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## Free Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

Common household hazardous waste may be disposed of year round at no charge. This free service for Riverside residents is provided by the City to better our community. Note: Proof of residency is required, and business waste is NOT accepted.

### Where is the collection center?

Kansas City, Missouri Facility  
4704 Deramus  
Kansas City, Missouri 64120  
Phone (816) 513-8400

**Thursday–Friday • 9am–6pm**

**Saturday • 9am–4pm**

*No appointment required*

### What is accepted?

Automotive fluids, batteries, household cleaners, lawn & garden products, pesticides, paint and related products. Visit [RecycleSpot.org](http://RecycleSpot.org) for a full list of materials accepted.

To find other facilities that take specific household hazardous waste items, visit [RecycleSpot.org](http://RecycleSpot.org).

## Embassy Landscape Group

*From mowing lawns to growing opportunities*

When Embassy Landscape Group founder Joe Smith was 10 years old, he just wanted to play baseball—but the only available field in town was neglected and overgrown. He complained to his Dad, who said, “If you want to play, you have to mow it.” Joe agreed, his Dad bought him a mower, and before long Joe was mowing a few lawns. By high school, the busy athlete started a mowing company with his sister, brother and friends.



After high school, Joe headed to KU with the hopes of becoming an astronaut. But he soon realized his calling lay not in space, but in the lawn. Joe switched his major to Environmental Studies and Business. After class, he’d drive home from KU to mow lawns, using the proceeds to pay for his education.

The game changer came after high school. While working his first big job in Briarcliff, Joe had a chance encounter with Charles Garney, who was so impressed by Joe that he offered to back him in a business. Joe formed his first landscape company in 1979.

The company’s first location was in an old farmhouse in Platte County. Two more locations would follow before Joe purchased the old Sheer Truck facility in Riverside. Joe chose the location for its proximity to major highways, despite the fact it was prone to flooding. In 1993, the waters rushed in, delivering damage and tough times for all Riverside businesses, including Joe’s.

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Six years ago, a new building went up on the site. Built to the 1993 flood level, it is designed for flooding with all concrete pads, and front and back bay doors that fully open. This allows equipment to be moved quickly, and floodwater to rush in — and right back out.

As a member of Riverside’s business community, Joe views the City as part of the Embassy team. “I’ve known Mayor Rose since I was a young man, and she’s always offered encouragement and help,” Joe said. The company has a “shop local” attitude and does as much business as possible with other Riverside businesses, and has an employee on the Board of the Riverside Chamber of Commerce.

Embassy Landscape Group today employs 80 people and provides award-winning landscaping and design/build services to high-end residential and commercial customers. Those include Benedictine College, Worlds of Fun, Harrah’s, Argosy, Isle of Capri, North Pointe, the City of Riverside, and many more. And it all began with mowing a baseball field.

# Be Smart. Take Part. Prepare.

## September is National Preparedness Month

Each September, the City of Riverside participates in National Preparedness Month, created by FEMA in 2004 to keep people informed, safe and resilient in emergencies or disasters. Tornado outbreaks, river and flash floods, mass power outages and more can occur quickly and greatly affect you and your family. Here’s how to be prepared.



**STAY INFORMED:** Information is available from federal, state, and local resources. Visit **Ready.gov** to learn what to do before, during and after an emergency.

**MAKE A PLAN:** Discuss, agree on, and document an emergency plan with those in your care. Work with neighbors, colleagues and others to build community resilience. View sample plans at **Ready.gov**

**BUILD A GO KIT:** Keep enough emergency supplies like water, nonperishable food, first aid, prescriptions, flashlight, and a battery-powered radio on hand for yourself, family and pets.

**GET INVOLVED:** Get involved before a disaster occurs to keep your family, home or business safe. Go online and search out groups like Citizens Corp, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS), Fire Corps and Medical Reserve Corp (MRC).

To learn more, contact the City of Riverside’s Office of Emergency Management at (816) 741-1191 or visit **RiversideMo.com/emergencymanagement**.

## Senior Health Fair & Caregiver Expo 2015

### Active Living, Healthy Seniors

Riverside Community Center  
Thursday, September 17  
8:30-11:30am  
Admission: **FREE**



**SERVICES & INFO** » Flu shots » acupressure » blood pressure » bone density » lipid panel » medical consultation » veteran information

**ENJOY** » 70 exhibitors » Food and door prizes » \$50 prize drawings » Drawing for Shingle Shot Voucher » Entertainment by Earl Baker Band

# RIVERSIDE MUSIC FEST

SEPT. 19 3-10 PM FREE!  
AT E.H. YOUNG RIVERSIDE PARK

FEATURING



Hit songs include:  
"What I Like About You"  
and "Talking In Your Sleep"

Kid's Activities • Shopping • Food & Drink • Fireworks  
[www.RiversideFest.com](http://www.RiversideFest.com)



**NO PARKING AT PARK.**  
**FREE SHUTTLE and parking from PARK HILL SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL**

## City Calendar

### September 1

Board of Aldermen, 7pm

### September 2

Parks Board, 6pm

### September 7

Labor Day: City offices closed

### September 10

Planning & Zoning, 6:30pm

### September 15

Board of Aldermen, 7pm

### September 24

Planning & Zoning, 6:30pm

## Annual Curbside Yard Waste Pick Up

Friday, September 25—all day

Any yard waste left at the curb will be collected along with your usual trash and recycling pick up.

NOTE: All leaves must be placed in recyclable yard waste leaf bags. Twigs must be no longer than three feet, bundled and tied. Questions? Contact Public Works at (816) 741-3908.

## Did You Know?

- Riverside's daytime population swells to about 10,000 people
- 52,667 vehicles travel through Riverside on I-635 each day
- 14,025 vehicles travel through Riverside on Mo Hwy 9 each day
- 11,358 vehicles pass through the Vivion and Gateway intersection each day



## Argosy Casino Parkway Now Open

The newly completed Argosy Casino Parkway carries traffic east- and westbound beneath the existing U.S. 69 southbound and newly constructed U.S. 69 northbound ramp bridges. The work is part of a project to replace the current U.S. 69 Highway Bridge over the Missouri River with a multi-lane structure that includes bike and pedestrian access. It is scheduled to open in December 2016.



## Stay Connected

RiversideMo.com

City of Riverside 

@RiversideMo 

CrimeReports.com

nixle.com

## Need a job?

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

# COMMUNITY CENTER CALENDAR



The YMCA offers fitness classes and league play to members every week at the Riverside Community Center. The full schedule is available online at [www.RiversideMo.com](http://www.RiversideMo.com). *Note: Membership is now required: Call 816-741-4172 with questions.*

**SU 1-5pm and  
M/W 2-6pm, T/Th 2-5pm**  
Open Gym Basketball  
**M/W/F 8-9:30am**  
Aerobic, Toning, Yoga  
**M/TH/F 10-11am**  
Line Dancing & Weights  
**W 9-10am**  
Tai Chi for Arthritis  
**M/W 10-11am**  
Intermediate/Advanced  
Tai Chi  
**M/W 12:15-1pm**  
Express Strength

**M/W 4:15-4:45pm**  
HIIT  
**M/W 5:15-6pm**  
Yoga  
**M 6:30-7:30pm**  
Zumba  
**T 12:15-1pm**  
Core  
**T/TH 8-9am**  
Zumba  
**M/T/TH 9-10am**  
Tai Chi for Beginners

**T/TH 10-11am**  
Silver Sneakers Classic  
**T/TH 11am-12pm**  
Silver Sneakers Yoga  
**T/TH 5-7pm**  
Pickelball  
**T/TH 6-7pm**  
R.I.P.P.E.D  
**T/TH 6-7pm**  
Tai Chi for Beginners  
**SU 1-5pm and  
M/W 2-6pm, T/Th, 2-5pm**  
Open Gym Basketball

**W 10-11am**  
Stay Strong, Stay Healthy  
**W 6:30-7:30pm**  
Zumba Kids  
**TH 12:15-1:00pm**  
Yoga  
**T/TH 11am-3pm**  
Hand and Foot Card Game  
*No YMCA Membership Required*  
**2nd & last Monday of month**  
Senior Dances, 1-3pm  
*No YMCA Membership Required*