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Holiday Happenings

Small Business Saturday – Saturday, November 24

Support local businesses and shop small on Small Business Saturday. Small Business Saturday is a national holiday that occurs every year in November. On Small Business Saturday, members of the community are urged to do their shopping at local, small businesses. This year, Small Business Saturday will be held all-day on Saturday, November 24, 2018.

Arts and Letters – Wednesday, November 18

The Municipal Commission of Arts and Letters welcomes musician Jeffrey Anderson as the Returning Artist for Fall of 2018. Jeff has worked with many other talented musicians throughout the United States and the world, and has even performed at our own Starlight Concerts. He holds a Masters degree in Jazz Performance from the University of Southern Illinois at Edwardsville, and is currently an adjunct faculty at Washington University at St. Louis. Jeff will work with University City district students and help to encourage them to look towards a career in the arts. Jeff will be honored at a reception on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at the University City High School Pruitt Library, 7401 Balson Ave., beginning at 7:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Holidays in the Loop

There are so many great holiday events happening in the Loop. Here are a few:

- **Get Looped** – first Fridays in the Delmar Loop. Shopping, dining and drink specials on the first Fridays of the month.
- **Kwanza Celebration** – Saturday, December 30, 2018
- **Ice Carnival** – Friday, January 18, 2019 – Sunday, January 20, 2019

More holiday events are TBA. Check out **VisitTheLoop.com** for updates and more information.

Centennial Commons Drive-in Movie: The Incredibles II – Friday, November 30

Centennial Commons is hosting a Drive-in Movie: The Incredibles II on Friday, November 30. Bring a chair, blanket, or pillow to enjoy the movie. Popcorn and soda will be available for purchase. PLEASE NOTE: all children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian 18 years or older. This event is FREE to Centennial Commons members, $5.00 for residents with a Recreation Card, and $7.00 per for non-residents.

Councilmember's Corner

Better than you found it.

"Always leave a place better than you found it." This quote is one that I've internalized and is one of the reasons I became a City Councilman; to make it Better. I worked 15 years as a part-time percussion teacher for this district and made sure that I taught my students rhythms but also made sure they could read music. I became the Partridge Heights Neighborhood Association President for 12 years and was able to do some significant work. I volunteered for the Municipal Commission on Arts and Letters specifically because I saw an opportunity with the Starlight concerts and knew that my years of experience as a musician would help improve the concert series from good to great with the addition of audio/sound and the quality of acts being brought to the stage. I now sit on the city council and have in the 2 years been busy answering calls, addressing your needs, issues and concerns. With the help of concerned residents and Councilmember Paulette Carr, we were able to bring a development project to this city that has the potential of making things "Better than I found it".

The Olive development is a positive step for this city but also is personal to me. My hope, dream, vision and plan for Olive is to bring in the benefits we need. How? By infusing increased sale and property tax dollars that could change how we live. How about more police, no trash bill, no stickers for lawn bags, and improved streets and sidewalks for examples? Increasing, improving and stabilizing the affordable housing we already have in the 3rd ward with the help of the TIF funds. To insure our school district's future. Making sure that we have minority participation not only during the development but post development with jobs and increased ethnic businesses. My plans are that this development will bring increased opportunities and services to our residents and also reflect a Better picture of living, working and educating children in University City. We have an opportunity to stop the decline in population and bring increased interest in living here. Olive Development will take more than just my vision, it needs yours as well so that it is "Better than we found it".

My goal to the end of my first term is to continue the progress of developing Olive, improve WASH U relationship, better inform our residents, build a state-of-the-art Police facility, a diverse Fire Dept, making sure the MSD agreement is safe and benefits University City and finally just be Better neighbors not only to the world but to each other so that it is "Better than I found it".

LOL, that might take more time.

3rd Ward Councilman
Bwayne Smotherson

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News from Centennial Commons

Centennial Commons Recreation Guide

Our "Fall 2018 – Winter 2019 Recreation Guide" is now available online at **ucityrecguide.com** and in select locations. Whether you want to sit back and relax, or get up and move, we have just the thing for you (and your loved ones)! Check out our Centennial Commons Member Appreciation Week, Health and Wellness Fair, Fitness Challenge – Friday Workout Challenges, Youth Strength For Sports Educational Event, Go Red For Women Event, and more. Join us for a variety of fitness classes either mornings, evenings and Saturdays. Don't forget to check out our open gym Pickleball schedule and much more! Registration for these events and classes is available at Centennial Commons or online at **ucitymo.org**. Pick up our recreation guide at the following locations: Centennial Commons, Heman Park Community Center, City Hall, University City Library and other area locations.

Centennial Commons Holiday Hours:

Thanksgiving Day (11/22) – Closed
Day after Thanksgiving (11/23) – 5:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve (12/24) – 5:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Christmas Day (12/25) – Closed
New Year's Eve (12/31) – 5:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
New Year's Day (1/1) – 5:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

University City Natatorium

Remember, indoor 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., and is available for lap swimming sessions throughout the school year from now to Friday, May 24, 2019.

Hours:

- Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday – 6:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.
- Tuesday and Thursday – 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

For more information, contact Centennial Commons, **314.505.8625**.

No Cost Memberships for Senior

Centennial Commons is both a Silver&Fit® and SilverSneakers® participating fitness facility! Both programs, Silver&Fit® and SilverSneakers®, are designed specifically to help seniors achieve better health through regular exercise and health education. Please contact your health plan to see if you qualify. For information about Centennial Commons, please visit us at 7210 Olive Blvd., or call **314.505.8625** or Relay Missouri **800.735.2966 (TDD)**.

Scholarship Program Available for University City Residents

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

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

Scholarships are available for the following:

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

Scholarship applications are accepted year round. For more information, please contact Leslie Eutz, **314.505.8617** or Relay Missouri **800.735.2966 (TDD)**.

Staying Safe and Secure

University City has a number of functioning Neighborhood Watch programs. These programs seek to unite neighbors on a block, or several blocks, to work against crime. They use simple methods to encourage neighbors to watch for and report crime or suspicious activity on the blocks they cover. Participants get help from the Police Department staff so they can identify situations and practices before crime occurs, and how best to report crimes or questionable activity. If your neighborhood does not have Neighborhood Watch coverage, contact Capt. Fredrick Lemons at **314.505.8661** and he will arrange for you to learn how to start a Watch and keep it running.

The University Police Department also offers safety audits for your individual house. An officer will come to your home (or business) to inspect your existing safety measures, and will also recommend additional steps you can take to protect your home. The officer will suggest practical improvements to secure your doors and windows to prevent entry into your house. They will also outline how to become aware of what is happening in your neighborhood and the wider community as well, so you can work with police to protect yourself and your property from crime.

Monthly Police Focus Group meetings take place at the Heman Community Center, 975 Pennsylvania Ave., on the last Tuesday of the month, except for August and December. These meetings are also excellent opportunities to meet police and other city officials so you can keep up to date about trends and situations in University City.

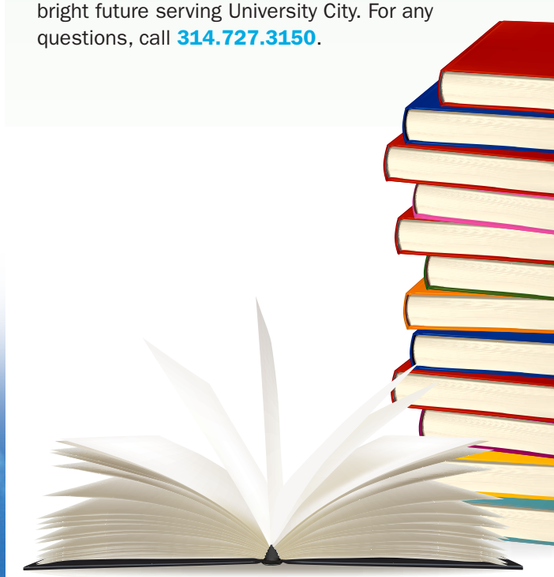
And as always, you are encouraged to call police for crimes or suspicious activity you might see in University City. The first call for actual crime is 911, and you can also call **314.725.2211** to report or inquire about suspicious activity. These calls can be anonymous if you wish.

Your University City Library

As we head toward the New Year, University City Public Library (UCPL) is also looking toward its future – and we want your thoughts! We'd like to invite members of the University City community to participate in three upcoming focus group meetings where members of UCPL's Board of Trustees and Library administration and staff will discuss the challenges facing the Library and get input from attendees on how best to address those issues. Focus group meetings will be held in the UCPL auditorium on the following dates:

- Saturday, November 3 from 2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Thursday, November 29 from 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Monday, December 3 from 2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

If you can't make it to one of our focus groups but still want to share your thoughts, let us know online at ucitylibrary.org. We look forward to a bright future serving University City. For any questions, call **314.727.3150**.



Public Work

Trash and Recycling Holiday Schedule

No trash/recycling collection on Thursday, November 22, 2018. Thursday routes will be collected on Friday, Friday routes on Saturday. Regular collection will resume Monday, November 26, 2018.

No trash/recycling collection on Tuesday, December 25, 2018 or Tuesday, January 1, 2019. Monday routes will be on schedule. All other routes will be collected the day after your regular collection day. Regular collection will resume on Monday, January 7, 2019.

From Thanksgiving to New Year's Day, household waste increases by more than 25%.
Recycle your cardboard, gift paper, and other recyclable holiday waste in your curbside recycling cart or at the Recycling Drop-Off, 975 Pennsylvania Ave.

Holiday Lights Recycling: City Hall

Holiday lights do not belong in your trash or recycling container. Bring in your working or non-working holiday lights to be recycled – City Hall basement, 6801 Delmar Blvd.

Holiday Tree Collection

City staff will collect holiday trees – no decorations or lights – from the curb during the first two weeks of January on your regular collection day. Trees may not be placed in trash or recycle carts or in City alleys.

2018 Fall Leaf Collection

AREA	1ST COLLECTION WEEK	2ND COLLECTION WEEK
West Area	November 12	December 10
Central Area	November 5	December 3
East Area	October 29	November 26w

NO YARD WASTE - ***LEAVES ONLY***

Idle-Free University City – Reduce Engine Idling

Idling engines produce thousands of tons of unnecessary air pollution each year.
Consider this:

· Idling wastes fuel and money; most people waste 1-2 tanks of gas each year from idling.
· Every gallon of gas wasted produces over 20 pounds of air pollution.
· Two minutes of idling uses the same amount of fuel as driving one mile.
· Idling vehicles emit 20 times more pollution than a car traveling 30 miles per hour.
· Much of the pollution emitted includes air toxins which are known to cause cancer, birth defects, respiratory and reproductive effects and other serious health concerns.
· Exposure to car exhaust can increase asthma symptoms, and also cause nasal, throat, respirator, eye and other health problems.
· Extended idling reduces fuel economy, creates engine wear and carbon soot buildup in the engine and components, and affects the life of engine oil.

Most idling is unnecessary and can be eliminated simply through conscious effort.

Are you Recycling or 'Wish-Cycling'?

Ever heard of wish-cycling? It's happened to most of us: you're about to dispose of something, and you realize you're not sure where it should go – garbage or recycling?

You don't want to add more waste to the planet, so you toss your tricky item in your recycling container, hoping it'll get recycled. Worst case, if you made a mistake, you assume the recycling facility will be able to fix it. Not true. Unfortunately, simply wishing for something to be recyclable doesn't make it so.

Wish-cycling might start with the best of intentions, but it's one of the biggest issues facing the recycling industry today. It makes recycling potentially unsustainable, which is obviously a bad thing. Take a look at the list of **common contamination** to keep OUT of your recycling container:

- ✓ Plastic bags and film
- ✓ Styrofoam
- ✓ Tanglers (hoses, wires, chains, cords, etc.)
- ✓ Hangers
- ✓ Paper plates, cups, napkins, straws
- ✓ Sharps and needles
- ✓ Food or liquid
- ✓ Plastic toys
- ✓ Electronics
- ✓ Tires, Auto parts, Scrap metal

If the item is not a plastic, glass or metal container, a food/beverage carton, or made of paper/cardboard, it probably does not belong in the recycling container.

Visit **stlcityrecycles.com/database** to find out if and where the items above (and others) are recyclable.

We, the **University City Storm Water Task Force**, want and need your input. Our challenge is to better understand the extent and nature of storm water drainage issues in our community. Your input is essential to understanding where and what type of storm water issues there are. Thank you to those who have already completed our survey. **We are appealing to those who have not yet participated**. If you have a friend or loved one that has stormwater issues and lives in U City, please remind them to participate. To be counted, **reply before January 4** by doing one of the following.

- Complete the survey below, fold then tape shut, add a stamp, and return via US postal mail, OR
- Complete the survey online by going to www.surveymonkey.com/r/ucitystormwater

Name _____ (*provide name and a way to contact you*)

Address _____ Email _____ Phone _____

Survey Questions

			Frequency (check square)		
			More than once a year	Once a year	Every few years
Do excessive puddles or standing water develop on/or near your property after storms?	**YES**	**NO**			
IN your yard, do flash flooding or intense high-speed gushes of water, occur after a rainstorm?	**YES**	**NO**			
After a storm, does your basement flood?	**YES**	**NO**			
Is soil washed away, causing erosion in your yard after a storm?	**YES**	**NO**			
Does water rise and overflow onto or nearby your property from a river or stream after a storm?	**YES**	**NO**			
Near your house, is the soil or ground around a creek bank washed away or eroded after a storm?	**YES**	**NO**			
Do excessive puddles or standing water develop in the street(s) near your property after a storm?	**YES**	**NO**			
Do nearby streets flood after a storm?	**YES**	**NO**			

If water has entered your home, please circle the best description of the circumstance: A. Leaks in the walls or floor. B. Windows or window wells. C. Doors D. Basement floor drain	**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	
Have you ever reported storm water problems to (circle any that apply): A. Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD) B. St. Louis County C. University City D. Your Insurance Company E. Other (specify) _____	**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	**E**

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Senior Services News

Seniors Who Need Transportation Assistance – ITN/Gateway is now providing rides for older adults, or those 21+ who are vision impaired, within a large service area in St. Louis County. ***This new 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.***

The City Council recently approved a fund that will provide a **one-time scholarship for a limited number of residents. It will cover the cost of a year's membership and contribute an additional $100 to create an account for the recipient.** Call Senior Service Coordinator Marcia Mermelstein at **314.505.8563**, to request a scholarship application.

Senior Commission News – The commission is currently seeking new members. **Residents of any age who are interested in serving on this commission should contact City Clerk, LaRette Reese, at 314.505.8605 to request an application.** Residents are invited to attend meetings that are held most third Mondays of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the Heman Park Community Center, 975 Pennsylvania Ave. The next Senior Commission meeting will be Monday, November 19, 2018.

Sutter-Meyer

The Sutter-Meyer Farmhouse, University City's oldest century home, will hold an open house on Saturay, December 1, from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Presented by Historic St. Louis' "A Spirited Holiday Past," the home will be open for tours, along with 20 other historic homes in the St. Louis area. Join us this day for holiday cheer while enjoying refreshments and browsing our selection of decorations. The Sutter-Meyer Farmhouse is located at 6826 Chamberlain Crt., University City, MO 63130. For more information go to our Facebook home page: Sutter-Meyer Farmhouse or email us at **thepastlives@suttermeyer.org**.

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UCITY PRIDE

NEWS OUR COMMUNITY CAN USE! September/October 2018

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

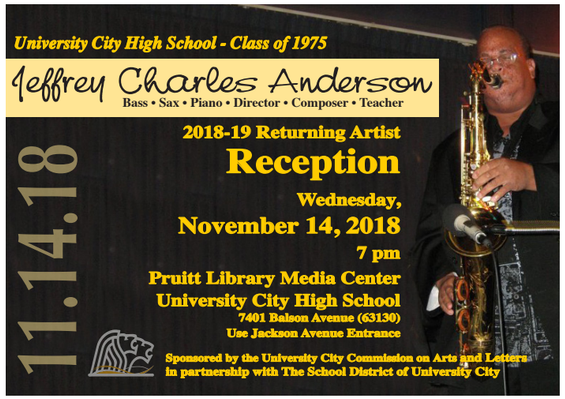
Looking for ways to support a teacher? Check out DonorsChoose. A list of recent requests by U. City teachers is available at www.ucityschools.org/DonorsChoose.

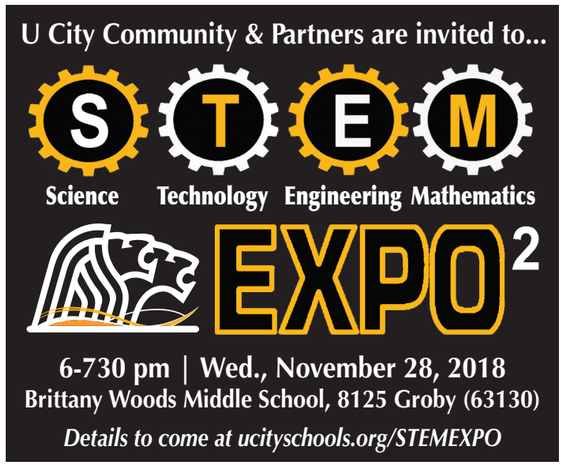
Board Candidate Filing Opens Dec. 12

School board members provide a critical service to public education. This elected, volunteer position gives community members the opportunity to make a difference in the lives and learning experiences of our students.

Two seats are to be filled on the University City Board of Education during the April 3, 2019, elections. Candidate filing opens at 8 a.m. on Dec. 12, 2018 and closes at 5 p.m. on Jan. 16, 2019. Candidate packets will not be available until the first day of filing. To be eligible to serve on the Board of Education for The School District of University City, candidate must be 24 years of age, a resident tax payer of the District, a citizen of the United States and a Missouri resident for at least one year preceding the election.

For more details, visit www.ucityschools.org/BOE, call (314) 290-4003 or email jward@ucityschools.org.





2018-19 School Year Highlights

The following dates are subject to change.

Nov. 1 ..... Board of Education Work Session
Nov. 6-8 ..... "See Our Schools" Open House Week
Nov. 12-16 ..... Returning Artist Week
Nov. 14 ..... Returning Artist Reception
Nov. 15 ..... Board of Education Meeting
Nov. 20 ..... Early Release Day
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. 7 ..... No School, Staff Professional Development
Jan. 8 ..... Students Return
Jan. 10 ..... Board of Education Work Session
Jan. 17 ..... District Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration
Jan. 21 ..... District Closed: Dr. King Day
Jan. 24 ..... Board of Education Meeting
March 18-22 ..... Spring Break
May 22 ..... Last Day of School*

**Pending no make-up days needed.*

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

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Fire Chief: *William Hinson*	314.505.8593

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	Jeff Hales	314.283.5402
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	Tim Cusick	314.230.3337
Third Ward:	*Bwayne Smotherson*	314.726.9572
	Stacy Clay	314.323.4025

SELECTED CITY SERVICES

Emergency Hotline (Severe Weather, Natural Disaster)	314.505.8550
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