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Riverside Awarded Platte County Parks & Recreation Grant

Construction has begun on the Lower Line Creek Trail. The work will be partially funded by a grant recently awarded to Riverside by Platte County Parks & Recreation. To receive the grant, the City had to apply and meet specific criteria, including who would benefit from the project, and how the grant would be used.



The new trail will connect the existing portion of the Lower Line Creek Trail at Cliffview Drive to the finished section near Argosy Casino Parkway. More surface for walking, running and taking in the natural beauty that winds its way through Riverside will soon be available. This phase helps complete a key portion of the trail, which is part of the vibrant trail system running through Platte County.

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Signage on Linear Trail Complete

As you walk, run or hike along the City's trail system, you are likely aware of the serene woods, natural surroundings, popular waterfall feature and even the cityscape. But are you also aware that the trails literally wind their way through our area's rich and surprising history? With every step you can now discover what's come before, with new trail signage recently installed along the Riverside Linear Trail, from St. Joe Court to Briarcliff Office Park.



Trail signage

The project was funded in part by a grant from Platte County Parks & Recreation, which the City applied for in January of 2012 and was awarded in the spring of that year. To receive the grant, Riverside had to establish the project's eligibility and outline the quality of the project, public input and partnerships, and project budget and finance concerns.

Six 24" x 36" sustainable historic signs were designed, constructed and installed along the Linear Trail. Each helps tell the story of Riverside's scenic surroundings by highlighting a historically significant point and sharing interesting, unique facts. Take to the trails, and discover how Indian Hills got its name; the connection between racing, Riverside Park and "Boss Tom" Pendergast; how the Interurban (the metro's original high-speed trolley) made a mark on Riverside; the history of dirt track racing, hot rods and Riverside Race Stadium; how Line Creek divided, then unified the area; and the long legacy of love, loss and levees along the Missouri River.

"The trail signage visually connects where we've come from to where we are today," said Meredith Hauck, Director of Administration. "Until now, there hasn't been a fitting way to display that connection. These signs are seen by anyone using the trail system, and are a wonderful way to preserve and pay tribute to our area's rich history," she said.

Anyone who is curious about the history of Riverside and enjoys the Linear Trail will benefit as they take in the beauty and history of our trail system. History is alive in Riverside, and the new trail signs point the way.



Linear Trail

Fitness Classes

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

M/W/F, 8-9:30 am
Cardio, Strength, Yoga

M/Th, 10-11 am
Line Dancing & Weights

M, 6-9 pm
Adult Volleyball (open to all)

Wednesday, 6-9 pm
Pickleball (open to all)

Thursday, 8:30-9:30 am
Zumba

Senior Dance Schedule

Dances begin at 1 pm at the Riverside Community Center:

- Monday, June 24
- Monday July 29
- Monday, August 26

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www.RiversideMo.com/blog

City of Riverside (Facebook)

@RiversideMo (Twitter)

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

PLAY UPSTREAM

YOUR GUIDE TO SUMMER 2013

Kids in the Kitchen

Kids explore how to make healthy food choices, food preparation, cooking skills and food safety during this workshop series. Includes kid-friendly recipes they can make at home. *Every Tuesday in June at the Riverside Community Center; preregistration required. Free!*

June 4, 11, 18 & 25
9 – 10 am (ages 8 – 9)
10:30 – 11:30 am (ages 10 – 11)

Swim Lessons

Free lessons for swimmers of all ages and experience levels are available to Riverside residents at the community pool. Classes include lessons for preschoolers, youth, teens, parent/child and adults. *To sign up, contact Platte County Community Center South at 816-505-2622 or the Vivion Road YMCA at 816-453-6600.*

City Pool

The Riverside community pool is open now until September 2! Hours are Monday – Saturday, noon – 8 pm, and Sundays, noon – 6 pm. Admission is \$3 for individuals 12 and older; and \$1 for kids age 3 – 11; 2 and under are free; season passes available. *Children under 12 must be accompanied by someone age 16 or older. A swim test, administered by lifeguards at the pool, is required for all children 14 and under.*

Movie Nights

Bring your blankets and your favorite snacks for FREE Movie Nights in June! *Thursday nights at the Riverside Community Center.*

Showtimes begin at 7 pm:

June 6 – “The Hunger Games” (PG13)

June 20 – “Hotel Transylvania” (PG)

June 27 – “The Lorax” (PG)

F/PAL Pool Parties

Enjoy swimming, snacks, music and fun, free for F/PAL members! Not a member? Sign up during the events. *Thursdays at the Riverside City Pool.*

The fun runs 6 – 8 pm:

Thursday, June 13

Thursday, July 18

Summer Special Events

June 7 – 9, Scottish Highland Games at E. H. Young Park
July 13, The Soul Food Festival, featuring Gladys Knight at E. H. Young Park

For more information:

Call the Riverside Community Center at 816-741-4172.

New Role, Experienced Leader

Chief Greg Mills Named City Administrator

In March of 2013, the City of Riverside appointed Chief Greg Mills to the role of City Administrator. Chief Mills, who had been serving as interim City Administrator since July, is new to the role, but certainly not to the workings of the City, or the special skills such a position requires.

In his former positions with the Kansas City Police Department, and his current role as Chief of Police/Director of Public Safety, Chief Mills has held many management roles in various departments. It was his general management principles combined with proven in-the-field process expertise that made Chief Mills a natural fit for the City Administrator post.

The Chief will retain his current position as Chief of Police/Director of Public Safety in addition to his new role as City Administrator. And while having one person fill all those roles is new to Riverside, it is not unique. In fact, many municipalities in Missouri follow such a model. And, after serving as Chief for the past seven years, Chief Mills is prepared to hit the ground running.

Chief Mills was excited about the new position from day one. “The longer the interim went on, the more intriguing it was for me, especially as we implemented more processes that were part and parcel to my everyday life in public safety,” he said. When discussions turned from interim to full time, the Chief wanted to make sure that he could retain his public safety role. “I wanted to remain involved in the statewide public safety initiatives — one of which is a gubernatorial appointment: They are good for the City and our department,” he explained. The dual position gives the Chief the opportunity to do both, as the City benefits from his leadership. ↪



Chief Greg Mills

KC Scottish Highland Games

June 7, 8, 9 • E. H. Young Park

Become a Scot, even if you're not, at the KC Scottish Highland Games, sponsored in part by the City of Riverside. Come experience the color, sounds and traditions of Scotland, right in your own hometown. Learn about Scottish history and enjoy games, music, athletic events, dance and delicious treats amid the music of the pipes. There are plenty of special events for kids and parking is free, so bring the whole family. Kilts optional. Learn more at KCscottishgames.org. ↪

Community Calendar

June 4

Board of Aldermen, 7 pm

June 10

Tourism Commission, 6 pm

June 13

Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 pm

June 18

Board of Aldermen, 7 pm

June 27

Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 pm

Waterfall's Blue Hue Not Harmful

If you've been alarmed by the blue hue of the Riverside Waterfall, worry no more. According to Tom Wooddell, Director of Public Works, what you're seeing isn't a science experiment, but a safe, organic way to control aquatic vegetation and keep up on maintenance.

The dye doesn't kill plant life: It merely helps control it by darkening the water. That in turn reduces the amount of sunlight that makes it down to the bottom where the plants start to grow. If left unchecked, algae would form and clog the intakes, ruin the pumps and damage the waterfall.

The dye is safe for people, plants, fish and wildlife. "It's a food-grade dye, like you would use in ice cream, icing or beverages," Tom explained. If periodic blue dye keeps the waterfall flowing, then perhaps it's good to have the blues now and then.



2950 NW Vivion Road
Riverside, MO 64150

9th Annual Riverside

F/PAL Golf Tournament

Join us for fun and good works on the links at the F/PAL Golf Tournament. All proceeds benefit the Fire/Police Athletic League’s annual programming. The tournament is limited to the first 36 teams; payment guarantees your spot.

Monday, July 8, 2013
9 am Registration
10:00 am Shotgun Start
National II Golf Course, Parkville

Registration Fee: \$100 before June 21 and \$115 after. Fee includes green fees, golf cart, drink tickets, cigar tickets, a boxed lunch and delicious dinner.

Prizes: Awarded for the longest drive and closest to the pin (male and female), and recognition for winners in flights A and B.

Questions?

Contact Lori Boji at Riverside Community Center at **816-741-4172** or email lboji@riversidemo.com.



Night Courts for Teens

Friday Nights, 7 – Midnight
June 14 – August 14

Teenagers looking for something fun to do with their friends on Friday nights can now find it close to home. The City of Riverside is sponsoring Night Courts for kids in grades 6 – 12. The program is free. Similar to Kansas City’s Night Hoops program, Night Courts combines organized team basketball play with key leadership principles, such as learning about sportsmanship, the proper way to express emotions on and off the court, and more.

Realizing that the teens in our community deserved a fun place to go, the City partnered with the YMCA to bring the program to Riverside, the only location offering it in the Northland.

To register, call the Vivion Road YMCA at 816-453-6600.