



2009-10 Village of Riverview Newsletter



Upcoming Village Events

December 3, 2009	Traffic Court
December 10, 2009	Housing Court/Trials
December 15, 2009	Candidate Filing Opens
December 17, 2009	Board Meeting
December 20, 2009	Santa's Visit to the Village
December 25, 2009	City Hall Closed- Christmas Day
January 1, 2010	City Hall Closed- New Year's Day
January 7, 2010	Traffic Court
January 14, 2010	Housing Court/Trials
January 18, 2010	City Hall Closed- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 19, 2010	Candidate Filing Closes
January 21, 2010	Board Meeting
February 4, 2010	Traffic Court
February 15, 2010	City Hall Closed- Presidents' Day
February 18, 2010	Housing Court/Trials
February 25, 2010	Board Meeting
March 4, 2010	Traffic Court
March 10, 2010	Voter Registration Deadline- April
March 18, 2010	Housing Court/Trials
March 25, 2010	Public Hearing- Park
March 25, 2010	Board Meeting
April 1, 2010	Traffic Court
April 6, 2010	Municipal Election
April 15, 2010	Housing Court/Trials
April 19-23, 2010	Branch Pickup Week
April 22, 2010	Board Meeting



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Branch pickup is now held only two times per year, April and October. Please contact City Hall or visit the "Street" section on our website for specific branch pickup information.



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Candidate Filing Information- April 6, 2010 General Municipal Election

The next municipal election will be held on Tuesday, April 6, 2010. City Hall will be closed for regular business on this day, but will be opened as a polling place from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. There will be 2 Trustee positions on the ballot. Trustees serve 2-year terms and are compensated at the rate of \$100 per month. Any candidate wishing to file must be 21 years of age, a United States citizen, and a Village resident who has lived in the Village for at least 1 year prior to the election. Filing opens at City Hall on Tuesday, December 15, 2009 and closes on Tuesday, January 19, 2010. The filing fee is \$50. For more information, please contact Megan Asikainen, Village Clerk.

April 6, 2010 Municipal Election- Important Dates

December 15, 2009	Candidate Filing Opens
January 19, 2010	Candidate Filing Closes
March 10, 2010	Last day to register to vote



For absentee voting information, please contact the St. Louis County Board of Election at 615-1833 or visit their website, www.stlouisco.com/elections.



Dog Training Classes



The number of dogs in the Village has increased over the past few years and City Hall has received a number of complaints from residents about dogs on the loose. Section 240.070 of the Village Code states, *"It shall be unlawful for any person or persons owning, controlling, possessing or having the management or care, in whole or in part, of any dog to permit the same to run at large or go off the premises of the owner or keeper thereof, unless such dog is either muzzled, muzzle to be strong and of substantial construction secured by suitable harness, or unless securely tied or led by a line or leash, so as to effectively prevent such dog from biting, molesting, being with or approaching any person or animal."* The Police Department and St. Louis County Animal Control can issue citations for dogs running at large and dogs that are not properly under the owner's control (tugging or pulling at the leash, jumping on people, charging other dogs, etc.). St. Louis County Animal Control officers have stated that proper training can prevent some of these problems.

The Humane Society of Missouri has partnered with the Greater St. Louis Training Club, a non-profit AKC training organization, to provide fun-filled classes concentrated on owner education and dog-friendly training. Class schedules are flexible and trainers work with owners to create a successful program for the pet.

Class registration information may be found online at www.hsmo.org. Day and evening classes are available and owners have the ability to choose from a variety of topics ranging from training basics to teaching dogs tricks.

The Humane Society also has a behavior hotline which owners can utilize to answer simple pet behavior questions. Owners can reach a dog behavior specialist by calling (314) 951-1540.

"Bite-Proof Your Child"

The Animal Protective Association of Missouri offers the following tips to help prevent your children from being the victim of a dog bite:

Dogs do not like to be teased. Stay away from dogs that are chained or in fenced yards.

Do not shout, run around, or stick hands at dogs through fences or open car windows.

Never approach a strange dog.

Dogs are possessive about certain things. Do not grab things like bones, balls, or other pet toys from a dog.

Never stick your hand into a dog fight. Find an adult to help.

Know what an angry dog looks like. Angry dogs usually are barking, growling, snarling with teeth showing, have their ears laid flat, have stiff legs, their tail is in the air, and their hair is standing on end.

Never stare a dog in the eyes or turn around and run away from a dog. Curl up in a ball on the ground and protect your face if a dog attacks.

If you are bitten, tell an adult right away. Remember what the dog looked like, if it had a collar, and in what direction it went. Wash the wound with soap and water. See a doctor and report the bite immediately to the County Health Department. Dog bites can be reported online at www.stlouisco.com/doh/animals/animals.html.



Village Dog Tags

Just a reminder, all dogs in the Village must be registered. Dog tags are available at City Hall, a \$3 cost applies for each tag. Owners must bring the current vaccination record to receive a dog tag.

Taking a few minutes to register your dog with the Village can save you time and money. If a dog is found running at large with a Village tag, it is brought to City Hall first before being taken to the Shelter. We can then locate your information and contact you so that you can come pick up your pet.

Change in Kennel License Requirements

In September of 2009, the Board of Trustees enacted legislation to change the kennel license requirements from 3 dogs to 4 dogs- this means that Village residents can have up to 3 dogs without having to obtain a kennel license.



The 2010 Census Offers Short-Term Jobs with Long-Term Results

The U.S. Census Bureau is already looking for job applicants to work for the 2010 Census. Peak hiring will be from February 2009 through the end of May 2010 for temporary assignments, most lasting 5 to 10 weeks.

By working on this once-a-decade population headcount, residents have an opportunity to be a part of history. Conducted every decade since 1790, the constitutionally mandated census affects community funding and determines representation in Congress.

"The jobs, which offer competitive wages and flexible schedules, also allow people to work in their neighborhoods and for their neighborhoods," said Marilia Matos, the Census Bureau's associate director for field operations. "We hire locally, and an accurate count means a fair distribution of money for schools, roads, neighborhood improvements and elderly care in your community."

In 2009, the Census Bureau will hire about 140,000 people to help update the Census Bureau's address list. The workers will use GPS-equipped hand-held computers to verify, add and delete addresses, and they will be paid for training. By the end of the 2010 Census, the Census Bureau will have employed about 1.4 million temporary workers in communities across the country. Employees will update the Census Bureau's address list, interview people who do not respond to the census by mail and perform other assignments vital to the national count.

By 2010, there will be more than 310 million people living in an estimated 130 million households across the country and everyone must be counted in order to ensure seats are apportioned in the U.S. House of Representatives and federal and state funding is distributed fairly.

The U.S. population is more diverse than ever before, with people speaking a record number of languages. As a result, in many areas the Census Bureau will need to hire people who are bilingual.

"If we do not obtain an accurate count in 2010, each person residing in the United States will be affected," Matos said. "Everyone deserves to have a voice and be counted, and by working for the 2010 Census, you will be directly involved with ensuring that happens."

Most positions require U.S. citizenship, a driver's license and use of a vehicle, and each applicant will undergo a background check. A short-term job with long-term results, 2010 Census positions offer competitive wages and flexible schedules.

Recycling

There is a large, tan recycling dumpster on the City Hall parking lot that is utilized by many Village residents whose trash providers have yet to provide them with recycling services. This dumpster will remain on the lot until we are sure that most residents are receiving recycling services through their waste providers. Due to the utilization of single-stream recycling, **you no longer need to sort the items**. There are still separate bins, but the items can be placed anywhere in any slot.

Items that are accepted include: Aluminum cans, brown paper bags, cardboard, catalogs, magazines, phone books, cereal boxes, colored paper, computer paper, envelopes, newspapers, junk mail, plastic bottles and jugs, tin and steel cans, empty aerosol cans, and white ledger paper.

Items that are NOT accepted include: Aluminum foil, auto glass or ceramics, batteries, film cannisters, light bulbs, painted wood, paper towels, plastic grocery bags, plastic wrap, porcelain, styrofoam, treated wood, and glass.



Restoration Faith Assembly



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Elder Derrick Triplett, Sr., Pastor

Sunday

Sunday School 8:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday

Family Prayer 7:00 p.m.

Thursday

Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
Children's Church 7:00 p.m.



2010 CENSUS: **IT'S IN OUR HANDS**

County Older Residents Program

Since 1975, the County Older Resident Programs (CORP) has provided quality service to St. Louis County residents age 60 and over. CORP addresses the needs of older adults by providing a wide variety of programs, services, and opportunities such as:

Transportation- Neighbor Driving Neighbor volunteer drivers, using their own vehicles, transport older adults to and from medical appointments and other high-priority destinations at no charge to the customer.

Home Visits and Telephone Reassurance- Care Calls volunteers are assigned to make visits or telephone calls to older adults to check on their well-being and provide relief from the loneliness that some seniors feel.

Home Care and Repair- CORP brokers home care and repair services provided by experienced workers who must be approved after a St. Louis County Police record check. Services include referrals for minor home repair jobs and homemaker/chore services.

Legal Assistance- Income-eligible seniors may receive legal advice and document preparation from retired attorneys. Wills, Quit-Claim Deeds, and Powers of Attorney are examples of the type of documents provided. Appointments are required and attorneys cannot litigate.

Tax Preparation- Federal and State returns and schedules are prepared for income-eligible seniors. Appointments are required during tax season. Missouri Property Tax Rebate forms are prepared year round.

Forms Assistance- Assistance with insurance claims forms and information regarding federal, state, and local benefits programs is provided free of charge.

Ageing Services Academy- Offers classes in gerontology and successful aging along with basic computer skills classes in Windows, Word, and Internet/E-Mail.

CORP Computer Connections- Fee-based classes on basic computer skills including Word Processing, Database, Spreadsheet, Internet/E-Mail. Curriculum may also include digital photography and other areas of interest.

Information and Referral- Trained CORP staff provide information about other community resources available to seniors and make appropriate referrals to service providers.

Volunteer Opportunities- Older adults, as well as younger adults, looking for productive and beneficial ways to fill free time are matched with volunteer opportunities within CORP.

Active Aging- Several programs and projects highlight active aging. These include performance programs showcasing the musical talents of older adults, computer clubs, and special interest clubs.

To access these services or for more information, call the St. Louis County Department of Human Services at (314) 615-4516.



Fight the Flu- Tips from St. Louis Co. Health Dept.
Wash your hands frequently with soap and water.

Use anti-bacterial hand sanitizers if soap and water are not available.

Stay home if you have a fever.

Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or the crook of your arm.

Throw away used tissues and wash your hands after coughing or sneezing.

Don't touch your eyes, nose, or mouth.

Clean common surfaces like doorknobs, phones, and shopping cart handles.

The St. Louis County Health Department is reminding all County residents to get their seasonal flu vaccines. For information on where to receive a seasonal flu vaccine in the metro area, please call (314) 644-4FLU or visit www.saintlouiscountyflu.com.



OASIS- St. Louis

OASIS is a national education organization, based in St. Louis, dedicated to enriching the lives of adults age 50 and older through lifelong learning and service. Offering stimulating programs in the arts, humanities, health, technology and volunteer service, OASIS brings people together to learn, lead and contribute in their communities. There are over 100,000 OASIS members in the St. Louis metropolitan area and membership is free.

OASIS offers many free or low-cost programs available in a wide range of topics including computer skills, history, physical fitness, and more. OASIS also offers a variety of volunteer opportunities. Membership information, full class listings, and volunteer opportunities can be found on their website www.oasisnet.org.

From the Board of Trustees

Santa will be riding around the Village visiting the children on Sunday, December 20, 2009 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

To allow time for Santa to visit all children in the Village, please walk your children out to the street to meet Santa. Santa cannot come to your door.



The Board of Trustees would like to wish all residents a safe and happy holiday season!

From the Municipal Court

Some court fines do not require an appearance and can be paid out of court. The fines are listed on the Violations Bureau which can be found online at www.riverviewmo.org under the Courts tab.

Online payments are also being accepted through courtmoney.com, a link to this site can be accessed through our website (listed above). Please be aware that this is the only private company authorized to accept payments on behalf of the Village. If you choose this method to make a court payment, the payment must be made prior to the court date. You may wish to call and confirm receipt of the payment to ensure that it has been received.

From the Police Department

The Police Department reminds residents of the following cold weather driving tips:

Buckle up! Always wear your seat belt.

Slow down! Speed limits are set for normal driving conditions. In snow and ice, slower speeds are safer.

Be alert! Pay attention to road conditions; black ice can be almost invisible or make the street look like shiny, new asphalt.

Don't panic! If you start to skid, don't slam on the brakes or accelerate, shift into neutral (or declutch), look to where you want the vehicle to go, and gently steer in that direction.

From the Building Department

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.

Beginning in January of 2009, the Village requires property owners to obtain a yearly Residential Rental License for all rental property in the Village. Rental property owners must fill out an application and provide proof of trash service. The cost of the license is \$50.

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.

Pre-sale housing inspections are required before listing a property for sale or rent. The inspections are \$40 and can be applied for at City Hall. Properties can be sold "as-is". Once a Code of Compliance has been issued on the property, the new residents must obtain an occupancy permit before moving in. The cost of the occupancy permit is \$30.

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



From the Street Department

Pay close attention to traffic signs or markers. The Village streets are narrow and some have poor visibility so the Street Department and Police Department sometimes have to divert traffic for their safety when working. Do not attempt to drive through an area that is blocked off.

As the weather gets colder, please be aware that parking vehicles on the street makes it more difficult for our snowplows to get through. Whenever possible, please utilize driveways.

When driving in the snow, stay at least 2 car-lengths behind the snowplows and do not pass. This is for our safety and yours. The narrow streets and hills in the Village impair visibility.

Preparing for Winter Storms

The Riverview Emergency Management Department would like to share the following information regarding winter storms:

If you are in your home...

Listen to your radio, television or NOAA Weather Radio for weather reports and emergency information.

Eat regularly and drink ample fluids, but avoid caffeine and alcohol.

Conserve fuel, if necessary, by keeping your residence cooler than normal. Temporarily close off heat to some rooms.

If the pipes freeze, remove any insulation or layers of newspapers and wrap pipes in rags. Completely open all faucets and pour hot water over pipes, starting where they were most exposed to the cold (or where the cold was most likely to penetrate).

Maintain ventilation when using kerosene heaters to avoid build-up of toxic fumes. Refuel kerosene heaters outside and keep them at least three feet away from flammable objects.

If you are outdoors...

Avoid overexertion when shoveling snow. Overexertion can bring on a heart attack- a major cause of death in the winter. If you must shovel snow, stretch before going outside.

Cover your mouth. Protect your lungs from extreme cold air by covering your mouth when outdoors. Try not to speak unless absolutely necessary.

Keep dry. Change wet clothes frequently to prevent loss of body heat. Wet clothing loses all of its insulating value and transmits heat rapidly.

Watch for signs of frostbite. These include loss of feeling and white or pale appearance in extremities such as fingers, toes, earlobes, and the tip of the nose. If symptoms are detected, get help immediately.

Watch for signs of hypothermia. These include uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, disorientation, incoherence, slurred speech, drowsiness, and apparent exhaustion.

If symptoms of hypothermia are detected:

Get the victim to a warm location.

Remove wet clothing.

Put the person in dry clothing and wrap their entire body in a blanket.

Warm the center of the body first.

Give warm, non-alcoholic or non-caffeinated beverages if the victim is conscious.

Get medical help as soon as possible.



Municipal Park Grant Commission Park Planning Grant

The Village of Riverview recently received a park planning grant from the Municipal Park Grant Commission. This grant covers 80 percent of the cost of planning a new park to be located on Diamond Drive between Fork and Northridge.

The Board of Trustees would like your input in planning this new park. Please fill out the survey on page 7 and return it to City Hall by January 22, 2010. The survey results will be compiled and used to develop a master plan for the new park.

A Public Hearing will be held Thursday, March 25, 2010 at 6:00 p.m., prior to the regular monthly Board meeting, to discuss this new park and the proposed master plan. All residents are encouraged to attend.

Community Development Block Grant Funds- 2009 Fiscal Year

In 2009, the Village of Riverview received \$24,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds. The funds were spent placing a drinking fountain at Brad L. Schultz, Jr. Memorial Park, 10045 Toelle, and to install cement trash receptacles at various locations throughout the Village.

VILLAGE OF RIVERVIEW, MISSOURI
NEW COMMUNITY PARK MASTER PLAN
PUBLIC QUESTIONNAIRE
November, 2009

The Village of Riverview has begun the process of developing a master plan for the 2.72 Acre park located at the intersection of Diamond Dr. and Northridge Dr. Your comments are very important in our effort to ensure that your new park meets the needs of the community. We would appreciate it if you would take the time to answer the following questions and return this completed questionnaire to the Village Hall no later than Friday January 22, 2010.

1. How often do you and your family use Brad L. Schultz, Jr. Memorial Park? What activities and amenities within the park do you and your family enjoy?
2. What amenities would you & your family like to see in the new park at Diamond Dr. and Northridge Dr. ?
3. What other parks do you and your family go to in the St. Louis area? What amenities or activities attract you to that park? What did you enjoy most about those parks?

Thank you for taking part in the master planning process. Please return this questionnaire to the Village Hall at 9699 Lilac Drive no later than January 22, 2010.



Village of Riverview New Community Park Master Plan



Visit our website,
www.riverviewmo.org, for
information regarding
upcoming events, legislative
actions, and other items of
local interest.

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