



Office of the City Manager

6801 Delmar Boulevard, University City, Missouri 63130, Phone: (314) 505-8534, Fax: (314) 863-9146

November 12, 2021

Community Report: 1121-46

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

Administration

The Visioning Task Force held a zoom meeting on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 and selected Peggy Holly as the Chair; and reviewed the role and responsibilities of its members. Also during the week, Listening Focus Group meetings were held to begin the process of obtaining input from residents on the priorities that will shape University City's future.

St. Louis Black Authors of Children's Literature invites the U. City community to attend the ribbon-cutting of their 6th Believe Project Literacy Lab at Pershing Elementary School, 6761 Bartmer Ave. (63130). The grand opening celebration includes a brief program and small-group tours begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, November 13, 2021. The Believe #6 literacy lab is sponsored through the generosity of The Opportunity Trust, Nine PBS, Ready Readers and Noble Neighbor. **Registration is required** and available for free at www.eventbrite.com/e/the-believe-project-at-pershing-elementary-school-tickets-198469466517 (see Attachment 1).

Help a student have a better holiday season by "adopting" a University City School family. For more information, contact the appeal coordinator, Christine Woodward – cwoodward@ucityschools.org or 314-290-4114 (see Attachment 2).

Public Works

Fall Curbside Leaf Collection is scheduled to begin in the West area on Monday, November 15, 2021 and will be performed in that work week. 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 Traffic Commission regular monthly meeting was held on November 10. The Commission discussed a proposal to increase pedestrian safety at the Delmar-Trinity Roundabout and approved a motion for implementation including a set of flashing beacons on each of the Delmar pedestrian crossings on Delmar Blvd. The Commission also approved a motion to consider implementation of lane reductions upstream of the Roundabout to the west along with rumble strips. An additional item and proposal were discussed for reconfiguration of the Shaftesbury-Wilson intersection. After the discussion, the Commission postponed the decision on the item until after receiving petitioner input for the proposal.

A Green Practices Commission regular monthly meeting was held on November 11. The Commission discussed options for a dark skies ordinance and began the review of the draft Sustainability Strategic Plan developed earlier. Other discussion items were geo-exchange facility heating and cooling, emergency climate change action and mosquito control implementation. The Commission also reviewed a CTS Energy Assessment report for City Hall and Centennial Commons.

Parks, Recreation and Forestry

The Senior Commission is scheduled to meet on Monday, November 15, 2021.

The Parks Commission is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, November 16, 2021.

Construction is scheduled to begin on the Ackert Park Project beginning the week of November 15, 2021. The project is expected to be completed in the spring of 2022.

Winterization and the closure of Park restrooms is scheduled to take place on Monday, November 15th. The restrooms are scheduled to remain closed until April of 2022.

Centennial Commons is scheduled to be closed on Thursday, November 25th in observance of Thanksgiving.

Fire Department (UCFD)

The UCFD wants to congratulate and thank Assistant Chief Crismon for 30 years of service to the Citizens of University City. He is officially retiring November 12th.

Calls for the week:

EMS – 65

FIRE – 41

TOTAL CALLS - 106

Police Department (UCPD)

Make a plan to keep your valuables safe (see Attachment 3).

Activities and Events

Visit the [University City Loop](https://universitycityloop.com) website launched by the Loop Special Business District (LSBD) to offer a one-stop online resource for information about all special events and shows, restaurants and retailers, businesses and more. The website can be found at <https://universitycityloop.com>.

Visit [ExploreUCity.com](https://exploreucity.com) to find out what is happening throughout University City!

Respectfully submitted,



Gregory Rose, ICMA-CM, MPA
City Manager

Attachments (3)

Attachment 1



St. Louis Black Authors of Children's Literature Presents

Grand OPENING

THE BELIEVE PROJECT

Pershing Elementary School

in The School District of University City

6761 Bartmer Ave., University City, MO 63130

Deitra Colquitt and Jessica Hawkins, Co-Principals

Dr. Sharonica Hardin-Bartley, Superintendent of Schools

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2021

10:00AM - 12:00PM

This is an IN-PERSON event and masks are required.

RSVP on [Eventbrite](#)



"Ensuring all children become confident and competent readers by the end of third grade."

Julius B. Anthony, President and Founder



Join

U. City Schools



Holiday Appeal Giving Campaign

Help a student have a better holiday season by “adopting” a U. City Schools family.

Due to COVID, we are asking for gift card donations to assist families.

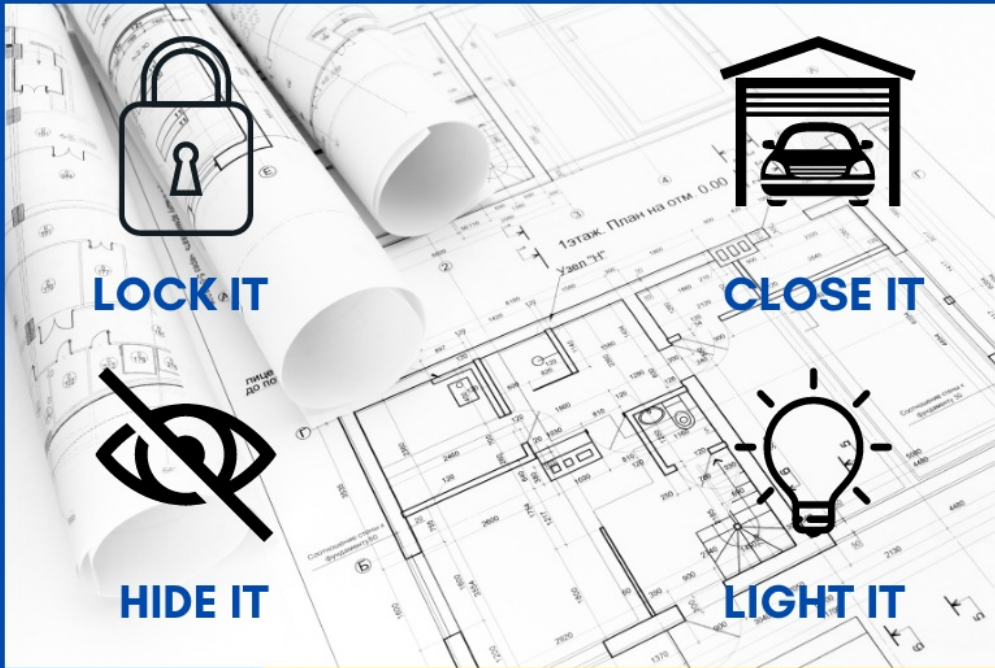
For more information, contact our appeal coordinator Christine Woodward
cwoodward@ucityschools.org
or 314-290-4114



2021 Holiday Appeal gift cards will be accepted through Nov. 30, 2021.
However, donations are readily accepted year-round!

Attachment 3

The blueprint to keeping your valuables safe



#9PMROUTINE