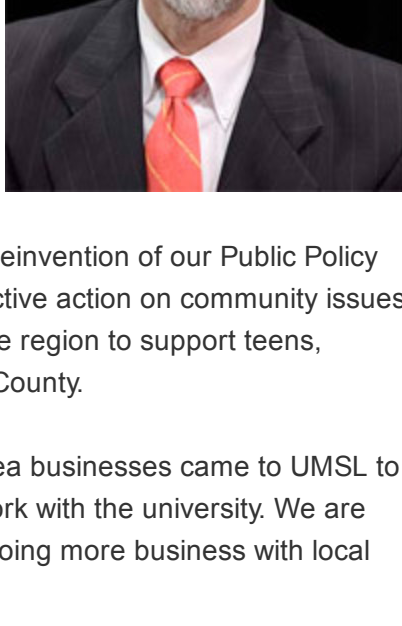


Letter from the Chancellor

Greetings!

It's September in St. Louis and there is excitement in the air. The St. Louis Cardinals are seeking a spot in the playoffs. We at UMSL have just announced the Community Innovation and Action Center - a reinvention of our Public Policy Research Center to support collective action on community issues. New initiatives are underway in the region to support teens, families and businesses in North County.



Recently, representatives from area businesses came to UMSL to learn about opportunities to do work with the university. We are excited about the possibilities of doing more business with local companies.

This fall we have many opportunities to engage in our community. Together, we can make great things happen. We have chances to make our voices heard both on community initiatives and in upcoming elections. For those in the Normandy Schools 24:1 footprint, our partner Beyond Housing is carrying out a large community engagement campaign. Your input will shape what efforts take priority next in your community. Finally, this fall ushers in another election season. Make sure to get registered on time and take the opportunity to vote!

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

UMSL Community Innovation and Action Center

UMSL's Community Innovation and Action Center aims to foster collective efforts to meet challenges in St. Louis

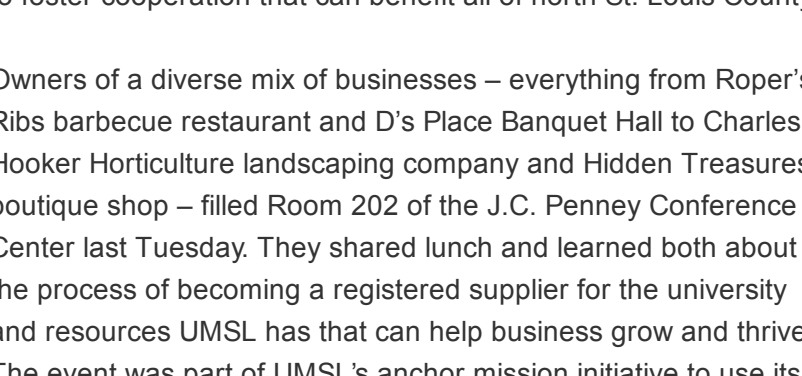
The University of Missouri–St. Louis is committing to help strengthen the nonprofit community in St. Louis with the formation of the Community Innovation and Action Center.

It builds on the foundation of the Public Policy Research Center, which has been a leading source of applied policy research for the civic and public communities of metropolitan St. Louis and the state of Missouri over the past 25 years. It also incorporates the work of Social Innovation STL to forge bold and innovative programs, organizations and collective efforts to tackle challenges in the St. Louis region.

The reinvented center will continue to work to inform and influence policymaking to achieve optimal outcomes. It will aim to supply data needed for the decision-making process and strengthen partnerships so policies are implemented in effective ways. But it will do so less with an eye on individual analysis and more on the collective impact of multiple policies and programs implemented together to achieve a shared result. That requires a different kind of analysis and data, so the center will look to build on lessons from the past.

"Our job is mainly to be a convener," said Paul Evensen, who serves as the center's director. "We create the infrastructure for the nonprofit sector to work more effectively – the Saint Louis Regional Data Alliance, partnership performance, and real estate strategies are examples.

"It's not the front line work. It's not caring for kids and families directly. It's trying to set those who care for kids and families up for success, so it's behind the scenes." [Click here](#) to read more.



UMSL hosts lunch event aimed at engaging local businesses

The University of Missouri–St. Louis opened its doors to neighbors in the local business community last week in an effort to foster cooperation that can benefit all of north St. Louis County.

Owners of a diverse mix of businesses – everything from Roper's Ribs barbecue restaurant and D's Place Banquet Hall to Charles Hooker Horticulture landscaping company and Hidden Treasures boutique shop – filled Room 202 of the J.C. Penney Conference Center last Tuesday. They shared lunch and learned both about the process of becoming a registered supplier for the university and resources UMSL has that can help business grow and thrive. The event was part of UMSL's anchor mission initiative to use its economic power, in combination with its human and intellectual resources, to better the long-term welfare of the surrounding community. [Click here](#) to read more.

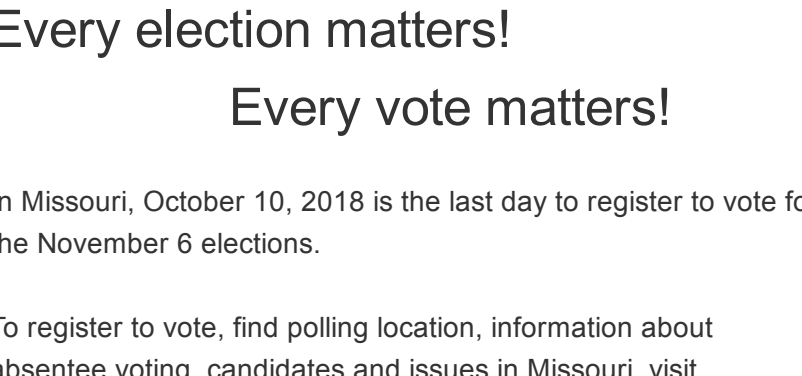


Boys & Girls Clubs' \$12.4 million teen center in Ferguson to break ground next week

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis plans to hold a groundbreaking at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 13, for its new \$12.4 million teen center.

Once completed, after school and summer programs will be available to teens from age 12 to 18 in north St. Louis County, south of Delhousie and north of Jennings. The facility will include a nutrition education center, outdoor garden, gym, teen lounge, auditorium, outdoor basketball and activity court, music and art studio, office space and a maker space.

The 26,856-square-foot facility at 9200 West Florissant Avenue to be built on the site of a former Ponderosa restaurant will open in time for the 2019-20 school year, according to Shuntae Shields Ryan, vice president, marketing and communications, for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis. [Click here](#) to read more.

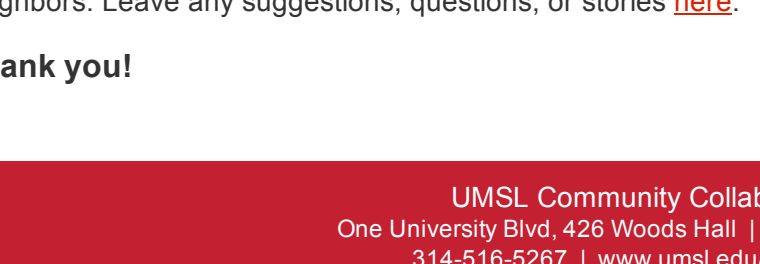


Beyond Housing wants to hear from you!

Do you live in the 24:1 footprint? Beyond Housing is about to begin a large community engagement campaign that will consist of focus groups and 1,000 interviews of residents in the 24:1 community. They would like to reach as many people as possible throughout this process, so if you can participate and help find others to speak to what it is like to live in the 24:1 footprint, it will be greatly appreciated.

Let Beyond Housing know what you think makes this community good and what your dreams are for the community's future. Call, text or email when would be a good time for you to sit down and chat! They can meet you at the 24:1 Café, the Library, Your Home, the Office – just let them know what works best for you.

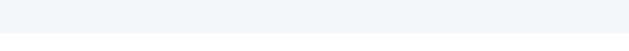
Text VOICE to 33222 — Or Contact Divine Shelton at: 314-376-5864 or dshelton@beyonddhousing.org Or Stop By: 6506 Wright Way Mon-Fri, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.



Every election matters! Every vote matters!

In Missouri, October 10, 2018 is the last day to register to vote for the November 6 elections.

To register to vote, find polling location, information about absentee voting, candidates and issues in Missouri, visit <https://www.sos.mo.gov/elections/goVoteMissouri/register>



Another great voter resource is the League of Women Voters of Metro St. Louis. They host the <https://www.vote411.org/> web page. Here you can enter your address to find your polling place, build your ballot with an [online voters' guide](#) and much more! With their voters' guide you can see the races on your ballot, compare candidates' positions side-by-side, and print out a "ballot" indicating your preferences as a reminder and take it with you to the polls on Election Day. [Check out the resources](#) for military and overseas voters!

BIG BIG Voter Registration. On Saturday, September 29, 2018 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the League of Women Voters of Metro St. Louis will be in libraries all over St. Louis City, St. Louis County, Jefferson County and St. Charles County to register voters. This is a part of their celebration of National Voter Registration Day! If you need to newly register or just to update your info, there is probably a library near you that will make it even easier.

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 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!

UMSL Community Connection

[Sign up for this monthly newsletter!](#)

UMSL Calendars

Interested in events on campus?

[Campus Calendar](#)

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UMSL Careers

Interested in a job at UMSL?

[Open Positions](#)

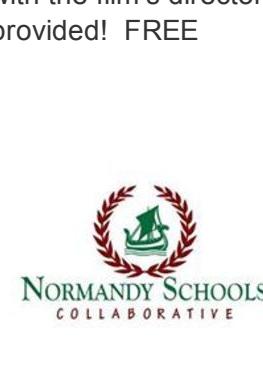
UMSL Contracts

Interested in bidding on projects at UMSL?

[Procurement Bids](#)

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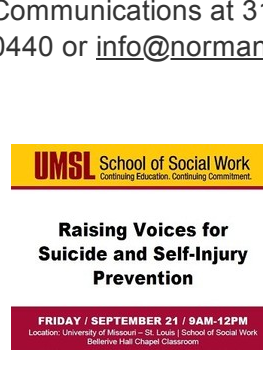
Upcoming Events



One Vote documentary screening

September 19, 2018
11:00 a.m.
UMSL MSC Century room B&C

Filed in five locations on a single day, One Vote captures the compelling stories of diverse voters on Election Day 2016. Both funny and heart-wrenching, the film eschews partisan politics in favor of an honest portrayal of how every vote tells a story. Bring your lunch and enjoy the film while you eat followed by a short Q&A with the film's director. Dessert provided! FREE

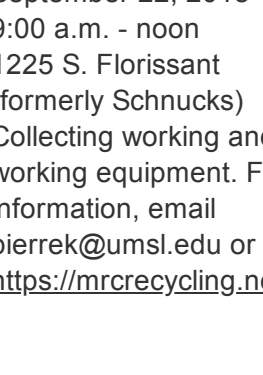


DESE Public Hearing Normandy Schools

September 20, 2018
5:45 - 7:30 p.m.
Beyond Housing
6506 Wright Way, Pine Lawn

For residents, organizations, staff and other concerned parties. The MO Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) will be having a Public Hearing to review the Normandy Schools Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP).

Child care will be available. A light dinner will be served. For info, contact the NSC Communications at 314-493-0440 or info@normandysc.org.



Raising Voices for Suicide and Self-Injury Prevention

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 | 8AM-12PM
UMSL School of Social Work

Raising Voices for Suicide and Self-Injury Prevention

September 21, 2018
9:00 a.m. - noon
UMSL School of Social Work in Bellerive Hall

Speakers: Adrienne Martin, MSW, LCSW, Behavioral Health Response and Brianne Serdar, MSW, LCSW, St. Louis Center for Family Development

Panelists: LaDonna Haley, BSW, Mental Health America and Ellen Reynolds, LPC, CHADS

FREE - [Click here](#) for more information. Register to socialworkevents@umsl.edu or call (314) 516-6386



City of Cool Valley Electronic Recycling

September 22, 2018
9:00 a.m. - noon
1225 S. Florissant (formerly Schnucks)

Collecting working and non-working equipment. For more information, email pierrek@umsl.edu or visit <https://mrcycling.net/>

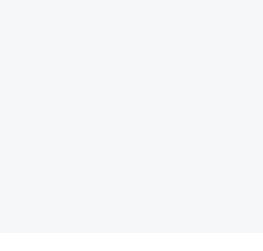


2018 Small Business Summit

September 28, 2018
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
YMCA – O'Fallon Park Rec Complex
4343 W. Florissant, 63115

This summit hosted by the Office of U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill is a half-day event focused on helping Missouri's small businesses learn helpful information and best practices regarding federal procurement opportunities, including those related to the Next NGA West Project, as well as access valuable tools designed to increase knowledge about customer and community trends.

To register, visit: www.mccaskill.senate.gov/2018-small-business-summit-in-st-louis



Ferguson Farmers Market

Saturdays, May-October
8:00 a.m. to noon
PLAZA 501
501 S. Florissant Rd., Ferguson

Music and entertainment as well as great produce! [Click here](#) for more details.