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# ROARS

THE VOICE OF UNIVERSITY CITY

SUMMER 2025



## ☀ 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!

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# MÖVING 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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[ucitypolice](https://www.instagram.com/ucitypolice)

### 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](http://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/](http://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
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## **Fitness & Fun Spotlight:** **Centennial Commons Recreation Center**

Ongoing and upcoming events hosted by Centennial Commons Rec Center.

# 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

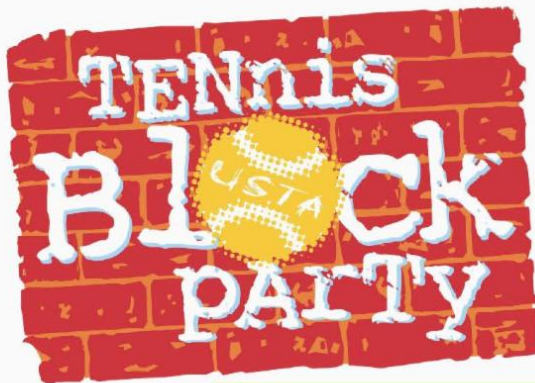
Session II: July 8 - July 31

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](mailto:mmeehan@ucitymo.org), 314.505.8613





# VIP Pool Opening Party

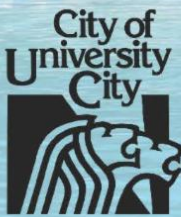
Friday, May 23

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



**splash pad and baby pool access only**

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

FEE:

**\$55**

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

**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.**



# STAY ALERT!



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*BE PREPARED  
SIGN UP NOW*



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## 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.

[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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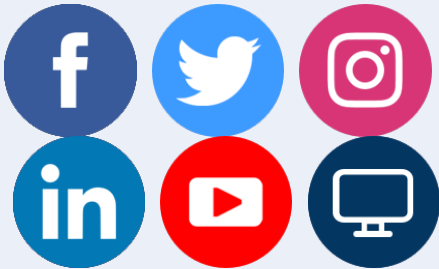
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