



# the Current

## Floods, Tornadoes In Season

**FACT:** There were 881 tornados in the US last year, including 56 in Missouri and 48 in Kansas.

**FACT:** Each year, more deaths occur due to flooding than from any other severe weather-related hazard. Here are a few ways to weather the storms safely this spring.

### Storm Spotter Training

March 5, 7pm

Congress Middle School

The National Weather Service will present a 90-minute program on storm spotting and tornado safety for those who have an interest in being a storm spotter. Whether you'd like to assist your community by becoming a volunteer storm spotter and reporting severe weather to the National Weather Service, or simply want to learn more about severe weather, the basics of thunderstorm development, storm structure and more, this class is for you. The Draft Hazard Mitigation Plan will be available for citizen review from 6pm until 9pm. Co-sponsored by Riverside Emergency

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## QuikTrip Generation III Store to Open March 4

Being an "Upstream from Ordinary" City has its advantages, and this month, it includes being selected as the site of a new design concept from QuikTrip. The Generation III store is slated to open on March 4, 2015 at the northwest corner of Vivion Road and Gateway, the former site of Deb's Diner and The Dirt Man.

At 5,700 square feet, the new store is nearly 1,100 square feet larger than the current facility. Inside, customers will discover QT Kitchens, offering a made-to-order menu that includes flatbreads, toasted sandwiches, personal pizzas, specialty coffee drinks, frozen lemonades, smoothies and ice cream.



Anchoring the facility are 24 gas pumps, eight more than the former location.

The QuikTrip Generation III store features a new approach to traffic management. Multiple entrances separate the vehicles of customers getting gas at the pumps from those wanting to visit the store, with a separate entrance for vendors supplying the store. Another innovation lies at ground level: QuikTrip will use the Riverside site to test new native grass landscape concepts that may be incorporated into future projects.

Launching Riverside's QuikTrip Generation III store required a shared vision between QuikTrip leadership and City officials. "We truly appreciate the public and private partnership between QuikTrip and the City of Riverside," said QuikTrip Real Estate Project Manager Matt Brooks. "Thanks to the City's fair approach and friendly staff, we are able to provide Riverside customers QuikTrip's newest store design," said Brooks.

The Generation III store is the fourth QuikTrip to stand near this intersection, and replaces the current facility behind Welcome Plaza, one of the busiest in the region.

A ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, March 5 at 8 am.

## 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.

### 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, 12-2pm  
Pickleball, Beginner/Intermediate Play

T/TH, 11am-3pm  
Hand and Foot Card Game

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

2nd and Last Mondays. 1-3pm  
Senior Dances

## Spring Forward to Daylight Savings Time

### Sunday March 8



# And the Birds Are Singing

## Riverside Resident Pens Memorable, True Story

Riverside has added a talented new member to the community: author, playwright and poet Rebecca Stallard, a native of north central Kansas who recently chose to make her home in Riverside.

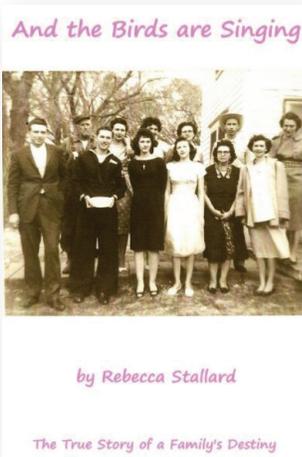
Stallard's works include a book, *And the Birds Are Singing*, and a play *Pinochle*, both based on her family's story. She also was the ghostwriter of *Annie Parker Decoded*, which last year was made into a movie that Stallard was tapped to publicize.

*And the Birds Are Singing* tells the story of Stallard's family through the eyes of her beloved grandmother, Esther Mina Bird. Told in poetic verse narrative, the book reveals a family bound by love, joy, music, sibling competition and the immense desire for laughter, all under the threat of cancer as it claims member after member of the family.

*Annie Parker Decoded* details the search for and discovery of the breast cancer gene mutation through Parker's family's journey. A shared destiny brought Stallard and Annie Parker together. Both lost several family members to cancer, including their mothers. Both long suspected that hereditary genetics played a role. But it was Stallard's book that united them. After reading *And the Birds Are Singing*, Parker knew she wanted Stallard to help her write her own life's story — the call came one month after Stallard moved to Riverside.

Stallard, who does not carry the gene, is grateful for the opportunity to share her family's story, and Parker's, with others. She calls Riverside her "lucky little city." When she's not writing, Stallard teaches Creative Writing at Platte City High School.

*And the Birds Are Singing* is available at Barnes & Noble stores.



## FPAL Youth Event

March 28, 10:30 am

College Basketball Experience

Join the Riverside Fire/Police Athletic League for a trip to the College Basketball Experience, located near Sprint Center in downtown Kansas City. Transportation provided, depart from Riverside Community Center at 9:45 am. **Registration required before March 21: call 816-372-9176 or visit [www.RiversideMo.com](http://www.RiversideMo.com). FREE for FPAL members; \$5 fee for non-members.**



## Community Calendar

All events held at City Hall unless otherwise noted

### March 3

Board of Aldermen, 7pm

### March 4

Parks Board, 6pm *cancelled*

### March 12

Planning and Zoning, 6:30pm

### March 17

Board of Aldermen, 7pm

### March 26

Planning and Zoning, 6:30pm

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Management, Platte County Emergency Management and others.

### Turn Around, Don't Drown!

Over half of all flood-related drownings occur when a vehicle is driven into hazardous floodwaters because people underestimate the force and power of water. Many deaths occur as automobiles are swept downstream because drivers simply drove around warning barriers. Here's how to stay safe:

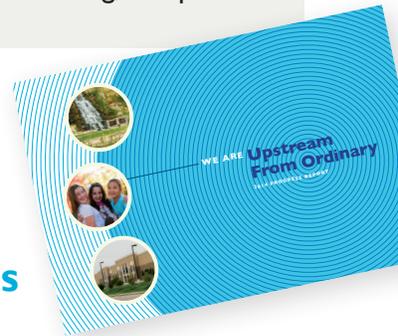
- If flooding occurs, get to higher ground. Get out of areas subject to flooding. This includes dips, low spots, canyons, washes etc.
- Avoid areas already flooded, especially if the water is flowing fast.

Do not attempt to cross flowing streams. *Turn Around Don't Drown!*

- Roadbeds may be washed out under floodwaters. NEVER drive through flooded roadways. *Turn Around Don't Drown!* If your vehicle is suddenly caught in rising water, leave it immediately and seek higher ground.
- Do not camp or park your vehicle along streams and washes, particularly during threatening conditions.
- Be especially cautious at night when it is harder to recognize flood dangers.

Learn more about tornado and flood safety at <http://stormaware.mo.gov>

## This Just In: 2014 Progress Report!



The City's 2014 Progress Report highlighting community and economic milestones along with the yearly financial recap will be mailed to residents this month. The report can also be viewed online at the City's website by visiting [www.RiversideMo.com](http://www.RiversideMo.com)

## NORTHLAND RECYCLING EXTRAVAGANZA

Saturday, April 25 // 9am-1pm

6305 NW Riverpark Drive  
(Off 9 Highway between Riverside and Parkville)

**FREE Event! It's your one-stop shop for recycling almost anything. Open to all, no need to be a Riverside or Parkville resident.**



## Stay Connected

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# FREE Cooking Classes!

**Wednesdays, 5-7pm**

**March 11- April 15**

*Riverside Community Center*

Learn how to prepare healthy, delicious meals and stretch your food dollars from trained culinary and nutrition professionals during this six-week course. Upon completion, participants receive a bag of groceries for one recipe, recipe book, graduation certificate and more freebies. Registration required: call Jennifer Ness at (816) 741-4172



**Platte County Community Centers  
BETTER TOGETHER**

# Hippity, Hoppity...

join the  
**City of Riverside's  
Annual Easter Egg Hunt**

**Saturday, April 4th — E.H. Young Park**

*Hunt begins at 10:00 am sharp!*

Join the hunt and get photos with the Easter Bunny!  
Bring your own Easter basket or a bag will be provided. For more information or weather cancellation, call (816) 741-4172.

2-3 years



Age Groups  
4-7 years



8-10 years

