



Riverside Coat Drive Yields Warmth

On Thursday, October 8, nearly 170 coats and blankets were given to those seeking extra warmth this winter at a daylong event held at the Riverside Public Safety Building. Riverside FPAL and Argosy Casino partnered in the coat drive, and collected items in July and August at the Public Safety Lobby, Riverside Community Center and Argosy Casino Hotel Lobby.

“One man who heard about it on Fox 4 news and traveled quite far by bus told us his prayer had been answered! I so appreciate all city staff and our partners in helping us make a difference,” said Riverside Mayor Kathy Rose.

Eagle Animal Hospital Expands

Oldest Practice in Northland Unleashes New Era of Service

If you’ve lived in Riverside over the past 70 years and have owned a pet, chances are you’ve entrusted its care to Eagle Animal Hospital. The practice recently underwent a major expansion, both in space and services.

“The goal was to become a true one-stop destination for a pet’s care and well-being,” explained practice partner Dr. Matt Silvius, who is also a Riverside Chamber of Commerce board member.

Today, pet parents want a single source for all of their pets’ needs, from medical care to grooming, obedience training, luxury boarding and daycare. With the renovation, Eagle has transformed into a destination designed for the whole life of your pet. Inside, a state-of-the-art medical facility meets pampering perfection. The space includes sports team-themed suites with floor-to-ceiling mosaic glass tiles, and private suites with web cams to keep pets calm. Daycare facilities feature a one-acre fenced outdoor play yard, and a large indoor room that doubles as a home for obedience training by Beyond the Dog.

Though the space and offerings have increased, prices have not — a point that Dr. Silvius is proud of. And, because it’s all part of Eagle Animal Hospital, it’s a safe choice. “If an emergency arises when people leave their pets here for grooming, daycare or boarding, they know we can act on it very quickly. A boarding facility or groomer can’t,” said Dr. Silvius.



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Preserving the legacy of a veterinary practice that has served three generations of families and their pets means everything to the practice’s partners. “Not only were we able to build our dream practice and achieve a lifetime goal, we were able to create one of the area’s premiere animal hospitals right here in Riverside,” said Dr. Silvius. *Contact Eagle Animal Hospital at (816) 741-2345 or EagleAnimalHospital.com*

Six Park Hill South Seniors Named National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists

Six Park Hill South seniors have been named semifinalists in the 2016 National Merit Scholarship Program. The City of Riverside proudly congratulates **Grace Heinerikson, Ellie Holder, Mohammed Jaffri, Keegan Justis, Shaelyn Kessler and Grant Pace** as they head into the next phase of rigorous competition!

Making a Difference at Park Hill South

Meet School Resource Officer Matt Westrich

When the Platte County Sheriff’s Department first approached Matt Westrich about the school resource officer position in the Park Hill School district, his answer was swift: “No.” It just didn’t fit the career the young officer had envisioned. But after repeated requests, he agreed to it, on a trial basis. That was in 2001: This year marks Westrich’s 14th year as a School Resource Officer, and his eighth at Park Hill South.

“When I first took the job, I didn’t like it,” Westrich admitted. “It was so different from dealing with adults on the street who know better, but make bad choices anyway. I didn’t know how to approach it.” Before long, both the job and the kids grew on him. “Their brains are like sponges. When I realized I could influence and steer them in the right direction so that they’d grow up to be productive, successful adults, I was hooked.”

Westrich shared one example: a student who was obviously dealing with a difficult issue but refused his offer to talk about it. He told the student he was there to help, and his door was always open. One day, the student came by his office and said “I don’t know where to go, or who to trust or talk to, but I have to start somewhere.” That moment marked a turnaround for the student, who went on to graduate and today is a member of the armed forces.

“When you build a relationship with these kids, it’s priceless,” said Westrich. The students value the connection too; many keep in contact beyond graduation into adulthood. “As far as School Resource Officers go, Matt Westrich is the standard by which all others are judged,” said Greg Mills, Riverside’s City Administrator. It’s high praise that, as many can attest, is well earned.



F/PAL Gymnastics Event

Nov. 13 • 7:30-9:30 pm
Edge Gymnastics • 5050 NW Gateway Dr.



Bring your energy and have some active fun with foam blocks, mats, ropes and more during this “open play” event. *Admission is free.*



The Riverside Fire Department recommends that when you change your clocks to Central Standard Time, you should also change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

Senior Holiday Dinner

December 8 • 11:30am-1pm
Riverside Community Center

Calling all Senior Citizens: The Riverside Public Safety Department will be cooking up a festive holiday meal just for you! There will be holiday music and bingo too, so mark your calendars today. To make reservations or learn more, call Holly at 816-372-9110.



HOLIDAY LIGHTING CEREMONY



Thursday, December 3 • 5:45pm
Riverside Welcome Plaza



Ring in the season and help Hillcrest Transitional Housing.

Bring 5 items to donate, receive one entry to win a \$250 Zona Rosa Gift Card! Contact Riverside Community Center at 816-741-4172 for more info.

City Calendar

November 3

Board of Aldermen, 7pm

November 4

Parks Board, 6pm

November 11

Holiday, City Offices Closed

November 12

Planning and Zoning, 6:30pm

November 17

Board of Aldermen, 7pm

November 26

Holiday, City Offices Closed



Did You Know?

- Over 40 million tons of salt is used in the US each year in a variety of applications and 30%, or approx. 12 million tons, is used to deice roads.
- Last winter, Riverside's Public Works crew spread 478.26 tons of salt over City streets, including: 47.02 tons on Horizons Pkwy., 43.48 tons on Gateway and 35.70 tons on Indian Lane.
- Riverside's snow removal services outsourced those of other metro communities in the recent Citizen's Satisfaction Survey.

The bottom line? No other city clears the roads of ice and snow like Riverside!





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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. *Note: Membership is now required: Call 816-741-4172 with questions.*

SU, 1-5pm and T/TH, 2-5pm, M/W, 2-6 pm
Open Gym
M/W/F, 8-9:30am
Aerobic, Toning, Yoga
M/TH/F, 10-11am
Line Dance & Weights
M/T/W, 9-10am
Tai Chi for Beginners
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

T/TH 10-11am
Silver Sneakers Classic
T/TH 11am-12pm
Silver Sneakers Yoga
T/TH, 11am-3pm
Hand and Foot Card Game
No YMCA Membership Required
T/TH 5-7pm
Pickelball
T/TH 6-7pm
R.I.P.P.E.D

T/TH 6-7pm
Tai Chi for Beginner
W, 10-11am
Stay Strong, Stay Healthy
W, 6:30-7:30pm
Zumba Kids
TH, 12:15-1pm
Yoga
TH, 9:30-10:30am
Tai Chi for Beginners
(at Mid Continent Public Library)