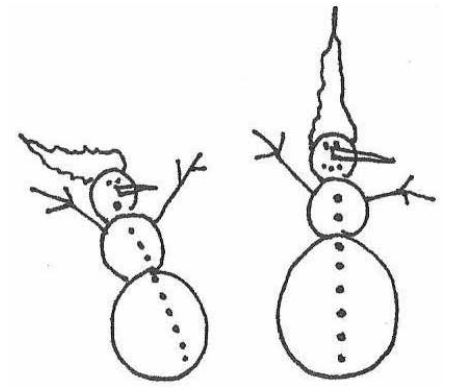




# Ferguson

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## Southern Charm Comes To Ferguson

by Sophia Fish

Only a five-mile drive from the Lambert Airport, and twelve miles from Downtown St. Louis, sits Historic Downtown Ferguson, the perfect spot for anyone in the St. Louis area to grab a bite to eat. That's what McCluer North graduate, Johnny Little believes and strives to do with his new breakfast and brunch restaurant Elicious.

Little having grown up in St. Louis himself, his parents hail from Mississippi, so he'd often spend summers in the South, and later on would attend Rust College in Holly Springs, Mississippi where he studied Mass Communications and fell in love with Southern Cuisine. Upon returning from college, Little had his first apartment in Ferguson and has always wanted to reinvest and bring joy to the community.

Little got his chance in January of 2021, Little was living in Chicago when a friend and former co-worker called and told him about how Marley's Bar and Grill had closed and that he should come and check out the building. After visiting the property, it only took thirty days before he bought the building. Though this was still during the height of COVID and there was concern about a possible standstill, 500 South Florissant Rd was the perfect place for what Little wanted to do with Ferguson.

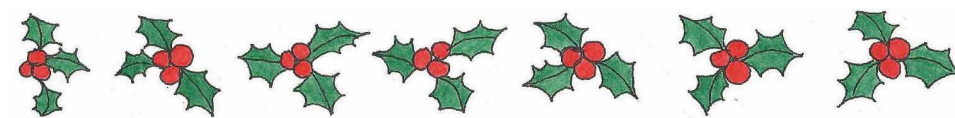
Little decided to do a complete overhaul of the building, everything from the HVAC to the roof is completely new. While Little decided to put his own stamp on the building, he wanted to respect tradition, so the locals can still recognize the original flooring and wood frames. These renovations will add a level of Southernly Charm that Little wanted to bring to the Midwest.

Elicious' will be a nice addition to Historic Downtown Ferguson as there is nothing else like it. While there are great lunch and dinner places around town, adding in a breakfast eatery will truly add to the atmosphere and put Ferguson on any foodies map! Little hopes that Elicious will be a number one destination spot, not just for Ferguson but also St. Louis as whole.

With a slogan "Bringing the South to your Mouth", Elicious' menu includes items such as Shrimp and Grits, Catfish and Eggs, Chicken and Waffles, and much more. Little has gotten help from Bobby Titwell a restaurant consultant who Little worked with during one of his college jobs. Though retired Titwell came back to help get Elicious up and going and Little credits his consultant with getting the restaurant up and going.

Little wants to hone in on a sense of community and hopes that "When folks walk through the door, the people are proud" and that the "Restaurant to feel welcoming to anyone who walks through those doors whatever they may be going through."

You can try Elicious for yourself starting Saturday, November 19 2022 and every Tuesday through Friday 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 500 S. Florissant Rd. Ferguson, Missouri 63135.



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## FERGUSON INDOOR WINTER MARKET



**TWO markets this month!**  
**December 3 AND 17**  
**9:00am-12pm**

*Visits from Santa and crafts for kids!*  
**St. Stephen's Episcopal Church**  
**33 N. Clay • Ferguson, MO**



### December News and Events at the Ferguson Public Library

For more information, please contact the library at 314-521-4820 or visit us online at [fergusonlibrary.net](http://fergusonlibrary.net)

#### Winter Reading Challenge - Starts December 12

Pick up a reading log at the library starting on December 12. Track your reading while you read this winter and return your log by January 28 to get a reward and a chance to win a \$50 gift card! All ages are welcome.

#### In Person: Estate Planning - Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 6 pm

Join us and estate lawyer Todd Sivia as he walks us through the basics of estate planning and how to ensure your estate goes to your loved ones hassle-free once you're gone.

#### In Person: Trinket Sale - December 9 and 10

The FLIERS Holiday Trinket Sale is back! Pick up some unique gifts and sweet treats, just in time for your holiday get-togethers.

Friday, December 9 - 9 am - 5:30 pm  
Saturday, December 10 - 9 am to 3 pm

#### In Person: Gifts from the Heart - Saturday, Dec. 17 at 10 am

Come make some self-care items that are perfect to gift to yourself or a friend! Adults and older children with supervision welcome.

Registration required. Register at [bit.ly/fmplgifts22](http://bit.ly/fmplgifts22).

#### In Person: Bike Maintenance - Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 6 pm

Need some help maintaining your bike? Join us and Sarah Heyman of Trailnet as she shows us how to keep your bike in tip-top shape!

#### Ongoing Programs

Ferguson Sewing Club: Mondays 9-12 pm  
Krafty Korner: Wednesday, Dec. 14 6 pm

#### December Craft Kits

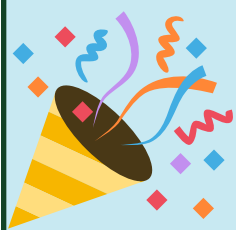
- Dec. 5-10: Wooden Penguin Ornament
  - Dec. 12-17: Paper Ball
  - Dec. 19-23: Coffee Filter Snowflakes
  - Dec. 27-30: Fireworks Wreath
- Pick up a free kit while supplies last!

The library will be closed  
December 24-26 and  
December 31 - January 2 for  
the holidays.

*Happy holidays!*

Starting January 2023, we will only offer a new kit every other week. Thank you for enjoying our craft kits!

## December Celebration Shout-outs



- 1 - Happy Birthday Jeanne Long
- 6 - Happy Birthday Liz Helldoerfer
- 11 - Happy 13th Birthday Henry Bowes
- 20 - Happy Birthday Pete Nadeau



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

### December at a Glance



- 9 Fliers Treasures and Trinket Sale 9 AM - 5:30 PM  
Ferguson Public Library
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- 17 NorthHills Meeting via Zoom 10am
- 19 Hanukkah (1st Day)
- 22 South Central Neighborhood Association Meeting  
6pm via Zoom (May want to check with association)
- 25 Christmas
- 26 Kwanzaa
- 26 Southwest Neighborhood Association Meeting 6pm  
via Zoom

### GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION APRIL 4, 2023 Position of Mayor

Nominating petitions available November 1, 2022

Candidate filing opens at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 6, 2022. Nominating petitions will be accepted by the City Clerk (upstairs) in the City Clerk's office 110 Church Street, City Hall Ferguson, Missouri.

Candidate filing closes at 5:00 p.m. on December 27, 2022

### FLIERS Treasures & Trinkets Sale

Featuring Vintage goods, gift-quality items, books, jigsaw puzzles, and more!

Friday, December 9: 9:00AM-5:30PM  
Saturday, December 10: 9:00AM-3:00PM

Ferguson Municipal Public Library  
35 N. Florissant Road, Ferguson, MO 63135  
Library protocol requires masks.

For info, call (314) 521-4663

### What's Happening at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in December?



Our Food pantry is open every Tuesday and Saturday from 10 to 12 noon.

The Clay Café dinner (our free community meal) will be Dec. 18th from 4:30 to 6:30. We will be having our Christmas dinner that day inside again and no longer drive thru. Santa will be in the building and we will have some goodies and a craft for the kids!

Free flu shots and covid-19 booster shots will be offered on Dec. 18th from 4:30 to 6:30 .

The Clay Café brunch will be inside also on Dec 20th from 10 to 12 noon.

Christmas Services Our Christmas Eve service will be at 4:30 and Christmas Morning service will be at 10 am.

The Winter Farmer's Market This month it will be Dec. 3rd and 17th from 9 to 12. Santa will be at both markets from 10 to 12.

Tai chi is offered every Thursday morning from 10 to 11 am.

We are located at 33 N Clay Ave in Ferguson.

Our phone number is 314-521-0138 if you have any questions!



### Paper not delivered?

If you think your paper wasn't delivered, please check in the junk mailings. We found ours stuffed inside the grocery ads.

### Updates to Out of State Mailing List

Due to mailings going out to addresses that no longer have former Ferguson residents living there, we are discontinuing our out of state mailings unless you email Tony at [savoystl@yahoo.com](mailto:savoystl@yahoo.com) to be added to the new list.

### The Ferguson News Group may be reached

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### Volunteer with the paper

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

### Donate to the paper

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# ARTFUL CONSIDERATIONS

By Beth von Behren



## : What's On Your "Must See" List?

Do you have a favorite work of art in St. Louis? St. Louis Magazine recently published a list of 20 works of art they think everyone should see. Some are sculptures, some are paintings, but they also have a few architectural items on the list, such as the Jewel Box in Forest Park and the Noguchi ceiling in the U-Haul Building at 1641 S. Kingshighway.

Sounds kinda weird, but it's actually fascinating. This modernist lunar landscape sculpted right onto the ceiling by Isamu Noguchi in 1946 had been covered by a dropped ceiling for decades. Noguchi was commissioned to do the ceiling by architect Harris Armstrong for the American Stove Company/Magic Chef office building. It was uncovered in 2016 during a remodel.

What a find! I thought it was so cool that I drove down there and took a photo. You can read the full history of how the ceiling was commissioned, covered up, and then discovered all over again, on the St. Louis Magazine website at [www.stlmag.com/design/a-ceiling-and-a-celebration/](http://www.stlmag.com/design/a-ceiling-and-a-celebration/) It's also a delightful reminder of the value and importance of historic preservation efforts.

After reading their list, I decided to make it a project to see each of these works or buildings, and in the coming months, I will feature them here with some background and a few photos. I have never seen the Abbey Church at Priory High School up close, so that will be at the top of the list.

The St. Louis Magazine list also includes the following: "Little Dancer of 14 Years" a sculpture by Edgar Degas, and "Charles I," a painting by

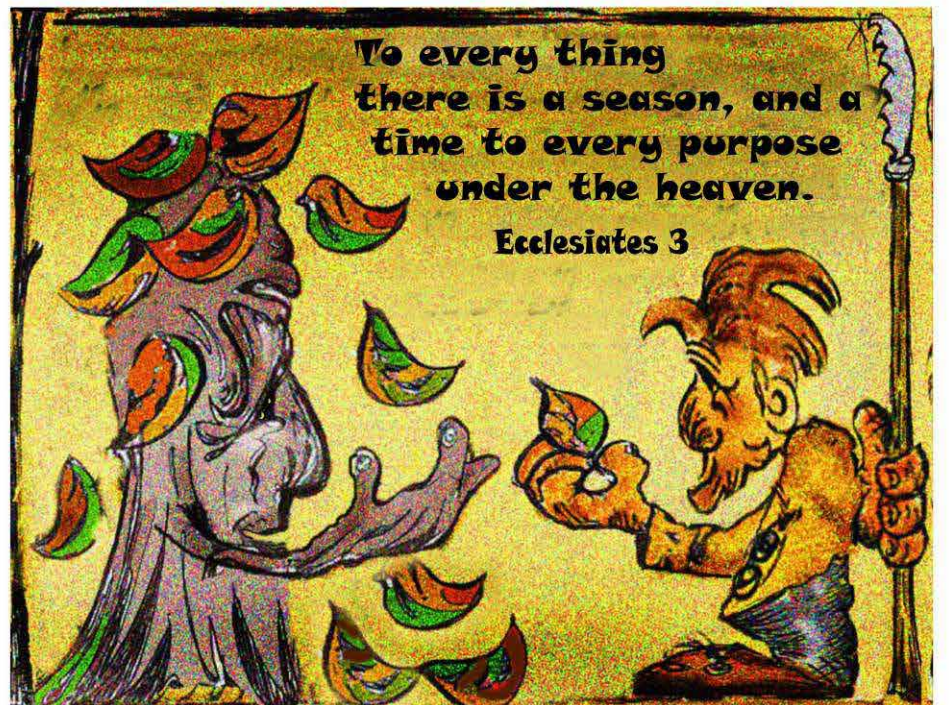
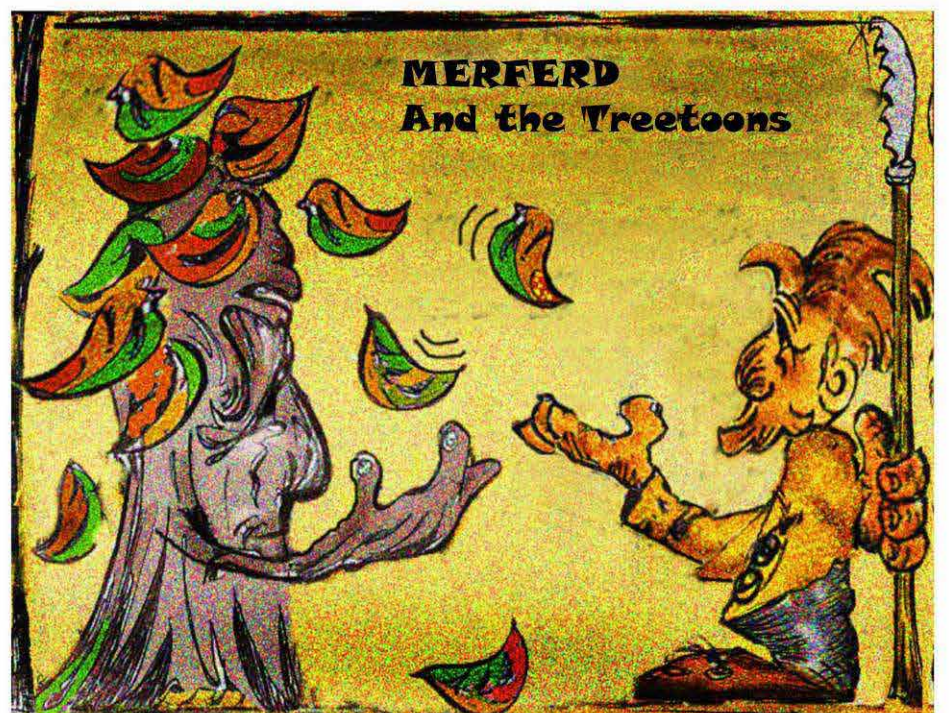
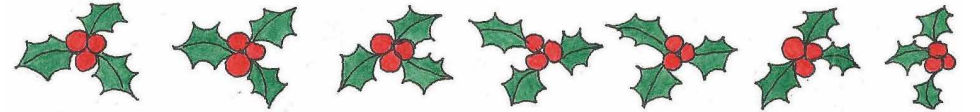
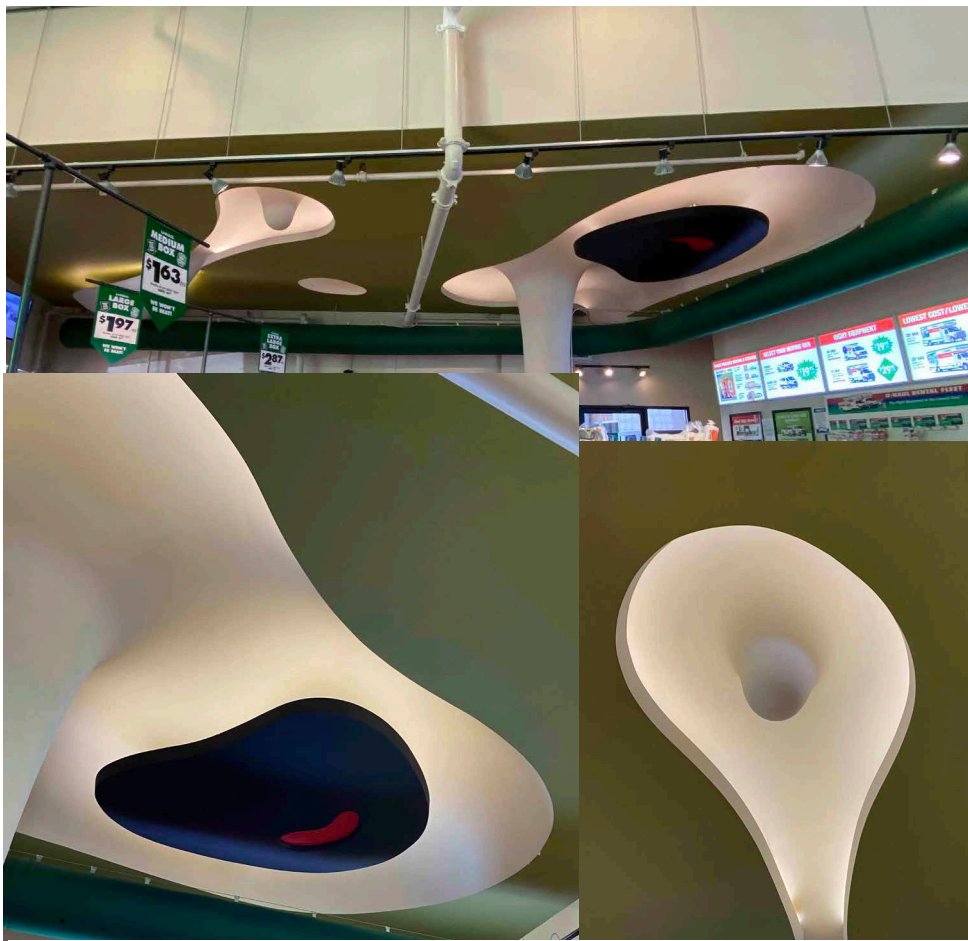
Kehinde Wiley, both at the Saint Louis Art Museum. You may recognize Wiley as the artist who painted President Barack Obama's portrait for the National Portrait Gallery. The list also includes "Falling Man/Study" by St. Louis artist Ernest Trova at Laumeier Sculpture Garden. Laumeier is a sculpture park in south county that Trova helped to found in 1976 with a gift of 40 pieces of art.

You are probably familiar with the St. Louis Walk of Fame in the Delmar Loop, but have you seen the "St. Louis Wall of Fame" mural in The Grove? Designed and painted by Grace McCammond and youth from the Herbert Hoover Boys & Girls Club, it features portraits of Miles Davis, Tina Turner, Harriet and Dred Scott, Dick Gregory, Chuck Berry, Maya Angelou, and more. You can find it at 4263 Manchester.

There's an awful lot of art to see in St. Louis, both inside museums and galleries as well as outdoors, including in our own little Jeske Sculpture Park at the corner of Nancy and Thoroughman. In the coming months, I hope to bring you profiles of some of the artists featured there. You can read the full St. Louis Magazine list on their website at [www.stlmag.com](http://www.stlmag.com). Use the search bar to search for St. Louis Works of Art Everyone Must See (from October 2022). Or just check back here over the coming months.

### Opportunities for Artists:

- "Visions of Form and Space," St. Louis Artists' Guild. Deadline: December 10. Exhibit runs: January 13 to February 11, 2023. This juried exhibition will examine contemporary abstract art, emphasizing shape, form, and spatial relationships. The Guild seeks artists working in any medium whose work uses shapes, forms, colors, and textures. For full details: [stlouisartistguild.org](http://stlouisartistguild.org)
- Kirkwood Public Library: Hosts exhibits throughout the year. More information and an application can be found on their website: [kirkwoodpubliclibrary.org](http://kirkwoodpubliclibrary.org)
- "Beyond the Lens XVII," an all-subject, juried exhibit of photographic works in all photographic disciplines. Deadline: January 3, 2023. Enter online at: <https://www.framations.com/btl2023.html>



by Wendell Phillips Berwick / FreedomCry.Life

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## How Many?

By Robin Shively

### ACROSS

1. Apple game
4. Actor Pickens
8. Club
13. Not busy
15. Era
16. Student from years past
17. Chamber
18. 1976 Jones/Wynette song
20. Moon and Starr
22. Back muscle
23. Char
24. Word preceding Cid or Greco
25. Byron's title
28. Diet choice
29. She talked like a man
31. Small whirlpool
32. System with a mic
33. Goodies
35. Gator end
36. Astern
37. Ink type
38. Fro's partner
39. Xenia \_\_atopp, Bond girl
40. Smallest st.
41. \_\_ the season
42. Helicopters do it
44. Arch transport
47. #75 on a table
48. Sometimes you have to pay him
50. Tries on the set
52. He wants to phone home
53. Jr.'s namesake
54. Lubricates
55. Support
57. Coll. deg.
58. Boatman in Delhi
60. La poule
63. Flying honkers
64. Sculling tools
65. Worship center?
66. Midas

### DOWN

1. Robin, raven and jay
2. Pepe Le Pew characteristic
3. Middy
5. Pub order
6. Infamous lab assistant
7. Brooks and Gibson
8. Valencian rice dish
9. Bird's wing bone
10. UK's fastest declining bird species
11. "You're oversharing!"
12. Snug spot for a bug
14. Clown Kelly
19. Twit
21. Indigenous Kiwis
24. Anna's big sister
26. Keats creation
27. Actress Cannon
28. Islamic infidel
29. Wives of lords
30. Elevator inventor
32. 70s singing family
34. Menu list
35. Sitting upon
39. Alternative link
42. Make a pass
43. Do wrong
45. Makes amends
46. Housekeepers
48. Marquette's title
49. Ugly Duckling's parents
51. Star light?
55. Encourage to act
56. Socially acceptable (abbr.)
57. Floating ice
59. \_\_ Hudson Street, "78 ABC sitcom
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62. Chewie's buddy

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## Holiday Safety

For most, the kitchen is the heart of the home, especially during the holidays. From testing family recipes to decorating cakes and cookies, everyone enjoys being part of the preparations.

So keeping fire safety top of mind in the kitchen during this joyous but hectic time is important, especially when there's a lot of activity and people at home. As you start preparing your holiday schedule and organizing that large family feast, remember, by following a few simple safety tips you can enjoy time with your loved ones and keep yourself and your family safer from fire.

### Top 10 safety tips

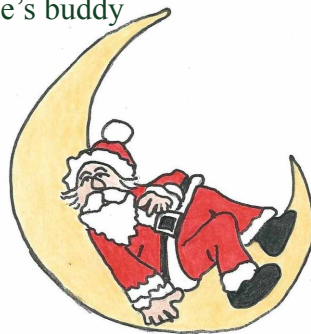
- \*Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stove top so you can keep an eye on the food.
- \*Stay in the home when cooking your turkey, and check on it frequently.
- \*Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay three feet away.
- \*Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.
- \*Keep knives out of the reach of children.
- \*Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- \*Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children — up high in a locked cabinet.
- \*Never leave children alone in room with a lit candle.
- \*Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.
- \*Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.

### Holiday fire facts

- \*Thanksgiving is the peak day for home cooking fires with more than three times the daily average for such incidents. Christmas Day and Christmas Eve ranked second and third, with both having nearly twice the daily average.
- \*In 2019, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 1,400 home cooking fires on Thanksgiving, the peak day for such fires.
- \*Unattended cooking was by far the leading contributing factor in cooking fires and fire deaths.
- \*Cooking caused half (49 percent) of all reported home fires and more than two of every five (42 percent) home fire injuries, and it is the second leading cause of home fire deaths (20 percent) in 2015-2019.

### Dangers of Turkey Fryers Video

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kjUynq0HXdQ&feature=emb\\_imp\\_woyt](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kjUynq0HXdQ&feature=emb_imp_woyt)



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**Ferguson Northern Lights  
Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony**

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- Arts & Crafts
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**9am-11:30AM**  
First Presbyterian Church of Ferguson  
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Questions? Call (314) 522-8542

A Donation of Peanut Butter for our Food Voucher Program is suggested.



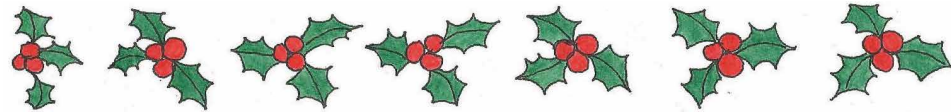




**Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! If you are looking to buy or sell a home in the new year give me a call!**

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## Maline Greenway Survey

How do you like to get outside? You might enjoy picnicking at Koeneman Park, playing baseball in Forestwood Park, or taking your family for nature adventures through wooded trails. Great Rivers Greenway wants to hear from YOU about how you get outside for the new extension of the Maline Greenway! The greenway will connect with West Florissant Avenue to Bella Fontaine Park and possibly Koeneman Park. The paved trail offers access to nature for all ages and abilities, whether you're biking, running, or utilizing a wheelchair or baby stroller.

Take our online survey and tell us what kind of experience you want to have when on the Maline Greenway, like connecting to nearby businesses, feeling relaxed, or being with friends in peaceful place. Also, look for upcoming events in the community to spread the word about this project!

Take the survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/maline>  
For more information on this project and upcoming events, please visit: <https://greatriversgreenway.org/maline>

SOUTHWEST FERGUSON



NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING.

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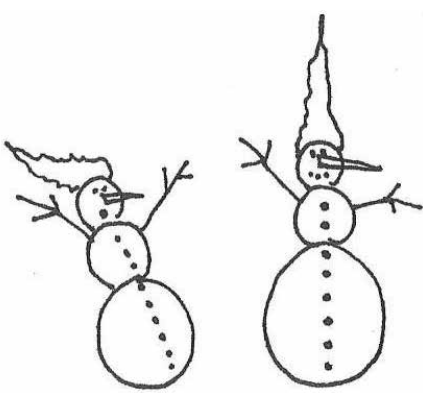
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# Ferguson City Hall Information

## Community Policing: The Wave of the Here and Now

“We need to support our police officers and make sure that community policing becomes something that becomes the standard across the country.” - Chris Christie



Hello Neighbor,

As we look back over the 5 years during which we began compliance with the Consent Decree, Community Policing has become the current wave for all municipalities. The Ferguson Police Department (FPD) had to examine itself and determine what would work best for the community, while simultaneously exemplifying their mission statement which states, “Our Mission is to do our part in creating a thriving community where the residents, businesses and visitors feel safe, welcomed and appreciated for their contribution to this community. We will be intentional in building strong community relationships and partnerships through professionalism, honorable service, and integrity. We will be committed to removing the criminal element through community engagement, strong leadership, relentless investigation, intelligent enforcement, and intense follow-through.”

Let us unpack this statement for all who are citizens, stakeholders in this community. This mission statement depicts FPD in a new light. In addressing criminal activity, the FPD is doing relentless investigations and interaction with the community to solve crimes as quickly as possible. The FPD understands that community engagement is not only a scheduled event, but an everyday occurrence. Once a community feels and believes that their police department is exercising its main function of serving and protecting, a good foundation is in place for the flourishing of a positive relationship between the two entities.

Here is another statement about the FDP on community policing. “The Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) is a two-way communications between the police department and the community it serves. At the heart of the COPS philosophy is the thought that neighbors, working with police, could solve many neighborhood problems, before they lead to criminal problems. The Neighborhood Watch is an important part of this program.” The Urban League has a unique program known as The Federation of Block Units. This program has been around for years, teaching neighbors how to keep watch out for each other. The program requires a block captain and vice-captain for multiple purposes including organizing, engaging, and empowering all neighbors to feeling comfortable in communicating openly, monitoring, and reporting unusual activity in their neighborhoods. Block units reinforce the work of neighborhood associations, which keep neighbors informed primarily through neighborhood meetings. The FPD often visit neighborhood meetings to keep the citizens abreast on what is going on and more importantly to hear from the citizens.

Not only does the FPD need collaboration from the citizens it also needs the same collaboration from the surrounding municipalities. Only when we work together can we be most effective in eradicating crime. Shifting crime from one municipality to another is not solving crime.

Ferguson Police Chief Frank McCall and the Ferguson police officers are doing their duty to combat crime in various ways. Chief McCall drives an unmarked car around the city weekly to observe the hot spots and submits the information to the Mobile Response Team (MRT). FPD reminds us that one way we can deter crime in our neighborhoods is by locking our cars when we get out of them. The signs are posted around town, “Lock It or Lose It.” That will help to keep a multitude of guns off the streets in our community.

A taskforce has been created by the Chief of Police in St. Charles, the Chief of Police of Lake St. Louis, the President of the St. Louis Area Police Chiefs, and Mayors of the above mention cites. The purpose of the taskforce is to combat the rise in crime in their areas. This taskforce works! Since 2020, the taskforce has seen a major decline in crime, especially auto thefts, by offering this proactive approach to crime in their areas. The Chiefs encourage off duty officers to work the taskforce and be compensated with overtime hours. This only can be achieved with off duty officers. Officers are not expected to participate with the taskforce while they are on duty. Through this initiative, the number of officers on the street during all shifts is increased.

Due to the success of the taskforce model in the St. Charles area and the Lake St. Louis area, The Missouri Municipal League (MML) is exploring the taskforce concept for the 88 municipalities in St. Louis County. Governor Parson is scheduled to meet with a delegation of Mayors to discuss funding for overtime for the officers and a timetable for when MML will create a taskforce for the 88 municipalities. This taskforce will be modeled after the successful taskforce which is already in operation. A meeting will be scheduled in sometime in January for all the Chiefs of Police and Mayors who make up the 88 Municipalities. We are working to combat crime in all areas. It is not about lack of enforcement it’s about compliance and accountability.

Finally, since we are at the door of the Holiday Season, my hope is that you, your family, and friends enjoy the Holiday Season.

Connecting, Mayor Ella Jones

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

December 13th at 7 pm; Council meetings are held in City Hall Council Chambers located at 110 Church Street, however, to protect the health and safety of the public this meeting may be accessed 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 HALL HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The City of Ferguson business offices will be closed on the following days:

- Thursday, December 22nd – Monday, December 26th – in observance of Christmas
- Friday, December 30th Offices close @ 12 Noon
- Monday, January 2nd – in observance of New Year’s Day

## 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

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www.FergRec.com

Santa's coming to town with the help of the Ferguson Fire Department, Ferguson Police Department, and Ferguson Parks and Recreation! We will be escorting Santa and his friends throughout the streets of Ferguson beginning December 2nd.

Each date will have a predetermined route that we will post on Facebook, @FergRec and online at [santaandsirens.com](http://santaandsirens.com)

2022 Dates

December 2nd
December 4th
December 10th
December 17th
December 19th

### Letters to Santa

Holiday elves are installing a special mailbox at The Ferguson Community Center, where children can drop off their letters to Santa starting November 28th! Santa will respond to all letters received by December 15th. The mailbox will be located just inside the recreation center at 1050 Smith Ave, and is presented this holiday season by The Ferguson Parks and Recreation Department.

When writing letters, children are asked to include their first and last name, age, mailing address, and holiday wish list. Parents are encouraged to glance over the letters before bringing to the center for mailing. Santa especially enjoys hand-drawn holiday pictures on the letters! Place your letter and self-addressed stamped envelope inside Santa's Mailbox. Make sure a Return Address is included so Santa can answer your letter.

For more information about Santa's Mailbox contact the Ferguson Parks and Recreation Department at (314) 521-4661 or visit [www.fergrec.com](http://www.fergrec.com).

Begins: November 28

Ends: December 15

Drop Off Location: Ferguson Community Center (1050 Smith Ave.)

### Holiday Lights Contest

The Ferguson Holiday Lights Contest is back by popular demand! Do you have the most cheerful and bright lights on the street? Enter into our Holiday Lights Contest to show off your amazing light display. You don't have to be super fancy to enter, as we will have different style awards. We can't wait to see who will claim bragging rights for this year's Holiday Lights Contest. To enter, submit your address to [thecenter@fergusoncity.com](mailto:thecenter@fergusoncity.com) or online at [fergrec.com](http://fergrec.com). All displays must be set up and turned on by dusk, December 20th. For more information on the contest visit [www.fergrec.com](http://www.fergrec.com).

Dates: December 20th

Time: Judging Begins Dusk

Fee: FREE



Friday, December 16th 5:00pm - 8:00pm

Ferguson Community Center (1050 Smith Ave.)

Featuring:

- Photos with Santa
- Elsa's Castle
- The Grinch
- Carriage Rides
- Carolers
- Hot Chocolate
- Balloon Twister
- Entertainment
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### Stories with Santa

Santa will be stopping by the Community Center to read your littles ones a story and help build gingerbread houses!

Ages: 0-5

Dates: December 14

Time: 9:30am-10:30am

Location: Ferguson Community Center (1050 Smith Ave.)

Fee: \$5/Kid, Parents are free

### Grinch Around Our Parks

The Grinch has escaped Whoville and has come to our local parks! The Grinch has come to stop the spread of Holiday cheer. We need the help of our jolly Ferguson residents to help spread the Holiday spirit and find the Grinch! The Grinch will be moving through our parks each week, over the course of 4 weeks beginning the week of December 1st. Once you spot the Grinch snap a photo with you and the Grinch and post it on Facebook. Be sure to tag @Fergrec to be entered into the drawing for a prize at the end of the Grinch's journey around our parks. Like us on Facebook, @FergRec for more information.

### Winter Adventure Camp

Join us this winter as we escape into a Winter Wonderland Extravaganza! This winter break we will have an action-packed traditional camp experience where kids will laugh, explore, and create memories and friendships that will last a lifetime! Campers will experience several themed days, crafts, games, and more, held at the Ferguson Community Center.

Ages: 5-13

Dates: M-F, December 21st – January 3rd

Time: 7:00am – 6:00pm

### Maggiano's Lunch

Date/Time: Wednesday, December 14, 2022 11a.m. – 2:00p.m.

Fee: \$25 per person

Wear your Christmas finery and Deck the Halls at the Ferguson Community Center Event Space. We celebrate the Season with a savory lunch catered by Maggiano's Restaurant. The rich flavors of Italian-American dishes inspired by Nonna's traditional recipes will be served.



# Hello Ferguson!

by Marian Linck

Hello Ferguson!

Well, here it is, Monday evening November 14 and this story is due tomorrow. I hope I can work well under pressure once more.

My husband and I met in high school a century ago. Having attended the same high school is certainly less stressful when reunion time rolls around. I was fortunate enough to be on the planning committee for our reunion this year. The committee planned the event for over a year, and the party was a success. I am glad the planning is over, and we all had a fun time. Many travelled great distances to reacquaint with their classmates and share memories and hopes for the future as well as check out each other and see who has weathered the many years better.

My husband and I decided to “UBER” to the event that was being held at “The Grand Opera House” on Main Street in St Charles. We thought we could enjoy a couple of adult beverages and not worry about driving home. We worked the room, posed for group pictures, drank those beverages, chatted with old and sometimes new friends all evening. It was a relief when we closed the event space and stood outside on the sidewalk and called up our UBER to take us home. While waiting we spoke with my husband’s oldest friend Jack. Jack had traveled from Anaheim, California. He is retired from the Navy as well as Boeing and has enjoyed a full life and has many wonderful stories of his adventures. While listening to yet another story I was watching the progress of our UBER. Something was obviously wrong. Our ride had been on his enroute to our location for some time. At one point I realized our ride was not making progress to our location. In fact, our ride home was going in circles somewhere near Earth City. Our UBER was lost. We were getting tired and wanted desperately to go home. I announced to my husband and Jack that it was obvious to me that the UBER was lost, and we were not going to get a ride home. Jack is a kind talkative gentleman. He said he would like to take us home. We felt this offer was beyond kind as he was staying in O’Fallon at his sister’s home. He was going to drive us to Ferguson and then go back to St Charles County. We gratefully accepted his offer as we had few other options. That is when the adventure began.



Me and Mary, a grade school friend as well as high school

We walked to Jack’s car which was parked three blocks away. At this point we are already tired, and I have been on my feet all evening, but we graciously accept his offer. We got all settled in the car, he had borrowed from his sister, and he gets a phone call from his wife in California. We all participated in a FaceTime call with Mimi. Mimi is a lovely woman who was checking to be sure Jack was safe. We finally started making our way

out of Old St Charles when Jack announced he should put gas in the borrowed car. We stopped at the station on Highway 94 and 370. He sat and talked some more. He finally got out of the car, went inside to pay (no, he did not swipe and go, needed to pay cash). He pumped the gas. He got back in the car and continued to chat. THEN, he decided he needed some coffee, made his way back in the station. Coming out with his coffee shortly, he got back in the car. Do you think we got on our way after that? No, we needed to hear another story about gas in California. We love Jack, and Jack if somehow you are reading this in Anaheim, we mean no harm or insult. We know you love to tell stories. We love your stories, and we love you. We were tired and wanted to go home and go to bed. When we finally got to our house here in beautiful Ferguson Jack’s coffee was “talking to him” and he needed to use the bathroom. He came in, we chatted more. We heard another story or two and finally said goodbye. I miss Jack already, but that ride home took too long after an already long evening.



Rich and Jack



Jac showing off her Rosary T-Shirt

It was a pleasure to be part of the planning committee. We met once early in the planning process at a restaurant. As we were all preparing to leave, I looked around the table and it occurred to me that the faces at the table though were familiar to me, none of them had been in my small circle of friends while in high school. It felt strange. I told the group about my realization and one sweet lady looked a bit sad. I told her to please not be insulted or feel bad. I was just stating the obvious. Her reply to me was truly kind. She said I was correct, but “I always thought you were nice.” I have regretted not getting to know the women on the planning committee while we were in school. At one point while on the phone with a fellow planner, I told her I could not wait to just be her friend rather than a co-planner of the reunion event. She agreed and we have gone on to be good friends and meet for coffee a few times.

Reunions can be fun, but I wish I had talked to more people that evening. There is never enough time or enough words.

Thanks for letting me share my reunion story this month. I would love to hear about your reunions. You can reach me at [manhattanmarian@gmail.com](mailto:manhattanmarian@gmail.com).



The Rosary High School Class Of 1972

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# Approaching The New Year

by Rev. Larry Brown

The fact that you are still here is more than enough to celebrate and therefore, as we look to the next year, no matter what our current situation is, we should look towards the future with a positive attitude and with the hope that we can see how we have made a productive and positive contribution.

It may be a positive contribution to the community, to our family, to some organization, to our church, to someone we know, or to ourselves. There are so many ways and opportunities that we can take advantage of in order to make positive contributions that all we have to do is make the cognitive decision that we are going to do some positive things, no matter what.

If we adopt this kind of attitude, then we won't allow ourselves to become victims of the negative forces that we get faced with. Reality says that there will be some difficult circumstances that will arise and challenges that we may face, but the key to dealing with them is to realize that there will be some good that will come our way in the future, to offset that bad thing we have to deal with whenever it arises or shows its ugly head!

If we reflect a bit on the past, we will see situation after situation that we have already overcome, and times when we thought that we were going to lose it all, perhaps. But, we are still here!

The world needs us. There are reasons why we are here, and we must hold on to that. Don't give up and don't give in! The best is yet to come, or your moments are in front of you.

Maybe one of the reasons why so much is wrong in the world is to give us the opportunity to do something positive. Remember, you are here for a purpose!

How did our society get this far? It wasn't because people gave up, nor did folks have all the 'know how' and answers. They simply had the willpower to survive and thrive and the answers materialized. So hang in there because the best is yet to come!

Look at the new careers and jobs that have materialized as a result of the new technological discoveries. Already we can see new attention being given to the environment and the new things that changing atmospheres bring. Look at the new discussions and research on fuel alternatives. Look at the outer-space technology that is developing.

Look at the changes that are occurring in and outside of the workplace. Are you looking forward to the new age that is developing?

Yes, there is much to do and much to look forward to. We live in a very exciting and unpredictable time. Think about all the people who have become millionaires as times and opportunities have changed. 'You have to be in the hat goes aroundgame in order to score'

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# EarthDance Spring Training

Spring Training, EarthDance’s quick-start 5 week online and in-person training for gardeners, grew from the seeds of 2020’s pandemic pivots. The pandemic helped make it clear that sharing the basics of how to grow healthy food at home was more crucial than ever, and the EarthDance team discovered they could offer high quality gardening education online.

Because they wanted to equip as many neighbors with this knowledge as possible, the organic farm school offered Spring Training for free to residents of Ferguson, Dellwood, Kinloch, Calverton Park, Berkeley, and Cool Valley. In 2023, EarthDance will make Spring Training available on a Pay What You Can basis to anyone, regardless of their address.

In the first two years of Spring Training, nearly 200 participants in the St. Louis area have joined in on the combination remote and in-person learning and fun. Forty percent of them hailed from Ferguson or one of the five neighboring municipalities. EarthDance’s farmers and guest “coaches” shared wisdom and knowledge on everything ranging from soil health to organic pest management.

In person, Spring Trainees built raised beds together, taking home to their own gardens the seeds they sown into trays full of earth in EarthDance’s greenhouse. Here is what Spring Trainees say about their new gardens—and the difference this program made in their lives.

Amanda Owens and her 11-year-old son, Langston, who participated in an EarthDance Spring Training day with his mom and loves to help in their home garden.



Farm neighbor and Spring Trainee Amanda Owens is a home-schooling mom of eight kids, ranging in age from 2 to 14. Amanda says, “Spring Training gave me a feeling of empowerment that I can do this! This is something I can pass on to my kids, and we get to see the fruits of our labor, enjoy them, and have fun together.”

“Spring Training lit a spark for me, and it spread to my family,” explained Eric Woods, who joined the program in 2021. “It has changed the way my wife and I cook at home. We waste less and eat what we grow: like beans, tomatoes, and

blackberries.” When he asked his two children, ages 10 and 13, what they would like to grow this year, Eric was amazed by his son’s broccoli request!

Spring Trainee Katy Mueller explains, “This was my first food garden. Being able to learn so much right at the start of the spring planting season was so valuable. I was able to immediately apply what I was learning to my garden here at home. Spring Training helped me remember that it’s okay to be a beginner at any stage of life.”

Spring Training concludes with a “Plant it Forward” event during which everyone puts their new knowledge and skills into action by volunteering at Ferguson-area community and school gardens. Course participants helped out in the gardens of three local schools, including Cross Keys Middle School, McCluer North High School, and Ferguson Middle School.



Plant it Forward School Garden Work Day

In 2023 EarthDance will offer Spring Training at a Pay What You Can price to all students, regardless of zip code. Making Spring Training available on a Pay What You Can basis to everyone is meant to honor the local non-profit’s commitment to advancing food justice, growing farmers and gardeners of all ages, and cultivating vibrant community, right here in Ferguson.

To learn more about Spring Training or other EarthDance programs - including Farm to School in partnership with the Ferguson Florissant School District, or to donate toward this meaningful endeavor, visit their website at [earthdancefarms.org](http://earthdancefarms.org). You can also follow them on Instagram and Facebook, or sign up for their monthly newsletter. And, EarthDance is currently hiring for three open positions, including Outreach Associate, Marketing Coordinator, and Program & Volunteer Coordinator - more information on all three can be found at [earthdancefarms.org/jobs](http://earthdancefarms.org/jobs).



EarthDance Volunteers



## The OT Lens

by Chelsia Bradley

### What is Occupational Therapy?

Greetings!

My name is Chelsia, and I am your neighborhood Occupational Therapist (OT). Depending on the things that have happened in your life, you may not know much about occupational therapy.

So, what is it?

Occupational Therapists help people of all ages do the things they want and need to do.

Maybe a kiddo in your life has difficulty picking up their favorite toy, getting dressed, or feeding themselves; these challenges could warrant a visit from an OT.

Maybe your mom or dad had a scary fall when they were getting out of the bathtub; occupational therapists can help make some changes to improve safety and prevent another fall.

Or maybe your son or daughter was involved with the justice system and needs support reintegrating into the community; occupational therapists can help them develop the skills they need to manage their finances, cope with transitions, and even parent their children.

OTs are skilled at looking at the whole person and the environment to help our clients achieve their goals. We break down tasks, identify

barriers, and use what is meaningful to our clients to drive our treatment sessions.

Let's take the fall prevention scenario from above.

An occupational therapist could address this issue by performing a home safety assessment. This assessment would help them identify potential hazards throughout the home. Through collaboration, the OT would suggest equipment (e: grab bars), modifications (ex: widening a doorway to allow mom's walker to fit), or behavioral changes (ex: taking medications as prescribed) to help decrease the risk of future falls.

This distinct approach allows us to practice in hospitals, schools, shelters, the community, and even emerging practice areas such as real estate.

As an occupational therapist and realtor, I use my background to help people with unique housing needs find homes that allow them to be as independent as possible for as long as possible. People who could benefit from using an OT-REALTOR are those who use wheelchairs, older adults wishing to age in place, or families with children with disabilities. I love that I have a skill set that allows me to serve all people of all abilities. It is also rewarding to be able to assist those who may need skilled support.

As an OT who practices in several settings (real estate, academia, schools, and beyond), I am excited to use this column to share my favorite OT tips, tricks, and tools and help you see things through an OT lens!

For more information about occupational therapy, please visit [www.AOTA.org](http://www.AOTA.org)

## Financial Focus – Wouldn't It Be Nice!

By Joan Cleaveland ([cleav73@gmail.com](mailto:cleav73@gmail.com))

Business Manager for St. Joseph Parish in Cottleville

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Last month, I tried to encourage people to do their civic duty and vote. Being involved may help us resolve some of our differences across the metro area. It seems like we have some common goals like good schools and safe neighborhoods. Just thinking about the economic costs of not having these simple things, is enough to be outraged over. Sure we have big issues that are talked about, but on the local level we could do more to create a better place to live by meeting our common goals.

Recently, we saw migrants being flown to Martha's Vineyard. It was criticized as a political stunt. Now a judge in Texas has suggested that these migrants may now apply for special visas to stay in the country as victims of a crime. So it may turn out well for them. The surprise arrival of the Venezuelan migrants was met with a warm welcome from the people at Martha's Vineyard. It was nice to see the outpouring of donations to help provide the necessary support for these people. It was reported that more than \$175,000 was raised. It also got me to wondering if we couldn't have this type of reception for our own local citizens in need. Often, we will see such a response when a tornado, flood or emergency occurs. What I am curious about, is what if our response to the local homeless and poor was more like that. What if they were welcomed into another section of the city with better resources, schools and jobs? What would this do for the local economy?

If the less privileged were welcome throughout the region, we might start to see more pride and finally begin to look at the metropolitan area as a united community with common goals. Back in the 1990's we saw an influx of Bosnia immigrants begin to settle in the Bevo Mill area of St. Louis. It became known as Little Bosnia, boasting their culture with restaurants and small business. The growth helped rejuvenate the area. It was considered a big success. Sadly, twenty years later things deteriorated. Crime increased and local schools lost accreditation. Many of Bosnian heritage began to move south to better and safer neighborhoods. The good news is that these people are still in the community and have assimilated into new areas.

When we heard about the need for accepting Afghanistan refugees there was a similar reaction among local organizations and people wishing to help. It's been recognized often that our country does well when immigrants become part of our melting pot. They bring new ideas, new cultures, and a better worldview. And best of all they help drive our economy. By

becoming new consumers – with needs for food, shelter, transportation, etc.; they spend money locally. They also need a way to pay for their needs. So they fill existing jobs, and often start small businesses and employ others. These entrepreneurs can help re-vitalize a community which is what we saw in the area where the Bosnian's settled.

Today, we hear about those who feel a civil war is inevitable and those who feel like the country they love is changing and they don't like it. The United States is a work in progress and being deeply divided is not helpful. If we look at our response to those different from us over the past century, we may be disappointed in our response by today's standards. Examples being reviewed in documentaries are the Japanese American's confinement after Pearl Harbor, and our reaction to German Jews seeking asylum during the Holocaust. If we can learn from those examples and find a way to do better welcoming and assimilating others into our communities it can benefit all.

So why can't we work with our neighbors in the region where we live? Recently, the real estate community in St. Louis issued an apology for the years of red-lining in this market. It is sad thinking about how things worked in the past and wonder how differently it might be had we welcomed some diversity fifty years ago. St. Louis is a segregated community, mostly due to this history. Perhaps with some of the funds being discussed to improve our community each municipality could identify problems within their jurisdiction and request funding. There are many vacant lots or vacant buildings throughout the city and counties in our metro area. Could these be opportunities to invite others in to help create housing and small businesses in troubled areas and prevent further deterioration with incentives for those willing to invest there? The first problem might be feeling safe, so having local police on the beat could bring a level of comfort for those unlikely to visit certain parts of the city. This may sound too simplistic, but if we can do it with one group of refugees, migrants or immigrants, why can't we do it within our own community? Offering a chance for others to help create a better neighborhood may attract many back to the city because it has so much to offer.

Another thought might be for the realtor associations to atone for their past mistakes and look for ways to attract movement within the community to improve opportunities for those less fortunate. Some savings or rebates for those willing to help develop some of the worst areas for revitalization. Joint efforts to bring the residents of the county and city together with possible sister cities may help. If we become better acquainted with more chances to meet others in our larger community, caring and support can drive improvement with many of our social issues. Maybe it's just a pipe dream, but wouldn't it be nice? If you have any questions or comments please contact me at [cleav73@gmail.com](mailto:cleav73@gmail.com).



**Under The Hood With Robinwood**  
By Bob McGartland

**Shoe Boxes for Seniors Holiday Drive**

I still believe in the magic of Christmas. There is something special that happens from Thanksgiving to Christmas each year. Despite all the problems, challenges and struggles that continue to part of the world we live in today; the generosity of people's hearts seem to open up. We see more kindness, caring and giving happening this time of year.

The Robinwood Automotive family will continue its longstanding annual tradition of giving back to the less fortunate in our community with the very popular Shoe Box for Seniors gift drive.

As 2022 ends, the difficult challenges that continues within our society has a much more far-reaching impact on the vulnerable, the poor, and many of our local seniors. There are plenty of seniors who are living alone or in nursing homes who unfortunately, don't have much of a Christmas. It is a simple idea of taking a shoe box, filling it with useful items, wrapping them up and giving them as gifts to our older adults.

Last year's generous response of donations and support from the community shows how the magic of Christmas is still alive. Bringing some hope and joy to our unfortunate brothers and sisters.

So once again I am asking for your support of our local seniors by donating to this year's Shoeboxes for Seniors drive. We'd like to pack in our shoe boxes with these wish list items: socks for men and women, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, Vaseline, shampoo, hair conditioner, body wash, combs, hairbrushes, hand lotion, powder, and shaving cream. To sweeten the boxes, we'll also be collecting candy bars, holiday candy, small packages of cookies and gum. If you want to make

a monetary donation; we will use the money to purchase items to fill the boxes. You can make your check payable to Robinwood Automotive.

Please drop off your donations at Robinwood Automotive, 803 S. Florissant Road in Ferguson during normal business hours. Shoe box donations need to be in by Friday, December 16th.

The shoe boxes will be distributed to seniors by local churches and organizations in time for Christmas. Please let us know if someone in your neighborhood could use some holiday cheer. Just give us their name, address and phone number and we will deliver a shoe box to them before Christmas.

So, spread the word and bring your donations in! Follow your heart in helping our local seniors. I am grateful for whatever you can do to help spread some Christmas Joy with human dignity.

I want to thank you in advance for your generous support. Your donations are greatly appreciated. Please keep all our less fortunate children, families, seniors, and those who find the holiday season difficult, in your prayers.

Out of great love for us, God sent his only begotten son Jesus Christ, a Saviour for all of us. The fear, darkness, despair, anxiety, and uncertainty are dispelled by the light of the Christ Child. He is our source of true inner joy and peace. Our source of hope and love that is endless. However, you celebrate Christmas this year, remember each one of us is a son or daughter of God. It is our wish that everyone is filled with the love of the Christ Child and God's blessings of joy and peace this Christmas season and throughout the year.

Merry Christmas,  
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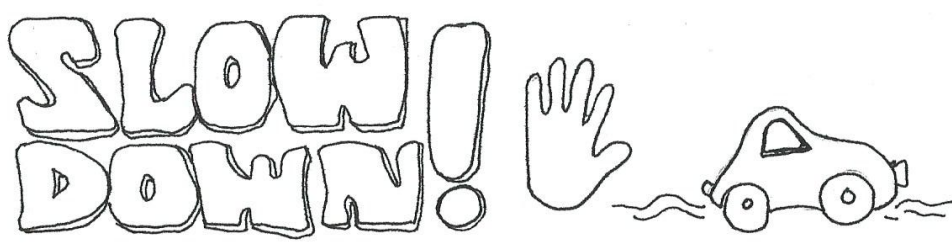
**Christmas Caroling through the streets of Ferguson!**

- Gather in the Parish Center at 6 pm, and depart at 6:30 pm.
- Carolers will return to the Parish Center for hot chocolate and treats at 8 pm.
- Participants are encouraged to bring flashlights/lanterns.

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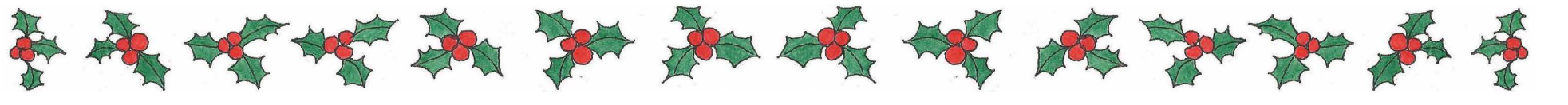
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### The Ferguson Computer Corner

by Doug Neely **HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS!!!**

DECEMBER, 2022

**Goings-On This Month...dept.**  
As per WinCalendar, as per usual, some of this month's holidays are:

15th...Bill of Rights Day—i don't remember this one; maybe it is recent--but then, I am not recent. Have any of you heard of this before? Educate me! Anyhow, the BoR consists of the first 10 amendments to the United States Constitution. These are our God-given rights, acknowledged by the framers as being the rights of the people alone, that Nobody can take away from us, for any reason, PERIOD. BTW, the rest of the constitution concerns duties and limitations of the federal government, and the states. IF it isn't in the constitution, the authority does not exist. Today, many think the various governments in this country are over-stepping their authority. Who would have thought, right?

21st...Winter Solstice—the OFFICIAL beginning of Winter.

25th...CHRISTMAS! Jesus Christ's Birthday! IIRC, we do not know His Bday, but it has been changed a few times until it was agreed that the 25th would work for everyone. I say it's good that we celebrate His Bday, as opposed to not doing so. Still, I wish we knew for sure when it was; wouldn't that be cool?

31st...New Year's Eve—I'm pretty sure that we ALL know what this is all about. Was it a good year for you??? Hopefully, next year will be a lot better!

**Just So You Know, dept.**  
In my personal experience, most puters that sat on my bench for repair had a software problem. The cause was usually unsustainable damage to the OS; specifically, the Windows OS. It had to be replaced. Usually, it was due to a malware infection, usually contained in an email, or to a lesser extent by visiting certain infected websites. Those sites were usually a pornographic site, but some few times the site was a decent, safe site that nobody would expect. One of those which comes to mind was the Smithsonian. Who woulda thunk, right?

When there was a hardware problem, which was far less often the case, the problem was either a power supply failure, or a motherboard failure. Most people buy a name-brand puter, rather than a custom-made puter. The custom job allowed you to have slightly more costly hardware which would far outlast the brand-name stuff. The branded puter would be manufactured with hardware that was the cheapest that could be had; this is why you only got a one year warranty on it, as the cheap parts don't last, but using cheap stuff increased the profit margins greatly.

Windows 11 is coming out soon. Support for Windows 8 will expire (I forget the exact date) sometime this coming January. Get all the updates you can get before that, as there will be no more updates coming forth from Micro\$oft. M\$ wants you to buy their new Windows 11 instead. (Preferably in a new puter.)

By my calculations, desktop puters are becoming less common and less desirable. Nobody wants them anymore. They prefer their Chromebook (which is NOT a computer) or their tablet, or even their cell phone. Everyone is on the fast-track of life. I remember the old saying: "Drive like hell and you'll get there!" I don't make the decisions; I just report the facts.....! :)

**ME GO NOW!**  
I want to wish for you all a very merry and blessed Christmas! For me, going to church on Christmas Eve was always my most favorite time to be in church, followed by Christmas Day and Easter Day and Thanksgiving Day. I think church was so beautiful decked out with decorations that I felt reached out and hugged me and made me feel so loved and loving. This is what I wish for all of you. Go to church and see if you feel the same! Blessings to us all! Merry Christmas to all!

IF YOU would like to ask Doug for some of his amazingly FREE puter advice, shoot him an email at: [fergusoncomputercorner@aol.com](mailto:fergusoncomputercorner@aol.com) ALSO, please put the phrase "I need puter advice" into the subject line, and include your local telephone number so he can call you back. Sorry, but for the foreseeable future, this will be the only way to make contact with him. CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS TO YOU ALL!

## 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 1840's and 1850's was a time of great growth in Missouri – especially in the St. Louis area including what is now North County. You have probably driven on Brotherton, Chambers, Tiffin, Hereford, Hartnett, January and Ferguson – these are the names of early investors who purchased large tracts of farm land in the Ferguson area. In 1855 William B. Ferguson donated 9 or 10 acres (what is now downtown Ferguson) to the North Missouri Railway. In payment he required they place a depot here and name it “Ferguson Station”.

The 1820's saw the “Great Awakening” – a resurgence of religion in the United States – mainly in the Northeast states but spreading westward as the country expanded. For this article, and articles in the months to follow, we are going to investigate the early churches in the Ferguson area. There were two major growth periods of the church history of Ferguson: one came in the 1880's (as Ferguson became an established community) and the second after World War II. These articles will look at the first wave.

In the period prior to the Civil War, population was sparse in the North County area around Ferguson and St. Ferdinand (Florissant after 1843). Actual church buildings were pretty much non-existent. There were churches in St. Louis City and in St. Ferdinand (both, having been founded by the French and owned by the Spanish, brought Catholicism to the area). Between the 1760's and early 1804 the area was primarily Catholic. Following the Louisiana Purchase and the increased immigration of the 1830's and 1840's, Jewish and Protestant religions came to the area. The first Protestant church to arrive in St. Louis was the Baptist (1st Baptist Church) in 1796. This was essentially an African-American church. In 1803, the Jewish began to appear and by 1855 had built B'Nai El temple. Presbyterians came in 1817 and built their first church in 1824. Episcopalians followed in 1819 with the building of Christ Church followed by the Methodists in 1821. With European immigration increasing, the Lutherans arrived in the 1830's and by the 1840's had established Trinity Lutheran. In the 1840's came the AME – African Methodist Episcopal Church – St. Pauls. The AME was an African-American congregation.



Around Ferguson there were no churches until the 1860's. People had access to the St. Louis churches – but a trip by horseback could necessitate an over-night stay. Catholics had a Florissant church. There might have been Methodist circuit-riders through the area along with other itinerant “preachers” to bring the Gospel to people in Ferguson Station. Individuals may have celebrated services in their homes – but until the Presbyterians, in 1867, began to form a church – no churches existed in the unincorporated town of Ferguson Station. The group first met in the only public building in town, the train depot. Services transferred shortly to the new school building (currently a home opposite Central School on Clark St.). William B. Ferguson was one of the founding members and offered a plot of land at the top of Church Street for a new building. The building was completed in 1871 and named, “First Presbyterian Church of Ferguson”. Services were inconsistent as a pastor was not always available and weather could cause issues. By 1881 things had stabilized considerably and the first pastor, Mr. Samuel M. Ware arrived with a salary of \$1000.00. There followed a number of clergy over the years.

Interesting stories of the church include the use of coal-oil lamps to light the church. It seems that coal-oil lamps could be erratic and the flames could run into the bowl and eventually explode. Pastors had to be observant

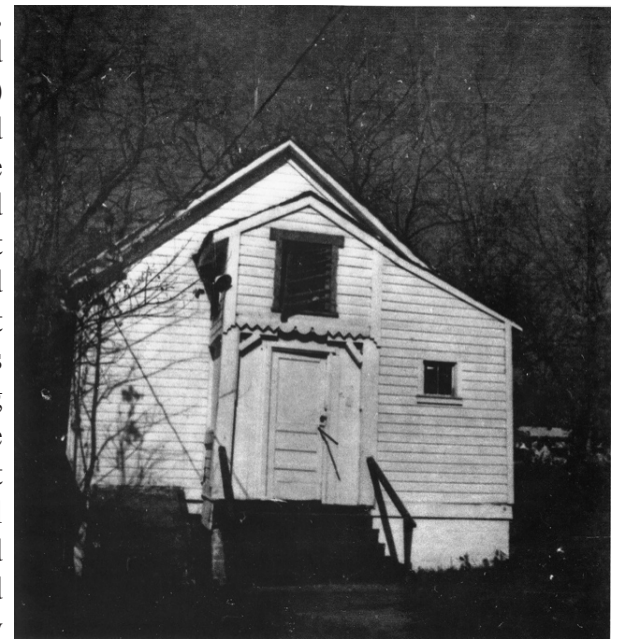


of the lamps and quickly throw the leaking lamps out the window. We assume there was praise given when electricity came. Organs at the time were pump organs – reed organs with air provided by a pumping action of the organist's feet. This church had a larger organ and pump system. The pump was in another room and powered by the janitor, leaving the organist to focus on the music. By 1924 the church had expanded to 217 members with 158 in the Sunday school. In 1927 a new building was proposed for the same site – but new land was donated at Darst and Clay and the first part of the current church was built. The educational building was built at a later date. The church continues to be an active part of the religious life in Ferguson.



The second church we will explore is the Mount Olive Baptist Church. This was an African-American church first started by freed enslaved people. Slavery was certainly

part of the history of St. Louis County and the Ferguson Station area. Mr. Thomas January was a slave owner and the owner of a fine home at the site of the current Ferguson Middle School. He had a pond built to accommodate the incoming North Missouri Railroad (now January-Wabash Lake). Other locals may have owned enslaved people but January is known to have. Following the Civil War, January emancipated (as by law he had to) his enslaved people and provided them with the land on which they had lived (now the north-east corner of the lake, around Eddy Street). We don't know when the residents first started a gathering which would become the Mount Olive Baptist Church, but it may well have been before the end of slavery and continued after emancipation. By 1880 a small frame church



was built by the residents. Services continued in that building for 100 years. In the 1980's the building was raised. Baptisms were performed in the January-Wabash Lake. The church no longer exists. ***The historical society has very little information about the Mount Olive Baptist Church and would be interested in any information readers may have.***

In future months we will take a look at the other early churches in Ferguson.

*Stories of churches in the Ferguson area come from documents in the Ferguson Historical Society archives.*

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

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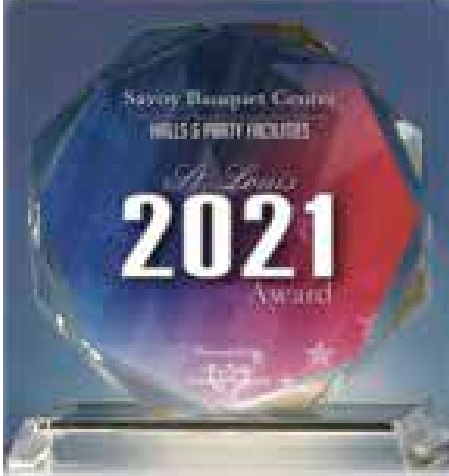
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