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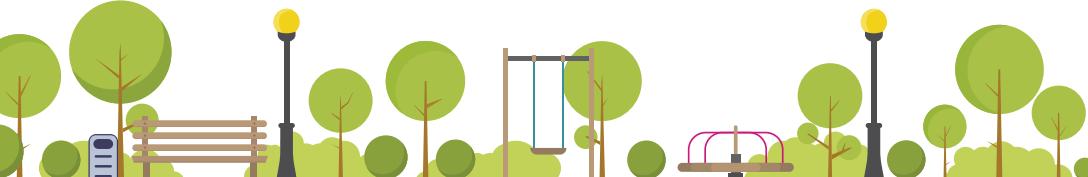


University City Parks Centennial – By the Numbers

University City is a green city with something for everyone. In addition to 20 parks comprised of approximately 260 acres, including nine picnic shelters, 15 play equipment areas, 15 ball diamonds, 17 tennis courts, ten soccer and football fields, one dog park, two ponds, eight miles of nature and paved trails, and a nine-hole golf course, there's also a large multi-purpose community center and recreation facility, outdoor swimming and wading pools, and paved segment of the Centennial Greenway for walking, hiking and biking. There are also 11 medians designated as parks by ordinance.

Throughout the year, parks are used for family picnics, concerts, recreational and competitive sports, and special community events. They serve as popular places for children to play and adults to relax.

While each park is special with its own distinctive amenities, one of the most exceptional is Ruth Park Woods, which features the last large stand of oak and hickory hardwood forest in the St. Louis area. Located in the heart of the Greater St. Louis metropolitan area, it is an oasis for avid bird lovers. Nearly 100 different species of birds have been sighted there, from birds you might see in your own backyard to exotic visitors from tropical rainforests on their way to the Arctic tundra.



COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

MONDAY, JUNE 12

MONDAY, JUNE 26

MONDAY, JULY 10

MONDAY, AUGUST 14

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

SPECIAL FY2024 BUDGET STUDY SESSION

MONDAY, JUNE 19, 5:30 P.M.

Information about meetings at ucitymo.org/Calendar.
All meetings are streamed live at youtube.com/UniversityCityGovernment.
To be notified when meetings go live, click the subscribe button.



University City Parks Centennial (continued)

Many thanks to the UCityParks100 volunteer committee which has been working hard to plan a year-long series of activities, which began last April with a Centennial event in Ruth Park Woods and will conclude in November by honoring our veterans at the Memorial Fountain in Heman Park.

Check out their 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 501(c)(3) organization at 7005 Amherst Ave, 63130.

UNIVERSITY CITY PARKS BY THE NUMBERS



THESE ARE YOUR PARKS! JOIN US IN THE PARKS TO CELEBRATE!

Ackert Park (1967)

765 Westgate Ave./764 Leland Ave.
(bounded by Delmar Blvd. and Vernon Ave.)
3.8-acres with playground and .34-mile trail for walking and jogging

Joseph Adams Park (1933)

7000 Northmoor Dr.
(bounded by Big Bend Blvd. south of Forsyth Blvd.)
1.6-acres greenspace

Eastgate Park (1923)

848 Eastgate Ave.
(bounded by northeast corner of Vernon and Eastgate)
0.93-acres with playground and basketball courts

Flynn Park (1923)

420 Midvale (bounded by Pershing Ave., Midvale Ave. and Kingsbury Ave.)
6.61-acres with playground and 5 tennis courts

Fogarty Park (1928)

1540 North 82nd Blvd.
11.81-acres with picnic area, weatherproof shelter and restrooms, full-size baseball diamond, youth-size soccer field, playground and a 0.5-mile trail for walking and jogging

Greensfelder Park (1954)

8301 Kempland Pl.
6.75-acres greenspace

Greenway South (1967)

6600 Kingsbury Ave. to Millbrook Ave.
1.83-acres linear park of greenspace

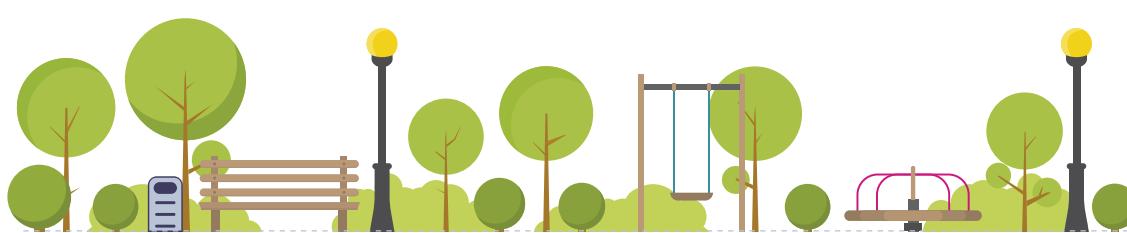
Heman Park (1923, 1928, 1944)

7200 Olive St. (bounded by Midland Ave., Olive St., Purdue Ave., Pennsylvania Ave., and Vernon Ave.)

85.26-acres with a huge 23,000-square-foot swimming pool with diving area and a small kiddie pool, recreation facility, community center, baseball diamonds and fields (large baseball diamond, 5 softball diamonds, 3 little league diamonds, 1 tee ball diamond), 4 soccer fields, 2 soccer/football combination fields, 3 paved basketball courts, 8 tennis courts (4 lighted), large playground and a 1.5-mile trail for walking and jogging

Kaufman Park (1970)

8025 Blackberry Ave.
0.84-acres with playground for younger children (2-5 years of age)





Lewis Park (1923, 1928, 1954)

7001 Delmar Blvd. (bounded by Delmar Blvd. and Yale Ave.)

4-acres with decorative pond and fountain, playground and walking path

Janet Majerus Park (1995)

1300 Partridge Ave. (bounded by Raymond Ave. and Partridge Ave.)

5-acres with decorative pond and fountain, playground, 0.33-mile trail for walking, jogging and fitness stations

Metcalf Park (1955, 1962)

830 Kingsland Ave. (bounded by Kingsland Ave. and Leland Ave)

5.6-acres with 2 ball fields and playground

Millar Park (1928)

7603 Canton Ave. (bounded by Canton Ave. and North & South Road)

12.19-acres with picnic pavilion and restrooms, 2 baseball diamonds, football and soccer fields, playground, and 0.5-mile trail for walking, jogging and fitness stations

Mooney Park (1922, 1923, 1931)

#5 Vanderbilt Ave. (bounded by Jackson Ave., Delmar to Amherst)

5.2-acres with basketball court and playground

Oakbrook Lane Park

8401 Delmar Blvd.

2.5-mile linear greenspace with garden, pathway and bench

Rabe Park (1934)

7369 Canton Ave. (bounded by Midland Ave. and Canton Ave.)

2.6-acres with playground and open play field

Ruth Park Golf Course (1931)

8211 Groby Rd. (bounded by Groby Rd. and McKnight Rd.)

70-acres with 9-hole golf course and driving range

Ruth Park Woods (1923)

1160 McKnight Rd.
(bounded by McKnight Rd. and south of Olive St.)

26-acres wooded area with interpretive nature trails

U City Dog Park (2019)

6860 Vernon Ave. (bounded by Vernon Ave. and Pennsylvania Ave.)

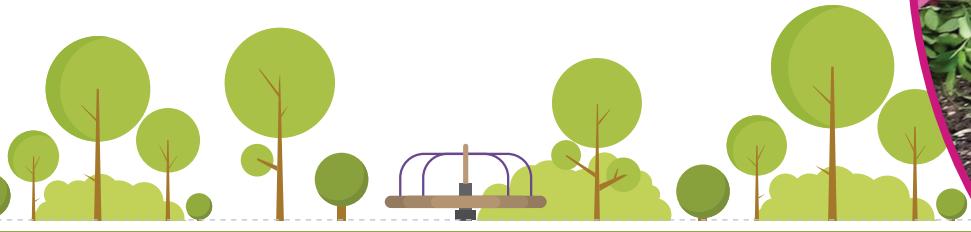
1.0 acre with separate areas for small and large dogs

Shelley Welsch Park (2023)

Formerly Kingsland Park (1970)

6651 Kingsland (bounded by Kingsland at Chamberlain)

1.3-acres with playground



SUMMER 2023



Dennis Fuller
Second Ward
Councilmember

Dear Neighbors,

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your new Ward 2 Councilmember. As many of you may know, I was appointed by the Mayor and City Council to complete the final year of Councilmember Tim Cusick's term. In addition, I will continue his roles as Council liaison to both the Traffic Commission and the Storm Water Commission.

Although I'm the newest member of City Council, I am certainly not new to University City. My wife and I have lived in the same home in University City for the past 45 years and we raised our family here. I have volunteered over the last decade with U City in Bloom, served as a Trustee of University Park subdivision for over a dozen years and have been involved in the 2040 University City Vision Planning Commission as well as served on the Traffic Commission for the last few years.

I'd like to thank Mr. Cusick for his years of service to University City. While I serve Ward 2 along with Councilmember Aleta Klein, I will always act in the best interests of the entire University City community.

Please feel free to contact me at the email or phone number below. I will do my best to return your communication within 24 hours.

Thank you,

Dennis Fuller
Ward 2 Councilmember
fullerucity@gmail.com, 314.707.6167



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TO LEARN MORE
about outreach and engagement, check out the summary of first round engagement at WeMakeUCity.org/resources



We Make U City: From Ideas to Action

THE FIRST ROUND OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT FOR THE WE MAKE U CITY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IS COMPLETE AND IT'S NOW TIME TO TURN IDEAS INTO ACTION!

This summer, community members are encouraged to get involved by sharing their ideas for We Make U City. Through workshops, public events, online activities and paper surveys, everyone who cares about the future of University City will help review and provide feedback on preliminary recommendations to create a new comprehensive plan.

Make sure to be notified about being involved! Visit WeMakeUCity.org and sign up for our email list or contact Mary Kennedy at mckennedy@ucitymo.org or 314.505.8516.

The We Make U City plan will shape the City for years to come. It will influence everything from where and how retail, offices, and housing are developed to the look and feel of neighborhoods. It will also impact potential improvements to public services, amenities, parks, open spaces and transportation.

The planning team has been working hard to engage everyone in the planning process. Their activities have included hosting workshops, attending community events and working with community organizations to distribute paper surveys, as well as engaging with high school students through surveys and small group meetings, and more.





Centennial Commons Recreation Facility Extends Facility Use and New Monthly Membership Program

In addition to Heman Park athletic fields and the large dog section of the U City Dog Park being reopened, Centennial Commons Recreational Facility is pleased to announce extended facility use and a new monthly membership program, as well as available "mini" weight, track and cardio areas.

Current hours are Monday through Friday 5:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturdays 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Closed on Sundays. Centennial Commons is also available to assist residents with 2023 picnic pavilion reservations, purchase or renew Ruth Park Golf ID Cards and purchase U City trash stickers.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission to the Centennial Commons Recreation Facility is limited to any individual age 10 and up with an active range Centennial Commons membership. This includes SilverSneakers and RenewActive memberships. Active range includes 7.26.21 to present.

Daily paid admission is also accepted with an active range resident or non-resident recreation ID card. Active range includes 7.26.21 to present. ID cards may be purchased at the Centennial Commons Control Desk with photo ID required and are available to both residents and non-residents.

To obtain a resident recreation ID card, residents must present their University City issued occupancy permit as proof of residency and pay a \$5 per person card fee plus a daily admission fee of \$5 per person. Occupancy permits are available at City Hall, 6801 Delmar, 4th floor Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please ensure your University City occupancy permit has been updated to include all immediate family members who reside in your home.

REMINDER: Youth ages 10-15 MUST be accompanied by a parent, authorized guardian or caregiver who is 18 years or older and remains with the youth throughout the entire facility visit. For additional information, contact Centennial Commons at 314.505.8625

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP FEES

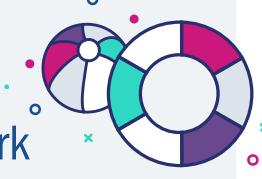
Resident		Nonresident
Youth	\$8.00/mo.	\$13.00/mo.
Adult	\$16.00/mo.	\$23.00/mo.
Senior	\$10.00/mo.	\$17.00/mo.
Senior Couple	\$17.00/mo.	\$23.00/mo.
Family	\$27.00/mo.	\$32.00/mo.

New Tenants Coming to the Market at Olive

The University City City Council voted unanimously last February to approve a development plan for Dierbergs to become another anchor retail store at the new Market at Olive. Currently Costco is the only retail anchor. In addition, the Market at Olive will be welcoming Chase Bank, Chick-fil-A, Raising Cane's, Chipotle Mexican Grill, First Watch and St. Louis Bread Co.

"The Market at Olive development is reshaping the Third Ward of University City. Bringing Dierbergs into this part of our community provides another valuable resource to the people in the neighborhoods surrounding it and more activity to University City. We are excited about the future of this development and its long-term benefits to University City," said Mayor Terry Crow.

Located on the western edge of University City at the intersection of Olive Boulevard and I-170, the Market at Olive development consists of approximately 50-acres along both the south and north sides of Olive Boulevard, bordered by I-170 on the west and McKnight/Woodson Road on the east. The estimated \$211-million development is designed to accommodate a potential mix of retail, restaurants, apartments, offices and hospitality.



Heman Park Pool Repair and Reopening Update

Your patience is appreciated as work continues to repair as quickly as possible the severe damage caused by last July's historic flooding to the facility and infrastructure of Heman Park Pool. Although the goal is to be able to open the facility in time for use this summer, the top priority is the safety and enjoyment of pool patrons. As of this newsletter publication, there is no projected opening date.

Extensive repairs include everything from the pool's electrical systems and pumps to the front entryway. In addition to the Mayor and Council approving funding last February to repair the electrical system, which began in March, the City is pursuing improvements for drywall, fencing and other miscellaneous repairs, as well as hiring staff to operate the pool and make repairs.

Quality repairs will ensure that people in our community will have the best experience when the pool reopens later this summer. As more updates become available, details will be shared on our website at ucitymo.org and social media platforms.





2023 BIG BOOK CHALLENGE



The Tale of Genji
by Murasaki Shikibu

&



The Priory of the Orange Tree
by Samantha Shannon

Adult Summer Reading
at University City Public Library
May 24-August 23, 2023
www.ucitylibrary.org



Summer Reading Returns to U City Library as the Library Returns to Its Permanent Home

Following construction delays and a flooded basement due to a water main break last February, the University City Public Library is preparing to move back in late summer to its permanent home at 6701 Delmar Blvd. Although the public areas of the library weren't affected by the flooded basement, the elevator was irreparable. Until it is replaced, the library will primarily operate on the first floor.

Meanwhile, we're thrilled to reinstate in-person programs for our adult and youth summer reading programs.

Adult Program. The adult program returns to the Big Book Challenge with two titles that explore tradition, gender roles and courtly intrigue. These include the classic Japanese novel, *The Tale of Genji* by Murasaki Shikibu and the modern epic fantasy novel, *The Priory of the Orange Tree* by Samantha Shannon. In addition to monthly book discussions of each title, the adult program also includes lectures and programs highlighting Japanese culture, such as taiko drumming and kendo demonstrations.

Youth Program. Based on the theme, *All Together Now*, the youth summer reading program will highlight things that bring us together, from art and music to cooking and sports, including a week-long art-based camp for kids of all ages. Naturally, there also will be lots of reading and prizes for participants! Stop by the Library to pick up a recording sheet to get kids enrolled in the program and start counting reading minutes.

Visit ucitylibrary.org or follow on social media for more updates on summer reading, our moving plans and more!

Holiday Schedule for Trash and Recycling Collection

Memorial Day, Mon., May 29

No trash or recycling collection will occur on the holiday. All trash and recycling routes during the week of May 29 will be collected the day AFTER your normal collection day.

Independence Day, Tues., July 4

Mon., July 3 collection routes will not be affected. No trash or recycling collection will occur on the holiday. All remaining trash and recycling routes will be collected the day AFTER your normal collection day.

Labor Day, Mon., Sept. 4

No trash or recycling collection will occur on the holiday. All trash and recycling routes during the week of Sept. 4 will be collected the day AFTER your normal collection day.

Questions? Call the Public Works Department at 314.505.8560

Starlight Concert Series

The University City Municipal Commission on Arts and Letters presents the Starlight Concert Series showcasing a variety of music performed by local artists. All concerts are held in Heman Park at the Midland-Shaftesbury entrance.

Mondays – June 5, June 12, June 19, June 26 and July 10; 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Sundays – Sept. 10, Sept. 17 and Sept. 24; 3 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Tuesdays

Join us for the University City Summer Band Concert Series 7 p.m. – 8:15 p.m., in Heman Park at the Midland-Shaftesbury entrance. More information at ucsummerband.org

June 13 Opening concert led by new conductor, Danny Lewis!

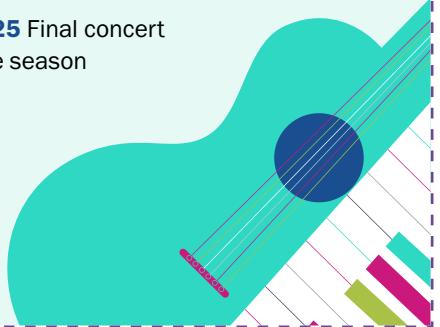
July 11 Summer Band Concert

June 20 Student Night. Area high school band students are invited to come play with the band! Registration is free, more information available on our website.

July 18 Special Guests: University City High School Jazz Band 40th Reunion with Trumpeter Wayne Du Maine!

June 27 Special guests: St. Boogie Brass Band! New Orleans style brass band in concert with U City Summer Band! saintboogiebrassband.com

July 25 Final concert of the season



U City Planning and Development Department Launches Code Compliance Enforcement Team

You may be seeing new faces and vehicles from U City in your neighborhood. The Planning and Development Department has launched a new code enforcement team. Rebranded as the "Code Compliance Team," it represents a culture change for this section of the department that will result in more streamlined management of the property maintenance code.

More importantly, the new approach is intended to encourage compliance versus punitive means to maintain and improve housing and property conditions throughout the City. It also reinstates an approach to code compliance used in the 1990s.

Code compliance officers and inspectors will be assigned to specific areas of the City to patrol as shown on the map. The department and the new Code Compliance Team will be working with area nonprofit agencies, such as SHED, to become a more integrated part of the University City community.



New logos and branding will be displayed on the fleet of electric Nissan Leafs used for work by the Code Compliance Team.

Be sure to say, "Hello," when you see them in your neighborhood. For more information or questions, visit ucitymo.org or call 314.505.8500



Summer at the U City Farmers Market!

The U City Farmers Market is in full swing this summer. Farm tables are overflowing with seasonal fruits and veggies, which are hand-picked and delivered by farmers every Saturday morning. Residents will find a wide selection of regional farm produce and products, local artisan foods, ready-to-eats and hand-crafted goods.

The market also features a weekly music series, monthly chef demos and tastings, kid's activities and fun special events. It's a welcoming place for all ages to meet with friends, grab a bite, cuppa and simply ease into the weekend.

The U City Farmers Market is open every Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in the U City Loop at 6655 Delmar Blvd. There's plenty of free parking!

For more information, check out the market's Facebook page or sign up for their newsletter at midwestfarmersmarkets.org



SHED Offers Advice for Home Buyers

Prospective homeowners can take advantage of a free home buyer education program from Sustainable Housing and Equitable Development (SHED). Register to attend a free Zoom presentation on "Understanding Home Buying," presented by Nikol Theberge of First Bank, 6 p.m., June 22. Topics will range from looking for a lender to pre-approve a loan to determining what you can afford.

The presentation is part of a series with additional programs on Sept. 14 and Nov. 9. Partners for the SHED series include Laura McCarthy, PNC Bank, First Bank, Enterprise Bank & Trust and Great Southern Bank. For more information about SHED or this program visit shedstl.org or contact info@shedstl.org.



To register, visit linktr.ee/shedhousing or scan the QR code

Home Ownership
A HOME BUYER EDUCATION SERIES
HOSTED BY SHED (SUSTAINABLE HOUSING AND EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT)

Speakers:

- APRIL 6, 2023**
Jean Villareal
PNC BANK
- JUNE 22, 2023**
Nikol Theberge
FIRST BANK
- SEPT. 14, 2023**
Bill Bruce, SMLS #709098
ENTERPRISE BANK & TRUST
- NOV. 9, 2023**
Eric Mischell
GREAT SOUTHERN BANK

Programs:

- Am I Eligible to Buy a Home?**
 - Owning a home can be as easy as you think
 - Home ownership builds wealth
 - How to look for a lender
 - What to expect from a lender
 - Learn about available first-time homebuyer programs
- Understanding Home Buying**
 - Understanding the home buying process
 - How to look for a lender
 - What to expect from a lender
 - Your pre-approval and how to use it
 - Learn about programs to help you buy a home and assist with closing costs and downpayments
- Down Payment Assistance and Credit Repair**
 - No credit is the same as having bad credit
 - Can I buy a house if my credit is bad?
 - How to repair your credit
 - Learn about programs to help you buy a home and assist with closing costs and downpayments
- Seasonal Home Maintenance**
 - Learn how to care for your property during your yearly maintenance schedule
 - Explore upgrades to your property to increase its value
 - Discover DIY resources

All programs will begin at 6 pm via Zoom on the scheduled dates. To register visit: <https://linktr.ee/shedhousing> or scan the QR code.

PROGRAM PARTNERS

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For more information on SHED or this program, visit shedstl.org or contact info@shedstl.org.



Darin Girdler

Darin Girdler Named Public Works Director

University City welcomed Darin Girdler as Public Works Director last January. In this role, he oversees a broad range of services including engineering, sanitation, storm water management, facilities and fleet maintenance, as well as supervises a staff of 26 employees.

"I'm pleased to have Darin Girdler on our team at University City where his extensive experience in public works and municipal government helps ensure our residents continue to receive excellent services from our City," said City Manager Gregory Rose.

Girdler has more than 30 years of experience in municipal management, community relations, executive leadership, legislative processes and labor relations. He most recently served as Interim Village Administrator for the Village of Maple Park in Illinois. Girdler holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Illinois State University.



Linda Schaeffer Named 2022 Employee of the Year

The City Council last February honored Linda Schaeffer, Human Resource Generalist, as the University City 2022 Employee of the Year. The award was presented to her by Mayor Terry Crow, City Manager Gregory Rose and Human Resources Director Amy Williams.

"Without question, Linda is one of the nicest people I've met in my life. Even under very stressful circumstances, she conducts herself with professionalism and demeanor that really focuses and centers on trying to help every resident," said City Manager Gregory Rose.

Schaeffer joined the City of University City in 2018 as administrative assistant to the City Manager and moved into her current position last year.

"I am honored to receive this award among so many well-deserving colleagues and consider it a pleasure and privilege to work with the citizens of University City every day. I appreciate my colleagues motivating me to be my best and make working for the City of University City so enjoyable," said Linda Schaeffer.

The Employee of the Year award is an annual peer-nominated and peer-voted on award that recognizes one individual who stood out amongst their peers and demonstrated consistent extraordinary service. The award highlights the employee's exceptional work, contributions, behavior, teamwork and successes throughout the prior year.

"This is an award that a lot of people want but only one can receive. Linda embodies the ICARE values of University City. No matter what challenges she faces in her day, she ends up making everyone around her have a day that's a whole lot brighter," said Human Resources Director Amy Williams.

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Police Department Trains for Active Intruder Preparation

The University City Police Department (UCPD) flourishes as a 21st Century policing law enforcement agency. Its technology, transparency, innovation, community engagement, modernized training and many other tactical deployments of community crafted programs are centered within this public safety organization.

Commanders and supervisors aid in good communication with our University City citizens and stakeholders. Focus groups, City Council meeting presentations, town halls and other City events serve as important communications platforms for our citizen and law enforcement interaction.

University City police officers are extensively trained to observe, orient, decide and act. All officers are proficient with crisis intervention certification training and de-escalation skills. All of these skillsets and many others are also incorporated into "Active Intruder" training.

Recent tragic school shootings in our nation are top of mind and we extend our sympathy and respect to the families who are suffering. As an active Multi Assault Counter Terrorism Action Capabilities (MACTAC) trained law enforcement organization, which includes training with all the other law enforcement organizations in our region, UCPD is doing everything possible to refine our own officers' skillsets to minimize the opportunity for tragedy in our own community.

The MACTAC program was developed in California and brought in 2012 to St. Louis by the St. Louis County Tactical Operations Unit, when it was adopted by UCPD along with Active Shooter Trainer programs. Since then, UCPD has conducted dozens of training sessions on recommended responses to an active shooter incident for schools, religious institutions, City facilities and businesses.

In 2012, UCPD was one of the first public safety departments in St. Louis City and St. Louis County to utilize MACTAC techniques to benefit our educational institutions. UCPD regularly presents training programs twice a year for all University City Public Schools. Each program is tailored to the school where it is being presented utilizing the existing structural layout despite it not always being ideal.

UCPD's program has expanded yearly since 2018 with hands-on scenario training. During department-wide training, UCPD has partnered with the School District to actively train within University City High School, Brittany Woods Middle School and other buildings, as well as the City of Lights Church. This training involves the University City Fire Department, paramedics, dispatchers and surrounding public safety agencies such as the Washington University Police Department.

Because technology is a force multiplier and game changer for law enforcement, UCPD drones and throwbots (robots) are always included in training sessions. UCPD's active intruder programs are Missouri Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) certified for law enforcement continuing education training credits using the Department of Homeland Security and FBI standards. School resource officers not only receive this training, but they also attend annual St. Louis County hosted MACTAC training with other school resource officers throughout the region.

Whether one officer or up to five officers are on the scene at the time of a crisis, MACTAC trained personnel are taught to "engage the threat and minimize the problem" in contrast to the "contain and wait" methods used in the past.

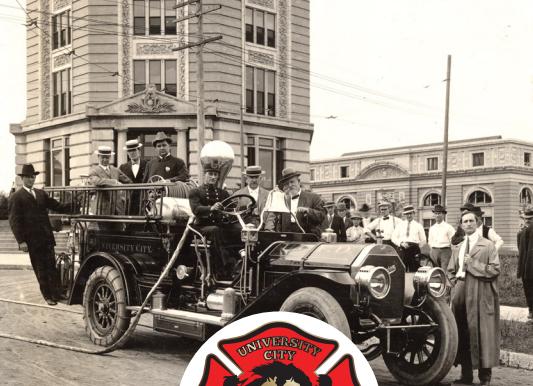
One thing that cannot be measured is efforts to prevent a crisis event from happening by law enforcement, schools, religious institutions and other stakeholders. Physical barriers and reinforcements are just a beginning. **That's why UCPD offers free security assessments by licensed experts to any University City property. Please contact Chief Hampton at 314.505.8652 for more information.**



UCPD OFFICERS LIKE ALL OTHER ST. LOUIS COUNTY AND CITY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ARE TRAINED ON THE FOLLOWING:

- Go to the threat
- Assess injuries
- Work with fire and emergency medical services
- Work with other public safety elements
- Work with school districts
- Protect people and property





University City Fire Department: Then and Now

The University City Fire Department has come a long way since the first bond issue in 1909 authorizing the purchase of a motorized fire truck, followed by hiring a Fire Chief, some paid personnel and organizing a citizen fire brigade.

After the motorized fire truck arrived, University City made it available to assist surrounding communities with no fire trucks for \$5.00 a year per property owner.

In the early days, fighting fires was the one and only job of the Fire Department. The first fire trucks carried personnel, a fire pump, ladders and water. Because there was no such thing as a Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), water was sprayed on burning structures through windows and doors to try to extinguish fires.

Fast forward to today. Modern fire trucks carry personnel, a fire pump, ladders, water and SCBA's, as well as an enormous amount of advanced firefighting tools and rescue equipment designed for almost any emergency situation. In addition, both men and women are highly trained and able to respond to any type of danger. They never stop training and learning new ways to better protect and serve the citizens and guests of University City.

Both men and women are trained and certified as Firefighter I & II and Paramedics, and many are certified for technical rescue in situations involving high angle, confined space, structural collapse, swift water, hazardous materials and more. These certifications qualify them to be a part of Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) teams.

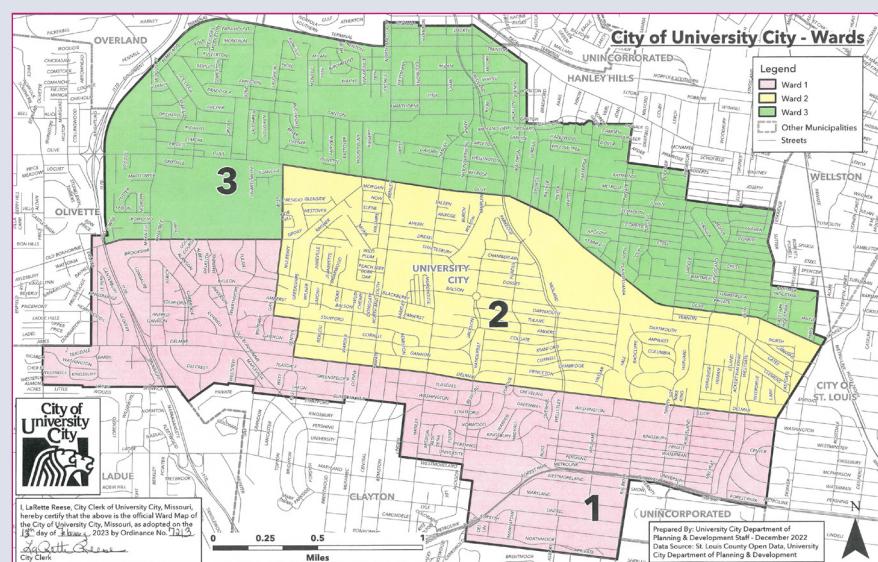
Some men and women also are members of Missouri Task Force 1 (MO TF 1), where they can and have been sent across the United States to assist in large scale disaster rescue scenarios. Others are part of St. Louis County strike teams that are rostered ahead of possible threats and ready to respond at a moment's notice to disasters that happen Missouri-wide. A recent example was last April's tornado in Bollinger County when some of our University City Fire Department members were rostered and deployed to assist in victim search and rescue operations.



U City Ward Map: 10 Year Update

Redistricting is a process required by law following a census that revises ward and electoral lines.

Larger image available online at ucitymo.org





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Summer 2023

Superintendent Honored with MASA Pearce Award for Leadership

Dr. Sharonica Hardin-Bartley, superintendent of The School District of University City, is the recipient of the 2023 Robert L. Pearce Award from the Missouri Association of School Administrators (MASA). Hardin-Bartley was surprised with the award during MASA's annual conference at the Lake of the Ozarks on March 22. This is the 36th year MASA has honored a Missouri superintendent with the prestigious award which recognizes individuals demonstrating powerful educational leadership for the betterment of students, staff and families.

"I was honored to be nominated by my Region 7, St. Louis peers in this meaningful way. I try to make sure my own career never eclipses 'my why' - and that is the children that I serve," Hardin-Bartley said. "It is my hope that this statewide recognition elevates the intentional work we are doing within The School District of University City to humanize our students by respecting their voices and their identities through modern, rigorous and relevant learning. Now, more than ever, we must ensure that meaningful relationships, equity, quality access to rich curricular resources and experiences, and social-emotional wellness are always entwined with learning so that all of our children are well and can succeed."



National Night Out & Back-to-School Rally Scheduled for Aug. 1, 2023

Jackson Park Elementary School will again be the location for the U. City National Night Out and Back-to-School Rally hosted by the University City Police Department and The School District of University City. The event runs from 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2023. Volunteers are needed and all community members are welcome to attend.

Donations are welcome to help "Pack The Bus" with school supplies and new/gently-used clothing for students.

For more details, including booth and volunteer registration, visit www.ucityschools.org/NNOBTSR.

Welcome School Board Members

On April 4, 2023, U. City voters elected three candidates to three-year terms on The School District of University City Board of Education. Bridget McDougal retained her seat after serving as an interim director. Karen Bernstein and Kay Gage were newly elected to the board. We thank George Lenard and Lisa Brenner their many years of service to our students, staff and community. Other members of the school board are Matt Bellows, Laverne Ford-Williams, Joanne Soudah and Dr. Monica Stewart.

Free summer meals

Attention ALL KIDS:
Visit your neighborhood
University City Camp U / SLA site
during specific dates and times
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June 5 - 23, 2023



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