Hello,

Month after month, good work continues in our community. The Boys and Girls Club had a grand opening of their new Teen Center of Excellence on West Florissant Avenue. Their new site offers teens in the community fun and enriching opportunities. UMSL and MU Extension's Neighborhood Leadership Fellows program graduated a cohort of North County and City residents ready to step into civic leadership roles. We are excited to see the commitment and energy our neighbors have for making our community a vibrant one.

Next week the University of Missouri is hosting Engagement Week. I invite you to join us for a series of events on and off campus where we will celebrate university-community partnerships. As you'll read below, you can join in to learn more about leadership from Stephen Covey Jr., explore the role of engaged universities, and discuss issues around access to broadband in the St. Louis region. While we are highlighting university engagement next week, UMSL lives this commitment year round. We are thrilled to partner with you in ways that continue to make our neighborhoods rich with
Do your kids need help with their homework? Studying for a test? Or maybe just someone to read with them? Bring them to Afterschool Homework Help! Our group of friendly volunteers will be on hand to work with your child. For more information, please call the library and ask for Amy. Help will be offered Thursdays starting August 29 4-6 pm. For more information and dates the event will not be taking place, click here.

Books and Cookies with the Literacy Initiative
Sept. 7 - Oct. 26, 2019
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Ferguson Municipal County Library

Like books? Like cookies? Join us and the Literacy Initiative for a delicious program! Kids in grades 3-5 will read a book together before enjoying some fun reading activities. An adult caregiver must remain in the building during the program. Register online at today!

Nobuntu
October 18, 2019
8:00 p.m.
UMSL Touhill
Performing Arts Center

Nobuntu, the female a cappella quintet from Zimbabwe, has drawn international acclaim for its inventive performances that range from traditional Zimbabwean songs to Afro Jazz to Gospel. The ensemble’s concerts are performed with pure voices, augmented by minimalistic percussion, traditional instruments such as the Mbira (thumb piano) and
This is exciting news as the Teen Center of Excellence is one of the first in the country. The facility is over 26,000 square feet and will offer a variety of different resources for teens ages 12-18. The newly built $12.4 million center located on West Florissant Ave. will house an innovation center, recording studio, a nutrition education center, outdoor garden, gymnasium, intellectual commons, auditorium, activity center, office space and a music and art studio.

After school and summer programs will be provided in the North County area. Programming will emphasize education and workforce development, (college tours, ACT/SAT prep, tutoring, job readiness, internships and summer employment) STEAM (visual & performing arts, coding, app creation, robotics) and, leadership and civic engagement (community service, character programs and advocacy training).

To learn more about the Teen Center click here.

Neighborhood Leadership Fellows Graduates 2019 Cohort; Opens 2020 Applications

The Neighborhood Leadership Fellows hosted their Graduation Program on Saturday, September 14th. Students of the program were involved in educational workshops, tactical trainings, positional power trainings, collaborative learning, mentoring and networking. Erica Henderson, St. Louis Promise Zone Executive Director, was also a presenter at this event. Residents of the Promise Zone are encouraged to take advantage of this program. Applications for the 2020 NLF are open (click here).

Neighborhood Leadership Fellows works to increase and amplify the voices of North St. Louis City and North St. Louis County residents at the civic decision-making tables in order to produce more equitable regional policies for neighborhoods. To learn more or get involved in the program, click here.

Questions, Comments or Share a Community Story?

We'd love to hear from you about how we can improve our communication with the community and hear your questions and concerns.
and comments about UMSL and neighboring communities. We also welcome stories about great things happening in our communities. Your thoughts will help shape content covered in future newsletters to be pertinent to you and your neighbors. Leave any suggestions, questions, or stories here. Thank you!

Berkeley Truck of Treat
October 31, 2019
5:00 p.m.
Berkeley MO Fire Department

Come by on Halloween night for some fun and candy, while you stop by be sure to check out the fire trucks and ambulances. The party starts at 5 pm, Berkeley Fire Department hopes to see you there.

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