

City of University City Reps

Our representatives on the University City Council (Ward 2) are noted below. Please contact them with questions or concerns about the University City services and laws.

■ Lynne Ricci 314. 725.9090

■ Michel Glickert 314.863.1812

Monthly Meetings for University Park

University Park Trustees meet monthly on the third Tuesday of the month at 7pm at the Centennial Commons in Heman Park. Residents are welcome to attend. Please contact a Trustee to verify the date.

University Park Assessment Information

Questions from homeowners, title companies, and real estate agents regarding assessments or liens should be addressed to Kellee Matt at Gardner Companies at 314.576.0700, ext. 401.



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Periodic Newsletter of the University Park Community



Annual Meeting
 University City Library
 Wed., April 13, 2011, 7pm



A Community of Culture, Diversity, Education

University Park is the largest private subdivision in the State of Missouri.

major universities (Washington University, University of Missouri St. Louis, and St. Louis University), an excellent public library, and a variety of churches and synagogues within the community. The University City business district (the Loop) is a regional attraction, known for its restaurants and entertainment, and was recently designated "One of the Ten Great Streets in America" by the American Planning Association.

University Park is known for its diversity, and as one of the most desirable communities to live in within the St. Louis metropolitan area. And, of course, University City has an outstanding variety of housing, spanning early 20th century through contemporary architectural styles and building techniques. In addition, there are many excellent schools, easy access to three

The University Park Subdivision is a private community. We are self-maintained and receive limited services from the City of University City. As with all private communities in University City, residents of University Park pay for maintenance of their streets, sidewalks, trees, street cleaning, snow plowing, removal of large tree limbs, and other services necessary to maintain the integrity of the community. These vital services are contingent upon receipt of ongoing support and funding of our residents.



■ Street Work

The project of replacing curbs and gutters continues. The north side of the 7000/7100 block of Amherst was completed in 2009. The south side of that block was completed in 2010.

■ Free Mulch!

Mulch (leaf mold) is available to University City residents at Heman Park at no charge.

■ Board of Trustees

Anyone interested in being a University Park trustee should contact Kay Watts at 314.721.7613.

Handy Info You Can Use

■ House Numbers

The City of University City requires that house numbers be large enough to be seen from the street.

■ Water and Lateral Sewer Lines

University Park subdivision participates in a program that covers the cost of replacing residential water supply lines and lateral sewer lines (between the residence and the main lines under the street). Contact University City for details. University Park subdivision is not responsible for maintenance and repair of sewer lines. Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD) maintains the inlets and main lines while property owners are responsible for the lateral lines that connect each house to the system. Sinkholes could be a sign of a problem and should be investigated.

■ Streets and Sidewalks

Curb and gutter replacement: Following a study done in 2003, the Trustees began replacing block-long sections of curbs and gutters throughout the subdivision. Multiple consulting engineers have confirmed that the single most important issue for preserving streets and reducing maintenance and repair (for both asphalt and concrete) is the efficient drainage of water from the street. Because of this, curbs and gutters have the highest priority in street maintenance (ahead of asphalt). Driveway aprons must be replaced at the same time as the gutters, in order to align the grade. The 2003 study ranked the subdivision streets in order of need, and we have currently completed about 33% of the list. Unlike other private subdivisions in University City, we are trying to complete this work without incurring debt, in order to avoid the substantial increases in assessments that those subdivisions have experienced. Street maintenance is crucial to the appearance and quality of the overall subdivision: please pay your assessments and support this work. Unpaid subdivision assessments are the main constraint on our ability to make greater progress on these street repairs. Within recent years, the average cost for replacing curbs and gutters on both sides of a block has been \$45,000 to \$50,000.

Street Cleaning: U City provides limited street cleaning with its leaf pick up, in Fall and Spring. In addition, the subdivision employs University Gardens to periodically clean off the storm sewer grates to prevent street debris from clogging them. Please rake or pick up debris from your own street frontage, in order to prevent clogged drains and flooded streets during rains.

Pods and Dumpsters: Pods may be left at curb side for up to 30 days, in accordance with University City policy and permits. Construction dumpsters must be kept off-street.

■ Speed Limit

The speed limit on all residential streets in the subdivision is 25 mph.

■ Dog Leash Law

University City has a leash law and your neighbors ask that you to abide by it. Join us at the award-winning dog park at Vernon and Pennsylvania where dogs run free for a reasonable annual fee. Membership information is available at the City Hall.

■ Crime Prevention

Remember to leave outside house lights on at night. Remove cell phones, laptops or other valuable items from your car. Please contact University City police if you see any unusual activity.

■ Building Permits

Plans for exterior construction projects (ie, room additions, garages, decks, porches, fences) must be approved by both the University Park Subdivision Trustees and the City of University City. The subdivision Indenture places restrictions on building materials. It is beneficial to contact the Trustees for information prior to finalizing plans.

■ Information

University City has an excellent website (www.ucitymo.org) and is a valuable resource for residents. The site contains information regarding guidelines and dates for special leaf collections, trash collection and bulk item collection. Schedules for City Council and Board meetings are also available along with contact information for University City departments.

■ Yard Waste

At all times other than the annual University City leaf collections, ALL yard waste must be either bundled or bagged and placed at curbside. (University City waives the requirement for leaf bag stickers during the Fall leaf pick-up season, from October 15 through December 31.) Please do not leave tree branches at curb side for pick up: all branches must be cut to an approximately 4-foot length and bundled, as per University City refuse guidelines. Please help keep our streets clean: do not blow grass cuttings or other debris into the street. For further information, see the Public Works/Leaf Collection section of the University City web site.

■ Trees

The subdivision has more than one thousand street trees (located in the tree lawn

between the sidewalk and the curb), and contracts with certified arborists to maintain them. Please contact a trustee if you notice a street tree that needs attention, or if you would like a new tree to fill in an open space in your tree lawn. Please note: new trees require watering and mulch for the first two summers. Over the past several years, the subdivision has spent approximately \$60,000 annually on tree maintenance.

■ Assessments

Costs associated with maintaining the subdivision are covered by an annual assessment. Support of each resident is essential to properly maintain our trees, streets, sidewalks and other common property. Currently, liens are placed on properties with delinquent accounts in excess of \$1,000, and legal action is taken against those with balances of \$2,000 or more. This, of course, is expensive to both the property owner and the subdivision and can be avoided by paying assessments promptly. Presently, there are numerous delinquent accounts. A list of the properties is included on page 3 of this newsletter.

Payments can be made by check and mailed to the address shown below. Payments may also be made by credit card online for a fee of \$9.95 at dniproperties.com. Click on "Pay Association Assessment Fees", then enter University Park as the association and the address of the property as the account number.

■ Payments

Please remit to:

University Park Subdivision
DNI Properties, Inc.
101 West Argonne
Box 22
St. Louis, Missouri 63122

Or remit online to:
www.dniproperties.com

■ **University Park Website**
www.universityparksubdivision.com

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