



the Current

Pardon Our Progress

Riverside will be under construction this summer as we kick off a number of project throughout the community.

The Vivion Road Bridge over Line Creek will be replaced this year. Construction will run from June through September, but the bridge will be closed for 60 days after July 4. As part of the construction project, access to Homestead Road from Vivion Road will be permanently removed.

In the Horizons area, work will begin on Mattox Road. Work is scheduled to take place from May to November, and will improve the road from 41st Street to the BNSF railroad crossing.

Construction continues to take place on Northwood Road. Phase 1 of the project, from Montebella to Merrimac, is complete and Phase 2, from Merrimac to 52nd Street will remain closed until fall. The intersection of Northwood Road and 52nd Street will also be closed this summer.

Work will also start on two major trail connections in the community. Construction on the Upper Line Creek Trail - Homestead Park to I-29, and a connector to the Kansas City, Missouri Trail System - will start this summer. The Lower Line Creek Trail, which will run from Renner Brenner Park to Argosy Casino Parkway, will be constructed this fall.

Thank you for your patience during these projects and please contact City Hall with any questions or concerns. ☺

City Welcomes Bottled Water Manufacturer, New Jobs Premium Waters to Open Plant

Riverside Horizons is now home to a 160,000 square-foot bottled water manufacturing plant. On April 25, the City and Governor Jay Nixon announced a \$36 million expansion by Premium Waters Incorporated, a private label bottled water manufacturer. The company’s expansion is expected to create 100 new local jobs while retaining 25 existing jobs in the area.

“The resurgence of Missouri’s economy has been powered by manufacturing, and today’s announcement is only the latest example of new manufacturing jobs,”

Gov. Nixon said. “The company’s deep invest-



ment in the state of Missouri, illustrated by its decision to locate its production and distribution facility in Riverside, will provide a significant boost to the Kansas City-area economy. From autos to bottled water, manufacturing continues to power our state’s economic momentum.”

Mayor Rose added that this project was a highlight in the success story of Horizons and the City of Riverside.

“We’ve been to Horizons a number of times over the past several years. For the levee, for the new interchange, and for our partnership with NorthPoint Development. We have remained focused and dedicated to a vision for the future, and now we get to celebrate the hard work of a lot of people with our new business partner, Premium Waters,” Rose said.

PWI is a private label manufacturer of bottled water with plants located in Illinois, Wisconsin, Texas, Tennessee, and Georgia. Established in 1994, PWI counts many national chain stores among its clients, including Aldi, Hy-Vee and Wal-Mart, in addition to other regional and national supermarkets, discount stores, and drugstore chains.

PWI’s expansion in Missouri will involve construction of a new 160,000 square-foot building that will serve as production/distribution facility in Riverside, including relocating 25 employees from its current Kansas City facility and creating 100 new local jobs over the next three years.

The state of Missouri helped make PWI’s expansion possible through the authorization of economic incentives. The Missouri Department of Economic Development authorized \$1,018,077 in Missouri Quality Jobs and \$1.3 million in Missouri BUILD program tax incentives, which the company can redeem if it meets the strict job creation and investment criteria of each program. In addition, the state is awarding a \$1 million Community Development Block Grant to the city of Riverside to fund infrastructure improvements around the new building. ☺

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 4
FridayMay 11
FridayMay 18
FridayMay 25
FridayJune 1

Do You Pinterest?

Riverside does! The City has now added one of social media's hottest new communities to our Facebook and Twitter offerings. Pinterest is an online scrapbook where you can post images and separate those images, or "pins," by a variety of categories on boards.

"The City's page (www.pinterest.com/riversidemo) will feature a variety of boards and pins highlighting topics that are relevant to Riverside," Meredith Hauck, Director of Community Relations, said. "We also plan to use it for contests and other fun and entertaining ideas throughout the year."

Initially, Riverside has added four boards: Think Upstream - featuring ideas related to sustainable living; Faces and Places - showcasing people, neighborhoods, and business in town; Do Good - a resource for paying it forward; and Vintage Riverside - historical pictures of our community.

The City will also add boards for special events, such as our "My Riverside" photo contest.

"We invite residents and businesses to follow our boards, repin our images, and submit photos and artwork for inclusion on the City's page," Hauck said. "This is a community resource and a new and fun way to stay connected."

To submit a photo, attach it to an email and send it to mhauck@riversidemo.com.



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, pre-school and youth lessons.

Residents can sign up for lessons by attending the Summer Kick Off event on May 12 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 26. 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 26 at City Hall or after May 26 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.

Election Brings Changes to Board of Aldermen

On April 17, two new members were sworn into Office, along with incumbent Ron Super, Ward 1, and Mayor Kathy Rose. Alderman Seth DeRose, Ward 2, and Alderman Art Homer, Ward 3, were elected into office earlier in the month and fill the seats of Alderman Bernie Bruns, Ward 2, and Alderman David Hurt, Ward 3. Both Bruns and Hurt were originally elected to the Board in 2006 and did not seek re-election this year. On behalf of the City, we would like to welcome Alderman DeRose and Alderman Homer to the Board, and thank Alderman Bruns and Alderman Hurt for their time and service to our community. ☺



Aldermen DeRose, Homer and Super, and Mayor Rose were sworn in April 17.



Aldermen Bruns and Hurt left the board after three terms each.

Prevent Wildlife from Becoming a Problem

There are a number of easy steps residents can take to help control wildlife in the area. According to Riverside Animal Control Officer Shane Moore, one of the easiest ways to prevent wildlife from becoming a problem is to make your house, yard, or garden less attractive to them.

While fencing is often the best way to keep animals out, you should also avoid leaving pet food out, stow your grill after using it, and put garbage in secure containers. You can discourage a variety of unwanted wildlife, including mice and snakes, by keeping your yard mowed and free from debris, such as wood or rock piles, and maintaining your house, especially around eaves and foundations.

For larger animals, Moore suggests working with the Missouri Department of Conservation to trap and remove the animal from your property. Riverside residents can borrow a live trap from the Department of Conservation. For more information on this option, contact the Department of Conservation at 816-622-0900.

Although preventing damage from wildlife is important, residents should also make sure that domestic animals are controlled properly as well. All Riverside residents are required to license both dogs and cats annually. Dog licenses are \$6 and cat licenses are free. Licenses can be obtained at the Department of Public Safety from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and a certificate of rabies vaccination must be submitted.

For other questions regarding animal control services in Riverside, please contact Public Safety Animal Control at (816) 741-1191 (24/7) or email animalcontrol@riversidemo.com. ☺

Park and Trail Hours

Summer is a great time to get out, and enjoy the parks and trails in our community. Park and trails are open daily from dawn until dusk. By respecting these posted hours, you are helping the City better patrol and maintain these wonderful amenities in our City.

Romeo and Juliet

Join the Heart of America Shakespeare Festival's teen company, TEAM Shakespeare for three FREE performances of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, May 25, 26 and 27 at EH Young Riverfront Park in Riverside, Missouri. Performances begin at 7:00 p.m. each evening and admission is FREE. Romeo and Juliet is the famous story of star crossed lovers who come from enemy families. Our production features 27 teens from throughout the metro. Audiences are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs, blankets, and picnic suppers.

Presented by the City of Riverside and the Heart of America Shakespeare Festival.

Recycling Extravagnaza

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Recycling Extravagnaza in April! We had more than 145 cars come through. Look for more details about our next Extravagnaza this fall in coming newsletters!

Calendar

May 1

Board of Aldermen – 7 p.m.

May 2

Park Board – 6 p.m.

May 10

Planning and Zoning – 7 p.m.

May 12

Summer Kick Off - 11 - 1 p.m.
Riverside Community Center

May 15

Board of Aldermen – 7 p.m.

May 24

Planning and Zoning – 7 p.m.

SUMMER KICKOFF

Saturday, May 12

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Riverside Community Center

Join us for FREE food and inflatables and sign up for all of your favorite Riverside summer programs!

YMCA Swim Lessons • Kids in the Kitchen Program •
Summer Science Workshops • Free Movie Nights •
And More!