

When Lightning Strikes

Safety Tips

Lightning strikes the United States about 25 million times a year, kills an average of 49 people, and severely injures hundreds more.



What You Need to Know

- **NO PLACE** outside is safe when thunderstorms are in the area!
- If you hear thunder, lightning is close enough to strike you
- Immediately move to a substantial building with electricity or plumbing, or an enclosed metal-topped vehicle with windows up
- Stay in safe shelter at least 30 minutes after last sound of thunder

Indoor Lightning Safety

- Stay off corded phones, computers and other electrical equipment
- Avoid plumbing: sinks, baths and faucets
- Stay away from windows and doors; stay off porches

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The Heart of Public Safety's Nerve Center

Meet Communications & Records Manager Candy Gram

When you call 911, the dispatcher who answers is your lifeline to help. When you make that call in Riverside, it's Candy Gram who ensures that your call delivers a fast response from fire and police. As Manager of Communications and Records for Public Safety, Candy supervises her team, stays apprised of changing 911 technology, and keeps things running like a well-oiled clock so first responders arrive on the scene quickly and well informed.

For over 30 years, Candy has anchored the safety of the community that she calls home. She began her career in 1982 with the City of Riverside as a dispatcher after a keen observation by a lieutenant from the Police Department. Candy was working as a waitress at Skyline Inn and waited on the officer. He mentioned that the department had an opening for a Dispatcher, and thought Candy would be great at it because she was a good multi-tasker.

The role was perfect for Candy, but it wasn't easy. "You have to be able to talk on the radio and listen to what's in your ear at the same time to be a good dispatcher. If you don't, you'll fail," Candy said. "Knowing peoples' lives and safety depend on you, there's no room for error." Candy was promoted to Communications Manager when her supervisor retired in 1988.

Senior Dinner CEO

In addition to her official duties, Candy's most visible "job" is overseeing the cooking for the annual Senior Dinner. "The first year, we hosted 25 seniors; this year, it was upwards of 200. But I have lots of help," Candy said. Whether she's connecting people in need with first responders or seniors with a very special meal, Candy Gram is proud to help make Riverside a safe and special place.





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- Do not lie on concrete floors or lean against concrete walls

If You Are Caught Outside

- Immediately get off elevated areas such as hills, mountain ridges or peaks
- Never lie flat on the ground
- Never shelter under an isolated tree, a cliff or rocky overhang
- Immediately get out of and away from ponds, lakes, pools, etc.
- Stay away from objects that conduct electricity (barbed wire fences, power lines, windmills, etc.)

Healthy Meals for Seniors Lunch and Learn

Monday, May 23
11am-12:30pm

Riverside Community Center



Think it's not possible to eat healthy on a limited budget? MU Extension Nutrition Associate Gina Conde will show you how to shop smarter, use nutrition information to make healthier choices and cook delicious, affordable meals. For reservations, call Lori at 816-741-4172.

Riverside Summer Youth Camp

For: Kids ages 5-12, grades K-6

When: Monday-Friday, 7am-6pm

Cost: \$140 per week

Meets at: Riverside Community Center



The Riverside Community Center and the YMCA is offering a full lineup of fun activities for kids this summer. Participants will also have the opportunity to swim twice a week, and may take one to two additional field trips depending on schedule. Locations will include the library, Riverside parks and other outdoor locations within walking distance. *Sign up at Summer Kick-Off, Saturday, May 14, 11am-1pm at the Community Center. Call 741-4172 to learn more.*

Amazing Y Race
May 31-June 3

Mad Science Inventions
June 20-24

Olympics
July 11-15

Creatures and Critters
June 6-10

**The Great Escape...
Exploration Adventures**
June 27-July 1

Camp's Got Talent July
July 18-22

Fun, Fab and Fit
June 13-17

**Huddle up
Sports Week**
July 5-8

Anything Goes
July 25-29

Ride the 2016 Tour de Platte

Saturday, May 21, 8am
E.H. Young Park

Register online: platteparks.com

Cost: FREE



Cyclists of all levels will ride through the trails, parks, and back roads of Platte County. Participants can ride the full 34.05 mile route, the Intermediate 18 mile route, or the Short 10 mile route, with break stations along each. There is an after party at E.H. Young Park hosted by the Riverside Chamber of Commerce.

Summer Fun Activities Clip-and-Save!

Riverside Pool
Opens May 28
12-8 pm daily

YMCA Swim Lessons*
June-July

F/PAL Pool Parties
June 23 & July 21

Kids in the Kitchen*
June-July

Call the Community Center for details at 816-741-4172.

*Sign up at Summer Kick-off, May 14 from 11am-1pm.



Upcoming HHW Disposal, Recycling Events in Parkville

Open to Riverside Residents, some fees apply

Both events on Saturday, May 21, 8am-12pm

Platte Landing Park, 164 S. Main St., Parkville

MARC Mobile Household Hazardous Waste Event

Sponsored by the Cities of Parkville and Riverside, this collection event will accept Materials including automotive fluids, batteries, paint, paint-related products, lawn and garden chemicals, house cleaners, glues and compact fluorescent light bulbs. Because of their hazardous qualities, these items cannot be thrown out with the regular trash. *Electronic waste and business waste will NOT be accepted — including waste from home-based businesses, nonprofits, churches and rental property owners.*



Parkville Recycling Extravaganza

Items accepted include tires, electronics, paper shedding, mattresses, batteries, iron and metal and other recyclables. Businesses are welcome to participate. *Note: Proof of residency required. Non residents, including from Riverside, with paper or tires to recycle will be charged \$10.00 per car. Contact Parkville City Hall for information and details about this event: 816-741-7676.*

What about Electronics?

Best Buy (bestbuy.com) and Surplus Exchange (surplusexchange.org) accept electronics for free or a small fee; contact each for details.

Spontaneous Combustion Sparks Fire at Recycling Bin

In April, a fire broke out in the recycling bin located outside the Riverside Public Works department. The blaze was caused by the spontaneous combustion of solvent-soaked construction materials that had been placed in the bin. This occurs when a chemical reaction from solvents causes heating, often resulting in a fire. Always consult the label on the original container of these types of materials to learn the safest way to dispose of them. **Never dispose of flammable or hazardous materials at the Public Works Facility; consult the list of prohibited items when you sign in.** Contact the Public Works Department at 816-741-3908 for information on acceptable materials.



Election Results

The winning candidates in Riverside's April 5 election are:

Mayor
Kathy Rose

**Alderman
Ward I**
Ron Super

**Alderman
Ward II**
Chet Pruett

**Alderman
Ward III**
Art Homer

City Calendar

May 3

Board of Aldermen, 7pm

May 4

Parks Board, 6pm

May 12

Planning and Zoning Commission, 6:30pm

May 14

Summer Kickoff, 11am
@ Community Center

May 17

Board of Aldermen, 7pm

May 20

Curbside Yard Waste Pickup

May 21

HHW @ Platte Landing Park

May 26

Planning and Zoning Commission, 6:30pm

Did You Know?

Fire pits are inviting, but that outdoor fire can go from good to bad in a moment.



DO

- Maintain a 15' clearance from combustibles
- Keep a water hose or bucket of sand nearby
- Limit your fire to under 3' diameter and 2' high
- Use dry wood only

DON'T

- Place on wooden decks
- Keep lighter fluid or ignitable liquids nearby
- Burn trash, leaves or processed wood

Contact 816-372-9211 for more info.



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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 www.RiversideMo.com. *Note: Membership now required: Call 816-741-4172 with questions.*

SU, 1-5pm and T/TH, 2-5pm M/W, 2-6pm
 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, 1-3pm
No YMCA Membership Required