



# Between the LIONS

U City Community Update

October 31, 2025

# SURVEY



## Citywide Resident Survey Underway

The City of University City is once again conducting its biennial community survey to gather valuable feedback from residents. Some residents may have already received the survey earlier than expected — please note that this survey is legitimate and part of the City's regular process to evaluate and improve services.

The survey, conducted by the ETC Institute, is performed every two-three years to help City leaders better understand community priorities and satisfaction with city services. Your input plays an important role in shaping decisions, investments, and improvements that directly impact our neighborhoods and quality of life.

Residents are encouraged to complete the survey within two weeks of receiving it. For questions, please contact Ryan Murray, Project Manager at ETC Institute, at [ryan.murray@etcinstitute.com](mailto:ryan.murray@etcinstitute.com) or [\(913\) 254-4598](tel:(913)254-4598).

Thank you for helping shape the future of University City.  
Visit the survey site at [www.universitycitygov.org](http://www.universitycitygov.org)



### Improves Air Quality

Planting new trees helps absorb air pollutants and produce oxygen, thereby improving the quality of the air we breathe.

### Provide Economic Value

Trees add property value to homes by adding curb appeal and lower cooling cost in the summer by shading homes.

### Reduce Carbon Emissions

Trees absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, thereby helping to reduce the greenhouse effect and climate change.

## The Benefits of Planting Trees in University City

The University City Forestry Division is dedicated to keeping our community



green, healthy, and beautiful. This spring, we're continuing our efforts to plant new street trees—and we invite you to be part of it!

Planting trees offers a wide range of benefits for both residents and the environment:

**1. Improves Air Quality**

Trees absorb air pollutants and release oxygen, helping to create cleaner, healthier air for everyone in our community.

**2. Provides Economic Value**

Trees enhance property values by adding curb appeal and can even help lower summer cooling costs by providing natural shade.

**3. Reduces Carbon Emissions**

Trees absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, playing an important role in reducing the greenhouse effect and combating climate change.

By adding more trees to our streets, we're not only beautifying our city but also investing in a sustainable future.

If you'd like to request a new street tree for the upcoming spring planting season, please contact the Forestry Division today. Together, we can make University City greener and more vibrant for generations to come.

Call the Forestry Division at [\(314\) 505-8619](tel:(314)505-8619) to learn more or submit your request!

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# University City Fire Department Food Drive

## Help Us Fill the Shelves for Local Families in Need!

This holiday season, your University City firefighters are collecting non-perishable food items to support our University City food pantries.

Together, we can make sure every table in our community is full this winter.

### Most Needed Items:

- Canned meats and vegetables
- Peanut butter & jelly
- Pasta, rice, and boxed meals
- Cereal & breakfast items
- Baby food & formula

Please—no expired or perishable items.

Let's spread warmth, kindness, and hope this season.  
Every donation counts!



### Drop-Off Location:

 University City Fire House 1  
863 Westgate Ave

Dates: October 29 - November 14

Times: 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. (daily)

## Human Resources News

University City is looking for dedicated professionals to join our team! Current openings include:

Accountant

Advanced Clerk Typist - Sanitation

Director of Parks, Recreation, and Public Areas  
Maintenance



Director of Planning and Zoning

Economic Development Specialist

Heavy Equipment Operator – Sanitation

Mechanic I and II – Fleet

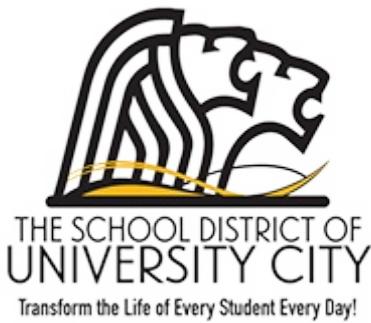
Planner – Planning and Zoning

Police Officer

Purchasing Manager

If you're ready to make a difference in your community and build a rewarding career with the City, we encourage you to apply.

Apply Here: [UNIVERSITY CITY JOBS](#)



### **Education Spotlight: University City School District**

Ongoing and upcoming events hosted by the University City School District.

# STATE OF THE DISTRICT & STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING

Transform the life of  
every student, every day.

**NOVEMBER 10, 2025**

**5:30 - 7:00 PM**

**UCHS LIBRARY**

*(7401 BALSON AVE.)*

The District's Strategic Plan guides our goals and priorities, and your perspective matters! Please join us for a joint State of the District and Community Strategic Planning Meeting as we review our plan to ensure it continues to reflect the values, goals, and priorities of our University City community.

In addition, we'll share important updates about our District's progress, including highlights from the Annual Performance Report (APR), which the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) will release on November 6.



## Learning Reimagined

- Rigorous, Modern & Relevant Learning**
- Well-Being & Joy**
- Excellent Staff**
- All Hands**
- Resources**



Scan the QR code or visit  
[ucityschools.org/strategicmeeting](http://ucityschools.org/strategicmeeting)  
to register!



## State of the District & Strategic Planning Meeting Monday, November 10, 2025 / UCHS Library

We invite you to join Superintendent Sharonica L. Hardin-Bartley at our District Community Strategic Planning Meeting and State of the District on **Monday, November 10**. This meeting will be held at **5:30 pm** at the **UCHS Library**.

Our Strategic Plan guides the District's goals and priorities, and your voice truly matters. We'll be reviewing our plan, and in particular, our five strategic priorities: rigorous, modern, and relevant learning; well-being and joy; excellent staff; all hands; and resources. We recently learned that DESE is releasing our APR (annual performance report) on November 6. We will highlight this information during this meeting. To register to attend, please



## Fitness & Fun Spotlight: Centennial Commons Recreation Center

Ongoing and upcoming events hosted by  
Centennial Commons Rec Center.

# Centennial Commons & Operation Food Search Thanksgiving Food Drive



This Thanksgiving season, Centennial Commons is proud to partner with Operation Food Search in collecting non-perishable food items to support those in need across our community and help local families enjoy a warm and plentiful holiday meal.

Suggested Donations (Pop-top canned items greatly appreciated):

- Chicken, light tuna & salmon (canned & pouches)
- Diced tomatoes, tomato paste, canned spaghetti sauces (low-sodium appreciated)
- Canned chicken soup, chili, stews with meat/beans
- Canned fruit (in natural juices)
- Diced tomatoes, tomato paste, canned spaghetti sauces (low-sodium appreciated)
- Canned beans (low-sodium appreciated)
- Instant brown rice, whole wheat pasta
- Boxed meal kits
- Canned vegetables
- Dried spices: chili powder, garlic powder, cumin, oregano, basil
- Deodorant, toothbrushes & toothpaste
- **NOTE: Please do not donate - items in glass containers or ramen noodles**

**Drop-off Location: Centennial Commons Lobby, 7210 Olive Blvd.**

**Collection Dates: Monday, October 27 - Tuesday, November 25**

Let's come together and share the spirit of giving this Thanksgiving!



**Operation  
Food Search**



# 2025 FITNESS CLASSES MINI SESSION

November 10<sup>th</sup> - December 20<sup>th</sup>

**NOTE: No classes the week of Thanksgiving (11/24 - 11/29)**

**Drop in fees for all classes: M: \$7, R: \$8, NR: \$9,**

## TOTAL BODY & TONE

**MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS, 9-10 A.M.**  
FEES: Member \$40, Res. \$45, NonRes \$50  
Participants: min. 8/ max. 20

Build and tone muscle while using a variety of fitness equipment. This is a full body workout aiming to improve balance, resistance, speed and endurance. The structure of the class will change from week to week. All fitness levels welcome.

## ZUMBA

**MONDAYS, 6:30 - 7:30 P.M.**  
FEES: Member \$30, Res. \$35, NonRes \$40  
Participants: min. 8/ max. 20

Zumba is a fusion of Latin and International music/dance that creates a dynamic, exciting, and fun workout. The classes move between high and low intensity dance moves designed to get your heart rate up and boost cardio endurance while shaking off the stress and stirring up the fun! Levels are from beginning to advanced.

## SILVER SNEAKERS MOVE & GROOVE

**TUESDAYS, 11 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.**  
FEES: Member \$30, Res. \$35, NonRes \$40  
Participants: min. 10/ max. 20

Combination of low-impact cardio and strength-building moves. Improve flexibility & balance. A complete workout for all fitness levels!

**Eligible Silver Sneakers  
Members: class is FREE!**

## BEGINNERS YOGA

**TUESDAYS, 6-7 P.M.**  
FEES: Member \$35, Res. \$40, NonRes \$45  
Participants: min. 7/ max. 10

Designed for a first time student. Poses in this class will focus on building a strong, safe foundation of basic teachings and yoga postures. The meaning of the importance of matching breath to movement as a basic tenant of yoga will be taught.

## INTERMEDIATE TAI CHI

**WEDNESDAYS, 10:30-11:30 AM**  
FEES: Member \$30, Res. \$35, NonRes \$40  
Participants: min. 8/ max. 20

An opportunity for students who have completed the Beginner's class to continue their studies in the art of tai chi.

## BEGINNERS SLIDE & LINE DANCING

**WEDNESDAYS, 4:30-5:30 PM**  
FEES: Member \$25, Res. \$30, NonRes \$35  
Participants: min. 8/ max. 20

Never line danced before? Then here's the perfect class for you!

## BEGINNERS TAI CHI

**THURSDAYS, 10-11 A.M.**  
FEES: Member \$30, Res. \$35, NonRes \$40  
Participants: min. 8/ max. 20

Tai Chi is a low-impact form of exercise that consists of slow, relaxed, continuous movements. It is a form of "moving meditation" that can be practiced, studied, and enjoyed by anyone at any age.

## SASSY SLIDE & LINE DANCING

**SATURDAYS, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM**  
FEES: Member \$25, Res. \$30, NonRes \$35  
Participants: min. 8/ max. 20

We will have you out on the dance floor in no time! You'll get a great low impact aerobic workout. Learn both new and old dances.

## CHAIR YOGA

**SATURDAYS, 11:00 A.M. -12:00 P.M.**  
FEES: Member \$35, Res. \$40, NonRes \$45  
Participants: min. 7/ max. 10

A modified form of yoga that uses a chair for support and balance, making it accessible for various fitness levels and physical conditions. It incorporates traditional yoga elements like poses and breathwork, but adapted to be gentle, slow, and safe allowing participants to increase flexibility and strength without putting stress on their bodies.



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## Total Body & Tone

Mondays & Wednesdays  
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM  
M: \$40, R: \$45, NR: \$50  
Min: 8, Max: 20

## Zumba

Mondays  
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM  
M: \$30, R: \$35, NR: \$40  
Min: 8, Max: 20

## Silver Sneakers

Move & Groove  
Tuesdays  
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
M: \$30, R: \$35, NR: \$40  
Free: Eligible Silver Sneakers  
Members  
Min: 10, Max: 20

## Beginners Yoga

Tuesdays  
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
M: \$35, R: \$40, NR: \$45  
Min: 7, Max: 10

## Intermediate Tai Chi

Wednesdays  
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
M: \$30, R: \$35, NR: \$40  
Min: 8, Max: 20

## Beginners Slide & Line Dancing

Wednesdays  
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM  
M: \$25, R: \$30, NR: \$35  
Min: 8, Max: 20

## Beginners Tai Chi

Thursdays  
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
M: \$30, R: \$35, NR: \$40  
Min: 8, Max: 20

## Chair Yoga

Saturdays  
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
M: \$35, R: \$40, NR: \$45  
Min: 7, Max: 10

## Sassy Slide & Line Dancing

Saturdays: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
M: \$25, R: \$30, NR: \$35  
Min: 8, Max: 20

Drop in fees for all classes: M: \$7, R: \$8, NR: \$9.

All classes will be held at Centennial Commons, 7210 Olive Blvd. To register,  
visit us during our business hours.

In order to receive resident rates, you must present your occupancy permit.

M-F: 5:30 AM - 9:00 PM

SAT: 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM

SUN: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

For more information: 314.505.8625





PRESENTS

## FAMILY PUZZLE NIGHT CHALLENGE!

THINK YOU'VE GOT THE FASTEST PUZZLE-SOLVING CREW IN TOWN?  
GRAB YOUR FAMILY OR FRIENDS AND PUT YOUR TEAMWORK TO THE TEST!

FRIDAY  
NOVEMBER 14  
6:00-7:30 PM  
CHECK IN  
5:30 PM

### HOW TO WIN:

★ BE THE FIRST TEAM TO FINISH YOUR PUZZLE BEFORE TIME RUNS OUT!

▀ IF NO ONE FINISHES, THE TEAM WITH THE FEWEST PIECES LEFT WINS!

■ WINNERS TAKE HOME A FAMILY PUZZLE NIGHT GIFT BASKET FILLED WITH FUN SURPRISES!

👥 TEAM SIZE: 2-4 PLAYERS PER TEAM

💵 ENTRY FEE: \$5 PER PERSON

✳ LIMITED SPOTS: 6-10 TEAMS ONLY — DON'T MISS OUT!

REGISTER AT CENTENNIAL COMMONS  
DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS  
NOW THRU FRIDAY NOVEMBER 7





happy thanksgiving

**SENIORS 60+  
JOIN US FOR  
LAUGHTER,  
LUNCH AND  
BINGO**



**THURSDAY  
NOVEMBER  
20, 2025**

**11:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

**HEMAN PARK COMMUNITY CENTER,  
975 PENNSYLVANIA**

**\*EVENT FEE: \$5 PER PERSON  
MIN: 25 MAX: 100**

**Doors Open – 10:45 am**

**Lunch Served – 11:00 am      Bingo Begins at 12:00 pm**

**Get ready to laugh, lunch, shout "BINGO!" and win some prizes at this  
"come and have some fun" event.**

**Phone registration REQUIRED**

**BINGO BOARDS AVAILABLE (no personal boards allowed)**

**REGISTRATION BEGINS Monday, October 27th**

**FOR PHONE REGISTRATION OR MORE INFORMATION,  
CONTACT CENTENNIAL COMMONS 314.505.8625**





DONATING BLOOD IS AS EASY AS PIE



## Blood Drive Centennial Commons

Century Rooms 1 and 2  
7210 Olive Blvd.  
University City, MO 63130

**Friday, November 28, 2025**  
**11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Please visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: CentCom to schedule an appointment.



Give blood Nov. 17-Dec. 7 for an exclusive pair of Red Cross x PAC-MAN socks, while supplies last!



Scan to schedule an appointment.

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University City's Recreation  
Department invites you to a

# KID'S HOLIDAY CHARCUTERIE WORKSHOP

You bring the creativity, we will supply everything else. Register early, space is very limited!

Registration: Monday November 3, 2025 - Wednesday December 3, 2025

**FRIDAY  
DEC 12  
2025**

**5:30 PM - 7:00 PM**

**7210 Olive Blvd  
University City, MO  
63130**

**KIDS AGES 4-10.  
ONE ADULT FIGURE PER KID!**

**\$30 PER CHILD**

**MIN: 15  
MAX: 30**

For more information please  
contact:  
[mmeehan@ucitymo.org](mailto:mmeehan@ucitymo.org)  
314.505.8613

**REGISTER IN PERSON**

M-F: 5:30 AM-9:00 PM  
SAT: 8:00 AM-8:00 PM  
SUN: 10:00 AM-6:00 PM



Take a look at what you will  
be making:



**UPCOMING  
EVENTS**



Stormwater Commission Meeting  
Tue., Nov. 4 @ 3:30 p.m.



# STAY ALERT!



CodeRED™

BE PREPARED  
SIGN UP NOW



UCITYMO.ORG/CODERED

**Traffic Court**  
Wed., Nov. 5 @ 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!

# OCTOBER 27TH

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



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