

# University City News February 2012

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#### University City, Missouri

#### FY 2013 Draft Budget Available February 27, 2012

The Fiscal Year 2013 draft budget is available as of February 27, 2012. Fiscal Year 2013 is from July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013.

The next edition of University City News will provide a summary of the draft budget.

Public meetings to review the draft budget will be held on:

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

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

May 14, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.: City Council Mtg. in Council Chamber • 6801 Delmar

#### Daylight Savings Time Begins March 11, 2012

Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour on Sunday, March 11.

To make it easier to remember which way the clock goes, keep in mind one of these sayings: "spring forward, fall back" or "spring ahead, fall behind."



This is a great time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors and clocks.

#### Sutter-Meyer House \*OPEN HOUSE\* March 10-11, 2012

Come see the oldest house in University City, at an estimated 137 years old. The current exhibit is Early Agriculture in St. Louis County. This event is FREE! Sutter-Meyer house is open to the public on:

Saturday and Sunday March 10-11, 2012 from 2-4pm 6826 Chamberlain Court

Visit <u>suttermeyer.orq</u> for more information.



#### The Mayor's Communiqué



Please mark your calendar now for a *Celebration of Diversity* which will be held on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at Centennial Commons. As the title implies, this free event is designed to celebrate the diversity that makes our community so special. And, the City's new brand identity will be

unveiled. Please plan to attend with your family and friends and be among the first to see the new identity, which was developed over many months, and after dozens of interviews with University City residents and business owners from all over the City.

Again – March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6pm at Centennial Commons. Plan to be there.

The DRAFT budget for FY 2013 is now available (as of February 27<sup>th</sup>). I hope you will review the budget and, if you have any questions or comments, plan to attend one of the final public budget meetings to share your thoughts. Those meetings are scheduled:

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The following comes from the University City Public Library:

Beginning Spring 2012, University City Public Library, in partnership with AARP Chapter 4048 University

City/Clayton, will present a series of programs entitled *Building Common Ground: Discussion of Community, Civility, and Compassion.* (See ad on pg. 13.) The goal of the project is to engage the public in contemplation and discussion of the importance of community, civility and compassion in their daily lives. UCPL is one of only 30 libraries nationally to be awarded this grant.

The library's programs are designed to enhance connections among senior citizens and youth in our community. The series begins with a three-session discussion of the book *Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life* by Karen Armstrong scheduled for the following dates:

Sunday, March 25 at 2pm—library auditorium Sunday, April 15 at 2pm—library auditorium Sunday, May 20 at 2pm—library auditorium

Copies of the book will be available to check out at the library, and advance registration for this program is required.

Building Common Ground programs to be held later in the year include special gaming events for young adults and senior citizens, an art show open to young adults and senior citizens on the program themes of community, civility, and compassion, and a service fair.

As I have noted before, 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

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Looking forward to Fair U City 2012? It will be on Memorial Day Weekend— May 26-28, 2012

The Mayor says volunteering at Fair U City is "a great way to get to know your neighbors...hard work, but fun!"



The parade brought smiles to all at Fair U City 2011!

#### The Mayor's Communiqué, Continued

visitors. Check out the Fair U City website at <a href="https://www.fairucity.com">www.fairucity.com</a>.

We need volunteers to help in all areas:

Entertainment Operations Administration Fundraising

Public Relations/Marketing If you are interested, please let me know at <a href="mailto:info@fairucity.com">info@fairucity.com</a>. 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 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.

A group of U City residents is now finalizing a list of movies that will be shown from April – October as part of the Movies in the Parks series. I am looking for sponsors for the films. 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. mayor@ucitymo.org or 314-505-8606.

-Mayor Shelley Welsch

#### Community Development Implements New Permitting System

To increase efficiency, reduce departmental costs, and provide more options for conducting business with the Department of Community Development, a new permitting software system was installed in late 2011. MyGov is a web-based system that allows contractors and applicants to conveniently handle several transactions online.

The new system includes functions that allow contractors and applicants to apply for permits, request an inspection, and check fees. Contractors can also create and manage accounts, and interface with plans reviewers and inspectors.

Another useful feature of MyGov is an "Action Center." This tool is available

University through City's (www.ucitymo.org) and provides access to applications, forms, and questions and answers via a searchable set of Frequently Asked Questions. A variety of requests can also be logged into the Action Center, ranging from police issues, trash pick-up, and good neighbor policies, to complaints about pot holes, litter, hazardous trees follow-up etc. response prompt: provide an e-mail address to receive an automatic reply or check back with the Action Center.

We hope you find this new system to be user friendly and convenient! Please provide us with your comments or concerns at inspections@ucitymo.org.

## From the U City Fire Department

#### Do you need a new or replacement smoke detector in your home?

University City Fire Department installs or replaces smoke detectors for in-need University City residents. If you need assistance installing the smoke detector or have questions about where to place it in your home, the fire personnel are here to help.

Always be prepared for an emergency!
Read home safety tips from the Fire Department at

ucitymo.org

Call 505-8768 to make an appointment to have a smoke detector dropped off at your home and/or installed in your home, or stop by the Engine House to pick one up.

#### New Ambulance Rig

On February 2, 2012, the Fire Department took delivery of a 2012 International/Osage Ambulance. The new ambulance will be housed at Engine House #2.





U City Firefighter Branden Janes is promoted to Captain

#### Captain Janes' Pinning

On February 14, 2012, the Fire Department performed a long-held tradition of the fire service by arranging a Pinning Ceremony for recently promoted Captain Branden Janes.

Captain Janes started with UCFD in December 2006 as a Paramedic/Firefighter. Retired Olivette Assistant Chief Larry Janes, Branden's father, had the honor of the badge pinning, while Branden's wife, Kathy, and their son, Lawson, looked on.

The University City Fire Personnel shared this moment of recognition with Branden's family.

#### **Public Works News**

#### **Spring Leaf Collection Begins in March**

The first citywide leaf collection for 2012 begins in March in the West Area during the week of March 19, Central Area during the week of March 26, and ends with the East Area during the week of April 2.

All leaves must be placed at the curbside by Sunday night to be collected during the collection week. Only leaves will be collected, no gum balls, limbs, or other yard debris. Yard waste is picked up on the regular trash and recycling collection day if it is placed in a Kraft paper bag with a Yard Waste Sticker attached. Leaf collection trucks make one pass only on each street.

For assistance in determining your area, please contact the Public Works and Parks Department at 314-505-8560. Leaf collection information is available in the U City calendar and at <a href="https://www.ucitymo.org">www.ucitymo.org</a>.

West Area: March 19-23 Central Area: March 26-30 East Area: April 2-6

Go to:

recyclingbecomesme.com

to learn what you
can now recycle
curbside in
St. Louis County!

#### "Recycling Becomes Me"

University City is participating in the St. Louis County "Recycling Becomes Me" campaign. St. Louis County Department of Health's Solid Waste Management Program launched the first ever countywide recycling education campaign called "Recycling Becomes Me." The campaign is part of a national partnership with the Curbside Value Partnership (CVP), an invitation-only program designed to increase participation in curbside recycling programs through education and measurement. The campaign features preposterous visuals with recycling containers in unexpected situations. The idea is to show, in an attention-getting manner, that recycling is part of many different lifestyles and that everyone can and should recycle.

Recycling becomes me, and you!



The goal of the campaign is to celebrate and expand the current culture of recycling throughout the County and ensure everyone is recycling everything they can. Look for "Recycling Becomes Me" campaign items throughout our community. Visit the University City Public Works and Parks Department at 6801 Delmar (City Hall) to pick up a free recycling gift and a RBM bumper sticker for a chance to win a prize! To win other prizes and find out about special recycling events in the area, visit www.recyclingbecomesme.com



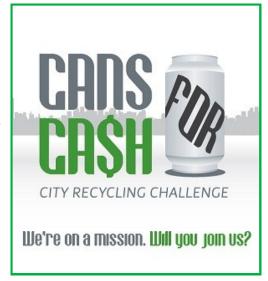
Help University
City win the
2012 Cans for
Cash Recycling
Challenge by
recycling all of
your aluminum
cans during
March and
April!



<u>Click here</u> to learn about the Earth Day Youth Art Contest!

#### Do You Recycle?

University City is participating in the 2012 Cans for Cash City Recycling Challenge sponsored by the United States Conference of Mayors and Novelis, Inc. The challenge is a competition between cities to collect the most aluminum cans during a 4 week period. Winning cities will be determined by the ratio of the city population to the total number of cans recycled during a four week collection period between March 1 and April 30, 2012. U City won the 4th place award of \$5,000 in last year's competition. Three awards are available this year, 1st place-, \$25,000, 2nd place-\$15,000 and 3rd place-\$5,000. The awards will be presented in June at the 2012 U. S. Conference of Mayors annual meeting in Orlando.



Visit www.cans4cash.com for more information.

#### 2012 Earth Day Youth Art Contest

University City is sponsoring a 2012 Earth Day Youth Art Contest. University City invites all residents in Kindergarten through 12th grade to take part in a city-wide art competition to celebrate Earth Day! Winners will receive a gift bag of goodies and will have their work showcased at University City's Earth Day exhibit. In addition, winning work will appear on the University City website and may be featured in promotional and marketing materials. And everyone who takes part will receive a certificate of appreciation from the City.

Students are asked to create artwork that reflects the ideas of sustainability

in their community. Participants are encouraged to be as creative as possible with their submissions, which may include a painting, drawing, photograph, graphic design, collage, sculpture, video, song or poem promoting sustainability and environmental responsibility.

A panel of judges from University City will review the submitted artwork and select one winner in each category for each grade level. All artwork will be on display at City Hall, 1st Floor until the 2012 Earth Day Festival on April 22.

Visit www.ucitymo.org and enter Art Contest in the search box for more information.

#### Public Works Project Provides 74% Energy Savings

Four ceiling mounted lights located over the filling station at the Public Works and Parks maintenance yard were recently replaced with LED fixtures.

The previous fixtures each housed a 400 watt metal halide bulb which has a lifetime of approximately 12,000 hours. This calculates to three years of night lighting before needing to be replaced. The new LED fixtures operate at 98 watts and have an estimated lifetime of 17-25 years of night lighting before needing to be replaced.

The cost for the new fixtures and the labor to install them totaled \$2,882.

This University City energy efficiency retrofit project was paid for with funds from a Department of Energy Grant promoting Energy conservation and efficiency. The table below shows the cost analysis of this change:

	400W MH	98W LED ( <i>new</i> )
kWh/year (energy used)	7232	1872
Energy Charge per year (based on 2M metered energy)	\$580.01	\$127.04
Cost per year: Parts, labor, plus energy	\$677.21	\$260.33

These savings amount to a 74% reduction in energy which equals \$453 energy savings/year. The overall cost of operating these lights will reduce by 62%, or \$417 savings per year.



4 x 400 watt Metal Halide fixtures



\*NEW\*
4 x 98 watt
LED Fixtures

The true success is indicated in the appearance and light distribution of the new fixtures. The pictures to the left show the improvement of the distribution of light and the clarity of colors with the new lights.

#### Recreation

#### Centennial Commons

Centennial Commons features state-of-the-art recreational design with equipment and programming that offers unparalleled recreational opportunities. Located at 7210 Olive Blvd, Centennial Commons provides fitness, education and fun, plus special events and sports programs for children, students, adults and seniors.

A sample of spring/summer programming includes: youth gymnastics, free financial information lunch series, AM strength, variety of golf leagues/tournaments and much more!



Membership options and resident scholarship program are also available. For more information, call 314.505.8625 or Relay Missouri 800.735.2966 (TDD)



#### Senior Center Has Moved

The University City Senior Center (formerly Ochs) is now located at Centennial Commons, 7210 Olive Blvd. University City participants are raving about their new center, which offers use of Centennial Commons' walking track and exercise equipment.

Available Monday through Friday, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm for everyone age 60 and older, the Center's other activities include hot lunch daily, health screenings, chair exercise, movies, bingo, transportation, shopping and much more.

For more information, contact Center administrator Carmen Smith 314.721.2722

#### **Great NEW DEAL for Medicare Beneficiaries**

Centennial Commons is 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 or Relay Missouri 800.735.2966 (TDD).

You may also visit Silver&Fit at Silver&Fit.com. Silver&Fit is a federally registered trademark of American Specialty Health Incorporated.

#### Recreation

#### 2012 Heman Park Swimming Pool Season Begins Saturday, May 26

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 Aerobics, Water Walking and don't forget - we also have Private Swim Lessons available.



Questions: contact Centennial Commons, 314.505.8625 or Relay Missouri 800.735.2966 (TDD)



#### **Summer Camp at Centennial Commons**





Children ages 5-14 will have a blast at the city's Summer Camp and Teen Activities Programs, which include swimming, tennis, field trips, arts and crafts and more!

The programs (for ages 5-14) will run for eight weeks (June 11-August 3) at Centennial Commons, 7210 Olive Blvd.

Register now for the following programs:

**Camp B4 and After:** a before (7:30-9:00 am) and after (3:00-5:30 pm) camp. Breakfast and afternoon snack provided, for an additional fee.

**Camp CentCom:** an extended (August 6-17) camp program held at Centennial Commons. Breakfast and afternoon snack provided for an additional fee.

Children may register for all eight weeks or for two-week sessions.

Scholarships are available for University City residents who meet income guideline requirements and Parkview Gardens Neighborhood Association provides scholarships for those children who live within their residential boundaries.

For more information, call 314.505-8625 or Relay Missouri 800.735.2966 (TDD).



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#### **Centennial Commons Welcomes U City Teens**

"Experience The Rec" opens Centennial Commons to U City Teens ages 13 -17 for a FREE fun and informational event.

On **Sunday, March 18, 2012**, from 6:15-9:00 pm, teens are invited to experience all Centennial Commons has to offer and obtain information on youth memberships, programs and much more.

Admission by current U City school ID or if Resident, but attends non-U City School: we will check residency at our control desk– teen must be on occupancy permit to enter. For more information, call 314.505-8625 or Relay Missouri 800.735.2966 (TDD)



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.

#### **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 ensure your needs are met!

#### **Activities include:**

Day Camp
Dance Class and Zumba
Swim Lessons
Pilates
Sports Leagues

#### Benefits of Participating:

Increase socialization
Building 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: <a href="mailto:mfurfaro@ucitymo.org">mfurfaro@ucitymo.org</a> or through Relay Missouri, 800.735.2966 (TDD).

### Upcoming Events at the University City Public Library

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Wednesday, February 29: U City Book Group

**7:00 pm** Join us for this discussion of *The Mayor of Casterbridge*, by Thomas Hardy. We'll also have copies of next month's book available to

check out! Everyone is welcome.

Thursday, March 1: Urban Thought Book Group

**7:00 pm** Help us celebrate Women's History Month with our March selection: *The Women of Brewster Place* by Gloria Naylor. We'll

also have copies of next month's book, *Fences* by August Wilson.

March 2-31: In the Gallery: Teresa Wang: A Tale of Love

Support local art! Our March Gallery exhibit features new oil paintings by local artist and educator Teresa Wang. The Gallery is

open during all of the Library's operating hours.

Monday, March 5: Artist Reception: Teresa Wang

**6:00 pm** Meet the artist of this month's Gallery exhibition, *A Tale of Love*. Admire Ms. Wang's art and enjoy refreshments in style. 6-8pm.

Wednesday, March 7: Computer Class: Web Email Accounts

2:30 pm Sign up for a free email account, and learn the basics of sending

and receiving email. Classes are free and do not require

registration.

Wednesday, March 14: Computer Class: Microsoft Word

2:30 pm Learn the basics of Microsoft Word 2007, including how to edit and

format your work, and use templates to get the professional results you want. Classes are free, and do not require registration.

Tuesday, March 20: Readings in History Book Group

7:00 pm Join us for a discussion of Jack Weatherford's Genghis Khan and

the Making of the Modern World. We'll also have available copies of the next month's selection, Sam Kean's *The Disappearing Spoon*.

Everyone is welcome!

Wednesday, March 21: Computer Drop-in Session

2:30 pm Looking for some extra help on the computer, but don't want to

take a class? Have just one thing that's puzzling you? Bring your questions to this drop-in session, and our staff will help you out!

Wednesday, March 28: U City Book Group

7:00 pm Join us for this discussion of The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks,

by Rebecca Skloot. We'll also have copies of next month's book

available to check out! Everyone is welcome.

Friday, March 30: Storytime for Grownups

12:00 pm When's the last time someone read you a story? Join us for this fun

lunchtime event, where actress Eleanor Mullin will read some of her favorite stories. Bring your lunch, and we'll provide drinks and

dessert!



A Beautiful Mistake III
[painting] by Teresa Wang

Flip to the next

page to see

upcoming

children's events

at the library!



6701 Delmar Blvd.

Hours:

Mon-Fri: 9am-9pm Saturday: 9am-5pm Sunday: 1pm-5pm

#### Upcoming Children's Events at the Library

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Saturday, March 10: Dream a Little Dream

2:00 pm Celebrate *National Dream Day* by making a dream catcher

guaranteed to catch all bad dreams! 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up

Thursday, March 15: Third Thursday Movie \*\*NEW TIME 6pm\*\*

6:00 pm Join us this month to see *Mary Poppins*, rated G. Movies are

shown in the 2nd floor Youth Services Department.

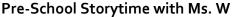
Admission is FREE.

Saturday, March 24: Spring Musical Stories

10:30 am STL Symphony Orchestra and Ready Readers bring

together musicians, books, and instruments for a musical

storytime with hands-on experience for children.



"Wiggles & Giggles"

Session III Schedule: January 17 – March 15 **Advance registration is required.** (9-week session)

Toddlers (18 - 23 months): Rhymes & movement: 30 minute program:

**Jan. 23 – Mar. 12** Mondays 9:45

Mondays 10:30

2's (24 – 36 months): Stories, songs, & activities: 40 minute program:

**Jan. 18 -- Mar. 15** Wednesdays 9:45

Thursdays 9:45

3 - 5 year olds: Stories, songs, & activities: 50 minute program:

Jan. 18 -- Mar. 15 Wednesdays 10:45

Thursdays 10:45

**Evening Storytime** Stories, songs, & activities: 45 minute program:

(3-6 year olds): Tuesdays 6:30

Jan. 17 — Mar. 13

Teen Activities

February 24, Teen Spot Gaming

March 10, March 24: Bring your favorite electronic games or try out our Wii and

7:00 pm Xbox 360 games. 2nd & 4th Thursdays, Grades 6+.

7:00 - 8:30 pm.

Saturday, March 19: Spring Break Gaming

2:00 pm Bring your favorite electronic games or try out our Wii and

Xbox 360 games. Grades 6+. 2:00 - 4:00 pm.

Please check our

website

ucpl.lib.mo.us/childrens/

for the most

current

information!



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Hours:

Mon-Fri: 9am-9pm Saturday: 9am-5pm Sunday: 1pm-5pm

# **Building Common Ground:**

# Discussions of Community, Civility and Compassion

## Join us at the library for these upcoming programs:

**Book Discussion Series:** 

Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life By Karen Armstrong

Taking as its starting point the teachings of the great world religions, Twelve Steps demonstrates how we can bring compassion to the forefront of our lives. Armstrong argues that compassion is inseparable from humanity, and by transcending the limitations of selfishness on a daily basis we will not only make a difference in the world but also lead happier, more fulfilled, lives.

Presented by University Public Library in partnership with AARP Chapter 4048 University City/Clayton 6701 Delmar Blvd. University City, MO 63130 314.727.3150 www.ucpl.lib.mo.us



- Facilitated by Carolyn Wright of the Aquinas Institute of Theology
- Sundays at 2pm/University City Public Library Auditorium: March 25, April 15, May 20
- All are welcome! To register: 314-727-3150

kmgallagher@ucpl.lib.mo.us





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City of University City

University City, Missouri is an inner-ring suburb of the City of St. Louis, a vibrant, diverse community of about 35,000 people at the heart of the St. Louis metropolitan area. University City is a full-service city, providing its residents with police and fire service; full recreational facilities; a library; and solid waste services.

For questions or comments about this newsletter please contact:

Kacie Galbraith at kgalbraith@ucitymo.org.

