



the Current

Changes to Water and Wastewater Billing

Residents and businesses were recently notified by Kansas City Missouri Water Services Department about a billing change that will take place on your upcoming monthly water and wastewater bills.

Currently Riverside residents and businesses receive a single monthly bill from the Missouri America Water Company (MAWC) that contains charges for water service, which is provided by MAWC, and charges for wastewater service, which is provided by Kansas City Missouri Water Services Department (WSD). Beginning in December, customers will receive two bills each month – a water services bill from MAWC and a wastewater service bill from WSD. This is a simple billing process change and the services and rates will not be affected. MAWC will continue to provide the same quality water service and WSD will continue to provide the same quality wastewater service.

Please be on the lookout for these separate bills beginning in December. These charges will reflect your November water and wastewater usage. If you have questions regarding this billing process change, please contact Roger Lehr with the Kansas City Water Services Department at 816-513-0225. General questions about billing can be directed to 816-513-1313 and additional information is also available on www.kcmo.org/water.

New Drop-Box for RX Disposal

Time to clean out your medicine cabinets. The City of Riverside Police Department recently installed a prescription drug drop-off box in the lobby of its facility. This box provides a free and secure way to dispose of both prescription and over-the-counter drugs.

“Just throwing medicine in the trash isn’t the proper way to dispose of it,” Officer Matt Westrich explained. “These drugs can cause a risk to our community by falling into the wrong hands or damaging the environment. Flushing the drugs down the toilet also isn’t a good option because they can’t be removed from the water through normal water-treatment processes.”

Although Riverside Police started participating in drug take-back events more than two years ago, the department is especially excited about the addition of this drop off container because it allows people to properly dispose of their medicine when it’s convenient for them.

“We’ve collected more than 60 pounds of prescription and over-the-counter drugs since the box was installed in late August,” Westrich said. “The drop-off box is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week and there are no questions asked. The medicine is stored securely in the box until we collect it and take it to the Excelsior Springs Police Department to be incinerated.”

The drop off box located in the Riverside Public Safety Facility (2990 NW Vivion Road) is the only drop off box in Platte County. Riverside received a grant from the Community Alliance for Youth to purchase the box this year and all collections and storage are done in accordance with DEA regulations.



The drop off box is available 24/7 in the Public Safety Building’s lobby.

Holiday Reminders

City Offices Closed: Please note that City Offices will be closed for the holidays on Tuesday, December 25 and Tuesday, January 1. The Community Center will offer Open Gym 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. December 26, 27 and 28.

Unlimited Trash Service: There is unlimited trash pick up on December 28. This means you will not have to purchase tags for bags that do not fit in your regular trash cart. Please note that this does not include bulky items.

Green Tip

Tips for an Eco-Friendly Holiday!

Low Energy Lights

Replace your traditional holiday lights with LED ones. The U.S. Department of Energy estimates that if everyone switched to LED lights, at least two billion kilowatt-hours of electricity could be saved in one month. The savings would be enough to power 200,000 homes for a year. Bonus: If one LED light burns out, the rest of the lights keep going!

Holiday Light Recycling

Have your holiday lights lost their glow? Drop off your working or non-working holiday lights to be recycled for FREE at: Vintage Tech Recyclers, 4380A Belgium Blvd., Riverside, MO 64150. Drop off hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more info, call 1-855-2KC-Recycle.

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Trash Schedule

FridayDecember 7
FridayDecember 14
FridayDecember 21
FridayDecember 28
FridayJanuary 4

Horizons Sees Big Transformation in 2012

Guest Article by Brent Miles, NorthPoint Development

This year has quite possibly been the busiest and most transformative for Riverside Horizons. As site grading and clearing occurred last year, 2012 was marked with the installation of infrastructure and the start of vertical construction on the east side of the park.

With Johnson Controls facility established, the City of Riverside was fortunate to land Premium Water's new headquarters located just north of JCI on Mattox Road. The Premium Waters project's economic impact was nearly \$35,000,000 and created 100 new manufacturing jobs in Horizons. As the Premium Waters project started, the east side of Horizons saw two buildings begin simultaneously with the construction of NorthPoint Development's first industrial building and the new North American Headquarters for Gallagher International. NorthPoint and City of Riverside also partnered to land two major tenants, Marlen International and Velociti. These two tenants alone will create more than 245 jobs in Horizons. From there, the last quarter of the year was a whirlwind with NorthPoint starting its second industrial building and then shortly after landing a tenant which caused a third building this year alone. In totality, the Horizons project now has 1,000,000 square feet of development either completed or under construction while hitting the momentous 1,000 new job mark.

Horizons is a bright spot for the local, regional, and State economy. Designed with the City Master Plan in mind, the buildings in Horizons are LEED (Leadership in Environment and Energy Design) Certified and uphold a high architectural design. Street and other infrastructure are almost complete, landscaping is set to begin in the coming months, and the construction of park signage will all be complete by Spring 2013. With the old saying, "Good things come to those who wait", Horizons is something the community can be truly proud of due to this success and the positive economic impact it will have on the City of Riverside for years to come. ~



Time to License Your Pets

Pet licenses in Riverside expire on December 31. They are required for any dog or cat that is let outside the confines of a private building, and require the owner to submit a proof of vaccination. The fee for a dog license is \$6, or if the dog is spayed or neutered, \$4. There is no fee to license cats. Licenses are available at Public Safety, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. You can also license your pet by mail. Just mail a copy of your pet's current certification of rabies vaccination, your contact information, and payment in the form of a personal check, cashier's check or money order payable to the City of Riverside to Records Unit c/o Riverside Public Safety, 2990 NW Vivion Road, Riverside, MO 64150. ~



Be Cautious with Heaters

Now that winter is upon us, the Riverside Fire Department would like to remind residents to use extreme caution when utilizing home heating equipment.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, heating equipment is the leading cause of home fires during the months of December, January and February. Common causes for home heating equipment fires includes: not cleaning woodburning stoves and chimneys regularly, placing combustibles too close to home heaters, and improper fueling of gas-fueled heating equipment.



To help prevent these fires, the Fire Department recommends having all wood and coal burning stoves, fireplaces, chimneys and flues inspected annually by a professional and cleaned accordingly. Portable space heaters should have a three-foot clearance from anything that can burn, and portable kerosene heaters must be fueled only in a well-ventilated area that is free from other heat sources and open flames. When buying a new space heater, make sure it carries the mark of an independent testing laboratory, and be sure to have fixed space heaters installed by a qualified technician according to manufacturer's instructions. ↪

Community Theatre Holiday Play

Watch the Riverside Community Theatre's production of "Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol" December 7 and 8 at the Riverside Community Center.

This production is an adaptation of the Dickens' classic that realizes that Ebenezer Scrooge is NOT the star of the story! "Marley's Christmas Carol" was written by an actor who played Jacob for 26 years and adds a unique and humorous perspective to this classic holiday story.

Admission is \$2.50 per person and dinner is available for an additional \$20 per person. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. at the show starts at 7:30 p.m.

To reserve tickets, visit www.fbp.info or contact Fair Based Productions at (816) 260-1618. ↪

FREE ADMISSION

The City of Riverside is offering passes for free admission to the Riverside Community Theatre's production of "Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol."

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.

Chiefs Watch Parties!

The Community Center will host Chiefs Football Watch Parties all season long. Join us for free snacks and drinks from 1 to 5 p.m.

Sunday, December 9 vs. Browns

Sunday, December 16 vs. Raiders

Election Filing

Riverside voters will go to the polls on April 2 for the municipal election. Officials with terms expiring are: Alderman Michael Fuller, Ward I; Alderman Aaron Thatcher, Ward II; and Alderman Brad Cope, Ward III. Filing opens December 11, 2012 and closes January 15, 2013. Those interested can file at City Hall during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, except for these dates when City Hall will be closed: Dec. 25, Jan. 1 and Jan. 21.

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.

Calendar

December 4

Board of Alderman – 7 p.m.

December 5

Park Board – 6 p.m.

December 10

Tourism Commission – 6 p.m.

December 13

Planning and Zoning – 7 p.m.

December 18

Board of Alderman – 7 p.m.

December 24

City Offices Closed

January 1

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Letter from the Mayor

Thanksgiving will be gone by the time you read this and all of us will be caught up in the flurry of activity that December brings. I give thanks for all life's blessings on a daily basis. I am thankful for the strength and support of my family and the entire community to lead our great City.

2012 will be remembered for many things such as the mild winter, the extreme summer heat, sluggish recovery in the economy, soaring/declining fuel prices, election overload, unemployment and a plethora of world issues. Believe me when I say that Riverside remains a bright spot in a lot of gray. Most of you who know me know that "my glass is ALWAYS half full"!

A dedicated team of your elected officials, city staff and development partners have remained focused on delivering quality services and cultivating creative growth and expansion opportunities. We have received many honors and accolades for our people and our activity, but our work is not done!

I hope to see many of you during our holiday planned events. Celebrate the season, celebrate with friends and family and celebrate our success. Look out 2013 - here we come. ☺



By Mayor Kathy Rose

Kathleen L. Rose