

Community Connection



Dear friends, neighbors and community partners,

It's June and another wonderful season is upon us. We have now officially wrapped up our 60th anniversary year which included completing more than 60,000 hours of service to the community through our [UMSL Serves initiative](#), celebrating an array of [distinguished alumni](#) who represent classes throughout our history, and hosting many speakers and signature events along the way.

Looking forward, our progress on campus and collaborations in the community continue. Our [Transform UMSL](#) initiative is driving the creation of a new campus for the future, as new and expanding partnerships open doors of opportunity for our students and the community that we serve. It's exciting to witness all of the progress taking place at UMSL and throughout the community of North County. We are pleased to highlight some of these efforts in our newsletter this month. Enjoy!

Gratefully forward,

Kristin Sobolik
Chancellor
University of Missouri–St.
Louis



UMSL Community Connection newsletter

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University community exceeds goal of UMSL Serves initiative

Events & Resources



Thanks to the generous and giving spirit of members of the University of Missouri–St. Louis community across the world, the university has surpassed the [goal it set to complete 60,000 hours of volunteerism and service](#) this academic year as it marked its [60th anniversary](#). Anyone with a love for UMSL was encouraged to participate in the initiative by recording the volunteer hours they spent giving their time and talent to support individuals, organizations or causes that needed help over the past year.

“UMSL students, faculty, staff and alumni have always felt a responsibility to serve our community, and we are proud but not surprised that so many people stepped forward to help meet our ambitious goal,” said Chief of Staff Adella Jones, who co-chaired the 60th anniversary planning committee. “But in many cases, the hours that people recorded were things they have been doing anyway, with no fanfare, in their daily lives. We are committed to helping improve the places in which we live, and that will continue in our next 60 years.” [Read more.](#)



Urban League opens Senior Apartments in Dellwood

St. Louis American, May 25, 2024

The Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, in its continuing effort to improve quality of life for all St. Louis area residents, celebrated the opening of Urban League Senior Apartments in Dellwood on May 21, 2024. Michael P. McMillan, Urban League president and CEO, called the apartments “a testament to our ongoing commitment to serving the needs of our community.”

“This development not only provides affordable housing but also fosters a sense of belonging and empowerment for our senior residents.” In partnership with Gardner Capital, the state-of-art facility offers affordable senior housing and marks another step toward neighborhood revitalization a decade after unrest in nearby Ferguson following the death of unarmed Michael Brown at the hands of a police officer. [Read more.](#)



The Great St. Louis Bridge in Image and Print

Daily through July 8, 2024
St. Louis Mercantile Library
Meier Gallery on level 2
(atrium)

The Great St. Louis Bridge In Image and Print: Celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Eads Bridge showcases works from the Mercantile Library's Art Collection depicting the Eads Bridge in various mediums, views, and perspectives. For more information, [click here.](#)



A Red Circle presents Sundae Stories!

Sundays in June and July
3:00 - 5:00 PM
Heaven's Creamery, 10835
W Florissant Ave, 63136

Join A Red Circle's new summer literacy program every Sunday in June and July. Enjoy reading books with North County children as well as ice cream. The program is free but there will be registration forms on site to help track attendance. Click [here](#) for more information.



Summer Lunches at St. Louis County Libraries

Weekdays, June through
August 16, 2024
Noon to 1:00 PM
Natural Bridge Branch
7606 Natural Bridge Road
and other SLCL locations

SLCL and Operation Food Search are teaming up to provide nutritious lunches and activities for area

A Red Circle opens Healthy Community Market

St. Louis County Community News, May 25, 2024

A Red Circle hosted its first Healthy Community Market of the season in May. The monthly pay-what-you-can farmers market – open May through Oct. on the last Saturday of each month – is held at A Red Circle’s Healthy Flavor Community Garden located at 351 Chambers Rd. in Riverview.

Founded in 2019, the Healthy Flavor Community Garden was created to provide North St. Louis County residents with access to fresh vegetables and fruits from local farmers and growers. Residents are welcome to shop for fresh produce regardless of their ability to pay, and donations are accepted. The market also offers an opportunity for local artisans and entrepreneurs to showcase and sell their products to the public. Each month’s farmers market includes recipe demonstrations and taste testing based on seasonally available produce. [Read more](#) (p. 2).



NCI Awards Community Leaders for Making a Difference in North County

Recently, North County Incorporated (NCI) honored several area leaders for their contributions and commitment to the North County region at its 47th Annual Leadership Breakfast. “It’s so awe-inspiring to know these individuals and their organizations are making a difference in the lives of so many of our residents and for the businesses,” said NCI President and CEO, Rebecca Zoll. 2024 NCI Leadership Award Honorees included:

2023 Chairman of the Board of Directors Recognition

- Dr. Joseph Davis, Superintendent, Ferguson Florissant School District

Business Development Leadership Award

- Affinia Healthcare, Ferguson
- Marson Foods

Community Development Leadership Award

- Assisted Recovery Center of America
- Connection for Health & Healing Program, a collaboration of SSM Health
- DePaul Hospital & IFM Community Medicine
- Peg Kohnen Gettemeier, Community Volunteer
- The Kathy J. Weinman Shelter, St. Louis County
- Sheron Thomas, Senior Highway Designer, Missouri Department of Transportation

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Leadership Award

- Girls, Inc. of St. Louis

Elmer Belsha Leadership Award

children this summer. Pizza will be provided on Fridays. Meals must be eaten on-site and will be available free of charge for children 18 and under. Click [here](#) to learn more.



Youth for Juneteenth

Saturday, June 15, 2024
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Urban League Empowerment Center
9420 West Florissant Ave
Ferguson, MO 63136

Community Forward, Inc. presents Youth for Juneteenth- “Honoring our Youth—Celebrating Freedom.” This Free event features food, face painting, bounce house, games and Juneteenth storytelling. Volunteers are welcome. Contact cwilson@urbanleague-stl.org or [click here](#) for information.



Ferguson 4th of July Parade

Thursday, July 4, 2024
10:00 AM - Begins at the Ferguson Fire Department, 200 S. Florissant Rd.
Ends at January-Wabash Memorial Park, 501 N. Florissant Rd.

Family Fun Festival

4:00 – 9:00 PM followed by Fireworks
January-Wabash Memorial Park, 501 N. Florissant Rd.

The Family Fun Festival will include inflatables, music, food, and tons of fun! A 22-minute Fireworks Spectacular show will begin right at dusk (approximately 9:15 - 9:30 PM). For more information, [click here](#).



- Scott Negwer, President, Negwer Materials
- Public Service Leadership Award**
- John Hessel, Attorney, City of Florissant
 - Lacesha Jeffers, Volunteer, Hazelwood School District
 - Dr. Joylynn Pruitt-Adams, Superintendent, Riverview Gardens School District
 - Stephan Rinehart, Assistant Chief, Maryland Heights Fire Protection District

[Read more.](#)



Transform UMSL - SSB and the Tower

UMSL Facilities Management continues to move [Transform UMSL](#) initiatives forward to reimagine and redefine the campus footprint through targeted investments. As part of this work, UMSL Facilities is working on a plan to deconstruct the Social Science and Business Building (SSB) Tower to make way for the SSB Modernization and Expansion. Currently, the SSB Tower has the only elevator supporting the SSB Building. However, the construction of a new elevator to serve SSB is scheduled to be completed soon. Once this addition is completed, inspected and fully operational for campus use, the SSB Tower will be closed to public access so deconstruction can begin. The plan is for the majority of the SSB Tower to be deconstructed by the start of the fall semester. Check out this [video](#) showcasing these plans.

Anyone can follow progress and timelines by downloading the monthly [Transform UMSL Project Report](#).

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!



North County Illegal Dumping & Litter Clean Up Events

[North County Agriculture Education Center](#)

4521 Hamilton Avenue
Monday, July 8, 2024
8:30 - 11:30 AM

[Riverview](#)

351 Chambers Road
Saturday, July 13, 2024
8:30 - 11:30 AM

A Red Circle is hosting a series of Illegal Dumping & Litter Clean Up events this summer at community centers across North County. The community is invited to participate! Volunteers are greeted, provided with equipment, introduced to the neighborhood and important history and context offered by local nonprofit/community partners. Everyone returns after 3 hours to celebrate together with tasty treats by Chef Queenie Vesey. [Click here](#) to sign up.

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