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Riverside and Parkville Collaborate on Route 9 Study

The City of Riverside and the City of Parkville have partnered to conduct a study of the Route 9 Corridor from Route 45 to Horizons Parkway to determine needed vehicular and pedestrian improvements. Funded by a Planning Sustainable Places (PSP) grant from the Mid America Regional Council (MARC), the study will position communities to submit specific identified projects for future grant funding to help construct improvements.

Route 9 is a regionally significant link connecting vehicular and pedestrian traffic on Route 45 to the assets that make both of these communities viable, including employment centers, regional and recreational destinations. But Route 9 as it exists today is an undivided, two-lane road restricted by existing terrain and development and lacking adequate shoulders, access control, turn lanes and pedestrian improvements.

Riverside and Parkville will create a project steering committee and select a consultant to help develop preliminary plans for recommended

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All in the (Riverside) Family

Father and Son Share Employer, Memories

Father and son Mike and David Shelton share more than friends and memories, they also share an employer — the City of Riverside.

But both agree the City is much more than that: it's become their second family.

Mike Shelton began his career with the City in 1977 as a police officer, firefighter and medic, launching a career that would last until his retirement in 2004. But his retirement didn't last. Mike was recruited back in 2005 as a part-time dispatcher, and today serves as the City's Emergency Manager full time.



Mike and David Shelton

Mike recalls being on the job when son David was born, as well as his sister Cathy. Both kids spent lots of time with Mike at work, and even attended City functions. "I remember Mayor Rose holding the kids when they were little at an employee holiday dinner," Mike said. David Shelton, who started part-time with Public Works in 2005 and is today a full-time member of the team, has fond memories of those days as well.

"I feel like I grew up in Riverside, because I spent as much time there as in my hometown. I guess you could say it's my second home town — a second family to my Dad and me," David said. Though you won't find it in the employee manual, working for an employer that feels like family is a special benefit. And one that certainly rings true for Mike and David Shelton.

Community Center

The Riverside Community Center offers free fitness classes and league play every week. The YMCA also offers classes for members at the facility. Questions? Call 816-741-4172. Note: Closed Feb. 16th (No Riverside Programs).

Free Classes & Events

SU, 1-5pm and M/T/W/TH, 2-5pm
Open Gym

M/W/F, 8-9:30am

Cardio, Strength, Yoga

M/TH, 10-11am

Line Dance & Weights

T/TH, 8-9am, Zumba

W, 10-11am

Stay Strong, Stay Healthy

W, 12pm-2pm

Beginner/Intermediate Play

T/TH, 11am-3pm

Hand and Foot Card Game

W, 2-4 pm (1st & 3rd)

Cards Bunco

2nd and Last Mondays. 1pm-3pm

Senior Dances

Route 9 Study

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improvements including access control, widening where feasible, mitigation of capacity and safety issues, sidewalks and multiuse trails, and accommodation for future transit service.

Improving the Route 9 Corridor is a top priority of Riverside, Parkville and project partners Park University, Platte County, Platte County Health Department and MoDOT. This collaborative approach has been successful on past projects including the Route 45 expansion, Route 45 Corridor Study and the Horizons/I-635 interchange.



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Yanfeng to Manufacture Nearly 450 New Jobs

What company occupies the most space in the rapidly developing Horizons Business Park? That would be Yanfeng USA Automotive Trim Systems, Inc. The manufacturer of injection-molded automobile parts is slated to add over 400 employees to its roster by November 2015.

Construction on the facility began after Yanfeng selected Riverside as the location for its newest North American Plant in 2013. A \$52 million dollar investment, the initial project called for a 240,000+ square foot facility on a 22-acre site. Production began in August 2014 with a staff of 28 employees. Yet the company was already expanding, adding nearly 100,000 square feet to make room for an extensive paint line. Today, the total investment for both projects is nearly \$70 million.

According to Yanfeng Plant Manager Daniel Walker, Riverside was the ideal choice. “The location offered close proximity to General Motors in Fairfax, our main customer,” Dan said. But it was the high level of cooperation among City, State and development leaders that truly closed the deal. “From the Mayor to the Building Inspector, development team to the Fire Marshall, everyone has been helpful. It’s been more like a partnership than a building-planning exercise,” said Dan. Construction is scheduled for completion this summer and full production will begin in November.

Yanfeng is recruiting to fill hundreds of positions: For technical jobs, contact Jon Decker at 586-840-3563 email jdecker@yf-usa.com. For hourly jobs, contact Lavonda Brown 816-859-7242 lavonda.brown@manpower.com.





February is Earthquake Preparedness Month

Earthquakes are not rare in Missouri. Our state experiences frequent earthquakes and tremors, including powerful ones in the Bootheel. Each February, Missouri observes Earthquake Awareness Month and recommends “Drop, Cover and Hold On” as the best way to reduce injury and death. Practice it this month: Drop to the ground, take cover under a sturdy table or desk and protect your head and neck, and hold on until the shaking stops. Learn more at www.DropCoverHoldOn.org

GET TO KNOW YOUR NUMBERS

FREE Cholesterol Screening

Thursday, Feb 19, 7-10am

Riverside Community Center

The Riverside Community Center and YMCA will partner with North Kansas City Hospital to offer a free cholesterol screening. The test takes just five minutes, and you'll receive your results immediately. Fasting lipid blood test (HDL, LDL, glucose and Triglycerides) will also be available.

Note: an 8-hour fast is required before testing. **Registration required: Call 816-691-1688 or visit nkch.org and click “Classes & Events.”**

LUNCH & LEARN SERIES

Alzheimer's & Dementia

First Mondays, Feb. – Apr., 11:15am - 12:15 pm

Riverside Community Center

Vivian Bunch, Director of Training and Outreach of Senior Helpers, will present three workshops on Alzheimer's and Dementia. Learn how to understand the disease, recognize the progression and strategies for care. Lunch provided.

Feb. 2 Understanding Alzheimer's disease and Dementia

March 2 Recognizing & Understanding the Progression of Dementia
Using the Senior Gems

April 6 Positive and Effective Strategies for Dementia Care Using
the Senior Gems

To register for the Feb. 2 workshop, call Lori Boji at 741-4172 by Jan. 29.

Community Calendar

All events held at City Hall unless otherwise noted

February 3

Board of Aldermen, 7pm

February 9

Tourism Commission, 6pm

February 12

Planning and Zoning, 7 pm

February 16

President's Day

City offices closed

February 17

Board of Aldermen, 7pm

February 26

Planning and Zoning, 7pm

Who Takes Care of Sidewalks?

Whether it's a home or business, it is the responsibility of the property owner to maintain a safe sidewalk adjacent to their property. That means your sidewalk must be kept free of ice, snow, earth, obstructions, etc.; remain at the established grade; and be in good working order. Property owners are also responsible for any sidewalk repairs — and repairs require a permit. Keeping your sidewalk in good condition makes the City accessible to all.

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www.CrimeReports.com (free)

www.nixle.com (free)

Candidates Announced for Municipal Elections

Riverside voters will go to the polls on April 7, 2015 for the municipal election. Candidate filing closed on January 20, and the following individuals have indicated their intent to run.

Ward 1

Al Bowman

Ward 2

Aaron D. Thatcher

Ward 3

Frank Biondo

Boom Goes the Bridge!



On Friday, January 16, crews from the American Bridge Co. demolished in two blasts the portion of the Fairfax Bridge over the Missouri River connecting Platte and Wyandotte counties. The demolition is part of the plan to replace the Fairfax and Platte Purchase bridges with one bridge with multiple lanes and bike/pedestrian access scheduled to open December 2016.