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Local Government Week May 1-7

Local governments and citizens across the state of Missouri will be celebrating Local Government Week May 1-7 with a variety of events and activities. In February 2010, Gov. Jay Nixon issued a proclamation declaring the first week in May Local Government Week in Missouri.

“Designed to help citizens understand the work of local government in their daily lives, local cities have scheduled events to help raise awareness of and celebrate the important role city government plays in the lives of all Missourians,” said Katie Bradley, Missouri Municipal League.

Riverside will celebrate Local Government Week with a proclamation at the May 3 Board of Aldermen meeting. The City will also host its annual appreciation dinner on May 6. Members of the City’s Boards and Commissions, along with City employees, are honored at this dinner for contributions made throughout the year. The Mayor will also present the awards for Business of the Year and Volunteer of the Year at this event.

“The involvement of our residents and business community in Riverside’s efforts is important to the success of our City. We rely on these individuals to serve on our boards and commissions and to provide critical input to the future and direction of our community,” said Mayor Kathy Rose. ☺

Celebrating 60 Years with Upstream Outreach Campaign

Riverside is turning 60. And we have just one birthday wish this year: Do good. Everyone. For anyone. Plant a tree, rescue a puppy, buy a stranger a cup of coffee – whatever you’re into. It’s up to you to decide how to do good. It’s up to us to encourage, support and applaud you along the way. Just take pictures, shoot a video or write down what you did and how it made you feel. Then share it with us and we’ll share it with the world. Those who do good will be handsomely rewarded. Happy birthday to us!

How to Participate

Get out there and do some good! Let us know about your plans ahead of time and we’ll be glad to supply you with “Do Good” shirts and signs to use. Contact us at DoGood@riversidemo.com or give us a call at (816) 372-9023. You can also download posters and logos from the City website.

Share your story! Submit your stories, pictures and videos to us using one of these methods: Upload directly to the City of Riverside Facebook Page (facebook.com/riversidemo); Tag us! Tag City of Riverside on Facebook, use the hashtag #riversidedogood, or tag YouTube videos with “Riverside” and “Do Good”; Email us at DoGood@riversidemo.com; or deliver your items to City Hall, 2950 NW Vivion Road.

Get a move on it! We’ll be collecting and highlighting your good deeds from May 1 through August 31. Prizes will be awarded at Riverside Riverfest on Saturday, September 17.

Prizes!

What goes around comes around. Everyone who shares what they’ve done to “do good” in the community will receive a little token of our appreciation, but we’ll also have special prizes and recognition for the good deeds that are the most creative, make the biggest impact, and are selected as winners of the “people’s choice” contest. Sixty good deeds will also be featured throughout the summer as examples of what Riverside residents, businesses and friends are doing to make our community a city that’s truly upstream from ordinary!

More Info

For more information, visit www.riversidemo.com/dogood or contact us at (816) 372-9023. ☺



Riverside is turning 60 this year. Help us celebrate our birthday by doing good in the community.

It's Mowing Season!

Mowing season is upon us and the City would like to remind you that you are required to mow your grass and weeds up to the street edge regardless of it being a right of way because you are still the legal owner of the property.

Mowing Requirements: All grass and weeds cannot exceed 10 inches in height. Please mow your lawn frequently so your property will look good and unwanted critters won't invade your yard.

Grass Clippings: It's against Riverside code to blow grass or leaves into the street because it will clog the City's sewer system. Be sure to clean up the streets around your house after doing yard work.

Questions? Contact Linda Morrison at (816) 741-3993.

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Trash Pick Up Schedule

FridayMay 6
FridayMay 13
FridayMay 20
FridayMay 27
FridayJune 3

Girls on the Run 5K is May 21

For the past 10 weeks, Girls on the Run participants in Clay, Jackson and Platte counties have been running, stretching, cheering and training, all to help get ready for their final run - the Girls on the Run Spring 5K on May 21 at the Argosy Casino. The run is open to the public and costs \$25 to register through May 18. Visit www.gotrkcmo.org for more details.

The City of Riverside is a proud supporter of the Girls on the Run program and is the presenting sponsor for the New Balance Girls on the Run 5K. Girls on the Run is a life-changing learning program for girls in 3rd through 5th grade that combines character building with training for a 3.1 mile running event. ☺

Just Around the Corner: Special Summer Events

Ready to head outside and enjoy the warm weather? The City of Riverside has a full line up of summer events! Look for more details about these events in upcoming newsletters.

May 14
Summer Kick Off Event
Riverside Community Center
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

May 20-22
Mo.-Kan. VW Club Car Show
EH Young Park

May 21
Girls on the Run 5K
Missouri Riverfront Trail, 7 a.m.

June 10-12
Scottish Highland Games
EH Young Park

June 18
BLAST Summer Block Party
Intersection of Gateway and Vivion
6 to 11 p.m.

July 9-10
American Street Rod Association
Car Show
EH Young Park

August 20
Camaro Fest
EH Young Park

September 9-11
Midwest All Truck Nationals
EH Young Park

September 16-17
Riverside Riverfest
EH Young Park

Questions? Contact the Community Center at (816) 741-4172. ☺

Is Your Boat Ready?

Lake season is here and it's time to make sure your boat is ready for the water. The Riverside Public Safety Department will host a safety seminar on preventing boat fires on Saturday, May 21 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The seminar will feature "Fire on the Water" educational materials, an explanation and demonstration of fire extinguishers, and FREE vessel safety checks.

This workshop is presented in cooperation with KC Sail and Power Squadron, United States Coast Guard - Flotilla 1, Missouri State Highway Patrol Water Patrol Division, City of Riverside Department of Public Safety and Smithville Marine. For more information, call (816) 810-4004. ☺



Municipal Election Results

Riverside voters went to the polls on April 5 for the Municipal Election. Here are the winners from the election:

- Ward 1: Mike Fuller, incumbent
Ward 2: Aaron Thatcher, incumbent
Ward 3: Brad Cope, incumbent



Kick Off Summer on May 14

Celebrate the start of summer with the City of Riverside and the Fire/Police Athletic League at the FREE Summer Kick Off event from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 14 at the Community Center.

Play on inflatables, enjoy a free lunch with members of the Public Safety Department and sign up for Riverside summer activities, including YMCA Swim Lessons, Platte County Student Theatre Experience and Riverside Science and Reading workshops. Contact the Community Center at 741-4172 for more details. 🌊



Free Swim Lessons for Kids and Adults



Grab your goggles! Free swim lessons for Riverside residents will once again be offered this summer at the City pool. Through a partnership with the YMCA, the City will cover the cost for any Riverside resident who wants to participate. Adult swim lessons will also be offered this summer in addition to parent/child, preschool and youth lessons.

Residents can sign up for lessons by attending the Summer Kick Off event on May 14 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Community Center or by going to the Platte County Community Center in Parkville or the Vivion

Road YMCA. Please bring your drivers license and a copy of a utility bill with the resident's name and address on it to verify residency. Lessons are also open to non-residents for a fee.

City Pool Information

The City Pool will open for the season on Saturday, May 28. Hours are Monday-Saturday noon to 8 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 6 p.m. Admission prices are \$3 for individuals age 12 and older and \$1 for kids ages 3 to 11. Children under 2 are free. Please note that children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by someone age 14 or older. A swim test (administered at the pool by lifeguards) is also required for children 14 years of age and under.

Season passes are also on sale. You can purchase passes until May 28 at City Hall or after May 28 at the pool. Season pass prices are as follows: Family-Resident \$75, Family-Non Resident \$100, Individual Resident \$50, and Individual Non Resident \$65. Passes can be purchased using cash or check. 🌊

Save The Date!

Riverside's second annual BLAST block party is back with a bang! Head down to the intersection of Gateway and Vivion on Saturday, June 18 from 6 to 11 p.m.

Spectators will enjoy live music by Perpetual Change and Lipriddle, free inflatables, kids firework safety workshop, food vendors, a beer garden, a photo booth and a professional fireworks display - all fun stuff for the entire family!

Event parking will be in designated areas near the festivities. For more details about the event, visit www.riversidemo.com/blast.

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

The Community Center is also open for Open Gym hours, Monday-Thursday from 3 to 6 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m.

Shred Event

Riverside kicked off the 2011 MARC Recycling Challenge with a shred day in honor of Earth Day on April 16. More than 2,500 pounds of paper was shredded and recycled. That's the equivalent to saving approximately 22 trees!

Calendar

May 3

Board of Alderman – 7 p.m.

May 4

Park Board – 6 p.m.

May 9

Tourism Commission – 6 p.m.

May 12

Planning and Zoning – 7 p.m.

May 17

Board of Alderman – 7 p.m.

May 21

Girls on the Run 5K,
Missouri Riverfront Trail – 7 a.m.

May 26

Planning and Zoning – 7 p.m.

May 30

City Offices Closed

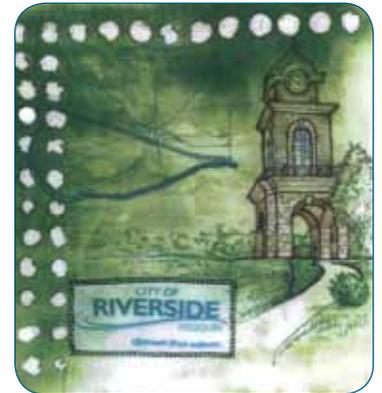
2010 All-America City Quilt Arrives in Riverside This Month

The 2010 All-America City quilt will be on display in Riverside City Hall May 20-25. As part of the 2010 All-America City Celebration, Deana Winter, a local Riverside artist, created a quilt square that represented the community. The quilt features similar squares from all 25 of the 2010 All-America City finalists.

The All-America City Quilt tradition began in 2007 and is pieced together by Gloria Rubio-Cortes, president of the National Civic League.

“To me, the quilt is a vibrant illustration of what is work in American communities,” Rubio-Cortes said. “Quilts are an important part of documenting our history and the All-America City quilt honors the people from the 25 communities who told their stories and pledged to make their communities stronger, better and safer places to live.”

Riverside will host a viewing reception from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 24 at City Hall. The quilt began its tour across the United States in Chandler, Arizona in October 2010. The last stop will be in Middleton, Wisconsin this summer. 



Riverside's All-America City Quilt Square was designed by local artist Deana Winter.