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Vivion Rd Line Creek Bridge to be Replaced

The City of Riverside, in partnership with the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) will construct a new Vivion Road Bridge over Line Creek. Bridge construction is scheduled to occur in summer and fall of 2011. To protect the traveling public, the new bridge will be equipped with sidewalks and will conform to all current safety standards. As a result of the new bridge, vehicle access to Homestead off of Vivion Road will no longer be allowed because of inadequate sight distance.

To provide safe entry and exit into and out of the Homestead neighborhood, the City of Riverside will construct a new road off of Gateway Ave called 48th Street. Once completed, 48th Street will be the only entry/exit point into Homestead. Construction of 48th Street is slated for late April and is expected to be finished by July 1, 2011. Once 48th Street is complete, the Vivion Road Bridge Project will begin. Access to the Homestead Neighborhood will be maintained through the construction of both projects.

Community Briefing

A community briefing will be held on the Vivion Road Bridge Project from 5 to 7 p.m. on Tues., April 26 at the Riverside Community Center, 4498 NW High Dr. We encourage you to stop by to learn about the road closure and see how the new bridge will look. Engineers will be available to answer your questions. ☺

Riverside Launches New Communication Tool

The City of Riverside is utilizing a new communications service that allows the City to send important, valuable community information directly to residents using the latest technology. The Nixle Community Information Service allows the City to create and publish messages to be delivered instantly to residents via text message and/or email. Notifications can also be accessed at Nixle's website at www.nixle.com.

Residents and those in neighboring communities can immediately begin receiving pertinent information via text message, email and web by registering at www.nixle.com, and entering an email address and cell phone number where you would like to receive messages. To customize your account, log in and click "Locations" then "Add New" to add addresses from around the county. This is beneficial if you want to keep track of what's happening in the places you work or visit, or if you have loved ones living out of town.

Messages may include missing person alerts, burglaries, school closings, road construction, severe weather warnings, as well as other relevant safety and community event information.

Messages can be sent specifically to residents registered within a quarter mile radius, giving them the opportunity to receive trustworthy information relevant only to their neighborhood. Residents decide which local agencies they want to receive information, and can also choose how alerts are received, whether it's by email, text message, or online. There is no spam and no hidden cost, but standard text messaging rates do apply.

Nixle builds on the foundations of other public-to-public communication services, such as Twitter, Facebook and MySpace, but adds a key component: security. When citizens receive information from Riverside via Nixle, they know it can be trusted.

"Nixle is a first of its kind tool for communities that need to provide critical information to their residents," said Craig Mitnick, Founder and CEO. "In today's world, you have to trust the source of your information. Residents of Riverside can rest easy that the local messages they receive are authentic." ☺



NIXLE provides up-to-date text and email messages with important City alerts and other Riverside news.

Green Resources

April marks the time of year for Spring Cleaning! Here are some resources to get rid of your trash:

City Clean Up Days

April 29 - May 7 (except Sunday)
Riverside Public Works Dept.
4200 NW Riverside St.
Household Hazardous Waste will not be accepted

City-Wide Garage Sale

April 22-23
Contact the Community Center at (816) 741-4172 for details.

FREE Shred Event

April 16, 8:30 to 11 a.m.
Riverside City Hall
Open to everyone.

Leaf and Brush Pick-Up

Friday, April 22
Town and Country will pick up your leaf and brush with regularly scheduled trash pick-up. All items must be placed in paper biodegradable bags and sticks must be in bundles no bigger than 4 ft by 2 ft wide.

Stay Connected

www.RiversideMo.com
www.RiversideMo.com/blog/
City of Riverside (Facebook)
[@RiversideMo](https://twitter.com/RiversideMo) (Twitter)

Trash Pick Up Schedule

FridayApril 1
FridayApril 8
FridayApril 15
FridayApril 22
FridayApril 29

Be Prepared for the Great Central U.S. ShakeOut

The year 2011 marks the bicentennial of the great New Madrid earthquakes of 1811 through 1812. To commemorate those events, citizens of Missouri will take part in an unprecedented statewide “ShakeOut” drill on Thurs., April 28. Missouri is one of seven Midwest states encouraging residents to participate in a simultaneous earthquake drill.

During the ShakeOut, everyone should practice the “Drop, Cover, Hold On” technique for 60 seconds. At 10:15 a.m. on April 28, thousands of citizens throughout the Midwest will:

- **DROP** to the ground
- Take **COVER** by getting under a sturdy desk or table, and
- **HOLD ON** until the shaking stops



The New Madrid Seismic Zone located in southeast Missouri, is the nation’s most active earthquake zone east of the Rocky Mountains. At least three of the largest earthquakes in the United States are believed to have occurred in that area in 1811-1812. The largest of the quakes occurred on Feb. 7, 1812 in the southeast Missouri town of New Madrid.

The earthquakes altered the flow of the Mississippi River, turned rich farmland into fields of sand and destroyed countless structures. People on the east coast felt shaking and church bells reportedly rang as far away as New England. Although no one can predict future earthquakes, scientists say it’s only a matter of time before another major quake strikes the area.

Residents are encouraged to visit the Missouri State Emergency Management Agency’s earthquake information center at www.sema.dps.mo.gov and click on the blue “Missouri Earthquake Preparedness 2011.” For more information, please contact Earthquake Program Manager Steve Besemer at (573) 526-9232, or steve.besemer@sema.dps.mo.gov.

MOCSA Project Aware Class

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Sadly, one in four girls, and one in seven boys will be sexually assaulted by age 18, and most cases of child sexual abuse will go unreported. To prevent these cases, the Riverside Fire & Police Athletic League has teamed up with professionals from the Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault’s (MOCSA) Project Aware to offer a free luncheon program filled with age appropriate information for you and your child. The luncheon is 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Sat. April 9 at Riverside Public Safety. The program is geared towards parents and children ages kindergarten through 5th grade. Some of the topics to be discussed are:

- The difference between a good, bad and confusing touch.
- Assertive behaviors and new skills that may lower a child’s risk for sexual abuse.
- How each child needs to identify a trusted adult like parents, teachers, relatives and others to talk to and rely on for help.
- That it is not their fault.
- Helpful information for parents.

Please RSVP to the Riverside Department of Public Safety (816) 372-9110.

Detective Dennis Jones retires

After 26 years of service, Detective Sergeant Dennis Jones is retiring from the Riverside Police Department. He started his career in law enforcement in 1978 as a dispatcher for Platte County, and joined the Riverside Public Safety Department in 1984 as a street patrol officer. Since then he was promoted to Detective Sergeant in the Criminal Investigations Unit in 2005.



Dennis Jones retired in March. He's been with Riverside since 1984.

Dennis has also been a longstanding member of the Metro Police Squad and worked as an Arson Investigator. As Supervisor, he oversaw the creation and development of the School Resource Officer at Park Hill South High School. He also helped establish and organize Riverside's Fire and Police Athletic Program

During his career, Dennis received numerous awards for Valor, Distinguished Service, Chief's Commendation, Meritorious Service, CPR, Good Conduct and Safe Driving. He also received the Sergeant of the Year award in 2008.

After retiring from Riverside, Dennis is starting a job with the Platte County R3 School District as a School Resource Officer. Fortunately, this allows him to remain on board as a reserve sergeant and stay actively involved in the events and activities with the department. He explains that while he is looking forward to a new adventure, he will miss working at Riverside.

"I'm really going to miss seeing the people I've grown to become such good friends with," says Dennis. "I know I'll miss not having that contact with them on a daily basis."

He also explains how lucky the City is to be equipped with an outstanding department.

"Riverside is by far one of the best police departments in the metropolitan area to work at," says Dennis. "We're very fortunate to have the support of the citizens and to also have the city council behind us. This is a great place and I really enjoy working here."

Riverside would like to extend its congratulations to Dennis on his new journey, and a big thanks for respectfully serving the community. ~

Stop Senior Hunger

A startling number of U.S. seniors risk going hungry because of their inability to obtain enough food or having to choose between food and medical care.

Comfort Keepers® of Greater Kansas City is working to raise awareness for this growing epidemic that impacts millions of older Americans trying to remain healthy and independent by hosting a Lunch & Learn Program, focusing on Nutrition for our Senior Neighbors in Need.

The Free Lunch and Learn is 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., on Mon., April 11 at the Riverside Community Center.

Easter Egg Hunt

Celebrate Easter with a FREE Easter Egg Hunt and pictures with the Easter Bunny. Join us at EH Young Park on Saturday, April 23 at 10 a.m. SHARP for the hunt. Kids will be split into three age divisions: 2-3 year olds, 2-7 year olds, and 8-10 year olds. Details about weather cancellations or delays will be posted on the City website and are also available by calling the Community Center at 741-4172.

Senior Dance

Grab your dancing shoes and head over to the Senior Dance on Monday, April 25. This FREE event is at the Community Center, 4498 NW High Drive, from 1 to 3 p.m. and features the Ed Smith Band. See you there!

FREE ADMISSION

The City of Riverside is offering passes for free admission to the Riverside Community Theatre's production of "The Cemetery Club," performed April 1-2 and April 8-9.

How to Redeem:

- Bring this coupon to the Community Center prior to the show. Each coupon is redeemable for two free passes. Free passes are good for admission only.
- You must redeem this coupon in advance to receive free passes. Coupons will not be accepted at show performances.
- There are a limited number of free passes available so redeem early!

Questions? Contact the Community Center at 741-4172.

Calendar

April 4

Board of Alderman – 7 p.m.

April 6

Park Board – 6 p.m.

April 11

Tourism Commission – 6 p.m.

April 14

Planning and Zoning – 7 p.m.

April 19

Board of Alderman – 7 p.m.

April 22-23

Community Garage Sale

April 23

Easter Egg Hunt,
E.H.Young Park – 10 a.m.

April 28

Planning and Zoning – 7 p.m.

Need Help with Home Repairs?

Members of the Platte Woods United Methodist Church will be in Riverside on April 30th and May 1st for their Faith in Action weekend.

Members of the church will be available to help with minor home repairs, yard work and other small projects. This is the third time Platte Woods United Methodist Church has come to Riverside for its Faith in Action Weekend.

For more details on how to get your home on the project list, please contact Linda Morrison, Riverside Code Enforcement Officer, at (816) 741-3993 by Friday, April 15.

Don't Forget to Vote on April 5

Riverside voters will go to the polls on April 5 for the Municipal Election. Polls will be open at the Riverside Community Center from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Ward 1:
Deana Winter
Mike Fuller,
incumbent

Ward 2:
Aaron Thatcher, incumbent

Ward 3:
Brad Cope, incumbent

