



the Current

Recognizing Riverside

Progress Report Gets Silver

The City of Riverside's 2010 Progress Report, developed in partnership with Trozzolo Communications Group received a Silver Award from the Public Relations Society of American Greater Kansas City Chapter. The PRISM Awards recognize complete public relations programs and tactical elements incorporating sound research, planning, execution and evaluation. Projects must meet the highest standards of performance in public relations to be considered for this recognition.

Leadership Northland

Three members of the Riverside Team recently graduated from the Northland Regional Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Northland Program: Alderman Brad Cope, Fire Division Chief Gordy Fowlston and City Clerk Robin Littrell.

Riverside Awarded CAFR

Riverside was recognized for the 5th year in a row for excellence in financial reporting. The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) awarded Riverside its Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting (CAFR) in March. This is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. ☺

EH Young Park Now Open

After more than eight months of being under water and under repair, EH Young Park reopened to the public in early March. The park closed in June 2011 as a result of flooding from the Missouri River, and remained closed after the waters receded mid-September because of damage to the park land and facilities.

"After being under two to eight feet of water for a couple of months, the damage to the park was extensive," Mike Shelton, Emergency Management Director, said.

Once the water receded, the Riverside Public Works crew started the recovery efforts. Since early fall, City crews have put in almost 500 hours of work to restore the landscaping, clean the walkways and paved areas, and repair the facilities. Outside contractors were also brought in to assist with the efforts and remove a number of trees that died. Crews are still working on sand in the park that's the result of a new sandbar that developed near the bank by the parking lot.

"There was a lot of work that went into getting the park ready to reopen this spring," Tom Wooddell, Director of Public Works said. "We're very proud of how it looks now, but it still could be years before the park looks like it did before the flood."

Although the flood recovery effort is wrapping up, more construction is set to begin in the area. The Corps of Engineers will soon kick off a project to stabilize the banks of Line Creek adjacent to EH Young Park. Staging for the project has already started near the park's entrance and once the project starts, it should take approximately 90 days to complete.

As a result of this project, access to the park may be impacted from time to time. All park closures and other updates about accessing the park will be posted on the City's website, www.RiversideMo.com. ☺



The Riverwalk at EH Young Park in July 2011.



Public Works Crews spent almost 500 hours on EH Young Park Flood recovery projects.

Green Resources

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

Recycling Extravaganza

April 21 from 8 a.m. to noon
Pursell Construction
6105 NW Riverpark Drive

Leaf and Brush Pick-Up

Friday, April 27
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.

City-Wide Garage Sale

April 27-28
Contact the Community Center at (816) 741-4172 for details.

City Clean Up Days

April 28 - May 5 (except Sunday)
7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Riverside Public Works Dept.
4200 NW Riverside St.
No Household Hazardous Waste

Stay Connected

www.RiversideMo.com

www.RiversideMo.com/blog/

City of Riverside (Facebook)

@RiversideMo (Twitter)

Trash Pick Up Schedule

FridayApril 6
FridayApril 13
FridayApril 20
FridayApril 27
FridayMay 4

CITY OF RIVERSIDE AND CITY OF PARKVILLE PRESENT:

RECYCLING EXTRAVAGANZA

One stop to donate all of your unwanted items!

Saturday, April 21

8 a.m. to noon

Pursell Construction

6105 NW Riverpark Drive, Riverside
(off 9 Hwy, between Parkville and Riverside)

Featuring:

- Hillcrest Thrift Store (hillcresttransitionalhousing.org)
- Car Batteries
- NI-cad Rechargeable Batteries
- Oil and Antifreeze
- Habitat Restore (restorekc.org)
- Revolve Bicycles (revolvekc.org)
usable and broken bikes accepted
- Shred-it Paper Shredding (shredit.com) - 4 box limit per car
- Electronics Recycling (surplusexchange.org) - Fees may apply
- North Kansas City Iron Company (northkansascityiron.com)
- Automobile Tires
- Prescription Drugs
- Plant Trade - donate or select
- Prescription glasses and sunglasses (lenscrafters.com)
- Tennis balls (rebounces.com)
- Unusable athletic shoes (nikereuseashoe.com)
- Recycling Education (HDRinc.com)

For a complete list of accepted materials, please check the participants website where provided. This event is FREE for all residents and businesses. No I.D. needed - open to all!

Have a Great Riverside Photo?



Send it in to the first annual “My Riverside” photo contest. Pictures can include cityscapes, wildlife, events, parks, and community life here in Riverside. There will be one winner in each category (Youth: under 18, Adult: 18-54, Senior: 55 and over), and one overall winner. Winning photos will be published in the City’s 2012 Progress Report, and winners will each receive a \$50 gift card.

Contest rules are available online at the City’s website www.riversidemo.com or at City Hall. The contest entry deadline is November 30, 2012, and digital and print submissions are accepted. All photos submitted shall become property of the City of Riverside and may be used in future publications.

Public Safety Staff Recognized at Annual Ceremony

The Riverside Department of Public Safety recognized contributions made by its Police Officers and Firefighters during 2011 on March 15 at its annual Public Safety Awards Ceremony.

During this awards ceremony special recognition was made to City employees who responded to the aftermath of the Joplin tornado. Master Patrol Officer Jefferson Taylor was a member of that contingent responding to help Joplin in their time of need. On May 23, 2011, Taylor was struck by lightning while providing service to the citizens of Joplin succumbing to his injuries on June 3, 2011. The Riverside Police Department posthumously bestowed its highest award, The Award of Valor, to Taylor for his courageous and self-sacrificing service, and presented this award to Taylor's two young sons.

"Our annual awards ceremony gives us the opportunity to recognize and celebrate the work of the women and men of Riverside's Department of Public Safety. They are dedicated professionals whose mission is to make and keep our community safe," Riverside Public Safety Director Chief Greg Mills said.

Other awards given that night include Public Safety Member of the Year Awards, which went to Animal Control Officer Shane Moore, Fire Captain Jeffery Taylor, and Master Patrolman William Moore; the Chief's Commendation Awards which were awarded to Patrolman Matt Westrich and Captain Chris Skinrood; and the Chief's Community Commendation Awards which were given to Deborah Miller and Elaine Jarboe for their work on Riverside FPAL's Shop with a Cop/Firefighter Program. A full list of all awards is available on the City's website. [↪](#)



Chief Mills presented the Award of Valor to Officer Taylor's two young sons.

Missouri Riverfront Trail

As a result of a construction project being done by the Corps of Engineers, Zone 3 of the Missouri Riverfront Trail will be closed until approximately the end of April. No weekend work is being done as part of this project so all zones of the trail are open on the weekends.

Updates on the status of the Missouri Riverfront trail are always available on the City's website at www.riversidemo.com/recreation. Any trail closures or other information about the trail's status will be updated on this page.

Questions? Contact City Hall at (816) 741-3993.

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 7 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 30. 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 "Kiss or Make Up"

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 2

Board of Aldermen – 7 p.m.

April 4

Park Board – 6 p.m.

April 7

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

April 9

Tourism Commission – 6 p.m.

April 12

Planning and Zoning – 7 p.m.

April 17

Board of Aldermen – 7 p.m.

April 26

Planning and Zoning – 7 p.m.

Ready for Summer?

Want to know what's going on in Riverside this summer? Head to the Summer Kick Off event on Saturday, May 12 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Riverside Community Center.

Sign up sheets will be available for all Riverside summer programs and the YMCA will be on hand to help you register for FREE swimming lessons at the City pool. Summer activities include: free movie nights, Science workshops, youth and adult sports leagues, and a new Kids in the Kitchen cooking class.

The Summer Kick Off will also feature FREE inflatables and lunch will be provided by the Riverside Fire/Police Athletic League. See you there! 

Don't Forget to Vote on April 3

Riverside voters will go to the polls on April 3 for the Municipal Election. Polls will be open at the Riverside Community Center from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.



Mayor:
Kathy Rose, incumbent
Mike Fuller

Ward 1: Ron Super, incumbent

Ward 2: Seth DeRose

Ward 3: Arthur Homer 