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Restoration Nearing Completion from 2022 Flood Damage

University City is pleased to announce progress on FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) restoration projects following the devastating flood of July 2022. To date, several key facilities have been functionally restored, including the Central Garage and offices, Sign Shop, Municipal Recycling Facility (MURF) building and offices, and Parks Department maintenance building and offices.

Significant restoration work also is continuing at Centennial Commons Recreation Facility and Heman Park Community Center. Work includes restoring the concession area, indoor soccer facility and gymnasium floor. The lower weight room and Community Center kitchen area are slated for completion by late December or early 2025. Additionally, Jack Buck Field in Heman Park has been reconfigured, restored and revitalized, and the Dog Park now features new fencing.

The restoration process has been and remains a City priority. Immediately after the flood, the City was able to perform emergency restoration efforts with selective demolition to mitigate the occurrence of mold and to restore electricity to the facilities until the rest of the work could be identified and contracts procured.

Over the past year, City staff and the City's Owner Representative firm, Navigate Building Solutions, have worked together to document and identify the work necessary to restore these facilities back to their pre-flood conditions. Beginning in the Fall of 2023, the team inspected each facility, identified the work needed, prepared bid documents, and coordinated both with FEMA and Missouri State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA). In March 2024, the team procured bids and a selected a contractor, Vanstar Construction Company, to perform the bulk of the work.

2025 CALENDAR COMING SOON



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University City, MO: The Voice of University City

COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

MONDAY, DEC. 9, 2024

MONDAY, JAN. 13, 2025

MONDAY, JAN. 27, 2025

MONDAY, FEB. 10, 2025

MONDAY, FEB. 24, 2025

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.

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Fall Leaf Collection – Second Round Starting Soon!



The second round of University City's Fall Leaf Collection begins on **December 2nd**. Crews will start in the central area, then move to the west, and finally wrap up in the east. Remember to have your leaves raked to the curb by Sunday evening before collection begins in your area.

Central: Dec. 2-6

West: Dec. 9-13

East: Dec. 16-20

To ensure a smooth process, make sure that leaf piles are free of rocks, branches, and any other debris, and that parked vehicles don't block access. Crews will make only one pass per street, so please have everything ready on time.

If you have questions or need assistance, don't hesitate to call the Public Works Department at 314.505.8560.

UCFD Update *Prevent Parking Fires: Avoid Parking Over Dry Leaves and Vegetation*

As the fall season brings more leaves onto our streets and driveways, it's important to be mindful of a commonly overlooked fire hazard: parking over dry leaves. This seemingly harmless action can quickly turn life-threatening due to the extreme heat generated by your vehicle's exhaust system and catalytic converter.



The Danger of High Temperatures

When your vehicle is running, the catalytic converter can reach temperatures over 1,200°F, while dry leaves only need around 300°F to ignite. Ignition can occur in just three minutes at a surface temperature of 752°F, and at 932°F, a fire can start within seconds. The risk is even greater after high-speed travel when exhaust systems are at peak temperatures.

Why It's Especially Risky This Time of Year

Even damp leaves can dry out quickly and become fuel for a fire if parked over. The simple act of parking over dry vegetation can create the perfect conditions for a fire to start.

Safety Tip

Always avoid parking on or near piles of leaves, grass, or any other flammable materials. By taking this small precaution, you can help protect your vehicle, your home, and your community from the risk of fire this season.

UCPD Update

Celebrating Captain Dana Morley's Retirement After Over 20 Years of Service!

The City of University City proudly announces the retirement of Captain Dana Morley from the University City Police Department after more than 20 years of dedicated service. Throughout her tenure, Captain Morley served our community with unwavering commitment, professionalism, and compassion. She has been a trusted leader within the department and an invaluable presence in University City. We extend our heartfelt gratitude for her years of service and wish her all the best in this next chapter of life. Please join us in celebrating Captain Morley's remarkable career and contributions to our city.



Captain Dana Morley





Toys For Tots

The University City Police Department is proud to once again collaborate with the U.S. Marine Corps for the Toys for Tots program! The mission of Toys for Tots is to bring joy and hope to less fortunate children in our community during the holiday season. You can contribute to this meaningful cause by dropping off new, unwrapped toys at the station lobby located at 6801 Delmar Blvd, 63130, at any time.

If you visit during business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.), kindly leave your generous gift with the records clerk. For after-hours donations, please ring the bell to connect with dispatch or call 314-725-2211. The UCPD will be accepting donations from now until December 9th.

For more details about the Toys for Tots program, you can visit www.toysfortots.org. If you have any questions about the University City drop-site location, feel free to contact Ashley at 314-505-8664. Your support will make a significant difference in brightening the holiday season for children in need. Thank you for your generosity!



UCPD IS A **TOYS FOR TOTS** COLLECTION SITE



**DONATE A NEW
UNWRAPPED
TOY OR BOOK!**



Kid's Holiday Charcuterie Workshop

Friday, December 13th
5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
7210 Olive Blvd.

University City's Recreation
Department invites you to a

KID'S HOLIDAY CHARCUTERIE WORKSHOP

You bring the creativity, we will
supply everything else. Register
early, space is very limited!

Registration: Monday November 4,
2024 - Wednesday December 4,
2024

**FRIDAY
DEC 13**

2024

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

**7210 Olive Blvd
University City, MO 63130**

**KIDS AGES 4-10.
ONE ADULT FIGURE PER KID!**

\$20 PER CHILD

**MIN: 15
MAX: 30**

For more information please
contact:
mmeehan@ucitymo.org
314.505.8613

REGISTER IN PERSON

**M-F: 5:30 AM-8:00
PM**

**SAT: 8:00 AM-8:00
PM**

**SUN: 10:00 AM-8:00
PM**

UPCOMING EVENTS



City Council-Study Session
Mon., Nov 25 @ 5:30 p.m.

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City Council Meeting

Mon., Nov 25 @ 6:30 p.m.

Thanksgiving Day-City Hall Closed,
Library Closed, Centennial Commons
Closed, No Trash/Recycling Collection

Thu., Nov 29

City Hall Closed, Library Closed,
Trash/Recycling Collection for
Thursday Route

Fri., Nov 30

Centennial Commons-Holiday Hours,
5:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Fri., Nov 30

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