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THE VOICE OF UNIVERSITY CITY

January/February 2018

Your New City Manager



After considering over 50 candidates, the City Council of University City collectively voted to hire Gregory Rose as the new City Manager.

His professional experience includes working as the Deputy City Manager of University City,

City Manager of North Las Vegas, City Administrator of Hyattsville in Maryland, and City Manager of Maricopa in Arizona.

The Jefferson, Texas native holds an undergraduate degree in public administration and a master's degree in public affairs from the University of Texas in Dallas. For almost four years, Mr. Rose served in the United States Air Force. He and his wife have two adult children.

Welcome back to University City, Mr. Rose!



The Municipal Election on Tuesday, April 3, 2018 will have candidates running for Mayor, and one seat for each of the three wards. Nominations for City Council shall be made by petition signed by no fewer than 50 and no more than 75 registered voters, who are entitled to vote for the candidate in the Ward where they live. No voter can sign more than one nominating petition for the same office.

Petitions can be obtained at City Hall, 6801 Delmar, 2nd floor, room 8. Filing opens at City Hall on Tuesday, December 12, 2017 and closes Tuesday, January 16, 2018. The hours of operation are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. There is a \$50 filing fee.

First day filers will participate in a lottery draw for ballot placement, and subsequent filers will follow on the ballot as submitted.

Candidate qualifications are: be a qualified voter of the City and a resident thereof for at least three consecutive years prior to the election, be a resident of the ward from which elected, and be current on all state and city taxes. They cannot hold any other elected public office or compensatory position in the City government.

The General Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, April 3, 2018. Please direct any questions to LaRette Reese, Interim City Clerk, at 314.505.8531.

Councilmember's Corner



As we usher in the New Year, I am pleased to write that we have welcomed a new City Manager to University City. On November 13, 2017, the City Council unanimously approved a contract for Gregory Rose to be City Manager of

University City. Mr. Rose started his employment on December 28, 2017.

Mr. Rose has over 25 years of experience in local government as a city manager and as an assistant city manager. During his career he has served in small and large communities, ranging in size from 12,000 to 221,000 in population. Most notable for University City residents is that he served as Deputy City Manager for University City between 1997 and 2001.

Most recently, Rose served as the City Manager for Maricopa, AZ. In his tenure in Maricopa he is most proud of negotiating agreements for commercial development in that community, working with Maricopa residents who took part in a visioning process, eliminating the city's general fund deficit, and establishing the city's first comprehensive capital improvement plan.

Mr. Rose has also worked as a private consultant at Rose and Associates where he focused on strategic planning, organizational development and leadership training. He served in the United States Air Force before embarking on a career in municipal government.

In closing, I am very pleased with the hiring of Mr. Rose. Because he has worked in our community in the past, I am confident that he understands the strength of our City Charter and the needs of University City as we move forward.

I welcome Mr. Rose and his family once again to this great community.

Mr. Rose can be reached at grose@ucitymo.org or **314.505.8534**. You should not hesitate to contact him with any questions or concerns.

I wish everyone a happy and prosperous 2018.

Respectfully yours,
Councilmember Michael Glickert



Public Library

Your University City librarians know how frustrating it can be when an exciting new book or movie comes out and you can't pick it up at the library because there's a hold list a mile long. To help alleviate that feeling, University City Public Library is happy to announce that we now have Hot Reads and Hot DVDs! These books and DVDs can't be put on hold and are available on a first-come, first-serve basis at UCPL. All Hot Reads and Hot DVDs can be checked out for one week, but cannot be renewed. Don't worry, we'll still have plenty of hold-able copies of these items for you to request! If you have questions about these new collections, call the Library at **314.727.3150**. For a list of upcoming events at the Library, visit our website, ucitylibrary.org/ucplevents.

Staying Safe and Secure



The University City Police Department is seeking to re-establish a K9 dog to assist officers in crime investigation and aid community relations. They are asking citizens to support the cause by contributing toward the purchase, training, and equipment for the K9 dog. Their funding goal is \$25,000 to equip and train both the dog and its handler. Contributions via cash, check, or money order can be made in-person or sent to Captain

Lemons at the Police Department, 6801 Delmar Blvd., during usual business hours Monday through Friday – be sure to write “Police K9 Fund” on the check memo line. For more information, contact Captain Lemons, **314.505.8661** or **flemons@ucitymo.org**.

University City’s share of the County Prop P funds will begin being delivered in early 2018. The City Finance staff has begun the task of prioritizing how these funds will be distributed within the budget and is seeking input from University City residents to decide these priorities, which include the police and fire department raises, pension funding, equipment, and a new police building. A second public meeting for citizens to express their ideas will be held in January after the new City Manager is installed. Check the public bulletin boards in the parks, the City website, and notices at the Library and Centennial Commons for the January date, time, and location.

If you will be traveling out of town this winter, you can request that the Police Department watch your house while you are gone. A police officer will observe your doors and windows by walking around your property once a day while you are gone. To request this service, contact Captain Lemons or visit the City’s website, ucitymo.org/, to enroll online.

The University City Symphony Orchestra

The University City Symphony Orchestra will be hosting “Focus on St. Louis,” a concert that will take place Sunday, February 25, 2018 at the 560 Music Center, 560 Trinity Ave. This free concert is open to the public and will begin at 3:00 p.m. The mission of the University City Symphony Orchestra is to provide rich musical experiences and educational opportunities for the culturally diverse community of University City and beyond. For more information, visit their website, ucso.org.

SENIOR SERVICES NEWS

Attention all University City residents 55 and over – the Department of Community Development is conducting a survey and needs your help! A survey of our 55+ community has been developed to identify what services and programs you think are needed to help University City be the most “Age Friendly Community” in the region. There are a variety of questions on the survey, with a focus on housing issues, particularly what is needed to help you remain in your home (if desired). The survey is an important tool that will help City administration and Council make budget decisions related to senior projects and programs in the coming years. The results will also help staff seek senior related grants and identify or strengthen partner organizations.

The short survey will take about 10 minutes to complete. It is available in print at Centennial Commons, the City Hall lobby and the Library. It is also available online at ucitymo.org/residents/senior_resources or over the phone at **314.505.8522**. The survey is open until Thursday, March 15, 2018.

Please contact Adam Brown, Community Development Specialist, at **314.505.8522** for more information or for the phone-in survey. We appreciate your help in gathering this important information!

2018 ICE CARNIVAL

The 2018 Ice Carnival will take place Friday, January 12, 2018 to Sunday, January 14, 2018. Stay tuned for updates which are available at visittheloop.com/icecarnival/.





GO RED FOR WOMEN DAY

Friday, February 2, 2018
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Centennial Commons
7210 Olive Blvd.

Ladies (and guys too) wear red on the 15th Annual National Wear Red Day to stand with women in the fight against their number-one killer: heart disease. Come to Centennial Commons decked out in red to raise awareness of heart disease. There will be information, blood pressure/heart rate checks, vendors and more. We will host a lunch and learn with a guest speaker, along with door prizes and special giveaways. PLEASE NOTE: This event is FREE, but pre-registration is required.

Centennial Commons Holiday Hours

- New Year's Day (1/1) - 5:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Dr. Martin L. King Jr. Day (1/15) - 5:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- President's Day (2/19) - 5:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Centennial Commons Happenings

- **Sign Up for our FREE Fitness Challenge:** Super Bowl Fitness Challenge – Monday, January 1, 2018 to Thursday, February 1, 2018. For more information, contact Centennial Commons, 314.505.8625 or Relay Missouri 1.800.735.2966 (TDD)
- **Join Us for our annual Fall “Fitness and Fun” Buffet** which kicks off Monday, January 8, 2018. The “Buffet” provides participants a chance to “sample” our new and popular fitness/leisure education classes for FREE before signing up. For more information, contact Centennial Commons, 314.505.8625 or Relay Missouri 1.800.735.2966 (TDD)
- **Centennial Commons is a collection point for Little Hats, Big Hearts hat drive** sponsored by the American Heart Association. Volunteers are needed to make hats that will be given during February – Heart Month – to newborns at our local hospitals. There are three ways to participate: drop off your completed hat at Centennial Commons, join us on Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. for our “Stitch-a-Thon” sessions to create hats, or donate “red” yarn. Drop off deadline: Monday, January 8, 2018. For more information, contact Stephanie, 314.505.8613.
- **2018 Redbird Rookies Registration for University City residents ages 6-12 – Saturdays:** January 27, February 24, March 24 and April 21 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Heman Park Community Center, 975 Pennsylvania Ave. For more information, contact Centennial Commons, 314.505.8625.



Holiday Schedule for Trash and Recycling Collection



No trash/recycling collection on:

- Monday, January 1, 2018 (New Year's Day)
- Monday, January 15, 2018 (Dr. Martin Luther King Day)
- Monday, February 19, 2018 (President's Day)

City Hall will be closed on these days. Monday routes collected Tuesday, Tuesday routes collected Wednesday, Wednesday routes collected Thursday, Thursday routes collected Friday, Friday routes collected Saturday. Regular trash and recycling collection will resume the following Monday.



Holiday Tree Pick-Up Guidelines

City staff will collect Holiday trees (without decorations or lights) when placed at the front curb during the first two weeks of January. Please place trees at the front curb on your regularly scheduled trash collection day during the weeks of January 1 and January 8, 2018. Please do not place Christmas trees in trash or recycle carts or in City alleys.



2018 Holiday Lights Recycling Drive

The City of University City is proud to again be a participant in the annual holiday light recycling drive. A collection container is located in the basement level of City Hall. This container will be available until Friday, January 19, 2018.

ADA Self Evaluation and Transition Plan

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 is a Federal Civil Rights Legislation which mandates non-discrimination to persons with disabilities in all places that are open to the general public. The purpose of the law is to make sure that people with disabilities have the same rights and opportunities as everyone else. It is important that the City of University City as a recipient of federal funding complies with all applicable federal and state laws, including those protecting persons with disabilities.

In order to accomplish this, the City of University City is developing a Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan by completing the following:

- A self-evaluation of its public right-of-ways to ensure accessibility by persons with disabilities
- Identification of all issues of accessibility that need to be addressed including accesses for city owned buildings, parks, and other public facilities
- Development of a schedule for the improvement of those facilities
- Compliance with ADA mandated standards for all new construction projects

If you have any questions or need more information about University City's ADA Self Evaluation and Transition Plan, please contact the Public Works-Parks Department office, 314.505.8560.



UCITY PRIDE

SPECIAL ROARS EDITION

January/February 2018



Adults are Invited to “Come & Play”

The University City Education Foundation invites parents and other interested adults to “Come and Play,” an evening of hands-on exploration of some of the innovative tools used by University City educators, many of which were purchased with UCEF grant funds. Featured activities include archery, escape room and more.

So, adults... book a baby-sitter if needed, and join us from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 26, 2018 at Brittany Woods Middle School, 8125 Groby Road (63130). For more information, call 314-290-4296 or email kwerthmuller@ucityschools.org.

Strategic Planning... We are on the Move!

The students and staff of The School District of University City are very fortunate to be part of a community of dedicated volunteers who are generous with their time and talents. We are extremely grateful to those who participated in our Strategic Planning process.

Please keep an eye out for more details in upcoming issues of PRIDE. In the meantime, for more information, visit www.ucityschools.org.

Exercise Mind and Body with “Yoga Talks”

Community members are invited to attend “Yoga Talks” with Superintendent Sharonica Hardin-Barley. Come for a little light stretching yoga lead by guest instructor and University City High School alumnae Dr. Gladys Smith.

If you missed the fall events, please consider joining them at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 11 in the UCHS Library, 7401 Balson Ave. (63130) and/or 2 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 25 in the McNair Board Room, 8136 Groby Road (63130).

U. City Student Art Extravaganza

All-District Student Art Exhibit

University City Public Library Gallery
6701 Delmar (West end of the Loop)

February 7-28, 2018

Free & Open to the Public
Opening Reception: **Thurs., Feb. 8 • 6 p.m. • Refreshments Served**

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF UNIVERSITY CITY
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Nominations Open for District Awards

The School District of University City is accepting nominations and volunteers to serve on the selection committee for the following annual awards:

- U. City Teacher of the Year: www.ucityschools.org/TOY
- U. City Educational Support Person of the Year: www.ucityschools.org/ESPOY
- PACEsetter: www.ucityschools.org/PACEsetter

More details including nomination forms, processes and lists of past recipients are available at www.ucityschools.org/Nominations.

Awardees are recognized during the annual Districtwide Honorees & Retirees Reception in May.

If interested, please call (314) 290-4001 or email communications@ucityschools.org for more details.

Adult Education Classes Available

Transform your career with University City Adult Education and Literacy Program's FREE classes for High School Equivalency Preparation (formerly GED) including WorkKeys Prep, College Prep and Job Training Assistance. Also available are FREE English classes.

Classes are available day or evening at various locations in the University City area and are not limited to University City residents.

For more information, visit www.ucityAELprogram.org or call 314-290-4052.



Spring Student Performances

This year's calendar features a stellar line-up of student performances that you won't want to miss!

Concerts begin at 6:30 p.m. and are free and open to the public (unless otherwise specified). More details about these and other activities are available at www.ucityschools.org/calendar.

- Feb. 23-24 UCHS Spring Musical - Sister Act
(See website calendar for times and cost)
- Wed., Feb. 28 Flynn Park Grade Level Concert
- Tues., March 27 District Music in Our Schools Concert in University City High School Auditorium
- Tues., April 3..... District All String Concert in University City High School Gym *(use Balson Entrance)*
- April 20-21 (7 p.m.) UCHS Spring Play (Cost TBD)
- Tues., April 24... UCHS Band & Orchestra Spring Concert
- Fri., April 27..... UCHS Choir & Jazz Spring Concert
- Sat., May 12..... UCHS Kinesis Dance Concert (\$5 at door)
- Wed, May 16 Brittany Woods Spring Concert

2018 Spring Break - March 12-16
Schools & Offices Closed March 16

Remaining Early Release Days:
February 7, March 9, April 11 and May 18

Schools closed: January 15 and February 19
Parent/Teacher Conferences: March 1-2



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Director of Finance: <i>Tina Charumilind</i>	314.505.8547
Director of Community Development: <i>Andrea Riganti</i>	314.505.8516
Director of Public Works/Parks: <i>Sinan Alpaslan</i>	314.505.8572
Police Chief: <i>Larry Hampton</i>	314.505.8650
Fire Chief: <i>Adam Long</i>	314.505.8563

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

<i>Mayor:</i> Shelley Welsch	314.505.8606
<i>First Ward:</i> Terry Crow	314.918.0045
Steve McMahon	314.422.6576
<i>Second Ward:</i> Paulette Carr	314.727.0919
L. Michael Glickert	314.882.6432
<i>Third Ward:</i> 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