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RIVERSIDE

## Holiday EVENTS



### City of Riverside Holiday Lighting Ceremony Thursday, December 3

Carolers • Hot Chocolate • Treats • Pip's Burgers\* • Donation Drive

Visit Santa & Storytime with  
Mrs. Claus, 5-5:45pm  
Riverside Library

Lighting Ceremony • 6pm sharp!  
Corner Café Corporate Office  
(next to restaurant)

Donate items to  
Hillcrest Transitional Housing  
Enter to win \$250 Zona Rosa Gift  
Card! One raffle ticket per 5 items  
donated. Items needed: sugar, salt,  
pepper, catsup, pasta, vegetables, rice,  
regular coffee, nonperishable food  
items and paper products.

Parking available at the Library, Renner Brenner Park and City Hall. Contact  
Lori at the Riverside Community Center 816-741-4172 for more details.

\*Food truck, weather permitting



### Senior Holiday Dinner Tuesday, December 8 11:30am-1pm Riverside Community Center

Calling all Senior Citizens: The  
Riverside Public Safety Department  
is cooking up a festive holiday gath-  
ering just for you! Enjoy a delicious  
holiday meal, live music by Jazz  
Guitarist / Vocalist Laura Lynch, and  
a raffle! Reservations are required:  
Call Holly at 816-372-9110.

### Holidays at the Library Riverside Branch

Saturday, December 12 • 10am  
"Santa's Helpers." Join Jo Ho as  
Elfin magic unfolds with holiday  
tales of giving, sharing, helping,  
and caring!

Saturday, December 19 • 10am  
Jim "Two Crows" Wallen Presents:  
A Visit with Santa Claus

Wednesdays,  
December 2, 9, 16 • 10am

Pre-school storytime  
with Ms. Kathryn



## Holiday Greetings from Mayor Rose

*Greetings and Best Wishes for a happy, safe and peaceful holiday season.*

The year goes by too quickly, and I am amazed at the things that have occurred this past year. We applaud QuikTrip and Eagle Animal for their investment in downtown. We celebrate the thousands of new jobs created in Horizons. We openly welcome the new residents that have made a choice to live in Riverside. And we embrace the wonderful amenities in parks, trails, events and programs that enrich all of our lives.

Our community is blessed to have so many wonderful things going on. The Board and staff are truly committed to delivering quality services and creating a better quality of life. A huge thank you goes out to all who volunteer to serve on boards and commissions. The engagement and community support on our progress and success is greatly appreciated! So as you celebrate this season of giving and receiving with your own families and friends pause and remember that this community where you live, work and play is thriving because of our many blessings!

*Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy 2016!*

*Kathy Rose*

## Mayor Rose Elected MML Vice President

The Missouri Municipal League, or MML, elected City of Riverside Mayor Kathy Rose as its Vice President during the group's annual conference held September 20-23 in Kansas City, Missouri. MML provides a united voice for municipalities across Missouri. Founded in 1934, the organization now serves more than 600 municipalities with training, resources and legislative advocacy for local government success.

The Mayor currently serves on the Resolutions Committee, and has earned the designation of Certified Municipal Official from the MML's Municipal Governance Institute. In September 2016, the Mayor will become MML's president. "My role as Mayor for the last 10 years has allowed me to learn and experience how partnerships and opportunities can



positively impact the community you serve," said Mayor Rose.

"Being elected Vice President of the Missouri Municipal League allows me to take my experience and help other governmental entities to know that this

organization is the 'go to resource' for planning, procedures and operations in running city government."



### F/PAL PowerPlay Extravaganza

December 10 • 6-8pm  
509 NW Barry Rd.  
Kansas City, MO 64155



Enjoy Laser Tag, video games and more, complete with a buffet dinner! Admission is free, and includes admittance to the buffet for each child and one adult per group. NOTE: An adult must accompany each family or group (no drop-offs.) Reservations required, call 816-741-1191 today!

# Public Safety Bldg. Drop Box Makes Rx Disposal Easy

Time to clean out your medicine cabinets...the City of Riverside Police Department recently installed a prescription drug drop-off box in the lobby of the Public Safety facility at 2990 NW Vivion Road. As the only drop-off box in Platte County, it provides a free and secure way to safely dispose of both prescription and over-the-counter drugs. According to Officer Matt Westrich, throwing medicine in the trash isn't the proper way to dispose of it. "These drugs can cause a risk to our community by falling into the wrong hands or damaging the environment," Officer Westrich said. Flushing the drugs down the toilet also isn't a good option because they can't be removed from the water through normal water-treatment processes.

Although Riverside Police started participating in drug take-back events more than two years ago, the department is especially excited about the addition of this drop-off container because it allows people to properly dispose of their medicine at a time convenient for them. The box has collected more than 60 pounds of prescription and over-the-counter drugs since it was installed in late August. Collections and storage is done in accordance with DEA regulations. The drop-off box is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week and there are no questions asked.

## Holiday Trash/Recycling Schedule

Regularly scheduled Friday curbside trash and recycle service will run on Christmas Day and New Years Day.

## Election & Filing Dates

The next General Municipal Election for the City of Riverside will be held on April 5, 2016. The City will be seeking candidates to fill two-year terms for Mayor, as well as one Alderman from each of the three Wards. Terms expire for Mayor Kathy Rose, Ward I Alderman Ron Super, Ward II Alderman Chet Pruett and Ward III Alderman Art Homer. The first date for candidate filing is December 15, 2015 and the last date is January 19, 2016. Questions? Call the City Clerk at 816-741-3993.



## City Calendar

### December 1

Board of Aldermen, 7pm

### December 10

Planning and Zoning, 6:30pm

### December 14

Tourism Commission, 6pm

### December 15

Board of Aldermen, 7pm

### December 24, 31

Offices close at noon

### December 25

Holiday, offices closed

## Did You Know?

- Real and artificial trees are fire hazards. Check holiday lights for frayed wires and replace if damaged. Keep real trees watered and away from heat sources.
- Stay in the kitchen when frying, grilling, or broiling food. Do not leave the home if you are baking, roasting, simmering or boiling food.
- Plug microwave ovens and other cooking appliances directly into an outlet vs. an extension cord, which could overload the circuit and cause a fire.
- Space heaters are responsible for 33% of home heating fires. Keep anything that can burn (upholstered furniture, clothing, mattresses, bedding) at least 3' away. Never leave the room or home with a space heater running.



## 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**

**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**

Pickleball

No Pickleball 12-3

**T/TH 6-7 pm**

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

### Membership Price Break for Teens!

Teens age 13-19 who are Riverside residents can now get a YMCA membership for just \$6.75 a month as part of the City's Healthy Citizen's Initiative.