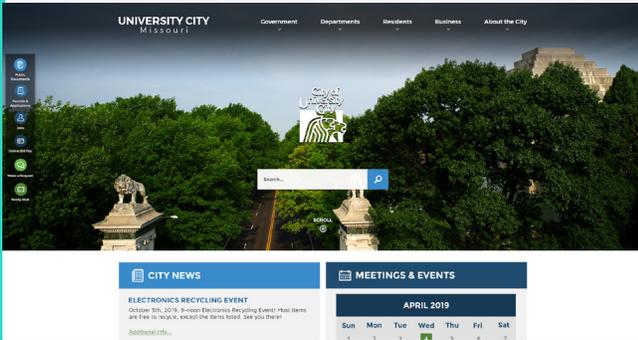


THE VOICE OF UNIVERSITY CITY

6801 Delmar Blvd.
University City, MO 63130

A New Look Coming to the City Website



Coming this January, University City's website will have a new look. This redesign is months in the making, and provides an easier search experience, as well as an updated calendar and news sections. The new design will launch in mid-January. We hope you'll visit the site and send us your feedback. Any comments or questions can be directed to Communications Director Allison Bamberger at abamberger@ucitymo.org or 314.505.8553.

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
Finance Director Keith Cole	314.505.8547
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 ST Ward Steve McMahon	314.422.6576
Jeff Hales	314.283.5402
2 ND Ward Paulette Carr	314.727.0919
Tim Cusick	314.230.3337
3 RD Ward Bwayne Smotherson	314.726.9572
Stacy Clay	314.323.4025

SELECTED CITY SERVICES

Emergency Hotline (Severe Weather, Natural Disaster)	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



ROARS

THE VOICE OF UNIVERSITY CITY

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2020



Delmar Garage Mural Shines

Students gave up their Saturdays to participate in St. Louis ArtWorks apprenticeship program this semester to design and create a mural to be installed at the entrance to the City's parking garage across from the Tivoli in the Delmar Loop at 6319 Delmar Blvd. Students ranging in ages from 14-19 worked with teaching artists from St. Louis ArtWorks to use their creativity to design two options for the City's Arts & Letter's Commission to review. After their presentation and receiving feedback from the Commission, the students went to work to create an image on boards that will be installed on the west wall of the garage's entrance. This project was funded in part by the City's Economic Development Retail Sales Tax Board for \$11,100. The goals of the program are to increase the youth's well-being; increase their knowledge of visual arts including design, illustration, technique and vocabulary; and increase their skills as they enter the workforce. A public unveiling of the mural will be held during the Ice Carnival on Saturday, January 18 at 11:00 a.m.



JANUARY

- 1 - New Years Day
- 6 - Holiday tree pickup this week
- 13 - City Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- 18- Mural Unveiling and Loop Ice Carnival Begin
- 20 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
City Hall and Library Closed,
Centennial Commons closes at 6:00 pm
- 27 - City Council Meeting 6:30 pm

FEBRUARY

- 3- 2020 Summer Camp and Teen Activities Program registration begins
- 10 - City Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- 15- Centennial Commons Youth "Strength for Sports"
- 17 - President's Day - City Hall and Library closed, Centennial Commons closes at 6:00 pm
- 24 - City Council Meeting 6:30 pm

2020 CITY CALENDARS

The 2020 University City Calendars featuring Mannequins on the Loop are now available! All residents should have received a copy in the mail. If you have not received one, please contact Communications Director Allison Bamberger at abamberger@ucitymo.org

CENTENNIAL COMMONS



Ladies (and guys too) go RED on the 17th Annual National Go Red For Women Day to stand with women in the fight against their #1 Killer: HEART DISEASE. University City's Recreation Division will host its annual Go Red For Women Luncheon on Friday February 7th at the Heman Park Community Center (975 Pennsylvania) from 11:00am-1:00pm. The event will include a meal from the Pasta House Company, an educational seminar, and guest speaker.

Space is limited to the first 75 registered participants, so make sure to call Centennial Commons (at 505-8625) beginning January 6th to reserve your spot today.



2020 Summer Camp Important Info June 1-July 24

- Summer Camp Registration will begin on **Monday, February 3rd at 9:00am.**
- Summer Camp Registration will end when either Camp is full, or **Friday, May 22nd at 5:00pm** – whichever ever comes first.
- The deadline to turn in **all paperwork** for Scholarships to be used during our 2020 Summer Camp season is **Friday, May 8th at 5:00pm.**

1st Annual Family Formal

Find your fanciest dress, dig out your special suit, and don't forget your dancing shoes! Get Mom, Dad, Aunt, Uncle, the grandparents, and all the kids out on the dance floor for the Recreation Division's 1st Annual Family Formal. Dinner from The Pasta House, dancing and a photo spot await you at this event designed to include all members of the family.

Friday, March 27th 6:30pm – 9:00pm
Heman Park Community Center,
975 Pennsylvania Ave

Tickets:

We welcome all to join!

Residents: \$25 for the first two family members, \$10 for each additional family member.

Non-Residents: \$35 for the first two family members, \$15 for each additional member.

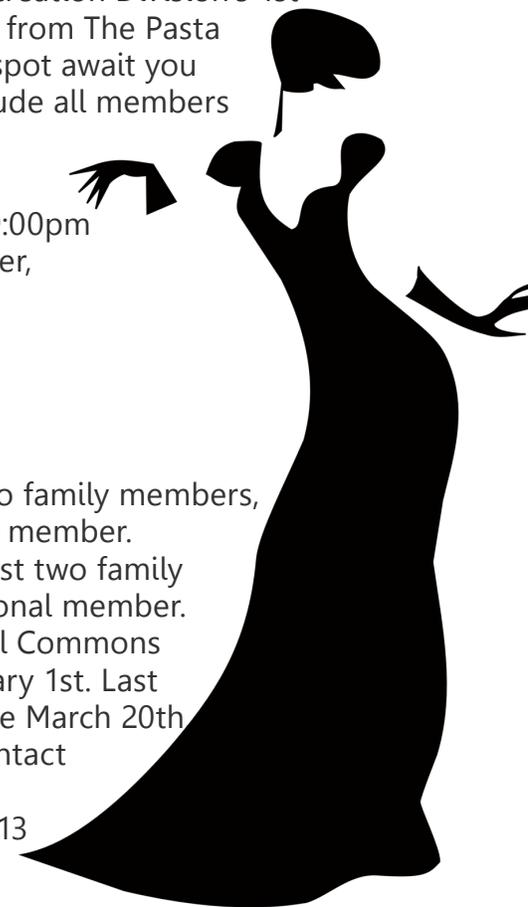
Tickets available at Centennial Commons (7210 Olive) beginning February 1st. Last day to purchase tickets will be March 20th

For additional information contact

Recreation Supervisor

Stephanie Perry at 314.505.8613

or sperry@ucitymo.org.



Signups for the 2020 Summer Youth Recreation Program will start on Monday, February 3rd at 9:00am at Centennial Commons, 7210 Olive Blvd. Registration runs until Friday, May 22nd at 5:00pm OR camp is full; whichever comes first.

The deadline to turn in scholarship papers for the 2020 camp season is Friday, May 8th at 5:00pm



UNIVERSITY CITY GOLDEN LIONS SENIOR PROGRAM

The University City Golden Lions Senior Program takes place on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, from 9 am-12:30 pm at the Heman Park Community Center, 975 Pennsylvania. Through a partnership with Aging Ahead, lunch is provided for participants who make reservations and a \$4 donation is appreciated; transportation is also provided through OATS (Older Adult Transportation System) for those who need it. There are currently between 40-50 daily participants and ALL older University City residents 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 our on the "fellowship and fun!"

For more information on getting involved with the Golden Lions Senior Program, please contact Lynda Euell-Taylor, 505.8625 or letaylor@ucitymo.org.



Solar Power Hour Success!

Thanks to all who came out to the Solar Power Hour to learn about the opportunity to bring solar power to their homes. Dozens of university City residents came out to get information from Grow Solar STL. The advantage of a group buy is the power of volume purchasing, which can significantly reduce the up-front costs of installing solar on your home. For more information on the program, visit www.growsolar.org.



2020 SPRING LEAF COLLECTION

University City will be collecting leaves from the front curb of residential properties in March. Leaves must be raked to the curb line by the Sunday before collection begins in your area. Trucks will only make one pass on each street during the collection week.

SPRING PICKUP

West Area	March 2-6
East Area	March 9-13
Central Area	March 12-20

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



JOGGING SAFETY TIPS

Many joggers think that because they do not carry large sums of money with them as they jog, they are not likely candidates for an attack. Unfortunately, that's not true. When running, you should always be aware of your surroundings and take precautions to protect yourself. It's easy to become so focused on your run that you stop paying attention to what's happening around you. When you're preoccupied, you make yourself an easy target for an attacker or thief.



FOLLOW OUR TIPS FOR ENSURING THAT YOUR JOGS ARE REWARDING AND SAFE:

- Recruit a friend. Runners in pairs or groups are less appealing targets.
- Jog in a familiar area but vary your routes. Changing the route you take will prevent someone from noting your schedule or movements.
- Avoid jogging in secluded areas or at night. If you do run after dark, do so in well-lit and populated areas and consider buying reflective running gear or a runner's light so that you're highly visible to traffic.
- Face oncoming traffic.
- Carry your phone and your ID. If you suspect you're being followed, call the police immediately and find a safe place to wait for them to arrive.
- Wear bright colored clothing to improve your visibility.
- Carry a whistle or shrill alarm to summon help if needed.
- Jog in open spaces, away from bushes or alcoves where someone could hide.
- Take a key with you when you jog. Don't leave your house unlocked.



UCPD FOCUS GROUP 2020

Please join us for the University City Police Focus Group from 6:00-8:00 pm at Heman Park Community Center on the following days:

January 28
February 25
March 24
April 28
May 26
June 23
July 28
September 22
October 27
November 24
Dec 4 - Holiday Party



COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

LIBRARY RENOVATION UPDATE

As we head into the New Year, it's time for a renovation update! Over the past several months, UCPL staff and board members have been meeting regularly with Bond Architects, attempting to make the most impactful and efficient use of the renovation budget that was approved by voters in April.

Among the items that will definitely happen are: renovating the Library bathrooms; replacing the HVAC system and electrical panel; upgrading lighting throughout the building; and replacing the windows to make them more energy-efficient. The Library also plans on reconfiguring the youth services department to create separate zones for teens and children; replacing carpeting throughout the building; and reorganizing the staff and storage areas to make better use of non-public parts of the Library.

As a public space in University City, Library leaders are being particularly careful to respect the wishes of both the community and the City's advisory boards. Because of this, we're still working on the timeline for the project itself. At this time, construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in late spring or early summer 2020 and last about a year. As we get closer to the project's start, we'll know a lot more, including where you'll be able to access UCPL materials and programs during construction.



NEW BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Entrepreneur James Dang opened Let's Get Technical this past summer in the U City Loop at 6273 Delmar. His business offers cell phone repairs, particularly screens, and accessories. He also helps customers with questions about how to use features on their phones. He hopes to be able to service computers in the future, when he's able to obtain the necessary tools. "I started this business because I want to be self-sufficient, be my own boss and make my own decisions, says James. He is proud of his Vietnamese heritage, his family having immigrated here in 1997, and in his spare time he likes electronics, cars, comics and movies.





IN 2020, STRIVE TO REDUCE YOUR PLASTIC USE!

1. Bring your own bag. Americans use 100 billion plastic bags a year.
2. Switch to reusable sandwich bags or containers. The average American uses over 500 sandwich bags per year.
3. Say NO to plastic straws.
4. BYOC: Bring your own cup or container. Single use paper coffee cups contain plastic lining making them non-recyclable and contributing to the plastic problem.
5. Take back the tap. More than 480 billion plastic bottles are sold yearly; the majority of these are water bottles.
6. No Plasticware! Plastic utensils are often provided but not necessary.
7. Recycle! When in a pinch and a single-use plastic bottle is needed, make sure that it makes its way to a recycle bin.

Plastic Bags & Wrap Recycling – Discontinued at the Recycling Drop-Off Center as of February 1, 2020

Due to excessive contamination, plastic bags and wrap (plastic film) will no longer be accepted at the Recycling Drop-Off Center at 975 Pennsylvania. High levels of food, liquid, and other unacceptable items found in the plastic film container degrade the quality of the material rendering them unmarketable. This causes the materials that would otherwise be recycled to be landfilled.

Collection of these materials inside a retail location (participating grocery or big-box stores) during business hours results in higher quality materials with much less contamination. Please continue to recycle your plastic film at your local retailer; Schnucks, Walmart, and Target have plastic film collection containers in their stores. To find out other locations, visit www.plasticfilmrecycling.org.



Feet on the Street Recycling Education Campaign

Feet on the Street is a Recycling Education Campaign facilitated by the Department of Public Works to improve the quantity and quality of recyclables collected from single-family homes across the City of University City while achieving the City's waste diversion goals and better serving our residents. The Feet on the Street program puts a team of people on the streets of University City to audit residential recycling carts for contamination, provides residents real-time feedback on the quality of their recycling through the "Oops" tag left on the cart if contamination is found, and delivers a broad-based educational campaign across the City to improve recycling outcomes. The Citywide program launches in Spring of 2020.



PLEASE LEAVE THESE ITEMS OUT!



No Food or Liquid (empty all containers)



No Plastic Bags (return to retail)



No Food or Liquid (empty all containers)



No Clothing or Linens (drop-off only)



No Tangles, (no hoses, wires, chains, or electronics)



No Big Items (wood, plastic, furniture, or metal)



Entrepreneurial Students Open Uniquely U Store in UCHS

When it comes to University City High School spirit, you can never have too much black and gold. That's the thought of a group of student entrepreneurs whom, this fall, unveiled the Uniquely U shop, a school store run by students in David German's Entrepreneurship 2 class.

The store is open after school, Wednesday mornings and special occasions. The store sells select merchandise online at www.ucityschools.org/UniquelyUStore.

The store has a growing inventory of school spirit wear, including T-shirts and hoodies designed by students. Students have designed clothing for Homecoming, Breast Cancer Awareness Month and the Varsity Football's playoff season.

During the store's first week, "We did over \$100 worth of sales after school," German said.

The store presents engaging hands-on learning for students with clear applications to life and entrepreneurship. "They can think through problems creatively, collaborate, and show grit when engaged in the store," he said. "I'm surprised at how good the kids are at this already. It's amazing, two students programmed the point of sale register entirely on their own. The students are coming up with great marketing ideas."

**University City's
Annual Communitywide
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Celebration**

**Thursday, January 16, 2020
6:30 p.m.
University City High School
7401 Balson Ave. 63130**

Free & Open to the Public



Get the Facts!

Do you have basic questions about The School District of University City? The District website has been updated with a variety of printable fact sheets on the District, the District's seven free-standing schools and other programs. Please check them out in our Prospective Parents section at www.ucityschools.org/AtAGlance.



Transition Week: Jan. 28-30

The School District of University City helps students and families prepare for smooth transitions to new schools during Transition Week, Jan. 28-30, 2020, starting at 6:30 p.m. All U. City families are welcome to attend. For more information, visit www.ucityschools.org/TransitionWeek2020.

School Board Election Filing

Interested in serving on the University City Board of Education? Filing began Dec. 17, 2019, and ends on Jan. 21, 2020, at 5 p.m. for the April 7, 2020, election. For more information, visit www.ucityschools.org/BOE.

2020 Summer Showcase: Feb. 29

University City High School's annual Summer Showcase highlights summer opportunities for students of all ages, including jobs, internships, camps and educational programs. For more information, including online booth registration, go to www.ucityschools.org/SummerShowcase2020.

2020 Spring Break - March 16-20
Schools & Offices Closed March 20

Remaining Early Release Days:
February 14, March 13 and May 22

Schools Closed: January 20, February 17 & April 7
& for Parent/Teacher Conferences: February 20-21

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