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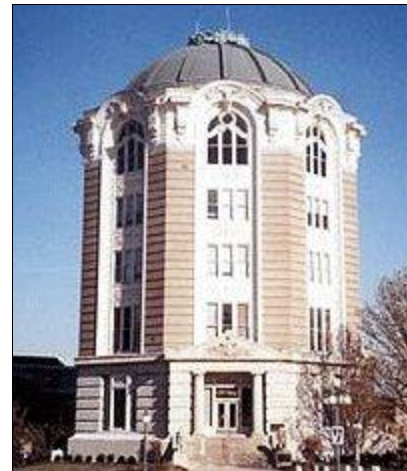
Welcome to another edition of *University City News*.

Have you considered taking some time to make a difference in U City? The City will be joining with St. Louis County on Saturday, October 22, 2011 in **Make a Difference Day**. This is the largest national day of volunteering that has been held on the fourth Saturday in October since 1990. The City is coordinating a city-wide effort, where volunteers help cleanup Olive Boulevard, the River des Peres, alleys, and assist with parks projects.

If you would like to help make a difference, please contact Laura Zacher at (314) 505-8522 by October 19.

Also, the City has hosted a number of events in City parks over the past few months. The events included the U City Jazz Festival, Gateway Bike Race, and Movies in the Park/Food Trucks. Check the City's website, Facebook and Twitter for event announcements.

For comments, suggestions, etc regarding the newsletter, please contact [bdrake@ucitymo.org](mailto:bdrake@ucitymo.org).



### Fire Prevention Week



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## The Mayor's Communiqué

### Work on the FY2013 budget begins

Another year, another budget. This month the City Council and staff will be kicking off a series of meetings related to developing a budget for FY2013. Over the coming months we have scheduled budget study sessions with the Council and public meetings in all three wards to get citizen input on the City budget. The City Manager will present a DRAFT budget on February 27, 2012. We will then hold another series of meetings on the DRAFT budget, with the goal of finalizing the FY2013 no later than June 27, 2011, which is mandated by our City Charter.

If you are on-line please sign up as a U City FRIEND on FACEBOOK so you can receive notices of these upcoming budget meetings. If you are not on-line please be on the lookout for notices about meetings on the lighted bulletin boards around the community and in the local media.

### Firehouse update

I've received a number of calls about the proposed new firehouse for the City that is designed to replace current Fire House #1, the 106-year-old building behind City Hall. I encourage you to speak with your Council representatives (or me) if you have any questions. But, below I have listed a few notes to respond to the questions I have received:

#### TIMELINE:

The grant application for the firehouse was submitted in July of 2009 and received in September of 2009, although the grant was about \$500,000 less than requested. In January of 2010 the previous Council approved the contract with the architectural firm of Archimages to build the firehouse. The contract was in the amount of approximately \$343,000, which included the cost of a project manager.

#### PROJECT MANAGER and MINORITY WORKFORCE:

Per City Manager Lehman Walker the City will hire an independent project manager to oversee this project on behalf of the City. He also has assured members of Council that City rules concerning the hiring of a minority workforce on this City project will be followed.

#### LOCATION IN FLOODPLAIN:

The proposed firehouse would be built in a 500-year floodplain. The Federal Emergency Management Agency has approved this location.

#### CHANGE IN COST OF PROJECT:

The anticipated cost for the project has increased by about \$137,000 from July of 2009 because of the increase in construction costs/materials over the last two years. There has been no added cost to the project because of a new traffic signal which may/may not be added near the proposed firehouse. If a decision is made to proceed with a new light, grant funding will be sought to pay that cost.

A number of members of Council requested that we schedule a public hearing on the firehouse project. That hearing has been scheduled at the regular Council meeting on October 24<sup>th</sup>. A final vote on the project will be taken on November 14, 2011.



## The Mayor's Communiqué Continued...

Again, any questions? Let me know or contact City Manager Lehman Walker at [lwalker@ucitymo.org](mailto:lwalker@ucitymo.org) or 314-505-8606.

### Some more volunteer opportunities in University City!

I am looking for volunteers to work with me on a number of projects that I hope to start work on very soon. And I would like to call for volunteers for another community project I'm working on. If you are interested in helping, please let me know at [mayor@ucitymo.org](mailto:mayor@ucitymo.org) or 314-505-8606.

First, as I mentioned in a previous Communiqué I would like to hear from U City residents who would be interested in working together to come up with a plan for dealing with littering throughout the community. I've started gathering information about what some other communities around the country are doing. Very soon I will be ready to sit down with other interested residents to share ideas and to come up with a plan for how we might move forward to beautify our community.

Second, I am going to put together a group of residents who would like to be part of a U City Film Committee to choose the movies that we can show in a series of outdoor movies next year. If I can raise the funds, we hope to show an outdoor movie a month from April through October.

Third, I am continuing work on my Regional Initiative on Youth. We have a number of subcommittees working now and they are open to having more help. The subcommittees are: Best Practices – to look for best practices for working with youth from around the country (and the world?); Youth Outreach – to work on ways to ensure the voices of younger residents of the St. Louis region are heard as we move forward; and Resource Mapping – to come up with a direction of programs, services, recreational opportunities and anything else that might be of interest to young people and the adults in their lives.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these opportunities – contact me at [mayor@ucitymo.org](mailto:mayor@ucitymo.org) or 314-505-8606.

And finally, the Fair U City 2012 volunteers are already hard at work planning next year's Fair, and parade and other special events connected with the Fair. Their first event will be a fund raiser on December 4<sup>th</sup>. They are looking for volunteers to help in planning for that event, and the whole Fair program. The Fair website is being updated but check it out in a week or so at [www.fairucity.com](http://www.fairucity.com) and let them know you are interested. Or call me at 314-505-8606.

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## Fire Prevention Week: October 9-15, 2011

The Battalion Chief, Captains and Firefighter/Paramedics of University City visit about 11 schools, reaching about 2300 students during Fire Prevention Week. The department educates students in grades K thru 5 on fire safety, calling 911, home escape plans, the importance of having working smoke detectors, proper use of extension cords, and general home safety.

## Need a New or Replacement Smoke Detector?

The University City Fire Department places or replaces over 500 smoke alarms for University City residents each year. If you need assistance installing the smoke alarm or have questions of where to place it in your home, the fire personnel are here to help. Call 505-8768 to make an appointment to have a smoke alarm dropped off at your home, installed in your home or to stop by the Engine House to pick one up.

## Silver&Fit® for Seniors

A great NEW DEAL for seniors – Centennial Commons is now a Silver&Fit® participating fitness facility! Silver&Fit is a fitness program designed specifically to help seniors achieve better health through regular exercise and health education. Silver&Fit is a product of Healthyroads, Inc. and American Specialty Health Networks, Inc. If your health plan offers Silver&Fit and you would like more information about Centennial Commons, please visit Centennial Commons at 7210 Olive, or call 314-505-8625. You may also visit Silver&Fit at [Silver&Fit.com](http://Silver&Fit.com). Silver&Fit is a federally registered trademark of American Specialty Health Incorporated.

## Centennial Commons Youth Basketball Leagues

Play with your classmates and learn the fundamentals of team basketball while having lots of fun! These eight week recreational/instructional leagues are grade school based. This league will pair and have 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> graders, 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> graders, 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders and 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders “playing together”. Each team will practice once a week with games scheduled for Saturdays. Individual registrants will be placed on teams and all participants will receive a t-shirt. All participants must wear sneakers. For dates and registration information, contact Centennial Commons, 314-505-8625.

## New Recreation Membership Options

New Membership Options – Centennial Commons now offers a variety of membership options. Three month, six month and two year membership options join our 1 year membership to provide “fitness and fit” to everyone. Remember – Centennial Commons memberships include access to Centennial Commons, Heman Park Swimming Pool, University City Natatorium, discounted rates for fitness and leisure programs and resident rates at Ruth Park Golf Course. For additional information, contact Centennial Commons, 314-505-8625.



## Recreation Opportunities for People of All Abilities

Interested in participating in programs and activities provided by University City Parks and Recreation Department? Inclusive opportunities are available for all **University City** residents! Our Regional Coordinator of Inclusive Recreation, **Mary Furfaro** facilitates the inclusion of people with disabilities in our recreation programs and provides assistance with city services. Work directly with a professional to insure your needs is met!

### Activities include:

Day Camp  
Dance Class  
Swim Lessons  
Zumba  
Sports Leagues  
Pilates

### Benefits of Participating:

Increase socialization  
Build a sense of community  
Gain friendships  
Increase motor function and circulation.  
Increase brain stimulation

For more information or to coordinate support, contact Mary by phone: 314-505-8697, email: [mfurfaro@ucitymo.org](mailto:mfurfaro@ucitymo.org) or through Relay Missouri, 800-735-2966 (TDD).

Volunteers are needed to assist people with disabilities – ask Mary for details.

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## Sutter-Meyer Open House

The Sutter-Meyer Farmhouse will host its first free open house on Sunday, October 16, 2011, from 2pm to 5pm. The house is located at 6826 Chamberlain Court (1 block north of 6800 Olive) off of Ferguson. Board members will greet the public and conduct tours of the first exhibit, "On The Farm: A Glimpse of St. Louis's Rural Past." The event is free and open to the public. The Sutter-Meyer farmhouse is owned by the City of University City.

## Reminder: Make a Difference Day

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## Upcoming Events at the University City Public Library

**Monday, Oct 17, 7pm**

### Author Event

Join us for this Friends of the Library-sponsored event! Local author and scholar Gerald Early will discuss his new book, *A Level Playing Field: African American Athletes and the Republic of Sports* on Monday, October 17 at 7:00. Copies of the book will be available for purchase after the event.

**Tuesday, Oct 18, 7pm**

### Quilts without Borders

Lecture by Jacque Davis - "Quilts without Borders: Adventures in the art of cloth" in conjunction with the month long show "Quintessential Quilt 2011".

**Monday, October 24, 7pm**

### Monday Matters Book Group

The Monday Matters Book Group continues with this discussion of *The Great Influenza*, about the Influenza Epidemic of 1918. We'll also have copies of next month's book, *The Heart Specialist* by Claire Holden Rothman. Everyone is welcome!

**Wednesday, Oct 26, 7pm**

### U City Book Group

Join us for a discussion of Ralph Ellison's classic, *Invisible Man*. We'll also have copies of next month's book, *Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter* available to check out. **Friday, Oct 28, 12pm**

### Storytime for Grownups

When's the last time someone read you a story? Join us for this fun lunchtime event, where local actress Eleanor Mullin will read a selection of scary Halloween tales. Bring your lunch, and we'll provide drinks and dessert.

**Tuesday, Nov 15, 7pm**

### Scholar-led Book Discussion

Join us for this discussion of Michael Chabon's *The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay*, led by Washington University's Peter Coogan. This discussion will be held in conjunction with the performance of the live-action graphic novel, *Intergalactic Nemesis*, at Washington University. Bring a lunch to this event, and we'll provide drinks and dessert.

**Wednesday, Nov 16, 8am**

### U City Book Group

Join us for a discussion of *Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter*, by Tom Franklin. We'll also have copies of next month's book, *The Warmth of Other Suns* available to check out. Everyone is welcome!



## Upcoming Events at the University City Public Library

**Friday, Nov 18, 12pm**

### Storytime for Grownups

When's the last time someone read you a story? Join us for this fun lunchtime event, where local entertainer Brother Dre will share his humorous stories. Bring your lunch, and we'll provide drinks and dessert.

**Monday, Nov 21, 7pm**

### Monday Matters Book Group

Join us for this discussion of *The Heart Specialist*, by Claire Holden Rothman. We'll also have copies of next month's selection, *The Tiger's Wife* by Tea Obreht. Everyone is welcome!

**Monday, Dec 19, 7pm**

### Monday Matters Book Group

Join us for this discussion of Tea Obreht's novel, *The Tiger's Wife*. Obreht was voted one of the *New York Times*'s "20 Best American Writers Under 40." Come enjoy the conversation! Everyone is welcome.

**Wednesday, Dec 21, 7pm**

### U City Book Group

Join us for a discussion of the first half of *The Warmth of Other Suns* by Isabel Wilkerson. We'll cover part two in January. Everyone is welcome!

**Friday, Dec 29, 12pm**

### Storytime for Grownups

When's the last time someone read you a story? Join us for this fun lunchtime event, where local entertainer Bobbi Williams will share her "Storytime for the Young at Heart." Bring your lunch, and we'll provide drinks and dessert.

## 2011 Fall Leaf Collection

Leaf Collection will begin on October 31, 2011. Please do not mix other yard waste (gumballs, trash, small tree branches/limbs, brush and grass clippings) in with leaves. Yard waste bags are not required for leaves if you choose to rake the leaves to the curb line for collection by University City during scheduled leaf collection periods. Yard waste bags do not need stickers from October 15th to December 31st.

East Area - Week of October 31 and November 28

West Area - Week of November 7 and December 5

Central Area - Week of November 14 and December 12

**To verify your pickup week, call Public Works at: 314-505-8560.**



## Free Electronics in University City

U. City will host a free Electronics Recycling (e-cycling) event on Saturday, November 5, 2011. The event will be held from 10 am to 2 pm in the parking lot behind the Heman Park Community Center at 975 Pennsylvania Avenue. The event will take place rain, shine, sleet or snow. Visit [www.ucitymo.org](http://www.ucitymo.org) for details.

Bring the following acceptable electronics and appliances:

**Yes, bring:** all electronics, including TV's, monitors, ovens, washers/dryers, dishwashers, AC adapters, answering machines, blenders/mixers, bread makers, cable/wire, camcorders, cameras, car batteries, carpet vacuums/cleaners, cassette players, 2-way radios, CD-Roms, CD players, Cell phones, coffee makers, computers, notebooks/laptops, copiers, printer, scanners, DVD players and DVD's, DVRs, electronic games/toys, fans, fax machines, floppy drives, hard drives (drive data can be destroyed by the vendor), hair dryers, IPODs, keyboards, microwaves, pagers, paper shredders, plotters, power tools, projectors, routers, satellite dishes, servers, speakers, sewing machines, stereos, telephones, toaster ovens, and toasters.

**No, do not bring:** smoke detectors, alkaline batteries, hazardous waste, chemicals or liquids, broken glass, light bulbs, florescent tubes, or air conditioners, de-humidifiers, refrigerators, freezers and electronics containing Freon or mercury.

Bring your electronics (acceptable items only) to the collection site at 975 Pennsylvania from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Place the materials in your vehicle for removal by volunteers at the site on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. Materials must not be left at the site unattended. For more information or to volunteer at the event, call the Public Works Department at 314-505-8560.

## Food Trucks in University City

If you attended the "Movies in the Park" events in August and October, you would have smelled and hopefully tasted the offerings of some of St. Louis's best food trucks. Five different food trucks participated in the events: Street Life Food, Speedway Eatery, The Sweet Divine, Sarah's Cake Stop, and Shell's Coastal Cuisine.

For the past year, food trucks have been springing up in the St. Louis area. Most of these trucks service St. Louis City. These trucks are not your construction site food wagons. These vehicles cook food made to order in mobile kitchens, inspected by the County Health department.

If you missed the food trucks at these events, be on the lookout for them to pop up at other City events in 2012. University City would like to be the leader in Food Truck accommodations. The City also wants to allow for a variety of dining and social options for all. If you have questions about the food trucks or want to request a specific truck to participate at a City event, please send an email to: [bdrake@ucitymo.org](mailto:bdrake@ucitymo.org).





## How Does Washington University Benefit University City?

For years, Washington University has maintained a strong presence in University City and the St. Louis area in general. The University was founded in 1853 and has increased its student enrollment and size over the years. Washington University has approximately 11,834 full time students and 2,100 students enrolled at various locations. Not all of the 11,000 plus students live off campus in University City. Some University City residents have wondered if “Wash U” is a plus or a minus for University City.

Washington University in St. Louis is a tax-exempt (educational) institution and does not make payments in lieu of taxes. However it cannot go unnoticed that a University does provide a contribution to the community in which it resides and other nearby communities.

According to the University, approximately 7% of the University’s employees and 22% of University faculty live in University City. With this, Washington University is a contributor to the local economy, creates high paying jobs in the community, and sponsors numerous research and volunteer opportunities.

Washington University has also assisted the City with a number of initiatives including:

**Bus Service in Parkview Gardens**– Worked with Metro to operate a public bus service to service the residential streets in Parkview Gardens.

**Field Internships**– The George Warren Brown School of Social Work places social work interns at various sites within University City.

**Support for the University City Police Department**- \$90,000 per year for patrols in areas where the University owns property.

**Loop Security Initiative**-\$40,000 for additional overtime

**Land Donation for the new University City Fire Station**

**Partnership with Parkview Gardens**– Washington University has provided in kind contributions and \$50,000 in cash contributions.

**Centennial Greenway**– Provided land easements for the Greenway and metered parking.

**University City Library Partnership**– Ongoing book discussion series.

**University City Sculpture Series**– 25 year partnership has brought about landmarks such as the Rain Man Stature at Kingsland and Delmar.

**Various Partnerships with University City Public Schools**

Washington University owns several properties in University City. Washington University does not pay property taxes on property that it owns for academic uses. Academic use also includes dormitories and off campus housing for students. Washington University owns the strip center at Big Bend Boulevard and Forest Park Parkway. That property is a commercial property on which property taxes are paid.

Washington University has said that it is committed to University City and the St. Louis Metropolitan area.

# FREE COMMUNITY ELECTRONICS RECYCLING



**Saturday, Nov 5th  
10:00am - 2:00pm**

**located at:  
Heman Park  
Community Center  
975 Pennsylvania  
University City, MO 63130**

## OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

**Yes, bring:** Televisions, computers, consumer electronics, home office equipment, and large appliances at no charge

**No, do not bring:** Items containing mercury or freon (i.e. refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners), broken glass, biohazards, hazardous waste, liquids of any type; fluorescent bulbs or smoke detectors



For more information visit:

[www.ucitymo.org](http://www.ucitymo.org)

or

Contact Public Works

314-505-8560



# SUTTER-MEYER FARMHOUSE FALL FESTIVAL

SUTTER-MEYER FARMHOUSE

[WWW.SUTTERMEYER.ORG](http://WWW.SUTTERMEYER.ORG)



## SUTTER-MEYER FARMHOUSE

6826 Chamberlain Court  
University City, MO 63130

**Parking is available on  
Chamberlain Court and  
surrounding streets.**

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

STEFANY BROT  
727-1842

MARY PAT GALLAGHER  
727-7636

*“Enriching our present by sharing the stories of our past.”*

**FREE FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!**

Refreshments available for purchase.

**Sunday, November 6th ~ 2:00-4:00 p.m.**

### ACTIVITIES

- \* Sutter-Meyer Farmhouse tours
- \* Knitting and quilting demonstrations
- \* Sack and three-legged races
- \* Art activities
- \* Storytelling and much more...

**Hope to see you at the festival!**

