



Office of the City Manager

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December 4, 2020

Community Report: 1204-15

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

Parks, Recreation and Forestry

We lost an outstanding employee this week when Ewald Winker decided to retire and start his next adventure. Ewald was employed with University City for more than 40 years and could always be counted on for his leadership and finding a way to get tasks accomplished. I have attached Ewald's thank you letter to the community (see attachment 1). Ewald will be missed!

DOG PARK MEMBERSHIP

Applicants will need to complete a membership registration form and signed Release of Liability Form annually, as well as provide a copy of valid vaccination documentation upon renewal.

2021 Renewal Dates

All 2020 Members may renew beginning December 1, 2020.

Resident: new members may begin joining on December 14, 2020.

Non-Resident: new members may begin joining on January 4, 2021.

Registration

With City Hall closed to the public, please mail in your Registration Application, Release of Liability Form, and proof of residency. You can include a check or money order with your paperwork. If you are paying by credit card, when the Finance Department Staff has entered your application, they will call you for payment. Your dog tag and approved membership paperwork will be mailed to you.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE SCHEDULE

Resident	\$40.00 for one (1) dog	\$60.00 for two (2) dogs
Non-Resident	\$60.00 for one (1) dog	\$90.00 for two (2) dogs

A maximum of two (2) Dog Park memberships are available per household.

Public Works

- Fall Curbside Leaf Collection continues! The service is scheduled for the West area in the work week starting on Monday, December 7, 2020. We ask that our residents rake their leaves to the curb line between the Friday before collection begins in your area and Monday 7 AM of your collection week. The truck will make only one pass per household. Please do not mix other yard waste (gumballs, trash, small tree branches/limbs, brush, grass clippings, etc.) in with leaves and continue using the yard waste collection service for the disposal of other yard waste and contact the department office at (314) 505-8560 with any questions.
- A Streets and Parks Renaming Task Force meeting was held on Monday, November 30. The discussion included the street names that have been determined for further examination/recommendation, Osage heritage of the land of University City, and further discussion on existing street names of Gannon Ave., Jackson Ave. and Amherst Ave.
- A Commission on Storm Water Issues regular monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, December 1. The discussion included a Trash Traps install proposal on the main channel of River Des Peres, database for storm water-related infrastructure in University City, and Request for Qualifications for a Stormwater Master Plan. Further discussion and updates were provided on the draft bylaws for the Commission, flooding early warning system development, citizen request items, and the US Army Corps of Engineers Flood Management Study.
- A Traffic Commission regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 9 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting is scheduled to be conducted on Zoom.

Planning & Development

Planning Division

The Economic Development Strategic Plan Task Force is continuing to move forward with the development of an “Economic Development Strategy”. As a result, they have received community input on the proposed draft plan. The next step is to conduct a final task force meeting in December to discuss the comments and recommend a final version of the draft plan to the City for review and consideration. The tentative date for this meeting is either December 10th, 15th or 21st. Please visit the www.InvestUCity.com website to view the background, schedule, documents, etc. that is associated with this project.

Economic Development

Small Business Rapid Deployment Fund - APPLICATION DEADLINE 12/7

St. Louis County has established a Small Business Rapid Deployment Fund to assist small businesses that have been severely impacted by COVID-19. Funded through a grant from the St. Louis County CARES Act, this fund is being administered by the St. Louis Economic Development Partnership (STLPartnership). <https://stlpartnership.com/applications-open-on-monday.../>

Additional resources for small businesses can be found at <http://www.ucitymo.org/877/COVID-19-Business-Resources>

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

University City Gives Back to Frontline Workers:

When you order online from one of our locally-owned, participating restaurant, you will have the opportunity to PAY IT FORWARD. By choosing to donate a meal when you place your order, not only are you saying THANK YOU to frontline essential workers, but you are also supporting a small business in the community at a time when they need it most. Visit <https://exploreucity.com/loop-giveback/> to find out more!

Shop Local with the University City Gift Guide:

A one-stop-shop for the best holiday gifts to give this season for everyone on your list. What should you get for all the beloved but quirky, picky, fancy, practical or eccentric people in your life? We've curated the best gifts to help you check everyone off your list. <https://exploreucity.com/2020-holiday-gift-guide/>

Recycle your Holiday Lights:

Holiday lights do not belong in your regular recycling container. But you can still recycle them! A collection container will be located at the University City Public Library until January 15, 2021. Lights can be dropped off during the Library's curbside pick-up hours. Visit <http://www.ucpl.lib.mo.us/> to check hours.

Testing for COVID-19:

On Saturday, December 5, 2020, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., tests for COVID 19 will be given by a group at University City Centennial Commons, 7210 Olive Boulevard. To obtain a test, please have your proof of identification and health insurance card if applicable. There will not be an out of pocket expense.

Respectfully submitted,



Gregory Rose, ICMA-CM, MPA
City Manager

Attachment (1)

Attachment 1

In the Spirit of Thanksgiving I wanted to say Thanks

I will be retiring from my position with the City of University on Monday, November 30. I have many people to thank who were instrumental in my career. Unfortunately, when you begin your employment at the age of 16 and stay around until the age of 63 many of those you would like to thank personally are no longer with us. But I would be remiss if I didn't publicly thank some of the people who have helped me throughout my long journey even if it can only be via social media. So here I go!

All the citizens of University City Past and Present Ewald Sr. and Rose Marie Winker

Mr. Robert Heslep

Mr. and Mrs. Victor

Ellman Mrs. Genevieve

Miller

"The Man" Mr. Frank Ollendorff

Mr. Charles Kohlenberger

Mr. David Blickenstaff

Mr. Alvin Brinkmann

Mrs. Elsie Gllickert

George Lebeda, Harold Gibson and Emmett Washington

Norma Bonham, James Crowe and the youngster Jacob

Kaiser Dr. Richard and Mary Ann Shaw

Mr. Stanley Sheard

Steven Velicer and Robert Fanning

Donald Humphrey and Kenneth

Morgan

Jesse Gilbertson, Judy Prange, the Board and all my friends and staff at U City in Bloom

All the Parks Commission Members who I had the honor to work with, special thanks to John

Sweeney, Steve Goldstein and Carl Hoagland

Mr. Richard Wilson, Sinan Alpaslan and the project managers with Public Works

Ms. Andrea Riganti

The University City Fire Department

The University City Police

Department

Special Thanks to:

All of those folks who ever addressed me as boss; I love you all and interacting with you each day will be what I miss most when I retire! I always tried to be fair with everyone and If I offended or treated you unfairly at one time or another, I apologize. Whether we agreed, disagreed or agreed to disagree the experiences we had together made me the person I am today. I hope in some small way I had an impact on your lives and with any luck it was positive. Thank you all.

Ms. Cheryl Thompson -The person who always thought too much of me and provided confidence Ms. Lynda Euell Taylor- My personal counsellor who kept me balanced.

Mr. Michael Warmbold -A trusted, good and faithful civil servant who I have had the pleasure to work with for over 30 years. Thank you Michael for your service and pretty much carrying me and the division on your back the past few years during my health issues and frequent absences. You are truly a gift!

Mr. Charles Kohlenberger and Ms. Marti Thomas-The people who didn't know it at the time but would become most instrumental in my personal life. In 1984 they made the decision to hire a young woman from southwest Missouri to serve as the recreational aquatics and sports supervisor with the department. That young woman was Ms. Lori Lynn Ellis; in May of 1986 she became my wife. Lori and I have been married nearly 35 years and have raised two boys who have become excellent young men of which we are very proud. Thank you Sweetie for your love, support and counsel for these many years. I could not have made it without you.

"My Home Town" The City of University City- Thank you for being so very, very, very good to me!

Ewald Winker Jr. |