

# The Pacer

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## Join PGA!

### *Form enclosed*

Join the Parkview Gardens Association and help support this newsletter, the light-pole banners, the extra-bright streetlights, the flower and community vegetable gardens and other amenities PGA sponsors. This neighborhood improvement group, consisting of landlords, businesspeople and residents, was founded in 1980. You'll be welcome at our semi-annual meetings and qualified to vote on officers or become one yourself. If you're already a member, please use the form to pay your annual dues.

In spring 2019, the PGA will again present the Parkview Gardens Association Award. This \$5,000 award is for higher education, including college and trade school.

The award is given to Parkview Gardens residents who are high school seniors and have demonstrated the ability to succeed in their studies as well as a commitment to working for the betterment of school and community. Applicants must also show financial need. For more information, consult your high school guidance counselor or call (314) 721-5357.

## Chillfest

### *Ice Carnival returns*

The 2019 Loop Ice Carnival will be from 11 am to 5 pm Jan. 19 and 20. For the latest news, visit the Facebook page. If this celebration is like previous years, it will kick off Friday evening with



*Passengers line up to board the trolley in front of the library on the second day of service, Nov. 24.*

the Snow Ball at the Moonrise Hotel on the evening of Jan. 18. (Ticket info at [visit-theloop.com](http://visit-theloop.com)) Daytime activities on Delmar will include the Zip Flyte zipline, ice slides, \$1,000 in ice cubes giveaway, temporary tattoo scavenger hunt, ice carving demonstrations, putt-putt pub crawl, cosmonauts on ice, ice breaker game, stilt walkers, magi-

cians, jugglers and fire performers.

The Loop Trolley began service Nov. 23, in time to bring shoppers to Delmar on Black Friday. Parkview Gardens Association congratulates Joe Edwards, the Loop SBD and the East Loop CID.

## City Council Meets

### *Where to put the police?*

The police station, an old and contentious issue, came before the City Council again at its meeting Nov. 26. Councilmembers voted to approve an assessment of the Annex, located behind City Hall, after Bwayne Smotherson (Ward Three) sought clarification. City Manager Gregory Rose said the city wanted to know if it was practical to house some police department functions in the Annex. Possibly the 1903 building can be made safe and usable. Stacy Clay (Ward Three) said that he understands that the city owns the now-vacant Annex and wants to do something with it, and also wants to move the police department into a permanent headquarters. He added that this was an important long-term decision and City Hall, an equally old building, should also be taken under consideration. Mayor Terry Crow said

that the police station issue had been an embarrassment to the previous administration. He found it regrettable that the police were in temporary quarters. "We are doing our best in moving through muddy waters," he said.

During public comment, a citizen recommended a "trap, neuter and release" effort to curb the city's stray cat population. Two residents of the Third Ward said that the city often neglects tree maintenance and trash pick-up in that area, and doesn't enforce laws against firing guns into the air on New Year's Eve. A supporter of the proposed Olive/170 development said that confusion and contention persisted and the city should put an FAQ on its website.

## Holiday Closings

### *Schools and services*

At Washington University, Dec. 7 is the last day of classes. Finals end Dec. 19. Spring term begins Jan. 14. At the University of Missouri-St. Louis, classes end Dec. 8 and the semester ends Dec. 15. Fall Commencement is Dec. 15 and Intersession runs Jan. 7-19. Spring semester begins Jan. 22. At University City schools, winter break is Dec. 21-Jan. 8. For Christmas and New Year's Day, City Hall is closed Dec. 25 and Jan 1. The

public library closes at noon Dec. 24 and remains closed on the 25th, and closes at noon Dec. 31 and remains closed Jan. 1. Martin Luther King Day is Jan 21. The library and City Hall will be closed. No classes will be held at Washington U., UMSL or U. City schools.



*Unusually, the first snow of the winter fell on Parkview Gardens while the leaves were still on the trees, Nov. 14.*

## Holiday Events

### *In U City & nearby*

On Dec. 31 Cracker and Camper Van Beethoven perform at the Pageant New Year's Celebration. (Tickets: thepageant.com) A Kwanzaa celebration will be held Dec. 30, noon-4 pm at St. Louis Art Museum (slam.org). There will be a Kwanzaa celebration in the Loop the same day; see visit-theloop.com for details. At the St. Louis Zoo, US Bank Wild Lights operates every night from Dec. 12-23. After a Christmas break, the show resumes. Schedule and ticket

prices are at stlzoo.org For those who don't like to stay up late, the Missouri History Museum (mohist.org) holds an early New Years Eve family celebration at 10:30 am.

## Going Away for the Holidays

### *Avoid a flood*

It's a good, money-saving idea to turn your thermostat down before leaving for the holidays. But don't turn the furnace off! Pipes in the walls could freeze and burst, causing expensive water damage. Unfortunately, burglars are well aware that Parkview Gardens is a student neighborhood and students go away for the holidays. So precautions are in order:

- \*A light on a timer (or two) makes an apartment look occupied much more convincingly than leaving a light on.

- \*Close the curtains or blinds of windows people can see into from the street.
- \*Arrange for a neighbor to pick up your mail or newspaper, or suspend delivery.
- \*Call the police non-emergency number (314) 725-2211 and ask to make an "out of town notification."
- \*Don't pack the back seat of your car the night before you depart and leave it parked on the street.

## Library Events

Both at the public library, 6701 Delmar

Dec. 18 Classics Book Group discusses Nella Larsen's *Passing* at 2 pm.

Dec. 19 U City Book Group discusses Jason Reynolds' *Long Way Down* at 7 pm.

## Resolve to Recycle!

### *And avoid contamination*

The Pacer proposes a New Years resolution that is both more community-minded and less painful than such perennial favorites as "lose 10 pounds" or "go to the gym daily." Make 2019 the year you get serious about recycling! No longer should we be what eco-activists call "wishful recyclers," who think it's enough to toss everything in the recycling bin hoping somebody else will sort it out. Truth is, nobody will. If the

recyclables are contaminated by trash, the whole load goes in the landfill. Don't be guided by the "circling arrows" symbol on a product to tell you if it's recyclable or not. That's the manufacturer's version of wishful recycling. Don't put your recyclables in a plastic bag and dump it in the recycling bin--plastic bags are the number one contaminant. Instead, put some sort of container in a corner of

your kitchen. Cut out the insert below and tape it to the side to remind you what can be thrown in and what can't. Let's all feel a little less guilty in the New Year.

## Library Funding

### *Seeking citizen input*

The public library needs money to keep serving U City well. That was the message from library director

Patrick Wall at a meeting Nov. 29. University City Public Library will be 80 years old in 2019, and its building will be 50 years old. The library lends 220,000 items. Its meeting rooms are used 2400 times per year, its computers 39,000 times. It faces increased costs buying "books" in various formats. Computer maintenance and security are also more expensive. Grants are limited to certain purposes and time periods. The phone system and elec-



*On the last workday of the season in November, Syracuse community gardeners put up the birdfeeder and covered their beds with straw.*

## RECYCLE RIGHT!

### YES

Plastic bottles  
Glass bottles  
Cans  
Cardboard boxes (flattened)  
Paper cartons

### NO

Plastic bags  
Styrofoam  
Wires, cords etc.  
Clothes hangers  
Paper plates

trical system are antiquated. HVAC and bathrooms also need refurbishment. The library seeks a tax increase to 40 cents per assessed valuation of \$100 on U City property tax, which works out to \$70 per year per household. Residents attending the meeting said that people would resist another tax increase. A bond issue might be better. One person suggested that what we need is a Forest Park Forever-style support organization for U City library. There will be more meetings and more discussion at [ucpl.lib.mo.us](http://ucpl.lib.mo.us).

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