



# the Current



## Contribute to Your Library's Story

### Community Input Welcome

Calling all Library Patrons: The City of Riverside wants to hear from you. The Riverside Branch of the Mid-Continent Public Library is a treasured community resource. What could make it even better? Perhaps you'd like more classes and instruction, expanded resources, or more activities and crafts?

Now is your chance to share your thoughts. Current and former library patrons of all ages and stages, from children to seniors, families to singles, are encouraged to attend one of two roundtable discussions to be held in June at City Hall.

**Thursday, June 4 • 6-7:30pm**

**Saturday, June 13 • 9-10:30am**

*Light meal to be served at each session*

## By Helping Others, She Helped Herself

### City Health Screening Saves One Who Suggested It

Last summer, Stacey Rasco, Riverside's Benefits Coordinator and Executive Assistant to the City Administrator, was given a flyer about offering health screenings to City employees. She thought it was a good idea, and suggested it be offered to City employees as a way to help safeguard their health.

When Stacey signed up for the screening, she knew to expect five different scans. But she had no idea that one, the scan of her carotid arteries, would reveal a surprise: nodules in her neck. The technician gave Stacey the ultrasound image and suggested she share it with her doctor. Symptom-free and overwhelmed, Stacey just froze. "What if it's cancer?" She had only been with the City for 10 months—would her boss and coworkers understand?

They did. Her supervisor, City Administrator Greg Mills, helped her through the situation, urged her to see the doctor and get the surgery. "He kept talking me through my options and reminding me I had so much to live for — especially with a new grandbaby on the way." Mills also assured Stacey that her job was safe. A coworker found her a thyroid surgeon. Others offered encouragement along the way.

Stacey's surgeon recommended that her thyroid be removed. Thirteen masses were discovered, including two "hidden" nodules that wound back



Stacey Rasco

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## Community Center

The YMCA offers fitness classes and league play every week at the Riverside Community Center. A full schedule of classes is available online at [www.RiversideMo.com](http://www.RiversideMo.com). Questions? Call 816-741-4172.

### Classes & Events

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

**M/W/F, 8-9:30 am**  
Cardio, Strength, Yoga

**M/TH, 10-11 am**  
Line Dance & Weights

**T/TH, 8-9am**  
Zumba

**W, 10-11 am**  
Stay Strong, Stay Healthy

**W, 12am-2pm**  
Pickleball  
Beginner/Intermediate Play

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

**SA, 8-9am**  
Summer Saturdays

**2nd and last Mondays**  
Senior Dances 1pm-3pm



### F/Pal Pool Party

June 25, 6-8pm

Make a splash with the Riverside Fire/Police Athletic League at the Community Center Pool! Admission free for members, \$5 for non-members.



## Department of Public Safety Rolls out Command Bus

The City of Riverside Emergency Services now has a vehicle from which to operate mobile command situations, thanks to a donation from the Platte County Sheriff's Office. The 1972 command bus was first purchased by the Kansas City Missouri Police Department and has a distinguished history, serving that organization and later, Platte County.

When the Platte County Sheriff's Office received a new command vehicle from the Department of Homeland Security in 2011, it spurred the donation of the existing bus to the City in October 2013. Since then, it has undergone refurbishing and will soon be operational as a regional asset to Riverside and surrounding communities.

Major Chris Skinrod with the Riverside Public Safety Department says that Riverside is fortunate to receive such a vehicle. "We now have a means to provide direction and control from a mobile facility during any emergency or community event without having to request a vehicle," said Skinrod.

### Mow it, Pick it or Ticket!

Mowing season is officially here, and this reminder: Property owners are required to mow grass, weeds up to the street edge, and pick up trash from your yard whether it is a right of way or not. Questions? Contact Officer Shane Moore at 816-985-1223.

#### Mowing Requirements

All grass and weeds cannot exceed 10 inches in height. Mow your lawn frequently to keep your property looking nice and unwanted critters from invading.

#### Grass Clippings

Clean up the streets around your yard after completing yard work, but remember it is against City code to blow grass or leaves into the street, as it will clog the storm sewer system.

# Funeral Assistance Team Unveils Trailer, Dedicates to Fallen Officer

**O**n May 23, 2015, the Missouri Law Enforcement Funeral Assistance Team held a press conference at the Riverside Police Department to unveil and dedicate the Kansas City/Western Missouri Response Trailer, which it helped fund. The trailer was dedicated in the memory of Riverside Police Officer Jeff Taylor, who died after being struck by lightning while assisting in Joplin following the 2011 Tornado. Members of the Taylor Family were present for the ceremony.

The Team includes members of the Riverside Police Department, and was formed in 2008 to assist agencies that have suffered a Line of Duty Death. They use the trailer to plan and carry out funerals, provide assistance and comfort to agencies and families, and help families receive benefits. The Kansas City/Western Missouri Response Team serves the entire western portion of the state, including the KC metro area. To learn more, visit [www.mopolicefuneral.org](http://www.mopolicefuneral.org).

## F/Pal & Argosy Launch Coat Drive

July 1-August 30

Riverside F/PAL and Argosy Casino have partnered to help those in need stay warmer this winter. New and gently used coats will be gratefully accepted at the **Riverside Public Safety Lobby, Riverside Community Center and Argosy Casino Hotel Lobby**. To learn more, call 816-741-3993.



## KC Scottish Highland Games

June 13-14 • EH Young Park

Become a Scot, even if you're not! Experience the color, sounds and traditions of Scotland as you learn Scottish history and enjoy games, athletic events, dance and treats amid the music of the pipes. Parking is free, kids welcome, kilts optional. Learn more at [KCscottishgames.org](http://KCscottishgames.org).



## Community Calendar

All events held at City Hall unless otherwise noted.

**June 2**

Board of Aldermen, 7pm

**June 8**

Tourism Commission, 6pm

**June 11**

Planning and Zoning, 6:30pm

**June 16**

Board of Aldermen, 7pm

**June 25**

Planning and Zoning, 6:30pm

## By Helping Others, She Helped Herself

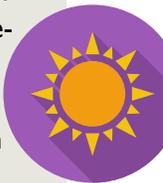
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toward her spine. The pathology revealed these to be cancerous. Though Stacey required no chemo or radiation, as a result of the surgery she developed Wilson's Temperature Symptom, which causes severe headaches. These are being regulated with medication.

Still, Stacey feels blessed by her new workplace, her work family, and her health. "I saw the flyer, and decided we should offer it. That decision literally saved my life," Stacey said.

## Public Safety Corner

June is the start of summer heat season, and heat is a leading weather-related killer in the U.S. Be aware, protect yourself from exposure and recognize the life-threatening warning signs: **sunburn, heat cramps, heat exhaustion and strokes**. Learn more at [www.riversidemo.com](http://www.riversidemo.com).





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### Need a job?

Many Riverside and Platte County companies are now hiring. For job postings visit [plattecountyedc.com/work](http://plattecountyedc.com/work)



## 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks Ordinances in Effect

### Fireworks Allowed

June 26-July 2, July 5 • 10am-10pm  
July 3 & 4 • 10am-midnight

### Enjoy a Safe and Lawful Holiday!

**Please Note:** It is unlawful to sell, use or discharge bottle rockets within the City of Riverside. It is unlawful to discharge fireworks within 600 feet of churches, schools, public library or day-cares. It is unlawful to discharge fireworks within 300 feet of a structure where fireworks are stored, sold or offered for sale, any gasoline pump, propane tanks, flammable liquids or solids or a structure marked with flammable or water reactive.