Municipal Elections Information

The Municipal Election on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 will have candidates running for 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 4. Filing opens at City Hall on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 and closes Tuesday, January 21, 2020. 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.

U CITY LOOP EVENTS

Celebrate Recycled Art and America Recycles Day!

UNIVERSITY CITY LIBRARY
6701 DELMAR

Join us Friday NOVEMBER 15, 4:30 – 6:30 pm for a preview of the 2020 calendar featuring recycled art. Also learn about recycling!

Small Business Saturday

NOVEMBER 30 – Shop Local and support small businesses throughout University City with our unique mix shops, specialty stores, art galleries and boutiques.
2019 FALL LEAF COLLECTION

When placed at the front curb during January 17, 2020.

HOLIDAY TREE COLLECTION

Put these in:
- Cardboard
- Paper boxes (gift, shoe, and shipping)
- Wrapping paper (no foil or glitter)
- Holiday cards and envelopes (without embellishments)
- Gift bags (handles removed, without embellishments)

Leave these out:
- Bubble wrap
- Tissue paper
- Ribbons and bows
- Embellished wrapping paper (foil or glitter)
- Cellophane
- Shrinkwrap of any kind
- Christmas trees
- Holiday string lights
- Electronics, batteries, or bulbs

HOLIDAY LIGHTS RECYCLING: CITY HALL

Keep your Holiday Waste in Check
From Thanksgiving to New Year’s Day, household waste increases by more than 25%. Learn what you can do to reduce your waste!

Or consider a donation to a charitable organization on your loved one’s behalf.
- If you’re gifting electronic gadgets or toys that require batteries, choose rechargeable batteries and consider including a battery charger as well.
- Choose greeting cards that can be sent electronically over paper cards. If you do send paper greeting cards, use cards made from recycled-content material to reduce the amount of virgin paper used.
- Don’t go overboard with holiday meals. Prevent that uncomfortable too-full feeling and reduce food scraps by cooking only what you and your guests can reasonably eat. Use the handy “Guestimator” tool at savethefood.com to help you figure out the right amount of food to prepare.
- Lastly, but not least, recycle your old Christmas tree.

TRASH AND RECYCLING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

No trash/recycling collection on Thursday, November 28, 2019. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday routes will be on schedule. Thursday routes will be collected on Friday, Friday routes on Saturday. Regular trash and recycling collection will resume Monday, December 2, 2019.

No trash/recycling collection on Wednesday, December 25, 2019 or Wednesday, January 1, 2020. In each of these weeks, Monday and Tuesday routes will be on schedule. Wednesday routes collected Thursday, Thursday routes collected Friday, Friday routes collected Saturday. Regular trash and recycling collection will resume on Monday, January 6, 2020.

RECYCLE RESPONSIBLY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!
Be sure to responsibly recycle your holiday waste. Follow these rules for your curbside recycling cart:

HOLIDAY TREE COLLECTION
City staff will collect holiday trees when placed at the front curb during the first two weeks of January on your regular collection day. Trees must be without decorations or lights. Please do not place holiday trees in trash or recycle carts or in City alleys.

Concrete Improvements
During the winter months of 2019/2020, the following roads will undergo Concrete Sidewalk and/ or Curb Replacement. Where concrete sidewalk sections exist but are not compliant with the ADA requirements, they will be replaced. Replacement of disabled intersection corner access ramps will also be used at sidewalk locations where the current ramps are not compliant with ADA. Selected concrete curb sections will also be replaced to maintain positive stormwater drainage along the street.

STREET FROM TO

STREET JURISDICTION

St. Louis County

Olive Blvd. 13700 to Fergus Ave. State of Missouri
Olive Blvd. Ferguson Ave. to Skinker Blvd. St. Louis County
Veran Ave. Midland Blvd. to Skinker Blvd. St. Louis County
Delmar Blvd. Upper Price Rd. to Big Bend Blvd. St. Louis County
Forest Park Pkwy. West City Limits to St. Louis City Limits St. Louis County
Norton Rd. Delmar Blvd. to Olive Blvd. St. Louis County
Woodson Rd. Olive Blvd. to North City Limits St. Louis County
North & South Rd. Delmar Blvd. to North City Limits St. Louis County
Hanley Rd. WestMOntiel Dr. to North City Limits St. Louis County
Midland Blvd. Delmar Blvd. to North City Limits St. Louis County
Kingland Ave. Delmar Blvd. to Olive Blvd. St. Louis County

Some of these items are recyclable, just not in your curbside cart.
To find out if the above items are recyclable, visit stlcityrecycles.com/database.

Snow and Ice Removal
Snow and ice control is a difficult and time-consuming operation. We need the help of residents to enable us to clear the streets promptly and completely. Crews can do a better job of plowing when cars are not parked on the street. Residents can assist us by removing their vehicles from the street until plowing has been completed.

Roadways
When you encounter snow removal or ice control equipment, please yield the right of way if you can do so safely. Please keep back at least 50 feet from snow or ice control equipment and do not attempt to pass this equipment. Please do not attempt to drive through the plowed windows of snow as you could lose control of your vehicle. The snow and ice control crews are out there to aid you in reaching your destination safely.

Driveways And Private Property
City snowplows will not clear private driveways or other private property such as parking lots or school driveways, except in a verified emergency.

The equipment that we use to clear snow from the street may leave a ridge of snow across driveways or where the sidewalk meets the street. It is the responsibility of property owners to remove the ridge of snow or ice left by our snow plowing equipment. The snow should be removed to the sides of the driveway and not back into the street. Residents or private contractors are prohibited from blowing or pushing snow into or across the street or leaving windows of snow on the street as a result of clearing their sidewalks or drive.

Joint Jurisdiction With St. Louis County/State
The following roads are the responsibility of St. Louis County and the State of Missouri for snow and ice removal.

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Once again this year, Centennial Commons Recreation Facility (located at 7210 Olive Blvd.) will be collecting cold weather gear (hats, gloves, scarves, etc.) for our Holiday Giving Tree. In 2018, over 125 items were donated to the School District of University City to be distributed to students in need. Collection will take place from November 15 – December 15. For additional information, contact Recreation Supervisor, Stephanie Perry at 314.505.8613 or sperry@ucitymo.org.

**Centennial Commons Holiday Hours:**
- Veteran’s Day (11/11) - 5:30 am-6 pm;
- Thanksgiving Day (11/28) – Closed; Day after Thanksgiving (11/29) – 5:30 am-6 pm;
- Christmas Eve (12/24) - 5:30 am-4 pm;
- Christmas Day (12/25) – Closed;
- New Year’s Eve (12/31) - 5:30 am-4 pm;
- New Year’s Day (1/1) - 5:30 am-6 pm

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 Shaftsbury and is available for lap swimming sessions throughout the school year from Nov to May 22, 2020.

**HOURS:**
- Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday – 6:00 am to 8:00 am
- Tuesday and Thursday – 7:00 am to 9:00 am
- Thursday and Saturday – 6:00 am to 8:00 am
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For more information, contact Centennial Commons, 314.505.8625.

- **No Cost Memberships for Senior – Centennial Commons is both a SilverSneakers® and RenewActive® participating fitness facility! Both programs, SilverSneakers® and RenewActive® 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, please visit us at Centennial Commons, 7210 Olive or call 314.505.8625 or Relay Missouri 800.735.2966 (TDD)

- **University City Golden Lions Senior Program** - The Golden Lions Senior Program takes place on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, from 9:00 – 12:30 p.m. Through a partnership with Aging Ahead (formerly Mid East Area Agency on Aging,) lunch is provided for participants who make reservations, and a $4.00 donation is appreciated; transportation is also provided through OATS (Older Adult Transportation System,) for those who need it.

- **Senior Transportation Scholarship Assistance** - University City once again will be providing a limited number of scholarships to older residents in order to help them participate in a new senior transportation service, ITN (Independent Transportation Network.) This service offers volunteer drivers who give rides in their own cars to older adults; it is not a free service, but the cost is about half the cost of a taxi. These drivers are trained to provide door through door and arm through arm service, and riders can be taken anywhere within the service area (including major events such as bingo, board games, arts, educational presentations, entertainment, fitness classes designed for seniors and much more. Don’t miss out on the “fellowship and fun!”

- **Recycling**

You really do make a difference! – and Thank You to the Storm Water Task Force.

Stormwater problems are a part of life in our region. Portions of the River Des Peres and Engleholm Creek run through our city, directly affecting those whose homes located on the banks and in the floodplains of these rivers. Residents, who do not live in the floodplain, may also experience the effects of stormwater as a result of runoffs between yards causing ponding, flooding, erosion, as well as sewer backups.

Sadly, in 2008 two of our residents on Wilson Avenue died in a flash flood of the River Des Peres. Former Councilmember Byron Price, former County Councilmember Hazel Erby enlisted Congressman Lacy Clay, who worked with Congress to obtain Federal funds for the buyout of the flooded properties on Wilson Avenue. Those Wilson Avenue homes no longer exist, but 95 properties located in the 5-year floodplains remain. The City is now working with the Army Corps of Engineers and MSD to continue the earlier studies seeking solutions for those vulnerable properties.

In response to area-wide flooding, other municipalities moved forward with the development of stormwater master plans that would put them at the front of the line for funding and mitigation of their stormwater problems. At that time, though, Council could not finance the development of our own stormwater master plan.

On June 26, 2017 Council established the University City Stormwater Task Force. Over the years, little historical data had been kept by the City, so the Task Force members began work immediately to develop a citizen survey of stormwater problems. This, and data from MSD on flood issues, allowed the Task Force members to see what problems were occurring and where. At the same time, members of the Task Force examined the stormwater plans of other nearby municipalities, developed an approach to predict flash flooding, visited a number of flood-sites, and reviewed the City ordinances to determine if changes were needed.

The Stormwater Task Force members are currently assembling their final report and recommendations to Council, including the establishment of an Early Warning System, and the hiring of an expert consultant to develop our stormwater master plan.

I cannot tell you how impressed I am and grateful for the high-quality work contributed by these nine Storm Water Task Force members to our City. I am proud of the efforts of this Task Force as I am of the work done by the citizens who contributed to the University City Advisory Board on Washington University in 2015. When our citizens bring their commitment, effort, talent and expertise to the solution of our problems, “we can move mountains.” I want to thank all U. Citizens, who volunteer to serve our City and their neighbors, and invite others to consider serving on our Boards, Commissions, Task Forces and other volunteer activities. You really do make a difference!

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Councilmember, Ward 2

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**Centennial Commons Information**

**HOLIDAY GIVING TREE**

**ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT**

On October 5th, 2019 residents recycled over 20,000 pounds of electronics! When e-waste is tossed into landfills, these chemicals leach into the soil, polluting the ground water as well as the air. Electronics are made of components that contain valuable raw materials. Reusing old devices prevents e-waste by keeping it out of landfills. It also saves the resources used to recycle them.

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The success of EyeSeeMe.

Women entrepreneurs and celebrated the gathered for a panel discussion on minority the small business support organization, EyeSeeMe event – Representatives from EyeSeeMe bookstore.

Jeffrey & Pamela Blair – owners of the

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EyeSeeMe Bookstore

When Pamela Blair was home-schooling her four children, it was the children who recognized that there were few books about people who looked like them, who were African Americans, historical stories that included themselves as heroes, victors, founders, creators, and contributors to society. She went on a mission to seek out these books and found they were hard to come by, even in libraries, but she continued to search and even began writing her own books based on Bible stories. Other parents expressed their frustrations as well and that’s how EyeSeeMe began.

Opening their store in University City on Olive in 2015, the space quickly became too small, but with support from small business support services like Justine Petersen and JP Morgan Chase, they moved to a larger location in early 2019 at 6951 Olive. The space has become a community gathering place, offering two classrooms, and adult/high school reading and study area and soon a café. Garnering attention from Oprah, Steve Harvey and NBC, they were also selected to be a part of Facebook’s Small Business Council. Through the help of Facebook, their business has soared to new heights.

Part of their mission is to be a resource for parents, teachers, and schools in providing the very best children’s books on the market that promote positive images and stories about African American culture and history. The store is helping to bridge the cultural divide, so that African American children can benefit from exposure to literature that respectfully mirrors themselves, their culture and their families. They have also started the EyeSeeMe Foundation to create programs that increase literacy in underserved communities. Visit their location to pick up a great book, relax in the reading room or buy some holiday gifts online at www.eyeseeme.com

Winter and Holiday Fire Safety

During the Holidays, many people overload electrical circuits for lighting, decorations, and cooking appliances. This significantly increases the risk of electrical fires and outages. Holiday lights should be inspected for kinks, frays and wear and tear. Damaged lights account for 25% of Christmas tree fires.

If you must use a space heater, it should be plugged into at least a 20-amp outlet. Never use an extension cord for a space heater. Space heaters often catch fire because people run the cord under a rug to hide it and prevent tripping on it. As people walk on the rugs, they step on the cords, causing wear that eventually leads to a fire. Space heaters also carry a high risk of fire from being too close to curtains, bed spreads, and holiday decorations. Heaters that are too close to Christmas trees account for another 25% of tree fires.

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State of the District - Dec. 9, 2019

On December 9, 2019, The School District of University City will host its annual State of the District for community members, parents and staff. This event runs from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the University City High School Pruitt Library, 7401 Balson Ave. (Jackson Entrance). It is free and open to the public.

Returning Artist Reception - Nov. 13

Noted music director and composer Christopher J. Watkins, UCHS ‘88, has been selected by the University City Municipal Commission on Arts and Letters as the Fall 2019 University City Returning Artist. The community is invited to a public reception in his honor beginning 7 p.m. on Wed., Nov. 13, in the UCHS Pruitt Library, 7401 Balson Ave. (Jackson Entrance) 63130.

Nominations Open for District Awards

The School District of University City is accepting nominations for the following annual awards:

• Martin Luther King, Jr. Spirit Award (deadline Dec. 6, 2019)
• U. City Teacher of the Year and U. City Educational Support Person of the Year (deadline Jan. 31, 2020)
• PACEsetter (deadline March 23, 2020)

More details, including deadlines, forms and past recipients, are available online at www.ucityschools.org/Nominations. Community members interested in serving on selection committees (excluding MLK), should call (314) 290-4001 or email communications@ucityschools.org for more information.

UCHS Hosts College & Career Fair

When it comes to planning for the future information and connections are everything. On Oct. 11, University City High School students met firsthand with 50 representatives from colleges, trade schools and corporations to talk about educational and career options after high school.

Students and parents went from table to table to learn about admissions at national and local colleges and universities, prerequisites for admission, and unique programs to gain access to companies and trade right out of high school. Unlike other local fairs, UCHS students had exclusive access to talk one-on-one for as long as they needed with companies like Boeing and Spire; elite universities like Northwestern, Washington University and the University of Missouri – Columbia; and even representatives from the UMSL Bridge Program, which helps prepare students for college.

The event included a FAFSA Frenzy, a crash-course session on filling out the free federal aid form required to be considered for financial aid from colleges and universities.

This fair is just one way The School District of University City strives to provide access and opportunities for all students.
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University City, MO 63130

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

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Police Chief: Larry Hampton 314.505.8652
Fire Chief: William Hinson 314.505.8593
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Finance/Refuse Billing 314.505.8544
Library 314.727.3150
Recreation 314.505.8625
Permits/Inspections 314.505.8500
Public Works 314.505.8560
Senior Services 314.505.8563

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11 East Area Curbside Leaf Collection Begins Veterans Day – City Hall Open
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28 Thanksgiving – City Hall Closed, Centennial Commons Closed
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30 Small Business Saturday – Shop Local Small Businesses

2 West Area Curbside Leaf Collection Begins
7 Christmas Shopping Day in the Loop
9 Central Area Curbside Leaf Collection Begins
14 Kwanzaa Celebration in the Loop Movie in the Park
15 Centennial Commons Cold Weather Gear Collection Ends
16 Central Area Curbside Leaf Collection Begins
17 Candidate Petition Filing Begins – City Hall
21 Menorah Lighting in the Loop
24 Christmas Eve – City Hall Open, Centennial Commons open 5:30 am- 4:00pm
25 Christmas Day – City Hall closed, Centennial Commons Closed

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