

## Four Steps to Tornado Preparedness

Tornadoes develop so rapidly that little if any advance warning is possible, no matter where you live. Spawned from powerful

thunderstorms, tornados are nature's most violent storms, and can cause fatalities and devastate a neighborhood in seconds. Damage paths can be in excess of one mile wide and 50 miles long. Here's how to stay aware and remain safe:

1. Build an emergency kit: This can include flashlights, water, food, medications and more.
2. Make a family communications plan. It's essential if you become separated.
3. Sign up for local emergency alerts and warnings. Start with Nixle.com
4. Look for danger signs: a dark, greenish sky; large hail; a large, dark low-lying cloud; and a loud roar similar to a freight train. **If you see these signs take shelter immediately.**

Visit **Ready.gov** for more details ... do it today!



## Riverside Dispatcher Survives Close Call with Tornado

*Jonna Johnson Emerged from the Rubble Without a Scratch*

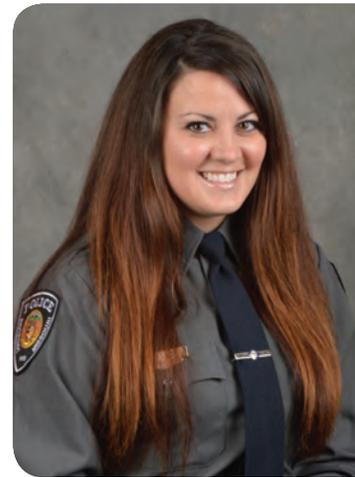
Every day, Dispatcher Jonna Johnson works to keep the Riverside community safe, but in early March, it was an off-the-clock natural disaster that threatened her safety.

On the night of March 6, Dispatcher Johnson was driving to her Smithville home with her two children when she heard tornado sirens begin to sound. Just as she pulled into her subdivision, she found herself face to face with a tornado. Immediately, she saw a stop sign ripped from the ground, then everything went black.

"We sat there parked as things kept hitting our vehicle," Johnson recounted. "The windshield was being pounded repeatedly, but it didn't give."

Johnson estimates they were only caught in the tornado for 30-45 seconds, but it felt longer. When the tornado moved on and the flying debris subsided, she looked around and saw that her vehicle had been lifted from the street and was sitting in someone's front yard. Luckily, the vehicle remained upright and she and her children were unharmed. Johnson's home was somewhat damaged, but fared better than other houses nearby. The house just two doors down from Johnson's was completely demolished. During the storm, other communities across eastern Kansas and Missouri were hit by several tornadoes and baseball-sized hail. There were no fatalities, but at least a dozen people were injured in the Oak Grove area.

Although her home sustained approximately \$9,500 worth of damage and will need a new roof, Johnson feels lucky. "I'm just grateful my family is safe, which is amazing if you look at the pictures," she said. If you ever find yourself out when tornado sirens start to sound, she has some advice: take cover!



## FPAL 13th Annual Golf Tournament

Monday, July 10  
The National II Golf Course, Parkville, MO

Mark your calendars for the Riverside Fire & Police Activities League's 13th Annual Four Person Scramble Golf Tournament.

Registration will begin at 7am followed by a shotgun start at 8am. Prizes will be awarded for longest drive, closest to the pin and recognition for the winners in flights A and B. For more information about registration and sponsorship opportunities, contact Holly Phillips at **(816) 372-9110**.



## Did You Know?

Hazardous materials such as automotive fluids, batteries, paint, household chemicals and florescent light bulbs cannot be thrown out with the regular trash. Riverside has an opportunity to dispose of these properly.

### MARC Mobile Household Hazardous Waste Event Open to Riverside Residents (some fees apply)

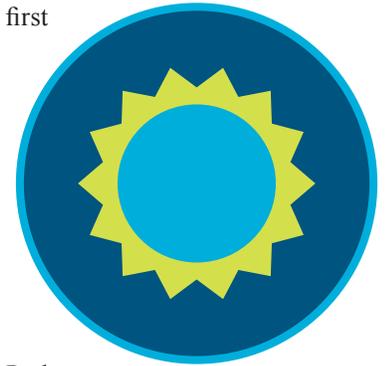
Saturday, May 20, 8am-12pm  
Happy Rock Park  
7600 NE Antioch Rd.  
Kansas City, MO 64119

For a list of all acceptable materials, visit [recyclespot.org](http://recyclespot.org) or call **(816) 701-8226**.

# Summer Brings First Solar Eclipse in 99 Years

Chamber to Host Watch Event Aug. 21 - EH Young Park

On August 21, the United States will experience its first solar eclipse in 99 years. The greater Kansas City area, including Riverside, is partially in the "path of totality." That means a full eclipse will be visible for 2 minutes and 38 seconds at 1:08pm. The metro area is very near the centerline of the path the eclipse will take through the United States, and offers a prime place from which to view the eclipse. To celebrate the historic occasion, the Riverside Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a public Eclipse Watch event at EH Young Park.



## Solar Eclipse Watch Event

Monday, August 21

Eclipse occurs at 1:08pm

EH Young Park

Protective eyewear and water bottles will be for sale at the park. Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs and arrive early to ensure a viewing spot. The eclipse is due to take place at 1:08pm.

As part of the celebration, the Chamber is hosting a luncheon Thursday, August 10 featuring expert guest speaker Jackie Beucher, Vice President of the Astronomical Society of Kansas City and Chair of the 2017 Eclipse Committee. The luncheon will be held at 11:30am at Terrace Buffet in Argosy Casino. Visit [riversidemochamber.com](http://riversidemochamber.com) to register for this event.

To learn more about the total solar eclipse, visit: [eclipse2017.org](http://eclipse2017.org)

## Summer Fun Activities Clip-and-Save!

### Riverside Pool

Opens May 26  
12-8pm Mon-Sat, 12-6pm Sun

### Kids in the Kitchen\*

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

### F/PAL Pool Parties

June 22 & July 20, 6-8pm

### YMCA Swim Lessons\*

Free to residents, June-July

Call the Community Center for details at (816) 741-4172.

\*Sign up for these events at Summer Kick-off at the Community Center, May 13, 11am-1pm.



# Riverside Welcomes Two New Businesses

Community leaders in Riverside are always striving to support local business owners who create jobs for Riverside residents and bring in revenue for improvements. Here's a look at two businesses that recently moved into our community, and where you can find them.

## Haircutz for Breakupz

**2707 NW Platte Road | (913) 232-6893**

Parker Watkins runs this barbershop specializing in men's haircuts, hot towel shaves, fade/taper effects, and razor designs. Follow them on Instagram at barber\_shop\_p, or search Haircutzforbreakupz on Facebook.



## MJC Electric Company

**4301 NW Gateway Ave | (816) 741-2111**

MJC Electric is an electrical contractor specializing in commercial projects. The company has called Gladstone home since 2008, but made the move to Riverside in February 2017. "Riverside is central to our service area, which includes all of greater Kansas City," says Lisa Kunkel, business administrator at MJC. Visit them online at [MJCElectricCompany.com](http://MJCElectricCompany.com).



## City Calendar

### May 2

Board of Aldermen, 7pm

### May 3

Parks Board, 6pm

### May 4

FREE Cooking Matters Class, 5pm

### May 8

Senior Dance, 1pm

### May 11

Planning and Zoning, 6:30pm

### May 13

Summer Kick-off, 11am

### May 16

Board of Aldermen, 7pm

### May 19

Curbside Yard Waste Pickup

### May 25

Planning and Zoning, 6:30pm

### May 27

Riverside Pool Opens, 12pm

### May 29

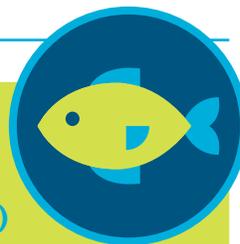
Holiday, closed

For updates, see [riversidemo.com/calendar](http://riversidemo.com/calendar)

## FPAL Fishing Trip

**Saturday, May 20, 10am-2pm**  
**Platte Falls Conservation Area (near Platte City)**  
**Transportation provided, details below**

Join Riverside FPAL and the Missouri Department of Conservation for an angling adventure! Poles and tackle are provided, and food and refreshments will be served. Register by calling **(816) 372-9176**. Admission is free for members, \$5 for non-members. Transportation leaves Riverside Community Center at 10am.



## FREE Lunch & Learn: Declutter & Let Go!

**Wednesday, May 17, 11:30am-12:30pm**  
**Riverside Community Center**

Don't miss this free Lunch & Learn featuring Jennifer Taylor, licensed realtor and founder of Clear It Out KC. Jennifer will share tips and expertise about estate sales, auctions and donations to charity gleaned through years of helping seniors and their families. Call Lori Boji at **(816) 741-4172** to reserve your space. Seats are limited.

## 2017 Election Results

The City of Riverside General Municipal Election was held on April 4, 2017. The following were elected to serve on the Board of Aldermen:

**Ward I, Al Bowman**

**Ward II, Aaron D. Thatcher**

**Ward III, Sal LoPorto**





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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. Call (816) 741-4172 with questions*

**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, 11-3pm**  
Hand & Foot Card Game  
*No YMCA Membership Required*  
**T/TH, 5-7pm**  
Pickelball  
**W, 10-11am**  
Chair Assisted Strength Training  
**W, 6-7pm**  
Zumba Kids

**TH, 12:15-1pm**  
Yoga  
**2nd & last Monday of Month, 1-3pm**  
Senior Dance  
*No YMCA Membership Required*  
**TH, June 22, 1-3pm**  
Extra Senior Dance  
*No YMCA Membership Required*