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Welcome to another edition of *University City News*. On June 13, 2011, the City Council approved the FY 2012 Budget. FY 2012 begins on July 1, 2011.

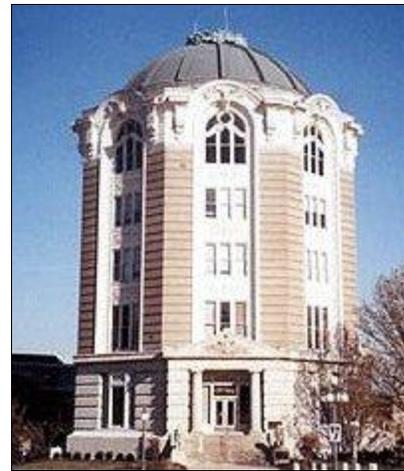
During these tough economic times it is a major accomplishment to have a balanced budget in place (with a surplus). The following principles were followed in the FY 2012 budget:

1. No increase in property taxes.
2. No increase in sales taxes.
3. No use of reserve funds.
4. No reduction in city services.
5. No reduction in Police or Fire services.

Finally, University City became the first municipality in St. Louis County to implement a Domestic

Partnership Registry. University City has taken a step to ensure fair treatment for those who have chosen to form a Domestic Partnership.

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



Boards/Commissions/Task Forces

Volunteers are needed to serve on a number of Boards, Commissions, and Task Forces.

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

For additional assistance in the application process, please call the City Clerk at 314-505-8604. The Clerk can also be contacted by email at: jpumm@ucitymo.org.

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FY 2012 Budget

On June 13, 2011, the City Council approved the 2011-2012 (FY 12) City Budget for next fiscal year which begins July 1, 2011 and ends June 30, 2012. The City Council had an extended and thorough budget process this year which included receiving the draft budget document at an earlier date, holding six public budget meetings throughout the City and receiving presentations on each City department's proposed budget. In addition, a budget task force, made up of University City residents, provided a unique perspective to thoughts and ideas on the budget.

The City will have a balanced budget for FY 12, including a surplus. The General Fund, the City's operating fund, is also projected to have a surplus. The General Fund is also projected to maintain a reserve fund of approximately \$11,000,000, or 42% of General Fund expenditures.

The budget approved by the City Council is presented below as compared to last year:

| | Budget-All Funds | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| | <u>FY 11 Budget</u> | <u>FY 12 Budget</u> |
| Revenue-All Funds | \$41,693,499 | \$37,242,205 |
| Expenditures-All Funds | <u>\$43,383,340</u> | <u>\$36,837,503</u> |
| Surplus (Deficit) | (\$1,689,841) | \$404,702 |

| | Budget-General Fund | |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| | <u>FY 11 Budget</u> | <u>FY 12 Budget</u> |
| Revenue-All Funds | \$25,268,930 | \$26,072,840 |
| Expenditures-All Funds | <u>\$27,402,941*</u> | <u>\$25,836,062</u> |
| Surplus (Deficit) | (\$2,134,011) | \$236,778 |

When complete, the final budget document may be found on the City's website at <http://www.ucitymo.org> by choosing *Budget Information* from the home page. This information should be available no later than July 8, 2011 .

* The FY 11 Budget includes the City's portion of a flood buyout grant in the amount of \$1,000,000.

*FY11 Budget Information shown above is prior to subsequent budget amendments.

Note: The General Fund is included in All Funds.



St. Louis County SAVES Program

University City would like to share some exciting news with you!

On May 23, the University City-City Council entered into a partnership agreement with St. Louis County, allowing University City residents to access the Sustainable and Verifiable Energy Savings (SAVES) loan program. This program offers a 3.5% loan to homeowners for upgrades that reduce energy costs in their home.

St. Louis County launched the SAVES program in late May and has approximately \$10.3 million to loan out countywide. Loans will be made on a first come first serve basis to residents of communities who have entered into a cooperative agreement with St. Louis County.

For more information about the program, visit the County SAVES website at: www.stlouiscountysaves.com or contact Anne Klein, Director of Energy Sustainability at (314) 332-2156. We strongly suggest you take advantage of this limited program.

University City Website

Last month, the University City website underwent a mild refreshening. The homepage has been revised to allow more news items to be displayed on the homepage. The homepage also has a new three column layout, with more information available in one spot. Navigation has also been improved throughout the site, allowing web visitors quick access to the most popular items.

For comments, questions, problems, or difficulties with the website, please email the University City webmaster at: webmaster@ucitymo.org.

Domestic Partnership Registry

On June 1, 2011, the University City Domestic Partnership registry opened to all unmarried couples that wish to declare a Domestic Partnership. The registry is open to homosexual and heterosexual couples. You **do not** need to be a University City resident to declare a Domestic Partnership in University City.

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.

If you are interested in declaring a Domestic Partnership, please visit the City's homepage. Then click on the link for "Domestic Partnership". For additional information, please contact the City Clerk at: 314-505-8604 or via email at jpumm@ucitymo.org.