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Ferguson offers a Plethora of Events in September!

Your Ferguson is the place to be in September!

In addition to back to school, this month Ferguson has: The Taste in Ferguson, the Biggest Yard Sale in History, Ferguson Farmers Market, the Ferguson Street fest, Cruise for First Responders, Ward 3 Steam/Creek clean-up, and the 17th annual BTC Golf Tournament!

I think we have everything happening here in your Ferguson. So come on out, enjoy your Ferguson, volunteer for your Ferguson. Don't forget to patronize your local Ferguson businesses.



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Sauce Magazine's Reader's Choice Poll 2022!

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

- SEPT 3 Cherokee National Day Celebration! 8am-12pm**
- Jim Mayhew, Native American Flute 8am-9am
- Ronnie Preston, Indigenous Performer 9:15-11:30am
Celebrate all Indigenous culture with music, food, crafts, activities, and more!
- SEPT 10 Great Rivers Greenway Info and Giveaways 8am-12pm**
Live Music - Ragged Blade 9-11am
- SEPT 17 Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month! 8am-12pm**
Seed St. Louis "Food Freedom for All" 8am-12pm
Live Music - Con Sason (Latin Trio) 9-11am
- SEPT 24 Smaller Market due to Ferguson StreetFest 8am-12pm**
- Can still shop for produce and other favorites!

OCT 1 - St. Louis BWorks will be collecting unwanted bicycles! Bring them down and get more info on their unique and inspiring programs for local youth.

Every Saturday • May-October • 8am-12pm • Plaza at 501

10th annual THE TASTE IN FERGUSON

Tickets are \$35.00 scan the QR code now!

Sunday, September 11th 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 119 S Florissant Rd 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.

- **Sunday, September 11th**
- **Tasting Hours 3-5:30pm**
- **Music from 4-7pm**
- **Tickets are \$35.00**
- **Kids 10 and under are FREE**
- **Performance by Rockin' Chair**

thetasteinferguson.com



Ferguson's Annual City-Wide Yard Sale

The annual yard sale will take place on **Saturday, September 17, 2022, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

Do you wish to host a sale? Register by phone, 314-521-7721. You will be placed on the 'YARD SALE MAP' if you register by September 8th.

Pick up a map at:

- Ferguson Farmers Market, 501 Plaza
- Ferguson Public Library, 35 N. Florissant
- Paul's Market, 1020 North Elizabeth
- www.fergusoncity.com

The Biggest Yard Sale in History!!!
Ferguson, Missouri



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SEPTEMBER NEWS AND EVENTS AT THE FERGUSON PUBLIC LIBRARY

For more information, please contact the library by calling 314-521-4820 or visiting us online at fergusonlibrary.net

IN PERSON: HISET STUDY PREP - TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS, 6-8 PM
Are you studying for the HiSET exam and need some help? You're in luck! We've partnered with St. Louis Public Schools to offer HiSET Study Prep every Tuesday and Thursday from 6-8 pm. **Registration is required.** You can register by calling 314-367-5000 or texting 314-252-8276.

IN PERSON: KRAFTY KORNER - WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 14 AT 6 PM
Do you like crafting, but hate working on your projects alone? Find some company at Krafty Korner! Bring your latest project and enjoy making some new crafty friends. **Registration is required.** You can register by calling 314-521-4280 or going online at bit.ly/fmplkrafy.

VIRTUAL: FINE FEATHERED FRIENDS STORYTIME SATURDAY, SEPT. 17 AT 2 PM
Storytime is going to the birds this month! Join us on Facebook (facebook.com/fergusonlibrary) for stories and songs about our favorite feathered friends.

IN PERSON: GAME NIGHT - WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 28 AT 6 PM
Come play some board games with us! You can bring one of your favorites, or play one of ours. **Registration is required.** You can register by calling 314-521-4280 or going online at bit.ly/fmplgame.

SEPTEMBER CRAFT KITS
Pick up a new free craft kit each week in September!

- **Sept. 6-10 - Hand Sanitizer Holder:** Keep your sanitizer near by crafting a keychain holder!
- **Sept. 12-17 - Cupcake Pencil Topper:** Customize your pencils with a cute topper!
- **Sept. 19-24 - Beaded Window Charm:** Make a pretty charm to hang in your window!
- **Sept. 26-Oct. 1 - Paracord Dragonfly:** Knot up a cool dragonfly out of paracord!

THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, SEPT. 5 FOR LABOR DAY.

September Celebration Shout-outs




- 21 - Happy Birthday Heather House
- 24 - Happy Birthday Kelly Christy
- 25 - Happy Birthday Gabriel Hayes



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

September at a Glance

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- 11 Taste of Ferguson 
- 11 Cruise for First Responders
- 17 City-wide Yard sale
- 17 Ward 3 Steam/Creek Clean-up
- 17 BTC Community Clean-up Day
- 17 NorthHills Meeting via Zoom 10am
- 18 17th annual BTC Golf Tournament
- 19 Southwest Neighborhood Association Meeting 6pm via Zoom
- 22 South Central Neighborhood Association Meeting 6pm via Zoom
- 23 - 24 Ferguson Street Fest at 501 Plaza

Message from a reader about abandoned dogs

Dear Ferguson News Group,

I am a reader. I'm writing this wondering if the following message could be put in the paper:

Please do not abandon your dog that you might have started keeping during COVID. Please consult your friends or someone else like a shelter for adoption. Just stop and think for a second...it must have been your comfort. As a stray it might lead to a tragedy if it attacks a baby, a kid or other small dogs.

I witnessed such a stray dog that chased and was chased by a dog owned by a family, and finally the owned dog was found by its family and jumped into their car. The stray dog has no place or family to go back to. It was a very sad moment.

Kind regards,
N. U.

Paper not delivered?

If you know of someone that has not been getting our paper, please let us know. We cannot make miracles happen, but will do our best in trying to resolve the issue. We have paper stands at:

- Ferguson Community Center**
- Robinwood Automotive**
- Schnucks in Ferguson**
- Dellwood Rec Center**
- Ferguson Library**
- Ferguson City Hall**
- Reds BBQ**
- Ferguson Brewing**
- Ferguson Style & Spa**
- Florissant Valley Community College**
- Drakes Place Restaurant**
- Ferguson Farmers Market**
- Paul's Market**



PUBLIC HEARING Regarding Proposal to Redistrict Wards Boundaries

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 20th at 7:00 pm in the Ferguson City Council Chambers located at 110 Church Street, Ferguson, MO 63135. The purpose of the hearing is to review and provide feedback regarding the proposal by the Redistricting Commission to redistrict ward boundaries within Ferguson city limits. Virtual access will also be available. If you are unable to attend, you may also submit your comments via email to redistricting@fergusoncity.com. The deadline to email your comments to be considered at the hearing is Thursday, September 15th at 5:00 pm. For more information and to review the proposal visit <http://www.fergusoncity.com/874/Proposed-Redistricting>

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate -- Ferguson Municipal Public Library District

A Public Hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 26, 2022, at the Ferguson Municipal Public Library District, 35 N. Florissant Road, at which citizens may be heard on the property tax rates proposed by the Ferguson Municipal Public Library District, a political subdivision. The tax rates shall be set to produce the revenue that was budgeted for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022. The rates allowed under the existing tax rate ceiling are at or below the rate authorized by Ferguson voters on April 3, 2018. The Library District may make adjustments pursuant to Missouri Revised Statutes Section 137.073, and as required by Law, in accordance with Article X, Section 22 of the Missouri State Constitution.

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 Check out the on-line edition fergusoncitywalk.com

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Copy for ads for the paper must be received by the 15th of the month for inclusion in the following month's paper.
 Please send all ads to Tony: savoystl@yahoo.com

Volunteer with the paper

- Info Gathering
- City Meetings - attend and summarize City Council Meetings
- Other Meetings - assure all city-wide events summaries gathered
- Neighborhood groups
- Diversity Meetings
- Business Spotlight

Donate to the paper

Give a congratulatory shout out for only \$5

ARTFUL CONSIDERATIONS

By Beth von Behren



FALL ARTS CLASSES, FREE EVENTS, AND STREETFEST!

Take an Art Class

You know those catalogs you get two or three times a year (like, right about now) from St. Louis Community College with tons of cheap “personal development” classes you can take? Everybody in St. Louis County gets them, and you probably peruse it quickly and then toss it in recycling, right? Well, hold on, because there’s always a ton of arts classes in there. Here are just a few ideas to get your creative juices flowing.

Artful Saturdays. Gotta love the title. This is an online class on art history. You can take it right from your living room. It runs Oct. 4 thru 24 on Saturday mornings, 10am to 11:30am. This fall the teacher will cover four historical periods or artists: Early Renaissance, Baroque Light and Drama, Auguste Rodin, and Two African American Painters (Henry Tanner and Romare Bearden). Total cost is \$69 (\$54 for ages +60).

Right Brain Drawing (online). Tap into your natural creativity and inner artist. 8 sessions, Oct. 1 thru Nov. 19, Thursdays, 6:30 to 8:30pm. \$119 (or \$70 for ages +60).

Botanical Illustration: Watercolor (online). Using watercolors, you’ll paint from models such as dried plants, fruit, and fresh flowers. All levels welcome. 5 sessions, Thursdays, noon to 3pm., Oct. 8 thru Nov. 5. \$105 (or \$68.50 for ages +60).

Learn a New Craft

STLCC offers a range of craft classes in: Textiles and Fabrics, Sewing and Quilting, Knitting and Crochet, Basketry, Mosaics and Ceramics, Floral Arrangement, Metalwork, Leatherwork, and Eco-Friendly Crafting. Classes are offered in person and online.

For more information, visit www.stlcc.edu, click on “Programs & Academics” in the menu box on the upper right-hand side, scroll down to the bottom and click on “Take classes for fun.”

FREE ART EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER:

Sittin’ on the Porch. Thursday nights at the National Blues Museum, 615 Washington Avenue, 6pm-9pm. Free, but requires a ticket - reserve online at nationalbluesmuseum.org (click on calendar) or pick up at the box office.

St. Louis Symphony in Forest Park: September 14, 7:00 p.m., on Art Hill. Bring a chair or blanket.

Visit the Grace Taylor Broughton Sculpture Garden at the Saint Louis Art Museum, outdoors, behind the museum, free. Open every day, 6am to 10pm.

“Forest through the Trees.” Laumeier Sculpture Park, 12580 Rott Road, 63127 (Sunset Hills), through December 11. While you’re there, be sure to check out the Art Trails in the park - earthen trails filled with sculptures.



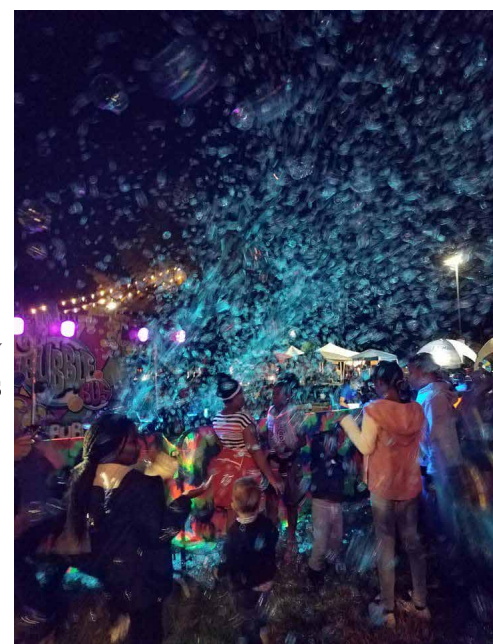
FERGUSON STREETFEST RETURNS SEPT 23 AND 24

Ferguson Streetfest will be held in the Plaza at 501, 501 S. Florissant Road, in downtown Ferguson. There will be music, beer, and vendors - plus the Bubble Bus on Friday night. Here’s the schedule:

Friday, Sept. 23:
Plan B, 6pm to 7:30pm
Bubble Bus, 7:30 to 8:30pm
Dirty Muggs, 8pm to 10:30pm

Saturday, Sept. 24:
Chaz 45, 5:30 to 7:30pm
Wildfire, 8pm to 10:30pm

PLEASE NOTE CORRECTION:
Last month’s column said “Saturday and Sunday,” but Streetfest runs Friday and Saturday nights only. Sorry for the confusion.



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JULY 22ND SEP 23RD
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AUG 26TH OCT 28TH

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DRAWING AT 7:00PM

DRAWINGS WILL ONLY BE
ON DATES IN BLUE

September is
Childhood Cancer
Awareness Month



CHAIR-ity

7th Annual Silent Auction to benefit Children’s Cancer. You can bid on restored and beautified chairs by local crafters and artist.

September 24th at 7pm
@ Unity Lutheran Church
8454 Glen Echo Dr, 63121
RSVP: reisejane@yahoo.com

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Healing the Earth, One yard at a time

by Marsha Gebhart

Wild Ones is a national organization whose name you can enjoy, even if you have no idea what it's about.

Wild Ones mission: promote environmentally sound landscaping practices to preserve biodiversity through the preservation, restoration, and establishment of native plant communities.

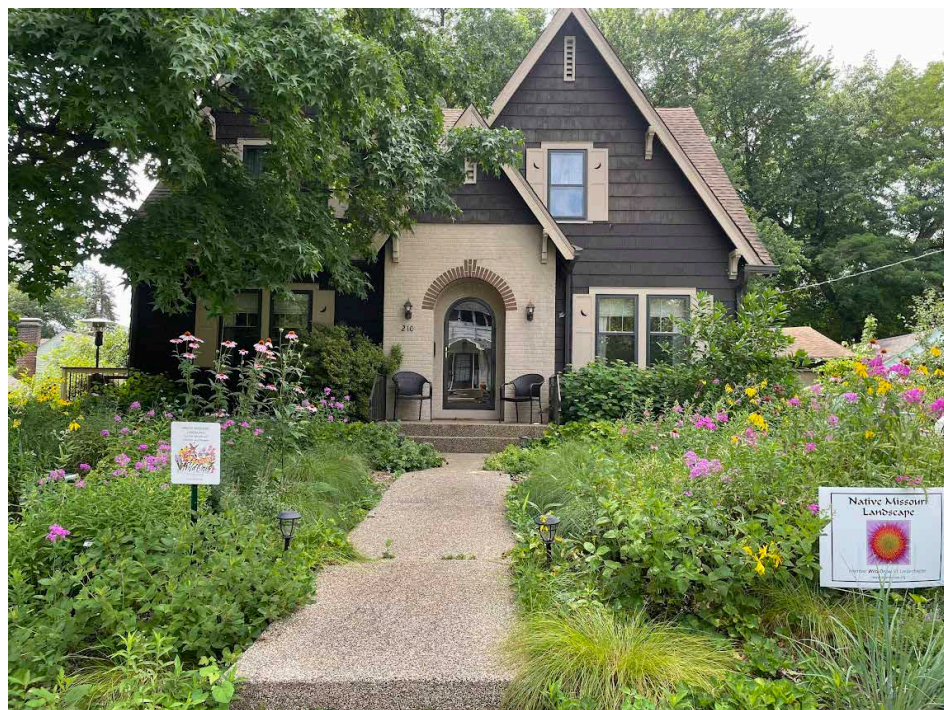
I am proud to be the president of the Wild Ones St. Louis Chapter, which is the largest of the 70+ chapters in 27 states. The tremendous growth of the chapter is echoed around the country, at least in part due to the growing awareness of the effects of climate change and a desperate desire to do something about it on an individual level.

Why plant natives?

- Native plants, birds and insects evolved together, so they depend on each other for food, fertilization, transportation, and shelter.
- They positively impact the environment because they:
- Reduce storm-water runoff.
- Don't need fertilizer or other chemicals.
- Don't need mowing.
- They support most of the insects needed to pollinate our vegetable plants.
- They are beautiful and attract fascinating wildlife!

Native Plant Gardening in Ferguson

As a life-long resident of Ferguson, I am proud of our city government which welcomes environmentally sound ideas. Some municipalities have very strict regulations about what is grown in a front yard. Some even require a certain percentage of lawn. Some amount of lawn is good for children and dogs to play on. But lawn has none of the other benefits that native plants provide.



I am proud of the businesses and community groups in the area that are getting on the native plant bandwagon. Wild Ones St. Louis Chapter has given grants for native plants to EarthDance (resident Molly Rockamann) and to Friends of the Market, Community Garden (resident Ron Brown). Schools and other non-profit organizations can apply any time of the year by going to the Wild Ones St. Louis website: stlwildones.org.

Herbal Phoenix is a popular stop at the Ferguson Farmers Market. Owners Tiffany West and Duffy George use native plants to create their "wellness recipes with a twist". Recently I was delighted to invite them to 'shop' my yard. (Some of the natives in their yard were destroyed by the extreme rains in July.) They 'harvested' many species, which grow profusely enough that they could take a lot and still leave plenty for the birds, native bees and butterflies. Tiffany said, otherwise, these materials would have cost them hundreds of dollars.



LaRae Jackson of Jax Dog Treats is another popular vendor at the Market who was excited to receive some free native plants at the Wild Ones booth in May.

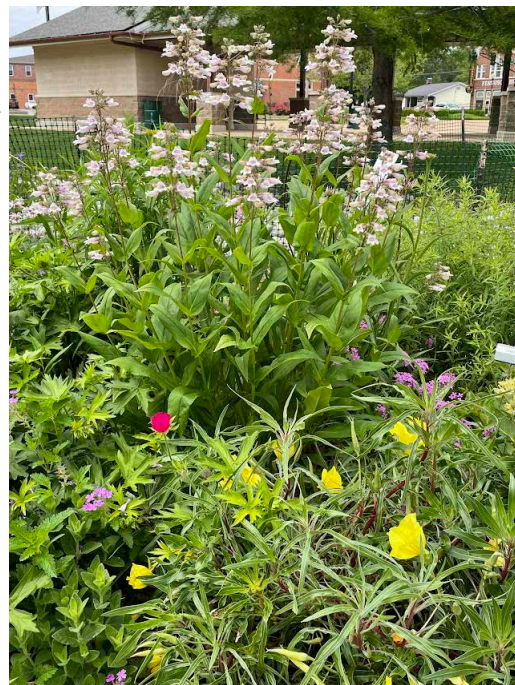
I am proud of the increasing number of area residents who are planting natives in their gardens. A few Ferguson residents are even active Wild Ones members and busy native plant advocates.

Connie and Jo Alwood are avid birders and long-time residents in Pembroke. Connie has created showcase native gardens which serve as outstanding

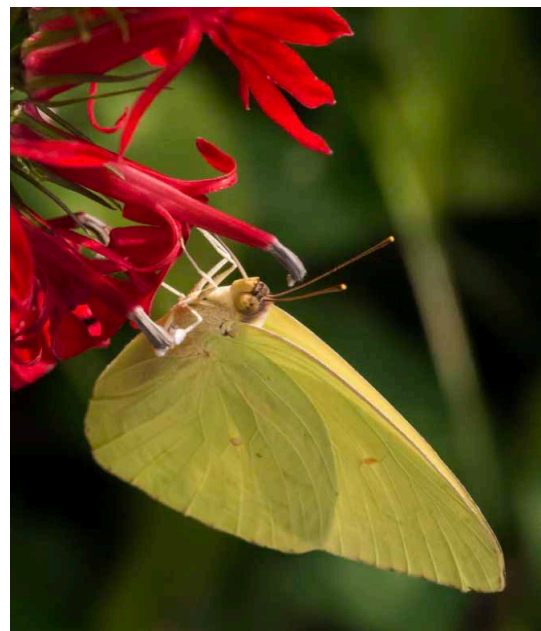
habitat for birds. (Wild Ones held our monthly Garden Gathering in the Alwood yard in 2019. Jo Alwood has a YouTube channel which

contains almost 300 movies she shot, wrote, and narrated, about various bird species. There have been almost 3 million views of her videos. Most of them were recorded in the Alwood habitat.

Katy and Mike Mueller, and their toddler Archie, moved to Hunters Ridge in 2021. They bought the unique home in large part because of the established native gardens throughout the large, wooded property. As a member of Wild Ones St. Louis, Katy became inspired to create the Facebook group Neighborhood Gardening in North County. The space is intended to "give an opportunity for people to connect and share with fellow North County gardeners to learn what it means to 'grow native' and the positive impact that you can have on your community's ecosystem by doing so." The group now has almost 200 members.



When walking my dog recently, I met Taylor Paschall who is another young resident with a passion for native plants and what they do for the environment and biodiversity.



She 'got hooked' when taking a horticulture class at St. Louis Community College – Meramec campus, where the focus is increasingly on native landscaping. Now, Taylor has a front yard, on Maple in old town Ferguson, that emphasizes native plants, along with vegetable gardens which are supported by the pollinators her natives bring in. Taylor is finishing her horticulture certification and working at Papillon Perennials which specializes in natives. She is planning to pursue a career that involves native

landscaping; an occupation that is increasingly in demand.

If you are inspired and wanting to learn more about the why and how of planting natives, a good place to start may be the Wild Ones St. Louis Chapter's website and/or Facebook page. While there you can look at our Resources tab, look at past and current informative blog posts, check out the native plant grants available for non-profits, request a speaker from our Speakers Bureau, and/or arrange for Wild Ones members to provide an information table at your next event.

Stlwildones.org <https://www.facebook.com/StLouisWildOnes>

Creating a native garden is one of few activities that are not only a great pleasure, but also serve an important purpose. Go WILD! Help Heal the Earth, one garden at a time!

Wild Ones St. Louis is also a member of the Ferguson Green Collaborative, which is a loose network of about a dozen organizations committed in some way to enabling environmental sustainability in the greater Ferguson area.



Ferguson City Hall Information

The Art of Volunteering

“Volunteers don’t get paid, not because they’re worthless, but because they’re priceless.”

- Sherry Anderson



An early morning record breaking rain fall hit our community and surrounding communities like nothing before. The rain came quickly, which caused so many of our citizens to be impacted and then displaced by the quickly rising water. Water is a powerful force and can’t be stopped once it is in motion. So many of our citizens had to respond rapidly to move away from the increasingly higher levels of water and out of harms. The flooding began and both citizens and families lost precious valuables.

Special thanks go to our first responders. Fire Chief Hampton and his firefighters, Police Chief McCall and his officers didn’t hesitate and they sprang into action. Their jobs, protecting citizens, serving them, and coming to their aid; in addition to rescuing them when needed. Thanks also go to the City Council members, City Manager Eric Osterberg and the rest of the City’s staff, who continue to work to bring our community back from the flood’s damage.

During the after math of the flood we turn to our volunteers to help us pick up the pieces of what is left of our lives. Volunteers are like our first responders; they help of their heart’s goodness. So special thanks go to our neighbors; who not only had to help themselves, but turned around and helped their neighbors. That’s what community looks like. It’s about family and friends working together to preserve their community.

A very special thanks goes to Pastor James L. Goforth, Jr and the First Baptist Church for immediately opening their fellowship hall doors to citizens impacted by the flood, giving them refuge in the church. Pastor Jose Aguayo with Adopt A Block of Billy Graham Ministries, who didn’t hesitate to contact Samaritan’s Purse to be deployed in Ferguson at First Baptist Church, volunteering to help our residents gain a footing to get their lives back on track. They are just one of the groups who came from far and near to help including volunteers from Southern Baptist Convention Disaster Relief of Oklahoma who brought their Flood Recovery Disaster Cleaning. A youth group with more than 18 youth was out and about helping our neighbors.

So many other volunteers came to the rescue of Ferguson’s citizens who were impacted by the flood. Thank you to everyone who chipped in to help the people of Ferguson and surrounding communities take the steps needed that will help them begin to rebuild their lives.

“Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation’s compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain loving one another.” - Erma Bombeck

Connecting,
Mayor Ella Jones

FERGUSON EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER / BUSINESS RELIEF

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

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

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

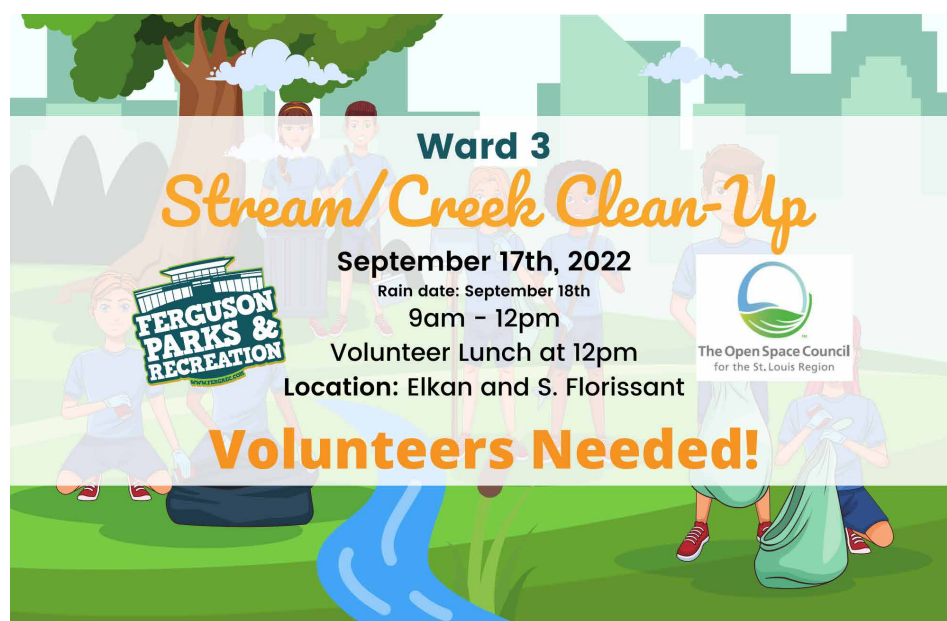
COUNCIL MEETINGS

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 <i>(Monthly “in season/bi-monthly “out of season”)</i>	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 FergusonNeighborhood	Second Thursday	6:30 p.m.



Volunteer Opportunities Ferguson Ward 3 Creek/Stream Cleaning

Scheduled Date: September 17, 2022.
Rain Date: September 18th, 2022.
Time: 9am-12pm. Volunteer Lunch at 12pm
Elkan and S. Florissant.
Volunteers NEEDED!

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Ferguson City Hall Information

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS BANQUET

The City held its Annual Boards and Commissions Banquet on August 4th. This event was held in appreciation of the service and dedication provided by our citizen volunteers, board and commission members, and neighborhood leaders. Many board and commission members were also recognized for their completion of full, and in some cases, final terms. Join us in congratulating the following members for their accomplishments:

Civilian review board

Brenda Young Completed Term
 Terry Burton Completed Term
 Gerry Noll First Term



Personnel Board

Jacqueline Dehmer Completed Term
 Dave Wesloh Completed Term



Farmers Market

Christopher Jaurigui First Term
 Deborah Carter First Term
 Kathleen Noelker First Term
 Tim Larson First Term
 Beth Von Behren First Term
 Stephanie Becker First Term



Plan Commission

Jim Knowles Completed Term
 Jerry Kibby Williams First Term

Senior Citizen Commission

Annette Jenkins First Term
 Pamela Peters First Term
 Dorothy Kaiser First Term
 Deborah Rice-Carter First Term



FNIP - Neighborhood Improvement

Lesia Henson Completed Term



Technology Review Board

Blake Ashby Second Term
 Tom Claffy Second Term

FSBD - Special Business District

Cynthia Brown Completed Term

West Florissant Community

Improvement District
 Jim Knowles First Term
 Adrian Shropshire First Term



Landmarks Commission

Kathy Noelker Completed Term
 Sandy Hunter Completed Term
 Jerry Whitley Completed Term
 Pearce Neikirk First Term



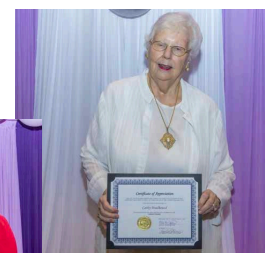
Previous Years Completions (2020/2021)

Vivian Fox (Bd of Adj) Bridget Lewis (FSBD)
 Tiffany Bush (CRB) Bob McGartland (FSBD)
 William Bryant (CRB) Carita Douglas (FSBD)
 Eugene Franks (CRB) Robin Shively (FSBD)
 Ricky George (CRB) Toni Dupree (HRC)
 Patrick Chandler (CRB) John Powell (HRC)
 Dian Garner (FNIP) Jean Boettcher (Park)
 Wanakee Durham (FNIP) Deborah Currie (Park)
 Pamela Hartley (FNIP) Roger Herin (Plan)
 David Keller (FNIP)
 Tom Steinbruegge (HBOA)
 Cathy Bindbeutel (Library)



Library Board

Fran Ventimiglia Second Term
 Helen Douglas Taylor Second Term
 Robin Drew First Term



Park Board

Tana Cofer Completed Term



Pension Board

Robert Sorensen Completed Term
 Tom Lauman First Term



Gratitude is extended to everyone for attending and to all of our vendors for making the evening exceptional. Special thanks also go out to our FYI volunteers Zaria Easterling and Darrius Turner.



Ferguson Parks and Recreation



Be sure to follow us on all of our social media for the most up-to date information!

Facebook: @FergRec | Twitter: @FergRec | Instagram: @FergParks
 www.FergRec.com

Program Guides, Online Registration, and More:
 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>.



Come Work With Us!

Ferguson Parks and Recreation has a ton of fun, flexible, and rewarding jobs available both seasonally and year-round. Work with kids at camp, soak in the sun at Splash at Wabash, or provide excellent customer service at the community center. Check out all our amazing jobs at jobs.fergrec.com.

THE LAND OF COLORED TURTLES, A STORY INVOLVING FERGUSON FOSSILS

by Dr. Bruce L. Stinchcomb

Ferguson Missouri in the late 1940's and early 1950's remote in some ways but not greatly so from St. Louis and separated from urban congestion by four or more miles of dairy farms, woods and fields. It was here as a boy I grew up. Our house in a small subdivision was built just before the clouds of war in 1941 aborted the beginnings of St. Louis suburban development and sprawl. Just down the end of Patricia was "The Creek", a major tributary of Maline creek, one of the major watersheds of the pre-1985 St Louis Metropolitan area.

As a small boy of six, just about the time of the nuclear annihilation of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and the end of WWII, I and friends would explore flora, fauna and rocks in part of the close-to-home woods along the creek. Many wonders of WWII were also to be seen here. Older boys in the 10-15 range bracket had built fox holes, caves and bunkers. When we could sneak away to "the creek", we were sometimes given guided tours of these marvelous replicas of monuments to recent hostilities. A bunker dug into the alluvial soils near the creek, its earth floor some eight feet below the surface and covered by a log roof, was magnificently illuminated by candles. In the corner of the bunker reposed a picture of Adolf Hitler along with a picture of Japanese soldiers nearby. Both pictures were severely perforated by quantities of ammunition, presumably shot from Daisy BB guns or even 22 bullets. The other "military installation" was a horizontal tunnel dug straight back into the high alluvial bank of the creek; which likewise was a repository for items relevant to recently ceased world hostilities.

But the greatest wonder of the "creek" at least to me were the turtles. As many, if not all small boys are, I was absolutely mesmerized by turtles. The older (and hence of greater-authoritative-stature) builders of the caves and bunkers informed us that on the inaccessible (to us) opposite side of the creek was a place where there occurred all sorts of wonderful turtles. These were described to be of many shapes and sizes; some even being colored, with shells of yellow, red and orange being present. Now even little boys don't always believe everything they're told, however the data relayed to us concerning these turtle-wonders had some strong support for credibility.

Some three years earlier, about the time president Roosevelt came over our Zenith radio assuring that "there was nothing to fear but fear itself" during the darkest days of WWII, I barely more than a toddler, was in the front yard after a hard spring rain. Up the concrete gutter, at the edge of the sidewalk, came two small, dark brown turtles completely unlike the box turtles we had kept in the basement. Much smaller than box turtles, these small alligator snapping turtles had protuberances and projections on their shells. Perhaps next to turtles, the other animals a small boy loves are dinosaurs and many dinosaurs were graced with protuberances and projections as are Triceratops and Ankylosaurus. These two turtles, coming up the storm gutter from the direction of the creek, combined the best of two worlds--turtles and dinosaurs. This "turtle experience" reinforced the possibility a few years later of the actual existence of a "land of colored turtles". I became a regular explorer and inhabitant of "the creek"; where there many and wondrous things to be discovered.

A few years later, in the early 50's, when I was about eleven, I remember sitting on the big rocks. The big rocks were large slabs of Pennsylvanian age limestone which were not only good places to read our Dubble Bubble or Bazooka Joe funnies, but also made a convenient crossing of the creek whereby we had access for exploration of the woods and Minnert's pasture on the other side of the Wabash Railroad tracks. Sitting upon one of the "BIG rocks" one day, I discovered a number of fossils embedded in the rocks---the thought immediately struck---THESE ARE NEAT!

A carpenter's hammer from home aided in extraction of some of the fossils, some were shattered in the process but a few were successfully extracted from the rock and these were promptly mounted on a board. I then proceeded in earnest to search for more, and more there were. The Pennsylvanian (or late Carboniferous age) shales along the cow trails of Minnert's pasture proved to also be an excellent locality as did the rocks in gullies cut along the old, abandoned railroad which ran behind our house. This railroad was built to accommodate incoming tourists to the World's fair in 1904. It's rails were removed after the fair and its now-tree-covered right-of-way cut straight through the "land-of-colored -turtles. This land was not only yielding many different types of fossil snails, but also strange fossil sea shells (brachiopods) and some funny fossils which looked like segmented cylinders (crinoids) and "little volcanoes" both of which I could not at the time identify.

Of these I asked my 7th grade science teacher about but he was a coach and his real interests were those of which coaches of the early "50's (and today?) are interested in and that didn't include fossils. My parents said the segmented cylinders were fossil fish bones but the cylinders and little volcanoes remained an enigma. Banks of the creek, the abandoned RR cut and Minnert's pasture continued to yield fossils.

From "Crinkly limestones" came the link with the turtles; mollusks ornamented with protuberances and projections were much like those on the baby alligator snappers from a few years earlier. From these I developed my first paleontological hypothesis: that prehistoric life was usually ornamented with spines, projections and protuberances. I had no idea of the geologic age of these fossils, and I couldn't find any information on them in the library or in school. I knew they were prehistoric though as they were found embedded in rock and like dinosaurs, had spines, projections and protuberances.

That summer my parents took me rock collecting to Rockwood's. Here on the edge of the Ozark Uplift, Mississippian age (Lower Carboniferous) flints and cherts yielded impressions of similar fossils' the fish bones (now being suspect as to their not being from bonified fish). My second paleontological hypothesis developed at this time. It was that fossil matrix hardness is related to geologic age of the fossils or the harder the enclosing rock, the older the fossil. My relative ages of the two fossil occurrences were right but for the wrong reason. Only later did I find that the soft shales and limestone of Ferguson and "the creek" were stratigraphically above and hence geologically younger than were the hard flints of the Rockwoods area. I also later found that if you could dig 1,500 feet below the creek you would encounter the flints of the Rockwoods area and if you drilled down one mile (5,280 feet) you would encounter rocks which are now found to be on the surface in parts of southern Missouri.

The cylindrical "fish bones" which I noticed differed in the two occurrences of different ages, were the stems of crinoids. The little volcanoes were dermal tubercles of late Paleozoic shark-like fishes and the snails and other mollusks with projections and protuberances were characteristic of many ancient forms of mollusks. The snails and other fossil mollusks found in Ferguson had been sorted out, and brought to the attention of science by paleontologist J. Brooks Knight and later by a paleontologist who became a close friend of mine, Ellis Yochelson.

The great diversity of snails and other mollusks found in the rocks of north St. Louis County piqued both of these paleontologist's interests and both published on these as well. Ellis Yochelson later encouraged me and Mike Fix of UMSL to publish on peculiar fossil mollusks found in considerably more ancient rock strata of the Missouri Ozarks. The crinkly limestone of the big rocks in the Maline Creek tributary turned out to have an origin related to vast beds of primitive photosynthetic life known as cyanobacteria and similar "algae" supported vast populations of mollusks in seas which covered Missouri 250 million years earlier than did the seas that covered Ferguson to form the crinkly limestone of the big rocks. Many of the fossil mollusks found associated with the older algae bearing rocks of the Ozarks turned out to be very strange and puzzling life forms.

About 1975 Minnert's pasture became Minnert's Industrial Court and Bermuda Road was extended across the pasture. In Minnert's Industrial Court lots of rock was exposed which yielded significant fossils and was a delight to both me and Ellis Yochelson. Most of the old outcrops are now gone, disrupted and removed by urbanization. The big rocks were removed by the St. Louis Metropolitan Sewer District and to keep stream banks from eroding, the fossil bearing, soft shale banks were covered with wire cages filled with (unfossiliferous) crushed St. Louis Limestone.



Fossil from Maline Creek

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WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?

by Rev. Larry Brown

It has become very confusing these days and quite complex, to define with a degree of certainty, who we really are. When asked this question, it requires one to stop for more than a moment to analyze and then to articulate who one really is. There are many layers of considerations that should be examined if one seeks to answer such a question with a degree of sincerity and completeness.

Of course, you can begin with your genealogy or identity as the child of whomever you claim as parents. Depending on your parental background, you may claim certain entitlements that may be associated with those who are a part of that certain lineage (a name identity, wealth, status, position, etc.) It may have nothing to do with any intelligence or skills that you may have. Some refer to this as inheritance. It may cause us to assume a certain role and act a certain way that may not actually be " who we really are ". It may also cause us not to pursue our own perfection.

If we begin with the premise that each of us is a unique and different individual, with a purpose for being allowed to be here; then, we may start off on the right course. None of us is better than any of us, and each of us has a responsibility to ourselves and the world in which we are placed. That responsibility is to make a positive contribution of some sort as the opportunities arise.

We are quick to blame others for things that we don't like, but I ask the question: What have you done lately to make this a better place for us to live.

There are enough resources and opportunities available for us all to appreciate a good quality of life, but somehow, we have adopted the attitude, in many cases, that if we are not directly affected negatively by a situation, then we will have nothing to do with it.

I am reminded of a story that I was told many years ago: An execution squad was taking turns killing certain people: First they killed all the Jews, then they came for all the Arabs; next they came for all the Spaniards, and then they came for all the Blacks (and there I was). If I had helped stop the killings earlier they may never have gotten to me!

We must become involved in solving negativism. There is a popular saying these days which contains a very good saying " If you see something, say something " or as former activist and politician John Lewis said, "If you see something, Say something or Do something". If you want to do something visit our website at www.gracechapelministries.org or send us an email to gracechapeldevelopment@gmail.com.

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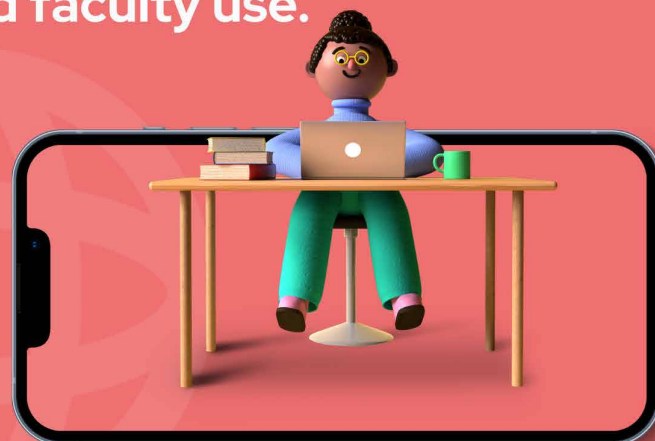
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Financial Focus – Employees Needed

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The Great Resignation has brought unemployment down to its lowest level in fifty years. Although there have been a few short periods in the past 15 years where we've seen less than the current rate of 3.5%, this is considered low and most economist agree that an increase wouldn't necessarily be bad.

As I complained about last month, fewer employees have affected us in many ways, including customer service. My problem was finally resolved with a refund for \$130 which is what I requested in the beginning. Not sure how many man hours were spent by the company, my time came to about 16 hours over a three week period involving on-line chats, e-mails and finally at last a phone call which got it all resolved in less than 10 minutes. And of course, I had contacted the credit card company involving another series of staff. I eventually called in to notify the credit card company of the refund. If we put a price tag on that experience it could be as high as \$1000 or perhaps more taking into account customer dissatisfaction. Yet this is the reality of our world today and perhaps it will get employers to notice that there is a cost to high turnover and burn out among workers.

Recently, Workman and Gallup collaborated to show evidence that retaining an engaged workforce can be profitable and rewarding. They believe that companies could save over \$7 million annually by retaining and engaging their workers. Most people are familiar with Gallup. It was founded in 1935 in Washington D.C., and became widely known for its public opinion polls conducted all over the world. While learning more about them I found they are much more than just that. They provide research and performance management advice to other companies across the globe. Workman on the other hand was founded in 1999 to help businesses create better work environments and improve their ability to hire more focused staff and improve retention. On their website they introduce the company as being "a mission with a company, we exist to make work more human for every person on the planet." The collaboration of these two businesses may be pointing out the obvious, but it might be a good time for that.

With all the uncertainty of dealing with inflation, a government in crisis and an economy trying to recover, sharing ways to get people back to work in the right jobs where they can contribute is a good goal we can strive for. The corporations that understand that employee morale plays a big role in their success might start opening some doors to a better future for others. Having worked in corporate and non-profit businesses, it seems

the allegiance to an employer has a lot to do with employee engagement and non-profits seem better at understanding this than corporations. "Being part of the mission" is the strategy that works best in the non-profit world and seems to attract those with the same passions. It is often easier than attracting good employees for a huge corporation where they often fell disconnected. Today it does seem things are a little different and even though salaries have improved in many sectors, loyalty seems to be lacking.

Years ago, one bank I worked for began to call their employees "associates." This was an attempt to inspire loyalty and unity toward a common goal to become the most successful bank. At first it was difficult for everyone to grasp. Some higher level associates with fancy titles like President and Vice-President felt a little like the status of the underlings was at their heels. And of course some of those underlings suddenly felt as if more was going to be expected of them. As "associates," could they be sued if the company got into some type of trouble? Maybe the widget they produced would be found to cause cancer. Crazy things run through people's minds when they are suspicious of the motives behind change. And the way corporations have been viewed over the last fifty years hasn't always been in a good light. With a shortage of associates, it is time for change.

Employers are looking to attract new people who are committed and loyal to stick with the company. Anyone who has been in business knows their success depends on the staff. So while many grapple with paying more, it's time everyone understands pay isn't the only motivator. Recognition and appreciation for a job well done can go a long way. During the pandemic many companies had to fold they couldn't survive and continue to pay staff when they couldn't even open their doors. Other companies survived by switching gears and adapting to what was going on. Making masks and creating new products that were suddenly needed made it possible for many employers to meet new demands and keep their staff afloat. And in the process they found their employees are more loyal. Being treated well during tough times really does show how much workers are appreciated. So when you are waiting in a longer line to check out or holding for service on the phone, keep in mind the person on the other end is providing a service in difficult times due to low staff levels and gratitude from customers can go a long way.

If you are not working and looking for a better opportunity there are many available now. So find your passion and be the best that you can. Whether you are flipping burgers or stocking shelves your work is important and being an associate of the business means a great deal. Our problems are many, but if we can get more people hired to keep commerce going, we will all benefit. If you have any questions or comments please contact me at cleav73@gmail.com.

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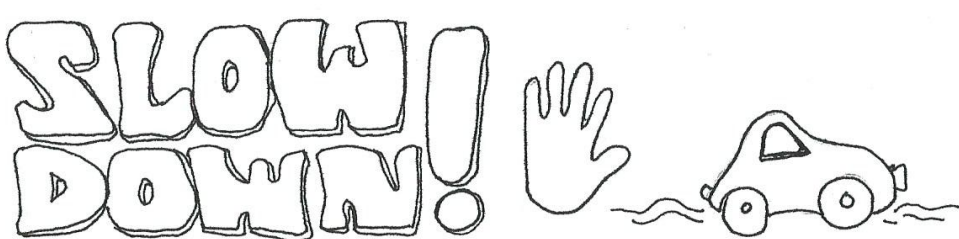
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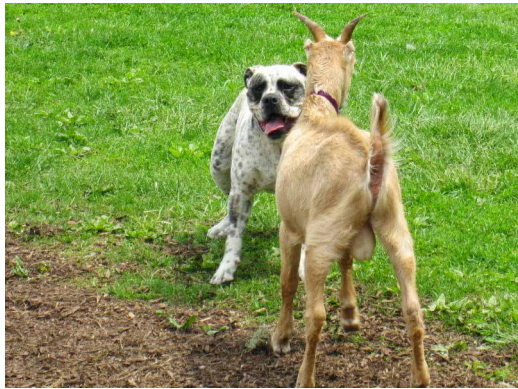
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Field Notes from Farm Girl - 'Kleenex Needed'

I'm a dog person. Not that crazy dog person friend that just popped into your mind. Dog person adjacent really. I come from a family that always had English Bulldogs. A generation back, it was German Shepherds. When I was a little girl, and an only child in need of a companion, my grandmother gave me my first puppy. She was a Cairn Terrier (think Toto – Wizard of Oz). I named her 'Lollypop'. As an only child, she was my



constant companion. I talked to her like a friend that never left. She got dressed up in so many different outfits, and bless her heart, when my grandmother helped me register for the dog parade, she sat in a wagon in my grandmother's fancy nightgown with a tiara and clip earrings on. Never jumped out of the wagon.

She was a trooper. She went through a lot with me, and when I went away to college, she stayed with my grandmother, and passed away at the ripe age of 14.

As soon as I moved out, I had a dog. As long as I can remember, I've had a dog. Sometimes I've had several. Sometimes it was a circus. I've had Rottweilers (young single girl who moved to sketchy parts of South City), I've had Chihuahuas (County living), I've adopted elderly German



Shepherds needing good homes (most loyal dog in the known universe). I've foolishly thought a Great Pyrenees would be a great livestock guardian, all the way up to the point that he started killing chickens looking for the squeaker inside, and when he wandered away to find a neighbor who thought he was such a cute fluffball that she fed him a whole plate of bacon (he never stayed home after

that). The very best dog I ever picked out was an outrageously spotted Old English Bulldogge. I named her Lucy. The adventures we got into, the stories and exploits were a very full dog life. In later years, she was content to simply be wherever I was. Quietly keeping watch and looking out for me. Gone were the days of running and playing with abandon. She no longer cared about toys, or balls or rope. She just wanted to be where I was, wherever that was, and whenever that was.

There are a million Hallmark-y sentiments and soothing things to say about people and their connection to their pets, but I don't know what you



can say about loving someone or something (a dog) so much that even if you're not ready to say goodbye, you muster it to save them from experiencing pain. My sweet girl Lucy deserved more than that. On a beautiful recent summer afternoon, we said goodbye on a hill we often sat on to enjoy the view of the sunset. Bless the 'Laps of Love' vet that came out so that Lucy didn't have to go to the vet or be afraid. In her mind she was just meeting a new friend. I held her tight and told her over and over how much

I love her and will never forget her. I thanked her for standing watch over me, being my companion, my sounding board, my judgement-free friend and partner in crime for so many years. I could feel that she was relaxed and peaceful as I felt her take her last breath. I held her for long after that, sobbing and holding her tight, rocking her, not letting go and talking to her. It's one thing to plan for a good end but it's an entirely different thing to be on the other side of the last heartbeat of a friend. So many things, so many thoughts, regrets, so many emotions and memories and the realization that once I let go, it was the last time I would hold, or smell or touch her. Everything about this moment was precious and sacred. My senses and emotions felt heightened. The world around me was too loud. I could hear planes flying overhead and they seemed too low. I could hear neighbors cutting their grass and it sounded like it was right next to me. I could hear the vet talking to my husband off in the distance while they gave me space and yet I really wanted to yell for them to stop talking or making sound of any kind. The planet kept spinning and I resented it.

Some of the words from W.H. Auden's 'Funeral Blues' ran through my head:

'Stop all the clocks, cut off the telephone,
Prevent the dog from barking with a juicy bone,
Silence the pianos and with muffled drum
Bring out the coffin, let the mourners come.'

.....

The stars are not wanted now; put out every one:
Pack up the moon and dismantle the sun;
Pour away the ocean and sweep up the woods:
For nothing now can ever come to any good.'

We buried my friend Lucy at this very spot. She has the most beautiful view of the setting sun as it crawls the sky without her. I visit and take her flowers and talk to her. Quietly I picture us watching the sunset together. The sadness is still raw, and when I picture her, tears come to my eyes and sometimes it is too much. I know that her consciousness knows how loved she was. In my heart, I also know that when I was sad or upset, she was upset. For whatever waits for us beyond, I hate thinking it's a magnificent threshold to her heaven and she's hesitating to cross over because she's worried about me. I have no right to have a leash that long, and if my love and tears keep her from that, then I have to take my love and picture her at her best. When I am sad, I remember her flying through ponds with a fluffy Pyrenees pup in chase, following me on sunset horseback rides in freshly harvested fields, snoozing on the porch in summer, playing with other dogs of the past, playing tug of war, rolling on her belly for scratches from everyone who was willing, and waiting patiently at my side for the words, 'it's OK'. It's OK. It has to be. There's nothing else to do but go on. Lucy would tell me to not waste all that love on sadness. And because she was an astrophysicist with a Nobel Peace Prize, she would also tell me that energy and matter never die. Those are just the basics of The Universe.

On another summer night, as I made my way home for sunset, there was a vase of yellow roses on Lucy's grave. There was also a letter addressed 'to mom'. In the letter written to me it said:

"I want you to know that I have cherished our time together and I love you, which makes this next journey tough for me. As it happens, I have connected with old friends who are showing me the ropes and we're back to old times and more adventure. You should know I'm not worried anymore. I'm no longer struggling. I'm very much at peace. I may not be physically present, but we both knew I would not be around forever, but the time I was there, it was magic. Please don't stop having adventures. Tell everyone I will miss them. I love you and will never forget you." – Lucy

Though during our time together, Lucy never learned to write that eloquently, but it sounds like she bent my husband's ear long enough to give him the basics she wanted included. Depending on how much artistic license you're willing to grant him, I do think those would be her



sentiments and that she would look back over her shoulder, 'woof' and then bound off into her sunset. And now that I think about it, that's how I'd like to picture her from now on; a final dog-smiling look at me over her shoulder, our eyes connect, a 'let's play WOOF', a crazy leap of puppy enthusiasm that makes her pop up like a racehorse at the starting gate before plowing forward with jumbly and awkward limbs and running headlong into a gorgeous sunset and the next adventure that can be found.

At a dawn that was meant to be a signal from heaven, I say goodbye to my friend Lucy but promise to keep my heart open for new adventures to tell her about when we meet again. I remember that all matter and energy in The Universe always existed and always will, but more importantly, the heart has an unlimited capacity for love.





Under The Hood With Robinwood
By Bob McGartland

The Real Costs to Replace Your Current Vehicle

As an AAA Approved Auto Repair Facility, Robinwood Automotive receives much support from the American Automobile Association, or as most of us know it, AAA. I recently read an article written by a very respected & award-winning automotive journalist with AAA and wanted to share the information.

Are you familiar with 20/4/10 rule when purchasing and financing a vehicle? If not, here is a brief explanation: The accepted approach when purchasing a new vehicle for years has been a 20% down payment via cash or trade, a loan period of 48 months or less, and your car payment should not be more than 10% of your monthly gross income. Well, the pandemic has re-written the vehicle purchase rule book.

A. According to Kelly Blue Book, the average selling price of a new vehicle across the USA is now slightly above \$47,000. That is up an incredible 23% in the last two years! Some of this is due to the large number of SUV's and pickups that are being sold versus more modestly priced sedans. In addition, vehicle demand has been out pacing supply for the last two years primarily due to the microchip shortage all vehicle manufacturers have been facing.

B. With this new average selling price, let's look at the 20/4/10 formula.....a \$47,000 vehicle would require \$9,400 as a down payment via trade and/or cash. Using the average 2021 interest rate of 3.85%, this \$47,000 vehicle will have a monthly payment of \$846. Keeping your monthly payment to 10% of your gross incomes means you need to be making \$102,000 annually! Over half of America's work force do not achieve a \$102,000 annual gross income.

C. Furthermore, only 4 in 10 Americans have a "safety account" that allows for up to a \$1000 emergency need, let alone \$9,400 to use as a

down payment on a new car.

D. So how have all these expensive vehicles been sold? It is simple, longer loans. Today, 48-month loans only account for 5.4% of car loans. The most popular loans are 60 to 72 months, and even 84-month loans are now making up 34% of car loans. these longer loans have created thousands of vehicle owners who face a negative equity in their long term financed new vehicle. What is negative equity????.....this means you owe more than your vehicle is worth when you go to trade it in! Not a good place to be!

SO WHY AM I SHARING THIS INFORMATION? TWO PRIMARY REASONS:

1) Please proceed with caution when shopping for a new vehicle! The long time 20/4/10 rule is still an excellent tool to use. Rather than burying yourself in a 60, 72, or even 84-month loan for an overpriced SUV or pick up, shop for a more reasonably priced vehicle that works better with your income.

2) Consider spending some money to perform necessary repairs and services and keep your existing vehicle. If you are not sure, stop in at Robinwood Automotive and let us evaluate your vehicle. We will be completely honest and help you decide if it makes better sense to keep your current vehicle or invest in a new one.

The automotive industry is a huge component of the American economy. In 2020 the U.S.A. motor vehicle and parts revenue topped 1.2 trillion dollars. Nearly 15 million vehicles were sold. Please proceed with caution!

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Hello Ferguson!

by Marian Linck

Let me begin by thanking you for reading my articles and stories every month. A few of you have sent me messages when a story was particularly interesting or helpful to you. I genuinely enjoy hearing from you.

July and August have been a challenge for my husband and me. My mother-in-law suffered a stroke on July 11. She spent 4 weeks in the hospital and is now in a rehab facility. Prior to the stroke she was living independently with her three cats and dog. In March of this year, at the age of ninety-two she finally decided she did not have the confidence to drive her car anymore. While at her age she had slowed down a bit, she continued to be capable of living alone. The events of July and August will forever change her life and her ability to live alone.

The trips to the hospital and now nursing facility as well as trips to O'Fallon Missouri to care for the three cats and learning to live in a household with two dogs instead of one has been a challenge. Worrying about a loved one can be debilitating. I am sure many of you have been in similar situations with an elderly or seriously ill family member and you will understand that my creative juices for this month's article have gone dry. I am unfortunately unable to present an article this month. I am sorry.



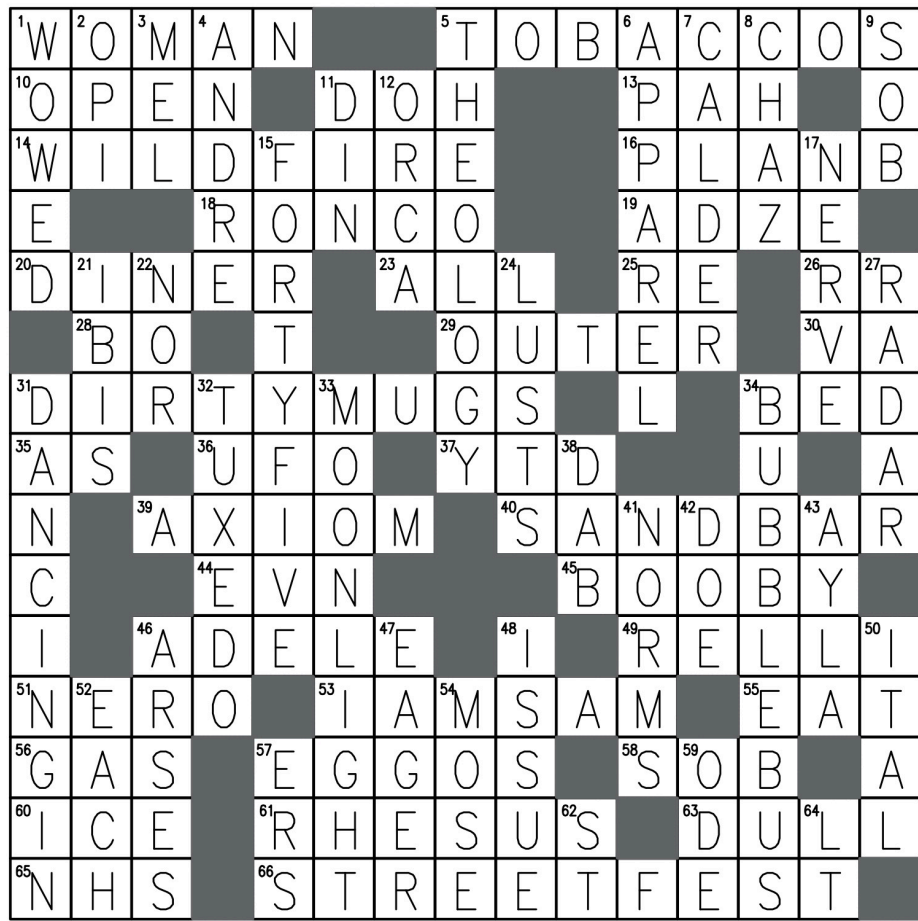
New member of family, Angie

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Our Citizens in Action

by Becky Mueller

The FNIP helps our city look its best.

A staple of day time TV shows was the “make over”. A friend or family member recommended someone whose appearance needed some improvement. Experts gave the person a new hair style, make-up, and a new wardrobe. Nearly always, the person not only had a new look, but a better sense of pride and self-worth.

A new look for our homes also gives us a better sense of pride. It’s amazing what a fresh coat of paint or new landscaping can do. The Ferguson Neighborhood Improvement Program (FNIP) offers several programs and services to help homeowners make such changes.

The FNIP is a not-for-profit housing corporation. Board members are appointed by the City Council. A member of City Council participates as a non-voting member. Since the board needs a realtor, banker, and insurance agent on the board, membership is not always limited to Ferguson residents. Funding for the programs usually comes from grants. Some of the city’s money from ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) will also provide a \$500,000 grant for FNIP programs. The city of Ferguson does not otherwise finance the board’s programs. The city does, however, pay a housing development coordinator and provide accounting services for the FNIP.

FNIP funding is available to Ferguson residents who own and occupy their homes. People who buy houses to rent or resell are not eligible for assistance from the FNIP. Currently there are four programs offered by the FNIP.

The Good Neighbor Gift

A forgivable loan of \$2500 is offered to recent college graduates, law enforcement officers, teachers, fire fighters, emergency medical technicians, and Ferguson city staff members. The loan is to be used to buy a home in Ferguson. The gift does not have to be repaid if the owner occupies the house for at least three years. Applications for this program are available on the Ferguson city website. (www.fergusoncity.com)

Exterior Beautification Program

Residents can receive up to \$1000 for exterior improvements such as driveway repaving or landscaping. The FNIP board hopes to expand this program to include grants for business owners, but currently only offers funds to home owners. Some of the ARPA grant money will be used for this program.

Neighborhood Improvement Matching Fund

This program is available to groups such as Neighborhood Associations, business owners, or other community organizations. A group project must increase the “pride, distinction, and livability of a neighborhood, and/or improve the appearance and value of an individual house.”

The group must first raise a minimum of \$1000 and submit a detailed plan for the project. The group can apply for up to \$1000 from FNIP. Grant money from Gateway Greening is available specifically for community gardens. This is also a matching fund. The gardens must be sponsored and funded by a Neighborhood Association.

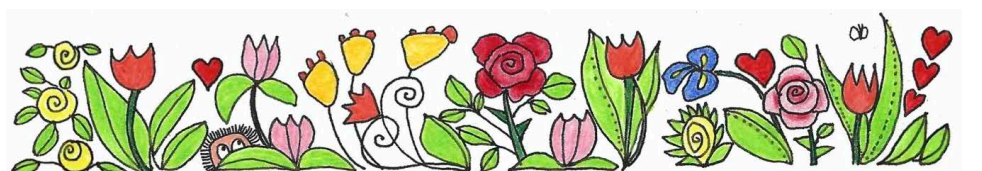
Tear Down Program

Abandoned and deteriorating houses are a common concern in several Ferguson neighborhoods. The city has a limited budget to tear these down. FNIP will use \$300,000 of the ARPA funds to supplement the city’s tear down efforts.

Future programs

The FNIP would like to add a “Mow to Own” fund. Home owners would have the opportunity to buy a next-door vacant lot from the city for a low price. In some cases, the lot may be offered for free. The only requirements would be maintaining the lot, and paying taxes and sewer. Another project may be acquiring abandoned houses to fix up and sell. Money from sales would be reinvested in FNIP projects.

The members of the Ferguson Neighborhood Improvement Program are truly citizens in action to make our city a better community for all of us.



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THE PROBLEM WITH PLASTIC BAGS

submitted by the Ferguson Eco Team

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

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

Ferguson Has A History Museum

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

Since 1894, Ferguson has primarily been a residential community – with a business district to serve the residents. Many of the residents were also businessmen or women – small business – “mom and pop” operations. In this article we will take a look at some of those businesses and the people who started and ran them. Most are no longer a business – many have not been one for quite a while – but, some have been replaced by a newer business. We are going to take a look at some of the historic buildings and discuss their earlier businesses. All of these buildings are along Florissant Road.



The most obvious of these buildings is the UMB Bank building. Originally it was the Bank of Ferguson and it began business in 1906. The vertical shaped building on the corner of Church and Florissant was constructed in 1925. The current photograph shows the original with the addition as the bank grew. The Bank of Ferguson, now the UMB Bank in Ferguson, has been doing business at that location for almost 100 years.

During my youth (1940’s-1960’s) there were two respected drug stores in Ferguson. In the early 1920’s W.E. King opened a drug store on Church Street. In 1940 the store moved to 23 S. Florissant Road. My memories of



the store included not only prescriptions but many wonderful gifts for one’s mother. Following the end of WWII, traffic became more of a problem along busy Florissant Road and parking became a problem that many businesses had to face. In 1958 the grandson of W.E. King, Tom King, moved the pharmacy to the current Professional Building on Church Street. In 1995, after 75 years of service, King’s Pharmacy closed. The old King’s Drug Store is now occupied by BKM Fitness Boot Camp.

Quillman’s Drug Store was the other well-known pharmacy. Quillman opened his drug store around the early 1930’s. It was a great location as the area to the north was the bus terminal with plenty of customers departing right next door. Parking was available behind the store. The store operated well into the 1970’s. As a kid, the greatest feature of Quillmans was the soda fountain and to the left of that was a giant rack of comics – Quillman was generous in allowing kids to peruse as long as they eventually bought. The building was later occupied by the Chinese Gourmet (now out of business). The building is now vacant.



Ferguson Bank building is an iconic building in Ferguson, however, just across Church Street is another iconic Ferguson building – The Bindbeutel building. Bindbeutel is a well-known name in Ferguson history being one

of the founders of the Bank of Ferguson. Bindbeutel operated a grocery store at the corner of Church and Florissant Road. In the 1890’s he built the current building which, for over 120 years has offered business space to many businesses including (in the 1950’s) a TV store (Fulbright’s), a shoe store (Poll Parrot shoes) and a shoe repair, to name just a few. It continues to house businesses today including a long time Ferguson business, Pope Realty.



Ferguson Hardware began well before the 1940’s when the future owners, Warren Dietze and Bud Guckes, began working there. The original store was located on Church Street just east of the Bank of Ferguson (about where the parking lot is located, today). As the store grew in size it moved to Airport Road, then to 110 S. Florissant Road and, finally, immediately across the street. Warren and Bud were bought out in later years. The store ran successfully until the 2010’s when it closed. From my standpoint, I really miss that store – well run – good service and right here in downtown Ferguson. The store is now empty.

Finally, is a name well known in Ferguson – Mannino. Phillip & Josephine Mannino opened the Day & Night Market on S. Florissant in 1929. It is often recognized as an early supermarket in the St. Louis area. The story goes that a young man named Schnuck visited the market and thought it was a good idea. It was such a good idea that Schnucks is now in Ferguson. In later years the Manninos operated a meat market in the same area. The original area has been taken over by the Loft Apartments – which continue to house several new businesses.



Ferguson has a history of bright and energetic people who started and successfully operated businesses over the years. A drive down Florissant Road today displays many new businesses which have been started with the same energy and drive of these past business people. Ferguson residents in the past have supported Ferguson businesses – we need to do the same today.

Information for this article came from Ferguson Notes, Summer issue 2017. Photos by Jerry Benner.

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 the fall (hopefully).

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

The Ferguson Computer Corner

by Doug Neely...

SEPTEMBER, 2022

As some of you may recall, I wrote about “how a puter works” a while ago. (Think of 2-digits worth of years ago.) Well, guess what? I think it is time to go there again! :) (Actually, altho there may well be many other topics to choose from, THIS one is the only one I feel like writing today. And that’s probably because nothing else worthy of note has seeped from my semi-fertile brain. Anyhow, you’re stuck with that!) :)

How A Puter Works, dept.

Maybe I should put: how a puter is SUPPOSED to work, because as we all know, they don’t all work as they are supposed to ALL of the time.

Before I begin, I want to point out that this will NOT be critically specific. Also, I likely will leave out a few minor points, and/or combine a few details. The purposes for this are to simplify and shorten, for the sake of understanding and brevity, respectively. Now, let’s get going!

Within that box we call a puter, are some major chunks of hardware. For instance, we have a motherboard, a power supply, some hard-drive(s), some optical drive(s), and that’s mostly it. Other sub-assemblies like ram, video cards, sound cards and the like are usually plugged into the motherboard, or built into it.

Other goodies to be found on or plugged into or built into the motherboard would be thingies like the BIOS. This is a tiny little thing that is basically a little puter, not to be confused with any of the other little processors that are built into the motherboard (let’s say MB from now on). BIOS stands for Basic Input/Output System.

Hopefully, you are one of those who Keep the POWER plug plugged into the AC ALL of the time, 24/7. This is MOST important as all MB’s have a battery on board. The purpose of this battery is to keep basic data stored in the VOLATILE memory of the BIOS safe...such as when, for brief periods of time, the puter is unplugged from the AC outlet.

While the puter is plugged in to the AC, the power supply is “running”, providing power to the BIOS so that this task doesn’t fall to the battery. If it does depend upon the battery, it will have to be replaced long before it would’ve needed to be. That process isn’t really expensive, it’s just

a pain, and most of you might not be able to do this yourself, even tho wally-world will sell you a button battery for less than \$10 every day, all day long.

Since we have power to the power supply, and it is sending power to the BIOS, the power switch on the front of your puter can be operated to tell the BIOS to tell the power supply to send juice to the puter so it can be started.

At this point, lights light, fans move air, and motors in drives all make noises, telling you that your puter is firing up!

After a few seconds of this, the BIOS wakes up the operating system (Windows!) to take over the final steps in getting your puter ready for you to use. (Oh! What JOY!!!) At this time, you may begin using your puter!

Obviously, if these actions do not occur, the family friend will not be there for you to assuage your hunger of whatever it is you’ve started your puter to do. If they don’t, then you’ll have to use the kids’ puter. Oh! What fun!

Did You Know?, dept.

You don’t have to wait for God to be there for you; He is available 24/7 for YOU! How could we expect any less? He loves us! So, go ahead and put in a call (prayer) to Him; He is waiting patiently for YOU! Remember, the call is FREE! :)

ME GO NOW!

I didn’t get much sleep lately, so I think I will turn in early tonite. I can’t wait! I will see you all next month, so don’t be late! Remember to pray, praise, and give thanks! He just LOVES to hear from you, too! Go ahead and talk His ear off; and He is likely the only One Who does listen these days! Blessings to all of you!

IF YOU would like to ask for some of Doug’s FREE puter advice, you can do so either by phone or email. If you want to email, use: fergusoncomputercorner@aol.com. Just be sure to put your local phone # into the body of your email, and put the phrase: “I need puter advice!” into the subject line. If you just wanna call on the phone, use: *314*521*1789* in the PM hours of most any day. You can call about non-puter stuff, too, if you want. It’ll be fun! God bless you!

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