



# Between the LIONS

U City Community Update

December 19, 2025

**City Hall | Public Library  
&  
Centennial Commons**

**CLOSING EARLY AT NOON ON  
DECEMBER 24TH**

**CLOSED DECEMBER 25TH**

**All buildings will reopen on December 26<sup>th</sup> for  
normal business operations at their regularly  
scheduled times.**



# CodeRED™

## Update on Emergency Notifications (CodeRED)

The City of University City is currently unable to send alerts through the CodeRED emergency notification system. The vendor has reported a significant system disruption and is in the process of rebuilding its platform. As a result, the City does not have access to the existing system, and alert services remain unavailable at this time.

Based on the information available, restoring service may require residents to re-enroll and download a new CodeRED app even if the system is rebuilt. Given these uncertainties, the City is evaluating alternative notification services that can provide the same or improved level of emergency alerting for residents. We will continue to pursue information from the vendor while exploring replacement options.

Residents will be notified as soon as a new or restored emergency notification system is available and provided with clear instructions on how to sign up. In the meantime, please continue to rely on the City's website and official social media channels for important updates.

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## CHRISTMAS COLLECT-TO-CONNECT GIFT CARD DRIVE



NOW  
THROUGH  
**DEC. 24**

Support individuals served in our Foster Care, Pregnancy & Parenting Support, & Residential Programs

Donate directly online at:  
[goodshepherdstl.org/donations](http://goodshepherdstl.org/donations)

Gift cards can be mailed to:  
Good Shepherd Children & Family Services  
1340 Partridge Ave | St. Louis, MO 63130

### SUGGESTED VENDORS

WALMART

ALDI

SAVE A LOT

WALGREENS

TARGET

MCDONALDS

JACK IN THE BOX

QT GAS

### Support Local Youth This Season — UCPD Gift Card Drive

Last year, the University City Police Department proudly partnered with the U.S. Probation Office to provide bikes and safety equipment to children whose parents are involved in the Federal Justice System. Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of our staff and community, we collected more bikes than there were children available to receive them — a truly remarkable outcome.

This year, the University City Police Department is continuing its commitment to giving back by supporting Good Shepherd on Partridge, a local organization that provides a safe environment for young girls and their babies. Good Shepherd offers guidance, care and essential training to help young mothers learn how to care for themselves and their infants.

To support their mission, UCPD is collecting gift cards to help provide essential items for these families. We are encouraging donations in the form of gift cards from the following retailers:

- Walmart
- Target
- Aldi
- Walgreens

A contribution of \$10–\$20 can go a long way in helping a young mother provide necessities for her child. If preferred, cash or Venmo contributions are also being accepted — please reach out directly for those options.

 **To donate:**

Please turn in gift cards directly to the UCPD collection point noted on the attached flyer.

Together, we can once again make a meaningful difference in the lives of children and families right here in our community.

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# MAYORS FOR MEALS MAYORS FOR MEALS MAYORS FOR MEALS

## Donate through Dec. 23.

When you give to our Virtual Food Drive, your donation works harder.

The St. Louis Area Foodbank can stretch every dollar far beyond what the average shopper can spend at the store—thanks to our bulk purchasing power and partnerships with farmers, manufacturers, and retailers. Your contribution helps us provide more nutritious food to families across the region.



Scan the  
QR code  
to donate.



# FOOD DRIVE **BEST FOODS** TO DONATE

*Holiday Edition!*

Foodbank.  
St. Louis Area Foodbank



- Canned fruits and vegetables
- Canned meat and fish
- Instant mashed potatoes
- Mac & cheese
- Rice and pasta products
- Applesauce
- Cranberries
- Gravy
- Stuffing

We accept and encourage donations that support special diets and/or the specific health conditions of our neighbors. **Food donations that are high in protein, 100% whole grain, low or reduced sodium, and low sugar will make the most nutritious impact.**

MEMBER OF  
**FEEDING AMERICA**

To donate to the Mayors for Meals Food Drive, please scan this code



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# FOOD DRIVE **BEST FOODS** TO DONATE



- Canned Meat and Fish
- Mac and Cheese
- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Canned Fruits & Veggies
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Juice
- Canned Chili
- Beans
- Canned Soup
- Rice and Pasta Products
- Cereal and Oatmeal
- Powdered Milk
- Crackers
- Fruit Snacks
- Granola Bars
- Applesauce
- Personal Care Items
- Feminine Care Products
- Baby Care Products
- Household Essentials

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To support the Mayors for Meals food drive, scan the code below.



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FOOD DRIVE | BEST FOODS TO DONATE

ST. LOUIS AREA FOODBANK | 2025

## Human Resources News

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

**Accountant**

**Advanced Clerk Typist - Sanitation**

**Crew Leader - Streets**

**Economic Development Specialist**



**Heavy Equipment Operator – Sanitation**

**Laborer - Light Equipment Operator - Sanitation**

**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](#)



**Candidate filing now open** and closes **Tuesday, December 30, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.** Filing must be completed in person with the **City Clerk at City Hall, 6801 Delmar Blvd., 2nd Floor, Room 4.**

For more information or to schedule a filing appointment, contact **City Clerk LaRette Reese at (314) 505-8605 or [lreese@ucitymo.org](mailto:lreese@ucitymo.org).**



## **Fitness & Fun Spotlight: Centennial Commons Recreation Center**

Ongoing and upcoming events hosted by  
Centennial Commons Rec Center.

ONCE AGAIN THIS HOLIDAY  
SEASON, CENTENNIAL COMMONS  
HAS TRANSFORMED  
ITS HOLIDAY TREE INTO

# **THE GIVING TREE**

WE INVITE OUR STAFF AND  
PATRONS TO HELP DECORATE THE  
TREE WITH COLD-WEATHER  
“GEAR” — HATS, GLOVES,  
SCARVES, AND OTHER WARM  
ACCESSORIES.

IN THE TRUE SPIRIT OF GIVING,  
ALL DONATED ITEMS WILL BE  
PRESENTED TO UNIVERSITY CITY  
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS DURING  
THE WEEK OF JANUARY 19, 2026, IN  
HONOR OF THE 97TH BIRTHDAY OF  
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

**PLEASE MAKE YOUR  
DONATIONS BY  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 9TH**

THANK YOU SO MUCH IN ADVANCE  
AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS





## CENTENNIAL COMMONS HOLIDAY HOURS

WEDNESDAY  
DECEMBER 24TH  
5:30 AM - NOON

THURSDAY  
DECEMBER 25TH  
CLOSED

FRIDAY  
DECEMBER 26TH  
5:30 AM - 9:00 PM



### UPCOMING EVENTS



### Happy Holidays!!

Spreading Joy and Cheer:  
Wishing You a Happy Holiday Season  
from University City!

[City Hall, Public Library, and  
Centennial Commons Closing at](#)

NOON

Wed., Dec. 24

**City Hall, Public Library, and  
Centennial Commons CLOSED**

Thu., Dec. 25

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



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