

# ROARS

THE VOICE OF UNIVERSITY CITY

Fall 2020



## University City Police Utilize Crisis Intervention Training

Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training provides a model of specialized law enforcement expertise. Volunteer officers, based in the general patrol division, work in cooperation with the mental health system, consumers, and families. Trained officers carry on normal duties of law enforcement, but switch to a specialist role when a potential mental health-related crisis is identified. CIT focuses on de-escalation strategies and redirecting the individual from the criminal justice system to the mental health care system. In turn, the mental health care system assumes custody of the individual, and provides directed and non-restrictive accessibility to a full range of health care and social service options.

Officers take part in a 5 day, 40-hour training program that includes mental health and substance abuse experts, legal experts, consumer and family advocates, and experienced CIT officers. Once trained, high-risk crisis calls are directed to an on-duty CIT officer. The officer, employing a de-escalation intervention strategy, may access Behavioral Health Resource services, or transport the individual to a partnered emergency room. Currently, all University City Officers have been participating in this program for several years now. Currently, all University City Police officers are CIT certified.

### CITY COUNCIL

**Sept 14 - 6:30 p.m.**  
**Zoom**

**Sept 29 - 6:30 p.m.**  
**Zoom**

**October 12- 6:30 p.m.**  
**Zoom**

**October 26 - 6:30 p.m.**  
**Zoom**

**November 9 - 6:30 p.m.**  
**Zoom**

### VIRTUAL MEETING INFORMATION

Until further notice, meetings will be conducted via video conference. Options to observe and/or listen to meetings are:

**AUDIO ONLY CALL** - Residents can call in and listen to the audio portion of the scheduled meeting

**WEBINAR** - Residents can view the Webinar using a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android Device

**YOUTUBE** - Residents can view the live stream on the City's YouTube page.

Links to the meetings can be found on the website:

[www.icitymo.org](http://www.icitymo.org).

### Want More U City News?

University City has a weekly Electronic News Bulletin! This short email update informs readers of news about boards and commissions, streets and recreation updates and more! If you would like to sign up, email Communications Director Allison Bamberger at [abamberger@icitymo.org](mailto:abamberger@icitymo.org). Copies of all bulletins are available online.



## 2020 FALL STREET SWEEPING

Central Area	August 31
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West Area	September 7
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East Area	September 21
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**Trash Collection will be on a holiday schedule the week of September 7th due to the Labor Day holiday.**

## SEPT 28 - PRIVATE SUBDIVISION STREET SWEEPING

## 2020 FALL BULK PICKUP

East Area	September 14
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Central Area	September 21
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West Area	September 28
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**Trash Collection will be on a holiday schedule Friday, Nov. 27 and Saturday Nov 28 following the Thanksgiving holiday.**

## DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION, AND FORESTRY



UNIVERSITY CITY

**Status of park facilities and programs as of July 1, 2020 are as follows:**

- **Athletic Fields - Closed**
- **Outdoor Basketball Courts - Closed**
- **Centennial Commons (all areas) - Closed**
- **University City Dog Park - Open**
- **General Areas of University City Parks - Open**
- **Ruth Park Golf Course - Open, motorized carts available**
- **Heman Park Community Center - Closed**
- **Heman Park Swimming Pool - Closed**
- **Mobile Stage Reservations - Suspended**
- **Picnic Pavilions - Closed**
- **Park Restrooms - Closed**
- **Playgrounds - Closed**
- **Tennis Courts - Open**
- **Trails - Open**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- All closures are until further notice (exception Heman Park Swimming Pool)
- As programs and facilities re-open, social distancing is still required, masks are strongly encouraged and capacities are likely to be reduced per Department of Public Health Re-Opening Guidelines.

## SANITATION APPRECIATION



**Thank you to the sanitation workers who have diligently kept University City clean throughout the pandemic. We appreciate all you do!**

## Ripe and Ready at the U City Farmers Market!

After kicking off its season in April, the U City Farmers Market is in full swing. Farm tables are overflowing with farm-fresh produce, which is hand-picked and delivered by the farmers themselves every Saturday morning. Residents will find a wide selection of regional farm produce and products and local hand-crafted foods and goods. Hours are 8:30am to 12:30pm.

Due to COVID-19, the market will look different than in previous years. Safety protocols are in place and practiced. The community events, children's activities and public programs have been postponed for now.

"We know that many friends and families like to visit the market together. We too miss the hanging-out-for-fun part of going to market. Until we can bring those social aspects back, we encourage families to enjoy the plaza along Delmar or a stroll in the Loop with the family pet, while other family members do the shopping," Market Director Deb Henderson said.

To find out what's ripe and ready, check out the market's Facebook page, website or sign up for their newsletter. Some farmers and vendors offer pre-order options for easy pick-up.

The U City Farmers Market is located in the U City Loop at 6655 Delmar Blvd. There's plenty of free parking! For more information, call 314.913.6632. [www.midwestfarmersmarkets.org](http://www.midwestfarmersmarkets.org)



## TIPS TO PREVENT DELIVERY PACKAGE THEFT



- Have packages delivered to where you are, not to where you aren't. Consider having packages delivered to your office or place of employment instead of your home.
- Use tracking numbers and delivery notifications. Most major shipping companies offer this free service, and can send you a text or email when your package arrives.
- Ask family members, trusted neighbors and friends to accept deliveries on your behalf or to pick-up your packages.
- Request packages to be placed in a less conspicuous spot, such as a side door or behind a planter or garbage can. Or invest in a parcel locker/lock box
- Many shipping companies now allow you to request delivery time or time frame—schedule packages for when someone is home.
- Install a smart security camera at your front door.
- Request signature on delivery if possible.
- Some companies and shippers offer locker service or for packages to be held at the delivery distribution center for pick-up.
- Keep an eye out for suspicious vehicles and people in your neighborhood and report suspicious activity to the University City Police Department (314) 725-2211.

**Additionally, residents should be aware of a secondary scam where identity thieves will order items and have shipped to unaware third parties and use their front door as a drop location. If you receive a package you did not order, please call the shipping company ASAP and report the incident.**



## Ward 2 Councilman Tim Cusick



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Residents of University City,

These are, indeed, trying times. Our complacency has been shaken to the core. We are being confronted by an enemy that we cannot see. There lurks, within our midsts, a silent, invisible attacker. This is unlike any enemy or foe we have ever encountered. Collectively, we lack a single entity that we can direct our fear. We do not have a tangible, identifiable 'they' to direct our anger, our angst, and our frustration. Though many of us have not been infected by this virus, we are all suffering the consequences of it's spread throughout our families, our community and our nation. We have had to close our schools, and we are unable to celebrate with our families and friends in our houses of worship, regardless of faith or belief. When once we thought nothing about shopping, dining out, or family get-togethers, we now have to practice 'social distancing'. Who knew that we would all have to learn new words and manners to function safely in our communities and neighborhoods. Social distancing; quarantining; face masks; unable to shake hands and COVID-19 are the new norms!

What we thought of as safe practices is now being re-examined. We no longer mingle idly and catch up on local flavor with our neighbors, we must stand across the street. More of our meetings are 'virtual'. It is no longer fashionable and advisable to happily shake the hands of a new acquaintance, or even an old friend. Social mores are now being turned on their head while we adjust and cope with new ways of socializing.

However, we are not alone. We will get through this pandemic, we are tough as nails. Our City continues to strive to bring all the needed services to our community. Our Police and EMS are as vigilant as ever. And other members that provide necessary functions within our City remain on the job and continue to perform with the safety and health of our community and staff.

We must continue to stay safe, and this means recognizing the need for some altered behaviors. Please continue to wear masks when out in public and practice social distancing. We can overcome these trying times, together.

Sincerely,

Councilman Tim Cusick

# SUSTAINABLE U CITY

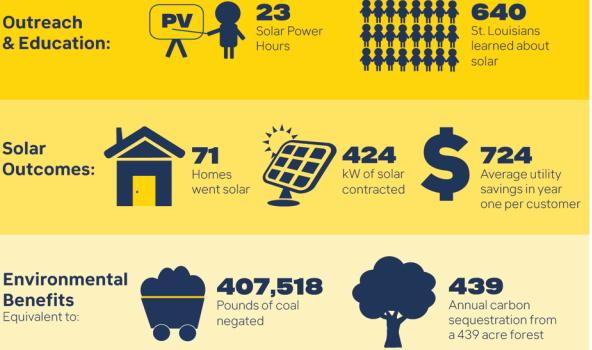
## UNIVERSITY CITY GROWS SOLAR

Solar energy is a great way to reduce your energy bills, support the local economy, and help create a healthier environment!

Attend an upcoming Solar Power Hour presentation to learn more about solar energy and take advantage of the GrowSolarSTL group-purchasing program! Visit <http://growsolarstl.org> for dates and times of the Zoom presentations. You will want to act fast: this program is only available through September 30th.



2019 Results: [growsolarstl.org](http://growsolarstl.org)



Partners: Missouri Botanical Garden, Washington University in St. Louis, mreia, Clayton, City of University City, Riverbend Heights, SCA

## RECYCLING DOS AND DON'TS



## RIVER DES PERES TRASH BASH

Save the Date!  
October 24th 9:00am – 1:00pm

Come out and help clean up the rivers and creeks within the River des Peres Watershed! We need your help to take care of this valuable natural resource in our community. Last year's historic flooding revealed the trash in the river and why it is so urgent to keep it clean.

Visit <https://greatriversgreenway.org/trash-bash/> for more information.





## *Plein Air Festival*

A VIRTUAL EVENT

Sunday October 4, 2020

Plein Air, meaning "in the open air," is a form of art created outdoors. Despite the outdoor aspect of this activity, due to the COVID outbreak the Plein Air Art Festival, now in its fifth year, will be held virtually and without an in-person reception for the artists. Keeping our artists and friends safe is U City in Bloom's foremost concern.

We are inviting our artists to begin creating artworks soon and to post their work digitally. They may paint anywhere in University City that catches their fancy and submit their creations online to our talented judges for consideration. Monetary prizes will be awarded on Sunday, October 4, 2020. The fun part for you, our friends and supporters, is that you will be able to view the works in the competition on the UCB website, [ucityinbloom.org](http://ucityinbloom.org), follow the artists on Instagram as they paint, and cast your vote for the "People's Choice" Award. You also have the opportunity to purchase original artwork reflecting the beauty of our community and show your support for our artists, who have been very generous to U City in Bloom in previous years. For more information, or to enter as an artist for the event, visit [ucityinbloom.org](http://ucityinbloom.org), or contact [Judyprange@outlook.com](mailto:Judyprange@outlook.com).

### **Chromebooks, Hotspots, More Digital Content Available Through University City Public Library**

While the Library has been handling curbside service and limited patron access to the building, UCPL staffers have been working hard on applying for grants to benefit the Library and its patrons. In early June, we were pleased to hear that we have been awarded three long-term grants from the Missouri State Library, totaling more than \$57,000 for early literacy projects, emerging technology programming for teens, and implementing RFID technology (a tagging system that makes it easier to track and check out items), as well as new self-check machines.

Additionally, UCPL received a grant to purchase 25 Chromebooks and 30 mobile hotspots to circulate out to our patrons, which are now available for adult patrons to check out for three weeks at a time. The Library has also been able to beef up our digital collections, including Overdrive e-books and RBdigital e-magazines, through grants awarded to the Municipal Library Consortium of St. Louis County, of which UCPL is a member. Through grants, the MLC received \$30,000 to buy more e-books and downloadable audiobooks for our Overdrive collection and funding to increase the number of e-magazines available through RBdigital from 50 to more than 3,000!

All grants and upcoming projects were made possible by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Missouri State Library, a division of the Office of the Secretary of State. Many thanks to the Missouri State Library for supporting our projects! Keep an eye out on our website ([www.ucitylibrary.org](http://www.ucitylibrary.org)) and social media for updates on these projects, or call 314-727-3150 for more information.



# UCITY PRIDE

NEWS OUR COMMUNITY CAN USE!

Fall 2020



Grace Lee



Deitra Colquitt



Jessica Hawkins



Pablo Finn

## Superintendent presents on #saysomething

On July 1, Superintendent Sharonica Hardin-Bartley presented to more than 400 people via a webinar on the topic "Heavy is the Head: The intersectionality of the head and heart for educational leaders."



That talk was part of a new virtual lecture series called #saysomething. The death of George Floyd while in police custody combined with the severe impact of COVID-19 on the African American community led Terry Harris, director of student services for Rockwood Schools, to create the virtual series in the St. Louis region. Talks have grappled with inequity, structural racism and other topics regarding being African American in the United States.

Hardin-Bartley's talk focused on bringing equity, compassion and authentic relationships into school systems and the intentional work done in U. City Schools to achieve those goals. To view a recording of her talk, go to [www.ucityschools.org/saysomething](http://www.ucityschools.org/saysomething).

## Stressed? Need time to reflect? Want some downtime?

Join us in

### The Peace Place

As part of its vision of well-being and joy, The School District of University City has created a virtual toolkit for well-being. The Peace Place offers guided exercises for mindfulness, quick escapes through sounds and music, creative exercises and more. The Peace Place is open to anyone who would like to take a little time for themselves to refresh, refocus and be well and can be found at [www.ucityschools.org/ThePeacePlace](http://www.ucityschools.org/ThePeacePlace).

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PREVENT VEHICLE BREAK-INS

**LOCK YOUR DOORS**

*DON'T MAKE IT EASY ON THEM*

**University City Police Department**

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Director of Communications: Allison Bamberger	314.505.8553
Planning and Development Director: Clifford Cross	314.505.8516
Director of Public Works: Sinan Alpaslan	314.505.8572
Director of Finance Keith Cole	314.505.8542
Parks, Recreation and Forestry Director: Darren Dunkle	314.505.8552
Police Chief: Larry Hampton	314.505.8652
Fire Chief: William Hinson	314.505.8593

#### FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS

Emergency	911
Fire Department	314.505.8591
Police Department	314.725.2211

#### MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

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	314.230.3337
3 <sup>RD</sup> Ward Bwayne Smotherson	314.726.9572
	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	314.505.8560