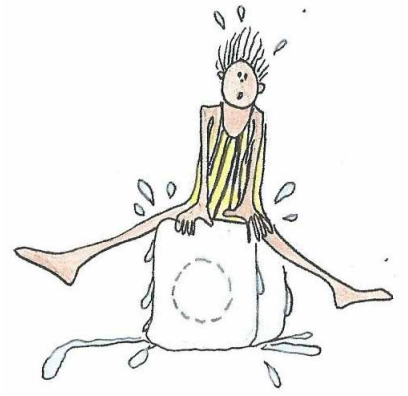


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Come hungry and mark your calendars for the second Sunday in September (9/11) for the 10th annual Taste in Ferguson fundraiser community event!

We will be hosting our normal in-person outdoor food tasting, beer, wine, and spirit sampling event at the Savoy Banquet Center in downtown Ferguson.

Since the event is on 9-11, we will be honoring our First Responders from all the local North County Police, Fire and EMS departments.

- Expanded Hours 3-7pm
- Music Entertainment by Rockin' Chair with extended performance from 6 to 7pm
- Tickets are \$35.00 Kids 10 and under are Free
- Includes unlimited food samples, soda, and water
- Hands on kids activities
- Food demonstrations under the big tent
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- Many of your favorite Food vendors are returning

Tickets are now available on our website, [thetasteinferguson.com](http://thetasteinferguson.com), or at Paul's Market, Robinwood Automotive in Ferguson, Amore' Pizza and The Greater North County Chamber of Commerce office in Florissant. Tickets will be available on Saturdays at the Ferguson Farmer's Market starting on August 13 thru September 3rd. Sponsorship opportunities are available on our website or contact Bob McGartland at 314-323-7436.

All proceeds continue to fund local, grade school, and high school scholarships and youth organizations. Grab your kids, call your friends, and come on down to the 10th annual Taste in Ferguson for a Rockin' good time!



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 Ferguson Brewhouse Beer Samples 9am-12pm  
 Live Music - Wurst Bavarian Band 9-11am
- AUG 13** Circus Harmony's Ferguson Four 10am  
 Taste in Ferguson Info & Tickets 8-12pm  
 Live Music - MO BRAVO Brass Band 9-11am
- AUG 20** Ferguson Eco Team Ecology Fair 8am-12pm  
 Taste in Ferguson Info & Tickets 8-12pm  
 Live Music - Blues Kings 9-11am
- AUG 27** - Ferg-Flor School District Day!  
 Chef Demo by Ferg-Flor Chef, Susan Smith 10 am  
 Taste in Ferguson SAMPLES 8-12pm  
 Live Music - Ribtip & Rogers 9-11am

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### The 2022 Summer Reading Challenge ends August 6!

Our reading adventure is almost done! If you haven't returned your game sheet, now is the time. Don't miss out on your chance to win a grand prize!

#### In-Person Events

<b>Krafty Korner</b> Wednesday, Aug. 17 at 6 pm Register online at <a href="http://bit.ly/fmplkrafy">bit.ly/fmplkrafy</a>	<b>Grown-Up Show and Tell</b> Wednesday, Aug. 24 at 6 pm Register online at <a href="http://bit.ly/fmplsnt22">bit.ly/fmplsnt22</a>	<b>Game Night</b> Wednesday, Aug. 31 at 6 pm Register online at <a href="http://bit.ly/fmplgame">bit.ly/fmplgame</a>
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#### Virtual Events

**ABCs and 123s Storytime - Saturday, August 20 at 2 pm**  
 Let's get back to the basics with storytime this month! Join us on Facebook ([facebook.com/fergusonlibrary](https://facebook.com/fergusonlibrary)) as we talk letters and numbers with stories and songs.

#### August Craft Kits

- **Aug. 1-6 - Ocean Slime:** We'll celebrate the end of our Summer Reading Challenge with ocean-inspired slime!
- **Aug. 8-13 - Scrape Painting:** Scrape paint across paper to make a layered design!
- **Aug. 15-20 - Monogram Magnets:** Make a magnet representing you!
- **Aug. 22-27 - Mix and Match Book:** Make your own wacky flip book!
- **Aug. 29-Sept. 3 - Watercolor Stained Glass Art:** Make a faux stained glass artwork with paper and watercolors!

Our craft kits are always free and are available on a first come, first served basis while supplies last. Pick one up today!

## August Celebration Shout-outs




25 - Happy Anniversary Pete and Merrilee Nadeau



Email Shout-outs to [savoystl@yahoo.com](mailto:savoystl@yahoo.com) - deadline is the 15th of each month

### August at a Glance

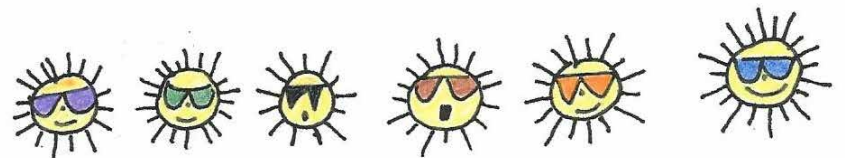
- 2 Primary Election
- 12 Summer Concert at Plaza 501 7 PM  
Queens Blvd 
- 20 Midsummer Nights Dream - January-Wabash Park  
6:30 PM
- 20 NorthHills Meeting via Zoom 10am
- 22 Southwest Neighborhood Association Meeting 6pm  
via Zoom
- 25 South Central Neighborhood Association Meeting  
6pm via Zoom

### 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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Bring the kids and take a walk around the farm to see everything growing and meet the flock of chickens!  
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# ARTFUL CONSIDERATIONS

By Beth von Behren



## MUSIC, MUSIC, AND MORE MUSIC: It's Summer in St. Louis

It's certainly been a hot summer, but St. Louisans do not let that stop them when it comes to outdoor music concerts. Many summer concert series are winding down. There's a list of what's left at the end of this month's column. But what's coming up this fall, you may ask!

**Ferguson Streetfest is Back: Save the Date!** This year Streetfest is back for the first time since 2019. The planning committee has been working on the event for several months. The roster of bands is not completely finalized, so check back in next month's edition of Ferguson Neighborhood News, but here are the dates and times: Saturday, September 23, 5:00 to 10:30 p.m. Sunday, September 24, 5:00 to 10:30 p.m. Streetfest will be held at the Plaza at 501, 501 S. Florissant Road.



**Free Saint Louis Symphony Concert in Forest Park:** Wednesday, September 14, 7:00 p.m., at the base of Art Hill. Pack a picnic, bring a blanket, and enjoy this wonderful free event that kicks off the Symphony's season each year - capped off with a spectacular fireworks display.

**Music at the Intersection:** September 10, 11, 12, Grand Center Arts District. This relatively new festival tells the story of St. Louis' artistic heritage, in particular the city's imprint on music. National and local musical acts will be featured, including Booker T. Jones, Gary Clark, Jr., Soulard Blues Band, Buddy Guy, and Erykah Badu. For the full line-up and ticket prices, visit [musicattheintersection.org](http://musicattheintersection.org).

A Few Summer Music Festivals and Festivals:

- **Tuesdays in the Park:** Grand Center Arts District, through August 30, 5:00-8:00 p.m. Strauss Park. For full line-up, visit [grandcenter.org/tuesdays/](http://grandcenter.org/tuesdays/)
- **Blues at the Arch Festival:** August 12, 13, 14. For full hours and line-up, visit [archpark.org/events/blues-at-the-arch-2022](http://archpark.org/events/blues-at-the-arch-2022).
- **Music on Main:** St Charles, 3rd Wednesday of the month, 5:00 to 7:30 p.m., through Sept 21. For full line-up, visit [discoverstcharles.com/events/concerts-live-music/music-on-main/](http://discoverstcharles.com/events/concerts-live-music/music-on-main/)

Please note: The lists of exhibits and concerts in Artful Considerations are not all-inclusive. We try to include a diverse sampling each month. If you are a Ferguson artist or musician and have a show coming up, please email it to Beth at: [Optinpr@gmail.com](mailto:Optinpr@gmail.com).



### CATCHING THE MOMENT: Don't Wait!

The new exhibit at the Saint Louis Art Museum of art works from the collection of Baseball Hall of Famer

Ted Simmons and his wife will only be on display through September 11. Don't wait to see it. These works were donated to the museum's permanent collection, but they may never be grouped in this way again. The exhibit is called "Catching the Moment - Contemporary Art from the Ted L. and MaryAnne Ellison Collection," and the exhibit name says a lot about this show. The "catching" part is obvious if you know who Ted Simmons is, but "the moment" is key to the way he and his wife collected art.

Maryanne is an artist and encouraged Ted to buy art early in their married life. They were specifically advised to buy art that spoke to them. From the exhibit: "The Simmons' collection is distinctive for its emphasis on artists who have responded to the disruptive, often turbulent events and trends of the past 60 years. Much of the world was still grappling with the aftermath of World War II when protests against the Vietnam War exploded in the mid 1960s. These ideas impacted the art world as well as the political climate." Ticketed exhibit, at the Saint Louis Art Museum in Forest Park, through September 11.



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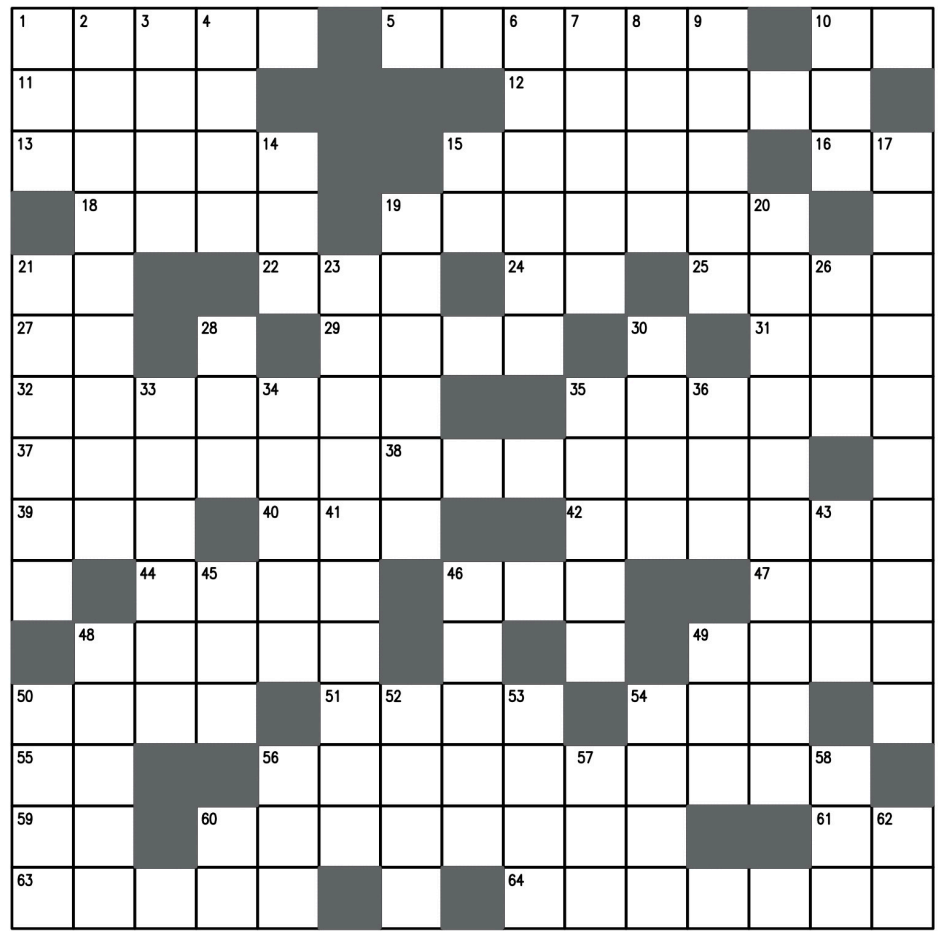
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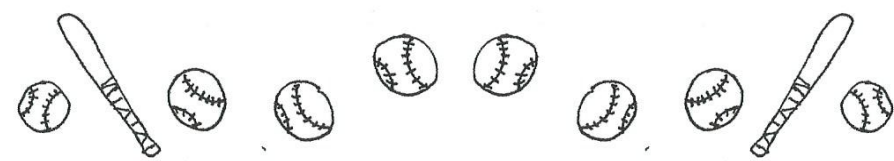
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5. Name preceded by Young or Little
10. Personnel Dept.
11. Immoral man
12. Turin, to an Italian
13. Opening shot
15. Metropolitan
16. Comic publisher since 1937
18. Uncommon
19. Platter
21. Rte. 66 terminus
22. Revived form
24. Prof.'s helper
25. Science program since 1974
27. DC alternative
29. 54 & it's a game!
31. Afflict
32. Feral horse
35. Rome sacker
37. "for this" in Latin
38. What an autonomous vehicle does not need
39. Actress Charlotte's surname
40. Rocky Peak
42. Typewriter lever
44. Author Uris
46. Beseech
47. Holiday beverage
48. Call off
49. Kitty cash
50. First part of a Pennsylvania college name
51. Largest dolphin family member
54. Tina's former partner
55. Alternative link
56. 60s-70s high-performance autos
59. Biblical exclamation
60. Smallest class of warship
61. Trauma ctr.
63. Once again
64. National Book Month

## DOWN

1. Sphere
2. Predatory fish
3. Patronage may require some assembly
4. Rip
6. Fender guitars
7. It may be a king
8. "She's \_\_\_ doll" (4 Seasons lyric)
9. Bedding fabric
10. Coal shuttle
14. Barbie's beau
15. Um alternative
17. Ill-fated space shuttle
19. Native American cat
20. Target of many ACME products
21. Term that reporters were told meant  
"a small, vicious animal that eats Mustangs"
23. Billion years
26. By way of
28. 1964 song by Ronny & the Daytonas
30. Collapse
33. Racer Carroll
34. Thespian
35. Sixth sign
36. Center court fixture
41. Doing road gigs
43. Decay
45. Geological time division
46. Milan lawn game
48. Dart
49. Alias acronym
50. Lock
52. SASE insert
53. Female voice
54. Rapper/actor/producer
56. Stage first name of actor/comedian Moses Horwitz
57. The last thing in lists
58. Holy \_\_\_
60. Alternative to bcc
62. CB&Q or B&O



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**6PM on Zoom**

**First Meeting: June 23, 2022**

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# The Best of Ferguson

by Teyuna T. Darris, M.A.

## “About The Best of Ferguson”



The previous writer of The Best of Ferguson featured me in the June 2020 edition of this column. I was surprised to receive such an opportunity because (in this context) the word best means “1excelling all others”; and 2most productive of good: offering or producing the greatest advantage, utility or satisfaction” (Merriam-Webster.com Dictionary). The difficult part about all this is that I had never considered myself as the “best” of anything.

After the writer explained to me the purpose of this column, I felt better about being featured in it--- however, I still didn’t know what I did the “best” in comparison to others. But over time, and after conducting many interviews, I, now, realize that it could be nearly impossible to quantify, or qualify, the best and worst persons in a community for their knowledge, skills and / or abilities to carry out certain tasks or to possess and demonstrate certain personal characteristics, then compare those to others.

Exceptions to this notion might be specialists like doctors, nurses, lawyers, educators, journalists, engineers, carpenters, plumbers, and other professionals whose specific skill sets are not necessarily and widely possessed by the general public.

The purpose of The Best of Ferguson is to highlight people in and about Ferguson who do great things in and about Ferguson. You might be thinking “Why does she say in and about?” This is because there are people who live in the City of Ferguson, Missouri who do great things. And, there are people who do not live in the City of Ferguson, Missouri, but they do great things that support the City of Ferguson, Missouri. Shakespeare might have coined this latter notion as having Much ado about Ferguson.

Since I’ve started writing this column, I’ve learned that there are many people in the Ferguson Community who are a treasure trove of knowledge, skills and abilities, and who swear that they will never allow their excellence (or “bestness”) to be publicized to others.

Some of these people are writers, photographers, orators, business owners, artists, designers and poets. Others of them enjoy cooking, reading, traveling, gardening and farming. Despite what they do, along their various journeys, they have collected stories through their personal

experiences which they could share with others. Sometimes, our stories can edify others.

Then, there are those who are not Ferguson residents, but they do things about Ferguson. This could be advocating for Ferguson in the government, judicial and civic arenas, teaching or mentoring children who live in Ferguson. There are also those groups and organizations that previously collaborated with groups of Ferguson residents to create community gardens and assisted them as they figured out how to tackle various neighborhood and community issues and create a path for moving forward.

And, let’s not forget the myriad Ferguson business owners who might not live in Ferguson, but play a critical role in the strength of the Ferguson and Greater Saint Louis Area economies.

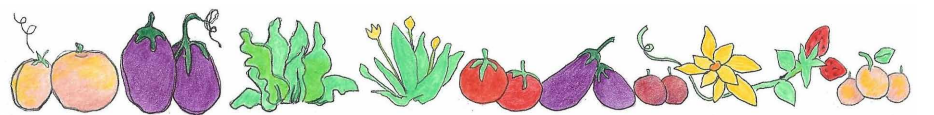
I had hoped to pause from featuring individual stories in one of my summer articles this year because sometimes, it’s a good idea to revisit why something is being done. In this instance, I wanted to (1) revisit why I write The Best of Ferguson articles and iterate (2) the value of community members sharing their stories with others, and (3) my gratefulness to learn and share your stories.

So, why do I write The Best of Ferguson articles? I write these articles because I know that storytelling is a great way to share one’s knowledge, experience and wisdom with others--- these can help them along their life’s journey. And writing these articles establishes another avenue through which neighbors can learn about and connect with each other.

I am grateful to write this column, and I look forward to learning about and sharing many more stories in the months to come. And, I hope that each story is useful in some way (whether small, or great) to those who will read and hear those words. Stories can be couriers of a person’s experiences, knowledge, wisdom, insights, memories and outright hilarity! And, these things get passed on to each and every reader and listener. And, because each person is unique, we never know how our stories can positively impact others to become the best version of themselves.

Hopefully, after reading, or listening to, this article, the reader or listener who is hesitant to even think about being featured in The Best of Ferguson won’t be so hesitant in the coming months. Everyone has a story to tell-- otherwise, no one would exist.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in being featured in an upcoming edition of The Best of Ferguson, then please contact me at [teyuna@teyunadarris.com](mailto:teyuna@teyunadarris.com).



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*Hey, let's talk Real Estate...*

**SHANNON HOWARD, REALTOR**

As you may have noticed, I didn't have an ad last month. That's because my dad passed away on Father's Day weekend after a 2-year struggle with Alzheimer's. Thanks to all of my Ferguson & NoCo friends who reached out with kind words and sympathy. It was greatly appreciated.

My dad never lived in Ferguson but he frequently helped in the renovation of our Century Home. He also LOVED digging for buried treasure in our backyard, dodging “clinkers” to locate the good stuff. Once, a man told me he grew up playing at my house and that he knew a “civil war musket” was buried there.

Of course, my dad had to look for it. And he found it! Or at least what was left >>>>

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## The Rear View Mirror

Hello Neighbors,

Being stuck in the past is like walking forward with your back facing the front. You'll always miss out on what's in front of you."

-Author Unknown



How many of you are drivers? When you get into the driver's seat of your automobile you began to adjust your seat, the driver's mirror and the rear-view mirror. Most newer model autos and trucks allow you to preset the adjustments and all you have to do is start your engine. The vehicle usually has 2 settings: one for the main driver and the other one for the 2nd driver. The position you are parked in requires a decision to be made. You ask yourself, "Do I need to put the car in drive or reverse? Which one will cause me to use the rear-view mirror?" If the car is put in reverse, it's somewhat like going backwards. When the car is shifted to drive, it propels you forward into the road ahead. But, if you fail to understand which position the car should be in, and don't fully understand the difference, you could cause an accident and ruin your day and someone else's. What when you shift to drive, you only need to look in the rear-view mirror on occasion, to make sure that there is nothing on the road that could collide with you and deter or delay your moving ahead. So many times, we run the risk of trying to drive looking by repeatedly looking in the rear-view mirror.

Much of what is in the past, should be just that, in the past? When you are driving forward, you have the benefit of focusing on what's in front of you, and not looking at what's behind you in the rear-view mirror. You can't move forward and properly guide your vehicle looking at what's behind you. Too much looking behind slows your progress toward moving ahead. Trying to move forward while looking in the rear-view mirror yields no sense of direction for moving in a new direction or moving forward. A great biblical scholar wrote, "Brothers and sisters, I do not regard myself as having taken hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead." Just imagine if we would take heed to this scholar's thought. As a community we would be able to grow by leaps and bounds as we stop judging the present based on the past; that is a dangerous and very limiting life approach.

Here is a true story about living in a community that's in the present and not in the past. "Today, I went to Aldi's on West Florissant. Somehow, while there, or later I learned in the parking lot, I lost my phone. Frantic, I was on my way back to the store when my son called on Stanley's phone. Seems that someone had just called him saying they found his mother's phone. Kelly was going to get it for me, but the person said no, he wanted to return it directly to me, Estella Shockley, whose debit card, driver's license and cash (my emergency \$100 bill) were in the phone holder. Kelly gave me his number.

Well, I called him. He gave me his address and Stanley and I drove there. He said his name was, Forward Driver, (name change). He lives in Ferguson. Said he didn't want to leave it at the Aldi's because he didn't trust them. Wanted to hand it to me personally. He was concerned and kind. I tried to give him money, but he would not take it. The rest is history. Sometimes history repeats itself briefly and then we must move on. It becomes important to look in the rear-view mirror for a moment to help position ourselves properly for forward movement, and then we must move on. We often take small glimpses of the past, and we celebrate the occasional wins, but we have to keep our eyes on the road ahead to reach a future destination and reach it safely.

The good that each of us can do lies in the past, not in constantly reviewing what we should have or could have done. Yes, we find more comfort sometimes in the old songs and traditions, older relationships, and jobs that we fully understand and are no longer stressed by. But sometimes, that comfort tricks us into staying put; not stepping out or moving forward, and constantly returning to what we have come to believe is normal. But the path to the future is in taking a quick look in the rear-view mirror to see what we are moving forward from, putting our lives in drive, moving out of the parked position and driving toward the future.

Connecting, Mayor Ella Jones

"Don't lose your present to your past." -Author Unknown

## 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

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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.
West Ferguson Neighborhood	Second Thursday	6:30 p.m.

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# Ferguson City Hall Information

## Volunteer Opportunities Ferguson Ward 3 Creek/Stream Cleaning

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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.)  
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# Hello Ferguson!

by Marian Linck

Last month I shared with you two people who left an impression on me and helped mold my personality and my attitude about life.



I am sure we all have a few of those persons in our lives. Think about your life journey for a few minutes. Your bosses, teachers, friends, parents, even a random person you met at an event or party. I met one such person last weekend. We chatted as most of us do when we meet someone at a gathering. We shared pictures of our dogs and shared stories about our jobs, families, and neighborhoods where we live.

When it was time to leave the party, we told each other how happy we were to have met and prepared to go our separate ways. That is when this person touched me and told me how I reminded her of someone she loved and lost. She said I had a presence about me that touched her deeply in a loving positive way. I told her thank you and that I was glad she shared those feelings with me. Her words meant more to me than she will ever know. In this time "post pandemic" I have been struggling to reconnect with friends and family, sometimes feeling alone and abandoned. I was wondering if I had made people mad and they were using the isolation of the pandemic to continue to avoid my company. I felt so much better about myself after her parting sentiments.

I have an additional story about another influential person in my life. This person played a significant role in the development of my personality, attitude and my ability relate to others be they friends, family, or strangers. Like many 18-year old's beginning college I had no idea what I wanted to do with my life. I had thought about a nursing career while in high school but during my senior year when I was enrolled in a chemistry that idea was soon forgotten. I hated chemistry and barely got through the class.

I often say I was a member of the "Major of the Month Club" while attending a year at the University of Missouri-St Louis and then a year at Mizzou. I finally gave myself a good talking to about wasting time and money and chose to come home and get a job.

I had been going to a chiropractor since I was in third grade. I knew him well and looked up to him as a mentor and a friend. He offered me a job in his practice. I will refer to him as Dr. B.

Let me say, he was a task master. Dr. B had exacting standards and expected the same from his staff. I learned much about how to treat patients with respect, kindness and understanding. His practice included people from all social classes from an automobile line worker to owners of large companies. No discrimination was allowed ever. Every person was entitled to the same care.

If I did not feel good or was unhappy about something going on in my personal life, I was expected to leave that outside the office. Dr. B made it clear the patients were a priority. They were in our office because they did not feel well, and it was up to him as well as his staff to make the time spent in the chiropractic office as pleasant as possible. Our job was to see to it that his patients did not have any additional pain or discomfort, physical or mental while within our walls.

Many of our patients were Jewish. I do not think I will ever forget the verbal lashing I got from Mrs. Baker when I tried to schedule her follow up appointment on a major Jewish holiday. I was a North County Catholic girl with no clue there that there were many different religious holidays. I went home and did some research on Jewish holidays so Mrs. would never have to yell at me again. We became very friendly with each other after that scheduling incident.

I think the point I am making in this article is the importance of customer service. We have all experienced poor treatment from food service workers and even in the healthcare field. Often there is a lack of concern for others in the workplace. I wish every person in the service of others could have had the privilege of working for Dr. B.

I did not appreciate the lessons I was learning at the time. I knew in my heart that Dr. B loved me like his own daughter, but there were many days I drove home in tears trying to understand what I may have done wrong that day. All was typically forgiven by the time I would arrive to work the next morning.

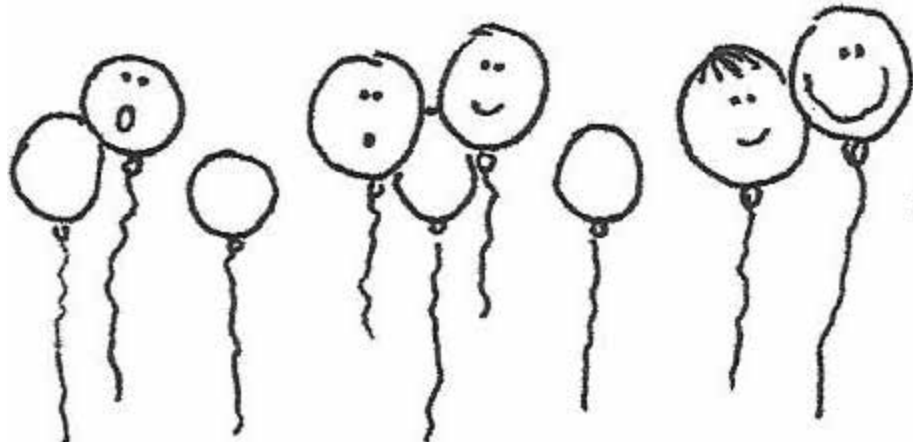
I would like to see people respect each other.

I would like to hear people discuss their different ideas without getting mad and insulting when not in agreement.

I would like to order a cup of coffee and see a smile across the counter.

My confidence in the world we live in is restored when I do see and hear these things happen. I have faith that society will return to civility.

Thank you for reading my article this month. You are welcome to contact me at [manhattanmarian@gmail.com](mailto:manhattanmarian@gmail.com).  
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
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# Financial Focus – Could we be in a Recession?

By Joan Cleaveland (cleav73@gmail.com)

Business Manager for St. Joseph Parish in Cottleville  
Lindenwood University – BA Business Administration

Last month, I was making the point that we should just deal with the business cycle declining and that a recession is probably inevitable. So is it the media hype or the economic pundits that are making this seem to be a road we can and must avoid? As we learned last month we won't know we are in a recession until we've been there for a while, or are starting to come out of it. So while we are seeing some signs of a recession, the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) will make the official announcement once they have analyzed the data with monthly economic indicators, such as employment, real personal income, industrial production, and retail sales. Meanwhile, the problems with our economy are being blamed on the President and his attempts to drive down gas prices or control inflation don't seem to be the best long term solutions. The Fed raising interest rates is one method of slowing things down and perhaps we need to allow it some time to work and let the market adjust to a more acceptable and sustainable level.

Rising unemployment is one of the signs of a recession and it is hard to imagine that right now. The big question we hear is where are all of the employees? While the pandemic caused many job losses, it also helped promote the "gig economy." Many traditional jobs disappeared leaving many employees to find their niche in providing their own work. U-Tube videos go viral and many have found it lucrative to share their talents with others. If you want to watch someone eat massive amounts of food – it's out there. Not sure I understand it, but there seems to be a lot of money to be made. Other reasons involve our aging population, baby boomers are retiring and there just aren't enough young workers to take their place. Seems like it wasn't too long ago that getting older workers to retire to make way for younger workers was an issue. Low wages is another common theme which seems to be diminishing in prominence as we've seen in the past couple of years with increases in minimum wages across the country. Even this increase in wages for unskilled labor hasn't brought about enough workers to fill the jobs. This affects all other parts of the economy. You can't find enough workers so you can't afford to expand even if you have the customers and funding. When things are in short supply like workers, they cost more.

So how much is the worker shortage costing us in time? And how much of that cost is driving inflation. That came up in discussion with friends when

one shared a story about a quick stop to a fast food restaurant for a single burrito. Seeing the long drive-up line, she parked and ran inside to order. Although there were no other customers waiting she stood patiently at the counter. A worker rushing by told her to order on the app. When she said she didn't have the app the worker suggested she download it. My friend explained all she wanted was a bean burrito and she wasn't downloading an app to get it and left the store. Surprisingly the employee ran outside and called to her saying "we can take your order." So my friend got her burrito and the worker got a tip of a couple of dollars. Sort of a happy ending, but it does seem costly in time spent to do something so simple.

Even a purchase I made on line which seemed relatively easy has now turned into a nightmare because I couldn't speak to someone to ask a question. I ordered 2 things not sure I really needed both. When I realized I didn't need both, I tried to get a refund on the one. Both had to be downloaded on my pc and it was never downloaded. So I suspected the company could easily deactivate it and refund the portion of my charge for that product. My first try was an e-mail – no response. The company has a phone number and if you call it directs you to do a chat on-line. Being required to chat on-line to resolve an issue can be a real time waster. Since I wanted to spare time, I open my chat with a brief explanation of the issue, my pertinent information, date of purchase, problem and my request for a refund. The response from the service representative (possibly a robot) was short – "how are you today?" My response – "I am fine did you see my question?" On our third exchange I get acknowledgement of my question and an answer that the "no refund a policy" much be followed. And yes the service rep does understand and is prepared to escalate my issue to the highest authority. I am instructed to keep my browser open and not to end the chat. In 24 to 72 hours, my answer will come. At this point, I feel as if I've written a book on my pc just explaining what I could have said within two or three minutes. After 84 hours I decided it was time to get the credit card company involved so I call them. Ah at least I'll be able to speak to a live person, so happy now I don't mind waiting on hold even though a recording informs me it may take over 20 minutes due to the high volume of calls. After holding for more than 45 minutes, a very nice person took my information and let me know I was going to be transferred to another department. This time I hold for 57 minutes and again talk to a pleasant representative for about ten minutes. So my problem is resolved for now. At this point I wonder if I should just forget the refund and not waste any more time – but it is the principle of the situation I keep telling myself. Let's hope for the best as our economy slows down and see if it helps fill the jobs we have available, so we don't burn out those working right now. If you have any questions or comments please contact me at cleav73@gmail.com.

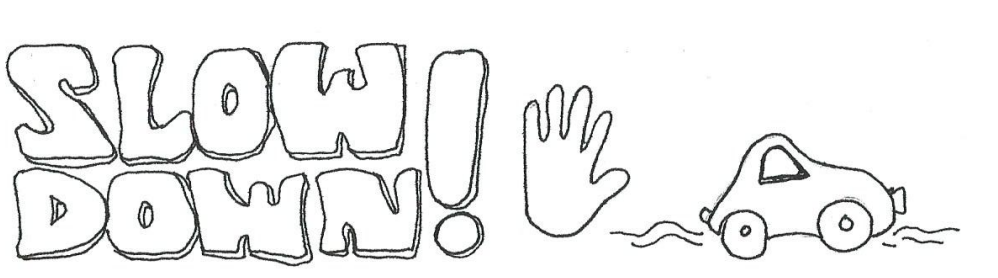


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## Field Notes from Farm Girl - 'Whether you think you can or can't, you're right'

The older I get, the more nostalgic I get. I find myself wanting to recreate the past or bring things back to life. Not in a creepy 'Pet Cemetery' way, but rather I long for the comfort of something in the past. That sense of familiar that gradually slipped away over the years. I miss it or the way it made me feel and I want to feel that way again. The only way to do it, is to recreate something about that time. Little by little, it's like going through the 'greatest hits' of my childhood.

One thing I remember from my very early years (before I was ten), is my great-grandmother's rose garden. My great-grandfather was a big



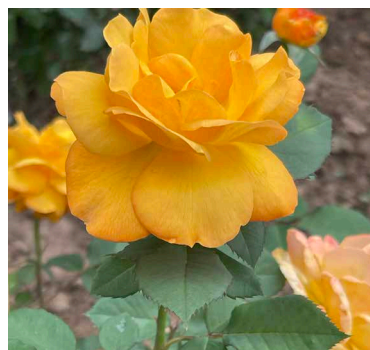
personality, a man who did great things and had a life that showed all his hard work. My great-grandmother was quieter and lived happily in his shadow, with the exception of her rose garden. He built it for her. He laid it all out with brick edged beds and brick walkways. It was an equally balanced rectangle layout, comprised of triangle beds that with walkways fit perfectly & symmetrically with room for the sundial center. She used to stand outside on sunny days in gloves with clippers in hand pruning them in a floral dress and pearls. I don't

remember what colors the rose bushes were, but I imagine there were a lot of varieties of red (she loved the color red for lipstick, pocketbooks, and she adored cardinal birds). In her later years, after a broken hip and walking became difficult, the outline of the garden remained, but slowly the unattended rose bushes withered away and were pulled out. I remember how happy it made her and how the first time she taught me to tell the time on the bronze and stone sundial.

If I had been older or maybe more perceptive, I would have spoken up and said that someone should keep up her garden so she could still look out at it. That would have fallen to my grandfather, but she outlived him by quite a stretch. Someone should have saved her rose garden. Instead, the bricks were taken away one by one, and over time, grass grew back so smoothly and even that you would never have imagined what was once there.



Last year, I got that tickle that became an itch that became a thought that became an obsession. It was time I make things right and bring back the rose garden. Like all things in my life, anything worth doing is worth overdoing. I researched, looked at lots of pictures, began making sketches, and before I could imagine the possibility of failure, In the dead of winter, I placed a monumental rose order. Committed. Fully.



Now I am a farmer, and I am a gardener. I am a flower gardener, but I will be the first to tell you that I am immensely intimidated by roses. They are several levels above me. I'm a freshman gardener to their senior blooms. How can I not be intimidated by something so perfect yet strong and prickly? It says a lot that a gardener can have regular garden gloves, but to handle roses, you need specific rose gloves. They're heavy-duty thick

leather or sueded leather but tough and tall enough to protect you from the brambles as you trim and care for them. There also about 2 stitches away from passing as welders' gloves. There are even specific tools and cutters just for roses. That right there makes them seem even more exclusive. Nonetheless, our order was due beginning of Spring before final frost date. I had a few months to stop being so in awe and get down to the brass tacks of what to do when they arrive. Time to hit the books.

Eventually, Spring was almost here. A few frosty days away from it being safe to plant anything, AND YET, two monster, and I do mean MONSTER size boxes of bare root roses each individually swaddled in wet moss and in plastic bags arrives on my doorstep. Not to belabor the point, but the boxes were so big, I don't know how they were delivered. I couldn't pick them up to get them inside on my own. Not a great start.

It was too soon to plant them, so they stayed in their boxes for a few days until we could move them to the Potting shed and devise a way to add heat to keep them safe. With the help of my very patient and workhorse gardening friends, one by one we took them out and added composted soil around their roots, put them in large pots and lined them up in alphabetical order outside. For the colder nights, I wrapped frost cloth around them. New tender buds had started many of them, and on one cold night, it dropped too low and by the next morning, all those new bud growths had



been touched by the frost. In my head I am beating myself up for thinking my skill level had risen to rose level simply by sheer will. I am not yet good enough and deserving of being entrusted with these perfect celestial flowers. I hadn't earned it or some other deprecating thing I was saying to beat myself up about jumping into something so big without knowing enough to not make such big mistakes. I felt terrible. I didn't know what to do, so I did the only thing I know

how to do with plants. I planted them.

I laid out a complimentary color rose partner map, and regardless of what the shriveled bare root looked like, I planted it anyway. They have the craziest of names. Lots of them are named after famous people or designers or celebrities. Barbara Streisand, Karl Lagerfeld, Abraham Lincoln, Shirley Temple, Pope John Paul II..... They were always too fancy for me but I just didn't know it. If I had screwed it up, I was at least going to do the thing I know how to do, water them, feed them, sing to them, trim them, apologize every morning and night and hope for the best. Week after week of watering prickly sticks went by. God bless my friends for not telling me to give up the ghost and give them last rites. Every day I watered them, trimmed out weeds that popped up and were more successful of them. This was my penance. Every day repeat and look at their sad little arms going nowhere.



I decided to not focus so much on watching to see if anything changed. Frankly I decided to stop looking at them. I watered where they were supposed to be and stopped really seeing them and event went so far as to plant annuals all around them to disguise that there are dead sticky pointing out of the ground. I added lavender and dianthus, even lilies and dahlias. I started focusing on the new green things as they started to bloom all around what was supposed to be a rose garden. I said to myself "Well that didn't go as planned. I'm not ready for roses, but it's totally fine. Really. Totally fine." It wasn't totally fine.

I gave up on being a rose gardener.

Then it happened. Little pink and green bump became new shoots that became little, tiny branches that popped out little leaves. Once that momentum got started, the race was on. No longer 120 failures with green marker sticks. I started reading a researching voraciously. Special rose fertilizer. Ordered. Special rose pruners that don't split the stalk. Check. Mulch around their bases. Yep. Done. By the end of May I think we had turned the ship around.

As it turns out, roses aren't as picky as I thought. Turns out I am good enough to grow roses. Turns out that I think they kind of like me.

Ever

y day, as I walk out to see the roses, I feel like I walk into a classroom of kids all shouting

and trying to show off so that I single them out and pay attention to them all one at a time. What kind of teacher has time for that? This one. Only they're the teacher and I'm the student and everyday they have a new lesson for me. Every day new blooms and buds appear and it's like fireworks in the best possible way. New and resounding explosions of color and light.



One shoots up and then another reaching up into the sky. I happily supply the 'wow's for each sendoff. Every day, I walk slowly through them and look at each plant and how they change so much from bloom to flower. It's amazing. Truly. I sometimes make my husband walk through with me for the 'new bloom' tour, and to his credit, he pays attention and acts interested. My friends 'oooooh' and 'ahhhhh' and take pictures of all the blooms. It's enough for me. It's enough to even be able to walk among

them. I was right. They are fancy and better than me, but they'll have me and I'll keep adoring them every morning and night. Some smart person was quoted as saying 'whether you think you can or can't, you're right'. Truer words were never said.

## Together, People Make Progress

by Americorps Storytelling VISTA Jess Garrett

For EarthDance Managing Director Tiffany Brewer, progress is people working together to build healthy community. “Progress doesn’t just happen, people make it happen,” she said.

And, for Tiffany, collaborative work toward healthy community is at the core of her approach to leadership at the Ferguson, Missouri organic teaching farm. It works well with an organization whose mission is to advance food justice by training organic farmers and gardeners of all ages, to provide connection to healthy food and the land, and to cultivate vibrant community.



For EarthDance Managing Director Tiffany Brewer (left), progress is people working together to build a healthy community.

Tiffany’s approach mirrors that of the FOCUS St. Louis Emerging Leaders program, in which she participated this past spring. Emerging Leaders (EL) is a 3-month professional development program aimed at helping rising leaders hone their approach and to examine regional issues, with an emphasis on hearing varying perspectives and building lasting connections with other community and organizational leaders; in other words, people working together to make progress happen.

And, the people-making-progress approach also mirrors that of the leaders within A Red Circle (ARC), another non-profit in North County doing



Tiffany (left) works with EarthDance staff during a “Soil Time” staff meeting. Photo by Kentaro Kumanomido

big work in the food justice sphere. Tiffany, who knows the Founder and Executive Director of A Red Circle, Erica Williams, shared that she views Erica as someone who, since the organization’s founding in 2017, has been fostering all kinds of progress in connection with people in the communities that ARC serves. Also, EarthDance and A Red Circle have a growing collaborative relationship around farming and food equity work in North County.

So it was propitious when Tiffany’s EL group was selected to support ARC as part of their EL capstone.

### Emerging Leaders

Relatively new to the EarthDance Managing Director role, Tiffany had been seeking programs that offer leadership fellowship and professional development. She applied to participate in the Emerging Leaders program at the suggestion of EarthDance board of directors chair Helen Lee and was accepted, starting with her cohort of about 30 local leaders in January 2022.

The EL program included large and small group work, and each small group was assigned a non-profit in need of some assistance on a variety of

projects. Tiffany’s small group of five included people in finance, social services, real estate, and, of course, organic farming and food justice.

When Tiffany learned that her group had been selected to support A Red Circle’s Community Grocery Store project, she was stoked. Not only is the grocery store project securely in the wheelhouse of her own professional passion and well connected with an area of her expertise, but she has been aware of and impressed with the work of A Red Circle for years. “Erica is a person who makes things happen,” Tiffany said. And her Emerging Leaders group of 5 professionals seemed to be a complementary fit for the ARC project to which the EL team assigned them.

### A Red Circle

A Red Circle’s purpose is economic development through a racial equity lens, according to Good Food Organizer Daria Keys. The organization is currently working to fundraise for, create, and build the community grocery store project in North St. Louis County. ARC works in several social and economic spheres, including employment, education, holistic living, policy, and the arts. Food justice affects and is affected by all of them.



Digital rendering of proposed A Red Circle Community Grocery Store location, by Doug Kouba of Kouba and Knoop, courtesy of ARC

Community engagement is at the heart of all of the work being done by ARC, Daria said, so it just made sense that, when FOCUS St. Louis offered to provide some leadership consultation support for the grocery store project through the Emerging Leaders program, ARC happily accepted.

As Daria described, there is a great need for people working together toward progress around food justice. According to the USDA Food Access Research Atlas, more than 70% of North St. Louis County is considered a food desert. This means there isn’t nearly sufficient access to nutritious food for the people who live there. According to ARC’s draft Case for Support of the community grocery store – which Tiffany’s EL group helped ARC hone – only 22 of the 68 census tracts served by ARC have grocery stores. “And most of them are not full-service grocery stores,” Daria said. “This means many more of these areas are food deserts, where there is low or no availability of healthy food, even where there is some food available.”

### Strengthening the case for support

“Working with the Emerging Leaders has been such a blessing,” Daria said. “They came in right on time with everything. They helped us build and strengthen our fundraising team – helping us delegate who will lead progress for fundraising, helping us identify key stakeholders and grants to secure funding. They helped us improve communication and determine who the development team would be.” ARC has since hired a development specialist, and the work of the Good Food arm of ARC is more tightly focused than ever, she said. “They also helped us solidify a plan to increase our fundraising goal,” Daria said, stating that what had been a six figure goal is now seven.

“Fortunately, the individuals in our cohort were problem solvers,” Tiffany said. “And, successful non-profits have to have a solid team focused on fundraising for a project like this.”

“They helped us see that we might have to slow down, build out a longer term project and ask for more money,” Daria said. “And, they helped us in creating a more in-depth case for support, helping us to understand that we need to tailor the way we tell that story to each audience from which we are seeking support.”

Right now, the official draft of the case for support is being reviewed by the ARC Community Council, a growing group of community members, lawmakers, and young people that ARC has gathered to help ensure the store is always about the community.

“The EL cohort gave A Red Circle just a push in the direction,” Tiffany said. “The dots weren’t fully connected, so we asked good questions to help hone in and connect some of those dots.” Daria agreed.

**Growth Edge**

Would Tiffany recommend the Emerging Leaders program to other leaders based on her own experience with it? Yes!

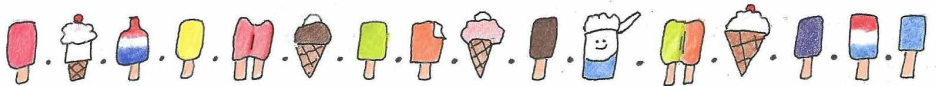
“For us, as individuals who are all looking for this opportunity for growth, each having our own perspectives of things – and in our case, wanting to do a good job for A Red Circle – made it easy and a great learning experience to work together,” Tiffany said. “There were some topics and sessions that were polarizing – like the school to prison pipeline and race relations – those are some issues that make it hard for individuals to voice their opinions, but forces them to really take in all the facts and how those facts play a role. Some individuals were transparent enough to say that those classes were enriching and that they now see things in a different way.”

Tiffany hopes to remain connected with Emerging Leaders and the Community Grocery Store project. And, EarthDance is thankful for any opportunity to work in connection with A Red Circle.



(Photo): ARC Good Food Organizer Daria Keys (left) and EarthDance Managing Director Tiffany Brewer. Photo by Jess Garrett

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**Our Citizens in Action**

by Becky Mueller

**No More Green Book**

For nearly thirty years, a guide called “The Negro Motorist Green Book” provided African Americans with advice on safe, non-discriminatory places to eat and sleep when they traveled in the United States. First published in 1936, it was the creation of Victor Hugo Green, a postal carrier based in Harlem. A sponsorship by Standard Oil made The Green Book available for purchase at Esso gas stations across the country. Updated editions were sold until 1966, two years after the Civil Rights Act finally banned racial segregation in restaurants, theaters, hotels, parks, and other public places. [Source: [www.history.com](http://www.history.com)]

Today a Green Book is no longer needed. Federal, state, and local laws now make many forms of discrimination illegal. The Ferguson Municipal Code has a human rights section that defines the rights to which all Ferguson citizens are entitled. The city’s Human Rights Commission was created to see that those rights aren’t violated.

**What is in the Municipal Code about Human Rights?**

Ferguson’s Municipal Code defines discrimination as “any unfair treatment based on race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, marital status, or age. The code prohibits discrimination in public places such as motels, restaurants, gas stations, entertainment venues, and public community buildings. A person can’t be refused entry or service at such places because of their race, age, etc. The code also defines unfair housing practices. It is illegal to refuse to rent or sell to someone because of one of the criteria listed above. Refusing to rent or sell to someone because of familial status, such as being a single parent, is also illegal. In addition, the code prohibits unfair employment practices.

**What does the Human Rights Commission do about rights violations?**

The main purpose of the Human Rights Commission (HRC) is to listen to complaints about rights violations. When a person has a complaint, they should first fill out a complaint form. The forms are available at City Hall or via the city website. Anonymous complaints are not accepted. The complaint becomes a public record and a copy of the complaint will be given to the person or business that is accused of discrimination.

The HRC will first encourage mediation and can help set it up through a third party. If the complaint can’t be resolved by mediation, the HRC will review the complaint; the review will include an interview with the person filing the complaint. The HRC will then refer the complaint to the City Manager. The City Manager can request help from the police department, city attorney, or other city staff as needed to make an investigation.

After a complaint is investigated, the HRC reports the complaint to the City Council. The HRC may also report the matter to appropriate state or federal agencies. The City Council may forward the report to the city attorney for action by the municipal court.

Throughout the process, the HRC can act as an advocate for the person filing a complaint. The HRC can help with filling out forms, making referrals to other agencies, and following up to see that there is action on the complaint.

**What else does the Human Rights Commission do?**

The HRC has several other functions. One is to advise the City Council on human rights issues. They are working with other organizations to publicize information about human rights and where to get additional help. They also sponsor workshops and programs to improve human relations. Each year they present the Ferguson Human Rights Advocate of the Year Award to Ferguson residents or groups who have made a significant contribution to improving civil rights, relations, or civility in our community. The HRC also hosts a public event where there are presentations of poetry, readings, etc. on human rights related topics.

There is currently a vacancy on the HRC. To file a complaint or apply for a position on the HRC, go to the city website at [www.fergusoncity.com](http://www.fergusoncity.com). Click on “Your Government”, “Boards & Commission”, then “Human Rights Commission.” Links to the forms are at the bottom of the page. Forms can be mailed to Human Rights Commission, Ferguson City Hall, 110 Church St., Ferguson MO 63135 or emailed to [hrc@fergusoncity.com](mailto:hrc@fergusoncity.com)

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# Ferguson Has A History Museum

Ferguson has a Historical Society and a History Museum. We encourage any reading this article to join in the conversation. Contact information is at the bottom of this article.

Last month we presented some interesting Ferguson residents – arms executives, soap opera stars and pilots. This month we will explore two more Ferguson residents. First – if you watch local television, you should be aware that KSDK-TV, Channel 5, is celebrating it’s 75th anniversary. This month’s two Ferguson residents played a large part in the early years of KSDK-TV.

KSD-TV (now KSDK-TV) went on the air February 8th, 1947 – the 13th TV station in the United States –first in Missouri –second west of the Mississippi (LA was first). It was the idea of KSD Radio General Manager/ advertising manager for the Post-Dispatch, George Burbach. This was during World War II, a time which postponed the advent of television due to war measures. Burbach convinced RCA to build a television transmitter and the FCC to grant a license for the Pulitzer Publishing Company (owner of KSD Radio - 55 on the AM dial - and the Post-Dispatch newspaper). It all worked, and KSD-TV was St. Louis’ first and only TV station.

On that February day there were only 4 television sets in the St. Louis Metro area. That first broadcast day was only two and a half hours long. TV sets in 1947 were large cabinets with small black & white picture tubes (9-inch). Many sets came with a large magnifying glass in front to make the picture appear larger. The cost of a set was \$700.00 (\$8600.00 in current dollars). As time went on sets got larger, cheaper and more numerous. By the 1950’s sets had become common. You didn’t need to go to an appliance store window to view TV.

One Ferguson resident involved with KSD-TV was Ed Lowall. Mr. Lowall grew up in South St. Louis, was a World War II veteran of the Signal Corps and a graduate of Harris Teachers College in St. Louis. He was hired in 1946 and became one of the engineers who established the station. On that February day in 1947, Lowall was one of the cameramen (they were all men at that time). He later became a supervisor of the crews and retired sometime in the late 1970’s or early 1980’s. Mr. Lowall, a resident of Ferguson from 1953 until his death, often mentored Ferguson High School youth interested in broadcasting and engineering. He passed away in 2002.



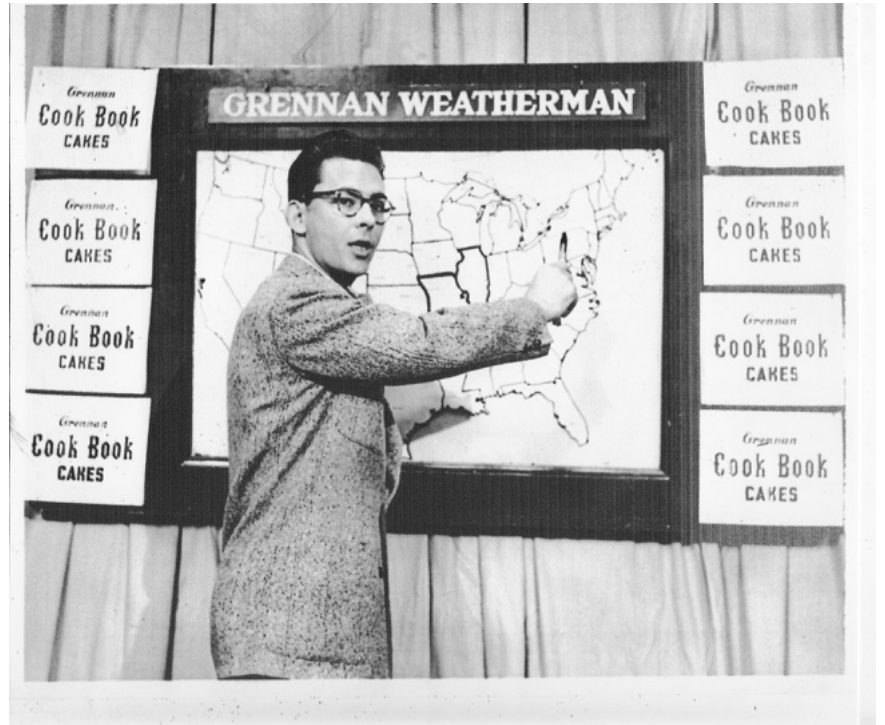
The second Ferguson resident was better known among St. Louisans. His name was Howard DeMere. Mr. DeMere was KSD-TV’s second weatherman (the first, Jack Garrison, had a very brief tenure). DeMere



grew up in Wichita Falls, Texas during the depression years. He joined the military serving in both WWII and Korea. After attending the University of Oklahoma, he joined an Oklahoma radio station. Searching for better employment, Mr. DeMere applied for a job in Chicago – stopping by St. Louis on the way. KSD Radio offered him a job and he took it, working for KSD and KSD-TV from 1947 until 1981 (after that he worked for the Federal Government in St. Louis).

Being considered the St. Louis “first weatherman on TV” his first tools were quite primitive. Instead of a

green wall and computer-generated images, he had a map in a wooden frame with plexiglass in front. With a “China marker” he would write arrows and numbers on the plexiglass as he spoke. News programs at this time were limited to 15 minutes – the normal broadcast day in the late 1940’s was from 3:00 PM until about 10:00 PM on Monday, Wednesday thru Saturday.



Moving into the 1950’s the broadcast days got longer and by 1956 the broadcast days looked pretty much like today with a midnight sign-off and an early morning sign-on. KSD-TV initiated the “10:00 News” in 1956. It was on that first broadcast that Mr. DeMere spoke his famous sign-off. Like other broadcasters (Edward Murrow’s “Goodnight and good luck”), he wanted a good sign-off – and he got one - “That’s all from here – Howard DeMere - good night”. For years people in St. Louis would use that phrase when ending a discussion or saying goodbye.

Along with his weather work, Mr. DeMere also worked the microphone at KSD Radio doing news and playing music. Two of his music shows were “Metronome” and “Mem’ries ‘til Midnight”. Both playing band music popular at the time. KSD-TV made additional broadcasting history when Diane White, the first African American weatherperson in the USA, joined DeMere to expand weather broadcasts. In the 1960’s television stations began to hire meteorologists for weather and DeMere moved into general news reporting. Howard DeMere is remembered along with many other early Channel 5 personalities: Texas Bruce, Charlotte Peters, John Rodel, and Russ David – to name just a few. In 2011 Howard DeMere was installed in the St. Louis Media Hall of Fame.

KSD-TV has a few additional area firsts. In 1956, KSD-TV became the first local station to broadcast in color. In 2005, KSDK-TV became the first local station to broadcast in high def. From 1947 until today KSD/ KSDK-TV has been an affiliate of NBC – the only station to have kept the same affiliation to a national network for 75 years.

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](mailto:fjbenner@mindspring.com). You are also welcome to visit the History Museum later in the fall (hopefully).

Content for this article came from Jim Steele (Lowell’s friend) and Marsha Gebhardt (DeMere’s daughter). There is not much left to say except, “That’s all from here

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# The Ferguson Computer Corner

by Doug Neely...and I was gonna take this month off...oh, well!!

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Normally, this month is pretty dull. I can live with that, so let us proceed, shall we?

I should tell you that we have several computers in this house. No particular reason, it just turned out that way. I have one that runs Windows 8.1, a couple that run win 7, win 98 SE, and a couple that run Ubuntu Linux. (win 8 is bad enuff, so I never went beyond that, and do not intend to do so.)

Moving along, as I shut down win 8.1, I got a message from Micro\$oft. It said "January 10th of 2023 is the LAST DAY M\$ will offer security updates and tech support for win 8.1...yadda-yadda-yadda..." or words to that effect.

Now, as scary as that sounds, if your puter is running win 8.1, IT WILL NOT EXPLODE! At least not from that. Or at least not anytime soon. So don't worry. After all, you have until January of next year, right?

Seriously, if you plan on using this puter for more than a little while longer, you might wanna get 8.1 upgraded with something a bit more current.

Win 10 is the current M\$ operating system. It can be had for just under \$100, I think. (I haven't followed the pricing on this, as it has been all over the place for some time.) Not only that, but Win 11 is coming out soon, so if you love the flavor of Windows, you might wanna wait for that. It's up to you.

Or, if you want a REAL operating system, you could go with Ubuntu Linux. (cue the balloons, music, and dancing girls!)

What Will Happen If I Don't Upgrade?, dept.

Well, I am not a doctor, but you could become extremely hungry and eat your socks, and drink whatever that is in the dog's water bowl. But likely,

that will NOT happen. You see, if you don't upgrade, you probably will not have any problems for a good time. My guesstimate would be one year, give or take.

I Don't Get It, dept.

If you cannot upgrade your operating system, you won't be able to download and install updates or new programs into your puter, because it won't work with w8.1. You won't get any SECURITY UPDATES for 8.1 because M\$ isn't gonna make any more for an older operating system that they are no longer getting paid to provide to you. NO \$\$\$-san, NO SAFETY-san.

You know what I mean! C'mon! We have been down this road before. It won't happen immediately; it will be slowly, over time.

My Win 98 SE gaming puter runs just fine, as long as I don't try to use it for anything else! YMMV!!!

If you need more info, or want to discuss what YOU should do with your OLD FAITHFUL, contact me via email. Include your phone number. We'll talk. Don't worry! Stay calm! It's OK!

ME GO NOW!

I think I need to go and do something. I always do, you know! :)

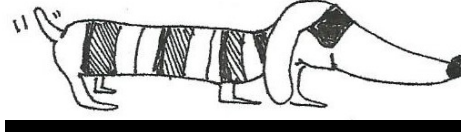
I'll figure it out when I get there. Your homework is this: pray like your life, and the lives of your loved ones, your friends, and everyone else in the world depends on prayer. It does. Go ahead and talk to God! He IS our father, and He loves to hear from His children! God's blessings to all!

IF YOU would like to ask Doug for some of his FREE puter advice, email him at : fergusoncomputercorner@aol.com .

BE SURE TO PUT THE PHRASE "I need puter advice" INTO THE SUBJECT LINE, AND INCLUDE YOUR LOCAL PHONE NUMBER INSIDE SO HE CAN CALL YOU ABOUT YOUR PUTER ISSUE! Or, you can call him on the phone at:

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