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FALL 2025

## Renovations Reveal Stunning Transformation in City Hall Plaza Historic District

Big changes are taking shape behind City Hall where the Trinity and Annex buildings are being thoughtfully restored and reimagined to meet the modern needs of University City. With completion expected in early 2026, the project is blending historic preservation with state-of-the-art improvements, showing how honoring the past can go hand-in-hand with building for the future.

While preserving original features from previous renovations, including portions of a once grand marble staircase, stone arches, and detailed woodwork, the buildings are undergoing major updates. These include new aluminum-clad wood windows at the Trinity Building designed to match the building's original wood windows, advanced HVAC systems, and a reconfigured parking area with several times the previous capacity. A new security fence will also enhance safety across the property.

Thanks to the meticulous work of Trivers, architectural experts in historic renovation and ICS Construction Services, Ltd., a contractor known for their self-perform expertise, attention to detail is visible in every corner. Since breaking ground in September 2024, crews have maintained steady progress, most recently with 65 to 85 workers on site each day.

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### A NEW ERA FOR THE TRINITY BUILDING

Originally built in 1934, the Trinity Building served as University City's public library for nearly 60 years. The two-story, 8,512-square-foot building is being transformed into a light-filled, fully accessible Municipal Court facility.

## COUNCIL MEETING DATES:



**MONDAY, SEPT 8**

**MONDAY, OCT 13**

**MONDAY, OCT 27**

**MONDAY, NOV 10**

**MONDAY, NOV 24**

All meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. In-person meetings are subject to change. Information about meetings is at [ucitymo.org/Calendar](https://ucitymo.org/Calendar). All meetings are streamed live at [youtube.com/UniversityCityGovernment](https://youtube.com/UniversityCityGovernment). To be notified when meetings go live, click the subscribe button.

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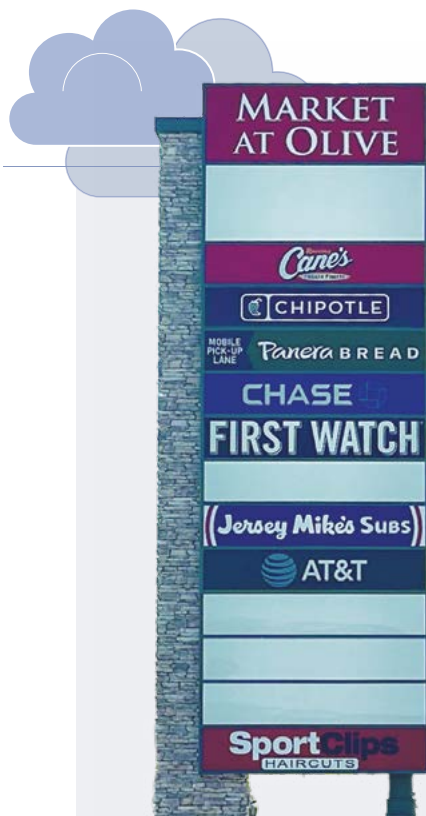
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## Fall Construction Update: Market at Olive Welcomes Major Progress

Fall is shaping up to be an exciting season at the Market at Olive, with significant progress underway on both the new Target and Dierbergs stores.

### TARGET STORE



Store construction continues on schedule on the north side of Olive Boulevard, adjacent to Costco.

Structural steel was completed, followed by roofing and floor slab. Build-out of the interior will proceed through autumn and winter, with opening anticipated late spring 2026.

### DIERBERGS MARKETS



On the south side of Olive, Dierbergs Markets has started construction of its new 75,000-square-foot store. The full project is expected to be completed in spring 2026.

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The star of the renovation will be the spacious 2,200-sq.ft. courtroom on the second floor, featuring a 14-ft. ceiling, restored millwork, elegant crown molding, and soaring windows at both ends of the room that flood the space with natural light. The building's main entrance has been relocated to the east and will provide direct ADA ramp access from the expanded parking lot and an eight-person capacity elevator offers easy access between floors. The courtroom will be programmed with the latest in safety and accessibility technology from security cameras to assistive listening devices for the public. Municipal Court offices, public restrooms and community spaces have also been designed for modern comfort and convenience.

### THE ANNEX: A PROFESSIONAL POLICE FACILITY

Just next door, the 36,000-square-foot, three-story-plus-basement Annex building, originally built in 1903 as the printing plant for the Lewis Publishing Company, is being redeveloped as a 21st-century police headquarters.

The upgraded facility will include a high security sally port, evidence storage area, processing center, separate holding cells for men and women, detainee showers, lineup and visitation rooms, and full ADA accessibility. Other key features will include an indoor shooting range, modern dispatch and IT centers, a weapons armory, offices, a breakroom, men's and women's locker rooms, and a fully-equipped exercise room. The new public entrance on the east side of the Annex Building will expose previously concealed historic masonry details and provide easy access to City Hall, maximizing the connections between University City departments. The Police Department anticipates fully moving into the Annex Building within 45 days of completion.



### INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY WITHOUT RAISING TAXES

"This project is a game changer for University City," said City Manager Gregory Rose. "It brings vital new facilities to serve our residents while preserving the architectural heritage of our community. We're especially proud that it's being accomplished without a tax increase, thanks to the use of Certificate of Participation Bonds instead of general obligation bonds or other tax-based measures."

Stay tuned for more updates and information about upcoming grand opening celebrations in future editions of this newsletter.

*Photos courtesy of Trivers*

## Dear Neighbors

I'm one of those politicians most folks can't name, like your state auditor only vastly humbler. So, with your indulgence, I'll use my first appearance in "ROARS" to introduce myself.

I'm U. City born and raised. I went to Christ The King School and the old Mercy High School, class of 1968. It's possible that I know your house. I may have played in your backyard.

My first public service was when I joined the Army and served in Vietnam. I used my G.I. Bill to attend Southern Methodist University and Washington University. I earned my bachelor's degree, my master's and my first teacher's certificate. Much later, I earned my Ph. D. from St. Louis University. I hold degrees in history, English and education. I also studied child development at the St. Louis Psychoanalytic Institute and taught for 40 years. Most importantly, at Wash. U., in Holmes Lounge, I met the woman I would marry. She too is U. City born and raised. Phoebe is a psychoanalyst.

I've lived in other places, among them the West Indies and Mexico City. I always knew I'd return. I love this town. After returning, I taught at two yeshivas, a Catholic high school, and retired from the St. Louis Public Schools.

I hold this ideal, that a person owes their community a service. I was a soldier and then a teacher. Since retiring, I co-chaired the Storm Water Task Force, was president of the Municipal Commission On Arts And Letters, and president of my neighborhood association. For three terms, I served on the Literature Panel of the Missouri Arts Council. Now I'm on the City Council. I consider writing a public service. I am a widely published essayist and poet.

We live in an era in which contempt is as much a part of politics as is dialogue. Municipal government is the most intimate level of the democratic republic. I enjoy that intimacy. All of my constituents are neighbors, friends and some relatives. When we feel lost, when we wonder what to do, we do well to remember who we love, who we can touch.

**John S. Tieman**

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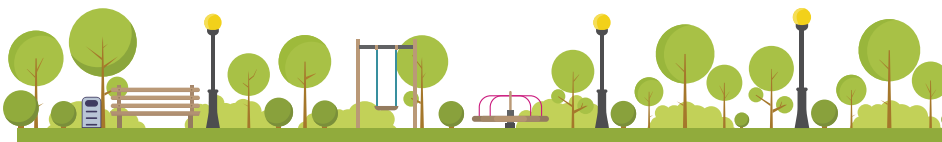


## New Playgrounds Coming to Metcalfe and Rabe Parks This Fall

Exciting improvements are coming to Metcalfe and Rabe Parks as part of University City's ongoing effort to upgrade playgrounds. Two new play areas are scheduled for installation by the end of the year, supported by a \$78,000 grant from Gametime to bring more modern, accessible and family-friendly features to our parks.

Each playground will include a swing set, a play structure for children ages 2 to 5, and another for ages 5 to 12, ensuring fun, age-appropriate experiences for a wide range of users. These features are intended to create a safe and inclusive environment that welcomes families and encourages outdoor play.

Professional installation is expected to be completed this fall. Once open, residents are invited to come out and enjoy the new playgrounds at Metcalfe and Rabe Parks!





## September Sunday Concerts



The Sunday afternoon Starlight Concert Series will delight audiences at three free outdoor concerts. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy the music. Concerts begin at 3 p.m. in Heman Park, at the Midland/Shaftesbury entrance.

**Sept. 14** – Mak Sevn and The Prodigy Band featuring Elle Lenee'

**Sept. 21** – The Coleman Hughes Project featuring Adrienne

**Sept. 28** – Nostalgia and the B/W Band

For more information about the 2025 Fall Starlight Concert Series, go to the Arts and Letters website at [ucityartsandletters.org](http://ucityartsandletters.org)



## Job Openings – Work for U City

**COME WORK WITH US.  
CURRENTLY RECRUITING FOR  
THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:**

- Executive Secretary to Director
- Mechanic I and II
- Planner
- Paramedic/Firefighter
- Police Officer
- Dispatcher

**Check out current job  
openings at [ucitymo.org/jobs](http://ucitymo.org/jobs)**



## U City In Bloom Garden Tour and Plein Air Festival, Sun., Sept. 28



The 2025 U City in Bloom Garden Tour and Plein Air Festival takes place on Sun., Sept. 28, from 1 to 5 p.m. Stroll through historic neighborhoods near Washington University while visiting the beautiful gardens featured on the 2025 Garden Tour. Observe plein air artists at work during the day and view their finished creations at the evening reception afterwards.

The reception at the Heman Park Community Center, 975 Pennsylvania. from 5 to 7 p.m. includes beverages and light refreshments. Meet the artists, visit with fellow gardening enthusiasts, and browse the gallery of paintings, which will be for sale. It's a unique opportunity to own an original work of art depicting our beautiful City.

Founded in 1985, U City in Bloom is celebrating its 40th anniversary. This event is the finale of a year that has been filled with meaningful community engagement beginning with the successful Spring Plant Sale last April. Virtually every one of the hundreds of pots of perennials, annuals, veggies, herbs, trees and shrubs were sold by closing time. With an emphasis on native plants, the sale helped spread the word to "grow native" to promote biodiversity and be good stewards of our environment.

In addition, the 51st annual Memorial Day Run, which benefits U City in Bloom and its partners, the Green Center, and University City Public Library, enjoyed perfect weather. It also recognized the plight of those affected by the EF3 tornado that devastated areas of St. Louis just 10 days earlier by asking participants to bring tornado relief supplies when they checked in to run. Two pickup truck loads of needed items were collected and delivered.

For further information on the Garden Tour and Plein Air Art Festival, and to purchase tickets, visit [ucityinbloom.org](http://ucityinbloom.org). U City in Bloom uses the profits from the Garden Tour and earlier events to keep University City blooming for the future.

## Fall at the U City Farmers Market!



The new location for the U City Farmers Market in Heman Park has quickly become a weekly destination for people of all ages. The fun continues this fall with several special events, especially for families with children, such as Zucchini Car Races, Cowboy Critters Petting Farm and the annual Harvest Festival.

Local produce from regional farmers is as abundant and colorful as the fall leaves. Frequent marketgoers often comment that fall is their favorite time to visit, when fall squash, pumpkins and apples are displayed next to summer tomatoes, peppers and cucumbers.

As always, the market is a great place for everyone to gather, socialize and enjoy a variety of offerings while enjoying locally made artisan foods, hand-crafted goods and many ready to eat items.

The U City Farmers Market is open on Saturdays through Nov. 22, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and on Thursdays, through Sept. 25, 4 pm to 7 pm. The market is located in Heman Park by Centennial Commons at 7210 Olive Blvd. For more information, visit the market's Facebook page or sign up for their newsletter at [www.midwestfarmersmarkets.org](http://www.midwestfarmersmarkets.org)



## Holiday Schedule for Trash and Recycling Collection

**Labor Day** - No trash/recycling collection on Mon., Sept. 1 due to the Labor Day holiday. All trash/ recycling routes during the week of Sept. 1 will be collected the day AFTER your normal collection day. Monday routes will be collected Tuesday, Tuesday routes will be collected Wednesday, Wednesday routes will be collected Thursday, Thursday routes will be collected Friday, and Friday routes will be collected Saturday. Regular trash and recycling collection will resume on Mon., Sept. 8.

**Thanksgiving Day and Day After** - No trash/recycling collection on Thurs., Nov. 27. Thursday routes will be collected on Friday, and Friday routes will be collected on Saturday. Regular collection will resume Mon., Dec. 1.



## Fall “Laughter, Lunch and Bingo” for Seniors

**GET READY TO LAUGH, LUNCH AND SHOUT “BINGO!”**

Win some prizes at this “come and have fun” event at Heman Park Community Center, 975 Pennsylvania Ave.

**Lunch served at 11 a.m. | Bingo begins at noon**

**Thurs., Sept. 25 | Thurs., Oct. 23 | Thurs., Nov. 20**

Cost is \$5/person and pre-registration is required

Sponsored by the University City Recreation Division

Contact Centennial Commons at 314.505.8625 to learn more.



## Heman Park Pool Back to School Hours Aug. 18 to Sept. 1

Summer is almost over but there's still time to jump into Heman Park during “Back to School” hours from Aug. 18 to Sept. 1.

**Lap Swim:** 6-9 a.m. weekdays, weekends and Labor Day

**Public Swim:** 4-8 p.m. weekdays  
Noon-8 p.m. weekends and Labor Day



## 2025 Fall Curbside Leaf Collection

University City will begin collecting leaves from the front curb of participating residential properties in November. Leaves must be raked to the curb line on Sunday before the scheduled collection week begins. Trucks will make one pass on each street during the collection week, so leaves must be raked to the curb. The pick-up schedule in your area is listed below:

AREA	WEEK 1	WEEK 2
WEST	NOV. 3-7	DEC. 1-5
EAST	NOV. 10-14	DEC. 8-12
CENTRAL	NOV. 17-21	DEC. 15-19

Please be sure that parked vehicles do not block access to the leaves. Only leaves will be collected. Other materials such as gumballs, limbs or other yard debris will NOT be collected. These are considered yard waste and need to be placed in yard waste bags to be picked up on your regular collection day.



## Fall Fitness Classes Sept. 8 to Nov. 1



**Mondays, 9 to 10 a.m.,  
Total Body & Tone**

**Mondays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Zumba**

**Tuesdays, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.,  
Stretch & Strengthen with Essentrics**

**Wednesdays, 9 to 10 a.m.,  
Total Body & Tone**

**Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m., Tai Chi**

**Saturdays, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.,  
Slow Flow Yoga**

**Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.,  
Slide and Line Dancing**

**Holiday Mini Session –  
Nov. 10 – Dec. 20  
(skip Thanksgiving week)**

For more information, contact  
Centennial Commons, 314.505.8625





## Puppy Pool Party Sat., Sept. 6

See Spot Splash! The Recreation Division invites you to the annual Puppy Pool Party on Sat., Sept. 6, from noon to 2 p.m., at the Heman Park Pool, 7210 Olive Blvd. In-person, pre-registration is available at Centennial Commons, 7210 Olive Blvd., during regular business hours from Mon., Aug. 18 to Fri., Sept. 5. Registrants must be 18 years of age or older. Pre-registration is \$10 per dog; or \$15.00 per dog day of event registration.

Participation is limited to two dogs per owner and attendees are limited to the registered owner and two guests. A copy of each dog's shot records must be presented and retained with no exceptions both at preregistration and the day of event registration. For everyone's safety, owners are also required to provide current proof of Rabies, Bordetella and DHLPP vaccinations. Owners must clean up their dog's waste the day of the event. For more information, contact Recreation Supervisor, Merric Meehan at 314.505.8613 or [mmeehan@ucitymo.org](mailto:mmeehan@ucitymo.org)



## Annual Yard Sale – Sat., Sept. 6

The University City Recreation Division will host its annual Outdoor Yard Sale on Sat., Sept. 6th, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., in Heman Park at the Midland-Shaftesbury entrance.

Free and open to the public, it will feature individuals and groups hosting their own yard sales, as well as other activities and information.

In case of inclement weather, the event will be canceled.

For more information, contact Centennial Commons at 314.505.8625.



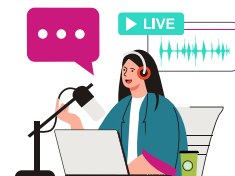
## Library Studio and Makerspace Tech Centers Open

University City Public Library is excited to announce that our long-awaited Makerspace and Studio are now ready for library visitors to create, learn and have fun! Located on the second floor, both spaces were added during the recently completed renovation.

- The Studio offers a variety of audio and video recording and editing equipment, allowing users to create podcasts, short-form videos, music tracks and more.
- Makerspace equipment includes a 3D printer and scanner, a Glowforge laser cutter, a Cricut, and sewing, embroidery, and quilting machines.

For information about upcoming classes on all the new technologies, as well as programs and open hours for the Makerspace and Studio, visit [www.ucitylibrary.org/calendar](http://www.ucitylibrary.org/calendar). For a full list of technology available to library patrons, including detailed information about the equipment and software in the Studio and Makerspace, visit [www.ucitylibrary.org/technology](http://www.ucitylibrary.org/technology).

Funding for the software and equipment in these spaces was provided by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, as administered by the Missouri State Library, a division of the Secretary of State.



## Professional Dancer and Choreographer Named Returning Artist for U. City Schools

The University City Municipal Commission on Arts & Letters has named renowned dancer, choreographer and cultural arts consultant Andrea Peoples as the district's 2025–2026 Returning Artist. A proud graduate of University City High School's Class of 2000, Peoples will tour schools across the district during Homecoming Week, October 13–18. During her visit, she will engage with students, connect with educators and reflect on her U. City roots.

Peoples' visit is part of an ongoing effort to highlight inspiring alumni, strengthen community connections, and celebrate the legacy of excellence that defines University City schools. An accomplished performer known for both traditional and contemporary cultural styles, Peoples has studied under master dancers and musicians around the world. Her career highlights include collaborating on the film *Sinners* with director Ryan Coogler and actor Michael B. Jordan, performing with Usher at the 2024 Essence Festival, and working with artists such as Jet Life & Curren\$, Los Van Van, Pedrito Martinez, and Cimafunk.

Based in New Orleans, she has performed with Big Freedia, IFÉ, Big Sam, and the New Orleans Philharmonic, and led a long-standing drum and dance residency at Ace Hotel. As an educator and cultural leader, she has choreographed and taught at institutions including Washington University, Tulane, UMSL, Dillard University, and Young Audiences of New Orleans. Her community work includes co-coordinating Black Dance USA St. Louis, consulting for Cuba NOLA, and producing cultural events for brands like Grey Goose Vodka. She also serves as a dance specialist for the Prism Project, supporting students with special needs.



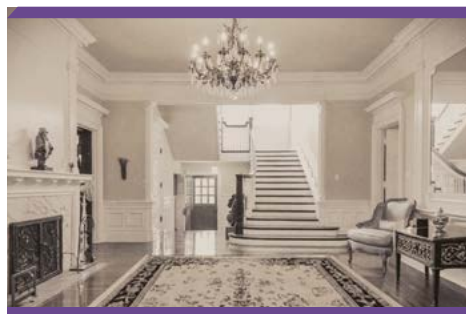
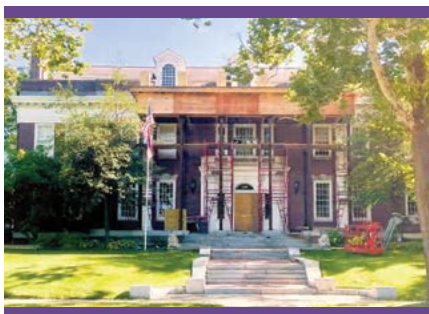
To celebrate her return, the Commission will host a public reception in Peoples' honor at 7 p.m., Wed., Oct. 15, at the U City High School Library, 7401 Balson Ave.



## Frank Rand House Receives Century Home Designation from the Historical Society of University City

The Historical Society of University City has presented the prestigious Century Home plaque to the Frank Rand House, located at 7100 Delmar Blvd. These plaques recognize homes in University City that are 100 years or older. To date, more than 150 homeowners have applied for and received these honors for their homes, celebrating the City's rich architectural and cultural history.

Every historic home has a story to tell about the architects, the builders, and the families who lived there, and the Frank Rand House is no exception.



Constructed in 1911, the home was designed by renowned architect Theodore Link for Frank Rand (1876–1949), who served as president and chairman of the International Shoe Company, once the largest shoe company in the world. The stately Georgian Revival residence is distinguished by its nine-bay façade and prominent two-story portico.

Of particular interest to our community, the home was purchased in 2019 by University City Mayor Terry Crow. Over the past six years, Mayor Crow has led a meticulous restoration effort, reviving the home's original grandeur by rebuilding and refurbishing key architectural and structural features that had deteriorated over time.

**"Restoring this home has been a labor of love, not only because of its beauty, but also because of its historical significance to University City," said Mayor Crow. "Just as it is an honor to serve as mayor, it is humbling to live in one of the City's iconic structures and help preserve it for future generations."**

A documentary produced by Byron Sletten about the home and its restoration is available at <https://vimeo.com/1075551351?share=copy>

Any homeowner interested in applying for Century Home designation should visit <http://www.ucityhistory.org> to access the registration form. Applicants must establish the home's construction date and documentation supporting its historical status.



## Fall Bulk Residential Household Item Collection

Want to get rid of old furniture, rugs, mattresses, carpet or broken appliances? Residential households can place curbside three large items or up to seven smaller household items for the annual fall bulk pick-up.

**ITEMS ACCEPTED** – furniture, bedding, cabinets, doors, windows (all glass must be wrapped in cardboard), rugs, carpet, mattresses, box springs, washers and dryers, refrigerators (doors removed), small air conditioners, sinks and toilets.

**ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED** – televisions and computer monitors, hazardous materials, commercial items, business equipment, yard waste, tree trunks, logs, building or construction type debris and materials, tires, auto batteries, motors, railroad ties, barrel drums, concrete bricks, landscape stones, boulders, rocks, dirt, roofing materials, siding, fluorescent tubes and household trash.

All acceptable items must be placed at the front curb (not an alley) by the Sunday night before collection begins in the area. Trucks are in each area collecting items during the entire week and make only one pass on each street. Please be sure that items are not blocked by parked vehicles. More information is available at [ucitymo.org/publicworks](http://ucitymo.org/publicworks) or view the University City calendar to confirm your area collection schedule.

**EAST AREA – SEPT. 8-12**

**CENTRAL AREA – SEPT. 15-19**

**WEST AREA – SEPT. 22-26**

If you miss your bulk collection, you may schedule a special bulk household item pick-up for a fee by contacting the Public Works Department. Questions? Call 314.505.8560





# Centennial Commons Memberships

## ONE MEMBERSHIP, ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES

Available to both Residents and Nonresidents, Centennial Commons memberships include access to the Centennial Commons Recreation Facility, Heman Park Swimming Pool, discounts on programs, and resident rates at Ruth Park Golf Course.

Memberships may be purchased at Centennial Commons during regular business hours with a photo ID required. Visit [www.ucitymo.org/centennialcommons](http://www.ucitymo.org/centennialcommons) or call 314.505.8625 for more information and questions about membership rates below.

RESIDENT	DAILY**	1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	ANNUAL
Youth 17 and under*	\$4.00	\$17.00	\$50.00	\$125.00
Adult	\$5.00	\$ 32.00	\$96.00	\$240.00
Senior 60+	\$4.00	\$20.00	\$60.00	\$150.00
Senior Couple***		\$34.00	\$100.00	\$250.00
Family		\$54.00	\$160.00	\$400.00

\*Parents must initially apply for youth 17 and under, \*\*Must purchase recreation ID card, good for one year from dates of purchase, Resident \$5.00; Non-resident \$7.00, No daily rate for Senior Couple or Family \*\*\*Both individuals must be 60 or older

As always, parents must initially apply for youth 17 and under. Admission requires youth ages 12 and under to be accompanied throughout their entire visit by a parent or authorized guardian or caregiver 18 years or older.

## CENTENNIAL COMMONS ADMISSIONS

Admission is limited to any individual (age 3+) with a Centennial Commons membership or a resident or nonresident annual 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. Please note: Annual ID Card/Annual Membership is good for one year from the date of purchase.

NON-RESIDENT	DAILY**	1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	ANNUAL
Youth 17 and under*	\$7.00	\$27.00	\$80.00	\$200.00
Adult	\$7.00	\$47.00	\$140.00	\$350.00
Senior 60+	\$7.00	\$34.00	\$100.00	\$250.00
Senior Couple***		\$47.00	\$140.00	\$350.00
Family		\$64.00	\$190.00	\$475.00

## SENIORS

SilverSneakers® and RenewActive® No Cost Memberships Centennial Commons is eligible for free SilverSneakers and RenewActive admissions. Both programs are designed to help seniors achieve better health through regular exercise and health education. Free membership remains active as long as your health insurance is accepted. Contact your health plan to find out if you qualify. For more information, visit Centennial Commons, 7210 Olive Blvd. or call 314.505.8625 or Relay Missouri at 800.735.2966 (TDD).

## GUESTS

Those with a valid Centennial Commons Membership may bring guests to Centennial Commons and Heman Pool. The membership holder must be 18 years of age or older to bring a guest. Each person with a membership is allowed up to 4 guests per day. The fee is \$9 per person. Members are required to remain with their guests during the entire visit.

## RESIDENTS

For resident rates present your U City occupancy permit at time of registration. For family memberships be sure your U City occupancy permit has been updated to include all immediate family members who reside in your home. More information is available at [www.ucitymo.org/OccupancyPermit](http://www.ucitymo.org/OccupancyPermit) or at 314.505.8500.



## NON-RESIDENTS

Family includes up to 4 members of the same household (photo ID required); each additional person is \$25 with maximum of 8 family members.



## Centennial Commons Fall/Winter Hours Begin Tues., Sept. 2

Mon. to Fri., 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Sat., 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Sun., 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For facility and program updates, announcements and more, "like" us on the Recreation Division or Centennial Commons Facebook pages @universitycityrecreationdivision or @centennialcommons.





## Fire Prevention Week to Focus on Lithium-Ion Battery Safety



The University City Fire Department (UCFD) is gearing up for this year's Fire Prevention Week from October 5 to 11. As part of our annual outreach to talk about fire safety and prevention, firefighters will visit all University City public elementary schools as well as private schools, preschools or other community groups that request a visit.

In addition, firefighters can help residents obtain and install smoke detectors and through our collaboration with the American Red Cross, provide smoke alarms for residents who are hearing impaired.

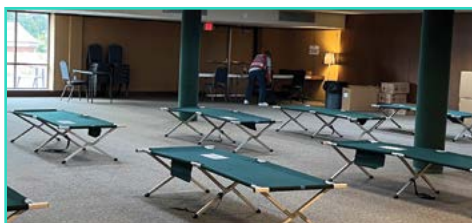
Because lithium batteries require special handling, this year's National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) theme is "Charge into Fire Safety: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home." These powerful batteries are found in everyday devices including phones, tablets, e-cigarettes, power tools, scooters and toys. While convenient, they can be hazardous if used or charged improperly.

The UCFD presentations will focus on how to handle lithium batteries safely to prevent overheating, fires or explosions. In addition, firefighters will reinforce other key safety practices, including:

- **EDITH: Exit Drills In The Home** – The importance of teaching and reminding children to know two ways out of every room, have a designated family meeting place outside and practice home escape plans regularly.
- **Smoke Detectors Save Lives** – Reminders to install working smoke alarms inside every bedroom, on every level of the home (including the basement), and to test them monthly. Research shows working smoke detectors can reduce the risk of death in a home fire by over 50%.

Taking simple but proactive steps to protect your homes by learning about lithium-ion battery safety and ensuring smoke detectors are properly installed and maintained can go a long way in making your homes as safe as possible. For more information, contact Private Alexis Shady, UCFD Public Relations Representative, at 314.505.8768.

## University City Commends Refresh Community Church for Post-Tornado Relief Efforts



University City extends its heartfelt thanks to Refresh Community Church for its remarkable support following the May 16 tornado that devastated parts of St. Louis. Located at 829 North Hanley, the church served as a designated Red Cross shelter, opening its doors to anyone in need.

From hot meals and basic supplies to a place to rest or charge a phone, Refresh Community Church became a haven for approximately 70 people over a 23-day period, some staying intermittently, others for a week or more.

The church's involvement began when a member learned the Red Cross was seeking shelter locations. Within 24 hours, church leadership had prepared the facility and partnered with the Red Cross to open the shelter. Staff and volunteers worked tirelessly to meet the community's needs.

"Being able to serve our neighbors during such a difficult time is at the core of who we are," said Associate Pastor Bryce Van Deraa. "Refresh Community Church is a unified, richly diverse, and joy-filled community committed to being a light in University City."

The City applauds the church's generosity, spirit of unity, and strong partnership with the Red Cross. More information about Refresh Church is available at [www.refreshcommunity.church](http://www.refreshcommunity.church)



## Scam Alert: University City Fire Department Name Being Misrepresented

Your security and trust are our top priority. Unfortunately, due to fraudulent activity some residents are seeing unauthorized charges on their bank or credit card statements labeled as "University City Fire Department."

**PLEASE BE ADVISED: The Fire Department does not and will never charge your bank account or credit card directly for any services.**

If you notice any unfamiliar or suspicious charges with this or a similar description, we urge you to contact your financial institution immediately to report and investigate the matter. For questions or to report concerns, please contact the University City Fire Department at 314.505.8768.



**TRUNK OR TREAT**  
**FRI., OCT. 24** | time to be announced





## Fall Home Buying & Homeownership Education Series

SHED, Inc. (Sustainable Housing and Equitable Development) will host an informative webinar this fall via Zoom for homeowners and buyers from 6 to 7:30 p.m., Thurs., Oct. 16. The webinar is free and open to the public. Register at [www.shedstl.org](http://www.shedstl.org)



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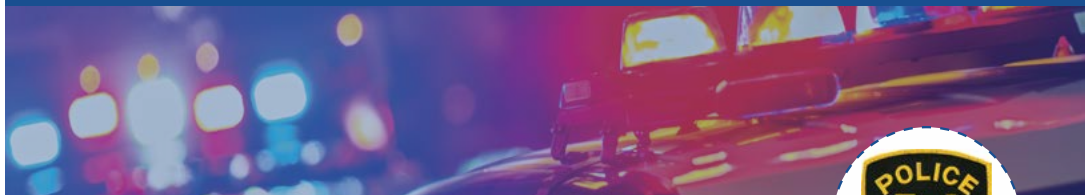
Entitled "Understanding Appraisals and Inspections" the program will be led by Gail Brown of Brown-Kortkamp Realty Company, with discussion topics including:

- Do I need to have an inspection?
- What is the difference between an appraisal and an inspection?
- What do appraisers and inspectors look for?
- How can a low appraisal or poor inspection affect my purchase?

**The Annual Community Meeting with SHED will be held on Tuesday, November 18 at the University City Public Library auditorium, 6701 Delmar Blvd. from 6-7:30PM. Refreshments will be served. Please register at [www.shedstl.org](http://www.shedstl.org) or call 314.782.7433.**



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## Honoring the Past, Shaping the Future: Long-Tenured Public Safety Leadership



As the public safety profession continues to evolve with new technologies, innovative strategies and new guiding principles, the University City Police Department (UCPD) remains grounded in a powerful resource – experience.

At the heart of UCPD's mission are the department's longest-serving members: Chief Larry Hampton Jr., Detective Lieutenant Shawn Whitley, and School Resource Officer Lee Tuckson. These

three dedicated leaders are the last remaining group of professionals who have served University City consistently since the 1990s. They also continue to play a vital role in shaping the future by mentoring and coaching the next generation of officers.

While much has changed in policing over the decades, one thing remains constant: the importance of institutional knowledge and maturity. With many newer and less experienced employees joining the force, the guidance of seasoned personnel ensures continuity, professionalism and a strong foundation rooted in integrity, hard work and a "growth mindset."

This approach is more than just training. It's about instilling purpose and commitment. New officers benefit greatly from seeing the example set by those who have served our community for decades. These senior team members foster leadership, encourage critical thinking and help build a resilient and adaptable workforce prepared to meet the needs of modern public safety. Witnessing successful long-standing senior officers at work helps establish a thirst for knowledge within our system that resonates with newer officers.

University City's unique, community-centered approach to policing is made possible through strong partnerships among elected officials, residents, stakeholders, local businesses and City employees. Our senior officers help guide and shape this collaborative environment, ensuring that our law enforcement practices reflect the values of our community.

Tenured personnel are often referred to as "culture custodians," and for good reason. They uphold the traditions, standards, and professional values that have long defined UCPD. Their leadership provides stability and inspires excellence throughout the department.

Thanks to the continued dedication of Chief Hampton, Lt. Whitley, Officer Tuckson and other experienced team members, UCPD remains a unified, forward-thinking leader in 21st Century policing.

Many of our community engagement events, from school visits to neighborhood outreach, are led by these trusted veterans. Whether they began their service in the 1990s or early 2000s, their presence reminds us that experience and innovation go hand-in-hand.

The stability that is brought to our community from leaders who were born, raised or even developed right here in University City is a tremendous asset. At UCPD, we are proud to serve University City every day with a focus on growth, service and a deep commitment to our shared future.





## SDUC Launches Region's First High School Hydroponic Smart Farm

The School District of University City's Education for Sustainability and Agriculture just got a major upgrade! This summer, a giant shipping container turned hydroponic farm was craned into place at University City High School, kicking off a new era of hands-on learning for students.

UCHS is now the first high school in the St. Louis area to adopt the Fresh Harvest 365 Smart Farm System and the first in St. Louis City and County with a state-approved career and technical education program in agriculture.

This high-tech outdoor classroom will give students real-world skills, an opportunity at an industry credential in hydroponics, and a chance to help solve real-world issues like food deserts.

## UCHS Sports Complex to Install State-of-the-Art LED Lighting

For the first time in decades, University City High School's historic Muhl-Schemmer Stadium is getting major upgrades, including a high-performance synthetic turf field with added safety features. Across the street, the Jackson Park Soccer+ Field will also receive a versatile turf surface for multiple sports. Together, these two adjacent sites form the new UCHS Sports Complex.

Additionally, the entire complex will be equipped with energy-efficient, state-of-the-art LED lighting—allowing for safe evening use during scheduled events and games.

To view renderings of the fields, including lighting diagrams, please visit [www.ucityschools.org/propu](http://www.ucityschools.org/propu).

## Welcome School Board Members

On April 8, 2025, two candidates were named to three-year terms on The School District of University City Board of Education. Because the number of candidates who filed was equal to the number of positions available, no election was held, in accordance with District Policy BBB-1: School Board Elections. Laverne Ford-Williams retained her seat for a fourth term as director, and Guerin Pichon was newly seated.

We extend our sincere gratitude to outgoing Director Bridget McDougall for more than two and a half years of dedicated service to our students, staff, and the University City community. At its May 15, 2025 meeting, the Board voted to appoint Matt Bellows to serve the remainder of McDougall's one-year unexpired term.

Other members of the University City Board of Education include Karen Bernstein, Kay Gage, Tameka Staten, and Monica A. Stewart, Ed.D.

## 2025 Homecoming and UCHS Hall of Fame Set for October 16-18

What time is it? U Time! University City High School's Homecoming festivities begin the evening of Thursday, October 16, with the school's biennial Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, honoring outstanding alumni and their accomplishments.

On Friday, October 17, the UCHS Lions face off against the Affton Cougars in the Homecoming Game at the newly renovated Muhl-Schemmer Stadium. The celebration wraps up Saturday, October 18, with the traditional Homecoming Parade. The parade will step off at 10 a.m. from University City's City Hall and make its way to the high school.

For more information on the Hall of Fame ceremony, including a list of inductees and ticket details, visit [www.ucityschools.org/HOF2025](http://www.ucityschools.org/HOF2025).

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