



# the Current

## Call 811 Before You Dig

April is Safe Digging Month, and whether you are planning to begin an excavation project yourself or are hiring a professional, **always** call 811 at least a few days before you start.



**Know what's below. Call before you dig.**

Placing this free call will protect you and others from unintentionally hitting underground utility lines – there are countless miles of buried utilities underground that channel water, electricity and natural gas. Even small projects like planting trees and shrubs should include marking utilities.

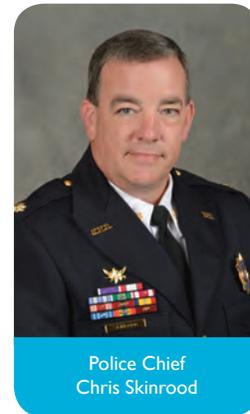
Unmarked digging can cause:

- Personal injury
- Property damage
- Utility service outages
- Potential fines
- Repair costs

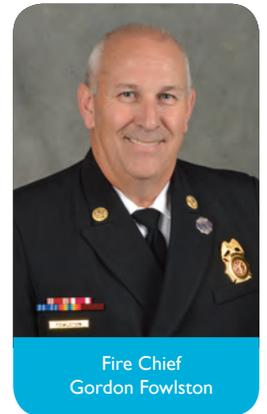
Always know what is below! For more information, visit [call811.com](http://call811.com).

## Riverside Appoints New Police Chief and Fire Chief

If you have reviewed the citizen satisfaction surveys conducted by the City, you know Riverside's police and fire departments have consistently scored top marks among all cities in the metropolitan area. According to City Administrator Greg Mills, the reason for this success can be traced to the dedicated men and women who comprise the City's staff. That belief is echoed by the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, who recently named Major Chris Skinroad as Chief of Police, and Gordon Fowlston as Fire Chief. The two were officially sworn in during the March 7 meeting of the Board of Aldermen at City Hall.



Police Chief  
Chris Skinroad



Fire Chief  
Gordon Fowlston

**Chief Chris Skinroad** is a 22-year member of the police department and is responsible for daily operations of the police division. He is also a member of the Metro Squad and the Metropolitan Area Regional Radio System Committee.

**Chief Gordon Fowlston** joined Public Safety in 2007 as fire marshal and brings 26 years of firefighting experience to his role. Chief Fowlston is also a member of the International Association of Fire Chiefs and Missouri Fire Chiefs.

Greg Mills, who has served as both City Administrator and Director of Public Safety since 2012, has turned over his public safety responsibilities but continues in his role as City Administrator. In November, Riverside will begin a search for a candidate for City Administrator, said Mills, who intends to retire by June of 2018.

## FPAL Tennis Clinic

Wednesday, April 26, 4-6pm  
Park Hill South High School

Don't miss the FPAL Tennis Clinic hosted by the Park Hill South HS Tennis Team, who will teach basic tennis skills to kids ages 5 to 16. Raquets, balls, water, sports drinks and snacks provided. WEAR ATHLETIC SHOES. Call **816-372-9176** to register today!

## Senior Dance Dates

Mondays, April 10 and 24  
1-3pm

Join us at the Community Center this month for dancing, fun and fellowship. Please bring a snack to share.

## Riverside History Corner



Pictured above is the old Missouri Pacific railroad depot that once served the city. The location is most likely near the former entrance (from the east) to what is today E.H. Young Park.

# Summer Fun Guide

**Summer Kick-Off, Community Center**  
Saturday, May 13, 11am-1pm

## YMCA Swim Lessons, Riverside City Pool

The City of Riverside and YMCA will once again offer free swimming lessons to residents this summer. Lessons, offered for both children and adults, will run at various times in June and July. Contact the Platte County Community Center at (816) 505-2622 or sign up at the Summer Kick-Off, May 13.

## FPAL Pool Parties, Riverside City Pool

**Thursdays, June 22 and July 20, 6-8pm**  
**Tuesday, August 1, 6-8pm, National Night Out**

Enjoy swimming, snacks and a DJ during these free pool parties.

## Riverside City Pool Opens, May 27

12-8pm daily

Admission is \$3 for ages 12 and older and \$1 for kids 3-11. Those under the age of 14 must be accompanied by someone age 14 or older. Season passes can be purchased from the receptionist before the pool opens or from a pool attendant during operating hours.

## Kids in the Kitchen – FREE, Community Center

**Tuesdays, June 13, 20, 27 and July 11, 18, 25, 9-10am**

Help your kids eat healthier and learn about cooking in a fun and safe environment. The Kids in the Kitchen workshop series covers how to make healthy food choices, food preparation and cooking, and food safety. Students will also learn kid-friendly recipes they can make at home. **Pre-registration required!** Sign up at Summer Kick-Off at the Community Center, May 13.

## Park Shelter House Rental

If you are planning a family reunion, graduation party or work event this spring or summer, remember that Riverside offers shelter house rental in two park locations.

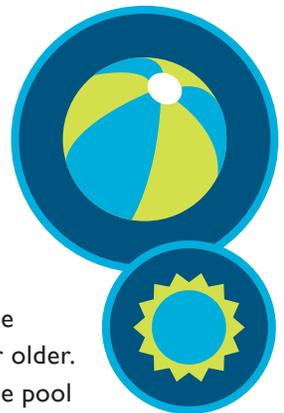
### EH Young Park, 1001 NW Argosy Parkway

Two large shelter houses, each accommodating 100 people; and one small shelter house, are available for rental.

### Renner Brenner Park, 2901 NW Vivion Road

A large shelter house, accommodating 100 people; and a small shelter house accommodating 35 people, are available for rental.

For more information about rental, call **(816) 741-4172**. Visit [Riversidemo.com](http://Riversidemo.com) and search "park shelter house" for specific shelter and park amenities.



# Meet Your Animal Control Officer

## Officer Shane Moore has a *Penchant for Conservation and Community*



For eight years, Shane Moore has served Riverside as an Animal Control Officer. The department is responsible for patrolling the city for loose animals, investigating animal cruelty and dealing with health concerns related to diseased, deceased or aggressive animals. It's an essential job in any city, but it's not for everyone. As an avid outdoorsman, Officer Moore brings a conservationist's perspective to the role, and thrives in the climate of unpredictability. On a normal day, Officer Moore responds to dispatches ranging from lost pets to health concerns and resolving disputes between neighbors. He also patrols the city's parks and trails and educates the community about animal control issues.

His number-one tip is to microchip or put ID on your pets, a simple act which makes finding a lost animal much easier. He also stresses the importance of not feeding strays. "Rather than helping animals, it can often spread disease," Moore said.

Raised on hunting and fishing, Officer Moore became passionate about conservation through his hobbies and his education. He participates in archery competitions and has even won a few national championships. He's also involved in the Fire Police Athletic League (FPAL), a program which brings officers and community members together for monthly events like barbeques or movies. "It helps kids and the community meet the police on good terms," he said.

## Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 15, 10am sharp

Join the fun at Riverside's Annual Easter Egg Hunt at E.H. Young Park, 1001 Argosy Parkway. Remember to bring a basket (or a sack will be provided) and your camera – the Easter bunny will be available for pictures. The egg hunt is for ages 2-10 and divided into groups: ages 2-3, 4-7 and 8-10. Call **(816) 741-4172** for more information or possible weather cancellation.



## Did You Know?

Before you throw it away, please think about recycling. In addition to curbside recycling, the City of Riverside collects a variety of materials and items in three locations:

### City Hall Campus

- Comingle container
- Glass container

### Public Works Facility

- Scrap metal container
- Mattress and box-spring drop-off area

### DPC Riverside Recycling Center

- Yard waste



## City Calendar

### April 1

Spring City-Wide Garage Sale, 8am-5pm

### April 3-15

Spring Clean-Up Days

### April 4

Board of Aldermen, 7pm

### April 10

Tourism Commission, 6pm

### April 13

Planning and Zoning, 6:30pm

### April 14

FPAL, 7:30-9:30pm

### April 15

Easter Egg Hunt, 10am

### April 18

Board of Aldermen, 7pm

### April 21

Curbside Yard Waste Pick-Up

### April 23

Northland Half Marathon and 5K (northlandhalf.com), 8:30am

### April 27

Planning and Zoning, 6:30pm  
For updates and future dates, see the monthly calendar at [riversidemo.com/calendar](http://riversidemo.com/calendar).

## FPAL Gymnastics Event

Friday, April 14, 7:30-9:30pm

If a night of gymnastics sounds like fun, bring your kiddo to Edge Gymnastics for FPAL's April event. The gym is located at 5050 NW Gateway Ave. Light snacks will be provided. Note: At least one adult must accompany children attending. Learn more about FPAL at [riversidemo.com/fpal](http://riversidemo.com/fpal).

## Stay Connected

RiversideMo.com

City of Riverside 

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CrimeReports.com

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## 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 [riversidemo.com/recreation](http://riversidemo.com/recreation). *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, 6-7pm**  
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, 5-7pm**  
Pickelball  
**W, 10-11am**  
Chair Assisted Strength Training  
**W, 11:30-2pm**  
Pickleball  
**W, 6-7pm**  
Zumba Kids

**TH, 11am-3pm**  
Hand & Foot Card Game  
*No YMCA Membership Required*  
**TH, 12:15-1pm**  
Yoga  
**TH, 5-7pm**  
Cooking Matters  
(begins March 30)  
**2nd & last Monday of Month, 1-3pm**  
Senior Dance  
*No YMCA Membership Required*