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U City in Bloom holds its Spring Plant Sale at the Heman Park Community Center (975 Pennsylvania Ave.) every year on the last weekend in April. As soon as the weather begins to warm in March, UCB volunteers get busy digging up, dividing, and potting perennial plants from UCB beds and from many other University City donors' gardens. These hardy perennials have flourished



in our challenging climate and will thrive in your garden as well. In addition to the thousands of perennial plants prepared by the volunteers, a variety of flowering annuals, vegetables, and herbs will be offered for sale.

The Preview Party is on Friday evening, April 28, from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20. Guests can purchase plants while enjoying drinks, a signature cocktail, and light refreshments.

The public sale begins on Saturday, April 29, from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. and will continue Sunday, April 30, from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Brittany Woods Middle Schoolers, guided by teacher Katherine Avant, will again have their clever handmade pots for sale. The students also "plant sit" customers' selections so they can pick out additional items, and help carry purchases to cars. U City in Bloom is grateful for their help and for all the other volunteers who make this fundraiser a success.



Happy Spring



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Spring/Summer 2017 Recreation Guide

The Spring/Summer 2017 Recreation Guide will be available in mid-April! Check out the Guide in digital format! The online version is interactive and can be viewed or downloaded at www.ucitymo.org/Recreation.



Print versions will be available upon request by calling 314.505.8625 or for pick up at the following locations: Centennial Commons Recreation Facility/Heman Park Swimming Pool Complex, Heman Park Community Center, throughout City Hall and University City Police Department Complex, University City Library, Ruth Park Golf Course, area Schnucks and Walgreens locations, Pete's Shur Save Market.

University City Police Department Hiring Event

The University City Police Department is looking to hire quality individuals seeking a fulfilling career in law enforcement.

Applicants are invited to attend the hiring event, held on Saturday, March 4 starting at 10:00 a.m. in Centennial Commons, located at 7210 Olive Blvd.

The hiring event will be an opportunity for attendees to meet with department staff one-on-one to complete the first three phases of the hiring process, including the application, written test and physical fitness test for entry into the Police Academy.

Who: University City Police Department

What: Hosting a Hiring Event for Entry-level Police Officers

When: Saturday, March 4, 2017 beginning at 10:00 a.m.
Registration is from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Where: Centennial Commons, 7210 Olive Blvd., University City, MO 63130

Why: The University City Police Department is seeking to fill immediate openings.

Starting salary is \$49,749 plus benefits, including an Educational Incentive, Residency Pay for those relocating to University City, a pension plan with 401/457 deferred compensation, vacation leave, personal recreation leave, sick leave, tuition reimbursement, health, dental, vision and life insurance for employee and spouses, partners, or families.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens, at least 21 years old, provide a current and valid driver's license, have a high school diploma or G.E.D, have no felony or serious misdemeanor convictions, and meet a list of physical requirements, including a vision standard of not less than 20/70 in each eye without correction, correctable to 20/20. Post certified or Academy training is preferred but not required.



Bring Conservation Home



University City residents have a new opportunity to save money, improve water quality and provide habitats for birds and butterflies all within their own landscapes. The St. Louis Audubon Society's Bring Conservation Home Program provides at-home consultations by Habitat Advisors trained in native landscaping and other conservation practices for suburban landscapes. The program fee is just \$25 for University City residential property owners, courtesy of an endorsement by the City Council.

Native plants are the foundation of any successful bird, butterfly or pollinator garden. They evolved in the region and are adapted to our variable climate and clay-based soils. When chosen properly and established in the garden, they do not need fertilizers, pesticides or supplemental watering. With over 400 types commercially available, functional and attractive native gardens can be created in most any suburban landscape.

After application to the program and scheduling, a team of Habitat Advisors will meet with you to discuss your goals for your landscape, survey your grounds, offer immediate feedback and then provide detailed, written recommendations on how to improve the landscape as a habitat and meet your goals. An optional second visit is included in the initial fee for your use at any time; there is no expiration on that visit.

Now is a great time to make plans. Program advisors work year-round and can accommodate most any schedule. For detailed info, visit the program website at <http://www.stlouisaudubon.org/BCH/index.php>; the consultation request form is on the same page. For other questions or interest in non-residential property types, including commercial sites, please contact Mitch at 314.599.7390 or mitch@stlouisaudubon.org.

The Emerald Ash Borer

In 2002 scientists trying to discover why Ash trees were dying at an alarming rate made a startling discovery. They found that the culprit for the trees' demise was an introduced species of insect called the Emerald Ash Borer. Since that time, the highly invasive insect has been responsible for the death of over 50 million Ash trees in North America. Recently the pest has been discovered in the St. Louis Area, and it is only a matter of time before it arrives in University City.



What do we know about this infestation?

- 1) The insect is species specific meaning it will only attack Ash trees.
- 2) The history of the insect shows that there is a five to seven year window from the time of first discovery to when the full effects of the tree decline becomes apparent.
- 3) The mortality of the trees is 100%.

As the owner of an Ash tree what can you do?

- 1) Do nothing and wait for the tree to die, removing it at that time.
- 2) Proactively remove the tree now and plant a replacement tree of another species in its place.
- 3) Plant a replacement tree of another species and stage the removal of the Ash tree within three to five years.
- 4) Apply one of the chemical treatments to the Ash tree for the remainder of its life.

Currently there are three insecticide treatments available and all are effective against the Emerald Ash Borer. Imidacloprid is used as a soil drench and is applied around the base of the tree once per year. Emamectin benzoate is an insecticide injected into the Ash tree at various points at the root flare every other year. Dinotefuran is an insecticide sprayed onto the trunk area of the tree yearly. These insecticides come not only with a monetary cost but an environmental one as well. Due to the systemic nature of these insecticides, the active ingredient spreads throughout the tissues of the tree. All the aforementioned chemicals have been shown to kill honeybees and other beneficial insects.

What is University City's response?

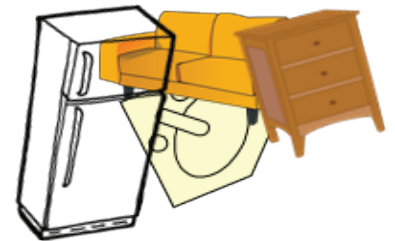
There are approximately 35,000 trees planted on city streets and in parks; of this number it is estimated that 800 to 1000 of those trees are Ash. No Ash trees have been planted by the forestry division since the year 2002, and the division has been selectively removing Ash trees since this time. Because of the high man power, monetary cost, and environmental hazards, the city does not view chemical treatment as a practical option. Increasing the removals of Ash trees over the next three to five years is the viable alternative. Residents, who have the city street tree in front of their houses removed, do have the option of a replacement tree planted at city expense and they may request a new tree at any time.

Ash trees make up an important part of the urban tree canopy and the loss of this species is devastating to the urban forest, especially given the growing threat of global warming. If you have Ash trees as part of your residential landscape it is vital that you make plans now for either their preservation or replacement.

2017 Spring Bulk Pick Up Dates

East	April 10 - 14
Central	April 17 - 21
West	April 24 - 28

Need to get rid of some old furniture, mattresses, rugs, carpet or broken appliances? Participating households can place large household items curbside for the annual spring bulk pick-up. All acceptable items must be placed at the front curb (not in the alley) by the Sunday night before collection begins in the area. The trucks will make one sweep of each street. Be sure that access to the items is not blocked by parked vehicles. Dispose of up to three large items (i.e.: stoves, refrigerators, water heaters, washers, dryers) or up to seven smaller items (i.e.: rugs, bedding, small appliances and doors.) Items Not Accepted: computers, computer-related products, Televisions, hazardous materials, commercial items, or business equipment, yard waste, tree trunks, logs, building or construction type debris/materials, tires, auto batteries, motors, rail road ties, barrel drums, concrete bricks, landscape stones, boulders, rocks, dirt, roofing materials, siding, fluorescent tubes and/or household trash. Visit the U City website at www.ucitymo.org or contact the Public Works and Parks Department at 314.505.8560, to confirm your area.



2017 Spring Leaf Collection

University City crews will be collecting leaves from the front curb of residential properties in March. Leaves must be raked to the curb line by Sunday, the day before collection begins in your area. Leaves should not be placed in yard waste bags for collection by leaf collection crews. Trucks will only make one pass on each street during the collection week, so items must be placed at the curb before the scheduled collection week begins.

The pick-up schedule in your area is listed below:

West:	March 6 - 10
Central:	March 13 - 17
East:	March 20 - 24



Senior Assistance and Volunteer Work Days – Expanded!

Are you a senior resident in need of exterior home improvements (yard, painting, etc.) or a resident who would like to help a senior neighbor with a service project? The City is coordinating additional efforts and is seeking your assistance! Thanks to support from Safe Homes for the Elderly and Disabled (SHED) and many partner church organizations, the City will be expanding home improvement volunteer days to assist senior residents. Projects to be completed include exterior maintenance (yard work, painting, minor porch/fence repairs, etc.).

Volunteer days will take place April 8th, June 10th, August 12th, and October 28th (National Make A Difference Day). If you are a senior in need of help or a resident willing to help with a project, please contact Marcia Mermelstein at 314.505.8563 or mmermelstein@ucitymo.org. Together, University City residents can help make a difference in our neighborhoods!

City Promotes Ethnic Diversity along the Olive Link

The City has created a brochure to promote the diversity of ethnic entrepreneurs along Olive Boulevard (The Olive Link). The Olive Link, a four-mile stretch of Olive Boulevard in University City, links Greater St. Louis to the rest of the “world” with a proliferation of businesses owned and operated by people representing various ethnicities. Many immigrants or recent descendants of immigrants have helped to create the eclectic retail and dining scene of the Olive Link. By combining cultural contributions with business skills, these entrepreneurs reflect the spirit of inclusivity and economic opportunity that defines University City as a “Neighborhood to the World.”

The new brochure highlights a few stories behind these ethnically owned businesses. It will be placed at various locations around the region to help promote the Olive Link, such as the St. Louis International Institute, chambers of commerce, and can be found on the City’s website at: <http://www.ucitymo.org/730/The-Olive-Link>.

University City Public Library

Explore Early African American Cinema at the Library with Washington U Professor Rafia Zafar

Join University City Public Library in exploring a pioneering film of African American cinema at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 6. Dr. Rafia Zafar, professor of English, African & African American, and American Culture Studies at Washington University, will lead a discussion of *The Scar of Shame*.

Released in 1927, *The Scar of Shame* tells the story of a young black musician who marries a woman from a lower socioeconomic class, saving her from a life of abuse. However, the class difference between them continues when the musician won’t take his new wife to meet his mother, who he fears will be judgmental.

Refreshments will be served and all are welcome at this free event, which is possible through the generous support of the Friends of University City Public Library. For more information, call 314.727.3150.

Get Involved in the Upcoming Personal Finance Exhibit at the Library

In May, University City Public Library will welcome the traveling exhibit *Thinking Money*, a family-friendly look at navigating the treacherous path of personal finance. While the free-standing exhibit is on display, the Library’s Gallery walls will feature portraits by local photographer Kristi Foster, showcasing local residents and their thoughts on the very basics of personal finance: piggy banks.

In early March, University City residents will have a chance to be included in Foster’s exhibition. Foster will be photographing volunteers holding piggy banks and asking them their thoughts on saving and money in general. Those thoughts will be included in short essays that will be displayed alongside the portraits. If you’re interested in participating, call Kara or Lexine at 314.727.3150.

Thinking Money is funded by a grant from the American Library Association and the FINRA Investor Education Foundation.

Library Welcomes Local Author David Linzee

Local author David Linzee will read from and sign copies of his new book, *One Fell Swoop*, at 7:00 p.m. Friday, April 7 at University City Public Library.

One Fell Swoop is the follow-up to last year’s St. Louis-based *Spur of the Moment*, and focuses on mezzo soprano Renata Radleigh as she becomes embroiled in solving a transatlantic series of crimes while keeping up her singing engagements. A journalist, writer, and community volunteer, Linzee lives in University City with his wife.

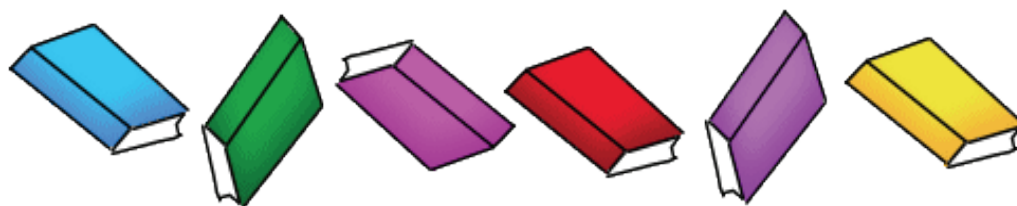
The event is free and open to all. For more information, call 314.727.3150.



University City Public Library Events

	Date	Event	Description	Time
M A R C H	3/1/2017	Computer Class	Safe Web Surfing Learn how to avoid scams, evaluate news stories, and keep your information secure online. This is an advanced class, and requires comfort working with computers and the Internet.	2:30 p.m.
	3/8/2017	Computer Class	3D Printing at the Library Learn how to find, size, format and print 3D creations at the library. This is an advanced class, and requires comfort working with computers and the Internet.	2:30 p.m.
	3/13/2017	Readings in History	Join us for a lively discussion of Kate Anderson Brower's <i>First Women: The Grace and Power of America's Modern First Ladies</i> .	7:00 p.m.
	3/15/2017	Computer Class	Intro to Computers Learn computer basics and how to use the mouse. Computer classes are free and do not require registration.	2:30 p.m.
	3/18/2017	HPES Health Screening	Free health screenings check: heart, liver, kidney, cholesterol, skin, teeth, and more. For more info email info@hpes-stl.org or call 314.727.3150.	9:00 a.m.
	3/22/2017	Computer Class	Intro to the Internet Learn how to find info using search engines. Computer classes are free and do not require registration.	2:30 p.m.
	3/22/2017	U City Book Group	Join the discussion of Elena Ferrante's <i>My Brilliant Friend</i> .	7:00 p.m.
	3/29/2017	Computer Class	Web Email Accounts Sign up for a free email account and learn the basics. Computer classes are free and do not require registration.	2:30 p.m.
	3/29/2017	Alzheimer's Association: Effective Communication Strategies	Meet in the library auditorium to explore how communication takes place when someone has Alzheimer's and identify strategies to help you connect and communicate at each state of the disease. The program is free and RSVP is requested: 800.272.3900 or emurrell@alz.org.	6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
A P R I L	4/5/2017	Computer Class	Intro to Word 2013 Learn Word 2013 Basics. Computer classes are free and do not require registration.	2:30 p.m.
	4/6/2017	Film Screening and Discussion: Pioneers of African-American Cinema	Join us for a screening of <i>The Scar of Shame</i> , with a discussion moderated by Dr. Rafia Zafar, Washington University Professor of English, African and African American and American Culture Studies. Refreshments will be served and all are welcome.	6:30 p.m.
	4/7/2017	Author Visit: David Linzee	Local author David Linzee will read from and discuss his new book, <i>One Fell Swoop</i> , in the auditorium. This free event is open to all.	7:00 p.m.
	4/10/2017	Readings in History	Join the discussion of Jon Meacham's <i>Franklin and Winston: An Intimate Portrait of an Epic Friendship</i> .	7:00 p.m.
	4/12/2017	Computer Class	Digital Library Resources Learn how to use the many digital resources available through the library. This is an advanced class, and requires comfort working with computers and the Internet.	2:30 p.m.
	4/15/2017	HPES Health Screening	Free health screenings check: heart, liver, kidney, cholesterol, skin, teeth, and more. For more info email info@hpes-stl.org or call 314.727.3150.	9:00 a.m.
	4/16/2017	Closed for Easter		
	4/19/2017	Computer Class	Intro to Social Media This advanced class is an introduction to social media platforms, including Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.	2:30 p.m.
	4/26/2017	Computer Class	Job Hunting Online Learn how to look for and apply for jobs online. This is an advanced class, and requires comfort working with computers and the Internet.	2:30 p.m.
	4/26/2017	U City Book Group	Join the discussion of Viet Dinh's <i>After Disasters</i> .	7:00 p.m.
	4/26/2017	Holocaust Days of Remembrance Observed	Please join us for University City Public Library's fifth annual Days of Remembrance event. Details to be posted soon.	6:30 p.m.

Please visit the library's website, ucitylibrary.org or call 314.727.3150 for the most up-to-date information, weekly storytimes, and additional programs and events.



Staying Safe and Secure

The monthly Police Focus Groups meetings continue, giving you an opportunity to listen to and question representatives of the Police Department, Community Development, and Public Works. The next meetings are set for March 28, April 25, and May 23, each at 6:00 p.m. at the Heman Park Community Center. Not only are the meetings informative, but you can meet fellow University City neighbors. Come with your questions, requests, complaints, and commendations.

Last month, the University City Police, Fire, and School District staffs, supported by N.O.B.L.E., the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, brightened the holidays during the week of December 19 by delivering gifts to children in about 45 households in various University City neighborhoods. This is another fine example of how our first responders support the entire community, in addition to their usual hard work. Thanks to all who participated.

Remember that the Police Department continues to provide home and business safety inspections to help you remain secure in your residences and businesses. They also offer up to two free gun locks to help you keep your family safe. And they offer out of town residence checks once or twice a day when you are away from home for an extended time. With spring break vacations coming up, you can utilize this service by completing the form available at www.ucitymo.org, or calling the non-emergency line at 314.725.2211 during usual business hours. Gun locks must be picked up in person at the Police Department behind City Hall. To schedule a safety inspection, contact Lieutenant Fred Lemons at 314.505.8661.

As always you can report anonymously about a crime or suspicious activity to the hotline at 314.863.7333

University City Senior Services

Transportation



The Senior Commission is exploring the possibility of a pilot program for additional low-cost transportation resources for older adults in part of St. Louis County, including University City. This transportation

program would be dependent on volunteer drivers. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer and learning more, contact Marcia Mermelstein, University City Senior Services Coordinator, at 314.505.8563 or at mmermelstein@ucitymo.org. A starting time for this pilot transportation program is expected to begin in late spring. Information will be shared as soon as it is developed.

“Coffee Talk” takes place on Wednesday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. at McArthur’s Bakery---drop in for informal discussions over a cup of coffee with other University City older adults.

First Friday Free Film (and popcorn) Series

Movies will be shown on the first Friday of the month at 10:30 a.m. in the University City Public Library Auditorium.

March 3 *Local Hero*
April 7 *All of Me*



If you have suggestions for future movies you would like to see, contact Marcia Mermelstein.

If you would like a free “File of Life” card for your refrigerator, you can pick one up at the library, at Centennial Commons, or at the University City Senior Center on Pennsylvania Avenue. You can also contact Marcia Mermelstein and she can mail you one. These cards contain vital personal medical information and are kept in a bright red magnetic envelope on your refrigerator so that it is easily accessible to EMT’s when they arrive on an emergency call to your home.

If you are not yet on the University City Seniors mailing list, please contact Marcia Mermelstein at 314.505.8563 or at mmermelstein@ucitymo.org, so that your contact information can be added.

NEW BUSINESSES

2 THUMBS UP
8502 OLIVE BLVD
314.282.1000

AMONAE LLC
6325 DELMAR BLVD
314.406.7557

AUTOMAKOVER STL
7245 OLIVE BLVD
314.810.2077

BATTER & ICING
8342 DELCREST DR UNIT 414
314.800.6508

BLOSSOM CHILD CARE
1023 FERGUSON AVE
314.282.0924

BRYANTS OUTLET COMPANY
8503 OLIVE BLVD
STOP BY

LOOP LIVING FURNITURE
6303 DELMAR BLVD
314.863.7709

THERAPEUTIC ASSOCIATES LLC
8147 DELMAR BLVD SUITE 220
314.399.9576

SHAWARMA KING
571 MELVILLE AVE
314.261.4833

SULLIVAN FARMS
6635 DELMAR BLVD
314.570.6662



Residential Development in University City

A Snapshot of Recent Activity

Since its incorporation in 1906, University City has evolved to become almost completely built out, with few vacant parcels available for development. New developments, including residential single-family and multi-family, are typically infill. Due to aging of the housing stock, the preservation, maintenance, and improvement of residential neighborhoods could not be sustained without infill developments/ redevelopment, among other direct or indirect factors. The infill phenomenon may consist of the construction of a new house on an occasional vacant lot in the middle of a residential block, or replacement of older and smaller homes by much larger single family houses. In some instances, it may involve redevelopment of consolidated, larger commercial or institutional properties for multi-family residential dwellings such as apartment complexes, and mixed-use (commercial/residential) buildings. Attracting residential development and redevelopment to appropriate sites is one of the implementation strategies contained in the City's current Comprehensive Plan.

During the last five years (2012-2016) – a period of slow recovery from the economic downturn – University City continued to experience development and redevelopment. A total 618 dwelling units of new construction in University City were approved, consisting of 40 single-family residences, one two-family dwelling, and 576 multi-family residential units. Most of these are built to date with some still under construction. The new infill single-family homes are scattered in various parts of the City including those built by Habitat for Humanity in the northeast neighborhood. New multi-family construction has occurred in the I-170/Delmar Blvd. area and the Delmar Loop neighborhood. Overall, the total cost estimate of these new constructions exceeds \$152 million. The table below lists the new multi-family projects approved during this time period.

New Multi-Family Residential Projects Approved (2012 - 2016)

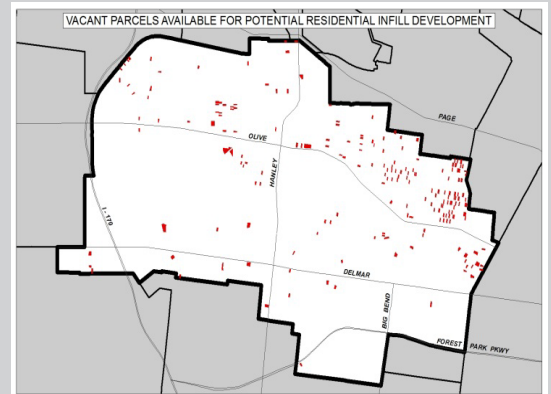
Project Name	Development Type	Estimated Cost of Construction (in millions)	Number of Buildings	Number of Units
Vanguard Crossing	Apartments	\$22.2	2	200
Lofts of Washington University – Phase 1	Mixed-Use (Student housing / commercial)	\$69.3	4	165 (413 beds)
Mansions on the Plaza – Phase 2	Apartments	\$25.0	1	116
Gatesworth Addition – Phase 7	Assisted Living Apartments	\$20.6	1	90
Magnolia Townhomes	Condos	\$1.9	2	5
Two-Family Dwelling (7430 Delmar)	Duplex	\$0.4	1	2

The upward swing in residential investment and in-fill development in University City reflects the continued confidence of many successful developers or individual homebuilders in our community such as the Clayton-based Mehlman Homes Realty, LLC and MB Mehlman Brothers Real Estate Development. According to Mark and Debi Mehlman, owners of Mehlman Homes Realty, LLC, "we have chosen University City throughout the years as the location for many of our single family and multi-family developments because of the many attributes the area has to offer... the central location, its rich cultural history and ethnic diversity, the mix of classic and modern, new and old, restaurants, shops... all continues to draw multiple generations to their strong roots here in U City."

The picture below shows the two "Sold Fast" new single-family infill homes on Washington Avenue, each sold for over \$750,000, recently developed by MB Mehlman Brothers Real Estate Development.



There are still many vacant parcels in University City available for residential infill development. This map highlights those properties. Zoning regulations were recently relaxed in certain residential areas to incentivize lot consolidation for appropriate residential infill redevelopment or reconstruction. For additional information regarding infill construction or vacant parcels, contact the Department of Community Development at 314.505.8502.



In addition to new infill residential construction, a large number of major residential renovation/rehabilitation and substantial home improvement projects (over \$100,000 per project) for single- and multi-family dwellings have also occurred during the same five-year period. Those improvement projects, involving 108 single-family residences and 1,160 multi-family dwelling units in 252 apartment complexes north and south of the Delmar Loop, and the immediate vicinity of the I-170/Delmar Blvd. interchange, amount to about \$108 million in total estimated construction cost. This pattern again points to the confidence of many home and property owners towards the future of their properties, neighborhoods, and our City.

The outlook for residential infill development is promising in University City for this coming year. City staff continues to be contacted from time to time by interested developers/builders looking for appropriate sites for such development as residential infill, affordable housing, mixed residential/commercial uses. Some of the approved but not yet built residential projects, such as a 5-unit townhome development (Magnolia Townhomes) at Delmar Blvd./Central Ave. by Mehlman Homes Realty, LLC should break ground soon. It is anticipated that property owners will continue in the rehabilitation/renovation of their residences and buildings. As a result, a positive economic impact in the form of construction employment, increased property values, and growing tax revenue; continued confidence in our community by developers/homebuilders and homeowners; stabilization and improvement of certain residential areas and neighborhoods; and increase in City population will be more evident.

CENTENNIAL COMMONS

SilverSneakers® Fitness Program at Centennial Commons – A Real Bargain!



The SilverSneakers® Fitness Program is an innovative health, exercise and wellness program helping older adults live healthy, active lifestyles. A SilverSneakers® fitness membership at Centennial Commons includes: Access Centennial Commons (fitness equipment, walking path), Heman Park Swimming Pool, University City Natatorium, discounted rates for classes and on Programs and resident rates at Ruth Park Golf Course.

A Centennial Commons SilverSneakers® membership is available to you at no cost through your health plan. Regular participation can help you build muscular strength, improve joint mobility and increase cardiovascular endurance, leading to improved health and greater independence.

For more information, contact Centennial Commons, 314.505.8625 or Relay Missouri, 1.800.735.2966 TDD or go to www.silversneakers.com.

Planning your 2017 Family Reunion?

Contact the Recreation Division for information about a Family Reunion Package, which includes Picnic Pavilion, Heman Community Center reservations and Heman Pool admission. For more information, contact Leslie Eutz, 314.505.8625 or Relay Missouri



Scholarship Program Available for University City Residents

University City believes that everyone should have the opportunity to improve their quality of life through recreation facilities and programs. To help meet this goal, the Department of Community Development – Recreation Division offers a recreation scholarship to income qualified University City residents.

The scholarship award amount will be based on all household income sources, including related and unrelated people residing in a household. Individual and family scholarships are available. Scholarships are provided at a sliding scale, dependent on income, at a discounted rate of 25%, 50%, or 75% of the program's adopted fee. Funding is limited.

Scholarships are available for the following activities:

1. Youth before and after school programs, and city operated full day recreation programs (i.e. Summer Youth Recreation Program, etc.);
2. Fitness and/or Leisure education classes. Lessons and senior social activities will be limited to two per person per fiscal quarter (July 1-Sept 30, Oct 1-Dec 31, Jan 1-Mar 31, Apr 1-June 30);
3. Centennial Commons memberships and Heman Pool/Natatorium Swim Passes; and
4. University City Sports Association or University City Soccer Club youth sports player fees.

Applications are accepted year-round. For more information, please contact Leslie Eutz, 314.505.8617.



DID YOU KNOW?? Centennial Commons is a participating Weight Watchers facility. Meetings are scheduled Monday evenings from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. For more information, contact Weight Watchers or go to weightwatchers.com.

Heman Park Swimming Pool Season Begins Saturday, May 27

Avoid the long lines at the pool and stop by Centennial Commons (7210 Olive Blvd.) to buy your season pass TODAY! The process is quick and easy, and will ensure you won't miss a minute of swimming. Questions: contact Centennial Commons, 314.505.8625 or Relay Missouri 800.735.2966 (TDD).

Summer Camp Registration Begins May 1

Children ages 5-14 will have a blast at the City's Summer Camp and Teen Activities Programs, which include swimming, tennis, field trips, arts and crafts and more! The programs run for eight weeks from June 5-July 28 at Centennial Commons, 7210 Olive Blvd. from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Children may register for all eight weeks or ONE-week sessions (restrictions apply).

Need before or after camp care? Camp B4 and After is available from 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. or 3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. An additional fee applies, and includes breakfast and an afternoon snack.

The City offers scholarships to University City residents who meet income guideline requirements. Additionally, the Parkview Gardens Neighborhood Association provides scholarships to eligible children who live within the neighborhood.

Registration runs from May 1 through June 2. Registration received after June 9 will include a \$25 late registration fee. For more information, call 314.505-8625 or Relay Missouri 800.735.2966 (TDD).



Annual Pet Vaccinations Clinic

Saturday, April 1
8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Heman Park Community Center
975 Pennsylvania Ave
University City, MO 63130

The City will be hosting its annual pet clinic, where pet owners will be able to receive a one-year rabies vaccination and preliminary health exam for cats and dogs. All pets must be at least three (3) months old; dogs must be leashed; cats must be in carriers. Fees are as follows:

Spayed/Neutered Cats: \$19.00 Non-Spayed/Neutered Cats: \$27.00
Spayed/Neutered Dogs: \$22.00 Non-Spayed/Neutered Dogs: \$30.00

The pet Clinic is sponsored by the city of University City (www.ucitymo.org) and Dr. Gary Yavitz of the Spoede Animal Hospital (314.569.3111, www.spoede-vet.com).

At this event, residents who have not registered their dogs with the City, will have the opportunity to pay for a dog license. The fee for the dog license is \$3.00.

Both residents and non-residents will have the opportunity to apply for membership to the University City Dog Park. Fees for the University City Dog Park are as follows:

\$40.00 per year for one dog/\$60.00 per year for two dogs (Residents)

\$60.00 per year for one dog/\$90.00 per year for two dogs (Non-Residents)

*At the time of registration, individuals that wish to access the dog park must show proof of residency (license, state issued identification, occupancy permit, etc.).



Human Relations Commission

March Is Women's Month

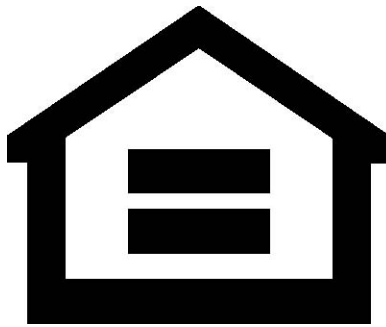
March, the nationally known month for recognizing the achievements of all groups of women, denotes a history of outstanding progression. Women today are demanding equal rights in their personal and professional lives. It is currently the belief of many that women's rights are human rights.

The historical achievements of women as astronauts, inventors, politicians, educators, business owners, law enforcers, and clergy, just to name a few professional fields, proves that women's unified efforts have aided their equal rights movements. Women are now allowed in the armed forces and many have become commanders. Times have changed and continue to change for women of the world.



Recently, millions of women united around the world protesting that their acquired rights not be removed. Accompanying many of these women in many instances were males who upheld their beliefs and even children. These unified and peaceful protests lead by over 600 Sister Groups around the entire world, proved that women's voices are being more noticeably heard regarding their equal rights. Marching to protest is what millions of women, men and children did recently to ensure that women's rights are respected as human rights.

April is Fair Housing Month



The University City Human Relations Committee (HRC) consists of seven volunteer members who are registered voters that are qualified by the City Council. This group acts in an advisory capacity to the City Council. Its functions and duties are to foster mutual self-respect and to further amicable relations among the various segments of the population which together comprise the City of University City.

The committee also has the responsibility to help preserve and further the good name of

University City for tolerance and fair play and promote even better relations among its people. To make it possible for each citizen, regardless of race, religion, creed, color, ancestry, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, disability, political affiliation, marital status, familial status, income, or educational level to develop their talents and abilities without limitation, the group works to promote better relationships. Lastly, the HRC has the charge to aid in permitting the community to benefit from the fullest realization of its human resources.

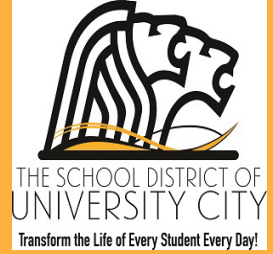
One of the main goals of the HRC has been to compose an amendment to the Fair Housing Ordinance and submit it to the City Manager and City Council for approval. The committee has been actively engaged with the Fair Housing Department in the City of St. Louis which has such an ordinance in place. To ensure that there is a fair and equitable distribution of rental properties for potential renters with various sources of income, the committee has been focused on what is needed for proper submission and execution.

Sources of Income Protection laws protect individuals and their families that receive financial assistance from local, state, or federal agencies, or other nontraditional sources, from being discriminated against due to their income through practices limiting their ability to find and maintain housing. This includes Section 8 voucher holders as well as other families with non-employment income such as pensions, alimony, child support or social security from discrimination.

The Human Relations Committee continues to strive to protect the rights and equalities of our citizens. Our goal is to help those in need of fair housing and equitable treatment in the community. We invite citizens, business owners and all in our community to join us the third Thursday of each month. Further, we welcome your questions, suggestions and your presence at our monthly meetings. Together, we can and will make a difference in University City!



The School District of University City



Important Dates To Remember!

- March 13-17: Spring Break. Schools closed, offices open.
- March 23: Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m. (McNair Administration Center 8136 Groby Rd.)
- April 2: UCHS Spring Musical, 6:30 p.m. (UCHS Auditorium, 7401 Balson)
- April 13: Board of Education meeting 7:00 p.m.
- April 26: Week of the Young Child Celebration/ Parade Julia Goldstein Early Childhood Education Center
- May 6: Kinesis Dance Concert (UCHS Auditorium, 7401 Balson)
- May 15: UCHS Graduation

Please check the website
www.ucityschools.org for
details.



District Awarded Grant from Smithsonian to Support STEM Teacher Diversity

The School District of University City was recently awarded a grant to participate in the Smithsonian Science Education Center and Shell Oil Company's Teacher Leadership Summit held in February. The focus of the two-day session was, "Attracting, Retaining, and Developing a Diverse STEM Teaching Workforce." Administrators traveled to Washington, DC February 24-26, 2017 to learn strategies for creating a plan for attracting, retaining, and developing a diverse STEM teaching workforce and to become catalysts for systemic change.

"The Smithsonian summit provided an invaluable learning opportunity for us as we seek to strengthen the quality of teaching and learning in the District," said Superintendent Sharonica Hardin-Bartley. "The grant allowed our team, which included members of the Board of Education, to participate in this tremendous exercise without cost to the District so that's an added bonus."

New Website Coming Soon!

The School District of University City will unveil a new feature-rich website in the Spring of 2017. The website was a priority for new superintendent Sharonica Hardin-Bartley.

"Our website is really our front door; when people come to your door, you want them to feel welcome," Hardin-Bartley said. "The new site will provide a vastly improved user experience and be more visually appealing. We're very excited and I cannot wait for the community to engage with us on our new site."

The District is partnering with Blackboard, formerly SchoolWires, on the new website. Blackboard, a leader in school learning systems, was selected because of their deep experience helping districts stand out in their community and to prospective families.

"We are moving from an older school public relations model to more of a marketing communications approach in our District," said Patricia Washington, Executive Director of Communications and Community Outreach. "The upgrade to our website and digital communications is a huge boost in that effort."

The district plans to unveil the new website in late March 2017.

University City Mom Earns National Adult Education Award



The School District of University City is proud to recognize its first recipient of the National Career Readiness Certificate from the Adult Education and Literacy program. The NCRC is an assessment-based credential that measures and certifies an individual's essential work skills across a broad array of industries and occupations.

Rosalind Durham-Gore earned this credential after taking and passing the WorkKeys assessment at a Gold level in October 2016. WorkKeys is a skills assessment system that helps employers select, hire, train, develop, and retain a quality workforce through measurement of foundational and soft skills. As a result of this accomplishment, Durham-Gore is now eligible for up to \$10,000 in training funds through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to support her in her journey of achieving a post-secondary credential as a Sterile Processing Technician.

Durham-Gore first joined the AEL program in April 2016 at our sister site, Women in Charge. Having already attained her high school diploma, her goal at that time was to enhance her literacy skills and be able to more effectively assist her three school-aged children with their own academic assignments. In just a short time, Rosalind made tremendous strides not only in improving her literacy skills but also in starting a career exploration journey, identifying an individualized career path, enhancing her employability skills, and accessing resources to attain a post-secondary credential with no out-of-pocket costs. Rosalind's accomplishments are especially impressive in light of the obstacles she has overcome.

Support our schools!

U. CITY DAY
at the Ballgame



Saturday, May 20, 2017
6:15 p.m. • Busch Stadium

Watch for more details in spring 2017
at www.ucityschools.org
and District/Schools Facebook pages.

Questions? Call 314-290-4001.



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Selected 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
Police Department_____	314.725.2211