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WINTER 2020-2021

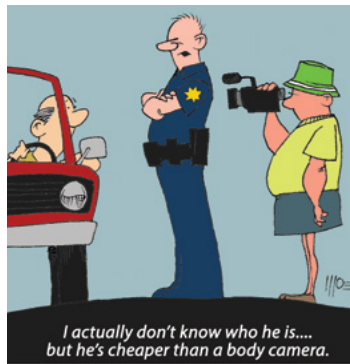


Police Add Body Cameras to In-Car Cameras for Advanced Accountability

The University City Police Department is pleased to report that it has purchased 80 new body cameras designed to interface with the department's 22 in-car cameras. Purchased through WatchGuard, Inc., the cost is covered under the original Capital Improvement plan and includes equipment, licenses, warranty, router, and installation.

Experts agree that the use of body cameras are a welcomed and unbiased tool to ensure accountability and integrity of police officers in the field. The UCPD's new cameras automatically activate during critical situations with pre-event recording capability and are Wi-Fi and GPS enabled. Ultra-rugged body-worn cameras feature simple controls that allow officers to capture high-quality video evidence individually or as part of the integrated in-car system.

"Body cameras can improve citizens' confidence in the police profession, enhance our ability to capture and convict violators, record inappropriate police behavior, provide officer safety and provide valuable data in our efforts to ensure homeland security," said University City Police Chief Larry Hampton, Jr. "In fact, citizen confidence in the police sometimes depends as much on their perceptions of an officer's motives as it does whether the outcome of a contact with an officer is favorable."



6 WAYS POLICE BODY CAMERAS BENEFIT OFFICERS

- 1 Police body cameras improve police accountability and lower reports of police misconduct
- 2 Police body cameras are a powerful tool in domestic violence cases
- 3 Police body cameras are a good police reform tool and have strong support from the public
- 4 Technology can provide a clear picture in real time and may provide corroborating evidence in some cases
- 5 Police body cameras give officers a new tool for self-evaluation
- 6 Technology does not get in an officer's way

U CITY LOOP EVENTS

For more information: www.visittheloop.com



Upcoming City Council Dates/Zoom access

December 14 – 6:30 p.m.

January 11 – 6:30 p.m.

January 25 – 6:30 p.m.

February 8 – 6:30 p.m.

February 22 – 6:30 p.m.



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NEW CALENDAR!!

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Keep your Holiday Waste in Check



LEAF COLLECTION DATES

West Area.....December 7
East Area.....December 14

NO YARD WASTE (gumballs, trash, small tree branches/limbs, brush, and grass clippings) - **LEAVES ONLY**

FRIDAY HOLIDAY TRASH COLLECTION DATES

Dec. 25th.....Saturday, December 26th
Jan. 1.....Saturday, January 2nd

WEEK OF JANUARY 18 (MLK HOLIDAY)

City hall will be closed Monday, January 18th
Trash will be picked up one-day late for all routes

During the holiday season, household waste increases by more than 25%. Learn what you can do to reduce your waste!

- Choose LED holiday lights instead of traditional incandescent.
- Remember to unplug tree lights at night and when away from home.
- Use reusable bags for holiday shopping. Tell store clerks you don't need a bag for small or oversized purchases.
- Read a product's label to determine its recyclability and whether or not it's made from recycled materials. Buying products made from recycled materials supports manufacturers of such products and fosters markets for those materials.
- Get creative when wrapping gifts. Try to avoid traditional wrapping paper in favor of "upcycled" newspapers, paper bags, and magazines, or choose reusable gift bags.
- Give gifts that don't require much packaging or wrapping. Think event tickets, gift cards, or gift certificates.
- 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 "Guest-imator" 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 on Friday December 25, 2020 or Friday, January 1, 2021. In each of these weeks, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday will be on schedule

Friday routes collected Saturday

Regular trash and recycling collection will resume on Monday, January 4, 2021

RECYCLE RESPONSIBLY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

Be sure to responsibly recycle your holiday waste. Follow these rules for your curbside recycling cart:

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)
- Tissue paper

Leave these out:

- Bubble wrap
- Ribbons and bows
- Embellished wrapping paper (foil or glitter)
- Cellophane
- Styrofoam of any kind
- Christmas trees
- Holiday string lights
- Electronics, batteries, or bulbs

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.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS RECYCLING: CITY HALL

Holiday lights do not belong in your regular recycling container. But you can still recycle them! A collection container will be located at the University City Public Library until January 15, 2021.

HOLIDAY TREE COLLECTION

- First two weeks of January on regular collection day
- Place trees on front curb with no decorations or lights
- Do NOT place trees in trash or recycle containers or in alleys





Snow-Ice Control in University City

The safety and security of University City residents remain a top priority of the City. To ensure safe road conditions during inclement winter weather, the Public Works-Street Maintenance Division monitors weather patterns affecting University City and the surrounding areas round-the-clock. This allows for the City's crews to begin treatment of roadways and provide mechanical snow removal as early as possible.

Snow & Ice Treatment Protocols

- **Anti-icing** – prevents snow and ice from bonding to the pavement with timely application of freezing-point depressants. A salt-brine mixture is used for this purpose in University City. Residents may observe equipment releasing a liquid mixture onto bridge and roadway surfaces during this process. Even after the mixture dries, it will still provide its intended benefits. Only when wet rain is in the forecast before the snow or ice event will the anti-icing treatment be less effective because rain washes off the salt-brine. The control effort may then be applied as a “de-icing” treatment (see below).
- **De-icing** – removes snow and ice after it has bonded to the pavement. This is supplemental to mechanical plowing. For a de-icing treatment, generally road salt but sometimes a salt-brine mixture is used depending on conditions before and after plowing, as well as weather forecast. Plowing enables streets to be cleared of snow and ice. Plowing is not a final treatment and is followed up with repeat treatments as needed. Residential streets are plowed only after major City streets are treated and/or cleared.

Working Together

When you encounter snow removal or ice control equipment, please:

- Yield the right of way if you can do so safely
- Keep back at least 50 feet from snow or ice control equipment
- Do not attempt to pass equipment
- Do not attempt to drive through plowed mounds of snow, as you could lose control of your vehicle or hit a covered object

Residents can additionally help by moving vehicles from main streets until snow-ice control operations are complete. Crews can do a better job of treatment for snow and ice when cars are not parked on the street. During snow and ice storms, residents on all streets are encouraged to park in their driveways, if possible. For more information contact the Street Maintenance Division at 314-505-8585.

Snow removal for portions of some streets are the responsibility of St. Louis County and/or the State of Missouri: Delmar Blvd., Forest Park Parkway, Hanley Rd., Kingsland Ave., McKnight Rd., Midland Blvd., North & South Rd., Olive Blvd., Vernon Ave., Woodson Rd.



Fire Department Safety Tips...

Holiday Safety Tips for 2020

As the holidays approach for 2020, the members of your University City Fire Department want to remind our citizens and visitors of some important thoughts and safety tips.

- **More than half** of the home decoration fires in December are started by candles
- **More than 1/3** of home decoration fires are started by candles
- The top three days for home candle fires are **Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day**
- Keep candles at least **12 inches** away from anything that burns
- Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they occur, they are dangerous
- On Average, **1 of every 45** reported home Christmas tree fires resulted in death
- A heat source too close to the Christmas tree cause **1 in every 4** winter fires
- Read manufacturer's instructions for the number of light strands to connect
- Make sure your tree is **at least 3 feet away** from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, candles or heat vents. Also, make sure your tree does not block exits
- Get rid of your Christmas tree after Christmas or when it is dry





Greetings Fellow UCITY Residents



Ordinarily, when my turn comes to contribute to ROARS, I use the opportunity to highlight positive things in our city and the Third Ward specifically. While good things are taking place in our town, we are in anything but ordinary times.

The holiday season is fast approaching, but this holiday season will be like no other. Unfortunately, the global pandemic known as COVID-19 has changed nearly every facet of life for the past eight months and it will undoubtedly impact how we celebrate this year.

We have been asked by health professionals to limit our holiday gatherings and exercise particular caution when around our elderly or otherwise health compromised relatives. As the weather turns colder, we will lose the ability to assemble outside with the ease we enjoyed in warmer months.

While many things are different this holiday season, many things remain the same. The Loop still will be illuminated (and open for shopping) as it always is for the holiday season. Hot chocolate and other winter treats will again be available at our UCITY eateries.

Although we cannot hold some of the larger gatherings we are accustomed to, smaller, socially distanced gatherings are appropriate. These more intimate gatherings offer us the opportunity to have conversations and interactions that we might have missed in regular times. The slower holiday pace will also afford more time to connect with people via phone or video-conference that we might not have connected with in other times.

Things will be different, but different doesn't have to equal worse. We will get through this. We must wear masks, stay socially distant and be creative in the places where we can find joy.

Have a great holiday season UCITY!

Stacy Clay

Third Ward Councilman-University City

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Crime Prevention Tips from UCPD

Crooks love the holidays as much as everyone else because it's an opportune time for crime. Follow these tips to celebrate safely.

If you are traveling

- Get an automatic timer for your lights
- Ask a neighbor to watch your home, shovel snow and park in your driveway occasionally
- Stop mail and newspaper delivery

When you are away from home

- Turn on lights or TV to look like you're home
- Lock doors and windows before you leave
- Don't leave gifts where they can be seen from a window

If you are shopping

- Stay aware of what's around you
- Park in a well-lighted space, lock the car and hide packages
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash
- Keep your purse close to your body or keep your wallet in an inside coat or front pants pocket
- Teach kids to go to a store clerk or security guard if they get separated

Protect your vehicle

- Lock your vehicle and don't leave sunglasses, cellphones or laptops to tempt a thief
- Never leave your motor running while you're not in your vehicle

If a stranger comes to the door

- Be aware of con artists who go door-to-door for charitable donations
- Help a charitable organization you know and like instead

After opening gifts

- Break down any boxes from expensive computers and electronics. Store out of sight until next recycling pickup. or take to Recycling Drop-off at 975 Pennsylvania
- Consider keeping broken down boxes out of sight until right before your recycling pick-up

Celebrate responsibly

If you choose to drink alcohol at a party, don't drive. Take a cab, use public transportation or a designated driver





Time to Renew Annual Dog Park Memberships

Dates for annual membership renewals and new membership applications for the University City Dog Park have been announced. Applicants must complete a membership registration form and sign a Release of Liability Form annually, as well as provide a copy of valid vaccination documentation upon renewal.

Located at the corner of Vernon and Pennsylvania, the University City Dog Park is a special place that provides a safe space where owners can exercise their dogs and watch them play (something every dog owner loves to do!). Limited to members only, the University City Dog Park offers separate areas for large and small dogs and is open both to residents and non-residents.

A maximum of two (2) Dog Park memberships are available per household and rules require each dog to wear his or her own dog tag. More information is available at www.ucitymo.org

Application Dates

- Renewals for current 2020 members begins December 1, 2020
- Resident new members may join beginning December 14, 2020
- Non-Resident new members may join beginning January 4, 2021

Registration

With City Hall closed to the public, please mail the above information to: Finance Department, University City – City Hall, 6801 Delmar Blvd., University City, MO 63130

Please provide the following when registering:

- Payment according to fee schedule may be paid by cash, check, MasterCard or Visa
- University City residents must provide proof of residency (valid occupancy permit or valid driver's license with University City address)
- Paper copy of current/valid vaccination and spay/neuter records
- Registration application and Release of Liability form.

Payment

You may include a check or money order with your paperwork, or if paying by credit card, the Finance Department Staff will call you for payment details after your application information has been entered. Your dog tag and approved membership paperwork will be mailed to you.

Annual Membership Fee Schedule

Resident	\$40.00 for one (1) dog	\$60.00 for two (2) dogs
Non-Resident	\$60.00 for one (1) dog	\$90.00 for two (2) dogs



Personal Behavioral Crisis Help

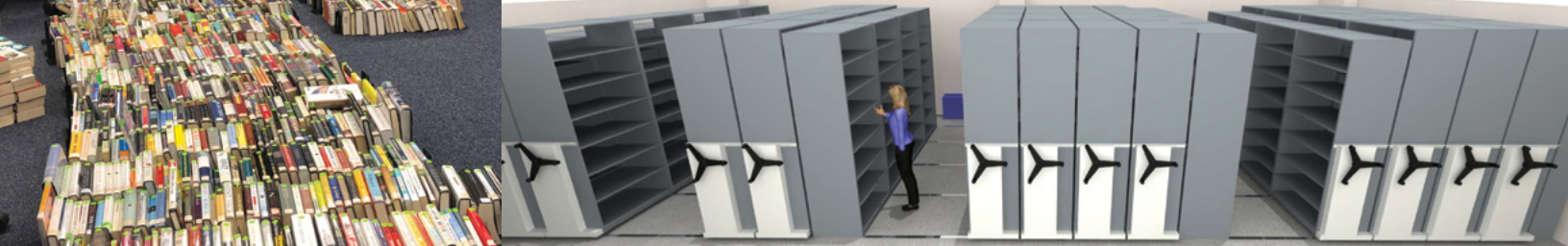
Access Crisis Intervention (ACI) provides access to services for individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis. ACI will provide an opportunity for individuals to receive necessary behavioral health crisis services in an effort to reduce unnecessary interventions such as hospitalization or detentions. By calling the ACI hotline, individuals have access to behavioral health crisis services that are free and available to both youth and adults.

- All calls are strictly confidential.
- ACI hotlines are staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week by behavioral health professionals who are available to provide assistance.
- Assistance may include phone contact, referrals to resources in the community, next day behavioral health appointments, or a mobile response. Mobile is defined as either going to the location of the crisis, or to another secure community location.

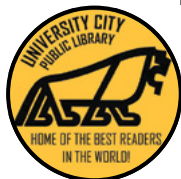
How & Where to get help?

<https://dmh.mo.gov/mental-illness/program-services/behavioral-health-crisis-hotline>

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Library Renovations Moving Forward



Renovation plans for University City Public Library (UCPL) projects are still moving forward where possible despite some delays due to the impact on budgets and resources from the COVID-19 pandemic.

To make room for efficient new compact shelving, library staff worked last summer to clear an area in the basement, moving storage books into the auditorium and second floor staff room. The compact shelving, which will be installed in the basement before the end of the year, has movable shelves and has the capacity to store up to 43,000 books.

In addition, library administrators also are moving forward with plans to replace problematic doors.

While public restrooms remain a priority, work has been postponed. Although library administration had initially planned on renovating first floor public restrooms in the first phase, our architects and contractors revealed that the work would be much more complicated, requiring replacing electrical panels and plumbing that would put much of the building out of commission. The administration is continuing to work with consultants on potential solutions.

Thanks to state and federal grants, technology improvements are moving forward. A grant for RFID tracking has allowed Library staffers to begin tagging items for a new system that will make checkout and inventory management easier once the Library is fully reopened. A second grant is allowing the Library to upgrade broadband installation and speeds and wireless access points.

For more information on upcoming projects at UCPL, visit www.ucitylibrary.org or follow the Library on Facebook at www.facebook.com/UCityLibrary.

What Happens When You Shop Local!

Your money helps your local economy

For every \$100 you spend at locally owned businesses, \$68 will stay in the community.

You keep your community unique

You wouldn't want your house to look like everyone else's in the U.S. So why would you want your community to look that way?

You support local workforce

Local businesses are better at creating higher-paying jobs for your neighbors. When you shop locally, you help create jobs for teachers, firemen, police officers, and many other essential professions.

You drive less to help the environment

Buying from a locally owned business conserves energy and resources in the form of less fuel for transportation and less packaging.

You strengthen your neighborhoods

Local business owners know you, and you know them. Studies have shown that local businesses donate to community causes at more than twice the rate of chains.

Your tax dollars stay local

Shopping in a local business district means less infrastructure, less maintenance, and more money available to beautify your community. Also, spending locally instead of online ensures that your sales taxes are reinvested where they belong—in your community!

Your purchases are appreciated

Locally owned businesses pick the items and products they sell based on what they know you like and want. Local businesses carry a wide array of unique products because they buy for their own individual markets.

You get to know local owners

You are their friends and neighbors, and locally owned businesses have a vested interest in knowing how to serve you. They're passionate about what they do. Why not take advantage of it?

You invest in entrepreneurship

Creativity and entrepreneurship are what the American economy is founded upon. Nurturing local business ensures a strong community.

You are your community

The more interesting and unique your community, the more we will attract new neighbors, visitors and guests. This benefits everyone!



Visit exploreucity.com/directories to find your local retailers!

Superintendent Named Stellar Performer

Superintendent Sharonica Hardin-Bartley was honored in October by the St. Louis American Foundation with the 2020 Stellar Performer in Education Award, the Foundation's highest honor.



Dr. Hardin-Bartley was recognized for her leadership and her dedication to racial equity in schools. In an article, the St. Louis American described her as a "Disruptor in Chief" for her consistent restructuring of student and staff systems to make education more racially equitable and attuned to well-being.

"I aim to be unflinching in my pursuit of excellence for all children," Hardin-Bartley told the American. "We have to be brutally honest about our realities and understand where we are in order to determine where we're going to go. The systems of oppression of inequality have plagued public schools systems for many, many years, and it's going to take bold and ambitious action to disrupt those systems."

U. City Serves half-million meals to families in response to COVID-19

In October, The School District of University City met an unprecedented milestone when it served its 500,000th meal to students in the District in response to COVID-19. The Grab & Go Meal Program began last March when school buildings were closed suddenly due to the global pandemic.

The situation caused immediate concern for district families that relied financially on the free breakfasts and lunches normally served in schools. The meal program began curbside pickup in late March and hasn't stopped since. The program has been supported by dozens of partners providing school supplies, fresh produce and other supports. Additionally, the program was supported by more than \$60,000 in community donations to provide additional snacks and household essentials to families in need.



District Glows in First-Ever Pumpkin Stroll

On October 24, more than 500 people took a socially-distanced stroll around the University City High School stadium track as part of the District's new Pumpkin Stroll. The track was aglow with nearly 200 lit pumpkins that had been carved by students and families. Earlier in the day, participants had the chance to carve free pumpkins at distanced stations in front of the high school.

The event gave families a safe way to celebrate autumn and to connect during a year when students, until recently, had not been able to attend school due to COVID-19. Next year, organizers hope to expand the event to include carved pumpkins from the entire University City Community.



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at www.ucityschools.org

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Accepting Donations for Annual Holiday Appeal



The District's social workers continue their annual holiday tradition of helping about 100 District families in need of a little kindness. Gift card donations (\$50 per child and \$100 for groceries) help families purchase food, household necessities and holiday presents. To donate, please contact Christine Woodward at 314-290-4114 or cwoodward@ucityschools.org



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Parks, Recreation and Forestry Director: Darren Dunkle	314.505.8552
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Fire Chief: William Hinson	314.505.8593

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Fire Department	314.505.8591
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Jeff Hales	314.283.5402
2 ND Ward Aleta Klein	801.512.3912
Tim Cusick	314.230.3337
3 RD Ward Bwayne Smotherson	314.726.9572
Stacy Clay	314.323.4025

SELECTED CITY SERVICES

Emergency Hotline (<i>Severe Weather, Natural Disaster</i>)	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