

Protect Your Family From Fire

Each year, nearly 3,000 people die in home fires in the United States, and according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), having a working smoke alarm in your home can cut the risk of dying in half.

That's why the City of Riverside Fire Department is teaming up with NFPA October 9-15 during Fire Prevention Week 2011, "It's Fire Prevention Week! Protect Your Family From Fire!," to educate people about the importance of smoke alarms and encourage everyone to take the steps necessary to update and maintain their home smoke alarm protection.

"Many homes in Riverside may not have any smoke alarms, not enough smoke alarms, alarms that are too old, or alarms that are not working," said Keith Payne, Riverside Fire Prevention and Education. "We want residents to understand that working smoke alarms are needed in every home, on every level (including the basement), outside each sleeping area and inside each bedroom. And, if a smoke alarm is 10 years old or older, it needs to be replaced."

Smoke alarms can mean the difference between life and death in a fire. Many homes have smoke alarms that aren't working or maintained properly, usually because of missing, disconnected or dead batteries. Take the time to test smoke alarms at least once a month and replace batteries immediately if the alarm "chirps," warning the battery is low. Never remove or disable a smoke alarm. ☺

Riverside Accepts Parkville's Recycling Rivalry Challenge

Two words: It's on. The City of Parkville issued a challenge to the City of Riverside in September to see which community would have the most participation in the October 1 Household Hazardous Waste: ABOP Event and the November 5 E-Waste and Paper Shred Event, both at EH Young Park. The cities joined together to co-sponsor these events as part of the Mid-America Regional Council Solid Waste Management District's 2011 Recycling Challenge. In addition to hosting events like these, cities were encouraged to challenge one another in a Recycling Rivalry Challenge.

Help Us Win!

We are competing to see which city will have the most people participate in each of these events and which city will have the most items/tons recycled at each event. Although the October 1 event will have already passed at the date of this newsletter's publication, gather your old electronics and paper to be shredded and head down to EH Young Park on November 5 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. It's free to shred paper but there may be a cost to recycle some electronics.



The City also has a variety of other clean up events taking place this month, including:

City-Wide Garage Sale

Instead of throwing away your unwanted junk, try selling it at a garage sale. The city-wide garage sale is October 7-8. Remember, someone's trash can be another person's treasure. For more information on the City-Wide Garage Sale, contact the Community Center at 741-4172.

Clean-Up Days

The Fall Clean-Up Days are October 7, 8, 14 & 15, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Public Works, 4200 NW Riverside. Tires, batteries, refrigerators, air conditioners, oil paints and any other household hazardous waste will not be accepted. White goods, such as washers and dryers, will be accepted. For details, contact Public Works at 741-3908. ☺

Pickleball

The Riverside Community Center is now offering free pickleball during the week!

The October pickleball schedule is:

Wednesdays - 6 to 9 p.m.
October 12, 19 and 26

Tuesdays - 9 a.m. to noon
October 4, 11, 18 and 25

Senior Health Fair

Head over to the Community Center on October 6 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. for the Platte County Senior Health Fair. Flu shots and health screenings are available, including bone density, blood pressure, balance checks, acupressure, spinal screenings, and more.

Stay Connected

www.RiversideMo.com

www.RiversideMo.com/blog/

City of Riverside (Facebook)

@RiversideMo (Twitter)

Trash Pick Up Schedule

FridayOctober 7
FridayOctober 14
FridayOctober 21
FridayOctober 28
Friday November 4

Two Months Left to Do Good!

Riverside needs your help! We are turning 60 this year and have just one birthday with: Do Good. Everyone. For anyone. We are challenging Riverside residents, businesses, and “friends of Riverside” to reach out, complete a good deed in our honor and share the story with us.

We’re still a long way from our goal to reach 60 good deeds though, so we have decided to extend the deadline on the contest until November 30.

That gives you three more months to reach out and make a difference in Riverside or the Metro area.

Your project doesn’t have to be big and it doesn’t have to be in Riverside. Anything goes! Let us know your plans ahead of time and we’ll be glad to supply you with “Do Good” shirts to wear.

Once you’ve completed your project, submit your story, a couple of pictures, and even a video if you want, to the City 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. Prizes will be presented at the Holiday Lighting Ceremony in December.

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



Have You Signed Up For Nixle?

Earlier this year, the City of Riverside began utilizing a new communications tool that allows residents to receive community alerts and advisories via email and text message. This service, called Nixle, is free to use (standard text messaging fees apply) and allows the City to send out timely information on things like severe weather warnings, road construction, traffic accidents, missing person alerts, and more.

To sign up for Nixle, visit www.nixle.com and follow the registration steps. You can choose to receive information via text message, email or directly at the Nixle website. You can also sign up to follow multiple agencies, which is beneficial if you want to keep track of what’s happening in the communities you work or visit, or if you have loved ones living out of town.

“Nixle is a great resource that allows us to easily reach followers with critical information related to our community,” Mike Shelton, Riverside Emergency Management, said. “This tool allows residents to get updates directly from city staff as soon as the information becomes available.”



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

Riverside Home to New 5K

On November 6, runners and walkers will gather in EH Young Park to participate in the metro's newest 5K/10K run/walk event - the Jeff Taylor Run for SAFE 2011. This run was established in honor of Riverside Police Officer Jeff Taylor, who was struck and killed by lightning while conducting search and rescue operations in the aftermath of the 2011 Joplin tornado.

Proceeds from the event go to the Surviving Spouse and Family Endowment ("SAFE"), a non-profit managed by the Kansas City Crime Commission that provides benefits to families of fire fighters, law enforcement officials and EMS personnel that perish in the line of duty.

The race begins at 8 a.m. at EH Young Park and will take runners along the Missouri Riverfront Trail. The registration fee is \$25 for the 5K and \$30 for the 10K though November 5, and \$5 more for each on race day. You can register online or get more information about the run at www.jefftaylorrun.com.



College Prep Series

The City of Riverside and Essential Elements: Comprehensive College Planning have partnered to present a FREE college prep series this fall for high school students and their parents. You do not have to be a Riverside resident to attend. This month's workshop is:

Admission and Scholarship Interviews
Sunday, Oct. 23 from 1 to 3 p.m.
Riverside Community Center

Senior Self Defense Lunch and Learn

The City of Riverside invites seniors to participate in a lunch and learn on self defense for senior citizens on October 24 from 11 a.m. to noon at the Riverside Community Center.

This free class, taught Sgt. Dean Noll of the Riverside Police Department, will feature tips and techniques geared towards seniors on how to anticipate threats and stay safe at home and while on the go.

Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to the Riverside Community Center at 741-4172.



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.

City Staff "Do Good"

In August, City of Riverside staff took on two "Do Good" projects to help causes that are important to our community. As part of the first project, staff collected items for Assault Survivor Kits. These kits provide clothing and other personal items for victims of rape and assault upon released from hospital emergency rooms. These kits, which are prepared by the Assistance League of Kansas City and distributed by MOCSA volunteers, allow victims to leave the hospital with dignity.

The second project featured a trip to Hillcrest Transitional Housing just north of Riverside on Northwood Road. Staff members spent the day painting, cleaning and creating - all in an effort to give the Hillcrest Office a facelift.

For other Do Good projects, visit www.riversidemo.com/dogood.

Senior Dance

Grab your dancing shoes and head over to the Senior Dance Costume Party on Monday, October 31. This FREE event is at the Community Center, 4498 NW High Drive, from 1 to 3 p.m. and features the Ed Smith Band. This will be the last dance of the year. See you there!

Calendar

October 4

Board of Alderman – 7 p.m.

October 5

Park Board/Tourism Commission
Joint Meeting – 6 p.m.

October 7-8

City-wide Garage Sale and Clean
Up Days

October 13

Planning and Zoning – 7 p.m.

October 14-15

City-wide Clean Up Days

October 18

Board of Alderman – 7 p.m.

October 25

Trunk or Treat, 7–8:30 p.m.,
Community Center parking lot

October 27

Planning and Zoning – 7 p.m.

Trunk or Treat on October 25

Head to Riverside to trick or treat in a safe, family-friendly environment on Tuesday, October 25 from 7 to 8:00 p.m. in the Riverside Community Center Parking Lot, 4498 NW High Drive.

Schedule of Events

The festivities kick off at 7 p.m. Kids can collect candy and other goodies at each trunk in the parking lot. The Community Center will also be open and will feature a Halloween story teller at 7:15 p.m. and 7:40 p.m. Don't forget your costume!

Decorate a Trunk

Businesses, groups and individuals are encouraged to participate by decorating a trunk and handing out goodies! Prizes will be given out for: Scariest Trunk, Most Original Trunk and Best Overall Display. Contact Lori Boji at 741-4172 to sign up!

More Details: Contact the Riverside Community Center at 741-4172. ↪

