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## Construction Projects Nearing Completion

### ANNEX AND TRINITY BUILDINGS

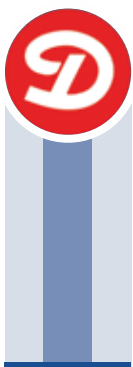
With renovations to the historic Annex and Trinity Buildings now complete, City staff will begin transitioning into their newly renovated workspaces. The removal of the Police Department's temporary mobile units, which have been in place for approximately ten years, is scheduled to begin this spring and will allow Phase II of the project to move forward. Phase II will include completion of the north parking lot and associated site work, the addition of accessible routes and pedestrian sidewalks, and comprehensive landscaping throughout the City Hall campus. A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new facilities is planned for this spring. Additional details will be shared at [www.ucity.org](http://www.ucity.org).



### TARGET STORES

Construction continues on schedule on the north side of Olive Boulevard, adjacent to Costco. Build-out of the 148,000-square-foot store, the largest Target location in the region, is progressing steadily, with an anticipated opening in late spring/early summer 2026.

The new store reflects Target's latest design approach, incorporating dedicated space for online order pickup and "last mile" fulfillment directly from the store. Unlike older locations that retrofitted parking lots to accommodate pickup demand, this site is purpose-built to support these services from day one, improving customer convenience and traffic flow.



### DIERBERGS MARKET

Construction continues to move forward on the new Dierbergs Market at Olive, with visible progress on both the building exterior and interior build-out. Work is also underway for site improvements, including parking areas and drive lanes, to prepare the property for future customer access.

In addition, construction continues on two multi-tenant buildings along Olive Boulevard, which will support future retail and service opportunities in the area. At the time of this publication, the project remains on track for the spring 2026 opening. Dierbergs appreciates the community's continued patience and is currently recruiting employees for the new University City location. Interested applicants can learn more about available roles at [careers.dierbergs.com](http://careers.dierbergs.com).

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## COUNCIL MEETING DATES:



**MONDAY, MAR. 9**  
**MONDAY, MAR. 23**  
**MONDAY, APR. 13**  
**MONDAY, APR. 27**  
**MONDAY, MAY 11**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 26**

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



**BROOKE A. SHARP, ESQ.**

**“Her leadership will ensure continuity and stability as we begin the process of identifying our next City Manager.”**

## University City Names Brooke Sharp as Interim City Manager

Following the February 6 retirement of longtime City Manager Gregory Rose, University City has turned to a familiar and trusted leader, Brooke A. Sharp, Esq., to serve as Interim City Manager.

Sharp has served University City as Deputy City Manager since February 2022 and has been part of the City's leadership team since joining as Assistant City Manager in May 2021. During her tenure, she has played a key role in overseeing day-to-day operations, advancing strategic priorities, and supporting major infrastructure, development, and community-focused initiatives.

“Brooke has earned the trust and confidence of the Council through her professionalism, integrity, and deep understanding of University City's operations and community priorities,” said Mayor Terry Crow. “Her leadership will ensure continuity and stability as we begin the process of identifying our next City Manager.”

Sharp brings a strong blend of legal and municipal management experience to the role. She holds a Juris Doctor from Saint Louis University School of Law, a Master's degree in Public Affairs from the University of Missouri–Columbia, and a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Lindenwood University. Her professional affiliations include the Missouri Bar Association, the International City/County Management Association, and the National Forum for Black Public Administrators. Earlier in her career, she served as City Manager for the City of East St. Louis and City Clerk for the City of Dellwood.

While Sharp serves as Interim City Manager, the City will conduct a national search for a permanent City Manager with the assistance of MGT Consulting Group, a management and advisory firm with extensive experience in executive searches for municipalities and other public-sector organizations.

Additional details about the search process, including opportunities for community engagement, will be shared in the coming weeks. Residents are encouraged to visit [www.ucitymo.org](http://www.ucitymo.org) for updates and information.

## Dear Neighbors

My second term as a Third Ward Councilmember expires in 2026 and I have made the difficult decision not to seek re-election. While it has been an honor to serve, I believe it is time for me to move on and allow others to continue the work. I am proud of my time on the Council and while we certainly did not accomplish everything I had hoped, in many ways we accomplished more than I could have dreamed.

Of course, the Market at Olive stands as a significant achievement and a testament to the work of many people, both Councilmembers, residents and City staff over several years. The Third Ward Revitalization Plan is another significant achievement, empowering residents to decide their own priorities for redevelopment through an inclusive and collaborative process.

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge those who have supported me and with whom I have had the privilege of working over the past eight years. Let me begin by thanking my colleagues on the Council, both past and present. In a Council form of government nothing can be advanced without the approval of the majority; moving forward takes collective action. I have had the honor of serving with Council members who are focused and passionate about service to our community.

To the University City staff, I offer my deepest appreciation. Everything the Council has accomplished has been possible through your hard work and dedication. To residents of the Third Ward, thank you for trusting me to serve as one of your Councilmembers.

I want to thank my wife, Rasheedah, for being such a wonderful partner and allowing me the space to serve my Ward and community as best as I could.

Remember, this is not good-bye but simply see you later...likely at Target. Thank you, University City!

**Stacy Clay**

Ward 3 Councilmember

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**STACY CLAY**



**“Thank you, University City!”**

**MARCH 5, 2026**

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## State of the City Program Thurs., Mar. 5 Highlighting Momentum and What's Next

University City Mayor Terry Crow and Interim City Manager Brooke Sharp will reflect on a year of visible progress and outline priorities for the year ahead at the 15th annual State of the City program, hosted by the Historical Society of University City.

The program will take place at 7 p.m. on Thurs., Mar. 5, in the Council Chamber on the fifth floor of City Hall, 6801 Delmar Blvd. The event is free and open to the public.

Held each March, the State of the City program has become a community tradition. Eleanor Mullin, president of the Historical Society of University City, noted that the timing coincides with the birthday of the city's founder and first mayor, Edward Gardner Lewis, born March 4, 1869. “The program offers a meaningful way to honor University City's past while discussing how today's decisions are shaping its future,” Mullin said.

With construction nearing completion on the new Police Department headquarters and Municipal Court facility, as well as the new Target and Dierbergs stores, all expected to open in the coming months, Mayor Crow will highlight the long-term impact of these investments and their tax-generating potential.

Interim City Manager Sharp will expand on operational improvements, infrastructure investments, and near-term priorities. She will also discuss plans for 2026, including sustaining development and strengthening core City services. “The focus ahead is on building our momentum while keeping residents and service delivery at the center of every decision,” Sharp said.

For additional information, contact [ucityhistory@hotmail.com](mailto:ucityhistory@hotmail.com) or Eleanor Mullin at 314.862.2972.

## April 7 Municipal Election in University City



The General Municipal Election in University City will be Tues., April 7, 2026. Voters will choose one Mayor for a four-year term and one City Councilmember from all three wards for four-year terms. In addition, Ward 1 will have a candidate running for an unexpired term ending in April 2028.

According to the University City Charter, “To run for office, candidates must be a qualified voter in University City, be a resident of University City for at least three years leading up to the election, currently live in the Ward they want to represent and be current on all State and City taxes. Candidates may not currently hold any other elected public office or compensatory position in City government.”

### ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS GUIDELINES

Voters in Saint Louis County may vote at any polling place in the County on Election Day. Polling places are open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. If you are in line at the closing time of 7:00 p.m. you have the right to cast your vote. More information is available at <https://stlouiscountymo.gov/st-louis-county-government/board-of-elections/> or by calling 314.615.1800.

Please direct any questions to LaRette Reese, City Clerk, at 314.505.8605.



### CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR OFFICE:

#### OFFICE OF MAYOR

Terry Crow  
Bwayne Smotherson

#### WARD 1 Council Member

Steve McMahon

#### WARD 2 Council Member

Dennis Fuller

#### WARD 3 Council Member

Christina L. Dancy

#### WARD 1 Unexpired Term

Lisa M. Brenner





## Puzzle Time at the Library

### Puzzle fans, rejoice!

University City Public Library will host its first-ever Puzzle Race on Wed., Mar. 18 at 6 p.m.. In a puzzle race, teams of four adults compete to be the first to complete the same jigsaw puzzle. To register your team or for more information, call 314.727.3150 or email [reference@ucitylibrary.org](mailto:reference@ucitylibrary.org).

Looking to summer, we'll kick off our 2026 summer reading program in May for both adults and kids. The program will be full of entertaining programs and learning opportunities, and of course, plenty of reading! Watch the Library's website and social media for announcements about our Big Book Challenge title, youth summer reading theme and more! For a full listing of upcoming events, visit [www.ucitylibrary.org/calendar](http://www.ucitylibrary.org/calendar).



## U City Farmers Market Opens in March



The U City Farmers Market returns for its second year in the beautiful, tree-filled setting of Heman Park. Join us for an early sample of the upcoming season at two special indoor markets on Sat., Mar. 14 and Sat., Mar. 28, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Heman Park Community Center, 975 Pennsylvania Ave.

The official outdoor season begins April 11 on Saturdays, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and May 6 on Thursdays, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., in Heman Park, 7210 Olive Blvd.,

next to Centennial Commons. Saturday markets continue until Nov. 21 and Thursday markets continue through Sept. 30.

Designed to have something for everyone, shoppers will find an abundant selection of locally sourced produce, hand-picked and brought directly to market by regional farmers. Offerings will also include starter plants, strawberries, spring greens, along with a tempting mix of artisanal foods, freshly prepared treats, and handcrafted goods.

Every visit to the market features something new and special to enjoy, beginning with a Spring Festival and Petting Farm, and continuing with a weekly music series, monthly chef demonstrations and tastings, as well as fun and engaging kids' activities throughout the season.

Come and discover how the U City Farmers Market welcomes people of all ages. Whether you're meeting friends, discovering new flavors, people-watching, or grabbing a bite to eat, it's the perfect place to connect and enjoy being part of a special community.

For more information, visit the market's Facebook page or sign up for their newsletter at [www.midwestfarmersmarkets.org](http://www.midwestfarmersmarkets.org).



## U City in Bloom 34th Annual Spring Plant Sale

After a long winter, spring offers a natural mood booster. Longer days, fresh air, and time spent gardening are proven to improve mental and physical health. Even soil itself plays a role because beneficial bacteria found in healthy soil have been shown to reduce inflammation and support the immune system.

U City in Bloom invites the community to enjoy this free "medicine" at its 34th Annual Spring Plant Sale, taking place Friday through Sunday, April 24 to 26, at the Heman Park Community Center, 975 Pennsylvania Ave.

- Events begin with the Preview Party on Fri., April 24, from 5 to 7 p.m., offering first choice of hardy perennials, colorful annuals, trees, shrubs, herbs, and vegetables, along with wine, cheese, and appetizers. Tickets are \$25 and may be reserved in advance at [ucityinbloom.org](http://ucityinbloom.org) or purchased at the door.
- The Plant Sale is free and opens to the public on Sat., April 25, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Sun., April 26, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Knowledgeable gardeners will be on hand to help shoppers select plants suited to sun, shade, wet, or dry conditions. Many offerings are native species, supporting U City in Bloom's commitment to local wildlife and pollinators.

For those who want to get involved, beginning about a month before the sale, volunteers are welcome to help divide and pot perennials to prepare them for sale. If you have plants to donate or wish to volunteer to help with this work, contact Linda Fried at [lindafriedster@gmail.com](mailto:lindafriedster@gmail.com).

Support U City in Bloom and take home an armful of young plants, dig into spring, and feel better doing it. Proceeds support the planning, planting, and maintenance of U City in Bloom's community gardens and planters throughout the City.



## SHED Announces Spring Days of Service and Education Events

SHED (Sustainable Housing and Equitable Development) works to strengthen neighborhoods throughout University City. Over the past 16 years, its flagship Spring and Fall Days of Service programs have brought together local faith-based organizations, businesses, schools and universities to assist more than 600 local residents in need.

### Upcoming SHED Programs and Events

#### Spring Days of Service, Sat. and Sun., Apr. 11 and 12

SHED will provide free minor exterior home maintenance assistance to seniors (age 65 and older), people with disabilities, and veterans in University City neighborhoods. Services include gutter cleaning, bush pruning, and small paint jobs, with priority given to homeowners who have received code citations. To request an application for service or to volunteer, use the contact information below.

#### Annual Housing Fair, Sat., Apr. 18, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Held at Refresh Community Church, 829 N. Hanley Rd., the Housing Fair will feature representatives from financial institutions, appraisers, inspectors, legal services, and other organizations offering housing-related resources for residents throughout the St. Louis metropolitan area.

#### Financial Literacy for Seniors Seminar, Sat., May 9, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Hosted by Commerce Bank at the University City Library, 6701 Delmar Blvd., this seminar, which is part of the ongoing Home Ownership/Home Buyer education series, will focus on financial planning and resources tailored for seniors.

A complete schedule of topics, events, speakers, registration details, and donation information is available at [www.shedstl.org](http://www.shedstl.org). For more information, to request an application for service, or to volunteer for the Spring Days of Service, call 314.782.7433 or email [info@shedstl.org](mailto:info@shedstl.org).



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## Join the Fun. Join the Run.

The University City Memorial Day Run is more than a race, it's a beloved holiday tradition that has brought the community together for more than 50 years. On Mon., May 25, runners, families, and spectators are invited to be part of the excitement by signing up for the 5K, 10K, or the Fun Run for kids and parents.

Whether you're a seasoned runner, casual jogger, or just want to cheer from the sidelines, the Memorial Day Run offers an uplifting, high-energy start to celebrate the holiday and beginning of summer. Races begin at 7:30 a.m. in front of the University City Public Library, 6701 Delmar, with the always-popular Fun Run at 9:15 a.m., beginning just northwest of City Hall.

Even better, every stride supports the community. Proceeds from the run benefit The Green Center, U City in Bloom, and the University City Public Library, helping sustain programs and places that make University City thrive.

Make it part of your Memorial Day plans. Run, volunteer, or come out to cheer for your neighbors. For race details, registration, or volunteer opportunities, visit [ucitymemorialdayrun.org](http://ucitymemorialdayrun.org) and join one of University City's most meaningful and fun-filled traditions.





# Recreation Division Spring Programs and Events

## SPRING IS ON THE WAY!

The Recreation Division has exciting programs and events lined up for the season and you won't want to miss what we have planned because there's something for everyone! Watch for details coming soon. #SpringIntoFun #CommunityEvents #UCityRecreation #StayTuned #Spring2026

## Heman Park Swimming Pool

Get ready to splash into summer at our beloved Heman Park Swimming Pool and new Splash Pad. The 2026 season begins on Sat., May 23 and ends on Mon., Sept. 7.

**Lap Swim Hours: Monday to Sunday and holidays 6 a.m. to 9 a.m.**

**Public Swim Hours: Monday to Sunday and holidays 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

Purchasing a Summer Fun Pass will enable you to avoid long lines and enjoy unlimited access to the pool all season. Earlybird passes purchased Mar. 1 through May 23 also include a special invitation to the annual VIP pre-opening celebration at the pool on Fri., May 22 from 5 to 8 p.m.

Summer Fun Passes and ID cards are available at the Centennial Commons Control Desk, 7210 Olive Blvd., and are available for both residents and non-residents. Age guidelines for the pool require youth ages 12 and under to be accompanied by a parent or authorized caregiver who is 18 years of age or older and who will remain with the youth the entire time they are at the pool.

General admission is limited to those age 3 and above who have a Centennial Commons membership, Summer Fun Pass, or resident/non-resident ID card, which may be purchased by residents for \$5 each and by nonresidents for \$7 each. To access the pool, both residents and nonresidents must show their ID card and pay the daily admission fee.

In addition to the general admission process, registration is also available for swim activities including swim lessons for youth and adults and a variety of Fitness Aquatic classes. Information is available at [ucitymo.org/101/Heman-Park-Swimming-Pool](http://ucitymo.org/101/Heman-Park-Swimming-Pool).

## Spring "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., March 26 | Thurs., April 23 | Thurs., May 28**

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

### LADIES: CELEBRATE "YOURSELF"

**Pre-Mother's Day, Sip and Paint program  
Fri., May 8, from 6 to 8:30 p.m.**

## Redbird Rookies/Nike RBI 2026

The University City Recreation Division is excited to again partner with the St. Louis Cardinals' Cardinals Care to offer FREE, non-competitive and competitive youth sports programs for T-ball, baseball and softball. All University City youth ages 5 to 18 are welcome to participate. Watch for 2026 season registration information coming soon.



## Spring Bulk Collection Dates

**East - April 6-10**

**Central - April 13-17**

**West - April 20-24**

City Hall will be closed Memorial Day.

No trash/recycling on Mon., May 25 due to the Memorial Day holiday.

All trash/recycling routes during the week of May 25 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, Friday routes will be collected Saturday. Regular trash and recycling collection will resume the following Monday.

## 2026 March Dates for Spring Leaf Collection

All leaves must be raked and placed curbside by Sunday evening prior to the start of the scheduled collection week. Only leaves will be collected. Do not include gumballs, branches, or other yard debris.

**East Area - Week of Mar. 9**

**Central Area - Week of Mar. 16**

**West Area - Week of Mar. 23**

For questions about your area's collection schedule, please contact the Parks Department at 314.505.8575.

## Work for University City!

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

**ARE YOU AWESOME? COME WORK WITH US.**

**CURRENTLY RECRUITING FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:**

- Dispatcher - University City Police Department
- Mechanic I
- Equipment Operator - Parks
- Laborer - Light Equipment Operator Sanitation Division
- Multi-Discipline Inspector - Planning and Zoning
- Planner - Planning and Zoning
- Pro Shop Attendant - Golf Course
- Facility Attendant - Heman Park Community Center
- Police Officer
- Recreation Supervisor II Fitness, Health & Sports
- Paramedic/Firefighter

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## APRIL NATIONAL PICKLEBALL MONTH

**Youth/Adult/Seniors**

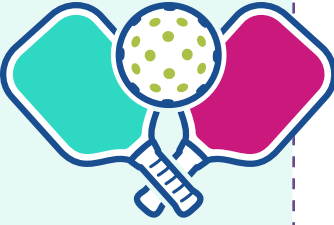
**Learn to Play**

**Pickleball**

**Friday Night**

**Pickleball**

**Social**



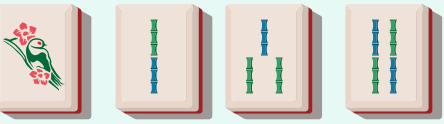
**KIDS: CELEBRATE THE 16TH ANNIVERSARY OF KIDS TO PARKS DAY, TENNIS BLOCK PARTY**

**Sat., May 16** (time to be announced)

## For Everyone

(Details Coming Soon)

### LEARN MAHJONG



### FAMILY PUZZLE GAME NIGHT

### TABLE TALKS

### NATIONAL WALKING DAY

### LAP SWIM CHALLENGE

More information about Centennial Commons programs is available at 314.505.8625 or Relay Missouri at 800.735.2966 (TDD) or visit [ucitymo.org/99/centennial-commons](http://ucitymo.org/99/centennial-commons) for more information about facility use charges, programs, updates, announcements and much more. Please remember to "like us" on our Centennial Commons or Recreation Division Facebook pages @centennialcommons or @universitycityrecreationdivision.





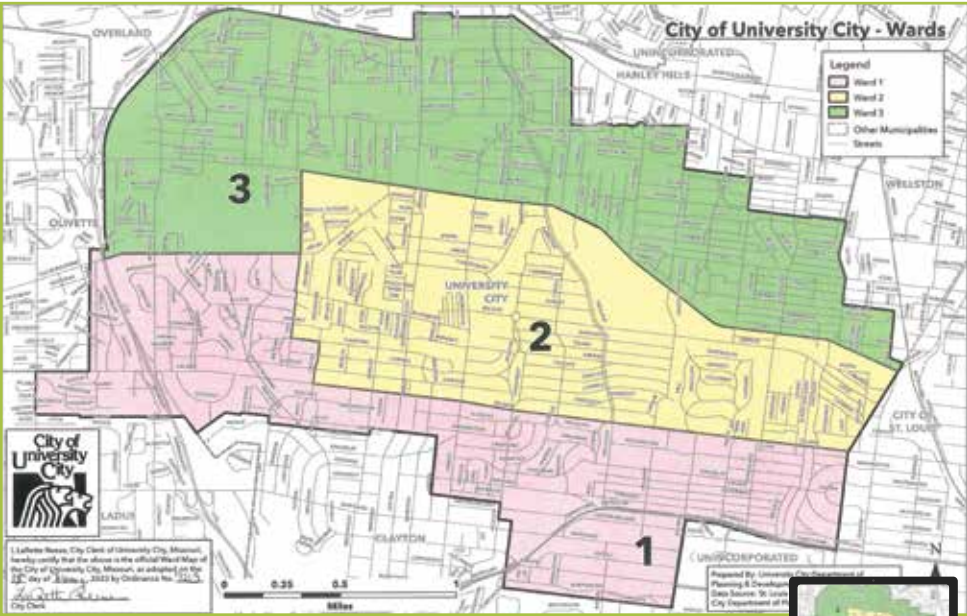


## 2026 Annual Business License Requirements and Renewals

A business license from University City is required for any persons engaged in any business, occupation, pursuit, profession or trade or in keeping or maintaining any institution, establishment, articles, utility or commodity as specified in the Municipal Code Section 605, Business Regulations.

Business licenses are issued by the University City Finance Department to businesses authorized by City officials to operate within the City of University City. Business license fees apply and must be paid to receive a business license. All occupational, business, and other licenses are valid from May 1 of the current year to Apr. 30 of the following year and must be renewed annually. All such licenses are due and payable on or before Apr. 30 each year.

More information is available at [www.ucitymo.org](http://www.ucitymo.org), under Departments-Finance-Licenses. Additional questions about business licenses may be answered by calling the Finance Department at 314.505.8544.



## University City Ward Map: Representation in Our Community

University City is divided into three wards, each represented by elected City Councilmembers who serve residents within clearly defined geographic boundaries. The official Ward Map provides a visual guide to these boundaries and helps residents understand how local representation is organized.

The map helps ensure fair representation, guide election administration, and enable residents to know which councilmembers represent their neighborhood. They are also used for planning, public safety coordination, and community engagement.

As a public record, the University City Ward Map is available for residents to view and share at [www.ucitymo.org](http://www.ucitymo.org). Residents are encouraged to review the map to confirm their ward and stay engaged with City issues that affect their area. Questions about ward boundaries or representation may be directed to City Hall 314.862.6767 or the City Clerk at 314.505.8605.



## Register to Receive Emergency CodeRED Alerts

Now entering its third year, University City's CodeRED emergency notification system has proven invaluable to both residents and public safety officials. This high-speed, web-based mass notification system allows University City Public Safety to quickly send text messages and telephone alerts citywide or to specific, targeted areas when an emergency requires immediate action.

Examples include automated weather alerts that can be issued within moments of a bulletin from the National Weather Service for severe thunderstorms, flash floods, tornadoes, and winter storms. Available since 1998, CodeRED is used by more than 3,000 state and local government agencies across the United States and Canada.

In addition to severe weather notifications, CodeRED may be used to share critical alerts related to drinking water contamination, utility outages, evacuation notices and routes, street closures, missing persons, fires or floods, bomb threats, chemical spills, gas leaks, and other public safety emergencies.

Text UCITY to 99411 to enroll in University City's CodeRED program today.

## Annual Billing for Solid Waste Services Begins March 1



March 1 is the first billing date for solid waste (refuse) services, including trash, recycling, yard waste and bulk item collection. All services are billed in advance and statements are issued by the Finance Department in six month cycles. (*See table.*)

Solid waste fees not paid 30 days after the beginning of the service period for which the bill is issued shall be considered delinquent or past due. (*See table.*)

- Senior citizens living in single or two-family houses may be eligible for a discount on solid waste services if they meet the following conditions:**
- At least one resident of the property must be at least 65 years of age
  - No more than two people living in the housing unit (*number of occupants listed on application will be checked against occupancy permit*)
  - Resident must agree to accept a smaller trash receptacle if you have a roll-out cart (60 gallon).

Route	Pick Up Day	1st Billing Date	2nd Billing Date
1	Monday	March 1	September 1
2	Wednesday	April 1	October 1
3	Thursday	May 1	November 1
4	Tuesday	June 1	December 1
5	Friday	July 1	January 1

Notice	Delinquency	Penalty Charge	2nd Billing Date
1st Delinquent Notice	30 Days Late	5.0%	September 1
2nd Delinquent Notice	60 Days Late	2.5%	October 1
3rd Delinquent Notice	90 Days Late	2.5%	November 1
4th Delinquent Notice	120 Days Late	2.5%	December 1

Category	Billing Rate (every Six Months)
Single Family – Cart	\$119.40
Single Family (Senior) – Cart	\$101.40
Two Family, Building w/ 3+ Units – Cart	\$126.30 (per unit)
Two Family (Senior) – Cart	\$101.40 (per unit)
Single Family – Alley Mechanical	\$135.00
Single Family (Senior) – Alley Mechanical	\$114.40
Two Family – Alley Mechanical	\$135.00 (per unit)
Two-Family (Senior) – Alley Mechanical	\$114.40 (per unit)
3+ Units with Alley Mechanical	\$108.00
3+ Units with Waste Reduction	\$75.00

For general billing questions, please call the Finance Department 314.505.8544.

For information on COMMERCIAL solid waste services, please call 314.505.8560.

The City encourages and appreciates timely payment of fees assessed for each property. Various payment options are available including:

**Online Payments:** Tyler Payments is a free online service that allows residents to view their solid waste account activity, make payments and receive an email to view billing statements. To sign up, go to [ucitymo.org](http://ucitymo.org) and choose the **Online Bill Pay** icon, which will redirect you to the Online Bill Pay (Tyler Payments) screen. Follow the steps to setup a new or existing account. If you have difficulty logging into your account or have questions about how to navigate the system, please contact the Finance Department at 314.505.8544. The system only allows for payments using a debit or credit card with a Visa or MasterCard logo.

**Electronic Funds Transfer (Bank Drafting):** The Electronic Funds Transfer program for solid waste billing allows payments to be automatically debited from your account five business days before the due date and applied directly to your solid waste bill. To choose the Electronic Funds Transfer, please contact the Finance Department at 314.505.8544 for further assistance.

**Cash, Check and Charge:** Solid waste bills can be paid by cash, check and debit or credit card. Cash must be paid in person at the Finance Department, checks can be paid either in person or regular mail and credit card payments are accepted either in person or via phone by contacting the Finance Department mainline at 314.505.8544. The City only accepts Visa and MasterCard. There is no convenience fee charge for debit or credit card payment processing.





## Grill and Fire Pit Safety

As warm weather arrives and grills come back out, the University City Fire Department reminds residents to put safety first this spring. A few simple precautions can help prevent fires, injuries, and property damage, ensuring a safe, fire-free season for everyone.



**Distance:** Always keep grills and fire pits at least 10 feet away from homes, decks, and other structures.

**Pre-Use Inspections:** Check grills and fire pits for rust, worn parts, excessive grease buildup, and secure connections, especially for gas appliances.

**Fuel:** Use only approved fire starters. Never use gasoline or other flammable liquids to start a fire.

**Weather Safety:** Avoid grilling or using fire pits during windy or extremely dry conditions and never burn during a burn ban.

**Equipment:** Keep water source nearby, such as a garden hose or fire extinguisher, readily available.

**Disposal:** Allow ashes and hot charcoal to cool completely before discarding. Never place hot or warm remnants in plastic containers.

**Supervision:** Never leave grills or fires unattended. When children are present, remind them to keep a safe distance from all fire hazards.



## New Beginnings in a New Police Headquarters Facility



Chief Larry Hampton, Jr.

In the first quarter of 2026, the University City Police Department (UCPD) will transition to a new, modern public safety headquarters designed to support 21st-century policing strategies. While the original University City police building dates to 1903, the department moved in 1938 to converted space at 6801 Delmar, which was later declared functionally obsolete. For the past 10 years, the UCPD has operated from temporary trailers behind City Hall.

The new state-of-the-art police headquarters represents a major step forward in infrastructure, technology, and community-focused policing. The new facility integrates advanced technology, innovative methodologies, and historical preservation, as well as supports best practices to strengthen both enforcement and community policing. It includes a strategy room, training room, computer lab, modern fitness space, dispatching hub, intelligence center, and other critical resources needed to stay ahead of evolving criminal activity.

As crime changes, public safety also must continue to evolve. Preparation is essential to opportunity in modern law enforcement. What law enforcement does daily demonstrates their culture, and in University City our officers consistently train, plan, and adapt policies that support our community partners and stakeholders. Change is embraced through thoughtful preparation and continuous improvement.

Our guiding framework— Decision, Direction, Destiny — reflects an intentional approach to innovation, collaboration, and planning for large community events. UCPD leaders recognize that the perception of crime can sometimes loom larger than crime itself. To address this, our weekly preparation meetings review crime trends, statistics, and effective strategies used locally and regionally.

Community engagement remains a priority for the UCPD. Programs such as *our Community Camera program* provide free doorbell cameras to residents in areas experiencing recent crime trends. Our *Security Analysis* program offers free property assessments for residents and business owners, focusing on best practices in security and crime prevention through environmental design. While these initiatives are not new, they are being relaunched to align with recent residential and commercial growth and new community partnerships.

The UCPD also conducts dedicated business patrols in the Delmar Loop and Market at Olive districts, working closely with business owners and private security teams. Many officers bring prior experience in security or loss prevention, strengthening these collaborations. Through regional crime prevention partnerships, the UCPD continues to invest in advanced technology, training, equipment, and personnel, ensuring resilient, responsive and forward-looking public safety throughout University City.

### Learn First Aid

When the next tornado, flood, or blizzard hits, will you be ready? Learn basic emergency preparedness and first aid at a University City Fire Department training on Basic Emergency Preparation for Your Home and Family, Thursday, April 16, at 7 p.m., Firehouse #1, 863 Westgate Ave.

### Neighbor to Neighbor

Help your neighbors when emergencies strike. Neighborhood Response Leaders (NRLs) are University City residents who support their area during events such as tornadoes, floods, or earthquakes by sharing critical information with emergency services. To learn more or get involved, contact Chris Blumenhorst at christopherblumenhorst@yahoo.com or Ellen Bern at ellendebbiebern@gmail.com.



## School-Based Health Center Coming to University City High School

The School District of University City is partnering with Washington University, Family Care Health Centers, and the School-Based Health Alliance of Missouri to open a School-Based Health Center at University City High School. The center will provide on-site physical and mental health services, making care accessible and convenient for students.



This initiative aligns with the Schools as Centers of Health recommendation from the 2015 Ferguson Commission Report. Superintendent Sharonica L. Hardin-Bartley, PhD, PHR, a member of the Commission's Youth at the Center work group, has long advocated for expanding health services for young people. "For nearly a decade, it has been our vision to bring high-quality care directly to our students," Hardin-Bartley said.

School-based health centers remove barriers to care, offering preventive services, immediate attention for physical or mental health concerns, and support for keeping students in school. Families benefit from convenient care that does not require missing work, while teachers and administrators can focus on learning.

This collaborative effort underscores the District's commitment to student well-being and academic success. Updates on services, timelines, and community engagement opportunities will be shared as the project progresses.

## Spring 2026 School Board Election

The School District of University City Board of Education has three candidates for three seats in the April 7, 2025, election: Anelise Curtis, Kay E. Gage, and Karen Bernstein (in order of filing).

According to The School District of University City's Policy BBB-1: School Board Elections, there will not be a School Board Election in April 2026 since the number of candidates who have filed is equal to the number of positions for each office to be filled by the election.

Candidate statements will be printed in the March 2026 PRIDE newspaper and archived to [www.ucityschools.org/PRIDE](http://www.ucityschools.org/PRIDE).

## Fall Enrollment Opens April 1

The District's Infinite Campus parent portal will be open for online enrollment for Fall 2026 beginning April 1, 2026. Reminder to families, all returning students must be re-enrolled each year.

For details, visit [www.ucityschools.org/Enroll](http://www.ucityschools.org/Enroll).

## Kindergarten Open Houses & Jumpstart to Kindergarten Set

Are you interested in your little one joining the pride of U. City Schools? Visit your neighborhood elementary school from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1, 2026 for tours and talks with teachers. Principals are also available for personal tours by calling the school in advance.

The District will also host Jumpstart to Kindergarten, an in-person orientation for all incoming kindergarten students, from July 28–30. This engaging half-day program helps students meet classmates and teachers, explore their school, and build confidence for the year ahead. Register at [www.ucityschools.org/jumpstart2026](http://www.ucityschools.org/jumpstart2026).

## Good People Know Good People

Do you know a caring person who is passionate about children and innovative education? The District is hosting a network-hiring event for prospective teachers and administrators from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at Brittany Woods Middle School, 8125 Groby Road.

Interview-ready candidates may meet one-on-one with District administrators and staff. Register at [www.ucityschools.org/GPKG26](http://www.ucityschools.org/GPKG26).

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