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## Splash Into Summer Heman Park Swimming Pool Opens May 27

Are you ready to splash into summer 2017? Enjoy your splash at the Heman Park Swimming Pool. Our 2017 season begins Saturday, May 27 and ends Monday, September 4.

Public Swim Hours: Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Friday, 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, Sunday, Holidays, 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Lap Swim Hours: Every Day, 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Reminder: Youth 12 and under must be accompanied by parent/guardian 18 or older.

In addition to general pool passes, registration for several swim activities is also available. Swim programs offered include swim lessons for youth and adults, AquaMotion, Aqua Zumba, Water Walking, and our popular "Lap Swimmers Challenge". For more information, contact Centennial Commons, 314.505.8625 or Relay Missouri 800.735.2966 (TDD). For facility/program updates, announcements and much more, don't forget to "Like" us on the Recreation Division Facebook page – @universitycityrecreationdivision.

Avoid long lines by stopping at Centennial Commons, 7210 Olive Blvd., to renew or purchase your season pass before the pool season begins. Registration is a quick process and assures you will not miss a minute of swimming on opening day or throughout the season.



## Summer Camp Registration

Children ages five to fourteen will have a blast at University City's Summer Camp and Teen Activities Programs, which include swimming, tennis, field trips, arts and crafts and more!

Camp B4 and After is also available for an additional fee.

Registration runs May 1 through June 2. Call 314.505.8625 or Relay Missouri 800.735.2966 (TDD) for more information. Details are inside ROARS on page 8!

## Community Stands Together

### In Response to Chesed Shel Emeth Cemetery Desecration

After the desecration of the Chesed Shel Emeth Cemetery was discovered, the University City and wider St. Louis community came together and responded forcefully to this horrible event.

On Wednesday, February 23rd, various organizations in the St. Louis region, including the Jewish Federation and the Jewish Community Relations Council, came together to organize a clean-up at the cemetery. About 2,500 people were at the cemetery to help – including Missouri Governor Eric Greitens and the Vice President of the United States, Mike Pence.

Members of the University City Ministerial Alliance came together to release a letter of support to our neighbors. A portion of that letter reads:

*We write as members of the University City Ministerial Alliance, representing religious communities as diverse as the city we call home. We respect one another and are committed to the religious diversity and freedom that make this community great. Although we come from varied belief systems and religious practices, one belief that we share is that the recent act of vandalism at Chesed Shel Emeth at Olive and Hanley is an act of hatred that we denounce in the strongest terms. This act of violence occurs in a context of increased public fear, bigotry, anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, xenophobia, and racism. We believe that silence is violence in the face of injustice. We commit ourselves and our congregations to teaching and preaching against bigotry and for beloved community.*

(The entire letter can be found on the University United Methodist Church website at [universityumc.com](http://universityumc.com). Click on the Headlines button.)

On Sunday, February 26th, Mayor Shelley Welsch and community volunteers Joyce Byers Hines, Mary Ann Zaggy, Brandon Rosen, Stephanie Schlaifer, Raheem Adegboye, Lauren Masterson and Zuleyma Tang-Martinez organized a community gathering to bring residents together to make it clear that this type of vandalism would not be tolerated in University City.



Mayor Shelley Welsch

The University of Missouri in St. Louis supported this effort with an art project, which allowed those in attendance to use art to express their feelings about the cemetery desecration and its aftermath.



There was a short program presented, where members of the community and local religious leaders, including an imam, spoke.

The Jewish Cemetery Restoration and Security Fund is collecting donations in response to the desecration. Information on that fund can be found by going to the Jewish Federation home page of [JFEDSTL.org](http://JFEDSTL.org) and clicking on How To Give.

The Anti-Defamation League has offered a \$10,000 reward, with the generous assistance of the Mizel Family Foundation, for information leading to the arrest, prosecution and conviction of the perpetrator or perpetrators in the cemetery desecration. Those with information are encouraged to call Crime Stoppers 1.866.371.8477 who will then be in touch with University City Police Department.





## Police Report:

Vandalism at Chesed Shel Emeth Cemetery  
by Captain Fredrick Lemons II



On February 20, 2017 the University City Police Department was notified of vandalism at the Chesed Shel Emeth Cemetery, located at 7550 Olive. The investigation revealed that more than 150 monument stones had been toppled to the ground. The police

department has expended extraordinary amounts of manpower to investigate this horrific incident and bring the perpetrators to justice. Although the perpetrator(s) of this horrific act have yet to be identified, arrested or prosecuted, the Police Department will continue to vigorously investigate this crime in attempts to bring the suspects to justice.

The public outcry over this despicable act galvanized this community. Chief Larry Hampton and the entire Police Department want to thank the public for their support and the numerous tips. The Police Department also wants to thank the Anti-Defamation League for offering the \$10,000 reward for information leading to the identification, arrest, and prosecution of the perpetrators.

The Police Department continues to ask for the public's assistance in identifying any possible suspects.

Captain Fredrick Lemons II  
Bureau of Field Operation

*Statement from the City Council on February 21, 2017:*

*The members of the City Council of University City, on behalf of the people of University City, today expressed their deep anger and dismay at the vandalism at the Chesed Shel Emeth Cemetery in University City. The Council made clear that the people of University City stand with our Jewish friends and neighbors in expressing our outrage and deep sadness at this vandalism on the sacred ground at Chesed Shel Emeth Cemetery. University City is and always has been a community of inclusion – the people of University City will not tolerate hateful and hurtful acts.*

## Councilmember's Corner:

Councilmember Bwayne Smotherson, 3rd Ward

### Attack Mode

This title has nothing to do with the legal issues facing our city, so I won't waste this opportunity addressing things that are being handled well by our attorneys and the courts.



Councilmember Bwayne Smotherson

ATTACK MODE is my attitude adopted since being elected. Helping (attacking) where I can, the needs and concerns of residents, has led to: getting necessary public safety traffic yield and stop signs placed where needed; updating the Handicap ordinance so that the assigned parking space is legally for your use only; preparing a Neighborhood Etiquette Booklet (available later this year) to inform new residents of the expectations of U City living, and to educate current residents on issues they may not be aware of which are detrimental to our neighborhoods.

Here's more ATTACK MODE in action. I have been talking to business and property owners, developers and residents in this community to better understand how we can make development on Olive a reality and not just a dream. I'm happy to say that reality is here. Together with Councilmember Paulette Carr, we informed City Staff of a development opportunity which has led to the creation and submission of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Olive.

Make no mistake, we will continue moving forward, and to do this involves some necessary actions; actions which might be considered unpopular. I get that, there are two sides to every story. I will be as open, transparent, accessible to citizens and accountable for my actions, be it a vote, comment, or response to calls, emails, or in-person concerns about my Attack Mode approach as a councilmember. Let us attack and defeat road blocks to our future, and let us attack together and not be divided on issues that benefit us all.

# University City Public Library

## Learn about Finances in a Fun Way

### Thinking MONEY

A Financial Expedition

On May 23, University City Public Library is proud to welcome *Thinking Money: A Financial Expedition*, a traveling exhibit focused on teaching families financial skills in a fun, approachable way.

Developed by the FINRA Investor Education Foundation and the American Library Association, *Thinking Money: A Financial Expedition* is geared toward teaching kids, teens, and their families about financial literacy. Through an adventure-themed storyline, interactive iPad content, and other fun activities, *Thinking Money* explores themes like wants vs. needs, preparing for a rainy/sunny day, imagining your future self, and avoiding financial fraud. *Thinking Money* will be on display at UCPL through June 24.

During the exhibition period, UCPL will also host a series of programs that are focused on the themes discussed in *Thinking Money*. The first program is the opening reception from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 23. This also serves as the opening reception for *Thinking Money: Piggy Banks*, a companion exhibition by local photographer Kristi Foster, featuring UCPL friends, family, and patrons holding, and talking about, their piggy banks. On Thursday, May 25, at 6:00 p.m., the focus shifts to teens with *Mad City Money*, an interactive budget program led by the University of Missouri-St. Louis' Center for Entrepreneurship and Economic Education.

On May 31 at 6:00 p.m., UCPL will welcome staff from the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, who will present *Talking to Your Kids About Money*, a moderated discussion for parents of young children (who will be participating in a savings-themed storytime while their parents are talking). The focus turns to college financing at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 7, when the Federal Reserve returns for *Figuring Out How to Pay for College*. The final financial-themed program will be *Safe and Secure*, a presentation by the UMSL Center for Entrepreneurship and Economic Education, at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, June 15.

All programs are free and open to the public (reservations are required for *Talking to Your Kids About Money*), and *Thinking Money* is available for visiting any time the library is open. For more information call 314.727.3150.

## 43rd Annual Memorial Day Run Set for May 29



Registration is now open for the 43rd Annual University City Memorial Day Run! The 5K and 10K races kick off from University City Public Library at 7:30 a.m. Monday, May 29, followed by the all-ages fun run at 9:20 a.m.

Register online at [www.ucitymemorialdayrun.com](http://www.ucitymemorialdayrun.com) or at the Library. Registration is \$30 for the 5K and 10K before May 20; the price then jumps to \$35 through May 28, and again to \$40 on the day of the race. Registration for the fun run is \$15. Families of five or fewer can also register as a group for \$70. Family registration is only available online and ends May 20. Proceeds from the run benefit the Library and the Green Center. For more information, call 314.727.3150.

## Support the Library with the Friends of the Library's Annual Trivia Night May 20



The Friends of the University City Public Library's popular Trivia Night is back! Join us for this challenging and fun evening Saturday, May 20. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the first question will be posed at 7:00 p.m. Tables for eight are \$160, or come by yourself and meet new friends — an individual admission is \$20. Prizes, great food, and fun are promised. Trivia Night is a fundraiser to support Friends' programs for the library. Register at the Library in person or calling 314.727.3150.



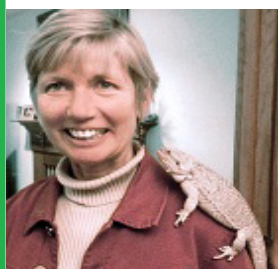
## Build A Better World with the 2017 Youth Summer Reading Program at the Library

Join the University City Public Library as we "Build a Better World" with our summer reading program for kids. Children of all ages are invited to read for fun, participate in many constructive activities, enjoy special events, and win fabulous prizes. New this year, the summer reading program is expanded to include children from birth to 17 years old. The program runs Saturday, May 20 through Friday, July 21, and reporting opens Friday, May 26 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Youth Services department at UCPL.

In addition to reading, the youth summer reading program also includes plenty of fun programs such as a kickoff event featuring the owls of the World Bird Sanctuary at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, May 27; a performance of *Anansi the Spider* by the Mesner Puppet Theater at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 30; the Glen Foster Magic Show at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 20; a performance of *Beauty and the Beast* by the Hampstead Theatre Production at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 27; a family fun and craft night at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 6; and an interactive evening of music with Mr. Stinky Feet (Jim Cosgrove) at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 12. All events are free and open to all.

We also invite energetic teens (grades 7+) to apply to be teen volunteers. All volunteers must attend a May orientation session. For more information, check our website or call the Youth Services department at 314.727.3150.

## Longtime Leader of Youth Services at UCPL Retires



In February, UCPL Head of Youth Services, Marilyn Phillips, bid a fond farewell to the Library. Mrs. P, as she is known to kids in University City, retired after 30 years of summer reading programs, countless storytimes, and generations of young readers. During her tenure at UCPL, Marilyn also served on the American Library Association's Newbery (best written children's book), Caldecott (best illustrated children's book) and Carnegie (best children's film) committees. While she's enjoying her retirement, she's still coming into the Library with her grandchildren, making sure to keep up with the newest children's books.

To fill the void left by Marilyn's retirement, the Library is excited to welcome Karen Young as our new Head of Youth Services. Karen comes to us from St. Louis Public Library, where she worked as a youth services librarian. Karen's enjoying getting to know the University City community, and can't wait to start offering programs on all the cool technology at UCPL. Stop by the Youth Services department and say hi!

## The Big Book Challenge is Back



CHARLES DICKENS  
*David Copperfield*

Every summer, University City Library calls on the best readers in town to push themselves to reading greatness by completing a big book while we cheer one another on. Our past successes include *War and Peace* and the novels of Zora Neale Hurston. We continue the tradition in 2017 with *David Copperfield*, Charles Dickens' classic novel of a talented but impoverished orphan boy making his way in 19th century England. Dickens called the novel his "favourite child," and readers have loved it since its publication in 1849.

In a twist this year, we're pairing our Dickens reading with a contemporary nonfiction title with similar themes: *Born Bright: A Young Girl's Journey from Nothing to Something in America* by Dr. C. Nicole Mason. Now executive director of the Center for Research and Policy in the Public Interest, Dr. Mason tells her personal story of growing up poor and her path to a life of educational and economic success while examining the harsh societal factors that stand in the way of so many young children who are bright but poor as she once was.

Whether you've read with us before or are new to UCPL, we welcome you to read, discuss, and enjoy our related cultural events. We'll host a Dickens scholar, a St. Louis educators' panel, a film screening, and enjoy the storytelling talents of Loretta Washington.

The Big Book Challenge begins May 24 at 5:30 p.m. at our kickoff event. We'll see you then!



As you can see, the Library has a lot of great stuff going on. So much, in fact, that we couldn't fit it all in here!

For a full list of Library events for kids, visit <http://www.ucitylibrary.org/eventsforkids>.

For programs aimed at adults, visit <http://www.ucitylibrary.org/ucplevents>.

Call the Library at 314.727.3150 for more information.

Keep an eye on your mailbox for the Library's Summer Reading Edition of *Check-out*, which will be mailed out in mid-May.

# Summer Fun in University City

## Fair U City 2017



The seventh annual Fair U City will take place in Heman Park on June 9, 10 and 11. This community fair, organized by volunteers, raises money for the University City Community Foundation, which will be providing small grants to individuals and organizations working for the benefit of our community.

Once again this year, the carnival rides will be provided by American Banner Amusements. The University City Jazz Festival will be held on Saturday, June 10. Food vendors from around the region will be selling their wares, as will local artists and other entrepreneurs in the community booths.

Volunteers are needed to organize and stage this event. If you are interested in helping, let them know at [volunteer@fairucity.com](mailto:volunteer@fairucity.com) or 314.505.8696.



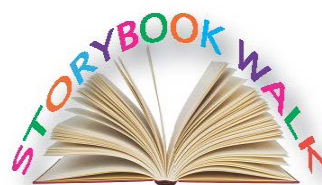
## Sutter-Meyer Farmhouse Tours

If you have yet to visit University City's oldest house (built in 1873), jot down these dates. We'll be holding open houses soon! These free events are open to all ages. The Sutter-Meyer Farmhouse will be open from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the following dates:

Sunday, May 7, 2017  
Sunday, May 21, 2017  
Sunday, June 4, 2017  
Sunday, June 18, 2017



## Heman Park Storybook Walk



The Public Works and Parks Department, the University City Library, and the University City Park Foundation are collaborating to bring a "Storybook Walk" to University City.

The Walk will feature books picked by library staff. The first run of the Walk will be along Midland Blvd with ten to fifteen signs. Each sign will have pages from the chosen book. The book/signs will be in place for two months at a time starting early May. Eventually, the Walk will be moved to other parks in the City.

This is a great opportunity to get outside, enjoy Heman Park and spend time with family and friends. We look forward to seeing you on the Walk.





## Starlight Concert Series

The 2017 University City Starlight Concert Series will delight music lovers. Heman Park will resound with the beats of music when the annual Starlight Concert Series opens on Monday, June 5. The concerts, sponsored by Municipal Commission on Arts and Letters and the City of University City, are one of the most popular community concerts in the metropolitan area.

All Monday night concerts begin at 6:30 p.m. and will take place on the south side of Heman Park at the Midland/Shaftesbury entrance. A special Saturday, July 15, concert with Denise Thimes' Teddy Pendergrass Revue and Tim Cunningham is set for 4:00 p.m.

Arts and Letters commissioners will sell raffle tickets to local establishments before each concert. The proceeds help bring quality music entertainment to University City.

For more information about the series, visit the Arts and Letters website at [ucityartsandletters.org](http://ucityartsandletters.org), the Municipal Commissions on Arts and Letters Facebook page, call Centennial Commons at 314.505.8625 or send an email to [ucityartsandletters@gmail.com](mailto:ucityartsandletters@gmail.com).

## 2017 Starlight Concert Lineup

June 5, 6:30 p.m. - Jeremiah Allen with a tribute to Stevie Wonder

June 19, 6:30 p.m. - The Jeff Anderson Band with a tribute to Phyllis Hyman and Peabo Bryson featuring Courtney Loveless and Samuel Huddleston

June 26, 6:30 p.m. - Good 4 The Soul

July 10, 6:30 p.m. - Will Robinson

July 15, 4:00 p.m. - Denise Thimes' Teddy Pendergrass Revue and Tim Cunningham

July 24, 6:30 p.m. - The Convertibles

July 31, 6:30 p.m. - Black Diamond

August 7 - The Coleman Hughes Project featuring Adrianne



## University City Summer Band 2017 Season



The University City Summer Band, under the baton of Tom Poshak, will begin its twenty-first season on Tuesday June 13, 2017. Concerts will be held in Heman Park, 1028 Midland Blvd, University City, MO 63130 (park entrance is off Midland, opposite Shaftesbury). All concerts start at 7:00 p.m., last about 80 minutes, and include a short intermission. Seating is on the lawn. Bring a lawn chair or blanket as available seating is limited. Bring your children! Bring a picnic! A refreshment stand sponsored by various groups from University City High School will be available.

The theme for the 2017 season of the University City Summer Band is "Friends of the University City Summer Band." Over our previous twenty seasons, the band has collaborated with many guest conductors, soloists and composers. This year we will be celebrating with some of those musicians, including: Erica Neidlinger from DePaul University (conductor), Joe Pappas (conductor and composer), Pam Smith-Kelly (conductor featuring the music of her dad, Claude T. Smith), Gary Gackstatter (composer & conductor), Frank Haspiel (composer & conductor). Members of the band to be featured as conductors include: Ron Stilwell, Matt McKeever and Kurt Bauche.

The band's repertoire includes marches, show tunes, jazz, original pieces for band, light classics, patriotic selections, popular music and transcriptions - we guarantee something for everyone from young children to senior citizens.

Concerts are at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, June 13 through July 25 (but NOT July 4).

For additional information on the University City Summer Band and the 2017 season, please visit our website at [www.ucsummerband.org](http://www.ucsummerband.org) or contact director Tom Poshak at [poshak@sbcglobal.net](mailto:poshak@sbcglobal.net).

## Summer Band Concert Schedule

June 13, 7:00 p.m.  
June 20, 7:00 p.m.  
June 27, 7:00 p.m.  
July 11, 7:00 p.m.  
July 18, 7:00 p.m.  
July 25, 7:00 p.m.

## RECREATION

### Ruth Park Golf Course Junior Summer Golf Program



The Ruth Park summer junior golf program is available for kids of all skill levels. The ten week program runs Tuesday June 13th through August 22nd. It is open to residents of University City and surrounding communities.

The cost of the summer program is \$60.00 and includes:

- Ten weeks of instruction and play days from the by PGA teaching professionals
- Discounts on rates for juniors to play Ruth Park
- Discounts for purchases of new or used golf equipment
- Cap and T-shirt
- Refreshments during all sessions
- Club Fitting
- Rules and instructional books
- Certificate for completion of program

The Wee Wedges (Ages 6-9): 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The Putters (Ages 10-14): 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

\*Wee Wedges must be 6 years of age by June 1, 2017

### Ruth Park Golf Course Saturday Golf Clinic For Women

June 3, 10, 17, 24 and July 1, 10

Times beginning 9:00 am to 10:00 am

Cost: \$90 including range balls.

Great for beginning golfers through advanced players. If you are new to golf or returning after an extended absence from the game, we invite you to come and meet other women golfers of your same ability and learn with our experienced and friendly PGA professionals.

Call the Golf shop at Ruth Park Golf Course to sign up.

314.727.4800 or email Doug at dcastellari@ucitymo.org.

### Recreation Opportunities for People of All Abilities

Interested in participating in programs and activities provided by the Department of Community Development-Recreation Division? Inclusive opportunities are available for all University City residents! Our new Regional Coordinator of Inclusive Recreation, Malory Smysor facilitates the inclusion of people with disabilities in our recreation programs and provides assistance with city services. Work directly with a professional to insure your needs are met! For more information or to coordinate support, contact Malory by phone at 314.290.8507 or email at msmyr@claytonmo.gov or through 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 the fee covers 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).

1 Week Fee Per Child	Resident	Nonresident
Summer Camp Program ages 5-12	\$ 60.00	\$ 80.00
Teen Activities Program ages 11-14	\$ 70.00	\$ 92.00
Camp B4 and After ages 5-14	\$ 48.00	\$ 62.00
Camp B4 OR After ages 5-14	\$ 24.00	\$ 31.00

8 Weeks Fee Per Child	Resident	Nonresident
Summer Camp Program ages 5-12	\$ 460.00	\$ 600.00
Teen Activities Program ages 11-14	\$ 540.00	\$ 700.00
Camp B4 and After ages 5-14	\$ 360.00	\$ 460.00
Camp B4 OR After ages 5-14	\$ 180.00	\$ 230.00



# University City Senior Services

## New Senior Transportation Service

*ITN Gateway*, a new service that can provide low-cost rides for older adults, will be coming to St. Louis County in the next few months. This unique “door-through-door, arm-in-arm” service will be available to riders who are age 60 plus, or those who are visually impaired and over 21 years old.



*ITN Gateway* is a 24/7 reserved ride service that will drive enrolled qualified riders to and from any destination of their choice within the service area and to limited popular destinations outside the service area. This service goes beyond the usual medical appointment/grocery shopping trips other existing services currently provide.

The University City Senior Commission is hosting two information programs open to the public:

Wednesday, May 17, 2017 – 6:30 p.m. at the University City Public Library.

May 24, 2017 – 10:00 a.m. at the Heman Park Community Center.

Please attend this program to learn how to become a rider, a volunteer, or a financial contributor. For more information, contact Senior Service Coordinator, Marcia Mermelstein, at 314.505.8563, or at [mmermelstein@ucitymo.org](mailto:mmermelstein@ucitymo.org).

## Volunteers Needed to Help Senior Residents

Are you a resident wanting to help a senior neighbor? Thanks to support from Safe Homes for the Elderly and Disabled and many of our partner church organizations, the City will be expanding volunteer days to help seniors in need of exterior projects. We can't do it without the support of volunteers! Projects to be completed include exterior maintenance (yard work, painting, minor porch/fence repairs, etc.) Volunteer days will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on June 10, August 12, and October 28 (National Make A Difference Day). To sign-up to volunteer, please contact Marcia Mermelstein. Together, University City residents can help make a difference in our neighborhoods!

## Free From Falls

*Free From Falls* Fall Prevention Workshop is co-sponsored by OASIS and University City Senior Services. The rate of falls among adults 65 and older in Missouri is almost twice that of the nation! Don't become a statistic---whether you've had a fall or just want to learn more about what you can do to prevent falls, this class is for you. A balance screening will be held before the lecture to assess your mobility and balance. This program takes place from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 18 at the University City Public Library Auditorium. The program is free of charge but please RSVP to Marcia Mermelstein, at 314.505.8563, or at [mmermelstein@ucitymo.org](mailto:mmermelstein@ucitymo.org).

## We're Hiring Computer Tutors!



University City Senior Services is hiring tutors to help older residents gain computer skills. We are looking for eight tutors to work approximately 90 minutes per week for six to eight weeks, including a group training session. Tutors will be paid an hourly salary. Job requirements include computer knowledge, teaching

experience or skill, patience, creativity and a sense of humor. Classes will take place at the University City Public Library and start in late summer or early fall. If you are interested in applying to be a computer tutor, please contact Senior Services Coordinator Marcia Mermelstein at 314.505.8563 or at [mmermelstein@ucitymo.org](mailto:mmermelstein@ucitymo.org).

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](mailto:mmermelstein@ucitymo.org)**, so that your contact information can be added.

## The Human Relations Commission of University City Celebrates National Military Appreciation Month

Thanks to the brave...United States Citizens are free! Let's be united in our efforts to show our appreciation, respect and support for America's warriors of freedom in May 2017 by:

- Displaying the American flag on your home or business.
- Sending a Care Package to a soldier through USO CARES.
- Encouraging elected officials at all levels to recognize our military and veterans.
- Providing places for veterans to meet and salute each other.
- Saluting a fellow veteran with the established salute.
- Providing military discounts that include those who currently serve and have served.
- Changing your porch light to green to support our veterans during May.
- Shaking the hands of uniformed military persons and thanking them for their service.
- Encouraging our schools to include a military history curriculum during May.
- Holding a school collection of personal hygiene goods, thank you cards or letters, and commercially packaged treats.



## Get Ready For Spring Property Maintenance Reminders



With warmer weather approaching the St. Louis area, it will soon be time to work on outdoor projects! Here are a few tips to keep your property well maintained and reminders about the City's property maintenance code:

**Grass-cutting** - Maintain your lawn and keep the grass under seven inches. Grass clippings should be placed in biodegradable bags to be picked up by the City on your regular trash and recycling collection day.

**Weeds** - Remove weeds that are growing on trees, houses, or fences.

**Curbside leaf collection** - If you missed the March collection, the two remaining collection periods in 2017 will be between late October and mid-December, depending on the location of your property. Call 314.505.8560 or visit <http://www.ucitymo.org/705/Yard-Waste-Leaf-Collection-Mulch> for details.

**Painting** - Warmer season is coming... now is the time to paint and stain the exterior of your home e. shutters, front door, walls, and garage. Reminder - flaky paint on the exterior of your house and garage should be addressed immediately.

**Derelict vehicles** - Remove any inoperable or un-licensed vehicles from the property or store them in an enclosed garage.

**Gutter-cleaning** - Overflowing or clogged gutters can damage your home or roof in a number of ways. Remove all debris from the gutters and downspouts by flashing or vacuuming. Debris must be discharged onto your own property, not your neighbor's.

**Tree lawn** - Maintenance of the tree lawn area between the front property line and the street is the responsibility of the owner of private property.

**Trash receptacles** - When not placed at the curb for pickup, place your waste and recycling receptacles behind the front wall of your house or garage.

**Bulk item pick-up** - If you missed the spring bulk item pick-up in April, the next free bulk collection by the City will be in September. In the interim, you may arrange a special pick-up on a per use fee basis with the Department of Public Works and Parks. Call 314.505.8560 or visit <http://www.ucitymo.org/706/Solid-Waste-Special-Collection-Programs> for more information.

**Electronics Recycling Event** - This University City event will be held next on May 6th (see detailed announcement on page 11 or call 314.505.8560).

City's property maintenance code is enforced by inspectors of the Department of Community Development for the health, safety, and general welfare of the public. To learn more about the property maintenance code requirements, call Department of Community Development at 314.505.8500 or visit [www.ucitymo.org](http://www.ucitymo.org).

## Lions Against Litter Invites Residents to Join Their Mission

**KEEP  
U CITY  
CLEAN**



Spring is here, and more people are enjoying all the outdoor activities our town offers. But with the warm weather also comes an increase in litter on our streets and in our neighborhoods, parks and playgrounds.

The volunteer group Lions Against Litter is doing its part to clean up litter wherever it occurs. This year the Lions will be completing their work in the Third Ward and then visiting every neighborhood in the Second Ward.

Clean-ups are scheduled on the third Saturday of each month, April through November. Just two hours of your time (10 a.m. to noon) is all that's needed to make a real difference in keeping University City litter free.

We'll provide reflective vests, gloves, litter grabbers, trash bags, energy bars and bottled water. In November we'll be hosting an end-of-season "thank-you" event for all who have volunteered throughout the year.

Volunteers (individuals and groups) are needed. We will meet at the designated park beginning at 9:30 a.m. (except for July 15, when we'll meet behind Firehouse 2, corner of Shaftsbury and Mona). For directions to the parks, see <http://www.ucitymo.org/105/Parks>. For more information, visit us at [www.facebook.com/lionsagainstlitter/](http://www.facebook.com/lionsagainstlitter/).

May 20 - The Loop / Metcalfe Park

June 17 - University Heights / Lewis Park

July 15 - Meet at Firehouse #2 - Shaftsbury and N & S

August 19 - U City West, Brittney Woods / Kaufman Park

September 16 - Gannondale, West U City and Blackberry / Kaufman Park

October 21 - Jackson, Midland Core / Mooney Park

November 18 - Midland Core / Heman Park Pavilion 1



## Yard Waste Program



Grass, leaves, twigs, plants, or small brush must be placed in biodegradable paper bags, which can be purchased from local hardware, discount or grocery stores. The bags with a sticker will be picked up from the front curb on the

same day as your trash and/or recycling collection. Each bag must have a yard waste sticker attached. A yard waste sticker is required on each biodegradable paper bag from January 1 through October 14 each year.

Residents must follow these guidelines for yard waste disposal:

Leaves and grass must be placed in brown, biodegradable paper bags with a City yard waste sticker attached.

No dirt, wood chips, or logs are accepted in the yard bags.

All brush must be tied in bundles no larger than 4' by 2' wide, with branches no thicker than 3 inches in diameter.

Yard waste is picked up on the same day as trash and recycling.

For the convenience of University City residents, a number of locations are available where yard waste stickers are sold. The stickers are available in packs of 5 for \$7.50.

## Yard Waste Stickers

### Locations

City Hall, 6801 Delmar Boulevard, 1st Floor  
Centennial Commons, 7210 Olive Boulevard  
Walgreens, 8390 Delmar Boulevard  
Walgreens, 7501 Olive Boulevard  
Schnucks, 6920 Olive Boulevard  
Schnucks, 8867 Ladue Road  
Schnucks, 6600 Clayton Road  
Pete's Shur-Sav, 7434 Olive Boulevard  
BP Amoco, 7360 Forsyth Boulevard  
University Gardens, 8130 Delmar Boulevard  
Millbrook Pharmacy, 7010 Pershing Avenue



### Order by Mail

Residents can now order yard waste stickers by mail! Minimum order is five stickers for \$7.50 by check or money order.

### Send requests to:

City of University City  
Attn: Yard Waste Stickers  
6801 Delmar Blvd.  
University City, MO 63130

Include a self-addressed return-stamped envelope. Residents do not need yard waste stickers on yard bags October 15th through December 31st.

## Holiday Trash and Recycling Collection Schedule



Memorial Day - No trash/recycling collection on Monday, May 29, 2017. The Monday routes will be collected on Tuesday, 5/30/17, the Tuesday routes collected on Wednesday, 5/31/17, the Wednesday routes will be collected on Thursday, 6/1/2017, the Thursday routes will be collected on Friday, 6/2/2017 and the Friday routes will be collected on Saturday, 6/3/2017.

## Residential Street Sweeping Program

The citywide residential street sweeping program begins on May 1st.

West Area - week of May 1st

Central Area - week of May 8th

East Area - week of May 15th

Private Streets - week of May 22nd

## University City Electronics Recycling Event



Saturday, May 6, 2017

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - rain or shine

975 Pennsylvania, 63130

Most anything with a cord accepted! No Large Appliances Please.

A \$15 fee applies for CRT TVs or computer monitors and broken flat screen TVs or monitors. Cash or check accepted.

**Bring your Styrofoam to be recycled!**  
(Must be clean and free of tape and food residue)

## Recycling Drop-Off



The University City Recycling Drop-Off Area has been upgraded! Along with all single stream recyclables, bring your old textiles (clothing, shoes, towels, blankets, etc.) and your clean plastic film (grocery, dry cleaning, newspaper, bread bags, Ziploc-type bags, and also the plastic film wrap on products like paper towels and other products) to 975 Pennsylvania, University City MO, 63130.



# Public Notice



The City of University City will hold a public hearing to discuss the estimated allocation of \$103,400 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds which will become available after January 1, 2018. The public hearing will be held at 6:30 p.m. on June 12, 2017, at the City Hall, 5th Floor, at 6801 Delmar Blvd.

To further its commitment to fair and equitable treatment of 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

If you are a person with a disability or have special needs and want to participate in this public hearing, please contact LaRette Reese at 314.505.8531 no later than June 9, 2017. For more information, call 314.862.6767 or Relay Missouri at 800.735.2966 (TDD)

## NEW BUSINESSES

A LOVING HAND HOME CARE  
8515 DELMAR BLVD, SUITE 225  
314.387.3053

A-1 BEEP & CASH  
8607 OLIVE BLVD  
STOP BY

AGAPE IN MOTION INC  
7434 OLIVE BLVD  
314.361.2727

ATTENDING ANGELS HOME CARE  
8515 DELMAR BLVD, SUITE 201  
314.258.1237

FAMILY MATTERS HOME HEALTH  
7700 OLIVE BLVD  
314.322.1667

FECYCLES LLC  
7401 PERSHING AVE  
314.556.4052

HEATHER ELLEN BROWN  
6323 DELMAR BLVD  
610.256.4466

JOHN LLOYD INTERNATIONAL LLC  
8517 OLIVE BLVD  
STOP BY

MAINE STAIN HAND CAR WASH  
1040 NORTH AND SOUTH  
314.598.2191

PATRICIA STEINMEYER  
9625 TRESCOTT AVE



RICH TAX SERVICES LLC  
7700 OLIVE BLVD  
901.649.3919

WU'S KITCHEN LLC  
8423-8425 OLIVE BLVD  
314.220.6266



# Police Department Update from Col. Larry Hampton Jr.

The University City Police Department is moving into a new era of police supervision and administration. I will be leading this organization into the future. I am Police Chief Larry Hampton Jr. I was promoted to the position of Police Colonel in Nov. 2016. I have served in numerous assignments throughout my 22 year law enforcement career including an internship with the Illinois State Police Department. Assignments as a Patrol Officer, Police Detective, Major Case Squad Investigator, Special Operations Unit Officer, Patrol Sergeant, Platoon Commander – Police Lieutenant, Major Case Squad Commander, and Bureau Commander – Police Captain have given me a wide range of information to assist me with any impediment in life.

Throughout all of the above assignments I have not only been mentored by some of the best Police Commanders and Chiefs in the States of Missouri and Illinois, but I have also had extensive training and development in all areas of police command and supervision. I have learned that leadership is not about being great yourself, but instead it is about enabling and developing others to be great. A quote by John F. Kennedy sums up the belief of cultivating and developing within your own organization, "Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future." John F. Kennedy.

Community Policing into the 21st Century and bridging the gaps in all needed avenues are two of The University City Police Department's (UCPD) current and future goals. Empathy is having the heart and thought process to treat everyone with the same respect. Integrity is doing what is right at all times. These are attributes that UCPD leaders and Commanders need to embrace.

With the retirement of several key commanders and leaders for the UCPD, new emerging leaders have received the call for leadership assignments within the police department. On March 5th, all of the following effervescent leaders were promoted to their current ranks as listed: Capt. Fredrick Lemons (Commander of the Bureau of Field Operations), Capt. Dana Morley (Commander of Bureau of Services), Lt. Michael Davis, Lt. Jesse Meinhardt and Sgt. Terrence Lott. These promotions along with the transfers of Det. Lt. Brian Isenberg and Det. Sgt. Shawn Whitley will support the University City Police Department in our efforts to provide excellent safety and customer service to our University City community. I would be errant not to recognize some more of our marvelous supervisors already filling leader roles for UCPD: Sgt. Jennifer McClain, Sgt. Larry Becton, and Sgt. Joseph Woodland. The men and women employees of The UCPD are always the vital elements of our continued success as a respected organization.

The University City Police Department looks forward to providing our community the best police service available with professionalism and integrity for all.

Respectfully  
Col. Larry Hampton Jr.



Sgt. Terrence Lott



Lt. Jesse Meinhardt



From Left to right: Capt. Fredrick Lemons, Col. Larry Hampton Jr., Capt. Dana Morley, Lt. Michael Davis

## Staying Safe and Secure

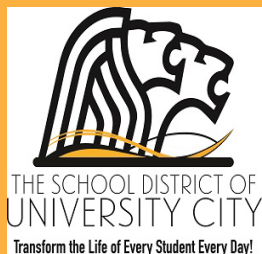
Police Chief Larry Hampton has initiated a Volunteer Police Chaplain program to provide more sensitive responses to the public in times of crisis. The chaplains will also provide members of the Police Department with any personal assistance they may require. If you are interested in becoming a Volunteer Police Chaplain contact Captain Lemons at 314.505.8661, [flemons@ucitymo.org](mailto:flemons@ucitymo.org), or pick up an application at the Human Resources Office at City Hall or online at [ucitymo.org](http://ucitymo.org).

The Citizen's Police Academy began on April 18 and will continue every Tuesday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. until graduation at the final session on May 16. Classes will be held at the University City Police Department at 601 Trinity, behind City Hall. The Academy is designed to enhance communications between our PD officers and the public by creating a nucleus of well-informed citizens with greater insight into the Police Department practices and services. If you are interested in the next Citizens Police Academy, please contact Captain Frederick Lemons.

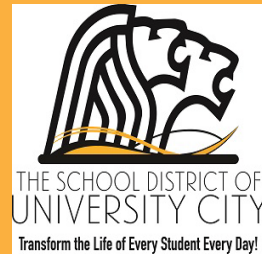
When you travel this vacation season, remember to sign up for a Police Department home watch. An officer will walk around your home once a day while you are gone. To enroll contact Police Dispatch at 314.725.2211 during usual business hours or complete an online notification with dates and emergency contact information at [ucitymo.org](http://ucitymo.org).

The next Police Focus Group will meet on June 27 at 6:00 p.m. at the Heman Park Community Center. You will have an opportunity to hear and ask questions of police, community development, and public works representatives at this meeting and the succeeding meeting on July 25. There will be no August meeting due to the National Night Out Rally on August 1. Meetings resume on September 26.

Anyone can leave an anonymous message to report crimes or other suspicious activity within University City by calling 314.863.7333. Of course, if you see a crime in progress call 911.



# The School District of University City



## City Council and School District Work Together

Mayor Shelley Welsch has announced that Councilmember Rod Jennings will be working with Dr. Sharonica Hardin-Bartley, Superintendent of the School District of University City, to develop a process for bringing a University City High School student rep back to the City Council by the start of the 2017-2018 school year.

There has been a student representative on the Council in the past. But, no student has taken that seat since Rachel Sobotka held the position a number of years ago.

Mayor Welsch has also notified Dr. Hardin-Bartley that Councilmember Mike Glickert has agreed to be the Council liaison to a School District effort to work with the City, and others, in expanding athletics programs in our community for our younger residents.

At their most recent quarterly lunch meeting, Dr. Hardin-Bartley told Mayor Welsch that she would welcome the participation of members of Council in both these efforts.



Councilmember Rod Jennings,  
Third Ward



Councilmember Michael Glickert,  
Second Ward



## University City Education Foundation



The School District of University City has benefitted greatly from the support of the University City Education Foundation since 1996. Recently, the District and the Foundation signed a historic agreement to expand the relationship as the District begins a more strategic effort around fund development.

“UCEF is a valued partner and I am excited about formalizing our partnership,” said Superintendent Sharonica Hardin-Bartley. “Together we will be able to craft a strategy that supports development on a larger scale to meet the growing needs in the District,” she said.

The University City Public Schools Education Foundation, Inc., was established in 1996 to enhance the educational program in The School District of University City. The organization’s mission is to be “an agent for excellence in the University City public schools, stimulating innovative, exciting approaches to education, with measurable results, that can be broadly applied. UCEF, through its annual competitive grant program and Pride Projects, has awarded more than 240 grants for more than \$195,000 since 1997.

UCEF president-elect, Stacy Clay described the memorandum of agreement as “a leap forward in the maturity of the relationship between UCEF and the school district.” “This agreement will help both organizations better focus on funding needs and goals. It is the clear next step in developing the relationship between the foundation and the District,” said Beverly Brandt, UCEF president.



## Congratulations Are In Order!

The District recently held the 5th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Oratorical Competition for students at Brittany Woods Middle School. The event was created by Vanessa Ragsdale, school social worker to provide students with training in public speaking while improving their self-esteem and leadership skills.

The topic of the oration for the 2016-2017 school year was "How will You us Your voice?"

1st Place winner is Kourtnei Mosby - 7th Grade. Her presentation was entitled "How I will use my Voice."

2nd Place winner is Jeremy Musaddiq - 7th Grade. His presentation was entitled "The Voices of Our Past".

3rd Place winner is Jahde Alexander - 6th Grade. His presentation was entitled "I am. . . ." Mr. Sausele was Jahde's teacher sponsor.

Judges for the competition were: Kelly Butler, Half Price Bookstore, Dr. Sharonica Hardin-Bartley, Superintendent, Richard D. Johnson, Toastmasters International, Tom Krauska, Toastmasters International, Greg Phillips, Toastmasters International and Jim Bubash, Toastmasters International.

Other adult contributors to the Oratorical Competition were: Olivia Anderson, Christina Grove and Robbin Nave. We congratulate the students, their families, the judges, the teacher sponsors and Ms. Ragsdale on a job well done.



### UCHS Student Accepted to Missouri Fine Arts Academy

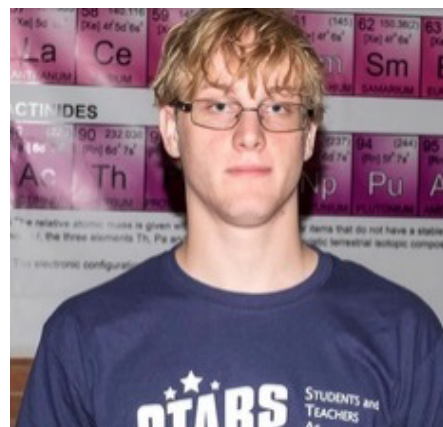


University City High School student Shu'Rya Butler has been accepted to the Missouri Fine Arts Academy for their Summer Program. This is a wonderful Interdisciplinary Arts program that past

students have loved and have described as having such an impact on them. Shu'Rya will be staying in a dorm at MO State and attending classes and workshops from June 4-24. She will earn college credit. Missouri residents who have been accepted into the Missouri Fine Arts Academy for 2017 will attend for free! The Missouri Fine Arts Academy is fully funded by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for 2017.

Shu'Rya is talented and has worked hard for this prestigious honor. She and Lily Greenberg have a mural on display entitled "All Houses Matter". The mural is part of a social commentary project featuring opinion art from students at UCHS. Please join us in congratulating her and District Visual Arts Facilitator Marnie Claunch.

### UCHS Senior Named National Merit Finalist



UCHS Senior John Tschampel has been named a National Merit Finalist and now qualifies for a national scholarship award.

The National Merit® Scholarship Program is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships that began in 1955. High school students enter the National

Merit Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®)—a test which serves as an initial screen of approximately 1.6 million entrants each year—and by meeting published program entry and participation requirements. Of the 1.6 million entrants, some 50,000 with the highest PSAT/NMSQT® Selection Index scores qualify for recognition in the National Merit® Scholarship Program.

John was named a National Merit semifinalist in the Fall. Semifinalists are designated on a state-representational basis. They are the highest scoring entrants in each state. National Merit Finalists must have a record of consistently very high academic performance in all of grades 9 through 12 and in any college course work taken.



THE VOICE OF UNIVERSITY CITY

6801 Delmar BLVD

University City, MO 63130

## University City Administration

Main Phone:	_____	314.862.6767
Interim City Manager:	Charles Adams_____	314.505.8534
Interim City Clerk:	LaRette Reese_____	314.505.8531
Director of Finance:	Tina Charumilind_____	314.505.8547
Director of Community Development:	Andrea Riganti_____	314.505.8516
Director of Public Works/Parks:	Sinan Alpaslan_____	314.505.8572
Police Chief:	Larry Hampton_____	314.505.8650
Fire Chief:	Adam Long_____	314.505.8563



## Mayor and Councilmembers

Mayor:	Shelley Welsch_____	314.505.8606
First Ward:	Terry Crow _____	314.918.0045
	Steve McMahon _____	314.422.6576
Second Ward:	Paulette Carr _____	314.727.0919
	L. Michael Glickert_____	314.882.6432
Third Ward:	Rod Jennings_____	314.480.2221
	Bwayne Smotherson_____	314.726.9572

## 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