



the Current

We Need Your Help!

The City of Riverside is conducting its biennial survey of residents and businesses. This survey is a statistically significant survey that helps us identify what we are doing well, opportunities for improvements, and helps the Board of Aldermen set their priorities for the coming two years. All households and businesses will receive a survey packet from the ETC Institute in March. Please take the time to fill out this survey and return it in the provided postage-paid envelope. All surveys are kept anonymous – only the cumulative results are provided to the City, so please be honest and open with your opinions! Thank you for helping us get this valuable feedback about the state of our community! ☺

Chet Pruett Fills Ward 2 Seat



At the February 18 Board of Aldermen meeting, Mayor Rose and the Board of Aldermen appointed Chet Pruett to the Board. Pruett fills an open seat in Ward 2 for the remainder of its term, which is up this April. ☺

Be Prepared this Spring

Spring is just around the corner and that means it's time to start preparing for severe weather season. The City of Riverside, a designated Storm Ready Community, has a series of programs to help you get ready.

Severe Weather Awareness Week

Missouri will recognize Severe Weather Awareness Week March 3 through March 7. Last year's severe weather season was the deadliest in history with a total of 550 fatalities from 63 different tornados across the country. Take time this week to learn how you can be better prepared for severe weather this season. Missouri will also have its annual statewide tornado drill on Tuesday, March 4 at 1:30 p.m.



Severe Weather Workshop

On Monday, March 24, the Riverside Office of Emergency Management will present its Annual Spring Severe Weather Workshop at 11:30 a.m. at the Riverside Department of Public Safety, 2990 NW Vivion Road. The workshop will cover weather terms, how to prepare for severe weather, severe weather safety and "Project Community Alert." Lunch will be provided at this free event. If you're interested in attending, please RSVP in advance to 741-4172.

Project Community Alert

Unlike outdoor sirens, all-hazard radios save lives by alerting people who are indoors when severe weather approaches. Project Community Alert (PCA) is a community-wide effort to distribute weather alert radios. The City of Riverside partnered with the Metropolitan Emergency Managers Committee (MEMC) and Price Chopper Stores to sell NOAA weather radios at a special price, \$29.95. The radios are available at the Office of Emergency Management in the Public Safety building, located at 2990 NW Vivion Road, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Staff can also assist you with programming your radio.

Prepare Metro KC

Prepare Metro KC is a disaster preparedness website for the Greater Kansas City region that offers tips on preparing for severe weather along with a guide to help you create an emergency response plan for you and your family. Visit this site at www.preparemetrokc.org. ☺

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Community Center

The Riverside Community Center offers free fitness classes and open gym every week. Questions? Call **816-741-4172**.

SU, 1-5 p.m.

M/TU/W/TH, 2-5 p.m.

Open Gym

M/W/F, 8-9:30 a.m.

Cardio, Strength, Yoga

M/TH, 10-11 a.m.

Line Dancing & Weights

W, 10-11 a.m.

Stay Strong, Stay Healthy

W, 12:30-2 p.m.*

Bunco

**first Wednesday of the month*

TH, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Zumba

TH, 12-3 p.m.

Pickleball

Check online at www.riversidemo.com/recreation for the full YMCA class schedule!

Trash & Recycling Schedule

Friday is trash/recycling pickup day in Riverside, regardless of holidays. A glass recycling bin is also available in the City Hall parking lot.

Stay Connected

www.RiversideMo.com

www.RiversideMo.com/blog/

City of Riverside (Facebook)

@RiversideMo (Twitter)

Riverside Business Focuses on Developing Electric Vehicles

In 2012, Orange EV moved to the Platte Valley Industrial Park in Riverside with only a vision – to develop pure electric vehicle solutions for industrial markets. Less than two years later, they have turned that vision into a reality. In January, Orange EV announced that they are open for business with a fully-functioning demonstration model ready for the market.

Orange EV focuses on converting existing diesel terminal trucks into pure electric vehicles. These trucks are typically used for moving semi trailers within a cargo yard and warehouse, and can use anywhere from a half gallon of diesel to two gallons of diesel per hour depending on the work load, Orange EV Founder and President Kurt Neutgens explained.

“Converting a truck like this into a pure electric model can save customers a significant amount of money. Not only is the fuel cost cut, but electric models have fewer parts, which results in less maintenance. Creating a zero emission vehicle is not just about being environmentally friendly, it’s about being economical as well,” CEO Wayne Mathisen said.

The return on investment for large electric vehicles is also quicker than those used by the average consumer. Orange EV estimates that there is approximately a 4-6 year payback on the conversion.

“We work with each individual company to create a customized truck based on how they operate. The usage profile can change things like how many batteries need to be installed and how often the truck needs to be charged,” Mathisen said. “We would love the opportunity to demonstrate our truck and show how it can help companies operate in more environmentally and economically sound ways.”

For more information on Orange EV, visit www.orangeev.com.



Mayor Rose and Orange EV CEO Wayne Mathisen celebrating the completion of the first demonstration truck.

City Acquires Former QuikTrip Location

Seven years ago, City staff began working to acquire the former QuikTrip property at the corner of Gateway and Vivion. In February, the City was finally able to purchase the property, which is a key link in the downtown redevelopment plan.

“The old QuikTrip building has been an eyesore to everyone for a number of years. Buying that property has been a longtime priority for the Board of Aldermen and we were finally able to work out a favorable agreement with the owner. Removing blight makes redevelopment possible and we are anxious to do both,” City Administrator Greg Mills said.



The City is now the owner for the former QuikTrip location at Gateway and Vivion.

Municipal Elections - April 8

Riverside voters will go to the polls on April 8 for the Municipal Election. Candidate filing closed on January 21 and the following individuals have indicated their intent to run:

Mayor:	Kathy Rose, incumbent
Ward 1:	Ron Super, incumbent
Ward 2:	Chet Pruett, incumbent
Ward 3:	Art Homer, incumbent Frank Biondo



Polls will be open at the Riverside Community Center from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. ↪

Corner Cafe Opens New Office

The Corner Café recently opened its corporate office in downtown Riverside. The building, which was formerly occupied by Blue Ridge Bank, sits next door to the Corner Café location and will provide space for staff offices and training meetings.

“Riverside is home to us and it only felt right to locate our corporate offices here. We’ve owned the property for awhile, but the timing was finally right to take this next step,” Corner Café owner and Riverside resident Jason Rule said.

Although the Corner Café is still one to two years away from opening another location in the Metro, growth is something that is on Rule’s mind. He said they are always looking at opportunities to expand and having a new corporate office helps lay the groundwork for that growth in the future. ↪



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Senior Dances

Grab your dancing shoes and head down to the Senior Dances on March 10 and March 31. The dances are FREE and are at the Community Center, 4498 NW High Drive, from 1 to 3 p.m. See you there!

Riverside FPAL

The Riverside Fire and Police Athletic League is a youth crime prevention program that utilizes educational, athletic and recreational activities to create positive relationships between members of the Riverside Public Safety Department and area youth.

How to Join

Riverside FPAL is always looking for new members! It’s free to join and members gets you access to all sorts of fun and free activities throughout the year. For more information, contact Officer Matt Westrich or Firefighter Karen Holland at (816) 741-1191.

Free Yard Waste Disposal for Residents

Working in the yard this weekend? Don’t forget that the City has a new yard waste program available to residents. The City partnered with Pursell Construction Recycling Facility, 6305 NW Riverpark Drive, Riverside Mo., to allow Riverside residents to drop off yard waste to be disposed of. This service is available for FREE - just bring a drivers license to verify Riverside residency. Hours are Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., weather permitting. Materials are accepted by the bag, truckload or trailer.

As part of this program, the Riverside Public Works facility is no longer accepting yard waste in its dumpster. This dumpster is now reserved for bulky items only.

Quick Tip: It’s against Riverside code to blow grass or leaves into the street because it can obstruct our City’s sewer system. Be sure to clean up the streets around your house after doing yard work. ↪

Optimum Health Workshop

Learn how to achieve your optimum health at a free community workshop presented by Julie Leibold RN/FCN on Wednesday, March 19 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by March 14 at (816) 741-4172.



2950 NW Vivion Road
Riverside, MO 64150

Calendar

March 4

Board of Aldermen – 7 p.m.

March 5

Park Board – 6 p.m.

March 13

Planning and Zoning – 7 p.m.

March 18

Board of Aldermen – 7 p.m.

March 19

Optimum Health Workshop -
11:30 a.m.

March 24

FPAL Skate Party - 6:30 p.m.

March 25

Severe Weather Workshop -
11:30 a.m.

March 27

Planning and Zoning – 7 p.m.

town hall meeting

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen invite you to attend
a town hall meeting to answer your questions and
hear what's on your mind.

Tuesday, March 11
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Riverside City Hall
2950 NW Vivion Road

Questions? Contact Meredith Hauck at (816) 741-3993 or mhauck@riversidemo.com

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