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#### **Daylight Savings Reminder**

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 3 for Daylight Savings Time. This is also the time of the year the fire department recommends checking the batteries in your smoke detectors and changing them if necessary.

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### University City Public Library Awarded MOREnet Library Research Project Funding

The University City Public Library is excited to announce that it has been chosen as the partner library for MOREnet's three-year Library Research Project. This project will allow the Library to explore the future of library services and provide the community with necessary technologies.

With MOREnet's help, the Library will develop a technology MakerSpace with equipment and software open to all Library patrons. The project will provide resources as part of a physical and digital MakerSpace, including facilities, equipment and software for audio and video recording and editing, and equipment and software for 3D modeling, printing and fabrication.

The Library will work with community partners to provide training on this new equipment and software. In addition, the Library will develop a digital repository for work generated by members of the community, to preserve and explore our collective past, document our present lives, and imagine and design our shared future. This project will be built on the creativity of residents and existing partnerships with community groups.

UCPL hopes the project will remove technological barriers from people's lives and work, while identifying and creating tools and services that libraries can use in coming years.

For further information, contact Patrick Wall at **314.727.3150,** or by email at **pjwall@ucpl.lib.mo.us.** 



### Heman Park Pool Survey

In our efforts to provide University City residents with the highest quality pool facility and aquatics programming, we are seeking your input through a brief survey. Your feedback will help us improve the pool and its programs to better meet the needs of the University City community. To take the survey online, visit https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ R9VY59R. A hard copy of the survey is available at the front desk of Centennial Commons, or by calling **314.505.8525.** 





### **Councilmember's Corner**

#### From Councilmember Paulette Carr

Visitors to our city often comment on how impressed they are by our lovely homes and gardens. Everywhere they look, there is another spectacular garden, many planted by our homeowners, and over 350 gardens planted and



*Councilmember Paulette Carr 314.727.0919* 

lovingly tended by the volunteers of U City in Bloom. Whenever a new project is proposed, be it the gardens at our schools or the one which will occupy the center of the Roundabout proposed for our historic Civic Plaza, you will find U City in Bloom involved with the planning and execution. We have all come to depend upon this organization's expertise to beautify our city.

U City in Bloom was the vision of Susan Hopper, Jane Schafer and Mary Ann

Shaw, three very determined women who wanted to beautify our city by introducing community gardens. In 1985, they planted 600 daffodils along Pershing near Jackson. Over the next 28 years, the number of gardens and volunteers grew to completely embrace all areas of University City. Three-quarters of the gardens maintained by U City in Bloom are municipal or City gardens. The City contributes 28 percent of the funding for the maintenance of City gardens, and U City in Bloom raises the rest of the horticulture expense budget from other sources, including private foundations, individual donors, and the University City School District.

Not only do our residents receive real, tangible value from the work of U City in Bloom, but also I have found UCB to be a completely inclusive organization. There is a place for everyone who wants to help and there are nearly 200 volunteers who work on planting, weeding, watering, fundraising, and events. Appropriately, their mission is "Volunteers sharing a vision of community through public gardening projects in University City."

U City in Bloom is undergoing some changes just like the gardens it tends. Mary Ann Shaw, one of the founders and the long-time Executive Director, will be retiring soon. She is leaving very big shoes to fill. This City will miss her wisdom and guidance dearly, but, thankfully, she will continue to serve on the UCB Board. We wish her many happy days in the company of music, her family, all her many friends and neighbors, and especially her grandchildren.

U City in Bloom and our gardens are among our many city treasures. It is not a surprise that visitors and residents alike compliment our gardens. When you give from the heart, it shows.

### University City Public Library Offers Chromebooks for Checkout

The University City Public Library is pleased to offer a new service to patrons. You may now check out a Chromebook for use in the Library. Chromebooks are netbook computers that use Google's Chrome operating system and connect to our Wi-Fi. You can log in with your Google account to access Google services, or you can sign in as a guest to use the machines to surf the Web. Since our Wi-Fi was recently upgraded, the Chromebooks can be used anywhere inside the Library building. You can use them for three hours at a time, so these netbooks are perfect for when you need to take online tests and test prep, do in-depth research, perform job searches, or stay connected with family and friends. Of course, there is no fee for using the Chromebooks, but you must have a picture ID with you in order to check one out.

This service was made possible by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) as administered by the Missouri State Library division of the Office of the Secretary of State. The Library is grateful for the funding for this equipment and encourages you to stop by and try one.

### **Municipal Election in University City**

There will be a Municipal Election in University City on April 8, 2014, for the positions of Mayor and three Councilmembers, one from Wards One, Two and Three. Opening day for candidate filing is **December** 17, 2013, at 8 am in the City Clerk's office at City Hall, 6801 Delmar Blvd., second floor. Closing date for candidate filing is January 21, 2014, at 5 pm. To be a Councilmember candidate from any Ward, you must be current on all taxes and City charges owed and a voting member for three consecutive years prior to the election in the

ward in which you are a candidate for Councilmember. The Mayor is elected by registered voters at large, and Councilmembers are elected by registered voters within the ward in which they are candidates. A petition with 50 registered voter signatures and \$50 are required at the time of registering for candidacy. Placement on the ballot is done by a lottery drawing the first day of registration.

For more information, please contact the City Clerk's office at **314.505.8605.** 

### Introducing New Commissions for Youth and Senior Issues

In September, the City Council approved the formation of two City commissions: the Commission on Youth Issues and the Commissions on Senior Issues. The commissions were recommended for approval by the Mayor's Task Force on Seniors and Youth, which worked for almost three years to determine how University City could better serve these important populations.

The Commission on Youth Issues will include voung people, as well as adults, and is designed to strengthen the voice of our youth (ages 14-21). The Commission will advise City Council and City staff on policies, programs, and actions that affect youth and their families, such as quality educational opportunities and community resources for healthier lifestyles. The 18 members will ensure that decisions affecting voung people have been carefully considered, and that they bridge the gap between adults and youths, fostering a greater sense of unity, communication and partnership.

The Commission on Senior Issues will consist of seven members who will evaluate and make recommendations on matters affecting senior residents (50 years and older). These matters include the physical, psychological, recreational, and social needs of the older population to enable them to function with independence and dignity in their homes and in the community.

If you are interested in being considered for appointment to one of these Commissions, fill out a Board and Commission application form, found on the City's website at **www.ucitymo.org.** In addition, the Commission on Youth Issues seeks a social worker to serve as a member; interested licensed social workers, regardless of City residency, are urged to apply. Look for more information on the work of these new commissions in future issues of *ROARS*.

# 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.



### RainScape Rebates Update

Save the date! Round three of the RainScape Rebates Program starts **November 15.** Landowners in University City can apply to get up to \$2,000 to RainScape their yards. Applications are available for download or pickup on the first and third floors at University City's City Hall or at the University City Public Library.

Eight RainScape projects were funded in University City during rounds one and two. University City residents installed rain gardens, rain barrels and French drains to reduce rainwater from running off-site.

Visit **www.ucitymo.org** and click on the RainScape Rebate link for more details.





### **Dog Park Tags**

Dog Park tags for 2014 will be available for purchase beginning **November 1, 2013**. The dog park play area is located at the intersection of Vernon Ave. and Pennsylvania Ave. in the City of University City and operated by the U. City People for Dogs. For the privilege of using the dog park, a member registration and liability form must be completed and dog park tags obtained. Tags and applicable forms for use of the dog play area are available in the Finance Department in City Hall, 1st Floor, 6801 Delmar Blvd., open Monday - Friday, 8 am - 5 pm.

Individuals who wish to access the dog park must also provide a certificate of inoculation against rabies signed by a licensed veterinarian which has been executed within the previous 36-month period if its a three-year type vaccine or during the previous 12-month period if a oneyear type vaccine. University City residents must also show proof of residency (license, state-issued identification, occupancy permit, etc.) in order to qualify for the residential rate. There is a \$5 charge to replace lost dog park tags.

### **New Recycling Carts**

New, larger 95-gallon recycling carts are now available. If you currently have an active trash service account with University City, you can request a larger recycle cart. Contact the Public Works and Parks Department at **314.505.8560** for more information.



The dog park allows up to three dogs per applicant, but University City residents are only allowed to have two pets per household of any kind.

If you have any questions, please contact the Finance Department at **314.505.8544.** 

### **Fall Leaf Collection**

#### Fall leaf collection begins November 4.

University City crews will begin collecting leaves from the front curb of participating residential properties in November. Leaves must be raked to the curb line, not placed in yard-waste bags, by the Sunday before collection begins in your area. Trucks will only make one pass on each street during the collection week, so leaves must

#### 2013 Fall Leaf Collection Schedule



be at the curb before the scheduled collection week begins.

Please note, Kraft paper yard-waste bags are not required if you choose to rake the leaves to the curb line for collection by University City crews during scheduled leaf collection periods. In addition, yard-waste bag stickers are NOT required on the bags from **October 15** to **December 31**.

Please be sure parked vehicles do not block access to the leaf piles. Only leaves will be collected; no gumballs, limbs or other yard debris. These are considered yard waste and will be picked up on your regular recycle collection day if placed in the Kraft paper yard-waste bag.

#### **Pick-Up Schedule:**

East Area:Nov. 4-8 and Dec. 2-6West Area:Nov. 11-15 and Dec. 9-13Central Area:Nov. 18-22 and Dec. 16-20

To confirm your area for leaf collection, contact the Public Works and Parks Department at **314.505.8560**.

## **University City Public Library Events**

The University City Library will be closed **Monday, November 11** for Veterans Day, **Thursday and Friday, November 28 and 29** for Thanksgiving, and **Wednesday, December 25** for Christmas.

#### **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:**

#### November

- <u>Author Event:</u> John and Sylvia Wright read from their book, *Extraordinary Black Missourians: Pioneers, Leaders, Performers, Athletes,* & Other Notables; 7 pm
- 6 Computer Class: Intro to Word 2007; 2:30 pm
- 9 Urban Thought Book Group: Sula by Toni Morrison; 7 pm
- 12 Classic Jewish Folktales with Howard Schwartz; 7 pm
- 13 Computer Class: Getting EBooks from the Library; 2:30 pm
- 16 HPES Health Screening; 9 am
- 19 Readings in History Book Group: Jack Kennedy: Elusive Hero by Chris Matthews; 7 pm
- 20 Computer Class: Intro to Computers; 2:30 pm UCPL Book Group: Collected Fictions by Jorge Luis Borges; 7 pm

#### December

- 4 Computer Class:
- Intro to the Internet; 2:30 pm 10 Classic Jewish Folktales with
- Howard Schwartz; 7 pm **Computer Class:** Web Email Accounts; 2:30 pm
- <u>14</u> Urban Thought Book Group: Sugar by Bernice McFadden;
- 7 pm 17 Readings in History Book Group: Winter King: Henry VII and the Dawn of Tudor England by Thomas Penn; 7 pm

18 Computer Class: Intro to Word 2007; 2:30 pm UCPL Book Group: The Twelve Tribes of Hattie by Ayana Mathis; 7 pm

# Events and Programs for Youth:

#### November

- 6 Treehouse Book Club: Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper. Advance registration required with a \$4 fee. Grades 4, 5 & 6; 7 pm
- 13 Show-Me Reader Book Club: Two books will be read aloud and discussed. Advance registration required with a \$4 fee. Grades 2 & 3; 7 pm
- 14 Teen Spot Gaming: Grades 7+; 7 pm
- 21 Family Movie: Oz, the Great and Powerful; 4 pm

#### December

- 4 **Treehouse Book Club:** *Mockingbird* by Kathryn Erskine. Advance registration required with a \$4 fee. Grades 4, 5 & 6; 7 pm
- 11 Show-Me Reader Book Club: Two books will be read aloud and discussed. Advance registration required with a \$4 fee. Grades 2 & 3; 7 pm
- 12 Teen Spot Gaming: Grades 7+; 7 pm
- 19 Family Movie: Rise of the Guardians; 4 pm
- 26 Teen Spot Gaming: Grades 7+; 7 pm

Preschool storytime with Mrs. W starts up again on **November 12.** Laptime for kids ages 12-17 months takes place on Mondays in two sessions, at 9:45 am and 10:30 am. Storytime sessions for kids 24-36 months old are on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 am, followed by storytime for kids 3-5 years old at 10:30 am. Every Tuesday night, Mrs. W hosts a storytime for kids 3-6 years old at 6:30 pm. Advanced registration is required.

### Holiday Trash and Recycling Schedule

No Trash and Recycling Collection on Monday, November 11, 2013.

**Monday** routes will be collected on Tuesday, 11/12/13

**Tuesday** routes will be collected on Wednesday, 11/13/13

Wednesday routes will be collected on Thursday, 11/14/13

**Thursday** routes will be collected on Friday, 11/15/13

**Friday** routes will be collected on Saturday, 11/16/13

#### No Trash and Recycling Collection on Thursday, November 28, 2013.

**Thursday** routes will be collected on Friday, 11/29/13

**Friday** routes will be collected on Saturday, 11/30/13

If you have any questions, please contact the Public Works and Parks Department at 314.505.8560.



### Public - Private Initiative Renews Historic Building

After a \$1.3-million renovation of the nearly 10,000-square-foot former supermarket built in the early 1930s, Physician's Choice Wellness and ApexNetwork Physical Therapy had their ribbon cutting and open house on **October 17** at 7700 Olive Blvd.

Physician's Choice Wellness is a non-surgical, medically monitored comprehensive weight management program. Medical services are billable to insurance.

ApexNetwork Physical Therapy offers a wide array of services, including sports medicine and industrial rehabilitation, and has one of the area's only aquatic therapy facilities.

Constructed in 1942 by the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company, the building features clean lines, rounded corners and a monumental stepped tower. Over the years, however, the building's function shifted from supermarket to thrift store, and both the interior and exterior condition steadily deteriorated. The City acquired the building approximately four years ago for redevelopment purposes and sought a developer who would retain the building's historical integrity.

Through a public-private partnership, local developers Timothy O'Donnell and Becky Anderson fulfilled the City's vision. The building has been transformed into an impressive, modern facility while retaining the exterior's historic significance.

## City Hall Available for Event Rental

If you are looking for a place to hold your next event, consider University City's City Hall.

Built in 1903, the City Hall not only houses the City Administration, but also a rich history of the City's beginnings. In 1984, the American Planning Association voted the building one of the most beautiful city halls in America, making it perfect for your next special event.

The building has been host to meetings, weddings, receptions, movie screenings and more. Space is available for rent by floor and by hour.

For more information or to check availability, call the Community Development Department at **314.505.8523**.







### New Businesses in University City

#### Austin Warren, INC

Clothing Retail 6370 Delmar Blvd. **314.480.2694** 

#### Irreco

Irrigation Installation 8350 Olive Blvd. Unit A **314.246.0099** 

J Thompson Salon & Spa 7293 Olive Blvd. 1FL 314.642.5255

Kuhlmann Leavitt, INC 7400 Pershing Ave. 314.725.6616

#### Master's Touch Barber Shop 7588 Olive Blvd. 314.721.0025

#### **QPORT**

Retail 8008 Olive Blvd. **314.989.0010** 

#### Sincerely Yours Healthcare

Home Health Services 7105 Olive Blvd. **314.785.3921** 

### **Recreational News**

#### Centennial Commons 8-Visit Class Pass

New at Centennial Commons, the 8-Vist Class Pass makes it easier for you to try out different recreational classes without committing to a full session. There are levels of passes based on class tier and cost. Passes are valid for six months from the date of purchase.

#### Tier 1 – Members \$40, Residents \$45, Non-Residents \$50

- Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program
- Aqua Aerobics and Aqua Zumba
- Golden Lions Low-Impact Strength Class
- Senior Stretchercize
- Slide and Line Dancing
- Sweatin' in the AM
- Water Walking

#### Tier 2 – Members \$55, Residents \$60, Non-Residents \$65

- Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program
- Aqua Aerobics and Aqua Zumba
- Belly Dancing
- Golden Lions Low-Impact Strength Class
- Senior Stretchercize
- Slide and Line Dancing
- Sweatin' in the AM
- Water Walking; Zumba

#### Tier 3 – Members \$70, Residents \$75, Non-Residents \$80

### • Butts & Guts

- Cardio Kickboxing
- Core Fusion
- Evening Yoga
- Total Body Conditioning
- PLUS ALL Tier 2 Classes

For more information, contact Centennial Commons at **314.505.8625.** 

#### SilverSneakers<sup>®</sup>

Centennial Commons is now a SilverSneakers® participating location. The SilverSneakers Fitness program is a health and wellness program designed to help older adults lead healthy, active lifestyles. Senior University City residents can obtain a Centennial Commons SilverSneakers membership at no cost through their health plan. Membership includes access to Centennial Commons, Heman Park Swimming Pool, University City Natatorium, discounts on programs, and resident rates at Ruth Park Golf Course. For more information, contact Centennial Commons at **314.505.8625,** or go to silversneakers.com.

#### Budgeting Workshop November 19

Bring balance to your budget with a workshop designed to help sharpen your spending and savings strategy. Learn more on setting personal and achievable financial goals, balancing saving and spending, strategies for controlling debt, and tips on improving credit scores. For more information, contact Centennial Commons at **314.505.8625**.

University City Job Fair December 21; 11 am - 1 pm

at Centennial Commons Come find out about part-

time, summer and year-round employment opportunities at Centennial Commons and Heman Park Pool. Available positions include summer camp counselors, lifeguards, control desk clerks and more. Attire is business casual. For more information, call **314.505.8625** or Relay Missouri at **1.800.735.2966 (TDD).** 



## University City Fire Department Receives Grant

The University City Fire Department was selected to receive a \$2,500 grant from The Walmart Foundation and Facility #1188. The Walmart Foundation provides funds to community groups to finance various beneficial endeavors. Earlier this year, Captain Gary Wilmoth worked with Captain Branden Janes to apply for grant funds to expand the department's training program. Captains Wilmoth and Janes will work with the Training Officers to find the best resources to benefit the department in utilizing the funds. Thanks to Captain Wilmoth and Captain Janes for their proactive and dedicated service.





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