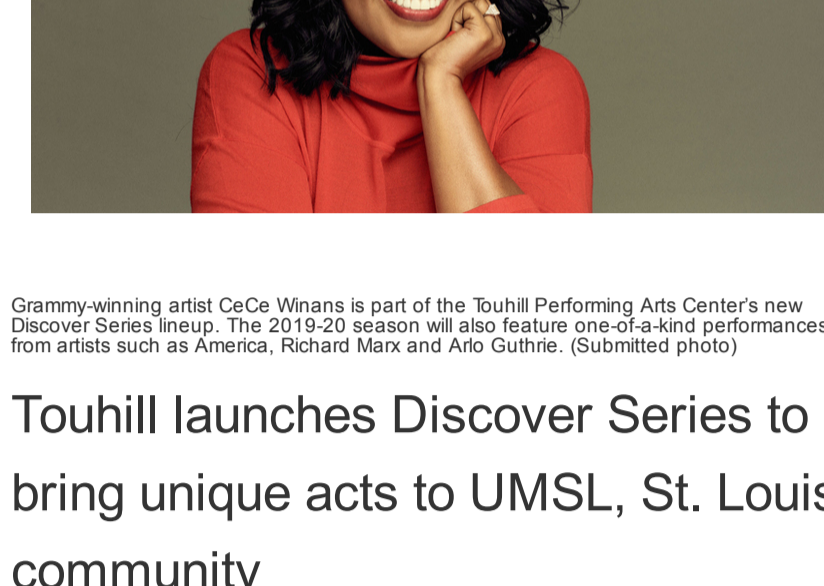
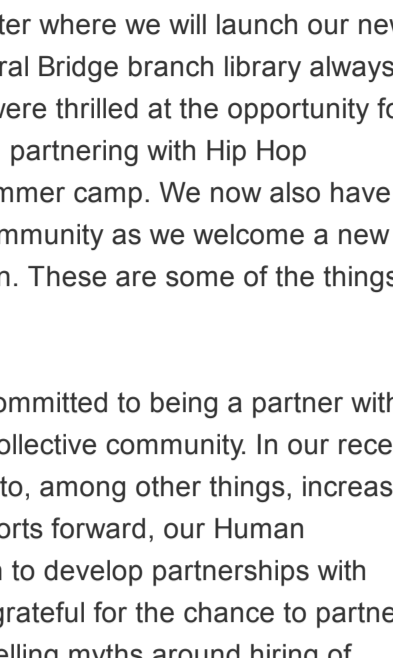


Letter from the Chancellor

Happy Summer! We are excited to share with you this month's Community Connection e-newsletter. This issue highlights some of the great assets in our community. We hope you consider coming to the Touhill Performing Arts Center where we will launch our new Discover Series this fall. Our Natural Bridge branch library always has great programming, and we were thrilled at the opportunity for youth they created this summer in partnering with Hip Hop Architecture to offer a creative summer camp. We now also have more healthcare options in the community as we welcome a new pediatrics health clinic to Ferguson. These are some of the things we highlight this month. As we hope you know, UMSL is committed to being a partner with our neighbors to strengthen our collective community. In our recent strategic plan, we made a pledge to, among other things, increase local hiring. As we move these efforts forward, our Human Resources department has begun to develop partnerships with workforce organizations. We are grateful for the chance to partner with SoulFisher Ministries on dispelling myths around hiring of justice-involved individuals. We look forward to growing this partnership and working with others in the community to increase hiring from local neighborhoods of people with a variety of backgrounds and different experiences. We hope you make use of the many assets we have in our community, and if you are interested in working at UMSL, please visit our careers website. Stay cool and enjoy summer! Tom George, Chancellor, University of Missouri-St. Louis



Grammy-winning artist CaCe Winans is part of the Touhill Performing Arts Center's new Discover Series lineup. The 2019-20 season will also feature one-of-a-kind performances from artists such as America, Richard Marx and Arlo Guthrie. (Submitted photo)

Touhill launches Discover Series to bring unique acts to UMSL, St. Louis community

As part of its commitment to enrich the artistic, cultural and educational vibrancy of the campus and local community, the Touhill has launched its new Discover Series. Shows during the 2019-20 season will provide new and one-of-a-kind experiences, from intimate acoustic performances to educational presentations and comedy shows. Tickets for the Discover Series are now on sale. The series includes America's 50th Anniversary Tour, an ensemble tribute to Ray Charles and a musical performance by the actor Mandy Patinkin. The Touhill has also partnered with the Saint Louis Science Center to bring National Geographic LIVE! to the UMSL campus. This three-part educational series will feature astronaut Terry Virts, wildlife photographer Steve Winter and professor of Egyptology Kara Cooney.

"The whole idea behind the Discover Series is that we want to offer something special to our audiences," Touhill Director of Programming Shelley Dotson said. "Many of these artists have played other venues in St. Louis, but what they are doing here is a unique program. Either it's a new format, a new collaboration or an entirely new program. You're not going to see these shows anywhere else. It's a one-time experience that's important to the artist." Click here to read more.



At Hip Hop Architecture Camp, Kids Inspired To Build Both Beats And Buildings

On a recent Thursday morning, 27 kids, mostly teenagers, sat at tables and used their imaginations to sketch out ideas for new buildings that would do some good in their communities. Models they'd made from household items and craft supplies, all painted gold, sat on the tables. Some of the kids made small versions of the buildings they'd envisioned. Others crafted abstract sculptural pieces. A looped beat played in the background, fueling their inspiration both for this project and for the day's big event, coming later: a rap battle. This gathering at the Natural Bridge branch of St. Louis County Library in Normandy was one of 11 week-long events run around the country this summer by Hip Hop Architecture Camp, an organization based in Madison, Wisconsin. The goal is to foster the creative spark that lies at the heart of both hip-hop and architecture, and explore ways that one discipline can influence the other. One of those students was Saskia Dentman, 13, who created a model of a five-story building she envisioned as a homeless shelter; it was complete with environmentally friendly elements such as a rooftop garden and glass ceilings to promote natural light. Stephen Watkins, 15, made an abstract sculpture that could be scaled up into a monument. It had a slanted top, with holes in the back. Watkins explained the item's origin story: It represented a man who was about to graduate from school but was shot in the back. "He had gang ties in his past life, and it caught up to him," he said. "But he was trying to make his life better. This is a representation of how people from places in poverty try to change their lives but stuff catches up to them."

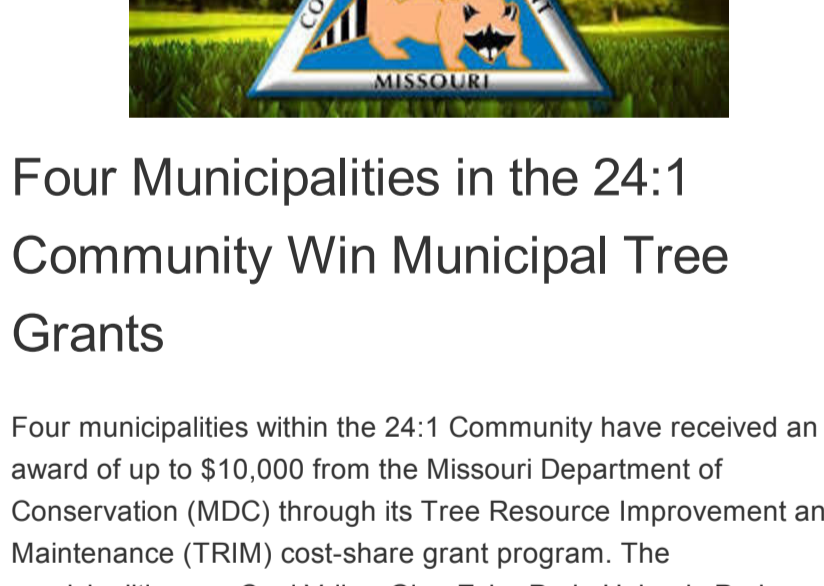
Hip Hop Architecture Camp leans into the idea that any form of art is affected by the place where it is created. Hip-hop artists rap about their cities and neighborhoods. If those places are improved by more thoughtful urban design, the idea goes, the positivity could be reflected back again through the music. Click here to read more.



Regions Bank awards grant to UMSL, The SoulFisher Ministries to aid previously incarcerated job seekers

The University of Missouri-St. Louis is partnering with local nonprofit The SoulFisher Ministries to enhance job opportunities for justice-involved people in the St. Louis community. Regions Bank has awarded them a \$25,000 grant to help fund a series of panels aimed at reducing the stigma around justice-involved individuals while allaying the concerns local businesses might have about hiring them. "Really, what we want to do is dispel the myths and the assumptions that employers have relative to the risk of hiring this population and to show them examples of employers who have done it successfully," said Jim Hertel, UMSL's executive director of human resources. Regions was eager to support those efforts, with Mike Hart, the Greater St. Louis Market Executive for Regions, presenting the award on Monday afternoon. "Regions is committed to advancing workforce readiness programs and economic development initiatives that help our communities thrive," Hart said. "This unprecedented collaboration between The SoulFisher Ministries and the University of Missouri-St. Louis offers a unique opportunity for Regions to provide our financial resources and our volunteer support. We look forward to being part of this project designed to eliminate barriers for people who are working to rebuild their lives and be a part of our city's progress."

The SoulFisher Ministries became actively involved in this work last year when it expanded its Adult General Academic Program of Education Reentry program, which provides a continuum of services that aid the transition women make from incarceration back into the community. The program offers transitional and supportive housing, financial literacy, and identity and career readiness classes. It also assists with transportation, utilities, obtaining valid identification, mental health services and health care. Helping individuals secure employment is a key part of helping them reintegrate into their communities. Click here to read more.



Four Municipalities in the 24:1 Community Win Municipal Tree Grants

Four municipalities within the 24:1 Community have received an award of up to \$10,000 from the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) through its Tree Resource Improvement and Maintenance (TRIM) cost-share grant program. The municipalities are Cool Valley, Glen Echo Park, Uplands Park, and Greendale. Beyond Housing wrote grants in coordination with 13 municipalities within the 24:1 Community for this year's TRIM grant cycle. The 24:1 Community is comprised of 24 municipalities within the Normandy school district. TRIM is a competitive grant that helps communities provide safe and healthy trees. The participating municipalities jointly bid the work to make state and local taxpayer dollars go further. This year, Beyond Housing estimates the municipalities saved close to \$150,000 by bidding this and other grant-related work. Investment in trees helps beautify the communities as well as provide improvements in clean air, soil, and water. The grants also allow the communities to have high-priority work done on hazard trees and unsafe sidewalks. Structural soil will be used to relieve damage to tree roots, provide a secure surface for sidewalks to be replaced, and prevent any future upheaval to sidewalks throughout the community. Congratulations to the 24:1 Community for coming together to ensure the natural beauty of our neighborhoods. Thanks to Beyond Housing for sharing this announcement.



SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Pediatrics Specialty Clinic Now Open in Ferguson

At SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Pediatrics Specialty Services located approximately three quarters of a mile west of St. Louis Community College - Florissant Valley, near the corner of Elizabeth Avenue and Pershall Road, in Ferguson, Missouri, they care for children and their families with knowledge and expertise, understanding and patience. SLUCare specialists, nurses and other health care professionals are trained to care specifically for children. They are committed not only to healing children today, but also finding new ways to help them get well in the future. They are proud to serve the North County community as the first and only pediatric health care specialty clinic in this area. For more information on the clinic and its services 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 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!

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Upcoming Events

Adulting 101: Life Skills, Life Lessons. July 31, 2019 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Ferguson Municipal Public Library 35 N Florissant Rd

Can't cook? Can't sew? Think there are things you 'should' know? Then come to Adulting 101! You will learn all the skills to get you through life! On July 31, the focus is on Financial Planning and Car Maintenance. For more information, click here.

Beyond the Backpack: Community Back-to-School Event. August 10, 2019 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Normandy High School 6701 St. Charles Rock Rd.

Hosted by the Normandy Schools Collaborative, Beyond Housing for youth in the 24:1 footprint. Students will receive free backpacks (on a first-come, first-served basis), filled with school supplies. Health exams and screenings will be provided by Affinia Healthcare. 40 participating vendors and Normandy schools staff will connect with families and students in preparation of the first day of school on August 19. Click here for more information.

Active & Well Committee logo.

Trauma Awareness. August 14 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. County Health Dept. 6121 N Hanley Rd Berkeley, 63134

This program will explore the prevalence and impact of trauma on children's brain development; the Adverse Childhood Experiences Study (ACES) and long-term impact that trauma can have on social, emotional and health outcomes; how to help children and families recover from trauma; and what is behind many of the behaviors we see and how we can shift our perspective to serve children and families through the lens of trauma.

Free and open to the public. Click here to register.

Iyanla Vanzant Acts of Faith Remix Tour. August 22, 2019 Tickets start at \$40 UMSL Touhill Performing Arts Center

Iyanla Vanzant, celebrated spiritual teacher, best-selling author, legendary speaker, and Emmy Award-winning television personality, known for her riveting work as the host of Iyanla Fix My Life on OWN (Oprah Winfrey Network), returns to the stage in 2019 with her Acts of Faith Remix Tour. This landmark inspirational and interactive event celebrates the updated 25th-anniversary edition of this internationally acclaimed bestseller.

For more information click here.

Jennings Summer Concert Series. Fridays, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Koeneman Park 8973 Lucas & Hunt, Jennings

July 26 - Crossfire August 9 - The Remedy August 23 - Boogie Chyld

For more information call (314) 388-3040 or click here.

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

Free Ferguson Summer Movie Series. July 27 (Splash @Wabash) - Aquaman August 31, 2018 (Plaza 501) - Dumbo

Movies start around 8:30 p.m. These events are hosted by Ferguson MO Community Center and Ferguson Parks and 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.

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