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Community Connection



Dear friends, neighbors and community members,

We hope this message finds you well and staying cool! This month we are again excited to share good news about the events and initiatives taking place at UMSL, and in our community. For instance, we recently welcomed North County Inc. to their new home on UMSL's North campus. We also are celebrating 50 years of St. Louis Public Radio, which started broadcasting to the St. Louis region from Lucas Hall in 1972. Many things have changed in these last few decades, but one thing that has not is our commitment to the St. Louis community and our neighbors. That is one of the reasons why UMSL was selected as a satellite polling place for the

UMSL Community Connection newsletter

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UMSL Community Card

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upcoming primary and general St. Louis County elections, offering yet another way that the university can serve as a resource to our community.

UMSL is celebrating Governor Mike Parson’s signing of the FY23 state budget on June 30. This budget contains an unprecedented level of funding for public higher education, including a one-time appropriation of \$40 million for UMSL, which will support the transition of our campus beginning with the consolidation of the university’s academic core on the North Campus and the establishment of the North County Business and Workforce District on the South Campus. [Learn more here](#). The St. Louis County Council is currently considering the south campus project as one of the projects funded with their remaining ARPA dollars. More to come as this develops.

As we continue to journey forward, we hope you find inspiration in some of the stories below and that you make use of the resources listed. You will see that our July listing has many food connections with mobile pantries and farmers markets a plenty. This is the time of year to find an array of berries and melons, as well as peaches and tomatoes ready to be enjoyed. In the days ahead, I hope you have a chance to savor the sweetness of summer and take time to celebrate the good things happening in our community.

Gratefully forward,

Kristin Sobolik
Chancellor
University of Missouri–St.
Louis



North County Inc. celebrates new home on UMSL campus

discounts at UMSL events and facilities.

UMSL Careers

[Click here](#) to learn about job opportunities at UMSL. Check back regularly for new listings.

UMSL Contracts

Interested in bidding on projects at UMSL?

[Procurement Bids](#)
[Construction Bids](#)

Community Connect

[Click here](#) to learn about resources, services and programs at UMSL available to the community.

Events & Resources



Neighborhood Leadership Academy 2022 Registration Now Open

Early bird registration through August 22; Scholarship deadline - August 5.

The Neighborhood Leadership Academy takes place from Sept. 12 through Nov. 15, 2022. NLA connects university resources with neighborhood leaders from across the state of Missouri to learn together through a virtual project-based curriculum, developing the skills and building the networks necessary to create healthy, vibrant and whole communities. For more information, [click here](#).

A few dozen people gathered outside the Regional Center for Education and Work Thursday afternoon to mark the official opening of North County Incorporated's new headquarters on the campus of the University of Missouri–St. Louis. Chancellor Kristin Sobolik was on hand to welcome North County Inc. President and CEO Rebecca Zoll and her team to the new space. She also took part in a ribbon-cutting ceremony surrounded by members of the North County Inc.'s board and representatives of other civic, business and community organizations.

"Community partners are essential as we provide high quality, affordable education and drive regional equity and upward mobility," Sobolik said during brief remarks. "The collaborative partnership that UMSL has built with North County Inc. over the years represents the absolute best of what can be gained when community organizations connect and advocate for equitable economic development, education, health care and transportation in the St. Louis area. So we welcome and celebrate North County Incorporated on UMSL's campus."

[Read more.](#)



Normandy High School's lone golfer blazes her own trail on the course

KSDK, Corey Miller; June 11, 2022

Anandra Chaney is the only golfer for Normandy High School. But she hopes her passion inspires other students who look like her to follow her lead to the course.

Normandy High School soon-to-be junior golfer Anandra Chaney remembers her first encounter with the sport of golf. Let's just say it wasn't a perfect fit right off the bat. "Oh... I remember the first time I ever picked up a club and swung and my ball went right in front of me," Chaney laughed. But she wasn't discouraged, and saw something in the other golfers that made her want to continue on. [Read more.](#)



FREE Live Concerts: Soulful Fridays

Concerts in the park
Friday, July 22, 2022 and
Friday, September 2, 2022

Starting at 7 p.m.

Koeneman Park
8937 Old Lucas and Hunt Rd.

[Click here](#) for more
information.



Barbecue and the Big Screen

Saturday, July 23, 2022
5:00 p.m.

Page and Ferguson Ave

Celebrate summer with
dinner and a movie outdoors
at this free, family-friendly
event! Join the 24:1
Community for BARBECUE
and the BIG SCREEN. For
more information, [click here.](#)



Ferguson Picnic in the Park



Local news covers businesses receiving UMSL Accelerate Program funding

Fox 2 Studio STL recently covered the news on Picky Eaterz, one of several local businesses recently featured at the St. Louis County Start-Up Showcase. Along with Pop Pop Hurray, DEMIblue Natural Nails, Assembly On Demand, and Butter Love, Picky Eaterz received funding from the UMSL Accelerate Program for diverse business owners.

Watch the full video on fox2now.com or on their [YouTube channel](#).



UMSL again gets high marks for advancing gender equality, reducing inequality in Times Higher Education rankings

The University of Missouri–St. Louis is dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in education, while striving to create a truly inclusive community in which equity is not just a goal but a reality. For the third year in a row, the Times Higher Education recognized the university for delivering on that mission. UMSL rated highly in several categories on the publication's "2022 Impact Rankings."

Sunday, July 31, 2022
Noon - 2:00 p.m.
January-Wabash Memorial
Park, 501 N. Florissant

Help celebrate National Parks and Recreation Month and all of the hard work that the Ferguson Parks & Recreation Staff contributes to better the community! Enjoy FREE hot dogs, chips, and refreshments (while supplies last) along with bubbles, outdoor games, and surprise guests! For more information, [click here](#).



LET'S LEVEL UP- community summit

Saturday, August 6, 2022
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
UMSL, Millennium Student
Center— 2nd Floor
17 Arnold B. Grobman Dr.

Beyond Housing invites community members to attend the FREE, 3rd annual community conference and training summit. Attendees will hear from leaders in the 24:1 Community, participate in a variety of professional development training sessions, and enjoy a free continental breakfast and boxed lunch. For more information and registration, [click here](#).

The Impact Rankings assess universities against 17 Sustainable Development Goals across four broad categories: research, stewardship, outreach and teaching. These goals were adopted by United Nations member states in 2015. This year's list included 1,406 universities from 106 countries. [Read more.](#)



Mobile Food Pantry Expands to 5 Transit Centers This Summer

St. Louis Area foodbank is expanding their free Food on the Move program this summer to help address food insecurity issues. A mobile food pantry will visit Metro Transit Centers on designated Saturdays:

- First Saturday, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Rock Road Transit Center
- Second Saturday, 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Riverview Transit Center
- Third Saturday, 10 a.m. – Noon | North Hanley Transit Center

For more information, [click here.](#)



College of Education hosts inaugural Future Teacher Leadership Academy for local high school students

LaChe' Smith was one of a dozen students diligently brainstorming during a June morning in the Ed Collab at the University of Missouri–St. Louis. She and her peers had a task: discuss common classroom expectations for educators and examine how those expectations can sometimes be detrimental and, subsequently, reimaged. They eagerly bounced ideas off of each other, documenting them on a handful of whiteboards scattered throughout the room, before sharing with everyone. “We talk a lot about implicit bias, and I think that’s really important to learn, especially going into a teaching career,” Smith said, referring to the day’s discussion.

The scene was part of UMSL’s inaugural Future Teacher Leadership Academy. The free two-week program, which ran from June 13-24, aimed to encourage high school students in the St. Louis region to envision careers in education. The program is a joint effort between the College of Education and the UMSL Office of Precollegiate Services and was funded primarily through a \$30,000 grant from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

The first FTLA group represented a broad socioeconomic and geographic spectrum, including 11 high school students and one recent high school graduate from the Ferguson-Florissant School District. [Read more.](#)



St. Louis Metro Market in Ferguson

Fridays, 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Boys and Girls Club of Greater St. Louis
9200 W. Florissant Ave.

Enjoy access to fresh, locally-sourced produce and other items at cost, so you can shop healthy on a budget. To learn more, visit STLmetromarket.org.



St. Louis Public Radio turns 50, and looks to the future

St. Louis Public Radio, Alex Heuer

Fifty years ago, a radio station with the call letters KWMU made its debut in St. Louis. Broadcasting from Lucas Hall on the University of Missouri-St. Louis campus, KWMU (now St. Louis Public Radio) introduced the very concept of public radio to St. Louis.

Station founder Don Driemeier, who also served as dean of UMSL's School of Business, identified the need for public radio in St. Louis in 1971. [Read more.](#)



UMSL Counseling and Social Advocacy Center to host Community Partner Day

On Thursday, July 28th the Counseling and Social Advocacy Center @ UMSL (CSAC) will host a Community Partner Day to share information about their programs and services with current and potential partners in the community. The day will follow an open house format. In-person activities will take place from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. or 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. with light snacks and beverages at UMSL in the ED Collabitat / Ward E. Barnes building, 2993 South Drive, St. Louis, MO 63121. A virtual option is available from Noon to 1:00 p.m. For additional information, call 314-516-4613. [Click here](#) for registration.



Pay What You Can Farm Stand

May – September
Fridays: 3 - 7 p.m.
Sundays: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

October – November
Sundays: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Pay What You Can Farm Stand offers organically grown fruits, herbs and vegetables to everyone, regardless of income. [Click here](#) for more information.



Good Food Friday with A Red Circle

Fridays, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
North County Agricultural Education Center, 4521 Hamilton Ave, 63120

Join A Red Circle on upcoming Friday afternoons at the North County Agricultural Education Center in Pine Lawn to explore the community garden and receive fresh produce. For more information, [click here.](#)



Ferguson Farmers' Market
Every Saturday through
October, 2022
8:00 a.m. to Noon
501 S. Florissant Road,
63135

For more information, [click here](#).

St. Louis County Board of Elections Absentee Satellite and Polling Place will be open at UMSL for upcoming Primary

The St. Louis County Board of Elections office is now available for casting or returning absentee ballots for the August primary election. Beginning July 21, six additional satellite sites will also be available including the UMSL Millennium Student Center located at 17 Arnold Grobman Dr, 63121.

The UMSL location will also serve as a polling place on Election Day, August 2, 2022. Voters in St. Louis County may vote at any polling place in the County on Election Day. Polling places are open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. Voters in line at the closing time of 7:00 p.m. have the right to cast a vote.

Visit the [St. Louis County Board of Elections website](#) for additional information about polling locations, registering to vote, and other voter services.



Summer Lunches at St. Louis County Libraries [Natural Bridge Branch](#)

Weekdays
Noon to 1:00 p.m.
7606 Natural Bridge Rd.

Operation Food Search is providing free lunches to children at select SLCL locations this summer, Monday-Friday. Youngsters can enjoy a nutritious lunch along with fun activities. Meals are available free of charge for children ages 0-18. Groups can contact the branch at least 24 hours prior to attending so that the proper amount of meals may be ordered. For more information, [click here](#)

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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