

Trail Traveling Tips

Ready to hit the trail? Make sure to keep the rules of the road and your fellow travelers in mind. Thank you for keeping Riverside's trail network safe and fun for all.

- Stay to the right and call out "on your left" when passing others.
- Stop at all stop signs.
- Look both ways and yield to oncoming traffic before crossing a street or access road.
- Leash your dog, as mandated by City ordinance.
- Be aware of your surroundings at all times.
- Be prepared and carry a mobile phone in case of emergency.
- Take nothing but photos. If you admire a flower, don't pick it: Snap a photo so others may enjoy it too.
- Leave nothing but footprints. No littering; and pick up after your pet.

More to Explore

Riverside Trail Connections Will Offer Longer, Safer Routes

After a long winter, sunshine has finally arrived in Riverside! The City is continuing to create new and improved opportunities to enjoy the beautiful weather with two trail connection projects in progress.

Line Creek Trail Phase I Connector: The Line Creek Trail currently travels through Riverside by accessing sidewalks along Vivion Road to Renner Brenner Park. The new Phase I connector will help close the trail gap by connecting Renner Brenner Park to Gateway Ave. It will also make the trail safer by avoiding the street crossing at Gateway Avenue and Vivion Road. Construction begins this fall and when complete, the trail will cross Jumping Branch Creek via a new pedestrian bridge and go under the existing Gateway Avenue bridge.



Linear Trail Final Phase: Further to the south, work to finish the Linear Trail will wrap up late summer. The improved trail will extend to Woodland Road where it will reach the Interurban Trail, ultimately connecting it to the Vivion Road Trail and Line Creek Trail. From Woodland Road, the finished Linear Trail will travel south to the Linear Fountain and West Platte Road.

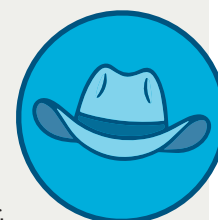


You can find an updated trail map at RiversideMo.gov/Trails

Save the Date: Community Center's Riverside Rodeo

Saturday, June 25, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. | 4498 NW High Drive

Join us for the Riverside Community Center's Open House. Dress in western attire and enjoy our "Riverside Rodeo" theme with free lunch and class demonstrations, prizes and discounted YMCA memberships for all Riverside residents. While you're there, make sure to check out the brand new Cooper Cardio room, named in honor of the late Becca Cooper.



Celebrate the Fourth Safely

- Supervise children around fireworks at all times.
- Be careful around lit fireworks, even those that fail to go off.
- Only light fireworks outdoors and near a bucket of water or fire extinguisher.
- Stand all fireworks on a clean, flat and firm surface away from buildings and dry grass.
- Read the full Riverside Fireworks Code at [RiversideMo.gov/Fireworks](https://www.riverside-mo.gov/Fireworks)



Gas Bill On the Rise? Here's Why

Spire Energy, the supplier of natural gas for the KC metro, recently boosted its natural gas prices — as you've likely seen on your gas bills. Spire cites two reasons for the price increase: last year's polar vortex (remember those sub-zero temps?) and the current high wholesale price of natural gas. There are several ways you can lower your bill, like turning down the thermostat or sealing any air leaks. Visit spireenergy.com to learn more, sign up for a budget billing plan or request payment assistance.

Hearts Across the Heartland

Riverside Hosts Pieces of Large Metro Art Initiative

You may notice some extra love sprinkled around our community this spring: The Parade of Hearts. This public art project is located in the heartland, with original artwork based on the KC Heart placed around the metro — including two installations in Riverside.

Featuring 154 hearts by 123 local artists, the Parade of Hearts celebrates the Heart of America while benefiting those facing hardship due to the pandemic. The five-foot-tall hearts were installed in mid-March and will remain through the end of May.



"Shuttlecock"

Artist: Jared Horman

Sponsor: Charlie Hustle

Location: Riverside Welcome Plaza



"Planting the Seeds of Community"

Artist: Leslie Mason

Sponsor: The City of Riverside

Location: E.H. Young Riverfront Park

Revenue from the initiative will support the KC community in several ways:

- Paying a stipend to the featured artists
- Buying new machinery for The University of Kansas Health System to treat cardiac issues in long-term COVID-19 patients
- Helping the Mid-America Regional Council fund daycare and early childhood education positions so childcare centers in the area can reopen
- Creating grants for minority-owned businesses
- Supporting the Visit KC Foundation to help businesses like restaurants and theaters recover from the economic impacts of the pandemic

Find more information about this installation at [theParadeofHearts.com](https://the Parade of Hearts.com)

Springtime Fun: Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 16, 10 a.m. Sharp
Renner Brenner Park

Join the City of Riverside and Riverside F/PAL for our annual FREE Easter Egg Hunt and get photos with the Easter Bunny for kids ages 2-10. Bring your own Easter basket or a sack will be provided for you. Call (816) 741-4172 for more information or possible weather cancellation.



Coming Soon to Police, Fire

Public Safety Sales Tax Helps Fund Improvements

Riverside's fire and police departments are continuing to ensure they are well equipped to protect and serve the city by bringing on a new K-9 officer and modernizing the fire fleet.

New Police K-9

After the retirement of K-9 officer Lynck, the Riverside Police Department welcomed a new team member this spring: Zuko, a 1-year-old Belgian Malinois-German Shepherd mix from eastern Europe.

Zuko and his handler, Officer Madison Crowdes, are currently finishing up their 6-week training course in Michigan. Once they return, this crime-fighting duo will mainly work on narcotics detection while also helping to apprehend suspects, track weapons and participate in demonstrations.

New Fire Engine

In January, the Board of Aldermen approved Riverside's first new fire engine purchase in over a decade. This is the first step in the fire department's fleet modernization effort, which is entirely funded through the dedicated Public Safety Sales Tax approved by Riverside voters last April.

The new engine will arrive in mid-2023 to deliver cutting-edge technology and enhanced pumping capacity, and will feature a sleek, modern body style. RFD's truck purchasing team traveled to the Rosenbauer Apparatus Plant in Wyoming, Minnesota in February to review the design before construction began.

"At this meeting we go through every part of the truck being built for us, including how we want the cab and compartments designed," said RFD Chief Gordon Fowlston. "As you can imagine, these trucks have computers that run everything nowadays, just a like a car — and maybe more so."

To stay updated on Riverside public safety news, follow the **Riverside Missouri Police Department** and **Riverside Missouri Fire Department** pages on Facebook.



Ready Your Rain Garden This Spring

Rain gardens are designed to absorb and filter stormwater runoff while adding beauty to your yard. But they do more than preserve the environment: They also enhance it by using native plants to attract important pollinators!

1. Choose a spot

The garden should be least 10 feet away from your foundation and downhill from your home, downspout or other runoff source. The garden should be about one-third the size of the area providing runoff.

2. Dig out your garden

Create a shallow, flat-bottomed hole with gradually sloping sides anywhere from 6 to 12 inches deep. Direct the runoff into your rain garden by digging a shallow channel or using drainpipe.

3. Start planting

Choose a mix of native plants, which are adapted to our local growing conditions, have massive root systems that keep soil from eroding and help water soak into the ground.

To learn more about Missouri rain gardens and how to select your native plantings, visit:

deeproofs.org

Paper Shredding & E-Waste Recycling Event

Saturday, June 25, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Riverside City Hall

Old electronics filling up your basement? Drop off your computers, TVs and more! Bring an ID and utility bill for proof of residency. For a list of accepted items and any associated fees, visit **mrcrecycling.net/recycling-fees**





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Need a job?

Many Riverside and Platte County companies are now hiring. For job postings, visit plattecountyedc.com/jobs

COMMUNITY CENTER CALENDAR



The YMCA offers fitness classes and league play to YMCA members every week at the Riverside Community Center. The full schedule is available online at RiversideMo.gov

FITNESS CLASSES

Active Older Adult Core

Mon./Wed. 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Barre

Tues. 10:15-11 a.m.

Wed. 4-4:45 p.m.

Cardio Strength Stretch

Mon./Wed./Fri. 8-9:30 a.m.

Chair Yoga

Mon./Wed. 12:30-1 p.m.

Line Dancing

Mon./Wed./Thurs./Fri. 10-11 a.m.

Pickleball (Open Play)

Mon./Wed./Sun. 1-3:30 p.m.

Tues. 9:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Thurs. 3:30-6:30 p.m.

Tai Chi

Mon./Tues./Wed./Thurs. 9-10 a.m.

Tai Chi - Intermediate/Advanced

Mon./Wed. 10-11 a.m.

Tai Chi Fan

Mon./Wed. 11-11:30 a.m.

Yoga

Mon./Wed./Fri. 9-9:45 a.m.

Mon./Tues./Thurs. 4-4:45 p.m.

Zumba

Tues./Thurs. 8-9 a.m.

Mon./Wed. 6-7 p.m.

SENIOR DANCES

Open to everyone!

April 14

April 28

May 12

May 26

June 9

June 30

1-3 p.m.

