



Office of the City Manager

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September 18, 2020

Community Report: 0920-5

Honorable Terry Crow,
Members of the City Council,
and University City Residents:

Parks, Recreation and Forestry

Parks

- The City has received approval from the St. Louis County Health Department to start opening playgrounds. In doing so, the City will take a phased approach in the openings and will start with the opening of the Heman Park Playground at 4:00 pm on Friday, September 18, 2020. Select playgrounds within the City are scheduled to be phased in for opening over the next several months.

City Maintenance Crews will be cleaning and/or disinfecting the Heman Park playground a minimum of three (3) times per week; However, to further help limit the risk of disease transmission: 1) The City will limit use of playground equipment to daylight hours only (7 AM to dusk, daily); 2) Will require the wearing of face masks with the exception on children at play; 3) Require that all users maintain a minimum of 6 feet of social distancing from others; and 4) Will encourage park patrons to use disposable disinfectant wipes or other suitable and commercially available/ registered disinfectant products to perform spot cleaning in areas of concern should they so desire.

Recreation

- Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Centennial Commons, Community Center, Pool, Pavilions, Select Playgrounds and Athletic Fields continue to remain closed until further notice.

Forestry

- Went out to bid for the annual Tree Trimming program.
- Went out to bid for the annual Emerald Ash Borer and Tree Replacement program.

Golf

- Prepared bid specifications for the replacement of netting.

Commissions

- Senior Commission will be conducting a meeting on Tuesday, September 21, 2020.
- CALOP Commission will be conducting a meeting on Thursday, September 24, 2020.

Public Works

- City-wide Bulk Item Collection begins in the Central area on Monday, September 21, 2020 and will be performed in that work week. Accepted bulk items include furniture and appliances. Electronics will no longer be accepted in the bulk item collection. Participating residents are asked to place no more than 3 large items or 7 smaller items within 1-3 feet of curb or street pavement for collection.
- Residential Street Sweeping begins in the East area on Monday, September 21, 2020 and will be performed in that work week. This service is intended to reduce the materials entering the sewer system and improve the appearance and cleanliness of City streets. Please do use residential driveways as available for parking during the week in the service area in order for the department to conduct an effective street sweeping.
- **Recycling Drop-Off: 975 Pennsylvania**
Do you have excess paper, cardboard, or containers made of plastic, metal, or glass? You can take these sorted materials to the Recycling Drop-Off at 975 Pennsylvania. Please adhere to the posted signs indicating the acceptable materials. *Unacceptable materials left at the Recycling Drop-Off compromise the recyclability and value of all materials.*
- **Hard to Recycle Materials**

Find out where to take common hard to recycle materials on our website (click [here](#)).

If you don't see it on the list, you can check out the regional database at

<https://stlcityrecycles.com/database/>. Or you can visit the recycling webpage at

<https://www.ucitymo.org/691/Recycling> for more information on how to recycle in University City.

Planning & Development

Code/Building Division:

- Housing Inspectors:
 - The Division completed a total of 143 Inspections during the week which pertained to the following:
 - 110 Environmental Exterior Violations
 - 20 Exterior Building Violations
 - 1 Interior Violations
 - 4 Derelict Vehicles
 - 6 Live Animal Removals
 - 1 Dead Animal Removals
 - 1 Outstanding Violations
 - Of the 143 Inspections 107 of them were Re-Inspections which pertained to the following:
 - 84 Environmental Exterior Violations
 - 18 Exterior Building Violations
 - 1 Live Animal Removals
 - 3 Derelict Vehicles
 - 1 Outstanding Violation
 - The Division abated 42 violations, issued 15 Citations and sent 41 Notification Letters.
 - The Division completed 147 Owner/Rental Occupancy Inspections and 86 were issued permits and 17 Conditional Occupancy Permits.

- Multi-Discipline Inspectors:
 - The Division Completed 253 Trade Related/Occupancy Inspections associated with the following:
 - 48 Mechanical – Residential
 - 12 Mechanical - Commercial
 - 41 Electrical – Residential
 - 13 Electrical – Commercial
 - 60 Plumbing – Residential
 - 6 Plumbing – Commercial
 - 24 Residential Building Permit – Alteration
 - 10 Residential Building Permit – Miscellaneous
 - 2 Residential Building Permit – New /Addition
 - 2 Residential Building Permit – Repair
 - 5 Non – Residential Building – Alteration
 - 3 Non – Residential Building – New / Addition
 - 13 Sewer Lateral
 - 2 Sprinkler / Standpipe
 - 7 Water Heater
 - 4 Excavation
 - 1 Commercial Occupancy Inspections
- Administrative Staff / Clerks:
 - The Division processed 101 permits.

Planning Division:

The Planning Commission will be conducting their regularly scheduled September 23rd meeting via video conference. The meeting is at 6:30 pm and can be accessed via the City Calendar or the following link;

- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85708422803?pwd=bGk0d3IzY2tGVE9IdkVWRm1GYWh6dz09>

Economic Development

The Economic Development Strategic Plan Task Force is continuing to move forward with the development of an “Economic Development Strategy”. As a result, they are seeking community input. Please see the attached upcoming schedule dates and activities, during the Week of September 21st and September 28th, outlining the upcoming schedule to obtain community input and engagement (see attachment 1)

Find out what’s happening in University City by visiting University City’s website at ucitymo.org or visiting ExploreUCity.com to connect local businesses with customers and residents.

Activities and Events

9/19/2020 (every Saturday morning!) Visit the [U City Farmers Market](#) where farmers gather, friends meet and the Fresh Food Festival begins. Tucked along the Delmar Loop in University City, we’re reviving the fresh-from-the-farm tradition at the Historic Market in the Loop. Also enjoy expanded outdoor dining and additional activities in the Loop every Saturday!

9/20/2020 at 3pm, 9/23/2020 at 11am: EyeSeeMe Story Time with the Fabulous Ms. Tracy
Come join the exhilarating Ms. Tracey as she reads to your children. It’s a lot of fun.
Join us on Facebook Live from [EyeSeeMe’s Facebook Page](#).

9/26/2020, Love the Loop Drive-In Movie Featuring “Princess Bride”!
Join us for a family friendly drive-in movie night! Visit <https://exploreucity.com/> to find out more!

Respectfully submitted,



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City Manager

Attachment (1)

Attachment 1

Share Your Input for the University City Economic Development Strategy

University City is currently undertaking the development of an Economic Development Strategy, which will provide direction for University City to better utilize its economic assets to advance the future of the City's businesses and residents. Your input will help shape the draft Economic Development Strategy document that will be released later this Fall.

Step 1: Learn about the Draft Recommendations and Strategies

Week of September 21st

- Watch an overview video about the Draft Recommendations and Strategies at www.InvestUCity.com

Step 2: Share Your Comments

Week of September 28th

- Sign-up for small group discussions (via Zoom) with the planning team the week of September 28th. Sign-up at www.InvestUCity.com.
- Share your comments via an online comment form at www.InvestUCity.com

Share Your Input!

University City Economic Development Strategy

STEP 1

LEARN ABOUT THE DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS AND STRATEGIES

Week of September 21st

- View displays of the draft Recommendations and Strategies at the University City Library. *(Stop by anytime during normal Library hours)*
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STEP 2

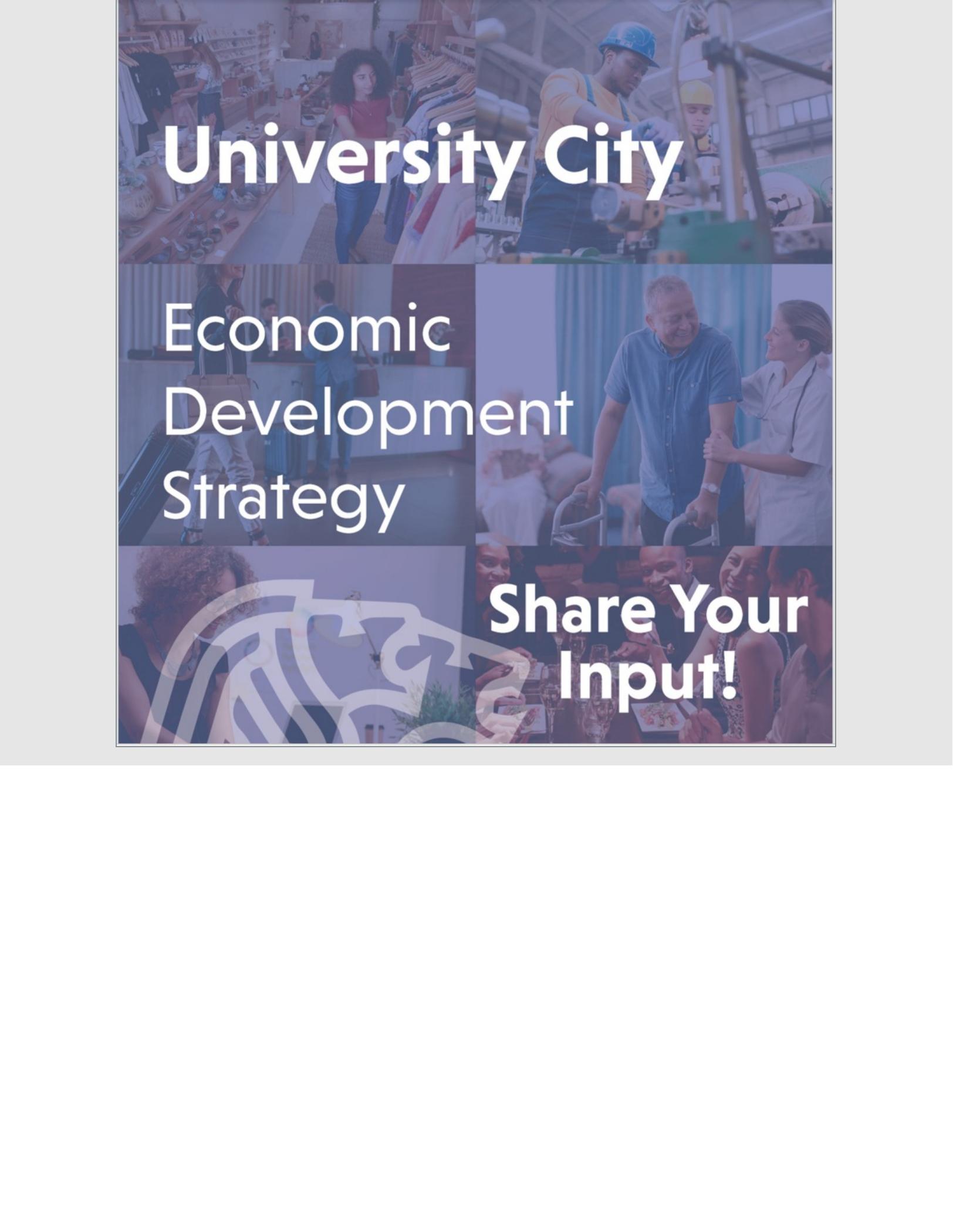
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