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* Your Summer 2025 ROARS Newsletter is on its way!

University City residents, get ready—your Summer 2025 edition of the ROARS Newsletter is headed to your mailbox!

This season's issue is packed with important updates, upcoming events, and community highlights to help you stay informed and engaged all summer long. From summer programs and safety tips to city projects and exciting events in our parks and neighborhoods, there's something for everyone inside.

Want a sneak peek?

You can view the full digital version here—perfect for early birds who just can't wait! [CLICK HERE](#)

Expect your physical copy to arrive soon. Keep an eye on your mailbox—print copies have been mailed and should be landing on doorsteps shortly.

We're proud to keep you connected with everything happening in University City. Enjoy the summer and don't forget to ROAR with us!



MOVING PARTS

MEET THE PEOPLE OF UNIVERSITY CITY

FEATURING: JEFF BEXTERMUELLER, INSPECTOR - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

University City thrives because of the dedicated people working behind the scenes every day—and Jeff Bextermueller is one of them. As an Inspector in the Community Development Department, Jeff plays a key role in ensuring our city grows safely and sustainably.

For Jeff, the most rewarding part of the job is seeing the direct impact of his work on the community. “It’s easy to see the impact you have, which gives you a sense of pride representing the City,” he shares.

One especially meaningful moment? A heartfelt thank-you from a resident after Jeff helped resolve an issue the resident had been struggling with for years. It’s that kind of connection that reminds him why the work matters.

Jeff also wants to clear up a common misconception: “As an inspector, some people and contractors think we’re being hard on them. Really, we’re just enforcing the City’s adopted ordinances and codes.” It’s all about keeping standards high while supporting growth.

When asked to sum up University City in three words, Jeff doesn’t hesitate: “Close-knit, unique, and growing.” And he would know—his role gives him a front-row seat to new developments, businesses, and restaurants before they open to

the public. "That's a fun perk residents might not expect," he adds.

Every day, Jeff looks forward to interacting with coworkers, residents, and contractors—building relationships while building the City. And when it's time for a break? You'll likely find him at Seoul Taco, his go-to lunch spot among the City's many culinary gems.

Thanks for all you do, Jeff!

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UCPD Coffee with a Cop

**MAY
24**

**9 AM - 11 AM
CENTENNIAL COMMONS
7210 Olive Blvd**



Join University City Police Department for a free cup of coffee and conversation. No agenda or speeches. Just a chance to ask questions, share thoughts, voice concerns, & get to know the officers in your neighborhood.



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Coffee with a Cop: Meet Your Officers Over a Cup of Coffee – Saturday, May 24

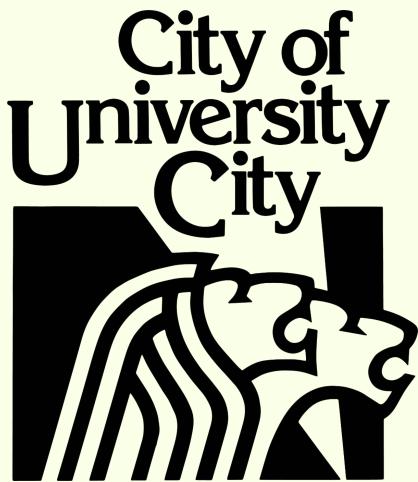
The University City Police Department invites residents to come out and connect at Coffee with a Cop on Saturday, May 24, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Centennial Commons (7210 Olive Boulevard).

This informal community event offers a relaxed setting where residents can sit down with University City police officers, enjoy a cup of coffee, and have real conversations—no speeches, no agendas, just honest dialogue. Whether you have a specific question, want to share a concern, or simply want to say hello, officers will be there to listen and engage.

"Building relationships with our residents starts with listening and showing up," said Interim Deputy Chief Major Fred Lemons. Chief Larry Hampton added, "Trust is built face to face. The more chances we have to talk with our residents and hear what matters to them, the stronger our community becomes. Coffee with a Cop gives us that space to connect in a meaningful way."

All residents are welcome and encouraged to attend. It's a great way to strengthen community ties and get to know the people behind the badge.

For more information, visit ucitymo.org or follow us on Facebook and Instagram @ucitypolice.



Our Team: Be a Part of University City's Progress!

University City is growing—and so is our team! We're currently hiring for multiple impactful roles that will help shape the future of our community. If you're passionate about public service and making a difference where it matters most, we want to hear from you.

These roles offer the chance to contribute meaningfully to the well-being and future of University City.

Ready to make your mark?
Visit ucitymo.applicantpro.com/jobs/ to learn more and apply today!



WE ARE
HIRING
JOIN OUR TEAM



- Deputy City Manager: Support Services
- Director of Sanitation
- Mechanic
- Senior Planner
- Assistant Director of Finance
- Summer Enrichment Program: Director
- Summer Enrichment Program: Counselor
- Summer Enrichment Program: Inclusion Coordinator
- Summer Enrichment Program: Inclusion Counselor

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Fitness & Fun Spotlight:
Centennial Commons Recreation Center

Ongoing and upcoming events hosted by
Centennial Commons Rec Center.



HEMAN PARK POOL

Admission:



Admission is limited to any individual (age 3+) with a "Summer Fun Pass" or 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 non-residents.

Resident	Daily *	1 Month	Summer Fun Pass (May 23 - 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 23 - September 1)
Youth (17 and under)	\$7.00	\$17.00	\$68.00
Adult	\$9.00	\$30.00	\$120.00
Senior (60+)	\$7.00	\$21.00	\$84.00
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; *Limit: 4, Additional: \$25/person - all same household

Registration begins Wednesday, April 23rd
at Centennial Commons, 7210 Olive Blvd

HEMAN PARK POOL

2025 Swim Instruction

"Water Babies"

ages 6 mos. - 3 yrs.

Intended to develop comfort in and around water. Parent accompanies child in the pool.

Ratio: One Instructor/6 participants

Minimum: 4 Maximum 6 (per time period)

Time: 4:30 - 5:00 pm, 5:00 pm - 5:30, 5:30 - 6:00 pm or 6:00 - 6:30 pm

"Beginners"

ages 6 yrs. - 11 yrs.

Child learns elementary backstroke, kneeling dive and continue to work on front/back crawl. Sidestroke, Deep Water Bobbing, Breaststroke Kick are introduced as well as work on other strokes

Ratio: One Instructor/6 participants

Minimum: 4 Maximum 6 (per time period)

Time: 4:30 - 5:30 pm and 5:30 - 6:30 pm

"Non-Swimmers"

ages 3 yrs. - 8 yrs.

Teaches buoyancy, breath control and introduces basic water skills. Child learns unsupported floating, kicking and beginning swimming skills. Front and back crawl are introduced

Ratio: One Instructor/6 participants

Minimum: 4 Maximum 6 (per time period)

Time: 4:30 - 5:30 pm and 5:30 - 6:30 pm

"Adults"

ages 18 yrs. and Above

This is for a variety of levels. Levels of swim knowledge and experience will determine what lesson includes. The goal is to increase proficiency and knowledge of adults in this class

Ratio: One Instructor/6 participants

Minimum: 4 Maximum 6 (per time period)

Time: 4:30 - 5:30 pm and 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Tuesdays and Thursdays

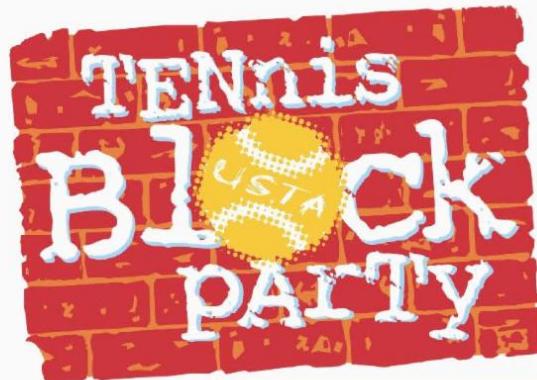
Session I: June 3 - June 26 Session II: July 8 - July 31

Make Up Day: Fridays (only due to weather related cancellations)

Fee: Resident - \$40/person Nonresident - \$50/person



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



MISSOURI VALLEY
ST. LOUIS

VIP Pool Opening Party

Friday, May 23

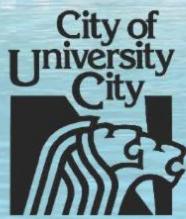
5 P.M. - 8 P.M.

ENTRY FOR SUMMER FUN PASS,
CURRENT CENTENNIAL COMMONS,
SILVER SNEAKERS AND
RENEW ACTIVE MEMBERS
ONLY



MUSIC . FROZEN TREAT VENDORS
BALLOON ARTISTS . FACE PAINTING & MORE

(WEATHER PERMITTING / CALL OR LIKE US ON FACEBOOK FOR EVENT STATUS)





HEMAN PARK POOL

“Toddler Time”

infant/toddler open swim . ages 5 and under



FEE:

\$55

first toddler
\$25 additional
toddler
no charge for parent/guardian

splash pad and baby pool access only

Diapers are not allowed in splash pad or baby pool . swim diapers required

Monday and Wednesday mornings
June 2 – July 30

10:00 am – 11:45 am

Min: 8 (toddlers/parents)

Max: 30 (toddlers/parents)

Registration: April 23 – June 1

For more information, call 314.505.8625



UPCOMING EVENTS



Housing Court

Fri., May 16 @ 2:00 p.m.



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!

Senior Commission Meeting

Tue., May 19 @ 6:00 p.m.

Parks Commission Meeting

Wed., May 20 @ 6:30 p.m.

NO COURT

~~Thu., May 21 @ 6:00 p.m.~~

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