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SUMMER 2025



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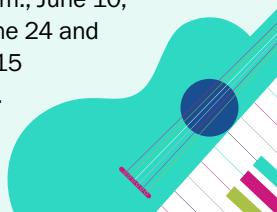
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## Summer Concerts

Mark your calendars! The University City Municipal Commission on Arts and Letters is pleased to continue its popular Sun and Stars Concerts. Bring your family, enjoy a picnic and experience the sounds of summer. All programs are free and presented in Heman Park at the Midland-Shaftesbury entrance.

- Monday Starlight Concerts showcasing R&B, jazz, Latin music and more will be performed 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., June 16, June 23 and June 30
- Tuesday Summer Band Concerts featuring classics, marches, patriotic music, show tunes, transcriptions, popular music, jazz and original concert band music performed by more than 70 local musicians will be presented 7 to 8:15 p.m., June 10, June 17, June 24 and July 8, July 15 and July 22.



## Summer Fitness Classes May 12 to July 12\*

**Mondays 9 to 10 a.m.**

Total Body & Tone

**Wednesdays 9 to 10 a.m.**

Total Body & Tone

**Thursdays 10 to 11 a.m.**

Tai Chi

**Saturdays 11 to 12 p.m.**

"Sassy Slide"

No classes May 26, June 19, and week of June 30 to July 4

\*For fees or more information, contact Centennial Commons, 314.505.8625



## Join the Summer Fun at Heman Park Swimming Pool

U City Summer Fun Passes are now on sale, offering unlimited entry to the Heman Park Swimming Pool from May 24 to Sept. 1. Residents and nonresidents may purchase either a monthly or full Summer Fun Pass at Centennial Commons during regular business hours - photo ID required. For daily admission a recreation ID card and daily admission fee is required (rates vary). Visit [ucitymo.org/pool](http://ucitymo.org/pool) or call 314.505.8625 for more information and list of daily rates.



### SEASON MAY 24 - SEPT. 1

RESIDENT	Monthly	Season	NON-RESIDENT	Monthly	Season
Youth (17 and under)	\$11	\$44	Youth (17 and under)	\$17	\$68
Adult	\$20	\$80	Adult	\$30	\$120
Senior (60+)	\$13	\$52	Senior (60+)	\$21	\$84
Senior Couple (both 60 or older)	\$21	\$84	Senior Couple (both 60 or older)	\$30	\$120
Family*	\$34	\$136	Family*	\$40	\$160

\* Residents: To be added to family membership, please ensure your U City occupancy permit has been updated to include all immediate family members who reside in your home. Learn more at [ucitymo.org/OccupancyPermit](http://ucitymo.org/OccupancyPermit) or call 314.505.8500.

\* Nonresidents: Family includes up to 4 members; each additional person is \$25 with a maximum of 8 family members.

### Admission Requirements

- Youth ages 12 and under MUST be accompanied by a parent or authorized guardians or caregiver 18 years or older who remains with the youth throughout the entire visit.
- SilverSneakers® and RenewActive® offer no cost memberships for Seniors. Centennial Commons and Heman Park Swimming Pool are both eligible for free SilverSneakers® and RenewActive® admissions. Both programs are designed to help seniors achieve better health through regular exercise and health education. Older Adult SilverSneakers® and RenewActive® free memberships remain active as long as your insurance is accepted. Contact your health plan to see if you qualify.

For more information, visit Centennial Commons, 7210 Olive or call 314.505.8625 or Relay Missouri at 800.735.2966 (TDD).

For facility and program updates, announcements and more, "like" us on the Recreation Division or Centennial Commons Facebook pages @universitycityrecreationdivision or @centennialcommons.

## Summer "Laughter, Lunch and Bingo" for Seniors 60+

**GET READY TO LAUGH, LUNCH AND SHOUT "BINGO!"**

Win some prizes at this "come and have fun" event Heman Park Community Center, 975 Pennsylvania Ave.

**Lunch served at 11 a.m. | Bingo begins at noon**

**Thurs., June 26 | Thurs., July 24 | Thurs., Aug. 28**

Cost is \$5/person and pre-registration is required

Sponsored by the University City Recreation Division

Contact Centennial Commons at 314.505.8625 to learn more.



## Dear Neighbors

As the seasons change and we move toward warmer weather, we also see progress unfolding in University City. The Target and Dierbergs stores and several infill lots at the Market at Olive are beginning to take shape. Development also is underway in the Loop at the former Craft Alliance site, and further west on Delmar, the Avenir apartments are welcoming new tenants. Additionally, the Council has adopted the Third Ward Task Force plan, and the long-promised resources for the Third Ward from the Market at Olive development are becoming a reality.

These are meaningful signs of progress. When I began my service on the Council in 2018, many of these projects were just ideas, some not even imagined yet. While I'm proud of these accomplishments, I am mindful that progress does not mean perfection.

City government will never be perfect. There will always be potholes to fill, street lights that need repair, and ongoing challenges to address. Fortunately, University City is home to an engaged and observant community that actively participates in making our City better.

My goal has always been progress, not perfection. University City has always been a wonderful place, especially the Third Ward. But we have also faced significant challenges. Throughout my time on the Council, I have worked to address these issues through inclusive development. Yet even with the successes we celebrate, new challenges will continue to arise.

I often remind my Council colleagues that "perfect" should not be the enemy of the good. I would also add that "perfect" should not be the enemy of progress. I am deeply grateful to the residents of the Third Ward for entrusting me with the opportunity to be part of University City's continued progress.

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Ward 3 Councilmember

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## The U City Farmers Market Moving to Heman Park



For the 2025 season the U City Farmers Market is moving to a new location! Residents can find the market and everything it has to offer at Centennial Commons parking lot, 7210 Olive Blvd., in beautiful Heman Park. The market is open on Thursdays, May 8 to Sept. 25, from 4 to 7:00 p.m., and Saturdays through Nov. 22, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Fun and welcoming for people of all ages, the market is a place for gathering, socializing and enjoying a variety of offerings. In addition to an abundant array of locally sourced produce, hand-picked and brought directly for sale by regional farmers, the market features an assortment of artisanal foods, freshly prepared delights and handcrafted goods.

With a weekly music series, monthly chef demonstrations and tastings, engaging kids' activities, and exciting special events, there's always something to captivate visitors, whether you're meeting friends, people-watching or grabbing a bite to eat.

For more information, visit the market's Facebook page or sign up for the newsletter at [www.midwestfarmersmarkets.org](http://www.midwestfarmersmarkets.org)



## COUNCIL MEETING DATES:



**MONDAY, JUNE 9**

**MONDAY, JUNE 23**

**MONDAY, JULY 14**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 11**

All meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. In-person meetings are subject to change. Information about meetings is at [ucitymo.org/Calendar](http://ucitymo.org/Calendar). All meetings are streamed live at [youtube.com/UniversityCityGovernment](http://youtube.com/UniversityCityGovernment). To be notified when meetings go live, click the subscribe button.



## U City in Bloom Celebrates 40 Years of Community and Beauty

For four decades U City in Bloom has enhanced public spaces with vibrant gardens, bringing natural beauty to the University City community. In honor of this milestone the organization is planning a series of special anniversary events to celebrate its history, volunteers and the impact of its work. A full schedule of events will be announced this fall. Stay connected for updates and join in celebrating 40 years of growth and transformation. Follow updates at [ucityinbloom.org](http://ucityinbloom.org)







## Market at Olive Progress: What's Happening This Summer

Construction is continuing at the Market at Olive with a special focus on two major retailers, Target Stores and Dierbergs Markets, situated on the north and south sides of Olive, respectively. Both retailers anticipate creating numerous full- and part-time jobs, ranging from entry-level to managerial and specialized positions, contributing to University City's growth and opportunities.

### TARGET STORES

Construction is progressing smoothly with significant progress on the parking garage structure and work on the store foundations have begun.

### DIERBERGS MARKETS

Construction is poised to begin within the next few weeks on Dierbergs Markets' new store which will be the centerpiece of the south side of the Market at Olive development. In addition to the new 75,000-square-foot store, the project will also include two multi-tenant buildings, adding approximately 8,500 square feet of new retail, dining and service space along Olive Blvd.

Thanks to the development team of Bob Clark (Clayco), Larry Chapman (Seneca Commercial Real Estate), Caroline Saunders (general counsel), and David Hutkin (Hutkin Properties Group, LLC), the Market at Olive is steadily transforming into a vibrant shopping destination. Stay tuned for more updates as the project continues and expect to see plenty of changes this summer and beyond.



## Job Openings – Work for UCity

### COME WORK WITH US. CURRENTLY RECRUITING FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

Recreation Supervisor - Fitness,  
Health and Sports

Mechanic - Fleet (2 openings)

Police Officer and Dispatcher  
openings - UCPD

Heavy Equipment Operator -  
Sanitation

Deputy City Manager, Support  
Services - Administration

Director of Sanitation - Sanitation

Senior Planner - Planning and Zoning

**Check out current job  
openings at [ucitymo.org/jobs](http://ucitymo.org/jobs)**

## Renovation Progress Continues on Historic Annex and Trinity Buildings

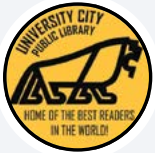
The extensive renovations of the historic Annex and Trinity buildings located behind City Hall are well underway. The project aims to transform the 36,000-square-foot Annex into a cutting-edge police headquarters and repurpose the 8,512-square-foot Trinity building into a multipurpose Municipal Court facility with designated areas for public use.

Over the next few months construction activity will intensify, impacting nearly every aspect of the buildings. Work will progress in sequence, beginning with electrical rough-ins in some areas and advancing to drywall hanging and taping in other areas. On average, 60-70 workers will be onsite daily, ensuring steady progress toward completing both buildings and their respective parking lots in Spring 2026.

With a balance of preservation and modernization, the revitalized Annex and Trinity buildings will stand as testaments to the City's commitment to progress and heritage. Key project milestones for the coming months include:

- Completing weathertight building envelopes
- Structural modifications and improvements
- Wall framing and drywall installation
- Roof repairs, including slate restoration
- Beginning work on finishes

Throughout the renovation, the historic facades are being meticulously preserved, while the interiors are upgraded to meet modern operational standards. Public service enhancements such as a new accessible entrance, improved parking and full ADA compliance remain central to the project. These updates will ensure that both buildings provide state-of-the-art facilities tailored to their respective functions while maintaining their historical integrity.



# Summer Reading Is Back at U City Library!

## YOUNG READERS' FUN AND PRIZES

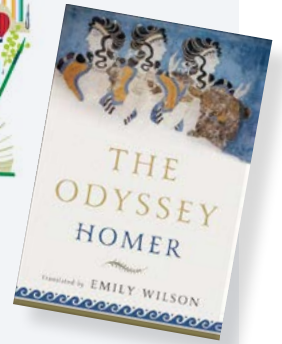
It's summer and that means summer reading has returned to University City Public Library! Young readers from birth to age 17 are invited to discover how to *Color Our World* at the Library to win prizes by counting the books (ages 0 to 3 years) or minutes (ages 4 to 17 years) they read.

Readers can also take a break from reading and join us for a performance by Marko Polo, a visit from the Endangered Wolf Center, storytimes with Ms. W, and much more! We'll also have camps for kids interested in cooking, photography, art and acting. Although readers are welcome to report their books and minutes through Aug. 1, grand prizes will be drawn on July 18.

## ADULT PROGRAMS ON GREEK CULTURE AND MYTHOLOGY

For adult patrons, the 2025 Adult Summer Reading Big Book Challenge focuses on Homer's *The Odyssey*, translated by Emily Wilson. The first English translation by a woman, this edition gives new insight into the epic Greek poem nearly 3,000 years after its inception.

Adult programs also include monthly book discussions, as well as a series of programs highlighting Greek culture and mythology, including a lecture on the book by Washington University classics professor Kathryn Wilson on Wed., June 11; guided tour exploring the themes of Greek mythology at the St. Louis Art Museum on Wed., July 9; demonstration of Greek dance by the St. Nicholas Greek Dance Troupe on Wed., July 16; and film screening of *O, Brother, Where Art Thou?*, the Coen Brothers film adaptation of *The Odyssey*, on Wed., Aug. 6. All adult events are free and open to all, though advance registration is required for the art museum tour. Visit our website, [www.ucitylibrary.org](http://www.ucitylibrary.org), and follow us on social media for more updates on summer reading!



## News Briefs

### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR TRASH AND RECYCLING COLLECTION



**Memorial Day, Mon., May 26** - No trash or recycling collection on holiday. All trash and recycling routes during the week of May 26th will be collected the day AFTER your normal collection day.

**Juneteenth Day, Thurs., June 19** - No trash or recycling collection on holiday. All trash and recycling routes for June 19 will be collected on Friday, and Friday's collection routes will be collected on Saturday.

**Independence Day, Fri., July 4** - No trash or recycling collection on holiday. Friday trash and recycling routes will be picked up on Saturday, July 5.

### Parks, Recreation and Public Area Maintenance: Monthly Street Sweeping to Beautify the Cityscape

**West Area: July 7-11**

**East Area: July 14-18**

**Central Area: July 21-25**

**Private Subdivisions: July 28-Aug.1**

### Refuse Rate Increase & Yard Waste Sticker Requirement Eliminated

U City residents no longer need to purchase yard waste stickers for collection. The City Council approved this change as part of ongoing efforts to simplify waste services and reduce costs for residents. Yard waste should still be placed at the curb following current collection guidelines. For details visit [www.ucitymo.org](http://www.ucitymo.org) or call Public Works at 314.505.8560.

### Solid Waste Refuse Rate Increases

To maintain high-quality waste services amid rising operational costs, the City Council recently approved an 8.4 percent increase in refuse rates, effective April 1, 2025. Beginning next year in March 2026, rates will increase annually by 3 percent based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The Solid Waste Rate Study Task Force recommended these adjustments after analyzing collection expenses. Additional revenue will support rising disposal costs, infrastructure improvements, and environmental compliance. For more information, contact the Finance Department at 314.505.8544.

## Fire Department

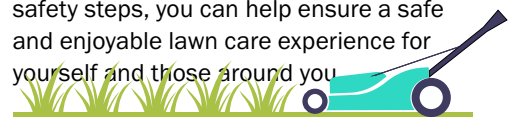


### LAWN MOWER ADVICE - STAY SAFE AND HAPPY MOWING!

As the weather warms up many of us are heading outdoors to tackle our lawns. While mowing your yard is a great way to maintain your property and stay active, it's important to keep safety in mind. On average there are 85,000 lawn mower related injuries each year, including fatalities. And over 9,000 of the injured are children under 18. Here are 5 essential lawn mower safety tips:

1. Prepare Space: Before you mow remove sticks or rocks because mower blades can propel sticks or rocks like a bullet.
2. Dress Safe: Closed toe shoes will protect your feet better than bare feet or sandals.
3. Protect Others: Children under 12 should be supervised while using a lawn mower and younger children should be away from the yard being mowed.
4. Practice Caution: Keep hands and feet away from spinning blades.
5. Beware of burns: The engine and exhaust are hot and can cause burns if touched.

By following these simple but important safety steps, you can help ensure a safe and enjoyable lawn care experience for yourself and those around you.





## Summer Home Buying & Homeownership Education Series

SHED, Inc. (Sustainable Housing and Equitable Development) is hosting two informative webinars this summer via Zoom, covering key topics for homeowners and buyers.

### Webinar from 6 to 7:30 p.m., Thurs., June 12: Maximizing Your Home's Value

- Tim Vickers, handyman - remodeling tips offering best return on investment.
- Cindy Thierry, Laura McCarthy Realty - advice on renovations for sellers.
- Daphne Stallings, Simmons Bank - financing options for repairs and updates.

### Webinar from 6 to 7:30 pm, Thurs., Aug. 7: Protecting Your Property

- Rachel Waterman, Legal Services of Eastern Missouri - estate planning for homeowners

Both webinars are free and open to the public. Register at [www.shedstl.org](http://www.shedstl.org)



**"BUILDING STABLE  
FOUNDATIONS FOR  
ACCESSIBLE AND INCLUSIVE  
COMMUNITIES"**

## Successful Policing Relies on Commitment to Training, Technology, and Transparency



The University City Police Department (UCPD) continues to advance innovative 21st-century policing principles, focusing on technology, transparency, crime prevention, community engagement, modernized training and responsible recruiting. University City citizens, stakeholders, and business owners are priority audiences, and we actively foster open communication through focus groups, study sessions, and town hall forums.

University City police officers receive extensive training in observation, decision-making, and practical action. All officers are certified in Crisis Intervention and de-escalation techniques, which are incorporated into "Active Intruder" training to help keep our community safe.

UCPD also prioritizes enhancing officers' emotional intelligence while increasing their skillsets to minimize the likelihood of tragic incidents. As an active Multi-Assault Counter-Terrorism Action Capabilities (M.A.C.T.A.C.) trained agency, UCPD collaborates with regional law enforcement, and several M.A.C.T.A.C.-trained instructors serve within our department.

### University City officers, like all St. Louis County and City law enforcement personnel, are continuously trained to:

- Respond to threats immediately rather than wait
- Assess injuries
- Collaborate with fire and emergency medical services during crises
- Work effectively with other public safety agencies and outside resources
- Partner with school districts and religious institutions
- Protect the community

The M.A.C.T.A.C. program, originally developed by the Los Angeles Police Department, was introduced to the Greater St. Louis area by the St. Louis County Police Department's Tactical Operations Unit (SWAT) in 2012.

Since then, UCPD has conducted hundreds of training sessions for schools, religious institutions, City employees, and businesses on best practices for responding to active shooter incidents. UCPD was one of the first public safety departments in St. Louis City and County to implement M.A.C.T.A.C. techniques in educational settings.

Working closely with University City Schools has resulted in several innovative programs. For the past 13 years, UCPD has provided training twice a year for all University City Public Schools, customizing each session for the specific school and property, utilizing comprehensive training materials rather than condensed versions. Since 2018, UCPD has expanded its hands-on scenario training in partnership with the school district to provide regular training at University City High School, Brittany Woods Middle School, and other buildings.

In addition to school facilities, the City of Lights Church also serves as a training site. These exercises involve not only UCPD officers but also the University City Fire Department, paramedics, dispatchers, and neighboring public safety agencies, including the Washington University Police Department.

Today, technology plays a critical role in modern law enforcement. UCPD integrates unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs/drones), Throw Bots (robots), License Plate Readers (LPRs), and Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) into training sessions.

Our "Active Intruder" programs are Missouri P.O.S.T.-certified for law enforcement continuing education credits and align with Department of Homeland Security and FBI standards. School Resource Officers also participate in annual St. Louis County-hosted M.A.C.T.A.C. training alongside officers from across the region.

Enhancing security extends beyond structural reinforcements and law enforcement training. Staying informed about policies, best practices, and maintaining open communication with public safety organizations strengthens overall preparedness.

For a free security assessment in University City, please contact Chief Larry Hampton at [lhampton@ucitymo.org](mailto:lhampton@ucitymo.org).







## Prop U's in Full Swing!

This winter and spring marked major progress in the District's facility upgrades. New playgrounds at Pershing and Jackson Park Elementary now offer safe, engaging spaces that promote both play and social growth. Safety remains a top priority, with new security features—like secure entry vestibules, enhanced visibility, and additional cameras—already in place at several schools, with construction on similar upgrades planned at Jackson Park and Flynn Park this summer.

At University City High School, construction will begin this summer on a new multipurpose field at Muhl-Schemmer Stadium, set to serve both students and the broader community. Additional upgrades include a new HVAC system for Flynn Park's gym, a District Soccer+ Field at Jackson Park, and renovations to the UCHS auditorium and Brittany Woods' commercial kitchen.

None of this would be possible without the ongoing support of our community. The District is grateful for your continued investment in creating a safe, welcoming, and inspiring learning environment for all students.

For the latest updates on Prop U's progress, please visit [www.ucityschools.org/propuinprogress](http://www.ucityschools.org/propuinprogress).

## One U City Hosts Community Rummage Sale at Flynn Park Elementary

One U City, a dedicated group of parent volunteers supporting elementary and middle school students across the District, is hosting a community-wide rummage sale at Flynn Park Elementary School (7220 Waterman Ave.) from Friday, June 6 through Sunday, June 8. The sale will run daily from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and promises a wide variety of treasures for every shopper. Donations are warmly welcomed and can be dropped off at Flynn Park from Tuesday, June 3 to Thursday, June 5.

For details on accepted items and specific drop-off times, please visit [www.ucityschools.org/rummagesale](http://www.ucityschools.org/rummagesale).

## National Night Out & Back-to-School Rally Scheduled for Aug. 5, 2025

For more details, including booth and volunteer registration, visit [www.ucityschools.org/NNOBTSR](http://www.ucityschools.org/NNOBTSR).



**JUN 9 - JUL 3, 2025  
MON. - THURS. ONLY**

## FREE SUMMER MEAL PROGRAM!

Visit your neighborhood CAMP U/SLA site between June 9 and July 3 to receive breakfast and lunch at NO CHARGE! Meals are available Monday through Thursday, except on June 19, when all District sites will be closed in observance of Juneteenth.

<b>BREAKFAST &amp; LUNCH</b> <b>PERSHING ELEMENTARY</b> 6761 Bartmer Ave. (63130) Breakfast 8:30 - 8:55 a.m./Lunch 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	
<b>BRITTANY WOODS MIDDLE SCHOOL</b> 8125 Groby Road (63130) Breakfast 8 - 8:25 a.m./Lunch 11:30 - 11:55 p.m.	<b>LARGE GYM/CAFETERIA</b>
<b>GRAB &amp; GO LUNCH</b> <b>UNIVERSITY CITY HIGH SCHOOL</b> 7401 Balson Ave. (63130) Breakfast 8:45 - 9 a.m./Lunch 11:10 - 11:20 a.m.	

Questions? Email [ahammerstone@ucityschools.org](mailto:ahammerstone@ucityschools.org)

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Maintenance: Darin Girdler	314.505.8573
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Police Chief: Larry Hampton	314.505.8652
Fire Chief: William Hinson	314.505.8593

## FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS

Emergency	911
Fire Department	314.505.8591
Police Department	314.725.2211

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Emergency Hotline ( <i>Severe Weather, Natural Disaster</i> )	314.505.8550
Finance/Refuse Billing	314.505.8544
Forestry	314.505.8619
Library	314.727.3150
Recreation	314.505.8625
Parks Maintenance	314.505.8624
Permits/Inspections	314.505.8500
Public Works	314.505.8560
Ruth Park Golf Course	314.727.4800
Court Clerk	314.505.8541
Municipal Court	314.505.8578