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SPRING 2025

State of The City Program to Celebrate Successes and Future Plans: 7 p.m., Thursday, March 6



TERRY CROW
Mayor



GREGORY ROSE
City Manager

A comprehensive review of the past year and ambitious plans for 2025 will be presented by University City Mayor Terry Crow and City Manager Gregory Rose at the 14th annual State of the City program hosted by the Historical Society of University City.

**7 P.M., THURS., MAR. 6, CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER 5TH FLOOR, 6801 DELMAR BLVD.
ADMISSION IS FREE, AND EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND.**

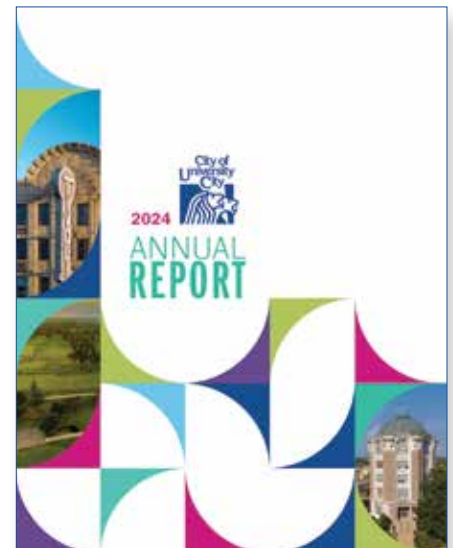
Eleanor Mullin, president of the Historical Society of University City, shared her enthusiasm for the event, emphasizing its significance as an annual March tradition. "This program aligns with the birthday of University City's founder and first Mayor, Edward Gardner Lewis, born on March 4, 1869. It's a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our history while looking ahead to the future," Mullin said.

Mayor Crow expressed his enthusiasm for addressing the community and emphasized the City's forward momentum. "University City is thriving, with new development and construction projects that promise long-term economic benefits," Crow stated. "I'm proud of what we've accomplished in 2024 and eager to share our vision for 2025."

City Manager Gregory Rose will provide additional insights, focusing on the City's progress and plans for the future. "In 2024, we tackled key challenges and made important strides in enhancing services and infrastructure," Rose noted. "Looking ahead, 2025 will be about sustaining growth and strengthening our vibrant community."

For more information, contact ucityhistory@hotmail.com or reach out to Eleanor Mullin at 314.862.2972.

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COUNCIL MEETING DATES:



MONDAY, MAR. 10

MONDAY, MAR. 24

MONDAY, APR. 28

MONDAY, MAY 12

TUESDAY, MAY 27

All meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. In-person meetings are subject to change. Information about meetings is at ucitymo.org/Calendar. All meetings are streamed live at youtube.com/UniversityCityGovernment. To be notified when meetings go live, click the subscribe button.




HOUSING & REVITALIZATION PLAN

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2026

Annex and Trinity Construction Progress Update

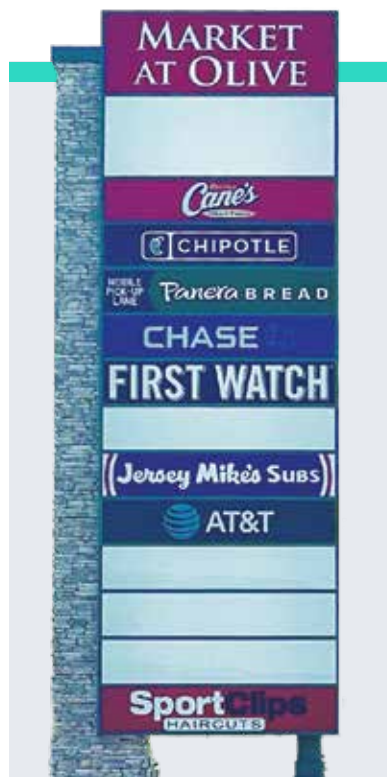
The renovation of the historic Annex and Trinity buildings behind City Hall continues, with significant progress in mechanical and plumbing systems happening over the next few months. The approximately 36,000-sq.-ft. Annex is being transformed into a cutting-edge police headquarters, while the 8,512-sq.-ft. Trinity building will serve as a multipurpose municipal court facility with areas for public use.

Currently, construction has shifted from demolition to the initial stages of new work, with a focus on mechanical, plumbing, and electrical rough-in tasks, as well as site utility installations. This phase of mechanical and plumbing progress includes:

- Installing critical infrastructure for HVAC systems
- Routing plumbing systems to align with the modernized building layouts
- Coordinating with electrical installations to ensure seamless system integration
- Building out a new IT room for City and police communications, 911, surveillance systems, etc.

These activities will remain the core focus for the coming months as the buildings advance toward their targeted completion in 2026.

Throughout the renovation, the historic facades are being carefully preserved, while the interiors are updated to meet modern operational standards. Public services amenities, including a new accessible entrance, enhanced parking, and full ADA compliance, are integral to the project. These updates will ensure both buildings provide state-of-the-art facilities tailored to their respective functions while honoring their historical significance.



Market at Olive Progress: What's Happening this Spring

Spring is shaping up to be an exciting season for the Market at Olive with key milestones unfolding. Following is a quick look at what's been accomplished and what's on the horizon.

TARGET: Construction for the Target store and its parking garage continues to make steady progress. Foundations for the garage are complete and structural concrete pours for the parking deck are well underway. The final pour -- number six of six -- is expected in March. This will be followed by finish work, such as light poles and decorative mesh taking shape in April. Store foundations also are scheduled to begin in mid-April, marking a significant next step for the project.

DIERBERGS: The development team for the Market at Olive also announced late last fall that Dierbergs plans an exciting addition to the community's retail offerings.

Thanks to the development team of Bob Clark (Clayco), Larry Chapman (Seneca Commercial Real Estate), Caroline Saunders (general counsel), and David Hutkin (Hutkin Properties Group, LLC), the Market at Olive has already transformed into a vibrant shopping destination. Stay tuned for more updates as the project continues.

Dear Neighbors,

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as a Council member for University City representing Ward 1 for the past six and a half years. I recently made the difficult decision to resign from this position effective January 1 to step into what I hope will be an even more impactful role representing University City as your Missouri State Representative for District 86. I was sworn in on January 8, 2025.

During my time on the Council, University City faced significant challenges, including the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 and the destructive floods of 2022. These events tested our community's resilience and strained our resources. However, through collaboration and determination we made progress that reflects the hope and promise of our community.

Highlights of our achievements include:

- Advancing the Detention Basin Project, initiated in 2018
- Attracting over \$500 million in economic development investment since 2018
- Opening the Market at Olive, anchored by Costco, with construction in progress for a new Dierbergs and the largest Target store in the St. Louis region
- Welcoming Crescent Plumbing's new headquarters on Olive, returning valuable property to the tax rolls
- Expanding housing options with developments like McKenzie and Avenir Apartments on Delmar, and Subtext LOCAL apartments in the Loop
- Anticipating the opening of the Tru by Hilton hotel on Kingsland
- Enhancing public safety with restored ambulance services, three new ambulances, a new pumper truck, and a 100-foot ladder truck on order
- Beginning restoration of the historic Annex and Trinity buildings to create a state-of-the art police headquarters and dedicated space for our municipal court, with completion for set for early 2026
- Demanding greater accountability from MSD, resulting in long-overdue tunnel cleanouts

As I begin a new chapter in Jefferson City, I remain committed to advocating for University City. My priorities specific to our district include addressing flooding, securing funding for stormwater mitigation projects, and championing public safety. Together, we can continue building a brighter future for our community.

Jeff Hales

Former Ward 1 Councilmember



Tree Cleanup After Storms



As spring and summer bring warmth and renewal, we'd like to remind you of the City's approach to handling storm-related tree damage. The Public Works Department has established the following priorities for storm cleanup:

1. Clearing major arterial roads to ensure emergency vehicles can pass
2. Clearing minor or secondary roads that are not main thoroughfares
3. Clearing driveways blocked by fallen limbs or trees. If trees or limbs from private property fall onto City streets or sidewalks, they will be moved to the property line
4. Collecting storm debris from affected areas
5. Removing fallen limbs from City trees in public parks

It's important to note that the City does not remove limbs or trees that have fallen from private property, except as outlined in priority #3.

While storm cleanup can make trees feel like a burden, they play a vital role in combating climate change. Trees remove carbon from the atmosphere, mitigate stormwater and help reduce the impact of storms – making them unsung heroes in sustaining our planet's health.

March Dates for Spring Leaf Collection

Leaves and other yard waste must be placed in brown, biodegradable yard waste bags with a City yard waste sticker affixed to each bag. Stickers are required from January 1 through October 14. Bags should be placed at the front curb on your regular trash collection day.

All leaves must be raked and placed curbside by Sunday evening prior to the start of the scheduled collection week. Only leaves will be collected. Do not include gumballs, branches, or other yard debris.

West Area	Thurs., Mar. 10
East Area	Thurs., Mar. 17
Central Area	Thurs., Mar. 24

For questions about your area's collection schedule, please contact the Public Works and Parks Department at 314.505.8560.





UCity in Bloom Celebrates 40th Anniversary

While winter may be a quiet time, the lengthening days and warming weather will soon erupt with the first green shoots of tulips and spring bulbs, signaling the arrival of a vibrant new season.

Preparations are already in full swing for this year's growing season, including a calendar packed with events to celebrate U City in Bloom's 40th anniversary of community service. The festivities will kick off this spring and continue throughout the year.

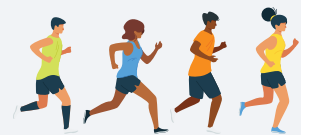
Beginning in late March, volunteers will gather at the Vernon Nursery to divide and pot perennial plants in preparation for the Spring Plant Sale, Fri., Apr. 25 through Sun., Apr. 27.

In May, gardens will burst into bloom just in time for the 51st annual Memorial Day Run on May 26. For event details, volunteer opportunities, or ways to donate, visit www.ucityinbloom.org.



Annual University City Memorial Day Run May 26

The 51st annual University City Memorial Day Run, featuring 5K and 10K events and a Fun Run for children and their parents, will be held Mon., May 26, starting at Delmar and Kingsland. The Memorial Day Run is one of the area's oldest races. It is a favorite family tradition for many and 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 www.ucitymemorialdayrun.org.



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- Heavy Equipment Operator – Sanitation

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Recycle Electronics at University City's Free Drop-Off Event

Are old TVs, computers, routers, cell phones, cords, or battery-operated devices cluttering your home? University City is hosting a free electronics recycling drop-off event on Sat., May 10, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., at Heman Park Community Center parking lot, 975 Pennsylvania Ave.

DETAILS:

- Spring event limited to electronics recycling; document shredding will be offered this fall
- Open to St. Louis County residents only; not available for businesses
- Recycle up to two TVs or monitors per vehicle for free while funding lasts
- Additional items will be charged \$30 for tube TVs/monitors, \$10 for flat screen TVs/monitors
- Most other electronics can be recycled for free with no item limit

Funding for the event is provided by a grant from Saint Louis County's Department of Public Health utilizing County landfill surcharge funds. For more information and a complete list of acceptable items, visit www.ucitymo.org/recycling or call 314.505.8516.



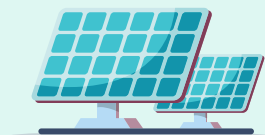
2025 Annual Business License Requirements and Renewals

A business license from University City is required for any persons engaged in any business, occupation, pursuit, profession or trade, or in keeping or maintaining any institution, establishment, articles, utility or commodity as specified in the Municipal Code Section 605, Business Regulations.

Business licenses are issued by the University City Finance Department to businesses authorized by City officials to operate within the City of University City. Business license fees apply and must be paid to receive a business license. All occupational, business, and other licenses are valid from May 1 of the current year to Apr. 30 of the following year and must be renewed annually. All such licenses are due and payable on or before Apr. 30 each year.

More information is available at www.ucitymo.org, under Departments-Finance-Licenses. Additional questions about business licenses may be answered by calling the Finance Department at 314.505.8544.

Electrification, Solar, and Heat Pumps, Oh My!



From University City Green Practices Commission, as part of a new series "Sustainability in Your Home and Community"

There is a lot of conversation about electrification, and for good reason. By moving away from burning fossil fuels and towards renewable energy, we can slow and maybe even reverse the effects of climate change. So, is now the time to start electrifying our homes? If not now, when?

Read the full article on www.ucitymo.org/874/Environment under "Energy and Atmosphere" or by using the QR code.



This article will break down electrification as it applies to those who live in the Greater St. Louis region. The purpose of this article isn't to tell you what you should do, but rather to give you information and tools to make an educated decision that is right for you.



LICENSES ARE DUE AND PAYABLE ON OR BEFORE APR. 30



Redbird Rookies/Nike RBI 2025

The University City Recreation Division is excited to again partner with the St. Louis Cardinals-Cardinals Care to provide FREE, non-competitive and competitive youth sports programs for T-ball, baseball and softball. All University City youth ages 5 to 18 are welcome to participate. Watch for 2025 season registration information coming soon.



Library Reading, Yoga, and More

Did you know that the University City Public Library (UCPL) offers yoga classes twice a week? Yoga instructor Paula Gold leads chair yoga for seniors every Monday at 1 p.m., while Paul Cunningham teaches traditional yoga every Thursday evening at 6 p.m. All classes are free and open to everyone, but registration is required by calling 314.727.3150.

After a brief winter break, the Library and the U City Senior Commission will resume their monthly Lunch-and-Learn programs for older residents of University City. Held at 11 a.m. on the second Friday of each month in the UCPL auditorium, each program features local experts discussing services and resources available to seniors in the community.

On Fri., Mar. 14, the program will showcase a presentation about the Library's offerings for older adults. Lunch is provided free of charge for attendees aged 60 and older who pre-register by calling 636.207.0847.

Finally, be sure to check the Library's website and social media for updates on the summer reading program set to begin in May for both adults and kids. Visit www.ucitylibrary.org/calendar for details on this and other upcoming events.



University City Powers Up: EV Charging Stations Coming Soon!

University City is thrilled to announce an exciting sustainability initiative aimed at supporting the shift to greener transportation. Through federal funding from the Energy Department and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the City plans to install 32 electric vehicle (EV) charging stations along Delmar Blvd. in the vibrant Delmar Loop area.

This project underscores the City's commitment to environmental stewardship by addressing the shortage of public EV charging stations in the region. By promoting the adoption of electric vehicles, the City seeks to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and combat climate change while making sustainable transportation more accessible to residents and visitors.

The grant process, led by the Director of Economic Development, demonstrates the City's dedication to sustainability and social equity. While the official notification of the award is pending, University City is already listed as a grant recipient. Once finalized, the City will conduct a competitive bidding process to select contractors for the installation and maintenance of the stations, ensuring transparency, value and minority participation.

These EV charging stations will provide safe, accessible, 24/7 public charging options in City-owned parking lots and garages. Located in one of the region's cultural and economic hubs, the charging stations will not only support local businesses and tourism but also benefit underserved and disadvantaged communities by breaking down barriers to EV adoption.

Stay tuned for updates as we move forward with this project, helping to make University City a greener, more inclusive community for everyone!

Heman Park Swimming Pool

Get ready to splash into summer at our beloved Heman Park Swimming Pool. The 2025 season begins on Sat., May 24 and ends on Mon., Sept. 1.

Lap Swim Hours: Monday – Sunday and Holidays 6 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Public Swim Hours: Monday – Sunday and Holidays 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Purchasing a Summer Fun Pass will enable you to avoid long lines and enjoy unlimited access to the pool all season. Earlybird passes purchased Mar. 1 through May 23 also include a special invitation to the annual VIP pre-opening celebration at the pool on Fri., May 23 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Summer Fun Passes and ID cards are available at the Centennial Commons Control Desk, 7210 Olive Blvd., and are available for both residents and non-residents. Age guidelines for the pool require youth age 12 and under to be accompanied by a parent or authorized caregiver who is 18 years of age or older and who will remain with the youth the entire time they are at the pool.

General admission is limited to those age 3 and above who have a Centennial Commons membership, Summer Fun Pass, or resident/non-resident ID card, which may be purchased by residents for \$5 each and by nonresidents for \$7 each. To access the pool, both residents and nonresidents must show their ID card and pay the daily admission fee.

In addition to the general admission process, registration is also available for swim activities including swim lessons for youth and adults and a variety of Fitness Aquatic classes. Information is available at ucitymo.org/101/Heman-Park-Swimming-Pool.



Spring “Laughter, Lunch and Bingo” for Seniors

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

Win some prizes at this “come and have fun” event at Heman Park Community Center, 975 Pennsylvania Ave.

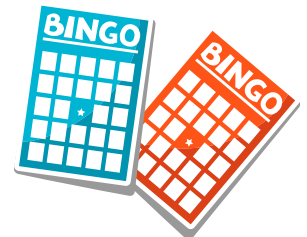
Lunch served at 11 a.m. | Bingo begins at noon

Thurs., March 27 | Thurs., April 24

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



Watch for Details on Programs and Events Coming in May

LADIES - Celebrate “yourself” with our Pre-Mother’s Day Sip and Paint program
Fri., May 9 (time to be announced)

KIDS – Celebrate the 15th anniversary of Kids To Parks Day, Tennis Block Party
Sat., May 17 (time to be announced)

More information about Centennial Commons programs is available at 314.505.8625 or Relay Missouri at 800.735.2966 (TDD) or visit ucitymo.org/99/centennial-commons for more information about facility use charges, programs, updates, announcements and much more. Please remember to “like us” on the Recreation Division Facebook page @universitycityrecreationdivision.



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



Online Payments: Tyler Payments 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, which will redirect you to the Online Bill Pay (Tyler Payments) 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 Family – Cart	\$110.10
Single Family (Senior) – Cart	\$93.30
Two Family, Building w/ 3+ Units – Cart	\$126.30 (per unit)
Two Family (Senior) – Cart	\$106.92 (per unit)
Single Family – Alley Mechanical	\$118.44
Single Family (Senior) – Alley Mechanical	\$102.54
Two Family – Alley Mechanical	\$135.84 (per unit)
Two-Family (Senior) – Alley Mechanical	\$117.54 (per unit)
3+ Units with Alley Mechanical	\$90.00
3+ Units with Waste Reduction	\$54.72

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

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

UCPD Offers Free Security Assessment Services

Staying vigilant in every environment is a "best practice" for everyone. Whether you're visiting a religious institution, attending a movie or sporting event, participating in a school activity, or simply managing your property, remaining observant and prepared to respond to unexpected situations is crucial.

The University City Police Department (UCPD) offers free security assessments for residential properties, private businesses, religious institutions, and schools. Guided by Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles, these evaluations help strengthen awareness of potential soft targets.

The Importance of Mental Preparation

Increasing awareness and mental preparedness when visiting or patronizing unfamiliar buildings can significantly enhance your ability to respond effectively in unexpected situations. Mental readiness offers several benefits, including faster response times, reduced fear, confidence in decision-making, and resilience under stress.

To prepare for the "worst-case" scenario, consider the following tips:

- **Remain calm:** Practice stress-management techniques
- **Stay focused:** Be an attentive observer and witness
- **Identify potential risks:** Be aware of possible threats
- **Know your exits:** Locate them as soon as you enter a building
- **Follow the "Run, Hide, Fight" protocol:** Embrace this response

Training and Resources for Mental Preparedness

While public safety professionals routinely engage in virtual training, role-playing, and practical demonstrations, most civilians lack exposure to such crisis preparation. However, free online mental preparedness training is available from reputable organizations like the American Red Cross, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). Additionally, law enforcement agencies, including the UCPD, often host annual Citizens' Police Academies. These programs provide participants with hands-on experience and strategic insights for handling emergencies, fostering greater community resilience.

The Role of Mental and Muscle Memory

Law enforcement officers regularly run through "what if" scenarios to build mental and muscle memory, enhancing their ability to respond swiftly and effectively. Similarly, fostering mental preparedness among community members can create a collective mindset of vigilance, contributing to a safer community.

Collaborative Efforts for Community Safety

The UCPD actively collaborates with other law enforcement agencies through mutual aid agreements, ensuring readiness to address crises on a broader scale. By promoting mental preparedness and engaging stakeholders, the UCPD aims to empower the community to take an active role in maintaining safety and security.

For more information on free security assessments or training opportunities, contact the UCPD today and take the first step toward enhanced preparedness and safety at 314.725.2211.





Fire Department Urges Caution When Digging

Spring is the perfect time of year to tackle those extensive yard projects you've been planning over the winter months. If your project involves digging large holes or working below the normal level of the yard, here are a few essential safety tips to keep in mind:

1. Contact Missouri 811 Before You Dig

Before starting any digging project, it's crucial to ensure the area is free of buried electrical gas or cable lines. To schedule a locate request, visit www.missouri-811.org or call 811 or 1.800.DIG.RITE (800.344.7483). Having all buried hazards clearly marked not only ensures you're digging in a safe, obstruction-free area, but it also helps prevent potential accidents or service interruptions.

2. Exercise Caution When Working in Trenches

Working in deep holes or trenches can be hazardous if proper precautions are not taken. Follow these guidelines for your safety:

- Never work in a hole or trench deeper than your waist without bracing the side walls. Even if the ground seems stable, it can become unstable quickly. A collapse could trap you, making escape impossible and potentially restricting your breathing.
- For projects requiring deeper trenches, consider hiring a licensed contractor with the expertise and equipment to ensure safe excavation.

3. Reach Out for Assistance

If you have questions or concerns about safety during your project, don't hesitate to contact the University City Fire Department at 314.505.8591 to ensure your project is completed safely.



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SHED Announces Spring Days of Service and Housing Fair

SHED (Sustainable Housing and Equitable Development) will hold its next Housing Fair in April and volunteer Days of Service in early May. Specific dates are available by calling 314.782.SHED (7433) or emailing info@shedstl.org.

Days of Service, held in the spring and fall, provides free home maintenance assistance to seniors (65 years and older), people with disabilities and veterans. Focusing on University City neighborhoods, SHED partners with the City to help with minor exterior home maintenance issues such as gutter cleaning, pruning bushes and small paint jobs. To request an application for service or to volunteer, use the contact information above.

Over the last 15 years SHED has supported more than 575 residents with help from local faith-based organizations, businesses, schools and universities. To learn more about SHED or to make a donation visit www.shedstl.org.

During the Housing Fair in April, representatives from several financial institutions will assist first-time home buyers and provide information about home-improvement products for current homeowners. In addition, representatives from insurance, appraisal, legal and home improvement companies will be available to answer questions regarding home ownership.

To receive more information about the date, location and time, please contact info@shedstl.org with your name, email address and phone number.



Flynn Park Turns 100!

On March 31, Flynn Park Elementary will formally celebrate the school's 100th anniversary with a special event for students, families, alumni and community!

Founded in 1924, Flynn Park Elementary's anniversary year was 2024; however, the school took time to allow for participation from current and former students and teachers.

Over the coming weeks, you can find more information at www.ucityschools.org/FP.

Fall Enrollment Opens April 1

The District's Infinite Campus parent portal will be open for online enrollment for Fall 2025 beginning April 1, 2025. Reminder to families, all returning students must be re-enrolled each year.

For details, visit www.ucityschools.org/Enroll.

Kindergarten Open Houses Set

Are you interested in your little one joining the pride of U. City Schools? Visit your neighborhood elementary school from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 1, 2025 for tours and talks with teachers.

Principals are also available for personal tours. Arrange a tour by calling the school in advance.

For more information, visit www.ucityschools.org/ProspectiveFamily.

District Announces Prop U Manager

The School District of University City recently welcomed David Gorosh as the District's Proposition U (Prop U) Manager. Gorosh will oversee all aspects of the zero-tax-rate increase bond issue for academic programming, athletics, safety, and facilities upgrades in all seven schools.

Gorosh is an experienced construction and project manager, who also formerly served as the transition strategy and construction project manager for Major HQ Site Renovation at The Launchcode Foundation.



Spring 2025 School Board Election

The School District of University City Board of Education has two candidates for two seats in the April 8, 2025, election: Guerin V. Pichon and Laverne Ford-Williams (in order of filing).

According to The School District of University City's Policy BBB-1: School Board Elections, there will not be a School Board Election in April 2025 since the number of candidates who have filed is equal to the number of positions for each office to be filled by the election.

Candidate statements will be printed in the March 2025 PRIDE newspaper and archived to www.ucityschools.org/PRIDE.

State of the District Update

If you couldn't make it to the State of the District, you can still tune in! Superintendent Sharonica L. Hardin-Bartley, PhD, PHR, delivered an insightful presentation on February 10, 2025, at University City High School. The address highlighted the District's strategic plan, academic and community achievements, and areas for future growth.

For a recording of this year's State of the District, visit www.ucityschools.org/SOD2025video.

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1 ST Ward	Steve McMahon	314.422.6576
	Vacant	
2 ND Ward	John S. Tieman	314.307.7270
	Dennis Fuller	314.707.6167
3 RD Ward	Bwayne Smotherson	314.726.9572
	Stacy Clay	314.323.4025

UNIVERSITY CITY ADMINISTRATION

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Deputy City Manager: Brooke Sharp	314.505.8536
City Clerk: LaRette Reese	314.505.8605
Communications Manager: Jared Jones	314.505.8572
Director of Finance: Keith Cole	314.505.8542
Director of Planning and Development: John Wagner	314.505.8501
Director of Parks, Recreation and Public Areas	
Maintenance: Darin Girdler	314.505.8573
Interim Director of Public Works: Mirela Celaj	314.505.8548
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 (<i>Severe Weather, Natural Disaster</i>)	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