



the Current

3rd Annual

Skateboard Competition & Concert by the American Slim Band

Calling all skateboarders: Come out and show what you've got during the third annual Skateboard Competition, sponsored by the City of Riverside and Escapist Skateboarding in Zona Rosa. Prepare to be wowed as participants perform breathtaking moves as they compete for a \$200 gift certificate to Escapist awarded to the winner of the S.K.A.T.E. competition. The event will be emceed by veteran skateboarder and manager of Escapist Skateboarding Dan Askew and is expected to draw skaters from Platte County and beyond.

Also included this year is a performance by American Slim, a band that includes lead singer Conner Locke of Riverside, along with musicians from Park Hill South and Smithville. The band was recently featured in the latest issue of Northland Lifestyle magazine and describes their style as "the next generation of rock and roll."

Skateboard Competition
 Saturday, Oct. 5
 12 – 4 pm
 Renner Brenner Park
featuring the band American Slim @ 4 pm
Free event for all ages!

It's All in the Details:

City Code Gets Major Update

Keeping Riverside "Upstream from Ordinary" on the outside means keeping things behind the scenes up to date — and that includes the City Code. Riverside's code recently underwent a thorough review to ensure accuracy and state compliance.

While the evaluations are made each year, the latest update reflects a five-year period. There are various reasons to amend current codes. This may include correcting mistakes in grammar or spelling, complying with state laws that may have changed or making substantive changes for reasons like technology updates or even the will of the community. Among the changes to the City Code to go into effect on November 1, 2013 are:

Dangerous Animals

The former ban on owning pit bulls has been revised, and the breed is now allowed within City limits. The new code prohibits owning animals whose behavior has been deemed dangerous — regardless of specific breed.

Law Enforcement

Changes in state law requiring the addition of new codes has altered how Riverside police operate. Changes to the codes in ticket books are entered into the court system, which then are used by the municipal judge; this requires City Court to update the computer system. The amounts of fines will not change.

Right of Way

This revised code requires utility companies that dig up city streets for installation or repair work to restore the roads to their original condition through increases in permits, fees and bonding requirements. This preserves the investment the City makes to infrastructures and ensures that roads are left in good condition.

Additional revisions were made to align with state laws, from adopting definitions to state requirements. While most of these are transparent to the public, they are important to ensure that Riverside complies with state laws and codes. According to Mike Duffy, Director of Community Development, while many of the amendments were small in nature, it added up to a substantial revision overall.

Riverside will revisit the codes the first quarter of 2014 to address issues that City leaders feel will help improve the City. Citizens will be invited to come in and comment on the changes being considered before they are implemented.

Visit riversidemo.com to view the entire City Code.

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 Sunday, 1–5 pm. Questions? Call **816-741-4172**.

SU, 1-5 pm

M/TU/W/TH, 3-6 pm

Open Gym – Basketball

M/W/F, 8-9:30 am*

Cardio, Strength, Yoga

*no classes Oct. 7, 9 or 11

M/TH, 10-11 am

Line Dancing & Weights

M, TH, 6-9 pm

Adult Volleyball (open to all)

W, 6-9 pm

Pickleball (open to all)

W, 10-11 am

Stay Healthy, Stay Strong

TH, 8:30-9:30 am*

Zumba *no class Oct. 10

October 28

Senior Dance & Halloween

Costume Party, 1 pm

Stay Connected

www.RiversideMo.com

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

City Staff Updates

The City of Riverside recently announced updates to its staff. **Stacey Rasco** has joined the staff as Executive Assistant to the City Administrator and Director of Administration. Rasco's duties include coordinating benefits administration for City employees and assisting City administrators with projects. She was previously employed as an administrative assistant for Heartland Health/Mosaic Life Care. When asked what she likes about working for the City, Rasco said, "I like that they are always looking for ways to grow and bring the community together. It's exciting."

Norman Buescher has been promoted to the position of Assistant Public Works Director. In his new role, Buescher will help facilitate manpower, completing projects, addressing building maintenance requests and more. He has been with Riverside for over four years in City maintenance, where he had multiple responsibilities. When asked for his take on the new position, Buescher said, "My goal is for the department to be proactive instead of reactive by seeing what needs to be done and addressing it well before it's necessary or requested." ☺

City Clean-Up Events

It's October in Riverside, and cooler temperatures make it an ideal time for a good fall housecleaning. The City is sponsoring two events to help you clean out the garage, basement, closets, attics and more. City Clean-Up Days are a convenient way to properly dispose of unnecessary items. And the City-Wide Garage Sale is your opportunity to turn items you no longer want into extra cash. ☺

City Clean-Up Days

October 1-5 & Oct 7-12

7:30-3:30, Mon.–Sat.

Riverside Public Works, 4200 Riverside St.

General Household items accepted. Items prohibited include tires, batteries, paint, oil, chemicals and Freon appliances. City residents can take yard and brush waste to 6305 NW Riverpark Drive.

City-Wide Garage Sale

October 4-5

One person's trash is another person's treasure: Sell and buy with your neighbors and welcome visitors to our community!

National Night Out Against Crime & National Fire Prevention Event

Tuesday, October 1 • 6-8 pm

Riverside Community Center & City Government Complex Parking Lot

Vehicle Displays • Demonstrations • Food & Drinks • Information • Family friendly!

Sponsored by the City of Riverside

2013 Women Who Mean Business

Owner of Riverside Business Among Honorees

The Overland Park Convention Center was abuzz in August as more than 500 people gathered to celebrate the 2013 Women Who Mean Business honorees. Twenty-five women whose companies range from construction to health care were recognized by the Kansas City Business Journal.

This year, **LeAnn Carlson**, owner and CEO of Lauren's Hope in Riverside, was among the honorees. "I was hugely surprised and very gratified to be named," Carlson said of the honor. "I love my business, my employees, what I do. Being recognized by smart people ... it feels good."

In 2001, Lauren's Hope introduced the first interchangeable medical ID bracelet on the market. Overnight, people who had grudgingly worn or even refused to wear standard metal medical ID bracelets happily donned her bracelets, which are available in stylish options to suit one's mood, outfit or activity. More than 350,000 people wear Lauren's Hope medical IDs, and the number is growing.



LeAnn Carlson, owner and CEO of Lauren's Hope

When her company outgrew its home-based location in 2005, Carlson decided to expand to Riverside. She originally rented the 3,000-square-foot upper floor of a building on Gateway Avenue. "I remember wondering at the time how we would ever fill it," Carlson said. But it wasn't long before Lauren's Hope needed even more space, and in 2009, Carlson leased the entire building. She has never regretted locating Lauren's Hope in Riverside. "I feel very safe here. The police presence is awesome, restaurants and the post office are nearby, and the job the City has done beautifying the corridor ... it's been so fun to watch," she said.

"Our products walk a fine line between fashion and function," said Carlson. The goal is to provide a product that is both stylish and clearly recognizable by first responders as a medical ID. "Our bracelets speak for you when you can't," Carlson said. ~



Community Calendar

All events held at City Hall unless otherwise noted

October 1

Board of Aldermen, 7 pm

October 2

Parks Board, 6 pm

October 10

Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 pm

October 15

Board of Aldermen, 7 pm

October 24

Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 pm

Upcoming Events

**Riverside Branch
Mid-Continent Public Library
2700 NW Vivion Road**

Pre-Schoolers Storytime

Thursdays, 10 am
Read stories, sing songs and make crafts. Ages 0-5.

Flu Shots

Oct. 1, 2 – 4 pm
Administered by the American Red Cross. Fee \$30. Some insurance accepted; visit www.kcredcross.org or call 816-931-8400 for details.

Thomas Hart Benton: An Artist in Kansas City

Oct 7, 2 pm
Learn more about the artist's works and his exciting involvement in local events.

Pinterest!

Oct 14, 7pm
Learn how to sign up, browse others' boards and create your own.



Trunk or Treat

A Family-Friendly and Fun for All Ages
City of Riverside Event



Come Trick or Treat in our family-friendly environment!
Don't forget your costumes!! Treating begins
at 7:00 p.m. Kid-friendly storytelling
begins at 7:15 p.m. inside the
Community Center.

www.RiversideMo.com

Thursday • October 24th
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Riverside Community Center
(4498 NW High Drive)



Wanted: Trunks

Businesses, groups and individuals are encouraged to participate by decorating a trunk and handing out goodies! Prizes will be awarded for: "Scariest Trunk," "Most Original Trunk" and "Best Overall Display."

Contact Lori Boji at
(816) 741-4172
for more information.