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The Latest News From University City

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Thank you for subscribing to our weekly email news bulletin! If you have any questions or feedback contact Communications Director Allison Bamberger at abamberger@ucitymo.org.

COVID-19 Update

University City is committed to ensuring the safety and well being of residents and employees during this time.

The Mayor and City Manager provided a look at what our plans are for continuing city business in their live update on Wednesday, March 18. There is a video of the entire address at the end of this bulletin.

University City Police Chief Larry Hampton and University City Fire Chief William Hinson would like to take the time to assure the community that we have not stopped our patrol and safety operations during these times. Now, more than ever, we are here to ensure your safety, health and well being. We ask everyone to follow the rules and guidelines being directed and we will continue to be present and active in ensuring peace. If you have any questions for police, please call the non-emergency number 314-725-2211 or the Fire House at 314-505-8768.

Monday night's Council meeting will still occur at 6:30 on the 5th floor of City Hall. We ask that instead of attending that you view the live stream and submit your comments and

questions ahead of time to councilcomments@ucitymo.org. Please try to send those to us by 4:00 on Monday in order to be included in the minutes.

Parks Department COVID-19 Update

- Heman Park Community Center and Centennial Commons remain closed.
- We have cancelled all pavilion and athletic field rentals and permits.
- All Parks Department programs, activities, and special events run by the City have been cancelled or postponed.
- All programs, activities, and special events ran by others utilizing City facilities and parks have been cancelled or postponed.
- The golf course, weather pending is still in operation, however, due to personnel and the ability to sanitize each cart, we are suspending the use of golf carts and limiting the amount of people in the club house.
- The dog park is also still in operation.

Recommendations for Park Users on Observing Social Distancing

- Follow CDC's guidance on personal hygiene prior to heading to parks and trails. Observe at all times CDC's minimum recommended social distancing of six feet from other people – wash hands, carry hand sanitizer, do not visit a park or trail if you have symptoms, cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing, etc.
- Follow all CDC, County and local guidance and observe all protocols and mandates.
- Do not use playgrounds as they are not sanitized.
- Keep dogs on a leash at all times. Be especially careful to maintain a distance of the recommended six feet from other dogs or persons.
- Warn other park users of your presence and as you pass on a trail or pathway to allow proper distance and step off trail to allow others to pass, keeping minimum distances at all times. Signal your presence with your voice, bell or horn.
- Be prepared and use restrooms prior to visiting a park, so that you are not dependent on public restrooms, as these may be closed.
- Bring water or drinks – public drinking fountains may be disabled and should not be used, even if operable.
- Bring a suitable trash bag. Leave no trash, take everything out to protect park workers.
- Be safe and again follow all CDC guidelines.

Public Works Update

- The department's contractors Pride Master, Inc./Westfall Contracting will be working on sidewalk-curb replacement and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements in the 7800 block of Birchmont Dr. and the section of 1500 block of

Annandale Dr. from Milan Ave. to Trenton Ave., weather-permitting. If our residents have any specific questions about the work, please contact the department office at 314-505-8560.

- Spring Curbside Leaf Collection is being completed in the East area and will conclude for the season. If our residents have any questions about this service, please contact the department office at 314-505-8560.
- The Streets division crews will systematically be patching potholes on the street network to minimize the impact from the weather and to maintain a reasonable pavement surface condition. Our residents can call any potholes in need of patching to the department office at 314-505-8560.

University City Public Library Update on COVID-19

Beginning at 9 a.m. Tuesday, March 17, University City Public Library will close its building to the public until further notice, in an effort to help limit the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus).

The decision to close is a difficult one, and is made in conjunction with other libraries across the St. Louis region. We recognize that the Library and its many programs and services are an invaluable resource to the community. However, we view this as the most responsible path forward to support the health and well-being of our community at this time.

We will continue to monitor developments and respond accordingly, and we look forward to providing in-person Library services as soon as we are advised by experts that it is safe. Updates will be posted on the UCPL website, www.ucitylibrary.org, as well as on our Facebook and Twitter pages.

Due dates on materials will be extended during the closure. All holds will be left in place until the Library reopens. Until the Library reopens, patrons are encouraged to use UCPL's variety of online resources — including ebooks, downloadable audiobooks, e-magazines, and streaming video and music — which are available remotely through our website, www.ucitylibrary.org.

Support Our Local Businesses During COVID-19

Many local businesses will be greatly impacted by the shutdowns imposed by the County, and by a lack of business as we all practice social distancing. Here are some ways to help a local small business:

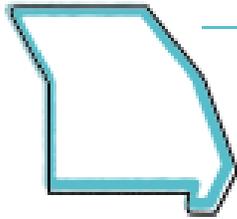
- Call and see if they are offering curbside delivery service. Many restaurants will bring a meal to your car, or will deliver.
- Buy a gift card: Lots of local restaurants, shops and boutiques offer gift cards that can be purchased online or over the phone. This up-front cash could help them stay afloat.
- Delivery Service: Many restaurants that did not offer delivery before are now delivering. Additionally, Doordash, Postmates, Grub Hub and Uber Eats are all waiving fees for delivery from restaurants to you. You can also order delivery to be sent to an elderly or sick neighbor who may not want to go to the grocery store or is unable to cook.

Join our Facebook Group to learn what local businesses are doing during the COVID-19 shutdown: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/609125246305488/?ref=share>

Local Business Survey

The City of University City's Economic Development Department is working to assess the impact of COVID-19 on our local business community. We know this is a difficult time for businesses as you balance the needs of your families, employees, and business operations. If you are a business owner in University City, please take a few minutes to answer a brief 11-question survey about your current business status. This will help us work with state and regional partners to best respond and support our business community. Take the survey here: <https://conta.cc/3baY5lh>

Census 2020



Missouri Counts

2020 Census Key Dates

The 2020 Census is our chance to make sure the hard-earned tax dollars we send to Washington, D.C. make their way back to Missouri. For every adult and every child that is not counted in the census, our state will lose \$1,300 in federal dollars every year. When every Missourian is counted, we get more money for roads and bridges, hospitals, and schools.

The U.S. Census Bureau will mail every household an invitation to respond.
Households without internet access will receive a paper questionnaire.

	March 12-20	First invitation to respond (online, by phone, or by mail)
	March 16-24	Reminder letter

Census Day



Census day is like the official snapshot of the United States. Responses should be based on household information as of April 1, 2020.

Households that haven't responded yet will receive more mailings.

	March 26 - April 3	Reminder postcard
	April 8-16	Reminder letter and paper questionnaire
	April 20-27	Final reminder postcard before in-person counting begins

The U.S. Census Bureau will keep working to count every Missourian.

	May 13	Non-response follow-up begins - this may include U.S. Census workers visiting you in-person
	July 31	Non-response follow-up ends
	December 1	Final counts due to the president

Learn more about the 2020 Census in Missouri at mffh.org/census

The Census is soon to be upon us. Taking this simple survey is an important way to help our community. If you'd like more information on the census, you can find it here:

Boards and Comissions News

- All Board and Commission Meetings have been cancelled until further notice.

Upcoming Meetings

March 23

- The City Council will have it's regularly scheduled meeting at 6:30 pm on the 5th Floor of City Hall. At this meeting, the City Manager will ask the Mayor and Council for authorization to declare a State of Emergency in University City due to the Coronavirus.

COVID-19 Update from the Mayor and City Manager

This video aired as a live stream on Wednesday, March 18.



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Hours

8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Monday – Friday



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