



the Current

Financial Assistance Available for Sewer Bills

United Way Program Can Help Residents Pay Sewer Bills

Riverside residents who qualify can get financial help paying the sewer services portion of



their KCMO Water Services bill through the Kansas City Water Services Customer Assistance Program. The program is run in partnership with local non-profits, charities and government organizations, including the United Way in Kansas City.

As with all financial assistance programs, applicants will need to meet initial eligibility criteria, including income guidelines, to receive help. The funds are available through a grant, and can be used to pay older bills and debts, and to help avoid service shutoff. Qualifying applicants may receive a maximum of \$500 to use for sewer bills. Residents can only apply for the program and assistance once within a rolling 12-month period.

To learn more about the KCMO Water Services needs-based assistance program and your potential eligibility, call (866) 320-5764 or 2-1-1, the United Way's info line.

It's Christmas in July at Ambius

Interior Landscaping firm provides seasonal décor, plants

Thirty years ago, "holiday office décor" typically amounted to five poinsettias and a lone tree. Today, it's called interior landscaping, and has become a core part of the business for plant-based firms like Ambius. Last year, Riverside became home to the national company's Kansas City District warehouse, which employs 26 people. Ambius shares the warehouse with its sister company, Presto-X.

Rosie Baker is Area District Manager for Ambius Kansas City and Omaha. She says Christmas arrives early there: Inventory starts arriving in February for the upcoming holiday decorating season. In July, the staff begins to prep and design. "We create custom seasonal interior landscapes that feature everything from all sizes of wreaths and trees to garland and ornaments ... we've even created snow scenes with snowmen and ice trees in buckets," Baker said.



Local clients include law firms, financial companies and hotels, including the Argosy Casino Hotel & Spa. Decorating Argosy is a two-day project. "We put a 30-foot tree in the rotunda area one year, along with several other trees ranging from 7- to 10-feet tall, and lots of garland," Rosie said. The smaller trees are on wheels so staff can move them around for various functions.

Though seasonal décor is key, Ambius's main focus is the selling and leasing of plants to businesses. They also provide maintenance by technicians who visit every location to water, prune, fertilize and groom the plants.

Baker, who has been with the firm for 29 years, says the seasonal décor projects and working around living plants makes for a fun business. "The people are the best part, those I work with and those I meet in the field. And of course, I love plants. It's the perfect job for me!" Baker said. To learn more about the firm, visit ambius.com

Riverside Chamber to Run Riverside Musicfest

Event set for Saturday September 17, 2016

The Riverside Chamber of Commerce has taken over operation of Riverside Musicfest. This year, the Little River Band will headline the festival, which will feature local and regional music along with fireworks, local food, games and family-friendly activities.

General admission tickets will be \$10 in advance, \$15 at the gate with free admission for children. Details are being finalized; check RiversideMoChamber.com soon for more information.



Save the Date National Night Out

August 2, 5-8pm
Riverside Community Center

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make Riverside's neighborhoods safer, better places to live. Don't miss out on your chance to win prizes, free food, and more!

Tee up for Charity: FPAL Golf Tournament

Monday, July 11—all day
The National II Golf Course, Parkville
Registration at 7am
Shotgun start at 8am



Sign up at www.RiversideMo.com

There is still time to golf for a great cause at the 12th Annual Riverside FPAL Golf Tournament. The Four-Person Scramble benefits Riverside FPAL and offers donation and sponsorship opportunities. For help with registration or to become a sponsor, contact Holly Phillips at 816-372-9110.

Fireworks Safety

Enjoy the 4th of July Responsibly

FIREWORKS ALLOWED

June 26-July 2, July 5—10am-10pm
July 3 & 4—10am-midnight

IT'S THE LAW

- Shooting fireworks on City property, including City parks, is strictly prohibited.
- Bottle rockets are prohibited.
- Fireworks may not be used within 600 feet of churches, schools, public library or day-cares; within 300 feet of a structure where fireworks are stored or offered for sale; within 300 feet of gasoline pumps, propane tanks, flammable liquids or solids or a structure marked with flammable or water reactive.



FPAL Pool Party

July 21, 6-8pm

Make a splash with the Riverside Fire/Police Athletic League at the Community Center Pool! Admission free for members, \$5 for non-members.

City's Business Pro to Leave Post

A wedding, family farm bring changes for Jackie Carlson

In February 2013, Jackie Carlson joined the City's staff to handle planning and business services. Since then, she's helped many new and existing companies grow their businesses, tap into resources and navigate City processes. All that will change at summer's end when she moves to Silver Lake, KS,



just outside Topeka, to join her fiancé on his family's farm. The Current recently interviewed Jackie for the inside story.

Q So... a farm?

A Yes. I'm marrying an amazing man, Kelly, who is a Kansas farm boy. And he's not leaving that farm, which belonged to his grandparents.

Q We see a charming home surrounded by pastureland...

A Not exactly. The pasture, little creek and view of the Capitol are beautiful, but the house is a yet-to-be-updated 1970's ranch. And it's been a bachelor pad for a LONG time. But it'll be a great place to raise our family, and I'm up for a project.

Q What's the best thing about working for Riverside?

A Three things: The team at City Hall, who are just amazing, good people; being able to talk with businesses — it's incredibly interesting to build those relationships and learn what's being made here; and finally, working for a community that's innovative and open to new ideas and programs.

Q Most unforgettable moment?

A Going to the VIP Open House for Eagle Animal Hospital. Seeing the finished product and knowing I helped them through the process was pretty awesome.

Q Any advice for your successor?

A Keep building relationships and don't be scared to be innovative and try new programs. Because in Riverside, they work.

City Calendar

July 5

Board of Aldermen, 7pm

July 11

FPAL Golf Tournament

July 14

Planning and Zoning Commission, 6:30pm

July 19

Board of Aldermen, 7pm

July 21

FPAL Pool Party

July 28

Planning and Zoning Commission, 6:30pm

Did You Know?

Platte County Senior Services offers valuable resources and services for seniors and caregivers.

Platte County Senior Services

(816) 270-4100

Meals on Wheels, transportation to the Senior Center and shopping, resources and activities for older adults, and more.

Platte County Senior Fund

(816) 270-2800

Transportation to medical appointments, in-home services, personal safety monitoring, emergency response, information and referrals.

Visit PlatteSeniors.org for complete details.





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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/W, 2-5pm and T/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, 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
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