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SPRING 2023

State of the City 2022: Thursday, March 16



TERRY CROW
Mayor



GREGORY ROSE
City Manager

Mayor Terry Crow and City Manager Gregory Rose will present a recap of the past year and present plans for 2023 at the 12th annual **State of the City** program hosted by the Historical Society of University City. The program will begin at 7 p.m., Thursday, Mar. 16, in the Council Chamber on the fifth floor of City Hall, 6801 Delmar Blvd. The meeting is free and open to the public.

According to Eleanor Mullin, President of the Historical Society of University City, the event is held annually in March to commemorate the birthday of the City's founder and first Mayor, Edward Gardner Lewis on Mar. 4, 1869.

"The Market at Olive Development has changed the economic landscape in our community. I appreciate the Historical Society giving us the opportunity to report on the Council's accomplishments in 2022 and what's being planned for 2023," said Mayor Terry Crow

"Although 2022 had its unique challenges, we also experienced significant accomplishments. I am proud of how our City personnel and resources responded to the needs of our residents and businesses. I look forward to sharing some of the highlights of the year at this program," said City Manager Gregory Rose.

For more information, email ucityhistory@hotmail.com or contact Eleanor Mullin, President of the Historical Society of University City, at 314.862.2972.

MARCH 16, 2023

**ANNUAL
STATE
OF THE
CITY**



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**COUNCIL MEETING
DATES:**

MONDAY, MARCH 13

MONDAY, MARCH 27

MONDAY, APRIL 24

MONDAY, MAY 8

MONDAY, MAY 22

**All meetings begin at 6:30 p.m.
In-person meetings are subject
to change.**

Information about in-person or virtual meetings is available through the City's calendar at ucitymo.org/Calendar. All City Council meetings are streamed live on the City's YouTube channel at youtube.com/UniversityCityGovernment. To be notified when meetings go live, click the subscribe button.



Greetings U City Neighbors



Work for University City!

Check out current job openings at ucitymo.org/jobs

**GREAT BENEFITS,
CLOSE TO HOME**

After much fanfare and perhaps the largest mound of dirt any of us have ever seen, COSTCO is open! The Market at Olive development is officially underway and just down the road, at North and South Road and Olive, you can begin to see the outlines of a QuikTrip being constructed. Progress on Olive is evident.

There is certainly still work to do (I am under no illusions about that) but things are moving in the right direction. And while this work is critically important, I do want to take a moment to highlight some of the other great work occurring in our community that may not be quite as visible as a 100,000 sq. ft. storefront.

The Third Ward Housing and Revitalization Task Force has begun meeting. The purpose of the task force is to chart a course for the best uses for Third Ward money designated as a result of the Market at Olive (COSTCO) development.

The task force is led by former Third Ward Councilman Byron Price and Christina Dancy. They, and the other task force members, have done tremendous work. It should be noted that this task force is engaging in a process that has never been done before in U City. The work will not be easy, but we have excellent people charged with doing it.

Finally, I wish to acknowledge all those UCITIANS that serve on our many boards and commissions. These neighbors generously volunteer their time to give input and guidance to U City on how it executes many of its key functions. They do the work of citizen participation in ways that I know we are all truly grateful.

Whether on Olive or in a meeting room at the Heman Park Community Center, U City is working and moving forward.

Thank you,

Stacy Clay

Third Ward Council Member

314.323.4025, clayucity@gmail.com



Tribute to Paulette Carr (1948 – 2022)

University City mourns the loss of Paulette Carr, former Council Member for Ward 2 and tireless advocate for economic development. In addition to serving on the City Council from 2012 until 2020, she led the drive for the first state audit of University City, initiated a stormwater task force, served on the City Plan Commission and championed economic development. In 2017, she alongside Bwayne Smotherson (Ward 3) and subsequently, Steve McMahon (Ward 1) spearheaded a Council study session that resulted in issuing a request for proposals for a developer to assemble land and reinvest in the Third Ward at Olive and I-170. As a result of her vision, the new Costco Wholesale store opened last October and the Market at Olive is under development.

Paulette was a resident of the City for more than three decades before moving to Holland, Mich., where she lost her courageous 18-month battle with cancer. She passed away on Dec. 20, 2022 at age 74. She is survived by her husband, Jim, son J. Peyton Carr (Michelle), sisters Diane Yang (Tom) and Sondra Goodman (John), brother-in-law Tom Carr (Nina Ganci) and niece Allyson Barnes. Memorial contributions can be made to Grace Episcopal Church or Hospice of Holland, both of Holland, Mich.



Stacy Clay
Third Ward
Council Member



U City Parks Turn 100 – Let's Celebrate!

CELEBRATE THE FOUNDING OF UNIVERSITY CITY'S PARKS, APRIL 15-16 AT RUTH PARK WOODS



In 1923, University City opened its earliest parks. Lewis, Heman, Flynn and Eastgate Parks debuted. In addition, a plan was made to name parks for mayors as parks developed and mayors retired.

Today, there are more than a dozen developed parks offering activities for everyone to stroll, roll, play, picnic, relax, enjoy sports and the arts, and to simply come together as a community.

Celebrating the past, present and future began this year with the distribution of the 2023 U City Calendar featuring photos of our parks.

The **UCityParks100** volunteer committee is hard at work planning a series of activities, beginning with a Centennial event in Ruth Park Woods the weekend of April 15-16. We'll conclude our year-long celebration in November by honoring our veterans at the Memorial Fountain in Heman Park.

These are *your* parks! Join us in the parks to celebrate!

Check out our Facebook page @UCityParks100 for a schedule of events and updates. Email Seymour.Parks@UCityParks100.org if you have questions or want to volunteer to help. Donations and event sponsorships are accepted through U City in Bloom, a 501C organization at 7005 Amherst Ave., University City, Mo., 63130.



Walk into the Woods!



One of University City's most unique and underutilized parks is Ruth Park Woods, a 26-acre urban forest of mixed hardwoods situated on the northern edge of Ruth Park Golf Course. But like a beautiful princess that is held captive in fairy tales, Ruth Park Woods has been held captive by non-native honeysuckles, winter creeper vine and other invasive species.

Thanks to a multi-year project begun in 2021 by U City in Bloom, the City of University City and the Green Center and NatureScapers, Ruth Park Woods is being reclaimed with impressive results. Trees have been freed from choking vines, wildflowers and wildlife are returning and a 1.2-mile loop trail passes through shady groves and a beautiful wetlands area.

Make plans now to explore Ruth Park Woods as part of the Centennial celebration of University City Parks. Guided tours of the woodlands will be led on Saturday, Apr. 15 and Sunday, Apr. 16. Times and more information will be posted on ucityinbloom.org.

Centennial Commons and Heman Park Pool Update

As you may be aware, the flood heavily damaged many of our City facilities and equipment. Centennial Commons has more than \$1M in restoration and repairs needed. The electrical system, gym floor and the weight room need to be repaired or replaced, new drywall and flooring is needed throughout and more.

The Heman Park Pool also faced significant damage including damage to its electrical systems, pump and front entry.

Overall, our facilities and equipment experienced more than \$18M in damage. We have been working with St. Louis County, FEMA, SEMA and our insurance company to recoup funds to make these repairs in an expedient manner to get you back to enjoying your favorite U City facilities.

We are in the process of bidding work to repair these areas in addition to the baseball field and dog park. As soon as more updates and reopening timelines are available, information will be shared at ucitymo.org and on our social media pages.



The City encourages and appreciates timely payment of fees assessed for each property. Various payment options are available including:



Online Payments: eUtilities is a free online service that allows residents to view their solid waste account activity, make payments and receive an email to view billing statements. To sign up, go to ucitymo.org and choose the **Online Bill Pay** icon on the left side, which will redirect you to the Online Bill Pay (eUtilities) screen. Follow the steps to setup a new or existing account. If you have difficulty logging into your account or have questions about how to navigate the system, please contact the Finance Department at 314.505.8544. The system only allows for payments using a debit or credit card with a Visa or MasterCard logo.

Electronic Funds Transfer

(Bank Drafting): The Electronic Funds Transfer program for solid waste billing allows solid payments to be automatically debited from your account five business days before the due date and applied directly to your solid waste bill. To choose the Electronic Funds Transfer, please contact the Finance Department at 314.505.8544 for further assistance.

Cash, Check and Charge:

Solid waste bills can be paid by cash, check and debit or credit card. Cash must be paid in person at the Finance Department, checks can be paid either in person or regular mail and credit card payments are accepted either in person or via phone by contacting the Finance Department mainline at 314.505.8544. The City only accepts Visa and MasterCard. There is no convenience fee charge for debit or credit card payment processing.

Annual Billing for Solid Waste Services Begins March 1

March 1 is the first billing date for solid waste (refuse) services, including trash, recycling, yard waste and bulk item collection. All services are billed in advance and statements are issued by the Finance Department in six month cycles. (See table.)

Solid waste fees not paid 30 days after the beginning of the service period for which the bill is issued shall be considered delinquent or past due. [See table.](#)

Senior citizens living in single or two-family houses may be eligible for a discount on solid waste services if they meet the following conditions:

- At least one resident of the property must be at least 65 years of age
- No more than two people living in the housing unit (*number of occupants listed on application will be checked against occupancy permit*)
- Resident must agree to accept a smaller trash receptacle if you have a roll-out cart (60 gallon).

BILLING CYCLES

Route	Pick Up Day	1st Billing Date	2nd Billing Date
1	Monday	March 1	September 1
2	Wednesday	April 1	October 1
3	Thursday	May 1	November 1
4	Tuesday	June 1	December 1
5	Friday	July 1	January 1

DELINQUENT DATES

Notice	Delinquency	Penalty Charge	2nd Billing Date
1st Delinquent Notice	30 Days Late	5.0%	September 1
2nd Delinquent Notice	60 Days Late	2.5%	October 1
3rd Delinquent Notice	90 Days Late	2.5%	November 1
4th Delinquent Notice	120 Days Late	2.5%	December 1

SEMI-ANNUAL RATES

Category	Billing Rate (every Six Months)
Single and Two-Family	\$110.10
Single and Two-Family (Senior)	\$93.30
Single and Two-Family Ally	\$118.44
Single and Two-Family Ally (Senior)	\$102.54
3+ Units with Alley Mechanical	\$78.60

For general billing questions, please call the Finance Department 314.505.8544.

For information on COMMERCIAL solid waste services, please call 314.505.8560.



SHED Announces Spring and Fall 2023 Days of Service



BUILDING STABLE FOUNDATIONS FOR ACCESSIBLE AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES

SHED (Sustainable Housing and Equitable Development) is coordinating volunteer home maintenance for seniors (65 year of age and older), people with disabilities and veterans. Focused on neighborhoods in University City, SHED will once again partner with the City of University City to provide free assistance to homeowners who need help with minor exterior home maintenance issues. Typical jobs include gutter cleaning, pruning bushes and small paint jobs.

The Days of Service will be April 29-30 and October 14-15

Over the last 13 years, SHED has served more than 525 residents with support from local faith-based organizations, businesses, schools and universities. For more information, to request an application for service or to volunteer, please call 314.782.SHED (7433) or email info@shedstl.org. To learn more about SHED or to donate, visit shedstl.org



U City in Bloom Plant Sale: April 29 – 30

One thing the past three years has taught us is to expect the unexpected. But nothing stops the flowers from popping up in the spring or U City in Bloom from holding its annual plant sale. Now in its 31st year, the annual Plant Sale will be held rain or shine outdoors at the Vernon Nursery (Pennsylvania and Vernon, just east of the Dog Park), Apr. 29, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., and Apr. 30, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Volunteers will help you select sturdy perennials and cheerful annuals, as well as the shrubs, trees, herbs and vegetables best suited to your garden and landscape. There will be plenty of native plants recommended to nurture the biodiversity of our region. All proceeds from the plant sale benefit U City in Bloom's work in beautifying University City.

Check UCB's website ucityinbloom.org for more information, including how to donate plants for the sale or volunteer to help.



Spring Leaf Collection

University City will be collecting leaves from the front curb of residential properties beginning in March. Leaves must be raked to the curb line by the Sunday before collection in your area. Trucks will make only one pass on each street during the collection week.

UPDATED 2023 SPRING LEAF COLLECTION DATES

East: March 13
Central: March 20
West: March 27

Spring Bulk Item Collection

Need to get rid of old furniture, mattresses, carpet or broken appliances? All acceptable items must be placed at the front curb by the Sunday night before collection in your area. Trucks will make one pass on each street. Collection does not include: computers or related technology products, televisions or hazardous materials. For a complete list of what is and what is not acceptable or to confirm your area, please visit ucitymo.org or call 314.505.8560.

BULK COLLECTION ALTERNATIVES

Residents who want to dispose of household junk separate from curbside bulk item collection dates can schedule a special bulk item (waste) pick up, rent extra roll-out carts or a 30 cubic yard roll-off. Fees apply for these services. Please visit ucitymo.org or call 314.505.8560 to find out more.

SPRING BULK COLLECTION DATES

East: April 10-14
Central: April 17-21
West: April 24-28



University City Police Department's Crime and Drug Hotline

**CALL 314.863.7333
OR VISIT
UCITYMO.ORG/TIPS**

University City Police Department Crime Tips and Notifications

The University City Police Department (UCPD) has been utilizing a multi-layered approach to receiving and processing crime tips and information. Whether an individual prefers to remain anonymous or is simply passing on helpful information, UCPD genuinely appreciates all useful information.

Often, UCPD personnel must thoroughly verify the information being received by citizens, non-citizens, community partners and others before formulating strategic plans to curb the allegations.

UCPD can act on anonymous tips based on the following rules, laws and procedures that have been developed in accordance with the U.S. Constitution. Police contact with individuals usually occurs:

- on public streets,
- in motor vehicles, or
- in homes or other buildings.

Under appropriate circumstances a UCPD police officer may approach an individual for purposes of investigating probable criminal behavior. An investigative detention without a warrant must be based on a reasonable suspicion such as:

- an activity out of the ordinary has taken place,
- the activity is related to crime, or
- the person detained is involved in the activity.

VALIDATION FOR THE STOP OR DETENTION BY POLICE MUST INCLUDE ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- precise and articulable facts that support the police intrusion or
- consideration of the totality of circumstances.

IF POLICE ARE ACTING ON AN ANONYMOUS TIP, COURTS WILL CONSIDER WHETHER:

- police have confirmed or verified information or
- if the information is exact and/or reliable.



U City Library Preparing to Reopen Permanent Location

After a quiet winter, University City Public Library is excited for spring! We'll be moving back into our permanent location at 6701 Delmar Blvd. after more than a year in our temporary location at 6900 Delmar Blvd. Construction is on track to finish in March and we look forward to welcoming the community back soon after.

While the bulk of the work has been upgrading outdated systems, including electrical, HVAC and plumbing, the renovated building will have more meeting room space, new bathrooms, new technology makerspace and an expanded area for young readers.

We're also looking forward to getting our bookmobile tricycle back out into the community, visiting the Farmers Market in the Loop, U City senior living facilities and more. Our librarians are hard at work planning programs for all ages, including a great summer reading program for kids and adults to make the most of our beautiful renovated library.

Please visit ucitylibrary.org and follow us on social media for more updates on our renovation and upcoming programs.



49th University City Memorial Day Run May 29

The University City Memorial Day Run will be held Monday, May 29, starting at Delmar and Kingsland. The run features 5K and 10K events and a Fun Run for children and their parents. Now in its 49th year, the Memorial Day Run is one of the area's oldest races and a family tradition for many. It helps benefit the Green Center, U City in Bloom and the University City Public Library. For complete information, including start time or to register for one or more of the events, visit ucitymemorialdayrun.org

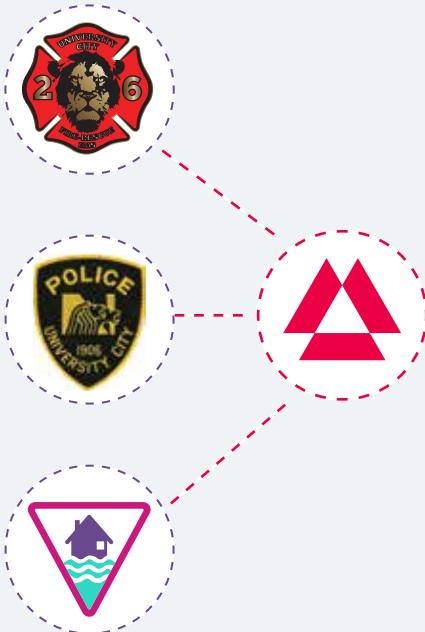


General Municipal Election in University City, Tuesday, April 4

PROPOSITION M: Voters will be asked to consider Proposition M. If approved, it will impose an additional sales tax of three percent on all tangible retail sales of adult use marijuana sold in the City of University City. Learn more at ucity.org

ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS GUIDELINES

Voters in St. Louis County may vote at any polling place in the County on Election Day. Polling places are open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day. Those in line at the closing time of 7 p.m. have the right to cast their vote. More information is available at stlouiscountymo.gov/st-louis-county-government/board-of-elections or by calling 314.615.8683.



Be Weather Aware and Sign Up Today for CodeRed Early Warning Alerts

Spring is coming and that also means rain is coming. Hopefully, there will be enough rainfall to make the grass and flowers beautiful but not cause flooding.

The University City Stormwater Commission has worked hard getting the new CodeRed early warning system perfected and available online for residents, as well as providing the most accurate and up-to-date flood maps to the University City police and fire departments.

The fire department also has linked the flood mapping information to CodeRed to send accurate alerts to those at risk. With CodeRed, first responders can alert the community quickly about any potential flooding, allowing residents extra time to evacuate or take other necessary actions.

Residents can do their part to help the police and fire departments be more effective by downloading and signing up for CodeRed. Signing up ensures residents will have peace of mind knowing that the Stormwater Commission, police and fire departments and the City are looking out for their safety and well-being.

It is important to be aware that while CodeRed can send out both emergency and non-emergency communications about University City, CodeRed also offers at the same time national weather service alerts that cover the entire metropolitan region.

Be careful to check each alert because *only* CodeRed alerts from University City provide specific information about your distinct location.

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REGISTER FOR CODERED ALERTS!

Sign up for the CodeRED notification system to receive alerts and updates during emergency events.

All citizens and businesses are encouraged to register.

REGISTER ONLINE:

<https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/BFB77207BF2C>

REGISTER ON YOUR SMARTPHONE:

Text "UCITY" to 99411

FOR CITIZENS WITHOUT INTERNET ACCESS:

You may sign up for CodeRED by completing a one-page application that is available at City Hall.



WE MAKE U CITY



Shape the Future of University City

WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR THE FUTURE OF UNIVERSITY CITY?

We Make U City is a special opportunity for everyone who cares about University City to share their thoughts and ideas about the future through a new comprehensive plan. Building on the Community Vision 2040 project completed last summer, the plan will establish development policies to specifically address how land is used and how retail and office is developed, as well as the look and feel of neighborhoods, range of public services and amenities and more.

University City is a desirable place to live. At the same time, the City has significant economic, social and environmental challenges that must be directly addressed. The planning process will leverage all of the City's many assets to create a plan that is backed by the community, is implementable and promotes equity and resilience. The City is committed to building a better future for years to come.

The process began in late summer 2022 and will be completed in fall 2023. For more information or to join the email list, visit WeMakeUCity.com

Let us hear from you! If you live, work or spend time in University City, your ideas matter to us and there are many ways to get involved:

- **Attend a workshop (registration recommended)**

- March 2 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. at Heman Park Community Center, 975 Pennsylvania Ave.
- March 4 from 10 - 11:30 a.m. at Heman Park Community Center, 975 Pennsylvania Ave.

- **Visit WeMakeUCity.com to participate online**

- **Complete a paper survey**

- Paper surveys are available at City Hall, University City's temporary public library (6900 Delmar) and the University City School District Office (7700 Olive Blvd).
- Or fill out the abbreviated survey on page 10 and drop off at City Hall, the library or the school district office as mentioned above.

Learn More



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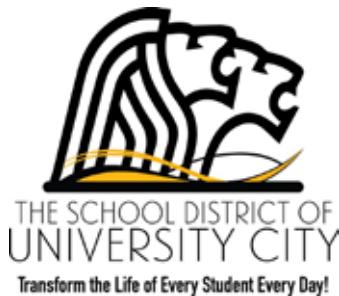
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Or get in touch with city staff:
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UCITY PRIDE

NEWS OUR COMMUNITY CAN USE

Spring 2023

District Announces New Athletic Director

The School District of University City is pleased to announce the appointment of Lawndale Thomas as the District's athletic director starting July 1, 2023. Thomas will replace current Athletic Director D. Matthew Brooks, who is retiring after 26 years.

Thomas is currently the dean of students at University City High School and has more than 20 years of educational service.



Kindergarten Open Houses Set

Are you interested in your little one joining the pride of U. City Schools? Visit us April 12, 2023 at your neighborhood elementary school for tours and talks, and to meet the teachers.

Principals are also available for personal tours. Arrange a tour by calling the school in advance. For more information: www.ucityschools.org.

School Public Meetings Set

As part of the District's review of its vision of Learning Reimagined, each school will be holding community engagement meetings. Save the dates!

- Feb. 7: Flynn Park & Jackson Park Elementary
- Feb. 27: Julia Goldstein Early Childhood
- March 28: Barbara C. Jordan & Pershing Elementary
- April 12: Brittany Woods Middle & U. City High

For more information and to register to attend, go to www.ucityschools.org/2023CommunityMtgs.

Prospective Employee Networking Event

Are you a match? The District will host a speed-networking event for prospective teachers and administrators from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 24, 2023, at COCA, 6889 Washington Ave, 63131. Potential employees may meet one-on-one with District administrators and staff in a speed-dating setting. Register at www.ucityschools.org/Hire23.

Community Rallies to Help District Families Affected by Flooding

The local community donated more than \$40,000 and more than a ton of clothing and household and personal items to assist district families who suffered major property damage during flash flooding this summer.

Additionally, dozens of local volunteers, including parents and church groups, helped collect, organize and deliver items to families.

Thanks to the donations, nearly 100 families were given \$400 gift cards to assist with disaster expenses. Thank you, University City, for your tremendous generosity!

School Board Election Is April 4, 2023

The School District of University City Board of Education has five candidates vying for three seats on the April 4, 2023 ballot: George Lenard, Bridget McDougall, Kay E. Gage, Kwira R. Vickers and Karen Bernstein (in order of filing).

Watch for candidate statements in the March 2023 issue of PRIDE, our newsmagazine.

2023 Spring Break: March 20-24
Schools & Offices Closed March 24

Remaining Early Release Days:
February 17, March 17, April 21 & May 25

No School:
February 20, March 31 & April 4

Parent/Teacher Conferences:
March 29-30 (evenings)

Last Day of School: May 25

Stay informed on what is happening @UCitySchools
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Visit the District website at www.ucityschools.org
Download the mobile app "University City Schools"





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	Jeff Hales	314.283.5402
2 ND Ward	Aleta Klein vacant	801.512.3912
3 RD Ward	Bwayne Smotherson Stacy Clay	314.726.9572 314.323.4025

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Interim Assistant City Manager: Rajaye Smith	314.505.8557
City Clerk: LaRette Reese	314.505.8605
Director of Finance: Keith Cole	314.505.8542
Director of Planning and Development: John Wagner	314.505.8501
Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry: Darren Dunkle	314.505.8552
Director of Public Works: Darin Girdler	314.505.8537
Director Human Resources: Amy Williams	314.505.8532
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

SELECTED CITY SERVICES

Emergency Hotline (Severe Weather, Natural Disaster)	314.505.8550
Finance/Refuse Billing	314.505.8544
Forestry	314.505.8619
Library	314.727.3150
Recreation	314.505.8625
Parks Maintenance	314.505.8624
Permits/Inspections	314.505.8500
Public Works	314.505.8560
Ruth Park Golf Course	314.727.4800
Court Clerk	314.505.8541
Municipal Court	314.505.8578