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Welcome to the December edition of *University City News*.

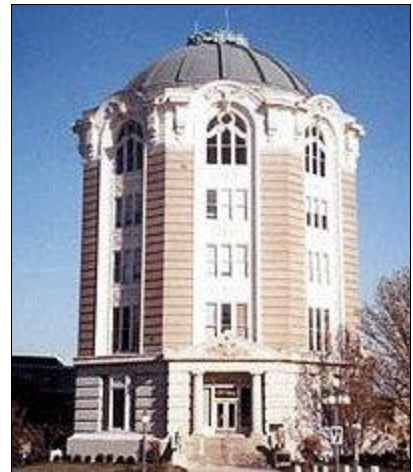
The 2012 University City Calendar was mailed to residents during the week of November 27th. Calendars are due to be delivered by the US Postal Service no later than December 16, 2011. Additional copies of the calendar can be purchased for \$2 at City Hall and Centennial Commons.

If you do not receive a calendar by December 16th, please call Susan at 314-505-8531. For any other concerns regarding the calendar, please contact Brandon Drake at: bdrake@ucitymo.org.

A pdf version of the 2012 calendar will be available on the City's website. A link to the calendar is avail-

able on the City's homepage located at www.ucitymo.org.

For comments, suggestions, etc regarding the newsletter, please contact bdrake@ucitymo.org.



FY 2013 City Budget

The City will periodically post documents pertaining to the budget process on the City's website for public access. Several public meetings on next year's budget will be held in which citizen attendance as well as citizen input is greatly encouraged. A Draft Budget will be presented to the City Council on February 27, 2012.

The next budget hearing will be held on January 25, 2012 (6pm) at the University City School District McNair Adm. Building-8136 Groby Rd.

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The Mayor's Communiqué

As 2011 winds down my thoughts are turning to 2012. It looks to be another busy year. There are many ways you can get more involved in the life of this community and I hope you will take advantage of some of these opportunities.

As you know, this year City Manager Lehman Walker presented, and the Council approved, a balanced budget for the City of University City, the first balanced budget in four years. I expect he will present another for our next fiscal year. The draft budget for FY2013 will be presented at the City Council meeting on February 27, 2012. The final budget will be voted on no later than June 25, 2012.

As we did for this year's budget, we are holding a series of public meetings to get resident input on the budgets. We started these meetings earlier this year, and they will continue in 2012. Mark your calendars now for the following dates for public meetings and the formal public hearing in connection with the FY2013 budget:

January 25, 2012 • 6:00 p.m. • McNair Administration Building • 8136 Groby

March 19, 2012 • 6:00 p.m. • McNair Administration Building • 8136 Groby

April 16, 2012 • 6:00 p.m. • Mt. Gideon M.B. Church • 6505 Etzel

May 14, 2012 • 6:30 p.m. • City Council Meeting • 6801 Delmar

Fair U City 2012 will be held again on Memorial Day weekend in Heman Park. This year the Fair will start on Saturday evening and continue through Memorial Day. We hope that the Fair will be even more successful than this inaugural year when we had an estimated 8,000-10,000 visitors.

We need volunteers to help in all areas:

Entertainment

Operations

Administration

Fund Raising

Public Relations/Marketing

If you are interested, please let me know at info@fairucity.com. Or you can call me at 314-505-8606. I will put you in touch with your fellow volunteers.

This is a great way to get to know your neighbors. It's hard work, but fun. And we have a great crew of committee leaders – some younger and some newer residents of University City. It's an exciting project to work on.



The Mayor's Communiqué Continued...

I am looking for a few more volunteers to work on the Movies in the Parks committee. We have seven movies scheduled in our beautiful parks in 2012. I have committed to trying to raise the funds to cover the cost of the series. And I would like a volunteer committee to choose the movies.

If you are interested in being involved, let me know at mayor@ucitymo.org or 314-505-8606.

And if you would like to support this community-building movie series, please send your donations to:

City of University City
Attn: Movies in the Parks/Mayor's Office
6801 Delmar Boulevard
University City, MO 63130

Let me know if you have any questions at mayor@ucitymo.org or 314-505-8605.

I am continuing to work on my Regional Initiative on Youth. I am trying to bring together people from throughout the St. Louis region to talk about how we, as a region, can work together to better provide for our young people. Right now, I am trying to set up an Interim Executive Committee, of professionals in various field from throughout the region, to work we me as we move toward a regional approach to this issue.

If you would like to be added to my mailing list for this effort, let me know at mayor@ucitymo.org. Things are quiet now, as I work on the Interim Executive Committee organizing, but I expect things to pick up by late winter.

Finally, as 2011 winds down, I would like to thank all the employees of the City of University City who have worked well and hard during some tough times as we put our City back on a better financial footing. Having gone through similar adjustments when I worked in the broadcast news business, specifically during my time with ABC Network News, I know how unsettling times of budgetary challenges can be to employees. I appreciate their patience and understanding as City Manager Lehman Walker and our City Council make some tough decisions.

And I thank the members of the City Council of University for giving of their time and energy for the people of our community.

Happy New Year.

Mayor Shelley Welsch



Fire Department News

New Fire Station

At the November 14, 2011 City Council meeting, additional funds needed to complete the new Fire Station were approved. The new Fire Station will be built at the corner of Westgate and Vernon Avenues. The City received a \$2.6 million grant from the United States Department of Homeland Security/FEMA. Construction on the new Fire Station will begin in 2012.



Proposed Building perspective
Archimass
University City Fire Department

New Fire Truck

Our new Pierce Fire Truck went into production October 14, 2011 and was delivered on December 1, 2011.



Dream Factory

On Saturday, December 3, 2011 Battalion Chief David Crismon and Private Steve Brockman gave a helping hand to the Dream Factory Program. The Dream Factory program teams with Dillard's in South County Mall to give severely ill children the opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts for their family. The St. Louis County Fire Academy asked for volunteers to help assist a child with his/her shopping.



America's Heartland Remembers

On Monday, November 21, 2011 the University City Fire Department was invited to join the America's Heartland Remembers group for a news conference. The conference was held at the St. Louis Forest Park Art Museum at 3:00pm. From the sales of the flag display and other fund raisers, America's Heartland Remembers group was able to give the Missouri Injured Marine Fund a check for \$100,000. The group also donated 1,000 flags to "The Flag Man", Larry Eckhardt. Larry gives his time to honor fallen heroes with roadside flag displays at their funerals throughout the Midwest.





Recreation Opportunities for People of All Abilities

Interested in participating in programs and activities provided by the Department of Community Development – Recreation Division? 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 are 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 or through Relay Missouri, 800-735-2966 (TDD).

Scholarship Program Available for U City Residents

Everyone should have the opportunity to improve their quality of life through recreation facilities and programs. To help meet this goal, the Department of Community Development – Recreation Division offers a recreation scholarship to income qualified University City residents. Funding is limited.

The scholarship award amount will be based on all household income sources, including related and unrelated people residing in a household. Individual and family scholarships are available. Scholarships are provided at a sliding scale, dependent on income, at a discounted rate of 25%, 50%, or 75% of the program's adopted fee.

Scholarships are available for the following:

- Youth before and after school programs, and city operated full day recreation programs (i.e. Summer Youth Recreation Program, etc.).
- Fitness and/or Leisure education classes. Lessons and senior social activities will be limited to two (2) per person per fiscal quarter (July 1-Sept 30, Oct 1-Dec 31, Jan 1-Mar 31, Apr 1-June 30).
- Centennial Commons memberships and Heman Pool/Natatorium Swim Passes.
- University City Sports Association or University City Soccer Club youth sports player fees.

Applications are accepted year round. For more information, please contact Leslie Eutz, 314-505-8617.



Upcoming Events at the University City Public Library

Tuesday, Dec 27, 10am Red Cross Blood Drive

Give the gift of life this holiday season by donating blood to the American Red Cross. Volunteers will be at the Library from 10am to 2pm today to take donations. To make an appointment, visit RedCrossBlood.org, and use the sponsor code "Ucitylibrary."

Thursday, Dec 29, 11am Ebook Device Days

Confused about your new ebook reader? Join us for an interactive training session, where we'll show you how to configure your computer, and borrow free ebooks from the library. Bring your ereader, and a laptop if you have one!

Friday, Dec 30, 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. We hope to see you there!

Thursday, Jan 5, 2:30pm Ebook Device Days

Join us for an interactive training session, where we'll show you how to configure your computer, and borrow free ebooks from the library. Bring your ereader, and a laptop if you have one!

Thursday, Jan 5, 7pm Urban Thought Book Group

Join us for a discussion of Richard Wright's "The Outsider." We will also have copies of next month's selection, Ralph Ellison's "Invisible Man." Everyone is welcome!

Toastmasters International Youth Leadership Programs:

Saturdays, January 7 – February 18 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

This interactive 7-week course in the arts of communication and leadership for **7th-12th graders** will be taught by Toastmasters International, a public speaking organization. Refreshments served. **Advance registration is required; registration fee for manual and materials is \$5.00.**

Tuesday, Jan 17, 7pm Readings in History Book Group

Help us kick off our newest book group! Join us for a discussion of Adrienne Mayor's "The Poison King: The Life and Legend of Mithradates, Rome's Deadliest Enemy." We'll also have copies available of the next month's selection, Stacy Schiff's "Cleopatra: A Life."

Wednesday, Jan 18, 7pm Author Event: Meet Scott Phillips

The Friends of the University City Public Library present an evening with Scott Phillips. Phillips' first novel, "The Ice Harvest", was shortlisted for the Edgar and Anthony Awards and the Hammett Prize, and selected as a New York Times Notable Book of the Year. Phillips will read from his newest work, "The Adjustment", and sign copies after his discussion. Copies of the book will be available to purchase from Subterranean Books.



Upcoming Events at the University City Public Library

“MY FIRST BOOK CLUB”: For our youngest readers, an initiation into the joy of a book club experience. Books will be chosen from this year’s “**Show Me Reader**” nominees. Each meeting will include picture books, activities, and refreshments.

Advance registration is required; registration fee is \$2.00.

3rd Wednesday of the month--6:30 p.m. January 18, February 15, March 14 (pizza party with Show Me 3rd grade club).

Thursday, Jan 19, 7pm Author Event: Meet Amanda Doyle

Join us for this meet and greet with Amanda Doyle, author of “Finally, A Locally Produced Guidebook to St. Louis.” Learn about all of St. Louis’ sights and hangouts from a local’s perspective! Books will be available for purchase and signing from Subterranean Books.

Wednesday, Jan 25, 7pm U City Book Group

Join us for this discussion of the second half of “The Warmth of Other Suns.” We’ll also be selecting books for this year’s meetings, so bring your suggestions! Everyone is welcome.

Friday, Jan 27, 12pm Storytime for Grown-Ups

When’s the last time someone read you a story? Join us for this fun lunchtime event, where Jansen Reynolds will read a selection of African folk tales. Bring your lunch, and we’ll provide drinks and dessert!

Thursday, Feb 2, 7pm Urban Thought Book Group

Join us for a discussion of Ralph Ellison’s “Invisible Man.” We’ll also have copies of next month’s selection available. Everyone is welcome!

Friday, Feb 3, 12pm Adopt a Pet with the APA!

Have you been thinking about adding a dog or cat to your family? Learn about how pet adoption works, how to choose the right pet, the costs and responsibilities, and why “adopting” a pet is the kind choice. Presented by the APA of Missouri.

University City Municipal Election— April 3, 2012

Candidate registration for the Municipal Election on April 3, 2012, opened on December 13, 2011 and will close on January 17, 2012. In the April 3rd Municipal Election, there will be an election for one seat in each of the three wards.

The opening day for registrants seeking Councilmember seats had a lottery draw to determine placement on the ballot, with the lowest number drawn being the first name to be placed on the ballot for each ward. Any candidates filing after the first day will be placed below all candidates on the ballot that had previously filed. The complete list of candidates running can be obtained from the City Clerk’s office after the filing closing date on January 17, 2012. The City Clerk can be contacted at 314-505-8605.



Holiday Trash Collection

Christmas Holiday, 12/26/11 - Although City Hall is closed on Monday, December 26, 2011, the Monday trash and recycling route will be collected as regularly scheduled on Monday, December 26, 2011, and for the remainder of the week.

New Year's Day Holiday, 1/2/12 - City Hall is closed on Monday, January 12, 2012 and trash and recycling for the Monday route will not be collected. The Monday trash/recycling collection will take place on Tuesday, and collection will take place on a staggered schedule for the remainder of the week.

Dr. Martin Luther King Day Holiday, 1/16/12 - City Hall is closed on Monday, January 16, 2012 and trash and recycling for the Monday route will not be collected. The Monday trash/recycling collection will take place on Tuesday, and collection will take place on a staggered schedule for the remainder of the week.

Holiday Tree Collection, week of January 2 and 9, 2012 - Trees will be collected citywide during the first 2 weeks of January. The week of January 2 and January 9th. Any remaining trees, will be collected during the same day as the trash and recycling collection day.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan

A presentation on the **University City Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan is scheduled for Monday, January 23, 2012, at 5:30 pm during a special Council Study Session.**

In January 2011, University City and Trailnet began their partnership to create a bicycle and pedestrian master plan to improve conditions for walking and cycling throughout the community.

With a bicycle and pedestrian master plan in hand, University City can better coordinate improvements for non-motorized transportation with future growth, development, and infrastructure projects for years to come. Two public meetings were held in May and September on the Master Plan project. In addition, focus groups and surveys were conducted prior to the public meetings to gather input from residents on biking and walking issues citywide.

The Mayor's Task Force on University City's Bike and Walkability and City project consultants introduced the plan to the Plan Commission in August and provided a second update on the Master Plan to the Commission on October 26, 2011. For more information on this project, visit the project website at <http://www.ucitymo.org/index.aspx?nid=554>

The draft of the master plan will be finalized by mid-January.

THE LOOP

**FRIDAY
SNOWBALL***

**SATURDAY
ICE SLIDES**

PUTT PUTT PUB CRAWL

**\$1000 IN ICE CUBES GIVEAWAY
+9000 CHOCOLATE COINS IN ICE CUBES**

5-K + 10-K FROZEN BUNS RUNS

ICE SCULPTURES * GAME BOOTHS

TEMPORARY TATTOO SCAVENGER HUNT

ICE CARVING DEMONSTRATIONS BY ICE VISIONS

MUSIC ICLOO WITH DJ'S AND VIDEO MIXING

PRICE SPECIALS AT DOZENS OF UNIQUE STORES

"PENGUINS," STILT WALKERS, JUGGLERS

SYNCHRONIZED HOOP PERFORMANCES

ICE PENGUIN AND POLAR BEAR FOR PHOTOS

CANVAS COOLER ART EVENT

S'MORES ROAST * ICE BREAKER

17 NEW UNIQUE EVENTS

COSMONAUTS ON ICE

HUMAN DOG SLED RACES

HOT CHOCOLATE

ICE CARNIVAL

JANUARY 13-14, 2012

* \$30 INCLUDES 2 DRINKS, FULL DINNER BUFFET AND MUSIC - ICY WHITE ATTIRE - CROWNING OF ICE KING AND QUEEN



KIKU OBATA



JANUARY 13, 2012

B Snow Ball at the Moonrise Hotel

\$30 includes 2 drinks, full dinner buffet and music - icy white attire - crowning of ice king and queen or get the \$199/couple "VIP Take The Elevator Home package".
For more information: www.MoonriseHotel.com

JANUARY 14, 2012

A Information Igloo

Get directions and fliers here.

K 5-K + 10-K Frozen Buns Runs – 10 am

Registration information at frozenbunsrun.blogspot.com

S \$1000 in Ice Cubes Give Away

Collect ice cubes from 9 stores throughout The Loop. 1,000 different cubes will have a dollar coin inside and 9,000+ cubes will have chocolate coins.

T Temporary Tattoo Scavenger Hunt – from 11 am

Collect 12 free tattoos at stores, then pick up your prize at The Pageant.

P Putt Putt Pub Crawl – From Noon - 5 pm

15 wild & crazy holes of golf. Golf attire optional. Get scorecards & start at Cicero's or The Pageant. Prizes/party 6 pm at Cicero's.

I Ice Sculptures – From 11 am

G Game Booths – From 11 am - 5 pm

1 Cosmonauts On Ice – 1 - 4 pm

Two Moonrise Hotel Rooftop stations sampling vodkas & cocktails. Ice shot glasses, hor d'oeuvres, & hot chocolate.

2 Human Dog Sled Races

Sixteen teams competing for prizes and bragging rights.

3 Ice Breaker – From noon

Test your strength – two swings with sledge hammer at ice block.

4 Ice Carving Demonstrations by Ice Visions

Noon – 4 pm at Fitz's parking lot.

5 Ice Slides – From 11 am

Great family fun next to Blueberry Hill

6 Canvas Cooler Art Event – 7 pm - midnight

7 pm reception - Fire performers
8 pm - midnight - 8-10 local artists create custom-made coolers - People's Choice Award for best design.

7 Ice Penguin and Polar Bear – From 11 am

Pose as Bear or Penguin. Bring your camera!

8 Music Igloo – From 7 pm - midnight

DJ's and video mixing.

9 Video Game Lounge – 11 am - 5 pm

Video games, live music, top score at end of day wins video game they played!

"Penguins" walking throughout The Loop + Stiltwalkers & Jugglers, Synchronized Hoop Performers (Noon-4 pm), Fire Performers, bands at 10 clubs in the evening. Price specials at dozens of unique stores. Great restaurants. Gallery exhibits & more! Stay at the Moonrise Hotel.

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