



Between the LIONS

U City Community Update

July 3, 2025



INDEPENDENCE DAY

CITY HALL & PUBLIC LIBRARY CLOSED



Shaw Nature Reserve Director to Speak at UCPL July 7

Join us at 6:30 p.m. **Monday, July 7** for a talk with Quinn Long, Director of Shaw Nature Reserve. Long's talk, titled "Celebrating a Century of Conservation: Shaw Nature Reserve; Past, Present, & Future," centers on the history of how the Missouri Botanical Garden acquired this rural land to provide a refuge for plant collections threatened by air pollution — and how it has become a regional leader for ecological restoration, native plant horticulture, and environmental education.

The Shaw Nature Reserve contributes to a unique visitor experience and fulfills the mission of the Garden towards global plant conservation efforts. Join us as we celebrate the past and look toward a bright future of protecting our regional biodiversity.

For more information, email reference@ucitylibrary.org or call 314-727-3150.

This free program is intended for adults but open to all ages.

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University City Police Department Connects with Future Leaders at UMSL's Bridge Program Career Fair

On July 2nd, members of the University City Police Department participated in the University of Missouri-St. Louis (UMSL) Bridge Program Career Fair. Officers engaged with students to share insights about careers in law enforcement, discuss public safety initiatives, and highlight the department's commitment to community partnerships.

The event provided an opportunity to inspire and inform the next generation of professionals while strengthening connections between University City and local youth.



Spotlight: Officer Galen Phillips Sworn In

This past week, the University City Police Department welcomed one of its newest officers, Galen Phillips, in a moving graduation and swearing-in ceremony at City Hall. Family, friends, and department leadership gathered to celebrate this milestone as Officer Phillips formally took his oath of office, pledging to protect and serve the community.

Chief Larry Hampton led the proceedings, highlighting Phillips's dedication, perseverance through rigorous training, and strong commitment to community policing. In attendance were Commander Fredrick Lemons and other key members of the department, who emphasized the importance of ethics, continuous learning, and building trust with residents.

During the ceremony, Officer Phillips received his badge and commission card—symbols of his new role and responsibilities. The event concluded with a heartfelt reception, giving guests the chance to congratulate him personally and share their encouragement.

Officer Phillips's induction marks a promising addition to University City's team of 68 sworn officers, reinforcing the department's pledge to community engagement and safety.



Fitness & Fun Spotlight: Centennial Commons Recreation Center

Ongoing and upcoming events hosted by
Centennial Commons Rec Center.

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FRIDAY JULY 4TH HOLIDAY HOURS



5:30 AM
9:00 PM



HEMAN PARK POOL
LAP SWIM
6-9 AM
PUBLIC SWIM
NOON - 8 PM

IS THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF
PARKS AND RECREATION
MONTH

JULY 2025

NRPA'S PARK AND
RECREATION MONTH



10 THINGS TO DO IN UNIVERSITY CITY IN JULY

1. Have a picnic in Millar Park
2. Pick up a paddle and play Pickleball in Flynn Park or obtain a 20-visit pass and play in the Centennial Commons gymnasium
3. Take a selfie with "Fish on a Bike" in Lewis Park
4. Channel your "inner" Simone Manuel or Michael Phelps during a swim session at Heman Park Swimming Pool
5. Cheer on a "Future All-Star" at a Redbird Rookies or NIKE RBI youth baseball game at Heman Park
6. When visiting Heman Park Swimming Pool, check out the new "Lions, Tigers and Bears – OH MY!" splash pad
7. Branch out to a different style of music at one of the University City Summer Band concerts
8. "Track your steps" while walking the trail at Janet Majerus Park and enjoy the 2025 University City Public Art Series sculptures
9. Work on your swing at Ruth Park Golf Course
10. Grab a tennis racket and take a different "swing" at one of the Kaufman, Flynn or Heman Park tennis courts.

For more information about parks, places or activities, please contact Centennial Commons Recreation Facility at 314.505.8625





Youth and Adult
Tennis Lessons
instructed by
Mark Platt* of
Beginners World Tennis

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"ALL AGES-
ALL ACES"
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SUNDAYS
JULY 20 - AUGUST 10
HEMAN TENNIS COURTS
REGISTRATION FEE:
\$70/PERSON

REGISTER: 7/3 - 7/19

**REGISTER AT
CENTENNIAL
COMMONS, 7210
OLIVE DURING
NORMAL BUSINESS
HOURS FOR INFO,
314.505.8625

AGES 7 - 10
8:00 - 9:00 AM

AGES 11 AND UP
9:00 - 10:00 AM

FREE KICKOFF
SUNDAY, JULY 13
8-9 AM - AGES 7-10
9-10 AM - AGES 11+

**TO REGISTER: EMAIL NAMES, AGES
AND PHONE TO
MMEEHAN@UCITYMO.ORG
JULY 3 - JULY 12

*Celebrating 50 years of teaching tennis
Member of University City High School
Hall of Fame
Member of St. Louis Tennis Hall of Fame
Member of USTA Missouri Valley Tennis
Hall of Fame

**In the case of inclement weather,
registrants will be notified by email



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





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



LSBD Monthly Board Meeting

Tue., Jul 8 @ 9:00 a.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!

Traffic Commission Meeting

Tue., Jul 8 @ 6:30 p.m.

Urban Forestry Commission Meeting- Virtual

Wed., Jul 9 @ 6:00 p.m.

Trial Court

Wed., Jul 9 @ 6:00 p.m.

EDRST Board Meeting

Thu., Jul 10 @ 6:30 p.m.

Arts & Letters Commission Meeting

Thu., Jul 10 @ 7:00 p.m.

Housing Court

Fri., Jul 11 @ 1:00 p.m.

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

JUNE
23RD

UNIVERSITY CITY
CITY HALL-COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5TH FLOOR
6:30 P.M.



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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