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## Grand opening of U. City's Centennial Commons kicks off year-long celebration



University City will launch its year-long 2006 Centennial Celebration with the Grand Opening of Centennial Commons 2-6pm Monday, January 2 at 7210 Olive.

You are invited to help get the party jumping at the grand opening of Centennial Commons, formerly the Heman Park Recreation Facility. With a nod towards the City's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the facility underwent a two-year \$6M extreme makeover and a name change. It's now ready to open its doors to fun, fitness and community.

Bring a friend, a date or the family for free basketball and volleyball games, a Children's Fun Corner, refreshments, giveaways, facility tours and a 10% discount on memberships. Volunteers from the Centennial Celebration Committee will be available to discuss the exciting year-long plans of signature and community events, volunteer opportunities and Centennial merchandise.

Founded in 1906 by businessman Edward Gardner Lewis, U. City was designed as a model city. Now a cadre of volunteers is staging the city's biggest party in 100 years. They aim to show that this small but exciting enclave is more a community of culture, diversity and education than even its founder could have imaged. No small task since Lewis was a dreamer, inventor, chemist, artist, education, potter, women's magazine publisher, entrepreneur and politician. But with a theme of *100 Fun things to do in U. City*, on almost any given day something will be happening for fun seekers of all ages.

Throughout the year, watch for updates on *100 fun things to do in U. City!* To see the entire schedule, or to get involved, visit online: [www.ucity100years.org](http://www.ucity100years.org), or call 314.505.8552.

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