



# the Current

## City's Snow Removal Ranks Highest in Metro

Riverside's snow removal services outscored those of other metro communities in the recent Citizen's Satisfaction Survey, a result of preparation and diligence. Public Works begins ordering and stockpiling road salt as early as July. Equipment is serviced, mounted and checked in October. When snow and ice season begins, work commences 24/7 as official weather condition reports are monitored and crews alerted.

The City's bridges and main routes are pre-treated prior to incoming storms, and snow removal begins when accumulations reach 1.5 to 2 inches. Principal streets are plowed first, then secondary and residential streets, and finally all remaining streets. The pattern is repeated until the snow stops, after which snowplows "widen out" streets and intersections by pushing accumulated snow back toward the curb line. "We work around the clock during snowstorms to keep the streets open and passable for all," said Tom Wooddell, Director of Public Works.

## Complete Home Concepts

*At Home in Riverside Since 2005*

You could say that Complete Home Concepts was Horizon's original tenant. Founded in 1977, the family-owned business purchased 19 acres in what would eventually become Horizons in 2005. At the time, it lacked sewer service and a completed levee, so making it a reality required a true partnership between the owners and the City.

The company, which specializes in custom mirrors, shower doors and bases, manufactured stone, fireplaces and gutter material, completed construction on their warehouse and in 2007, moved in. Soon after, the economy crashed and the construction and building trades took a hit. Complete Home Concepts felt the pinch, and slowly began phasing out its retail stores in favor of a single new showroom.

As they searched for locations, owner/founder James Goodwin, his son Jeff Goodwin and daughter Jennifer Haughenberry determined that building next to their Riverside warehouse was the best move. But it wasn't without challenges. "When you tell the Fire Marshall you want to put 40 burning fireplaces in your showroom, it raises some eyebrows," said company president Jeff Goodwin.

Good communication and teamwork made it happen. "Riverside has been wonderful, from the beginning of our development to our recent shift from a wholesale to retail operation," Jeff said. "If you have a question or need help,



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## Complete Home Concepts

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they respond the next day — you just won't find that anywhere else in the metro."

The company held a soft showroom opening in August 2014, and closed the last retail store in January 2015. After the first full year in the new showroom, sales are 20% over projection. Complete Home Concepts serves customers from Warrensburg to Manhattan, St. Joe to Louisburg. The lifelong Northlanders also have clients in Riverside, including Allison and Alexander General Contractors, and the Montebella and Briarcliff subdivisions.

## Healthy Citizen's Initiative Makes it Easy to Stay Fit

City residents are eligible for reduced rates at area fitness centers through the Riverside Healthy Citizens Initiative. Residents pay 25% of the membership fee and the City pays the remaining 75% at these eligible fitness facilities:

**Riverside Community Center**  
816-741-4172

**Platte County  
Community Centers/YMCA**  
(816) 505-2622

**North Kansas City  
Community Center**  
(816) 300-0531

**Gladstone Community Center**  
(816) 423-4200

## Annual Shop With a Cop Brightens Holidays for All

On Friday, Dec. 12, 39 kids arrived at Walmart excited to Shop With a Cop. Each child was given a spending limit of \$200. Though many purchased toys for themselves, some bought Christmas presents for other family members. Nearly 95% of the shoppers were from Riverside, which brings to light just how many children in our community are in need.



Spearheaded by Dispatcher Tina Hass and School Resource Officer Matt Westrich, the outing is special for the children, and equally meaningful to the police officers and firefighters involved. "One of the most heart-tugging things I see every year are the kids in desperate need of basics like clothes, and underwear in particular," said Major Skinrod. "Simply reaching into a drawer for socks and underwear just isn't a reality for them."

As the children shop for gifts and necessities, relationships are built and strengthened. Case in point: The 2015 event was the last that one shopper, a 17-year old desperately in need of several items, would be eligible for the program. Though many offered to shop with the youth, their offers were politely declined in favor of waiting nearly two hours for their own school resource officer, Matt Westrich, to do the honors. "This child's face lit up when Matt walked in and asked, 'You ready to go shopping?'" said Major Skinrod. "Shop with a Cop reminds us all how good it feels to take care of your fellow neighbor — and what a difference a few hours spent with us can make."

## Election & Filing Dates



Officials with terms expiring are Mayor Kathy Rose, Ward I Alderman Ron Super, Ward II Alderman Chet Pruett and Ward III Alderman Art Homer. Those interested in filing can do so until January 19, 2016 at City Hall during regular business hours, 8am-5pm, Monday-Friday. Riverside voters will go to the polls on April 5 for the municipal election.

# PCEDC Announces Business Awards

On December 11, seven Riverside businesses were recognized at the 2015 Business Awards during the Platte County Economic Development Council's Business Excellence Luncheon. Here's who received these much-deserved honors:

## Community Development Award

Recipients in this category were nominated by officials of the city in which they are located.

- ▶ **Orange EV**

## Business Excellence Awards

Each company honored is new to or has expanded in Platte County, and was recognized for new investment, job creation, increased visibility or increased tax base.

- ▶ **Eagle Animal Hospital**
- ▶ **Martinrea**
- ▶ **Premium Waters**
- ▶ **Seattle Fish Company**
- ▶ **US Farathane**
- ▶ **Yanfeng Automotive Interiors**



## Riverside Post Office Hours

The Riverside Post Office hours changed in the fall: It is open Monday-Friday, 10am-4pm; closed on Saturday.

## Riverside License Renewals Due

### Pet Licenses

Pet licenses expired on December 31. They are required for any dog or cat that is let outside the confines of a private building. The fee for a dog license is \$6, or \$4 if the dog is spayed/neutered; no fee to license cats. Proof of vaccination is required. Licenses are available at the Public Safety building, Monday-Friday, 8am to 5pm., or by mail. Questions? Contact the Records unit at 741-1191.

### Business Licenses

Business licenses expired on December 31. All Riverside businesses should have received a notice in the mail with details about renewing. Contact the City Clerk at 741-3993 with any questions.



## City Calendar

### Jan 1

Holiday, offices closed

### Jan 5

Board of Aldermen, 7pm

### Jan 6

Parks Board, 6pm

### Jan 14

Planning and Zoning, 6:30pm

### Jan 18

Holiday, offices closed

### Jan 19

Board of Aldermen, 7pm

### Jan 28

Planning and Zoning, 6:30pm

### Dec 10

Planning and Zoning, 6:30pm

## Did You Know?

When you see flashing blue and red lights behind you:

- Slow down and pull to the right side of the roadway
- Do not just stop in the middle of the road or pull to the left
- Police will pull behind the car they need to stop or go on around
- Fire Apparatus will continue past once you clear the roadway
- Do not block drives or other roadways when you pull to the right (the emergency vehicle could be turning into that area)
- Police and Firefighters need the roadway clear to reach the emergency quickly and safely

## 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 now required: Call 816-741-4172 with questions.*

**SU, 1-5 pm and T/TH, 2-5 pm 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*