



the Current

Holiday Greetings from Mayor Kathy Rose

It's been an amazing, interesting, challenging and rewarding year. I have enjoyed meeting new residents that have made Riverside their home. We have welcomed several new businesses and employees, and expressed our appreciation that they chose us. We've had wonderful conversation and engagement from our citizenry through our volunteer boards, town hall meetings, workshops and special events, including some ice cream socials! Our staff has delivered high quality services and received numerous accolades and awards for their commitment to the roles and duties they perform for all of us. Riverside has become recognized as a go-to community on best practices and streamlined processes in the Kansas City region and throughout the state. Together we will move our community forward, adjust to changing demographics, seek opportunities, build partnerships, create relevant experiences and places, and continue to provide all of you a wonderful sense of place that we're proud to call home. It's hard to believe the



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Riverside PD Launches Crime Prevention Program for Homeowners

The Riverside Police Department, in continuation of its partnership with our community, launched a new Crime Free Program focused on reducing crime in neighborhoods. The new program, which has been piloted in the Gatewoods Subdivision since early 2016, is now launching city wide.

It is similar to a neighborhood watch program, and offers education to homeowners about crime trends and prevention tips so they can better protect themselves and their property. Considered a modern approach to the old block watch program, Life-styles brings law enforcement and residents together to build a safer community.

The program focuses on equipping families with the knowledge they need to keep themselves and their properties safe, connecting residents with their neighbors and their community, and preparing them to take action to make a difference. Residents who participate can achieve certification for their home. For more information or to register for the program, email a Crime Free Officer at CrimeFreeUnit@riversidemo.com



Lifestyles



Holiday Greetings

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preparation and excitement of the holiday season is here. Festivities are planned and we encourage all of you to enjoy the offerings. Have a peaceful and joyous holiday season with your families and friends! 2017...here we come!

Did You Know?

- Real and artificial trees are fire hazards. Check holiday lights for frayed wires, 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 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.
- Poinsettias, holly, mistletoe and amaryllis are poisonous to pets. Keep them out of reach, and your vet's emergency phone number handy.

Santa to Arrive, Tour Riverside by Fire Truck

Saturday, December 17 • 9:15am
Tour Begins at the Public Safety Building

Inside sources of the elfin variety confirmed that Santa will make an early appearance in Riverside, arriving and touring the city by fire truck. Boys and girls of all ages are encouraged to be on the lookout along the route:

- 9:30am** • Chateau Dmon's Apts., Cliffview Apts area
- 10:00am** • Indian Hills
- 11:20am** • Northmoor
- 11:30am** • Homestead Area
- 11:45am** • El Chaparral Apts.
- 11:55am** • Northcrest Apts.
- 12:10pm** • Gatewoods
- 12:30pm** • Riverside Townhomes
- 1:05pm** • Greystone Apts.
- 1:20pm** • Continue up High Drive
- 1:35pm** • Hillside
- 2:00pm** • High Drive Terrace
- 2:15pm** • Houston Lake
- 3:00pm** • 52nd Street
- 3:20pm** • Montebella



Holiday Lighting Ceremony

Thursday, December 1 • 6pm

Election and Filing Dates

The next General Municipal Election for the City of Riverside will be held on April 4, 2017. The City will be seeking candidates to fill one, two-year term for each of the three Wards. Terms expire for Ward I Alderman Al Bowman, Ward II Alderman Aaron Thatcher and Ward III Alderman Frank Biondo. The first date for candidate filing is December 13, 2016. Questions? Call the City Clerk at (816) 741-3993.



Package Theft on the Rise Over the Holidays

Riverside Police offer ways to protect your goods

As more people opt to shop online for holiday gifts, package thefts tend to increase. According to police, many of these incidents are crimes of opportunity. An offender may not set out to target your home, but if they walk or drive by and see something of value in plain sight, they can quickly steal it and go unnoticed. Thieves may also trail a delivery truck, stealing packages as they are dropped off. The good news is that there are a number of ways you can help reduce package theft. Here are a few:

- Ship your package to a location where someone you know will be available to receive it — your office or a relative, neighbor, or friend. Some shipping companies will allow you to choose a preferred time and date or even change locations when the package is in route.
- Require a signature for deliveries.
- Track your package and request an email, text, or other alert about the status of delivery.
- Consider other options like picking up at a secured location, or directly from the retail store or package carrier.
- Provide specific instructions about where the package should be left on your property, and choose a location where the items can't be seen by people walking or driving by.
- If you are going on vacation, place deliveries on hold until you return from your trip.
- If you have frequent deliveries, consider buying a locking parcel box that can be bolted down or secured.
- Report package theft immediately to the police department at 816-741-1191 and the delivery company.



If you see something or someone suspicious, call 911. Riverside Police will increase patrols during the holiday season in an effort to reduce package thefts, but also count on the public's help. A call to police last season from a Riverside resident led to the arrest of two suspects and the recovery of stolen packages from the neighborhood.

FPAL Skating Party

Tuesday, December 6 • 6-8pm

Entry fee, skate rental, plus hot dog, chips and drink provided. Come join the fun!



City Calendar

December 1

Holiday Lighting Ceremony, 6pm

December 5

Tourism Commission Special Meeting, 6pm

December 6

Senior Holiday Dinner, 11:30am
Board of Aldermen, 7pm

December 8

Planning and Zoning, 6:30pm

December 13

Tourism Commission Meeting, 6pm

December 17

Santa Arrives by Fire Truck

December 20

Board of Aldermen, 7pm

December 22

Planning and Zoning, 6:30pm

December 26

Holiday, City Offices Closed

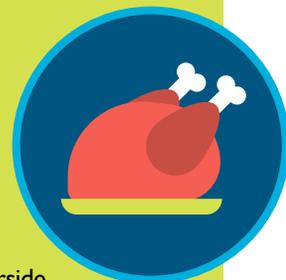
Recycling and Trash Schedule

No change in services for Dec.; pick up is on Fridays.

Senior Holiday Dinner

Tuesday, December 6 •
11:30am - 1pm
Riverside
Community
Center

Don't miss the annual Senior Holiday Dinner, hosted by the Riverside Public Safety Department! Join us for the legendary feast and the fun: Make your reservations by calling Holly at 816-372-9110 today!



Stay Connected

RiversideMo.com

City of Riverside 

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CrimeReports.com

nixle.com

Need a job?

Many Riverside and Platte County companies are now hiring. For job postings visit 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. *Note: Membership now required.*

**SU, 1-5pm and
M-TH, 2-5pm**
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, 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

W, 10-11am
Stay Strong, Stay Healthy

W, 6:30-7:30pm
Zumba Kids

TH, 12:15-1pm
Yoga

**2nd & last Monday
of Month**

Senior Dances, 1pm-3pm
*No YMCA Membership
Required*