

**Healthy Citizens Initiative:
Accessible Affordable Fitness!**

It's easy to stay fit in Riverside! City residents are eligible for reduced rates at area fitness centers through the Riverside Healthy Citizens Initiative, through which residents will pay 25% of the membership fee and the City pays the remaining 75% at these eligible fitness facilities:

**Platte County
Community Centers/YMCA**
(816) 505-2622

**North Kansas City
Community Center**
(816) 300-0531

Gladstone Community Center
(816) 423-4200

“Riverside’s trails saved my life!”

In 2013, Todd Mills’ doctor delivered the news that in addition to being overweight at 400 pounds, he was at risk of losing his leg to infection. So on Christmas Eve, 2013, Todd laced up his walking shoes and took to the Upper Line Creek trail. And he kept it up. After logging hundreds of miles on the trails, Todd is now 107 pounds lighter. In addition to walking Riverside’s trails, Todd supplements his weight loss with regular workouts at the Gladstone Community Center. “I am so grateful to the city of Riverside for having the foresight to provide a beneficial program like the Healthy Citizen Initiative program,” Todd said. Congratulations, Todd!





the Current

PCEDC Announces Business Awards

Three Riverside businesses were recognized with 2014 Business Awards at the Platte County Economic Development Council's Business Excellence Luncheon on December 12.

City of Riverside/Platte County Community Development Award Briarcliff Dental Care

Dr. Arnett started Briarcliff Dental Care in Riverside's Briarcliff Professional Plaza in 2009. The practice delivers quality service at affordable prices, and are also good community citizens. The firm gives back by hosting a "Community Giveback Day," providing free dental services to those who could not otherwise afford them. Thirty-three people were treated at the 2014 event, which was showcased on KSHB/NBC 41 and KCTV5. The estimated total value of the 2014 Giveback Day is over \$14,000, with more than \$8,000 in treatments and nearly \$6,000 in volunteer time.

Business Excellence Awards Johnson Controls, Inc. (JCI)

Awarded for the company's recent job growth; they now have nearly 550 employees.

Classic Parts

Awarded for the company's decision to expand and remain in Riverside.

US 69/Missouri River Bridge Construction Update

In November 2014, MODOT commenced work on the replacement of the US 69 Bridges over the Missouri River between Platte County, MO and Wyandotte County, KS. Traffic was switched to the Platte Purchase bridge for demolition of the Fairfax bridge. A tentative schedule calls for the demolition of one span the first week in January, and another span the third week. The Platte Purchase bridge will remain open until traffic is switched to the new bridge.

A look at the history of the bridges offers the best explanation for this enormous undertaking. The southbound Route 69 Bridge, commonly referred to as the Fairfax Bridge, was built in 1933, and the northbound Route 69 Bridge, commonly referred to as the Platte Purchase Bridge, was built in 1957. Though built to accommodate the size, weight and number of vehicles at the time of construction, the bridges were not designed for the high volume and heavy weight limits of truck traffic currently found in this heavy industrial zone.

The US 69 Missouri River Bridge replacement project will modernize the bridges for safety and capacity, and is programmed for a total of \$79 million, with the Kansas Department of Transportation splitting the cost. In December 2016, all lanes are slated to be open to traffic on the new bridge, with the demotion of the Platte Purchase Bridge scheduled for January 2017.

Learn more about the project at http://www.modot.org/kansascity/major_projects/US69MRB.htm and follow progress on twitter at #US69MORiverBridge.



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 Jan 4 (No Open Gym) and January 19 (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
TH, 8:30-9:30am
Zumba
W, 10-11am
Stay Strong, Stay Healthy
T/W, 10am-2pm and
TH 11am-2pm
Pickle ball
W, 10am-2pm
Advanced Pickle Ball
10am-12pm
Beginner/Intermediate Play
12-2pm
T/TH, 11am-3pm
Hand and Foot Card Game
W, 2-4pm (1st & 3rd)
Cards Bunco

YMCA Member-Only Classes

The YMCA offers morning, lunch-time express and evening classes for members at the Riverside Community Center. A full schedule of classes is available online at www.RiversideMo.com.



City's Snow Removal Ranks Highest in Metro

Riverside's snow removal services outscored those of other metro communities in the recent Citizen's Satisfaction Survey. How? Preparation before, and diligence during and after, snow falls.

The Public Works Department begins preparations for winter snow and ice events as early as July, placing orders for and stockpiling road salt. Equipment is serviced, mounted and checked in early October. Once snow and ice season begins, work becomes a 24/7 endeavor. Official weather condition reports are monitored and crews alerted around the clock to impending bad weather. The City's bridges and main routes are pre-treated prior to incoming storms. And once one-and-a-half to two inches of snow accumulate removal begins.

Principal streets are plowed first, since most residents live within a few blocks of these routes, followed by secondary and residential streets, and then all remaining streets. The pattern is repeated until the snow stops, after which snowplows "widen out" streets and intersections by pushing the accumulated snow back toward the curb line.

"Our trained crews work around the clock during snowstorms to keep the streets open and passable for all," said Tom Wooddell, Director of Public Works for the City. And it all adds up to the best snow removal services found anywhere in the metro.

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Business Licenses Renewal Reminder

Business licenses expired on December 31, 2014.

Business licenses are required for every business operating or providing a service within the City, including businesses physically located in Riverside, and contractors and service providers operating within the City. All Riverside businesses should have received a notice in the mail with renewal details: Please contact the City Clerk at 741-3993 with questions.

FPAL Youth Events

The Riverside Fire and Police Athletic League is offering two free events for FPAL members in January. To register call Riverside Public Safety or visit www.RiversideMo.com.

January 17, 10am-12pm

KC Chiefs Sports Lab

Arrowhead Stadium

A health and fitness lab on the fundamentals of the NFL Play 60 initiative and healthy living. Transportation by Sports Lab. Register by Jan. 10!

January 31, 6pm

Coterie Theatre presents "To Whom it May Inspire"

Park Hill South Auditorium

FPAL and the Park Hill School District are partnering to present this performance, recommended grades 6-12



Community Calendar

All events held at City Hall unless otherwise noted

January 1

Offices Closed

January 6

Board of Aldermen, 7pm

January 7

Parks Board, 6pm **CANCELLED**

January 8

Planning and Zoning, 7pm

January 19

Offices Closed

January 20

Board of Aldermen, 7pm

January 22

Planning and Zoning, 7pm

Election Filing

Officials with terms expiring are Alderman Mike Fuller, Ward I; Alderman Aaron Thatcher, Ward II; and Alderman Brad Cope, Ward III. Those interested in filling can do so until January 20, 2015, at City Hall during regular business hours, 8am-5pm, Monday-Friday, except Jan. 1 and Jan. 19 (offices closed). Riverside voters will go to the polls on April 7 for the municipal election.

YMCA News



The "Y" is offering a few new classes and events at the Community Center.

January 1, 9-10am

"Yoga for Food" class: Bring a non-perishable food item and join us for a novice-friendly class in the community center. Free with food donation.

2nd, 3rd & 4th Tuesdays, 5-6pm

Karate, \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members

January 12, 5:30pm

Weight management/lifestyle seminar, just sign up by January 5. Free.

January 20, 2-7pm

American Red Cross Blood Drive

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www.RiversideMo.com/Blog

City of Riverside (Facebook)

@RiversideMo (Twitter)

www.CrimeReports.com (free)

www.nixle.com (free)