



UNIVERSITY CITY NEWS

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University City News

May 2012

University City, Missouri

Fair U City– Memorial Day Weekend, May 26-28 !

Fair U City is a community carnival in U City, coming up this month! The Fair is organized by community volunteers who are committed to making sure you have a great time.

Fair U City will be in Heman Park. Plan to kick off summer 2012 at Fair U City – enjoy carnival

rides, plenty of food, games, music, hot rods and more. Fair U City offers fun for **everyone!**



Fair U City is easy to get to no matter where you live in the St. Louis region. Heman Park is located on Olive Boulevard, and is easily accessed from Skinker Boulevard, Hanley Road, or I-170. Visit www.fairucity.com!

City Council Election Results

The April 3 municipal election brought one new member, Paulette Carr, to the University City City Council. She is now a representative for Ward 2.

Ward 1 Councilmember Terry Crow and Ward 3 Councilmember Arthur Sharpe Jr. were up for re-election this year and will both retain their seats.

Council members serve four year terms.



City Council Chamber at City Hall

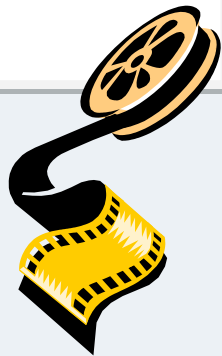


The Mayor's Communiqué

Excited for this summer's movies in the parks?

Your fellow residents need your help to make it happen! Every donation makes a difference and is greatly appreciated.

For donations above \$100 your message can be played on the big screen prior to one of the films! Contact the mayor for more info.



The 2012 Movies in the Parks series kicked off on a quite chilly April 21, 2012 with a showing of *American Graffiti* in University City's Heman Park. Kim Jones with the Barbara C. Jordan PTO set up a concession stand that rivaled those you find in the movie theaters. A good time was had by all who attended – and one of the viewers actually TWEETED Ron Howard during the film to tell him how much fun they were having. Howard was one of the stars of the film.

Following is the list of movies that will be shown during the rest of the series. A volunteer group of residents chose the films. Their theme for the series is Coming of Age movies. Please note: The October movie will be a Viewer's Choice.

- * Cooley High (May 19)
Millar Park
- * How to Train Your Dragon (June 13)
Fogerty Park
- * Akeelah & the Bee (July 11)
Lewis Park
- * Bend it Like Beckham (August 8)
Flynn Park
- * To Kill A Mockingbird (September 15)
Fogerty Park
- * Halloween-themed Viewer's Choice:
"Spirited Away," "Stand By Me" or
"Goonies" (October 13)
Heman Park

Check out the website at www.ucitymoviesintheparks.org. You can cast your vote for the October movie on the website at the Viewer's Choice link. You can also follow the U City Movies in the Parks group on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/ucitymoviesintheparks).

We are 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.

As I mentioned in my last Communiqué, remember that the DRAFT budget for FY2013 is now available. I hope you will review the budget which can be found at: <http://www.ucitymo.org/DocumentCenter/View/2173>.

If you have any questions or comments, plan to attend the final public budget meetings to share your thoughts. The meeting is scheduled for:

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

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The Mayor's Communiqué, Continued

Fair U City 2012 will be held again on Memorial Day weekend in Heman Park. Check out the Fair U City website at www.fairucity.com. We need volunteers to help in all areas. If you are interested, please let me know at info@fairucity.com. Or you can call me at 314-505-8606. Volunteering is fun and a great way to meet your neighbors.

University City High School graduate Orlando Watson is working with a group of volunteers, including Joe Totherow, Joyce Byers-Hines and Monique Hines, to organize a great entertainment line-up. Check out the website for all the details – or follow us on [Facebook](#).

We still have some vendor spots available. Our tentative list of vendors includes:

FOOD VENDORS

Romero's Concessionaires
Mandarin House
Cold Stone Creamery
Papa John's Pizza
Gateway Dog House
Zia's
Tango Argentinian Food

NON-PROFITS:

Bible Way Baptist Church
Missouri Falun Dafa Association
Health Protection & Education Services

COMMUNITY:

What A Good Find!
One Hundred Dresses Doll Clothes
Whittler's Hand
Usborne Publications
Big Shark

Vendor forms can be downloaded at www.fairucity.com.

My Regional Initiative on Youth continues to gain steam. This is an effort to bring together people from around the St. Louis region to work collaboratively to ensure that the young people of our region are provided with what they need to become the leaders of tomorrow. If you would like to be added to my group e-mail list to receive updates on this effort, please let me know at mayor@ucitymo.org. I will provide you with login information for the ftp site where you can review documents being considered by the Interim Board.

Finally, we are always looking for residents to volunteer to serve on our Boards and Commissions. This is a great way to dip your toe into the public service pond – these Boards and Commissions have long served as a first step for people who have eventually run for public office in our community.

Mayor Shelley Welsch



Movie Schedule

May 19

Cooley High

June 13

How to Train Your Dragon

July 11

Akeelah & the Bee

August 8

Bend it Like Beckham

September 15

To Kill A Mockingbird

October 13

Halloween theme
Viewer's Choice



Centennial Greenway

Pictures on this page are from the Centennial Greenway Conceptual Visioning Summary, found on the Great Rivers Greenway website at www.grgstl.org.

Great Rivers Greenway Construction Notice

Great Rivers Greenway, in coordination with Metro, and the Cities of Clayton, Ladue, Olivette and University City, is starting construction of another segment of the Centennial Greenway, a biking and walking trail. Construction crews are mobilizing for the construction of the Centennial Greenway from Shaw Park in Clayton to Olive Blvd in Olivette. The facility will be a great place to exercise or ride your bike to and from work.

Construction Details:

Location: East side of I-170 from Shaw Park to Olive Blvd.

Schedule: Construction begins April 2012 and will be complete Winter 2012

Construction Hours: 7 AM to 5 PM Monday through Friday

Scope:

- Clearing of vegetation and debris
- Grading for the trail
- Construction of a 10-foot-wide concrete pedestrian/bicycle trail
- New pedestrian crosswalks at Delmar & McKnight and Ladue & Hunter
- New landscaping for trail project area

Access to residential and commercial buildings will be maintained throughout construction. In the event of specific problems, please contact Construction Manager Paul McLeane of BSI Constructors at 314-781-7820.

About Great Rivers Greenway

Great Rivers Greenway makes St. Louis a better place to live by interconnecting trails through neighborhoods, greenways and parks across St. Louis City, St. Louis County and St. Charles County. It is a public organization funded by a tenth of a cent sales tax. The Centennial Greenway, a 20-mile regional trail, will run from Forest Park to Creve Coeur County Park in St. Louis County and across the Veterans Memorial Bridge to St. Charles County. To learn more about Great Rivers Greenway please access the website at www.grgstl.org.

If you need additional information please contact Patrick Owens at 314-436-7009 ext. 102. We appreciate your patience and cooperation while this project is in construction.



Public Works Week: May 20-26

Do you ever wonder where the water goes after it goes down the drain?

Do you ever wonder where the trash goes after the truck picks it up on trash day?

Do you ever wonder how the street light gets repaired?

Do you ever wonder how the snow is gone from the street when you get up in the morning?

THAT'S PUBLIC WORKS!

There are needs common to all human beings (water - sewer - electricity - streets - sidewalks - parks - signs - trash and the list goes on) that must be met on a daily basis by hardworking men and women who provide and sustain public works services in the best interests of their community.

The week of May 20 – 26 is Public Works Week. Why not wave when they drive by or say thanks to the many employees that make up the Public Works and Parks Department of University City as they continue to improve the quality of life here and make U City a special place to be.



Alley Arts Dumpster Decorating Project

The Neighborhood Voice Community Council sponsored a community arts event in March. Washington University students and permanent residents living near the alley (6600 block between Kingsbury Blvd. and Washington Avenue) were invited to submit designs around the theme of "Lions, Tigers, and Bears....Oh My" (zoo animals). Finalists were selected and several University City dumpsters were painted during the dumpster painting party on March 31.

For more information, contact Jennifer Harping,
Program Manager, Wash U, 314-935-8182,
rosedaleheights@wustl.edu



Tire Recycling Collection Event

The Cities of Pagedale,
Wellston and University City
are partnering to host
a free tire recycling
collection event.

Saturday, May 19, 2012
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
1420 Ferguson Avenue
parking lot

**FREE TO
RESIDENTS!**



*Don't miss the
opportunity to
remove those tires
from your yard or
community.*



City of
Wellston



The collection event is open to Pagedale, Wellston and University City residents only.

Accepted: Car and light duty truck tires, with or
without rims. Up to 10 tires accepted per vehicle.

Not accepted: Tires from businesses, oversized or
tractor tires.

For more information, call 314-726-1200.

Pagedale Residents Only - Town Hall Meeting
6:30 p.m. ■ May 14, 2012 ■ Pagedale City Hall
1420 Ferguson Avenue



This project is funded by a grant from the
St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District.



The Tire Problem

Hundreds of waste tires have been illegally
dumped or stockpiled in our three communities.
Proper disposal reduces the threat to public
health, safety and the environment.

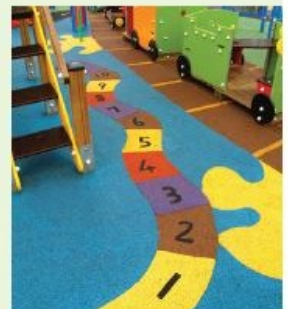
The Solution

Recycled tires are used in lots of ways!

Here are just a few:

- > Rubberized asphalt for highways and roads
- > Playground cover
- > Flooring/matting
- > Landfill construction
- > Soil additives

*Hundreds of products
now contain recyclable
tire rubber. Make sure
your old tires are part
of the solution!*



Printed on recycled paper using soy based ink

Have you started grilling this season? Safety tips from the Fire Department

According to a FEMA Topical Fire Report Series on "Grill Fires on Residential Properties," statistics from 2006 to 2008 show:

- ◇ Grill fires on residential properties result in an estimated average of 10 deaths, 100 injuries, and \$37 million in property loss each year.
- ◇ Over half (57%) of grill fires on residential properties occur during May, June, July, and August.
- ◇ 32% of grill fires on residential properties start on patios, terraces, screened-in porches, or courtyards, while an additional 24% start on exterior balconies and unenclosed porches.
- ◇ The leading category of equipment power source is "gas fuels" (79%). Within this category, propane is the power source in 69% of all grill fires on residential properties.
- ◇ "Heat from powered equipment" is the leading heat source category for grill fires on residential properties (47%). Within this category, spark, ember, or flame from operating equipment

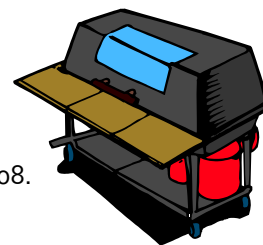


accounts for 28% of all grill fires on residential properties.

- ◇ The leading category of factors contributing to ignition is "mechanical failure, malfunction" (35 percent). Within this category, leaks or breaks of containers or pipes account for 23% of all grill fires on residential properties.

<http://www.usfa.fema.gov/downloads/pdf/statistics/v11i1.pdf>

The U City Fire Department responded to several fires caused by hot coals and/or charcoal in the years 2006 to 2008.



Outdoor Grilling Safety Tips

- Always check and maintain your grill equipment
- Check gas line and connections for leaks
- Evaluate the area before starting the grill
- Never leave a grill (charcoal or gas) unattended
- Never put hot or smoldering coals in a plastic or metal trash receptacle
- Remember that coals can stay warm for several days after grilling

The Fire Department Welcomes a New Member

The Fire Department would like to welcome our newest Paramedic/Firefighter Jeffrey Jiles.

Jeff is an experienced Paramedic/Firefighter. He has served as a Paramedic and/or Firefighter for Abbott Ambulance, the City of St. Louis and the City of Jennings.

Jeff grew up in University City and is looking forward to serving the citizens in the area where he is from.



2012 Olive Boulevard Business Survey Findings

In early 2012, the University City Department of Community Development (Dept. of CD) conducted a business survey of the owners of registered businesses on Olive Boulevard within the City limits of University City. The responses will provide a framework for defining the problems and directing attention to the issues that might impact economic development along the Olive corridor.

All 243 registered businesses along Olive Boulevard in University City were grouped into four geographical districts based generally on the [2009 Olive Boulevard Design Guidelines](#) and the Zoning Code: the Interchange/"Crossroads" District (from I-170 to McKnight Road), the International District (from McKnight Road to Midland Boulevard), the Parkway District (from Midland Boulevard to Ferguson Avenue), and the Industrial District (from Ferguson Avenue to Skinker Boulevard). 27 of those registered businesses are in the Crossroads District, while 132 are in the International District, 50 are in the Parkway District, and 34 are in the Industrial District. The survey asked 15 questions; the last 2 questions were open-ended.

As of March 23rd, 100 survey responses were received, representing a 41% overall response rate. 29% of the respondents described themselves as minority, woman-owned, and/or disadvantaged businesses¹; 22% of the respondents were property owners. Business & Professional Services and Retail Trade Sectors represented the majority of Olive Boulevard business owners who responded to the survey.

Most of the business owners indicated that Olive Boulevard in University City is a beneficial location for them; some of them have been there for decades. They cited easy access to customers and a strong business environment as the reasons that they enjoy operating along Olive Boulevard. Problems with public safety, parking, streetscape (infrastructure), and trash were mentioned frequently in written responses to the open-ended questions. Suggestions for streetscape improvement included lighting, landscaping, street conditions, and signs. In response, the Dept. of CD will collaborate with other City departments and the Olive Boulevard community in addressing the most



pressing issues.

In terms of plans for future expansion of businesses, 36% of the respondents expressed a likelihood of expanding in 2012 with respondents in all four business districts indicating they have expansion plans. Respondents indicated plans for 83 new hires and 22,000 square feet of additional space for 2012. Further, one-third of the respondents are interested in working with the newly re-activated University City Chamber of Commerce and the previously active Olive Business Association (OBA). Part of the Dept. of CD's ongoing effort includes lending support to the new Chamber and re-activating the OBA by working with groups within the four districts to determine the best marketing approach, event planning, and other efforts to improve district businesses.

The survey results support the notion of the International District as a regional tourist destination, meaning imported money is spent in the City by customers from other areas of the region and bi-state area, and contributes to the University City economy. Also, we have learned that Olive Boulevard businesses enjoy being near their customers and their own homes. They are positive about the Olive Boulevard business environment and its high availability of goods and services. A significant number of Olive Boulevard businesses are optimistic about the near future and have plans for expansion.

¹ M/W/DB Enterprises are eligible for state and local contracts and loan programs administered by the Missouri Department of Transportation, Lambert International Airport, and the MO Department of Economic Development. The Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program Office is located at Lambert Airport.



EXHIBITED BY
ILLUSTROUS
VISIONS

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND MAY 26TH-28TH
@ HEMAN PARK
SPECIAL MUSICAL PERFORMANCES BY



Aloha Mi'sho (Sat. 7:30pm)



Kim Massie (Sun. 5:00pm)



MoTre (Sun. 6:30pm)



Nikko Smith (Sun. 7:30pm)



Dirty Muggs (Mon. 6:00 PM)



St. Lunatics (Mon. 7:30 PM)





Visit

www.kidstoparks.com

to learn more about
National Kids to Parks
Day!

Hang out in Millar
Park on the evening
of Saturday, May 19
to watch *Cooley High*
as part of our
Movies in the Parks
series!

National Kids to Parks Day — Saturday, May 19, 2012

Join the fun!

U City is participating in National Kids to Parks Day on Saturday, May 19. There will be a scavenger hunt through all the parks, followed by prizes, food and crafts. The Grand Prize is a bike donated by Big Shark Bicycle Company!!



Scavenger hunt through U City Parks

Hunt: 9 a.m.—12 p.m.

Crafts, refreshments, prizes: 12 p.m. — 1 p.m.

Meet at Heman Park, Midland/Shaftesbury Entrance

To Register: Go to <http://www.ucitymo.org/DocumentCenter/Home/View/5841> to download registration form. Drop off your completed form at Centennial Commons, 7210 Olive Blvd, e-mail to lzacher@ucitymo.org or mail to Laura Zacher at 6801 Delmar Blvd., University City 63130. For questions, contact Laura Zacher at (314) 505-8522. **No rain date.**

Sunday in the Parks

On Sunday, June 24, 2012, the University City Parks Foundation will host "Sunday in the Parks," a guided bus tour of U City's fantastic parks. Tours will depart at 1 pm and 3 pm. Tickets are \$50 per person and include a narrated tour with knowledgeable guides, followed by refreshments, drinks, and wine at the Heman Park Tennis Court Pavilion.

If you are not able to attend, please consider a tax-deductible donation. All proceeds go towards supporting your parks in University City. Join our growing community of park advocates and reserve your space before June 10. More information is available at Centennial Commons or visit www.ucityparksfoundation.org.

I ♥ U CITY PARKS



UNIVERSITY CITY PARKS FOUNDATION

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)



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.

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
Swim Lessons
Pilates
Zumba
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:

mfurfaro@ucitymo.org

or through Relay Missouri, 800.735.2966 (TDD).



Recreation

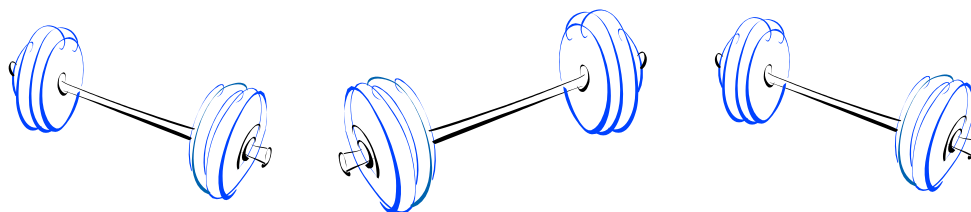
Centennial Commons

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 programs 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

Visit Ruth Park Golf Course and Driving Range — 8211 Groby Road



One of the premier municipal courses in the region, Ruth Park Golf Course is convenient, affordable and in great shape. Centrally located in University City, 1 mile north of Delmar Blvd., its tree-lined, hilly course layout makes Ruth Park challenging and a favorite venue for generations of University City and surrounding area golfers. Our Driving Range is open 7:00 am to approximately 9:30 pm (last bucket of balls sold at 9 pm) and includes 25 hitting stations of both mats and grass. Managed under the direction of PGA Professional, Doug Castellari, Ruth Park Golf Course amenities include: Zoysia fairways and bent grass greens, multiple tee boxes to accommodate players of all ages, individual/group lessons, professional club fittings, spring/summer youth golf programs, and a fully stocked golf shop and snack bar. League play and group outings are also available.

Upcoming Events:

Adams Golf Demo Day – Sunday, May 13, 2012 – 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Callaway Golf Demo Day – Friday, May 18, 2012 – 3:00 to 7:00 pm

Wilson Golf Demo Day – Saturday, May 19, 2012 – 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

For more information, contact Ruth Park Golf Course, 314.727.4800 or email Doug at dcastellari@ucitymo.org or check our website: ucitymo.org/ruthparkgolfcourse.



Summer Camp at Centennial Commons

Slots are Still Available for Another Summer of Fun!!



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.

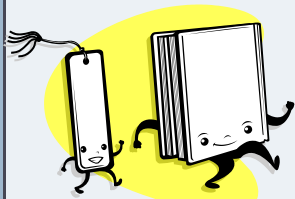
Camp CentCom: an extended (August 6-17) camp program held at Centennial Commons. Breakfast and afternoon snack provided for an additional fee.

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.

Registration for all programs ends Saturday, May 12, 2012.

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



Did you know ... ?

There is free wireless

internet access

available at the

U City Public Library.

This is available to

anyone with a U City

Library Card!

www.ucpl.lib.mo.us



U City
Public Library

6701 Delmar Blvd.

Hours:

Mon-Fri: 9am– 9pm

Saturday: 9am– 5pm

Sunday: 1pm– 5pm

Upcoming Events at the U City Public Library

Thursday, May 10: Gaming It: New School/Old School

7:00pm An intergenerational gaming event involving electronic and 'unplugged' games. Part of the library's Building Common Ground: Discussions of Community, Civility and Compassion activities, funded by a grant from the American Library Association and the Fetzer Institute and presented by the University City Public Library in partnership with AARP Chapter 4048 University City/Clayton. Refreshments and prizes offered; all are welcome!

Saturday, May 12: Trivia Night!

Doors open 6:30pm Don't miss the best trivia night in St. Louis! Register at the Library in person or by phone at 314-727-3150.

Sunday, May 13: Closed for Mother's Day

The library will be closed today for Mother's Day. Read to your mother today.

Tuesday, May 15: Readings in History Book Group

7:00 pm Join us for a discussion of Amanda Foreman's *A World on Fire: Britain's Crucial Role in the American Civil War*. We'll also have available copies of the next month's selection, Candice Millard's *Destiny of the Republic*. Everyone is welcome!

Wednesday, May 16: Summer of *Les Miserables* Kick-off Party

5:00 pm Stop by to sample some treats and pick up your book for this year's Big Summer Read. Last year, we conquered Tolstoy's *War & Peace*; this year help us tackle Victor Hugo's *Les Miserables*.

Sunday, May 20: Building Common Ground

2:00 pm Join us for this discussion series of *Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life* by Karen Armstrong. These events kick off programming for the library's Building Common Ground: Discussions of Community, Civility and Compassion activities, funded by a grant from the American Library Association and the Fetzer Institute and presented by the University City Public Library in partnership with AARP Chapter 4048 University City/Clayton. Our conversation will be facilitated by Carolyn Wright from the Aquinas Institute of Theology. All are welcome; registration is recommended- call 314-727-3150 or email kmgallagher@ucpl.lib.mo.us. [\(Part 3 of a 3-part series\)](#)

Tuesday, May 22: Ulysses and Julia Grant: The Importance of Family

7:00 PM The U City Historical Society presents Grant scholar and historian Pam Sanfilippo. Help us commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War by discussing one of the Union's great generals, and one of the country's most famous presidents.

Wednesday, May 23: U City Book Group

7:00 PM Join us for this discussion of *The Tiger's Wife*, by Tea Obreht. We'll also have copies of next month's book available to check out! Everyone is welcome.

Friday, May 25: Storytime for Grown-ups

12:00 Noon John Wright, author of many books of local history will be here for a great storytime. Don't miss this fun event. Bring your lunch and we will provide drinks and dessert.

2012 Summer Reading Program

Dream Big, Read!

May 25 – July 27 « ☺ » Ages 4 – 17

We've *dreamed* up a BIG summer reading program with events, parties, & prizes. For current info, call 727-3150 or visit our website: www.ucpl.lib.mo.us/childrens.

Reporting Begins:

Sunday, June 3 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Reporting Ends:

Thursday, July 19 7:30 p.m.



Teen Summer Reading Program Volunteer Training

(7th grade & up) For info, call 727-3150.

Wednesday, May 16	4:00-6:00 p.m.	Wednesday, May 30	4:00-6:00 p.m.
Monday, May 21	6:30-8:30 p.m.	Saturday, June 2	10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Please check our
website

ucpl.lib.mo.us/childrens/

for the most
current
information!

Upcoming Library Events for Young People

- Thursday, May 3: An Evening of Family Storytelling**
6:30 pm With featured Master Storytellers: Gladys Coggsell & Jane Stenson, sponsored by St. Louis Storytelling Festival.
- Friday, May 4: A Morning of Storytelling**
10:00 am Featuring Marilyn Kinsella and Jackie & Papa Wright for young listeners. (ages 3 -6)
- Saturday, May 5: "Kids Tell" Open House**
10:00 am Features young tellers (in grades 5 – 12) sharing their stories!!
- Thursday, May 17: Third Thursday Movie **6pm****
6:00 pm Join us this month to see **Cars 2**, rated G. Movies are shown in the 2nd floor Youth Services Department. Admission is FREE.
- May 12, May 26: Teen Spot Gaming**
7:00 pm Bring your favorite electronic games or try out our Wii and Xbox 360 games. 2nd & 4th Saturdays, Grades 6+.
2:00 – 4:00 pm.



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Building Common Ground:

Discussions of Community, Civility and Compassion

Join us at the library for these upcoming programs:

Gaming It: New School/Old School

Intergenerational gaming: From Wii to poker & marbles

Fun, food, **prizes*** for ages 9 to 99.

* **Thursday, May 10 @ 7pm – Lil's Tree house (2nd floor)**

* **Saturday, May 12 @ 1pm – Lil's Tree house (2nd floor)**

* *Gift cards: GameStop, Barnes & Noble, & more!*

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38th Annual University City Memorial Day Run Monday, May 28th, 2012

Start Times

7:30 am - 10K and 5K

9:15 am - Fun Run (Adults and Children 8-12)

9:30 am - Fun Run (Children under 8)

Visit www.ucitymemorialdayrun.com for registration and more information!