



the Current

Keep Up With Construction!

Road construction projects continue to impact Riverside residents.

Vivion Road Bridge

Vivion Road Bridge over Line Creek (near the Library and Sonic) is scheduled to be closed July 30 through Sept. 27.

Homestead Rd Closed July 16

As part of the Vivion Road Bridge construction project, access to Homestead Road from Vivion Road will be permanently removed. Homestead residents will need to use 48th Street.

Northwood Road

Until August 10, construction will continue on Northwood Road from Merrimac to 52nd Street, and the intersection at Northwood and 52nd Street will remain closed to all vehicle traffic.

Mattox Road

Mattox Road is scheduled to be closed June 11 through November 1.

Route 169 - Broadway Bridge

Route 169 north of the Downtown Airport will be closed in both directions starting around July 14 and lasting until mid-December. For more information on this project, visit MoDOT's Kansas City Website, www.modot.org/kansascity.

We appreciate your patience during these construction projects. 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 City Hall with any questions at 741-3993.

Riverside Police Support Special Olympics

Members of the Riverside Police Department spent the month of May showing their support for the Special Olympics, one of the department's newest community partnerships. Special Olympics is an organization that offers training and competitions in 21 Olympic-style sports for individuals with special needs.

The Riverside Police Department has supported Special Olympics in past years by participating in the "Tip-a-Cop" fundraiser, where officers waited on tables at area Corner Cafes to collect tips for Special Olympics. However, this Spring, the Department made a commitment to increase its support and involvement with the Special Olympics.

The Department kicked off this increased support in May with two community events. The Police Department reached out to Park Hill South High School's special needs students and invited the girls in the program to participate in the Girls on the Run 5K. With the encouragement and assistance of Riverside officers, three Park Hill South teens participated in Girls on the Run 5K. The girls served as an inspiration for the other race participants and received a standing ovation as they crossed the finish line.



Participants in the Girls on the Run 5K on May 19

Riverside officers continued raising awareness for the program on May 22 when they hit the pavement in the Special Olympics' Law Enforcement Torch Run. The Torch Run is a campaign to raise awareness and funds for Special Olympics. The SWAT team, joined by Alderman Aaron Thatcher and four support staff, alternated running the 30-mile-route from Warrensburg to Sedalia. Torch Run participants ran more than 60,000 miles combined.

Sgt. Dean Noll, the department's Special Olympics' liaison, explained that Riverside Police would not only be working with the Special Olympians at area events, but would be fundraising to support athletes in the Riverside area as well.



Torch Run Team After the Race on May 22

"Special Olympics is a wonderful way to give back and support individuals with special needs in the community," Sgt. Noll said. "We are very excited to be a partner with this program and want to show our support whenever we can."

“My Riverside” Photo Contest

There is still time to send in your pictures for the first annual “My Riverside” photo contest. Pictures can include cityscapes, wildlife, events, parks, and community life within the Riverside city limits. All photos must be the contestant’s original work and never been a subject of a copyright.

One winner will be selected from each of the categories below as well as one overall winner:

- Youth: under 18
- Adult: 18-54
- Senior: 55 and over

Winners will each receive a \$50 gift card, and winning photos will be published in the City’s 2012 Progress Report.

For contest rules, please visit the City website, www.RiversideMo.com.

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Trash Pick Up Schedule

Friday July 6
Friday July 13
Friday July 20
Friday July 27
Friday August 3

New Weather Radios Available

Dangerous weather season is upon us. Help keep your family safe with a new weather alert radio. The Riverside Office of Emergency Management now has three models available for purchase.

Many people think cell phone alerts or a weather siren will adequately alert them when they need to take action, but according to Mike Shelton with the Riverside Office of Emergency Management, those two options are not reliable warning resources. When a person is sleeping, text messages do not always wake him up, or he might have left his phone in another room. Outdoor warning sirens are designed only to warn people outdoors not people inside their homes. If you live a distance away from a siren, it may not wake you up in the middle of the night. Furthermore, even if you can hear the siren clearly when they test it on a sunny afternoon, storms are notorious for dampening the sound effects of warning sirens due to the wind, rain and hail that often accompanies them.



Three models of weather radios now available, including a handheld model.

A weather radio is an excellent tool to wake everyone in the home. Weather radios are also designed to alert you to weather warnings only in the county in which you live. Additionally, newer radios have the capability to adjust settings so that you are only alerted to the emergencies or notifications you want to be warned about and do not receive any other notifications. The radios also carry Presidential Notifications when there is a National emergency.

The Office of Emergency Management sells three different weather alert radios including handheld weather alert radios that you can use in the house or take with you in the car. The radios range in price from \$15.00 to \$32.50 and work almost everywhere in the nation. Please note that the office only accepts checks or cash; credit cards are not accepted!

For more information about NOAA Weather Radios visit the Riverside Office of Emergency Management at 2990 NW Vivion Road, Riverside, Missouri, or call 816-741-1191. ☺

New Policy Requires Life Jacket at Pool

A new policy will take effect at the City pool on July 1. All red-band swimmers (non-swimmers) under the age of 14 will now be required to wear a USCG approved life jacket or they must be within arms reach of an adult over the age of 18 at all times (this must be a 1:1 ratio).

The City of Riverside decided to implement this new policy at the recommendation of the YMCA, which operates the City pool and is also implementing this policy at their pools.

“We understand this is strong stance regarding swimmer protection, but we also feel this is the most proactive approach. The number one line of defense against drowning is learning to swim, but wearing a USCG approved life jacket is the next best option for swimmer protection,” Meredith Hauck, Riverside Director of Community Relations, said.

USCG life jackets will be available for use at the pool but red-band swimmers are encouraged to bring their own. Day camps and preschool groups will also be required to adhere to this new policy. ☺

Tourism Grants Available

The City of Riverside is now accepting grant applications from groups interested in hosting events or leading initiatives that would expand or enhance the tourism industry in Riverside.

More than \$70,000 is available to be awarded in grants in the upcoming fiscal year. There are two grant cycles each fiscal year and organizations may apply for funds up to one calendar year in advance of their project. The deadline for the Fall 2012 cycle is July 30 and the deadline for the Spring 2013 cycle will be February 1.

Eligible applicants will present projects that: increase the number of visitors to Riverside (first time or returning), generate a return-on-investment for Riverside residents and businesses and expand the public's knowledge of Riverside.

Funding for the grant program is provided through the City's Tourism Tax Fund. In addition to offering grants, the Riverside Tourism Commission also provides funding and oversight for other tourism-related programs in the City.

To receive a grant application or for more information about the process, contact Meredith Hauck, Director of Community Relations, at 816-372-9023 or mhauck@riversidemo.com. Additional information is also available on the City Web site, www.RiversideMo.com.



Board Adopts FY 12-13 Budget

The Board of Aldermen adopted the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 budget on June 19, 2012. The City's fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30, which is also the deadline for adopting the budget for the upcoming year.

The approved budget has \$43,862,237 in total expenditures, which includes \$ 27,082,500 in capital improvement projects and \$9,727,893 out of the general fund. The approved budget included funds for: Three new vehicles for public safety department to replace old vehicles, a new dump truck for public works, one new full-time maintenance worker in the Department of Public Works and a part-time fire inspector. The Board also approved \$50,000 to redesign EH Young Park.

The Board continued support for the City's community service contracts, including programs such the Healthy Citizens Initiative and partnerships with community organization such as Northland Health Care Access and Platte Senior Services. Infrastructure projects around the city will also continue in the upcoming year,

In an effort to save money, the Board approved the elimination of approximately \$45,000 in maintenance contracts for repairing items such as telephone and security systems. Instead, the money will be set aside and will be used to cover repairs as needed. In the future, maintenance contracts will not be renewed if money is saved this year as anticipated,

The complete budget document will be available in late July and can be obtained online or by calling City Hall at (816) 741-3993.

Movie Night

The Riverside Community Center is hosting free movie nights Thursday evenings at 6 p.m. all summer long. Pack a snack and something comfy to sit on and head to the Community Center.

July Movie Schedule

- 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."

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

Thurs. from 10 to 11 a.m. is Zumba.

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.

Pool Time

The Riverside City Pool is open from 12 to 8 p.m. Mon - Sat, and 12 to 6 p.m. Sun. 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.

Calendar

July 2

Board of Aldermen – 7 p.m.

July 4

City Offices Closed

July 9

F/PAL Golf Tournament

July 12

Planning & Zoning – 6 p.m.

July 17

Board of Aldermen – 7 p.m.

July 26

Planning and Zoning – 7 p.m.

Have a

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in Riverside this Summer!

Saturday, July 21 from 11 to 4 p.m.

Renner Brenner Park

Radio Disney and the Rockin' Road Crew • Magic and More:
Performers, inflatable rides • Ahs and Paws: Skateboard & dog
trick demonstrations • Live DJ taking your requests • Meat-
balls and gumbo and cakes, oh, my: 10 yummy food trucks

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