



## Office of the City Manager

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October 9, 2020

Community Report: 1020-8

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

### Mayor and Council Actions

The Mayor and Council are scheduled to meet on Monday, October 12, 2020 starting with a study session at 5:30 p.m. followed by the Council meeting at 6:30 p.m. To see the study session and Council meeting, please visit our website at [www.ucitymo.org](http://www.ucitymo.org).

### Parks, Recreation and Forestry

#### **Parks**

- The City has received approval from the St. Louis County Health Department to start opening playgrounds. Select playgrounds within the City are scheduled to be phased in for opening over the next several weeks. To further help limit the risk of disease transmission:
  - The City will limit use of playground equipment to daylight hours only (7 AM to dusk, daily);
  - Will require the wearing of face masks with the exception on children at play;
  - Require that all users maintain a minimum of 6 feet of social distancing from others; and
  - 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.
- The following playgrounds are open:
  - Heman Park
  - Fogerty Park
  - Millar Park
  - Lewis Park
  - Flynn Park
  - Ackert Park
  - Eastgate Park
  - Majerus Park
  - Metcalfe Park
  - Mooney Park
  - Rabe Park

## Golf Course

- City Council recently approved the following increase in fees for the Ruth Park Golf Course. The new fees will go into effect on Friday, October 9, 2020.

<u>Category</u>	<u>General Fee</u>	<u>*Discounted Fee</u>
Weekday	\$15	\$13
Weekend	\$17	\$15
Weekday Youth/Senior	\$15	\$11
Weekend Youth/Senior	\$17	\$14
Gas Carts	\$10	<u>\$ 9</u>
Pull Carts	\$ 5	<u>\$ 4</u>
Club Rentals	\$12	<u>\$ 9</u>

\*Users may only receive "Discounted "rate with a valid University City or partner Identification Card.

## Public Works

- No Yard Waste Stickers Needed: Due to the COVID-19, our residents' ability to obtain yard waste stickers to affix on yard waste bags is limited. Understanding this concern, University City is currently not requiring the City Yard Waste Sticker on any brown biodegradable bags. When you have your leaves and/or grass clippings in the biodegradable bags, just place them at the front curb on your normal trash/recycling service day.
- A Traffic Commission regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 14 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting is scheduled to be conducted on Zoom.
- A Streets and Parks Naming Task Force meeting was held on Monday, October 5 on Zoom. The Task Force began their work and grouped subtasks under responsible members for their completion. The meetings frequency is determined as every other Monday at 5:30 p.m. and the Task Force will be working under a scheduled task completion deadline of 120 days from its inception on September 14, 2020 unless it is extended.
- A Commission on Storm Water Issues regular monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, October 6 on Zoom. The discussion included a review of resident complaints and documentation about flooding and updates on early warning system project, grant projects and the Army Corps Flood Risk Management study.
- A Green Practices Commission regular monthly meeting was held on Thursday, October 8 on Zoom. The discussion included information on the upcoming weeklong River Des Peres Trash Bash from October 24 to October 31, an update about TreeKeepers Volunteer Group's activities in University City and discussion and updates on mosquito fogging and a food waste audit.

## Economic Development

### **Round 3: Forgivable Loan Small Business Assistance Program**

The City of University City is pleased to announce Round 3 of the Forgivable Loan Small Business Assistance Program. The City has earmarked \$850,000.00 for the Program that is intended to help eligible local retail, service and creative for-profit businesses address immediate cash for short-term financial operational needs such as payroll, payment to suppliers, payment to service providers or payment of utilities.

Visit <https://www.ucitymo.org/673/Economic-Development-Retail-Sales-Tax> to find out more!

Find out what's happening in University City by visiting University City's website at [ucitymo.org](http://ucitymo.org) or visiting [ExploreUCity.com](http://ExploreUCity.com) to connect local businesses with customers and residents.

Have you noticed an excessive amount of trash these days? Follow these tips to reduce your waste:

- **Use a reusable bottle/cup for beverages on-the-go**  
You might already have a reusable water bottle, but do you use it all the time? You can put that reusable bottle to use, save money, and reduce waste. By taking your own water with you, you'll also reduce your chances of purchasing more expensive beverages on-the-go. This will eliminate the one-time use containers they come in. While most cans and bottles can be recycled, they require a lot of energy to be produced, shipped to the bottling facility and then to the store for purchase.
- **Use reusable grocery bags**  
While some stores may not allow reusable bags in the stores, you can still take your groceries out to your car and bag them yourself there! Along with reducing waste, you get out of the store quicker and into the fresh air!
- **Buy secondhand items and donated goods**  
Before you go buy something new, consider buying it used which can also save you lots of money. You are also saving energy and materials needed to make a new item, you'll be supporting local charities in addition to saving items from ending up in the dump.
- **Shop local farmers markets**  
Shopping at your local farmers market is a win-win. First, you'll be supporting local farmers while also getting fresher ingredients than you might find in the big-box grocery store. Food produced locally doesn't have to be shipped as far or refrigerated in transit.
- **Say "No Thank You!" to unneeded disposable items**  
Disposable utensils, unnecessary sauce packets, napkins, and other single use packaging from all the takeout and delivery has produced excessive waste. When you place an order, request these items not be delivered with your food.
- **RECYCLE!**  
Recycle clean and dry acceptable materials at your curb every week! Paper, Cardboard, Cartons, and household containers made of plastic, glass or metal are valuable resources to be made into new things Do not put unacceptable materials in your recycling cart. See the attached flyer and remember: Stick with the 6! (attachment 1)

## Police Department

There have been a couple of incidents recently that started in other communities but ended in University City and involved the use of high-powered rifles. In addition to these incidents, we have seen an increase in the number of calls for shots fired. On Monday, I am video taping my discussion with Police Chief Hampton about crime statistics for University City, actions being taken to mitigate shots fired, and what citizens should do if they hear gunfire. I am attaching for your information, a copy of the most recent Police report that provides our crime statistics and reflects we are continuing to see a downward trend. (attachment 2)

Halloween Safety Tips (attachment 3)

## Activities and Events

**OCTOBER: SHED (Safe Homes for the Elderly and Disabled)**, is pleased to announce 2020's Day of Service is now a MONTH of Service in October, 2020. The event is being organized in collaboration with Our Lady of Lourdes, the University City School district, and other local churches and partners. To volunteer, please email [info@shedstl.org](mailto:info@shedstl.org) or call (314) 600-5426.

Visit <https://exploreucity.com/events/shed-safe-homes-for-the-elderly-and-disabled/> to find out more.

**10/09/2020, 8pm: Love the Loop Drive-In Movie Featuring "Ghostbusters"!**

Get your ticket for the next drive-in movie! Visit [exploreucity.com/events/drive-in-movie-october-9](https://exploreucity.com/events/drive-in-movie-october-9)

**10/09/2020, 6-9pm: The 1619 Project Student Films**

Join a free outdoor screening of student documentaries inspired by The 1619 Project. The films, created by UCHS students, focus on slavery in the U.S. and the contributions of the Black community in America. Bring a blanket and mask. The huge outdoor screen will be set up in Muhl Schemmer Stadium. Register at <http://ucityschools.org/screen100920>

**10/10/2020 at 9am: 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!

**10/10/2020 at 10am: Bike Rodeo!** Kids between the ages of 3-12 are invited to bring their bikes and helmets to a parking lot Bike Rodeo! Presented by Trailnet, this interactive event uses fun obstacles and challenges to teach kids elements of bike skills and safety. The event is free and open to all, though masks and social distancing are required. This event will be held in the municipal lot across Kingsland from the U City library (624 Kingsland). For more information visit <https://trailnet.org/calendar/2020-ucity-library-rodeo/>.

**10/10/2020 from noon to 6pm: LIVE MUSIC & ART DEMOS ON LELAND (NEXT TO VINTAGE VINYL)** To celebrate the U City Loop in the fall, a month-long series of free live music and art demos will kick off from 12 pm until 6 pm, Saturday, October 10, on Leland Ave., next to Vintage Vinyl. This Saturday, the headline band, - Rum Drum Duo, playing from 12:30 pm until 3 pm, will feature an American music genre. Artist Kyle Heikkila will be featured with his unique mixture of pop and street art. Join us every Saturday for the remainder of the year with these beautiful days in the University City Loop!

**10/11/2020 at 3pm, 10/14/2020 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](#).

**10/24/2020 from 9am – 2pm – Medical Equipment Donation Drive** St. Louis HELP loans donated home medical items to anyone in need at no cost or fee. Donate your unused medical equipment at the Urgent Care Parking Lot, 8612 Olive Blvd  
**10/24/2020 from 10am – 2pm – Clothing Drive for U City Kids** Drop off new or like new kid size 8 – adult XL clothing and shoes at All Nations Church, 7860 Olive Blvd. Click [here](#) for details or contact [ucityboutizue@gmail.com](mailto:ucityboutizue@gmail.com) for more information.

**10/24 – 10/31/2020: River des Pers Trash Bash**  
Come out and help clean up the River des Peres! Help is needed to take care of this valuable natural resource in our community. Volunteers can choose from multiple cleanup sites within the watershed. Instead of a one-day cleanup, you can remove trash and debris at your chosen site anytime between October 24-31. Visit <https://greatriversgreenway.org/event/river-des-peres-trash-bash-2020/> to register.

Respectfully submitted,



Gregory Rose, ICMA-CM, MPA  
City Manager

Attachments (3)

**Attachment 1**



PAPER



FLATTENED  
CARDBOARD



PLASTIC BOTTLES  
AND CONTAINERS



GLASS BOTTLES  
AND JARS



METAL FOOD AND  
BEVERAGE CANS



FOOD AND  
BEVERAGE CARTONS

*Keep items loose (not in plastic bags), clean and dry.*

# RECYCLE RESPONSIBLY 6

STICK WITH THE

## NOT ON THE LIST? NOT IN THE BIN!

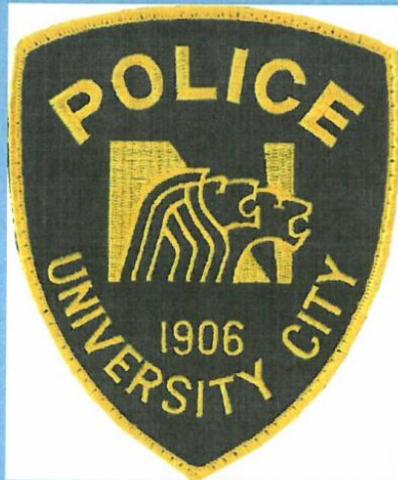
Putting the wrong items in your recycling bin does more harm than good.

Find out where to recycle or donate other items at [RecycleResponsibly.org](http://RecycleResponsibly.org)



THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING RESPONSIBLY!  
[RecycleResponsibly.org](http://RecycleResponsibly.org)

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## UCPD COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

## ❖ Community Outreach:

- August 7 – Officers delivered boxes of food to residents.
- August 14 – Officers delivered boxes of food to residents.



- August 29 – Officers participated in a outreach food giveaway sponsored by Mt. Gideon Church



## ❖ Donations:

- Lunch provided by *House of India*
- Lunch provided by *Odessa Tuckson, parent of an officer*
- Food supplies provided by *Rabbi*



**INTRODUCING OUR NEW K-9 OFFICERS**



PO Jeffrey Franklin and Ghost (Patrol and Bomb)



PO Kevin Smith and King (Patrol and Narcotics)

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**PERSONNEL TRAINING**

- ❖ Police personnel completed 222.0 hours of training in the month of August.

<b>STAFF (Patrol)</b>	
Authorized	50
Actual	47 (Excluding Supervisors and 3 Canine Officers)

**Bureau of Services**

<b>CALLS FOR SERVICE</b>	
	<b>7,164</b>
Self-Initiated	5,010
Community Initiated	2,154
911	2,015 (per Audiolog)
Average Dispatch/On Scene Times	
Response Time	2.46 minutes
Stack Time	2.36 minutes

<b>VIOLATIONS</b>	
<b>Traffic</b>	
Issued	300
Closed/Adjudicated	212
<b>Parking</b>	
Issued	379
Closed/Adjudicated	248
<b>Summons</b>	
Issued	194
Closed/Adjudicated	69

**Bureau of Investigation**

<b>CASES</b>	
Cases Assigned Out	40
<b>Part I Crimes (Active)</b>	<b>19</b>
Cases Cleared	30
Arrests	5
Summons Issued	10

\*Clearance rate is 75%.

**Bureau of Field Operations**

SUMMARY OF OFFENSES	2019	2020
<b>Crimes Against Person(s)<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>
Homicide	1	-
Rape	1	1
Robbery	5	3
Aggravated Assault	4	2
<b>Crimes Against Property</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>44</b>
Burglary	12	6
Larceny	86	30
Motor Vehicle Theft <sup>b</sup>	12	8
Arson	1	-
<b>Other Offenses</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>74</b>
Simple Assault	31	18
Drug Violations	9	18
Driving Under the Influence	1	5
Vandalism	23	27
Weapons	5	6

<sup>a</sup>2020 3 of the 6 crimes against person(s) involved associates known to victim

<sup>b</sup>2020 Keys were used in 4 of the 8 motor vehicle thefts

CRIME RATE*** (per 1,000 population)	2019	2020
<b>Crimes Against Person</b>		
Homicide	.03	-
Rape	.03	.03
Robbery	.14	.08
Aggravated Assault	.11	.06
<b>Crimes Against Property</b>		
Burglary	.34	.17
Larceny	2.43	.85
Motor Vehicle Theft	.34	.03
Arson	.03	-

\*\*\*Crime rate is calculated by dividing the number of reported crimes by the total population; the result is multiplied by 1,000. Calculating the Total Crime Rate per 1,000 population normalizes the data, making it easier to accurately interpret crime statistics at the local level. The Crime Rate is based on the current month only.

ARRESTS	2019	2020
Adults	178	130
Juveniles	8	6
Total	186	136



# HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS !!!

Courtesy of University City PD



- Do not allow a child to go "Trick-or-Treating" alone. Be sure older children TAKE A FRIEND and an ADULT accompanies young children.
- Be certain to accompany young children to the door of every house they approach.
- Be certain that parents are familiar with every house and all people from which the children receive treats.
- Children should be cautioned that they should NOT enter any home without prior permission from their parents.
- Children should be cautioned not to approach any vehicle, occupied or not, unless they know the owner and are accompanied by a parent.
- Make sure that all children carry a glow stick or wear reflective clothing.
- When using facial masks, make sure that children can see and breathe properly and easily.
- All costumes and masks should be clearly marked as flame resistant.
- Children should be warned to NEVER approach any house that is not well lit and does not have a porch or "outside" light on.
- Children should be cautioned to remember any suspicious incidents and report them to their parents and/or the proper official.
- Children should be cautioned to run away from people who try to trick them with special treats.
- Children should be instructed to scream and make a scene if anyone tries to grab them or force them, in any way, to go with them.
- Parents should inspect all treats and dispose of anything that seems to have been tampered with, has been opened, or is not wrapped.
- A good alternative to "Trick or Treating" is for parents to organize parties at home, in schools, or in community centers.



BOO!

