



## Office of the City Manager

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Community Report: 0521-17

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

### Police Department UCPD

Guns are plentiful in Missouri as well as other states, and the misuse of some of these guns are also on the rise. Please lock your weapons away when at home, and try not leave any weapons in your vehicles as this is what thieves are targeting when committing larceny from your vehicles. UCPD offers free gun locks for University City Residents. Just contact UCPD clerks and verify residence status in our community.

Background checks for firearm sales reached a record high in March as the U.S. saw multiple mass shootings. According to FBI data, the bureau conducted nearly 4.7 million background checks, breaking the record high that was just set in January, another month that was marked with violence and turmoil.

### **First-Time Gun Buyers Help Push Record Sales In US**

NPR   (4/26, Diaz) reports, “First time gun owners, young and old from across the country, are helping to push record levels of gun sales for what looks like the second year in a row. ‘My gun store has had a run like I’ve never seen before,’ said Todd Cotta, the owner of Kings Gun Center in Hanford, Calif., in the state’s agriculturally rich Central Valley. ‘It was just an avalanche of new gun buyers for the first time.’ These buyers are white, Black, Asian, and Latino and come from all political beliefs. And they’re being driven by uncertainty, fear, and a need to feel safe.” NPR adds, “Gun sellers across the country said the pandemic and civil unrest over the last year has pushed customers to feel they must take control of their family’s protection.”

### Fire Department (UCFD)

The Covid vaccination clinic has been going well and running smoothly, thanks to all the volunteers who have made it possible. We have vaccinated thousands of people and have started the second round of vaccinations on those who have gotten their first shot from us.

We are still taking appointments through the Department of Health for homebound vaccinations. You can make an appointment at [stlcorona.com](http://stlcorona.com) or call 314-615-2660.

Calls for the week:

Fire Calls: 56

EMS Calls: 64

Total Runs: 120

### Public Works

Residential Street Sweeping begins in the Central area on Monday, May 10, 2021 and will be performed in that work week. This service is intended to reduce the materials entering the sewer system and improve the appearance and cleanliness of City streets. Please do use residential driveways as available for parking during the week in the service area in order for the department to conduct an effective street sweeping.

The Commission on Storm Water (Commission) held a meeting on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 where they received a presentation from the Army Corps of Engineers on possible options for resolving flooding from the overflow of the River Des Peres. The presentation focused on the Tentatively Selected Plan (Plan), which include the Army Corps of Engineers recommendations. The Commission evaluated the Plan and recommended modifications. The Plan will be presented to the Mayor and Council during Monday's study session. The Commission did not complete all the items on the agenda, so they will reconvene later this month.

A Traffic Commission regular monthly meeting, originally scheduled for Wednesday, May 12 at 6:30 p.m. was cancelled due to the lack of agenda items.

A Green Practices Commission regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 13 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be conducted on Zoom.

### Parks, Recreation and Forestry

The Urban Forestry Commission is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

### Activities and Events

**05-08-2021** Visit the [University City Farmers Market](#)! Tucked along the Delmar Loop in University City, you can enjoy fresh-from-the-farm tradition at the Historic Market in the Loop. Also enjoy expanded outdoor dining and additional activities in the Loop every Saturday!

**05-08-2021** Mayors for Meals food drive, 8125 Groby Road – 9 a.m. to Noon. Best items to donate: Canned Meat, Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruit, Peanut Butter, Cereal, Pasta, Dish Soap, Sanitizing Wipes, Soap/Lotion, Toothpaste, Baby Food/Formula, Feminine Products, Shampoo/Conditioner, Diapers, Toilet Paper and Paper Towels.

Find out what's happening in University City by visiting University City's website at [ucitymo.org](http://ucitymo.org) or visiting [ExploreUCity.com](http://ExploreUCity.com) to connect local businesses with customers and residents.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gregory Rose".

Gregory Rose, ICMA-CM, MPA  
City Manager