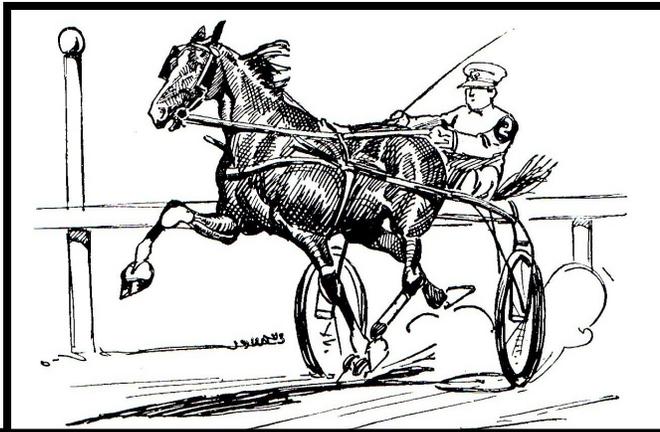


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PGA Meets

Completing median tree project

New trees for the medians of streets in western Parkview Gardens were the main topic at the semi-annual meeting of the Parkview Gardens Association and its Special Business District boards, held at the library Oct. 17.

Elections were held. Mike Giger and Dennis Lutsky were re-elected as property owner representatives on the PGA and PGA-SBD boards. All officers were re-elected: Mike Giger President, Dan Wald Vice President, Dennis Lutsky Treasurer, Steve Condrin Secretary. The board reviewed 2017 expenses. Education grants make up the largest portion, followed by this newsletter. The Association and SBD spent more than \$38,000 on education and enrichment activities for young people of all ages living in this neighborhood in 2017. Since 2001, 31 high school seniors have received PGA Awards for higher

education. Ten have graduated, two are in school, and the status of 19 is unknown. An annual contribution goes to College Bound, which prepares promising high school students for college. Other grants go to Lolly's Place for tutoring elementary school students (info: Mary Pat 314-800-4260), Neighborhood Houses for before- and after-school programs (info: Jennifer Vaughn 314-561-3341), and the U City Parks Department for summer recreation programs. In addition to education, the PGA-SBD also gave grants to the community gardens and provided the neighborhood flower beds. The PGA-SBD also contributes to U City activities. Long the main supporter of the Memorial Day Run, the group also gives to the Summer Band, U City in Bloom and the Midtown Farmers Market. PGA also spent \$25,000 on maintenance and repairs for five buildings it owns in the neighborhood.

In 2018, the median tree project will be completed. It began in spring 2016 when 40 trees were

planted in the Clemens, Leland and Heman medians. All but three have survived. During winter '16-'17, trees were pruned and dead ones removed in cooperation with the City Forester. In spring '18, another 40 trees will be planted, filling in empty spots. Tree purchase and watering for two years will cost \$13,000. This will complete the project. The new trees "make a world of difference," said Steve Condrin, Washington University representative.

Thanksgiving Holiday

What's closed

School District of U City Nov. 22-26
University of Mo-St L Nov. 18-26
Washington U Nov. 22-26
City Hall Nov. 23-24
Library Nov. 23-24
Cent Comm Nov. 23

More from U City schools: If it's necessary to cancel school because of snow or other bad weather, notifications will go out starting at

5:30 am via automated email and phone, as well as the website ucityschools.org, Facebook, Twitter, and local TV and radio stations. Days missed are typically made up at the end of the school year.

We're Old Enough

East Parkview Gardens buildings qualify for Century plaques

More than 50 houses in University City have Century Home plaques. Now it's time for apartment buildings to get one! The buildings in the part of our neighborhood east of Ackert Walkway were mostly built between 1914 and 1920. So most are eligible to wear a handsome bronze plaque awarded by the Historical Society of University City. For more information and an application form, go to ucityhistory.org. If you don't know the construction date or have the documentation, that's okay, the archivists at HSUC will be happy to help track down the info. Email them at ucityhistory@hotmail.com. Plaques cost \$250.

Web News

Our site is back

PGA lost its webmaster during the summer, as well as its domain name and the website itself. Now we've got it all back together. Visit the all-new website at parkviewgardens.org, featuring a neighbor-

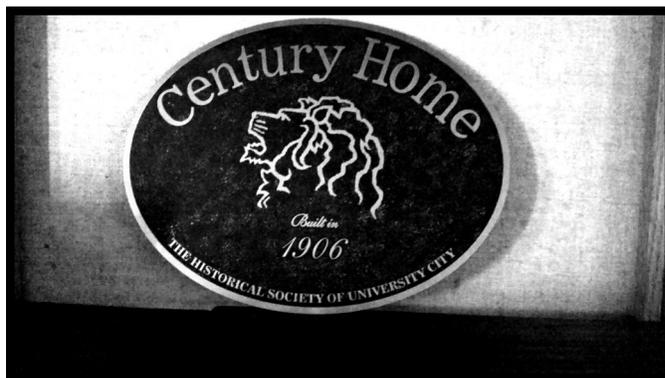
hood history and helpful tips for new residents and previously unseen photos. The site is still under construction, so let the editor know if there are any features you'd especially like to see at davidlinzee@yahoo.com

Seasonal Events

In U City and the area

The pace of cultural and other programs picks up as the holidays draw near.

Nov. 18 Lions against Litter cleans up Heman Park 10 am to noon. More at their Facebook page.



Landlords, does your building qualify for a Century Home plaque?

Nov. 18-Jan. 1 Garden Glow at Missouri Botanical Garden. s'Mores, holiday drinks and a million lights. Ticket info: mobot.org
 Nov. 22 Guns 'N Hoses annual benefit for first responders features boxing matches between cops and firefighters at Scottrade Center. EMTs will be there. We're not sure if they're competing or tending the wounded. tickets:backstoppers.org
 Nov. 24-25 Thanksgiving Holiday Family Program, 1-4 pm St. Louis Art Museum. Free
 Nov. 24-Dec. 30 U.S. Bank Wild Lights is held at St. Louis Zoo, with carolers, campfires, costumed characters and storytellers. Tickets

at stlzoo.org

Dec. 2 State Sen. Maria Chapelle-Nadal holds a town meeting at Heman Park Community Center, 10 am.

Dec. 3 U. City Symphony Orchestra presents Touring the British Isles with music by Mozart and Strauss, 3 pm at All Saints Church on Westgate Avenue. Free.

Dec. 5 Winter Opera presents Holidays on the Hill, a dinner and holiday concert at Dominic's, 5101 Wilson Ave., at 7 pm. Tickets \$85. Info (314) 865-0038

Dec. 8-10 Evening winter celebration with music and dance performances at the art museum. (slam.org) Free.

Dec. 9-11 COCA holds a Trivia Night to benefit its annual fund. 6:30 pm. Ticket info: (314) 725-6555.

Dec. 9 Christmas at the Cathedral concert at 8 pm. Tickets: cathedralconcerts.org

Thanksgiving through the Years

A moveable feast

Sometime in fall, 1621: The Pilgrims and the Wampanoag Indians hold a harvest feast.

October 1777: For the first time, all 13 colonies celebrate Thanksgiving, though not everyone calls it that.

Thursday, Nov. 26, 1789: President George Washington declares "a day of thanksgiving and prayer" for the new nation and its Constitution.

The last Thursday in November, 1863, is proclaimed a day of Thanksgiving by President Abraham Lincoln. We might not think America had much to be thankful

for that year, but Lincoln pointed out, rightly, that the United States was continuing to grow larger and richer despite the Civil War, and that the European imperial powers had not taken advantage of the internal conflict to invade and re-colonize the nation.

Thursday, Nov. 23, 1939: The nation's retailers persuade President Franklin D. Roosevelt to move the holiday from the last to the fourth Thursday in November, to make the Christmas shopping season longer

Library Events

All at U City Public Library, 6701 Delmar

Nov. 18 Free Health Screenings at 9 am.

Nov. 21 Classics book group discusses Sigrid Unset's *The Bridal Wreath* at 7 pm

Dec. 13 Computer class: digital library resources at 2:30 pm

Seasonal Salutations

You can't make everybody happy

Should stores and businesses greet customers with "Happy Holidays" or "Merry Christmas"? As usual, Americans are divided. Public Religion Research Institute found seasonal fractiousness in its poll of Dec. 2016. 66% of Democrats prefer "Happy holidays." 67% of Republicans go with "Merry Christmas." Independents are evenly divided. The pollsters explained that America is becoming more diverse and less religious. But other factors may come into play. Some tradi-

tional Christians may prefer "Happy Holidays" from store clerks because the commercialization of Christmas grates on them.

Tremors of War

University City in 1917

Congress declared war on Germany and its allies in April 1917. But American troops didn't appear on the front in significant numbers until 1918. Stories in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* depict a nation long at peace slowly getting ready for



New trees arrive for street medians in 2016. The scene will be repeated next spring.

war.

Mar. 31: Three hundred students were drilling at Saint Louis University and 200 at Washington University. The latter announced a new course on military tactics, to be taught by an army officer. The university was surveying its laboratories and other scientific facilities before offering them to the government for war work.

May 15: The Washington University Ambulance Unit left for training in Paris, then service at the front.

June 20: Joseph Bardenheier of

6368 Washington Avenue told the *Post* about the success of the U City community garden. It was on 10 acres at Hanley and North & South. He was expecting to harvest 600 bushels of potatoes soon and planned to re-plant the area with turnips. The Department of Agriculture had called for greater production of foodstuffs as a war measure, and a real estate company had donated the land. A tractor company ploughed the acreage for free to demonstrate the effectiveness of the new machines. City

employees and volunteers planted the potatoes. U City officials, not resting on their laurels, said they were going to start a canning center.

July 28: Mayor Heman called for a mass meeting of citizens at City Hall aimed at building up the University City Home Guard.

Aug. 28: The names of 211 St. Louis County and City residents who had been certified ready for army service were sent to the adjutant general and listed in the *Post*. They included Pelham Turner, described as a

"wealthy member of an old St. Louis family" and Dalton L. Kinsella "son of a wealthy tea and coffee man." Possibly the *Post* wanted to show that the rich were not avoiding the draft.

Oct. 17: Miss Lucille Bell from the University of Missouri came to City Hall to demonstrate war cookery. She baked war bread for city officials.

Oct. 13: The *Post* asked George R. Hogg of U City why he had advertised for a servant in a Belleville newspaper. He said he wanted "a good German girl with a good edu-

cation" from one of the German families in the Illinois town. This may have been considered news because anti-German-American prejudice was rising.

Oct. 15: President Wilson designated Oct. 24 as Liberty Day when Americans should buy war bonds. "He is a man of dull mind and cold heart who is not thrilled by the appeal," editorialized the Post.

Nov. 7: Sixth-grade students at the Delmar School asked their principal, J.S. Turley, questions about reported German atrocities in war-torn Europe, comparing them to the violence in the East St. Louis riot. He answered that "Americans should not give way to a spirit of enmity. We should not aspire to make the Germans suffer as they have made others suffer." Children reported what he'd said to their parents and the school board fired him, not, they said, for lack of patriotism but for incompetence at explaining things to children.

Nov. 14: Nathan Schimmel of 707 Westgate Avenue said he didn't have to register for the draft because he was over 30. But his wife produced in court his marriage license showing that he was under 30. He was charged with draft-dodging and bound over to a federal grand jury.

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