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Snow Removal Tips

A heavy snowstorm can disrupt the normal flow of everyday living and be a frustrating experience. These tips can help eliminate some of the frustration:

Before it snows, remember the past years' problems and try to prevent them in advance. If you shovel your own snow, have your tools and supplies handy.

If you have a driveway--use it. This protects your car from being splashed by salt spray, becoming plowed in, or being struck by a skidding vehicle. The more cars off the street, the better job Public Works can do.

When shoveling out the mouth of your driveway, throw the snow to the side or "downstream." Do not throw it into the road--it will be re-deposited when the snowplow comes around again.

Remember, snow shoveling is hard work. Don't overexert yourself and strain muscles that aren't used to strenuous exercise.

Please don't go out during or immediately after a snowstorm unless it is truly necessary. Crews have many hours of hard work to complete and less traffic on the road means that they will be able to clear more quickly and completely.

Use extreme caution around plow trucks:

- Stay a safe distance when pulling out in front of a plow truck.
- When following a plow truck, allow plenty of stopping distance.
- Remain a safe distance from rock salt. Trucks spread salt in a 20 foot pattern.
- Please do not pass plow trucks. ☺

New Solid Waste Services Begin This Month

For all single-family Riverside residents, trash and recycling pick-up is another FREE service provided for you by the Public Works department of the City of Riverside. This program is a part of our continuing process to provide for the betterment our community.

Carts

Two 48 gallon (per request) or 64 gallon carts will be delivered to your home on January 3-6. The carts will be labeled - one for trash and one for recycling. All trash must be placed inside the carts. Town and Country will collect all extra trash outside the cart as long as it has a bag tag, which can be purchased at City Hall for \$2.



These 48 or 64 gallon carts will be delivered to your home between January 3 and 6.

Collection Day

Pick-up day is every Friday. Town and Country does NOT recognize holidays: **Pick-up will be every Friday no matter what!** Carts need to be placed at the end of your driveway by 7 a.m. every Friday morning. There will be unlimited pick-up after Christmas and Fourth of July (does not include bulky items). New trash service will begin on Friday, January 7, 2011.

Bulky Items

Residents may put their bulky items out on the curb with Friday morning pick-up, using tags. Bulky Item Tags can be purchased for \$10 at City Hall. One tag is required per item and items must be set out with the rest of the trash and recycling for pick-up. Bulky Item Express service is also available. It costs \$50 per five items. Items containing Freon cost \$20 each. You must call Town and Country directly at 816-380-5595 and make an appointment to have your items picked up.

Items that Cannot Be Trashed or Recycled

The following items cannot be placed in trash or recycling bins: motor oil, automotive product bottles, household hazardous waste containers, hot ashes or cinders, yard waste, construction materials, appliances, large furniture, northing with Freon or other hazardous waste materials. Styrofoam, glass and plastic bags cannot be placed in the recycling bins, but may be thrown away in the trash bin. A full list of items that can be recycled is available on the City's website, www.RiversideMo.com.

Questions?

Please feel free to contact City Hall at 816-741-3993 with any questions about trash or recycling services. ☺

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Green Tip

Reduce heating costs in the winter

About a third of the energy usage in your home goes toward heating. By setting your thermostat to 68 degrees Fahrenheit during the winter and turning it down 10 degrees when no one is home, you can reduce your utility costs and emissions by about 10%.

New Open Gym Hours

The Riverside Community Center will now be open from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sundays for Open Gym during the Winter. Open Gym is also offered Monday through Thursday from 3 to 6 p.m.

Stay Connected

www.RiversideMo.com

www.RiversideMo.com/blog/

City of Riverside (Facebook)

@RiversideMo (Twitter)

Trash Pick Up Schedule

FridayJanuary 7
FridayJanuary 14
FridayJanuary 21
FridayJanuary 28
FridayFebruary 4

Don't Let Your Gas Appliances Starve For Air

Gas appliances, such as water heaters, furnaces and boilers need plenty of air to operate efficiently and safely. Otherwise, they will produce excessive and deadly carbon monoxide.

Carbon monoxide is odorless, colorless and toxic, meaning you can't see, taste or smell it. It causes headaches, dizziness, disorientation, nausea and fatigue. Carbon monoxide can kill, so be sure to maintain your gas appliances.

Safely Operate Your Gas-Fire Appliances:

- Schedule an annual appliance inspection, cleaning and tune-up by a qualified specialist.
- Have vents and chimneys inspected by a qualified expert at least once a year.
- Have a technician check the combustion air provisions for your appliances.
- Store combustibles and flammables far away from gas appliances.

Building safety codes require specific venting sizes and combustion air provisions for gas appliances to ensure safe operations. Contact your local gas company or the Riverside Building Inspector at (816) 741-3993 for more information. ↪



Embassy Landscaping Wins Community Business Award

Congratulations to Embassy Landscaping Group for receiving the Community Business of the Year Award at the 20th Annual Platte County Economic Development Council's Job Development Awards. This award is given to businesses that, year in and year out, contribute to our community in many ways – not only in the number of jobs, but also as good community citizens.

Embassy Landscape Group's new

facility is the first environmentally sensitive building in Riverside. They

specialize in landscape services for private, corporate and government clients. The City of Riverside and Embassy Landscape Group have

worked hard on a variety of community projects. In addition, Embassy continues to provide landscaping services at a number of City facilities. ↪



Embassy Landscaping was honored as Riverside's Community Business of the Year for 2010 in December.

Riverside Crime Reports Available Online

Tracking crime in Riverside can easily be done from your own computer. The Riverside Police and Fire Department recently partnered with CrimeReports to transmit daily crime activity for the public to follow. The Crimereports.com website allows citizens to track police activity in and around Riverside. It's the largest and most comprehensive crime-mapping network in the world. All but two states utilize this service.

CrimeReports is a free service for residents and other members of the public. The website uses Google Maps to display the crimes in Riverside. Users can personalize their map by choosing specific crime types they want displayed, as well as a timeline of all the incidents. For example, people may choose to look at all the burglaries and thefts within the past two weeks.

The map is beneficial for residents to track crime, but it's also a useful tool for businesses.

"People looking at Riverside to locate their business can use this website to see what the police activities are," said Operations Support Director Mike Shelton. "You can zoom out and see how the crime in Riverside compares to other communities in the Kansas City area."

Since CrimeReports is a nationwide service, residents also have the ability to look up crime in other parts of the country.

"It's helpful if you have a child away at college because you can get on this website, type in their address or location and follow the crime happening in that area," said Shelton.

Anyone can look up crimes on the map, but if you register online, you can sign up to receive free e-mail updates for crime alerts in Riverside or another designated area of the country. Users can also download the CrimeReports application to receive real-time updates. For additional questions about the service, call Mike Shelton at 816-741-1191.



Riverside Fire and Police data is now available on Crimereports.com.

How to Use:

- Go to www.crimereports.com
- Click the State of Missouri on the map and then click "Riverside Public Safety" on the menu, or
- Type in your exact address in the "Enter Location" box.



Check Your Mailbox...

The 2010 Riverside Annual Report will be delivered in the coming weeks.

Pet Licenses

Pet licenses in Riverside expire on December 31. They are required for any dog or cat that is let outside the confines of a private building, and require the owner to submit a proof of vaccination. The fee for a dog license is \$6, or if the dog is spayed or neutered, \$4. There is no fee to license cats. Licenses are available at Public Safety, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Election Filing

Riverside voters will go to the polls on April 5 for the municipal election of and aldermen.

Officials with terms expiring are: Alderman Mike Fuller, Ward I; Alderman Aaron Thatcher, Ward II; and Alderman Brad Cope, Ward III. Filing opens December 14, 2010 and closes January 18, 2011. Those interested can file at City Hall during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, except for these dates when City Hall will be closed: December 31, 2010 and January 17, 2011.

Free Fitness Classes

The Riverside Community Center offers free fitness classes during the week.

M/W/F from 8 to 9:30 a.m. is Yoga/Cardio/Strength Class.

M/Th from 10 to 11 a.m. is Line Dancing and Weights.

Wed. from 10 to 11 a.m. is Stay Strong Stay Healthy Class.

Calendar

January 4

Board of Alderman – 7 p.m.

January 5

Park Board – 6 p.m.

January 10

Tourism Commission – 6 p.m.

January 13

Planning and Zoning – 7 p.m.

January 17

City Offices Closed

January 18

Board of Alderman – 7 p.m.

January 18

Election Filing Deadline

January 27

Planning and Zoning – 7 p.m.

KCPL to Trim Riverside Limbs in 2011

Trees growing into electrical lines and equipment can cause power outages and interruptions; potentially creating a public safety hazard. Kansas City Power and Light is committed to managing vegetation that may interfere with electrical lines.

The Vegetation Management group at KCP&L has informed the City that specific areas in our community may be scheduled for line clearance in 2011. KCP&L will continue to individually notify affected customers no more than 90 days in advance of work to be performed on their property.

If you have any questions, please contact KCP&L Program Manager and Vegetation Management, Geoff Vossen at (816) 245-4061 or geoffrey.vossen@kcpl.com.



Kansas City Power & Light will notify residents and business owners if limbs need to be trimmed on their property.