



# 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) was scheduled to be closed July 30 through Sept. 27. Unfortunately, the bridge contractor has located utility conflicts that will delay the project. This will not affect the maximum 60 day closure but will move the closure to after the intended July 30 date.

### Northwood Road

Construction will continue for an undetermined amount of time from Merrimac to 52nd Street, and the intersection at Northwood and 52nd Street will remain closed to all vehicle traffic. The goal was to work with the utilities in the area and have the road open by the time school starts. However, the construction will not be completed by that time. Time Warner and AT&T encountered delays in their relocation, which caused the City's contractor to delay the construction of the road. The contractor will be working diligently to open the road as soon as possible. The updates will be posted on our website.

### Homestead Road

Homestead Road will permanently closed as part of the Vivion Road Bridge construction project. Homestead residents will need to use 48th Street.

Construction updates will be posted on the City Web site, [www.RiversideMo.com](http://www.RiversideMo.com).

## Police Command College Offers New Perspective to Officers

After eight months of intensive work, Riverside Sergeant Trevor Ballard graduated from the Police Command College earlier this summer. Ballard was part of the second graduating class of the program, which was established by the Missouri Police Chiefs Charitable Foundation.

The Police Command College, which is put on in cooperation with Lincoln University, is an eight-month program where participants study police management issues in a classroom setting where they are instructed by state and national experts. Graduates come away with a broader understanding of the issues facing contemporary policing and how those issues impact their own department.

Sgt. Ballard explained that Police Command College exposes an officer to the administrative component of law enforcement business that patrol officers rarely experience. The program imparts invaluable information and training regarding concepts that are involved with police administration such as: budgeting, discipline, human resources, liability, politics and other issues that are not considered traditional police work.

Riverside Police Captain Michael Costanzo has also graduated from Command College and it is the department's intent to continue sending its supervisors and command staff through the program.

"The course of study in the Command College exposes our managers to a variety of contemporary policing and management issues, taught by leading experts in their field. What sets high functioning organizations apart from the rest, I believe, is an investment in training and education. Sending our Police Captains and Sergeants to the Command College is good for them, good for the Department and most importantly good for our citizens," Riverside Chief Greg Mills said.

Sgt. Ballard agrees that his department and the City of Riverside will benefit greatly from staff's participation in the program. "The Command College allowed me to expand my knowledge base exponentially and has given me a greater understanding of how a police department operates as an entity within the city. This knowledge increased my ability to help the department create value for the citizens and businesses within our great city. Programs like this ensure that the officers at Riverside are some of the best trained officers in the state" Ballard said.



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## “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](http://www.RiversideMo.com).

## Stay Connected

[www.RiversideMo.com](http://www.RiversideMo.com)

[www.RiversideMo.com/blog/](http://www.RiversideMo.com/blog/)

City of Riverside (Facebook)

@RiversideMo (Twitter)

RiversideMo (Pinterest)

## Trash Pick Up Schedule

Friday ..... August 3  
 Friday ..... August 10  
 Friday ..... August 17  
 Friday ..... August 24  
 Friday ..... August 31

## City Administration Transition

The City of Riverside Board of Aldermen on July 24 accepted the resignation of City Administrator David Blackburn and named Greg Mills, Director of Public Safety and Chief of Police, as interim city administrator.

“We’re grateful to David for his 12 years of leadership to Riverside,” said Kathy Rose, Mayor. “Our community has made great strides during this time, including roadway, parks and public works improvements and the launch of the Horizons office and industrial innovation project. We wish him every success in his future endeavors.”

Chief Mills joined City staff in 2005. He will supervise all city departments while the Board of Aldermen conducts a nationwide search for a city administrator. ☺



Chief Greg Mills will serve as Interim City Administrator

## Riverside Hires New Building Inspector

Riverside has a new building inspector. James Fuller joined the City team in July and replaces Todd Probasco, who accepted a new building inspector position out of state earlier this summer. Fuller has been a building inspector for 13 years and has a criminal justice degree. He gained construction experience as he worked his way through college. Although Fuller had every intention of pursuing a job in law enforcement after he graduated, he was offered a job as a building inspector and has not looked back.

Before coming to the City of Riverside, he worked for Platte County. He was drawn to the Riverside position because it offered the opportunity to grow in his field, provided increased commercial inspection and afforded him more responsibility. Fuller’s favorite part of his job is helping people realize their visions and dreams of what they want to build. He has really enjoyed his time in Riverside and appreciates the tight-knit, friendly atmosphere.

Fuller has a wife, Katherine, and three children - Brianna (15), Hailey (12) and Conner (11). He spends his free time with his family. They particularly enjoy outdoor activities. They show cattle as a hobby and are currently preparing for the Missouri State Fair. ☺

## RUN WITH US!

Calling Girls in 3rd-5th Grade! Learn to run a 5K this fall in a program designed for girls just like you!

Tuesdays and Thursdays September 4 - November 15  
 5 to 6:15 p.m. at EH Young Park  
 Registration fee: \$105

If you qualify for free/reduced lunch program, scholarships are available through the Riverside Fire/Police Athletic League. Contact Meredith Hauck, 372-9023, for details.

[www.gotrkc.org](http://www.gotrkc.org)

## Riverside Employees Focus on Health

Last summer, 28 City employees set out on a journey to get healthy. This group participated in Cerner's Slimdown Challenge and during the 10-week program, lost close to 200 pound and dropped its collective BMI by more than one point. Spurred on by this success, the City set out on a mission to see how else it could help its employees becomes healthier and happier.

"Many employers offer wellness programs in the workplace because of the variety of benefits they provide. Studies have shown that healthy employees reduce healthcare costs, create greater productivity, and provide a better work-life balance. Riverside wanted to make health and wellness in our workplace a priority, so earlier this year we launched the new Healthy Employees Initiative," Meredith Hauck, Riverside director of community relations, said.

The Riverside Healthy Employees Initiative is a partnership with Cerner Health and provides a variety of resources to help employees improve and maintain good health. Each program year, employees complete an online personal health assessment, receive a full

biometric screening, and have the opportunity to discuss the results of both tests with a wellness advisor in a one-on-one meeting. Employees also earn points throughout the year for having test results in healthy ranges, meeting certain activity and weight goals, and participating in health classes and other community wellness events. The employees then receive prizes at the end of the program year for the most points earned.

"We just wrapped up our first program year at the end of June and have had Cerner advisors in house conducting the next phase of health assessments for our employees. The initial results show that many employees have made great strides in meeting their wellness goals and we are excited to see how the program continues to grow over the next year," Hauck said.

Winners of the 2012 Healthy Employees Initiative include: Sarah Wagner, Community Development, and Robert Thompson, Public Works (Tie for 1st – 1,000 points), Meredith Hauck, Community Relations (2nd – 995 points), Greg Mills, Public Safety (3rd – 990 points), Nancy Thompson, City Attorney (4th – 985 points), Tina Griffin, Dispatch (5th – 960 points), Holly Phillips, Public Safety (6th – 870 points), Robin Littrell, City Clerk (7th – 820 points), Betty Naylor, Finance (8th – 815 points), Paul Campbell, Police (9th – 775 points), and Linda Morrison, Codes (10th – 765 points). ↪



## We Need Your Help!

Every two years the City conducts a survey of our residents and businesses to give you the opportunity to rate our services and give input for the future of Riverside. Thank you to everyone who already completed and returned your survey! If we haven't gotten a survey back from your address, you will be receiving another copy of the survey in the mail in early August. Please complete and return within two weeks and thank you in advance for your assistance!

## 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 9 to 10 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.

## Riverfest is Almost Here!

Plan a weekend out with friends and family at the 2012 Riverside Riverfest, September 14 & 15 at EH Young Park! The event includes free parking, free admission and free entertainment. There will be fun activities for all ages including: inflatables, food vendors, a beer garden, beauty pageant, arts and crafts, video arcade games and live entertainment. Find more information online at [www.riversideriverfest.com](http://www.riversideriverfest.com). ↪

## Senior Dance

On August 27, grab your dancing shoes and head over to the Senior Dance! 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

### **August 1**

Park Board – 6 p.m.

### **August 7**

Board of Aldermen – 7 p.m.

### **August 9**

Planning and Zoning – 7 p.m.

### **August 11**

Battle of the Bands, EH Young Park – 5 to 10 p.m.

### **August 13**

Tourism Commission – 6 p.m.

### **August 21**

Board of Aldermen – 7 p.m.

### **August 23**

Planning and Zoning – 7 p.m.

# BATTLE OF THE BANDS

Food Trucks, Beer Garden, and more!



Saturday, August 11

5 to 10 p.m.

EH Young Park

1001 Argosy Parkway

Riverside, Missouri

[www.RiversideMo.com](http://www.RiversideMo.com)



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**UPSTREAM**