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May/June 2018

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FAIR U CITY – FRIDAY, JUNE 8 – SUNDAY, JUNE 10

The University City Community Foundation is excited to announce the seventh annual Fair U City! The fair is scheduled for Friday, June 8 – Sunday, June 10 in University City's Heman Park. Every year, vendors from the St. Louis area provide great food, music, and carnival rides for the public to enjoy. Tickets are estimated to be around $1 each, with carnival rides costing between 2-4 tickets. You will be able to purchase 24 tickets for $20 at the fair, or 24 tickets for $18 if you purchase in advance. The proceeds from Fair U City go to the University City Community Foundation, a non-profit organization that provides grants to individuals or organizations working to benefit the University City community. For more information, visit **fairucity.com.**

UNIVERSITY CITY MEMORIAL DAY RUN – MONDAY, MAY 28

University City invites you to the 44th annual Memorial Day Run! The event will take place on Monday, May 28 and will start at 7:30 a.m. for the 10K and 5K runners, and 9:20 a.m. for the fun run. You can pick up your packet on Sunday, May 27 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the University City Public Library, 6701 Delmar Blvd. Registration is available online at **ucitymemorialdayrun.com.**

NORTH & SOUTH BLOCK PARTY – SUNDAY, JUNE 3

Join us where North & South Road meets Delmar Boulevard for the best Block Party of the year on Sunday, June 3, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. This is a family-friendly event that will feature live entertainment, food, music, pony rides, raffles, and free activities for the kids! Visit **universitycitychamber.com** for additional details.

WORLD'S LARGEST SWIM LESSON – THURSDAY, JUNE 21

The World's Largest Swimming Lesson June 21, 2018

University City Recreation Division will be a host site for the World's Largest Swim Lesson on Thursday, June 21 at 1:00 p.m. at Heman Park Pool, 7210 Olive Blvd.

This event serves as a platform to help the global aquatics industry work together to build awareness about the fundamental importance of teaching children to swim to prevent drowning. Swimming is a life-saving skill for children and a vital tool to prevent drowning, the second leading cause of unintended, injury-related death for U.S. children ages 1-14. Research shows risk of drowning can be reduced by 88 percent if children participate in formal swimming lessons between the ages of 1-4. Yet, a survey conducted by the American Red Cross in 2014 found that more than half of Americans (54 percent) either can't swim or don't have all of the basic swimming skills.

The event is free and open to participants of all ages and abilities. For more information, please call Stephanie at **314.505.8613.**

UCPD NEWS

University City officials are constantly seeking the most efficient and effective ways to keep residents and visitors safe.

Recently, University City has been exploring new ways to enhance its policing strategies and methods. Although University City is a predominately safe city, the new city manager, Gregory Rose, won't stop until "University City is the safest city in Missouri." This has prompted him to analyze the current policing approach, identify potential areas for improvement, and proactively work to minimize crime even further.

University City officials have identified three areas for improvement – facilities, new technologies, and community engagement.

Facilities

The University City Police Department (UCPD) is applying a new approach to deterring criminal behavior. The department will be evaluating existing structures via security audits to ensure that officers can effectively monitor activity in the community. UCPD will also focus on the planning and construction of new structures to make them less attractive for criminal activity.

Additionally, city officials are considering increasing the number of police facilities throughout University City. The introduction of smaller facilities throughout the community will increase the UCPD's presence in the community and help stabilize all areas across the city. The plan is to keep a location next to the Loop, then decide where to put the others based on a thorough analysis of the current crime data.

Technology

The advancement of technology is also changing the way departments police by improving efficiency and ensuring transparency. More departments in the U.S. are using technology to fight crime than ever before. University City looks to modernize its current response methods by potentially employing cameras, unmanned aerial vehicles and robotics.

University City is committed to ensuring this technology will not impact citizen's privacy and will only be used as an extra tool to keep police and residents safe. Cameras act as an extra unbiased witness to keep the community informed and maintain accountability for the UCPD. Unmanned aerial vehicles and robotics will be able to evaluate dangerous situations and keep University City's first responders safe.

To be clear, this technology will not affect an individual's civil liberties. The police department is committed to remaining fully transparent throughout all its activities.

Engagement

In an effort to provide the highest level of service to all its citizens, the UCPD has embraced the "Community Policing Philosophy." The community members are the biggest and most invaluable resource to the UCPD, and the "Community Policing Philosophy" aims to get them working hand-in-hand.

Specifically, the UCPD is introducing a Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) Program, which is scheduled to launch this summer or fall. VIPS gives University City residents the opportunity to volunteer their time and skills to the police department and engage in community policing.

"We are excited to be able to benefit from the unique set of skills each of our residents possess. In turn, we are able to offer them an exclusive look at what we do and how we do it. VIPS will allow us to have more eyes on the street and increase the safety of University City," says Chief Larry Hampton of the University City Police Department.

Many of these officers reside in University City and work tirelessly to successfully protect their neighbors. The UCPD is committed to tackling both the immediate and long-term causes of crime and encourages members of the community to participate in its programs and events.

The current UCPD calendar events are: Coffee with a Cop, Pizza with the Police, BBQ in the Park, Crime Prevention Meetings, and more. All these events are open to the public. Visit **ucitymo.org/78/Police-Department** for specific dates and times.

University City's primary goal is to continue to build and retain trust with the community and its members. City officials urge all residents to get involved in the policing and develop relationships with city officials and first responders.

Public Notice

The City of University City will hold a public hearing to discuss the estimated allocation of the $103,400 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, which became available after Monday, January 1, 2018. The public hearing will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 11, 2018, at City Hall, 5th Floor, 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;

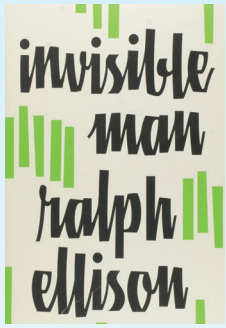
A requirement for bidding on CDBG activities that promotes employment opportunities created by HUD funding and that these opportunities be afforded low-income community residents and businesses.

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. Additionally, if you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may provide written comments regarding the Community Development Block Grant Program to the following municipal official:

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 **314.505.8605** no later than Friday, June 8, 2018. For more information, call **314.862.6767** or Relay Missouri at **800.735.2966 (TDD).**

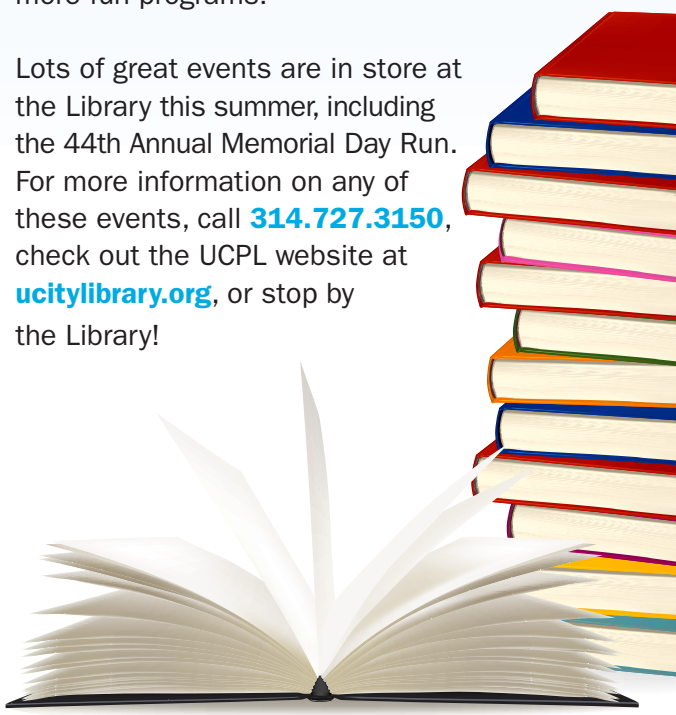
DIVE INTO A BOOK THIS SUMMER



When the weather warms up, that means one thing at University City Public Library: summer reading is upon us! This year, our adult summer reading program will focus on Ralph Ellison's *Invisible Man,* a 1952 novel about an African American man whose skin color renders him invisible. Adult summer reading kicks off Wednesday, May 23, when readers are invited to pick up their books and meet their fellow readers. The first round of discussions are scheduled for Wednesday, June 27 – Friday, June 29.

Meanwhile, kids can start counting hours for our youth summer reading program, *Libraries Rock*!, on Saturday, May 19; reporting starts on Friday, May 25. Additionally, there will be a kick-off party with the Saint Louis Zoo on Saturday, June 2, a puppet show with Celia and Friends on Tuesday, June 19, and many more fun programs!

Lots of great events are in store at the Library this summer, including the 44th Annual Memorial Day Run. For more information on any of these events, call **314.727.3150**, check out the UCPL website at **ucitylibrary.org**, or stop by the Library!



Centennial Commons

News from Centennial Commons

- **Summer Youth Recreation Program/Teen Activities Program:** Are you ready for the BEST SUMMER EVER? SYRP/TAPS registration is now open. This year's theme weeks include "Through the Years," "Disney Days" and "Spy Kids." In addition, the Recreation Division has partnered with The School District of University City to offer a sports camp add-on. There will be a different sport each week, and to participate, the camper must first be enrolled in the SYRP/TAPS program. The programs run weekdays from Monday, June 4 until Friday, July 27 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Before and After Care is available for families who need it. Please note, the last day of registration for the 2018 SYRP/TAPS program will be Friday, June 9 before 5:00 p.m. For more details, call Stephanie at **314.505.8613** or visit **UCityRecGuide.com.**
- **Remember – summer camp scholarships are available** for qualified University City residents. Call **314.505.8625** for information.
- **New for 2018 – Specialized Sports Camps:** Hosted by the University City District Athletic Committee, campers enrolled in summer programs can also participate in specialized sports camps. These camps will provide basic "drills and skills" for a variety of sports such as cross country, baseball, and volleyball. Separate registration applies: Minimum #: 10; Maximum #: 30; Fee per participant, per week, per sport – $25. Sport instruction will be held every day of camp but Wednesday.
- **Summer is right around the corner and the Recreation Division** is your destination for fun in the sun! Come celebrate the 85th Season of Heman Park Pool beginning Saturday, May 26. Summer Pool Passes are now on sale at Centennial Commons, 7210 Olive Blvd.
- **Now hiring for recreation part-time/summer seasonal positions.** Interested? Submit an application to Centennial Commons, 7210 Olive Blvd., University City, MO 63130.

NEW LOW-COST TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM FOR SENIORS IN ST. LOUIS COUNTY

iTNGateway®
Dignified transportation for seniors

As of Wednesday, May 9, the Independent Transportation Network (ITN) Gateway, an expansion of a national program, will start providing rides in a wide geographic area of St. Louis County, **including University City**. This service will provide dignified, affordable transportation for people age 60+, or those who are 21+ and visually impaired. All of these individuals must live within specific zip codes of St. Louis' mid-county corridor.

ITN/Gateway drivers will take enrolled riders to and from any destination of their choice within the service area (generally from the Missouri River on the west, to Skinker Boulevard on the east, to Page Avenue on the north, to Manchester Road on the south), as well as to other limited popular destinations. ITN is unique because the destinations and hours are expanded beyond the typical destinations and daytime-only hours that other services provide. And, ITN drivers provide **arm-through-arm, door-through-door service for passengers.**

Though not free, rides with ITN/Gateway will cost considerably less than a taxi or Uber. There is no cash exchanged and no tipping, and rides will be provided in safety-inspected private vehicles by trained and tested volunteer drivers.

ITN/Gateway is currently looking for volunteer drivers who are interested in being involved in the rewarding experience of helping an older adult meet a friend, get a haircut, get to an appointment or a program, and stay safe. No amount of time someone is willing to give is too small - if interested in becoming a driver, apply online at **itngateway.org/#volunteer-app**, or call **314.724.2117.**

If you are interested in enrolling in this program as a rider, or would like to get more information, please call Margie Diekemper at 314.727.3383, or go to itngateway.org

Public Works

Holiday Trash and Recycling Collection Schedule: Memorial Day – No trash/recycling collection on Monday, May 28. Trash, recycling, and yard waste will be collected one day after your scheduled collection day for the remainder of that week.

Electronics Recycling Event: Saturday, May 12, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Do you have unused or old electronics taking up space? Bring anything that has a plug or requires batteries! A $20 fee applies for CRT TVs and computer monitors, or broken flat screen TVs and monitors. All other items are FREE to recycle.

Residential Street Sweeping Program: The citywide residential street sweeping program runs from Monday, May 7 through Tuesday, May 29:

East Area – week of May 7th
Central Area – week of May 14th
West Area – week of May 21st
Private Streets – week of May 29th

Yard Waste Program: Grass, leaves, twigs, plants, or small brush must be placed in biodegradable paper bags purchased from local hardware, discount or grocery stores. The bags 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.** The stickers are available in packs of 5 for $7.50 at the following locations:

- City Hall, 6801 Delmar Blvd.
- Centennial Commons, 7210 Olive Blvd.
- Walgreens, 8390 Delmar Blvd. & 7501 Olive Blvd.
- Schnucks, 6920 Olive, 8867 Ladue Rd. & 6600 Clayton Rd.
- Pete's Shur-Sav, 7434 Olive Blvd.
- BP Amoco, 7360 Forsyth Blvd.
- University Gardens, 8130 Delmar Blvd.
- Millbrook Pharmacy, 7010 Pershing Ave.

Residents must follow these additional guidelines for yard waste disposal:

- No dirt, wood chips, or logs in the yard bags.
- Branches must be tied in bundles no larger than 4' x 2' wide, no thicker than 3" in diameter.

WOULD YOU LIKE A LARGER RECYCLING CART?

Call **314.505.8560** for a **FREE upgrade** to a larger recycling cart! The more you recycle, the more money the City can use for projects like sidewalks, roads, and playgrounds instead of spending it on landfill fees.

DECREASING LANDFILL WASTE BY JUST 10% COULD SAVE THE CITY $50,000 PER YEAR!

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UCITY PRIDE

NEWS OUR COMMUNITY CAN USE! May/June 2018

Steep Canyon Rangers presented five new instruments to the University City High School music department courtesy of the CAN'd Aid Foundation.

Instruments and Bikes Donated by CAN'd Aid Foundation

On March 14, during spring break, CAN'd Aid Foundation and their TUNES Ambassadors, Grammy Award-winning Steep Canyon Rangers (known for performing with comedian/banjoist Steve Martin) performed a brief concert masterclass for middle and high school students and donated five new brass instruments to the UCHS music program. Donated instruments included a clarinet, piccolo, tenor saxophone, trombone and trumpet.

While playing, percussionist Michael Ashworth of the Steep Canyon Rangers noted the display of trophies in the UCHS band room and observed U. City's proud music tradition.

On March 20, CAN'd Aid surprised Barbara C. Jordan first graders with 62 brand new bicycles and helmets along with a brief safety training. The bikes were assembled by community volunteers during a March 19 "bike build" at Three Kings Public House.

More photos are available on the District's Facebook @UCitySchools. If you are interested in supporting future "do-goodery" activities or to find out more about CAN'd Aid, visit candaid.org.

School District Strategic Plan Update

The District's Strategic Plan outline was presented to the Board of Education on March 8,2018.

The plan, now in its final stages of refinement, was crafted with the help and support of a core team and a working team of parents, teachers, administrators, community members – a cross section of District stakeholder teams. Over a series of meetings, the teams were led by University City High School alumnus and author Alan Spector, a specialist in mapping strategy for various industries.

"The level of engagement of the administration and work groups was positively energizing," Spector said. "We worked to explore existing goals and create new ones. We solicited broad-based feedback from community stakeholders, with whom we reviewed previous improvement plans, searched for best practices in other districts and analyzed our performance data with the intent of developing a renewed strategic direction."

The resulting plan, as presented to the Board, is a rolling plan with immediate, noticeable and positive student impact and annual renewals.

For more information, visit www.ucityschools.org/StrategicPlan or call (314) 290-4001.

Honorees & Retirees

Reception

Thursday, May 10, 2018

Doors Open: 6:30 p.m. | Program: 7 p.m.

Jackson Park Elementary School

7400 Balson Ave. (63130)

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Paying special tribute to:
Our Distinguished Retirees
PACEsetter &
Superintendent's Choice Awardees
Announcing 2018-19 Teacher and Educational Support Person of the Year

Free and Open to the Public

Summer School Begins June 4

The School District of University City offers the 2018 Summer Learning Academy (SLA) for students who will be in first- through twelfth-grades in the 2018-19 school year. The 2018 SLA runs Monday-Thursday beginning June 4 and concluding June 28.

"Our District's Summer Learning Academy is a great way for students to engage in instruction based on their personal needs to ensure their readiness for success in the following school year," said Elizabeth Gardner, director of instruction. "If you are looking for summer experiences for students beyond summer school, we have partnered with numerous local organizations to offer enrichment opportunities." Visit www.ucityschools.org/UCHSSummer2018.

Parent notifications began during spring Parent/Teacher Conferences. The pre-registration deadline is May 4, 2018. For more information, visit www.ucityschools.org/SLA. For printed copies of any SLA form, contact the District's office of Curriculum and Instruction at (314) 290-4020.

Annual Event Seeks Community Support

The University City community is invited to University City's seventh annual National Night Out and Back-to-School Rally on Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2018. Help kick off the new school year, increase neighborhood spirit and strengthen community/police partnerships at this annual event co-sponsored by the University City Police Department and The School District of University City. Last year's activities included a live DJ, food, hair cuts and styling, immunizations, school enrollment/registration, backpack and school supply give-aways and more.

This year's planning committee is looking for community support including sponsorships, donations, booths and volunteers. More information and links to this year's registrations are available at www.ucityschools.org/NNOBTSR; or contact the District's Communications Office at (314) 290-4001 or communications@ucityschools.org.

Year-End Student Performances

This year's calendar features a stellar line-up of student performances that you won't want to miss! Events are subject to change, so please visit www.ucityschools.org for the most current calendar information.

Concerts begin at 6:30 p.m., in UCHS Auditorium, 7401 Balson Ave. (63130) and are free and open to the public (unless otherwise specified).

Tues., May 1 ..... UCHS Choir and Jazz Spring Concert

Sat., May 5 ..... UCHS Kinesis Dance Concert ($5 at door)

Wed., May 9 ..... BCJ Spring Musical, "The Lion King" (time, location & cost TBA)

Wed. & Fri. ..... UCHS "A Midsummers Night Dream"
May 9 & 11 (7 p.m. $5 adults / $2 student at door)

Wed., May 16 ..... Brittany Woods Spring Concerts (6 p.m. Choir & Orchestra; 7:30 p.m. Bands)

Also, please mark your calendars for:

Thurs., May 10 .....District Honorees & Retirees Reception

Mon., May 14 .....UCHS Commencement/Graduation

Tues., May 15 ....UCEF International Dine-Out Fundraiser
Three Kings Public House, 6307 Delmar (63130)
5-10 p.m. Dine in or carry out
(Required coupon available on school Peachjar)
Special thank you to Dewey's Pizza and MiRanchito restaurants for hosting March/April events.

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Library	314.727.3150
Recreation	314.505.8625
Permits/Inspections	314.505.8500
Public Works/Parks	314.505.8560

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Emergency	911
Fire Department	314.505.8591
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