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Celebrating 60 Years

Still Time to “Do Good” in the Community

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 doesn’t have to be a big act of kindness, just something small to show people that Riverside is a community who cares. But you better hurry, all projects must be submitted by the end of this month!

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.

One “Do Good” Story

One partner joined in with great enthusiasm – driven largely by a desire to Do Good, but boosted by the spirit of friendly competition.

Trozzolo Communications Group, the city’s communications consultant, had an in-house competition among five teams of employees to see which team could have the most positive impact in the community. Each team built its project around a specific theme: Happiness, Giving, Sharing, Comfort and Community. They designed and launched projects that involved collecting blood and food donations, spreading happiness, building bridges between young and old, and more. The winner was to be announced at a company retreat later this month.

“We wanted to challenge our people to give back to a community we care about,” said Angelo Trozzolo, president of Trozzolo. “Each person took on the challenge and made it their own. In the end, it became a win-win for all involved and we’re proud of what we were able to accomplish on behalf of Riverside.”

Need Help?

For more information on the Do Good project or help brainstorming ideas on how you or your group can Do Good in Riverside, visit www.riversidemo.com/dogood or contact us at (816) 372-9023.



Riverside Resident Terri Dwyer “Did Good” by assisting with sandbagging in Parkville.

National Night Out

The Riverside Police and Fire Department invite you to participate in the 28th Annual National Night Out celebration from 5 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 2 at the Riverside Community Center.

National Night Out is an annual event that takes place in 10,000 communities in 50 states. 36 million people are expected to take a stand against crime and drug abuse at this year's event. The event is designed to strengthen our neighborhoods through police-community partnerships.

Activities include: swimming, raffle prizes, CSI School, safety tips, Riverside's K-9 Unit, Emergency Management, Riverside SWAT Unit, ATV Unit, fire trucks and police cars on display. Grilled hamburgers, chips and drinks will be provided.



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Trash Pick Up Schedule

Friday August 5
Friday August 12
Friday August 19
Friday August 26
Friday September 2

New Shelters at Renner Brenner

Looking for a place to host your summer picnic? Check out the new shelter houses at Renner Brenner Park. The original large shelter house and gazebo were replaced earlier this summer with a new large shelter house and a new smaller shelter house, both available to rent. In addition, new trash cans, recycling containers, benches and grills were added throughout the park. These upgrades continue the work started last summer when the playground was moved from the bottom level near the skateboard park up to the top level near the shelter houses. ☺



College 101: Free College Planning Workshops

The City of Riverside has joined with Essential Elements Comprehensive College Planning to offer free college planning workshops for Riverside residents. Over the course of six sessions, students and parents will get information on a full range of topics integral to a high school student's successful college search.

Session Schedule:

- **Intro to the College Search** – Sunday, August 21 at Riverside City Hall from 1 to 3 p.m. Learn what steps to take to make every semester in high school count. This workshop will also cover standardized testing, school and community involvement, and college visits.
- **The Student Resume** – Sunday, August 28 at Riverside Community Center from 1 to 3 p.m. Learn how to develop a resume that works for you. Samples of properly executed resumes will be provided.
- **The College Application Essay** – Sunday, September 11 at Riverside Community Center from 1 to 3 p.m. Learn how to write one fantastic essay that can be used for multiple, if not all, college and scholarship applications.
- **Letters of Recommendation and Applications for Admissions** – Sunday, September 25 at the Riverside Community Center from 1 to 3 p.m. Learn how to ask for letters for recommendation and understand the different types of admission applications.
- **Admission and Scholarship Interviews** – Sunday, October 23 at the Riverside Community Center from 1 to 3 p.m. Learn tips and tricks for acing your admission and scholarship interviews.
- **Overview of the Financial Aid Process** – Sunday, November 6 at the Riverside Department of Public Safety Training Room from 1 to 3 p.m. Understand the different types of financial aid available and have the opportunity to complete your FAFSA on site.

Join us for the whole series or just attend the workshops that interest you most. These sessions are open to freshman through seniors and parents are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Meredith Hauck at (816) 372-9023 or mhauck@riversidemo.com. ☺

Waters Move Events Out of EH Young Park

Since early June, City officials have been keeping a close eye on EH Young Park. When the water rises in the Missouri River, the park is one of the first places to flood in the City. Although water levels in the park peaked in early July and have since started to recede, portions of the park are still underwater.

As a result of the flood, three special events that were scheduled to take place in the park in August and September have been moved to other locations throughout town.

On August 20, the Midwest CamaroFest will now be held at the Riverside Red X. The Midwest All Truck Nationals is also tentatively scheduled to take place at the Red X September 9-11.

Riverside Riverfest will also make the move to downtown Riverside September 16-17. It will be located in Renner Brenner Park and on Vivion Road between High Drive and Cliffview Drive. Look for more details about this event, including the schedule and where to park, in the September newsletter.

For the most up-to-date information about the 2011 Flood Fight, please visit <http://www.riversidemo.com/emergencymanagement/2011-flood-fight>.



Thieves Target Unlocked Cars

Over the past several weeks, Officers have taken several reports of vehicle break-ins and stolen autos at various locations throughout the City. At some of the locations, there were multiple thefts at one time. The Riverside Police Department reminds everyone of important tips to help in preventing such crimes of opportunity.

In some cases, entry was forced, but most of the vehicles were left unlocked, allowing access to valuables. Items commonly taken have been GPS displays and other small car electronics, cash, jewelry, cellular phones, and CDs.

The best way to secure your valuables is not to leave them in your car. If you must leave property in your vehicle, place items out of view, preferably in a glove box or trunk. Hiding purses, wallets, and other items of value under the seats is not a reliable means for keeping your property safe.

Easily removable electronic devices such as GPS systems, satellite radios and MP3 players, as well as loose change and cash, are often left in plain view and may attract the attention of criminals. Keeping these items out of sight, or taking them with you when you leave your vehicle can make your vehicle less of target.

Most importantly, do not leave your vehicle open for theft. Make sure all doors and windows are secured each time you leave your vehicle, even when parked at your home and/or in a garage. As a reminder, never leave the keys inside your vehicle, or leave a running vehicle unattended.

The Police Department continues to follow-up on the vehicle break-ins and stolen autos reported to date. If you believe you may have been the victim of a break-in and have not yet reported it, or if you have any additional information regarding previous break-ins, please contact the Riverside Police Department at 816-741-1191.

As always, anytime you see suspicious activity in your neighborhood please call 911 so officers can be sent to investigate.

Faith in Action Weekend

Members of the Platte Woods United Methodist Church will be in Riverside on September 10 and 11 for their Faith in Action weekend to help with minor home repairs, yard work and other small projects. This is the fourth 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, August 26.

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.

Senior Dance

Grab your dancing shoes and head over to the Senior Dance on Monday, August 29.

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!

Calendar

August 2

Board of Aldermen – 7 p.m.

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National Night Out

August 3

Park Board – 6 p.m.

August 8

Tourism Commission – 6 p.m.

August 11

Planning & Zoning – 6 p.m.

August 16

Board of Aldermen – 7 p.m.

August 25

Planning and Zoning – 7 p.m.

RUN WITH US!

Calling Girls in 3rd-5th Grade!

Learn to run a 5K this fall in a program designed for girls just like you!

Tuesdays and Thursdays
September 6 - November 10
5 to 6 p.m.
EH Young Park

Registration fee: \$75

Scholarships are available through the Riverside Fire/Police Athletic League. If you qualify for free/reduced lunches, you may be eligible to have your registration fee waived. Contact Meredith Hauck, 372-9023, for details.

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