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Fair U City and Jazz Festival

Don't forget, Fair U City will be held September 6-8, with the Jazz Festival on September 7 in Heman Park. Admission is free for both events.

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University City's New Fire House Slated for Fall Completion

Update on the New Engine House 1 Construction

Have you been by 863 Westgate Avenue lately? Construction on the new fire house is moving along quickly. The contractor is working with Chief Long and the project manager to keep the project progressing toward completion this month. With the exterior finished, the work crews are now moving forward with the interior structure. Stop by and see the grand building.

The new fire house is being built in part by a grant awarded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Assistance to Firefighters Station Construction Grants. If you would like

more information on the progress of the new fire station, please contact the Fire Department at **314.505.8592**.



The New Engine House 1 is progressing toward completion this month.

Community Resource Fair and Yard Sale

The Community Resource Fair and Yard Sale is back for another year. Hosted by the City of University City, the fair and yard sale will be held on **Saturday, September 14**, from 8 am-2 pm in the Heman Park Pool parking lot. Hear from a variety of University City community groups while browsing the different items for sale by residents.

The event is free and open to the public, and includes booths hosted by community organizations and civic

groups providing public information about activities and involvement. Individuals and groups will host their own yard sales. Space for booth and yard sale set up is now available at \$25 per spot to those who did not participate in last year's fair.

In the event of inclement weather, the event will be held at the Heman Park Community Center. For more information, please contact Centennial Commons at **314.505.8625**.

Bike the Tree Walk

University City Parks Foundation will host the first Bike the Tree Walk Progressive Luncheon and Benefit on Sunday, October 13 at 11 am. The event features a special four course progressive luncheon and a guided bike tour of University City's little-

known Urban Forestry Tree Walk. Tickets are \$25 if purchased before **September 30**. For more information or to purchase tickets, call Karen Palmer at **314.726.1417** or email Stefany Brot at **sbrotward1@gmail.com**.

Councilmember's Corner

From Councilmember Byron Price

As I look, walk and drive around University City, I see a great place to live, raise a family and retire. However, I must ask myself, “does this great city just happen or does it take many concerned residents

working together to make University City unique and great?” Therefore, I decided to explore this question in several aspects such as schools, residents and businesses.

The first area I will explore is “how do we protect this great city of ours?” I raised four children in the University City School District, and all of them graduated from University City High. My wife and I

spent many hours actively involved in our children's elementary, middle and high school educations. Due to this involvement, we became keenly aware of the needs and challenges our school district faces, as well as the vision the teachers and the administrators had for the children academically and socially. Therefore, it is my belief that in order to protect our city, residents must become an active partner with the school district to educationally prepare our young people to be productive citizens in University City and in society.



*Councilmember
Byron Price
314.853.2165*

Secondly, as I explore the issue of preserving University City, I had to ask myself, “what does it take to preserve your neighborhood?” The answer I found was that residents must become active participants in the community. Many people are only active during an election, but I have found that work must be done in between. Residents can get involved by attending the police focus group meetings, starting their own neighborhood watch programs, volunteering to serve on various commissions, supporting the children who live in their neighborhood, looking out for neighbors' property when they are away, reporting suspicious activity to the crime hotline at **314.863.7333**, and holding themselves and their elected officials accountable. We can also preserve our great city by repairing and improving our housing stock, streets, sidewalks and schools. To preserve our environment, we must also become aware and actively participate in the recycling program. If you need recycling information and carts, call the Public Works and Parks Department at **314.505.8560**.

Finally, over the years that I have lived and served on the city council, I have seen many businesses come and go. However, the one constant is that a strong business community helps a city continue to grow and build. If we as a community begin to expand our minds and open up our vision, new companies will come. It is my belief that you can't continue to build a vibrant and diverse city without working hand in hand with your business community.

Fire Department Offers Group AED and CPR Training



As a service to the community, the University City Fire Department (UCFD) is offering free Heartsaver's Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)/Automated External Defibrillators (AED) training classes for groups and organizations of six or more.

Statistics show that, every year, more than 200,000 Americans die from sudden cardiac arrest. Of these deaths, up to 50,000 could have been prevented if proper training and preparation were readily available. Learning how to take action when a cardiac chain of survival is necessary could be the direct reason a life is saved.

If you are interested in learning how to be prepared to save the life of a co-worker, friend, or family member, call Paramedic/Firefighter David James at **314.505.8768** to schedule a class.

A Look Back at University City

The Beginnings of Our Fire Department

When University City was incorporated on September 4, 1906, public safety was an immediate concern. Along with the Mayor and Aldermen,



Photos courtesy of the Archives of the University City Public Library

a City Marshal was appointed with deputies to serve the new community. Firefighting was handled by the deputies, any able-bodied man, and crews from

the St. Louis Fire Department, if they could be called and if they could get there.

In 1910, the City took a major step forward in hiring Fire Chief Oscar Kortkamp and purchasing the first motorized fire truck in the St. Louis area. The brand new, state-of-the-art Robinson 6-cylinder 650-gallon pumper/ladder truck cost \$8,395.

When our first city hall building was constructed on Delmar, the west wing was built to house the Fire Department and the new fire truck, and the east wing was built for the Police Department.

Over the last century, Fire House #1 would have another location on Delmar before moving to the present building in 1930. And this fall, Fire House #1 will move again, this time to its new quarters at Vernon and Westgate. Be sure to stop by to see it. There have been a lot of changes in 100 years!

For the complete history of the University City Fire Department, visit the City website at www.ucitymo.org/index.aspx?NID=139.



U City in Bloom Annual Bulb Sale

The Annual U City in Bloom Bulb Sale is **Saturday, October 12**, from 9 am-4 pm in The Loop. The tent will be located on the sidewalk on the west side of St. Louis Bread Co. The sale offers high-quality bulbs, recommended for their sustainability for home gardeners.

Purchases at the U City in Bloom Bulb Sale support U City in Bloom's effort to plant hundreds of new bulbs annually in the public flower beds. Each spring, colorful flowering bulbs throughout the city announce the new season.

For additional information, call the events line at **314.973.6062**. To pre-order bulbs or to volunteer, visit the U City in Bloom website at www.ucityinbloom.org.

Solid Waste (Refuse) Billing Cycle and Online Bill Pay

The first full cycle of the new Five Route Solid Waste billing system is complete. We appreciate everyone's patience as we went through this process. The next billing cycle begins **September 1**. Billing dates are dependent upon your collection day and route number and are as follows:

- **Monday (Route 1):**
March 1 and September 1
- **Tuesday (Route 2):**
April 1 and October 1
- **Wednesday (Route 3):**
May 1 and November 1
- **Thursday (Route 4):**
June 1 and December 1
- **Friday (Route 5):**
July 1 and January 1

Please be advised, the City will begin charging penalties for delinquent refuse bills after **September 30**.

eUtilities is a free service that allows residents to view their Solid Waste account activity and make payments online. You also have the ability to select paperless billing statements. By selecting paperless billing (eBill), you will begin receiving an email notification when your solid waste bill is ready to be viewed.

Just go to www.ucitymo.org and click on the "Solid Waste (Refuse) Online Bill Pay" link on the home page. The account login will be your account number including the -001 and full name, exactly as it appears on your bill. If you do not know how your name is shown on your bill, please call the Finance Department at **314.505.8544**.

Spotlight: University City Administration

Meet the men and women who keep our City running at its best

University City has assembled a unique, diverse, and capable leadership team that is committed to running our city professionally and efficiently. You hear their names regularly, but perhaps do not know where they came from and how they found their way to this City. Get to know the administrative team.

Lehman Walker, City Manager

Mr. Walker began working for University City in 1998, and previously served as Director of Community Development and Building Commissioner. Before coming to our city, he served as the Director of Community and Economic Development in Evanston, Ill. and as a Provincial Planning Director and the Director of Planning and Development for a suburb of Vancouver, Canada. He has a master's degree in City Planning and a second master's degree in Public Administration. Mr. Walker has accomplished bringing the City budget under control while still providing a high level of services to our residents and hiring well-qualified department heads.

Joyce Pumm, City Clerk

Ms. Pumm has worked in the City for eight years. Ms. Pumm received two B.S. degrees in Foods In Business and Home Economics Education from SIU-Carbondale and her Chancellor's Certificate from UMSL. Prior to coming to University City, Ms. Pumm worked at the Bi-State Development Agency. Ms. Pumm has earned both the Missouri and International City Clerk's Certification. Encouraging the City to go green, Ms. Pumm would like to remind residents that public documents are now available on the City's website at www.ucitymo.org.

Tina Charumilind, Director of Finance

Ms. Charumilind began working for the City over three years ago. She began as an Assistant Director of Finance, served as a Finance Officer, and has held her current position for close to a year and a half. Prior to coming to our city, she received a B.S. in Accounting and M.A. in Economics from the University of Houston, Texas. Ms. Charumilind worked for the City of Chesterfield as an Assistant Director of Finance for eight years, and spent two years implementing financial software for St. Louis County. Ms. Charumilind has established a sound financial position for the City, maintained a very healthy

fund reserve for the General Fund, decreased assistance from auditors in completing the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, and implemented the new refuse billing cycle in an effort to provide improved services to residents and businesses.

Andrea Riganti, Director of Community Development

Ms. Riganti has been with the City for 12 years, all within the Department of Community Development. She has worked as a Planner, Manager of Planning, and Deputy Director before becoming the Director three years ago. Ms. Riganti earned a B.A. in Political Science and M.A. in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Louisiana, Lafayette. She has worked in the Community Development field in the St. Louis area for 20 years, including the East West Gateway Council of Governments, St. Charles County, and Bi-State Development Agency. Some of Ms. Riganti's work in University City includes facilitating infill residential construction with Habitat for Humanity Saint Louis, creating a vacant housing registration program, restructuring a home repair program with St. Louis County, neighborhood and city-wide comprehensive plans, enhancing homebuyer and home rehabilitation programs, and implementing economic development projects. These projects are examples of strong private-public collaborative efforts involving community, administration, and Council.

Richard Wilson - PE, Director of Public Works/Parks

Mr. Wilson has directed our Public Works and Parks Department for close to two years. Prior to working in University City, he earned a B.S. in Civil Engineering from Michigan Technological University and worked in Franklin County, Mo., as the Director of Public Works. Mr. Wilson is a registered professional engineer in Missouri. His experiences include coordinating the trolley project and increasing the number of infrastructure improvement projects, such as paving more roads. Mr. Wilson has been instrumental in streamlining engineering procedures and street and park maintenance functions.

Charles Adams, Police Chief

Chief Adams's career with the City began in 1974. Before coming to our city, he received a B.S. from Sterling College in Kansas, graduated



*(From left to right) Back: Richard Wilson, Lehman Walker, Patrick Wall
Middle: Chief Adam Long, Chief Charles Adams
Front: Joyce Pumm, Tina Charumilind, Andrea Riganti*

from the FBI National Academy, and worked as a patrol officer, training officer, detective, patrol and detective supervisor. Chief Adams served as commander of the Bureau of Professional Standards, was appointed Deputy Chief of Police in 2002 as a Major, and then became Chief of Police in 2005. Chief Adams helps in the development of police officers who take on the rigors and extreme difficulties associated with the demands of policing.

Adam Long, Fire Chief

Chief Long started work with the City in February 2013. His prior experience includes the University City Senior Service Center, and 34 years with the St. Louis Fire Department. During his last four years with the St. Louis Fire Department, Chief Long served as the Battalion Chief and Chief of Operations at Lambert International Airport. Chief Long was a part of the first free smoke detector program in the City of St. Louis back in the mid 1980's, which resulted in the program's growth throughout the metro area and a decrease in fire deaths.

Patrick Wall, Library Director

Mr. Wall has worked at the University City Public Library since 1999. He holds a master's degree in Library and Information Sciences from the University of South Carolina and a B.A. in English from Illinois State University. Mr. Wall was initially hired as a Reference and Instruction Librarian, and served as the Assistant Director at UCPL from 2003-2011. Previously Mr. Wall was employed by the Library at the University of South Carolina at Spartanburg. Wall helped the Library grow from five public internet computers to 27 stations that see thousands of patron internet sessions per month, and added state-of-the-art Wi-Fi and 20 notebook computers. While evolving technologically, the library remains one of the busiest single-building libraries in Missouri, with half-a-million circulations of books, CDs, DVDs, and other items per year.

Fright Night at the Casino

Casino Night is back! Join the Chamber of Commerce on **Saturday, October 26** for "Fright Night at the Casino," hosted by the Brentmoor at 8600 Delmar from 7-10 pm. Enjoy great food and drinks (chocolate and lemon martinis will be back), music, and tons of terrific prizes for games and best costumes.

There is no better way to meet with business people in our community than Fright Night at the Casino. Buy your tickets for \$25 online at www.universitycitychamber.com, or in person at the University City Public Library. All proceeds support the local business community.

**For more
information, please
call the Chamber
office at 314.337.2489.**

Celebrate ‘Grow with Lowe’s’ at Pershing Elementary School

U City in Bloom’s 2013 Garden Tour will be held on **Sunday, September 22**, from 1 – 5 pm.

This year, in addition to the Garden Tour, a stop will be made at Pershing Elementary School. There you will see the new community and school learning gardens that U City in Bloom, in partnership with the School District of University City and Lowe’s Stores, has installed. There are 15 raised beds (the largest of which is fully handicapped accessible) as well as an orchard of fruit trees. At 3 pm on the day of the Tour, “Grow with Lowe’s” will give kids and adults an opportunity to fill a cup with soil, plant a seed, and take it home to watch it grow. Grab a cool



U City in Bloom would like to thank Lowe’s Hero’s and University City volunteers for helping make the Pershing Elementary garden possible.



Joint school/community gardens provide beautiful landscaping for the City, as well as educational benefits for the youth.

drink and join the celebration. Neighbors are also welcome to stroll over and join.

The Garden Tour ends at 5 pm at the Bird Habitat Garden at Centennial Commons (7210 Olive Boulevard) with a wine and cheese reception. The garden’s designers, (Cindy Gilberg; Lynne and Jerry Breakstone; and Mary Ann Shaw) will be there to answer questions. You may also pick up information on using native plants to attract birds.

Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$18 the day of the tour. Information on how and where to purchase tickets will be available on U City in Bloom’s website, www.ucityinbloom.org.

New Businesses in University City



24/7 Towing
7255 Olive Blvd.
314.561.9191

Cardinal Plumbing
8129 Delmar Blvd. #206
314.541.2631

Chic Equipment
Clothing Retail
7001 Olive Blvd.
Stop By

Computer Kidz
Child Care Center
7141 Olive Blvd.
314.601.5155

DC Cuts
Hair Salon
612 N McKnight Unit R
314.725.4833

Generations Child & Family Development Center
Day Care Center
8308 Olive Blvd.
314.769.1683

Innovative Technology Education Fund
7201 Delmar Blvd. #202
314.323.3277

Karen Decarlo
Bookkeeping Services
314.925.8015

Sivam Salon Studio
8420 Delmar Blvd. Unit LL1
314.337.4515

STL Happy Dogs, LLC
Pet Care Services
www.stlhappydogs.com
636.541.1300

This!
Clothing Retail
6352 Delmar Blvd.
Stop By

U City Tees, LLC
Screenprinting
6709 Olive Blvd.
314.727.8337

Wage Wise Payroll Solutions, LLC
7477 Delmar Blvd.
Ste. 200
314.721.1745

Vapor Exchange, LLC
Electronic Vapor Nicotine Devices
6604 Delmar Blvd.
Stop By

University City Public Library Events

The University City Library will be closed **Monday, September 2**, for Labor Day.

Events for Adults Are Free

All events for adults are free and open to the public. You can reserve copies of our discussion books through our online catalog, by calling us at **314.727.3150**, or in person. Many of our youth services events require advance registration.

Events and Programs for Adults:

September

- 10 **Classic Jewish Folktales** with Howard Schwartz; 7 pm
- 17 **Readings in History Book Group:** *The Searchers: The Making of an American Legend* by Glenn Frankel; 7 pm
- 19 **Author Event:** Norris Roberts will read from his new book, *Mama is Still Here* as part of Alzheimer's Awareness month; 7 pm
- 21 **HPES Health Screening:** 9 am
- 25 **UCPL Book Group:** *Notes from No Man's Land* by Eula Biss; 7 pm

October

- 1 **Small Business Workshop:** representatives from organizations dedicated to helping small businesses offer a workshop on the ins and outs of securing funding and growing small businesses in University City; 9 am
- 8 **Classic Jewish Fairy Tales** with Howard Schwartz; 7 pm
- 15 **Readings in History Book Group:** *The Rebellious Life of Mrs. Rosa Parks* by Jeanne Theoharis; 7 pm
- 19 **HPES Health Screening:** 9 am
- 23 **UCPL Book Group:** *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien; 7 pm

Events and Programs for Youth:

September

- 12 **Teen Spot Gaming:** Grades 7+; 7 pm
- 19 **Family Movie:** *Wreck-it Ralph*; 4 pm
- 26 **Teen Spot Gaming:** Grades 7+; 7 pm

October

- 2 **Treehouse Book Club:** *The Lemonade War* by Jacqueline Davies. Advance registration is required, and there is a \$4 registration fee. Grades 4, 5 & 6; 7 pm
- 9 **Show-Me Reader Book Club:** Two books will be read aloud and shared. Advance registration required, and there is a \$4 registration fee. Grades 2 & 3; 7 pm
- 10 **Teen Spot Gaming:** Grades 7+; 7 pm
- 17 **Family Movie:** *Hotel Transylvania*; 4 pm
- 24 **Teen Spot Gaming:** Grades 7+; 7 pm

Preschool storytime with Mrs. W starts up again **September 3** and will focus on the variety of careers adults have. Several six-week sessions are offered for children ages 12 months to 5 years. Laptime for kids ages 12-17 months takes place on Mondays in two sessions, at 9:45 am and 10:30 am. Storytime sessions for kids 24-36 months are on Wednesday and Thursdays at 9:30 am, followed by storytime for kids 3-5 years old at 10:30 am. Every Tuesday night, Mrs. W hosts a storytime for kids 3-6 years old at 6:30 pm. Advanced registration is required.



Library Parking Lot Lights: 76% Electrical Cost Savings

The four parking lot lights for the University City Library were recently upgraded for energy efficiency. The original fixtures used 912 watts per light pole. The new LED fixtures use only 217 watts per fixture. Although the new fixtures use less energy, the light output is brighter and more evenly distributed, saving time, money, and electricity while improving employee productivity. Rather than consisting of down-lighting and requiring a separate flood light for forward-lighting, the new LED fixtures are designed to aim light forward, as well as down, relieving the need for two separate fixtures. The new fixtures were paid for by a Department of Energy Grant promoting energy conservation and efficiency.



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<i>Police Chief:</i>	Charles Adams	314.505.8650
<i>Fire Chief:</i>	Adam Long	314.505.8593

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	Terry Crow	314.918.0045
	Stephen Kraft	314.863.1136
<i>Second Ward</i>		
	Paulette Carr	314.727.0919
	L. Michael Glickert	314.882.6432
<i>Third Ward</i>		
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	Arthur Sharpe, Jr.	314.721.5954

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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
Police Department	314.725.2211