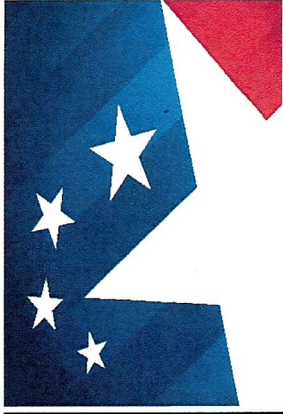




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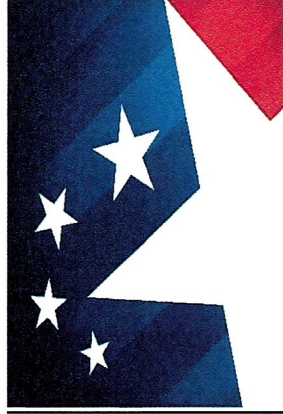


August 2023



Your August Birthday Trivia

Did you know that your birthstone, the peridot, can be found in hardened lava and meteorites from space? Your flower is the gladiola. They have long been known as a symbol of strength, victory, healing and honor. Guess who you share your birth month with! Jerry Garcia, Francis Scott Key, Tom Brady, Barack Obama, Martha Stewart, Demi Lovato, Mila Kunis, Dave Chappelle, Gene Simmons! The US Coast Guard's b-day is also in August. You get "Homemade Pie Day" & Woodstock also! August 18, 1920, the 19th amendment to the constitution was ratified giving women the right to vote. Try to stay cool and have a super birthday y'all!



God Bless America

National Night Out

Your Mayor and City Council, in partnership with the Riverside Volunteer Fire Department and Emergency Services Department #1, are organizing the 1st Annual National Night Out in Riverside. Scheduled for Tuesday, October 3rd from 7-9pm. Located at the city hall, RVFD area, there will be more details to come, but so far, your local merchants, including Tallent's, Frank's, Daisy's, Riverside Bank, Lone Star Commissary, Local Churches and Carolina Creek Camp will be participating. Chill Out sno-cones truck will be here, there will be a dunk tank, children's crafts, snacks. Walker County EMS, Sheriff's Dept, Precinct 3 Constable, Texas DPS Troopers, Mid Coast Medical Center and the Air Evac Crockett will also be participating. Most importantly, this is an opportunity to meet your neighbors, local law enforcement and fire departments. Learn some safety tips and have some fun.

As stated above, watch for more details as it gets closer.



Mayor's Monthly Message

The heat is not going to let up anytime soon. PLEASE, learn the signs of heat stroke and heat exhaustion. Remember children and the elderly are particularly sensitive to extreme heat and easily overheated. Make sure your cars stay locked if you have small children playing outside. It was reported 33 children died in hot cars in 2022. Make certain your pets always have a shaded, cooler spot and plenty of cool water. You may want to turn the thermostat up a bit more than usual to help ease the strain on the energy grid and avoid rolling outages. Stay well hydrated friends!

riversidemayor@windstream.net or riversidetx@windstream.net

Next City Council meetings are Tuesday, August 1st and September 5th at 6:00 pm, here at City Hall. The August council workshop will be at 5:00 prior to the meeting. If you wish to add something to the meeting agenda *or speak on an agenda item*, please contact City Hall no later than **noon July 25th or August 29th for the September meeting**. If you'd like to be recognized to speak on any subject you'd like during the Public Comment portion of the meeting, please arrive 10 minutes early to sign up. **** You must sign up to be recognized to speak. ** Forms available on the podium at sign in.** The meeting decorum ordinance is also available on the podium. Agendas are always posted at the Riverside Post Office and at City Hall. You can also call city hall at 936-594-2520 or email riversidetx@windstream.net and we can send one to you. Agendas are available after 3pm the Friday prior to the scheduled meeting.

All are welcome to respectfully observe your city government at work.

City Businesses

- ∞ Any business desiring to “set up shop” inside the city limits is required to come before the City Council for approval.
 - ∞ Any person wishing to set up a peddler’s stand, marketplace or food truck must be approved by the city and have a Peddler’s Permit and fee on file with the city each year.
 - ∞ Contact city hall prior to any new build. We want to make sure you are in full compliance and can direct you to the proper county departments.
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- **Remember that you MUST contact City Hall for all your dumpster, garbage / trash removal needs. If you live within the city limits, you may not use any other garbage / dumpster companies due to the city’s contractual obligations.**
 - **Faith Baptist Church** meets every second Saturday at the Riverside bank and gives out a free meal. Pastor Shane started this to give back to the community. They start at 11:00am and stay until about 1:00pm. It is free.
 - **Please** take a few minutes to go to our website, www.cityofriversidetx.com and set up your online account. Whether you choose to make your payments online, set up auto draft or not make any payments online at all, setting up your account will allow you to receive a text message and / or email once the monthly billing is complete. It is free to set up your account.
 - **ALWAYS CALL 811** before you do any digging.
 - **Littering is against the law** in Texas, and you can be fined up to \$500 for trash less than or equal to five pounds or five gallons. Repeat the offense, and you could face a fine of up to \$2,000 and 180 days in jail.

November 7,2023 City Election

Applications for your city council election are available at City Hall at 2352 FM 980 from July 22-August 21,2023. During this time City Hall will be open Mon-Fri from 8am till 5pm. Applications must be picked up and returned in person. **Terms expiring are ; Mayor John LeMaire
Councilmembers- Harvey Hughett, Virginia Plummer and LeeAnn Wiseman**

Remember your sewer and garbage are separate entities from your water department. Sewer and garbage must go through Riverside City Hall whether you have Riverside Special Utilities District water or Shorewood Forest water. If you need a trash cart or a small dumpster to clean out the garage or a roll-off dumpster for bigger projects, call us and ask. We can get it scheduled for you.

**-What do you call a snowman in July? *A puddle*
-What did the pig say on a hot day? *I’m Bacon***

*“Do your little bit of good where you are; it’s those little bits of good put together that
overwhelm the world.
- Desmond Tutu*

Mayor LeMaire, Stormy and Jeri