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Municipal Election

Don't forget to visit the polls on **April 7** and vote on several important issues that impact your city and you!

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Join the Dialogue With U City Conversations

U City Conversations on Race, Class, and Culture is an all-volunteer group, part of the University City Citizen Volunteer Corps (CVC). The group facilitates conversations and plans exciting events that bring the people of University City together to explore racial, cultural, and class differences, address concerns, and create a more just, diverse, and unified community. All are welcome to attend the monthly organizational meetings at Heman Park

Community Center, 975 Pennsylvania Ave. Upcoming meetings are scheduled for **Thursday, April 16** and **Thursday, May 2**. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., meetings begin at 5 p.m., and conclude promptly at 6 p.m.

For additional information about events, workshops and conversation opportunities visit www.facebook.com/ucityconversations and click the "Sign Up" button to join the mailing list. Visit their website at www.ucityconversations.org.

Get Ready for the City's Next Better Block

The Department of Community Development will host University City's second Better Block event on **Sunday, April 12** from **2 to 4 p.m.** The festival will take place on the city-owned property located at the northwest corner of Midland and Olive boulevards, located at 7301 Olive Blvd.

The spring Better Block event is a follow-up to the November 2014 Better Block Festival, where attendees identified possible uses for the existing building and surrounding vacant land, such as community gardens and art installations. University City residents envision vacant areas to become public gathering places, like a coffee shop or office space available for neighborhood/community groups to use. The April event will refine these ideas and narrow down the community vision for the area.

The city is again partnering with art students from a public practice class at Washington University's Sam Fox School, to help translate ideas into interactive art and sculptures.

The Better Block event will also feature a coffee cart, bakery, and produce stand to allow attendees to assess businesses under consideration for permanent tenancy in the building.

The event is modeled after the national Better Block program. To learn more, visit <http://betterblock.org>. For more information about U City's event, contact the Manager of Economic Development, Jodie Lloyd, at **314.505.8522** or jlloyd@ucitymo.org.



Temporary sculpture created at last fall's Better Block event

Councilmember's Corner

From Councilmember Terry Crow



Councilmember
Terry Crow
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At the city council meeting on January 26, the council and audience had the pleasure of celebrating Michael Castro's appointment as the first Poet Laureate of St. Louis. Michael and his wife Adelia have lived and volunteered in University City for many years. Celebrating with them reminded me of how many talented people make up our community and work hard to make it a better place.

The city has more than 20 boards and commissions whose members work diligently to improve our community. All of these boards and commissions are made up of people just like you. They volunteer to help make University City a better place. Throughout my tenure on council, I have served as the liaison to eight different commissions. Each experience has impressed me with the level of dedication that our residents bring to the table.

All of our boards and commissions work with the council in one way or another. Some, like the Municipal Commission on Arts & Letters, are very hands-on, with several volunteer events occurring throughout the year. Others, such as the pension board, require members to prepare before each meeting, due to the detailed requirements of the pension plans. Whatever the nature of the work, our commissions may take you away from your family for a few hours periodically, but they help create our sense of community and civic pride.

My fellow councilmembers and I have a responsibility to our boards and commissions. First and foremost, we need to listen to them. The boards and commissions are intended to advise council. We need to ask questions of the members of these groups, seek their input, and rely on their deliberations and decisions. Our board and commission members put in a great deal of time toward their work and it shows. The work of our council is more effective and transparent when we listen to our boards and commissions and heed their advice.

I hope that you will take a moment to learn about our boards and commissions on our city website, www.ucitymo.org/index.aspx?NID=23. If you see one that interests you, I encourage you to fill out an application. If you have questions, please contact your councilmember, who can answer any questions and point you in the right direction.

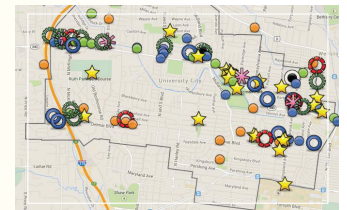
sMap Offers 24/7 Map-Based Communication to Improve Our City

Looking for a way to share any undesirable uses, community assets, problematic intersections, development priority sites, and key transit destinations in University City? With sMap, anyone with internet access can pinpoint these places on a map and communicate with the city administration and other sMap users.

sMap (Summary Map) is a fun and engaging online public outreach tool for U City's Comprehensive Plan Update that allows residents and visitors to create maps of the issues and opportunities facing our community. This tool allows the city to identify, categorize, and map thousands of points of interest, bringing together ideas in a way never before possible. Collected input will be considered by the planning consultants for developing the city's long-range plan update.

To check out sMap, visit the city's website (www.ucitymo.org), click "NEW! Comprehensive Plan Update Website" from the left column that leads to the project website, then click the green pin labeled "sMap" on the homepage. Sign up with sMap and follow the instructions provided.

In addition to sMap, you may share your vision for the city and engage with our community by attending a project meeting, completing an online or paper survey, or conducting your own workshop with a Do-It-Yourself Kit.



A Look Back at University City: Let's Go to the Movies!

A Saturday afternoon with the latest western and a tub of popcorn, or perhaps a date night... we all have fond memories of our favorite local movie theatre. By the 1940s, University City could boast four movie theaters. The earliest theater was the Irma Theatre, later known as the U City Theatre, located at 6324 Bartmer Ave., which opened in 1922, followed soon after by the elegant and better-known Tivoli.



The Varsity Theatre on Delmar Boulevard

Both theaters opened in the heyday of silent films, featuring stars like Lillian Gish, Clara Bow, and Rudolph Valentino. The Irma and the Tivoli kept U City families entertained until 1935, when the Varsity Theatre opened on Delmar Boulevard, billed as "greater St. Louis' newest and finest suburban theater," according to an advertisement in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Three years later, the Art Deco style Beverly Theatre opened on Olive Boulevard.

Today, only the Tivoli remains. The Tivoli underwent major restoration in the 1990s, and continues to attract movie-goers from throughout the St. Louis area today.

Story provided by the Historical Society of University City



Mark Your Calendars for the Taste of U City

The Taste of U City will be held on **Thursday, May 7**. The event features a sampling of food and drinks from more than 30 University City restaurants! Beverages and tastings are included in the ticket price of \$20. More details can be found at **www.universitycitychamber.com**.

Catch Up With the Commission on Senior Issues

Members of the Commission on Senior Issues have been focusing their efforts on identifying existing resources in our community for older adult residents. Soon, this information will be organized and maintained on an age-friendly webpage on the city's website and also available as a paper pamphlet.

The commission is also reviewing the feasibility of creating a part-time position for a senior resource staff person to assist older residents in locating needed resources.

Recently, the commission's members and community residents participated in a focus group for St. Louis County's Age-Friendly Communities Initiative. The St. Louis County Government's Department of Planning was one of few in the country to receive a multi-million dollar grant funded by the AARP to develop a plan for

a more age-friendly community environment. The organization's mission is to cultivate a healthy, inclusive and accessible St. Louis County for residents who choose to live here into retirement. To view the survey results and see the Age-Friendly Communities plan's progress, visit **www.stlouisco.com/agefriendly**.

The commission will continue to utilize the ROARS newsletter as an outlet to provide updates to older adults and their families. You can find more information about the commission in your most recent trash bill. The commission meets on the third Monday of the month (or the third Tuesday when Monday is a holiday). All residents are encouraged to attend meetings. Contact the commission at **seniorscommission@ucitymo.org** or **314.505.8777**.



Chamberlain Avenue Bridge Replacement Complete

In 2011, the Chamberlain Avenue Bridge over the River Des Peres by Kingsland Park was in deteriorating condition. During an inspection, one of its steel exterior beams carrying the public sidewalk was observed to have a structural problem, resulting in closure of the public sidewalk on the south side of the bridge.

University City immediately applied for a Federal-Aid Surface Transportation Program (STP) Grant in the beginning of 2012 to replace the bridge, because rehabilitation of its steel undercarriage would not have been economically feasible based on Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) standards.

The city was awarded the STP Grant in late 2012, and design work commenced early in 2013. After obtaining permits, design review, and approvals, the construction plans were approved in the first half of 2014 and the construction bid took place thereafter. The selected contractor provided the lowest bid to perform the construction work for \$355,603, much lower than the initial cost estimate of \$435,175. After the city council approved the contract award, the project broke ground in August 2014.

The contractor experienced minor delays due to utility- or weather-related issues, but by the end of 2014, all main construction tasks were finished. In January 2015, the project was complete and a

semifinal inspection with MoDOT was held onsite on January 16.

That day, the Chamberlain Avenue Bridge opened to traffic, less than 5 months after its closure. The new single span, pre-stressed, voided beam bridge structure provides a safe and reliable transportation connection across the River Des Peres and should not require major rehabilitation for at least 40 years. With regular preventive maintenance, this lifetime can be extended to more than 50 years.



Completed Chamberlain Avenue Bridge



The Metropolitan Sewer District encourages you to keep fats, oil and grease (FOG) out of your drain. When FOG is poured down a drain, it sticks to the inside of sewer pipes and restricts the wastewater flow, eventually causing a blockage.

Prevent this buildup by disposing visible FOG and food scraps from plates, pots, and utensils into the trash. Instead of pouring FOG down your sink drain, garbage disposal, or sewer system, let it cool and solidify and place it in your trash container. Disposing of FOG properly prevents sewer overflows and improves the quality of our water by keeping FOG out of the sewer system. For more information, visit www.projectclearstl.org.

Spring Leaf Collection

Crews will be collecting leaves from the front curb of residential properties in March. Trucks will make one pass on each street, so leaves must be raked to the curb line no later than the Sunday before collection begins in your area. The pick-up schedule is as follows:

West Area:	March 16 – 20
Central Area:	March 23 – 27
East Area:	March 30 – April 3

Please be sure that parked vehicles do not block access to the items. Only leaves will be collected; no gumballs, limbs, or other yard debris. With questions, call the Public Works and Parks Department at **314.505.8560**.

University City Public Library Events

Events for Adults Are Free

All events for adults are free and open to the public. Many of our youth services events require advance registration. Please visit the library's website, www.ucitylibrary.org, or call **314.727.3150** for up-to-date information, the spring story time schedule, and more programs/events.

The library will be closed on **Sunday, April 5**, in observance of Easter.

Events and Programs for Adults:

March

25 **Computer Class:** *Getting eBooks from the Library*; 2:30 p.m.

April

1 **Computer Class:** *Intro to Chromebooks*; 2:30 p.m.

1 **Star Party:** 7:30-9:30 p.m.

8 **Computer Class:** *Intro to Lynda.com*; 2:30 p.m.

15 **Computer Class:** *Intro to Computers*; 2:30 p.m.

Holocaust Remembrance

Day: *Voyage of the St. Louis Film Event*; 7 p.m.

21 **Readings in History:** *The Man Who Saved the Union: Ulysses Grant in War and Peace* by H.W. Brands; 7 p.m.

22 **Computer Class:** *Intro to the Internet*; 2:30 p.m.

29 **Computer Class:** *Web Email Accounts*; 2:30 p.m.

Events and Programs for Youth:

March

26 **Teen Spot Gaming:** Grades 7+; 7-8:30 p.m.

April

9 **Teen Spot Gaming:** Grades 7+; 7-8:30 p.m.

16 **Movie Matinee:** *Maleficent*: Lil's Treehouse; 4 p.m.

23 **Teen Spot Gaming:** Grades 7+; 7-8:30 p.m.

Need a Camcorder?

The library now has camcorders available for checkout! Thanks to the generosity of the Commission for Access and Local Original Programming (CALOP), you can now check out a Sony Handycam for up to three weeks at a time. The camera kit includes a memory card and will record for approximately 130 minutes.

Once you've filmed your masterpiece, you can use the library's superb public computers to edit your work. For details, stop by the circulation desk, call the library at **314.727.3150**, or visit ucitylibrary.org.

You're Invited to the Star Party

Do you want to view the night sky through a telescope and even operate the telescope yourself? If so, you won't want to miss the opportunity for a free training and viewing session on **Wednesday, April 1** from **7:30 to 9:30 p.m.**, hosted by the St. Louis Astronomical Society.

The program will begin in the library with hands-on training focused on teaching attendees how to operate and use the telescopes now available for checkout from

the library. Guests will learn how to unpack the telescope, prepare the telescope for operation, find objects in the night sky, and learn about telescope safety issues. Using the telescope is surprisingly easy and fun for the whole family.

Weather permitting, the class will move outside and apply what guests have learned to find objects in the night sky. Make sure to dress warmly because you will not want to leave once you begin stargazing!

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.



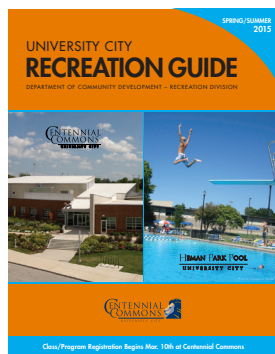
News from the Recreation Department

National Kids to Parks Day!

Save the date for National Kids to Parks Day, a day when all kids ages 5 to 12 are invited to celebrate parks on **Saturday, May 16** at Millar Park from **1 to 3 p.m.** The May/June issue of ROARS will provide more information.

2015 Spring/Summer Recreation Guide

New programs/classes for summer 2015 include: It's All in the Stretch; Men's Soccer League (ages 16+); Summer Jams, youth basketball league (ages 11-13); Aqua Motion (adult); Lessons in Diving (all ages); and USA Pickleball (ages 17 - adult).



Register at Centennial Commons (7210 Olive Blvd.) beginning Monday, March 9.

Children will have a blast at the city's summer camps and teen programs, which include swimming, tennis, field trips, arts and crafts, and more! The programs for kids (ages 5-14) will run for eight weeks (June 8 - July 31) and will be held at Centennial Commons.

Register now for the following programs to supplement summer camp:

Camp B4 and After: A before and after camp program (7:30 - 9 a.m., 3 - 5:30 p.m.) that provides breakfast and an afternoon snack.

Camp CentCom: An extended camp program (August 3 - 4) that provides breakfast and afternoon snack.

Children may register for all eight weeks of camp or for week-long sessions. Scholarships are available for residents who meet income guideline requirements and Parkview Gardens Neighborhood Association provides scholarships to its residents.

Registration runs from April 6 through May 29.

Swimming Season at the Heman Park Pool

The 2015 swimming season begins **Saturday, May 23**. Avoid long lines by renewing your season pass today. While you are visiting Centennial Commons, make sure to register for one of the swim activities or private swim lessons.

For more information, call Centennial Commons at **314.505.8625** or Relay Missouri **800.735.2966** (TDD).

Coming Up at Ruth Park Golf Course

Spring Junior Golf Camp

The spring instructional camp for junior golfers is designed for kids ages 7 to 16 who are beginners or intermediates. The program teaches not only the golf swing and how to play, but also course etiquette and rules of the game. Golf camp will be held on Saturdays, April 11, 18, and 25, from 1 - 2 p.m. The cost of the 3-session program is \$30.

Spring Two Person Team Tourney

This annual tournament, 2-person, 18-hole, better-ball format, will be held on **Saturday, April 18** with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. Entry costs \$80 per team and includes greens fees, prizes, and drinks following play. There will be an optional skins game (\$10/team). Flights will be determined by number of entries. Entry will be capped at 28 teams and the deadline to register is noon on Friday, April 16, so sign up now!

"Get Golf Ready" Clinics for Women

This clinic series is great for beginners and advanced golfers alike. Come and meet other female golfers of equal ability and learn with experienced and friendly PGA professionals. There are three class options: Mondays or Wednesdays with tee times between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m., or Saturdays between 10 and 11 a.m. The 6-week, 6-session program begins Saturday, April 4 and costs \$90, which includes range balls.

For more information about these programs/events, or to sign up, call Ruth Park Golf Course at **314.727.4800**, email Doug Castellari at **dcastellari@ucitymo.org**, or visit **www.ruthparkgolf.com**.

U City in Bloom Springs Into the Busy Season

As U City in Bloom (UCB) enters its 30th year of creating beautiful gardens for University City, UCB is excited to announce the hiring of the first executive director, Judy Prange. Prange has served as a board member and, most recently, president of the board since 2010. Prange brings institutional knowledge, leadership, and forward thinking to the position.

As executive director, Prange is looking forward to building upon existing partnerships with the organization's volunteers, City Hall, the library, and U City schools and parks. Together, they will further UCB's mission to enhance and beautify the community through public gardens, community partnerships, citizen involvement, and environmental education. Prange will be meeting with new volunteers to inform and integrate them into the UCB program.

Currently, UCB is working toward the annual plant sale on **April 25** and **26**, preceded by a preview party and sale on **Friday, April 24**,

open to the public with a \$20 donation. The sale will feature special plants that attract Monarch butterflies and bees, as well as information about starting your own butterfly garden. A demonstration butterfly garden is also scheduled at the Vernon Avenue garden site.

For more information, visit UCB's website, **www.ucityinbloom.org**, and follow "U City in Bloom" on Facebook and Twitter.



The gardens at Jackson and Pershing Avenues

Spring Bulk Household Item Collection

Need to dispose of old furniture, mattresses, rugs, carpet, or broken appliances? Place up to seven household items curbside for the annual spring bulk pickup! Trucks will make only one pass on each street, so all items must be at your front curb by the Sunday night before collection begins in your area. Please be sure that access to items is not blocked by parked vehicles.

West Area
April 13 - 17

Central Area
April 20 - 24

East Area
April 27 - May 1

Visit the city's website at **www.ucitymo.org** or contact the Public Works and Parks Department at **314.505.8560** to confirm your area. For details regarding acceptable items, visit **www.ucitymo.org/index.aspx?NID=113**. If you miss your bulk collection, contact Public Works and Parks to schedule a special pickup for a fee.

New Businesses in University City

**Accuhealth
Urgent Care**
8612 Olive Blvd.
314.692.8055

**Arbor Health
Adult Residential Care**
1004 Pennsylvania Ave.
314.726.1100

Fastrak Tax Service
6800 Olive Blvd., Ste. B
314.621.1040

**Publico
Mexican Restaurant**
6679 Delmar Blvd.
Stop By

**Purley's Health
Cookies**
314.725.6140

**The Angel Band
Project**
6267 Delmar Blvd., 3W
314.223.1630

**Veritas Asset and
Property Management**
567 North and South
Blvd., Unit 5
331.449.7305





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Director of Public Works/Parks: Richard Wilson	314.505.8566
Police Chief: Charles Adams	314.505.8650
Fire Chief: Adam Long	314.505.8593

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Terry Crow	314.918.0045
Stephen Kraft	314.863.1136
Second Ward	
Paulette Carr	314.727.0919
L. Michael Glickert	314.882.6432
Third Ward	
Rod Jennings	314.480.2221
Arthur Sharpe, Jr.	314.721.5954

City Services

Emergency Hotline	314.505.8550
(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
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