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Good News Abounds in Ferguson

Thanks to Rodney and Julie Fickas who are about to open the Good News Brewing Company in the old Ferguson Brew House building.

I asked Rodney what inspired him to open up a brewing company? He replied, "It started with beer." Long ago he home-brewed his own beer, giving him a love for craft beers and of course pizza. He and his wife moved to Ferguson to set tables that foster community. Soulcraft was their first table, and they look forward to having our community gather at the Good News Brewing table.



In 2016, Dan Tripp, started his first brewing company in O'Fallon Missouri. That location has since closed; however, he has locations in Defiance, Frenchtown, and Wildwood. Dan has plans in the works for opening a couple more locations in 2026. Last year Good News Brewing opened its first franchise store in Alton IL.

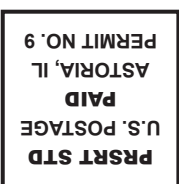
What is Good News Brewing?

The name "Good News" has a unique meaning. It is not a restaurant or a bar. They are a brewpub with a mission to build communities with craft beer and wood-fired pizza. They are about creating tables within a community. A friendly, family, laid-back gathering place where people come together to share good news. It's like a coffee house concept where people regularly meet to have a cup of coffee. Good News Brewing is where people can bring their family, meet a friend or even meet a stranger.

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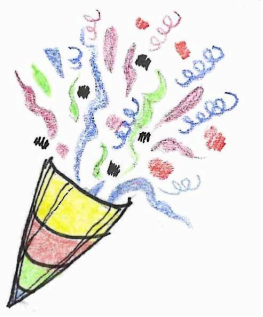


April News and Events at the Ferguson Public Library

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

Youth Events	
Stories and Songs for Little Ones Join us for storytime! Ages 0-5. Wednesdays at 10 am	Lego Club Drop in and build! Ages 6-11. Saturday, April 18 at 2 pm
Currency Conga Bingo Celebrate Money Smart Month with a special version of bingo! Ages 6-11. Tuesday, April 21 at 6 pm	
Adult Events	
Game Night Relax with a game! Adults and teens. Monday, April 6 at 6 pm	Craft It Freestyle Drop in and craft! Adults and teens. Wednesday, April 8 at 6 pm
Scrabble Day Calling all word game lovers! Adults. Saturday, April 11 at 1 pm	Readings on Race Book Club <i>Black Theology and Black Power</i> by James H. Cone. Monday, April 13 at 6 pm
Conversations and Coffee Discuss today's news and events. NEW: Thursday, April 16 at 6 pm	Black Author Book Club <i>Perfect Peace</i> by Daniel Black. Wednesday, April 29 at 6 pm
All Ages Events	
FLIERS Spring Book Sale Find your next favorite read and support the library at the Spring Book Sale! Thursday, April 23: 4-7:30 pm Friday, April 24: 12-5:30 pm Saturday, April 25: 9-3 pm	
Fiber Arts Social Club Bring your latest project and craft and chat. Thursday, April 9 at 6 pm	Cultural Cuisine Celebrate spring traditions through food! Wednesday, April 15 at 6 pm
Learn to Fish Join us at January-Wabash Park to learn how to fish! Friday, April 17 at 4 pm	April Craft Kits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apr. 13-18: Pompom Tic-Tac-Toe Apr. 27-May 2: Butterfly Bookmark Pick up a free kit while supplies last!

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April Celebration Shout-outs



- 1 Happy Birthday Leslie Reed
- 4 Happy Birthday Marla May
- 10 Happy Birthday Sue Terry
- 13 Happy Birthday Papa Deau
- 27 Happy Birthday Peter Nadeau

Email Shout-outs to garynadeau2@gmail.com - deadline is the 15th of each month

April at a Glance



- 1 April Fools Day / Passover
- 3 Good Friday
- 5 Easter
- 7 Forestwood Neighborhood Meeting 7-8 PM
- 7 Election Day - get out and Vote
- 9 Ferguson Woods Neighborhood Meeting 6-7:30 PM
- 12 Orthodox Easter
- 15 Tax Day
- 18 NorthHills Neighborhood Meeting 10-11 AM
- 22 Earth Day
- 23 - 25 FLIERS Book Sale At the Ferguson Public Library (see ad below)
- 27 South West Neighborhood Meeting 6-7 PM



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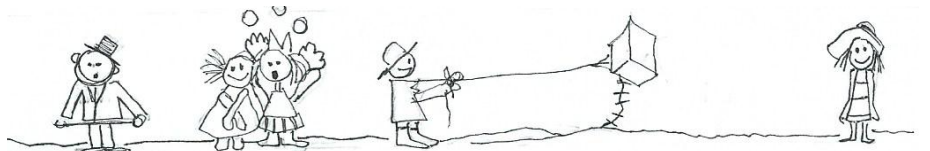
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FLIERS' APRIL, 2026, BOOK SALE

Thu, April 23: 4-7:30

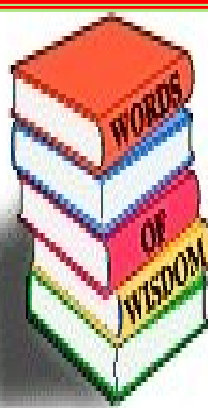
Fri, April 24: NOON-5:30

Sat, April 25: 9-3:00

Special categories include *LOTS* of DVDs; Native American & Mountain Men books; Civil War & WWII books and tapes; Vintage Movie Stars; also ballet, plays, etc.

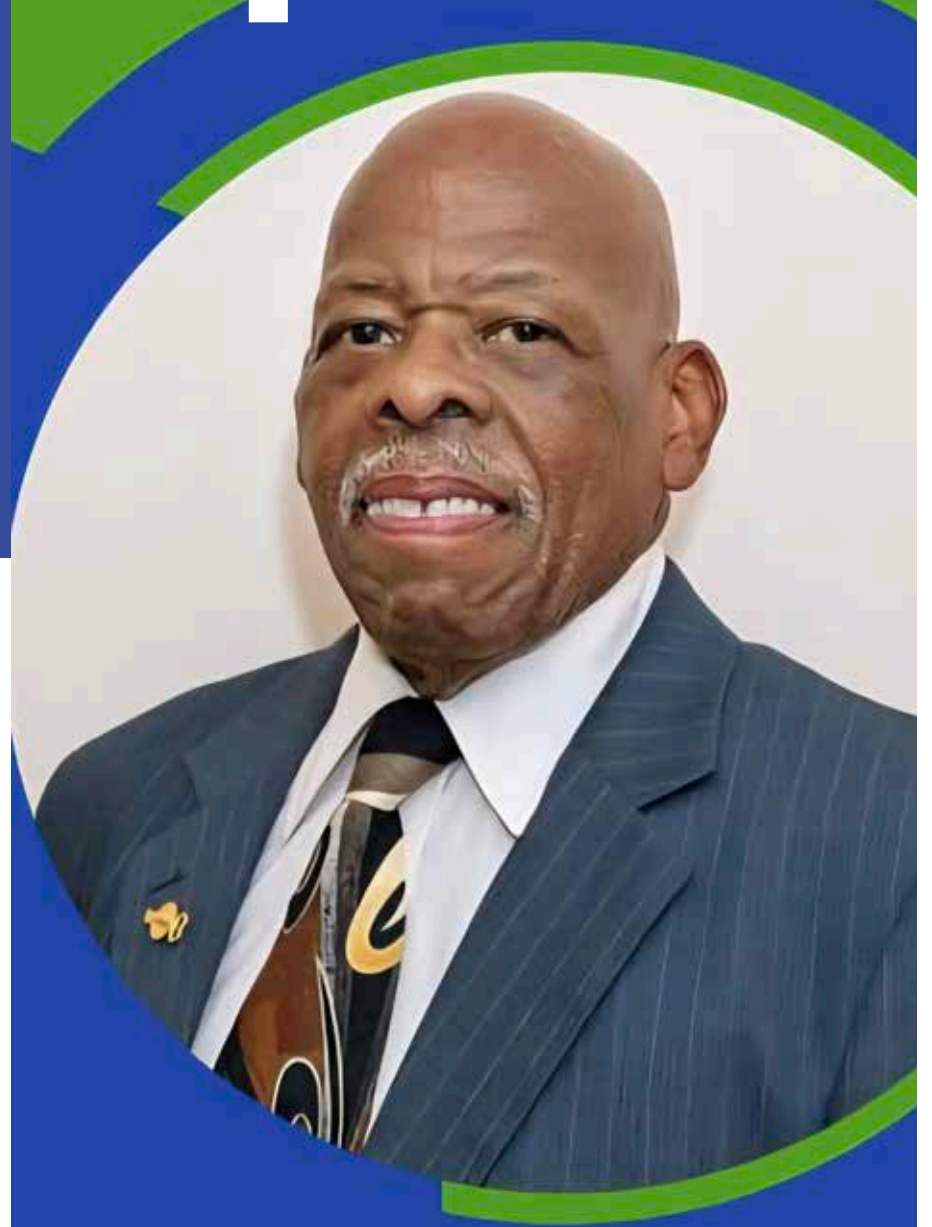
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Adrian Shropshire For Mayor



Experienced Leadership for Ferguson's Future

Greetings fellow neighbors. My name is Adrian Shropshire, and I am asking for your vote Tuesday, April 7th, to be your next mayor of Ferguson, MO. I have been a resident of Ferguson for 36 plus years. I am a husband, father, grandfather, and proud pet parent to a 13-year-old rescue pup. I have spent my time volunteering within the community, serving our youth as well as our homeless population. I believe my resolve, insight, and 30 plus years as a **union carpenter** have prepared me to lead our city as your next mayor.



Adrain speaking at NPSC hosted Townhall meeting at locally owned B Juiced. Feb 2026.

It's Time To Break Our Divisions And Build Ferguson Collectively.

Working together is the only way to move Ferguson forward. That means **inclusion** will have to be a sizable component if we are going to be successful. I believe I am the candidate with a proven record of working with people & organizations from across this city.

Below is a list of what I have been involved with to strengthen our community, and I look forward to expanding my influence as mayor.

- Planning & Zoning Chairman.
- NPSC member.
- Police Training Committee.
- Ferguson Youth Initiative.
- Jobs and More STL.
- Chief of Police Community Engagement Council.
- Police officer candidate interviewer/scorer.
- Neighborhood Safety Coalition.
- St Peter's Warming Center volunteer.
- Loving family man.



Meet & Greet with the seniors at Arbor Hill Nursing Home.

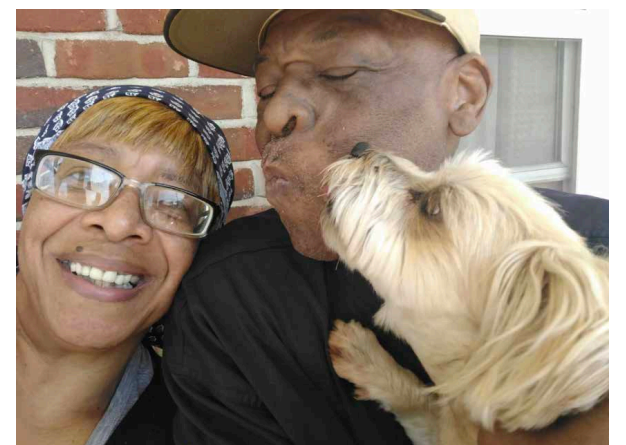


Serving the community side by side with Pastor Josh, from St. Peter's.

"Public service must be more than doing a job efficiently and honestly. It must be a complete dedication to the people and to the nation."

-Margaret Chase Smith

"As your next mayor, I am ready to dedicate myself to the work of the city"



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ARTFUL CONSIDERATIONS

by Kimberly Kabak Epperson

April 10, 2026, 7:00 PM, \$24
 COCA – Center of Creative Arts 6880
 Washington Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63130
She Kills Monsters: Young Adventurers Edition



Step into a world of fantasy, friendship, and adventure in this action-packed theatrical production. *She Kills Monsters: Young Adventurers Edition* follows a young woman who discovers her late sister's Dungeons & Dragons campaign and journeys into an imaginative world filled with quirky characters, epic battles, and heartfelt discoveries. Blending comedy, drama, and fantasy, this fast-paced show celebrates courage, identity, and the power of storytelling—perfect for theater lovers and fantasy fans alike.

April 16, 2026, 7:00 PM, \$29.19 - \$60.54
 J's Wool Studio Theatre 2 Millstone Campus Drive St. Louis, MO 63146
Prayer for the French Republic

This powerful and thought-provoking play by Joshua Harmon follows five generations of a French-Jewish family as they grapple with questions of identity, belonging, and safety in the country they love. Nominated for three Tony Awards during its 2024 Broadway run, the story moves between past and present to explore how history, family, and rising antisemitism shape the choices people make about home and the future. Both moving and often funny, *Prayer for the French Republic* offers an intimate look at one family's story while asking urgent questions about our world today.

April 16, 2026, 8:00 PM, \$101–\$329
 Stifel Theatre 1400 Market Street, St. Louis, MO 63103

Floetry
 Neo-soul fans won't want to miss this special reunion tour from Floetry, the acclaimed duo of Marsha Ambrosius and Natalie "The Floacist" Stewart. Known for blending soulful R&B vocals with spoken-word poetry, Floetry returns to the stage for the first time together on a national tour in nearly a decade. The evening features performances from special guests Raheem DeVaughn and Teedra Moses, creating a powerful night of smooth vocals, poetic storytelling, and timeless soul music.

April 17, 2026, 10:00 AM–11:00 AM, Free
 First Baptist Church of Ferguson 333 N Florissant Rd. Ferguson, MO 63135

Education Concert with The Bach Society
 Get a behind-the-scenes look at what it takes to pursue a career in music at this engaging and inspiring free concert presented by The Bach Society of Saint Louis. Featuring performances from the organization's talented Young Artists, the program includes a mix of musical theatre favorites and classical selections. Attendees will also hear directly from the performers about their journeys in music and how their passion for the arts continues to shape their lives—making this a meaningful and inspiring event for middle school and high school students, families, and music lovers alike.

April 17, 2026, 6:30 PM, Free
 Congregation Temple Israel 1 Rabbi Alvan D. Rubin Drive, St. Louis, MO 63141

SLSO Community Concert: Symphony Shabbat Commemorating Yom HaShoah
 Join musicians from the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra for a moving evening of remembrance and music honoring Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day. The program includes Holocaust Composer Stories: Pavel Haas, highlighting the life and music of the Czech-Jewish composer through a performance of his String Quartet No. 3. The evening concludes with a brief musical tribute led by Rabbi Amy Feder and SLSO musicians, offering a powerful opportunity for reflection, remembrance, and community.

April 24, 2026, 5:30 PM, \$46–\$99.50
 Blanche M. Touhill Performing Arts Center 1 Touhill Circle, St. Louis, MO 63121

Cinderella
 Experience the magic of a beloved fairy tale brought to life through dance as the Saint Louis Ballet presents *Cinderella*. Choreographed by Gen Horiuchi and set to Sergei Prokofiev's sweeping score, this enchanting full-length ballet features dazzling choreography, whimsical characters, and a heartwarming love story. With stunning sets and costumes and a full cast of talented dancers, this visually spectacular production offers a delightful evening of storytelling, romance, and classic ballet for audiences of all ages.

CROSSWORD

Crossing the Old Man
 By Robin Shively

ACROSS

1. ZZ Top tune
5. Hot pepper
11. Internet interruption
13. Tea title
14. Aspen
16. Half a tenner
18. #1 dad?
19. Ledge of limestone upriver of St. Louis
21. Middle name of Vader's voice
22. Something for a criminal to go on
25. Cosmonaut's lab
27. Pricing option
31. Military post since 1826, with 5 down
32. Word following pork or pot
34. He wants to phone home
35. Iowan city on the Mississippi
38. Sch. support org.
39. Bread tune
41. Neither companion
42. Serving customers
43. Arness character, plus kin
47. Grant consent
49. Many-shaded color
50. Type of t.v.
52. Work for
53. November honorees
56. URL addresses
58. Iron symb.
59. Cyclops' one distinctive feature
60. Listlessness
62. Only artwork signed by Michelangelo
63. JAL's local rival
65. Marvel's the Cat
66. "___ a go"
67. Commemorative monument
68. Word before Cid or Greco

DOWN

1. 20% is a nice one
2. Jun. aspirant
3. Hoop or dance
4. Stable mate
5. See 31 across
6. "The Raven" lady
7. Summit
8. Self-educated bridge designer
9. Firearm rights org.
10. Cave salamander
12. Follow
15. City in Florida's "Horse Country"
17. Irish org.
20. 1804-06 journal writer
23. Is, pluralized
24. He doesn't suffer fools
25. #25 in a top position
26. Tina's early partner
28. Centennial st.
29. Really trendy
30. He's the Man
31. Span, or hint to several of this puzzle's answers
33. Fr. Holy woman
36. Hawaiian tree
37. Cravings
40. It may be noble, balsam, or Fraser
42. Atop, in verse
44. Places to drive Chevys in song
45. Soap ingredient
46. Horror 5-film franchise, since 1996
48. Egyptian god with falcon head
51. Gov. lawyer
54. There's no "I" in it!
55. "Warm", during a hunt
57. Like the driven snow
58. Apt
60. Traveler's approx.
61. Zero
62. Particular irrational number
64. Amount of satisfaction achieved by the Rolling Stones

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TRIVIA

1. Which planet in our solar system has the shortest day?
2. NFL Player, Patrick Mahomes' father also played in professional sports. What sport did he play?

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Good News Abounds in Ferguson

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Where to Gather?

Having a gathering place for people to come together was natural for him and his wife. Rodney helped some friends open the location in Alton and decided one in their hometown of Ferguson would be good. When he found out the Brew House was closing, this was an opportune location for his new business.

Need a fun and unique spot to host your party, wedding, or special event? "The Commons" is their upstairs event space that will accommodate up to 100 people.

What's on Tap?

For the craft beer lovers, you won't be disappointed with 12 tappers flowing with a wide variety of crafted beers straight out of Augusta, Missouri where the brewing takes place. "Good News", seasonal beers will be making their way throughout the year. Two extra taps will feature some throwback Ferguson brews. You will have to come in person to see what's coming out of those specialty taps. The Gorilla is not going away. It will be part of the atmosphere. Rodney says, "Be on the hunt for Mighty Joe."

What's on the Menu?

Sourdough Wood-fired pizzas. A large assortments of salads, smash burgers, chicken wings, and a large assortment of pub grub along with regular and specialty sandwiches.

Gather with Good News Brewing!

At the time of this interview, Rodney and his crew are finishing up the renovations and are expected to be open by mid-April.



Hours: Every day of the week from 11am to 9pm
 Address: 418 S Florissant Rd. Ferguson 63135
 Website: goodnewsbrewing.com

Good News continues to abound in Ferguson now with it's second new restaurant opening in the last two months. Let's come out and support all of our new and existing businesses. Then go out and share this Good News with everyone you know!

Written by Bob McGartland

Ferguson City News - April 2026

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

8AM - Noon | Every Saturday (May-Oct)
 Plaza at 501 (501 S Florissant Rd)

MAY 2026

- May 2 Spirit of STL Kickoff
- May 9 Mums at the Market
- May 16 Band Day
- May 23 Salad Fest
- May 30 Summer of Superheroes

Tiny Sprouts
 FREE to Kids Ages 3-10
 Weekly Incentives
 Prizes and Swag

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY 2026

- May 2 Farmers' Market Opens
8 AM - 12 PM | Plaza at 501
- May 8 Summer Concert Series
7 PM - 9 PM | Plaza at 501
- May 23 Splash at Wabash
1:15 PM - 7 PM | JW Park

JUNE 2026

- June 6 Ladders and Lures
8 AM - 12 PM | JW Park
- June 12 Summer Concert Series
7 PM - 9 PM | Plaza at 501
- June 13 Juneteenth Celebration
2 PM - 7 PM | Forestwood Park

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Women Run Our Food System

Although Black History Month and Women’s History Month are behind us, we wanted to share a beautiful story crafted by Jo Phillips, our Harvest and Distribution Manager, pawpaw popularizer, market saleswoman extraordinaire, friend, sister, and all-around rockstar.

2026 happens to be designated as the International Year of the Woman Farmer by the United Nations, aiming to “spotlight the essential roles women play across agrifood systems, from production to trade, while often going unrecognized.”

2026 also happens to be designated as the International Year of the Woman Farmer by the United Nations, aiming to “spotlight the essential roles women play across agrifood systems, from production to trade, while often going unrecognized.” As Jo shares, women are the cornerstone of a robust food system. We thank and honor the women and gender expansive people who power EarthDance—as well as our local food system in Ferguson, and around the globe. We’ll let Jo take it from here:

Women run our food system—from seed to plate, across all cultures and all throughout history. Women, across many cultures, have traditionally been seed keepers, carriers of medicinal plant wisdom, and kitchen magicians working to make sure all mouths are fed and nothing is wasted.



Jo with a delicious foraged creation—magnolia snap cookies!

In college, I spent time in Costa Rica studying coffee agriculture. I met a number of women farmworkers, who I learned are the bulk of the labor force in coffee production. They traverse the steep, mountainside fields, harvesting each berry by hand, carrying harvest buckets on their hips, and sometimes children on their back. Many are paid by the bushel, and push themselves to work long hours during harvest seasons, all the while returning home to their “second shift” work of cooking, cleaning, and caring for children.

Ecofeminists like Vandana Shiva (an iconic woman farmer) have guided me in unpacking how patriarchy and dominance culture have overtaken agriculture, both reliant on the exploitation of labor, women, and the environment. Intersectional philosophers like Kimberlé Crenshaw and Leah Thomas have taught me how our unique identities as women farmers cultivate distinct experiences of discrimination, and also unifying experiences of shared joy and wisdom.

Often women are seen as keepers of craft (gardening) and men of trade (farming), but this myth is rooted in the devaluation of women’s labor and also real life financial inequity which allows more (white) men to be farm and land owners. It is so important to me to amplify the work women do to feed the world.

I have also had the privilege of learning from a number of women and gender diverse farmers at EarthDance and around the St. Louis farm community. It is an absolute honor to be a woman farmer, it is such an important part of my identity.

Moments from Jo’s time abroad in Costa Rica



A view over Costa Rica.



Jo with her mom, who along with her aunt, taught her how to garden.



Jo’s study abroad group in Costa Rica.



Beans and other seeds from a farm in Costa Rica.



Jo instructing apprentices in an EarthDance high tunnel, summer 2025.

I hope folks will celebrate by further educating themselves on women farmers and ecofeminism. Books I recommend: Ecofeminism by Maria Mies and Vandana Shiva, The Intersectional Environmentalist by Leah Thomas, Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer, Woman and Nature by Susan Griffin.

Spring = more new and fun events coming up at the farm! Save the date for these exciting days ahead:

- St. Louis Earth Day Festival** - April 25th-26th at Forest Park (EarthDance will have a booth selling plants!)
- Annual EarthDance Plant Sale** - May 1st-3rd
- First open weekend of our Pay What You Can Farm Stand** - May 1st from 3-6pm and May 3rd from 11am-3pm
- First outdoor Ferguson Farmers Market** - May 2nd from 8am-12noon
- EarthDance Pollinator Party** - May 30th, 11am-1pm (more details to come!)



Jo (author) and Tiffany in a joyful moment preparing seed trays with soil.



Hello Ferguson!

by Marian Linck

This is a typical timeline in my house as the deadline for a story approaches. It is Tuesday, March 10. I am sitting at the kitchen table with a cup of coffee. My dear husband nonchalantly walks by toward the precious coffee pot and asks, “what are you writing about this month?”. My answer includes a foul word followed by “I do not know, I am waiting for inspiration. Do you have any suggestions?” No answer, just the clink of a coffee cup.

Today is Thursday, March 12. My article is due on the fifteenth of every month and as of this morning I was still mentally in the dark.

My friend and I usually go for a walk in the lazy river at the Bridgeton Recreation Center on Tuesday. I was unable to go on Tuesday, so we rescheduled to today, Thursday, March 12. The route to my friend’s home takes me past St. Stanislaus Seminary on Howdershell and inspiration hit me. Was it divine?

Most of us have lived in North County for a long time, but how many of us know the history of the once grand buildings on Howdershell? I would not have paid any attention to the now dilapidated structures if a man I knew as my Chiropractor when I was a child had not told me he went to school there to become a Jesuit priest. He obviously did not become ordained, but his story stayed with me.

St. Stanislaus Seminary property is one of the oldest and most historic buildings in St Louis County.

The property was acquired by Bishop Dubourg in 1818 and would serve as a farm to raise revenue for the diocese. The farm was named “Bishop’s Farm”. In 1819 a convent and school were built on the property for Philippine Duchesne to start a day school, a convent, and a boarding school. The buildings then were basic log structures.

There became a need for more priests to be missionaries to Native Americans in the area and regions west. Bishop DuBourg requested priests from Georgetown University. Twelve Jesuits and black slaves traveled to Florissant from Maryland.

In 1825 the Jesuits opened St. Francis Regis Indian Seminary to educate Native American boys hoping they could act as guides for the missionaries. This school closed in 1830.

The Rock Building, is not visible from Howdershell. This building was built by Jesuit priests and slave labor in 1840.

The seminary was self-sufficient with orchards, chickens, cattle, and a butcher shop. The property also supported a creamery and a bakery. It survived the Great Depression and World War II but closed in 1971 due to a drop in the number of men seeking a religious vocation at the end of the 1960s. The property was sold to Urshan College. In 1973, the Rock Building, the only part of the property that is retained by the Jesuits, was turned into the Museum of Western Jesuit Missions. This museum closed in 2001.

There is still much I would like to learn about this property. My inspiration to draft this article came too late to research in depth. I feel like I am failing you by not telling the whole story. I hope to find some archives to study. I intend to drive on to the property and get an up-close look at the “Rock Building” next week.

My friend told me that at one time a group of older Jesuits came to St Ferdinand Parish to talk about their experiences as young seminarians. She observed their genuine love for the seminary and how they cherished the memories they have of their time there.

I love old buildings and the history behind them; I truly wish walls could talk. I keep listening in my own home here in Ferguson. As I drive by St. Stanislaus every week I am saddened by the condition of the buildings and would love to see the property restored and given a new life. I wish I had the vision and the means to do so. Something about that property really tugs at my heart.

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View from Howdershell



Rock Building

Important Tips When You Add a New Dog to Your Family

There are so many amazing dogs that need good homes, just sitting at shelters waiting to be adopted. So, when you decide to add a new dog to your family (and hopefully it's a rescue dog 😊) here are some important tips to know ahead of time. Congratulations! There is truly nothing more rewarding than giving a rescue dog a great home. Here is help for transitioning your new pup into your home.



Adopting a rescue dog can be very exciting! You suddenly have an adorable dog who will love you unconditionally. However, moving into a brand-new situation can be very confusing and yes, even stressful for your new pup. Especially if they are coming from a constant ear-piercing barking, noisy, stressful shelter. Giving them time to decompress is critical. **TAKE IT SLOW!** Patience will be needed by your whole family, to help your dog settle in and succeed in your home.



NOTE: First & foremost, make sure that they have an ID tag on their collar with a good phone number. This is their insurance to get back home, if they get loose or jump the fence. Soul Craft right here in Ferguson has kindly offered to engrave a free ID tag slider for Ferguson resident dogs. Just stop in or call them and they will make one for you.

Time, time, and more time

Give them time. Your new dog is coming into a brand-new environment with sights, sounds and smells that are unfamiliar. He/she may appear anxious and shy, hiding under or behind furniture or staying in one room. They may show a decreased appetite or elimination habits for a few days. This is normal and may take a few days to a few weeks, depending on the dog, to resolve. Be sure to show patience and understanding during this period. Do not force them into a situation where it's not comfortable. You may be tempted to bring all of your friends and relatives over to meet your new 4-footed family member. Please don't. Your new dog needs plenty of time to get to know your family members & house dogs and cats first. **SLOW IS KEY!** One of the best tools to use for helping a new pet get to know your other dogs and/or cats is the 5' – 6' tall walk-through gate shown in the photo. This makes for an excellent way for your dogs/cats to become familiar with each other in a slow and safe manner, while your rescue dog is acclimating to all of the newness. This gate can be found on Amazon. We also have a few to loan out if you need to borrow one.

Feeding

Another very important necessity is to be sure to feed everyone separately, having their own eating space. And absolutely **NO BONES** should be given to anyone until everyone has gotten to know each other and you have become very, very comfortable with any potential guarding habits that your house dog or new dog may have. Only give treats that can be eaten quickly and supervisor closely. Sadly, many rescue dogs have come from not-so-great homes or situations where they have been food deprived or even starved, living on the streets and not knowing when or if their next meal will come. It's best to **OVERFEED** them for a good while so that they realize that they will always have enough food. This simple step can help them overcome any potential food guarding if they were once food deprived.

Sleeping With the Pack

Sleeping in your room versus a separate room or basement, even in a large cage placed in your bedroom in the beginning, can help you and your new dog bond with each other. This will also provide the pup with a much-needed sense of security, reinforcing that you are their new pack. Dogs are pack animals by instinct and sleep with their pack.

Separation Anxiety

This can be a somewhat common behavioral issue with rescue dogs that have been abandoned previously. Leaving calming music or television on when you leave or using food puzzles to keep him occupied while alone may help. Also, if possible give them a nice spot at a front-facing window so they can watch for your return. Steadily and slowly work up to longer and longer times to leave him alone, so he learns that you will come home every time. In some cases of separation anxiety, check out this link for tips on desensitizing a dog with anxiety. This is the best way for long-term success. <https://www.wikihow.pet/End-Dog-Separation-Anxiety-With-Desensitization> Also, check out last month's article on pets and anxiety.

Training and the Importance of Using Positive Reinforcement Methods

Be sure to **EXPECT HICCUPS**. Don't throw the towel in when you have setbacks. Please don't expect your newly adopted dog to have super-powers to read your mind. They won't automatically know when and where is OK to go potty, how not to jump up on guests, what he or she can chew and what is off limits, etc. Seek help from a **FEAR FREE** trainer who can provide you with the tools that you need to help your dog succeed. Do your research when it comes to selecting a trainer. There are far too many trainers that use shock e-collars or fear inducing, adverse training methods. This will end up causing more fear in your new addition, and even possible aggression. Even the AVMA, American Veterinary Medical Association does **NOT** condone adverse training methods. Many studies have revealed that they just don't work and cause future serious behavior issues. Fear-free training methods are the very best choice, the safest choice.

A really great local place to check out is North County Obedience Training, in Florissant. You can visit their website at <https://ncotc.com>. Or give them a call at (314) 741-2445 to sign up for a group class or individual session. Petsmart and Petco also have group classes.

***Check out the TIPS tab for important steps about properly introducing a new dog to a house dog or cat here: Fergusonanimalcoalition.org

So, **THANK YOU** for adopting and not shopping. And thank-you for giving them patience and understanding while they adjust and blossom. Rescue dogs seem to be extra grateful when they are saved and given a family to call their own.

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<p>ADOPT LOVE TRAIN</p>		

Health, wellness and empowerment for youth in North County



The Vine Educational Workshop Series, "Do you know..."

Donnie White Sr. Beneficiary Award recipients announced for 2026
Ferguson, MO – Each year, Ferguson Twilight Run proudly invests in nonprofit organizations that strengthen health, opportunities and well-being across North St. Louis County.

Donnie White Sr. Memorial Beneficiary Award

Named in memory of race planning committee member Donnie White Sr., the award honors his leadership and support for Ferguson Twilight Run.

The 2026 beneficiaries are:

- Empower North County Youth Soccer Program
- Girls on the Run St. Louis, Ferguson-Florissant School District
- The Salvation Army-Ferguson Community Empowerment Center

To date, more than \$140,350 has been shared with local nonprofit programs and services that are committed to impacting positive, healthy outcomes.

Community Impact

The 2026 the beneficiary recipients will have a positive community impact:

Empower North County's youth soccer program serves approximately 600 children in grades preK-6 at Koch Park in Florissant. It encourages "youth to work as teammates and creates community connections." The majority of participating youth – 80% – attend Ferguson-Florissant and Hazelwood schools. The beneficiary award will assist in expanding the program.

Girls on the Run St. Louis, Ferguson-Florissant School District "empowers girls, coaches and families through a dynamic, evidence-based curriculum that strengthens social, emotional and physical well-being." The after-school program is for girls in grades 3-8 and includes training for a 5K (3.1 mile) hosted by Girls on the Run in the fall and spring. The beneficiary award provides scholarships to participate in Girls on the Run.

The Salvation Army-Ferguson Community Empowerment Center has a youth program, Spark Academy, for children age 7-13. The academy focuses on structured physical activity, social-emotional learning and health education. The beneficiary award will help purchase youth fitness equipment. Youth served by the program live in North St. Louis County communities such as Ferguson, Berkeley, Jennings, Riverview and more.



Ferguson Twilight Run is May 16

Ferguson Twilight Run is **Saturday, May 16, 2026**. Runners and walkers of all abilities will enjoy **one-mile, 5K (3.1 miles) and 10K (6.2 miles) distances** on routes that are USATF-certified by Big River Running Company.

- The **race starts and finishes at Plaza at 501**, at the intersection of Florissant Road and Suburban Avenue.
- **Festivities start at 4:30 p.m. and end by 10 p.m.**
- **Race times are posted at** fergtwilightrun.com.
- Registered participants receive a T-shirt and finisher medal; age-group winners will receive customized awards.
- Baby joggers/strollers and service dogs are welcome, but pets must stay at home.
- Register at fergtwilightrun.com. Sign up as an individual, create a team, join an existing team, or be a virtual participant.

History

Ferguson Twilight Run debuted in May 2010 as the first evening race in North St. Louis County. The run/walk encourages a sense of community while supporting a common interest. Proceeds are donated to nonprofits in north St. Louis County that promote the healthy and sustainable benefits of fitness.

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Spring 2026

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Come join us as we gather speakers and information to share with our friends and neighbors! As we continue our inaugural Workshop Series, "DO YOU KNOW...", we offer an informal and relaxed setting, in the heart of Ferguson, for our neighbors to drop in and learn about valuable community resources that can improve the quality of life through expert speakers addressing topics relevant to our community. Through the expertise of these community partners, we can bring resources to improve and strengthen our community.

Our First series will focus on Education, Housing and Personal Finance. Depending on the success, interests and feedback expressed in surveys and conversations we receive from the spring series, we hope to continue offering relevant workshops in the future.

Last month we hosted two workshops: "Do you know about the A+ Program?" and "Do you know how to apply to a University, College or Trade School?" This month we offer two more workshops.

NOTE: Due to spring break the second workshop was rescheduled.

April 15, 2026, 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

The third workshop, "**Do you know how to purchase a home?**"

With so many renters in Ferguson and the surrounding community, addressing all the components required to purchase a home is essential.

Home Buyer Education presented by Chelsea Johnson, Beyond Housing, HUD Certified Housing Counselor, outlines all the necessary steps involved in purchasing a home: Loan Pre-approval, budget, credit score, types of loans, choosing a realtor, making an offer, getting an appraisal, home inspection, Radon check, etc.

April 26, 2026, 12:00 to 1:30 p.m.

The fourth workshop, "**Do you know the components of End-of-Life preparations?**"

Presented by Michael & Patricia Fowlkes, who have created a workbook on the subject. A discussion on the preparations necessary for you to make concerning your estate distribution, who will make decisions for you if you are unable to do so and funeral / other end of life concerns. This essential preparation eliminates the need for children, spouses, friends or worse, strangers having to handle this great responsibility.

April 29, 2026, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

The second workshop, "**Do you know how to apply to a University, College or Trade School?**"

University of Missouri- St. Louis Panel of Higher Education Administrators will discuss the challenges in completing the application and essay, applying for Financial Aid, registration & preparation for taking the SAT/ACT entrance exams and other considerations relevant to pursuing a higher education certificate or degree after high school

May 20, 2026, 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

The fifth workshop will be "**Do you know how to create a personal budget, the significance of your credit score and how to communicate and discuss financial matters with loved ones?**"

Talking about money can be difficult — and avoiding the conversation often makes financial stress even worse. Join experts from the University of Missouri – St. Louis and Community America Credit Union for a practical, supportive workshop on budgeting, credit, debt, and communicating about money with the people closest to you. Small-group discussions with trained financial coaches will help you put principles into practice.

Laura DeVore Watt, M.Ed.

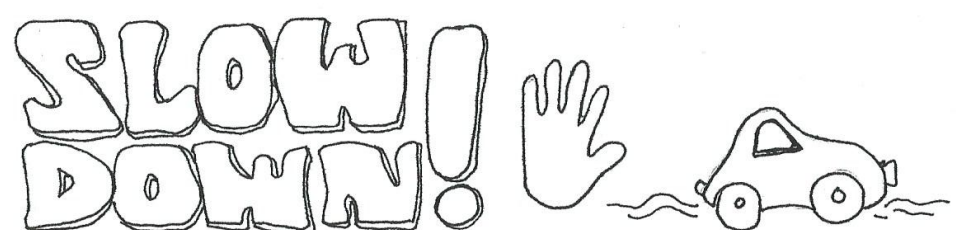
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What is Raghib Drinking?

By Raghib

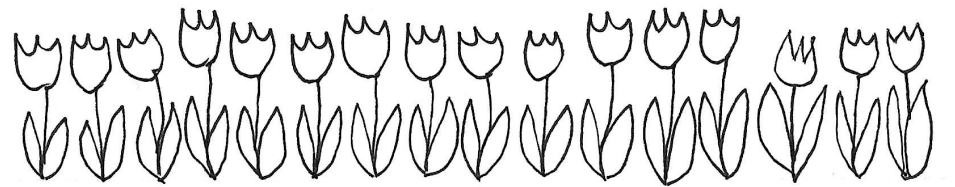
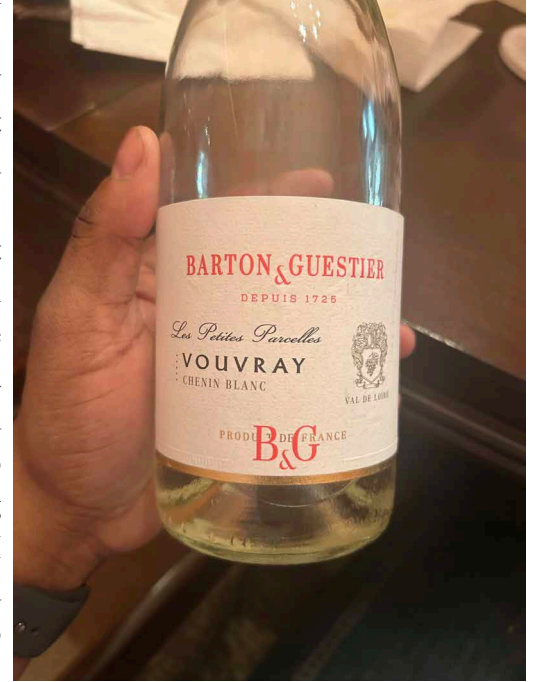
We have all heard the saying that there is no such thing as luck. Some even say that luck only happens when preparation meets opportunity. We can apply the same thinking to wine. You can increase your chances of choosing good wines when you know a little about wine appellations, grape varietals, and microclimates. If you are familiar with the wine maker and the year the wine was bottled, your chances of choosing good wine increases tenfold! Last month, while visiting family in Mississippi, I totally forgot to pack a few bottles of wine. You may be asking yourself, "But Raghib, don't they have wine stores in Mississippi?" Of course they do! However, without getting too technical, until last year, if you lived in Mississippi and visited a winery in Napa, Sonoma, or even Augusta and wanted to ship a few bottles home, you couldn't. You had to have the wine shipped to a friend or relative in another state and they would have to bring the wine to you when they visited. In addition, dry counties and regulations by the Mississippi Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) can make finding good bottles of wine a little more challenging.



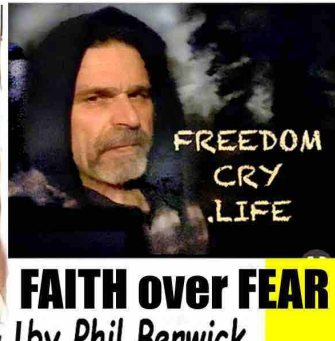
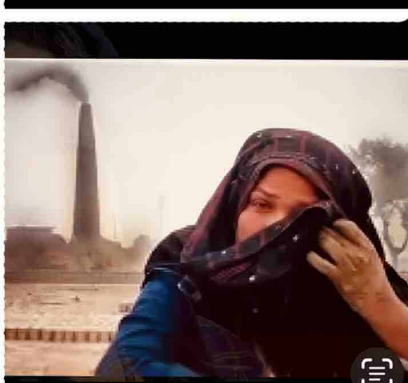
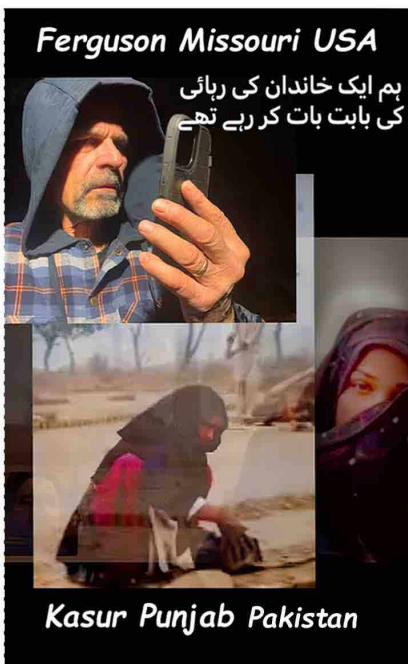
Okay, back to the wine. So, here I am in Mississippi with no wine. Luckily for me, a few of my relatives were willing to drive 15-20 minutes away to the local wine shop. When I arrived at the wine shop, the wine selection was decent. As I mentioned at the beginning of this article, when you know about wine appellations, grape varietals, and microclimates you increase your chances of choosing a good wine. As I scanned the aisles, the selection of wines were organized by type. However, there was a smaller selection of wines organized by country. I decided to choose a wine from France. I'm pretty knowledgeable about French appellations, grape varietals, and microclimates, so I chose a Chenin Blanc from Vouvray, which is an appellation in the Loire Valley. Having spent time in Loire Valley last summer, I knew this wine would be good and it did not disappoint. Barton & Guestier Vouvray "Les Petites Parcelles" Chenin Blanc. Paired it with Caesar Salad and pasta. Refreshing and versatile, hints of ripe peach and pineapple. Price point \$14.



Selecting good wines is also about risk. I am generally risk averse. When it comes to wine, I have a \$20 rule, which is, the most I will spend on a wine that I am not too familiar with is \$20. If the wine isn't good, a \$20 wine to cook with isn't so bad. With that being said, I found myself at Costco this week. I wasn't really looking to buy wine on this trip but I always make sure I visit their wine section. Costco has a very good selection of wines. I saw a few wines that were \$19.99 but one really stood out, Chateau Teyssier Saint Emilion Grand Cru 2022. I am familiar with the Saint Emilion Appellations. Saint Emilion and Saint Emilion Grand Cru. Saint Emilion Grand Cru is an appellation on Bordeaux's Right Bank (I will write a future column in Right Bank vs. Left Bank wines). Wines from this area are grown under more sticker regulations and can be expensive. They are typically blends of Merlot and Cabernet Franc. Chateau Teyssier Emilion Grand Cru is 85% Merlot and 15% Cabernet Franc. I tossed a bottle in my cart and proceeded to the checkout. Homemade pizza was on the menu that night and I decided to open the wine so that I could sip while preparing dinner. After my first sip, I thought that this was a good purchase. As the wine began to open up, the second and third sips proved that this was NOT a \$20 bottle of wine. I returned to Costco the next day and purchased a few more bottles (a few is an understatement LOL). Chateau Teyssier Saint Emilion Grand Cru is aromatic and the hints of ripe dark fruits, spice, and sandalwood make this wine very versatile. You can pair it with pizza, pasta or any red meat dish. This wine will not stay at this price long. Go purchase a few bottles, you won't regret it. Happy Tastings!



Friends of the Paper Page



One night after Christmas while walking my daughter's dog, out from foggy shadows stepped four young men with two guns drawn, ordering that I put my phone on the ground. I was on video call with Pakistani team members Sana and Shaffaf, planning freedom for a mother and daughter from slavery. They must've been the same boys who mugged my neighbor friend Mary. And here they were now, interrupting a very important Freedom Cry meeting. I looked them in the eyes and said twice; "In JESUS' name, in JESUS' name!" They turned and walked away.



FAITH over FEAR
by Phil Berwick

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Financial Focus – Unmatched Consequences

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Last month, I mentioned some guidelines for getting through difficult times. Since then it seems that things are getting worse. While some aren't calling it a war, it does involve fighting, people are being killed, citizens in Iran and other Mid-Eastern countries are being evacuated for safety, and cities are being destroyed. While we've had a few casualties, many have died in Iran and that does include some very bad people, but also some innocent people. This is very troubling yet it seems to be a result of every war. I am sometimes surprised by those who are worried about their own portfolio of investments during these difficult times. When they ask about how to protect their investments, it may seem coldhearted to be concerned about money when some in other countries are worried about their families and lives. However, it is human nature to worry about the savings you've built and how to protect it for yourself and the benefit of your family in the future. So it is part preparation for those unintended outcomes of things happening in the world and it does make sense to do our best to control what we can.

Sometimes I think about my grandparents who were married in October 1929 when the Stock Market crashed. What worries did they have? Or did they just not agonize about it because they didn't have much to lose. I don't believe they were any safety nets or government programs until later during the Depression. At the time my grandfather owned a newspaper route in Kansas City delivering papers to nearly every home or apartment in mid-town. For the first 15 years of their marriage they lived with many relatives in a two story house around 43rd Street. Then in 1944 my grandfather bought a house a few blocks away and moved his family which now included five children. I often wonder if he just figured out how to deal with the problems of the time because he only had a 4th grade education. Once he had a home for his family he bought several more houses within several blocks. Most of these he would divide into small apartments and a few small homes were rented to families. The Second World War was ending by then and the GI's were coming home looking for apartments or housing. The demand helped my grandfather prosper and while he never got rich he was a property owner and helped many families during those years while providing a good life for his own extended family. While times may seem tough we can all make changes to cut back and look at ways we've used to adjust to more recent troubles. Our last major crisis may have been the Pandemic. The costs of that period and the changes we came to accept are still affecting us in many ways. In hindsight, we may have done too much and caused more division and mistrust among the people. Hopefully we have learned from it because it seems certain it could happen again. Sadly, we still need to trust lifesaving vaccinations and those in charge to help make the best decisions. The lock downs of businesses and schools continue to affect us. Many businesses

found that allowing workers to work from home was financially advantageous and moved out of buildings in towns and cities throughout the country. This has had another negative effect on the places that have lost tenants. The cost of real estate going unused along with the loss to the local community because those employees can work from anywhere and often move to better climates has been difficult for some areas. Young people who were in high school or college may have missed the normal social part of being on campus and involved in school activities. I hear more about these young people having trouble in many areas of preparing for life on their own. Looking back it doesn't seem like there would be a good way to prepare for what happened, but we should be more aware.

Natural disasters have also brought us some unexpected aftermaths to deal with. While people who live in storm paths are better prepared for storms, sudden weather changes in the past few years have become more common and more severe. While much may be due to climate change we've seen other results with some surprises like insurance premium costs going up. My annual bill just came and I was surprised it only went up \$174. Several friends had mentioned they had large jumps in premiums. And some said changes to their coverage had also occurred. For example if a storm caused the need for a roof replacement they may take into the account the age and condition of the current roof, so the entire cost may not be covered. While it may not be much of a revelation actually going through a new home owner's policy can be confusing and if you don't understand you should ask your agent to clarify. The worst time to find out you are not covered for something is after it happens. Another shock to some folks is that their home owners insurance won't cover a broken appliance like a refrigerator or a furnace. Now if it was destroyed in a tornado it may be covered, but if it breaks down you're on your own to replace or repair. There is insurance for those types of needs and for some it may be worth checking into. Or being prepared could mean keeping your emergency fund filled with regular deposits to build up for problems like these.

We can't always prepare for every disaster, but having some funds saved up for emergencies and keeping up with changes that may affect your budget are wise. Being willing to make adjustments in your spending if prices keep going up and being willing to take on extra work if needed can help get you thru tough times. We may understand there are often many things that are out of our control, people still want the government to fix some problems like the inflation we've seen resulting from changes made in policies like immigration, tariffs and foreign affairs. The choices made by our government are to protect us and we hope we can trust them to keep that end goal in mind. Meanwhile the best we can do is work on what we can control and make adjustments to deal with the rest.

If you have any questions or comments you may send them to cleav73@gmail.com.



Under The Hood With Robinwood
By Bob McGartland

What Happens To Your Vehicle When You Hit One Of Those Pesky Potholes

Potholes are a common occurrence on many roads, especially after harsh weather conditions like winter storms. They are formed when water seeps into cracks in the road, freezes and expands, leading to the pavement breaking apart. These road hazards can cause significant damage to vehicles, including affecting their alignment.

Alignment refers to the way that the wheels on a vehicle are positioned in relation to each other and the car's body. Proper wheel alignment ensures that a car handles well, drives smoothly, and avoids unnecessary wear and tear on the tires. When a vehicle hits a pothole, it can cause a shift in alignment, resulting in several issues that can impact the safety and performance of the car.

One of the most common issues caused by potholes is a misalignment of the wheels. When a tire hits a pothole, the impact can cause it to shift slightly to one side, leading to an uneven distribution of weight across the car. We also see the tire will get a bulge on the side wall or break the belt inside the tire. We often find the steel or aluminum wheel will get bent. All of these conditions can cause the car to pull to one side or the other when driving. It can cause the steering wheel to shake back and forth while driving. This can be both dangerous and frustrating for drivers.

Another issue caused by potholes is damage to the suspension system. The suspension system is responsible for keeping the car stable and absorbing shocks and vibrations. When a car hits a large size pothole, the suspension system can be jarred, leading to damage to the shocks, struts, or other components. This damage can cause the car to handle poorly, leading to a less comfortable ride and potentially causing safety issues.

Hitting a pothole can also cause damage to the steering system. The steering system is responsible for controlling the direction of the car, and if it is damaged, it can lead to the car becoming difficult to control or even causing it to lose control entirely. This can be a significant safety issue and can put the driver and passengers at risk.

In conclusion, hitting a pothole can cause a range of issues for a vehicle, including affecting its alignment, suspension, tires, wheels and steering. It is important to have your car checked for damage after hitting a pothole to ensure that any issues are identified and addressed promptly. Regular maintenance and inspections can also help prevent alignment issues and other problems from occurring in the first place. Remember, the safety and performance of your car are essential, so always be mindful of road hazards and take steps to keep your car in good condition.

I'd like to give a shout out to our friends Joe and Andy Wurm and fellow Ferguson business Andy Wurm Tire on celebrating 50 years in Business! Congratulations!!!

As always, feel free to give me a call regarding any automotive service-related issue. Visit us at robinwoodauto.com

Talking Trash – It’s a Good Thing!

Disposal of trash, recycling and yard waste for the City of Ferguson is provided under contract with Republic Services, which is the second largest waste disposal company in North America. Republic Services says, “We’re dedicated to creating a cleaner, safer, healthier world for all.”

These services are required for all residential housing units within the Ferguson City limits. You can contact Republic Services at 636-947-5959 to establish new service or to ask any questions about services that aren’t covered on the City of Ferguson website.

Pickup Schedule: All containers should be placed at the curb after 4:30 p.m. the evening before scheduled pickup and no later than 6:30 a.m. on your collection day. Collection hours are 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., except under unusual circumstances Trash containers must be removed from the curb by 8:00 p.m. the day of scheduled pickup.

View the garbage collection schedule and map

Recycling

The City of Ferguson knows there are many benefits to the city and the environment from recycling. Therefore, the City encourages everyone in our community to participate and thanks all who are participating already. Recycling containers are emptied on the same day as normal trash pickup. Fun Facts: 1. Aluminum recycling saves 95% of the energy needed to make new aluminum. 2. Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a computer for three hours.

Yard Waste

Put yard waste in biodegradable bags, or empty, reusable trash cans. Branches can be piled, no higher than 4 ft. near the sidewalk or edge of driveway.

Bulk Waste

Bulk trash collection is limited to three items per pickup and must be scheduled three days in advance with Republic Services at 636-947-5959. The pickup will fall on your last pickup day of the month. *Please note that there is an additional charge for this service Acceptable items for bulk pickup include BBQ grills, bicycles, box springs, mattresses, carpet, padding, chairs, dried latex paint, exercise equipment, furniture, outdoor furniture, shelving units, and tables.

Large household appliances such as refrigerators, freezers, washers and dryers, water heaters, trash compactors, dishwashers, microwave ovens, stoves, and air conditioners will be picked up by appointment only and are subject to a \$20-25 charge. *Note: appliance doors must be removed or secured with strapping tape and placed door-side down on the curb.

To prepare your items for bulk pickup, place them at the curb on your service day. Items must not weigh more than 50lbs each. Carpet and padding must be cut into rolls no longer than 4ft and 24 inches in diameter, tied securely. Glass and mirrors should be broken and placed in a taped box. Exercise equipment and outdoor toys must be broken down. FYI Check out this YouTube video of what happens at a Republic recycling center: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Bwlii0m39M>

Story by Marsha Gebhart

Be a Recycling Super Star!

Recycling Simplified

When it comes to recycling, everyone has a part to play. Let's work together!

Know what to throw.
Make sure your recycling container only contains cardboard, paper, metal cans, plastic bottles and jugs.

Empty. Clean. Dry.
Keep recyclables free from food and liquid. A ketchup bottle can contaminate a whole truck of recyclables!

Don't bag it.
Plastic bags get tangled in the recycling machines. Dump your recyclables directly into your outdoor bin rather than containing them in a bag.

These items aren't recyclable

Food

Dirty paper & cardboard

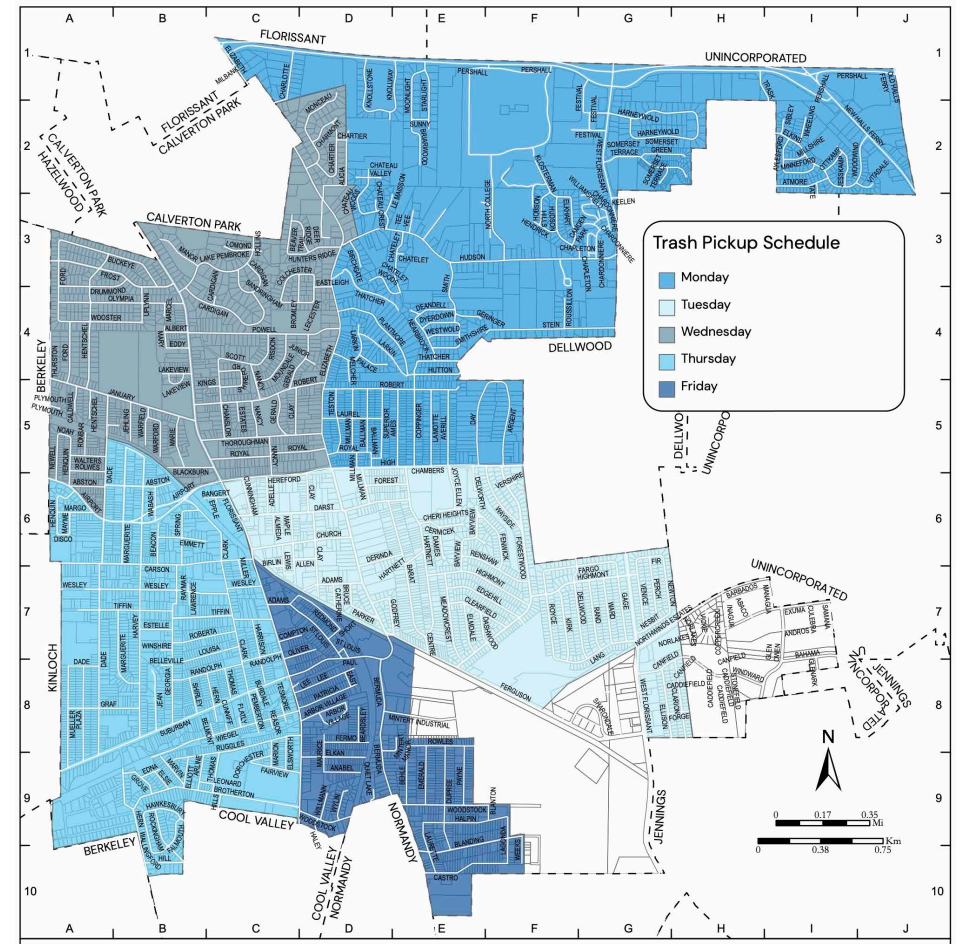
Toys

Clothes & shoes

Diapers

Plastic grocery & sandwich bags

Visit RecyclingSimplified.com for more tips on what is and isn't recyclable.



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God Speaks!

by Doug Neely

APRIL, 2026

John 14:6 NIV

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

ONLY through Jesus will we enter heaven. Unless we accept Him as our true and only Savior from sin, death, and the devil, and be baptized in the name of the Triune God, we will never get to heaven. PERIOD! Others may tell you different, but Jesus tells us Himself clearly. I am compelled to tell you this, and to show that God Himself has said it. Any questions?

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. Mark 16:16 KJV

Decide NOW, for after you are dead, it will be too late for your immortal soul to be saved, and you will be in hell forever. Choose Jesus instead.

doug, the scribe.

If you would like to speak with doug, please send an email to him at: fergusoncomputercorner@aol.com

Be sure to include your local phone number so he can call you back.

Have a most blessed Easter!

Crossword Solution from page 4

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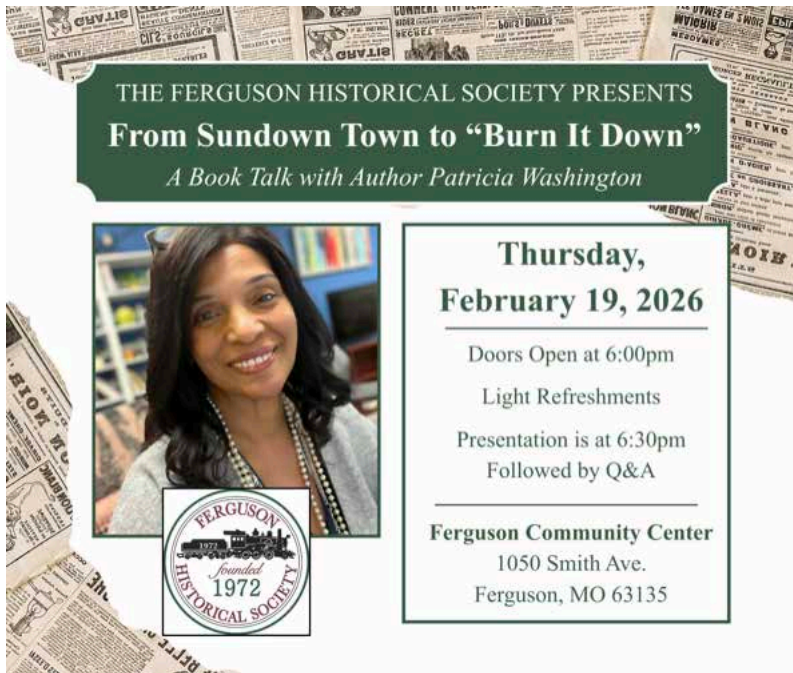
Ferguson, indeed, does have a Historical Society and a History Museum and we are moving forward with the help of our readers of the past weeks. We encourage any of you reading this article to join in the conversation. Contact information is at the bottom of this article.



You probably saw this ad in last month's Ferguson Neighborhood News, it is too late to go to the event – it has passed and it was wonderful. The event was a collaboration between Patricia Washington author of "From Sundown Town to 'Burn It Down'" and the Ferguson Historical Society. The event was held at the Ferguson Community Center.



Prior to the meeting, the Ferguson Historical Society was happy to offer refreshments by hosts Suzanne Cross and Jill Holtrop. As guests arrived, they were offered the opportunity to enter a raffle. Just prior to the address, FHS President, Mary Haux, called out the winning raffle ticket.



Apparently, the ad worked as a crowd of around 80 people attended – and they got an evening full of history, information and a good amount of Ferguson Pride. Washington is near finishing her book, in part, about Ferguson being a "Sundown Town" – a town which had laws restricting Afro-American people from being within the city limits after the sun goes down. In other words – you can work here by day but get out of town by dark and don't come back until the sun rises. Kinloch, a "Black (Negro) Community" was (and still is) just over the Ferguson city limits.



To give you more about Patricia Washington, here is how Jill Holtrop, Director of the Ferguson Historical Society, introduced her:

"Patricia Washington is an award-winning journalist and communications professional with more than 35 years of experience shaping public narrative at the highest levels of government and media. Patricia is a history maker in her own right, having served as the first Black press secretary to the Mayor of the City of St. Louis and later in the same capacity for the St. Louis County Executive, Charlie Dooley. Throughout her career, she has earned numerous journalism and communications awards, and is recognized for her clarity, integrity, and ability to communicate during moments of crisis and change. The killing of Michael Brown jr. and the protests that followed occurred during the closing days of Patricia's tenure as Communications Director for St. Louis County Executive Charlie Dooley. By day, she was responsible for managing global media attention focused on the region. By night, she felt compelled to bear witness in the streets – standing alongside a community grappling with grief, anger and a demand to be heard.

Today, Patricia serves as the Public Information Officer for the Ferguson Police Department and as Consent Decree Coordinator for the City of Ferguson, working at the intersection of accountability, reform and public trust.

She is the author of a forthcoming book that explores history, memory, and the emotional through-line from America's era of exclusion to the modern struggle for justice and reform. Please join me in welcoming Patricia Washington."

Near the end of the presentation, Washington asked for questions and input. Several people stood up and asked some questions. By the end of the meeting, most people in the room were proud to be connected to Ferguson

As was mentioned earlier, about 80 people attended the event, including past St. Louis County Executive, Charlie Dooley, Ferguson Mayor, Ella M. Jones and several members of the Ferguson Police, including Chief Troy Doyle. When Washington's book comes out, we will let you know – we anticipate adding it to our historic collection.





In a similar note to “Sundown Towns”, I do remember a similar event, long after Ferguson was a “Sundown Town”. From my 80-year plus memory, I recall an event in 1974 to 1976 (maybe some of our readership could provide a more accurate date) that occurred in Ferguson. Apparently, a bill had been proposed by a city council member that would build a wall along Suburban at the city limit between Ferguson and Kinloch. While this is not a “Sundown Law”, it’s intent was quite clear and many Ferguson residents did not take favorably to it. The protest was held in front of City Hall, probably during a Council meeting. Long-story short – the measure never passed a vote of the Council. In these photos of the event – perhaps, if you were there, you might recognize a younger self or friend.

If any of you can contribute anymore about this story, please feel free (obligated) to reach out. Contact information is at the end of the article.

As a final note: our first fundraiser in 2024 was to create a web site. Our second one in 2025 was to launch it - and launch it we did! We are on the internet – just a beginning – not a lot yet - but check us out. Thanks to all who have helped, in any way, shape or form.

Look for our new website Fergusonhistoricalsociety.com.

If you have any suggestions, questions, or items to donate to the Ferguson Historical Society, please contact Jerry Benner at fjbenner@mindspring.com. If you wish to become a member or make a money donation, you can send it to Ferguson Historical Society at 716. N. Elizabeth Ave, Ferguson, MO 63135. You are also welcome to visit the History Museum. Please email me at the address to set a date and time to visit. Board meetings are on the third Wednesday at 6:30 PM. Interested people are invited to addend the meetings. We have capabilities to do oral histories and would love to add to our collection on any Ferguson or North County subject. *“The Ferguson Historical Society is dedicated to preserving and promoting the history of Ferguson Missouri. Membership is open to all sharing our interest.”*



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