



*November 3, 2023*



### **Neighborhood Leadership Fellows Program Accepting Applications Until November 10**

*Seeking individuals who reside in the Promise Zone or serve the Promise Zone through their work and/or volunteer efforts*

Applications are being accepted until Friday, Nov. 10, 2023, for the seventh annual advanced leadership training program, **Neighborhood Leadership Fellows (NLF)**. Designed for those ready to take the next step in community leadership, the program is presented by Creating Whole Communities in partnership with University of Missouri-St. Louis, University of Missouri Extension and St. Louis Promise Zone-St. Louis Economic Development Partnership.

The nine-month leadership training program is for community leaders who reside in the Promise Zone (STL City and parts of North STL County) and for individuals serving the Promise Zone through their work and/or volunteer efforts. The upcoming program begins on January 5, 2024, and will meet from January through September 2024. Meetings will include one weekend in person each month and one virtual Wednesday mini session each month. To apply click [HERE](#).



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Sewer District

## Leaf Collection Guidelines to Residents

To ensure prompt service, leaves must be raked to the curb line the Sunday before collection begins in your area. The East Section will start October 30th, the Central Section the following week and the West Section will be the week afterwards. In addition, yard waste bag stickers are *NOT* required from October 15th - December 31st.

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## River Des Peres Tunnel Cleaning

MSD contractors will begin tunnel cleaning operations on November 6th.

This work will be kicked off with an access drive being constructed from the end of Harvard to the tunnel entrance - this will be for heavy equipment access.

Cleaning operations should take a few months to complete and will extend to Skinker on the east for now. We will keep you updated as more information becomes available.



### U. City Parks Centennial Committee invites you to join us in a ceremony to Honor all Veterans



Rededication of the Heman Park Memorial Fountain to all who served, especially those who have given their lives.

Saturday, November 11, 2023, 11 am  
Memorial Fountain at Centennial Commons  
7210 Olive Blvd. University City



U. City High School Jr. ROTC will present the colors, followed by a short program.

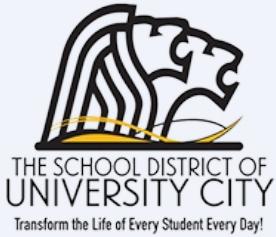
All Veterans, their families, friends and neighbors are invited to attend.

Follow the flags from Olive to the fountain

[www.UCityParks100.org](http://www.UCityParks100.org)



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Join the U. City Schools Holiday Appeal Giving Campaign

One of the best gifts we can give to ourselves is to give to others.

Help a U. City Schools student have a better holiday season by donating a gift card.

(Schnucks, Aldi, Walmart, Target, Walgreens, Old Navy, Visa or MasterCard)

You may drop off your donation in a sealed envelope or mail to: University City High School, 7401 Balson Ave. (63130) Attn: Christine Woodward

For more information, contact appeal coordinator Christine Woodward at [cwoodward@ucityschools.org](mailto:cwoodward@ucityschools.org) or 314-290-4114.

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October 19, 2023

Dear Community Member:

As the holiday season approaches, we are reminded of the spirit of giving and the joy of coming together as a community. It is with great hope and enthusiasm that I reach out to you all, as we approach our annual holiday appeal. During this special time of year, we turn to our generous supporters to help us continue this vital work and make the holidays brighter for countless families.

Last year, we were able to help 103 families with 264 children in our school district. A typical "adopted" family received a personal hygiene basket, gift card for groceries, laundry soap, toys or activities, and gift cards to buy clothing or other gifts for their children.

Once again, the social workers are requesting donations of gift cards to help families purchase their own holiday presents. Gift cards to Schnucks, Aldi, Walmart, Target, Walgreens, Old Navy, Visa or MasterCard gift cards

The goal is to help families by giving each child at least \$50 in gift cards and \$100 in grocery gift cards for the household. The University City Fire Department and several local churches collaborate with us to provide additional toys, activities and hygiene supplies. Families will have the opportunity to "stop" for additional toys and supplies when they pick up their gift cards.

The District's team of social workers is requesting donations be available by December 1 to help ensure the families have time to buy their gifts for the holidays. Please drop off your donation in a sealed envelope or mail to: University City High School, 7401 Balson Ave. (63130). Attn: Christine Woodward.

Thank you for your continued support. Together, we can create a holiday season filled with love and kindness. If you have any questions, please contact Christine Woodward at University City High School at 314-290-4114 or [cwoodward@ucityschools.org](mailto:cwoodward@ucityschools.org).

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## For the 3rd Ward

We need your help to move the 3rd Ward forward!

The Third Ward Housing + Revitalization Plan is a project initiated by the City and led by a task force made up of local residents and stakeholders. The goal is to develop a housing plan and create a revitalization strategy for the 3rd Ward.

[Take the survey now](#) to contribute to the process.

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UNIVERSITY CITY'S 2023 RETURNING ARTIST

## "MAMA LISA" GAGE

UNIVERSITY CITY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1970  
STORYTELLER • EDUCATOR • MENTOR

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FRIDAY,

NOV. 17, 2023

7 P.M.

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HIGH SCHOOL

7401 BALSON AVENUE (63130)

PRUITT LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER

101 JACKSON AVENUE ENTRANCE

REGISTER TO ATTEND:

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**ARTS & LETTERS** MEDIA RELEASE

CONTACT: Winnie Sullivan  
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Prize-Winning Poet Gets Local Literary Honor

ST. LOUIS (October, 2023) – Carl Phillips, a Professor of English at Washington University St. Louis and winner of the 2022 Pulitzer Prize for Poetry, has been chosen as the recipient of the 2023 Tradition of Literary Excellence Award. The award, which was created in 2014 and is funded by the University City Municipal Commission on Arts & Letters, is given "to honor the work of a living local author whose literary achievement has won national and international acclaim and, in its doing, has contributed to the distinction of the St. Louis area, upholding its tradition as a center of literary excellence."

Referred to as "one of America's most original, influential, and productive of lyric poets," Phillips is the author of more than 16 books, the most recent of which, *Then the War: And So* (selected Poems 2000-2020) (Carnegie, 2023), won the Pulitzer Prize. Other honors include the Poetry Fellowship at the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Book Award, the Aiken Taylor Award for Modern American Poetry, and awards and fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation, the Academy of American Poets, the American Academy and Institute of the Library of Congress. Phillips has also written three prose books, most recently *My Trade & Mystery: Seven Meditations from a Life in Writing* (Duke, 2022).

Phillips will receive the award on Sunday afternoon, November 5, 2023, at the Tradition of Literary Excellence Award ceremony. The public is invited to attend the free event, which will take place in the auditorium at University City Public High School (7401 Balson Avenue) at 2:00 p.m. To find out more about the ceremony, contact Winnie Sullivan, [wsullivan@ucityschools.org](mailto:wsullivan@ucityschools.org) or learn more about arts activities in University City, please visit <https://www.ucityschools.org/artsandletters>.

**Save the Date**  
Daylight Savings Time Ends  
November 5, 2023

**UPCOMING  
EVENTS**



**Senior Commission**  
Mon., Nov 6 @ 6 p.m.



DON'T FORGET TO

# FALL BACK

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS  
TIME ENDS

Set clocks

back

ONE

HOUR

at

2:00pm

SUNDAY

NOVEMBER

05

2023

## Storm Water Comm Mtg

Tues., Nov. 7 @ 3:30 p.m.

## Urban Forestry Comm Mtg.

Virtual

Wed., Nov 8 @ 6 - 8 p.m.

## Traffic Commission

Wed., Nov 8 @ 6 p.m.

## Green Practices Commission

Thurs., Nov 9 @ 5:30 p.m.

## Arts & Letters Comm Mtg

Thurs., Nov. 9 @ 7 p.m.

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

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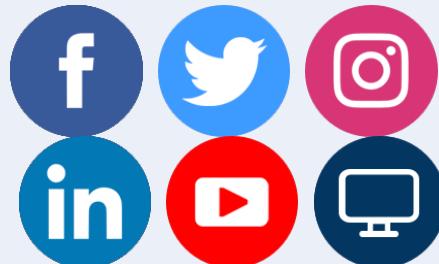
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