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Emergency Alerts Now Via Text Message

Text messages will be just one more way the National Weather Service (NWS) can communicate with you starting this month. The NWS has teamed up with the Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) system to start sending “extreme weather warnings” to your cell phone. This means that wireless users with compatible devices will automatically receive tornado warnings, flash flood warning and several other high-end warnings if they are in the affected area.

The Wireless Emergency Alert system also has the capability to send out a number of other alerts via text message, including information about local emergencies requiring evacuation or immediate action, AMBER alerts, and presidential alerts during a national emergency.

Messages that come via the WEA system will have a special tone and will not be affected by network congestion. Messages will be 90 characters or less, so you are encouraged to tune into local media for more information.

The important thing to remember with this system is that wireless users must have a compatible device to receive an emergency alert via text message. Most new phones are WEA compatible and newer iPhones will be compatible once Apple turns on the function in a software upgrade.”

You can check to see if you have a WEA-capable phone and if your wireless carrier participates in the program by visiting <http://www.ctia.org/wea>.

Construction Projects to Close Area Roads this Summer Road Closed!

Starting next month, drivers will be impacted by a number of construction projects across the Metro, including some in and around Riverside. We appreciate your patience during these projects and encourage you to find alternate routes.

Vivion Road Bridge Over Line Creek

Construction will start on the Vivion Road Bridge over Line Creek (near the Library and Sonic) in June and is expected to run through September. After July 4, the bridge will be closed to traffic in both directions for 60 days. As part of the construction project, access to Homestead Road from Vivion Road will be permanently removed.



Northwood Road - Phase 2

Construction will continue on Northwood Road from Merrimac to 52nd Street this summer. The intersection at Northwood and 52nd Street will be closed through August 10 to all vehicle traffic. To access Ridgewood Estates, use Green Hills Road from Missouri Route 9. Residents east of Northwood Road can access your neighborhood via a detour from Route 9 to Merrimac to Northwood Road. Phase 2 of the Northwood Road project is expected to be completed this fall.

Route 169 - Broadway Extension

Route 169 north of the Downtown Airport will be closed in both directions starting around July 14, after the Major League Baseball All-Star Game on July 10. The closure is expected to last five months, until about mid-December. Motorists will have access to Wheeler Downtown Airport from Downtown via the Broadway Bridge over the Missouri River and from Harlem Road to the east. No access will be open north of the airport. For more information on this project, visit MoDOT’s Kansas City Website, www.modot.org/kansascity.

Updates about these projects, as well as other construction projects in Riverside, will be posted on the City’s website as they become available. You can also contact Riverside City Hall with any questions at 741-3993.

FPAL Golf Tournament

Join the Riverside Fire/Police Athletic League for its Annual Four Person Scramble Golf Tournament!

Details

Monday, July 9, 2012
National II Golf Course, Parkville
Shotgun start at 10 a.m.

Registration

Fee: \$100 until June 25 and \$115 after June 25. Fee includes green fees, golf cart, drink tickets, breakfast, lunch and dinner. Registration is limited to the first 36 teams.

Prizes

Prizes will be awarded for longest drive, closest to the pin and recognition for winners in flights A and B.

Register Today!

Contact the Community Center (741-4172) or visit www.riversidefpal.com.

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Trash Pick Up Schedule

Friday June 1
Friday June 8
Friday June 15
Friday June 22
Friday June 29

PLAY UPSTREAM

YOUR GUIDE TO SUMMER 2012

Kids in the Kitchen

Help your 10-to 15-year-olds eat healthier and learn about cooking in a fun and safe environment. The Kids in the Kitchen workshop series covers how to make healthy food choices, food preparation and cooking, and food safety. Students will also learn kid-friendly recipes that they can make at home.

Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.
June 7, 14, 21, and 28
Riverside Community Center
Pre-Registration Required
Free!

Summer Science Workshops

Riverside has teamed up with H.M.S. Beagle to offer a variety of free science workshops this summer. Workshops will be on Fridays from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at the Community Center. Pre-Registration is required.

- June 1 - Simple Machines
- June 8 - Dangerous Moons
- June 15 - Chemical Reactions
- June 22 - Robotics
- June 29 - Dinosaurs
- July 13 - Insects
- July 20 - Rockets
- July 27 - The Five Senses

YMCA Swim Lessons

The YMCA and City of Riverside will once again offer free swimming lessons to residents this summer. Lessons will be offered for both children and adults, and will run at various times through the week in both June and July. To sign up, contact the Platte County Community Center (505-2622).

City Pool

The Riverside City Pool is now open from 12 to 8 p.m. daily. Admission is \$3 for ages 12 and older, and \$1 for kids 3 to 11 years old. All children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by someone age 14 or older. Season passes can also be purchased.

Movie Nights

Head to the Community Center for FREE movie nights Thursdays all summer long at 6 p.m. Feel free to bring snacks and something comfy to sit on. Movies include:

- June 7 - Happy Feet 2
- June 14 - Kung Fu Panda 2
- June 21 - Puss in Boots
- June 28 - The Muppets
- July 5 - Pirates of the Caribbean "On Stranger Tides"
- July 12 - Adventures of Tin Tin
- July 19 - Hugo
- July 26 - Sherlock Holmes "A Game of Shadows."

Summer Special Events

- June 8-10 – KC Scottish Highland Games
- July 21 – BLAST at Renner Brenner Park
- August 11 – Riverside Battle of the Bands at EH Young Park
- September 7-9 – Midwest All Truck Nationals at EH Young Park
- September 14-15 – Riverside Riverfest at EH Young Park

For More Information

Contact the Riverside Community Center at 741-4172.

Riverside Receives Crisis Management Award

In May, the Greater Kansas City Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration presented the City of Riverside its 2012 Crisis Management Award. This award recognizes those whose management of and response to a crisis situation demonstrated their outstanding commitment to public service. Riverside received the award for the City's leadership in flood recovery efforts along the Missouri River as well as for the assistance provided during the Joplin tornado recovery.

"We are very honored to receive this award," David Blackburn, City Administrator, said. "The Mayor, Board of Aldermen, and City staff joined together during both of these efforts to provide the best level of service to not only those in our community, but to our neighbors across the state as well." ☺

National Trails Day 2012

Communities around the Greater Kansas City region will celebrate National Trails Day 2012 on Saturday, June 2, bringing together outdoor enthusiasts of all kinds to celebrate the natural heritage of the United States trail system.

Traditionally held each year on the first Saturday in June, National Trails Day was established to recognize the value of recreational trails and the people involved in building and maintaining them.

Each year, the City of Riverside partners with Platte County Parks and Recreation to celebrate National Trails Day. This year, the event will be from 10 a.m. to noon at English Landing Park in Parkville. The event will feature a geocaching workshop and provide information on the plans for developing Platte Landing Park, 131-acres of parkground adjacent to English Landing. For more information, visit www.platteparks.com.



Horizons Designated as "Certified Site"

Riverside Horizons is now one of only two sites in the Kansas City Metro area designated as a Certified Site by the Missouri Department of Economic Development. The Certified Sites Program was developed to help developers identify sites that have met a set of consistent standards designated by the state.

In order to become a Certified Site, the State reviewed a number of items including the availability of utilities, site access, environmental concerns, land use conformance, and potential site development costs. Riverside staff completed the application for the Certified Site program in coordination with its development partner NorthPoint Development.

"Having the Certified Site designation is important because it lets national site selectors know that we are shovel ready," Mike Duffy, Director of Community Development, said. "Everyone can see that work is being done in the area, but this shows that we've done our due diligence on the site and that Riverside is officially open for business." ☺

Night Courts

Looking for something to do on Friday nights? Riverside and the YMCA are proud to sponsor a new Night Courts program at the Riverside Community Center. This free program will offer teens a safe place to spend the evening, and feature basketball tournaments and a music and media program.

Night Courts will be held Friday nights from June 8 through July 27. The program starts at 8 p.m. and runs through midnight.

For more information or to register for the program, contact the YMCA at (816) 453-6000.

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, June 25.

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

June 5

Board of Aldermen – 7 p.m.

June 6

Park Board – 6 p.m.

June 11

Tourism Commission - 6 p.m.

June 14

Planning & Zoning – 6 p.m.

June 19

Board of Aldermen – 7 p.m.

June 28

Planning and Zoning – 7 p.m.

“My Riverside” Photo Contest

The City of Riverside is proud to announce our 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

- The contest is open to everyone. You do not have to be a Riverside resident.
- All photos must be taken within the Riverside City limits.
- Limited to five entries per person.
- Each entry must have the category you are entering and your contact information.
- All photos must be original work of the contestant and never been the subject of a copyright.
- Digital photos: must be jpg files at least 300 dpi at 5” x 7”, and can be submitted to mhauck@riversidemo.com.
- Standard prints: must be at least 4” x 6”.and can be submitted at City Hall or mailed to My Riverside Photo Contest, c/o Meredith Hauck, 2950 NW Vivion Road, Riverside, MO 64150. Photos will not be returned.
- Contest entry deadline is November 30, 2012.
- All photos submitted shall become property of the City of Riverside and may be used in future publications. ~