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Riverside Police Use Social Media to Keep Community Safe



Nextdoor is a social media site designed to unify neighbors and build community. Members can share information with their neighbors about community events, neighborhood safety, classifieds and service referrals. In September, the Riverside Police Department joined Nextdoor to facilitate communication and provide safety information to Riverside residents. The police department is committed to using the social media platform as part of the department's Crime Free Unit initiative.

You can see what Nextdoor in Riverside looks like by going to Nextdoor.com, scrolling to the bottom of the page and clicking "public agencies". Select "Riverside" under "Missouri", then select "Riverside Police Department". On the right side of the screen, you can select specific neighborhoods and see what your neighbors are talking about. To learn more about the Crime Free Program, email CrimeFreeUnit@riversidemo.com.

History Corner— Riverside Remembered

Gary Brenner shares his Passion for Local History on Facebook, Newsletter

For decades, lifelong Riverside resident Gary Brenner has been fascinated with the history of Riverside. From interviewing relatives and longtime residents, to assisting in the archaeological excavation and founding of Renner Brenner Site Park, Gary's passion has given him some interesting experiences. Most recently, Gary created a Facebook group devoted to Riverside history with over 400 photos and 1,200 members, where current and former residents can share memories and photos of the city through the years.

In 1979, when Gary was painting his aunt's farmhouse on the site that became Renner Brenner Site Park, he began asking her about the history of his family and the area. He learned the first Brennens arrived in 1843 and settled near the spot where St. Matthews's church sits today. They owned a large tract of land for farming, and gradually sold off parcels as more families arrived. Gary also began talking with older residents about the city's history. "I would do anything to go back in time and re-interview some of those old-timers," he said.

After his aunt passed away, Gary purchased the house and two surrounding acres. He knew the area was an important archaeological site for the Hopewell tribe. After years of excavation, Gary joined the city council and created Renner Brenner Site Park in 1984. He has since written three books on the Renner site, and remains active in archaeology. "Most people don't know that prehistoric people have lived here for over 1500 years, with a trade system stretching from the eastern United States down to Florida," Gary said. Indeed, clam shells from Florida, copper from Michigan and obsidian from Wyoming have all been discovered at the Renner site.



Fata's Gas Station stood just east of the current Red X until the late 1960's. Photo courtesy of Gary Brenner.

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In his Facebook group, Gary shares pictures and articles related to Riverside's history. Photos of the 1993 flood, Riverside establishments like the Red-X and Corner Café, and clippings about the Renner site can all be found on the page. Most valuable of all, Gary says, are the stories people share under the photos. "It may just be a picture of a house, but someone will tell you that was their grandparents' house, or they knew the people who lived there," he added.

Gary encourages anyone who wants to learn more about Riverside's history to join the Facebook group, which can be found by searching "Riverside, Mo History" on Facebook. And watch for history tidbits and photos from Gary's collection on a semi-regular basis here in the newsletter.



FPAL February Outing

Saturday, February 25, 2017
Science City at Union Station

Leaving the RS Community Center at 10am and returning to the Community Center around 1:30pm. Must have a parent present to attend. RSVP to (816) 741-1191.

February is Earthquake Preparedness Month

Earthquakes are not rare in Missouri or our region. More than 70 3.5-magnitude earthquakes were detected in the central U.S. during the last 6 months, including a record-tying 5.6-magnitude event in Norman, OK, that was felt in several surrounding states, including the Kansas City metro area and as far north as Nebraska. Each February, Missouri observes Earthquake Awareness Month and recommends "Drop, Cover and Hold On" as the best way to reduce injury and death. These tips can help keep you and your family safe:

- Do not sleep with items overhead.
- Keep emergency kits packed.
- During a quake, drop, take cover under a sturdy desk or table, protect neck and head, and hold on.
- If driving, stop your car and stay inside.
- If trapped, do not move about and only shout as a last resort.

Learn more at DropCoverHoldOn.org or Ready.gov/prepare.



Sidewalks Are Property Owner's Responsibility

Whether you own a home or business or both, it's your responsibility as the property owner to maintain a safe sidewalk adjacent to your property. In short, your sidewalk must be kept free of ice, snow, earth, obstructions, etc.; remain at the established grade; and be in good working order.

Property owners are also responsible for any sidewalk repairs – and remember, repairs require a permit. Keeping your sidewalk in good condition is important to keep the City accessible to all residents and visitors. See the Public Works section on riversidemo.com for more details.

10 Fun Facts About Snow

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Most snowflakes fall at a speed of 2 to 5 feet per second, roughly the same speed as a person casually walking through a park.

Bundle
Up



weather.gov/winter

Platte County Prepares for Trail Expansion

Project Will Link Parkville and Riverside Trails



For more than 10 years, the cities of Riverside and Parkville have been working to connect the Missouri Riverfront Trail with the trails at English Landing Park. Together, the trails stretch over six miles, are separated by less than one mile and offer excellent views of the Missouri river. When complete, the trail system will offer more than seven miles of trails for walking, jogging and biking.

Riverside and Parkville city officials have coordinated their efforts to negotiate terms with two businesses affected by the expansion, Magellan Pipeline and BNSF Railroad, and to ensure safety requirements are met. Platte County will be responsible for managing the construction of the trail, which will be completed by Blue Moon Hauling. The cities of Riverside and Parkville will each be responsible for the ongoing maintenance of the trail segments in their respective cities. Construction is scheduled to begin in late winter or early spring of 2017 and will be completed by late summer of 2017.

Reminder: City Ordinance Bans Feeding Deer and Other Wildlife

The City of Riverside prohibits residents from providing food for deer and other wildlife within the city limits on both private and public property. The ordinance doesn't apply to naturally growing or planted vegetation in yards or gardens or bird feeders. Property larger than 10 acres is exempt from this ordinance, but owners should follow Missouri Conservation Department rules.

According to the National Wildlife Health Center, feeding deer and other wildlife will cause large groups to congregate in an area, which increases the spread of disease and parasites and the likelihood of animals being hit by traffic. A better alternative is planting native trees and shrubs that provide food like nuts and fruits and planting trees like evergreens that provide cover.

For more information about this ordinance and possible penalties, visit the City Codes section on riversidemo.com.



City Calendar

February 7

Board of Aldermen, 7pm

February 9

Planning and Zoning, 6:30pm

February 13

Tourism, 6pm

February 21

Board of Aldermen, 7pm

February 23

Planning and Zoning, 6:30pm

February 25

F/PAL Science City, 10am

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

Did You Know?



When you are driving on clear, safe roads during inclement weather that is a direct result of Riverside Public Works' diligent snow and ice road maintenance program. This winter, so far, City employees have logged more than 100 hours clearing roads, using three types of salt:

- 140 tons of road salt
- 860 gallons of Magnesium Chloride, and
- 480 pounds of Salt Road Runner

To see what you can do as a resident to help the City during a snow event, visit riversidemo.com and search for "Snow Removal".

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

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, 6-7pm
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, 5-7pm
Pickelball

W, 10-11am
Stay Strong, Stay Healthy

W, 11:30-2pm
Pickleball

W, 6-7pm
Zumba Kids

TH, 11am-3pm

Hand and Foot Card Game
No YMCA Membership
Required

TH, 12:15-1pm
Yoga

**2nd & last Monday
of Month**

No Dances in February
No YMCA Membership
Required