

# The Pacer

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## PGA Meets

### *New trees to be planted*

At the semi-annual board meetings of the Parkview Gardens Association and its associated Special Business District Oct. 16 at the library, Treasurer Denis Lutsky reported that the finances of both organizations are in sound shape. He said, "We have money, and are always seeking ideas to enhance the neighborhood." President Mike Giger added that boardmembers are especially interested in ways to approve education of the neighborhood's young people. Property owner representative Steve Condryn and community rep Michael Donovan were reelected to the board.

Since 2001, the Association has given out Parkview Gardens Awards every spring, providing higher education scholarships for a total of 33 neighborhood residents graduating from high school. The PGA-SBD makes substantial contributions to College Bound, which helps high school students prepare for college. It helps support grade school supplementary programs provided by Lolly's Place and Unleashing Potential, and provides scholar-

ships for residents to attend the summer program run by the University City Department of Parks and Recreation.

The SBD also provides funds to enhance community life. It is a long-term major sponsor of the U City Memorial Day Run. It also

will get a new sign to make its office easier to find. The buildings are 95% occupied.

Washington University representative Steve Condryn stated that renovation of 10 university-owned buildings on Interdrive and Eastgate will begin soon and be completed by the summer of 2020. 702

Westgate has been demolished and 6490 Enright soon will be. The university decided they had reached the end of their useful life. No decision has been made yet on extending The Lofts complex.

Loop gardener Kelcy McDonough, who looks after the 10 decorative flower beds, reported a good response to the colorful display of zinnias and other blooms in the south end of the Heman median. In November, 40 new trees will be planted in the medians of Clemens, Heman, and Leland avenues. This will complete the median-tree project. Trees put in two years ago have flourished thanks to special care by the garden staff. In the neighborhood community gardens, Gateway Greening put in two new beds at Clemens. The board approved purchase of two tumbling compost bins for Clemens.



*The Parkview Gardens Association SBD provided the neighborhood's street banners.*

provides support to the Midtown Farmers Market, the U City Summer Band and U City in Bloom. The Association continues to own 26 buildings. Rents are capped and apartments are offered only to income-eligible tenants, with the goal of maintaining diversity in now-gentrified Parkview Gardens. Fox Grove Management, which manages these buildings,

## New on the Web

*From the Pacer archives*

Curious about your neighborhood? Then you'll want to go to [parkviewgardens.org](http://parkviewgardens.org). Our website has a new section, with articles from this newsletter covering various aspects of Parkview Gardens. The section is called "Background of the Neighborhood" and has three subdivisions. In "Flora and Fauna" you can learn the history of our three community gardens and get the lowdown on stinkbugs, who are even now infiltrating your apartment and bedding down for the winter. "Streetscape" explains why the layout of the neighborhood is good for your health, why the roads of western Parkview Gardens are called naked, and how Enright Avenue got its name. "History" covers the high spots of the Parkview Gardens Association story and relates the tale of the Metcalfe Park sinkhole.

## Library Events

All at the public library, 6701 Delmar

Nov. 17 Free health checks at 9 am

Nov. 20 Classics Book Group discusses Balzac's *Père Goriot* at 2 pm

Nov. 29 Future of the library

focus group at 6:30 pm  
Nov. 2-29 "Here and There" exhibition by Sophie Binder in the Gallery

## Keep Warm

*And save money*

Tenants and owners can save on their heating bills by taking a few simple steps this winter:

>Change the furnace filter. You

storage.

>Lower your storm windows. Admittedly, this can be a struggle in an older building. But it pays off in better insulation.

>Turn the thermostat down at night or when you go out. Every degree counts when it comes to your heating bill. Inexpensive timers are available to lower or raise the heat at preset hours.



*Residents of the Sutter-Chamberlain neighborhood, across Olive from Parkview Gardens, planting in October new trees with the help of U City in Bloom.*

may only have to ask the landlord. If not, the filter elements are inexpensive and can be found in most hardware stores. Some filters are washable.

>Don't block the return-air. This is usually a grille set in the wall or floor near the furnace, or on an opposite wall. The furnace can't operate efficiently if it's covered. The same goes for the grille in the floor of the furnace closet.

>Don't store anything else in the furnace closet, especially not inflammables.

>Take window air conditioners out of the windows and put them in

## Thanks-giving Holiday

*What's closed*

School District of U City Nov. 21-25

University of Missouri-St L Nov. 17-25

Washington U Nov. 21-25

City Hall Nov. 22-23

Library Nov. 22-23

Cent Comm Nov. 22

## 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

## Community Meetings

*For interested citizens*

The U City Police Department holds Crime Prevention Meetings Nov. 20 at Flynn Park School and Nov. 27 at Jackson Park School. Both begin at 6 pm. The Human Relations Commission meets Nov. 15 and Dec. 20. Both meetings begin at 6:30 pm at Heman Park Community Center.

## Pandemic Shut Down St. Louis

*A century ago*

In November 1918, World War I came to an end. But an even more deadly event, the influenza pandemic, was sweeping the globe. St. Louis was not spared. Stories in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* document one month in the course of the plague. As November began,

an "influenza closing order" was having a negative effect on business and Mayor Kiel wanted it lifted, but the Health Commission had final say and refused. The commissioner pointed out that 300,00 had died from influenza in the United States. Three hundred

City let its bars stay open, though "customers [had to] depart immediately after being served." Bottoms-up was presumably the rule. Nov. 13, the Health Commission eased the ban, permitting some businesses, schools, theaters and churches to re-open. Nov. 15, a St.

Louis insurance executive stated that American insurance companies had paid claims totaling \$40 million, making the influenza epidemic much more costly than the war. Nov. 26, the Health Commission reported 507 cases of influenza that day, a big increase, but wasn't alarmed because the fatality rate hadn't risen.

Twenty-five people died. The Red Cross asked for volunteer nurses. Nov. 28, the influenza closing order was tightened, because of an increase to 702 cases reported that day and 29 deaths. Schools closed, and children were banned from theaters and stores. Nov. 30, 1,025 cases were reported. Passenger restrictions were placed on street cars and elevators to prevent overcrowding,

which helped the virus spread. Some theaters and schools received permis-

sion to re-open from the Health Commission. The pandemic would continue to ravage the world in months to come.

## Holiday Events

*Wintermarkt returns*

Old stand-bys and new attractions. Our friends on the other side of Delmar, the Skinker-DeBaliviere



Decorative bed at the southern entrance to the neighborhood.,

twenty new cases were being reported daily in St. Louis. Nov. 3, authorities announced that deaths from influenza had decreased from 169 to 160 in the week just ended. Nov. 10, the *Post-Dispatch* reported a "virtual suspension of the city's commercial life," with closings of all businesses not deemed essential, including all retail stores and industries. St. Louis County was under a similar order, but U

neighborhood, hold an annual Wintermarkt starting at 11 am on Dec. 1. It will be in Freeman Park, 6008 McPherson Avenue. Arts and crafts market featuring local artisans, refreshments including mulled wine, hot chocolate and barbecue, and seasonal live music.

The Christmas at the Cathedral Concerts are Dec. 1 and 2. Tickets: cathedralconcerts.org. Wild Lights at the Zoo opens Nov. 23 and runs evenings through the holiday season. Tickets: stlzoo.org. Winter Wonderland opens Nov. 21 at Tilles Park in Ladue. Admission fees payable at the gate. The Bach Society Christmas Candlelight Concert is Dec. 11 at Powell Hall. Tickets: bachsociety.org. On Dec. 14, a Day Trip to Quaint Christmas Churches departs from Crestwood Government Center. Tickets: (314) 729-4860 A Spirited Holiday Past is at Sappington House Dec. 1. Tickets: sappingtonhouse.org. Ambassadors of Harmony presents Sounds of the Season Dec. 7-9 at Anheuser-Busch Performance Hall on the UMSL campus. Tickets: touhill.org. The Pageant presents A Drag Queen Christmas Nov. 30. Tickets: thepageant.com. Guns 'N Hoses, the police vs. firefighters boxing event, is Nov. 21 at Enterprise Center.

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## News of the Neighborhood

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