

VILLAGE OF RIVERVIEW

SPRING/SUMMER 2011 NEWSLETTER



Election Results

LYNDA FOSTER	50
BRUCE STOCKER	144
STEVE PARO	156
HOWARD PIERCE	138
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Village Park Update

Creation of the new park will begin in the early fall. The first phase of construction will include demolition and ground-leveling work and the installation of new curbing and an asphalt walking trail. The Village received a \$138,000 construction grant from the Municipal Park Grant Commission of St. Louis County to assist with the completion of this first phase.

Local Government Week- May 1-7, 2011

Governor Jay Nixon has proclaimed the first week of May as the second annual Local Government Week. To celebrate this important week, the Village has planned two events; a Litter Clean-Up and a Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new Village park on Diamond Drive.

The Board of Trustees recently voted to call this new park "Old Elementary Park". This name was chosen because of the Riverview Gardens Elementary School that used to be on the site. Many residents attended elementary school on the site and have fond memories of the area. Thank you to all residents who submitted their name suggestions for the park and for those that took the time to vote in the website poll.

The Litter Clean-Up event will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2011 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Volunteers will gather at the Village park site on Diamond Drive between Fork and Northridge. We will divide into groups and pick up litter in various Village locations. Please bring gloves! In case of inclement weather, information on a rescheduled date will be posted on the Village website.

Municipal Court

Municipal Court sessions are now held once a month, on the second Tuesday, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Having court sessions during the day reduces operating costs for the Village. If you have any questions about Court, please call City Hall.

Board Meetings

Monthly meetings of the Board of Trustees are held on the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Residents are invited to attend the meetings.

Minutes and agendas are posted on the Village website as well as on the bulletin board at City Hall.



The Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new Village park on Diamond Drive will be held on Saturday, May 7, 2011 at 11 a.m. The Board of Trustees would like to invite all residents to attend this celebration of our community. We will have refreshments and giveaways. Hope to see you there!

Some dates and times may change as scheduling conflicts occur. Please check the website for current meeting dates and times.

Dog Inoculation Clinic

The Village of Riverview's annual dog inoculation clinic will be held on Saturday, June 11, 2011 from 9 a.m. to noon in the City Hall parking lot. There will be a licensed veterinarian on hand to administer dog and cat vaccinations.

The clinic is open to both residents and non-residents.

Please bring all pets on leashes, or in carriers, and be advised that the Village has an Ordinance requiring pet owners to clean up after their pets. Also note that you must show written proof or certificate of spay/neuter.

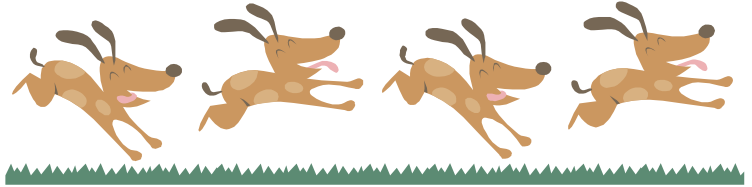


Residents who do not attend the dog clinic to receive their dog's vaccinations are reminded that Village dog tags must be renewed at City Hall by June 30, 2011.



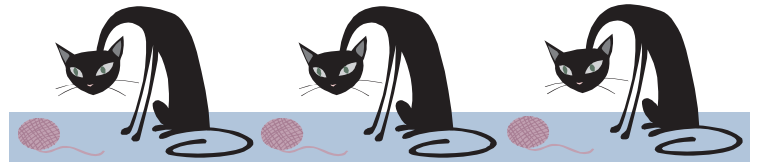
Dog Vaccinations

Rabies (if spayed/neutered).....	\$25.00
Rabies (if <u>not</u> spayed/neutered).....	\$30.00
Distemper.....	\$18.00
Kennel Cough.....	\$18.00
Lyme Disease.....	\$18.00
Distemper/Kennel Cough Combo.....	\$28.00
Village Dog License.....	\$3.00



Cat Vaccinations

Rabies (if spayed/neutered).....	\$25.00
Rabies (if <u>not</u> spayed/neutered).....	\$30.00
Distemper.....	\$18.00
Feline Leukemia.....	\$18.00



Microchips will be available for dogs and cats for \$35.00 each.

Credit cards will not be accepted. Cash only, please.

Bulk Trash Drop Off

The annual bulk trash drop off will be held on Saturday, June 4, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the City Hall parking lot.

Items that will be accepted include: carpet, mattresses, box springs, furniture, washers and dryers, water heaters, refrigerators (without compressors), lawn mowers, car parts, scrap metal, wood, and televisions.

Items that will not be accepted include: grass, branches, leaves, hazardous materials, gas tanks, drums, batteries, household waste, bricks, and concrete blocks.

PROOF OF RESIDENCY IS REQUIRED!!



Building Department Notes

The Village Building Department wishes to remind all residents that both St. Louis County and the Village of Riverview have Ordinances requiring trash service. The Village Ordinance also requires that all trash be placed in trash cans with lids.

This helps prevent litter.

The Village has adopted a Property Maintenance Code to help keep properties looking their best. Common Property Maintenance Code violations include high grass or weeds, dead trees or branches on property, chipping or peeling paint, and collections of junk or debris on property.

If you wish to report Code violations, please contact the Building/Health Commissioner at City Hall. Complaints can be filed anonymously.

Permits are required for most construction in the Village. If you have questions about whether a permit is required for a specific project, please call City Hall.



Litter

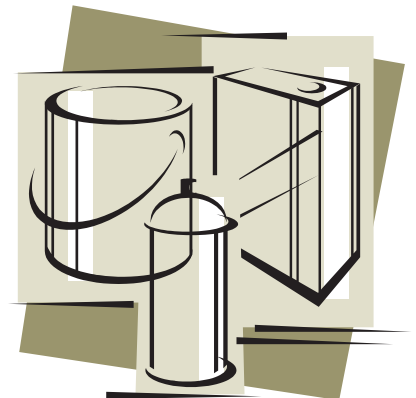
In the warmer months, the Village sees an increase of blowing trash and litter. As a property owner, you are responsible for removing this trash and litter on your property, no matter where it comes from. We kindly request that each homeowner make an effort to check their property for litter and remove it in a timely fashion. In order to help with the litter, the Village has installed trash containers near major intersections and along bus routes. The trash containers were funded by the Community Development Block Grant program.

St. Louis County Household Chemical Collection (HHW) Program

In order to better serve its residents, the St. Louis County Department of Health is developing a network of permanent household chemical drop-off locations that will be open on a routine schedule. **They will no longer operate the spring and fall Household Chemical Collection drop-offs.** It is anticipated that the first site will be open in the fall of 2011, there will be no one-day chemical collection events scheduled for the spring.

The permanent program will be more cost-effective and more convenient, but residents should expect some changes. To allow collection of the more difficult to manage and highly toxic products, the County is looking at more sustainable options for the disposal of latex paint.

For more information about the Household Chemical Collection (HHW) Program and for updates on the progress of the drop-off sites, call the St. Louis County Health Department at (314) 615-0600, or visit www.RecycleSaintLouis.com. You can also follow the St. Louis County Health Department on Facebook and Twitter.



Branch Pickup Guidelines

The Village of Riverview offers residents a free branch pickup program. The following regulations apply to the program, if they are not followed, the branches will not be picked up.



Branches will only be picked up during the designated week of the month (please see left for specific dates). In order for branches to be picked up, residents must call the Street Department and have their addresses added to the list by the Friday before the pick up week. Only those that have been called in will be picked up.

The Street Department will go street by street beginning Monday and ending Friday of the designated week.

Pickup will occur the week of April 25-29, 2011. Branches must be called in by April 22.

Branches must be placed at the curb with the butt end (the end that was cut from the tree) facing the street. Try to leave the limbs as complete as possible, don't break branches off.

Pickup will occur the week of October 24-28, 2011. Branches must be called in by October 22.

Limbs must be less than 6 inches in diameter.

Yard waste, twigs, and vines will not be picked up.

For pickup, please call the Street Department, 868-7120.

If a tree service cuts a tree down or trims branches, the Street Department will not pick up the branches.

Going "Green"

Have questions about going green?

Want to volunteer with an organization committed to the environment?

Looking for a list of green businesses in the St. Louis area?

St. Louis Green is a non-profit organization that provides information about sustainable living in the area. Their website provides a list of upcoming events and activities, a list of green products and businesses in St. Louis, and educational information about sustainable living. For more information, visit their website, www.stlouisgreen.com.

The Keep America Beautiful corporation's goal is to improve communities by preventing litter, reducing waste, and encouraging beautification and community greening. Their website provides educational resources and volunteer opportunities. For more information, visit their website, www.kab.org.

The St. Louis County Clean, Green, and Beautiful Initiative is designed to generate a greater level of community involvement in the regular upkeep and beautification of neighborhoods in St. Louis County. For more information, visit their website, www.cgb.stlouisco.com.

St. Louis County's On-the-Job Training Program

The St. Louis County Business Service Group launched its On-The-Job Training Program in January 2010. The program has partnered with 31 area businesses and transitioned 45 career seekers into gainful employment.

The On-The-Job Training Program provides area employers with value-added training/employment opportunities. Career seekers are selected to participate based upon possession of a variety of skill sets acquired from prior employment and educational experiences. Employers are reimbursed up to 50% (maximum of \$18.55 per hour) of a new hire's wages to cover the extraordinary costs of training, for up to a 26 week period.

Career Center staff match the business employment requirements with qualified new hires, complete the paperwork and provide ongoing guidance/support.

Career seekers must either be dislocated and/or unemployed for a minimum of 20 weeks to qualify for participation in the Program. Average length of full-time employment is 6 months, but may be modified depending on the number of employees within the company.

To learn more about the Program, please contact the St. Louis County Business Service Group at (314) 615-4679.



Smoke-Free St. Louis County

Beginning at midnight on January 2, 2011, the St. Louis County Indoor Clean Air Code went into effect. The Code prohibits smoking in all indoor workplaces and public establishments including restaurants and bars. A limited amount of exemptions are made for those establishments that meet certain criteria.

Signs stating that smoking is prohibited must be displayed prominently on the outside of the building at all public and employee entrances. The person in control of the property must post "No Smoking" signs.

Owners and operators of workplaces and public establishments must not permit smoking inside a public place, a place of employment, or outside within 15 feet from the door, windows that open, or ventilation intakes. A proprietor/owner/manager must not permit smoke to drift/infiltrate into a building through an entrance, a window, a ventilation system or other means. They must communicate to all existing employees and all applicants for employment that smoking is prohibited.

Both the individual and the establishment can be fined under the law. Fines range from \$50 to \$500. Each day in which a violation occurs shall be a separate violation.

To report a violation, you may contact the St. Louis County Health Department at (314) 615-8900 during normal business hours. Complaints may also be filed online through the Department's website www.stlouisco.com/HealthandWellness/IndoorCleanAirCode.



Earthquake Safety Tips

Earthquakes can strike suddenly and without warning. The Village is located near a fault line and is always at risk of experiencing an earthquake. See the following earthquake preparedness tips from FEMA.

Before the Next Earthquake.

Prepare Your Home. Make your home safer to be in during earthquakes and more resistant to earthquake damage by assessing its structure and contents. Depending on when and how it was designed and built, the structure you live in may have weaknesses that make it more vulnerable to earthquakes. If you own your home, find and correct any such weaknesses. See *FEMA Publications 232 and 530 for more information.*

What is in your home can be as or more dangerous and damage-prone than the structure itself. Any unsecured objects that can move, break, or fall as an earthquake shakes your home are potential safety hazards. See *FEMA Publications 528 and 74 for more information.*

Prepare Yourself and Your Family To:

React Safely. Learn what to do during an earthquake. Hold periodic family drills to practice what you have learned.

Take Cover. In each room of your home, identify the safest places to "drop, cover, and hold on" during an earthquake. Practice going to these safe spots during family drills.

Survive on Your Own. Assemble and maintain a household emergency supply kit and be sure that all family members know where it is stored. The kit should consist of one or two portable containers holding the supplies your family would need to survive without outside assistance for at least 3 days following a disaster.

Stay in Contact. List addresses, telephone numbers, and evacuation sites for all places frequented by family members. Include the phone number of an out-of-state contact. Ensure family members carry a copy of this list, and include copies in your emergency supply kits.

Care for People, Pets, and Property. Train in CPR and emergency measures from organizations like the American Red Cross. Find out where you could shelter your pet if necessary. Ensure that family members know how to use fire extinguishers and how, where, and when to shut off utility lines.

Prepare Your Community. Consider becoming involved in volunteer programs that strengthen your community's disaster response. Training and volunteer opportunities are available through the American Red Cross and other organizations.

See *FEMA Publications IS-22 and 526 for more information.*

After an Earthquake.

After the shaking stops, check your family and neighbors for injuries and administer first aid. Check for hazards in and around your home. Keep in mind that aftershocks may strike at any time. Responding promptly to hazards can prevent further damage and injuries. See *FEMA Publication 526 for more information.*

Energy Efficiency Information from Ameren Missouri

Wondering where to get the most energy savings? Replace light bulbs where lights are typically left on the longest with energy efficient Compact Fluorescent Lightbulbs (CFLs).

CFL bulbs:

- Use at least 75% less energy (than incandescent bulbs)
- Last up to 10 times longer than incandescent lighting
- Come in different shapes and sizes, including spiral and globe, to fit in most residential fixtures
- Generate 70% less heat than incandescent bulbs
- Do not hum, buzz, or flicker

You can purchase CFL bulbs using the following methods:

Visit a participating retailer. A variety of CFLs are offered at over 250 retail stores. On average, CFL bulbs are being sold for 50 cents a four-pack with the Ameren Missouri discount. Find a participating retailer at www.uefficiency.com.

Shop the online store. Over 14 varieties of CFLs are offered at discounts of up to 66% in Ameren's online store. To insure that only eligible customers receive discounted products from the online store, you will need to have your Ameren Missouri 10-digit account number to place an order.

Order by phone. Call 800-379-4121, Monday - Thursday 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. CST or Friday and Saturday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. CST. Ameren Missouri customers will need to have their 10-digit account number to place an order.

There has been a great deal of publicity and misinformation about the topic of mercury in CFLs. Yes, mercury is an essential ingredient for most energy efficient lamps. CFLs contain a very small amount of mercury sealed within the glass tubing- an average of 4 milligrams per lightbulb, roughly equivalent in size to the point of a ball-point pen. No mercury is released when the bulbs are intact or in use. By comparison, CFLs contain about 1/125th of the mercury that older thermometers contain. Manufacturers today have brought that amount down even further to 1 to 2 milligrams.

Recycle your used bulbs by depositing them in a conveniently located CFL recycling container. To find a location near you, visit www.uefficiency.com. Burned-out or broken CFLs need to be disposed of properly. If a bulb breaks, the Environmental Protection Agency suggests these steps:

1. Open a nearby window and leave the room for 15 minutes or more.
2. Don't use a vacuum cleaner. Wear gloves and scoop up fragments with cardboard. Place them in a puncture proof container, such as a tightly sealed glass jar. On carpet, use tape to pick up small pieces and powder.
3. Wipe the area clean with damp paper towels.
4. Place all cleanup materials in the sealed container and bring them to a CFL recycling location. Wash your hands after cleanup and disposal.



Interested in serving your community?

The Village has two special boards; the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Police Commissioners that meet when necessary to hear cases and make recommendations to the Board of Trustees. There are currently vacancies on both boards. These volunteer positions help ensure that the Village government is responsive to the needs of the community.

If you are interested in volunteering for one of these positions, please fill out the lower portion of this sheet and return to City Hall, 9699 Lilac Drive, St. Louis, MO 63137.



Village of Riverview Application for Village Board or Commission

Name _____ Address _____
Phone _____

How long have you lived in the Village of Riverview?

On which Board/Commission would you prefer to serve?

Please provide a brief statement telling us why you wish to be appointed to a special board or commission.

Signature _____ Date _____

Visit us online at www.riverviewmo.org.

Helpful Phone Numbers

868-0700	City Hall
868-0700	Municipal Court
868-9130	Police Dept. (Non-Emergency)
889-2341	Dispatcher (After Hours)
868-7120	Street Department
867-3889	Fire Department
869-7436	Riverview Gardens School Dist.
342-1111	Ameren UE
621-6960	Laclede Gas
866-430-0820	American Water
615-5000	St. Louis County (General Info)
831-6500	Animal Control

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