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Ready for Snow?

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 problems you had last year 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. ~

Riverside Launches New Sustainability Brand

It's becoming clear that embracing sustainable thinking allows cities to attract the brightest talent, the most resilient businesses, and the most engaged families and residents.

Riverside made a commitment in its 2006 Master Plan to make sustainable decisions, and the plan included recommendations for improving efficiency, protecting open space, rivers and streams, and creating walkable, communal neighborhoods. Since then, there have been many community initiatives that have furthered the sustainability goals and increased the community's support of sustainable thinking. In 2010, the City renewed its commitment to sustainability in the Master Plan Update and created a new set of goals and initiatives to take a deeper and more analytic look at the opportunities for economic, social and environmental sustainability.



What is a Sustainable Community?

Sustainable cities meet the needs of current residents without harming future generations. Traditionally cities made decisions based on the bottom line: does the project make financial sense? Sustainable cities ask whether decisions balance social, environmental, and economic needs. That is the triple bottom line.

Think Upstream: For a Sustainable Riverside

This month, the City is launching its new sustainability brand. This new mark will be placed on all projects that are representative of a sustainable community. The logo is based on a drop of water and the ripple effect it has, with the idea being that every move the city makes can have impact that extends beyond the moment in which it takes place. There are three colors to the rings emanating out from the center, representing the three facets of sustainability -- environmental, social and economic. The circles also hint at recycling, while at the same time suggesting a cycle of sustainability, one that builds upon itself. The timeline obviously speaks to the City's brand "Upstream from ordinary," but also to the notion that we all live upstream or downstream from someone else or some other city, and what we do here can and does affect other people and communities. In other words, think about Riverside and the longterm impact of the decisions we make as a city. Is it good for us today, and will it benefit us tomorrow?

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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%.

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.

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Trash Pick Up Schedule

FridayJanuary 6

FridayJanuary 13

FridayJanuary 20

FridayJanuary 27

FridayFebruary 3

Recycling Refresher: What Can I Recycle?

Last January, the City of Riverside launched our new trash and recycling program with Town and Country Disposal. Here is a quick refresher about what can be recycled curbside and what other recycling services are available through the City.

Metals, plastics and paper can be placed in the curbside recycling containers or in the large recycling container on the Municipal Campus. All recyclables can be mixed together:

Metals

- Aluminum and metal food cans
- Aluminum trays and foil
- Steel cans and tins

Plastics

- Soda, milk, water and flavored beverage bottles
- HDPE detergent and fabric softener containers
- PVC narrow neck containers: health, beauty products, household cleaners
- LDPE grocery containers: margarine tubs, frozen dessert cups
- PP grocery containers: yogurt cups, syrup, ketchup bottles

Paper

- Newspaper, including inserts
- Magazines, catalogs, and telephone books
- Brown paper bags
- Office, computer, notebook and gift wrap paper
- Chipboard: cereal, cake and food mix boxes, gift boxes
- Carrier stock: soda and beer can carrying cases
- Junk mail and envelopes
- Paperback books (not hard cover books)
- Cardboard (no waxed cardboard)

Glass Recycling

Glass cannot be put into the recycling containers provided to you by the city; however, the City has partnered with Ripple Glass to provide a glass recycling container on the Municipal Campus, 2950 NW Vivion Road. This container collects brown, green, blue and clear glass food and beverage containers. Please rinse containers but you do not need to remove the labels or separate the glass by color. For more details, visit www.rippleglasskc.com.

Items You Can't Recycle in Riverside

Styrofoam containers, plastic bags, glassware, ceramics, or used clothing.

Household Hazardous Waste

Disposal of batteries and toxic product containers can be done at a Riverside ABOP event or brought to the collection facility in Kansas City (4707 Deramus).

Questions?

For more information on what can and cannot be recycled, or details on other recycling facilities within the Kansas City region, visit www.recyclespot.org.

Kendallwood Hospice Honored With Community Award

Kendallwood Hospice received the 2011 Platte County Economic Development Council's Community Development Award for their work in the City of Riverside. Kendallwood Hospice provides comprehensive care and support for individuals with life limiting illness, their family and friends. They located their offices and thrift store in Riverside in 1997 and have been a strong community partner ever since. From being involved with the City's 60th Anniversary "Do Good" campaign, to organizing "honor flights" for veterans and being active members of the Riverside Chamber of Commerce, Kendallwood's impact in the community goes far beyond providing care. They truly make a difference in Riverside and the City is proud to recognize them for their commitment to the community. ☺



Kendallwood Hospice was honored as Riverside's Community Business of the Year for 2011 in December.

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. ☺



Check Your Mailbox...

The 2011 Riverside Annual Report will be delivered in the coming weeks.

Time to Renew!

Pet Licenses

Pet licenses in Riverside expired 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.

Business Licenses

Business licenses also expired on December 31. All Riverside business should have received a notice in the mail with details about renewing their business license. Please contact the City Clerk at 741-3993 with any questions.

Election Filing

Riverside voters will go to the polls on April 3 for the municipal election of mayor and aldermen.

Officials with terms expiring are: Mayor Kathy Rose, Alderman Ron Super, Ward I; Alderman Bernie Bruns, Ward II; and Alderman David Hurt, Ward III. Filing opened December 13, 2011 and closes January 17, 2012. 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: Jan. 2 and Jan. 16.

Calendar

January 2

City Offices Closed

January 3

Board of Alderman – 7 p.m.

January 12

Planning and Zoning – 7 p.m.

January 16

City Offices Closed

January 17

Board of Alderman – 7 p.m.

January 17

Election Filing Deadline

January 26

Planning and Zoning – 7 p.m.

Get Healthy in 2012!

Riverside residents are now eligible for reduced rates at area fitness centers through the Riverside Healthy Citizens Initiative. Through this program, residents will pay 25 percent of the membership fee and the City will pay the remaining 75 percent.

Eligible Fitness Facilities

Platte County Community Centers/YMCA
8875 Clark Ave, Parkville, Mo.
(816) 505-2622

North Kansas City Community Center
1999 Iron Street, NKC, Mo.
(816) 300-0531

Gladstone Community Center
6901 N. Holmes, Gladstone, Mo.
(816) 423-4200

How to Sign Up

Contact the Riverside Community Center at 741-4172 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. for details on how to register for the program. More information is also available on the City website, www.riversidemo.com. ↩

