



City of Riverside

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After five months of construction, the new City Administrative Offices opened for business on November 16, 2015. On January 28th, 2016 the City of Riverside held an Open House for Riverside Residents to come and take a look at the new City Administrative Offices. Thank you to everyone who joined us in the celebration.



From left to right: Fire Chief Mark Carpenter, Deputy Mayor Michael Smith, Councilmember Shirley Reynolds, Councilmember Kenneth Curp, Mayor Bill Flaute, Chamber Executive Director Brett Domescik, Councilmember Steven Fullenkamp, Council Member Sara Lommatzsch, Councilmember Mike Denning, Police Chief Frank Robinson



Suite Entrance



Lobby



Council Chambers



Montgomery County Commissioners Judy Dodge and Deborah Lieberman with Economic Development Director Bob Murray

Code Enforcement: a Cooperative Effort

A Code Enforcement Officer plays many roles: a problem solver, communicator, mediator, researcher and educator. The duties of Riverside's Code Enforcement Officer, Jeremy Leist (CEO Leist), are no different. To the public, the most obvious function of code enforcement within the community is battling urban decay. Urban decay refers to the deterioration and decay of properties and buildings in areas of cities. The most common reasons are property neglect or lack of economic resources.

An increase in foreclosures, absentee landlords and decrease in owner occupied homes can lead to an increase in the number of code enforcement cases related to property maintenance. Some examples are broken windows, rain gutters and downspouts falling down, paint and siding issues, dilapidated roofing and fencing in disrepair. Abandoned properties often become rundown, overgrown with grass and weeds and can become unsightly dumping grounds. In addition, they can have a tendency to attract criminal activity.

To combat these issues CEO Leist works with numerous governmental agencies including: Montgomery County Building Department, Montgomery County Utilities Department, Montgomery County Public Health, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Regional Air Pollution Control Agency. However, the most efficient and effective method to find a resolution to any situation is to enlist the cooperation of the citizens. As part of our efforts, the City of Riverside has been working with citizens, property owners and the banks with bank owned properties to make sure properties are secured and maintained to prevent an escalating problem of urban decay for the future.

Code enforcement has a strong, visible presence in the community and can have a major impact on the property values and perception of the community. Code Enforcement Officers support and enhance property values through effective enforcement of the Property Maintenance Code. Every community faces struggles with vacant properties including dilapidated buildings, trash, tall grass, graffiti and inoperable vehicles. Studies have shown that communities that have areas of blight and deteriorated properties may eventually see an increase in the amount of crime. The studies also show a significant decrease in property values (www.ncjrs.gov, www.ncbi.gov). Code enforcement provides the first line of action in making sure that these issues are managed in a responsible and effective way.

Code enforcement is more than requiring citizens to clean up and maintain their properties. It can be a very useful tool in terms of crime prevention, increasing property values and increasing the safety and well-being for citizens. To report a violation or concern please call CEO Leist at (937) 233-1801 or email JLeist@riverside.oh.us.

Income Tax

Final income tax returns for calendar year 2015 are due by April 18.

All residents except retirees with only pension or social security income must file an annual city tax return. Tax returns should be submitted to the Regional Income Tax Agency (R.I.T.A.) which processes tax returns for the City. Tax forms are available at the City Administrative Offices (5200 Springfield Street, Suite 100) or at www.ritaohio.com. R.I.T.A. also has an e-file option available on its website.

The Riverside income tax of 1.5% applies to residents and anyone working in Riverside. The tax applies to wages, self-employment, rental income, other business income, as well as gambling winnings. Pensions, Social Security, interest, dividends and unemployment benefits are not taxed. Riverside residents working in another city with an income tax can claim a partial credit on the Riverside tax return not exceeding 0.75% for tax paid to the city where employed.

Estimated tax payments for 2016 are required only if the total will be greater than \$200 per year. Estimated tax payments are due on April 15, June 15, September 15, and December 15. Note that these dates are earlier than in the past.

Please direct any questions to the Finance Department at (937) 233-1801 or email finance@riverside.oh.us.

Income Tax Assistance

AARP's free tax counseling assistance for the elderly is offered at several local sites. Trained volunteers will assist in the preparing and e-filing of basic tax returns. Volunteers handle standard returns and Schedules A, B, C-EZ, D, EIC, R and SE, but do not handle partnerships, income from rental property, farms or business returns (Schedule C). Appointments/reservations are limited to one hour per client, and appointments/reservations are required. The service is free and open to those 60 years and older or those on limited income. Membership in AARP or the local senior centers or recreation centers is not required.

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Income Tax (cont.)

Lathrem Senior Center -Kettering
2900 Glengarry Drive
Monday thru Friday
296-2480

Huber Heights Senior Center
6428 Chambersburg Road
Wednesday and Friday 9-3
233-9999

Washington Township Rec West Enrichment Center
965 Miamisburg Centerville Rd
Monday thru Friday 8-1
433-0130

Annual Plant Sale

Saville Hilltoppers Garden Club will hold its annual plant sale on Saturday, May 14, 2016 from 8 am to 2 pm. It will be held at 839 Silverleaf Drive Riverside, Ohio 45431. The Saville Hilltoppers meet on the 1st Tuesday of every month and are currently welcoming new members. Please call Margaret Sanderson at (937) 475-6001 or margaret@creek2.com or Carol Evers at (937) 254-2382 or ercmevers@aol.com for more information.

Park Safety

Please contact the Service Department if you observe playground equipment safety issues or if you observe graffiti.

Mayor's Community Prayer Breakfast

The Hope4Riverside Group, in partnership with Mayor Bill Flaute, are pleased to announce the fourth annual Riverside Mayor's Community Prayer Breakfast. Come join us in honoring God for his work in our community, seeking his direction for the coming year, and praying for our community, corporate, business and spiritual leaders as we build bridges and partnerships. The Breakfast will be Saturday, April 9, 2016 at 9 am (doors open at 8:30 am) at the Event Connection, 4140 Linden Avenue.

Cost is \$15.00. Tickets will not be available at the door and seats will be reserved upon receipt of payment. To pay by check, please make payable to Mayor's Community Prayer Breakfast and send to Mayor's Community Prayer Breakfast, 1204 W. 2nd Street, Xenia, OH 45385. To arrange sponsorship, purchase a seat or ask any questions please call (937) 236-6240 email jasonmccauley@xenianaz.org.



Trash Collection

Republic Services began the trash collection for the City of Riverside January 1, 2016. All trash cans and recycling bins should have been delivered. If you still have not received your requested trash cans or recycling bins or have questions about billing, please call Republic Services at 1-800-543-1339.

Park Reservations

Please schedule reservations for the Park Shelters online, www.riverside.oh.us or by stopping by our office located at 5200 Springfield Street, Suite 100. If you are registering the reservations online, please include a current email address.

Volunteer Needed

Attention civic minded individuals in Riverside! We currently have an open position on the for Parks & Recreation Commission. Individuals interested in serving may submit their application or letter of interest to: City of Riverside Clerk of Council, 5200 Springfield Street, Suite 100, Riverside, Ohio 45431. Applications are available at City Hall or on our website at www.riverside.oh.us/forms-permits.

Repair Issues

Please notify the Public Services Department of any potholes or sign replacement/repair issues with specific location information, such as an approximate street address and specific traffic lane such as the North, South, East or West bound lanes. Please call the Service Department at (937)233-1801 or email us at servicedept@riverside.oh.us.

In Memory

On September 9, 2015 the City lost long-time employee Steve Bucholtz in a tragic car accident. To honor Steve, the Communication Workers of America (CWA) placed a bench in Memorial Park.





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Community Update

Calendar

City Council Meetings

6pm Work Session/7pm Council Meeting
March 3, 17; April 7, 21; May 5, 19; June 2, 16

Tax Board of Appeals / 6pm

March 8; April 12; May 10; June 14

Planning Commission Meeting / 6:30pm

March 21; April 18; May 16; June 20

Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting / 7pm

March 16; April 20; May 18; June 15

Board of Zoning Appeals / 7pm

March 28; April 26 ; May 24; June 28

Health and Safety Commission Meeting / 7pm

March 9; April 13; May 11; June 8

Saville Hilltoppers Annual Plant Sale

May 14; 839 Silverleaf Drive
8am to 2 pm

City Administration

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CLIP AND SAVE

Important Numbers

EMERGENCY.....9-1-1
(Fire and Police)

Non-Emergency.....233-2080
(Fire and Police)

Administrative Offices.....233-1801
(Fax:237-5965 / Police Fax: 233-6213)

Area Two Court (Huber Hts)....496-7231

Waste Collection/Bulk Pick up.....
(Republic Services).....**1-800-543-1339**

Water/Sewer.....781-2688

DP&L.....331-3900
(To report an outage: 1-877-468-8243)

Mont. Co. Animal Control.....898-4457

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