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Movies in the Parks

The fourth annual Movies in the Parks series is back! To find out what films and events are planned this summer, visit www.ucitymo.org.

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University City Receives National Community Award for Make a Difference Day Event

On October 24, 2014, volunteers across the nation united with a common mission: to improve the lives of others. In its 24th year, Make a Difference Day is the largest national day of community service.

The City of University City has participated in Make a Difference Day since 2010, but this past year's event was the greatest success thus far. More than 300 volunteers helped senior residents with light maintenance, repair and yard work; organized a food drive and youth activity in the Delmar Loop; cleaned alleys; and cleared brush from the River des Peres. The most labor intensive and largest-scale project, providing assistance to senior homeowners in need, was a collaborative effort between city staff and the Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.

USA Today and Newman's Own honor the efforts of outstanding people who lead Make a Difference Day projects. Only three Community Awards are given each year, and winners are chosen based on: identification of a national

or community need, organization of the volunteer project to effectively address that need, overall performance and estimated long-term impact of the project.

Winners receive a \$10,000 grant to give to the charity of the community's choice. University City is honored to be named one of this year's recipients, and granted its award to Safe Homes for the Elderly and Disabled (SHED) — a local non-profit that helps seniors age in place by assisting with light maintenance and yard work.

On May 6, University City staff accepted the award from USA Today at an awards luncheon in Washington, D.C.



Our Lady of Lourdes parishioners volunteer on Make a Difference Day.

Start Snappin' for the U City Photo Contest

The Municipal Commission of Arts & Letters of University City is honoring the 30th anniversary of U City in Bloom (UCB) by featuring UCB gardens in the 2017 community calendar, themed "A Garden for all Seasons."

UCB designs, plants and maintains all public gardens in U City, including the gardens around City Hall, Centennial Commons, the library, public schools, parks, planters in the Loop and gardens on Olive Boulevard.

The 2017 University City community calendar will feature entries from this year's photo show, which is set to take place on **Sunday, September 20**, at U City City Hall from **1 to 6 p.m.**, with

a reception at **5 p.m.**

The calendar committee will select 12 outstanding photographs to be featured in the calendar. These can be creative digital manipulations, surreal photography or photo collage. Entries must be submitted to Centennial Commons between August 24 and 29. No photographs previously submitted to a University City photo competition will be accepted.

The complete rules and application are available on UCB's website, ucityinbloom.org, and at all UCB events. For more information, email the organization at ucityinbloom@gmail.com.

Councilmember's Corner

From Councilmember Rod Jennings



Councilmember
Rod Jennings
314.480.2221

It is springtime in our city and it is time to get busy.

First, I want to thank everyone that came out and voted in the April elections. It is truly the beauty of democracy when we get to say...the people have spoken.

For those that were not in favor of the bond issues, congratulations on getting out and working the streets. The message was effective.

For those that favored the bond issues, thank you

for your support. We will have to find alternative financing sources to fix the streets and parks.

Spring is a time to move on. We welcome spring with our bulk pick-up collection. Street crews perform repairs and leaf removal. We prepare for a busy summer as we ready our parks for visitors. The swimming pool will soon open and the schools will be out for summer break.

In walking the streets and campaigning, I met more people that are involved, want to get involved or have never thought about being involved throughout U City. We have much more than just the Delmar Loop.

There are the Citizen Volunteer Corps, with citizens groups regularly conversing on race,

class and culture, veteran outreach, crime and awareness, monarch butterfly way stations (very important, I have learned), and about 10 other groups.

U City in Bloom is planting flowers and caring for the flower boxes and beds throughout our city. Groups like Man of Valor, Richard Dockett Community Organization and Real Talk, Inc. work with youth and community issues.

Neighborhood associations are planning block parties and Meet & Greets for new neighbors.

The Commission on Art & Letters is gearing up for its concert series, the longest consecutively running concert series in the region. And, there is volunteer activity and excitement surrounding Fair U City and the U City Jazz Festival.

Of course, there are regular city council meetings, boards and commission meetings, the monthly citywide police department focus group meeting and school board meetings — all welcoming and open to the public. There is a place for you.

In all of this, there is one common thread: community. An opportunity this season to once again get to know each other, work together and build our community. I love talking to you when we are out and about. I have met new and veteran residents and we have worked on many issues together.

As we emerge from our winter hideouts, I encourage residents to get involved. Come on out this spring and let's talk. Because conversation is the way communities think.

Be Part of Our Community's History With StoryCorps

Do you have a story to tell? We're recording them! The University City Public Library is teaming up with Ferguson Municipal Public Library for "StoryCorps @ Your Library," an oral history project sponsored by StoryCorps and the American Library Association.

StoryCorps, a 12-year-old organization, is dedicated to gathering the stories of everyday Americans. Storytellers are interviewed by someone they know well, such as a friend or family member, about some aspect of their lives. The interviews are archived at the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress, and a small portion air on NPR's Morning Edition on Fridays. The stories gathered at UCPL

and at the Ferguson Library will also be made available on each library's website, to be referenced and used by our communities.

UCPL is looking for participants to share their stories. Recording starts in May and will continue through October. Sessions take about an hour and a half, including a 40-minute interview.

This project is funded by a grant from the American Library Association, the Institute for Museum and Library Services and StoryCorps, with additional funding from MOREnet. For more information or to schedule your recording session, please call Kara at **314.727.3150**. To learn more about StoryCorps and to hear others' stories, visit storycorps.org/your-library/.

A Look Back at University City

Pictured here is the intersection of Skinker and Delmar boulevards. The photo was taken on June 12, 1902. At the time, the land was being graded for construction of the Parkview subdivision. The men who did the work lived in tents on the site and kept their horses and mules in nearby stables. The white poles in the background carried the electric lines of the Delmar streetcar. The line had only been extended a year or two before, but it had already brought the

first development to the area. The Delmar Racetrack is not shown in the photo, but it had been in operation for almost a year. Delmar Garden amusement park was drawing in thousands of St. Louisans to its location a little to the west. E.G. Lewis would build his publishing headquarters, now City Hall, in 1903, and University City would be incorporated in 1906.

Story provided by the Historical Society of University City



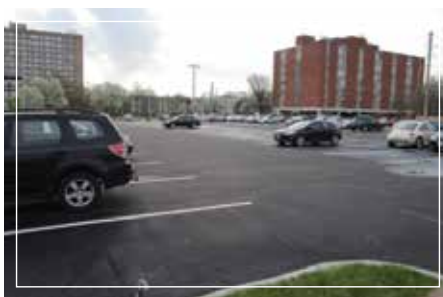
Photo from the Taylor Collection

Public Parking Lot Improvements Complete

The Department of Public Works and Parks is pleased to announce that resurfacing and improvements of a major city parking lot are complete. Last fall, the city completed the survey and design to improve Parking Lot No. 4, the public parking lot behind Cicero's and adjacent to Kingsland Avenue and Loop North. Bidding and construction work began later in the fall of 2014. Over the winter, construction crews completed the installation of six permeable paver areas to collect storm water as a green practice. Additional storm water improvements took place in order to ensure proper drainage of the lot. New sidewalks and raised crosswalks were added to improve pedestrian access through the lot.

In March and April 2015, the remainder of the lot was milled and resurfaced with asphalt. Landscaping was installed along the Kingsland side of the lot to improve aesthetics at the entrance.

Funding for this project came from the Economic Development Real Estate Tax Board and was supplemented by the city's general funds.



Memorial Day Trash and Recycling Schedule

There will be no trash or recycling collection on **Monday, May 25**, in observance of Memorial Day. City Hall will also be closed. Trash and recycling will resume on **Tuesday, May 26**.

Monday routes will be collected on Tuesday, 5/26.

Tuesday routes will be collected on Wednesday, 5/27.

Wednesday routes will be collected on Thursday, 5/28.

Thursday routes will be collected on Friday, 5/29.

Friday routes will be collected on Saturday, 5/30.



Check out the Annual Sculpture Series

What does the word “citizen” mean to you? This was the question posed to students in Washington University’s Sam Fox School of Design and Visual Arts to frame the 29th annual sculpture collaboration with the Municipal Commission on Arts & Letters of University City. Winning sculptures are part of the annual Community Visuals Sculpture Project and can be spotted around University City through September.

Professors Noah Kirby and Buzz Spector chose this theme to encourage students to engage as citizens within the community.

Chosen artwork for this year’s Sculpture Series comes from four talented students. Jonathan

Berger’s “Golden in Silver” utilizes a photographic art tool from the past, the tintype, to bring together people of the present. Sarah Hull’s “Hands of Change” celebrates citizens as activists. Madeline Marak’s “Have A Seat: Say, What’s Good?” reflects a sense of ownership. Jared Stein’s “Stockade” reflects Stein’s belief that to be a citizen is to enter into a social contract with a given community.

A digital map to the sites can be found at the commission’s website, ucityartsandletters.org. With questions about the program, email the commission at ucityartsandletters@gmail.com.



Students in Wash U’s Sam Fox School of Design and Visual Arts collaborated with the Commission on Arts & Letters.

We Want to Hear From You!

If you have story ideas or would like to share your opinion on this issue of ROARS, let us know by calling **314.505.8631** or emailing ucityroars@ucitymo.org.

There’s Still Time to Share Your Vision for our City!

Hundreds of residents and stakeholders have participated in the long-range planning process since University City’s Comprehensive Plan Update project kicked off in mid-2014. Public input related to the long-term vision for U City was collected through mid-April and is being considered while the plan document is drafted. Input received after April will be part of the record, but may not be incorporated into the draft document. If you missed the April deadline, it’s not too late! You can still comment on the draft document, which will be available before the end of 2015.

The Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (CPAC) encourages all residents to read the

Comprehensive Plan Report, which includes many valuable insights. For example, did you know U City’s median home value is \$213,551 (nearly \$10,000 higher than that of St. Louis County)? This and other facts are identified in the Existing Condition Report prepared by the city’s planning consultant.

For more information about the Comprehensive Plan, visit the city’s website at ucitymo.org, and click on “New! Comprehensive Plan Update Website” in the left column. Or, contact the Deputy Director of Community Development, Raymond Lai, at rlai@ucitymo.org or **314.505.8502**.

University City Public Library Events

Events for Adults Are Free

All events for adults are free and open to the public, and will take place in the library's auditorium. Reserve copies of discussion books through the online catalog, by calling or in person. Many youth events require advance registration. Please visit the library's website, ucitylibrary.org, or call **314.727.3150** for a full calendar of events.

The library will be closed on **Sunday, May 10** for Mother's Day, **Monday, May 25** for Memorial Day and **Sunday, June 21** for Father's Day.

Events and Programs for Youth:

May

- 18 **Teen Summer Reading Program Volunteer Training:** Grades 7+; 4-6 p.m.
- 19 **Teen Summer Reading Program Volunteer Training:** Grades 7+; 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- 28 **Teen Summer Reading Program Volunteer Training:** Grades 7+; 4-6 p.m.
- 28 **Teen Spot Gaming:** Grades 7+; 7-8:30 p.m.
- 31 **Summer Reading Program Kickoff:** All Ages; 3 p.m.

June

- 1 **"My Hero" Essay/Short Story Contest Begins:** Grades 7+
- 3 **Dig into Lego Series:** Build with our thousands of Legos; 4-5 p.m.
- 6 **Super Wheel Rally:** Bring your wheels to decorate, parade & challenge; 10:30 a.m.
- 9 **Music to Play with Purpose Workshop:** Led by Jim Gill; 4 p.m.
- 9 **Songs to Read! Books to Play!:** With Jim Gill, All Ages; 6:30 p.m.
- 11 **Tech Thursday: Plug-in & Play:** Ages 8+; 4 p.m.
- 11 **Think It and Make It in 3D!:** Workshop, Grades 7+; 7 p.m.
- 12 **National Superman Day:** Ages 5-8; 4 p.m.
- 16 **The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs:** Paul Mesner Puppets, All Ages; 6:30 p.m.
- 18 **Movie Matinee:** *The Incredibles*:

- Lil's Treehouse; 4 p.m.
- 18 **Teen Movie:** Superhero movie TBA; 7 p.m.
- 20 **Story Walk:** *Little Blue Truck*: Heman Park; All Day
- 21 **Story Walk:** *Little Blue Truck*: Heman Park; All Day
- 22 **Make Your Child a Super Reader:** Parents & Ages 4-7; 4 p.m.
- 23 **Hapless Heroes & Their Funny Feats:** All Ages; 6:30 p.m.
- 24 **Super Play Day:** Ages 2-5; 10 a.m.
- 25 **Teen Spot Gaming:** Grades 7+; 7-8:30 p.m.
- 29 **Teen Video Production Camp, Pt. 1:** 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- 30 **Anime with Amber:** Grades 7+; 7-8:30 p.m.

Events and Programs for Adults:

May

- 19 **Readings in History Book Group:** *King Leopold's Ghost* by Adam Hochschild; 7 p.m.
- 21 **Author Event:** *Janet Krone Kennedy*, author of *The Good Sleeper*; 7 p.m.
- 27 **U City Book Group:** *Americanah* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie; 7 p.m.
- 27 **Summer Reading Kickoff Party:** *Anna Karenina*; 5-7 p.m.

June

- 3 **Barynya:** *Russian Dance Troupe*; 7 p.m.
- 10 **Tolstoy Scholar Visit:** *Elizabeth Blake*; 7 p.m.
- 16 **Readings in History Book Group:** *Iron Curtain* by Anne Applebaum; 7 p.m.
- 20 **Health Screening:** *Drop-in session*; 9-10:30 a.m.
- 24 **Twitter 101 for Adult Summer Readers:** 6:30 p.m.
- 24 **Summer Reading Discussion:** 1A; 7 p.m.
- 25 **Summer Reading Discussion:** 1B; 3 p.m.
- 26 **Summer Reading Discussion:** 1C; Noon

Take on the Adult Big Book Challenge

The Big Book Challenge is back! This year, the library invites all adults in the community to come together to read Tolstoy's *Anna Karenina*. In addition to supportive book discussions, the library offers programs that will take you back to old Russia, while learning about some of the library's new technology. Attend the kickoff party on **Wednesday, May 27**, and check your mail for a special summer reading edition of the library's newsletter, *Checkout*.



Public Notice

Community Development Block Grant

The City of University City will hold a public hearing to discuss the allocation of \$103,400 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, which will become available after January 1, 2016. The public hearing will be held at **6:30 p.m.** on **May 26, 2015** at City Hall, 5th Floor, 6801 Delmar Blvd.

To further its commitment to fair and equitable treatment for all citizens, the City of University City has enacted and/or enforces the following:

A Fair Housing Ordinance prohibiting unlawful discrimination against any person because of race, sex, color, religion, disability, familial status or national origin;

A Policy of Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in the admission or access to, or employment in, its federally assisted programs or activities;

A Policy of Equal Opportunity to Participate in Municipal Programs and Services regardless of race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, familial status, national origin or political affiliation;

A requirement for bidding on CDBG activities that promotes employment opportunities created by HUD funding and that these opportunities be afforded low-income community residents and business.

If you would like information regarding the above policies or if you believe you have been unlawfully discriminated against, contact the following municipal official or employee who has been designated to coordinate compliance with equal employment opportunity requirements referenced above.

Tina Charumilind, Director of Finance, 314.862.6767

If you are a person with a disability or have special needs and want to participate in the public hearing, please contact Joyce Pumm at **314.505.8605** no later than May 22. For more information, call **314.862.6767**, or Relay Missouri at **800.735.2966** (TDD).

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

New Businesses



Arlene Walker Hair Salon
612 N. McKnight Rd., Unit E
314.236.7914

City Gear, LLC
6940 Olive Blvd.
314.721.3782

Delta Exteriors, LLC
8220 Delmar Blvd.
314.933.0446

Edward Jones
Luke Andrew Rutan
8000 Maryland Ave.,
Ste. #200
Stop By

Endless Electronics
6253 Delmar Blvd.
314.699.9592

J'Ron Lavell, LLC
Clothing Store
7809 Olive Blvd.
314.699.9592

Millbrook Pharmacy, Inc.
7010 Pershing Ave.
314.993.4031

**Authentic Chinese Herbs
& Acupuncture**
8146 Olive Blvd.
314.249.0103

**Peace Within Home
Health Care, LLC**
900 McKnight Rd., Unit 1D
Stop By

Private Kitchen
Restaurant
8106 Olive Blvd.
314.445.4605

Get Moving This Summer! News from the Recreation Division

Heman Park Pool

The Heman Park Swimming Pool is splashing into summer! The 2015 season will offer extended public swim hours.

Lap Swim

May 23-September 7
6-9 a.m. on weekdays,
weekends & holidays

Public Swim

May 23-August 9
9 a.m.-8 p.m. on Mondays
through Thursdays,
weekends & holidays
Noon-8 p.m. on Fridays

Back-to-School Swim*

August 10-September 7
Noon-8 p.m. on weekdays
9 a.m.-8 p.m. on weekends
& holidays

**Subject to change*

When purchasing pool passes, you can also register for swim lessons, AquaFusion, Aqua Zumba, Water Walking, private swim lessons and – new for 2015 – diving lessons for beginners.

Call for Lifeguards

The Recreation Division wants YOU to become a University City lifeguard! For more information on requirements and certifications, contact cwright@ucitymo.org.

For more information about any of our programs, visit Centennial Commons at 7210 Olive Blvd., or call **314.505.8625** or Relay Missouri **800.735.2966** (TDD).

Centennial Commons

Children ages 5-14 will have a blast at the city's summer camp and teenagers will also enjoy plenty of summer activities, including swimming, tennis, field trips, and arts and crafts! Campers may register for all eight weeks of camp or weeklong sessions.

Registration runs through May 16. Sign up for these programs:

Camp B4 and After:

A before and after camp program (7:30-9 a.m. and 3-5:30 p.m.).

Camp CentCom: An extended camp program (August 3-14).

Summer Reading Program: Every Hero has a Story

This summer, the U City library is embracing heroism. Young kids will meet everyday heroes at local hero story hours, older children will create superhero costumes and teens will be super heroic volunteers encouraging kids to read for fun. This program targets ages 4-17; additional programs are planned for 2- and 3-year-olds.

Participants keep track of minutes they spend reading and meet regularly with a teen volunteer to discuss what they have read. Reporting begins June 1 and ends July 21. Readers have the chance to win St. Louis Cardinals baseball tickets and other exciting prizes. For more info, call the Youth Services Department at **314.727.3150** or visit ucitylibrary.org.

Create a Bird and Butterfly Garden With Help From the Audubon Society

Perhaps you've heard about the decline of the monarch butterfly and want to help. Or, you want to see more cardinals, chickadees and other Missouri birds. Maybe owls or dragonflies fascinate you.

All of this is possible with native landscaping. Also known as naturescaping, you can use native plants to create interesting, attractive and functional spaces for birds and butterflies.

In December 2013, our City Council endorsed the Bring Conservation Home program of the St. Louis Audubon Society, which provides personalized recommendations

for creating habitat gardens through naturescaping. U City residents can receive the service for half-price, making the service cost just \$25.

Participants receive a visit from trained Habitat Advisors, a landscape survey report detailing their recommendations and the opportunity to be recognized through a certification program for successful levels of habitat creation. For program information or an application, visit stlouisaudubon.org/BCH or call Mitch at **314.599.7390**.





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<i>Director of Public Works/Parks:</i>	Richard Wilson	314.505.8566
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<i>Fire Chief:</i>	Adam Long	314.505.8593

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	Stephen Kraft	314.863.1136
<i>Second Ward</i>	Paulette Carr	314.727.0919
	L. Michael Glickert	314.882.6432
<i>Third Ward</i>	Rod Jennings	314.480.2221
	Arthur Sharpe, Jr.	314.721.5954

City Services

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(Severe Weather, Natural Disaster)	
Finance/Refuse Billing	314.505.8544
Library	314.727.3150
Recreation	314.505.8625
Permits/Inspections	314.505.8500
Public Works/Parks	314.505.8560

Fire and Police Departments

Emergency	911
Fire Department	314.505.8592
Police Department	314.725.2211