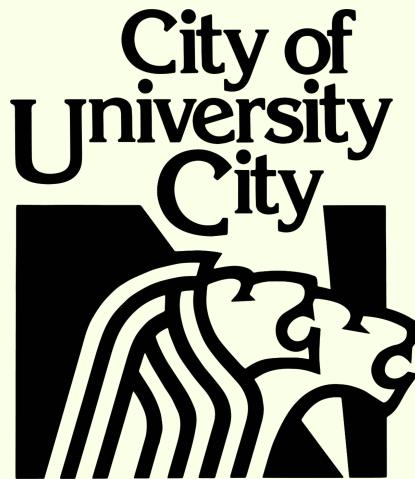




Between the LIONS

U City Community Update

April 4, 2025



Service Spotlight Department of Public Works Updates

Spring cleaning just got easier! University City's annual Spring Bulk Item Collection is set to take place throughout April. Residents can dispose of large unwanted items during their designated collection week. Make sure to place your items at the curb by 7 a.m. on the first scheduled collection day for your area. For more details, call (314) 505-8560.

[Website Link](#)



Spring Bulk Item Collection Schedule

East Area: April 7-11

Central Area: April 14-18

West Area: April 21-25

For more information on collection, call (314) 505-8560

Mirela Celaj Appointed Director of Public Works

City Manager, Gregory Rose has officially appointed Mirela Celaj as the new Director of Public Works, effective March 28, 2025. Celaj, who previously served as Interim Director and Assistant Director, brings over a decade of experience in municipal services management. With expertise in engineering, sanitation, and stormwater management, she is a certified National Floodplain Manager and holds a master's degree in civil engineering. Rose praised her leadership, stating she will be a valuable asset in maintaining and improving the city's infrastructure.



Protect & Serve: Department of Public Safety Updates

The University City Police Department is sharing important tips to help residents protect their lawn equipment from theft this spring and summer. To prevent theft, residents are encouraged to mark their



equipment, install GPS trackers, and maintain a detailed inventory with pictures and serial numbers. Storing equipment in a locked shed or garage and using security measures like alarms, cameras, and floodlights can also help deter criminals. The University City Police Department is also encouraging residents and business owners to join the Community Camera Program to enhance public safety. By registering private security cameras, participants can assist law enforcement in solving crimes by providing valuable footage when incidents occur nearby. Registration strengthens community-police partnerships and helps deter criminal activity.



LAWN EQUIPMENT THEFT PREVENTION

SPRING/SUMMER TIPS

- Mark your equipment
- Install GPS Trackers
- Keep an update list including pictures, make, models, and serial numbers
- Don't leave laying around. Store in a lockable shed/garage
- Install alarms, cameras, and floodlights.



Report a crime or suspicious activity:

Emergency: 911
Non Emergency: 314-725-2211

U.C.P.D. Community Camera Program



The University City Police Department is inviting residents and business owners to participate in the Community Camera Program to help enhance public safety. If you have private security cameras at your home or business, registering them with the police department can assist in solving crimes and keeping the community safe.

How It Works:

Many property owners may not realize their security cameras could capture valuable evidence during criminal incidents. By registering your cameras, officers can quickly identify nearby cameras that may have recorded important footage. You will only be contacted if an incident occurs near your cameras, and the department may request to review the footage to aid investigations.

Why Register?

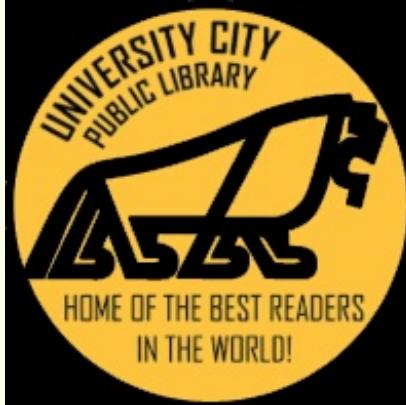
- Helps police identify and apprehend criminals.
- Strengthens the partnership between the community and law enforcement.
- Enhances neighborhood safety and crime prevention efforts.

To register your security cameras, complete a registration form and submit it to the University City Police Department at 6801 Delmar Blvd., University City, MO 63130.

Your participation helps make University City a safer place for everyone!

[Community Camera Program Registration Form \(PDF\)](#)

[Community Camera Program Registration Form \(Online Submission\)](#)



Beyond The Books

University City Library Updates

University City Public Library updates and event information.

[UCPL Website Link](#)



Forest Park Owls: Hiding in Plain Sight

Mark H.X. Glenshaw
April 9, 2025
6:15 p.m.

The Friends of University City Public Library invite you to their annual meeting, which will feature a fascinating lecture about local wildlife from award-winning naturalist Mark H.X. Glenshaw. Glenshaw has closely observed and documented the lives of Great Horned Owls in Forest Park since December 2005 and his lecture, "Forest Park Owls: Hiding in Plain Sight," will cover how he found these owls, basic facts about the species, and uses many of his photos and videos to illustrate the amazing behaviors of these beautiful birds.

The event begins at 6:15 p.m. with a brief meeting of the Friends, followed by Glenshaw's lecture at 6:30 p.m. The event will take place in the Library auditorium and is recommended for adults, but is free and open to all.

**Saint Louis
COUNTY** REDUCE • REUSE • RECYCLE
PUBLIC HEALTH **GO GREEN!**

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.

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

Stretchercize

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

Admission:		
<small>Admission is limited to any individual (age 14+) with a "Summer Fun Pass" as a resident or nonresident recreation ID card. Memberships and ID cards may be purchased at the Centennial Commons Control Desk (Photo ID required) and are available to both residents and nonresidents.</small>		
Resident	Daily *	1 Month
Youth (17 and under)	\$5.00	\$11.00
Adult	\$8.00	\$20.00
Senior (60+)	\$5.00	\$12.00
Senior Couple**	\$21.00	\$44.00
Family	\$34.00	\$136.00
NonResident	Daily *	1 Month
Youth (17 and under)	\$7.00	\$17.00
Adult	\$9.00	\$23.00
Senior (60+)	\$7.00	\$21.00
Senior Couple**	\$30.00	\$120.00
Family***	\$40.00	\$160.00

*Must purchase recreation ID card/Resident - \$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 \$2/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](http://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](http://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.

University City Public Art Series 2025

Opening Public Reception

Sunday, April 6, 2025

Janet Majerus Park

1300 Partridge Ave.

University City, MO 63130

1-3 p.m. Opening Public Reception
1:30 p.m. Opening Remarks and Artist Talks

This event is free and open to the public.

Join us for the 2025 University City Public Art series opening reception and artist talks. The 2024-2025 series is led by Associate Professor Amy Nadler and features three Sam Fox School students: Maya Dabney, Eloise Harcourt, and Peter Nesin. In collaboration with the Municipal Commission on Arts and Letters, the students each proposed and installed a temporary public sculpture for a University City public space. The works will be installed from April 6 through Labor Day.

The 39th annual University City Public Art Series is organized by WashU's Office for Socially Engaged Practice and supported by the Marvin Levy Fund and the Municipal Commission on Arts & Letters of the City of University City.



Held in Absence

Maya Dabney, BFA '27

Using photography and cast concrete, *Held in Absence* reflects on the erasure of Mill Creek Valley, a once-thriving Black neighborhood in St. Louis bulldozed for Highway 40. Through memory and material, the work invites viewers to consider how progress is often built on loss, challenging us to reckon with the lasting impact of displacement on collective history.



Honoring the Unseen

Eloise Harcourt, BFA '25

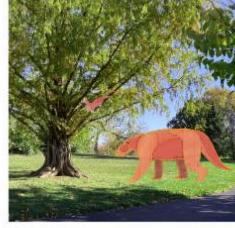
Honoring the Unseen celebrates the overlooked contributions of women in St. Louis. Featuring larger-than-life corporeal sculptures embedded with body imprints, the work creates an evocative experience of remembrance. A QR code at each sculpture links to an audio story, ensuring their legacies endure.



Let's Meet Here Again

Peter Nesin, BS '25

In *Let's Meet Here Again*, three extinct mammals interact with a dawn redwood, a species of tree once dominant in the Northern Hemisphere. This recreation of a scene from 150 million years ago commemorates our planet's long history and offers perspective on our changing natural world.



SENIORS 60+

JOIN US FOR

LAUGHTER, LUNCH AND **BINGO**



11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

HEMAN PARK COMMUNITY CENTER,
975 PENNSYLVANIA

**3RD THURSDAY
APRIL 17, 2025**

***EVENT FEE: \$5 PER PERSON
MIN: 25 MAX: 100**

Doors Open - 10:45 am

Lunch Served - 11:00 am Bingo Begins at 12:00 pm

Get ready to laugh, lunch, shout "BINGO!" and win some
prizes at this "come and have some fun" event

Phone registration REQUIRED

BINGO BOARDS AVAILABLE (no personal boards allowed)

REGISTER: Mon. March 31 - Sat. April 12

FOR PHONE REGISTRATION OR MORE INFORMATION,
CONTACT CENTENNIAL COMMONS 314.505.8625



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

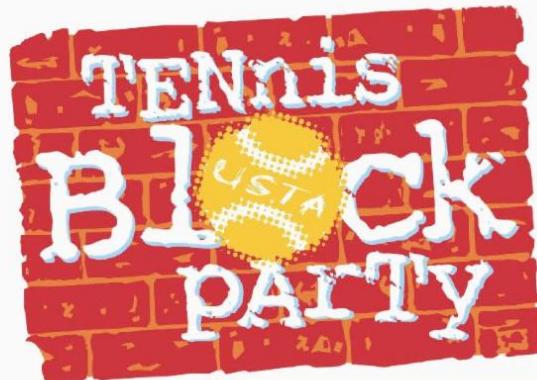
\$30
PER PERSON
MUST BE 21+

Min: 15
Max: 25



More info: 314.505.8613

University City Recreation Division and
USTA St. Louis invites you to celebrate
the 15th Annual Kid's To Parks Day and
National Tennis Month with our FREE



SATURDAY
MAY 17
2025

NOON - 2:00 PM

Tennis Games, Instruction,
Racquets and Balls
provided by
Mark Platt's
Beginners World Tennis

Food and Drinks will also be
provided

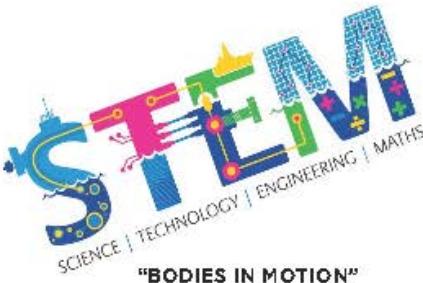
HEMAN PARK TENNIS
PAVILION
OLIVE BLVD & PENNSYLVANIA

FOR AGES 5 & UP
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

TO REGISTER: EMAIL
NAMES & AGES TO
MMEEHAN
@UCITYMO.ORG
BY MAY 3RD

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





"MUNICI-PALS"



2025 SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM



SWIMMING



FIELD TRIPS



"GAMES WITH BOARDS"





UNIVERSITY CITY RESIDENT YOUTH (AGES 5-12) WHO HAVE COMPLETED KINDERGARTEN-5TH GRADE CAN "EXPAND THEIR KNOWLEDGE THROUGH PLAY" IN OUR 2025 CENTCOM UNIVERSITY - SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM HELD FROM 9AM - 3PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.

*PROGRAM DATES: MONDAY, JUNE 9 - FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

PROGRAM LOCATION: HEMAN PARK CENTENNIAL COMMONS, 7210 OLIVE BLVD.

(*NO PROGRAM 6/19, 7/4)

OUR SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM ACTIVITIES INCLUDE (BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO): RECREATIONAL SWIMMING, SPORTS, "GAMES WITH BOARDS", S.T.E.M, HORTICULTURE, GOLF, "BODIES IN MOTION", CREATIVE/FINE ARTS, LIFE SKILLS, SPECIAL EVENTS AND MUCH MORE!

FIELD TRIPS ARE ALSO PART OF THE PROGRAM AND PARTICIPANTS WILL TAKE SEVERAL AGE-APPROPRIATE TRIPS BY BUS AND BOTH THE FIELD TRIP FEE AND PROGRAM T-SHIRT ARE INCLUDED IN YOUR REGISTRATION.

FEE: \$700/CHILD

(MAX. 50 PARTICIPANTS - "FIRST COME/FIRST SERVED" - LIMITED TO U CITY RESIDENTS ONLY)

**REGISTER AT CENTENNIAL COMMONS
7210 OLIVE BLVD**

REGISTER BEGINNING AT 9 AM FEB. 10 - UNTIL APRIL 12

PLEASE NOTE:

**THIS PROGRAM IS OPEN TO UNIVERSITY CITY RESIDENTS ONLY
AND ALL OF THE FOLLOWING MUST BE PRESENTED AT
REGISTRATION:**

- ORIGINAL COPY OF CHILD'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE
- PHOTO ID OF PARENT/GUARDIAN (GUARDIAN MUST PRESENT PROOF OF GUARDIANSHIP IF NOT CUSTODIAL PARENT)
- COPY OF UNIVERSITY CITY OCCUPANCY PERMIT (WITH CHILD LISTED)

QUESTIONS:

CONTACT RECREATION SUPERVISOR, MERRIC MEEHAN 314.505.8613

UPCOMING EVENTS



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!



Spring Bulk Item Collection-East Area
Mon., Apr 7-Fri., Apr 11

LSBD Monthly Meeting
Tue., Apr 8 @ 9:00 a.m.

Traffic Commission Meeting
Tue., Apr 8 @ 6:30 p.m.

Trial Court
Wed., Apr 9 @ 6:00 p.m.

Arts & Letters Commission Meeting
Thu., Apr 10 @ 7:00 p.m.

Housing Court
Fri., Apr 11 @ 1:00 p.m.

**View the full listing of
U City events here**



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