



# ROARS

THE VOICE OF UNIVERSITY CITY



NOV/DEC 2019

## Municipal Elections Information

The Municipal Election on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 will have candidates running for one seat for each of the three wards. Nominations for City Council shall be made by petition signed by no fewer than 50 and no more than 75 registered voters, who are entitled to vote for the candidate in the Ward where they live. No voter can sign more than one nominating petition for the same office.

Petitions can be obtained at City Hall, 6801 Delmar, 2nd floor, room 4. Filing opens at City Hall on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 and closes Tuesday, January 21, 2020. The hours of operation are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. There is a \$50 filing fee.

First day filers will participate in a lottery draw for ballot placement, and subsequent filers will follow on the ballot as submitted.

Candidate qualifications are: be a qualified voter of the City and a resident thereof for at least three consecutive years prior to the election, be a resident of the ward from which elected, and be current on all state and city taxes. They cannot hold any other elected public office or compensatory position in the City government.



THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON

**TUESDAY**

**APRIL 7, 2020**

PLEASE DIRECT ANY QUESTIONS TO LARETTE REESE, CITY CLERK, AT 314.505.8605.

### U CITY LOOP EVENTS

For more information: [www.visittheloop.com](http://www.visittheloop.com)

#### Celebrate Recycled Art and America Recycles Day!

UNIVERSITY CITY LIBRARY  
6701 DELMAR

Join us Friday **NOVEMBER 15**, 4:30 – 6:30 pm for a preview of the 2020 calendar featuring recycled art. Also learn about recycling!



#### Small Business Saturday

**NOVEMBER 30** – Shop Local and support small businesses throughout University City with our unique mix shops, specialty stores, art galleries and boutiques.



#### DECEMBER 7

- Christmas Shopping Day
- Visit with Santa
- The Great Gift Hunt
- Christmas Tree Lighting at Fitz's

#### DECEMBER 14

- Kwanzaa Celebration

#### DECEMBER 21

- Menorah Lighting



# Keep your Holiday Waste in Check

From Thanksgiving to New Year's Day, household waste increases by more than 25%. Learn what you can do to reduce your waste!



## 2019 FALL LEAF COLLECTION

1 <sup>ST</sup> COLLECTION WEEK	
West Area	Starting on November 4
East Area	November 11
Central Area	November 18
2 <sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION WEEK	
West Area	Starting on December 2
East Area	December 9
Central Area	December 16

NO YARD WASTE (gumballs, trash, small tree branches/limbs, brush, and grass clippings) - LEAVES ONLY



## HOLIDAY LIGHTS RECYCLING: CITY HALL

Holiday lights do not belong in your regular recycling container. But you can still recycle them! A collection container will be located on the basement level of City Hall until January 17, 2020.

## HOLIDAY TREE COLLECTION

City staff will collect holiday trees when placed at the front curb during the first two weeks of January on your regular collection day. Trees must be without decorations or lights. Please do not place holiday trees in trash or recycle carts or in City alleys.



- Choose LED holiday lights instead of traditional incandescent.
- Remember to unplug tree lights at night and when away from home.
- Use reusable bags for holiday shopping. Tell store clerks you don't need a bag for small or oversized purchases.
- Read a product's label to determine its recyclability and whether or not it's made from recycled materials. Buying products made from recycled materials supports manufacturers of such products and fosters markets for those materials.
- Get creative when wrapping gifts. Try to avoid traditional wrapping paper in favor of "upcycled" newspapers, paper bags, and magazines, or choose reusable gift bags.
- Give gifts that don't require much packaging or wrapping. Think event tickets, gift cards, or gift certificates.
- Or consider a donation to a charitable organization on your loved one's behalf.
- If you're gifting electronic gadgets or toys that require batteries, choose rechargeable batteries and consider including a battery charger as well.
- Choose greeting cards that can be sent electronically over paper cards. If you do send paper greeting cards, use cards made from recycled-content material to reduce the amount of virgin paper used.
- Don't go overboard with holiday meals. Prevent that uncomfortable too-full feeling and reduce food scraps by cooking only what you and your guests can reasonably eat. Use the handy "Guest-imator" tool at [savethefood.com](http://savethefood.com) to help you figure out the right amount of food to prepare.
- Lastly, but not least, recycle your old Christmas tree.

## TRASH AND RECYCLING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

**No trash/recycling collection on Thursday, November 28, 2019.** Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday routes **will be on** schedule, Thursday routes will be collected on Friday, Friday routes on Saturday. Regular trash and recycling collection will resume Monday, December 2, 2019.

**No trash/recycling collection on Wednesday, December 25, 2019 or Wednesday, January 1, 2020.** In each of these weeks, Monday and Tuesday routes will be on schedule, Wednesday routes collected Thursday, Thursday routes collected Friday, Friday routes collected Saturday. Regular trash and recycling collection will resume on Monday, January 6, 2020.

## RECYCLE RESPONSIBLY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

Be sure to responsibly recycle your holiday waste. Follow these rules for your curbside recycling cart:

### Put these in:

- Cardboard
- Paper boxes (gift, shoe, and shipping)
- Wrapping paper (no foil or glitter)
- Holiday cards and envelopes (without embellishments)
- Gift bags (handles removed, without embellishments)

### Leave these out:

- Bubble wrap
- Tissue paper
- Ribbons and bows
- Embellished wrapping paper (foil or glitter)
- Cellophane
- Styrofoam of any kind
- Christmas trees
- Holiday string lights
- Electronics, batteries, or bulbs

Some of these items are recyclable, just not in your curbside cart. To find out if the above items are recyclable, visit [stlcityrecycles.com/database](http://stlcityrecycles.com/database).



## Snow and Ice Removal

Snow and ice control is a difficult and time-consuming operation. We need the help of 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 removing their vehicles from the street until plowing has been completed.

### Roadways

When you encounter snow removal or ice control equipment, please yield the right of way if you can do so safely. Please keep back at least 50 feet from snow or ice control equipment and do not attempt to pass this equipment. Please do not attempt to drive through the plowed windrows of snow as you could lose control of your vehicle. The snow and ice control crews are out there to aid you in reaching your destination safely.

### 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 that we use 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 our snow plowing equipment. The 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 windrows of 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



## Concrete Improvements

During the winter months of 2019/2020, the following roads will undergo Concrete Sidewalk and/or Curb Removal and Replacement with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) upgrades. Where concrete sidewalk sections exist but are not compliant with the ADA requirements, they will be replaced. Replacement of disabled intersection corner access ramps will also be used at sidewalk locations where the current ramps are not compliant with ADA. Selected concrete curb sections will also be replaced to maintain positive stormwater drainage alongside the street.

STREET	FROM	TO
Balson Ave.	Gay Ave.	Swarthmore Ln.
Balson Ave.	Swarthmore Ln.	Old Bonhomme Rd.
Wayne Ave.	North & South Rd.	78th St.
Milan Ave.	North & South Rd.	Lyndale Ct.
Milan Ave.	78th St.	Annandale Dr.
Milan Ave.	79th St.	Mendell Dr.
Lyndale Ct.	Milan Ave.	Wayne Ave.
Lyndale Ct.	Wayne Ave.	cul de sac
78th St.	Milan Ave.	dead end
78th St.	Wayne Ave.	cul de sac
Annandale Dr.	Milan Ave.	Trenton Ave.
Trenton Ave.	78th St.	Annandale Dr.
Trenton Ave.	Annandale Dr.	Erith Pl.
Erith Pl.	Milan Ave.	Trenton Ave.
Birchmont Dr.	east leg at Milan Ave.	turn to north
79th St.	Wayne Ave.	Milan Ave.
Mendell Dr.	Canton Ave.	cul de sac
Elmore Ave.	Woodson Rd.	Sheridan Dr.
Elmore Ave.	Sheridan Dr.	Coolidge Dr.
Elmore Ave.	Coolidge Dr.	Grant Dr.
Richard Ave.	Woodson Rd.	Sheridan Dr.
Richard Ave.	Sheridan Dr.	Coolidge Dr.
Richard Ave.	Coolidge Dr.	Grant Dr.
Orchard Ave.	Woodson Rd.	Sheridan Dr.





### UNIVERSITY CITY WELCOMES THESE NEW BUSINESSES!

**AFFORDABLE MASSAGE AND STRETCH SERVICES**  
620A McKnight Road

**FUN CAFÉ**  
6604 Delmar Blvd., Unit A

**MOST WANTED BEAUTY**  
8147 Delmar Blvd.

**PAIN FREE CHIROPRACTOR**  
8135 Delmar Blvd.

**PAUL'S SALON**  
8108 Olive Blvd.

**REPUBLIC FINANCE**  
6910 Olive Blvd.

## You really do make a difference! – and Thank You to the Storm Water Task Force.



Paulette Carr

Stormwater problems are a part of life in our region. Portions of the River Des Peres and Engleholm Creek run through our city, directly affecting those whose homes located on the banks and in the floodplains of these rivers. Residents, who do not live in the floodplain, may also experience the effects of stormwater as a result of runoffs between yards causing ponding, flooding, erosion, as well as sewer backups.

Sadly, in 2008 two of our residents on Wilson Avenue died in a flash flood of the River Des Peres. Former Councilmember Byron Price, former County Councilmember Hazel Erby enlisted Congressman Lacy Clay, who worked with Congress to obtain Federal funds for the buyout of the flooded properties on Wilson Avenue. Those Wilson Avenue homes no longer exist, but 95 properties located in the 5-year floodplains remain. The City is now working with the Army Corps of Engineers and MSD to continue the earlier studies seeking solutions for those vulnerable properties.

In response to area-wide flooding, other municipalities moved forward with the development of stormwater master plans that would put them at the front of the line for funding and mitigation of their stormwater problems. At that time, though, Council could not finance the development of our own stormwater master plan.

On June 26, 2017 Council established the University City Stormwater Task Force. Over the years, little historical data had been kept by the City, so the Task Force members began work immediately to develop a citizen survey of stormwater problems. This, and data from MSD on flood issues, allowed the Task Force members to see what problems were occurring and where. At the same time, members of the Task Force examined the stormwater plans of other nearby municipalities, developed an approach to predict flash flooding, visited a number of flood-sites, and reviewed the City ordinances to determine if changes were needed.

The Stormwater Task Force members are currently assembling their final report and recommendations to Council, including the establishment of an Early Warning System, and the hiring of an expert consultant to develop our stormwater master plan.

I cannot tell you how impressed I am and grateful for the high-quality work contributed by these nine Storm Water Task Force members to our City. I am as proud of the efforts of this Task Force as I am of the work done by the citizens who contributed to the University City Advisory Board on Washington University in 2015. When our citizens bring their commitment, effort, talent and expertise to the solution of our problems, we “can move mountains.” I want to thank all U. Citizens, who volunteer to serve our City and their neighbors, and invite others to consider serving on our Boards, Commissions, Task Forces and other volunteer activities. You really do make a difference!

Councilmember Paulette Carr, Ward 2

## Centennial Commons Information

- Once again this year, Centennial Commons Recreation Facility (located at 7210 Olive Blvd.) will be collecting cold weather gear (hats, gloves, scarves, etc.) for our Holiday Giving Tree. In 2018, over 125 items were donated to the School District of University City to be distributed to students in need. Collection will take place from November 15 – December 15. For additional information, contact Recreation Supervisor, Stephanie Perry at 314.505.8613 or sperry@ucitymo.org.
- **Centennial Commons Holiday Hours:** Veteran’s Day (11/11) - 5:30 am-6 pm; Thanksgiving Day (11/28) – Closed; Day after Thanksgiving (11/29) – 5:30 am-6 pm; Christmas Eve (12/24) - 5:30 am-4 pm; Christmas Day (12/25) – Closed; New Year’s Eve (12/31) - 5:30 am-4 pm; New Year’s Day (1/1) - 5:30 am-6 pm
- Remember, indoor swimming is available during the winter months at the University City Natatorium. The Natatorium is located on the University City High School campus, 7420 Shaftesbury and is available for lap swimming sessions throughout the school year from Now to May 22, 2020.

**Hours:** Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday – 6:00 am to 8:00 am  
Tuesday and Thursday – 7:00 am to 9:00 am  
For more information, contact Centennial Commons, 314.505.8625.

- **No Cost Memberships for Senior** – Centennial Commons is both a SilverSneakers® and RenewActive® participating fitness facility! Both programs, SilverSneakers® and RenewActive® are designed specifically to help seniors achieve better health through regular exercise and health education. Please contact your health plan to see if you qualify. For information, please visit us at Centennial Commons, 7210 Olive or call 314.505.8625 or Relay Missouri 800.735.2966 (TDD)
- **University City Golden Lions Senior Program** - The Golden Lions Senior Program takes place on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, from 9:00 – 12:30 p.m. Through a partnership with Aging Ahead (formerly Mid-East Area Agency on Aging,) lunch is provided for participants who make reservations, and a \$4.00 donation is appreciated; transportation is also provided through OATS (Older Adult Transportation System,) for those who need it. There are currently between 40 and 50 participants in this program, and all older residents of University City are invited to come enjoy activities such as Bingo, board games, crafts, educational presentations, entertainment, fitness classes designed for seniors and much more. Don’t miss out on the “fellowship and fun!”
- **Senior Transportation Scholarship Assistance** - University City once again will be providing a limited number of scholarships to older residents in order to help them participate in a new senior transportation service, ITN (Independent Transportation Network.) This service offers volunteer drivers who give rides in their own cars to older adults; **it is not a free service, but the cost is about half the cost of a taxi.** These drivers are trained to provide door through door and arm through arm service, and riders can be taken anywhere within the service area (a large central area of St. Louis County)—not just to doctors’ offices and grocery stores, but also to restaurants, movie theaters, hair salons, etc. **The scholarship offers \$150 to recipients—\$50 to be used for the annual yearly membership fee, and \$100 to start an account.** For more information contact 314 505 8625.

### HOLIDAY GIVING TREE



### ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT

**On October 5th, 2019 residents recycled over 20,000 pounds of electronics!** When e-waste is tossed into landfills, these chemicals leach into the soil, polluting the ground water as well as the air. Electronics are made of components that contain valuable raw materials. Reusing old devices prevents e-waste by keeping it out of landfills. It also saves the resources used to recycle them.





Jeffrey & Pamela Blair – owners of the EyeSeeMe bookstore.



EyeSeeMe event – Representatives from JP Morgan Chase and Justine Petersen, the small business support organization, gathered for a panel discussion on minority women entrepreneurs and celebrated the success of EyeSeeMe.

## EyeSeeMe Bookstore

When Pamela Blair was home-schooling her four children, it was the children who recognized that there were few books about people who looked like them, who were African Americans, historical stories that included themselves as heroes, victors, founders, creators, and contributors to society. She went on a mission to seek out these books and found they were hard to come by, even in libraries, but she continued to search and even began writing her own books based on Bible stories. Other parents expressed their frustrations as well and that's how EyeSeeMe began.

Opening their store in University City on Olive in 2015, the space quickly became too small, but with support from small business support services like Justine Petersen and JP Morgan Chase, they moved to a larger location in early 2019 at 6951 Olive. The space has become a community gathering place, offering two classrooms, and adult/high school reading and study area and soon a café. Garnering attention from Oprah, Steve Harvey and NBC, they were also selected to be a part of Facebook's Small Business Council. Through the help of Facebook, their business has soared to new heights.

Part of their mission is to be a resource to parents, teachers, and schools in providing the very best children's books on the market that promote positive images and stories about African American culture and history. The store is helping to bridge the cultural divide, so that African American children can benefit from exposure to literature that respectfully mirrors themselves, their culture and their families. They have also started the EyeSeeMe Foundation to create programs that increase literacy in underserved communities. Visit their location to pick up a great book, relax in the reading room or buy some holiday gifts online at [www.eyeseeme.com](http://www.eyeseeme.com)



# UCITY PRIDE

NEWS OUR COMMUNITY CAN USE!

November / December 2019



## UCHS Hosts College & Career Fair

When it comes to planning for the future information and connections are everything. On Oct. 11, University City High School students met firsthand with 50 representatives from colleges, trade schools and corporations to talk about educational and career options after high school.

Students and parents went from table to table to learn about admissions at national and local colleges and universities, prerequisites for admission, and unique programs to gain access to companies and trades right out of high school. Unlike other local fairs, UCHS students had exclusive access to talk one-on-one for as long as they needed with companies like Boeing and Spire; elite universities like Northwestern, Washington University and the University of Missouri – Columbia; and even representatives from the UMSL Bridge Program, which helps prepare students for college.

The event included a FAFSA Frenzy, a crash-course session on filling out the free federal aid form required to be considered for financial aid from colleges and universities.

This fair is just one way The School District of University City strives to provide access and opportunities for all students.



## State of the District - Dec. 9, 2019

On December 9, 2019, The School District of University City will host its annual State of the District for community members, parents and staff. This event runs from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the University City High School Pruitt Library, 7401 Balson Ave. (Jackson Entrance). It is free and open to the public.

## Returning Artist Reception - Nov. 13

Noted music director and composer Christopher J. Watkins, UCHS '88, has been selected by the University City Municipal Commission on Arts and Letters as the Fall 2019 University City Returning Artist. The community is invited to a public reception in his honor beginning 7 p.m. on Wed., Nov. 13, in the UCHS Pruitt Library, 7401 Balson Ave. (Jackson Ave. entrance) 63130.

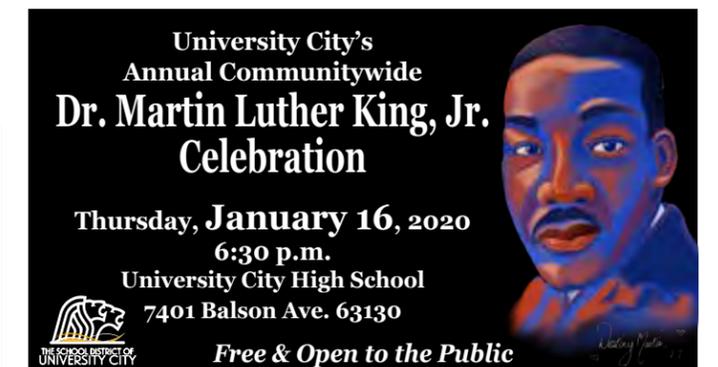
## Nominations Open for District Awards

The School District of University City is accepting nominations for the following annual awards:

- Martin Luther King Jr. Spirit Award (deadline Dec. 6, 2019)
- U. City Teacher of the Year and U. City Educational Support Person of the Year (deadline Jan. 31, 2020)
- PACEsetter (deadline March 23, 2020)

More details, including deadlines, forms and past recipients, are available online at [www.ucityschools.org/Nominations](http://www.ucityschools.org/Nominations).

Community members interested in serving on selection committees (excluding MLK), should call (314) 290-4001 or email [communications@ucityschools.org](mailto:communications@ucityschools.org) for more information.



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## Winter and Holiday Fire Safety

During the Holidays, many people overload electrical circuits for lighting, decorations and cooking appliances. This significantly increases the risk of electrical fires and outages. Holiday lights should be inspected for kinks, frays and wear and tear. Damaged lights account for 25% of Christmas tree fires.

If you must use a space heater, it should be plugged into at least a 20-amp outlet. Never use an extension cord for a space heater. Space heaters often catch fire because people run the cord under a rug to hide it and prevent tripping on it. As people walk on the rugs, they step on the cords, causing wear that eventually leads to a fire. Space heaters also carry a high risk of fire from being too close to curtains, bed spreads, and holiday decorations. Heaters that are too close to Christmas trees account for another 25% of tree fires.

Chimney fires are common in the winter months. Make sure to have your chimney cleaned and inspected yearly. Christmas Day house fires are commonly started by people burning wrapping paper in the fire place. Paper burns faster and hotter than wood and causes soot in the flue to heat up and start burning, which can lead to a crack in the flue, giving fire a path to get into the framing of the house and setting the house on fire.

Keeping these simple steps in mind, can go a long way to ensure a safe and happy Holiday season.



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## THE VOICE OF UNIVERSITY CITY

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University City, MO 63130

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

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U.S. POSTAGE  
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NOVEMBER

- 4 West Area Curbside Leaf Collection Begins
- 11 East Area Curbside Leaf Collection Begins  
Veterans Day – City Hall Open
- 13 **Returning Artist Reception** 7:00 pm Pruitt Library
- 15 **America Recycles Day Celebration** 5-7 University City Library  
Centennial Commons Cold Weather Gear Collection Begins
- 18 Central Area Curbside Leaf Collection Begins
- 26 **Police Focus Group Meeting** 6:00pm-8:00 pm  
Heman Park Community Center
- 28 **Thanksgiving** – City Hall Closed,  
Centennial Commons Closed
- 29 **Day After Thanksgiving** – City Hall Closed,  
Centennial Commons open 5:30 am -6:00pm
- 30 **Small Business Saturday** –  
Shop Local Small Businesses

DECEMBER

- 2 West Area Curbside Leaf Collection Begins
- 7 Christmas Shopping Day in the Loop
- 9 Central Area Curbside Leaf Collection Begins
- 14 Kwanzaa Celebration in the Loop  
Movie in the Park
- 15 Centennial Commons Cold Weather Gear  
Collection Ends
- 16 Central Area Curbside Leaf Collection Begins
- 17 Candidate Petition Filing Begins – City Hall
- 21 Menorah Lighting in the Loop
- 24 **Christmas Eve** – City Hall Open, Centennial  
Commons open 5:30 am- 4:00pm
- 25 **Christmas Day** – City Hall closed, Centennial  
Commons Closed

### UNIVERSITY CITY ADMINISTRATION

Main Phone	314.862.6767
City Manager: Gregory Rose	314.505.8534
Asst. to City Manager/Director of Human Resources: Yolanda Howze	314.505.8693
City Clerk: LaRette Reese	314.505.8605
Director of Communications: Allison Bamberger	314.505.8553
Planning and Development Director: Clifford Cross	314.505.8516
Director of Public Works: Sinan Alpaslan	314.505.8572
Parks, Recreation and Forestry Director: Darren Dunkle	314.505.8552
Police Chief: Larry Hampton	314.505.8652
Fire Chief: William Hinson	314.505.8593
Economic Development Director: Libbey Tucker	314.505.8533

### FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS

Emergency	911
Fire Department	314.505.8591
Police Department	314.725.2211

### MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

Mayor Terry Crow	314.505.8606
1 <sup>ST</sup> Ward Steve McMahon	314.422.6576
Jeff Hales	314.283.5402
2 <sup>ND</sup> Ward Paulette Carr	314.727.0919
Tim Cusick	314.230.3337
3 <sup>RD</sup> Ward Bwayne Smotherson	314.726.9572
Stacy Clay	314.323.4025

### SELECTED CITY SERVICES

Emergency Hotline ( <i>Severe Weather, Natural Disaster</i> )	314.505.8550
Finance/Refuse Billing	314.505.8544
Library	314.727.3150
Recreation	314.505.8625
Permits/Inspections	314.505.8500
Public Works	314.505.8560
Senior Services	314.505.8563

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