

The Pacer

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Apply Now

For PGA Award

Applications are now being accepted for the 2019 Parkview Gardens Association Award. This \$5,000 award is for higher education, including college and trade school. To qualify, you must be a Parkview Gardens resident and a high school senior who has demonstrated the ability to succeed in your studies as well as your 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.

Grow Your Own

Get a bed in community gardens

Neighborhood residents interested in growing their own vegetables, herbs and flowers organically are invited to sign up for a plot in a Parkview Gardens community garden. The gardens are co-sponsored by Parkview Gardens Association and Gateway Greening/For the Health of St. Louis. The season starts in March, with available plots assigned at the end

of February on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information about Syracuse or Clemens gardens, or to get on the wait list, you may call (314) 727-5836 after Jan. 17. Being in a community garden is a great way to meet your neighbors and have fun "digging in the dirt." Leaders and



Join the Community Gardeners this spring.

advanced gardeners help novices, so no experience is needed. Requirements for having a plot include residency in Parkview Gardens, participation in a set number of workdays (to maintain the common areas), keeping your plot weed-free and harvested in a timely manner, and an annual fee of \$10. Perks range from free seeds and compost to Gateway

Greening's complimentary Urban Gardening e-newsletter

2019 Dates

Events of coming year

Jan. 22 President Donald Trump delivers the State of the Union Address to Congress.

Feb. 3 Superbowl LIII is played in Atlanta.

Feb 24 The Academy Awards ceremony is telecast.

Mar 2 The Mardi Gras Grand Parade winds through Souldard.

Mar 29 The United Kingdom leaves the European Union.

April 2 Municipal Elections will be held. Jeff Hales is running for councilmember in Ward One. A tax increase for library funding will be on the ballot.

April 4 The Cardinals play their home opener against the Padres.

April 7 The Go St Louis Marathon takes place downtown.

April 19 Passover begins.

April 21 Easter Sunday

May 5 First Day of Ramadan

Aug. 24-25 Festival of Nations is held in Tower Grove Park.

Sept. 20-21 The Great Forest Park Balloon Race

Nov. 28 Thanksgiving

The most anticipated event of 2019 is unscheduled. Everybody speculates, but nobody knows when Special Prosecutor Robert Mueller

will deliver his report on Russian meddling in the 2016 election.

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. The celebration will kick off Friday with the Snow Ball at the Moonrise Hotel on the evening of Jan. 18. (Ticket info at visittheloop.com) The Frozen Buns Run will be held Saturday. Other weekend activities may 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, magicians, jugglers and fire performers.

5, 10 & 20 Years

Ago

In the Pacer

In January 2014, Clemens garden got a new fence along the eastern side of the property. The Historical Society of U City published a new booklet in its neighborhood history series, *Parkview Gardens: Its Rise and Fall and Rise*, which is available for borrowing or purchase at the library. Fake birthday cakes were springing up in U City and all over town, to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the founding of St. Louis.

In January 2009, the stretch of Interstate 64 south of U City

closed for renovation. U City was celebrating the 100th birthday of the Lion Gates by placing painted fiberglass lions around town. Parkview Gardens Association sponsored one, which was later auctioned off to fund Lion Gates preservation.

In January 1999, the PGA held a dinner meeting with guest speaker Andrea Schnapp, a certified arbor-



At previous Ice Carnivals: Stilt walkers...

ist and master gardener. PGA also awarded prizes to the winners of the second annual holiday decorations contest. The U City Residential Service held a workshop for aspiring homeowners.

Honoring MLK

Local events

The School District of University City (ucityschools.org) will hold its Martin Luther King Celebration at 6:30 pm Jan 17. UMSL holds a musical celebration at 10 am Jan. 21 in the Touhill Center. St Louis Art Museum (slam.org) remembers the struggle for civil rights with speeches and music at 7 pm Jan

21. Washington U. (wustl.edu) holds a commemoration at 7 pm Jan 21 at Graham Chapel with discussion of social issues and gospel music. City Hall and the public library will be closed.

Free Video

"Body Heat"

Scheduled for release Jan. 25 is *Serenity*, which to judge from the trailer is Hollywood's latest shot at a big-budget, big-star (Matthew McConnaughey and Anne Hathaway) film noir. If temptation and treachery in the tropics sounds good to you, but the ticket prices are making you hesitate, go to the library and borrow the DVD of an earlier, and very successful, attempt to revisit the genre.

"You're not too smart. I like that in a man," says Kathleen Turner, on meeting William Hurt. He's so hot for her that he doesn't take it as a warning. As the movie goes on, he wises up, but not fast enough. You the viewer will be way ahead of him in realizing that she is luring him into killing her rich husband, if you remember *Double Indemnity* (1944) and many other films noirs with similar plots. Writer-director Lawrence Kasdan was celebrated in the early 1980s for updating classic Hollywood genres (he also made the Western *Silverado*). He took risks applying 1940s movie conventions to a story set in the present, 1981. Some critics said it was ridiculous to mix innuendo-loaded dialogue with bed scenes that didn't leave much to the imagination. There are other anachronisms: everybody smokes all the time, '40s-style, although in the '80s smokers were quitting or try-



...the Zip Flyte zipline...

ing to cut down. The characters sweat a lot, too; the setting is an alternative-universe Florida where air conditioning hasn't been invented yet.

Despite all the mismatches, Kasdan pulled it off. The picture is funny, sexy and tense, thanks to the well-written dialogue and terrific acting (watch for a brief appearance by Mickey Rourke). I advise young people who've never seen *Body Heat* to check the DVD out, but be prepared. The stars of the movie were at the beginning of long, successful careers. The people you know as aging character actors looked very different then. Ted Danson is a lean D.A. with great dance moves, William Hurt has a buff torso and a full head of hair, and Kathleen Turner--ah, Kathleen Turner!

Blue-Eyes Abound

Onscreen but not in real life

From Daily Digit, we learn that only 17 percent of the world's

population has blue eyes. If you thought it was more, that's probably because the blue-eyed are over-represented on television and in the movies, by my unscientific observation. Call it the Paul Newman Effect--cameras just love those baby-blues.

January 1919

U City a century ago

From the pages of the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*:

Jan. 15 The League of Municipalities of St. Louis County, which included U City, complained that they were being asked to contribute too much to the New Constitution League, which was drafting said document for Missouri. They wanted to spend the money on better fire protection. The population of the state in 1910 was 3.3 million. Today it is 6.1 million.

Jan. 16 The Citizens' Committee reported to Mayor Heman its recommendation that the Mothers' and Babies' Home be barred from housing children. The Home had lost the endorsements of the Chamber of Commerce and Central Council of Social Agencies. It lacked a playground and garden. The build-

ing, located at 6600 Washington, was formerly the Park Hotel and is now Washington University student apartments.

Jan. 18 The *Post* dug deeper and found that concern for children's welfare did not motivate that recommendation. The Citizen's Committee made its decision after hearing from David Johnson, resident of the "old folks' home" that shared the building with the Mothers' and Babies' Home. He had given three houses on Washington to the Home, and expected to live in the institution for the remainder of his life. An outbreak of diphtheria among the children led to a quarantine, meaning that Johnson and his wife were forbidden to leave the building. U City refused to lift the quarantine until the children were moved elsewhere.

Jan. 19 Justice Ladd sentenced Leo Williams, 23, to six months in jail for robbing newsboys in U City. "I'll fix you for this," Williams shouted as he was dragged away. "When I finish my time I'll burn up this town." In fact, he was to be turned over to the St. Louis police for robbing newsboys there.

Jan. 24 Roger N. Baldwin, formerly a Washington U. instructor



...Ice Sculptures.

and currently a prison inmate, was on a list of people who had opposed wartime military law, including the draft, which was released by the U.S. Senate committee "investigating German propaganda." A senator called it "a Who's Who in pacificism and radicalism." Eugene V. Debs was also on the list.

Jan. 30 Captain E.W. Rucker, formerly a teacher at U City High, returned to town. A reporter asked him to talk about his service as a World War One pilot. He told stories of the daring exploits of top American aces Frank Luke and Eddie Rickenbacker, and shrugged off questions about his own heroism, though he won the Distinguished Service Cross and the Croix de Guerre. Pilots in his unit had a casualty rate of 50 percent.

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News of the Neighborhood

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