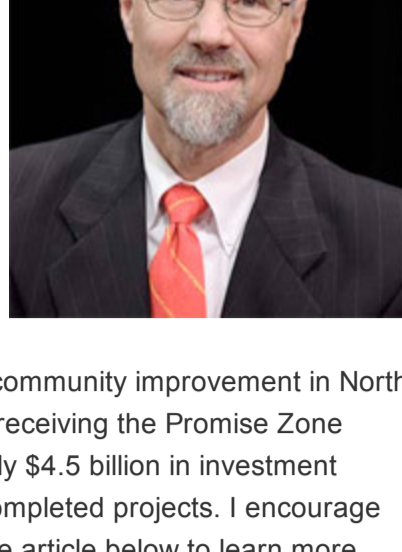


Letter from the Chancellor

Hello!

In the past few years, our community has seen a great deal of investment. The St. Louis Economic Development Partnership recently released a progress report on our region's Promise Zone which focuses on community improvement in North St. Louis City and County. Since receiving the Promise Zone designation, there has been nearly \$4.5 billion in investment announced and \$475 million in completed projects. I encourage you to read the report linked in the article below to learn more about all the community investments being undertaken in our communities.



While we celebrate the work that has been completed in our neighborhoods, along with the businesses that are thriving here, we also have new opportunities and services available for you. For instance, Christian Northeast Hospital and the Salvation Army are working to support North County residents staying healthy and avoiding emergency room visits. St. Vincent Home for Children and the Missouri Institute of Mental Health (located at UMSL) have launched efforts to support youth development and health. Additionally, area residents can get training to strengthen their skills as neighborhood leaders through the Creating Whole Communities Neighborhood Leadership Academy at UMSL.

As we head into the summer months, make sure to celebrate the good work taking place in our local communities, participate in a community event, and take advantage of many services that support you and help our communities thrive.

Thank you,
Tom George, Chancellor, University of Missouri - St. Louis



St. Louis Promise Zone Releases Progress Report

A lot has happened in the St. Louis Promise Zone since receiving this designation in 2015. The St. Louis Promise Zone is the largest of 22 zones across the United States and one to cross jurisdictional boundaries. This federal designation is a tool for disinvested areas of North St. Louis City and County to advance economic activity and career mobility. Check out the [2018 Progress Report now online](#) to see the many successes and new initiatives underway. If you are a young professional interested in supporting future progress in the Promise Zone, consider [joining the Promise Zone Young Professionals Coalition](#).



The Best Kale in Town: 3 UMSL Alumni Combine Expertise to Produce Some of St. Louis' Freshest Greens

For the past two years, Tom Bortz, an alumnus of the [biology and chemistry](#) departments of the University of Missouri–St. Louis, as well as his high school friends and fellow UMSL alumni, Tim Hydar and John-Paul Knobloch, have been running [Straw Hat Aquaponics](#) about two miles north of campus. Their system uses waste produced by fish to fertilize a wide range of soilless produce. These plants then naturally filter the water before it flows back to the tank where the cycle repeats itself.

In addition to their brag-worthy kale, the friends turned business partners also grow an expanding selection of greens with an impressively long shelf life – from lemon basil to their top-selling pea shoots. To read more about this local start up business, [click here](#).



2018 Neighborhood Leadership Academy Early Bird Registration Now Open

Are you looking for a way to make a real difference in your community? Then the Neighborhood Leadership Academy may be just what you need. The deadline to apply is August 7, 2018. Partial scholarships are available. Find out more by [clicking here](#).

Creating Whole Communities' Neighborhood Leadership Academy (NLA) connects resources at UMSL and University of Missouri Extension with residents and neighborhoods throughout the metropolitan area who are interested in improving their communities. It provides hands-on leadership training that emphasizes community building principles and strategies, project planning, organizational leadership and management practices, and personal leadership skills.

Academy participants may be neighborhood association members, community leaders, resident volunteers, community-based organization staff, business owners, local government staff, and municipal elected officials.



Three New Health Initiatives Starting in North County

Long time community organizations are offering up new health services and opportunities. **Christian Northeast Hospital is partnering with the Salvation Army on a three-year \$1 million grant from the Missouri Foundation for Health that will bring better health into north St. Louis County.** The Ferguson Community Empowerment Center, co-owned by The Salvation Army and the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, 9420 West Florissant Ave., will be the team setting where Pathway to Health will operate and coordinate. Patients who are at Christian Hospital's emergency department for non-emergent or avoidable visits will be referred to The Salvation Army case managers in Ferguson. Christian Hospital will provide community health workers and a preventive health educator at the Ferguson Community Empowerment Center to engage in wellness activities with residents in Ferguson and surrounding neighborhoods.

St. Vincent Home for Children has expanded its services with the opening of the new [Sister Mary Ann Eultgen Youth Development Center](#) within its premises at 7401 Florissant Rd in Normandy. Occupying more than 5,200 square feet of newly renovated space within St. Vincent, the Center includes a teaching kitchen, a classroom, game and exercise rooms, a multipurpose room, and even a sound studio. It will allow St. Vincent to provide the only life skills and recreation programs linked to formal residential and mental health and substance abuse treatment in North St. Louis County. "The Center will be an integral part of St. Vincent's early intervention, residential treatment, aftercare, and outpatient substance abuse treatment programs for youth 10 to 19," said Carla Monroe-Posey, Chief Executive Officer of St. Vincent.

UMSL's Missouri Institute of Mental Health has a program for teens interested in getting involved in an awesome extracurricular activity this Summer? Consider joining [UMSL's Project Y-ChatNow!](#)

Project Y-ChatNow is a new FREE substance use, HIV/AIDS, and hepatitis prevention program for minority youth ages 13 – 18 in St. Louis City and County. This program combines education and awareness workshops with social marketing campaigns to promote the spread of positive prevention messages in minority communities. For more information, [click here](#).

Questions and Comments?

We'd love to hear from you about how we can improve our communication with the community and hear your questions and comments about UMSL and neighboring communities. Your thoughts will help shape future content covered in future newsletters to be pertinent to you and your neighbors. Leave any suggestions, questions, or critiques [here](#)

Thank you!

UMSL Community Connection

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Upcoming Events



Kid's Fishing Derby
June 9, 2018
7:30 a.m. to noon
Ramona Lake

Hosted by the City of Berkeley and Kiwanis Club of Normandy 24:1, Kids' Fishing Derby registration begins at 7 a.m. The event is FREE for youth 15 and under. For more information, contact Charles Tammons at 314-713-3611 or John Ditto at 314-608-0450.



A Cappella Live! Featuring the Ambassadors of Harmony

June 16, 2018
2:00 p.m. - 1st show
8:00 p.m. - 2nd show
Touhill Performing Arts Center

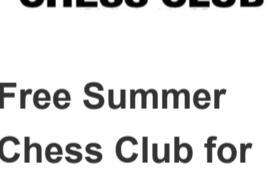
On June 16, the four-time international champion men's chorus, the Ambassadors of Harmony, will combine more than 120 voices to share a signature blend of energy, artistry and passion to create a spine-tingling wall of sound like no other. [Buy tickets starting at \\$24.](#)



Stokley's "My Level" Father's Day Concert

June 17, 2018
7:00 p.m.
Touhill Performing Arts Center

AJ Mack Entertainment and VBBM Entertainment welcomes The "MY LEVEL" TOUR Starring Stokley Williams former lead singer from the two time Grammy Nominated Group, Mint Condition. Special guest performance by Stephanie "SongBird" Ivy. [First 100 tickets- \\$35, remaining start at \\$45.](#)



Free Summer Chess Club for Normandy Students

Weeks of June 12, June 19 and June 23
Saint Vincent Community Center

Co-sponsored by Beyond Housing, this program is free and open to students in grades 3-12. Students may sign up for one, two or all three weeks. For additional information, call Rick Nelson at 314-712-1089 or 226 Kassis at 314-496-2266. For program dates, click [here](#).



FREE Ferguson Summer Movie Series

June 16, 2018 (Splash @ Wabash - Admission to pool applies) - Black Panther (PG13).

July 21, 2018 (Jeske Park) - Jumanji (PG13).

August 18, 2018 (Behind the Ferguson Community Center) - Wrinkle In Time (PG)

Movies start around 8:30 p.m.

These events are hosted by Ferguson Mo Community Center and Ferguson Parks & Recreation. Movies at the Community Center and parks will be free, so be sure to bring lawn chairs and/or blankets and take this opportunity to enjoy a beautiful night under the stars.

Ferguson 4th of July Festival

June 30, 2018
2:00 - 9:00 p.m.
January Wabash Park
501 N. Florissant Rd., Ferguson

Come out and celebrate with new inflatables, games and returning favorite Pig Races! The pool will be open at a reduced rate. Food, drink and retail vendors will be onsite.