



UNIVERSITY CITY NEWS

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University City News

April 2012

University City, Missouri

What's New This Month

Have you seen the new U City logo? Learn more about it in the Mayor's Communiqué, starting on page 2.



Stay informed about your city's finances! This newsletter includes a general overview of the proposed Fiscal Year 2012-2013 budget. Want to know more? You can see the entire budget document on our website. Have questions or suggestions? Be sure to attend one of the public budget meetings to tell us what you think. There are 2 meetings remaining. Previous meetings were held on October 27 and November 17, 2011, January 25 and March 19, 2012. Upcoming sessions:

April 16, 2012 • 6:00 p.m.

- Mt. Gideon M.B. Church • 6505 Etzel

May 14, 2012 • 6:30 p.m.

- City Council Meeting in Council Chamber
- 6801 Delmar

Lifeguard Certification Class Available—Ages 16 & up!

Are you a strong swimmer who wants to become a lifeguard? Then sign up for our American Red Cross Lifeguard certification course. All lifeguard candidates must pass pre-requisites before enrolling in the class:

- ⇒ Minimum age of 16 by the start of the class date.
- ⇒ Swim 300 yards continuously, using the following strokes with rhythmic breathing: 100 yards front crawl, 100 breaststroke, 100 yards either front crawl or breaststroke.
- ⇒ Perform "Brick" test in 100 seconds or less: enter water, swim 20 yards, surface dive 7-10 ft. and retrieve a 10 lb. brick, return to surface, swim 20 yards back to starting point with both hands on brick, exit water.

Dates: April 27 – April 29, 2012

Friday 4/27 6 pm – 9 pm (UCHS Natatorium)

Saturday 4/28 9 am – 5 pm (Centennial Commons/UCHS Natatorium)

Sunday 4/29 9 am – 5 pm (UCHS Natatorium/Centennial Commons)

FEE: \$ 50.00 (Heman Pool Lifeguards)

\$125.00 (All Others)

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



From the Mayor's Desk . . .

The Mayor's Communiqué



**Check out the
new U City
logo!**

University City unveiled its new brand identity – and a new logo – on March 3rd. The new logo retains the iconic U City lion and tiger, but incorporates the new University City tagline – Neighborhood to the World.

This logo is only part of the new brand platform, developed with the input of more than 150 University City residents and business owners. The platform includes:

Brand Vision: To be a global community that celebrates diversity and the multi-cultural beliefs of our residents.

Brand Mission: To be a progressive and diverse community focused on the quality of life of all residents.

Brand Values:

- We embrace cultural diversity in our community and among our residents.
- We take great pride in our homes, neighborhoods and community.
- We honor our history and heritage.
- We value arts and culture.
- We protect individualism and promote a vibrant environment for creativity and invention.
- We are focused on the growth and quality of life of all residents.

Brand Positioning: University City is a diverse, forward-thinking global community offering a better quality of life for those seeking a vibrant

environment in which to work, play or call home.

This new identity will be appearing around town soon and will become part of all of the City's communications efforts, including economic development outreach.

Don't forget that the DRAFT budget for FY2013 is now available. 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 remaining meetings are scheduled:

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

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

I will kick off the first event of a new *We Are U City* lecture series, something I designed to provide a showcase where University City residents can talk about themselves, their lives and their work. I thought this would be a good way to help people know their neighbors in a slightly different way. The first lecture will be held on May 16th, exact time still TBD, at University City High School. The first lecture will be presented by photographer Marian Brickner. (Please see: <http://www.westendword.com/Articles-Features-c-2012-01-17-178681.114137-Photographer-Marian-Brickners-Fascination-With-Bonobos.html>) Marian will also be

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The Mayor's Communiqué, Continued

working with children in the schools to discuss her work with bonobos and her profession as a photographer.

Following is the list of movies that will be shown in U City parks from April to October this year. 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 Viewer's Choice.

- * American Graffiti (April 21):
Heman Park
- * 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 (Flynn Park students handle concession stand)
- * To Kill A Mockingbird (September 15):
Fogerty Park
- * Halloween-themed Viewer's Choice:
Spirited Away, Stand By Me, or Goonies (October 13): *Heman Park*

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.

I am interested in providing some formal recognition to young people in University City who will be graduating from high school in May and June – a formal acknowledgement of the work they have been doing before they leave to pursue their education and careers. If you know of a young person who you feel should be honored, please let me know at mayor@ucitymo.org or 314-505-8606. I will ask for some background information and then formally recognize them, in a manner still TBD, at the end of the school year.

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 visitors. Check out the Fair U City website at www.fairucity.com. We need volunteers to help in all areas. If you are interested, please contact me at info@fairucity.com, or call 314-505-8606. I will put you in touch with your fellow volunteers.

Finally – don't forget to vote on April 3rd. If you have questions about the upcoming election, let me know.

Mayor Shelley Welsch



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.

Budget FY 2013

What are expenditures?

Expenditures represent the money the City pays to obtain goods and services, ranging from fire trucks and street repairs to employee salaries.

Funds, Explained

The General Fund is referred to as the “operating budget.” The other funds are used for non-operating or specific, restricted revenue sources.

Where does my property tax bill go?

U City:	9.6%
Library:	3.0%
School District:	58.9%
Special School District:	12.7%
Community College:	2.8%
County:	6.6%
Zoo:	3.2%
Miscellaneous:	3.4%

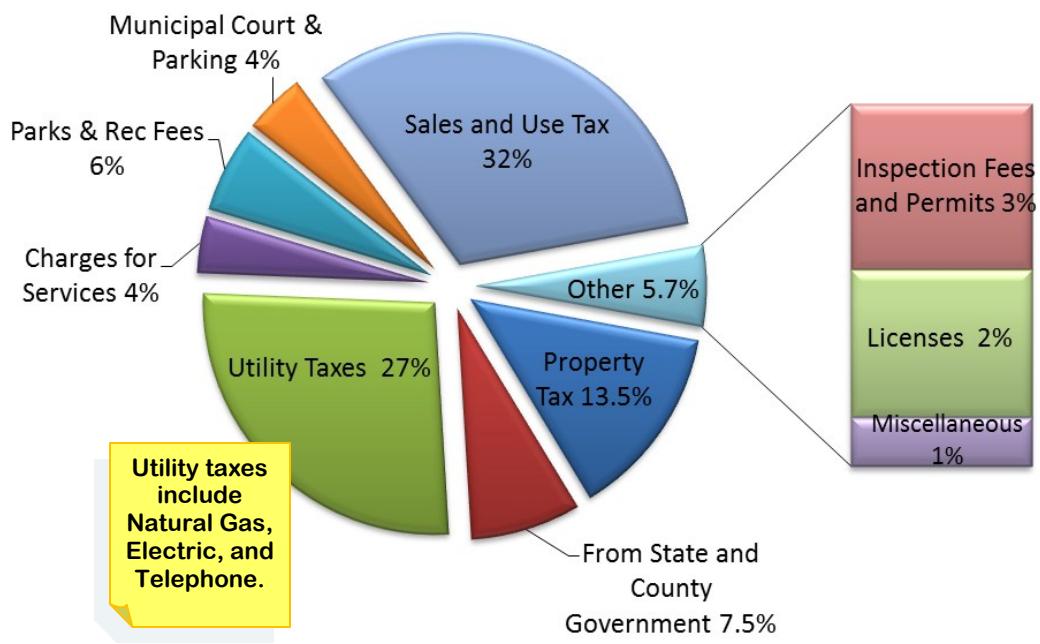
Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Proposed Budget Overview

The City Manager is pleased to share the Fiscal Year 2013 (FY 13) proposed (draft) budget. FY 13 is from July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013. In this newsletter you will find an overview of city revenues and expenses, followed by a discussion of budget highlights, and challenges we face to ensure expenses are not greater than revenue.

University City must spend its money on essential items and services, just like you do for yourself and your household. We both have to live within our means, and it's a constant balancing act. The budget for Fiscal Year 2013 (FY 13) is balanced with expenditures not exceeding revenues. It is important to ensure the city does not spend more money than it receives, and to spend taxpayer money wisely and prudently.

The City has 13 separate funds. The General Fund is the largest account and supports general city operations including public safety (police and fire services); infrastructure improvement; recreational, cultural, and social services; and city administration. The General Fund receives income or “revenue” from many sources. The primary source of revenue is taxes, including Sales Tax at 32% of total revenues, followed by Utility Taxes (27%), and Property Tax (13.5%). See pie chart below.

General Fund Revenues

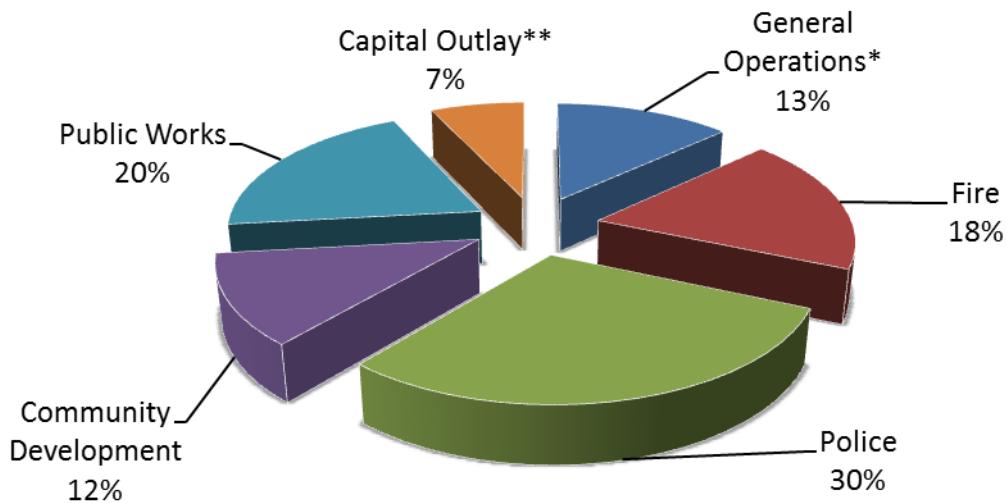


FYI: The budget document in its entirety can be found as a PDF download on our website under the [Budget & Financial Reports](#) page. If you cannot access this on the internet, contact the Finance Department for a copy at (314) 505-8544.

A full list of funds can be found in the Introduction section of the Budget document.

The budget sets spending limits for the programs and services that reflect the priorities of University City citizens. It also serves as a work plan and a financial plan. The General Fund accounts for about 60% of the City's total expenditures (\$25.7 million) with the majority of expenditures dedicated to public safety, (police and fire services) at 48%.

General Fund Expenditures



* General Operations: HR, IT, Finance, Municipal Court, Legislative Services, City Manager's Office, & Debt Service

** Capital Outlay expenditures result in the acquisition of, or addition of, capital assets or infrastructure

What is capital outlay?

Capital projects generally involve the construction, purchase, or renovation of buildings, parks, streets, or other physical structures.

The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is a schedule of capital improvements needed within the City. It provides a plan to accomplish those needs within the city's ability to pay.

Proposed Budget by the Numbers

Total Budget:	\$ 44.1 million
Operating Budget:	\$ 36 million
Non-operating Budget:	\$ 8.1 million
Budget Increase from FY 2012:	13.4%

The budget increase from FY 12 is because of a higher capital budget this year. About 56% of the increase comes from grant revenue. These projects had been delayed from previous years due to reduced revenue sources, because of the recession.

What is the “Proposed Budget?”

The proposed budget for FY 2013 was presented to City Council on February 27, 2012 by the City Manager.

To develop the proposed budget, the City Manager and Finance Department worked with all city departments to develop revenue and expenditure estimates for the upcoming fiscal year.

This budget is not final. City Council members and U City residents have opportunities to give feedback during budget study sessions and public budget meetings.



U City in Bloom is a nonprofit organization that maintains over 150 gardens in University City. The organization relies on donations from individuals, family trusts and foundations, neighborhood associations, the University City School District, and the City of University City.

Visit
www.icityinbloom.org

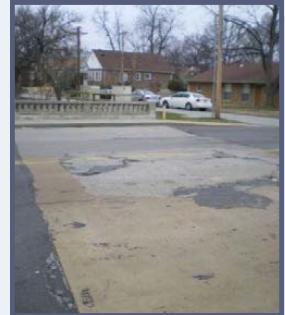
Budget Highlights

1. **No reduction in City services**- University City will continue to provide the current level of services to residents. There will be no reductions in services, including Police and Fire.
2. **Increased funding for Police & Fire operations**- Safety is a top priority in University City. There is an increase in funding to ensure the highest quality Police and Fire services.
3. **No increases for real estate taxes or sales tax revenue**- Taxes are necessary to provide the city services residents depend on. We carefully calculate the City's needs to ensure residents are not paying any more than is necessary.
4. **No cost of living increases for employees for the fourth year**- Our employees work hard and continue to do more with less. To keep budget costs down, there is no proposed cost of living increase for employee salaries.
5. **New partnership with the University City School District to share the cost of a dedicated grant writer**- We are always seeking outside funding sources to help reduce the burden of necessary expenses. A dedicated grant writer's expertise will help our City gain outside financial assistance for various projects.
6. **Increased funding for U City In Bloom**- The budget proposes a small increase to maintain our beautiful city.
7. **Funding for City Hall Summer Youth Program for the second year**- This program provides youth ages 16-19 with meaningful work experience and enhances their job skills.



What are the main challenges in creating a balanced budget?

1. **Declining population**- City population has declined 5.5% from the 2000 to 2010 census (from 37,500 to 35,400). This decline has a negative impact on tax revenue.
2. **Potential sales tax changes**- There are proposals to change U City from a “pool” city to a “point-of-sale” city, which would decrease the amount of sales tax revenue U City collects. As a pool city, we share sales tax revenue with other pool cities and unincorporated County areas. A sliding scale calculates how much each area shares. If we switched to a point-of-sale city, we would only retain sales tax revenues collected from businesses located within our city.
3. **Tree maintenance**- U City has thousands of trees which require trimming and other maintenance. This is a significant expense, but necessary for resident safety.
4. **Aging infrastructure**- As an older suburb, University City has considerable needs for street, sidewalk, and curb repair. There is a street paving backlog that must be addressed, in addition to annual routine maintenance. Sidewalks and curbs must be updated to comply with ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) accessibility standards. Plus, sidewalks and curbs must also keep up with annual maintenance.



City Strategic Goals and Objectives

1. **Commercial and Retail Development**
 - Olive Corridor Development
 - Olive & Delmar Streetscape
 - I-170 and Delmar Development
 - Secure the long term viability of the Loop
2. **Housing and Development that strengthens neighborhoods and encourages growth**
 - A proactive and energetic approach to expanding and redeveloping housing within the community
 - Must be sensitive to the varied neighborhood and housing needs within the community
 - Partner with School District to achieve viable district with excellence in academic achievement
3. **Financial Stability and Long Term Vitality**
 - Identification of options of service choices (levels and types of services)
 - Identification of revenue generation options
 - Education of the Council and Citizens on Choices for the Community
 - Refocus the philosophy of the community to “pay as you go”
4. **Streamline & Strengthen Municipal Operations**
 - Improve the efficiency and streamline City operations and functions
 - Promote coordination of services and expenditures across all departments
 - Promote expanded customer service approaches in all municipal operations
 - Expand support for infrastructure redevelopment and development
5. **Enhance elected official procedures to foster environment conducive to positive visionary leadership today and to the next century**
 - Improve the working operations and processes of the City Council
 - Maintain a dynamic and current strategic plan

NEW University City Chamber of Commerce

October 2011 marked the rebirth of the University City Chamber of Commerce. Since early 2011, a number of dedicated and committed volunteers and business owners, with the seed money provided by the City and assistance by City staff, have begun working towards re-establishing the Chamber which had been defunct for many years. The Chamber provides a recognized, efficient and legitimate forum for exchanging ideas and addressing the business needs of University City as a whole. This action is consistent with the strategic initiatives in economic development to implement an economic development organization, as outlined in the City's latest Comprehensive Plan Update.

Since the formation of the new University City Chamber of Commerce, City staff has been working closely with the Chamber Board of Directors in its outreach and programming efforts. Together we would like to create a supportive environment for our local businesses by helping them grow and encouraging

new businesses to choose University City as their destination.

The Chamber holds a different type of meeting every week of the month. The first week there is a general membership meeting that rotates between breakfast, lunch and happy hours. The second week there is a "brown bag" lunch meeting where a member business is scheduled to present to other members on the nature of their business. The Board of Directors meets in an open meeting during the third week of the month. In the fourth week, there is a coffee event at Jilly's Cupcakes to meet and network with other businesses before work in the morning.

Chamber membership is open to all businesses, institutions, non-profit organizations, property owners, and individuals located/residing within and outside of the City. For a schedule of meetings and membership information, please visit the Chamber's website at www.universitycitychamber.com.



New Businesses in University City

Name	Type of Business	Address
Cabinets & Granite	Counters, Cabinets, and Fixtures Store	8507 Olive Blvd.
Daniel B Feinberg Real Estate	Realtor	7012 Pershing Ave.
Diversified Supply Inc.	Wholesale Electrical Distributor	8678 Olive Blvd.
GameStop	Video Game Retailer	6662 Delmar Blvd.
Granny Tsai Charity	Resale and Donation Center	8612 Olive Blvd.
Nico Restaurant	American/Mediterranean Restaurant	6525 Delmar Blvd.
Re-Designz	Retro Design Store	6352 Delmar Blvd.
Third Eye Tarot	Retail	6265 Delmar Blvd.
Underwriters Service Agency	Insurance Agents, Brokers	8168 Olive Blvd.

U City Fire Department Remembrances

Retired Fire Captain Loren "Doc" Hewitt passed away February 28, 2012. Doc worked for the University City Fire Department from August 1952 to 1977. Doc and his wife, Dorothy, raised their family here in University City until 2011 when Doc's health started failing. Throughout his 35 years of retirement, Doc has been many crew members' idol, even though Doc was retired more years than he worked. Doc was always part of any fire department gathering. He was an avid golfer and loved to play baseball. Doc did not know a stranger, he was loved by all.

Doc will be missed by many generations of Firefighters.

Retired Firefighter Robert "Bob" McCarthy passed away March 6, 2012. Bob worked for the University City Fire Department from July 1980 to April 2007. Bob was known as a person who could always make you laugh and someone to count on if you needed a helping hand. Whether you needed a room or a whole house painted Bob was your man. He had a great eye for detail.

Bob will be remembered and missed greatly.

Technical Assistance for Sustainability Awarded by U.S. EPA

University City is the only city in the St. Louis region, and among the 56 communities across the nation, awarded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with technical assistance through the Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities program in 2012.

Building Blocks is a project of the Partnership for Sustainable Communities, involving EPA, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)), and the U.S. Department of Transportation ([DOT](#)). The award announcement was made in early February at the New Partners for Smart Growth Conference held in San Diego, CA.

"The Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities program allows EPA, in partnership with other federal agencies, to provide technical assistance so communities can realize their vision of a sustainable

future," said Karl Brooks, EPA Region 7 Administrator. "I applaud University City for setting an example in sustainability for other communities to follow."

The [EPA](#) awarded University City a Sustainable Land Use Audit Workshop for later this year. The day-long community workshop will identify ways to improve the city's zoning code to incorporate sustainability. The Sustainable Land Use Audit will build upon existing planning efforts to coordinate transportation linkages, energy efficiency, affordable housing, neighborhood walkability and overall sustainable practices. The city will receive a short "next steps" memo outlining options to consider as it moves forward to improve the economy, the environment, and quality of life.



Any old appliances sitting around?
Carpets? Mattresses?
Tires? Pipes?
You name it, you can likely recycle it at the St. Louis Earth Day Recycling Extravaganza.

Earth Day Recycling Extravaganza

Recycle electronics, appliances, clothing, rechargeable batteries and a long list of other items at the St. Louis Earth Day Recycling Extravaganza.

The recycling event is on Sunday, April 22, 2012, 9am-3pm at St. Louis Community College, Forest Park Campus parking lot, off Oakland Ave.

Fees may apply to some items.

Visit stlouisearthday.org for a complete list of items that will be accepted during the drop-off event.



U City Receives Recycling Grant Award

The City of University City received a \$20,000 recycling grant award from St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District to use toward expanding the Single Stream Recycling Program by purchasing larger 95 gallon recycling carts. The funds will be available after July 1.



Spring Bulk Household Item Collection begins April 16!



Place up to 7 household items curbside (not in the alley) by the Sunday night before collection begins in your area. Trucks make only one pass during the week of collection.

Call the Public Works and Parks Department at 314-505-8560, to confirm your area.

East Area - April 16-20
West Area - April 23-27
Central Area - April 30-May 4

If you miss your collection, contact the Public Works and Parks Department to schedule a special bulk household item pick-up for a fee.

Recreation

U City Summer Job Fair, Ages 17 & Up

Saturday, April 7, 2012. 11 am-1 pm, Centennial Commons, 7210 Olive Blvd.

Calling all lifeguards, students, teachers, etc. Come find out about summer and part-time employment at Heman Pool and Centennial Commons.

For more information, call 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 Furfar, 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: mfurfar@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

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

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.

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

Upcoming Events at the U City Public Library



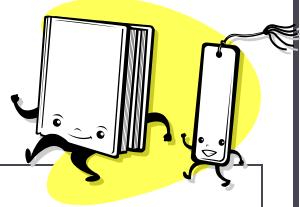
Did you know ...
you can easily
download
audiobooks and
ebooks from the
Library's website?
www.ucpl.lib.mo.us

U City Public Library

6701 Delmar Blvd.

Hours:

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



Wednesday, April 4: Computer Class: Introduction to Computers

2:30 pm Learn the basic parts of a computer, and practice using a mouse. Classes are free, and do not require registration.

Thursday, April 5: Urban Thought Book Group

7:00 pm Join us for a discussion of August Wilson's *Fences*. We will also have copies of next month's selection, Octavia Butler's *Kindred*. Everyone is welcome!

Friday, April 6: Blood Drive

10:00 am–2:00pm Spring into action and save a life! Donate to the American Red Cross today. To schedule an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org and use the sponsor code Ucitylibrary. Walk-ins are also welcome!

Sunday, April 8: Closed for Easter

April 9—May 5: In the Gallery: U City Photo Show

Check out the best photos of U City! Winning photos will be used in the City's 2014 calendar.

Wednesday, April 11: Computer Class: Introduction to the Internet

2:30 pm Learn how to surf the web, use search engines, and find what you're looking for. Classes are free, and do not require registration.

Thursday, April 12: Washington University Book Discussion

11:30 am Help us celebrate Shakespeare's birthday this month with a discussion of *As You Like It*, led by Washington University's Annamaria Pileggi. Washington University will be performing this play this month, so be sure to stop by and see it live!

Sunday, April 15: Gallery Reception: U City Photo Show

2:00 pm–4:00 pm Meet the talented photographers of the works displayed in the Gallery this month, and be present to see which photos will be selected to appear in the City's 2014 calendar.

Sunday, April 15: 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. Please call 314.727.3150 or email kmgallagher@ucpl.lib.mo.us. **(Part 2 of a 3-part series)**

Tuesday, April 17: Readings in History Book Group

7:00 pm Join us for a discussion of Sam Kean's *The Disappearing Spoon: and Other True Tales of Madness, Love, and the History of the World from the Periodic Table of the Elements*. We'll also have available copies of next month's selection, Amanda Foreman's *A World on Fire: Britain's Crucial Role in the American Civil War*. Everyone is welcome!

Wednesday, April 18: Computer Class: Web Email

2:30 pm Create a free web-based email account, and learn the basics of sending and receiving emails and attachments. Classes are free, and do not require registration.

Monday, April 23: Meet the Author: David Clewell

7:00 pm The Friends of the Library present David Clewell, Missouri's Poet Laureate. Mr. Clewell will help us celebrate National Poetry Month with a reading and signing at the Library! Copies of his book will be available for purchase from Subterranean Books. Don't miss this event!

Wednesday, April 25: Computer Class: Introduction to Microsoft Word 2007

2:30 pm Learn how to use Microsoft Word 2007 for typing letters, résumés, posters, and more! Classes are free, and do not require registration.

Wednesday, April 25: U City Book Group

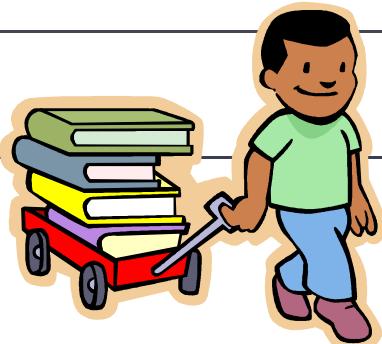
7:00 pm Join us for this discussion of *Swamplandia*, by Karen Russell. We'll also have copies of next month's book available to check out! Everyone is welcome.

Thursday, April 26: Civil War Book Discussion

7:00 pm Join us for a discussion of *Guerrillas in Civil War Missouri* led by the author, James Erwin. Everyone is welcome!

**Upcoming Library Events for Young People****Saturday, April 14: Mother Goose Lap Sit**

10:30 am 9-15 months. With Ms. W.

**Tuesday, April 17: Bouquet of Stories**

6:30 pm 3-6 year olds. With Ms. W.

Thursday, April 19: Third Thursday Movie **NEW TIME 6pm**

6:00 pm Join us this month to see *Kung Fu Panda 2*, rated PG. Movies are shown in the 2nd floor Youth Services Department. Admission is FREE.

April 12, April 26: Teen Spot Gaming

7:00 pm Bring your favorite electronic games or try out our Wii and Xbox 360 games. 2nd & 4th Thursdays, Grades 6+.
7:00 – 8:30 pm.

Thursday, May 3: St. Louis Storytelling Festival: Evening of Family Storytelling

6:30 pm Additional events at U City Library on May 4-5. Check our website or call for schedule.

Please check our

website

ucpl.lib.mo.us/childrens/

for the most

current

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