



# ROARS

THE VOICE OF UNIVERSITY CITY

SUMMER 2024



## Making History with City's Largest Capital Project to Date

University City is excited about the opportunity to undergo a historic transformation with its largest capital project to date, all without any financial burden on residents. This significant endeavor, more than 44 years in the making, involves the renovation of two historic properties – the City Hall Annex and the adjacent Trinity Building.

The capital improvement project will transform the Annex into a state-of-the-art police headquarters and the Trinity Building into municipal court operations, along with a multi-purpose area. The multi-purpose space will be utilized for court proceedings and can be available for the community to use. At this time, no decisions have been made to relocate Council Chambers to the new space.

City Manager Gregory Rose expressed enthusiasm for the project, highlighting the importance of finding our Police Department and Court Division a permanent home and breathing new life into these aging structures, with an anticipated completion by early 2026.

Funding for the project will be facilitated through certificates of participation, with existing revenues allocated for debt retirement. However, public engagement remains crucial for the project's progression. **A Town Hall meeting to provide comprehensive information and address inquiries is scheduled for May 30, 6 p.m., at the Heman Park Community Center, 975 Pennsylvania.** The meeting will be streamed live for those unable to attend in person.

The initiative holds immense promise for the University City Police Department and Municipal Court. Both have been operating from temporary trailers behind City Hall and official court proceedings have been held at the Heman Park Community Center.

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COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

**MONDAY, JUNE 10**

**MONDAY, JUNE 24**

**MONDAY, JULY 8**

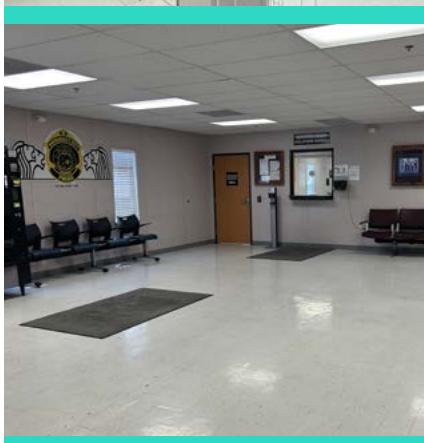
**MONDAY, AUG 12**

**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](http://ucitymo.org/Calendar). All City Council meetings are streamed live on the City's YouTube channel at [youtube.com/UniversityCityGovernment](https://youtube.com/UniversityCityGovernment). To be notified when meetings go live, click the subscribe button.

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The Police Department has been operating out of temporary trailers since 2016. Beyond addressing pressing operational needs, such as accommodating modern policing technologies and ensuring security, the new facility will help enhance the department's capacity to attract and retain top-tier law enforcement professionals to better serve the diverse needs of the community and the complex needs of law enforcement.

The need to establish a new police headquarters and revitalize the Annex and Trinity Buildings has been under consideration since 1980, when an initial study commissioned by the City indicated that the two buildings could be renovated despite their challenges. But for a variety of reasons no action was taken, and the buildings continued to deteriorate.

Although a second study commissioned in 2016 advocated for new construction instead of renovation, it did not address the challenges of finding a suitable location or construction costs for a new Police Department, as well as the costs to demolish the existing structures and repurpose the space. Changes in City government in 2017 and the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic put all considerations on hold.

Meanwhile the buildings stood idle. Both the Annex and Trinity Buildings, dating back to 1903 and 1934, respectively, hold historical significance. The nearly 36,000-sq.ft., 3-story plus basement Annex had served as the police headquarters for over eight decades until its condemnation in 2016. The 2-story, 8,512-sq.ft. Trinity Building housed the University City Public Library until the mid-1960s and has been vacant for six decades.

In 2022, the City commissioned a new assessment conducted by Trivers Architects, which included a thorough building evaluation and space needs analysis.

Recommendations include preserving historical elements of both buildings while incorporating modern amenities to meet contemporary standards for technology, security, mechanical systems, lighting and sustainability, with a focus on energy efficiency. In addition to making the facilities more operationally efficient, they would also be more user-friendly and ADA compliant.

In addition, the recommendation to include the Municipal Court operations in the capital project renovation was guided by the best practices outlined by the Supreme Court of Missouri after the Department of Justice's examination of the City of Ferguson's operations in 2015. According to the report, "To the extent feasible, municipal court space for judges, staff record-keeping, and work processes should be sight and sound separated from police and prosecution activities."

**A dedicated webpage has been established, offering access to pertinent documents, historical information and reports for the project at [ucitymo.org/trinityannexrenovation](http://ucitymo.org/trinityannexrenovation), or via the QR code.**



# Dear Neighbor,

While serving in local government for the past four years as a University City Councilmember, one of the most important things I have learned is how important each voice is in imagining and creating improvements to our City and community. It takes all of us with our varied experiences and abilities to find the best approach to making improvements and finding answers to the challenges we face.

An example of a few residents who recognized an area in need of improvement and did something about it are those who initiated the important work being done in Ruth Park Woods. They joined forces with our wonderful U City in Bloom committee and our talented and dedicated City employees. The results are amazing.

The countless volunteer hours they dedicate each week not only help to maintain improvements but also serve as a springboard for new possibilities. The City alone does not have the resources to achieve all that has been accomplished in Ruth Park Woods. Fortunately, thanks to the enthusiastic involvement of community volunteers, the woods are being transformed into a special sanctuary of nature for everyone to enjoy.

There are many other ways to contribute that don't involve initiating a long-term project or volunteering with U City in Bloom. We have many commissions and boards that are always in need of volunteers and provide important guidance and feedback to City employees and the City Council. I have witnessed the positive impact of volunteers on boards and commissions. You bring valuable knowledge and skills that truly make a difference.

If you are interested in finding out about opportunities to serve, please contact your Councilmember. If you can't fit service on a commission into your schedule, sharing insights and drawing attention to areas of needed improvement are appreciated.

Problems may not be solved immediately, but your perspective and input are important in helping us to move in the right direction.

Thank you to all who have and will share your voice and efforts to make things better for all of us! We are truly better together. It has been an honor to serve as 2nd Ward Councilmember the past four years and while I pass that torch into capable and caring hands, I hope to still be a part of making University City a great place to live.

**Aleta Klein**

Ward 2 Councilmember

April 2020 - April 2024

# Thank You!



**ALETA KLEIN**  
Former Second Ward  
Councilmember

## Holiday Schedule for Trash and Recycling Collection

### **MEMORIAL DAY, MON., MAY 27**

No trash or recycling collection will occur on the holiday. All trash and recycling routes during the week of May 27 will be collected the day AFTER your normal collection day.

### **INDEPENDENCE DAY, THURS., JULY 4**

Mon., July 1, Tues., July 2, and Wed., July 3 collection routes will NOT be affected. No trash or recycling collection will occur on the holiday. Thursday and Friday trash and recycling routes will be collected the day AFTER your normal collection day.

### **LABOR DAY, MON., SEPT. 2**

No trash or recycling collection will occur on the holiday. All trash and recycling routes during the week of Sept. 2 will be collected the day AFTER your normal collection day.

Questions? Call the Public Works Department at 314.505.8560.





## The Market at Olive “Who’s New”

The Market at Olive continues to grow as a vibrant destination for shopping, dining and more at the intersection of Olive Blvd. and I-170. National tenants catering to an array of tastes, as well as haircuts and mobile phone services, comprise an impressive shopping experience for the community. Keep up with new additions and the latest news by following us on Facebook and Instagram or subscribing to receive the weekly “Between the Lions” community update via the QR code below.

### FALL 2023

Chick-Fil-A  
Chipotle  
Mexican Grill  
Panera Bread



### WINTER 2024

First Watch  
Sport Clips  
Haircuts  
**SUMMER  
2024**  
AT&T  
Jersey Mike's  
Subs



## Crescent Plumbing Supply Company Welcomed to University City

Crescent Plumbing Supply Company (CPSC) recently opened its new 76,750 sq.-ft. warehouse, retail showroom and office at 6614 Olive, at the corner of Olive Blvd. and Kingsland Ave. Developed by Opus Development Company, LLC, the site encompasses 5.64 acres. In addition to an optimized warehouse and office space, the new building features a state-of-the-art retail showroom with an attractive glass entry and storefront.

CPSC moved approximately 30 employees from its previous location at 640 Rosedale, just east of Skinker Blvd., where it had been located since 1955.

“We are pleased to welcome Crescent Plumbing Supply Company to its new home in University City for a new location,” said City Manager Gregory Rose. “The new warehouse and retail showroom are a great resource for homeowners and commercial customers, as well as a great addition to this underutilized intersection.”

“Founded in 1905 by our great grandfather, we are a fourth-generation family-owned business,” said Joe Rotskoff, CEO of CPSC. “For more than a century, we have been based in St. Louis and have deep roots here. Moving to this new location in University City not only is an opportunity to modernize and expand our business but it also enables us to support the community.”

## Work for University City!

Check out current  
job openings at  
[ucitymo.org/jobs](http://ucitymo.org/jobs)

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TO HOME**

## Open Positions at University City

**WANT TO TAKE ON A NEW CHALLENGE?  
DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE PERFECT FOR THESE  
POSITIONS?**

### SOME OF THE POSITIONS AVAILABLE INCLUDE

- Purchasing Manager – Finance Department
- Compliance Officer, Police Officer, Dispatcher – Police Department
- Mechanic and Equipment Operators – Public Works Department
- Cashier, lifeguard, golf shop and more – Part-Time Seasonal and Year Round – Parks, Recreation & Public Areas Maintenance

**#TeamUCity**





## U City in Bloom: Ride the Parks & Gardens Sun., Aug. 25, 1-3 p.m.

### MEET AT UCB BIRD GARDEN, EAST END OF CENTENNIAL COMMONS

Get your bike in gear and join us as we pedal through the parks and gardens nestled in the western half of University City for the 2024 "Ride the Parks and Gardens" bike event on Sun., Aug. 25. Presented by U City in Bloom, in collaboration with the City of University City and Great Rivers Greenway, the event is being generously sponsored by Raising Cane's.

The route will showcase a proposed greenway connecting Heman Park to the paved pathway alongside I-170. This network of greenways will eventually form an uninterrupted trail stretching from Forest Park to Creve Coeur Park.

After your ride, enjoy music, ice cream and more at the finish line! Watch for event updates including the address of the start location on the U City in Bloom Facebook page and at [ucityinbloom.org](http://ucityinbloom.org).

### ST. LOUIS COUNTY & GREAT RIVERS GREENWAY PLAN NEW U CITY TRAIL

St. Louis County, in conjunction with Great Rivers Greenway, is embarking on the design phase of the proposed Vernon Road extension of Centennial Greenway from the Ackert Walkway to Heman Park. This visionary project aims to establish a dedicated trail, isolated from vehicle traffic, for walking, riding a bicycle, pushing a stroller or rolling a wheelchair. For more information visit [greatriversgreenway.org](http://greatriversgreenway.org)

## Summer at the U City Farmers Market: Wednesdays and Saturdays

Celebrating its 10th anniversary, the U City Farmers Market is a fun and welcoming place where people of all ages can gather, socialize and enjoy a variety of offerings. Whether you're meeting friends or grabbing a cup of coffee, it's the perfect way to ease into the weekend.

Featuring an abundant array of locally sourced produce handpicked and brought directly for sale by regional farmers, the market also showcases an assortment of artisanal foods, freshly prepared delights and handcrafted goods. With a weekly music series, monthly chef demonstrations and tastings, engaging kids' activities and exciting special events, there's always something to captivate visitors.

Residents can explore a diverse selection of regional farm produce and products, along with a range of local artisanal foods and handcrafted goods.

**Don't miss out on the special 10th anniversary theme events and activities every Saturday 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. through Nov. 23, and Wednesday 4 – 7 p.m. through Oct. 16, in the U City Loop, 6655 Delmar Blvd. Ample free parking is available.**

For more information, visit the market's Facebook page or sign up for their newsletter at [midwestfarmersmarkets.org](http://midwestfarmersmarkets.org)

## Mark Your Calendars for Summer Sun and Stars Concerts

The University City Municipal Commission on Arts and Letters continues its "Sun and Stars" concerts this summer. Bring your family, enjoy a picnic and experience the sounds of summer. All programs are free and presented in Heman Park at the Midland-Shaftesbury entrance.

### Monday Starlight Concerts

showcasing R&B, jazz, Latin music and more will be performed 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., June 3, June 10 and June 17

**Tuesday Summer Band Concerts**  
featuring classics, marches, patriotic music, show tunes, transcriptions, popular music, jazz and original concert band music performed by more than 70 local musicians will be presented 7 - 8:15 p.m., June 11, June 18, June 25, July 9, July 16 and July 23





## Fitness Class Schedule



**Monday 9 - 10 a.m.**

Total Body & Tone

**Tuesday 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.**

Stretch & Strengthen with Essentrics

**Wednesday 9 - 10 a.m.**

Total Body & Tone

**Wednesday 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.**

Extreme Hip Hop Step Class

**Thursday 10 - 11 a.m.**

Tai Chi

**Saturday 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.**

Intermediate Pilates

**Session I - Apr. 8 - June 1**

Monday/Wednesday

Class Ends 6.3

**Session II - June 17 - Aug. 10**

Thursday Class Ends 8.15

**Session III - Sept. 9 - Nov. 2**



## Summer “Laughter, Lunch and Bingo” for Seniors

**GET READY TO LAUGH, LUNCH AND SHOUT “BINGO!”**

Win some prizes at this “come and have fun” event

Heman Park Community Center, 975 Pennsylvania Ave.

**Lunch served at 11 a.m.; Bingo begins at noon**

**Thurs., June 27 | Thurs., July 25 | Thurs., Aug. 22**

Cost is \$5/person and pre-registration is required

Sponsored by the University City Recreation Division

Contact Centennial Commons at 314.505.8625 to learn more.



## Senior Lunch & Learn

**LUNCH & LEARN**

**SPECIAL PROGRAMS JUST FOR U CITY SENIOR RESIDENTS**

Featuring local experts discussing topics of interest for seniors

University City Public Library, 6701 Delmar Blvd.

**Programs begin at 11 a.m.**

**Fri., June 14 - OASIS + Chair Yoga | Fri., July 12 - AARP; Avoiding Scams**

Lunch is provided free of charge to those over 60 years old who pre-register for the event

Free transportation may be available to those who qualify

Call 636.207.0847 to register and learn more.



## Now Hiring Group Exercise Instructors

### QUALIFICATIONS:

- Group Exercise Certification
- Current Group Fitness Certification through ACE, AFAA/NASM, ACSM, NETA, NCCPT or other NCAA-accredited specialty class cert. required
- First Aid, CPR and AED Certification

For more info or to apply contact Leslie Eutz at [leutz@ucitymo.org](mailto:leutz@ucitymo.org) or call 314.505.8525.



# Join in the Summer Fun at Centennial Commons and the Heman Park Pool

U City Summer Fun Passes are now on sale. This pass offers unlimited entry to Centennial Commons and the Heman Park Swimming Pool from Mar. 1 to Sept. 2 at a reduced price. Passes purchased before May 24 include a VIP invitation to the pool grand opening private party on Fri., May 24.

Residents and nonresidents may purchase a Summer Fun Pass at Centennial Commons during regular business hours with a photo ID required. Those without a Summer Fun Pass can access the facility by purchasing a recreation ID card and daily admission (daily fee rates vary). Visit [ucitymo.org/pool](http://ucitymo.org/pool) or call 314.505.8625 for more information and daily rates.

For facility and program updates, announcements and more, “like” us on the Recreation Division or Centennial Commons Facebook pages @universitycityrecreationdivision or @centennialcommons.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Youth ages 12 and under MUST be accompanied by a parent or authorized guardians or caregiver 18 years or older who must remain with the youth throughout the entire visit.

SilverSneakers® and RenewActive® Offer No Cost Memberships for Seniors.

Centennial Commons and Heman Park Swimming Pool are both eligible for free SilverSneakers® and RenewActive® admissions. Both programs are designed to help seniors achieve better health through regular exercise and health education. Older adult SilverSneakers® and RenewActive® free memberships remain active as long as your insurance is accepted. Contact your health plan to see if you qualify. For more information, visit Centennial Commons, 7210 Olive or call 314.505.8625 or Relay Missouri at 800.735.2966 (TDD).

SUMMER FUN PASS RATES	RESIDENT	NONRESIDENT
Youth (ages 3 - 17)	\$25	\$40
Adult	\$50	\$70
Senior (ages 60 and older)	\$30	\$55
Senior Couple	\$55	\$70
Family	\$85	\$100

For Residents: To be added to a family membership, please ensure your U City occupancy permit has been updated to include all immediate family members who reside in your home. For Nonresidents: Family includes up to 4 members; each additional person is \$25 with maximum of 8 family members. Learn more at [ucitymo.org/OccupancyPermit](http://ucitymo.org/OccupancyPermit) or call 314.505.8500.

## EXTENDED CENTENNIAL COMMONS FACILITY HOURS MAY 25 – SEPT. 2

Mon.- Fri., 5:30 a.m. – 8 p.m. | Sat., 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. | Sun., 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.



## Heman Park Pool “Celebrating 90 Years of Community Joy”

### MAY 25 - SEPT. 2

Lap Swim Daily, 6 – 9 a.m.

Public Swim Daily, Noon – 8 p.m.

### “BACK TO SCHOOL”

### AUG. 19 - SEPT. 2

Lap Swim Daily, 6 – 9 a.m.

Public Swim Mon. – Fri., 4 – 8 p.m.  
Saturdays, Sundays and holidays,  
Noon – 8 p.m.

Registration is also available for swim activities such as swim lessons for youth and adults; deep water fitness; aqua fitness; and shallow water splash. Contact Centennial Commons 314.505.8625 or Relay Missouri 800.735.2966 (TDD) for more information.



## Now Hiring Silver Sneakers Instructors

### QUALIFICATIONS:

- Instructor leads group classes in a safe, enjoyable and positive environment that welcomes people of all skill and fitness levels. Effectively builds community within the class and provides options as needed to meet varied health and abilities
- First Aid, CPR and AED Certification
- Certification in areas of expertise - classic, circuit, yoga etc.

For more info or to apply contact Leslie Eutz at [leutz@ucitymo.org](mailto:leutz@ucitymo.org) or call 314.505.852.



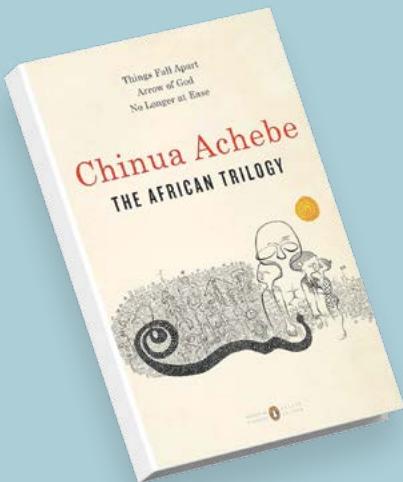


## New Online Permitting Portal

Look for the new online permitting portal beginning June 10. The City's current permitting portal, MyGov, has been redesigned to improve permitting, code enforcement, inspections, citizen requests and contractor registration. Please note that permit applications will NOT be accepted on Friday, June 7, as MyGov will be unavailable during the software update.

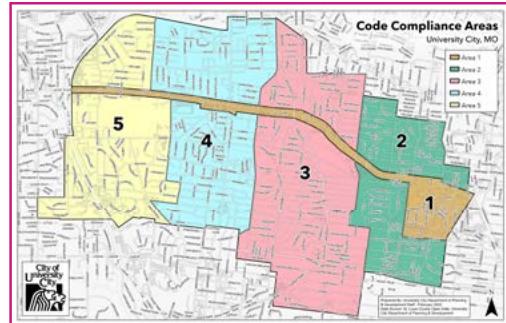
Benefits of the new version include expanded online options and digital permitting designed to be more efficient and convenient for our residents, business owners and contractors.

More updates about the new portal will be shared at [ucitymo.org](http://ucitymo.org). If you have any questions in or need assistance, please contact the Department of Planning and Development at 314.505.8500 or [inspections@ucitymo.org](mailto:inspections@ucitymo.org).



## U City Code Enforcement Prioritizes Compliance

With a dedicated focus on safeguarding public health, safety and welfare across both residential and nonresidential properties, the University City Planning and Development Department utilizes a designated Code Compliance Team. This professionally trained team is tasked with upholding minimum standards and requirements for all existing structures and exterior properties.



The primary objective of the property maintenance code's enforcement is to prioritize compliance over punitive measures to consistently enhance and maintain housing and property values throughout the City.

In addition to holding owners, operators and occupants accountable, while also regulating the occupancy of existing structures and premises, the Department also oversees administration, enforcement and penalties.

The Department also collaborates closely with the University City Police Department, which has a division of code compliance that focuses on commercial properties and assists with residential property compliance. Code Compliance Teams for both departments actively engage with the U City community.

Assigned to designated areas across the City, the Code Compliance Team inspectors patrol as indicated on the map. In addition to enforcing codes pertaining to premises, structures, exterior property, equipment and facilities, they also inspect for lighting, ventilation, space, heating, protection from the elements, life and fire safety and overall sanitary maintenance.

For further inquiries or information, please visit [ucitymo.org](http://ucitymo.org) or contact 314.505.8500.



## Summer Reading is Back at U City Library

It's summer and that means summer reading has returned to the University City Public Library. Readers 17 years of age and under are invited to discover how **"Adventure Begins"** at the Library by counting the number of books they read (newborn to 3 years old) or minutes read (4-17 years old) to win prizes. Although readers are welcome to report their books and minutes through Aug. 2, the grand prizes drawing will be held on Jul. 19.

Throughout the summer, young readers can take a break from reading to join us for performances by Chef Bananas, Jun. 4 at 6 p.m.; Celia Rocks, Jul. 9 at 6 p.m.; Will Stuck, Jul. 24 at 6 p.m., and more!

For our older patrons, the **2024 Adult Summer Reading Big Book Challenge** will focus on *The African Trilogy* by acclaimed Nigerian author and poet Chinua Achebe. A multigenerational exploration of post-colonial Nigeria, the trilogy starts with the bestselling *Things Fall Apart*, followed by *Arrow of God* and *No Longer at Ease*. Visit our website indicated below for times.

In addition to monthly book discussions, the adult program includes a program series highlighting Nigerian culture — Drums & Stories of Nigeria with storyteller Bobby Norfolk on Jun. 12; Spirit of Angela West African Dance & Drum on Jul. 17; and an exploration of African jewelry with Kenya Ajanaku on Aug. 7. All events will take place in the UCPL auditorium and are free and open to everyone.

Visit our website, [ucitylibrary.org](http://ucitylibrary.org), and follow us on social media for more updates on summer reading.



## The Shift to Digital Training to Enhance Fire Safety Education

For decades the University City Fire Department (UCFD) has been at the forefront of providing fire extinguisher classes to citizens and businesses as part of its commitment to providing our community with the knowledge and skills necessary to ensure safety during a fire emergency.

Although classes initially utilized dry chemical fire extinguishers and metal barrels containing diesel fuel and other agents, there were legitimate concerns about the adverse environmental impact. A more environmentally friendly approach was a propane trainer that used real flames. While a step in the right direction, the approach was less cost-effective because of the amount of propane consumed and the frequent need to refill extinguishers.

When the propane trainer became inoperable, UCFD turned to a safer, eco-conscious and economically viable solution by investing in a cutting-edge digital system featuring an electric digital screen and a battery-powered fire extinguisher. This innovative system allows the department to adjust settings, simulating various fire scenarios and demonstrating the efficacy of extinguishers in combating different types of fires.

This digital setup is environmentally friendly and offers the flexibility to conduct consumer education sessions in classrooms or offices, enabling UCFD to reach a wider audience. Recently, Captain Daniel Jones alongside Firefighter Paramedic Kara Richardson showcased the new technology with Fox 2 News Jasmine Huda and demonstrated on air the importance of fire extinguisher safety in the home.

Individuals and organizations interested in a group training session are encouraged to contact University City Fire Dept to schedule a class at 314.505.8768.



## Summer Home Buying Education

SHED, Inc. (Sustainable Housing and Equitable Development) will continue its Home Buyers Education Series webinars 6 - 7:30 p.m. via ZOOM to assist first-time home buyers and current homeowners.

**Topics for the summer programs include:**

**Jun. 20, Dino Willis, Guild Mortgage, "How to Financially Prepare for a Home"**

**Aug. 22, Peter Hoffman, Legal Services of Eastern Missouri, "Estate Planning is for Everyone"**

Programs throughout the year include guidance toward home ownership, financial programs to assist first-time home buyers, property maintenance responsibilities, home remodeling ideas that deliver a good return on investment and what homeowners need to know and do to develop an estate plan (transferring the home/wealth to their heirs).



SHED program partners include Guild Mortgage, Legal Services of Eastern Missouri, Carrollton Bank, Goosehead Insurance and Laura McCarthy Real Estate. For full program agendas, go to [shedstl.org](http://shedstl.org), call 314.782.SHED (7433) or scan the QR Code.



**DINO WILLIS**



**PETER HOFFMAN**



**"BUILDING STABLE FOUNDATIONS  
FOR ACCESSIBLE AND  
INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES"**



**Juvenile justice steps utilized by UCPD to mitigate issues based on youth diversion. Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative**

**Program:**

- **Target Youth** – U City residents, first-time offenders, youth ages 9-17, potential at-risk youth
- **Appropriate Offenses** – Trespassing first and second degree, peace disturbance, stealing misdemeanor, curfew violations
- **Not Appropriate** – Non-U City residents, offenses with restitution, felony offenses, runaway/truants



**National Night Out and Back to School Rally**

**TUES., AUG. 6, 5-7 P.M.**

**JACKSON PARK SCHOOL**

**7400 BALSON AVE.**

## Juvenile Offenders and the Law

### **UCPD FOCUSES ON DETERRENCE**

Law enforcement officials are frequently questioned about the apparent leniency towards juvenile offenders. In Missouri, the juvenile justice system, like many other states, practices a rehabilitative approach for most non-violent offenses committed by teens. However, distinctions are made for violent, serious and property crimes.

University City ordinances are consistent with Missouri criminal statutes. With a rise in car thefts, carjackings, auto tampering, snatch-and-grab thefts and other serious crimes that do not cause physical injuries to victims, there's a growing demand for effective measures to be safe from all potential criminal activities. Despite the emergence of mob-style larcenies in areas beyond St. Louis, law enforcement agencies monitor evolving criminal trends by keeping real-time data.

The University City Police Department (UCPD) actively participates and collaborates with numerous federal, state and local law enforcement entities to share and disseminate information to assist in combating juvenile crime trends. These efforts extend to juvenile diversion programs in partnership with the St. Louis County Family Court that are aimed at reducing recidivism and deterring violent crimes amongst the teenage and juvenile population.

UCPD is focused on being a fixer and partner in eliminating juvenile crimes that are trending toward a more violent and serious nature. Since 2010, UCPD initiatives have expanded, with officers receiving specialized training in de-escalation techniques for juvenile interactions across all levels of situations.

Ultimately, when juvenile offenders progress beyond diversionary measures for their offenses, the family court system can impose various sanctions and punishments, including:

- Home Confinement: Also known as house arrest
- Juvenile Detention Facilities: Facilities where young offenders serve their sentences
- Juvenile Diversion Programs: Pre-trial initiatives that attempt to remedy bad behavior before formally placing an offender in the juvenile justice system
- Community Service: Family court-mandated community service
- Group Homes: Facilities utilized for rehabilitation purposes
- Adult Prison: In severe cases, juveniles may be charged by the courts (not police) as adults and face imprisonment in adult correctional facilities at a county or state level

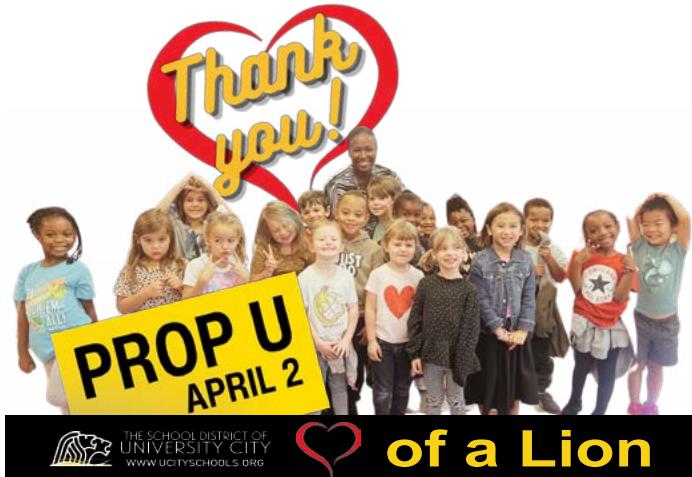
UCPD collaborates with community school districts and private school administrations to implement restorative justice programs. These initiatives aim to address wrongdoing and foster positive outcomes within educational institutions.



# UCITY PRIDE

NEWS OUR COMMUNITY CAN USE

Summer 2024



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## Thank You for Proposition U!

On behalf of the students and staff in The School District of University City, we thank our community for an overwhelming 88.5% show of voter support of Proposition U on April 2! The zero tax rate increase bond issue will generate \$65 million for repairs, renovations and upgrades districtwide.

District and Board of Education leaders understand that the best “thank you,” they can offer is to continue our pattern of efficient planning and execution of bond sales and projects. In fact, that work has already begun!

Strong schools help build stronger communities. Thank you for your continued support as we work together to make great things happen for University City’s children and families. Please continue to visit [www.ucityschools.org/PropU](http://www.ucityschools.org/PropU) where we will post updates on a dashboard to help our community follow our progress on Prop U projects.

*Congratulations*

University City High School  
**Class of 2024**

We wish them the best!



## Welcome School Board Members

On April 2, 2024, U. City voters elected two candidates to three-year terms on The School District of University City Board of Education. Monica A. Stewart, Ed.D., retained her seat for a second term as director. Tameka Staten was newly elected.

We thank outgoing Director Joanne Soudah for nine years of dedication and service to students, staff and community.

Other members of the U. City school board are Matt Bellows, Karen Bernstein, Laverne Ford-Williams, Kay Gage and Bridget McDougall.

## National Night Out & Back-to-School Rally Set for Aug. 6, 2024

On Tuesday, Aug. 6, from 5 - 7 p.m., Jackson Park Elementary School will host the annual U. City National Night Out and Back-to-School Rally co-sponsored by University City Police Department and The School District of University City. Our community is invited to join the festivities including FREE food, entertainment and school supply giveaways! If you would like to help “Pack The Bus” with school/household supplies or new/gently-used clothing for students and their families or host a booth, visit [www.ucityschools.org/NNOBTSR](http://www.ucityschools.org/NNOBTSR) for more information.

## Free summer meals

Attention ALL KIDS:  
Visit your neighborhood  
University City Camp U / SLA site  
during specific dates and times  
and receive a breakfast and/or lunch  
at NO CHARGE.



**June 5 - July 3, 2024**

**For list of locations and specific times,  
visit [www.ucityschools.org/SummerMeals](http://www.ucityschools.org/SummerMeals)**

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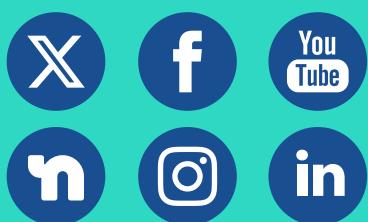
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