

PCEDC Honors Riverside Business



The Platte County Economic Development Council recognized a Riverside business, Complete Home Concepts, at their annual Business Excellence Awards Luncheon. The award honors businesses which impact Platte County significantly through job creation and economic growth.

Complete Home Concepts was featured in a full-length business profile in last January's Riverside newsletter. Riverside has been home to the business specializing in fireplace, gutter, glass and stonework since 2005. The native Northlanders are heavily involved in community activities, and 70% of their employees have been with the company for 20+ years.

Meet Your City Planner

Sarah Wagner Brings a Wide Range of Passions to Her Work

For someone who never set out to work in city government, Sarah Wagner has managed to carve out an impressive career for herself as Riverside's City Planner. Getting her start as an intern ten years ago, Sarah came to the city of Riverside after she graduated college with a degree in Political Science and discovered that the prospect of law school wasn't as appealing as she'd imagined. Now, she loves working with the people of Riverside to develop the city.

When she's not improving life for city residents and businesses, Sarah finds time for a variety of hobbies and interests. She started working for Smithville Animal Hospital in high school, and fifteen years later, still spends weekends and holidays at the clinic taking care of animals. "I get to do both things I've always wanted to do," Sarah said of her work as a vet tech at the clinic. "It's my other 'fun' job."



In her scarce leisure time, Sarah is an avid hunter and trap shooter. She did competitive trap shooting in high school and college, and often helps coach the Smithville Future Farmers of America team. Sarah's father is a hunting enthusiast, and he taught her trap shooting to help hone her duck hunting skills. "I was the son he never had," Sarah joked.

Sarah's husband Lucas works in city government as well, in Public Works. They have three dogs at home, including an English Mastiff, one of the world's heaviest dog breeds, and an Irish Wolf Hound, the tallest dog breed. "I have over 400 pounds worth of dog in my house!" Sarah said.

When it comes to her ties to Riverside, Sarah says it's all about the team she works with. "You don't get this environment and atmosphere a whole lot of places. It's really special, and it's the reason I'll stay forever."

FPAL Visit to Chiefs Sports Lab

Saturday, January 14
Arrowhead Stadium
Bus leaves Public Safety Building at 11:15am sharp



Enjoy a visit with the Riverside Fire/Police Athletic League to the Chiefs Sports Lab, a one-of-a-kind educational center located inside Arrowhead Stadium. The destination for students of all ages features hands-on and interactive computer activities promoting the importance of being active in your daily life, good nutrition and healthy living. A light snack will be provided on the bus. Admission free for members. To RSVP, call (816) 741-1191.

Did You Know?

You can always connect Riverside news online to stay informed 24/7:

RiversideMo.com

- RiversideMo.com/Recreation (Parks and Rec)
- RiversideMo.com/Directory (Staff Directory)
- RiversideMo.com/Calendar (City Calendar)

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FPAL Brightens Children's Lives During Holidays and Beyond

On a chilly day in December, Riverside Police and Firefighters brought Christmas cheer to 62 area children during the annual Shop With A Cop event, which is part of the City's FPAL outreach. This year, delighted children were given \$175 to spend on gifts for themselves or others at Walmart. As they perused the aisles, many showed just how large child-sized hearts could be by choosing to buy gifts for family members instead of toys for themselves. After shopping, Walmart treated the kids to a hearty dinner of turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, green bean casserole, pumpkin pie and all the fixings.



In 2017, Riverside FPAL will continue to bring fun activities to area kids, along with the mentoring and companionship that each outing provides. Outings include this month's Arrowhead Stadium Tour (see article), a visit to Science City in February, and other activities including archery, tennis club, swimming, skating, trips to the pumpkin patch and Mercury Gymnastics, and additional open gym days at the community center.

To learn more about FPAL, call (816) 741-1191, and watch this newsletter for upcoming events.

Healthy Citizens Initiative Makes it Easy to Stay Fit



The Healthy Citizens Initiative offers residents many opportunities to improve their health at the Community Center at a discounted rate. Individual memberships are \$14.75 monthly, \$22.75 for families and \$6.75 for teens.

The City makes this opportunity affordable by subsidizing 75% of YMCA memberships. An added benefit is access to bigger YMCA centers with indoor pools, fitness equipment and child care.

For information, contact the Community Center at (816) 741-4172.

Riverside residents can also sign up and receive the discount at Platte County Community Centers/YMCA, (816) 505-2622, or the Gladstone Community Center, (816) 423-4200. Visit riversidemo.com/recreation/page/healthy-citizens-initiative for more details.

City to Begin Operations for Two New Special Districts

In 2016, two new taxing districts were formed in the City of Riverside: the Riverside Gateway Crossing Community Improvement District and the Horizons East Business Park Association. The districts were formed to provide enhanced benefits within their defined boundaries in the community. The City will begin operations for each district in spring of 2017.

The Riverside Gateway Crossing district consists of 29 land parcels, or 48 acres located at the intersection of Gateway Avenue and Vivion Road. There will be an additional \$.01 added to the sales tax charged by businesses in the district, generating approximately \$125,000 per year. The funds will be used to support development, improve existing businesses, market the area and for general upkeep. Property taxes in the area will not be affected.

The Horizons East Business Park district consists of 30 parcels of land containing approximately 260 acres located in Horizons Business Park east of Horizons Parkway. The funds for the district are generated through an assessment of \$.02 per square foot of developable property, which is expected to generate over \$161,000 per year. The funds will be used to maintain common grounds, cleaning and irrigating the properties. The Horizons East Business Park Association is governed by a five-member board appointed by the City.



Riverside License Renewals Due

Pet Licenses

Pet licenses expired on December 31. They are required for any dog or cat that is let outside the confines of a private building. The fee for a dog license is \$6, or \$4 if the dog is spayed/neutered; no fee to license cats. Proof of vaccination is required. Licenses are available at the Public Safety building, Monday-Friday, 8am to 5pm, or by mail. Questions? **Contact the Records unit at (816) 741-1191.**

Business Licenses

Business licenses expired on December 31. All Riverside businesses should have received a notice in the mail with details about renewing. **Contact the City Clerk at (816) 741-3993** with any questions.



City Calendar

January 2

City Offices Closed

January 3

Board of Aldermen, 7pm

January 4

Parks Board, 6pm

January 12

Planning and Zoning, 6:30pm

January 14

FPAL Arrowhead Sports Lab, 11am

January 17

Board of Aldermen, 7pm

January 26

Planning and Zoning, 6:30pm

For updates and future dates, see the monthly calendar at riversidemo.com/calendar.

Election and Filing Dates



The next General Municipal Election is scheduled for April 4, 2017.

The City is seeking an Alderman candidate for each of the three wards for a two-year term.

Officials with terms expiring are Ward I Alderman Al Bowman, Ward II Alderman Aaron Thatcher and Ward III Alderman Frank Biondo.

The deadline to file is January 17. You can file at City Hall during regular business hours, 8am-5pm, Monday-Friday. **Contact the City Clerk at (816) 741-3993** with questions or visit riversidemo.com/boardofaldermen.



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COMMUNITY CENTER CALENDAR



The YMCA offers fitness classes and league play to members every week at the Riverside Community Center. The full schedule is available online at riversidemo.com/recreation. *Note: Membership now required: Call (816) 741-7172 with questions.*

SU, 1-5pm and M-TH, 2-5pm
Open Gym
M/W/F, 8-9:30am
Aerobic, Toning, Yoga
M/TH/F, 10-11am
Line Dance & Weights
M/T/W, 9-10am
Tai Chi for Beginners
M/W, 10-11am
Intermediate/Advanced Tai Chi

M/W, 12:15-1pm
Express Strength
M/W, 5:15-6pm
Yoga
M, 6:30-7:30pm
Zumba
T, 12:15-1pm
Core
T/TH, 8-9am
Zumba
T/TH 10-11am
Silver Sneakers Classic

T/TH 11am-12pm
Silver Sneakers Yoga
T/TH, 11am-3pm
Hand and Foot Card Game
No YMCA Membership Required
T/TH, 5-7pm
Pickelball
W, 10-11am
Stay Strong, Stay Healthy
W, 6-7pm
Zumba Kids

TH, 12:15-1pm
Yoga
2nd & last Monday of Month
*No Dances in January
No YMCA Membership Required*