be picked up on Friday, September 9
 Friday routes will be picked up on Saturday, September 10

THANKSGIVING DAY – THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2022

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 25
 Friday routes will be picked up on Saturday, November 26

CHRISTMAS DAY – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2022

No residential routes will be affected

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta



11/13/2021
ST. VINCENT DEPAUL COLLECTION

St. Vincent de Paul food collection event, combined with donations of warming clothes (hats, gloves, socks).
 * Canned goods and non-perishable food items will be collected on parish lot with all proceeds going to our St. Vincent de Paul conference.
 * In addition to food, we will also be collecting new and gently used "warm" clothes items that will be donated to a local shelter.

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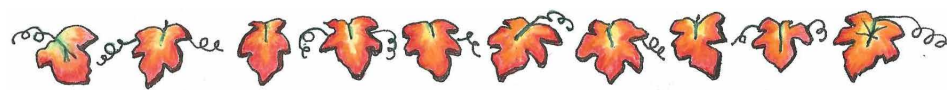
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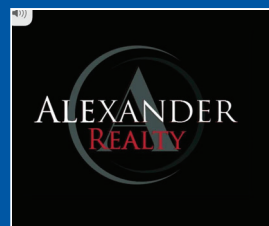
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Guns Down - Gloves Up

Last month I visited Saul Washington's Brute Boxing and Fitness gym. This month I was invited to Dellwood Recreation Center's Leon Calvin Boxing Gym. The gym is named after Leon Spinks oldest son Leon Calvin. Leon Calvin was a boxing protege who was tragically killed in 1990.

His cousin, Darrick Calvin and his wife decided to start a gym in his memory and continue the Spinks legacy. The focus is not only boxing but to provide a healthy alternative to the streets through character, boxing, and education.

Their first bout will be on November 27th at 6 PM (doors open).



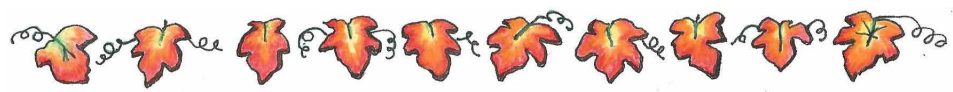
Future champs



Coaching one on one



Fight card for November 27th



THE PROBLEM WITH PLASTIC BAGS

submitted by the Ferguson Eco Team

From major waterways such as the nearby Mississippi River plastic bags make their way to the ocean, where some poor critters such as endangered sea turtles mistake them for other critters such as jellyfish on which they love snacking.

Americans use 100 billion plastic bags a year, which require 12 million barrels of oil to manufacture. ... Up to 80 percent of ocean plastic pollution enters the ocean from land. At least 267 different species have been affected by plastic pollution in the ocean. 100,000 marine animals are killed by plastic bags annually. Try to use less plastic bags and Please remember to recycle your plastic bags.

One last thing: If you want to see an eye opening movie on plastic. Go to the discovery channel on the Internet and look for The Story of Plastic.



Under The Hood With Robinwood
By Bob McGartland

Fall is a Great Time to Check the Coolant & Cooling System Condition in Your Vehicle

Your vehicle's engine coolant is easy to forget as it is one of those vehicle maintenance services that is out of site. As we move from Summer to Fall having your coolant condition and cooling system checked is an important step.

THE COOLING & HEATING SYSTEM

As you can imagine, the motor in your vehicle generates a tremendous amount of heat. Keeping it cool is the responsibility of your vehicle's cooling system which includes the radiator, top & bottom radiator hoses, thermostat, water pump, electric cooling fan, and coolant temp sensor.

RADIATOR = Most important component...your coolant is constantly pumped through tubes in the radiator to be cooled off.

HOSES = Radiator hoses move the coolant from one area to another and over time can become cracked and brittle. Often these hoses can deteriorate from the inside, creating soft spots that eventually burst causing a leak.

WATER PUMP = Also very important as the water pump pushes the coolant through the system. Most water pumps are driven by a belt that also needs to be checked for wear and cracks.

THERMOSTAT = Controls the flow of the coolant to keep your engine at its normal operating temperature.

ELECTRONIC COOLING FAN = Many newer vehicles have an electric fan that blows air through your radiator when the vehicle is not moving fast enough to create the necessary air flow.

COOLANT TEMP SENSOR = Simply put, this sensor reads how hot the coolant is inside the cooling system. When the preprogrammed temperature is reached the sensor sends a signal to the engine computer to turn the electric fan on.

All of these components work together to keep your vehicles engine cool and you warm & comfortable inside the vehicle. When you turn on the heat in your vehicle some of the heat from the engine that has been removed by the coolant is transferred to the cabin by another important component called the heater core.

Over time your coolant can break down and lose its ability to properly perform the important heat transfer steps and become acidic. Every vehicle has a recommended service interval for when you should have your cooling system serviced and checked. A simple approach is every Fall when you schedule your oil service ask the service facility to perform a coolant condition check. A simple test will determine the condition of the PH level of the coolant and the freezing point of the coolant so it will protect your engine from freezing. In our area -35 degrees is the ideal freezing point for the coolant. At the same time have your service facility inspect the components of the cooling system. This step can prevent the possibility of a very costly repair by identifying problems "before" they occur.

If you have any questions or concerns about your vehicles cooling & heating system, please stop in or give Robinwood a call or visit us online at robinwoodauto.com.

Old man winter is just around the corner.

Due to some technical issues my Under the Hood with Robinwood article wasn't in the paper last month. I would like to take the time to send a big shout out 'THANK YOU' to everyone who made the 9th annual Taste in Ferguson fundraiser event a great success. We served 700 boxes of food from 17 different vendors. Ninety of those boxes were Hero Boxes. On Sunday evening when the event was over, we delivered these boxes to the Ferguson police and fire departments several other local police and fire departments and two local hospitals. God Bless our first responders and our health care workers.





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