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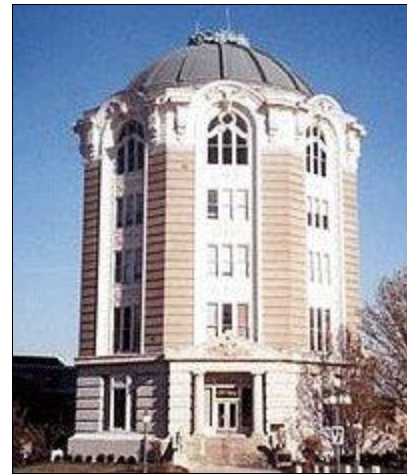
Welcome to another edition of *University City News*. Included in this edition is an overview of the City's Youth Employment (YEP). The City program will provide jobs to 10 University City youth. The youth (participants) will work in various City departments from June through August.

Many of the jobs that youth would be hired for during the summer are filled with those that were laid off from full time employment. University City is taking a unique step in offering youth the opportunity to have meaningful employment, while also gaining public sector work experience.

The City website has recently been revised. The homepage has been revised to include more news items, links to information, and a

calendar of events viewable from the homepage. Site navigation has also been updated to allow for easier access to popular information such as City Departments and information About the City.

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



Boards/Commissions/Task Forces

The City is seeking volunteers to serve on the:

- **Police & Firefighter and Non-Uniformed Retirement Plan Board of Trustees (Pension Board)**
- **Sweatshop Free Procurement Task Force**

For an application and more information on the various boards, commissions, and task forces in the City, please visit the City's webpage and then navigate to:

Government > Boards and Commissions

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City Website: ucitymo.org



The Mayor's Communiqué

The final “official” public hearing on the DRAFT budget for Fiscal Year 2012 will be held at the City Council meeting on Monday, May 23, 2011. This is the sixth public meeting that has been held to get input from University City residents about the proposed budget. The City Council must approve a final budget for the next fiscal year no later than June 27, 2011.

City Manager Lehman Walker has presented the City Council with a draft budget that is balanced, without using any of the City's reserve funds.

On May 9, 2011 the City of University City became the first municipality in St. Louis County to pass a Domestic Partnership Ordinance. This ordinance establishes a Domestic Partnership Registry that will provide those in the partnership the same rights as spouses at all City facilities and in City operations.

To register a domestic partnership, both individuals must share a common residence; affirm that they share responsibility for each other's common welfare; not be married to a third party; not be part of an existing Domestic Partnership with any third party; and be eighteen (18) years of age or older.

Registration of domestic partnerships in University City will begin officially on June 1, 2011. The City Clerk is in the process of creating the necessary forms, and setting up the procedures needed to implement the registry.

For a copy of Bill 9114 which establishes the Domestic Partnership Registry you can contact City Clerk Joyce Pumm at 314-505-8605 or via jpumm@ucitymo.org.

On May 18, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. at Centennial Commons the Mayor's Task Force on University City's Bike & Walkability will present the DRAFT bike/walk master plan for the City, being done in conjunction with Trailnet. For additional information on the master plan workshop, please refer to page 10 of this newsletter.

The new Mayor's Task Force on Year-Round Aquatics met for the first time on May 5th. This task force has been asked to “begin a community-wide discussion on how to provide for year-round swimming availability in University City on a long-term basis, for the health and recreation benefits of our residents.” The task force meets on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Centennial Commons in the Century Room. The next meeting will be held on June 9th.

And the Mayor's Task Force on Seniors & Youth continues its work. Be on the lookout for “needs” surveys for both seniors and youth that will be distributed throughout the community in the not-too-distant future. Surveys will be available on the City's website, too. These surveys are designed to gather feedback from residents on what programs, services and opportunities are needed and wanted by members of both age groups. The next meeting of this group is also on June 9th, at 6:30 pm on the fourth floor of City Hall.

Speaking of youth, I am interested in beginning a “community conversation” on how we might work with others throughout the St. Louis region to provide more recreational opportunities for youth throughout the St. Louis community. If you would like to work with me to get this conversation going, let me know at mayor@ucitymo.org or 314-505-8606.

On Saturday, May 7th I was proud to be one of the graduates of the Citizen's Police Academy here in University City. The Citizens' Police Academy was organized by Captain Carol Jackson, and is designed to “foster better communication between citizens and police through education.



The Mayor's Communiqué Continued...

The Academy will create a nucleus of well-informed citizens who possess greater insight into police practices and services. It is hoped that graduates of the Academy will share this new knowledge with other members of the community as the opportunity arises." Everyone benefits from enhancing citizen understanding of the role and function of their police department.

If you would be interested in being a member of a future Academy class, please let Captain Jackson know by calling 314-505-8654 or cjackson@ucitymo.org.

Fair UCity is fast approaching. Mark your calendars now for May 29th and May 30th in Heman Park. Community volunteers who call themselves Celebrate U City! are organizing the fair as a way to bring our community together. But they hope to attract people from throughout the region.

Check out the Fair UCity website at <http://www.ucitymo.com/fair> for details about the fair – including the twelve carnival rides; the food vendors, carnival booths and community vendors. There will be entertainment throughout each day of the fair.

Celebrate U City! is sponsoring the beer garden. Proceeds from the beer garden will be used as seed money for next year's fair. And, depending on the amount raised this year and in the future, organizers may use some of the proceeds to set up a University City Foundation to support local community projects.

If you have a child from pre-school to high school age, encourage them to take part in the Children's Art Fair. For contest details check out the Kid's Art Contest page on the website at <https://sites.google.com/site/fairucity2011/home/kid-s-art-contest>.

Want to volunteer? It will be fun and you will get a free T-shirt. Contact the fair office at 314-505-8696 or carnival@ucitymo.org.

The Fair UCity motto is: Bringing people together for a good time in a great community. Don't miss this special event.

Rand McNally has a competition for the best places to visit in the country. University City has been listed as one of the competitors. Take a moment to cast your vote for our great town so we might win a mention in a Rand McNally publication and attract people to the streets of University City. Check out the link at <http://www.bestoftheroad.com/town.do?destinationId=3974>. And ask everyone you know to cast their vote in favor of University City, too.

And finally, I would like to make one more pitch for you to consider requesting an appointment to one of the City's Boards or Commissions. As I mentioned in a previous newsletter, these are, for the most part, advisory bodies to the City Council, peopled by residents who volunteer of their time to serve the City.

If you would like to be considered for a spot on these volunteer advisory boards and commissions, please fill out an application. You can find a list of boards and commissions, and an application form on the City's website, under Government, then Boards and Commissions. Or you can contact City Clerk Joyce Pumm at 314-505-8605 or jpumm@ucitymo.org. Councilmembers appoint to the various boards on a rotating basis when openings occur.

Mayor Shelley Welsch



Fire Station Grant Announcement

The City of University City has received official notification that it can resume its project to build a new fire station. The station will be built under the FY2009 Station Construction Grant awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency/Department of Homeland Security under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Assistance to Firefighters Station Construction Grants.

The amount of the grant award is \$2,612,197.00. With the grant, the City will be able to build a new 2- story, 16,000 square foot fire station to replace the 100 year old Engine House #1 that is connected to City Hall. The new station will be LEED-certified at the Silver level. Construction is scheduled to be finished in 12-15 months.

The new engine house will be located at the northwest corner of Vernon and Westgate Avenues on property donated to the City by Washington University. The new facility will include: 5 fire truck bays, living quarters, and training and administrative offices.

Smoke Detectors

Smoke detectors are provided free by the Fire Department and assistance with installation is available. Call the Fire Chief's Office at 314-505-8591 for more information.

Delmar Boulevard Bridge over I-170

The Delmar Boulevard bridge over I-170 was closed on April 25, 2011 due to deterioration of the bridge deck. The bridge was scheduled to be replaced later in the summer months. After an emergency inspection, MoDOT decided to keep the bridge closed to traffic until it is replaced. According to MoDOT, the bridge will be removed during the weekend of May 20th. The new bridge is scheduled to be open by September 1, 2011.

The University City Fire Department has set in place a response plan with the Ladue and Olivette Fire Departments to ensure no delays in EMS/Fire responses to areas west of I-170. This plan includes responses for North and South bound 170 as well. Detours include Old Bonhomme Road accessed via McKnight Rd. and Price Rd. Old Bonhomme Road crosses over I-170.



University City–Youth Employment Program

The Youth Employment Program (YEP) is a City funded (no grant funding) program to provide youth ages 16-19 with meaningful work experience and relevant job skills. The program will include an educational component. Participants will learn how to obtain and retain employment, while managing their income properly. Participants will also learn how to conduct themselves in a professional manner, how to dress for an interview, and how to market themselves in a competitive job market. For Summer 2011, the program will hire 10 youth.

OBJECTIVES

- To give youth an opportunity to gain meaningful work experience.
- To provide youth with professional development.
- To provide an opportunity to learn and develop valuable and critical job skills.
- To provide an understanding of public service operations.
- Provide an understanding of proper work habits.
- Provide training in personal financial management.

BASIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- University City Resident- Proof of Residency
- Age: 16-19
- Must have successfully completed coursework in school the previous semester.
- 2.5 GPA or show sustained academic progress
- No felonies, misdemeanors, or type 1 school offenses.

“AT RISK” ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

In addition, participants must meet **ONE** of the following “at risk” requirements:

1. Meets income guidelines at the maximum of 200% of the federal poverty guidelines.
2. Member of a household that that receives payments from an income based public assistance program such as Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF).
3. Qualifies as a homeless individual.
4. Is a foster child on behalf of whom state or local government payments are made.
5. Recently exited foster care.

Proof of eligibility is not needed to apply. Verification of eligibility will be requested with acceptance of an offer of employment.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- A University City Youth Employment Program application will be used.
- Interviews will be based on desired placement indicated by applicants.
- Departments will screen, interview, and select applicants for employment.
- Decisions will be based on overall interview performance and skills.
- Applicants will be excluded per the City’s Nepotism policy.



University City-Youth Employment Program-Continued

PARTICIPATING DEPARTMENTS:

Administrative Services/City Manager- Two (2) Participants

Public Works- Two (2) Participants

Parks and Recreation- Two (2) Participants

Community Development- Two (2) Participants

Library- Two (2) Participants

PROGRAM OPERATIONS:

Participants will work Monday-Friday, 8 hours a day, 40 hours per week, excluding holidays.

Rate of pay is \$7.25/per hour.

Participants will report directly to worksite supervisors, determined by the department director.

TRAINING COMPONENT:

Participants will also attend programs to provide training in the following areas:

Job Search skills

Application and resume skills

Interviewing skills

Personal financial management skills

A local bank will be invited to speak on financial management and sign the youth up for bank accounts as needed.

END OF PROGRAM:

Participants will have a salary history.

Participants will have verifiable employment history.

Participants will receive training on how to obtain and retain employment.

Participants will have job skills and job training, which will prepare the youth for employment elsewhere.

HOW TO APPLY:

Employment Applications are available on the City website at: www.ucitymo.org.

Applications will be accepted thru May 26, 2011.

Applications can be mailed or delivered in person to:

City of University City-Human Resources (YEP)

6801 Delmar Blvd.

University City, MO 63130

For additional information please visit www.ucitymo.org or call: 314-505-8532



Heman Park Swimming Pool Season

Our 2011 Heman Park Swimming Pool season begins Saturday, May 28. Avoid the long lines and stop by Centennial Commons (7210 Olive Blvd.) to renew your season pass TODAY! It's quick and will assure you won't have to miss a minute of swimming on opening day or throughout the season. While you are visiting Centennial Commons, make sure to register for one of our swim activities offered this summer - such as: Swim Lessons for youth and adults, Toddler Time, Aqua Zumba, Aqua Aerobics, Deep Aqua Aerobics, Water Walking and don't forget - we also have Private Swim Lessons available. Questions: contact Centennial Commons, 314-505-8625 or Relay Missouri at 800-735-2966 (TDD)

Summer Camp Registration Reminder

2011 Summer Camp Registration is going on now at Centennial Commons, 7210 Olive, until Saturday, May 14. Questions: contact Centennial Commons, 314-505-8625 or Relay Missouri 800-735-2966 (TDD)

Parkview Gardens: A Sustainable and Accessible Neighborhood

In October 2010, University City became one of thirteen recipients nationwide to receive a joint federal grant for a "sustainable" planning effort. The U.S. Housing and Urban Development Community Challenge program and Department of Transportation TIGER II program grants will be used to address local challenges to integrating transportation and housing. The University City grants will be used to create a redevelopment and sustainability plan for the Parkview Gardens Area of the City. Over 50% of the total project costs will be funded by local cash and in-kind contributions.

The Parkview Gardens: A Sustainable and Accessible Neighborhood project will focus on the residential area north of Delmar, west of Skinker, south of Olive and east of Kingsland Avenue. The plan will include improvements to the Parkview Gardens neighborhood that foster greater connectivity to the light rail system; create LEED-certified affordable housing; and develop a portion of the Centennial Greenway trail and on-street bike routes. It will also redesign parks as the center of neighborhood life and create neighborhood development plans.

The project involves a 9-member Parkview Gardens Planning Partnership, including the City of University City, Washington University in St. Louis, Parkview Gardens Association, Great Rivers Greenway, Regional Housing and Community Development Alliance, St. Louis Regional Arts Commission, Arcturis, Gateway Foundation, and Trailnet.

The planning effort will take approximately three years.



Community Development Inspection Scheduling

The Department of Community Development is continually striving to provide convenient and prompt options for scheduling inspections. **Typically, an inspection must be scheduled at least three days in advance.** Please remember to always provide the following information when scheduling an inspection:

Your name

Your phone number

The project address

The inspection type requested

The permit number (if applicable)

Below is a list of the current options available for scheduling an inspection:

E-mail: Inspections can now be requested via e-mail at inspections@ucitymo.org. Requests will be processed as soon as possible. Please provide a preferred date for the inspection and staff will schedule the inspection as close to the requested date as possible. A confirmation e-mail verifying the date and timeframe will be returned to the e-mail of the person making the request.

Phone: Inspections can be requested by telephone at 314-505-8500. Due to the high volume of calls, a customer service representative is not always available. In that case, a customer can leave a message, and a clerk will return the call as soon as possible.

Fax: Inspections can be requested via fax at 314-862-3168. Confirmation of the inspection date and timeframe will either be phoned or faxed.

In person: Inspections can be requested in person at the office of the Department of Community Development on the fourth floor of City Hall at 6801 Delmar Boulevard, University City, Missouri 63130 between the hours of 8am and 5pm, Monday through Friday (excluding observed holidays).

University City Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Workshop

University City has partnered with Trailnet to make walking and bicycling easier, safer and more convenient when traveling in and around University City. Come join us at the first Public Workshop to learn more about the project and share your ideas with the planning team. For more information about the University City Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan, visit <http://www.trailnet.org/our-work/community-planning> or call 314-436-1324, ext. 118.

University City Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan

Wednesday, May 18, 2011 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

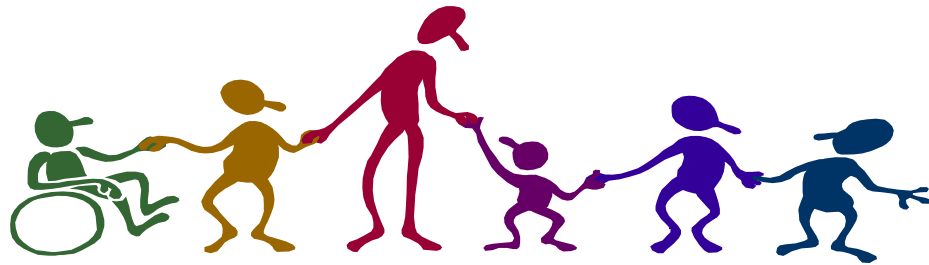
University City Community Center

975 Pennsylvania Avenue

University City, MO 63130



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 or through Relay Missouri, 800-735-2966 (TDD).

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

Friends of the University City Library Trivia Night

The Friends of the University City Public Library's popular Trivia Night is back! It will be held in the University City Public Library auditorium (6701 Delmar, 63130) on Saturday, May 14. Doors open at 6:30 PM. Tables for 8 are \$160, or come by yourself and meet new friends — an individual admission is \$20. Prizes, great food, and fun are promised. Trivia Night is a fundraiser to support the Friends' programs for the library. Register at the Library in person or by phone, 314-727-3150. Not a trivia buff? Make a donation and stay home and read a good book.

For further information: Patrick Wall, 727-3150, pjwall@ucpl.lib.mo.us



Centennial Greenway of Melville Avenue

This project consists of creating 1500 linear feet of a shared bike/pedestrian greenway and associated improvements along Melville Avenue between Kingsbury Boulevard and 400 linear feet north of Delmar Boulevard. The work includes removal of the existing sidewalk and parking lane, installation of a concrete mixed-use greenway with street trees, lighting, and signage. The project also includes construction of retaining walls, railings, and landscape improvements to properties that abut the greenway, raised concrete pedestrian crossings at four intersections, a new plaza at Delmar, and a new signalized intersection at Delmar and Melville, and parking lot improvements north of Delmar.

Olive Streetscape Improvements Phase III

The Olive Streetscape project is underway. Improvements include energy saving modifications to existing light fixtures throughout the corridor, installation of poster holders at 4 existing bus shelters, and installation of concrete sidewalks and curb ramps between Eastover Ave. and Pennsylvania Ave.

The contractor will soon begin the temporary closure of one traffic lane next to the work area on Olive Blvd; removing sidewalks, preparing bases and pouring concrete for the new sidewalks.

For additional information, contact Public Works at: 314-505-8259

City Phone Numbers Emergency-911

General Phone Number:
314-862-6767

Municipal Court:
314-505-8578

Community Development:
314-505-8500

Parks, Recreation & Forestry:
314-505-8620

Finance (Refuse Billing):
314-505-8544

Police Department (Non-Emergency):
314-725-2211

Fire Department (Non-Emergency):
314-505-8591

Police Crime Tip Line:
314-863-7333

Human Resources:
314-505-8532

Public Works:
314-505-8259



FLOOD QUICK ACTION LIST

The City of University City has prepared an “Action Plan” to help you prepare to leave your home in anticipation of probable flooding.

TERMS TO KNOW

Flash Flood or Flood Watch: Indicates flash flooding or flooding is possible within the designated watch area. When a watch is issued, be alert and ready to take action.

Flash Flood or Flood Warning: Flash flooding or flooding has been reported or is imminent. You should take necessary precautions and actions at once.

**ACTION PLAN **

1. Be aware of weather forecasts or sudden changes in weather. Monitor local news, radio, NOAA Weather Radio, or the Weather Channel for updated information. If there is an unusual amount of rain falling in a short time, the likelihood of flooding in these areas is high.
2. Plan ahead and be prepared to leave your home.
3. If waterways start to rise, start preparing to leave.
4. Keep a list of items to take with you: medications, important documents, etc.
5. If time allows, turn off utilities (electric, gas, and water). Only qualified service personnel should turn gas and electric back on after checking for safety hazards.
6. If local officials advise evacuation, do so promptly.

DO NOT underestimate the destructive power of fast-moving water. As little as six inches of water may cause you to lose control of your vehicle. Two feet of fast-moving flood water will float your car. Water moving at two miles per hour can sweep cars off a road or bridge.

Have a plan, practice, and be prepared.

Establish a safe evacuation assembly location, known to all family members.

For those in flood prone areas, hang this list in an easily accessible location (refrigerator).

Questions and Concerns? Please contact the Fire Department at:

email: jcarter@ucitymo.org 314-505-8591

LEAVE EARLY, YOUR SAFETY IS WORTH MORE THAN PROPERTY