



December 19, 2025

A holiday-themed announcement graphic. The background is a solid red color with small white snowflakes scattered throughout. At the top, there is a string of colorful Christmas lights (yellow, red, green) with a small starburst at the end. In the center, there is a white rectangular box containing text. The text is in a mix of red and black fonts. At the top of the white box is the City of University City logo. Below the logo, the text reads: "City Hall | Public Library & Centennial Commons" in a large, red, serif font. Below this, in a smaller, black, sans-serif font, it says "CLOSING EARLY AT NOON ON DECEMBER 24TH" and "CLOSED DECEMBER 25TH". At the bottom of the white box, in a smaller, black, sans-serif font, it says "All buildings will reopen on December 26th for normal business operations at their regularly scheduled times."



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.



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.

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.

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St. Louis Area Foodbank



Scan the
QR code
to donate.



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Holiday Edition!

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



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

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scan the code below.



- 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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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](tel:3145058605) or 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



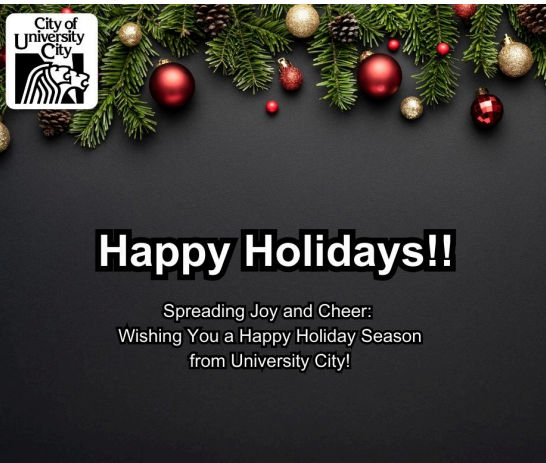


CENTENNIAL COMMONS HOLIDAY HOURS

WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 24TH
5:30 AM - NOON

THURSDAY
DECEMBER 25TH
CLOSED

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



UPCOMING EVENTS



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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