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YOU EASILY CAN MAKE A BETTER COMMUNITY

by Rev. Larry Brown

People often think that they have to do something BIG in order to make a difference in the world, people's lives, ones own life, and in the community. I am here to tell you that little things count a great deal. "A grain of mustard seed can move mountains" is what the elders used to say!

Each of us has the unique ability to make someone's life better if we only use what we have, to make that happen. Now you may say that you barely have enough to take care of yourself (enough money, enough time, enough clothes, enough gas, just enough of this or just enough of that) Oh, its so disheartening!

We can make our neighbor feel altogether good when we simply speak, or nod, or wave, or pick up a piece of trash that may be in front of their house. Now none of these aforementioned items cost us one dime! Think about it!

If we really set our minds to the task of finding something that we can do individually, we will soon become overwhelmed with ideas that are not wishes or bizarre, but little things that we can actually do.

Well let's name a few to get you started and remember, if we are able to do just one thing a day, why that's 365 things in a year! Let's put our thinking caps on and make some suggestions like these for instance: help someone with their groceries, give a donation to the beggar, smile at someone, help someone cross the street, volunteer at a food pantry, join some auxiliary or program that needs people at a church, donate some clothes, bedding, furnishings, or furniture to charity, volunteer to help out at a school, give someone a compliment- oh, we could go on and on; however, you may realize something that you can do that is small in and of itself, but just what a certain individual needs. I know a lady that plait another lady's hair because the other lady has injured shoulders and can't do it herself anymore.

Friends, its all about "having the will to do something good" Anyone and everyone can do this and the individuals that try, will feel much better about themselves. I know this is mushy, but in these days and times, a little mush won't hurt. It may be just the key that our society needs.

We must constantly ask ourselves the question, What can I do to make things better? Then we must act out the answer!

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NOTE: TWO MARKETS IN DECEMBER
December 3 & 17



November News and Events at the Ferguson Public Library

For more information, please call the library at 314-521-4820 or visit us online at fergusonlibrary.net

In Person: Thursday Book Club - Thursday, Nov. 3 at 5:30 pm
Our general fiction book club returns! Bring your favorite book or one you've been dying to read and discuss, and we'll pick our first title together.

In Person: Healthy Thanksgiving - Thursday, Nov. 17 at 5 pm
Learn about ways to make healthy choices when planning your Thanksgiving dinner!

In Person: Sewing Club - coming in November!
Our Sewing Club returns! Bring your sewing projects to work on or come and learn how to sew from experienced sewists. We're still working out the details, so please contact Taneesa at the library by calling 314-521-4820 or by emailing feedback@fergusonlibrary.net.

In Person: Krafty Korner
Wednesday, Nov. 9 at 6 pm
Bring your latest craft project and craft with new friends!

In Person: Game Night
Wednesday, Nov. 30 at 6 pm
Try a new board game with us at Game Night!

November Craft Kits

- Nov. 7-12 - **Origami Poppies:** Fold up a bouquet of pretty paper flowers!
- Nov. 14-19 - **Spinning Tops:** Make a spinning toy out of simple supplies!
- Nov. 21-26 - **Paper Pumpkins:** Use paper strips to make a cool pumpkin!
- Nov. 28 - Dec. 3 - **Geometric Circle Art:** Paint a color-blocked circle by using lines!

Pick up a free kit while supplies last!

The library will be closed Friday, November 11 for Veterans Day and Thursday, November 24 for Thanksgiving

If You Have Items of Interest, Contact - asroc873@charter.net

November Celebration Shout-outs



8 - Happy Birthday Angie Jackson - 60 years young
 24 - Happy Birthday Lorraine Cook
 24 - Happy Birthday Donna Potter



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

November at a Glance



- 4 St. Stephens Rummage Sale 5 -7 PM
- 5 St. Stephens Rummage Sale 8AM - 1 PM
- 6 Daylight savings time ends. Fall back.
- 8 Election Day - get out and Vote!
- 11 Veterans Day
- 12 St. Vincent DePaul Collection 9 AM - 12 at BTC
- 19 NorthHills Meeting via Zoom 10am
- 24 South Central Neighborhood Association Meeting 6pm via Zoom (May want to check with association)
- 24 Thanksgiving
- 28 Southwest Neighborhood Association Meeting 6pm via Zoom

PRAY FOR PEACE



You are cordially invited to the
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 Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony**

with **Santa** and
 Special Guest,
Mrs. Claus

Including but
 not limited to:

Christmas
 Carolers

Cookies &
 Hot Cocoa

Balloon
 Twister

Juggler

Bubble
 Bus

Join us at
 the Plaza
 at 501



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH - 6 to 8 PM

CITY OF FERGUSON CANDIDATE PETITIONS AVAILABLE NOVEMBER 1, 2022 ELECTION NOTICE - APRIL 4, 2023

The City of Ferguson, Missouri, will hold an election on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 for the office of Mayor for a 3 year term. Any person wanting to file a declaration of candidacy for this office must submit a petition signed by at least 50 and not more than 75 registered voters. The petition forms will be available in the City Clerk's Office beginning November 1, 2022, and may be picked up at any time during regular office hours.

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

The petitions and declarations of candidacy must be filed with the City Clerk at Ferguson City Hall, 110 Church Street. Under State Law, declarations of candidacy will be accepted starting on the opening date for filing and will not be accepted after the last date for filing. Candidate filing for the Ferguson City Council will open at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 6, 2022, which date is the seventeenth Tuesday before the election. Candidate filing will close at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 27 2021, which date is the fourteenth Tuesday before the election. For further information, please call the City Clerk at 524-5152.

CITY OF FERGUSON
 Octavia Pittman, City Clerk

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

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- Other Meetings - assure all city-wide events summaries gathered
- Neighborhood groups
- Diversity Meetings
- Business Spotlight

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ARTFUL CONSIDERATIONS

By Beth von Behren



Hello Fellow Art Lovers!

National News: There's lots of interesting arts stuff to report this month, starting with the great news that in

September, President Biden announced the restoration of the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities. This important advisory board was dissolved five years ago but was re-established just in time to recognize National Arts and Humanities month in October.

The Committee was founded in 1982 during the Reagan administration, to advise the president on cultural matters. It has been known for spearheading efforts such as Turnaround Arts, which was the first federal program aimed at supporting arts education in the nation's lowest-performing schools, and Save America's Treasures, which is a grant program run through the National Park Service that works to preserve historic properties and collections representing the nation's rich heritage for future generations.

The newly recreated committee will promote excellence in the arts, humanities, and museum and library services to demonstrate their relevance to the country's health, economy, equity, and civic life. The committee will include the heads of the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Institute of Museum and Library Services, along with up to 25 leaders from those fields, including artists and musicians.

Local News: I met this month with Lisa Overholser, who works for MU Extension as a Community Engagement Specialist. One of her areas of expertise is Community Arts Programs. She suggested we try to kick-start an "Art in Storefronts" program here in Ferguson. More details will be coming on this project in future columns.

Community Arts: If you would like to see more art in the community, please consider joining the inaugural Ferguson Community Arts Planning (CAP) group. Just send me an email or contact me via Facebook. We're heading into the holidays right now, which is a busy time for everyone, so I would like to schedule a first meeting in January 2023. Please let me know if you are interested in or have thoughts about any of the following: Public art, plein air events, poetry readings, open mic nights, an arts festival, or any other ideas you might have. Send your ideas, comments, and thoughts to me at: OptinPR@gmail.com.

What's on the Arts Agenda for November:

- Film: Whitaker St. Louis International Film Festival (SLIFF), November 3 thru 13: Cinema St. Louis is back for its 31st annual SLIFF, featuring the work of filmmakers from all over the world,

including documentaries, features, and shorts. Films will be screened in-person and online. Some screenings will include talks with filmmakers, cast, and crew. Various locations. Online schedule: www.cinemast-louis.org/sliff/festival-home

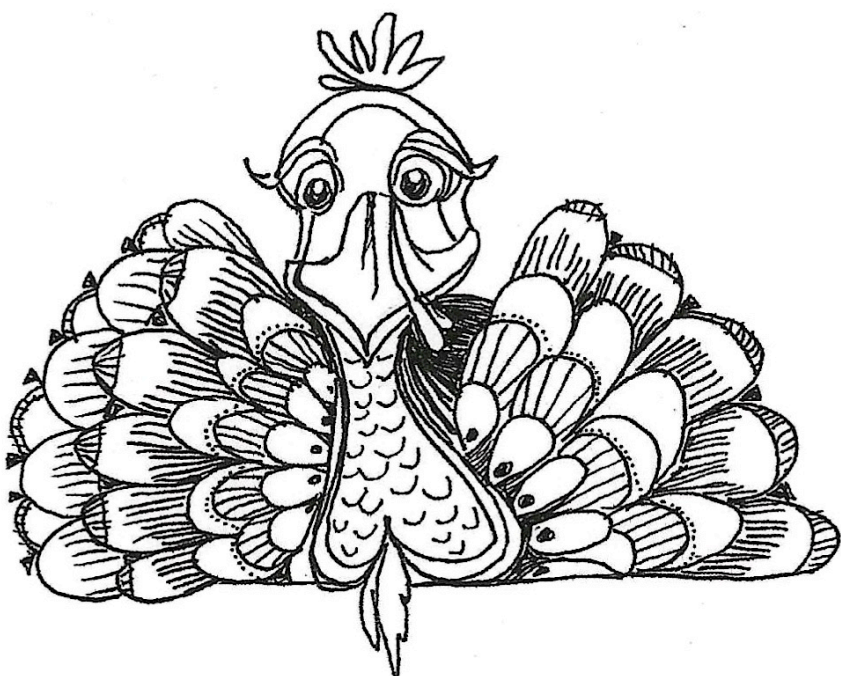
- Jazz: Cherokee Street Jazz Crawl, November 5: Do you love dancing in the streets? Then check out the annual Cherokee Street Jazz Crawl, held each year on the first Saturday in November. There will be swing dancers, blues musicians, and a full second-line parade, during this daylong FREE festival. Cherokee Street's many shops, bars, and cafes will be open too. <https://cherokeestreet.com/jazz>

- Comedy: Flyover Comedy Festival, Nov. 10, 11, 12: This 3-day festival brings the best of stand-up, improv, and sketch comedy to the city each year, spread across various venues in The Grove. You can purchase tickets to individual shows or a 3-day wristband for the whole shebang. Tickets here: www.flyovercomedyfest.com

- SLAM: At the St. Louis Art Museum: "Global Threads: The Art and Fashion of Indian Chintz," through January 8, 2023. www.slam.org.

- SLAM: "Meleko Mokgosi," through Feb.19, 2023. Botswana-born artist Mokgosi creates large-scale, figurative, often text-based paintings that probe systems of knowledge production, politics of representation, and histories of democracy in conjunction with African liberation movements. www.slam.org.

THANK YOU to everyone who came out for this year's Ferguson Streetfest. It was a fun and fabulous success, despite the rain on the first day. If you would like to get involved with planning the festival for next year, please let me know! Send me an email (see above) or hit me up on Facebook. Here's a shot of Dirty Muggs performing on Friday night. See you next year!



Thank you to all my buyers, sellers and all the wonderful folks that refer me. May you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

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CROSSWORD

Party Hearty

By Robin Shively

ACROSS

1. Eat to excess
7. Famous son of Marceline, Missouri
12. Vegan no-no
13. First soft drink sold in a can
14. "Neath" antonym
15. Introverted
16. Customer
18. Another name for a London bum?
19. A welcome sight
21. Sick
22. 28 down event
24. Peck
27. At night, it's a sailor's delight
29. Twosome
31. Present
32. One of five, in a Shakespearean production
34. New England poet
36. 1937 animated film
40. Bovine birth
41. Glass holder
42. Entertain
44. Pie-hole
45. Weed cousin
47. Invitation encl.
50. Sound made by Dogg
51. Crumble
55. Allergy affected?
57. Ford pardonee
58. Category for one possessing a CDL
59. Tabby stimulant
62. Word following Black or rain
64. Capp or Capone
65. Emissions org.
67. Statue niche
68. Beatles label
69. Synthetic crystal used in lasers

DOWN

1. Cause to flush, perhaps
2. Not cold, but warm, while seeking
3. Fueled (up)
4. "The ___", 2001 scary film
5. Grouchy
6. Style
7. "What's up ___?"
8. Fighting ___ of football
9. ___ rabbit (roadkill)
10. Geological billion years
11. Bigfoot cousins
17. Actress Sommer
20. Medicinal alcohol solution
23. NATO founding member
25. Insinuate
26. Sluggish, somnolent
28. Sicilian peak
30. Middle word in alliterative game
32. Goal
33. Harper or Gerritsen
35. Egg cells
37. ___ Kosh B'Gosh
38. Start of a tourist's question, often
39. 2013 Best Pop Solo Grammy song
43. Happening
46. Labyrinths
48. Artist with song title of 24 across
49. "Woman ___", 2000 Cruz film
52. Stain remover prefix
53. Clean-shaven dwarf
54. Prefix for route or suite
55. Couch
56. Does wrong
59. Pitcher topper
60. Site for a chalet
61. Witch
63. Lower case poetic initials
65. A Kettle

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NORTH HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD Community MEETING
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SOUTHWEST FERGUSON

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING.

SW FERGUSON COMMUNITY STREETS

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 HAWKESBURY ELLIOTT MARVIN MARION BELMONT GROVE TESMORE
 THOMAS EDNA DORECHESTER CUNIFF PEMBERTON REASOR GROVE ELSIE
 AIRLINE FALMOUTH WALLINGFORD

4TH MONDAY OF THE MONTH @ 6PM

YOUR INPUT AND FEEDBACK IS APPRECIATED!

ZOOM MEETING
 CALL IN TO JOIN +13126266799

MEETING ID 874 2591 2048 PASCODE 172357
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87425912048?pwd=bDBVO-ER5QXlWGNsdkw0VEtncUtnZz09>

NEW

Ward 3 South Central Neighborhood Association

Come join the new Ward 3 South Central Neighborhood Association!
 Streets: Compton, Oliver, St. Louis Ave, Paul, Patricia, Lee, East, Wylin Ct, Haley, Willman Ct, Elkan, Beardsley, Anabel, Wabash, Fermo, Maurice, homes on S. Florissant, Redmond, Short and Adams.

4th Thursday of Every Month
 6PM on Zoom
 First Meeting: June 23, 2022

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Zoom Link
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/818427970917?pwd=Rk0lR204Y0RDSUJMd0krU3o3M2Rjdz09>
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 Meeting ID: 818 4279 7091
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The Best of Ferguson



by Teyuna T. Darris, M.A.

“Dara Ashby - A Champion in her Community”

“Never, never be afraid to do what’s right, especially if the well-being of a person or animal is at stake. Society’s punishments are small compared to the wounds we inflict on our soul when we look the other way.” ~Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dr. King’s words seem to serve as a framework for Dara’s personal philosophy, as she explains, “My philosophy is to do as much as I can to help people and animals and give back to the community. I’m not good at turning a blind eye when I see something unjust happening. To do nothing is not an option.”

Dara Ashby recently retired from a thirty-two year career in occupational health at the United Parcel Service (UPS). These days, Dara keeps busy advocating for animals through the Ferguson Animal Coalition (FAC)--- an organization she formed to provide resources and support to Ferguson’s dog and cat owners. Dara explained, “Our first project was to pull together a Pet Resource Guide for our community to use, that will be posted on the Ferguson city website. We are also working on a one page flier for first responders and city employees to distribute to residents. I think that as a community, we owe it to our four-footed friends to provide safe, happy environments free from suffering.”



And, when she’s not advocating for animal welfare, Dara’s out supporting people around and about her community. She shared, “I’m a preacher’s kid. I watched my parents help complete strangers and open our home to anyone in need. I can’t imagine not helping others--- it gives you fulfillment you can’t find any other way. It’s engrained in me. And, I’m an empath, so it’s hard not to help, especially those without a voice.”

Therefore, after reading Dara’s story, you will see why I call her a **champion in her community**.



Dara Ashby (née, Hoffman) moved to Ferguson twenty-two years ago as she enjoyed that “...small-community feeling here. But, over the last several years, I’ve had a growing angst about the many loose dogs and cats running the streets, chained-out and isolated dogs, overbreeding of bullies, and the increasing disregard of many for the welfare of pets.” In response to these problems, Dara formed the aforementioned Ferguson Animal Coalition (FAC).

But, Dara’s work for animal welfare began thirty years ago when she did animal disaster rescue and relief work during the Great Flood of 1993. She continues, “For many years I responded to federal disasters across the country working as a disaster relief coordinator for a national animal rescue organization. I slept on army cots in tents and often had no electricity. My last disaster was Hurricane Katrina when a heat stroke got the best of me. My aging body said no more disaster relief work.”

Dara’s advocacy for animal welfare has even found its way to nine animal adoption events between 2001 and 2007 at local parks in the greater Saint Louis Area. Through these events, Dara helped more than 3,000 dogs and cats find loving families. And, to make these events successful, Dara co-organized nearly 700 volunteers, 28 rescue groups and various animal shelters and controls to help homeless animals.

In 2013, Dara married Blake Ashby with whom she does much of her community work in support of our hometown Ferguson, Missouri. She explained, “After Michael Brown’s death, we became deeply involved in the efforts to help our city heal and move forward. We joined the Neighborhood Policing Steering Committee and helped to organize numerous community outreach events.”

I was so excited to learn about all the people-centered and animal-centered community work Dara has done over the course of her life that I realized that I didn’t ask her more about her childhood. “As a small child, I had a deep love and compassion for animals. My theory is that, as a preacher’s daughter, we frequently moved and every move was very difficult, leaving friends behind and beginning as the new kid on the block at many different schools. My best friend and confidante was always our family dog. So, no, I didn’t go to high school in St. Louis. Ha. 😊.”

In my life, I have met few people who advocate for the welfare of people and animals. And, Dara Ashby is the only neighbor I know of who is committed to such work. As we neared the close of our interview, I didn’t feel the need to ask Dara my favorite question “What makes you awesome?” because after learning about her life, I realize that Dara is simply awesome.



One thing that stood out to me about Dara’s life is that she was a preacher’s kid who often moved to new neighborhoods, and as a result had to frequently leave old friends and make new friends. Usually, when I hear people talk about their frequent moves during their childhood, they talk about it in a sad and nostalgic manner--- and that’s about it. I think it’s safe to say that Dara’s early childhood experiences gave her the boldness and strength she needed to travel around the United States and face the dangers needed to help people and animals to survive during their times of extreme need.

Dara’s life is a perfect illustration of Dr. King’s words that challenge us to do what’s right because doing what’s right can make everyone better. Dara’s life also provides us a candidly passionate illustration of what a **community champion** is and does. She has championed causes that are important to her and vital to our community through her personal time and resources and, at times, has risked her own wellbeing to ensure the welfare of others. So, *Dara is also a hero*.

Because of space constraints on the printed page, sharing every aspect of Dara’s story with you would not be feasible. And, as I type this draft for her review, Dara’s story is inspiring me to continue persevere through the myriad challenges that I face in my profession and community work in ways that I didn’t realize that I could be inspired until this moment.

Dara and I ended our interview with her inspiring words, “I think that



as a community, we owe it to our four-footed friends to provide safe, happy environments free from suffering. Working together we can make a huge difference. As long as I am breathing and on this side of the

ground, I will be a voice for animals. My dream is that one day there will be no homeless animals and shelters will not be bursting at the seams with unwanted dogs and cats, that back yard breeding just to make a few bucks will end, and the cruel “sport” of dog fighting will be a thing of the past.

TOGETHER, we can make our community be a great place for dogs and cats.”

Thank you, Dara.



Ferguson City Hall Information

Government For the Future

“That government is best which governs least.”
- Henry David Thoreau



In recent months the City of Ferguson’s charter has been the most talked about document in our community. It is important that all of our citizens understand the charter and how our government is run. The Ferguson’s Charter essentially establishes how our city operates by providing a framework for governance. In order to make any changes to our government and the charter, the charter requires the establishment of a Charter Commission. A Charter Commission is formed using the following criteria:

Purpose: To review the Home Rule Charter of the City of Ferguson and to propose and recommend to the City Council any changes or amendments deemed necessary.

Membership: Seven residents appointed, one each by the mayor and members of the City Council. The members of the commission then select their own chair, vice, vice chair, and secretary.

Meetings: As required to conduct its charter review and submit its findings and recommendations to the City Council.

Powers: To recommend to the City Council proposed changes and amendments to Ferguson’s Home Rule Charter. The City Council may accept or amend the proposed changes and amendments prior to passing an ordinance calling for the voter referendum to consider the charter revisions.

Staff: Ferguson City Attorney

References: Ferguson Charter, Section 11.13. Missouri Revised Statutes, Chapter 82. Model City Charter, sixth edition, National Municipal League. A Model Charter for Missouri Cities, Missouri Municipal League.

10/15/22

Several months ago, the Council and the Mayor decided to form a Charter Commission which was established and has had one meeting with the City Attorney. Several questions were asked of the selected members, including a question inquiring as to whether the members taxes were paid in full and is that a condition for serving on the Commission. That tax question was referred back to the Council. It was assumed that the Charter Commission was an AD Hoc Committee, formed by the Mayor, the Council decided, by vote, to dissolve the Charter Commission. In actuality, the Charter Commission is not an Ad Hoc Committee, it is referenced in Ferguson’s City Charter. It is necessary to have a Charter Commission to keep the charter current, to address legal matters, to stay consistent with state and county laws and to maintain optimal operations. Ferguson’s staff may also have additional amendments such as codified new zoning codes and ordinances. Keeping a Charter current takes courage of the citizens to ensure that the city is run effectively. Of course, all chapters in the Charter are all of great importance to the Council and citizens. The Charter Commission’s function is critical. It must not be limited by the fear of a few persons who believe that the Mayor wants to use the charter to change the status of the Mayor’s office.

Vital History of the Ferguson City Charter

The City of Ferguson, Missouri was established in 1855 on a plot of 10 acres of land that was owned by a farmer named, William Ferguson who deeded those acres to the North Missouri Railroad. One of Ferguson’s conditions to deeding the land was that the railroad would build a depot on the site and that the trains will make frequent stops there. The Ferguson train stop brought people, business and prosperity to the new city of Ferguson and the town of Ferguson immediately began to flourish, by 1894 the city’s population grew to a 1,000 and Ferguson became a fourth-class city. In 1954, the City of Ferguson, became a charter city and one of the first cities in St. Louis County to adopt the council-manager form of government. Ferguson’s city charter is a written document that provides basic rules for governance for both elected officials and residents to navigate their government with all rights and privileges defined in the charter. Citizens look to their local government for essential services. Good government provides public safety (police and fire protections), public services (streets and roads maintenance and repairs), parks and recreation, works with the state and county governments and advocates for the city and its citizens. Public safety and the general welfare of the citizens are the foundations upon which governments were founded.

The following are excerpts from the Ferguson City Charter: **Article III – The COUNCIL.**

Section 3.1 – Powers vested in the Council. “Except as this charter provided otherwise, all powers of the city shall be vested in the council. The council shall provide for the exercise of these powers and the performance of all duties and obligations imposed on the city by law.”

Read Section 3.2 - Composition, Eligibility, Election and Terms.

Section 3:7- Mayor. “The mayor shall have no regular administrative duties. The mayor shall preside at all meetings of the council and shall be recognized as head of the city government for all legal and ceremonial purpose and by the Governor for purpose of military law. The mayor shall have the same right to vote as any other member of the council, except as provided in section 3.5.3, but shall have no veto power.”

Since Ferguson has a council-manager form of government the council hires a city manager who has experience and knowledge of municipal administration.

Section 4.4-Powers and Duties. “The city manager shall be the chief executive and administrative officer of the city and shall be responsible to the council for the proper administration of the affairs of the city.”

Finally, The Council and Staff recognize that they work for and serve at the pleasure of all our citizens of Ferguson. As Mayor, I am committed to the quality of life of all our citizens, the sustainability of our neighborhoods, the economic growth of our community and more.

Connecting,
Mayor Ella M. Jones

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.

City Council Meeting	Second & Fourth Tuesday	7:00 p.m.
Civilian Review Board	First Monday	6:30 p.m.
Farmers Market	Second Wednesday (Monthly “in season/bi-monthly “out of season”)	6:30 p.m.
FNIP Meeting	First Tuesday	6:30 p.m.
FSBD	Third Tuesday	5:30 p.m.
Human Rights	Third Monday	6:00 p.m.
Jeske Park Neighborhood	Third Thursday	7:00 p.m.
Library Board	Fourth Monday	6:00 p.m.
North Hills Neighborhood	Third Saturday	10:00 a.m.
NPSC	Third Thursday	6:00 p.m.
Park Board	Third Wednesday	6:00 p.m.
Plan Commission	First & Third Wednesday	7:00 p.m.
Redistricting	Third Thursday	5:30 p.m.
Senior Commission	Third Thursday	9:30 a.m.
South Central Neighborhood	Third Thursday	6:00 p.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

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, November 8th and Tuesday, November 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.

FERGUSON EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER / BUSINESS RELIEF

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

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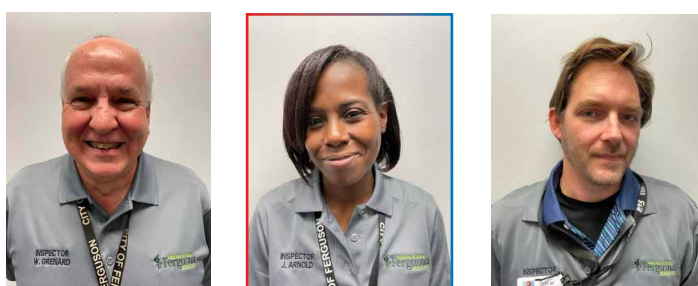
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 Center for Disease Control and Prevention..... cdc.gov/covid19
 Missouri Health and Human Services..... <https://health.mo.gov/>
 St. Louis County..... www.stlcorona.com
 Ferguson-Florissant School District..... www.fergflor.org
 Vaccine Locator<https://covidvaccine.mo.gov/find/#map>

MEET FERGUSON CODE ENFORCEMENT

Meet your Ferguson Building and Code Inspectors. They will be out in the field to assist and educate the public in an effort to make this a better community. If you happen to see them in your neighborhood, please stop and say hello!!



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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>.



Ferguson Parks and Recreation is excited to be a part of the 3rd annual “Feed The Masses” food drive contest this November. Over 20 Parks and Recreation Departments from around the area have a friendly competition each November to see which city can collect the most food items to be donated to local food banks.

Bring your canned goods or non-perishable food items to:
 Ferguson Community Center - 1050 Smith Ave
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November 1st and November 30th
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School’s Out Camp

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Ages: 5-13
 Dates: November 7, November 8
 Time: 7:00am – 6:00pm
 Location: Ferguson Community Center (1050 Smith Ave.)
 Fee: \$16/day

Friendsgiving bingo

Celebrate with Friends and Family the “Season of Giving” at our First Friendsgiving Bingo and Lunch. A bountiful lunch consisting of roasted turkey, stuffing, vegetable, potatoes, roll, dessert, and pumpkin pie will be served. Plus a cornucopia of Bingo and Attendance prizes!

Date: Wednesday, November 16 | Ferguson Community Center
 Time: Doors Open at 11am
 Fee: \$24/person (Donate 2 can goods & receive \$4 off)



Come Work With Us!

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Hello Ferguson!

by Marian Linck

Hello Ferguson

Most of my readers know that my mother-in-law had a stroke in July and while she was in rehab, she suffered another stroke. She is not doing well and will not be returning to her home.

While organizing and redistributing my mother-in-law's villa I started thinking about the things we collect. I considered the things we need to get through our day, the things we believe are essential for everyday life. Included in these things are furniture, appliances, clothes, dishes, pots, pans, and food. Then there are the "things" we surround ourselves that have no use other than an emotional attachment. These things include pictures of loved ones, books, pretty lamps, pretty things that sit on a shelf and bring a smile to your face when you look at them and make you a little sad when you need to dust an item, and even sadder when you drop it while dusting and it breaks.

Let us think about the history and psychology of mankind. During our early days on this earth men and women were hunter gatherers. Family units hunted and gathered only what they needed and could consume within a day or two. There was no emotional attachment to meat, nuts, and fruits other than the desire to survive to live another day and start all over again looking for food and meager shelter. The family units would move about looking for a better hunting ground. Then, we became farmers. We had to settle in one place to tend the crops and eventually livestock. We started collecting tools, implements and containers to assist with the farming life. Our collections were still very utilitarian and void of emotional attachment, unless of course there was one favorite tool. Admit it, we all have a favorite burner on the stove, a knife we consider the best and THE bowl for soup or cereal. Am I right?

As life became less complicated just to survive and manage our land and animals we started collecting "pretty things" and "sentimental things." I reminded of a comedian, George Carlin, who had comments about "stuff." He said we are in an endless search of a place to put our stuff. "The whole meaning of life is trying to find a place for your stuff. All your house is just a place for your stuff. If you did not have so much GD stuff you would not need a house. We could just walk around all the time. That is all your house is, it is a pile of stuff with a cover on it. Sometimes you gotta move, you gotta get a bigger house. Why? Too much stuff." Mr. Carlin continues to comment about your stuff and other people's stuff, and it is the funniest line in the entire monologue. "Have you noticed that their stuff is sh*# and your sh*# is stuff?"

As I continue to sort through my mother-in-law's items, I must remind myself not to become too emotionally attached to anything. These treasures

were her things, her "stuff," not mine, not really her son's either. As I box up her things I am reminded of her personality and the things she enjoyed doing. It is an emotional exercise that can leave me exhausted.

She collected lighthouse stuff, dog stuff, cat stuff, bells, and golf stuff. There is a lot of "stuff."

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



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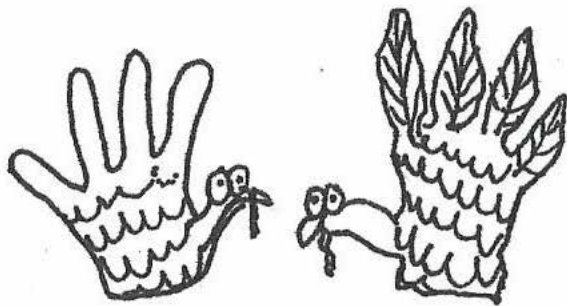
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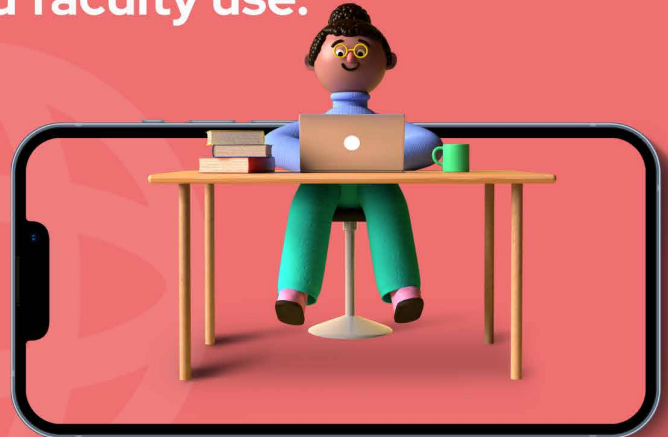
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21st October 2022
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Tawanda Story is no stranger to caregiving. As a geriatric nurse for 20 years, and a Nursing Home Administrator for 5 years, she knows exactly what families and caregivers are experiencing. Story, who also took care of her father for 5 years after a massive stroke, can relate to the lack of resources available for those caring for elderly loved ones with diagnosis like Dementia. "Poorly ran nursing homes should not be our only recourse when families need a break or can no longer provide care at home. Our seniors deserve so much more than that."

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Field Notes from Farm Girl - 'Puppy Love'

"Nature abhors a vacuum" – Aristotle

Aristotle believed that this principle applied to the physics of motion as well as tangible mass. Famous mathematician and philosopher René Descartes applied it to number theory as well as philosophy. Galileo went on to extrapolate that it applies especially in The Universe regarding celestial bodies, planets, and stars.

Farmgirl says it applies to the human heart.

Love and loss. To lose something or someone you love, can feel like a 'hole in your heart'. Whether we think metaphorically of grief as a wound that will close over time, or as a hole that can never be filled again, there are million different ways we all reconcile the sadness we feel from loss. After saying goodbye to my beloved dog Lucy after 13 years of companionship, I cried. I cried a lot. I'm still sad. I probably always will be. I loved her very much. As a rational person, I tried to not think of my heart as a wounded organ pockmarked with a grief that will never heal. I don't think Lucy would want that for her human. I am convinced of it by a chain of events following her exit of this world.

Maybe there are rational reasons that my heart is overlooking. There probably are. After Lucy's passing, I wanted to make a photo collage of her through the years to print and frame. As I uploaded the photos, I kept thinking back to all the times people commented on her markings and how unusual they were. Her coat was a pattern of spots that I'd never seen before and had never seen since. She wasn't spotted in the traditional sense, and she wasn't a brindle. Her spots were really beautiful and unique, and people always commented about her markings and asked what they were. 13 years of not having an answer. As I waited for my photos to upload



online, I did a quick google search for coat colors for Olde English Bulldogges. There were no pictures that looked similar. In any direction I went online, I hit dead ends. I checked the American Kennel Club – no help. I figured I'd go to the breed association homepage to find out if they might have something to say. They had lots of pictures, but still nothing. One of their

site pages had links to registered kennels. I figured a deeper dive might yield more results and photos, but as I scrolled down, all the breeder and kennel names sounded so silly or tough or had weird names like 'Butch's Bulldogs' or 'Ballerz Bulldogs', 'Body Builder Bulldogs', and 'Single Barrel Bulldogs'. These were all very macho or stupid sounding breeder names, so I didn't even want to click on the links. What caught my eye was a breeder profile for a woman who described herself as a mini farmer with horses, donkeys, birds and a love of Olde English Bulldogges. Her link was flashing red with the word 'puppies' next to it. Now what do you think I did?

I clicked on her link, and it took me to her Facebook business page, where it says she's a school teacher, and mother located in the bottom part of Mississippi. Her profile tells the story of her exposure and to and subsequent love of the breed and that she's certified and registered appropriately. I had the chance to read all of this before seeing the photos of her current litter at the bottom of the page. Everything was fine until I scrolled down.

A big photo filled up my screen with a gorgeously spotted and dappled mama Olde English Bulldogge with her newly born 8 pups nursing and napping. All the pups sort of looked similar in different ranges of fawn and brown with white, except one pup on the end who looks nothing like the rest of them. This one pup looks like his mom only with crazier markings and spots. I scrolled farther down to see updates of puppy photos and as I saw more, she had posted photos of the pups at their first vet appointment, playing together, running around the yard. Each puppy had a photoshoot and feature post to show the different colors and marking and sex of the pup. I saw the gorgeous spotted puppy over 8 weeks of time. My heart made that squishing sound. The farther I scroll down, the older they got. I started to feel anxious. I can see that the puppies were going to homes and new owners were posting photos of the pups they'd picked out and taken home and their new names. The spotted puppy surely had to be the first one to go, but as I kept scrolling, nobody was posting photos of having brought him home. I realized that I had to know the answer and the only way to know the answer was to message this nice lady and just ask her. I 1000% expected her to say, "yes he's lovely and we had a deposit on him by day 2 and he's now living in L.A. with his new owners". Instead, she said "I have four available from that litter, including the black and white spotted one".

Now I'm not the crazy way-out-there girl who books a séance to communicate with spirits, but I could feel Lucy's paw at work in the spinning of The Universe at this particular moment. Lucy was not a tech savvy dog by any stretch. Nor did she leave written instructions for the care of her human after she left, but this discovery felt like having my hand on the Ouija board with a bigger kid's hand over mine guiding it to move. I think in some part because a big hole was left. Lucy started with a small

hole when she was a puppy, and over time, she dug around and made more space in my heart. When she left, it was pretty big. It also had lots of toys she loved, her comfy bed, and maybe in some way, she didn't want that space to remain empty, sad, and unused. As much as she loved me, perhaps she wanted to pick out a companion she would approve of and chosen in her honor, would make her proud and that she knew would take care of her human in her absence. For whatever reason I can imagine, this puppy was sent whooshing through time and space to find me or me to find him and here we were at this moment. There was no decision to be made. I knew it as soon as I saw the puppy picture and karma and Lucy did the rest.



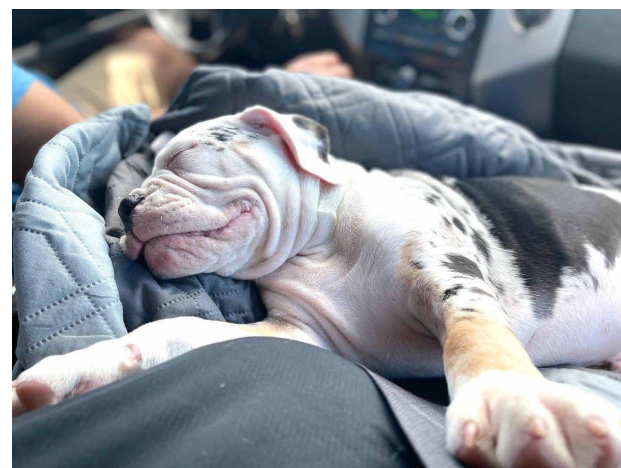
For my husband who knew nothing of the 'googling', he had loved Lucy immeasurably, but was looking forward to a quieter house. What he didn't expect was the amount of sadness and crying on my part and the absence of a playbook on what to do with this broken-hearted Farmgirl. The hole I felt surprised me, and I had no concept of the depth of loss I felt. I had agreed to having things be quieter. It sounded like the rational transition and time would heal my heart. That felt like the right road to take, so I can't say why on earth I felt the burning need to know what to call Lucy's spots. Nothing was depending on it. Nobody offered me 10 million dollars if I had the answer. It would change nothing, and yet the hand on the Ouija board.... When I got up the nerve to tell my husband that night, he reminded me the plan we agreed to, but when I showed him the puppy photo, he already knew the answer. Secretly, I think his heart went squish a little too.

On a sunny summer day, after a night that felt like Christmas Eve, we hit the road and headed south. Straight South. Mississippi. Our car was ridiculously outfitted with chew treats, squeaker toys, rope toys, chew bones in all sizes, balls, toys that made crinkly noises, toys that made giggle noises, toys that made duck sounds and some that made noises that I can't even describe. I packed training bits, duck flavor, liver flavor, chicken flavor, beef flavor, sweet potato & bison flavor, boar & wild blueberry flavor, chew treats that clean puppy teeth, dog bones, dog cookies, collar options in different sizes and colors, a leash, an extra leash, puppy clean up bags, paper towels, puppy bed, puppy blanket, puppy pad, collapsible bowls, bottles of water and everything you can imagine that's puppy related.



We were like an Amazon truck of puppy products. My husband looked in the back seat and shook his head and thankfully said nothing. The breeder with 11-year-old daughter in tow, had offered to meet us halfway, at the top of Mississippi. As we drove, her daughter took pictures and sent us adorable updates of our pup looking out the window, then asleep in her lap, then asleep in the back, stopped for a potty break, eating kibble spilled on the back seat, etc. I was nervous. I didn't know what to expect. When we got out of the car at the meeting spot, the puppy immediately ran to my husband with tail wagging so hard that his whole body wiggled. I exhaled. The puppy previously described as the 'shy' one of the litter, was an open heart and all kisses. He was indescribably crazy spots, puppy breath and puppy smell and just LOVE.

On the drive home, he just snuggled in my lap and slept. He was instantly so peaceful and settled. No apprehension. It was as if he had found us and not the other way around. The drive home flew by. I just hugged him, watched him sleep and cried a few tears of sadness and joy. In this new body, I saw



angles I recognized, the twitch of sleeping ears, the wrinkles of spots, the gestures so familiar, the feel of his fur, the shape of his head...they all felt familiar. It was like a gossamer layer in the sheerness that revealed just the hint and outline of the thing underneath. Depending on the light or the angle, you're seeing two things that in the blink of your

eyes, are one thing. I won't be able to do it justice in my recounting, but there's something more in his skin than just a puppy. There's an old love underneath. There is a familiar heart. There are eyes with a memory of things they haven't seen. I hugged him and looked into his eyes, and we shared a thought: there is no logical reason that we should have found each other, and that the stars would align, and yet here we were. The sun was shining, the earth was spinning, and this cute spotted boy curled up right into the spot Lucy wanted to fill, just as she'd planned.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT IN THE MAKING



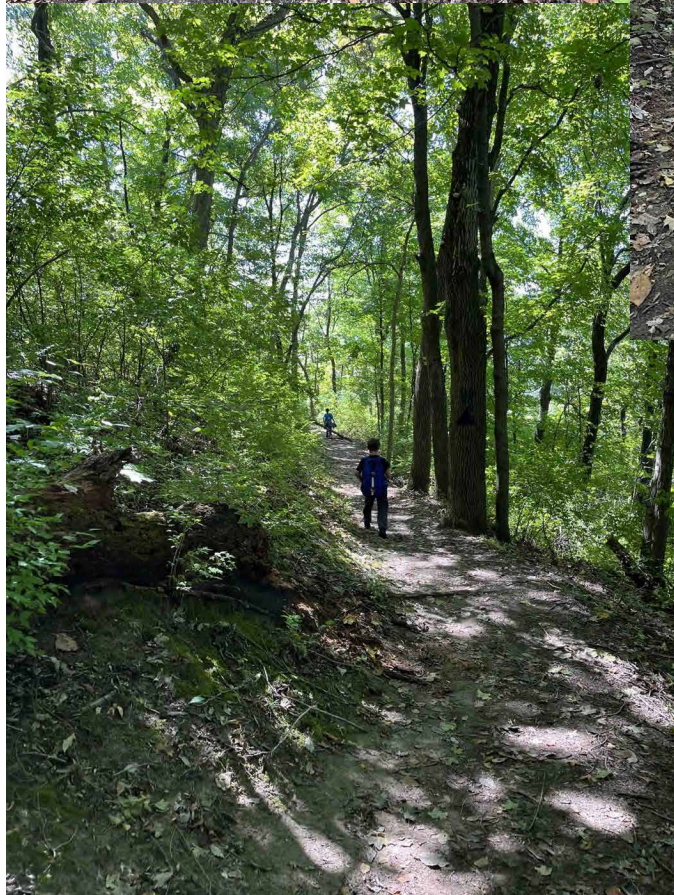
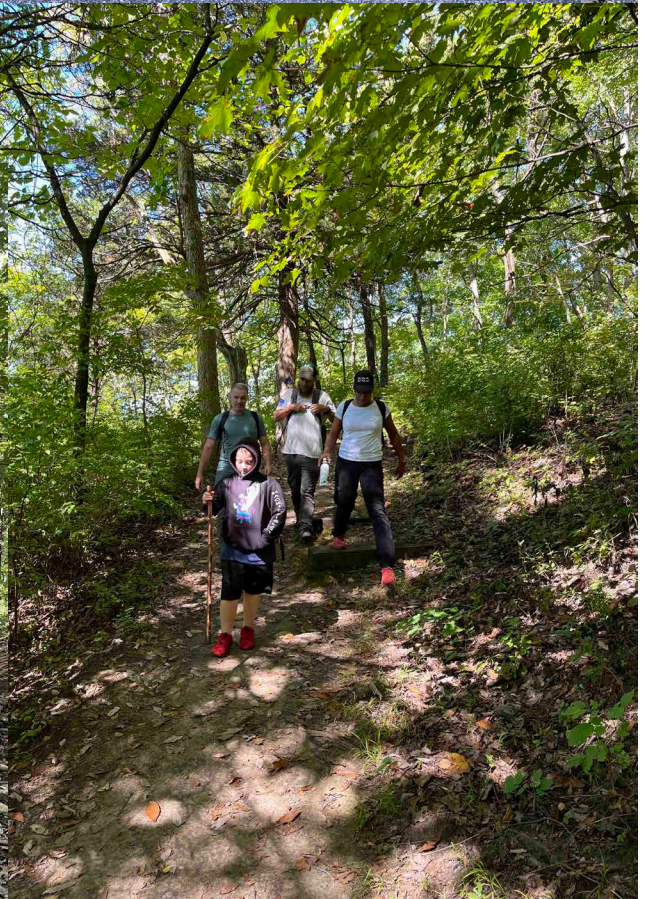
I volunteered to go on a hike on September 24th with Boy Scout Troop 608. I love to hike and when my grandson asked me to go, how could I say no? We met at the First Presbyterian Church of Ferguson on Darst road and caravanned to Pere Marquette State Park along the Illinois river where we began a hike on the trail called "goat cliff" which winds through the woods up to the top of the bluffs offering a spectacular scenic overlook and then winding down in a loop back to where we started.

When we made our first stop going up, I had a conversation with Oscar Benner (an older scout) who told me he was working on his Eagle Scout project and the hike was a key part of his project. For those who do not know, the road to eagle scout is long and takes due diligence and dedication.

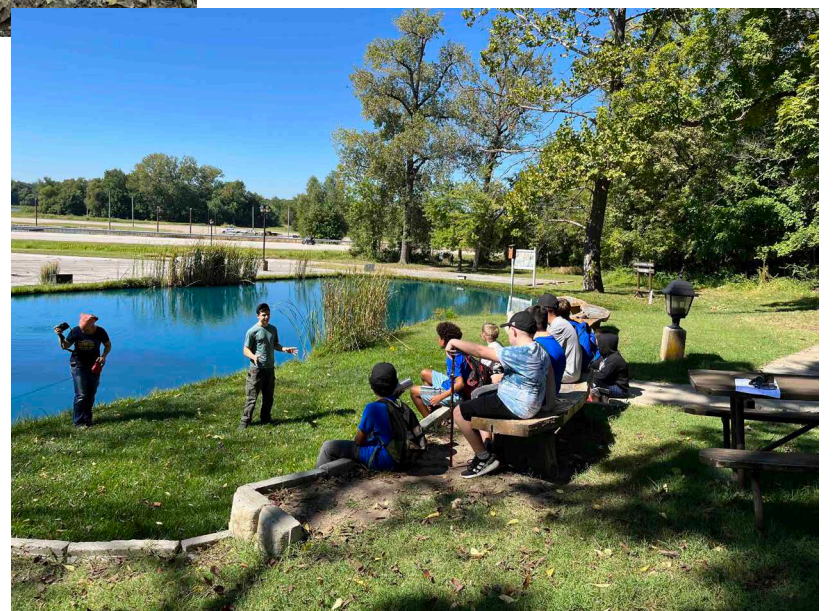
Oscar's project involves reporting on different parks to compile into a documentary to be made available through the Ferguson Library. He has been working on his project since January and will be completed in November.
-Papa Deau



Troop 608 as they assembled before departing for Pere Marquette State Park



After the hike, Oscar Benner thanks the troop for their participation in his project and for making sure they were respectful while on the hike by not leaving any trash on the hiking trails.





Under The Hood With Robinwood
By Bob McGartland

The Real Costs to Replace Your Current Vehicle

Is Your Vehicle Ready for Cold Weather Driving?

If you end up stranded on the side of the road during the Spring, Summer, or Fall it is certainly inconvenient, but the outside temperature is normally tolerable. Winter weather delivers a little more concern. For that reason, on your next oil change, I recommend that you also have a Winter safety inspection performed. Here are the things that I suggest you have checked on every vehicle as we enter the Winter driving season:

Have your oil changed according to the vehicle manufacturer recommendations. Regular oil changes allow your automotive service provider to do multipoint inspection of your vehicle and catch potential problems before they become more serious, dangerous, and expensive.

2) Have the coolant condition checked. Coolant in good condition is critical for proper engine operation as well as your vehicle's heater and defroster. A simple test will determine the protection level of your coolant and it's condition. If your coolant test is bad, have your coolant system flushed and refilled with new coolant. Your engine will thank you and you will be warm and comfortable while driving during the cold weather months.

3) Have the battery, battery cable connections, and charging system checked. Even though more batteries fail due to the heat of summer versus the cold of winter, your vehicle not starting during winter temps can be more concerning. While having the battery strength tested, make sure your alternator and entire charging system is operating properly as well.

4) Inspect all hoses and belt. Replace cracked or worn belts. Make sure hoses have no leaks and hose connections are tight.

5) Have your tires inspected, rotated & balanced. Worn tires are dangerous anytime, but especially when we are driving on snow- or ice-covered roads. If you want to extend the life of your tires have them rotated every other oil change.

6) When your tires are being rotated, have your brake system inspected so you are ready for winter driving. Your vehicle's brake system includes many components...brake pads, rotors, calipers, master cylinder, all the brake lines and fluid.

7) Have your exhaust system checked for leaks... our vehicle windows are up when we have cold temps outside. Exhaust fumes inside your vehicle are dangerous and potentially deadly.

8) Are you driving around with your check engine light on? Have your auto repair facility connect their diagnostic tool and determine the code(s)? Keep in mind that determining the area of the vehicle that is causing the check engine light to be on, is just the beginning... in most cases there is additional diagnostic work necessary to determine the actual cause.

9) Replace your wiper blades and fill your window wash reservoir with the fluid that will not freeze. Also remember to make sure you have a snow brush and ice scraper in your vehicle.

10) Last thing... ALWAYS keep an emergency kit in your vehicle! It should contain gloves, boots, blanket, shovel, flashlight, and extra batteries. Throw in a few candy bars as well.

In closing, please understand the majority of automotive repair facilities do not recommend additional services to make you spend more money... our No. 1 priorities are your safety, identifying problems before they become more serious and expensive and keeping you informed. A well-maintained vehicle will keep you safe, comfortable, and deliver more trouble-free driving miles. As always, drive safely and if you have any questions about your vehicle please feel free to give Robinwood Automotive a call. Have a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving!

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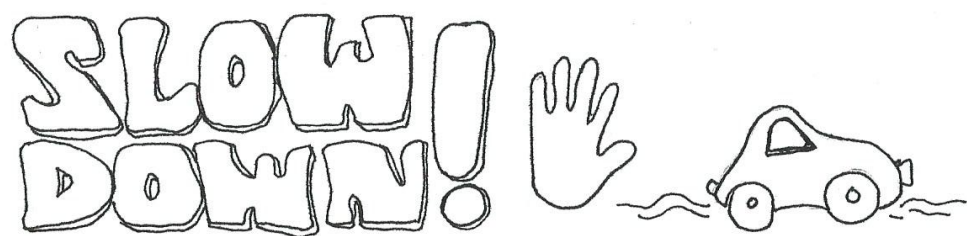
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by Doug Neely "If YOU have a right to be here, so do the unborn children!"

I am trying to keep this short as possible. Please always keep God's will in mind in all your endeavors in life. If you are not a Christian, I doubt that you care about God. Either way, if you feel that you must respond, please do so at this email address:
fergusoncomputercorner@aol.com

I alone am responsible for what I write, and I will see to it that YOU will have YOUR main point PRINTED here as a reply to me. Nobody else will do that for you. Please be brief, as my space is quite limited, but I promise fair and respectful treatment. May God bless us all!

NOVEMBER, 2022

There is a lot of minor stuff listed on Wincalendar for this month. Let me list the ones that matter the most:

1st... All Saints Day-wanna learn about this day? Go to your local neighborhood Christian church to celebrate this day!

6th...Daylight Savings Time-set your clocks back one hour. We gain an hour! YEE-HAW!!!

8th...VOTING DAY!-Although not a national holiday, most of us do get time off work to go vote. This year is, I think, far more important than it usually is. There are more people this year than there normally are who are extremely upset over, dare I say it, the governments' inability (or perhaps DESIRE, or BOTH) to repair our economy. This problem is serious as a heart attack.

DO VOTE! And when you do, vote your conscience to put the man or woman into office who WILL get the job done. And another thing. I am a Christian, and I believe in LIFE. I believe that abortion, just like euthanasia, IS MURDER! No ifs, ands, or buts. Period. Our laws are inconsistent and unclear in this. God's law is quite clear: abortion is murder, and if performed, you will be accountable to the Almighty for it. PERIOD! I have a lot more that I would like to say, but I will stand here. Please vote your conscience!

11TH... Veterans Day. If you are alive, thank a vet!

24th...Thanksgiving Day. We ALL have a lot to be thankful for. Give thanks to God for all of it!

27th... Advent prepares us for Christ's birth. This holiday is important, for without Christ's birth, there would be no one to save us from damnation, and offer us heaven. Thanks be to God in the highest!

28th... Cyber Monday. Not a real holiday, but chosen by marketers and sales people to encourage us to over-spend for the holiday season, glibly separating us from our hard-earned \$\$\$\$. This has always been a very successful endeavor for them.

When Shopping for Puter Stuff, dept.
 When you do your shopping for the holidays, and I know you will, if you are considering puter stuff, let me just say this. There are a lot of places, both online and physical locations, where you can buy good stuff, and get a good selection in the process. When I look for puters, I only look at notebooks, because I make my own desktop puters. Therefore, among the top considerations, I go to Sam's Club first. Then maybe Wal-Mart. They have very good deals during the holidays, and you don't have to ship anything back if it has to be returned; the store will take care of making you happy. After all, they love your \$\$\$ as well! :)

When Donating This Season, dept.
 Please be sure of to whom you are donating. Do some investigating work to find out where your \$\$\$ is going. It may be going to some outfit that does not deserve it, or an outfit that you do not wish to support. The collections of YOUR \$\$\$ is always sought by all, but not all are worthy. They will all be trying extra hard this season to get their "share" of your \$\$\$\$. some of them will stop at nothing to get it. Please be ever so careful as you seek to donate, especially if you have never heard of the outfit. And beware of those who name themselves with similar wording that makes you think they are a well-known and valid outfit. Stick to those you KNOW are worthy of your \$\$\$.

ME GO NOW!
 Well, I have to go now to get ready for all of these holidays and "almost holidays". I want you to know that all of the holidays I have listed above are important to me, and I hope they all are to you, too. I pray that YOUR holidays are most happy and blessed for you, and you can celebrate with your families and loved ones, no matter where you do so. Blessings to all of you!

IF YOU would like to ask Doug for some of his whirled-famous advice, please contact him at the following email address;
fergusoncomputercorner@aol.com
 Be certain to put the phrase "I need puter advice" into the subject line, and put your local telephone number into the body of your missive so he can call you on the phone number you provide. For now, and somewhat into the foreseeable future, the email address above will be the ONLY method available for contact. HAVE A HAPPY AND THANKFUL THANKSGIVING!

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.

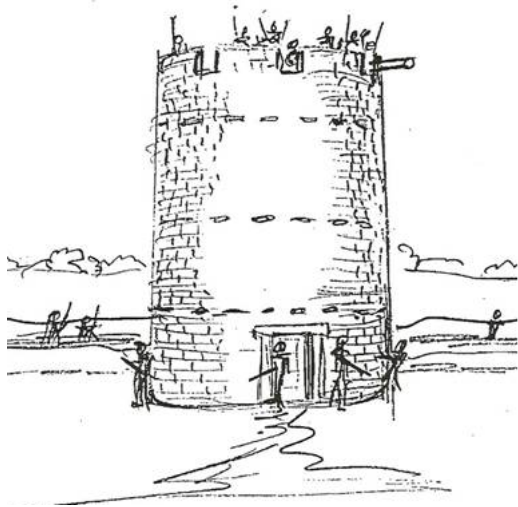


The Spanish were the first – then came the French – then the British and finally (after 1776) the Americans. BUT – that’s not quite accurate. There were people in this area for many thousands of years before the Europeans and Americans – Native Peoples. Who were these people who first inhabited the area we call, Ferguson?

It is hard to know much before the 1500’s since there are no written records prior to the Spanish. We do know that there were at least 8 tribes who lived in the Missouri area – along with many who passed through. With two major rivers, the Missouri and the Mississippi, there was a lot of traffic and warfare among tribes. The major tribes in Missouri were the Quapaw, Illinois, Osage and Missouriia. To learn more about tribal interactions I suggest searching Florissant history. Ferguson’s history begins around 1850 while Florissant’s dates back to before 1780 (near the time of St. Louis – 1764). Florissant history tells of several encounters between Europeans and Indians.

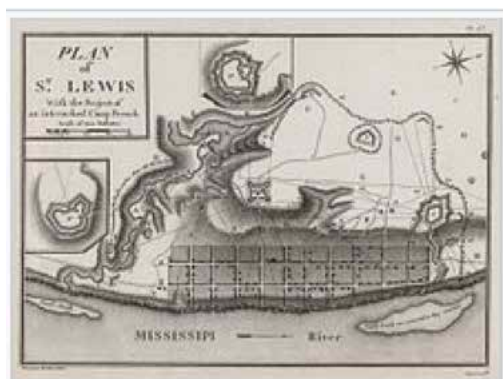
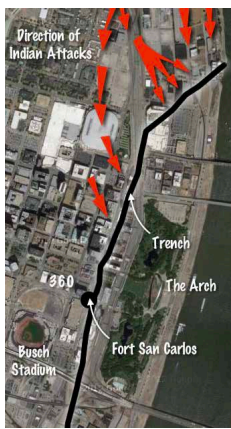


We do know the early inhabitants were mound builders (graves) as the St. Louis area was known as “the Mound City” due to the many Indian mounds (most destroyed as the area grew). The Sugarloaf Mound still exists in South St. Louis City (now owned by the Osage Tribe). Missouri tribes were mainly woodland people who built homes, did farming as well as hunting and fishing. They were boat builders.



We are going to look at three connections between Europeans/ Americans and Native peoples. The first occurred in St. Louis on May 28, 1780. It was the farthest west of all the battles during the Revolutionary War – the Battle of Fort San Carlos. While St. Louis was founded by the French, in 1780 the Spanish controlled the area. Residents were aware that the British were allying with local Indians to gain control of the Mississippi River and Valley. The first stone tower

of a fort was built west of the city (around 4th and Walnut) – as you can see by the map, St. Louis was only about 700 people. Along with the tower, a trench was dug from the north to the south. The battle lasted about two hours with 21 villagers killed and over 70 captured – but the Spanish succeeded in driving off the British. At the same time a similar attack was on the Illinois side at Cahokia. Virginian George Rogers Clark led an American army and routed the British. While it may not seem like much of a battle, it was important as it kept the British from controlling the area and especially the river. There is a plaque denoting the fort at the Hilton Ballpark Hotel on Broadway.



Spain had ceded the area over to France after the Revolutionary War. France then sold the Louisiana territory to the United States in 1803. The Lewis and Clark Expedition began exploration of the area in 1804. Their journals give detailed information about the tribes. In 1829, Andrew Jackson became President. Here is the second

connection we are going to consider – The Trail of Tears. The Trail, which went across southern Missouri, was the result of the Indian Removal Act which essentially moved Native People to the Louisiana Territory (mainly

Oklahoma). By the mid 1830’s, there were almost no Native People in Missouri Territory unless they had intermarried or moved to St. Louis. It was a most unjust and brutal time in the history of our country.

Just because Native People had been moved out didn’t mean they would not return. Here is the third connection – and this one was in Ferguson. E.R. Schmidt wrote: For about 6 weeks, in the fall of 1903, part of a tribe of Oklahoma Indians camped east of Ferguson, waiting for their quarters at the World’s Fair. The Sell-Forepaugh Ranch sponsored the 10-12 men and women, 2 young boys and a baby girl. They lived in 6 large tee-pees decorated with colorful symbols and designs. In the evenings, several cheerful fires took the bite off the chill autumn air, and furnished light for tribal dancing – every night a different dance. From Ferguson, youngsters and adults alike trudged up and down the seven hills on Chambers Road, there, and seven dusty hills back to enjoy this entertainment. They sold beadwork, belts, bracelets and moccasins. One man was adept at carving his likeness from black walnut shells and sold many of them. Most of the tribe posed for photos if promised a print, but no posing next time if the promise was not kept. Maiketa was their Chief. Students of Ferguson High School in the 1920’s had so romantic a notion of our visitors that they named their first several yearbooks, The Maiketa.



This tribe was part of the Indian School Exhibit at the St. Louis World’s Fair of 1904. Hundreds of Indians were brought for the fair. All brought their own materials and animals, constructed their own living quarters and lived at the fair. Their job was to represent traditional Indian Life. The photo to the left shows members of the Sioux Nation at the fair. The most famous Native American at the Fair was Geronimo. At the end of the Fair everyone went home and continued their lives.



A lot of us have mementos of the 1904 World’s Fair – photo albums, glasses and steins, jewelry or family stories of visiting the fair. My Mom was born in June of 1904 – because people didn’t take babies to crowded places, her older sister didn’t get to go to the fair. A memory she passed on to future generations. Perhaps you have some items or memories that the History Museum might be able to use – especially if they relate to a Ferguson family.

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 at 1064 Smith (behind the Community Center) by e-mailing the above address. Note: we will need to schedule a date for you, so ask well in advance.

The Indian attack graphic came from “The Battle of Fort San Carlos” by Cameron Collins found at www.distilledhistory.com/battlefortsancarlos/

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



New Farm to School Coordinator Joia Walker

Joia Walker knows her passion for feeding people healthy food, with her since childhood, is a generational gift from her foremothers. “We’ve all, through our lineage, been into cooking and healing.” And she has made a profession of helping to feed and teach people about healthy food, including, now, in her new role at EarthDance as Farm to School Educator. And because EarthDance was recently awarded one of 123 US Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm to School implementation grants nationwide, Joia will get to facilitate a host of agricultural and nutritional programs



as part of an ongoing partnership with the Ferguson-Florissant School District (FFSD) over the course of the next two years.

At EarthDance, Farm to School has been a growing part of the organic teaching farm’s programming. The USDA awarded EarthDance a planning grant between 2020-2022, and together with the FFSD,

the EarthDance team has been working to create and pilot meaningful programs to help empower district students in meeting community needs for fresh food access and inspire interest in healthy eating among FFSD students. One such initiative is the Agri-culinary Program, which aims to improve access to fresh, organic produce and support high school students in exploring agricultural and culinary careers. This past spring, five Innovation School at Cool Valley students spent 2 mornings per week for 8 weeks working at the farm and at the school, participating in experiential learning about food and farming. Together the group planted seeds and tended them, rebuilt their school garden, visited and helped out at neighboring farms, and spent time working in the fields at EarthDance.

Joia’s path to EarthDance

When she started her healthy meal-prepping business, “Inheirited,” several years ago, Joia, who had worked in theater, insurance, and food service, felt it was a natural progression for her. “I love to eat, but I actually have a passion for what other people are eating and putting in their bodies. I see people doing harm to themselves by their food choices. If it’s the matter of not having access to it, I want to help provide access to it. I want to help offer the knowledge of how to prepare it and make it taste good. I want to provide education to help people have and eat healthier food. It’s not going to taste bad just because it’s a vegetable.”

Joia found her way to the EarthDance Americorps summer apprenticeship this past spring, when her concerns about the health of store bought produce became too intense to ignore. “I was looking around and would see seedless foods, and I thought, ‘Is this new, what is this, is it real?’ At the same time, I began to more deeply consider my purpose, and I prayed about it. I put it out there.” After doing some research, she decided it was time to really dig into learning to grow her own food, both for herself and in the interest of helping others learn to eat better. An internet search led her directly to EarthDance.

Joia, along with six other summer apprentices spent the first 10 weeks of this summer 2022 working and learning in community at EarthDance. Joia said her experience at the farm has been amazing. She learned many skills (suckering tomatoes is her favorite new skill!) during her time with



EarthDance. She has also steadily grown into new knowledge and experiences with organic farming. And, having experienced plant-based healing with her own health issues in the past, she has especially enjoyed learning more about the healing properties of herbs. Joia also naturally gravitated to working with students visiting the farm. When there were tours or lessons to offer, Joia was often the first to volunteer. And so, the Farm to School Educator role is a natural fit and next step for her.

Farm to School at EarthDance

Joia lives in Florissant now, and she grew up in Ferguson, attending FFSD schools (Ferguson Middle School and McLuer North Senior High School - class of ‘03!) She said she is excited about every aspect of the EarthDance/ Ferguson-Florissant School District Farm to School Program, especially

with the recent grant award. To name just a few of the activities planned over the course of the next two years with Farm to School:

- Agri-culinary internship – a program that invites students to participate in farming and food programming tailored to their interests, two mornings per week. Participants will include Innovation School student interns, serving four cohorts of 6-8 students each for a total of 24-32 students, with activities including:
 - Mobile kitchen/Charlie Cart to be used weekly for on-farm cooking activities with guest chefs, taste-tests, student-led value added product creation. The mobile kitchen will also be made available for “check-out” by Ferguson-Florissant teachers for use at school.
 - Farming and gardening, including helping bring in the harvest, plant seedlings, sow seeds, pull weeds, tend to the chickens, and more
 - Exploration of the business aspects of working in the farming and food service industries
 - Developing and launching farm to school social media channel (TikTok) to share updates about Farm to School activities, and to share where to access (and how to cook with!) local produce, such as the Ferguson Farmers Market and Pay What You Can Farm Stand opportunities. Post videos weekly during cycles of 10-week agri-culinary internship operation.
 - School garden work days, especially at schools that have existing beds in need of transformation
 - Lead four Seasonal (spring and fall) School Garden Teacher Professional Development Workshops, two per year, targeting 10 teachers to attend each session.

In her new role, Joia will be able to help seed and grow a legacy aligned with something beautiful she has witnessed and spent time considering at the farm. As she learned about bolting, the process by which many plants flower and go to seed, she found powerful meaning. “Bolting, especially in less favorable conditions like high heat, is like the plants communicating that, ‘Hey, I’m not going to be here forever, but I can leave something behind. It’s like they are looking out for the next generation of plants, saying, ‘I can’t make it, but I can produce a seed.’” For Joia it also reminded her of people raising and teaching children. “You always want your kids to have it better than you have. That bolting process reminded me of parents and teachers wanting to provide something for the next generation. That romaine would grow upward and get really tight at the top. I imagined it spiraling upward and pushing tighter until the seed was produced to ensure the next generation could grow and thrive.”

In September, only weeks into starting her new role, Joia represented EarthDance at the National USDA Farm to School Implementation Grantee Gathering in Boston, Massachusetts. EarthDance is one of 123 organizations throughout the country working toward alignment with the USDA’s goals of building and supporting more resilient local and regional food production, and ensuring access to healthy and nutritious food in all communities. In the last 10 years, the USDA has increased its focus and resource allocation to Farm to School programs across the country. According to the USDA, Farm to School increases the amount of locally produced foods served through child nutrition programs, while also educating children about how their foods are harvested and prepared.



For more stories on Farm to School and all things EarthDance, including farm fresh recipes, please visit our blog at www.earthdancefarms.org/blog

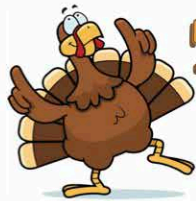
To support our Farm to School partnership with the Ferguson-Florissant School District and our work making organic produce accessible to all with our Pay What You Can Farm Stand, (and more!) you can donate to the online auction. To donate, please contact Development Assistant Abi Sager: 314-873-2889 or abi@earthdancefarms.org. To bid on items starting November 25, please visit us at www.earthdancefarms.org, or find us on Facebook and Instagram.

The Pay What You Can Farm Stand is still open this fall, offering you the freshest, most delicious, nutritious, organic produce, grown right here in Ferguson at EarthDance Organic Farm School!

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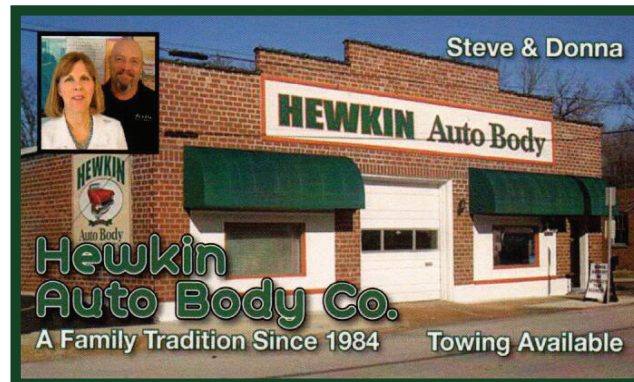
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