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## How the New ISO Rating Impacts You

### How much will I save on insurance?

An improvement in the ISO rating will improve the overall risk factor for a building in Riverside, but the exact impact may vary by insurance company.

### When will I see this change on my policy?

The reclassification takes effect on July 1, 2014, however when your insurance company recognizes this change may vary. Most insurance companies say the change would impact the policy on the renewal date.

### Do I need to do anything to ensure my property policy is accurately reflecting the rating?

Make sure you tell your insurance agent about the new rating. Some insurance companies will have this information automatically updated in their system directly from ISO while others will need to have the agent manually request a change.

## Riverside Improves ISO Rating *ISO Upgrades Riverside's Rating from a 6 to a 3*

**R**iverside property owners will get a break in insurance rates in coming years thanks to the quality of fire service provided in Riverside. This summer, the Riverside Fire Department had their ISO insurance rating upgraded from a 6 to a 3. The new rating will be effective July 1, 2014.

“We are very excited to report this significant improvement in our rating,” Riverside Fire Division Chief Gordon Fowlston said. “Not only is it an indicator of the quality fire protection that our department is able to provide, but it helps our property owners by decreasing the rates they pay.”

ISO is an independent company who serves insurance companies, communities, fire departments, insurance regulators and others by providing information about risk. It analyzes a number of factors, including emergency communications, a review of the fire department, and the adequacy of the water supply for fire suppression, and then assigns a Public Protection Classification – a number from 1 to 10. Class 1 represents an exemplary fire suppression program and Class 10 indicates that the area’s fire suppression program does not meet ISO’s minimum criteria.

ISO has found that there is a statistically significant relationship between a community’s ability to provide excellent fire protection and low fire losses. As a result, insurance companies use the ISO rating for marketing, underwriting, and to help establish fair premiums for homeowners and commercial fire insurance. In general, the price of fire insurance in a community with a good rating is substantially lower than in a community with a poor rating.

“This rating puts Riverside in the top 7% of all fire agencies nationally and it’s indicative of the changes that we’ve made since Riverside established a full-time fire department in 2008. We’ve been working hard to make sure this rating moves in a positive direction for some time now and it’s great to see the progress we’ve made,” Fowlston said.

ISO Ratings for neighboring communities include: Kansas City, Missouri (3), North Kansas City (3), Gladstone (4), South Platte Fire District (4), and Liberty (3). For more information on the impact this rate change will have on your insurance premiums, contact your insurance agent directly. ↪



An improved ISO rating can result in lower insurance rates for property owners in Riverside.

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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, 12-2 p.m.\***

Bunco

*\*first Wednesday of the month*

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

Zumba

**T/W/TH, 10-2 p.m.**

Pickleball

Check online at [www.riversidemo.com/recreation](http://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](http://www.RiversideMo.com)

[www.RiversideMo.com/blog/](http://www.RiversideMo.com/blog/)

City of Riverside (Facebook)

@RiversideMo (Twitter)

## Old QuikTrip Demolished

On Saturday, June 14, the City of Riverside demolished a blighted building at the corner of Gateway and Vivion. The building, which was previously home to QuikTrip but has been vacant for approximately 13 years, sits on a key corner in Riverside's downtown. Although a plan to redevelop the corner is still in the works, the demolition makes the site "development ready."

"Now that our Horizons development is well underway, we are ready to turn our focus to making improvements in our downtown corridor. Demolishing the old QuikTrip building will clean up the main intersection in town and is just one of the ways we are kick starting development in this area," Mike Duffy, Riverside Director of Community Development, said.

The intersection of Gateway and Vivion is also where QuikTrip is planning to build one of its next-generation stores. As part of this project, it will be closing its current location in Riverside, which is located across the street from the site of the new store. ↪



The former QuikTrip location was demolished on June 18 to make way for new development.

## Riverside Drops Reverse 9-1-1 Program

City leaders recently decided to not renew the contract for the Reverse 9-1-1 system that has been used for many years to communicate critical information to Riverside residents. Through this system, the City was able to use the 9-1-1 database to send automated messages out to all Riverside residents.

"Unfortunately our vendor for Reverse 9-1-1 raised the annual price almost 70% for the coming year and implemented much more restrictive use guidelines – two factors which made using the system no longer an effective way for us to communicate with our residents," Greg Mills, City Administrator, said. "We have already started exploring other more affordable services that can allow us to communicate in a similar manner."

In the meantime, there are still many ways that residents can get critical notifications from the City. The Nixle Program allows you to receive important Riverside updates via email and text alerts (sign up at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com)). Updates are also pushed out through the new MyRiverside mobile app and available on the City Facebook and Twitter pages. ↪

Stay connected with the  
**MyRiverside** Mobile App.  
Now available for  
iPhone and Android!



## Back to School Fair Provides for Kids in Need

Summer is almost halfway over and that means it's time to start thinking about heading back to school! The Platte County Community Centers, Platte County Health Department, and United Services Community Action Agency are once again co-sponsoring the 2014/2015 Back to School Fair. The fair brings together 40 service agencies to provide goods and services that help prepare kids to head back to school, including: backpack and school supplies, vision screenings, dental screenings, health physicals, and more.

### Register to Attend by July 18

The 2014/2015 Back to School Fair is for Platte County families who meet income guidelines. The registration deadline is July 18. You can register online at [www.choose-hope.org/2014-back-to-school-and-health-fair-form/](http://www.choose-hope.org/2014-back-to-school-and-health-fair-form/). If you need access to a computer or the internet, visit the Platte County Community Center South/YMCA in Parkville or the Mid-Continent Public Library in Riverside.

### Mark Your Calendars

Thursday, July 31 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
The Rock of KC Church (12750 N Winan Road, KCMO 64163)  
Kids must be present. ↪

## Community Trail Walk

Explore the Riverside trail system this summer with a Community Trail Walk! July's walk will be on the Lower Line Creek Trail, which connects Renner Brenner Park with EH Young Park. This walk is open to both walkers and bikers. Dogs on leashes are welcome.

**Saturday, July 5 at 9 a.m.**

Meet at Renner Brenner Park  
2901 NW Vivion Road

## Senior Dance

Grab your dancing shoes and head down to the Senior Dance on July 14 & 28. The dances are FREE and are at the Community Center, 4498 NW High Drive, from 1 to 3 p.m. See you there!

## Movie Nights

Beat the summer heat at a movie night at the Community Center. Movies start at 7 p.m.

- July 3 - Planes
- July 17 - Despicable Me
- July 24 - Man of Steel
- July 31 - The Lego Movie

## FPAL Pool Party

Join the Fire/Police Athletic League for a FREE Pool Party.

**Thursday, July 10**

6 to 8 p.m.  
Riverside City Pool

## Fireworks Safety

Celebrate the 4th of July Responsibly.

### Keep It Legal.

- Bottle rockets are prohibited in Riverside.
- Fireworks may not be used within 125 feet of any building or structure, within 300 feet of any place where fireworks are stored or for sale, within 300 feet of a gas pump, or within 600 feet of any church, school, library, or medical facility.

### Be Respectful.

- Fireworks may be used from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. June 26 through July 2, and on July 5; and from 10 a.m. to midnight on July 3 and 4.
- Clean up any debris and trash left from fireworks.

### Safety First.

- The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a public display conducted by trained professionals.
- Always have a bucket of water nearby. As an extra precaution, douse burned fireworks with water before discarding them.
- Once you've lit the fuse, back up immediately and maintain a safe distance. Do not attempt to relight a firework that did not ignite.
- Always supervise children around fireworks.

Questions? Contact Riverside Public Safety at 741-1191.

## Calendar

### **July 1**

Board of Aldermen – 7 p.m.

### **July 2**

Park Board – 6 p.m.

### **July 4**

City Offices Closed

### **July 7**

FPAL Golf Tournament

### **July 10**

Planning and Zoning – 6:30 p.m.

### **July 15**

Board of Aldermen – 7 p.m.

### **July 24**

Planning and Zoning – 6:30 p.m.

## Calling All History Buffs!

This summer, the City of Riverside is archiving information on the history of the city and we need your help. We are looking for any and all information about Riverside's history, but would especially love to get more information about the early days of our community. If you have any photos, videos, stories or other resources of Riverside events or people for our archive, please contact Laura Fagen at [lfagen@riversidemo.com](mailto:lfagen@riversidemo.com) or at 816-372-9013 with your name and contact information.

