



# the Current

## Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery

The Riverside Fire Department wants to remind everyone when they change their clock on Sunday, November 3rd, make a change that could save your life - change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detector.

Approximately 80 percent of all fire deaths occur in the home. The majority of these deaths occurred at night when people were asleep and in most cases in homes without working smoke alarms due to dead, missing or disconnected batteries. Having a smoke alarm on every level of the home, outside of sleeping rooms and in each bedroom, can reduce your risk of dying in a fire by providing early warning and critical seconds to escape - but only if they work.



To save lives and prevent needless injuries, the Riverside Fire Department has joined forces with Energizer and the International Association of Fire Chiefs for the Change Your Clock Change Your Battery® campaign. The program urges everyone to adopt a simple, lifesaving habit: changing smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detector batteries when changing clocks back to standard time each fall, this year on November 3rd. Don't wait for the low battery alarm to go off before changing the battery.

## Buildings Demolished to Make Way For Development

The elimination of blight is a major goal for the City of Riverside. It was not only identified in the 2006 Master Plan (along with the 2010 Master Plan Update), but also consistently appears as a way both residents and business owners think Riverside could be improved on the ETC Satisfaction Survey. Although many blighted structures throughout Riverside have been torn down in the past five years, there are still a number of rundown and dilapidated structures that are in need of repair or replacement.

Leading the charge in blight removal is the City's Community Development Department. This department handles not only the new development that is taking place in the City, but also works with new and existing business owners to redevelop areas, especially along the downtown corridor. Two highly visible blight removal and redevelopment projects kicked off in September as part of this effort.

A quick drive through the heart of Riverside shows that big changes are happening. Four buildings were demolished on the corner of Gateway and Vivion as part of the site preparation work for a new next generation QuikTrip. Although this is a private sector project, the City has been working closely with QuikTrip on both the development of their new location, and also the redevelopment plan for their current site. While the demolition and site cleanup will take place this fall, construction is expected to begin on the new QuikTrip in mid-2014.

The landscape is also changing at another key intersection in town. The Beverly Lumber building, formerly located at the intersection of West Platte and Riverway, was also demolished. The City has owned this property for a number of years, and after Beverly Lumber vacated the building, the City decided to tear it down to create a development-ready site. Once all of the site work is complete, grass will be planted and the property will be maintained as green space until development occurs. ~



Goal: To Improve the Appearance, Safety, and Economic Vitality of the City Through the Systematic Removal of Blight and the Construction of Beautiful Buildings, Streetscapes, and Public Spaces.

## Community Center

The Riverside Community Center offers free fitness classes and league play every week. Open Gym hours are Monday-Thursday, 3-6 p.m., and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. Questions? Call **816-741-4172**.

**SU, 1-5 p.m.**

**M/TU/W/TH, 3-6 p.m.**

Open Gym - Basketball

**M/W/F, 8-9:30 a.m.**

Cardio, Strength, Yoga

**M/TH, 10-11 a.m.**

Line Dancing & Weights

**M/TH, 6-9 p.m.**

Adult Volleyball (open to all)

**W, 10-11 a.m.**

Stay Strong, Stay Healthy

**W, 12:30-2 p.m.\***

Bunco

*\*first Wednesday of the month*

**W, 6-9 p.m.**

Pickleball (open to all)

**TH, 8:30-9:30 a.m.**

Zumba

**TH, 12-3 p.m.**

Pickleball

No classes or activities on

November 11, 28, or 29. The

Community Center will be closed.

## Stay Connected

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

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

City of Riverside (Facebook)

@RiversideMo (Twitter)

## Mayor Rose Earns Certified Municipal Official Designation

**M**ayor Kathy Rose earned the prestigious designation of Certified Municipal Official from the Missouri Municipal League's Municipal Governance Institute.

Mayor Rose was recognized for her accomplishments during the Awards Luncheon at the Missouri Municipal League Annual Conference held in Branson on September 17, 2013.

The Municipal Governance Institute was created under the direction of the Missouri Municipal League's board of directors, to provide a training program focused on the important areas municipal officials and professional staff need for success. In order to achieve this high honor, a municipal official must complete 16 credit hours of training conducted or endorsed by the Municipal Governance Institute.

Through her attendance at statewide and regional MGI sanctioned educational events, Mayor Rose received training in subjects such as council meeting procedures, parliamentary procedures, the Missouri Open Meetings and Records Law, conflicts of interest, the State Ethics Law, duties of the mayor and council, tort liability, purchasing and bidding requirements, municipal revenue sources, personnel law, emergency management and budgeting.

"All MGI graduates spend many hours over several years attending workshops and lectures on the finer points of municipal government," said Dan Ross, Executive Director of the Missouri Municipal League. "Earning the CMO designation is a significant achievement, and I commend our graduates for their dedication and motivation to become better informed and more effective municipal officials."

The Missouri Municipal League was organized in 1934 and now serves more than 670 cities as the recognized voice for municipalities in Missouri. This voluntary membership program brings officials of cities and towns together in fellowship of public service that strengthens and guides local government in a progressive, responsible fashion. ~



Mayor Rose earned her designation from MML in September 2013.

## Barking Dogs Can Lead to Fines

**A**ccording to City Municipal Code, it is illegal to allow any animal to continuously bark, howl, yelp or make loud and raucous noises.

The City can issue a citation to the owner if they are found to be in violation, and the owner will be fined \$200-\$500. Please be respectful of your neighbors and ensure that your animals are not making excessive noise.

**Questions?** Contact Animal Control at (816) 741-1191. ~



## Line Creek Trail Will Run From Vivion to I-29

Looking for a great way to see the fall foliage? The Riverside portion of the Line Creek Trail will officially open in November. This section of trail runs from Vivion Road to I-29, where it connects with the Kansas City, Missouri portion of the trail. Construction started on this portion of the trail in early summer and is a critical component in completing a comprehensive trail loop around Platte County and through the Northland.

The Riverside trailhead for the Line Creek Trail is at Homestead Park, 4820 Homestead Terrace. From Homestead Park, the trail travels north, parallel to Gateway, and crosses under I-29. The trail can also be accessed from behind the Line Creek Community Center, 5940 NW Waukomis Drive, KCMO, or from a paved lot at Gower and Waukomis in Kansas City. ↪



The Line Creek Trail runs parallel to Gateway from Vivion Road north into Kansas City.

## City Clerk Receives International Designation

Riverside City Clerk Robin Littrell recently earned the designation of Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC), which is awarded by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC). The designation is awarded to city, county, and special purpose district board clerks who meet a stringent number of educational requirements to keep up with the ever-changing technical and legal demands of the city clerk profession.

“Robin is a dedicated member of our team and we commend her for her commitment to higher learning and professional growth. The skills she has obtained through her continuing education help make our organization stronger,” Greg Mills, City Administrator, said. ↪



Robin Littrell earned her Certified Municipal Clerk Designation in October.

## FPAL Skate Party

Tuesday, November 19  
7:15 to 8:30 p.m.  
River Roll Skate Center

Join the Fire/Police Athletic League for a skate party! Admission and skate rental are free for members! Not an FPAL member already? You can join at the door!

## Curbside Yard Waste Pick Up

There will be one curbside yard waste pick up day in November:

**Friday, November 8**

On this day, any yard waste left at the curb will be collected with your usual trash and recycling pick up.

Please remember that all leaves must be placed in recyclable yard waste “leaf bags” and twigs must be no longer than three feet and bundled and tied.

Yard waste can also be dropped off free of charge at Pursell Yard Waste Facility, 6305 NW Riverpark Drive M-F, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

If you have any questions about yard waste collection, please contact the Public Works Department at **816-741-3908**.

## Trash & Recycling Schedule

**Friday** is trash/recycling pickup day in Riverside, regardless of holidays.

**Recycle or trash it?** Much of your metal, plastic, and paper waste can be recycled curbside: See a complete list at [www.RiversideMo.com/publicworks/recycling](http://www.RiversideMo.com/publicworks/recycling)

## Offices Closed

City Offices will be closed:

- Monday, November 11
- Thursday, November 28
- Friday, November 29



2950 NW Vivion Road  
Riverside, MO 64150

## Calendar

### **November 5**

Board of Aldermen – 7 p.m.

### **November 8**

Curbside Yard Waste Pick Up

### **November 11**

City Offices Closed

### **November 14**

Planning and Zoning – 7 p.m.

### **November 19**

Board of Aldermen – 7 p.m.

### **November 28-29**

City Offices Closed

### **December 5**

Lighting Ceremony - 5:45 p.m.

## **HOLIDAY LIGHTING CEREMONY**

### **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5**

### **5:45 P.M.**

## **RIVERSIDE WELCOME PLAZA**

Join us as we kick off the holiday season with the holiday lighting and a performance by the Park Hill South Marching Band!

Bring non-perishable food to donate to Hillcrest Transitional Housing and be entered to win a \$250 Zona Rosa Gift Card! One raffle ticket will be given for every five items donated.

Parking is available at Renner Brenner Park and City Hall. Please note Vivion Road between Gateway and High Drive will be closed before and during the event.