**U City in Bloom**

Underground in community gardens around University City, 3,000 tulip bulbs are tucked away waiting for the warmth of spring to emerge. But while they sleep, what is U City in Bloom doing during this cold season? Well, for one thing, they are preparing to install a large “hoop house” at their Vernon Avenue Nursery. This hoop house will be used to over-winter perennials and shrubs for next year’s growing season and to protect newly divided plants for the Spring Plant Sale from late spring frosts after volunteers begin potting in mid-March. Those same volunteers, often working outside in the damp, windy, and cold weather of our fickle springs, may also take shelter there while preparing plants for the sale. Ground is being readied for the early spring installation of the hoop house.

U City in Bloom’s horticulturalist is preparing new designs for the 250 UCB gardens and planters; checking to see what flourished last year and planning to replace underperforming selections with different plants; and ordering the many annuals, grasses, shrubs, trees, and new perennials that will be added this year. UCB’s staff and volunteers continue to work outside on many days when weather permits. In early winter, they cleaned up and mulched the gardens and some of that work continues into the new year. They gathered fresh greens, interesting seed heads, and colorful twigs and branches to decorate the Loop planters for the holiday season.

Before you know it, those tulips will be up and U City in Bloom will hold the Plant Sale. This year’s sale is on the weekend of April 27-28, with an evening preview party and sale on Friday, April 26. When the weather warms and you begin working in your own garden, leave plenty of space for new additions from this sale – the plants are known to be hardy, beautiful performers in our variable climate, and all proceeds go to further U City in Bloom’s work in beautifying our community.

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**From the Historical Society of University City,**

As the “new” Loop Trolley begins its first full year of service, we remember the “old” Loop Trolley, as well as other modes of transport available to University Citians in 1923. This picture shows the corner of Kingsland and Enright avenues. At right is the trolley, with an ad on the front for the movie “Flaming Youth” starring Colleen Moore. In the middle is a horse and buggy between two cars. At left are two “service cars,” which differed from taxis in that they took multiple passengers to set destinations. The picture comes from the University City Library’s Delmar Loop Photo Collection. To see more fascinating old photos, go to [ucpl.lib.mo.us](http://ucpl.lib.mo.us) and click on University City History.
Recently I attended the memorial service for Mayor Janet Majerus. In 1985, she was elected mayor and was re-elected in 1989 and 1993. She resigned in December 1995. Family, friends, and colleagues who spoke at the service painted a picture of someone dedicated to the service of others. Truly a quality required for anyone in public service.

It was suggested that the progress made during Mayor Majerus’ tenure was not easily accomplished. Sometimes progress was met with resistance. However, the guiding principle was to always strive toward what was best for the City. Today, that principle remains the foundation upon which the current City Council operates.

EMS
In September, the City conducted a Study Session on returning EMS back to the City. In October, the City accepted a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Enforcement, zoning regulations, and contributions to the City’s revenue. Although, this process has just begun, I look forward to our continued work with Washington University to create a mutually beneficial relationship.

The evolution of our City Council and city management over the past two years has been transformative. Having a City Council who places the City’s best interest at the forefront, and doing so in a cooperative, collegiate manner is serving the city well. This is not to say council members never disagree. When differences arise, those differences are presented, discussed, and incorporated into the process of making the best decision for the City – just as some of our former leaders did. Simply put, I am fortunate to be a member of this Council and cannot think of a better group of people with whom I may disagree.

Respectfully,
1st Ward Councilman, Steve McMahon

“Online access to the discussions and process of the Council gives more citizens access and the ability to participate in their local government.”
Public Works

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 Jan. 7 and Jan. 14, 2019. Do not place Christmas trees in trash or recycling carts or in City alleys.

Holiday Schedule – Trash and Recycling Collection
City Hall will be closed and there will be no trash/recycling collection on:

- Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019 (New Year’s Day)
- Monday, Jan. 21, 2019 (Dr. Martin Luther King Day)
- Monday, Feb. 18, 2019 (President’s Day)

If your weekly collection day falls on or after these dates, your trash and recycling will be collected one day later.

Holiday Light Recycling Drive – 2019
Recycle your old holiday lights! A collection container is located in the basement level of City Hall and will be available until Friday, Jan. 18, 2019.

In 2019, Strive to Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle More!

Here are 5 simple tips for cutting down waste in the New Year.

1. Bagless is better! Americans use 2,663 plastic bags every second. The amount of energy required to make 12 plastic shopping bags could drive a car for a mile. Pick up a free reusable bag at City Hall, 3rd floor – while supplies last!

2. Stop the paper junk mail! Junk mail is a huge waste of our natural resources and time. Take your name off those mailing lists: catalogchoice.org.

3. BYOC: Bring your own cup or container. Instead of using a non-recyclable paper coffee cup, bring one from home that can be filled at your coffee shop!

4. Take back the tap. St. Louis tap water far exceeds state and federal regulations and is more frequently screened for dangerous pollutants. Refill your own water bottle instead of a single-use plastic water bottle.

5. Turn your key, be idle free! 10 seconds of idling uses more fuel than turning off the engine and restarting it. Modern engines don’t need more than a few seconds of idling before they can be driven safely. Additional exhaust contributes to asthma, allergies, and cardiovascular disease.

Your University City Library

A new year brings new programs at University City Public Library! Join the fun on Sunday, Jan. 13, 2019, to meet J.D. Trafford, lawyer and author. Trafford is known for his legal thrillers and most recent work, Little Boy Lost, which is set in St. Louis. Friends of the University City Public Library will be hosting this event at 2 p.m. in the University City Public Library auditorium.

University City Public Library wants to hear from you! While planning for the future, we would like to know the thoughts of our citizens in the University City community. To get your ideas heard by the Library Board of Trustees, let us know online at ucitylibrary.org, or call 314.727.3150 with any concerns.

We’ll celebrate Black History Month with a screening of the acclaimed documentary, Rejoice & Shout, at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2019. The film explores the historical connections between African-American culture and gospel as it first impacted popular culture at large, as well as capturing what is special about this music and African-American Christianity. Another examination of African-American history will take place at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Mar. 20, 2019, when genealogist LaDonna Garner presents a workshop on building a foundation for researching family history.

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

Last month, City Council approved a proclamation to recognize December 10, 2018 as Human Rights Day. Human Rights Day is an observation held every year in remembrance of the day the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948. This declaration proclaimed the inalienable rights to which all people are entitled, regardless of their race, gender, orientation, nationality and more. In celebration and recognition of Human Rights Day and our diverse, inclusive population in University City, City Hall was lit in rainbow colors from December 10 through December 14.
Showcasing Learning Reimagined

During a late November bus tour, representatives from agencies funded by the Robert Woods Johnson Foundation (RWJF) spent the afternoon in The School District of University City. RWJF is the nation’s largest public health philanthropy and a supporter of the District’s America’s Promise Grant. The purpose of their tour was to learn more about the “Humanize” pillar of the District’s Learning Reimagined initiative as part of their exploratory rethinking of what “healthy” schools are doing.

Educators and students are using the art of circles within the school day to successfully talk about and tackle pressing issues. Special guests from across the country observed U. City students, staff and community partners engaged in “circle” discussions regarding restorative practices and issues. Special guests from across the country observed U. City students, staff and community partners engaged in “circle” discussions regarding restorative practices and issues.

The community is invited to experience this restorative practice during a Community Circle: Ubuntu “I am because We are” event at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 19, at University City High School, 7401 Balson Ave. (63130). To save your seat at the Community Circle: Ubuntu “I am because We are” event, visit www.ucityschools.org/MLK2019.

University City Educators Honored for Outstanding Work

Tracy Hinds, Ph.D., NBCT, and Jaquin McBride were recognized as 2018 Apple for the Teacher honorees by Alpha Zeta Chapter of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority. According to its website, the sorority “seeks to focus on advancing the educational foundations of women through leadership, entrepreneurship, education and technology.” Hinds serves as the District’s curriculum coordinator for English language arts and social studies. McBride is a kindergarten teacher at Pershing Elementary School and a former University City Teacher of the Year.

District Launches Student Newscast

The School District of University City has launched a brand-new, student-led newscast, known as SDUC News. This student-led newscast is intended to inform the community about the great things happening in the District. Check it out at www.ucityschools.org/SDUCNews. Special thanks to University City High School alum and local media producer Rod Milam, UCHS Class of 1988, who assisted with the auditions and provided the voiceover for the SDUC News introduction.

District Hosts 33rd Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

The University City Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 17, 2019, at University City High School, 7401 Balson Ave. (63130). The community is invited to join in honoring the legacy of Dr. King through the presentation of the University City Board of Education’s MLK Spirit Award, student performances and presentations. Special guest speaker Mary Beth Tinker, UCHS Class of 1970, is celebrating the 50th anniversary of the U.S. supreme court ruling that students’ rights to free speech and expression do not stop at the classroom door. More details are available at www.ucityschools.org/MLK2019.

Opt-In to Stay Connected

As The School District of University City continues to expand communications with alumni, retirees and community, please consider opting into one or more list at www.ucityschools.org/StayConnected.
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