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Community Connection

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Dear friends, neighbors and community members,

Here we are, well into autumn—a season of changing colors, inviting us to pay attention to the transformations taking place all around. In the days and months ahead, we are preparing for a number of changes in our community. The Sisters of the Good Shepherd recently sold their property in Normandy making way for development of the site with a new state-of-the-art USDA food-testing facility. The USDA is already making investments in the area and just awarded the Earthdance Farm a Food and Nutrition Service grant to further develop their Farm-to-School Program.

UMSL Community Connection newsletter

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UMSL Community Card

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Halloween is around the corner and there are many fun and family-friendly activities taking place throughout the community. Our own UMSL Trunk-or-Treat is back in full swing and we hope to see many little *ghosts and goblins* and future Tritons gathering on our campus for a fun afternoon on the 29th. We also invite you, our neighbors, to come and take advantage of the on-campus satellite polling place for the St. Louis County Board of Elections. Early, in-person absentee voting will be available beginning October 27th through Election Day on November 8th. We are pleased to offer this service to our community and hope you will tell your neighbors. As always, I look forward to seeing you both on and off campus in the coming month!

Gratefully forward,

Kristin Sobolik
Chancellor
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Louis



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Sisters of the Good Shepherd close on sale of Normandy property

Jennifer Brinker, St. Louis Review, September 15, 2022

The Sisters of the Good Shepherd have closed on the sale of their property in Normandy, signaling an end to the sisters' presence in the north St. Louis County suburb since the late 1800s. The 10.4-acre property on Natural Bridge Road has been purchased by U.S. Federal Properties, a real estate firm that develops, finances, owns and manages federal government-leased properties. The firm plans to develop the

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Events & Resources



Young at Heart: Free Walking for Seniors

M - F ongoing
8:00 - 9:00 a.m.
St. Vincent Community Center
7335 St. Charles Rock Road,
St. Louis, MO 63133

Seniors age 65+ are invited to enjoy an early morning stroll in a safe and secure environment. No pre-registration required. For more information call: (314) 615-8STV

site with a new state-of-the-art USDA facility with around 80 employees.

The sisters' campus includes administrative offices for the sisters' Province of Mid-North America, Maria Droste residence and Immaculate Heart convent.... "This campus will always be special to the sisters, our province and the international congregation," province leader Sister Madeleine Munday said in a statement. "We have lived here in community, cared for women, children and our elderly sisters, trained new sisters and welcomed visitors, sharing in our mission and charism to be a reconciling presence of Jesus."

"Today, our changing reality and evolving future require us to consider what is best for our province and this campus," Sister Madeleine continued. "Our goal is to be good stewards of the property while benefiting the community that has welcomed us for so long. We are proud to play a part in this exciting new development, and we hope it spurs continued growth in Normandy." [Read more.](#)



EarthDance's Farm To School Activities Pick Up Support

EarthDance, September 29, 2022

Earthdance Farms is pleased and honored to have the support of a USDA Food and Nutrition Service grant to further develop their Farm to School Program. This two-year award will provide needed funds to enable EarthDance to build up an agri-culinary internship for local teens to earn high school credit as they pursue self-directed learning on the farm; provide professional development for Ferguson-Florissant teachers and staff to learn to install and maintain school gardens; collaborate with FFSD nutritionists to get local produce into school cafeterias more



Kammerraku Harvest: a performance by Kyo-Shin-An Arts with the Arianna String Quartet
Friday, October 14, 2022
7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Lee Theatre in the UMSL Touhill Performing Arts Center

The Arianna String Quartet once again welcomes the dynamic New York City based Kyo-Shin-An Arts for a fascinating evening of music for traditional Japanese instruments and string quartet as part of UMSL's International Performing Arts Series. This performance, titled "Kammerraku Harvest," will feature a commission for shakuhachi, koto, and string quartet by Aleksandra Vrebalov, and "Floating Bridge of Heaven" for shamisen, shakuhachi, and string quartet by Donald Womack. For more information, click [here](#).



UMSL Alumni 5K 2022
Saturday, October 15, 2022
Starts at 8:00 a.m.
UMSL Campus

See old friends, meet new ones, enjoy the beautiful surroundings and make

frequently, and provide farm and garden-based lessons for students of all ages. Earthdance's managing director, Tiffany Brewer, says, "It's imperative that we reconnect students with their local food sources and help them redefine what healthy eating looks and tastes like. I'm excited to see these positive changes happen over time."



INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine honors UMSL with sixth Higher Education Excellence in Diversity Award

The University of Missouri–St. Louis is among the most culturally and ethnically diverse universities in the state of Missouri, and its administrators, faculty, staff and students take pride in creating an environment where everyone can feel valued and thrive. INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine has once again recognized that ongoing work, naming UMSL one of 103 recipients of the prestigious 2022 Higher Education Excellence in Diversity Award. The national honor recognizes U.S. colleges and universities that demonstrate a commitment to diversity and inclusion. This year's honorees will be featured in the magazine's November 2022 issue.

UMSL received the HEED Award for the third consecutive year and the sixth time overall after previously being recognized in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2020 and 2021. It was also the only university in Missouri to be included in this year's list of awardees. "We are extremely proud to be acknowledged for the work that we do," said Tanisha Stevens, UMSL's vice chancellor for diversity, equity and inclusion. "When we talk about DEI, it's not performative. It is intentional work that occurs through self-reflection, shared values, engagement in important conversations and our collaborative efforts. There may be initiatives that the campus might not be aware of, but my hope is that individuals can feel the results of those efforts. This recognition helps others outside our institution see it too." [Read more.](#)

strides towards a healthier life at the UMSL Alumni Association 5K Run & Walk. All are welcome! For more information, click [here](#).



Talking Transit

Tuesday, October 18, 2022
8:30 a.m. on Zoom

The transit advocacy organization Citizens for Modern Transit (CMT) has announced plans for its next virtual "Talking Transit" event. This event will highlight the Secure Platform Plan for the MetroLink system. For more information, [click here](#). To register for the event, [click here](#).



Movies At The Firehouse

Friday, October 21, 2022
Pumpkin Carving begins at 6:00 p.m.
Movie begins at 7:15 p.m.
200 S. Florissant Rd.

Bring the family out to the firehouse for some pumpkin carving with the firefighters along with popcorn and a



English alumna Christina Andrade Melly named 2023 Missouri Teacher of the Year

Christina Andrade Melly was initially suspicious when an administrator at Ritenour High School told her there was an impromptu meeting that she and her class needed to attend. Supposedly, it was for seniors, but Melly was teaching sophomores that period. Things weren't quite adding up, but Melly headed to the school's auditorium anyway. Upon her arrival, the subterfuge came to an end. Students, teachers, district administrators and her family had gathered to celebrate Melly – the 2023 Missouri Teacher of the Year. Margie Vandeven, commissioner of the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, made the surprise announcement on Sept. 19.

Melly, a University of Missouri–St. Louis English alumna and English and language arts teacher at Ritenour, was shocked by the win. “It is still sinking in,” she said. “At least I’ve gotten past the point where I’m waking up at night and shaking myself wondering, ‘Did this actually happen?’ It still feels unreal.” [Read more.](#)



Bi-State Board Approves Reduction in Pricing for Weekly/Monthly Passes

showing of *The Addams Family* (2019). Don't forget a blanket or lawn chairs!



UMSL 13th Annual Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 29, 2022
Noon - 2:00 p.m.
UMSL Millennium Student Center Parking Lot

Free & open to community members. Children can pick a goody bag (candy, peanut-free, or non-candy bags) and also receive a voucher for shaved ice which can be redeemed on the spot. All while supplies last! Questions can be sent to osiservice@umsystem.edu. To register for the event, [click here.](#)



for November-December

Mackenzie Menn, Citizens for Modern Transit, September 23, 2022

The Bi-State Board of Commissioners approved a reduction in pricing for the weekly and monthly transit passes for the months of November and December. A weekly pass currently sells for \$27.00 and a monthly pass for \$78.00. The board approved new pricing to \$15.00 for a weekly and \$50.00 for a monthly pass for November and December of 2022. [Read more.](#)

Halloween Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 29, 2022
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Gary Gore Parking Lot
2545 Dorwood Dr.
Jennings, MO 63136

Prizes for best booth/trunk and for best costume! For information, contact the Jennings Civic Center at (314) 388-3040.

WE ARE ST LOUIS

What's Your St. Louis Story?

AT RIGHT: Activist Percy Green with the Gateway Arch in the background, 1970. Photographer unknown. Missouri Historical Society Collections.

We Are st. Louis (WRSTL) is a project designed by scholar-activists at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. *WRSTL* aspires to collaborate with local storytellers to grow from the expertise and experiences of St. Louis community members. We invite you to contribute, create, & collaborate!

QUESTIONS? CONTACT:

Get paid to tell your story!

Lauren Obermark,
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Deadline for Applications:
Tuesday, November 1st.

Seeking STL Storytellers



Ferguson Fall Spooktacular

Saturday, October 29, 2022
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Ferguson Community Center

Join the annual Ferguson Fall Spooktacular designed for all ages as an evening full of spooky fun! There will be Trick or Treating, haunted house, hayrides, bounce house, balloon artist, entertainment, games, and more!



St. Louis County Board of Elections Polling Place

Tuesday, November 8, 2022
6:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
UMSL Millennium Student Center

St. Louis County residents will be able to cast their votes

Lauren Obermark, We Are St. Louis

What is your St. Louis Story? Community members are being invited to contribute, collaborate, and create with the new *We Are St. Louis* project, a University of Missouri-St. Louis led digital public history project.

Native St. Louisans, St. Louis transplants, county-dwellers, city-lovers, young, old...we all have stories to tell and histories to share more broadly. Everyone is invited to apply to become a community storyteller with the *We Are St. Louis* project to share expertise, experiences, and unique perspectives on the region. Participants will learn more about preserving untold histories, the power of public memory, and digital storytelling in the process. More information and the brief application form can be found [here](#).

on the University of Missouri–St. Louis campus for the November general elections. UMSL will also serve as a [satellite site for in-person absentee voting](#) in the lead up to the election. In-person absentee voting will be on the third floor of the MSC. The site will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday from October 27 through November 7, 2022.

Share with Us

We'd love to hear your questions and comments about UMSL and 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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