



# the Current

## New Town Hall Meeting Format Yields Productive Results

With over 60 residents in attendance, the City deemed the June 14 Town Hall meeting a success. The meeting marked the launch of a new, more personal approach designed to encourage information gathering and interaction. The session kicked off open-house style, with residents perusing information stations to learn about various topics. That was followed by a question-and-answer session where attendees shared opinions and queried the Mayor and Board.

“We are a very transparent municipal government. This new format provided a wonderful opportunity for residents to learn about their city and to get answers to whatever questions they had. I am thrilled that so many of our residents attended,” said Mayor Rose.



## Water Rate Reduction Planned

*City achieves a positive outcome for Riverside customers*

Five times over the last nine years, Missouri American Water Company has petitioned the Missouri Public Service Commission for a rate increase from their customers, which includes Riverside. Each time, the City aggressively advocated for the residents and business owners to keep the increases to a minimum. Though not always successful, the City pledged to keep up the fight.

Earlier this year, Riverside again found itself aggressively involved in the most recent rate case.

City officials testified before the Public Service Commission, took testimony from residents and presented facts showing Riverside customers were paying more than other cities. The ruling by the Public Service Commission includes the following, which marks a huge win for Riverside:

- Platte County is now included in the Northwest Rates Group, which also includes St. Joseph and Brunswick. This means the cost of water service is spread among all customers in this Rates Group. The bigger the spread, the less each customer pays.
- The average Riverside residential customer should see a reduction in their water bill of 30%, or about \$20. Commercial and industrial users will also see a reduction, with the amount dependent upon the type of rate plan in place for those types of accounts.

The rate reduction took effect in July. All customers will receive an insert in their next water bill with information about this change.

Mayor Rose and the Board of Aldermen have always believed that Riverside’s City Government has the responsibility to advocate loudly for the residents and businesses of Riverside. As in this case, Riverside was often the only city leading the effort.

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## Family Funfest & Musicfest



Saturday, September 17  
E.H.Young Park

Family Funfest | 1-4pm  
Free Admission  
Inflatables and family activities

Musicfest | 5-10pm  
\$15 General Admission,  
\$25 VIP, \$20 at the gate  
Free for ages 12 and under

8pm—the Little River Band  
9:30pm—Fireworks  
Enjoy area food trucks, local vendors, beer garden (must be 21)

Rain or Shine—no outside coolers or food—off-site parking at Park Hill South with bus transportation provided. Handicap/VIP parking close to park—Bring your own chair or blanket—Tickets also available at [Ticketmaster.com](http://Ticketmaster.com) 'til 3pm day of show

## F/PAL & Argosy Coat Drive

Now through September 30

Riverside F/PAL and Argosy Casino have partnered to help those in need stay warmer this winter.

New and gently used coats will be gratefully accepted at the Riverside Public Safety Lobby, Riverside Community Center and Argosy Casino Hotel Lobby. To learn more, call 816-741-3993.



# Water Rate Reduction Planned

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In a statement, Mayor Rose said, “The city works hard for our residents and businesses. When the issue involves another bureaucracy, especially a utility, change doesn’t happen overnight. There are 750 Missouri American Water Company customers in Riverside that have a residential size meter. This rate reduction means a total annual savings to these customers of \$180,000. Add to this the savings that commercial or industrial accounts will realize and no one can argue that this isn’t good for Riverside. It puts our business partners on a level field with the east side of the state. That’s good for economic development. None of this would have happened if Riverside wasn’t involved, working with Missouri American Water Company and the Staff of the Public Service Commission.”

## PHHS Tennis Team Hosts FPAL Youth Tennis Clinics

August 27, 8-10am  
PHHS Tennis Courts



This summer, the Park Hill High School Tennis Team are serving up tennis clinics for FPAL youth. The clinics are held at the tennis courts at Park Hill South, with each court supervised by team members. Parents are invited to watch the action from the bleachers and spectator benches, and will be joined by FPAL officials and Riverside Police Officers and Firefighters. Participants are required to wear athletic shoes, but racquets and balls will be provided. FPAL will have water, sports drinks, and snacks for participants on hand. To RSVP, email [thass@riversidemo.com](mailto:thass@riversidemo.com), call (816) 741-1191 or visit [Facebook.com/riversidefpal](http://Facebook.com/riversidefpal)

## 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwest Camaro-Fest

Saturday, August 20  
EH Young Park  
All day—rain or shine

Rev up your engines and drive in to the Camaro Fest, presented by the Camaro Club of Kansas City and sponsored by Hendricks Chevrolet. Registration from 9-11am, judging at 12-3pm, and awards at 4pm. Come for the cars, but don’t miss the door prizes, music, awards and fun. Visit [camaroclubkc.com](http://camaroclubkc.com) for more.



# Upstream from Ordinary: Denise Hamilton

## Resident Honored as 2016 Civic Leadership Award

In 2010, the developer of the Gatewoods subdivision declared bankruptcy, leaving an unfinished subdivision, a defunct homeowner's association and clouded title to neighborhood common areas. Lack of maintenance and the inability to hold the developer accountable due to the bankruptcy and title issues led to growing frustration within the tight-knit neighborhood. That's when resident Denise Hamilton stepped up to make a difference. Denise worked with everyone that had an interest in the property to clear the title and gain control of the common areas, worked with Platte County to resolve the issue of unpaid taxes, and created a new Homeowner's Association.



In recognition of her passion and diligence, the City nominated Denise as an Honoree for the 2016 Civic Leadership Awards, which is bestowed by the West Gate Division of the Missouri Municipal League. Denise received the award on July 21 at the annual awards banquet held at the Adams Pointe Conference Center in Blue Springs.

According to Mayor Kathy Rose, Denise took on a great deal of risk to do what was in the best interest of her neighborhood. "That commitment to the community exemplifies Riverside and makes us proud that Denise Hamilton is Upstream from Ordinary!" said Mayor Rose.

## Senior Health Fair & Caregiver Expo 2016

### Active Living, Healthy Seniors

Riverside Community Center  
Thursday, September 29  
8:30-11:30am  
Admission: **FREE**



**SERVICES & INFO** » Flu shots » acupuncture » blood pressure » bone density » lipid panel » medical consultation » veteran information

**ENJOY** » 70 exhibitors » Food and door prizes » \$50 prize drawings » Drawing for Shingle Shot Voucher » Entertainment by Earl Baker Band

## City Calendar

### August 2

Board of Aldermen, 7pm

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National Night Out, evening

### August 8

Tourism Commission, 6pm

### August 11

Planning & Zoning, 6:30pm

### August 16

Board of Alderman, 7pm

### August 25

Planning and Zoning, 6:30pm

## FPAL Movie Night

"The Good Dinosaur"

August 4-6pm

Riverside Community Center



Bring your pillow and blankets and get comfy for a free FPAL Movie Night Out. Snacks and drinks provided.

## Did You Know?

The City will host **Drive Through Flu Shots on October 22, from 10am-2pm at the Public Safety Building.** Flu season is just around the corner, so save the date and watch for more details in the September issue of The Current newsletter.

## Stay Connected

RiversideMo.com

City of Riverside 

@RiversideMo 

CrimeReports.com

nixle.com

## Need a job?

Many Riverside and Platte County companies are now hiring. For job postings visit [plattecountyedc.com/work](http://plattecountyedc.com/work)

# 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 [www.RiversideMo.com](http://www.RiversideMo.com). *Note: Membership now required.*

**SU, 1-5pm and  
M/W, 2-5pm and  
T/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, 4:15-4:45pm**  
HIIT

**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

**T/TH, 6-7pm**  
R.I.P.P.E.D

**W, 10-11am**  
Stay Strong, Stay Healthy

**W, 6:30-7:30pm**  
Zumba Kids

**TH, 12:15-1pm**  
Yoga

**2nd & last Monday  
of Month**  
Senior Dances, 1pm-3pm  
*No YMCA Membership  
Required*