U City in Bloom will host its 3rd Annual Plein Air Art Festival on Sunday, September 23, 2018. Artists who love to paint out-of-doors, or in ‘plein air,’ will be creating works near the University City High School, 7401 Balson Ave., where artist registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. The designated area, bounded by Delmar, Hanley, Olive, and Pennsylvania, is home to many U City in Bloom gardens, historic buildings, parks, and a small hidden cemetery. The artists will include some local high school students and they will begin painting after 8:00 a.m. that morning. All are invited to watch them at work. By 3:00 p.m., the artists will take their completed paintings to the Heman Park Community Center, 975 Pennsylvania Ave., for judging. Everyone is invited to a reception at 5:00 p.m. for the artists, with food and drink from several great University City restaurants, and your chance to purchase their work. Tickets for the reception are $20 and may be purchased online at ucityinbloom.org, or $25 at the door.

The reception will also feature your first look at the artist painted benches that will be placed by bus stops on Olive Boulevard that do not have a shelter, and a Bonsai Exhibit featuring University City experts.

For information call: Judy Prange at 314.725.8243

As part of the Historical Society’s 40th Anniversary year we have a terrific program planned for September 20, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. We are having a Searchlight party with treats and Program, and are asking $5 per adult to attend, to cover food and beverages costs.

Jim Kirchherr with KETC, who made the video of the searchlight, and Bill Kaufman, the only person who knows how to operate the light, will be giving the lecture. Then Bill will go up the winding stairway and get the light going.

To celebrate this occasion the Historical Society is extending an invitation to the entire city. Your involvement will make this a great night for University City!
As the newest member of the City Council, I am honored to have the opportunity to serve our community, represent the first ward and work to move our city forward, tackling the many challenges we face both now and in the future. In July, our new City Manager Gregory Rose, our Department Directors, and the Mayor and City Council held a public 6-hour strategic planning session, for the first time in six years, to discuss our challenges as city and plan our priorities now and in the future. Addressing many of those priorities is already well underway:

Making Our Streets a Budget Priority Again
The City Council recently passed its most important legislation: the fiscal year 2019 budget. Through the budget, our new City Manager and Council have taken significant steps to address our long under-funded street and sidewalk construction. This year, we have budgeted $1.428 million from the capital improvement budget, an increase of more than 600% from just three years ago. While we have a long way to go, it’s a great start and one I hope to build on.

Repairing Our Sidewalks
I am also very pleased that the city and council is now also making our sidewalk maintenance and repair a priority again. Beginning earlier this summer, the city began replacing uprooted, broken, and hazardous sidewalk slabs in neighborhoods throughout the city. This type of work had previously only been done in conjunction with street repaving, but will now be done as part of regular maintenance to ensure we have safe, more walkable neighborhoods.

Building a New Police Substation and Renovating the Police Headquarters
Most notably, after years of inaction, the new City Manager and City Council are moving forward with a plan to design and build a new police substation and design and plan for the renovation of the historic Annex attached to City Hall which used to house both our police and fire departments. Rather than funding the new station directly from reserves as previously planned, the City Council approved the City Manager’s proposal to finance the station with a $6 million loan from our reserves to the Prop P fund which would then be paid back to reserves from the estimated $1.8 million of annual Prop P sales tax revenue. By doing this, we will maintain a healthy reserve balance, fund the new substation, and pay back the loan with no additional tax burden to our residents.

Live Streaming Council Meetings
For many years prior to being on the council I have advocated for the live video streaming of our City Council meetings for greater citizen access, transparency and accountability. I am very pleased to share that with the unanimous support of the City Council, in August, we began live streaming our City Council meetings. City Council meeting dates and times can be found on the city website as well as information on how to watch the live stream and access previously recorded meetings, ucitymo.org.

Creating a Culture of Service
One of the most important things you can do for our city as a resident is to be engaged and it’s our job on the City Council to be accessible and responsive. If you see something that needs to be fixed, a dead tree, a fallen limb, a pot hole, let your council member or City Manager Gregory Rose know. With 80 miles of streets and tens of thousands of trees, you are our greatest asset to be our eyes and ears when there is an issue that requires the attention of the city. Moving forward, the City Manager is also working on an initiative to better partner with our residents and neighborhoods to enhance and improve the city’s communication and services as well as a comprehensive citizen survey that will be going out to all residents this fall to get your feedback on all of our city services.

Finally, I’m very pleased that Mayor Terry Crow has recently proposed holding regular “Coffee with the Council” sessions throughout the year where you can meet with the Mayor and your two council members to discuss any issues of importance to you. I look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully,
Jeff Hales
Council Member – Ward 1
314.283.5402
News from Centennial Commons

Swimming Doesn’t End With Summer – Tuesday, September 4, 2018 to Friday, May 24, 2019
Don’t forget that indoor lap swimming is available during the winter months at the University City Natatorium. The Natatorium is located on the University City High School campus, 7420 Shaftesbury Ave.

Morning Lap Swim Hours:
Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday: 6 a.m. to 8 a.m.
Tuesday & Thursday: 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.

For more information, contact Centennial Commons, 314.505.8625, or Relay Missouri, 800.735.2966 (TDD).

Don’t Miss the Community Resource Fair and Yard Sale
The Community Resource Fair and Yard Sale is back for another great year! Hosted by the City of University City-Recreation Division, the fair and yard sale will be held on Saturday, September 15, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Heman Park Pool parking lot. The event is free and open to the public, and includes booths hosted by community organizations and civic groups providing public information about activities and involvement. Individuals and groups will host their own yard sales. Returning for this year – FREE document shredding event provided by The Shred Truck and City of University City. Shredding will be available from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. For more information, call Centennial Commons at 314.505.8625.

Centennial Commons’ “Fitness & Fun” Buffet
The Annual Fall Fitness and Fun Buffet gives you the chance to “sample” our new and popular fitness and leisure education classes for free before signing up. Our “fall buffet” will take place the week of October 1-6, and will allow you to try the following classes: 6 a.m. Boot Camp, Belly Dancing, Core Fusion Fitness, Evening Yoga, Senior Stretcherize, Slide and Line Dancing, Total Body and Tone, Zumba and more.

“Trunk or Treat” Halloween Event. Ages: Infant - 12 yr. Old
Friday, October 26 - 5:00-7:00 pm. Heman Pool Parking Lot, 7210 Olive
Let’s bring the fun of “Halloween” to Centennial Commons during the second annual “Trunk or Treat!” Halloween event. Children will enjoy trick-or-treating with a twist in a safe and fun environment by visiting decorated automobile trunks filled with candy in the parking lot of the Heman Pool. Awards and prizes for best costumes and best decorated trunk (watch for detailed information).

Scholarship Program Available for U City Residents
Everyone should have the opportunity to improve their quality of life through recreation facilities and programs. That’s why the Department of Community Development – Recreation Division offers a recreation scholarship to income qualified University City residents. Scholarship applications are accepted year round. For more information on availability and requirements, call Leslie Eutz, 314.505.8617.

REMEMBER: Centennial Commons is a SilverSneakers® participating location
The SilverSneakers® Fitness Program is an innovative health, exercise and wellness program helping older adults live healthy, active lifestyles. Your Centennial Commons SilverSneakers® fitness membership includes: Access to Centennial Commons, Heman Park Swimming Pool, University City Natatorium, discount on Programs and resident rates at Ruth Park Golf Course. Most important, your Centennial Commons SilverSneakers® membership is available to you at no cost through your health plan.

Regular participation in SilverSneakers can help you build muscular strength, improve joint mobility and increase cardiovascular endurance, leading to improved health and greater independence.

For more information, contact Centennial Commons, 314.505.8625 or Relay Missouri, 1.800.735.2966 TDD or go to silversneakers.com.
Fall Bulk Residential Household Item Collection

All acceptable items must be placed at the front curb (not in the alley) by the Sunday night before collection begins in your area. Trucks will only make one pass on each street. Items Not Accepted – Televisions/Computer monitors, hazardous materials, etc. Visit us at ucitymo.org or view the University City calendar for more information. You can also contact the Public Works Department at 314.505.8650.

- **East Area** – September 10
- **Central Area** – September 17
- **West Area** – September 24

Fall Curbside Leaf Collection

Yearly curbside leaf collection for residential properties starts Monday, October 29. Leaves must be raked to the curb line on Sunday before the scheduled collection week begins. Trucks will make one pass on each street during the collection week.

- **East Area**: October 29 through November 2, and November 26 through November 30
- **Central Area**: November 5 through 9, and December 3 through 7
- **West Area**: November 12 through 16, and December 10 through 14

Please be sure that parked vehicles do not block access to the leaves. Only leaves will be collected. Yard waste bag stickers are NOT required on the bags from Monday, October 15 to Monday, December 21.

Holiday Schedule for trash and recycling collection

- **Labor Day** – No trash/recycling collection on Monday, September 3 due to the Labor Day holiday. City Hall will be closed. Trash and recycling collection will resume on Tuesday, September 4. Your trash/recycling will run one day behind.

Electronics Recycling Event: Saturday, October 13, 2018

GREAT NEWS! The first 150 CRT TV/Computer Monitors are FREE!

Heman Park Community Center, 975 Pennsylvania, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (Rain or Shine). Watch for our mailed announcement. Basically anything with a cord! Approximately 150 CRT TV/Monitors are covered by a grant, and then a $20 fee will apply for each CRT TV/Monitor. All other items are free to recycle.

Paper Shredding Event: Saturday, September 15, 2018

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Heman Park Pool Parking Lot

What CAN be placed in the container:

- Personal/Business Info
- Paper, manila folders, checkbooks
- Staples, Paper Clips, & Rubber Bands are OK
- No non-paper items will be accepted

Limit of 5 bankers’ boxes per car

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Senior Services News

New Senior Transportation Option – ITN/Gateway is now providing rides within a large service area in St. Louis County that includes University City. **This service is not free, but the cost is considerably less than that of a taxi or Uber, and it offers riders benefits that other current transportation options do not.**

- For information on becoming either a rider or a volunteer driver for ITN, call Margie Diekemper at **314.727.3383** or go to [itngateway.org](http://itngateway.org).
- Call **314.724.2117** to purchase an ITN gift membership for an older friend or relative.

**Scholarship Assistance** – If you feel that you cannot afford to use this service, the City Council of University City recently approved a fund to help a limited number of residents become ITN members. **This one-time scholarship will cover the cost of a year’s membership and contribute an additional $100 to create an account for the recipient.** To request a scholarship application, call Senior Service Coordinator Marcia Mermelstein at **314.505.8563**.

Make A Difference Day Home Assistance Program – Saturday, October 28, from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Volunteer work teams will help as many older homeowners as possible with minor outdoor home maintenance tasks and/or yard work. To request an application to participate, call Senior Services Coordinator, Marcia Mermelstein, at **314.505.8563**.

Medicare Open Enrollment – Open enrollment for Medicare is Monday, October 15 – Friday, December 7. University City offers a free weekly Medicare counseling service at the Library, 6701 Delmar Blvd, on Tuesdays from 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. for those who are trying to sort out their many choices. Call **314.727.3150** to make an appointment or speak by phone with Margie Diekemper, Certified Medicare Counselor. There will be an open enrollment event at the Library, date TBA.

Senior Commission – There are currently two open seats, and there will be additional seats that are open after November, when two current members’ terms expire. Meetings are held most third Mondays of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the Heman Park Community Center, 975 Pennsylvania Ave. Residents of any age are encouraged to contact City Clerk LaRette Reese at **314.505.8605**, or at lrees@ucitymo.org to request an application to become a member of the Senior Commission.

Your University City Library

We’re looking forward to some great new programs this fall at University City Public Library. Now that summer reading has wrapped up, we’re bringing back the Read the Classics book group on the third Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m., and the Orcs & Aliens science fiction and fantasy book group on the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

UCPL also has a trio of speaking events coming up this fall, starting with Lorenzo Gonzalez discussing his memoir, *To Return to Cuba*, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, September 19. Next up is author John Hendrix discussing his new juvenile non-fiction book, *The Faithful Spy*, at 6 p.m. Friday, September 28. Finally, photographer Marian Brickner will lead a discussion on how to take photos at 11 a.m. Tuesday, October 9. All events are free and open to the public.

For more information on any of these events, call **314.727.3150**, check out the UCPL website at [ucitylibrary.org](http://ucitylibrary.org), or stop by the Library!
Volunteering in U. City Schools
Benefits Both Student and Volunteer

Students in The School District of University City benefit greatly from the support of parents, organizations and individuals who volunteer countless hours of service. From mentoring and tutoring to coaching robotics and sports teams, volunteers enrich our students’ school experiences every day.

“This year, we are excited to continue to partner with organizations such as Wyman, Big Brothers Big Sisters, OASIS, COCA, The Green Center, as well as neighboring universities and local faith-based organizations,” says Gary Spiller, executive director for Student Services and Innovation. For a list with additional partner organizations, visit www.ucityschools.org/Partners.

“Volunteerism is the perfect way to bring the skills, passion and talents of our community partners, constituents and parents into our schools to benefit students,” Spiller added. If you are interested in helping us transform the life of every student every day, please complete a volunteer application today. The process begins online at www.ucityschools.org/Volunteer.

Black & Gold Spirit Day 2018

University City High School hosted its first ever Black & Gold Spirit Day in April 2018. This year, we are moving the event to the fall.

Mark your calendar and join us on Saturday, Sept. 22 from 10 a.m. to noon at University City High School, 7401 Balson Ave. (63130) for a free, fun-filled event for families with children of all ages. This event is followed by a 1 p.m. football game with UCHS Lions against Jennings Warriors. Free game admission passes will be given to all Spirit Day participants.

“Black & Gold Spirit Day is a great opportunity for families to learn about our schools and the vast opportunities available to students... from school athletics to clubs and organizations,” says Matt Brooks, District athletic director and coordinator of the event. “This year, we have expanded our roster of activities to include exciting, interactive games for students and families.”

“Remember to show your pride - wear your black and gold!” Brooks added.

Visit www.ucityschools.org/Black&Gold for more details.

DonorsChoose.com Helps Teachers

Looking for ways to support a teacher? Check out DonorsChoose. A list of recent requests by U. City teachers is available at www.ucityschools.org/DonorsChoose.
UCEF to Award Grants This Fall

Last year, the University City Education Foundation funded 19 grants for a total of more than $16,000 for equipment, supplies, technology and innovative education experiences. Projects included requests for flexible seating, iPads, sensory equipment, a 3D printer, online mapping technology, an archery scanner, field trips, construction trade exercises, LEGO engineering, personal fitness and Latin text books. We are very proud and grateful to the community supporters and donors who made these grants possible. These funds come from special event fundraisers and community donors.

To discuss a personal or corporate endowment, contact UCEF Development Director Lori Willis at 314-290-4016 or lwillis@ucityschools.org. For more information about UCEF, visit www.ucityeducationfoundation.org.

2018-19 School Year Highlights

The following dates are subject to change.

- Sept. 3 ......................................District Closed: Labor Day
- Sept. 6 ...........................Board of Education Work Session
- Sept. 20 .............................Board of Education Meeting
- Sept. 22 .............................Black & Gold Spirit Day
- Sept. 26 ......................................Schools Closed
- Sept. 27-28 ............................Parent Teacher Conferences
- Oct. 4 ......................................Board of Education Work Session
- Oct. 13 ....................................Homecoming Parade/Game
- Oct. 18 .............................Board of Education Meeting
- Oct. 19 ......................................Early Release Day
- Oct. 22 ......................................District Closed
- Oct. 25-27 ...........................UCHS Fall Play
- Nov. 1 .............................Board of Education Work Session
- Nov. 6-8 ............................“See Our Schools” Open House Week
- Nov. 12-15 ...........................Returning Artist Week
- Nov. 14 ..................................Returning Artist Reception
- Nov. 15 ..................................Board of Education Meeting
- Nov. 21-23 ............................District Closed: Thanksgiving
- Nov. 28 ............................STEM Expo for Science•Technology•Engineering•Math
- Dec. 6 ...................................UCHS Winter Music Concert
- Dec. 12 .............................Brittany Woods Winter Music Concert
- Dec. 13 .............................Board of Education Meeting
- Dec. 15 .............................Kinesis Dance Concert
- Dec. 21 ......................................Early Release Day
- Dec. 24-Jan. 4 ..........................District Closed: Winter Break
- Jan. 8 ..............................Students Return
- Jan. 17 ..................................District MLK Celebration
- Feb. 20 ..............................UCEF Come & Play
- March 18-22 ..........................Spring Break

For more details and most current information, visit District and school calendars posted at www.ucityschools.org.

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Visit the District website at www.ucityschools.org

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# University City Administration

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## Selected City Services

- Emergency Hotline: 314.505.8550  
  (Severe Weather, Natural Disaster)  
- Finance/Refuse Billing: 314.505.8544  
- Library: 314.727.3150  
- Recreation: 314.505.8625  
- Permits/Inspections: 314.505.8500  
- Public Works/Parks: 314.505.8560

## Fire and Police Departments

- Emergency: 911  
- Fire Department: 314.505.8591  
- Police Department: 314.725.2211