



March 28, 2025



Service Spotlight: Department of Public Works Updates

Due to recent severe storms, a temporary waiver has been issued allowing the disposal of yard waste and major appliances in permitted sanitary landfills. Governor Mike Kehoe's Executive Order 25-20 grants the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR) authority to ease certain regulations to assist with storm recovery.

Storm Debris Disposal Waiver in Effect for University City

Due to the recent severe storms, a temporary storm debris exemption waiver has been issued to aid in cleanup efforts across University City. This waiver, authorized by Executive Order 25-20, allows for the disposal of yard waste and major appliances in permitted sanitary landfills without the usual restrictions.

Before heading to a landfill, residents are encouraged to confirm acceptance of these materials with their chosen disposal facility. Additionally, the burning of untreated wood and vegetation from storm debris is allowed in affected areas without a state permit, though local regulations still apply.

Important Reminders for Residents:

- Check landfill policies before bringing storm debris.
- Recycle when possible – compost yard waste and properly dispose of refrigerants in appliances.
- Consult local fire officials before burning vegetation.
- Report wastewater issues promptly to minimize environmental impact.

This waiver will remain in effect until April 14, 2025, unless extended. For more details, visit <https://dnr.mo.gov/disaster-resources/response-recovery> or contact the University City Public Works Department at (314) 505-8560.

Finance Focus:



Department of Finance Updates

University City has announced the elimination of the yard waste sticker requirement, effective March 11, 2025, to simplify waste collection and reduce costs for residents. The city aims to maintain high service levels while making disposal more convenient. For collection guidelines, visit www.ucitymo.org or contact the Public Works Department at (314) 505-8560.



Protect & Serve: Department of Public Safety Updates

University City Police Department provides essential home security tips, including locking doors and windows, using motion-sensitive lighting, installing security cameras, and investing in an alarm system. UCPD advises homeowners to create the illusion of occupancy while on vacation and avoid sharing travel plans on social media. Additionally, it highlights services offered by University City PD, such as security audits, out-of-town checks, and extra patrols, while urging residents to report suspicious activity immediately.



HOME SECURITY TIPS



DOORS & WINDOWS

Close and lock all doors and windows at night & when you are away from home.



LIGHTING

Add motion sensitive lights around the perimeter to ensure the exterior is well lit. When you are away, leave some lights on indoors to make it seem like you're home.



CAMERAS

From doorbell, interior, and exterior, camera's deter criminals and help law enforcement with investigations if you do experience a theft.



ALARM SYSTEM

Research and invest in a company that best fits your needs, and don't forget alarms only work when arm it.



GOING ON VACATION

Create the illusion that your home is occupied: leave on lights & tv, ask your neighbor to grab your mail & put out your garbage cans, suspend your deliveries, and avoid announcing travel plans on social media.



University City PD Provides :

- Security Audit's for Homes & Businesses
- Out of Town Checks
- Extra Patrols

If you are a victim of a burglary or you see suspicious activity please call immediately.

Emergency: 911

Non- Emergency: 314- 725-2211



Green Scene: Department of Forestry Updates

Spring is the perfect time to give your trees a healthy start by applying mulch! Proper mulching helps retain moisture, suppress weeds, improve soil health, and protect tree trunks from damage caused by lawn equipment.

To maximize the benefits, be sure to use organic mulch and apply it in a donut shape,

keeping it away from the tree trunk. Avoid piling mulch against the bark, as this can cause rot and disease. A 2 to 4-inch layer is ideal, and a wider mulched area extending to the tree's drip line is even better!

MULCH: Tree Care Basics

With proper planting and mulching, trees become valuable assets.

Mulch Your Trees

Use organic mulch such as wood chips, bark, pine needles and compost.



CORRECT MULCHING

Use a donut shape, making sure not to pile mulch on the bark.

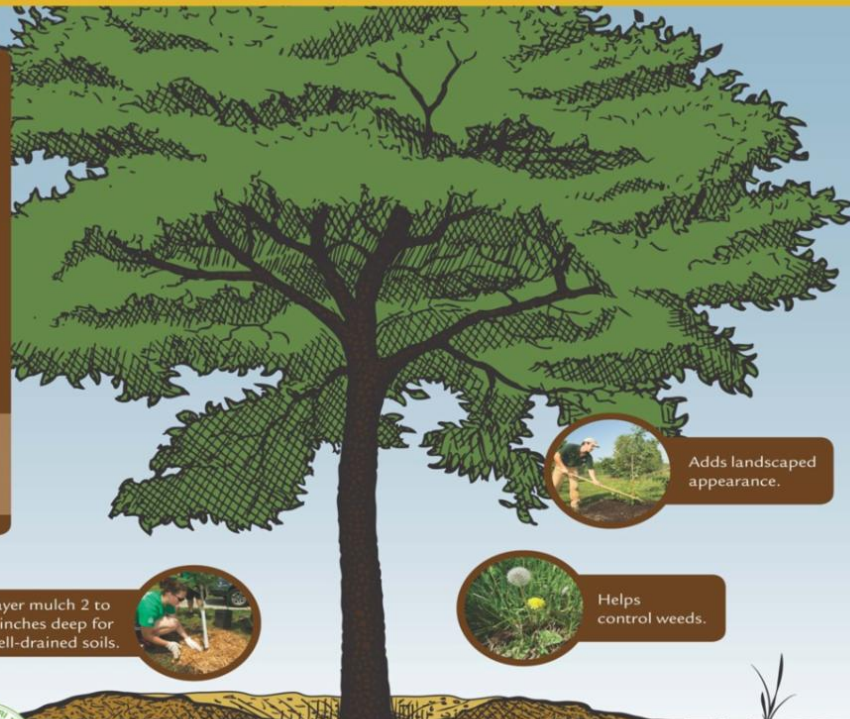
Do not dome mulch, keep mulch away from trunk and bark.



BAD MULCHING

MULCH BENEFITS

- Maintains moisture and insulates soil
- Protects tree from lawn equipment
- Improves soil structure and fertility



Layer mulch 2 to 4 inches deep for well-drained soils.



Helps control weeds.



Adds landscaped appearance.



Sustaining healthy forests, fish and wildlife.
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www.mocommunitytrees.org

Wider mulched areas are better, extending ring out to the tree's drip line.

Spring is a great time to mulch around the base of young and mature trees.

Mulch has many benefits including weed suppression, improves moisture retention in soil, builds soil by engaging soil microbes, and acts as a barrier to keep lawn equipment away from the trunk of the tree.

Damage to the bark from lawn equipment can create a pathway for pest and disease into the tree.

U City provides free mulch to residents and is available for pickup at Heman Park.



For more information, contact the Forestry Supervisor: 314.505.8619

Spring Electronic Recycling Event

Saturday, May 10, 2025

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

**Heman Park Community Center Parking Lot,
975 Pennsylvania Avenue**

Do you have old TVs, computers, routers, cell phones, cords, battery-operated electronics, or any other miscellaneous electronics laying around the house that you need to dispose of? University City will be hosting an electronics recycling drop-off event. This spring, we will only be offering the electronics recycling but stay tuned for a future document shredding event in the fall. The event is free for residents of St. Louis County only. The event is not open to businesses. Recycle up to two (2) monitors/TVs per vehicle at no charge*.

For other electronics, there are no limits on how many items you can recycle, and most items are free of charge. Visit ucitymo.org/recycling to see a full list of recyclable materials for this event. Questions? Call 314-505-8516.

*While funding allows. For more than two monitors or TVs, you will be charged \$30 for tube TVs or monitors; \$10 for flatscreen TVs or monitors.

The event is funded by a grant from Saint Louis County's Department of Public Health utilizing County landfill surcharge funds.



Fitness & Fun Spotlight:

Centennial Commons Recreation Center

Ongoing and upcoming events hosted by
Centennial Commons Rec Center.

Sip and Paint

Friday, May 9, 2025



6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Looking for a fun Friday night event to kick off Mother's Day weekend? Grab your friends and put your phones down and brushes up. Sip and paint hosted by Theresa Davis! Come paint, sip wine, and enjoy some music. Participants will be led by Theresa in this instructional class, with canvases pre-drawn before the class meets. Everything, including wine, is provided at this event. Participants are welcome to bring a beverage of their choice if they desire.

Register in person: Centennial Commons, 7210 Olive Blvd.

Mon-Fri: 5:30- AM - 9:00 PM

Sat: 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM

SUN: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Registration: Monday March 31 - Friday May 2

\$30

PER PERSON
MUST BE 21+

Min: 15

Max: 25



More info: 314.505.8613

2025 FITNESS CLASSES

SPRING SESSION

March 10 - May 3

No class: Tuesday April 8th (Election Day)

Drop in fees for all classes: M: \$7, R: \$8, NR: \$9

Total Body & Tone

Mondays & Wednesdays

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

M: \$60, R: \$65, NR: \$70

Min: 12, Max: 20

Zumba

Mondays

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

M: \$45, R: \$50, NR: \$55

Min: 8, Max: 20

Stretchercise

Tuesdays

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

M: \$50, R: \$55, NR: \$60

Min: 10, Max: 20

Tai Chi

Thursdays

10:00 AM - 11:00 PM

M: \$45, R: \$50, NR: \$55

Min: 10, Max: 20

Slow Flow Yoga

Saturdays

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

M: \$60, R: \$65, NR: \$70

Min: 8, Max: 20

Slide & Line Dancing

Saturdays

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

M: \$35, R: \$40, NR: \$45

Min: 8, Max: 20

All classes will be held at Centennial Commons, 7210 Olive Blvd. To register, visit us during our business hours.

In order to receive resident rates, you must present your occupancy permit.



M-F: 5:30 AM - 9:00 PM

SAT: 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM

SUN: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

For more information: 314.505.8625



2025 HEMAN PARK SWIMMING POOL SUMMER FUN PASS

U CITY SUMMER FUN PASSES are NOW on sale. This pass offers unlimited entry to
the Heman Park Swimming Pool

(during the pool season) from May 24th to September 1st

Purchase your pass by or before May 23 and you are invited to our Members Only VIP pre-opening pool celebration on
Friday, May 23, 2025 from 5:00 – 8:00 pm

| HEMAN PARK POOL Admission: | | | |
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| Admission is limited to any individual (age 24) with a "Summer Fun Pass" or a resident or nonresident recreation ID card. Memberships and ID cards may be purchased at the Centennial Commons Central Desk (Photo ID required), and are available to both residents and nonresidents. | | | |
| Resident | Daily** | 1 Month | Summer Fun Pass (May 24 - September 1) |
| Youth (17 and under) | \$5.00 | \$11.00 | \$44.00 |
| Adult | \$6.00 | \$20.00 | \$80.00 |
| Senior (60+) | \$5.00 | \$13.00 | \$52.00 |
| Senior Couple*** | | \$21.00 | \$84.00 |
| Family**** | | \$34.00 | \$136.00 |
| NonResident | Daily** | 1 Month | Summer Fun Pass (May 24 - September 1) |
| Youth (17 and under) | \$7.00 | \$17.00 | \$68.00 |
| Adult | \$9.00 | \$30.00 | \$120.00 |
| Senior (62+) | \$7.00 | \$21.00 | \$84.00 |
| Senior Couple*** | | \$30.00 | \$120.00 |
| Family**** | | \$40.00 | \$160.00 |

*Must purchase nonresident ID card/Passport - \$5.00; Nonresident - \$7.00 (good one year from purchase);
**No daily rate for Senior Couple or Family
Both individuals must be 60 or older; *Limited to: 4. Additional \$25/person - all same household

For those who qualify for free memberships through SilverSneakers and RenewActive, memberships remain active as long as your insurance is accepted by SilverSneakers and RenewActive

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. **Learn more at ucitymo.org/OccupancyPermit or call 314.505.8500**

For more information, contact Centennial Commons, 314.505.8625

CENTENNIAL COMMONS SUMMER FUN FACILITY HOURS

MAY 24 – SEPTEMBER 1

Mon. - Fri. 5:30 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Sat., 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Sun., 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

HEMAN PARK POOL FACILITY

Pool Season May 24 – Sept. 1

Daily Lap Swim: 6 a.m. – 9 a.m. and Open Swim: Noon – 8 p.m.

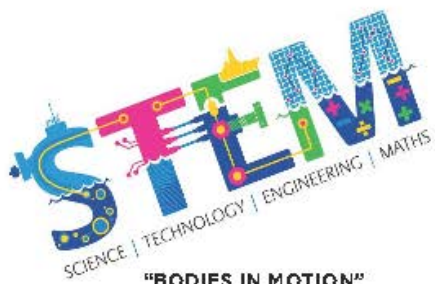
****Back to school hours begin Aug. 18****

****Daily Lap Swim: 6 a.m. – 9 a.m. and Open Swim: 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. M-F****

****Weekends/Holidays – Open Swim: Noon - 8 p.m. ****

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Residents and Nonresidents can purchase a Summer Fun Pass at Centennial Commons during regular business hours (Photo ID required). Those without a Summer Fun Pass can access the facility with the purchase of a recreation ID card and a daily admission fee (rates vary). **Visit ucitymo.org/RecreationFacilities or call 314.505.8625 for more info and for daily rates.** Youth ages 12 & under **MUST** be accompanied by a parent/authorized guardian/caregiver who is 18 yrs or older and remain with the youth throughout the entire visit.



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FINE ARTS

2025 SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM



LIFE SKILLS



SWIMMING



GOLF



SPORTS



FIELD TRIPS



"MUNICI-PALS"



"GAMES WITH BOARDS"





2025 SUMMER SIGN UP SPECTACULAR

ALL PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE:

Use of age-appropriate equipment . FREE uniform . FREE admission to off-field events .
FREE Cardinal-themed rewards for kids .
Schnucks Healthy Eating Program/Rewards .
U City Public Library Summer Reading Program/Rewards . Redbird Rookies Nite at Busch Stadium . 7th graders earn a chance to win the Redbird Rookies Saigh Scholarship and much more!

REMEMBER PARENTS!
We will "NEED COACHES!"
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For more info, contact Centennial Commons,
314.505.8625



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Online registration
required at:
redbirdrookies.org



Register:
Now - March 29 *



Please note:
Any registration made
after March 29 will not
be guaranteed 2025
equipment or attire.
No exceptions *

**FREE T-BALL, BASEBALL & SOFTBALL
PROGRAM FOR U CITY YOUTH AGES 5-13**

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

STAY ALERT!



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**BE PREPARED
SIGN UP NOW**



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Stormwater Commission Meeting
Tue., Apr 1 @ 3:30 p.m.

Traffic Court
Wed., Apr 2 @ 6:00 p.m.

**[View the full listing of
U City events here](#)**

How to Sign Up

- Visit the City of University City's website.
- Click the Emergency Notifications button to access CodeRED enrollment information.
- Fill in your contact details and select your notification preferences.
- Download the CodeRED app for enhanced location-based notifications.

Emergencies can happen at any time, and staying informed can save lives. By enrolling in CodeRED, you'll receive real-time alerts to help protect you, your loved ones, and your property.

Stay safe, stay informed, stay connected with CodeRED!



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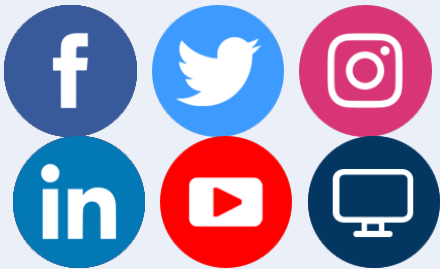
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