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*Spring Forward!*

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour on Sunday, March 10 for Daylight Savings Time. This is also the time of year the Fire Department recommends checking the batteries in your smoke detectors and changing them if necessary.

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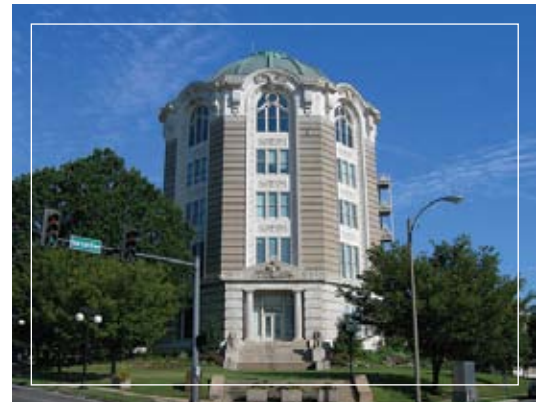
## University City Budget News

City Manager Lehman Walker presented a proposed budget for fiscal year 2013-2014 to the City Council in February. The Council will vote on the budget in June.

**Budget highlights include:**

- No reduction in City services
- No increase in real estate taxes
- No increase in sales taxes
- 2% cost of living increase for employees
- Increase in funding for fire department (including two new positions)
- Increase in funding for police operations (including four more police officers)
- Funding for City Hall Summer Youth Program for the third year

More information regarding the budget will be featured in the next issue of **ROARS**.



*Built in 1903 as the headquarters of Women's Magazine, the University City Hall building is now on the National Register of Historic Places.*

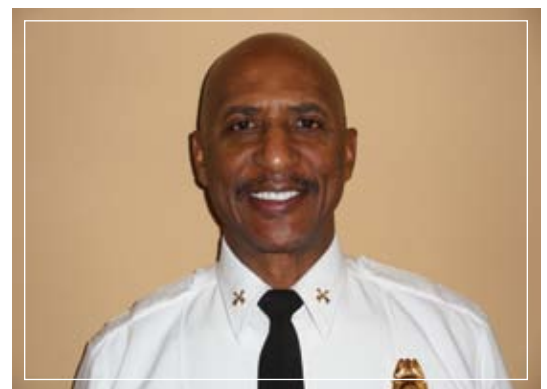
## Welcome, Adam Long!

**University City Names New Fire Chief**

Adam Long has been appointed Fire Chief of University City. He is the first African-American Fire Chief in the history of the City. Chief Long replaced Chief Don Miner, who recently retired after 32 years of service. Long joined the University City Fire Department, after having spent 34 years with the City of St. Louis Fire Department where he served as a Battalion Chief and Chief of Operations at Lambert International Airport.

Chief Long is no stranger to the spotlight. In 1988, he received a Medal of Honor for rescuing a toddler from a burning building. The moment was captured in a Pulitzer Prize-winning photograph shot by Ron Olshwanger.

Watch for more exciting news from the University City Fire Department in 2013. A new fire station at 863 Westgate Ave. is scheduled to open this fall.



*Recipient of a Medal of Honor and former St. Louis City Battalion Chief, Adam Long joined the University City Fire Department as the new Chief.*

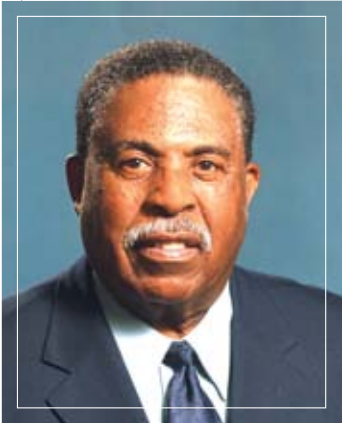
## Councilmember's Corner

### From Councilmember Arthur Sharpe, Jr.

I am pleased to be selected as the initial writer for the Councilmember's Corner.

Our City was founded by Edward Gardner Lewis. It was incorporated in 1906 and is presently doing well.

We are a Charter City with a Council-Manager form of government. We have three wards running east and west. Ward One from Delmar south to the City limits; Ward Two from Delmar north to the City limits; Ward Three from Olive north to the City limits. Our population is approximately 35,371 residents and has about 18,000 housing units.



*Councilmember  
Arthur Sharpe, Jr.  
(314) 721-5954*

There are many marvelous opportunities for you to enjoy and explore and participate in your fair city. Places to visit include our parks, Centennial Commons, the library, our schools, The Loop, Council meetings, and the new Bridge Club (Olive/McKnight) for starters. Call a Councilmember for directions or see your 2013 University City calendar.

### *Noteworthy Information:*

- School District Bond Issue / Prop. U
- Police Safety Seminar - March 5, 12, 19
- University City has purchased five new properties in the Third Ward, possibly to be turned over to Habitat for Humanity
- Walgreen's on Delmar is progressing well
- Check with your Councilmember for more information or to request an application to serve on a University City Board or Commission

## Carbon Monoxide Precautions

### Who, What, When, Where, and Why

Carbon monoxide is a toxic gas that is initially difficult to detect because it is colorless, odorless, and tasteless. This gas is created by the combustion or use of fossil fuels such as petroleum, natural gas, and propane used in many gas furnaces, stoves, and hot water heaters. Carbon monoxide is also a component used in gasoline made for automobiles. The Fire Department often sees an increase in carbon monoxide calls during the winter months due to increased use of natural gas for heating homes, combined with damaged, worn, or improperly functioning furnace components.

Symptoms of mild acute poisoning include lightheadedness, confusion, headaches, vertigo, and flu-like effects. Higher exposure can lead to significant toxicity of the central nervous system and heart, and even death.

### *Ways to protect against carbon monoxide poisoning:*

- Proper maintenance of your furnace
- Never allow a vehicle to run in a garage attached to a home
- Install a carbon monoxide detector (purchased at local hardware stores, home supply stores and most department stores)

If you suspect a carbon monoxide related issue, contact Laclede Gas at **314.342.0800** or 911 for assistance.

## We Want to Hear From You!

If you have story ideas or would like to share your opinion on this edition of **ROARS**, let us know by calling **314.505.8631** or emailing [ucityroars@ucitymo.org](mailto:ucityroars@ucitymo.org).

## What's New at the University City Library

Last summer, the University City Public Library added a self-service scanning and faxing station. Dubbed the "Super Cool Machine" by Library staff, the Simple Scan station allows patrons to fax documents anywhere in the world. Faxes are \$1/page for those sent in the United States and \$3/page for those sent internationally. Users can also scan and email documents or photos and save them to a flash drive or Google Docs at no extra charge.

The Library also has a new wireless internet

system for our patrons. The new Wi-Fi system is faster and stronger, and has better service throughout the Library. You no longer need a Library card to log in, and anyone in the Library can use the service.

Assistance for the Wi-Fi and Simple Scan station is available at the reference desk. Both the Simple Scan station and new wireless system are available thanks to grants from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

## Calling University City Home

### Habitat for Humanity St. Louis Partners with University City to Build Homes

At a dedication ceremony on December 13, 2012, after months of hard work and commitment, five (5) families received keys to new homes in University City as part of Habitat for Humanity Saint Louis (HFHSL).



The project, which began in June 2012 with construction on vacant lots, culminated with a celebration for the new homebuyers, the organization, and the community. This was the first time HFHSL partnered with University City, with the City providing the land and other administrative assistance. The Department of Community Development shepherded the process with HFHSL from initial

concept through construction and occupancy.

The homes, located near the corner of Bartmer and Kingsland, were built to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards and include appliances and fenced backyards.

Habitat for Humanity Saint Louis is a non-profit, ecumenical housing ministry that works in partnership with individuals and communities of all faiths to improve living conditions and provide safe, decent and affordable housing in the St. Louis community. To date, the organization has served more than 335 families in the St. Louis area building neighborhoods and transforming lives.

Habitat for Humanity sponsors, volunteers and partner families work side-by-side to build new homes. The five (5) homebuyers in University City are no different. Each homebuyer put in 350 hours of "sweat equity" during the program. Sweat equity hours can be earned on the building site or by working at the ReStore or administrative office.

The homebuyers have expressed their gratitude to HFHSL, as well as their joy in becoming first-time homeowners. We are very excited to welcome our new residents who can now call University City home.



## Meals on Wheels Needs You!

Homebound seniors need volunteers to deliver meals. Everyday in University City, 125 of our homebound senior citizens receive hot lunches and 60 more receive frozen meals. Volunteers are needed for 1-2 hours per week to help deliver these meals. In addition to receiving the nutritional food, seniors benefit from seeing a friendly face once a week. If you would like more information on how to help seniors in our City, please contact Carmen Smith or Corliss Ervin at the U City Senior Center: 7210 Olive, **314.721.2722**.

**Meals on Wheels,  
Mid-East Area Agency  
on Aging**

# Millar Park Gets a Makeover!

## City Awarded a Grant to Make Updates to Park

The Municipal Park Grant Commission of St. Louis County has awarded University City \$300,000 to update Millar Park, which is located at 7603 Carleton. Out of 32 grant applications submitted in this current round of funding, University City's was one of 15 awarded.

University City acquired Millar Park in 1928. Today, it is one of the City's largest parks. For years, visitors have enjoyed the park's 12 acres of recreational space, which includes a playground area, a picnic pavilion, two baseball diamonds, football and soccer fields, and a 1/2 mile jogging trail with fitness stations.

Plans for the park's update include replacing the parking lot to make it ADA-accessible, constructing a new picnic shelter, adding new benches and trash receptacles, a barbeque grill, a drinking fountain, a new restroom, sod and shrubs, and replacing the trail if the budget supports it.

Work on the park is set to begin in late spring and should be completed by the end of the year. Millar Park's planned improvements are the result



Updates to Millar Park to begin in late spring with the help of a grant awarded to the City.

of neighborhood and community suggestions solicited in September 2012.

## Ready for Spring Cleaning?

### Spring Bulk Item Collection Begins in April

Spring Bulk Item Collection begins April 8. Residents may place up to seven (7) household items curbside (not in the alley) for pick-up. Trucks will only make one pass on each street, so items must be placed at the curb on the Sunday before collection begins in your area. Please be sure that

parked vehicles do not block access to the items. Check your University City Calendar for additional information.

#### Pick-Up Schedule:

Central Area: April 8 - 12  
 East Area: April 15 - 19  
 West Area: April 22 - 26

#### Acceptable Items:

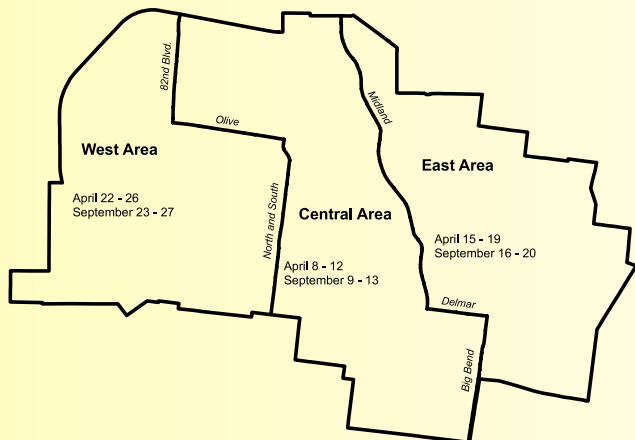
Furniture, bedding, cabinets, doors/windows (all glass must be wrapped in cardboard), rugs, carpet, mattresses, box springs, washer and dryers, televisions, refrigerators (doors must be removed), small air conditioners, sinks and toilets.

#### Not Accepted:

Hazardous materials, commercial items, business equipment, yard waste, tree trunks, logs, building or construction type debris/materials, tires, auto batteries, motors, railroad ties, barrel drums, concrete bricks, landscape stones, boulders, rocks, dirt, roofing materials, siding, fluorescent tubes or household trash.

To confirm your pick-up area or to schedule an alternative pick-up for a fee, contact the Public Works and Parks Department at **314.505.8560**.

#### 2013 Bulk Item Collection Schedule



## University City Public Library Events

### Events For Adults are Free

All events for adults are free and open to the public. You can reserve copies of our discussion books through our online catalog, by calling us at **314.727.3150**, or in person. Many of our youth services events require advance registration.

### Events and Programs for Adults:

#### March

- 7 Urban Thought Book Group**  
*Too Much of a Good Thing*  
by Kimberla Lawson Roby; 7 pm
- 19 Readings in History Book Group** *Catherine the Great: Portrait of a Woman*  
by Robert K. Massie; 7 pm
- 27 UCPL Book Group**  
*The Rules of Civility*  
by Amor Towles; 7 pm

#### April

- 4 Urban Thought Book Group**  
*Devil in a Blue Dress*  
by Walter Mosley; 7 pm
- 16 Readings in History Book Group** *Temples, Tombs & Hieroglyphs: A Popular History of Ancient Egypt*  
by Barbara Mertz; 7 pm
- 24 UCPL Book Group**  
*The Presidents Club*  
by Nancy Gibbs and Michael Duffy; 7 pm

### Events and Programs for Youth:

#### March

- 21 Thursday Matinee**  
*Brave*; 4 pm  
**Anime Night with Amber**  
Grades 6+; 7 pm
- 23 Saturday Gaming**  
Grades 6+; 1-4 pm

#### April

- 16 Sing Out and Move Around Again**  
Guest musician Robert Bernstein teams up with our storyteller Mrs. W for a family event; 6:30 pm
- 18 Thursday Matinee**  
*Secret of the Wings*; 4 pm
- 20 Laptime: Babies and Books**  
Mrs. W introduces our youngest to the joys of books, songs and movement; babies ages 6-12 months; 10:30 am
- 23 Preschool Dance Class**  
New Era Productions Dance Academy leads a class; Ages 3-7; 6:30 pm

Application letters for teen volunteers for the summer reading program will be mailed out in April. Teens who are interested in applying should call the library at **314-727-3150** to be added to the mailing list.

## Safety Awareness Meetings

As part of an ongoing effort to provide University City residents with the tools to stay safe, the University City Police Department is taking part in a series of crime awareness and prevention discussions. These meetings are open to the public and are designed to provide citizens with various methods to aid in protecting their personal safety and property. Meetings are held on Tuesdays.

- 3/5 Flynn Park School**  
7220 Waterman Ave.,  
6-7:30 pm
- 3/12 Heman Park Community Center**  
975 Pennsylvania  
6-7:30 pm
- 3/19 McNair Building**  
8136 Groby Road  
6-7:30 pm

For more information  
please contact  
the University City  
Police Department  
at **314-505-8652**.

## Spring Leaf Collection

The first city-wide leaf collection for 2013 begins this month. All leaves must be placed at the curbside on Sunday night to be collected during the week. Only leaves will be collected; no gumballs, limbs, or other yard debris. Yard waste is picked up on the regular trash and recycling collection day if it is placed in a yard waste paper bag with a yard waste sticker attached.

For assistance in determining your pick-up area, please contact the Public Works and Parks Department at **314.505.8560**. Additional information may be found in your University City Calendar.

#### Pick-Up Schedule:

East Area: March 18 - 22  
West Area: March 25 - 29  
Central Area: April 1 - 5

## New Solid Waste (Refuse) Billing Cycle

**Beginning March 1, a new billing cycle for solid waste services will go into effect.**

The new cycle will be based on the current five (5) route system and will continue to be billed on a semi-annual basis.

Billing statements will be sent on a staggered schedule, rather than all at once. Route 1 will be billed in March, Route 2 in April, Route 3 in May, Route 4 in June, and Route 5 in July. In addition, Routes 2, 3, 4, and 5 will receive a smaller bill March 1 that will cover the collection services from March up until when they will receive their full six month trash bill to begin this transition process. The City will not be applying penalties



or interest fees during this transition. We thank you in advance for your patience.

### Rental Property Solid Waste Bills

If a landlord requires their tenants to be

responsible for the payment of solid waste services, the tenant needs to contact the Finance Department at City Hall in order to set up a solid waste account in their name. Property owners should keep in mind that although solid waste bills are being sent to a tenant, the property owner remains responsible for all unpaid balances if the tenant should vacate the property as stated in Municipal Code, Section 8.12.200. Property owners and/or managers may request to receive notification when a solid waste account becomes delinquent by contacting the Finance Department at **314-505-8544**, M-F, 8:00 am-5:00 pm.



## New Businesses in University City

**AIM Advantage Home Health Care Services**  
7584 Olive, Unit 210  
314.568.2841

**Allergy HC, LLC**  
8147 Delmar, Arc 2  
314.725.1474

**Balson at Midland Alterations**  
7200 Balson Ave.  
314.721.3220

**Blue Star Tax Service**  
567 North & South Rd, Ste. 5  
314.583.8011

**Casa Linda**  
7137 Delmar  
314.809.9808

**Danger Schmanger**  
7251 Carlyle Ave.  
314.683.0686  
dangerschmanger.com

**Engine Ear, LLC**  
7247 Olive, Unit C  
786.355.0907

**Firehydrant Mobile**  
6315 Delmar, Ste. 2E  
314.802.7026



## Recreational News

### Spring Time Tee at Ruth Park

Spring is almost here! Get back in the swing of things with Ruth Park Golf Course & Driving Range.

#### 2013 Rates

##### Residents:

Weekday \$10, Seniors \$9

Weekend/Holiday \$11, Seniors \$10

##### Non-residents:

Weekday \$12

Weekend \$13.50, Seniors \$10,

Juniors \$9

##### “All-Day Play-Day”

Monday - Sunday \$25; cart included

### Spring Golf Classes

#### at Ruth Park Golf

Programs begin March 25. Classes are held on Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays at 5:30 pm, and run for six weeks. The cost is \$90 per class. A Saturday class will begin on April 6 at 10:00 am. Please call the Golf Shop at **314.727.4800** for more information or to sign up.

### Ruth Park Spring Jr. Golf Camp

Saturday, April 13, 20 & 27;  
2:00 pm-3:00 pm.

The cost of the three-session Spring program is \$25. (Limited to the first 20 jr. golf participants)

*Learn more about job openings at Centennial Commons and Heman Pool by visiting the University City Summer Job Fair on April 6.*

### What's in Store at Centennial Commons

#### University City Summer Job Fair

Saturday, April 6 (11:00 am-1:00 pm), Centennial Commons, 7210 Olive Blvd. Come and find out about part-time, summer and year-round employment opportunities at Centennial Commons and Heman Pool. Available positions include summer camp counselors, lifeguards, pool desk clerks and more. Attire is business casual. For more information, call **314.505.8625** or Relay Missouri at **800.735.2966** (TDD).

#### Youth Camp Programs:

Registration is now open for the following programs:

- Camp B4 and After:  
7:30-9:00 am & 3:00-5:30 pm
- Camp CentCom:  
an extended (August 5-16)  
camp program held at  
Centennial Commons.

Scholarships are available for University City residents who meet income guideline requirements and the Parkview Gardens Neighborhood Association provides scholarships for those children who live within their residential boundaries.

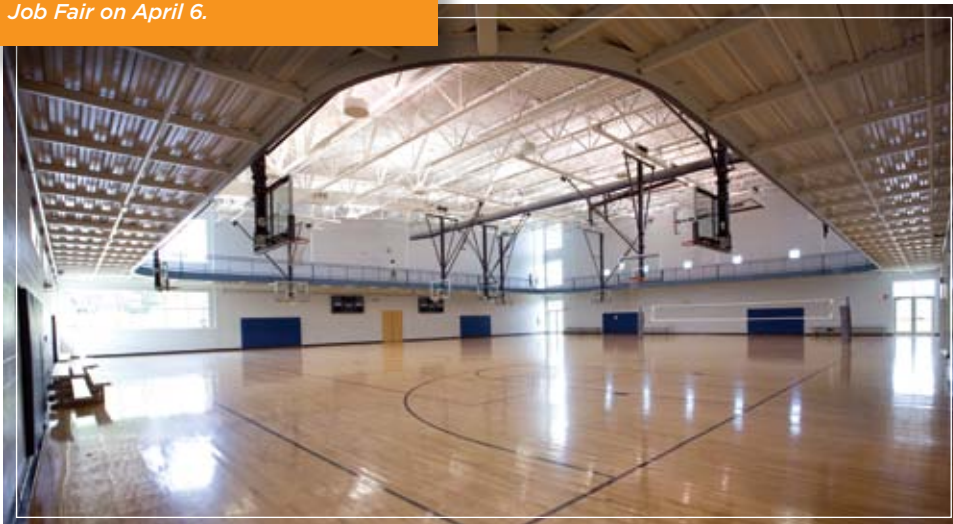
Registration runs from March 4 through May 11. For more information, call **314.505.8625** or Relay Missouri at **800.735.2966** (TDD).



## University City Recycles!

University City has been awarded a \$13,170 grant from the St. Louis County Department of Health to purchase and install five recycling system containers in the pavilion areas at Heman, Fogerty, and Millar parks. Park visitors will be able to recycle plastic, paper, aluminum, cardboard, and glass at each of these sites. Additionally, the grant will provide the capability to monitor the effectiveness of container placement and to develop educational materials for the “Recycling in University City Parks” program. The containers will be installed by April 30 of this year, and the educational materials will be disbursed in the Park Reservation packets beginning March 1.

**Look for blue recycling containers and recycling signs at the pavilion areas of Heman, Fogerty, and Millar parks.**





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### University City Administration

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<i>City Manager:</i>	<b>Lehman Walker</b> .....	314.505.8534
<i>City Clerk:</i>	<b>Joyce Pumm</b> .....	314.505.8605
<i>Director of Finance:</i>	<b>Tina Charumilind</b> .....	314.505.8547
<i>Director of Community Development:</i>	<b>Andrea Riganti</b> .....	314.505.8516
<i>Director of Public Works/Parks:</i>	<b>Richard Wilson</b> .....	314.505.8566
<i>Police Chief:</i>	<b>Charles Adams</b> .....	314.505.8650
<i>Fire Chief:</i>	<b>Adam Long</b> .....	314.505.8593

### University City Councilmembers

<i>Mayor</i>	<b>Shelley Welsch</b> .....	314.505.8606
<i>First Ward</i>	<b>Terry Crow</b> .....	314.918.0045
	<b>Stephen Kraft</b> .....	314.863.1136
<i>Second Ward</i>	<b>Paulette Carr</b> .....	314.727.0919
	<b>L. Michael Glickert</b> .....	314.882.6432
<i>Third Ward</i>	<b>Byron Price</b> .....	314.853.2165
	<b>Arthur Sharpe, Jr.</b> .....	314.721.5954

### City Services

<b>Emergency Hotline</b> .....	314.505.8550
(Severe Weather, Natural Disaster)	
<b>Finance/Refuse Billing</b> .....	314.505.8544
<b>Library</b> .....	314.727.3150
<b>Recreation</b> .....	314.505.8617
<b>Permits/Inspections</b> .....	314.505.8500
<b>Public Works/Parks</b> .....	314.505.8560

### Fire and Police Departments

<b>Emergency</b> .....	911
<b>Fire Department</b> .....	314.505.8592
<b>Police Department</b> .....	314.725.2211