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THE **VOICE** OF UNIVERSITY CITY

WINTER 2025 - 2026



Serving Seniors with Fun Programs and Special Services

As the year winds down and the holiday season draws near, we're reminded of the importance of celebrating the generations of people who have helped shape our community. In University City, this includes honoring our many older residents who grew up here, raised their families here, and remain deeply woven into the fabric of local life.

A COMMUNITY THAT CARES. This holiday season, University City celebrates the generations who helped shape our neighborhoods, schools and traditions. Whether it's sharing laughs over bingo, stretching in yoga class, or receiving a reassuring home safety visit, seniors here are surrounded by a community that values connection, respect and care.

FRIENDSHIP AND FUN. At the Heman Park Community Center, "Laughter, Lunch and Bingo" is more than a catchy name. It's a place where neighbors gather for a hot meal, plenty of laughs and a few friendly games. The games offer more than entertainment; they build community, helping seniors make new friends while reconnecting with old ones.



LIFELONG LEARNING AND WELLNESS. The University City Public Library has become a hub for enrichment. Seniors can explore chair yoga, arts workshops and monthly "lunch-and-learn" sessions on topics ranging from fitness and safety to estate planning. With food, fellowship and fresh ideas, these gatherings nourish both body and mind.

SUPPORT AT HOME. University City's Senior Resources connect residents with services that make life easier and safer. From complimentary home safety checks provided by the Fire Department to transportation, handyman help and caregiver support, these programs allow seniors to remain independent while giving families peace of mind.

University City is proud to honor its seniors, the very people who built the foundation of our community. We encourage you to take part in these opportunities, show up, and meet new friends. Together, we'll keep University City strong, connected, and thriving for every generation.

2026 CALENDAR COMING SOON



COUNCIL MEETING DATES:



2025
MONDAY, DEC. 8

2026
MONDAY, JAN. 12
MONDAY, JAN. 26
MONDAY, FEB. 9
MONDAY, FEB. 23

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



Seniors: Enjoy Free Membership at Centennial Commons

Centennial Commons is proud to be a participating fitness facility with both SilverSneakers® and Renew Active®. That means qualifying seniors can enjoy a membership at no cost! These programs are designed to support healthier living through regular exercise, wellness programs and health education. To find out if you're eligible, contact your health plan. For details, stop by Centennial Commons at 7210 Olive Blvd., call 314.505.8625, or Relay Missouri 800.735.2966 (TDD).

Quick Guide to Senior Programs & Services

CENTENNIAL COMMONS

SilverSneakers® and Renew Active®
no cost memberships
See schedule of winter classes on page 5.

HEMAN PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

Weekly Laughter, Lunch & Bingo
See schedule for winter bingo below.

UNIVERSITY CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Smoke detector installs, fire safety inspections, fire safety talks and "File of Life Forms" for emergency responders. Visit www.ucitymo.org or call 314.505.8768.

UNIVERSITY CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Free Security Analysis for homes and businesses, free Community Camera Program for doorbell-style cameras installed at qualified locations and free safety talks for subdivisions, street blocks and/or businesses in University City. Visit www.ucitymo.org or call 314.725.2211.

UNIVERSITY CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Chair yoga, arts workshops and "Lunch & Learn" programs. Visit www.ucitylibrary.org or call 314.727.3150.

UNIVERSITY CITY SENIOR CENTER (Aging Ahead)

Exercise classes, crafts, bingo, congregate meals and Meals on Wheels. Visit www.agingahead.org or call 636.207.0847.

UNIVERSITY CITY SENIOR RESOURCES

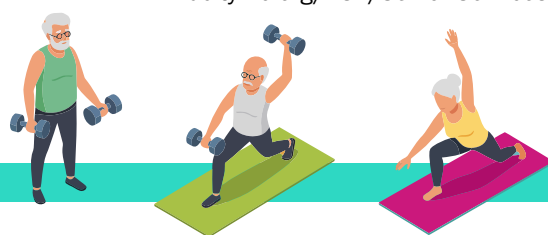
Home safety checks, transportation, handyman help and caregiver support. For assistance call 314.505.8525.

HOPE (Housing Options Provided for the Elderly)

Free counseling, housing guidance and benefits education. Visit www.hopeforseniors.org or call 314.776.0155.

CONNECT. LEARN. THRIVE.

Discover MORE ways University City supports active, healthy, and engaged living for seniors. From wellness programs to social activities and helpful resources, the Senior Services team is here for you. Visit the Senior Services page updated regularly. www.ucitymo.org/732/Senior-Services.



Winter 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., Dec. 11 | Thurs., Jan. 22 | Thurs., Feb. 26

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

Sponsored by the University City Recreation Division

For registration and details contact Centennial Commons at 314.505.8625.

Dear Neighbors

As we begin a new year, we are proud to see University City thriving with fresh energy and momentum. Both commercial and residential developments continue to flourish, from the new hotel and apartments on the City's eastern edge, in the Loop to the Market at Olive, and new residential projects on the western edge. Exciting growth is taking place across all three wards.

While most residents agree that growth is essential to University City's long-term vitality, we also recognize that it brings change. As neighborhoods evolve, landscapes shift and new opportunities emerge, we are listening closely to your concerns about issues such as flooding, traffic and housing affordability. These concerns are real and they guide our ongoing efforts to ensure that growth benefits everyone in our community.

We are working diligently to address these issues while continuing to invest in what makes University City strong – our parks, our streets, our public safety services and most importantly, our residents. We may not always agree on every issue, but we remain committed to open dialogue and to finding new ways to make our beloved City an even better place to live, work, learn and visit.

Let's also remember what makes University City truly special. Throughout the St. Louis region we are known and respected for our diversity, inclusiveness and our sincere embrace of people from all walks of life. We are a welcoming community that values and benefits from different ideas and perspectives.

In today's world, it's easy to be misled by misinformation on social media. Despite our differences, we are united in caring deeply about our community. Yes, University City will continue to grow. Yes, we will keep listening and working together. And yes, our shared commitment to this City will continue to move us forward.

Mayor Terry Crow

Mayor@ucitymo.org, 314.505.8606



Mayor Terry Crow



Construction Updates: Projects Finishing in Early 2026

Three major construction projects, totaling more than a quarter-million square feet, are on track for completion in early 2026, bringing enhanced city services, expanded shopping options and new job opportunities to University City.

TRANSFORMATION OF HISTORIC TRINITY AND ANNEX BUILDINGS

Opening in February 2026, the University City Police Department (UCPD) will begin moving into its new, state-of-the-art headquarters in the renovated Annex building, allowing the 10-year-old temporary mobile units to be removed from the site. The new public entrance on the east side of the Annex Building will provide a more accessible experience to both City Hall and UCPD.

At the same time, the Municipal Courts will begin relocating to the meticulously renovated 8,512-sq. ft. Trinity building, which has been transformed with a large, light-filled courtroom, in addition to flexible meeting spaces and improved access to the City Clerk's office.

Historic and lead architect Trivers, along with contractor ICS Construction Services, have preserved the buildings' defining features while updating them to meet the city's future needs. Parking and site work will continue through fall 2026.

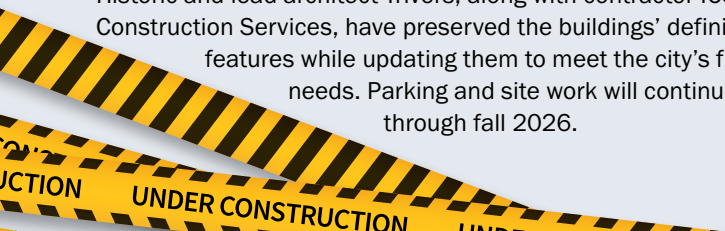
DIERBERGS – MARKET AT OLIVE

By the end of 2025, the new 75,000-sq. ft. Dierbergs store will reach several milestones, including completion of the building enclosure – roof, masonry, storefronts and more – and the pouring of interior slabs for both back-of-house operations and the main sales floor. Mechanical rough-ins will also be well underway. Interior finish work is set to begin in early January, keeping the project on track for completion in Spring 2026.

TARGET – MARKET AT OLIVE

Construction of the new 148,000-sq. ft. Target will advance to interior finishes such as polished concrete floors, tile, paint and carpeting. Walls will be in place and mechanical and electrical rough-ins will be complete. In addition to the expansive retail space, the project includes a two-level parking structure with approximately 476 spaces. Shoppers can look forward to a vibrant, modern store experience when doors open.

Thanks to the development team of Bob Clark (Clayco), Larry Chapman (Seneca Commercial Real Estate), Caroline Saunders (general counsel), and David Hutkin (Hutkin Properties Group, LLC), the Market at Olive continues to thrive as a vibrant shopping destination.





KID'S HOLIDAY CHARCUTERIE WORKSHOP

You bring the
creativity, we
will supply
everything else.



Get into the holiday spirit with a fun, hands-on charcuterie workshop just for kids! Open to kids ages 4 to 10, this special event will have them creating their own festive snack boards and enjoying other holiday-themed activities throughout the evening, Fri., Dec. 12, 2025, 5:30-7:00 p.m., Centennial Commons, 7210 Olive Blvd. Cost is \$30 per child and advance registration is required. Register in person at Centennial Commons from Nov. 3 to Dec. 3. For more information, contact Merric Meehan at mmeehan@ucitymo.org or call 314.505.8613.



Centennial Commons Holiday Hours

Christmas Eve, Wed, Dec. 24,
5:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Christmas Day, Thurs, Dec. 25,
Closed

New Year's Eve, Wed, Dec. 31,
5:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

New Year's Day, Thurs, Jan. 1,
5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day,
Mon, Jan. 19, 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Presidents' Day, Mon, Feb. 16,
5:30 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.



Warm Gear for Cold Days: Holiday Giving Tree Collection



Share the joy this season and help local teens stay warm by donating new cold-weather gear including hats, gloves, scarves and more, to the Holiday Giving Tree at Centennial Commons, 7210 Olive Blvd. Donations are being accepted now through January 2, 2026 and will be distributed to University City High School students the week of January 19, 2026 in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. Your generosity will help local teens stay warm this winter while celebrating Dr. King's enduring legacy of service and compassion. For details, contact Recreation Supervisor Merric Meehan at mmeehan@ucitymo.org or 314.505.8613.

Don't Miss: The Temporary Tattoo Scavenger Hunt!

ONE OF THE ICE CARNIVAL'S FAVORITE ACTIVITIES RETURNS — THE TEMPORARY TATTOO SCAVENGER HUNT!

Here's how it works: pick up a map, visit participating Loop businesses and collect unique temporary tattoos at each stop. By the end, you'll have a full "tattoo sleeve" to show off — and you can redeem a prize at the final location!

It's fun, family-friendly and a guaranteed way to discover new shops, meet local owners and enjoy the best of the Loop while you explore.



**BRING YOUR SENSE
OF ADVENTURE —
AND MAYBE A FEW
FRIENDS TO COMPARE
TATTOOS!**

Group Exercise Instructors Wanted

CERTIFIED GROUP EXERCISE INSTRUCTOR REQUIREMENTS

- Group fitness certification through ACE, AFAA/NASM, ACSM, NETA, NCCPT or other NCAA-accredited specialty class certification
- Group exercise certification
- First aid, CPR, and AED certification

SILVERSNEAKERS® INSTRUCTOR REQUIREMENTS

- Leads group class in a safe, enjoyable and positive environment that welcomes people of all skill and fitness levels, while effectively building community within the class and providing options to meet varied health and abilities of participants
- First aid, CPR, and AED certification
- Certification in areas of expertise for classic, circuit, yoga, etc.

For more information about both positions and to apply, contact Leslie Eutz at leutz@ucitymo.org.





Heart Health Events in February

February is American Heart Month, and University City invites you to join in two special events to celebrate and kick off your wellness journey.

GO RED FOR WOMEN – HEART HEALTH EVENT

Every year, Go Red for Women unites millions in the fight against heart disease. On Fri., Feb. 6, 2026 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Heman Park Community Center, 975 Pennsylvania Ave., the University City Recreation Division will spotlight heart health with informative tables, a special guest speaker and a complimentary lunch. Learn, connect and support the movement for healthier hearts. There is no cost, but reservations are required. Register in person at Centennial Commons or by phone at 314.505.8625 from Jan. 13 to Jan. 31. For more information, contact Merric Meehan at mmeehan@ucitymo.org or call 314.505.8613.



LION HEART 50-MILE HEART HEALTH CHALLENGE

Join the month-long Lion Heart 50-Mile Challenge at your own pace. Participants commit to walking 50 miles throughout the month of February to promote healthy living. Complete your miles, log them on paper and turn in your log at Centennial Commons to be entered into a raffle prize drawing. It's a fun way to stay active, support heart health and challenge yourself alongside friends and neighbors.

Together, these events make February the perfect time to begin prioritizing your health and showing your support in the fight against heart disease.



Let's Go, Bingo!

FAMILY FUN NIGHT FOR ALL AGES

Get ready to shout "BINGO!" at Family Fun Bingo Night, a full-card evening of laughter, prizes, and togetherness for the whole family! Join us Fri., Feb. 13, 2026 at Centennial Commons, 7210 Olive Blvd., with doors opening at 5:30 p.m. and bingo play from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Light snacks and beverages will be provided. This event is limited to 80 participants, so don't miss your chance to mark your spot. Pre-register in person at Centennial Commons from Jan. 4 to Jan. 31 for half-price tickets at \$5 per person, or \$10 per person at the door.

Prizes include "bragging rights" and trophies awarded for the largest number of family players registered, best overall decorated table and a grand prize of a Centennial Commons Family Membership or Summer Family Fun Pass for the family with the most bingo wins. Don't miss this chance to daub your cards for a fantastic evening of fun, family and friendly competition! For more information contact Leslie Eutz at leutz@ucitymo.org or call 314.505.8617.



GYM "Don't Hibernate – Participate"

Centennial Commons' new season of fitness classes offers something for everyone whether you're just starting out or already at your fitness peak, you'll find fun ways to move, stay healthy and connect with others. Pick a class that's right for you.

- Beginners Slide/Line Dancing, Beginners Tai Chi, Beginners Yoga
- Ageless Action Boot Camp, Chair Yoga, Intermediate Tai Chi, "Sassy" Slide/Line Dancing, Total Body & Tone and Zumba
- SilverSneakers "Move & Groove" Eligible SilverSneakers Members Class is FREE!

For time and date details, contact Centennial Commons, 314.505.8625.



STAY ALERT!



GET EARLY WARNING WEATHER ALERTS SENT RIGHT TO YOUR PHONE!





BE PREPARED SIGN UP NOW



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Work for University City

Check out current job openings at ucitymo.org/jobs

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE PERFECT FOR THESE POSITIONS?

Available Positions Include:

FULL-TIME

- Director, Parks, Recreation and Public Area Maintenance
- Accountant, Finance Department
- Advanced Clerk Typist, Sanitation
- Heavy Equipment Operator, Sanitation
- Inspector I, Planning and Zoning
- Planner, Planning and Zoning
- Paramedic/Firefighter
- Police Officer
- Purchasing Manager
- Recreation Supervisor II

PART-TIME

- Facility Attendant, Heman Park Community Center
- Facility Attendant II, Centennial Commons Recreation Facility
- Front Desk Associate, Centennial Commons Recreation Facility
- Pro Shop Attendant, Ruth Park Golf Course

#TeamUCity



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 the Sunday before the scheduled collection week begins. Trucks will make one pass on each street during the collection week, so leaves must be raked at the curb. The pick-up schedule in your area is listed below:

WEST AREA: Nov. 3 through 7; Dec. 1 through 5

EAST AREA: Nov. 10 through 14; Dec. 8 through 12

CENTRAL AREA: Nov. 17 through 21; Dec. 15 through 19

Please be sure that parked vehicles do not block access to the leaves. Only leaves will be collected, no gumballs, limbs or other yard debris. These are considered yard waste and need to be placed in yard waste bags and will be picked up on your regular collection day.

Holiday Schedule – Trash and Recycling Collection

NO TRASH/RECYCLING COLLECTION ON:

THURS., NOV. 27 (THANKSGIVING)

FRI., NOV. 28 (DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING)

City Hall will be closed. Thursday routes collected Friday. Friday routes collected Saturday. Regular trash and recycling collection resumes the following Monday.

THURS., DEC. 25 (CHRISTMAS DAY)

THURS., JAN. 1 (NEW YEAR'S DAY)

City Hall will be closed. Thursday routes collected Friday. Friday routes collected Saturday. Regular trash and recycling collection resumes the following Monday.

MON., JAN. 19 (DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY)

MON., FEB. 16 (PRESIDENT'S DAY)

City Hall will be closed on these days. Monday routes collected Tuesday, Tuesday routes collected Wednesday, Wednesday routes collected Thursday, Thursday routes collected Friday, Friday routes collected Saturday. Regular trash and recycling collection resumes the following Monday.

HOLIDAY LIGHT RECYCLING DRIVE

The City of University City is proud to again be a participant in the annual holiday light recycling drive. A collection container is located in the basement level of City Hall. This container will be available until Jan. 31, 2026.



Park Pavilion Reservations Begin January 2, 2026

Beginning at 8 a.m. on January 2, reservations will open for park pavilions available from April through October 2026. The City offers two pavilions in each of three parks for use by both residents and nonresidents. These spaces are ideal for family reunions, birthday parties, graduation celebrations and other special events. Reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, so early booking is encouraged. For more information or to make a reservation, please call 314.505.8625.





Snow and Ice Removal

Snow and ice control is a difficult and time-consuming operation. We need help from residents to enable us to clear the streets promptly and completely. Crews can do a better job of plowing when cars are not parked on the street. Residents can assist us by moving parked vehicles off the street until plowing has been completed.

ROADWAYS

Snow and ice crews are there to help you reach your destination safely. Please yield the right-of-way when you encounter snow removal or ice control equipment if you can do so safely. Also keep back at least 50 feet from snow or ice control equipment and do not pass or drive through the plowed snow as you could lose control of your vehicle.

DRIVEWAYS AND PRIVATE PROPERTY

City snowplows will not clear private driveways or other private property such as parking lots or school driveways, except in a verified emergency.

The equipment used to clear snow from the street may leave a ridge of snow across driveways or where the sidewalk meets the street. It is the responsibility of property owners to remove the ridge of snow or ice left by the City’s snow plowing equipment. Snow should be removed to the sides of the driveway and not back into the street. Residents or private contractors are prohibited from blowing or pushing snow into or across the street or leaving snow in the street as a result of cleaning their sidewalk or drive.

JOINT JURISDICTION WITH ST. LOUIS COUNTY/STATE

The following streets are the responsibility of St. Louis County and the State of Missouri for snow and ice removal.



STREET JURISDICTION

Olive Blvd.	I 170 to Ferguson Ave.	State of Missouri
Olive Blvd.	Ferguson Ave. to Skinker Blvd.	St. Louis County
Vernon Ave.	Midland Blvd. to Skinker Blvd.	St. Louis County
Delmar Blvd.	Upper Price Rd. to Big Bend Blvd.	St. Louis County
Forest Park Pkwy.	West City Limits to St. Louis City Limits	St. Louis County
McKnight Rd.	Delmar Blvd. to Olive Blvd.	St. Louis County
Woodson Rd.	Olive Blvd. to North City Limits	St. Louis County
North & South Rd.	Delmar Blvd. to North City Limits	St. Louis County
Hanley Rd.	Westmoreland Dr. to North City Limits	St. Louis County
Midland Blvd.	Delmar Blvd. to North City Limits	St. Louis County
Kingsland Ave.	Delmar Blvd. to Olive Blvd.	St. Louis County
Greenway South	Forest Park Pkwy to Kingsbury Ave.	St. Louis County



Celebrate Winter and the New Year in the Delmar Loop

DECEMBER 6, 2025 – COOKIE CRAWL & TREE LIGHTING

Stroll, shop and munch your way through the Delmar Loop during the Holiday Cookie Crawl, where participating businesses serve up delicious decorative cookies from frosted classics to creative local favorites. It’s the sweetest way to enjoy the season while discovering great local shops and special deals along the way.

In the evening, gather outside Fitz’s Root Beer for the beloved Tree Lighting Ceremony. Watch the lights sparkle to life, join in caroling, sip cocoa and soak up the warmth and cheer that make the Loop shine brightest during the holidays.

JANUARY 24, 2026 – ICE CARNIVAL & DRONE SHOW

The fun continues in January with the 19th Annual Loop Ice Carnival, one of St. Louis’ most dazzling winter traditions! Stroll through a snow-dusted wonderland filled with more than 50 stunning ice sculptures, live carving demonstrations, games, giveaways and the popular Temporary Tattoo Scavenger Hunt for kids and adults alike.

Stick around for the Loop Drone Show Spectacular, back for its third year of lighting up the night sky with hundreds of color-changing drones dancing in dazzling patterns above Delmar. It’s a breathtaking experience you won’t want to miss!



Delmar Loop Named America's First "Digital Mainstreet"

University City has something to celebrate! The Delmar Loop has been officially named America's first Digital Mainstreet, a new kind of neighborhood that blends technology, creativity and community spirit.

Led by iNeighborhoods and BEAR Studios, a student group from Washington University, this initiative brings new digital tools and smart technology to University City and the Delmar Loop to make it safer, more connected and even more vibrant for residents, visitors, businesses and educators.

Think of it as a modern Main Street, where art, culture, local businesses and public spaces are supported by cutting-edge tools like community video, analytics and technology created by local students and entrepreneurs.

The project has been designed to enhance community life and attract new opportunities, while keeping the unique character of University City and the Loop alive and thriving.

To learn more and join the mailing list, visit DelmarDigitalMainstreet.com, and watch exciting updates on the way!

Annual Dog Park Membership Renewals and New Applications

It's time to renew memberships or apply for a new membership to use the University City dog Park located at the corner of Vernon and Pennsylvania. Memberships are available for residents and non-residents. Each dog must be registered in advance and wear its own dog tag.

With separate areas for large and small dogs, there's lots of space for pets to frolic and explore the great outdoors while running and playing with other four-footed friends.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS AND NEW APPLICATION DATES:

- Renewals for 2026 resident and non-resident members will begin December 3, 2025.
- New residents may join beginning December 10, 2025.
- New non-resident members may join beginning January 7, 2026.

All renewals and new memberships are approved on an annual basis and are valid from January 1 through December 31. In addition to requiring the annual completion of a membership registration form with a signed Release of Liability form, dog owners also are required to provide a copy of valid vaccination documents that the dog(s) have been spayed or neutered and a paper copy of all valid vaccination records (Rabies, Bordetella, Canine Hepatitis, Distemper, and Parvovirus).

A maximum of two (2) dog park memberships per household are available. Each registered member will receive an email with the new gate code the week of January 26, 2026.



REGISTER AT CITY HALL

Annual memberships may be purchased at the Finance Department located on the first floor of City Hall, 6801 Delmar Blvd., during normal business hours. Membership fees may be paid by cash, check, MasterCard or Visa.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE SCHEDULE

- Resident \$40.00 for one (1) dog; \$60.00 for two (2) dogs
- Non-Resident \$60.00 for one (1) dog; \$90.00 for two (2) dogs

PLEASE BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING WHEN REGISTERING:

- Payment in accordance with the fee schedule.
- U City residents must provide proof of residency (valid occupancy permit or valid driver's license with current address).
- Paper copy of current valid vaccination records and proof of spay/neuter for each dog.
- Registration application and signed Release of Liability form.



U City in Bloom at 40

U City in Bloom capped off its 40th anniversary last September with its beloved Garden Tour and Plein Air Festival. It was a picture-perfect day as neighbors strolled through the charming historic districts near Washington University under sunny skies with a gentle breeze and yards bursting with blooms. Artists at their easels painted scenes throughout University Heights, West Portland Place and the Theodore Link Historic District, capturing the beauty of homes and gardens in real time. After the tour, everyone gathered for a lively celebration featuring great food, drinks, music and a stunning showcase of finished artwork.

As we enter the new year, U City in Bloom's dedicated staff, board, and volunteers are already digging into plans to keep our community blooming for decades to come. Now's the time to consider having fun getting your hands dirty. Visit www.ucityinbloom.org to learn more about donating or volunteering to help make the next 40 years even more vibrant!





Digital Archives and Virtual Tour Available on Library Website

University City Public Library (UCPL) is excited to announce that we've recently made a portion of our archival collection available online!

Thanks to a grant administered by the Missouri State Library, University City's historic building permits and permit applications have been digitized and are now available at Missouri Digital Heritage, the State Library's online archive repository. While some of the permits are a bit hard to read — the older ones were handwritten and already fading when they were originally scanned to microfilm almost 50 years ago — these documents are valuable for University City residents hoping to learn more about the history of their home.

These digitized records join a pair of other collections of University City history available on Missouri Digital Heritage — the Delmar Loop Photograph Collection and the University City Image Collection. Links to all of these online archives are available on the Local History page of our website: www.ucitylibrary.org/local-history.

Also available on our website is a virtual tour of UCPL. Thanks to film company Midwest Pano, you can now tour the library online and check out all public areas, including meeting rooms, auditorium and the new Studio and Makerspace, both open every week! Check out the tour by clicking the Virtual Tour link in the About Us menu on the UCPL website: www.ucitylibrary.org.



New Playgrounds Coming Soon to Metcalfe and Rabe Parks

Two favorite University City parks are getting even better! Before the end of the year, brand-new playgrounds will be installed at both Metcalfe Park and Rabe Park, bringing fresh energy and fun to these popular community spaces.

The upgrades are part of the City's ongoing initiative to replace older, outdated playground equipment with modern, inclusive and user-friendly play areas offering hours of fun for families. Thanks to a major boost from a \$78,000 GameTime grant, these long-awaited improvements are now possible.

Each new playground will include professional installation and features including swing sets and separate play areas for ages 2 to 5 and 5 to 12.

When the new playgrounds open, families are encouraged to stop by, explore and celebrate the next generation of play in University City parks, where community connections grow stronger and every visit brings a smile.



Recycling Right! Stricter Rules Apply to Paper

From Thanksgiving to New Year's Day, household waste increases by more than 25%. Recycle your used cardboard, gift paper and other approved recyclables from the holidays in your curbside recycling cart.

Remember new guidelines. Your paper will still be recycled but stricter rules apply for curbside recycling. Newspapers, magazines and envelopes are now subject to more stringent overseas standards. Recycling centers in China no longer accept paper that is even slightly soiled by food, liquids or other products.

A great way to recycle right is to find new uses for items instead of throwing them away. Also avoid "wish-cycling" by putting an item you know is not recyclable into your recycling bin. Most important, consider pre-cycling by purchasing items that come in recyclable packaging.

FOLLOW THIS GUIDE TO RECYCLE RIGHT

Recycle only dry paper not contaminated by food, liquid, or other products.





**Chief
Larry Hampton, Jr**

Narrowing the Gap By Chief Larry Hampton, Jr.

Narrowing the gap between modern crime and 21st-century public safety is an ongoing action plan. Traditional strategies have been recycled for decades, but today's criminal activity demands innovative approaches. "Best practices" offer a baseline, yet bad actors adapt quickly, forcing law enforcement to stay agile, creative and forward-looking. Hoax calls targeting schools, religious institutions and government buildings highlight both the challenges and opportunities to increase vigilance, communication and community awareness.

The University City Police Department (UCPD) continues to invest in technology, training, equipment and personnel to strengthen engagement with residents and businesses. Collaboration is central. Open two-way communication with commercial districts and community partners keeps strategies flexible and effective. Fortunately, University City's 6.1 square miles makes it possible to initiate rapid, coordinated responses between police, fire, public works and forestry.

Officers deploy advanced tools including drone technology, a modern fleet, hundreds of surveillance cameras and wellness programs supporting officer resilience. Regional partnerships expand capabilities, while ongoing training through Missouri and Illinois academies ensure officers stay current with the latest skills and strategies.

Hiring practices also set UCPD apart. We employ one of the region's most rigorous background processes, including written and physical exams, drug and psychological testing, home interviews, past employer checks and medical evaluations. This investment results in the best officers and the most trust between the department and community.

By combining modern tools with deep-rooted partnerships, UCPD continues to build a responsive, forward-thinking department. Public safety demands constant adaptation to changing conditions and emerging threats. Through resilience, preparation and collaboration, University City stands ready to respond effectively to challenges that might overwhelm larger jurisdictions.

The UCPD remains committed to protecting citizens, businesses and stakeholders. By investing in innovation, training and strong community ties, we continue the active process of "Narrowing the Gap."



Holiday Fire Safety Tips

The holidays not only bring cozy nights, glowing lights and time with family, but also an increased risk of fire in our homes. Two of the most common hazards this time of year are live Christmas trees and candles.

Your University City Fire Department wants to help you keep the season joyful and safe. With a few simple precautions, you can make sure your celebrations are remembered for laughter and good company, not fire emergencies.

CHRISTMAS TREE SAFETY

- **Choose a Fresh Tree:** Fresh needles are green, hard to pull off and bend without breaking.
- **Water Daily:** Always keep the tree stand filled so the cut end is covered with water. A dry tree can ignite in seconds.
- **Place with Care:** Keep at least three feet away from fireplaces, space heaters and radiators.
- **Inspect Lights:** Check for frayed wires, broken bulbs or loose connections. Turn lights off before going to bed or leaving home.
- **Dispose Promptly:** Don't let a dried-out tree linger. Remove it from your home soon after the holidays.

CANDLE SAFETY

- **Never Leave Unattended:** Always blow out candles before leaving the room or going to bed.
- **Keep Clear:** Place candles at least a foot from anything flammable like decorations, curtains or paper, and out of children's reach.
- **Use Sturdy Holders:** Place candles in stable holders on flat, uncluttered surfaces.
- **Consider Alternatives:** Flameless, battery-operated candles give a safe holiday glow.

From all of us at the University City Fire Department: Have a safe, happy and fire-free holiday season!



Congratulations to the 2025 University City High School Hall of Fame Inductees

The University City community continues to take pride in its long-standing tradition of graduating individuals who have made—and continue to make—a difference in the world through philanthropy and significant contributions to their fields. On Oct. 16, 2025, University City High School proudly inducted ten outstanding alumni into its Hall of Fame.

Join us in congratulating E. Dorsey Ruth, '30*; Frances Buss Buch, '34*; Mary Goldstein Stolar, '58*; Cecilia "Cissy" Lacks, '63; Dr. Harley Hammerman, '67; Robert Lochhead, '70; Lamerol Gatewood, '73; Redditt Hudson, '83; Dr. Gershom Norfleet, '94; and Justin Vail, '01. (*Inducted Posthumously)

State of the District & Community Strategic Planning Meeting Held in November

All members of the public were invited to join Superintendent Sharonica L. Hardin-Bartley, PhD, PHR, on Nov. 10 at University City High School for a State of the District Presentation and Community Strategic Planning Meeting. The event highlighted the District's strategic plan, academic progress, community achievements, and areas for continued growth. Attendees also had the opportunity to share input to ensure that the mission and vision of the strategic plan align with the values and priorities of the University City community.

For a recording of this year's meeting, please visit ucityschools.org/SODVideo.

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School Board Election Filing Opens Dec. 9

Filing for the April 7, 2026, Board of Education election begins at 8 a.m. on Dec. 9 and closes at 5 p.m. on Dec. 30. Three, three-year term positions will be on the ballot.

Qualified individuals may declare candidacy for the election in person only, during office hours at the Board of Elections, located at 725 Northwest Plaza Drive (63074). Ballot placement will be determined by lottery.

Details regarding these procedures are available at ucityschools.org/BOE or contact Lakesha Boyce at 314-290-4002 or lboyce@ucityschools.org.

'Tis the Season of Giving

As the season of giving begins, we invite our University City community to support two important initiatives for students, families, and staff.

The University City Education Foundation (UCEF) funds innovative programs that bring the District's Learning Reimagined vision to life. This year, the Foundation asks for your support on Giving Day, Dec. 2. Learn more at ucityschools.org/givingday.

District social workers are also coordinating the annual Holiday Appeal Program, providing essential support to families in need this holiday season. To help, visit ucityschools.org/holiday25.

2025 Returning Artist Andrea Peoples Inspires U. City Students

The District was thrilled to welcome University City's Municipal Commission on Arts & Letters' 2025 Returning Artist, Andrea Peoples, back home to University City during Homecoming Week.

A UCHS Class of 2000 alum and renowned dancer and choreographer, Peoples visited classrooms to share her expertise and inspire students. She worked closely with BWMS and UCHS dance students, offering guidance, encouragement, and her signature mantra: "Repeat after me—I've got this!"





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