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IT'S YOUR TURN

By Rev. Larry Brown

Often, we choose not to step in or “act” because we feel that it is not our place, not our time, or not our issue with which to become involved. We are content to let someone else, who we predetermine is more appropriate for the situation, to become the channel for solving the problem or remedying the situation. (Sometimes, that person never materializes and therefore the issue continues)

Unless the particular situation involves us directly, we very often choose not to engage! This is either for convenience’s sake, time involvement’s sake, or we decide that it is not our issue. Until we become directly affected, we choose to remain aloof.

I wish to ask you this age – old question: If not you, then who?

We live in an age where we become affected often, by the actions of others. We are affected sometimes physically, and many times emotionally; or other’s actions or words affect our thoughts and decisions. We, therefore, should assume some responsibility for making sure that the correct and right things are seen and done because we cannot isolate ourselves and those who we hold dear, from the actions of others. We, in fact, owe it to ourselves and our posterity. ‘ No man is an island, no man stands alone ‘ When we see that those responsible for handling a situation are not performing effectively or can’t manage the situation appropriately, then we should offer our assistance or to put it bluntly, become involved.

This is the only way that “ right” things can prevail and wrong things can fail! Inaction is not a solution that is desirable in a wrong situation. Often, if we decide to take a positive step, others will join us because they wish to see the right thing prevail for the overall good of everyone.

Today, we see an alarming increase in the number of shootings and killings in our neighborhoods. People are afraid to leave their homes and often homes become the victims of random gunshots intended elsewhere. This affects adults and children alike. It is a shame for senior citizens to have to live this way, after all that they have endured in life. Young people should not have the idea that they will die early. People should not be afraid to go to the store or to church!

We believe that “ As a person thinks, is the way that person will act”. One of the first things we must do is to return Respect for Human Life!

Sometimes, people are reluctant to become involved because they don’t feel comfortable or think that their intentions may be misunderstood, or that they may be exposing themselves to some form of danger. A way to comfortably become involved is to support organizations that are addressing the problem. You are invited to visit our website at www.gracechapelministries.org or give us a call at 314-995-5013.

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JUNE EVENTS

- JUNE 4** Soulcraft Demonstration the Art of Kumiko 9am and 11am
Music - MO ECHO Brass Band by Zyi Li Music & Entertainment 9-11am
 - JUNE 11** Missouri Department of Conservation - Info & Activity on Bird Decline
Seed St. Louis “Food Freedom for All” 8am-12pm
Friends of the Rainforest - Info and Kids’ Activity 8am-12pm
Live Music - The Blues Kings 9-11am
 - JUNE 18** Father’s Day Drawing for BBQ Basket - Drawing at 11am
Free Juneteenth Fans for First 200 Customers
Live Music - Free Champagne Band 9-11am
 - JUNE 25** - AKC Canine Good Citizen Test 9am and 11am
Live Music - Riff Raff Jazz Band 9-11am
- Full season calendar on fergusonfarmersmarket.com

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IN PERSON EVENTS

Fishing for Beginners
Friday, June 10 at 4 pm
Register online at bit.ly/fmplfishing

College Advising
Wednesday, June 15 at 10 am
Walk in for help on FAFSA, scholarships and more!

Krafty Korner
Wednesday, June 15 at 6 pm
Register online at bit.ly/fmplkrafty

Game Night
Wednesday, June 22 at 6 pm
Register online at bit.ly/fmplgame

VIRTUAL EVENTS

Wednesday Night Craftalong
Wednesdays in June at 6 pm
Love our weekly craft kits but wish you could make them with some help? Join us on Zoom as we show you how!
Registration required. Register online at bit.ly/fmplkits22.

Under the Sea Storytime
Saturday, June 18 at 2 pm
Join on Facebook (facebook.com/fergusonlibrary) as we head underwater for storytime! We'll read stories and sing songs about all things ocean.

- June Craft Kits**
- June 6-11: Pompom Turtle
 - June 13-18: Cork Bugs
 - June 21-25: Sharpie Tie Dye
 - June 27-July 2: Scrape Painting

Pick up a free craft kit while supplies last each week in June. See above for information about our Wednesday Night Craftalong!

THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, JUNE 20 IN OBSERVANCE OF JUNETEENTH.



June Celebration Shout-outs



2 - Happy Birthday Dick Bowes
 10 - Happy 12th Birthday James Nadeau
 18 - Happy Birthday Mary Ann Wulfert



June at a Glance

4 Free Gospel Choir Concert January Wabash Bandshell 6pm

14 Flag Day



19 Fathers Day

18 NorthHills Meeting 7451 Blanding 10am

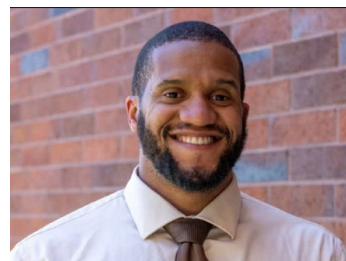
19 Juneteenth

27 Southwest community meeting 6pm



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Eric Osterberg



Saturday, June 25th, 1:30 - 3:30 PM
 100 South Clay Ave.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Trustees of the Ferguson Municipal Public Library District will hold a hearing to discuss the budget and adoption of the same for the fiscal year 2022-2023. The hearing will be held at 35 N. Florissant Rd., Ferguson, Missouri, in the Library Auditorium on Monday June 27, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. All interested persons may appear and be heard at the meeting.



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We are always looking for new perspectives from our community. If you enjoy writing or have a talent for talking to people and transfer that to the written word then we would love to hear from you. As we are all volunteers, this is a non-paying position.

ARTFUL CONSIDERATIONS

By Beth von Behren



Have you ever wandered through an art museum in a foreign city - and by that I mean any city that isn't St. Louis - and let yourself walk without intention, just looking around, and

then suddenly something grabs your eye? And you realize that you like it, even though it might not fit into what you had always assumed "art" was or what kind of art was beautiful to you?

That is the beauty of visiting art museums when you travel. If you grew up in St. Louis and consider yourself a person who enjoys visual art, you have probably gone to all the big exhibits at the Saint Louis Art Museum (SLAM) over the years, and perhaps also visited some of the regular galleries while you were there. It's the museum most of us are used to and likely think of when we think of going to an art museum. It is familiar territory.

Visiting a museum that is not familiar, on the other hand, may open your eyes to other kinds of art. Most museums specialize in certain kinds of things, and a lot of that can depend on who their donors are. For instance, Morton D. May has donated a ton of art to SLAM, for which I am eternally grateful because his donations include dozens of works by my favorite artist Max Beckmann, a 20th century German artist whose wall-size "Sinking of the Titanic" at the St. Louis Art Museum may have caught your eye on occasion. SLAM has the largest collection of Beckmann in the world, and that is largely due to the generosity of Mr. May.

I love impressionism (who doesn't!) but don't always like modern art, which is a bit too vague for me ("but what does it mean?"). I had therefore never anticipated I might enjoy contemporary art, which is defined as art of the present day, whose creators are still alive and actively creating. This can sometimes be confused with modern art, which is actually a specific period in art history, generally considered to be between 1860 and the 1970s, and which includes Cubism, Picasso, Jackson Pollock, and Andy Warhol (as a frame of reference). Warhol was also a "contemporary" artist while he was still alive (1928-1987).

Turns out, I really love contemporary art. Contemporary artists, by definition, are creating art that reflects contemporary theme or issues, and they may also work in new or unusual media. Take, for example, the painting (pic #1) on a mirror by Michelangelo Pistoletto (b. 1933), whose art mainly deals with the idea of reflection. I found this at the Milwaukee Art Museum in 2018 and couldn't resist taking a sort-of-selfie with it.

Another contemporary artist you may have heard of is the street artist Banksy, who leaves his "public art" on walls, fences, in alleyways, and so on. He is super famous for keeping his identity secret. When I visited San Francisco last year, I was taking photos of street murals when a woman approached me and asked "Have you ever seen a Banksy?" I had not, so she walked me around the corner, and there - way up on the side of a building - was a black and white graffiti drawing, signed by the notorious Banksy. I felt privileged to stand there and view it. (Pic #2)

If you would like to investigate contemporary art, we have a whole museum right here in St. Louis devoted to it - the Contemporary Art Museum of St. Louis. Admission is free, but reservations are required. Learn more at www.camstl.org Meanwhile, I encourage you to check out at least one museum in every major city you visit. You just never know what you'll find.

That's it for this month's Artful Considerations. Here's your tip for this month: If you are an artist looking for resources, check out this page on the the Regional Arts Commission's website: <https://racstl.org/resources/artist-resources/> Don't forget - if you are a Ferguson artist and would like to be featured in this column, send me an email: optinpr@gmail.com.



Above: Selfie with mirror art by Michelangelo Pistoletto (Milwaukee Art Museum)



Right: Public art by Banksy (San Francisco)



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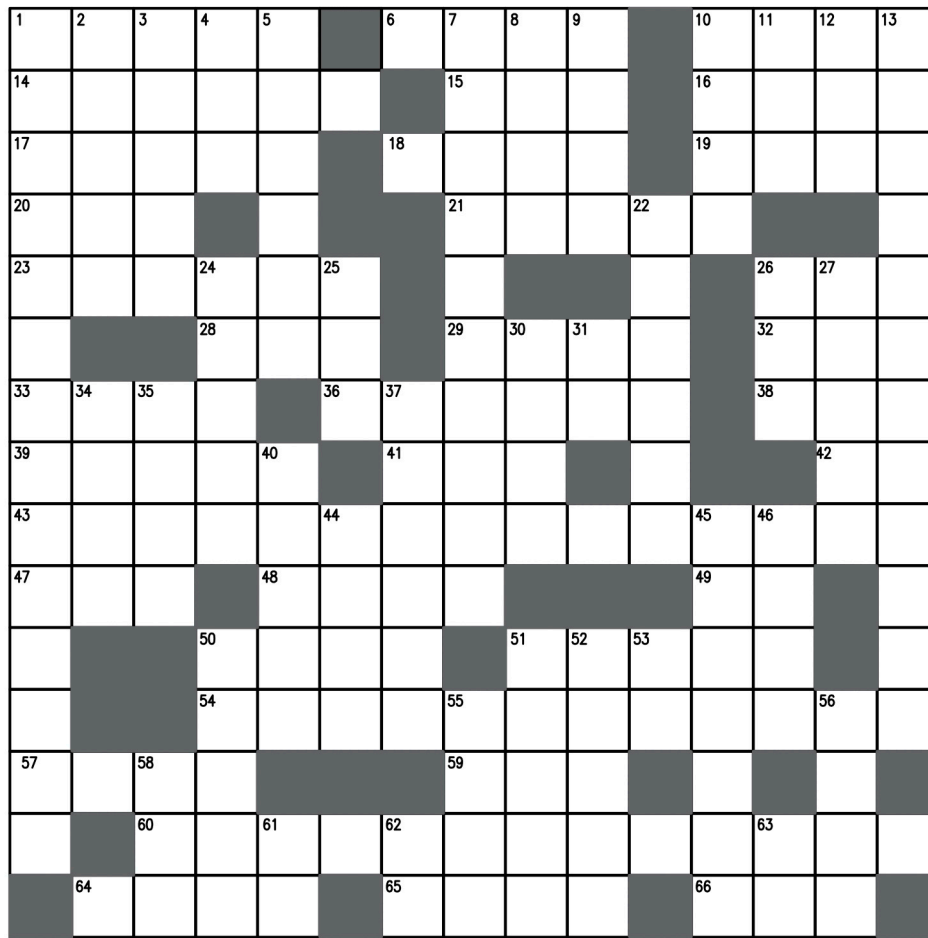
By Robin Shively

ACROSS

1. Husky holder
6. Opposite of nearby
10. Cheer
14. Foot parts
15. "Thick __ Brick"
16. Sundance locale
17. Vapors
18. Garden supporter
19. Dull one
20. Before, poetically
21. Delighted
23. Wil's Next Generation role
26. Strange Magic grp.
28. Time period
29. Slang for anti-doping target
32. It may be hot
33. Ms. Banks
36. The Cheater singer Scott
38. Ump.
39. Bank job
41. Turner or Cole
42. Twilight st.
43. Robert Young series
47. Chances __; Mathis classic
48. Real Estate proclamation
49. B&O or CB&Q
50. Soothing gel
51. Influence
54. "Old Fashioned" soda brand
57. Western character actor Jack
59. Curvature
60. MASH chaplain
64. Sicilian volcano
65. Some say it is more
66. Marvel Warlord

DOWN

1. 1947 film set in 1880s New York City
2. Accustom to accept something undesirable
3. High point
4. Trendy type of shed
5. Protagonist Prynne
7. Mother country
8. On the ocean
9. Incline
10. Oswald murderer
11. Relating to the ear, pref.
12. Paddle
13. Don Corleone
22. San Diego team
24. Training line
25. Move unsteadily; weave
26. Make a mistake
27. Theater name
30. Sgt. Snorkel's dog
31. That is; abbrev.
34. This one is of the Tiger
35. Ceremony
37. Places for some monitors
40. Noted coil inventor
44. Crucifix
45. Jazz Pianist Dave
46. Pseudonym of artist Romain de Tirtoff
50. Darrin Stephens or Don Draper
51. Crocus bases
52. Position; Site
53. Over 40 hrs.
55. Few and far between
56. Canyon comeback
58. Near the rear
61. Acad. Helper
62. Lead-in to Paso or Camino
63. Location of only active diamond mine in U.S.



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NORTH HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD

Community MEETING

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EVERY

3RD SATURDAY

7451 BLANDING: 10AM

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NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING.

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HAWKESBURY ELLIOTT MARVIN MARION BELMONT GROVE TESMORE
THOMAS EDNA DORECHESTER CUNIFF PEMBERTON REASOR GROVE ELSIE
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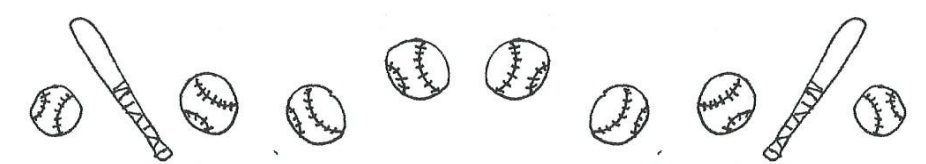
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January-Wabash Park Bandshell

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The Best of Ferguson



by Teyuna T. Darris, M.A.

“Matt Ampleman--- A Commitment to Community”

One thing I enjoy about meeting new people is the opportunity to learn about their life experiences and how they perceive the world as a result of those experiences. Another exciting element of meeting new people is that sometimes, these people are in our neighborhoods, maybe in the next town down the road, and sometimes, they attend the same schools as us. And, all the while as we go about our busy days, we may, or may not realize that those people were always in, or near, the places we cherish. For this month’s feature, I had the opportunity to meet one such fellow, named Mr. Matt Ampleman, whose story I refer to as a commitment to community

Matt is the son of devoted parents who, as he describes, “were Catholic enough and hard-working enough that my five siblings and I could go to Catholic high schools. My twin brother Alex and I went to Saint Louis University High School, in significant part, because my mom was willing to work the 4 am shift at the McDonald’s drive through.”

From age six until eighteen, Matt enthusiastically spent his summers swimming with the Ferguson Swim Team at January-Wabash Park. “To me, Ferguson meant beautiful parks; diverse, hard-working people; historic homes; and strong institutions: whether churches, sports leagues, schools, or businesses, Fergusonites are community-minded.”, Matt said as he reminisced about his youth.

After graduating from Saint Louis University High School, Matt moved away from North County to study geology with a focus on groundwater and soil systems at Washington University in Saint Louis from which he graduated in 2010. From 2010 to 2012, he worked in Washington D.C. using his geology background to make sure natural gas extraction and geologic sequestration of carbon dioxide did not contaminate groundwater. Matt moved to Iowa City, Iowa for graduate school, where he met his wife, Eliza, and studied environmental engineering with an emphasis in public health. Matt, then graduated from Yale Law School in 2017 where his studies included municipal courts, and community and economic development.

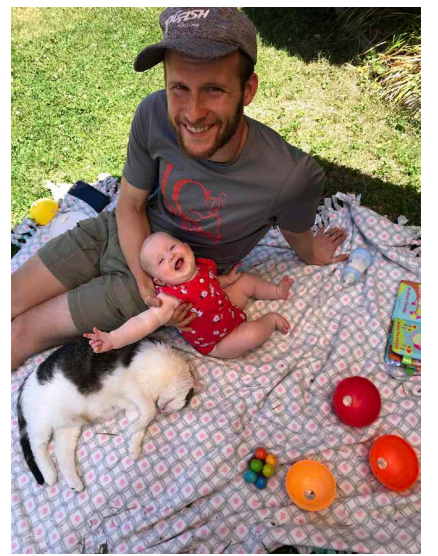
After becoming a licensed attorney, Matt returned to Missouri and lived in Saint Louis City proper while he focused his work on nonprofits, and community and economic development matters at Legal Services of Eastern Missouri. He, then, made a career change in March 2021 and began working on complex commercial litigation matters at a private law firm.

Matt recounts some of his greatest professional achievements to include the time when “I defended a foster mother’s home from a tax sale that would have deprived her of tens of thousands of dollars of equity and the right to own her own home. After cross-examining the purchaser’s unreliable expert appraisal, I convinced opposing counsel to drop the case and let the foster mother retain her home. A few months earlier, I described the CDC’s eviction moratorium on radio and TV, explaining how those who had lost their jobs due to the COVID-19 Pandemic could find relief while paying as much rent as they could. Looking further back, in 2015, I improved aspects of Missouri’s Senate Bill 5, requesting line-by-line edits on behalf of the Missouri Governor’s Ferguson Commission. There is so much that remains undone in the way of racial justice and governance reform in St. Louis and Missouri. I’m hopeful for the many Fergusonites and St. Louisans I know who are helping on these issues.”



Matt also recounted that fifteen years had passed from the time he graduated from high school until he returned to live in North County as a Ferguson resident. He continued, “During that time, a lot has changed in Ferguson and in the world outside. But the core of what makes a good community –strong institutions, hard-working people – Ferguson still has that in a way that’s hard to find elsewhere.”

In 2019, Matt, and his wife, Eliza, had a baby with whom he enjoys spending time. I asked Matt about his favorite hobbies and pastimes, and he enthusiastically replied, “Dadding! I used to spend tens of hours every week training for and competing in various triathlons, ultramarathon, cycling races, etc. When I became a dad, I gradually (and gladly) traded that in for stroller runs, toddler-friendly gardening, Zoo visits, and finger art. When I’m with friends, I like to play board games, explore new trails, and talk about current events.”



I, then, asked Matt “What are your dreams and aspirations?” He replied, “I want to be good to those around me and help build community at every scale. Being a dad and an attorney is plenty opportunity to do both at this point in my life. Down the road, I would love to be a nonprofit executive focusing on community development, city government official, or clinical law professor focused on the same, but I like my job so much now I am not going anywhere soon. Although . . . if I had \$1,000,000, I’d buy the humble family resort on the Meramec River I grew up visiting and run it as a retreat and youth employment center.”

Matt, then shared that his volunteer work includes collaborating with his neighbors to revitalize the West Ferguson Neighborhood Association, in addition to working on a few pro bono lawyering projects.



Next, I asked him my favorite question, “What are three things that make you awesome?” He replied, “

1. My parents and especially my mom. No human being knows how to survive / be a decent person except through the incredibly loving sacrifices their parents/parent figures make. Being a dad myself, I have been relearning some of these fundamental truths, and it astounds me how important that relationship is to learning empathy, joy, self-respect, gratitude, wonder, care, humility – of course the list goes on.
2. The Jesuits. They taught me (in high school and beyond) how to pursue excellence not for its own sake, but for God and for the sake of those around you. It’s a privileged position to be intellectually curious, honest, inspired, and hard-working. The Jesuits create a culture of inspiration with these traits at the forefront.
3. My wife Eliza. She brings balance to my life, makes life worth living, and increases my emotional intelligence by about half.”

As I recount this interview, I am reminded that each person can contribute to the success, or failure, of a community through action, or in-action. And, each person has a certain skill set, knowledge, experience, presence or insight that they could contribute to enrich, or diminish a community’s overall productivity and quality of life. And, it’s always wonderful to meet new people, like Matt, who work to enrich communities like Ferguson and the Greater Saint Louis Region while combining their passions with their strengths to make this life better for us all. They, like Matt, passionately demonstrate a commitment to community.



Ferguson City Hall Information

Community Engagement

Hello Neighbors,

“There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about.”
Margaret J. Wheatley



Community Engagement is the most important part in the life of the community and the focal point. Without community engagement we run the risk of not having stable neighborhoods, of dehumanizing our neighbors, and of creating a steady flow of chaos. Why is Community Engagement so important for the community?

Community engagement is what all of us can participate in and it is the medium through which positive change can be achieved. Our neighborhood organizations are the catalysts for such change. They can spark citizens to attend meetings, visit with their neighbors, hold block parties and watch out for each other. Currently, several citizens are communicating with their councilmembers that they are willing, able, ready to meet and start their engagement with their neighborhoods. There is enthusiasm, energy among the neighbors.

Since the inception of the pandemic, Zoom has become one of our major means for meetings. Now we are in what we hope is the post pandemic era so many people are beginning to move around their communities without masks and starting to embrace one another again.

Ironically it is spring. A lot happens when springtime is in the air. Neighbors are clearing their yards from winter, children are riding their bikes, and the seniors are walking in the community. On Saturday, May 14, 2022, the Ferguson Twilight Run was held. Among race participants and spectators, one could see all that Ferguson has to offer from various walks of life..... multiple races and ethnicities, all social and economic levels, all genders, all age groups, etc. Everyone was enjoying the races, laughing and talking, eating, generating good cheers, which reverberated throughout the event grounds. The current civic climate in Ferguson exhibits a ripeness for community engagement.

Fertilizing the environment for such an undertaking is the fact that the Ferguson City Council has returned to in person meetings. It's important to see the Council working in person and engaging each other. The City received encouraging remarks from Judge Perry during the Consent Decree hearing on May 11th. She encouraged us to continue moving forward in our efforts to achieve compliance, yet Judge Perry reminded everyone that Ferguson has to do the work of the Consent Decree. Nicolle Barton, Ferguson's Consent Decree Coordinator, has been creating new community engagement-oriented ideas to make certain that the city's police department continue to interact with citizens, young and mature.

Community engagement is a collaborative model through which residents define their neighborhood priorities and establish goals. The residents create partnerships with local institutions and organizations to help them achieve the goals. The process enables residents to be prepared for and led by community servants into the critical roles of advocacy, planning, counseling in the connection of resources with the neighborhood's priorities. Supported by the underlying foundation of participatory planning, institutional forces can be realigned with neighborhood priorities to facilitate beneficial accomplishments.

Finally, community engagement is the key to citizen-centered sustainable systems. Involving citizens in the designing, implementation and improvement of services and policies allows them to tailor these elements more closely to the communities' own needs and experiences.

“The greatness of a community is most measured by the compassionate actions of its member.” - Coretta Scott King

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, March 8th and Tuesday, March 22nd 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.

City Meeting Calendar

Board/Committee/Commission Meetings typically have reoccurring schedules and may be held in various locations. Currently, to protect the health and safety of our citizens these meetings are primarily being held virtually (RSMO 610.015); via Zoom Conference unless otherwise needed. Visit the website calendar or agenda center for instructions on how to access public meetings and/or to view the complete listing of meetings, dates, times, etc.

FNIP Meeting	First Tuesday	6:30 p.m.
Plan Commission	First & Third Wednesday	7:00 p.m.
Civilian Review Board	First Monday	6:30 p.m.
City Council Meeting	April 19th & April 26th (Election Schedule)	7:00 p.m.
Farmers Market	Second Wednesday (Monthly "in season/bi-monthly "out of season")	6:30 p.m.
FSBD	Third Tuesday	5:30 p.m.
Park Board	Third Wednesday	6:00 p.m.
Senior Commission	Third Thursday	9:30 a.m.
NPSC	Third Thursday	6:00 p.m.
Human Rights	Third Monday	6:00 p.m.
Library Board	Fourth Monday	6:00 p.m.
Redistricting	Third Thursday	5:30 p.m.

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Consider volunteering on a Ferguson Board, Committee, or Commission. We have multiple vacancies available. The list includes committees like the Architectural Review Board, Plan Commission, Park Board, Personnel Board, Senior Commission 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.

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BIDS/REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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- Missouri Health and Human Services..... <https://health.mo.gov/>
- St. Louis County..... www.stlcorona.com
- Ferguson-Florissant School District..... www.fergflor.org
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Splash at Wabash Aquatic Complex

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4th of July Celebration

The parade, festival, and fireworks will be back in Ferguson on Monday, July 4th. We are currently seeking organizations and businesses interested in participating in the parade or being a vendor at the celebration. Full event schedule is available at Ferguson4th.com

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- Ages: 5-13
- Dates: M-F, June 6 – August 12
- Time: 7:00am – 6:00pm
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- Location: Ferguson Community Center (1050 Smith Ave.)
- Fee: \$82/Child

Week #	Dates	Theme	Location
Week #1	June 6 - 10	Zootopia	St. Louis Zoo
Week #2	June 13 - 17	Disney Week	Lightyear @ Marcus Theater
Week #3	June 20 - 24	Superhero	Urban Air
Week #4	June 27 - July 1	Mad Scientist	Science Center
Week #5	July 5 - 8 No Camp 7/4	Stars and Stripes	Bowling
Week #6	July 11 - 15	Adventureland	City Museum
Week #7	July 18 - 22	Grinchmas in July	Ice Skating
Week #8	July 25 - 29	Under the Sea	Aquaport
Week #9	Aug 1 - 5	Carnival Theme	Roller Skating
Week #10	Aug 8 - 12	Anything Goes	End of Camp party

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>.



Hello Ferguson!

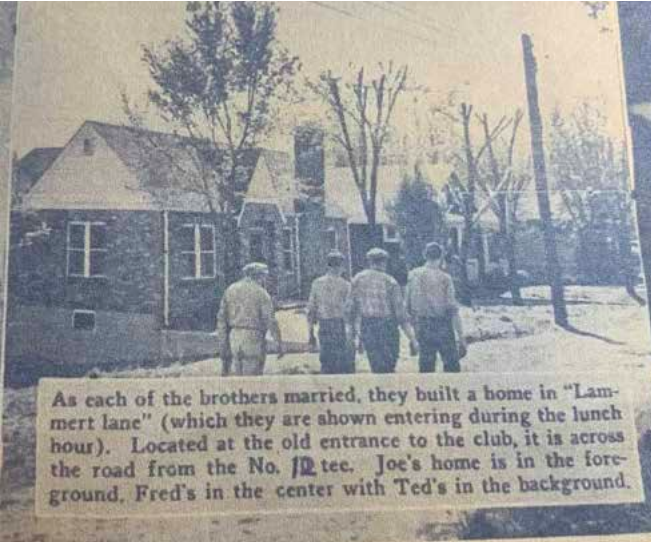
by Marian Linck

Two months ago, I wrote about Norwood Hills Country Club celebrating a century of golf in north county. That article resulted in a few comments from readers. So, first “thank you” for reading my articles.

I promised a Norwood Hills Part Two, so here it is.

A few weeks after the paper had been delivered, I got a letter at the club from a gentleman whose wife was related to the Lammert Brothers. Included with the letter were newspaper clippings from the St Louis Post Dispatch. Thank you, Mr. Dunnerman, I hope my story can do justice to the dedication and challenging work the Lammert Brothers gave to Norwood Hills Country Club.

Many of us travel Bermuda Avenue to I-70. We are familiar with the fence along Bermuda and the golfers on the other side. Just past the golf course is a street named Lammert Lane. Four brothers named Pete, Joe, Fred, and Ted each built a home along this quiet lane and raised their families. The land the Country Club sits on was bought from a farmer named Hord. The Lammerts father had a 15-acre tuck garden adjoining the club property. The original entrance to Norwood was off Lammert Lane. Four Lammert Brothers and a brother-in-law, Nick Korte collaborated with the club from



the very beginning. OK, my question... Why is not Norwood named Lammert Hills Country Club. You would think likewise if you read the wonderful stories about these men in the newspaper. I will try to share with you as much as I can.

Ted Lammert was superintendent of maintenance and built the proshop. He was the oldest of the brothers and knew every inch of pipe and electrical lines. He also doubled as the chief decorator for the club's social events. The newspaper article had photos of brothers Pete mowing, Joe preparing flag poles and Ted Jr painting the poles. Another photo showed Joe Lammert firing the club's boiler room furnace.

As I reviewed these articles it appears yet another Lammert, Gerard joined the crew.

The newspaper article I have from Mr. Dunnerman was a tribute to Ted Lammert and his 49 years at Norwood Hills Country Club celebrating his retirement. The article also stated that each one of the brothers were offered \$150 a week to work in defense plants during the war and each of them turned it down.

No family is without drama, however. When Local 50 of the AFL Building Service Employees called for an establishment of a union shop there was a strike at the club. Two of the brothers, Gerard and Fred joined the walk out while Ted and Joseph stayed on the job. The problem was Gerard was living under the same roof as Joseph. A little civil war broke out among the brothers but managed to put aside their differences to get together for the regular Wednesday poker games.

The current Club Manager is Eric Von Hofen. Mr. Von Hofen was kind enough to share a binder of photos and newspaper articles from his office. I enjoyed seeing photos of celebrity golfers, especially Arnold Palmer. The binder also contained old score cards, a photo of which I have shared in this article.

Again, I have found it to be a pleasure to work at Norwood and to be a part of this 100-year anniversary. I am meeting wonderful, friendly people who have shattered my opinion of country clubs being stuffy and old. This has not been an easy article to write, and I was not sure why. I was working on this story around Mother's Day and on the evening of Mother's Day I was watching the movie "I Remember Mama". A young woman wants desperately to become a writer. A seasoned famous writer looked at her stories and said they were not good. That was devastating news to the young writer. The advice she was given was to "write what you know" and you will be successful, "you have the gift". This article required minor research on my part, and I was not writing what I know. Regardless, I needed to share just a little more about Norwood Hills Country Club, especially after receiving such a wonderful letter from Mr. Dunnerman.

To my surprise most, of the comments I received about the first Norwood article were not from Ferguson residents. This humble paper has quite the circulation! A club member who lives in Pasadena Hills had her paper in her mailbox a full week before I had mine. Mr. Dunnerman lives in St Charles!

Another difficulty with this story is that I did not wait until the last minute to draft this story. I work better under pressure.

Thank you for reading and I look forward to your comments. You may reach me at manhattanmarian@gmail.com.



Front side of a scorecard



Arnold Palmer in the middle



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Let's Cook

Now that the weather has turned and it is almost summer, that means BBQ season will be in full swing. There is nothing like good BBQ. Just the smell emanating from the pit gets me excited. Like Pavlov's dog, I start salivating when I fire up the pit.

St. Louis is a BBQ town and I feel our BBQ beats out the rest of the country hands down because of how we do it. Like elsewhere in the mid-west, we pride ourselves in the sauces we create. When I was young there were only a couple of sauces available in our area. Maulls is a St. Louis original and as the commercials say: "Don't baste your BBQ, Maull it". Maulls used to be my go-to sauce and in my opinion is a great sauce to use as a base. Then between honey, brown sugar, chili powder, liquid smoke, garlic, onion and anything else you wish to combine it with just enhances the flavor. As a twist I sometimes throw in orange marmalade or apricot preserves.

Below is a recipe I found that uses a marinade instead of BBQ sauce. It is not only easy to make but is really great. I made these last month for the first game of round 2 between the Blues and Avalanche. Perfect for Stanley Cup playoffs. My grandsons woofed them down!

Sweet Thai Chicken Wings

Ingredients:

- 2 lbs Chicken Wings (Drummies & Flats)
- 5 Garlic cloves minced
- 1 Bunch Cilantro stems chopped, without leaves
- 1 tsp Black Pepper
- 5 Tbsp Fish Sauce
- 4 Tbsp Sweet Thai Chili Sauce
- lime wedges



Rub the chicken wings with the cilantro and garlic, then add the fish sauce, sweet chili sauce and black pepper. Marinate for 2 to 4 hours or overnight.



Fire up the pit and grill until both sides turn golden brown and scorched like blackened chicken.



Serve with lime wedges and extra sweet chili sauce if desired.

Try using this on chicken legs and thighs also.

Enjoy!! Papa Deau

Turkey Visitor



We have been blessed to watch this turkey since April. My neighbor found the hen's nest with 11 eggs in early May.

Unfortunately, it appears either foxes, coyotes, or raccoons have destroyed the nest and eggs.

It is truly wonderful to watch this magnificent bird.



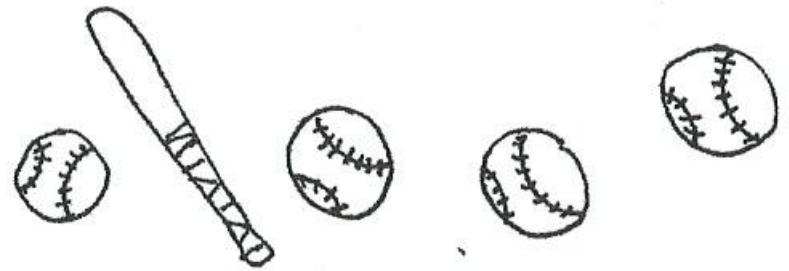
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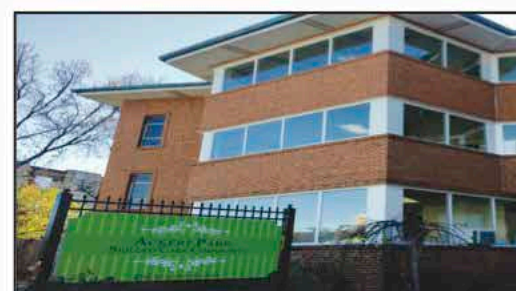
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by Doug Neely Give Daddy a wonderful day!!!

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In my experience, never has a puter ever blown up in my face, or any other body part, ever, as far as I know, period. However, there was one time when somebody's puter tried to electrocute me...err...DID electrocute me. I was deeply impressed, but not in a positive manner. I immediately let go of the puter, and never touched it in that spot ever again. I don't know what has become of the puter, but I suspect that as of the end of the last few decades, it has likely come to its final resting place in a landfill somewhere, hopefully not near here. I'll let you know if I ever see it again. still, if I do, I will introduce it to Betsy, my beloved enforcer. Normally, Betsy does nothing more than to make cheese swiss...or anything swiss, for that matter.

Once, someone brought their puter to me to fix it. As I recall, you could hit the switch to turn it on, but after doing that much, there was no telling what this puter would (or would not do). The thing that really got to me was that it would not display such undesirable activity to me. For those of you who are not a puter technician, the way to repair a puter is to observe the undesirable activity, then to decide what could possibly do that, and then to swap parts or software until you observe that the undesirable activity has stopped.

Such activity simply was not happening. I figured that since it worked just peachy while on my bench, but not at the customer's desk, something there MUST be different. I asked the customer again EXACTLY what they did when they got home and hooked up the puter. You see, I asked them to ONLY connect the mouse, keyboard, monitor, and... and... and...NOTHING ELSE. If they did this and it did not work, maybe there was a power problem; but I wanted to eliminate as many variables as possible. I was told that they only connected the puter, and it acted up, just as it did each time they got it back from me.

After giving this person the 3rd degree, they finally confessed that when they got home, they hooked it up like I told them to do. Then they hooked up their brand new printer/scanner/copier multi-function device. Well, all I can tell you is that one of the functions must have been to boogar-up their puter. Of course they felt that it was I who had boogared-up their puter, but of course, I was completely innocent, as always.

Well, I explained things to them one more time, and told them that I was convinced that the multi-function killer was responsible, and to take it up with worst-buy. I never heard from them again. Again, I got no vindication, and no closure. What's a puter technician to do???

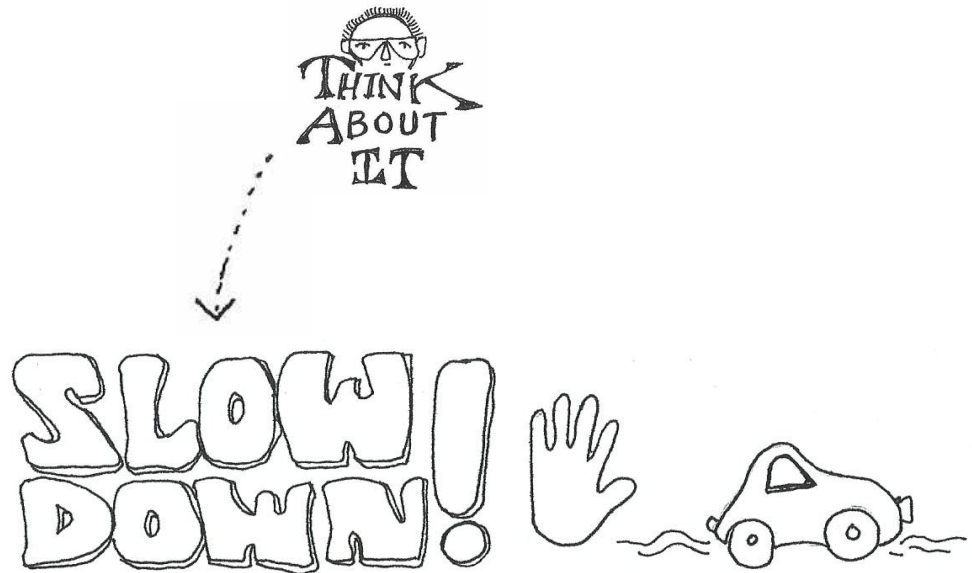
Daddy-Day, dept.

As you all know, we had a major holiday last month; that being Mother's Day. This month, as most all of us know, Daddy-Day (June 19th, a Sunday) will be celebrated. Please tell him how much you love him, especially on this day. If you get presents for him, I know he will appreciate it, but he will be much happier to spend the day with you! I am sure that I would prefer that!

ME GO NOW!

Well, I should go to find a puter I can fix and write about so you can read about it. Actually, you could bring your puter to me, if you wish. I could still write about it for you, if you wish! Just don't forget Daddy! :)

IF YOU would like to get some of Doug's FREE puter advice, just call him at *314*521*1789*, during the PM hours of almost any day. Be sure to use a phone that will display YOUR NAME and local telephone number. When emailing, make sure you put the phrase: I need puter advice into the subject line, and include your phone number in the body of your missive so he can call you back to discuss your puter issue with you. (failure to follow these simple directions will get you nowhere.)



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Those extra monthly costs will be too much for some buyers, likely resulting in less competition for our very limited inventory of houses. But in the meantime, as some worry that interest rates may rise even more, there's an absolute frenzy in many local markets, with buyers desperate to get a house NOW!

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Financial Focus – Forgiving Student Loan Debts

By Joan Cleaveland (cleav73@gmail.com)
 Business Manager for St. Joseph Parish in Cottleville
 Lindenwood University – BA Business Administration

We've been hearing about pressure on President Biden to make a decision on debt forgiveness for student loans. With the cost of college being out of reach for many and those able to attend saddled with huge debts, it does beg to question if a college education is worth the cost. Like every progressive idea there are pros and cons to consider about a program that just forgives debts with no strings attached. Bernie Sanders ran on that platform boasting Wall Street would pay for it with a new tax on financial institutions. We see where that got him. Just talking about a new tax is never popular. So what is a President supposed to do?

The idea of helping those college graduates get out of debt faster isn't necessarily a bad idea. Some college graduates from the past ten years are still paying off student loans and in some cases looking at another ten years of monthly payments. If that debt were wiped away, they could move on with their life – get their own home, start a new business, save for their own retirement and possibly start a family. It is easy to see some benefits to forgiving the debts. Yet it is important to recognize some other possible consequences of forgiving 1.6 trillion in college debt.

What would happen for future students? Would higher education need to be free? I believe that was another suggestion from Bernie Sanders. Of course, he didn't expect private universities to offer free courses, just state universities. This certainly would give everyone the opportunity to go to college if they wanted to. Students who would choose a private university and get a student loan may expect that it would also be forgiven after graduation. Some believe that would cause a student to borrow much more than necessary. Another concern for many opposed to forgiving student loans is the knowledge that the wealthy will benefit more. And that is something that both Biden and Trump had expressed on the campaign trail. Like many politicians before them there is a fair amount of support from legislators and citizens regarding a system that is income driven to help reduce and in some cases eliminate a student's debt.

Over the years several steps to forgiveness have been implemented and it made me wonder why this is still a problem. Like any government program there are plenty of scammers or just businesses that are happy to help you for a fee, often promising fast results when in fact without their help you could do much of this yourself. And these problems often prevent those needing help from getting it. What I did find were several programs that promise some relief and the possibility of forgiveness after

ten or twenty years. Waiting that long while continuing to make payments doesn't really help with the positive aspects I mentioned earlier that relief from student loan debt can bring. And just the thought of scammers taking advantage of vulnerable young people makes me cringe. Maybe it's possible to improve what we already have, so we could save time and simplify the process.

One program is called PAYE – Pay As You Earn. As long as you make payments for twenty years without falling behind your loan may be forgiven. To determine an affordable loan payment your information will use 10% of your disposable income as the monthly payment amount. Stipulations on which loans qualify are in place. Other programs have requirements for the type of work you do – teachers can have some forgiveness by working at least five years in a low income school or educational service agency (ESA). All teachers may have up to \$5000 in loans forgiven, while math, science and special education teachers could seek forgiveness up to \$17,500. There are some similar programs for several professions that involve public service – police officers, nurses, volunteers in the Peace Corp and several other professions. With our difficulty finding employees today, especially in public service, it would seem beneficial to sweeten the package for those willing to take these jobs. Maybe a first step in the process would be to look at who are already in the program and shorten their remaining time to get forgiveness, and encourage others to sign up.

After speaking to some students I know who have graduated in the past 10 years or less, many have paid off their loans. Often it was the result of choosing the school that was affordable and working while attending school. Some had parents willing to chip in up to half of the total cost. For those without such assistance some are still carrying a debt of more than \$50,000. When I asked if they had looked into the programs available, it became apparent that the current programs need some work. One person in her late thirties explained that the requirements often seemed to change or the company she worked for was bought out and became a for profit company meaning she would need to seek a different employer to continue to qualify. For others the process was daunting and they had missed deadlines or made an error disqualifying them after they had invested a reasonable amount of time making their payments.

Whatever steps are taken to reduce the student loan burden on our young people needs to be simplified and easy to apply for. And during this process perhaps universities need to take a look at their costs of educating students and look for ways to make certain they are spending wisely. Education like health care really shouldn't be out of reach for most Americans. If you have any questions or comments please contact me at cleav73@gmail.com.



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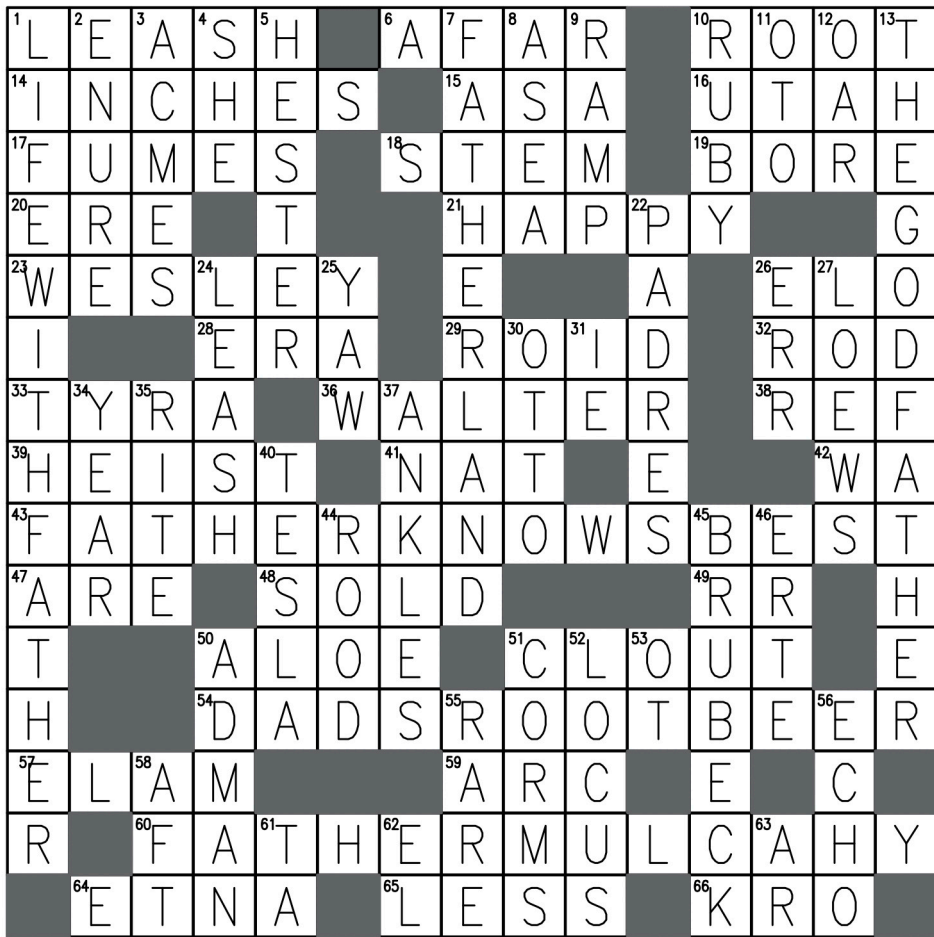
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Crossword Solution from page 4



Who ya gonna call?

by Becky Mueller

I've often compared The Ferguson Municipal Library to Dr. Who's Tardis; it's a magical place that's bigger on the inside than it looks on the outside. Our library provides far more services to the community than just checking out books. (Take a look at all the activities that are advertised in the Neighborhood News.) Who decides what the library does & how it works? There's a city board for that.

How does the Library Board operate?

Library board members are volunteers who are appointed by the mayor. The board hires the library director. The director must be someone professionally trained in library management. The director hires and supervises the rest of the library staff. The library board meets monthly with the director and his administrative assistant. The board reviews the director's monthly financial report and summary of the library's recent activities. The board also discusses any proposed changes to library policies and services. They approve a yearly budget and give the director a yearly performance review.

The board's main function is supervisory only, much like how Ferguson's city government is structured. They "adopt policies to oversee and review administration of the library." To allow the most effective & efficient library operation, it leaves day to day management to the library director and staff. No micro-managing! Also like the city council, the library board operates as a unified body; no individual board member has responsibilities for how the library is run. All business is done in meetings of the entire board. All recommendations for changes to budget, library services, policies, etc. must be presented publicly for the entire group to consider. Most meetings, with the exception of personnel issues, are open to the public.

What is the Library Board's relationship with the City?

Although board members are appointed by the mayor, the library and its board operate independently of city government. Unlike most city boards and commissions, this board does more than just make recommendations. It has full responsibility for how the library is financed and how it operates.

Money from county property taxes goes directly to the library bank account. Library funds are not managed by the city. The library board has one additional function. If the library needs more income from property taxes, the board can submit a formal request to the County to put a proposition on the ballot for public vote.

Like all boards & commissions, the library board has a liaison from the city council. The council liaison is not a member of the board. The liaison cannot vote, and does not participate in discussions unless invited to by the director or board president. The liaison's main purpose is to convey information from the city that might affect library functions, and to share information about the library at council meetings.

How can Ferguson residents participate?

All board positions are currently filled. If you are interested in serving in the future, an application is on both the city and library websites. Applications for all boards and commissions must be sent to Octavia Pittman, the City Clerk. Go to ferguson.lib.mo.us. Click on "about us" and "Board of Trustees". This section also gives access to all documents that are presented at the board meetings.

Visitors are welcome at all library board meetings. The board meets on the 4th Monday of every month at 7 p.m. Meetings are now held in the auditorium of the library. A meeting agenda can be found at the bottom of the site's home page. The agenda will provide a link to the YouTube broadcast if the board doesn't meet in person.

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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 many weeks. We encourage any reading this article to join in the conversation. Contact information is at the bottom of this article.

One of the great joys of being a member of the Ferguson Historical Society is being around all the accumulated documents and items. Naturally anyone can access our files by making an appointment. The Society was founded in 1972 for the purpose shown at the bottom of this article. During those 50 years we have collected many reflections from past Fergusonians (or is it Fergusonites). After reading through some of the many documents we have come up with some interesting reflections – what it was like living in Ferguson many years ago.

Dr. Berkley Kalin (written 1960): “Maline Creek, which was then very different from what it is today (1960), was the ‘ole swimming’ hole’ of Ferguson. January Pond was not popular for swimming, the water was too cold, due to the deep springs from which it is supplied. In 1908, street signs were put on street corners. Also, all the houses were numbered in anticipation of mail carrier’s service. Florissant Road was designated as the line dividing the eastern and western halves of Ferguson and Carson Road and Darst Road as the north-south dividing line”. Times have changed since the early 1900’s. The divisions seem the same, but we now have a pool and rec complex to replace the creek and the pond.

Edward G. Cherbonnier (written 1967): “In those days the weather was much colder, and we could count on ice skating at January’s Pond from Christmas to New Year’s. New skates or a ‘shiny stick’ were prized Christmas presents and the proud recipient could hardly wait for his Christmas dessert pudding to set out for the pond. The big neck of the pond was our shinny field (later we called it hockey). The 150 yard stretch would be crowded with youngsters, the older ones bashing through, the younger ones scattering before their swinging sticks. . . . There was no hockey puck. The boy who brought a large rubber gasket was very popular, in the absence of that a rock of about the right size would do. Occasionally there was a split cheek, as a healthy baseball swing sent the rock flying at face height. There was no referee for the game and no time limit.” Again, times do change. There is no longer “shinny” and hockey (with face shields) has moved to Florissant with peaceful fishing and walking at January Park.

Ed has another observation to share: “The railroad station was the busiest place in town, as most Ferguson residents worked in St. Louis. There were three regular morning trains to the city, at 6:10, 7:05 and 8:00 o’clock..... The telegraph keys gave out an exciting elickety-clack and diminutive

Mr. Thompson, the station agent, with arm bands on his sleeves, had a perpetually worried look as he sold tickets, sent and received telegrams and looked after the freight and express. He also stoked the waiting room fires in the winter and was custodian to the keys to the ‘Facilities’”. The Depot is still there but the passenger trains are long gone.

Curt Owen remembered: “Dr. Roy Johnson was just about 98% perfect. He took Maggie’s tonsils out for \$35 in 1936. He came back from World War I, a good surgeon and a good man. In 1920 I was four years old and playing with six year old Elmer, dropping matches into milk

Bottles. A Match went into my middy pocket (a middy is a loosely fitting shirt with a sailor collar). I ran to the house, where my mother was doing the laundry. She put out the fire, but I had a terrible burn on my right chest and arm socket. I stayed in bed about 90 days with a light bulb under my arm to dry out the wound. When the burn healed, the arm and chest were too close together. Dr. Johnson said he would fix that later. We owned an Irish Mail, or Flying Dutchman (a cart you pulled like a railroad cart). After many trips up and down Clay Ave. pulling that cart, the scar stretched so that no surgery was necessary. . . . Dr. Hughs was also appreciated. He fixed my badly broken arm for \$8. He took out my sister Anita’s appendix for \$30 or \$40. Dr. Jacobi was a fine dentist and a great guy. Dr. C. Rivers Schmidt was a good Osteopath. His office, like others, was upstairs in our medical building, 16-18 Church Street.” We still have a medical building on Church Street – the doctors, their fees and medical methods have changed, however, Mr. Owen seems to have faired pretty well.

There are thousands of other recollections in the files. In future articles we will bring you more stories of the past. I know that many of you reading this article have recollections of growing up or living in Ferguson during the 1940-s or 1950’s and onward. A good story doesn’t have to be so old it has whiskers. A good story can be only a few years old. A good story is a good story! We would love to read your recollections, your stories or record an oral history of your story. You can write it down – or just tell it. Don’t be shy – we all love a good story! The email contact is below, in the next paragraph. Let us know your story!

If you have any suggestions, questions, or items to donate to the Ferguson Historical Society, please contact Jerry Benner at fjbenner@mindspring.com. You are also welcome to visit the History Museum beginning in summer (hopefully).

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Under The Hood With Robinwood By Bob McGartland

Electric Cars: do they really save you money?

Rising gas prices are driving more and more Missouri drivers, like you, to consider buying an electric car. But if you’re like most consumers, you may have some questions before you take the leap to electric. Electric cars boast savings for drivers at the pump, and on maintenance costs, which can offset the initial investment. If you’ve been wondering if buying an electric car can really save you money, then keep reading as we cover the benefits of driving an electric car.

How do they work?

As electric cars become more popular, many drivers are ready to learn more. Before we cover how they can save you money, it’s important to start with the basics. Electric vehicles, also known as Battery Electric Vehicles (BEV), use a large battery pack to power the electric motor. As the name suggests, they are not powered by gas but by electricity. Electric cars must be plugged into a wall outlet (120V) or a charging station, otherwise known as Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE), and charges typically give cars a 200-mile driving range.

Electric vehicles are different from hybrid vehicles in that hybrids combine an electric motor with a gas engine. Hybrids are powered by gas, but when combined with the electric motor they extend the life of each fill up, getting you farther on each tank of gas.

Lower running costs

Electric cars can save you money on running costs. On average, it costs \$0.05 per mile to run an electric vehicle vs. \$ 0.15 per mile to run a gas-powered vehicle. These costs can add up as electric car drivers can save up to \$4,000 per year to charge and drive their vehicle.

Lower maintenance costs

Electric cars can also save you money on maintenance costs. With far fewer moving parts, electric vehicles don’t require oil changes, new spark plugs, or new fuel filters. Electric cars also use regenerative

braking, using the electric motor to decelerate the car when braking – which will extend the lifespan of your brake pads. These lower overall maintenance costs will result in increased savings for the electric car owner.

Rebates and tax credits

Did you know that owners of electric vehicles can get money back after purchase? There is a federal tax credit for electric battery cars depending on the battery capacity. The Clean Vehicle Rebate Project (CVRP) provides rebate savings for eligible electric vehicles.

Long battery life

Most electric cars use a lithium battery with replacement costs improving every year. Your electric car battery should be good for 300-500 cycles, with a good one lasting up to 10 years. Lower replacement frequency will mean more money in your pocket year after year.

Other benefits to electric cars

While electric cars can save you money year after year, there are also other benefits to going electric. Electric vehicles are more energy efficient than their gas-powered counterparts. Electric cars are 85-90% energy efficient vs the 17-21% energy efficiency of other cars. They are also cleaner for the environment because they have no tailpipe, and don’t emit any exhaust gasses which reduces local pollution.

One last benefit? Better driving performance. Electric cars boast quick acceleration and great handling. They produce peak torque from a standstill. The battery pack is positioned in the center of the car which decreases their center of gravity – giving them superior weight distribution and stability.

Electric vehicles can save you money in the long run. From skipping the gas station to lower maintenance costs, electric cars can provide a better driving experience while putting more money back into your wallet no matter where you drive. There are some negative benefits that we will save for another time.

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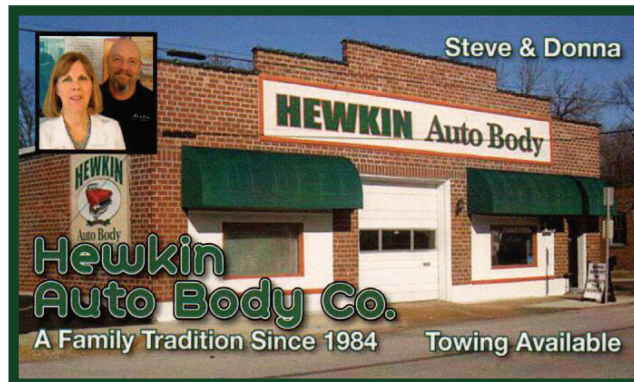
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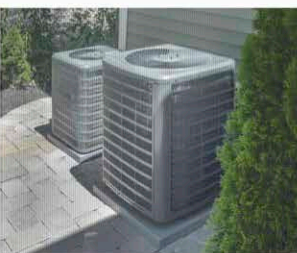
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