



Office of the City Manager

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November 13, 2020

Community Report: 1120-13

Honorable Terry Crow,
Members of the City Council,
and University City Residents:

Mayor and Council Actions

The Mayor and Council are scheduled to meet on Monday, November 23, 2020 starting with a study session at 5:30 p.m. followed by the Council meeting at 6:30 p.m. To see the study session and Council meeting, please visit our website at www.ucitymo.org.

You may observe and/or listen to the meeting by one of the following:

1. **Audio Only Call** - Residents can call in and listen to the audio portion of the scheduled meeting
2. **Webinar** - Residents can view the Webinar using a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android Device
3. **YouTube** - Residents can view the live stream of the Webinar on the City's YouTube page https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyN1EJ_-Q22918E9EZimWoQ

Additional details may be found on the City's website at: <https://www.ucitymo.org/879/Virtual-Meetings>

You may sign up to receive email and/or text notification for upcoming City Council meetings via the Notify Me bottom on the homepage of the City's website at: <https://www.ucitymo.org/>

Boards and Commissions

Below is a listing of the boards, committees and commissions for University City. If you are interested in serving, please contact City Clerk, LaRette Reese at LReese@ucitymo.org or visit the City's website at <https://www.ucitymo.org/29/Boards-and-Commissions>.

Board / Commission Name	Meeting Schedule <i>Subject to change</i>	Staff liaison	Council liaison
Arts & Letters	2 nd Thurs. Monthly Except Aug and Dec	Lynda Euell-Taylor	Councilmember Smotherson
Board of Adjustment	3 rd Mon. As Needed	Cliff Cross	Councilmember Smotherson
Board of Appeals	As Needed	Cliff Cross	Councilmember Clay
CALOP	4 th Thurs. As Needed	Lynda Euell-Taylor	Councilmember Smotherson
Civil Service Board	As Needed	Tiffany Paul	Councilmember Hales
Economic Development Retail Sales Tax Board	As Needed	Cliff Cross	Mayor Crow
Green Practices	2 nd Thurs. Monthly	Jenny Wendt	Councilmember Clay
Historic Preservation	3 rd Thurs. Monthly	Cliff Cross	Councilmember Klein
Industrial Development Authority	As Needed	Keith Cole	Mayor Crow
Infill Review Board	As Needed	Cliff Cross	Mayor Crow
Land Clearance Redevelopment	As Needed	Keith Cole	Mayor Crow
Library Board	2 nd Wed. Except July and Aug. and the 4 th Wed. in Sept.	Patrick Wall	Councilmember Clay
Park Commission	4 th Tues. Except Aug. and Dec.	Darren Dunkle	Councilmember McMahan
Pension Board	4 th Tues. - Quarterly Jan., April, July, Oct.	Tiffany Paul	Councilmember McMahan
Plan Commission	4 th Wed. Monthly	Cliff Cross	Councilmember Hales
Senior Commission	3 rd Mon. Monthly	Lynda Euell-Taylor	Councilmember Klein
Storm Water Issues	1 st Tues. Monthly	Sinan Alpaslan	Councilmember Cusick
Traffic Commission	2 nd Wed. Monthly Except Aug.	Errol Tate	Councilmember Cusick
Urban Forestry	2 nd Wed. Every other month	Jacob Kaiser	Councilmember Klein
Loop Special Business Board	2 nd Tues. Monthly	Cliff Cross	Mayor Crow
Youth Commission	1 st Mon. Monthly	Not Active	Not Active

Task Force:

Renaming Streets and Parks	Mon. Every Other Week	Errol Tate	Mayor Crow
Economic Development Strategic Plan	As Needed	Cliff Cross	Councilmember Smotherson

For more information or to request an application please contact the City Clerk at lreese@ucitymo.org or 314-505-8605 or visit the City's website at: <https://www.ucitymo.org/29/Boards-and-Commissions>

Parks, Recreation and Forestry

- City Council approved a contract with Munie Greencare Professionals for Grounds Maintenance Services.
- City Council approved an agreement with the Municipal Parks Grant Commission of St. Louis County for grant funding to redevelop Ackert Park. Improvements will include a splash pad, landscaping and signage.
- Parks Commission is scheduled to meet at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, November 17, 2020. For more information please see the City's website at www.ucitymo.org

Recreation

- City Council approved a contract with Midwest Pool Management of America for the operations and management of the Heman Park Pool.

Public Works

- Fall Curbside Leaf Collection continues! The service is scheduled for the East area in the work week starting on Monday, November 16, 2020. We ask that our residents rake their leaves to the curb line between the Friday before collection begins in your area and Monday 7 AM of your collection week. The truck will make only one pass per household. Please do not mix other yard waste (gumballs, trash, small tree branches/limbs, brush, grass clippings, etc.) in with leaves and continue using the yard waste collection service for the disposal of other yard waste and contact the department office at (314) 505-8560 with any questions.
- A Traffic Commission regular monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, November 11. The discussion included a recap and updates with respect to the 8100-8200 block of Balson Ave. speeding item, discussion and action items for speeding issues in Musick Subdivision, 6669 Washington Ave. development proposal traffic impact study and Vanderbilt Ave. parking prohibition zone. The Commission acted on installation of another Speed Limit signage for the westbound traffic in the 8200 block of Balson Ave., temporary installation of additional Stop signs at Melrose-Mt. Vernon and Wellington-Mt. Vernon intersections and progressing with a speeding countermeasures analysis, approval recommendation for the traffic impact analysis of the 6669 Washington Ave. proposed development and approval recommendation for the Vanderbilt Ave. parking prohibition due to emergency vehicle access purposes.
- A Streets and Parks Renaming Task Force meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 16 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting is scheduled to be conducted on Zoom.

Planning & Development

A Green Practices Commission regular monthly meeting was held on Thursday, November 12th. The discussion included information on the upcoming Campaign/Yard Sign recycling event on November 14th, continued discussion on mosquito fogging, and a presentation from the Wash U Sustainability Exchange Program group that is working on updating the City's Sustainability Strategic Plan.

Rich Rags Clothing Store will soon be coming to the Loop! Chief Executive Officer Tasha Mayes has leased the suite located at 6321 Delmar Boulevard in the parking garage. We are all looking forward to working with Ms. Mayes and her staff as they open this new store.

Find out what's happening in University City by visiting University City's website at ucitymo.org or visiting ExploreUCity.com to connect local businesses with customers and residents.

Police Department

UCPD shares tips on how to celebrate safely this holiday season (see attachment 1).

Just a reminder before the sun sets tonight: #9pmroutine

- Remove your valuables from your vehicle
- Lock vehicle doors
- Set the alarm (see attachment 2)

Activities and Events

11/14/2020, 9am - noon: Yard/Campaign Sign Recycling Collection Event

Drop off your corrugated plastic yard signs to be recycled at the Community Center parking lot, 975 Pennsylvania, between 9am and noon.

11/14/2020 at 9am – 1pm: Chefs Garage Sale at the U City Farmers Market It's a "Garage Sale" like no other. Shop for Cookbooks, Kitchen Wares, Linens & Textiles, Utensils & Dish Sets, Small Appliances and more. A variety of kitchen and food prep wares have been donated by Restaurants; People-Who-Love-to-Cook-and-Eat; and Folks-With-Just-Too-Much-Stuff! There's also a Gift Basket Raffle! Buy chances for amazing food and cooking related gift baskets. These make amazing holiday gifts for friends & family.

Respectfully submitted,



Gregory Rose, ICMA-CM, MPA
City Manager

Attachments (2)

Attachment 1



WINTER IS COMING... ❄️

HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS FROM UCPD ❄️

This holiday season, don't let the spirit of giving lull you into giving burglars, muggers and pickpockets a better chance to do their dirty work. Crooks love the holidays as much as everyone else, especially because it's an opportune time for crime.

Homes jam-packed with glittering gifts. Stores, malls and downtown streets teeming with unsuspecting shoppers. People rushing around, stressed out and careless, looking for last-minute gifts, trying to get everything done. It's enough to make a crook giddy with holiday joy.

Here are some tips on how to celebrate safely this holiday season:

If You Are Traveling

- Get an automatic timer for your lights.
- Ask a neighbor to watch your home, shovel snow, and park in the driveway from time to time.
- Don't forget to have mail and newspaper delivery stopped. If it piles up, it's a sure sign you're gone.

If You Are Out for the Evening

- Turn on lights and a radio or TV so it looks like someone's home.
- **Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you leave**, even if it's just for a few minutes.
- Don't display gifts where they can be seen from outside.

If You Are Shopping

- Stay alert and be aware of what's going on around you.
- Park in a well-lighted space, and **be sure to lock the car, close the windows**, and hide shopping bags and gifts in the trunk.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash; pay with a check or credit card whenever possible.
- Deter pickpockets and purse-snatchers. Don't overburden yourself with packages. Be extra careful with purses and wallets. Carry a purse close to your body, not dangling by the straps. Put a wallet in an inside coat or front pants pocket.
- Shopping with kids? Teach them to go to a store clerk or security guard if you get separated.

Protect Your Vehicle

- Loading up on all those gifts is a sign of progress in the holiday shopping. But if those packages are left out in the open after they're in the car, your car has become a likely target for thieves. Remember the old cliché "Out of sight, out of mind?" The same idea applies to items in your car.
- **Always lock your vehicle** and store all items out of sight. Breaking into an empty car isn't worth a thief's time. However, anything left in plain view—from your holiday gifts to spare change, sunglasses, CDs, cell phones or briefcases—may tempt a thief.
- **Help prevent your vehicle from being stolen by always locking your car and using anti-theft devices.** And although it's cold, never leave your vehicle running while you run inside your home or a store—even if for only a minute or two.



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If a Stranger Comes to the Door

- Criminals sometimes pose as couriers delivering gifts, so be cautious when accepting a package.
- It's not uncommon for people to try to take advantage of others' generosity during the holidays by going door-to-door for charitable donations when there's no charity involved. Ask for identification, and find out how the funds will be used. If you aren't satisfied, don't give. Help a charitable organization you know and like instead.



After You've Opened the Gifts

Burglars know that many households have new, and oftentimes expensive, items in their homes following the December holidays—especially items such as new computers and peripherals, stereo components, televisions, cameras and other electronic equipment. In too many cases, residents make it easy for burglars to figure out which homes to target by putting boxes that identify their new gifts in plain view with their other garbage. Avoid becoming an easy target for post-holiday burglars by not leaving boxes for new electronics and other items in the alley or other garbage pick-up locations for several days at a time. Instead, break down any boxes you are throwing out, put them in garbage bags and place them inside a trash can. (In many cases, especially with computer equipment, you might consider keeping the boxes for safe storage, shipping or moving in the future.) Think about keeping broken-down boxes inside—in a garage, for example—until the evening before your regular garbage pick-up. Some burglars actually look inside garbage cans for evidence of holiday gifts. And, of course, if you see someone suspicious casing your alley or if you see a burglary in progress, call the University City Police Department on 911. **Be sure to secure your residence, garages, sheds, etc., deterrence goes a long way for criminal opportunists.**

Take a Holiday Inventory

- The holidays are a good time to update—or create—your home inventory. Take photos or make videos of items, and list descriptions and serial numbers. If your home is burglarized, having a detailed inventory can help identify stolen items and make insurance claims easier to file.
- Make sure things like TVs, DVD Players, stereo equipment, cameras, camcorders, sports equipment, jewelry, silver, computers, home office equipment and power tools are on the list. Remember to check it twice!
- Track deliveries online and confirm delivery has occurred. You can sign up for email notifications to track your packages from initial shipment to its arrival at your home, or the recipient's address if you have the gift delivered directly.
- If you know a family member or neighbor will be home, ask them to pick up the packages as soon as they are delivered. Reward them with fresh baked cookies.
- Switch delivery location to work where it can be received by someone and not left on the porch.
- See if the post office or store the product is being shipped from can hold the package for pick up. The post office will allow your package to remain safe and secure for up to 30 days.

Celebrate Responsibly

The holiday season is a time of celebration and revelry. Drinking and driving is a danger to everyone on the road. Anyone with a BAC of .08 or higher is in violation of MO law and may go to jail. Remember that the risk isn't worth it—if you choose to drink alcohol at a party, don't drive. Take a cab, use public transportation or a designated driver. Have fun, but remember to celebrate responsibly.

Enjoy the Season!

Last but not least, don't let holiday stress get the best of your holiday spirit. Make time to get together with family, friends, and neighbors. And think about reaching out in the spirit of the season and helping someone who's less fortunate or lonely.

***Season's Greetings from the
University City Police Department.***





**IT'S TIME
TO LOCK UP**
#9PMROUTINE