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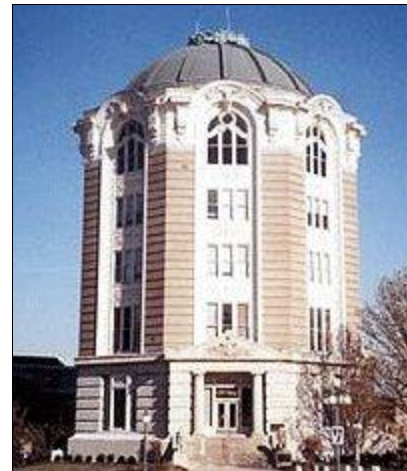
Welcome to another edition of *University City News*. Summer is winding down, but there are still plenty of activities around.

On July 29, 2011 the Chuck Berry statue and Centennial Greenway ribbon cuttings took place. Both ceremonies drew large festive crowds of onlookers and celebrities. Chuck Berry, his wife and many others attended the dedication of the statue. The City Clerk has received email from as far away as Sweden, expressing support for the statue.

Did you know that you can now sign up to receive notification of news events and web calendar updates from the city? If you want to stay informed on city events and information from the official source, this is an easy way to do it.

Simply visit ucitymo.org and click on Main City Calendar or News and Announcements. Follow the easy instructions to sign up. Notifications can be sent via email or SMS text messages.

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



Delmar Bridge over I-170 Reopens

The new Delmar Boulevard bridge over I-170 reopened on August 16, 2011. The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) reopened the Delmar Boulevard bridge over I-170 after a ribbon cutting ceremony

The \$2.1 million bridge replacement project is opening two weeks earlier than scheduled. The Delmar Boulevard Bridge closed in April after an inspection found the bridge to be unsafe for public travel. The old bridge was removed on May 20, and construction began shortly thereafter.

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The Mayor's Communiqué

Let's try it again....

We have scheduled a FREE showing of Raiders of the Lost Ark on Wednesday, August 31st at 8:00p.m. The movie will be shown in University City's Fogerty Park on 82nd Street. We had planned to show the movie on Wednesday, July 20th but cancelled that showing because of the high heat – and I am glad we did. It was 93 degrees when the movie had been scheduled to start.

The Barbara Jordan PTO will be selling candy at the movie. There will be food vendors at the park starting at 6:00 p.m. – come to the park to socialize with your neighbors – bring a picnic dinner or buy from the vendors. The Barbara Jordan PTO is also sponsoring an appearance by local DJ James Stampley, also starting at 6:00 p.m. So mark your calendars now.

A note: We have another movie planned for a date TBA in September or early October. We will make every effort to schedule that showing on a non-school night.

A busy month coming up.....

U City in Bloom Garden Tour:

The U City in Bloom Garden Tour is scheduled for Sunday, September 18th. Check out the U City in Bloom website for more details at <http://www.ucityinbloom.org/>. U City in Bloom works with the support of the City of University City (which provides about \$50,000 in funding for the organization) to plant and maintain gardens and other public spaces throughout our community.

The bikes are coming!

The City of University City will be sponsoring the Gateway Cross Cup in Heman Park on Wednesday, September 21, 2011. Check out the website for the internationally-sanctioned bike race at <http://www.gatewaycrosscup.com/about/>. Hundreds of cyclists, including bikers from Europe, will be visiting University City to take part in the race. Plan to watch the race and take part in the fun rides will be open to local riders prior to the race. This race should provide an economic boost to our community.

Music in the Park

2011 U City Jazz Festival, Saturday, September 24, Heman Park (Midland/Shaftesbury)
The City of University City presents the first U-City Jazz Festival in Heman Park on Saturday, September 24, 2011 from 11 am - 7 pm. Local and national renowned artists perform free concerts featuring Jeanne Trevor & Friends (Christopher Braig), Michael Silverman's Classical Jazz Quartet, a John Coltrane Tribute with Maurice Carnes' Hip Jazz Quintet (Ptah Williams), Clave Sol Latin Jazz, U City's Young Lion All-Stars (Jazz Education Initiative winners), and an educational clinic by Washington University. The event is the brain child of UCHS graduates Mike and Rob Silverman. Visit www.ucityjazzfestival.com for information.



The Mayor's Communiqué Continued...

Keeping University City beautiful

If you would like to work with me on developing an anti-litter campaign for University City please let me know. You can contact me at 314-505-8606 or mayor@ucitymo.org. I take my daily walks throughout the City and am dismayed at the amount of trash that is being thrown on our streets. And I am dismayed, too, that I don't see the same amount of litter when I walk on streets in neighboring communities. I have already received ideas from some University City residents on how to move forward on this, but I can always use additional input AND help to make something happen. Let me know.

All America City

And let me know, too, if you would like to do some research into what it would take to apply to be named an All America City. (Check out the website at <http://www.allamericacityaward.com/>.)

Fair UCity 2012!

Volunteers are already starting to work on Fair UCity 2012 which will be held on Memorial Day weekend. We are looking for volunteers to help in all aspects of the Fair. This year we had an estimated 8-10,000 visitors over the two days of the Fair, and next year will be even better! Be a part of building a great community event and tradition. Want to help? Let me know at mayor@ucitymo.org or by phone at 314-505-8606.

We want your input!

If you have not done so already, please complete the senior and/or youth survey being distributed by the Mayor's Task Force on Seniors & Youth. Get the surveys at the following links or pick up hard copies at the library or Centennial Commons.

Senior survey:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JG9YQMG>

Teen survey:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/YKMWG9W>

Mayor Shelley Welsch

314-505-8606

mayor@ucitymo.org

U City in Bloom
2011 Garden Tour
Sunday, September 18 • 1:00 - 5:00 pm
Artists on City Hall Lawn
For tickets call 973-3541



ucityinbloom.org





New Faces in Community Development

Over the past few months, the City has recruited and hired three new talented members of the Department of Community Development. The department is responsible for many services in the City including: economic development, planning, code enforcement, and property inspections. A bio for each new staff member is listed below. Please welcome these newcomers to the University City community.

Laura Filbert Zacher – Economic Development Manager

Laura has worked for many years in several economic development positions in both public and private sectors, including Missouri Department of Economic Development, St. Louis Development Corporation, and Economic Development Resources, an economic development consultancy. Previously, she also was an Operations Analyst in the Plans and Policy Office of the City of Portsmouth, VA, and a part-time instructor in macroeconomics at Commonwealth College, Hampton and Virginia Beach, VA.

In addition to co-authoring a number of publications, Laura owned and developed a startup company and held volunteer management positions with a couple of startup firms specializing in advanced renewable energy systems.

Laura has a Bachelor of Science in Parks, Recreation and Tourism and a Master of Science in Community Economic Development, both from University of Missouri. In addition, she has pursued post-graduate courses in economics, also at University of Missouri.

Raymond Lai, AICP - Deputy Director of Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development

Raymond has practiced urban and regional planning in the St. Louis metropolitan area and overseas for over 25 years. Immediately prior to joining the city of University City, Raymond was a Senior Planner / Associate for AECOM (Asia), a global consultancy of professional services, after serving as the Director of Planning & Zoning for the City of Edwardsville, Illinois, and Senior Planner for St. Louis Development Corporation/Planning and Urban Design Agency of City of St. Louis. Previously, he was with St. Louis County Department of Planning for about 14 years.

Raymond has engaged in a multitude of diverse and complex public sector planning projects in a multi-jurisdictional metropolitan environment. Besides serving as a guest lecturer for undergraduate and graduate urban planning and development courses in local universities, he has been invited by the American Planning Association-St. Louis Metropolitan Section as presenter and panelist for planning commissioner workshops and training seminars.

Raymond has a Bachelor of Arts (Advanced) in regional and urban planning from University of Saskatchewan, Canada and a Master of City and Regional Planning from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, IL.



New faces in Community Development continued...

John Gilbert – Property Maintenance Inspector

Mr. Gilbert has recently been hired as an inspector within the Department of Community Development, and will focus primarily on property maintenance and housing inspections.

Mr. Gilbert has a significant amount of inspection experience in both the private and municipal arenas. He was previously employed as a housing inspector with the City of Maplewood, Missouri and has been a private home inspector for more than 10 years. Mr. Gilbert also has an extensive background in construction.

Prior to moving to Missouri in 1998, John was a professional Fire Fighter with the City of Santa Clara, CA. In addition to his fire suppression duties, John was an Emergency Medical Technician-Defibrillator (EMT-D) and spent two (2) years working in the Fire Department Training Division.

The I-170/Olive Boulevard Joint Redevelopment Task Force

A collaborative effort towards a common goal between the neighboring cities of University City and Olivette has been underway. In May 2009, the I-170/Olive Boulevard Joint Redevelopment Task Force (Task Force) was established and tasked by the City Councils of University City and Olivette to explore redevelopment opportunities and joint initiatives in the Olive Boulevard corridor on the east and west sides of the intersection with I-170.

The I-170/Olive Boulevard interchange serves as the gateway to the western portions of University City and the eastern portions of Olivette, and has long been identified by both Cities as a major opportunity for redevelopment. However, it has been found that the surrounding lands, including the existing land use types and businesses, which have long vested in both communities, have not experienced desired redevelopment. One of the goals of the task force is to collectively bring about redevelopment to this vital intersection.

One would assume that with the recent improvements to the interchange, opportunities for redevelopment would increase. The Missouri Department of Transportation invested nearly \$25 million in road infrastructure improvements, including a new interchange, street widening along Olive Boulevard, coordinated traffic management along the corridor, and streetscape improvements.

Since 2000, approximately \$2.5 million in streetscape improvements have been implemented along Olive Blvd by the City. Most of the funding has come from federal grants and the economic development tax fund approved by University City voters. Streetscape improvements have included new sidewalks and ramps to comply with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements, bus shelters and decorative streetlights.



The I-170/Olive Boulevard Joint Redevelopment Task Force

After holding initial discussions and reviewing extensive background materials, the Task Force has been meeting on a monthly basis since November 2009 to discuss land use regulations and comprehensive planning efforts, establish redevelopment principles and a list of preferred uses, and receive expert opinion on redevelopment potential.

The Task Force assignment had many components, including the charge to:

- A. Identify and discuss similarities and differences between the communities relating to long-range redevelopment goals and objectives;
- B. Develop principles and goals to guide redevelopment in both communities;
- C. Solicit expert opinion about the redevelopment principles and make appropriate adjustments;
- D. Develop action steps to accomplish the long-range redevelopment principles and goals;
- E. Identify experienced developers; and
- F. Explore available financing and potential joint governance mechanisms.

Various professionals and experts with experience in urban redevelopment, LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) architecture, and economic redevelopment law, were invited to speak before the Task Force. Those included Michael Mindlin with the Jacobs Group; Dan Hellmuth with Hellmuth & Bicknese Architects, LLC; Joe Edwards of University City and active property owner in the U City Loop; a Technical Assistance Panel of members of the St. Louis Chapter of the Urban Land Institute; and James E. Mello with Armstrong Teasedale, LLP.

There are eight members in the Task Force, four from each of the two communities. Respectively, the four members include one representative of the City Council, one representative of the Plan Commission, and two citizens at-large. For University City, the four serving members are Mayor Shelley Welsch (representing City Council), Ms. Nova Felton (representing Plan Commission), Mr. Marc Jacob and Mr. Rod Jennings. Mr. Jacob has been serving as the chairman of the Task Force.

A draft report containing a detailed analysis and recommendation for action steps is being finalized by the Task Force, with the final report anticipated for submission to both City Councils in the fall.

The Task Force generally meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm. The meeting location rotates between the two cities.

For more information contact:: Raymond Lai, Deputy Director of Planning, Zoning and Economic Development – 314-505-8501 or rlai@ucitymo.org.



Fall Bulky Item Collection

This service allows residents to dispose of large furniture and appliances that are not accepted during regular weekly trash and recycling collections. The fall Bulky Item Collection is the last citywide bulky item collection for 2011. The collection begins in the Central area on September 12th, the East area on September 19th and the West area on September 26th. Trucks make only one pass on each street during the week long collection. Up to seven acceptable items must be at the front curb by the Sunday night prior to the collection to be picked up by the City.

What's Accepted?

Residents can set up to three large items or up to seven smaller items at the front curb. Please do not dump items in alleys, streets or yards. Setting out more than this amount is grounds for ticketing and the excess amount may be left behind.

Small items include:

- Furniture
- Bedding
- Cabinets
- Doors/Windows (wrapped in cardboard)
- Rugs

Large items include:

- Washer and dryers
- Refrigerators
- Small air conditioning units
- Televisions over 26 inches
- Carpet (room size)

What is not accepted?:*

- Tree trunks, logs or yard waste
- Tires
- Railroad ties
- Hazardous waste materials
- Auto batteries and motors
- Landscape materials
- Barrel drums
- Construction and building materials
- Commercial items

*If any of these items are set out, the resident may be ticketed.



Fall Bulky Item Collection Continued...

Your collection area

The City is divided into three areas (East, Central and West) for bulky item pick-up. Check the city calendar or website for your areas and collection dates. The website link for the Bulky Item Collection is <http://www.ucitymo.org/index.aspx?nid=113>, or call Public Works at 314-505-8560 for assistance on locating your area or just to confirm your area.

When to set items out

Place items at the curbside by the Sunday night of the scheduled collection week. If items are not set out by Sunday night, you may miss your collection.

Need an extra pickup?

You can arrange for an additional pickup for a fee. Call Public Works at 314-505-8560, for the current rate and next available pickup date.

Human Relations Commission

The University City Commission on Human Relations consists of seven members, who are University City residents, appointed by the City Council. The commission was reestablished in February 2011. The first meeting of the re-established Human Relations Commission took place on April 19, 2011.

The commission shall advise the City Council and other officers of the City on problems affecting human and inter-group relations, make studies, surveys and investigations to provide accurate data for orderly and constructive community development, and to recommend such measures as are deemed necessary to carry out the objectives for which the commission has been created.

The Commission will recommend to the Council legislation designed to:

- A. Combat those misconceptions, prejudices, and untruths which tend to set groups against groups.
- B. Reduce tensions created by ignorance and bigotry.
- C. Eliminate discriminatory practices arising from prejudice.

The commission meets on the third Thursday of the month, at 6:30pm in City Hall. Meetings are open to the public. The Human Relations Commission is one of the first commissions to place audio recordings of its meetings online.

For more information, please contact the Staff Liaison-Brandon Drake at bdrake@ucitymo.org or visit www.ucitymo.org, then navigate to:

[Government](#) > [Boards and Commissions](#) > [Boards and Commission Listing](#) > Human Relations Commission



University City Fire Department Honor

On July 28, 2011, Lafayette Fire Company #1 Restaurant dedicated a table in honor of the University City Fire Department. The department, retirees, family and friends were invited for the unveiling. The table is dedicated to all the current and past members of the department, and to the memories of Captain Julius Acoff and Captain David Gavwiner. In 2010, the Department celebrated 100 years of service to the University City community. The Fire Department runs approximately 6000 Fire and EMS calls per year.

U City in Bloom Garden Tour

A sweep of colorful perennials, the sound of a fountain cooling the heat of the afternoon, a community garden jointly maintained by neighbors... these and other delights will be on display at the U City in Bloom Garden Tour on Sunday, September 18, from 1 to 5 pm. One now- gorgeous bountiful garden was a backyard soccer field for the family's 4 children during their childhood years; in another, a gardener sums up her work as "Happy home, happy marriage, happy garden"; and a transplanted West Virginian who greened her thumb at her great-grandmother's knee, has created a country "crick" flowing in her urban oasis .

Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$18 the day of the tour. Twelve gardens can be visited, followed by a wine and cheese reception. For tickets and other information please call **314-973-3541** or visit www.ucityinbloom.org. In addition, an **Art Show and Sale** on City Hall lawn is free and open to the public from noon to 6 pm.

U City in Bloom is a non-profit organization that has created over 325 gardens, large and small, in public spaces in U City over the last 25 years. U City in Bloom receives over \$50,000 annually in funding from the City of University City. The mission is "a shared vision of community through public gardening projects in University City."

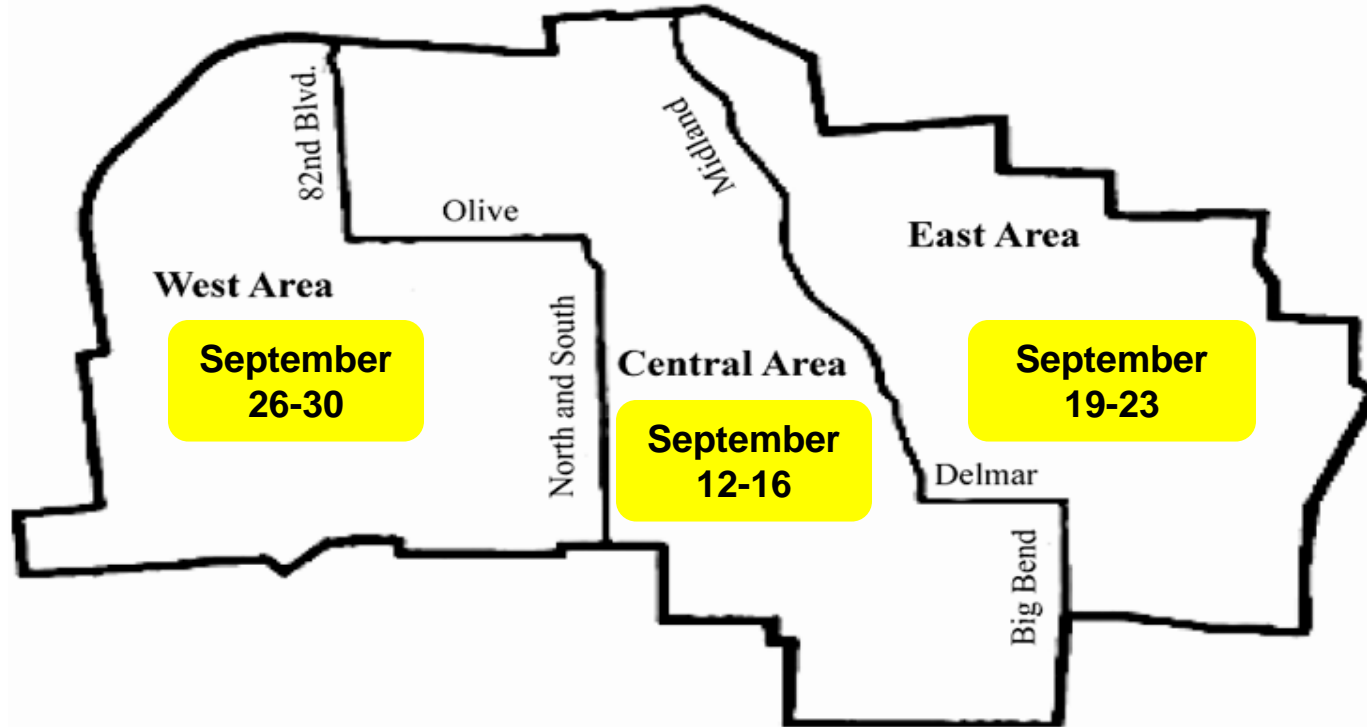
Free Electronic Recycling Event

University 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 for details. Volunteers (16 years and older) are still needed for the event. Contact the Public Works Department at 314-505-8560, if you would like to volunteer.

News & Announcements on the City Website

If your organization or group would like to publicize an event on the City's website, please send the information directly to: webmaster@ucitymo.org . The information will be reviewed and will be added to the website, if deemed appropriate. Be advised that calendar information and all News & Announcements are automatically published (via rss feed) on the City's Facebook and Twitter accounts.

2011 Bulk Item Collection Schedule – Fall Collection



Accepted: Furniture, bedding, cabinets, doors/windows, mirrors (all glass must be wrapped in cardboard), rugs, carpet, mattresses, box springs, washers & dryers, TV's, refrigerators, water heaters and small air conditioners.

Important:

- **Place items at the front curb (not in the alley).**
- We make only **one pass on each street**. Don't miss your collection!
- Be sure that access to the items is not blocked by parked vehicles.
- Up to 7 small items or 3 large items picked up per household.
- Small items = rugs, bedding, TV's, small appliances, doors, etc.
- Large items = furniture, cabinets, large appliances, carpet, etc.
- **Call Public Works at 314-505-8560 to confirm your area.**

Not accepted: Hazardous materials, commercial items or business equipment, yard waste, tree trunks, logs, building or construction type debris/materials, tires, auto batteries & motors, rail road ties, batteries, bulbs, barrel drums, concrete, bricks, landscape stones, boulders, rocks, dirt, or household trash.



**COUNTY OLDER RESIDENT PROGRAMS
(CORP)**

**LEGAL SERVICES PROVIDED
FOR COUNTY RESIDENTS**

Saint Louis County residents, age 60 and over with total annual income of \$30,000 or less (includes Social Security) are eligible for non-litigation assistance.

Volunteer attorneys will help you with
***Wills *Deeds *Non-Litigation Services
*Powers of Attorney *Consumer Advice**

Kirkwood House

385 South Taylor - Kirkwood

South County Government Center

4548 Lemay Ferry Road - Mehlville

North County Government Center

21 Village Square - Hazelwood

Centennial Commons

7210 Olive Street Road - University City

Maryland Heights Centre

2344 McKelvey Road – Maryland Heights

**Free Legal Services are given by appointment only.
Please call (314) 615-0931, Monday - Friday - 8:30 am-12:30 pm**

The Saint Louis County Department of Human Services' County Older Resident Programs provides services and volunteer opportunities designed to help older adults maintain their independent lifestyles. Please call 615-4516 or TTY 615-4425 if you need an accommodation in order to make this program accessible or you need this information in an alternate format.