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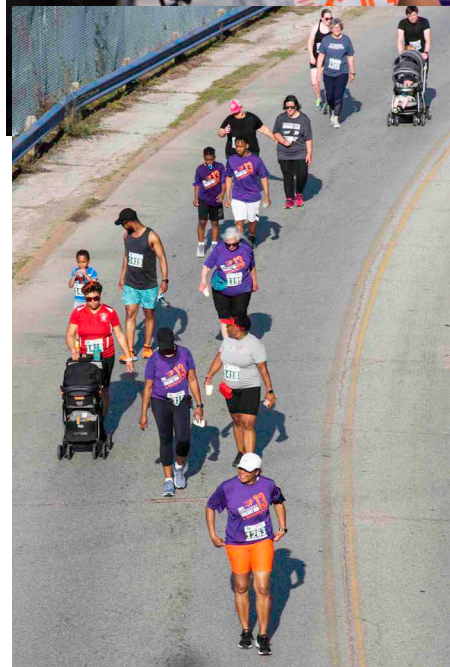
The 13th Annual Ferguson Twilight Run was “Excellent, Awesome, Terrific”

The one-mile, 5K, 10K, 10-mile, and inaugural FTR 13.1 races started and finished at the Plaza at 501. Individuals, families, friends, and teams gathered to enjoy the annual event that benefits local non-profits that provide healthy and active programs for North County residents. Even with the weather being hot, participants commented positively. “It was really just so much fun!” said one race finisher in their survey feedback. Another commented that they “loved the crowd support from the neighborhoods and the route was interesting and fun.”

As in previous years (pre-pandemic), the festivities concluded with a live concert. This year, Top of the World Band, provided the energizing sounds as finishers, volunteers, and attendees celebrated. One attendee commented that “the band was very good. Love having that to listen to after that long run.”

More than 900 registered for the 2022 Ferguson Twilight Run including more than 100 individuals from 20 different states participating virtually; running at their home location and sharing their experience on social media. This year’s beneficiaries were Emerson YMCA, St. Vincent Home for Children, Girls on the Run, and A Red Circle. The profits from the race are equally distributed. Each organization received \$2500 for their program. Peak Performance and Presenting Sponsors for this year’s race included Emerson, Negwer Materials, Christian Hospital BJC Healthcare, City of Ferguson and Big River Running. The planning committee thanks the City of Ferguson staff, all of the volunteers, sponsors, and especially the residents for supporting the event.

The 2023 Ferguson Twilight Run is scheduled for May 20, 2023. The committee wishes to hear the thoughts, comments, and suggestions from residents, business owners and other stakeholders as they evaluate the success, impact and future of the event. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/2y4t28e8> to take the short survey.



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IN PERSON EVENTS

College Advising Wednesday, July 13 at 10 am Walk in for help on the college process!	Krafty Korner Wednesday, July 13 at 6 pm Register online at bit.ly/fmplkrafty	Sharpie Tile Art Saturday, July 23 at 10 am All ages welcome! Register online at bit.ly/fmpltile22	Game Night Wednesday, July 27 at 6 pm Register online at bit.ly/fmplgame
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Urban Fishing in St. Louis
Saturday, July 16 at 10 am

Where can you fish in the St. Louis Area? What can you catch? Do you need a license? **Registration required.** Register online at bit.ly/fmplurbanfish

VIRTUAL EVENTS

Wednesday Night Craftalong Wednesdays in July 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 .	Shark Tales Storytime Saturday, July 16 at 2 pm Let's celebrate sharks with storytime! Flip your fins on over to Facebook (facebook.com/fergusonlibrary) for all the fun.
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July Craft Kits

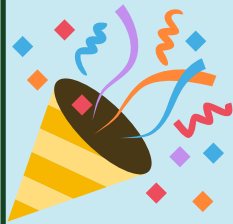
- July 5-9: Mosaic Turtle
- July 11-16: Paper Starfish Bracelet
- July 18-23: Curve Stitching
- July 25-30: Socktopus Stuffie

Pick up a new free craft kit while supplies last each week in July!

THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, JULY 4 FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY.

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July Celebration Shout-outs




- 8 - Happy Birthday Cindy Lamar
- 15 - Happy Birthday Wanda Cook
- 16 - Happy Birthday Sam Cook
- 26 - Happy Birthday Allison Bowes
- 31 - Happy Birthday Sharon Nadeau



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

July at a Glance

- 4 Independence Day
- 11 National Swimming Pool Day 
- 16 NorthHills Meeting via Zoom 10am
- 23 South Central Neighborhood Association Meeting 6pm via Zoom
- 31 Picnic in the Park -- 12-2pm January-Wabash Park

ELECTION NOTICE AUGUST 2, 2022

The City of Ferguson will hold an election on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 for proposition consideration.

PROPOSITION U

Shall Ferguson, Missouri impose a local use tax at the same rate as the total local sales tax rate, provided that if the local sales tax rate is reduced or raised by voter approval, the local use tax rate shall also be reduced or raised by the same action?



Contributors wanted!

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.

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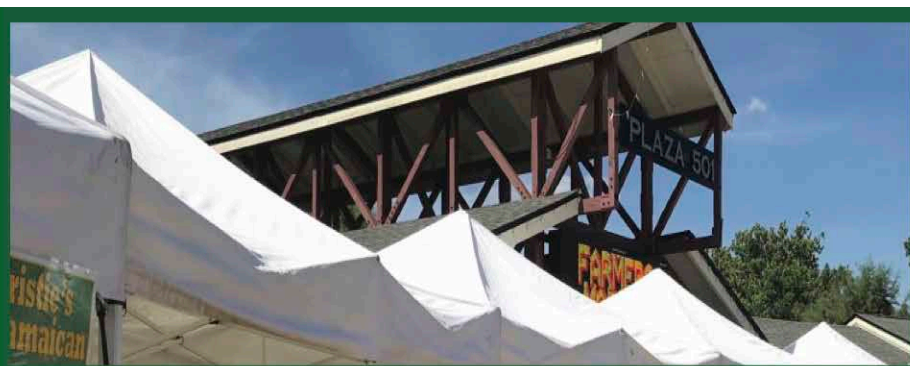
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 Please send all ads to Tony: savoystl@yahoo.com

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- Info Gathering
- City Meetings - attend and summarize City Council Meetings
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- Neighborhood groups
- Diversity Meetings
- Business Spotlight

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JULY EVENTS

- JULY 2** All American Pie Contest! Judging at 10am. Market bucks prizes!
Live Music - Ragged Blade Band 9-11am
- JULY 9** Wild Bird Sanctuary - plus a special bird guest! 8am-12pm
Jaack Art Studio "Dream Big. Paint Bigger!" 8am-12pm
Live Music - Cheri Evans 9-11am
- JULY 16** Learn About Composting with EarthDance Organic Farm 8am-12pm
Live Music - Readus Miller 9-11am
- JULY 23** - A Red Circle Resource Day 8am-12pm
Live Music - MO BRAVO Variety Band 9-11am
by Zyi Li Music & Entertainment
- JULY 30** - Celebrate Corn! Corn roast and more! 8am-12pm
Kids' Corny Joke Contest 10am
Live Music - Free Chamagne Band 9-11am
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ARTFUL CONSIDERATIONS

By Beth von Behren



Art in the House

Do you obsess sometimes over how to add “real” art to your home decor? Isn’t real art too expensive? What exactly constitutes “real art” anyway?

Art, like beauty, is in the eye of the beholder, and it isn’t always expensive. If you feel like your house has become a Hobby Lobby design lab, take heart. You too can have an art-filled home.

John Green, author of “The Fault in Our Stars” and co-host of the popular YouTube “Vlogbrothers” show, says that the art in your home should be something that is important and meaningful to you, something that makes you smile, something that makes you happy. Here are a few ideas for how to achieve that:

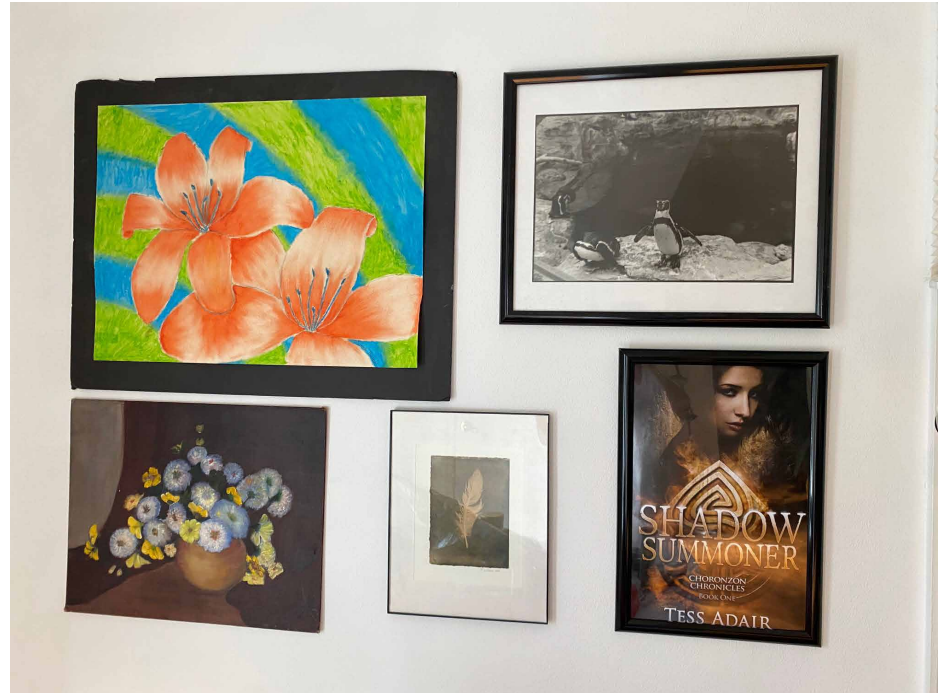
- Use your own photos. Do you take photos of nature or architecture, or maybe your kids? Surely, as a St. Louisan, you have at some point photographed the Arch? Pick out a few good ones. Take them to Walgreens and have prints made. Then frame and hang. For printing, your digital shots should be at least a meg (1MB) in size.
- Buy a movie poster of your favorite movie(s) - allposters.com is a good place to start, or just google the name of the movie and “posters.” Then frame and hang. Michael’s has great prices on poster frames.
- Are you a history buff? Google a topic, with “poster,” and see what comes up.
- Check out Etsy. There are thousands of talented artists and artisans selling their work on Etsy. You can search by topic, theme, culture, type of art, or just about anything. Be forewarned: Etsy can be a rabbit hole. You could get stuck there for hours.
- Local art fairs are a great place to buy art, including folk art, that doesn’t cost as much as your house. I have two adorable soapstone carvings - an owl and an elephant - that I picked up at an Earth Day event in Forest Park.
- Frame postcards or greeting cards you love - from your travels, from friends.
- Don’t forget to frame and hang art made by your children and other family members. I have a whole wall in my living room that I call the Family Art Gallery. It contains an oil painting by my mother, a painting and a photograph by my son (grade school and high school), a photo my niece made using a 19th-century process, and a print of the cover of my daughter’s first novel. Kids’ artwork can (and should!) also be framed and hung.
- The Ferguson Farmers’ Market is a great place to look for art by local artists.
- If you have a cool suggestion or an example of meaningful Art in the House, please let me know, and I’ll run it in a future column: optinpr@gmail.com.

Get Your Art On in July

- Ferguson Summer Concert Series: Super Jam (3pm) and Dirty Muggs (7pm), July 4, January-Wabash Band Shell.
- Ferguson Farmers’ Market: Jacck Art Studio, July 9. Music by Ragged

Blade, July 2; Cheri Evans, July 9; Readus Miller, July 16; Mo Bravo Variety Band by Zyi Li Music, July 23; Free Champagne Band - Uncorked, July 31.

- At the Muny: Mary Poppins, July 5-13. Sweeney Todd, July 16-22. Legally Blonde, July 25-31.
- At the Fabulous Fox: Tedeschi Trucks Band, July 27.
- At the Hollywood Casino Amphitheater: Santana and Earth, Wind, & Fire, July 1. El Monstero and Living Colour, July 9. The Black Keys, July 15.
- At the Pageant: Psychedelic Furs, July 26.
- Jazz at the Bistro: Emily Wallace and Adam Maness Trio, July 8-9. Brothers Lazaroff, July 15-16. Scooter Brown, July 22-23. Demarius, July 29-30.
- Saint Louis Art Museum: Impressionism and Beyond - through July 31.
- Saint Louis Zoo: Jungle Boogie Friday night concerts, Fridays, July 1 thru August 12.
- Missouri History Museum: St. Louis Sound (ongoing exhibit through January 2023)
- First Fridays in Grand Center: Museums and galleries are free, 5pm-9pm, July 1, August 5.



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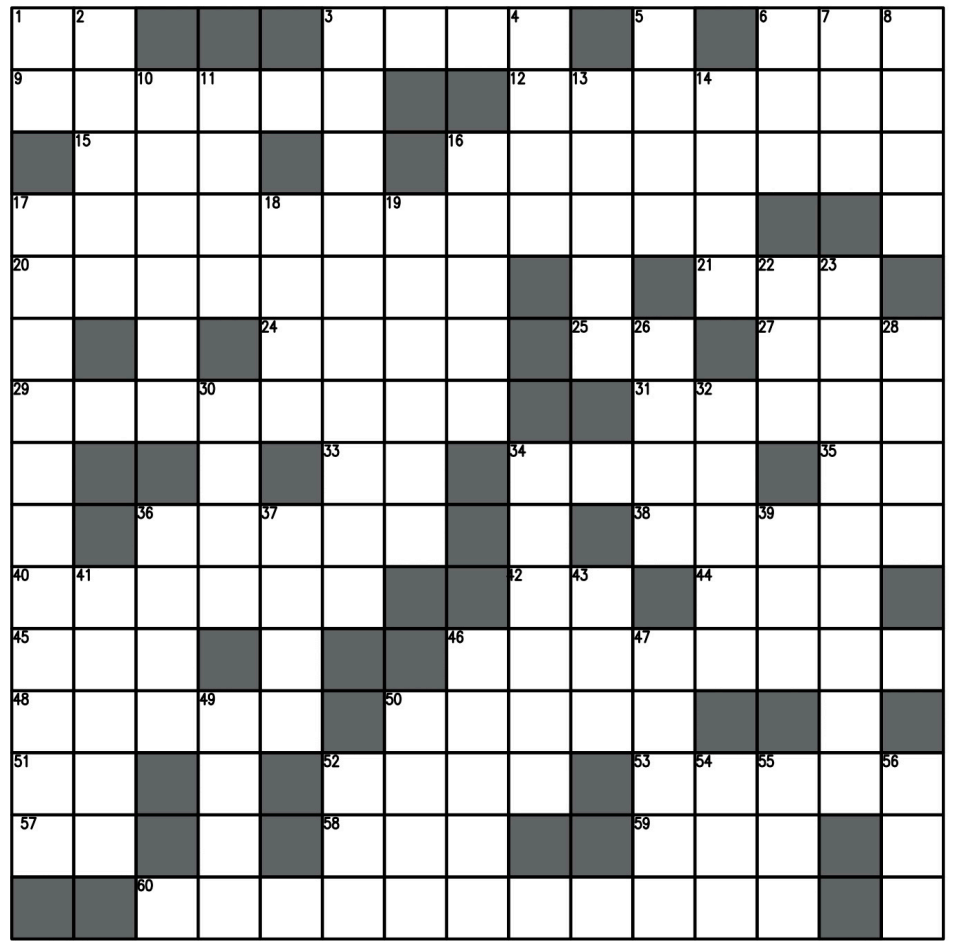
By Robin Shively

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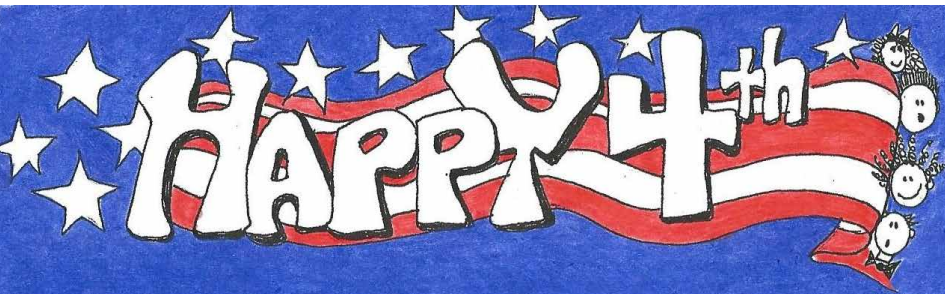
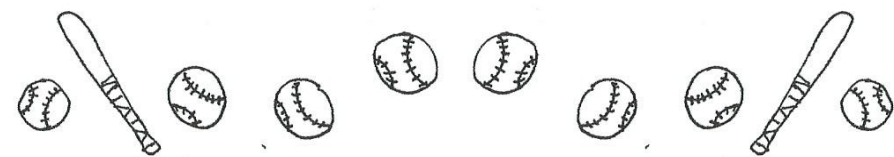
1. UPI competitor
3. Bad to the ____
6. Pint order
9. Gretel's sibling
12. Coffee bean's condition
15. ___-hoo, milk drink
16. Scientist that did not speak in full sentences till the age of 5
17. Pokemon metropolis
20. Playground game
21. Ick!
24. Infamous fiddler
25. Four corners st.
27. Biblical possessive adjective
29. Star presenter
31. Trendy berries
33. Gov. Dept. with health resources
34. Type of worm
35. Chem. element no. 52
36. Wainscoting section
38. Wood cutter
40. Milky Way base
42. Gov. prosecutor
44. Oath
45. Whirling Looney Tune character
46. Our cosmic neighborhood
48. Ebony partner
50. Pilsner
51. First st. to ratify US Constitution
52. Starchy pudding similar to tapioca
53. Like poison ivy rashes
57. ___PN
58. Sash
59. Head across the pond?
60. Colorful Clue suspect

DOWN

1. "I get it now"
2. Endorser
3. Bobby Vinton song
4. Little Mermaid's prince
5. Endure
6. Consumed
7. Lanai loop
8. Author Ferber or poet St. Vincent Millay
10. Scandinavian
11. Lemon characteristic
13. "The ____", satirical news source
14. Eye affliction
16. Center of a 2002 scandal
17. Alabama team
18. Solitary
19. Antenna
22. LAX guess
23. Sawyer's fence treatment
26. Flying speed unit
28. European river in name of WWI battle
30. Air Transport Commanding General during WWII invasion of Normandy
32. Don drove his to the levee
34. Type of bunting
36. Corleone creator
37. Bean or fleet
39. Amaze
41. Galoots
43. It may be brown or pale
46. Sorcery
47. Plankton
49. 2019 Oscar-winning Freddie portrayer
50. They may be chocolate
52.---...
54. Slope's base
55. Finger sheath
56. Himalayan ox



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Ward 3 South Central Neighborhood Association

Come join the new Ward 3 South Central Neighborhood Association!
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4th Thursday of Every Month
6PM on Zoom
First Meeting: June 23, 2022

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The Best of Ferguson

by Teyuna T. Darris, M.A.

“Erica Williams--- Empowering Her Community”



You’ve probably heard of Erica Williams. Or, maybe you’ve heard of A Red Circle? Mrs. Erica Williams is the founder and Executive Director of A Red Circle--- a nonprofit organization with the mission to “...promote community betterment in North County, through a racial equity lens.” Although she’s a resident of Florissant, Missouri, Mrs. Williams founded this organization in response to the events of August 2014 and the feelings of hopelessness that seemed to plague our hometown in those days. In this article, we will learn about the woman behind A Red Circle and how she has committed herself to empowering her community.

I first met Erica Williams in 2018 when we were enrolled in the Neighborhood Leadership Academy through the University of Missouri Extension Council in St. Louis County. In those days, A Red Circle was still in its infancy, and Erica was dedicating hours upon hours to its development.

During our interview, I learned that Erica has always enjoyed serving her community, and that she has spent much of her life being involved in some form of outreach to support the physical and economic needs of people throughout the Greater Saint Louis Region.

In college, Erica studied law, business, and policy. And, after earning the MBA from Maryville University, Erica became a doctoral student at Walden University.

I asked Erica, “What are your hobbies, or pastimes?” She responded, “I love to read and go to baseball games.” Suddenly, Erica’s response inspired me to ask her the following question: “What is the name of your favorite Major League Baseball team?” She enthusiastically replied, “The St. Louis Cardinals!” (I have to admit that, as a Citizen of Red Bird Nation, I was incredibly happy to hear this answer.)

Later, in our interview, Erica told me about her dreams and aspirations: “I want to see investment return to North County in the form of jobs, healthy food, arts, entertainment, public transportation, and more.”

I, then asked her, “What are your accomplishments?” To this, Erica replied, “Personally, my husband and I raised five amazing children who contribute to society through volunteer service and more. Professionally, A Red Circle just celebrated its five-year anniversary with growth and many successes.”

Erica continued by sharing that her job “...lends itself to community involvement--- It’s the best. I also volunteer with other organizations when I can such as Forward Through Ferguson, 643 Warm, and Evolve.”

I could not end our interview without asking Erica “What are the three things that make you awesome?” She replied, “My kids, my granddaughter, and my love for my community.” And, of course, I asked her that famous St. Louis question: “Where did you go to high school?” Erica responded, “McCluer High School.” “The McCluer?” I asked her. She replied, “Yes, the McCluer.”

At the end of our interview, Erica enumerated some of the ways through which A Red Circle supports Ferguson residents. These include food assistance through Mutual Aid, parental support (through the Parent Café), academic tutoring, supporting and intervention, and social-emotional support for students who are enrolled in the Ferguson-Florissant School District (through Education Advocacy), and Meet A Red Circle at The Muny. You can learn about these, and other programs offered by A Red Circle by visiting their website.

Erica also stated, “I am committed to community work because I want to see the community where I live thrive. I want the youth to have great opportunities. I organized A Red Circle because I wanted to bring investment back into the region in terms of attention, jobs, healthy food, arts, and education justice. My late uncle Damu Smith was an inspiration for this work, in addition to my mother. A Red Circle supports Ferguson through community programming, supporting local businesses like Drake’s Place and Onyx, and finding ways to include the community’s voice in our work.”

At the moment, I don’t know of any other person who demonstrates more passion for her community and all the people therein like Erica Williams. I was glad to look on as Erica and her associates celebrated the fifth year of A Red Circle’s existence and community work and accomplishments.

Some people lead with many words, but few others lead by example. Erica Williams is a living example of a person who had a dream, that she turned into reality. And, she uses that reality to help others. Erica Williams is empowering her community as she lives out her dream.

Erica, thank you for allowing me to write this article.



A small portion of the volume of goods Erica collects and distributes with her associates at A Red Circle



Erica Williams (pictured bottom left in the center) celebrating five years at A Red Circle



A photograph of some of the agricultural work Erica and her associates perform in service to the North St. Louis County community through A Red Circle.



Erica, and her civics and policy team at A Red Circle posing for the camera.

Ferguson City Hall Information

Neighbors Connecting

Hello Neighbors,

“The best education I received was working with people in the community on a grassroots basis. Because what it taught me was that ordinary people, when they are working together, can do extraordinary things.”

- Barack Obama, 44th President of the United States



As we move toward the summer, Neighborhood Associations are encouraging neighbors to reach out to one another to connect. And citizens are feeling a stronger need to connect, especially while living through the post-pandemic COVID-era. It has been nearly 2 years since neighbors were able to meet face to face. There is an excitement in the air about the potential of a neighborhood gathering.

The menu has been set and sent out to everyone. Several people are already thinking through and getting excited about what they can bring to the gathering. But we all realize that these outings are more than simply an opportunity to eat. The summer food lineup that includes the standard summer fare – hotdogs, hamburgers and brats, with a side of tea and lemonade is only a means to a greater end.

I think we would all agree that we come together not just to eat, but to catch up with each other. Who moved where? Whose children graduated and from what grade? How many grandchildren have come for a visit with those who used to be children themselves; grandparents.

The connection between families, friends and neighbors supports the feeling of oneness. No part is greater than the whole. It's the organic nature in humans to connect on all levels, spiritual, mental and physical. That's why we greet each other with a warm embrace or a hand shake. There is nothing like holding a child's hand and lifting the child up in love. The smiles say it all, and at each of the many events we attend, the smiles shine brightly, fervently and with an expectancy of great things to come. We are even more firmly united in our belief of better, and as we eat, we jointly celebrate the great things to come. The opportunity is priceless, so don't miss it.

Have a safe and enjoyable July 4th with your families and friends.

“Alone, WE Can Do So Little: Together, We Can Do So Much.”

- Helen Keller

Connecting, Mayor Ella J

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.

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- 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
- Vaccine Locator<https://covidvaccine.mo.gov/find/#map>

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	Second & Fourth Tuesday	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.
South Central Neighborhood	Third Thursday	6:00 p.m.
North Hills Neighborhood	Third Saturday	10:00 a.m.
South West Neighborhood	Fourth Monday	6:00 p.m.

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Are you looking to increase involvement with your City government? Do you have new and innovative ideas to improve and move the City forward? Consider volunteering on a Ferguson Board, Committee, or Commission.

There are multiple vacancies available. The list includes committees like the Architectural Review Board, Human Rights Commission, Park Board, and others.



For more information regarding vacancies, requirements, roles and responsibilities and/or how to apply, visit <http://www.fergusoncity.com/57/Boards-Commissions> or contact your City Clerk at City Hall by calling 314-521-7721.

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Ferguson City Hall Information

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Ferguson Plays Outside

Stop by the Ferguson Community Center to rent FREE balls, disc golf discs, fishing poles, & recreational equipment! Then go visit our parks and facilities to participate in Ferguson Plays Outside day! Be sure to return all equipment by 8:00pm.

Date: July 31st
Time: 8:00am – 8:00pm
Location: Ferguson's Parks
Fee: FREE



Ferguson Adventure Camp

Join us all summer long for our action-packed traditional summer camp experience where kids will laugh, explore, and create memories and friendships that will last a lifetime! Campers will experience weekly themes, crafts, games, swimming at Splash at Wabash, field trips and more, held at the Ferguson Community Center. Registration closes at NOON on the Wednesday prior to the following week's session. Register today, space limited!

Ages: 5-13
Dates: M-F, June 6 – August 12
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: \$82/Child



NRPA'S PARK AND RECREATION MONTH

July is

National Parks and Recreation Month!

Help us celebrate the power of parks and recreation throughout the month of July as we highlight the impact that the staff of the Ferguson Parks & Recreation Department has on the community.

#FergusonPlaysOutside Scavenger Hunt

Throughout the month of July we will be hosting a scavenger hunt throughout our parks in Ferguson. Follow us on our social media accounts or check back here in late June for access instruction to the scavenger hunt app beginning July 1st and ending July 30th. The person with the most points at the end of the scavenger hunt will be awarded a huge prize at our Picnic

Picnic in the Park

Sunday July 31st | 12pm-2pm | January-Wabash Memorial Park
Join us for Picnic in the Park to help celebrate National Parks and Recreation Month and all of the hard work that the Ferguson Parks & Recreation Staff contributes to better our community! Enjoy FREE hot dogs, chips, and refreshments (while supplies last) along with bubbles, outdoor games, and surprise guests! We will also be announcing the winner of the #FergusonPlaysOutside Photo Scavenger Hunt.

National Swimming Pool Day

Come out to the Splash at Wabash to celebrate our pool with our amazing Aquatics staff. Stop by and enjoy some deeply discounted prices at CannonBall Café. The menu will feature \$1.00 soda, hotdogs, snow cones, and popcorn (While Supplies Last). We will also have some fun contests including favorites like Belly Flop, Penny Dive, and much more.

Monday July 11th
Open Swim: 1pm-6pm
Adult Swim 12pm-1pm

Splash at Wabash Aquatic Complex

Ferguson's favorite place to cool off in the summer will be back open daily from May 28 till August 21st and on weekends 8/27-8/28 and 9/3-9/5. For all of the pricing, policies, and information you need, head over to SplashatWabash.com

Adult Programs, Bingos, Casino Trips, Movies at the Firehouse, Shakespeare in the Park, and More!!!

We have so many fun programs, events, and opportunities for everyone this summer. Check out all of the details, read through our summer guide, and register online for any program at www.FergRec.com

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

This month I am going to try something a little different. I have a couple of stories in my head, however neither of them can be stretched enough to fill the page the editor of this paper has so kindly surrendered to me. So, here goes.

Have you ever met someone who just makes you smile? They make you look at the world with just a little less pessimism. This person may not be the friend that you would go shopping with or hang out by the pool with. This extraordinary person is someone who randomly pops up and just makes you feel better about yourself. I have a person like this. I have not asked for her permission to write about her, so I will be vague about who and where she is other than she works a cosmetic counter and has more than once talked me into beauty products I obviously needed. Our first encounter was when I was looking for a new and improved concealer for the persistent dark circles under my eyes. I walked away a very satisfied customer and returned a few weeks later for more “skin care” advice. A Pre-Covid a visit to a cosmetic counter was a very intimate experience. While one person would be tending your eyebrows another is brushing on “blush”, but I digress. Let us refer to the cosmetic clerk as Jane. During my occasional visits with Jane, we shared some personal stories and ideas, from religion to politics. Jane has volunteered at a women’s incarceration center once a week and often shared her experiences with me. Her love and concern for these women reached deep in my heart. Not once did I hear her speak a negative word about the ladies she visited. Never did she judge them as criminals. Her mission was to talk to them as a friend and pray with and for them if they desired. Her personal mission humbled me.

Her giving nature did not stop there. She had shared her home with a young lady in need at some point in the past. Jane had not heard from her in a while because she had married and was raising a family. The young lady called Jane and told her she was sick, and her doctors were initiating a search for a kidney transplant. Jane immediately made an appointment with the transplant group. Her friend did not expect that, she only wanted to share that she was sick. Jane was 72 years old when she inquired about being a living donor. She was concerned about her age but was relieved to find out she would not be the oldest ever to donate a kidney. Jane was healthy and would be a viable candidate should there be a match. She was indeed a match for her young friend. Jane would say that God intervened and made it possible for her to donate her kidney. Several years have passed and both the donor and recipient continue to enjoy excellent health.

I visit Jane at the cosmetic counter occasionally, especially when there is a “gift with purchase” campaign. We talk about our lives and families, our love of sitting by a pool or at a beach reading. We share about our families and friends. I have visited her when I am sad, feeling sorry for myself or just generally feeling “blah”. I always walk away with a better attitude and a little bit of sunshine back in my heart.

Jane is a jewel in a world that grows meaner and colder every day. I am honored and grateful to know her.

Another person who would make an impression on me as a small child was a neighbor to my grandmother in Mexico, Missouri. I was an only child and a bit nasty and demanding, at least that is what Gramma claimed. I was not really that bad. She was providing for me an ounce of prevention, I guess. Gramma would march me down the street to visit Miss Fish and her sister, Miss Fish. Miss Fish 1 lived in what I thought was the biggest bed I had ever seen. She never left that one room and that giant bed. She had suffered a serious spinal injury in a car accident when she was just a teenager that left her paralyzed from the neck down. I am sure she had some bad days, but she was always happy to see me and talk to me. She would share some of the neighborhood stories and talk about what she observed from her room surrounded by windows in the corner of the house. She never complained that she should have had a different life than one of confinement. The other Miss Fish was her sister and caretaker. Miss Fish 2 was also in the accident but suffered no injuries. Their lives were sealed together that fateful day. They were good happy women who accepted their lives and shared their kindness with others daily. There was always someone visiting the Fish sisters.

I feel like I have taken a bit of a turn with these stories. My intention was to share the stories of a couple of people who have touched me in some way, one when I was a child while the other as an adult.

Thanks for reading my article this month and as always you can reach me at manhattanmarian@gmail.com.

PS, we rescued a dog! Here is his picture. I will share his story another time.



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CARING, A DIVINE CHARACTERISTIC

By Rev. Larry Brown

Caring, caring for, and caring about, though separate, and distinct attributes, are each very important, in order for us, as human beings, to live a meaningful, productive, and satisfying life while we occupy space on the planet.

Often, we exhibit a tendency to take things as they come and react to them accordingly. We have no particular plan, nor have we decided to make each day a rewarding experience in utilizing the gifts, talents, and thoughts that we possess to help move our society forward and the lives we touch, to have a positive experience as a result of being in contact with us. It is extremely important to understand that each of us has a role of importance to play while here on earth.

All of us can appreciate the good feelings associated with accomplishment or positive results, but how many of us really work at making this happen, not only in our own lives but also in the lives of others? The first thing we might consider doing is “caring for ourselves “. Caring how we look and caring about what we say often is all that is necessary in order to generate a good effect on another person with whom we may come in contact.

Being a good listener is also a quality that can produce a positive result because it tells the other person that we are really concerned about them, how they feel, and what they may be experiencing. We should be concerned about other’s perceptions of us!

When we take action and actually provide care for a person and care to a person, then we may be acting out a feeling we have inside for their well-being, especially if we are not receiving any particular benefit from providing this service. A caregiver is usually hired to provide certain services for one who may be disabled or unable to provide for himself or herself. This is fine also as it usually makes the recipient of the services feel better!

However, when we “care about “ someone or some situation, then we are not content until we “do something” to improve the situation. Whatever we do, or cause to be done to improve a negative situation is helpful to us and usually is helpful to the situation, even if it doesn’t totally eliminate the negativity involved.

Often, our showing of concern, stimulates the concern of others and what may have been a problem for one or more, may be eliminated.

In today’s world, we need more people who will take positive action to help the world rid itself of certain evils and problems that many are experiencing. Because of the technology that is available to us, the world conditions are becoming known to more and more of us. We cannot avoid or plead ignorance to unfavorable conditions as may have been part of our response (or lack of response) in the past. It is almost sinful for us to turn our heads and ignore bad situations around us.

In the Bible, the story of the good Samaritan, is an excellent example of caring. It reveals that often, those whom we normally expect to care either because of their title, role in the community, or proximity to the issue, may not involve themselves for various reasons, so we need to do what we can.

Often you can help by supporting organizations who are trying to address these issues. Contact us at www.gracechapelministries or email gracechapeldevelopment@gmail.com or call me at 314-409-0965 if you feel like getting involved and doing something. We are a community of people and we must help each other!

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Donation to FVFD

The Lions Club of Ferguson made a generous donation of \$750 to the Ferguson Volunteer Flower Department (FVFD) on Saturday, June 18, 2022.

The FVFD will use the funds to continue its maintenance and beautification of the Victorian Plaza and the Ferguson Library.

The FVFD meets for one hour on Wednesday mornings at 8:30 am. Anyone interested in joining the flower department can come to the locations listed above, no gardening experience is necessary.



L to R: Jim Knowles, Kathy Noelker, Stephanie Becker, Kathy Noelker, Deb Carter, Patty Knowles (Yes there are 2 Kathy Noelker's)



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The Ferguson Computer Corner

by Doug Neely

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A Little Puter History, dept.

Puters have been around a lot longer than most of you are aware. When I was in college, I took a physics class. We were placed into groups to do our experiments. There was a LOT of calculations we had to do. Our puter back then was called a Wang. No kidding! Our entire college had exactly ONE Wang, and that's it. If you were a physics nerd, you got to use the Wang; if not, well, you probably never knew of its existence. (Think "Big Bang Theory" without Penny!)

Since it is no longer a highly classified chunk of electronics, I can only now tell you that it was basically a non-portable pocket calculator like the ones we could walk into wally-world and buy for 12 for \$1, on clearance, 20 or so years later. Anyhow, the Wang always worked, and was always accurate, assuming that you had a few minutes to wait for your answer. Outstanding machine! Wish I had one now!. (It would be worth serious pfennigs!)

Another little shred of knowledge: the power of the computers in our spacecraft from Mercury to the Shuttles was not quite as powerful as the little pocket calculator sold at wally-world. Really! That's because the puters in our spacecraft were basically calculators that used software programs to order the calculations that needed to be run to spit out the right numbers for that main rocket burn or what have you!

Moving Along, dept.

By the time they started making those "personal" puters that sold for several thousands of \$\$\$, we did not associate any particular level of capability (POWER) to them. We were told what they could do for us. In other words, capabilities, to my way of thinking, is what we today would call SOFTWARE programming.

After that, to put it into a nutshell, INTEL began the yardstick measurement of PROCESSOR SPEED. That measurement was wildly successful, as it gave us (what we THOUGHT) was an honest apples-to-apples (pun intended) comparison, that was SIMPLE enough for us all to understand. (or maybe not...) Maybe sometime I will explain it to those of you who wish to bother with it.

The next little reality that threw a monkey wrench into the plan when it was running so well, was that those who built processors, primarily Intel and AMD, couldn't get past a 5 gigahertz speed. What to do? Then someone at Intel got the idea to put 2 cores (brains) onto one processor package. (kinda like putting 2 brains into one head. HEY! I'll take some of those!!!) Now we can multiply our core speed times 2 cores! So now we are seeing how many cores we can add to get more processing work done.

You should know that not all of the software you use is capable of using all the cores you can throw at it. Call me for why this is true. As a bonus, I can tell you what makes Intel's hyperthreading so exciting to their engineers! ...and not so much for AMD's engineers! :)

How Do We Calculate Processing Value per \$\$\$ Today?, dept.

I wasn't gonna let the cat out of the bag yet, but here we are!

What I am going to tell you now is embarrassing, but today they tell us what the puter can do! Just buy this software for it, and it will do the job you need done! No mention of speed, as if we don't have a need for speed! (sorry, Tom!)

We are now full circle back to square one! Wasn't that FUN???

May The Fourth Be With You, dept.

Let it be said that I wish for all of you to enjoy the 4th, and to especially remember ALL those patriots who gave us our country, and our RIGHTS, and our freedoms. Guard them well, for they can be EASILY LOST FOREVER! Don't let ANYone try to take ANY of YOUR RIGHTS AWAY, or lessen them in any way! Our Bill of RIGHTS are indeed absolute! They are in no way to be infringed! Cherish your rights and defend them, so as to pass them down to your children and their children forever!

So help us God! AMEN and AMEN!

ME GO NOW!

Last month I did not include my phone number. I feel bad about that, as I always tell you to give me your number! I am sorry about that! So, here it is: *314*521*1789* this number is to be used pretty much on any day, but only during the PM HOURS!

Now, if you wanna email me, use this easy-to-remember address: fergusoncomputercorner@aol.com WHEN EMAILING, be sure to include your local telephone number so I can call you to discuss your puter issue. Also, be certain to put the phrase: "I need puter advice" into the subject line, whether or not you are writing for advice. (if you mention a time to call, I will do all I can to call you at that time, unless it is in the morning! (well, DUH!) :)

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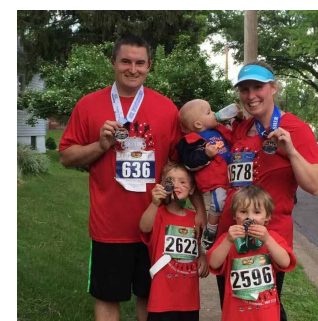
In 2015 Merrilee Nadeau crossed the finish line in the Alton Half Marathon. Afterwards she thought: why not do all 50 states? So she began her quest running in at least 10 half marathons a year. She ran in Rhode Island one day and Connecticut the next day. Although covid delayed her final half marathon, she was undaunted and remained steadfast in pursuit of her goal. In May she ran her 50th race in Hawaii. She is always cheered on by her husband Pete and their three sons: Peter, James, and Luke.



Merrilee's Run 50 medal board



Clockwise from bottom left: Crossing the finish in Anchorage Alaska 2019; Group photo of Peter, Pete, Merrilee, Luke, and James in Alaska; After the 2015 Ferguson Run; Merrilee crossing the finish line at her 50th in Hawaii May 29th 2022.



Walk Ferguson Group Walks for Health, Fun, and Conversation

In September 2020, Ferguson resident Beth von Behren shared a news story on the Ferguson Friends and Neighbors page on Facebook about a walking group in Kirkwood. The group was tired of being homebound due to covid and was walking together in a group, but with masks, with the double goal of exercising and exploring the streets and neighborhoods of their suburban south county community. Von Behren thought this would be a great thing for Ferguson, and almost immediately, Ferguson resident Peggy Faul chimed in with "let's do it!" And a new Ferguson group was born.

The two women have been leading a small but growing group of walkers ever since their first foray in October 2020. Faul, a life-long resident who knows every street in Ferguson and has walked many of them, plans out the route. Von Behren promotes the group on Facebook. One or the other leads the weekly walk. They also partnered with Ferguson Parks & Recreation to create a walking challenge and promote the program, sponsored in 2021 by SSM Health.

They originally started with two weekly walks - on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings, but their schedules and busy lives eventually

forced them to focus mostly on the Saturday walks. They plan and schedule a walk almost every weekend, but sometimes are forced to cancel due to extreme cold temperatures, snow, or stormy weather. The group basically did not walk in January or February of this year at all due to bad weather, but they try to get out and walk as long as it's above 30 degrees.

"The best walks are the cold ones," said von Behren. "In the cooler months, we love to walk and then end up at the winter market at St. Stephen's if we can schedule it just right. It's just a matter of bundling up and wearing layers!"

Anyone and everyone is welcome to join the group. To keep abreast of their schedules and cancellations, join the "Walk Ferguson" group on Facebook. Routes are typically posted by Thursday of each week, and weather cancellation decisions are generally made on Friday evenings.

The walks start at 9:00 a.m. on Saturdays and usually last about an hour, covering between a mile and two miles of streets. Conversations center around houses, yards, neighborhoods, and famous or noteworthy Ferguson stories. Almost every week, the group meets neighbors along the way and introduces themselves. And of course, they take photos and post them to the group's pages on Facebook - facebook.com/groups/walkferguson - and on Instagram - @walkFerguson.



Left to right: Beth, Amy, Jacque, Peggy, Roxanne, Marianne, Kathy, Christine (kneeling).



Financial Focus – Bright Side to a Recession?

By Joan Cleaveland (cleav73@gmail.com)

Business Manager for St. Joseph Parish in Cottleville
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Is it really such a bad thing for the economy to shrink? Well that's what a recession would bring. Anticipate higher unemployment, businesses closing, economic activity drying up, however prices may go down. Maybe if we learn more about business cycles, it may help us understand what to expect. No matter what we are all affected by them.

There are four periods of business cycles: Expansion, Peak, Contraction and Trough. The length of time it takes to move through a business cycle varies. Since the 1950's most business cycles have lasted about five and a half years. Some have lasted as long as ten years in one of the four stages. The first stage is expansion and it means growth! Interest rates are low, allowing for businesses to grow, borrow and expand. Unemployment is likely to be low with most people working. There is great productivity. If we ignore the pandemic period, we've been experiencing this expansion stage for many years. This growth also brings about some inflationary pressure as wages rise and prices do likewise. Peak refers to the period when growth maxes out. During this time there is instability and expansion has leveled off. On a graph this is the highest point prior to starting downward. GDP (gross domestic product) growth falling below 2% and continuing to decline is a sign we are headed into the third stage contraction. During this period, the economy shrinks, GDP turns negative, unemployment rates increase and this is what is referred to as a recession. One good thing may be that prices usually go down. The final stage is the trough. This where the GDP will slow down the decline and eventually turn positive again. Here the economy adjusts to moving from the contraction phase to the expansion phase. And the business cycle start over again.

So if we recognize that business cycles are naturally occurring maybe we shouldn't be alarmed. Certainly governments and financial institutions can influence how long a business cycle might last. It just seems inevitable that these phases of the economic cycle will occur and being prepared may help us cope better. It does seem that the media is eager to keep us in an alarmed state with the constant reminders on the current price of gas and

reminders that the fear of a recession is increasing. What if we didn't react by losing our confidence? Perhaps it would cause less angst and help make the contraction stage shorter. Looking at the bright side just may help. How do we know what part of the business cycle we are actually in? The National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) determines which cycle the economy is in using quarterly GDP growth rates. It also uses monthly economic indicators, such as employment, real personal income, industrial production, and retail sales. Turns out the NBER was founded in 1920 to help understand economic issues within the United States. Their research is bound by a restriction that the "studies may present data and research findings, but may not make policy recommendations or make normative statements about policy." At this time, we cannot find out what stage we are in, the following disclosure was on several sites I checked.

Disclosure: While you'll hear speculation in the media about the state of the economy, there is no official notice of what cycle the economy is in until it's already in progress—or complete—and the NBER has had a chance to analyze the data and declare it.

So I guess this means when we find out we are in a recession we'll have been there for a while. Meanwhile the news keeps pumping fear about an upcoming recession. If this is a natural occurrence, why worry? If it's inevitable perhaps accepting and adjusting can improve the chances of it being a short stage on our way back to expansion. As the Fed responds to inflation with higher rates, it may slow things down. Making it less painful for Americans is partially out of our hands, there's the war in Ukraine and the knowledge that fossil fuels are a limited resource. So I am reducing my driving and filling up my car while I still have a half tank which has made the cost less painful. While this economy is tough on many businesses there are several that actually thrive. During the Great Depression, snickers, tootsie pops and mars bars were invented. Being forced to experience a slowdown encourages businesses and individuals to save more, get rid of surplus, conserve and become more efficient. A recession allows prices to be restored to a more acceptable level. In the case of our fuel prices and the global effect on them, I don't know if everyone conserving would help control the price. Just being able to do something positive and the realization that some change could help us get through this stage of the business cycle may help. If you have any questions or comments please contact me at cleav73@gmail.com.





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Crossword Solution from page 4

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Our Citizens in Action

by Becky Mueller

Volunteers needed to Supervise the Police

The Civilian Review Board (CRB), which reviews complaints against police officers, is in urgent need of members. The U.S. Department of Justice requires Ferguson to have an actively functioning CRB in order to meet requirements of the consent decree. This Board should have nine members; a quorum of five members is necessary to conduct official business. There are currently four vacancies, so if even one member is absent, the CRB cannot function. Without a functioning CRB, Ferguson will not be fully in compliance with the consent decree; the city will continue having to pay for a Department of Justice monitor.

The CRB has several responsibilities.

The CRB's primary responsibility is to review complaints about police misconduct and recommend what should be done about the misconduct. They review investigations of police use of force. They review and assess police policies, procedures, and training plans. They analyze crime data, racial profiling data, and complaint statistics to identify patterns. They serve on police hiring and promotion panels and submit evaluations of candidates.

The most important function of the Civilian Review Board is to "foster respect, trust, cooperation, transparency, and accountability between the city of Ferguson, the Ferguson Police Department, and the greater Ferguson community."

After a member is appointed to the CRB board, they must complete a training course before they can participate in any of the board's duties.

How the complaint process works

When a citizen has a complaint about a Ferguson police officer, they must submit a complaint form. The form can be found on the City's website or picked up at City Hall. The complaint form should be used to report officer misconduct, not to evaluate whether the officer is doing a good job of catching speeders. The complaint first goes to the Ferguson police department for investigation. Then the police department sends a report of the investigation to the CRB for review. The CRB can ask for additional information, including videos from police cameras and recordings of police interviews. The board does not, however, have legal subpoena power.

The CRB then decides whether the complaint is unfounded (didn't occur), sustained (misconduct occurred), not sustained (not enough evidence), or exonerated (conduct did not violate law or FPD policy). Their decision is based on whether there is a "preponderance" of evidence, enough evidence to consider a complaint valid. It doesn't require proof "beyond all reasonable doubt." The board can disagree with the conclusions of the police investigation and evaluate the quality of the investigation process. If a complaint is valid, the CRB then makes recommendations for what should be done. They might recommend mediation between the officer and citizen. They might recommend discipline or retraining for the officer. They might recommend a change to a police department policy. The recommendations are sent back to the police chief for a final decision. The board does not have the power to enforce their recommendations. The police chief reports his decision to the CRB and to the person making the complaint. All complaints, recommendations, and decisions are kept confidential.

Accusations of criminal behavior by a police officer are handled differently from misconduct complaints. The police department investigates criminal behavior. The CRB does receive reports of these investigations. The board, however, can only evaluate the quality of the investigative process, i.e. whether the police department did a good job of doing the investigation. The CRB can not evaluate whether an officer is guilty of a crime.

For more information

Ferguson residents are invited to attend the public portion of the CRB meetings. Meetings are on the first Monday of the month at 6:30 in Ferguson City Hall.

The Ferguson city website (www.fergusoncity.com) has a lot of information about the Civilian Review Board and copies of many of their reports. Click on the "Your Government" and "Civilian Review Board" headings and explore the links.

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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.

Could you imagine that a Ferguson man, president of a major arms firm, might be involved in espionage? How about a Ferguson man's connection with Star Wars? What about a Ferguson woman being a star in a famous soap opera? Did you know that Ferguson people were involved in early aircraft – even involved with Charles Lindbergh. A bicycle ride across Asia in 1892 – what does that have to do with Ferguson? All of these are true and will be explored in this article.

Samuel F. Pryor Sr. might possibly have been involved in a conspiracy to provide aide to Germany (pre-WWII) and even in a conspiracy to keep Franklin Roosevelt from being reelected. While not proven, it is possible. The Pryors had several addresses in Ferguson, Tiffin, Elizabeth and finally on Allen Place. Pryor's employment included executive positions in Simmons Hardware Company, St. Louis Car Wheel Company and the Missouri Pacific Railroad. Samuel Sr., in 1914, became President of Remington Arms and moved to Connecticut. His death in 1934 has led to intrigue concerning arms shipments to Germany. Whether Pryor was guilty of these accusations you will have to research for yourself. His son, Samuel F. Pryor Jr. grew up in Ferguson and became a well known executive in many firms and received the Award of Merit from President Harry Truman for building 56 secret airfields during WWII. Maybe not like father is the son.

Daniel T. O'Bannon grew up in Ferguson and graduated from McCluer High School. He was involved in the production of Star Wars (1977) as a computer automationist. But this is only part of his history. O'Bannon has also been a writer, editor, production designer and even a director of well known films (Alien, Heavy Metal, Return of the Living Dead, Total Recall and many more. In 1980 he received both the Hugo Award and the British Fantasy (sp) Award. In 1991 he received the Science Fiction Chronicle Award.

Soap operas have been a mainstay of broadcasting since the beginning of Radio. Even today, on TV we have Young and Restless, General Hospital and Days of Our Lives being some of the longest running and best known. One of the best known from the days of radio was The Romance of Helen Trent. This soap was broadcast by CBS from 1933 until 1960 (7,222 episodes). A Ferguson resident, Julie Stevens, played Helen for 16 years. This show had the premise: "to prove that romance could live on for a woman of 35 and even more". The show certainly appealed to the many housewives during the broadcast's history.

Ferguson has always been important in the history of aircraft – our proximity to the Old Kinloch Air Field and Lambert Field (St. Louis International Airport) has allowed Ferguson residents many opportunities. Ferguson resident, Bill Atwood, was one who guarded Charles Lindbergh's plane, Spirit of St. Louis". According to Atwood, "During the summers, we kids would spend half our time at Lambert Field. We got to know all the pilots real well. On his way from San Diego to New York for the flight to Paris, he (Lindbergh) stopped in St. Louis and several of us stayed up all night in the hangar guarding his plane." Bill became a flyer himself. In 1932 Bill moved to Hollywood to do stunt flying. He was one of the flyers buzzing around the Empire State Building in the original "King Kong" movie.

Bill wasn't the only aviator to come from Ferguson. Forest O'Brine, who along with Dale Jackson set two flying records in a Curtiss Robin (an airplane built by Curtiss-Robertson airplane Manufacturing Corp. – just west of Ferguson). In July 1929 the two flew for a total of 420 hours and 17 minutes. A second airplane brought food and fuel. Their record was broken, however, so in 1930 they took a Robin for a second flight and set a new worlds record of 647 hours and 28 minutes. A crack in the engine block stopped the flight. O'Brine determined the engine problem by climbing out on a catwalk during the flight.

From the air we move to the ground – and the humble bicycle. In 1894, Ferguson resident, Thomas G. Allen Jr. along with Alton Illinois resident, William L. Sachtleben wrote a book about their 1892 bicycle trip – Across Asia on a Bicycle. Now this was 1892, a time when they did have "safety" bicycles which closely resembled our current bikes with a chain drive. However, these were not the 21-speed, all-terrain, shock absorbed bikes of today. It is hard to imagine a trip without the modern "Katy Trails" and bike paths that currently exist. The journey was from Constantinople, Turkey to Peking, China. This was a total of 6633 miles from April 3 to November 1892.

Perhaps some of you know of a Ferguson resident who has done some interesting or important things. Why not drop us an email with the details – or we can contact you for more information

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 later in summer (hopefully).

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Under The Hood With Robinwood
By Bob McGartland

Summer Maintenance Checklist for Your Vehicle

Happy 4th of July!

As we roll into Summer, we are ready to finally say goodbye to winter and embrace the warmer weather. From finishing up your garden planting to taking in that baseball game, summer was made for getting outside, enjoying time with family, and even planning that family road trip. But before you get to all that, you may want to pump the breaks a little and bring your car in for a Summer maintenance check. If you haven't scheduled your Summer maintenance check with your mechanic, it's not too late to have these items checked before you get too far into Summer.

Tires

Winter and Spring can be tough on your tires. From snow & ice covered roads to those pesky early-spring potholes, your tires need a little attention before Summer gets in full swing. You'll want to check your tires to make sure they are properly inflated, as well as check for tread life to make sure they are safe to drive on. While you're down there checking those tires, you'll want to inspect your rims for any dents or damage. Be sure to bring your car in so your mechanic can rotate and balance those tires for a smooth and safe ride all Summer long.

Suspension

Hitting that pothole or that rough patch of ice over the winter can impact your suspension system. Some signs that your suspension needs to be looked at include continued bouncing after hitting bumps, pulling to one side after turning corners, difficulty steering, and unusually bumpy rides. To be sure, take your car into your mechanic so he can inspect your struts and/or shocks.

Alignment

Just like your suspension system, your alignment can be impacted by winter driving. Some signs to look for when it comes to your alignment are uneven or rapid tire wear, a crooked steering wheel when you are driving straight, pulling to the right or to the left, and squealing tires. If you notice any of these signs or if it's been awhile since you've had your alignment checked, then ask your mechanic to take a look.

Fluid Levels

One thing that may have been neglected over the Winter and Spring months are your fluid levels. Ask your mechanic to check your coolant, transmission fluid, power steering fluid, and brake fluid to ensure they are filled to the proper levels before that Summer road trip.

Belts & Hoses

Your vehicle's belts & hoses are susceptible to our bitterly cold Winter temperatures here in St. Louis. It's always a good idea to ask your mechanic to check these items each spring for wearing, cracking, and tearing. Left unchecked, your belts or hoses could break while out driving leaving you with a breakdown on the side of the road.

Headlights, Taillights, & Turn Signals

Snow, ice, and salt can cause your lights to yellow which reduces visibility when driving at night. If you notice any yellowing, ask your mechanic to either refurbish or replace your lights. You'll also want to replace any burnt out bulbs to ensure safe driving during the day and when driving at night.

Cabin Air Filter

If your car was manufactured after 1999, then you have a cabin air filter. This filter's job is to keep pollen, mold, and other pollutants out of the interior of your car and keep the inside air quality fresh and clean. Spring is a good time to have this filter replaced.

AC

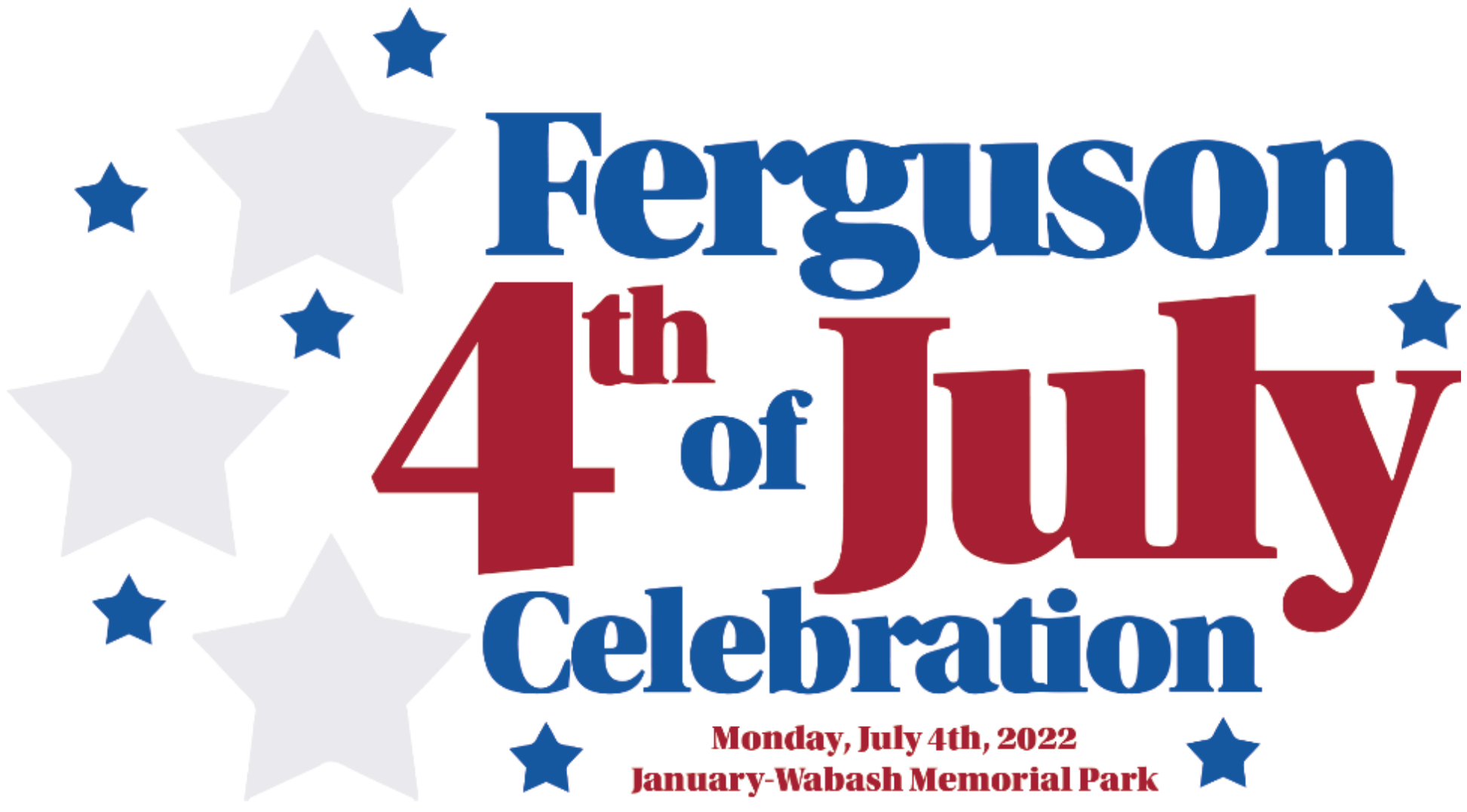
Before we get to the dog days of summer, you'll want to make sure your AC is ready to keep you cool when driving around. Ask your mechanic to run an AC output test to make sure your car is ready to keep you cool all Summer long.

Wiper Blades

Snow, ice, and salt can dull your windshield wiper blades. Spring and early Summer are the perfect time to replace them so that you're ready to drive in those heavy spring and summer rains when they come.

It's not too late to bring your car in for a Summer maintenance check. Our team is ready to help. Simply give us a call and we'll get your Summer maintenance check done so you can get back to enjoying your Summer no matter where you plan to drive or take that special summer family vacation.

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