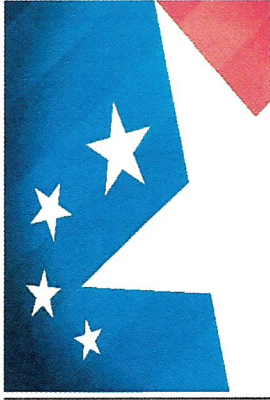




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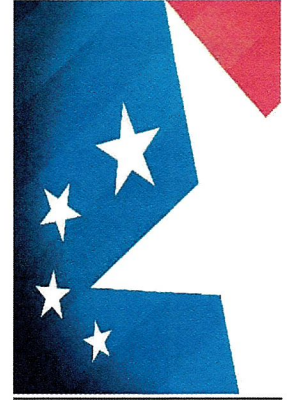


July 2023



Your July Birthday Trivia

If you or someone you love was born in July, you get the ruby as your birthstone! Of course, it is long associated with love, passion, protection, and wealth. You have the gorgeous water lily as your flower. Your birth month is shared with Laurence Fishburne, Princess Diana, Jennifer Lopez, Tom Hanks, Tom Cruise, Sandra Bullock, Missy Elliot, Daniel Radcliffe, Ringo Star and so many more! None more important than you are though! And you get fireworks in your birth month! In addition to America's Independence Day you share your month with International Friendship Day, American Zoo Day and World UFO Day! *Happy Birthday Y'all!!*



Happy Independence Day America!

Our Declaration of Independence was signed on July 2, 1776 and formally adopted on July 4, 1776. After a unanimous (New York Abstained which counts in the affirmative) vote of all 13 colonies, they declared themselves sovereign states and no longer under British Colonial rule. If you have not studied it in recent years, it makes for a great reminder of who we are as Americans and what our men and women in the military have long fought to protect. The guiding principles of the Declaration of Independence are;

...that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.-

...that to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, —That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government-

God Bless America

City Sewer-If you are experiencing issues with your sewer system, please understand the difference between what the city is responsible for and what you need to contact your plumber for. The city is responsible for maintaining the line that runs from your sewer tap to the city sewer line. Anything from the sewer tap to your home and beyond is your responsibility and you'll need a plumber. If you hear gurgling or bubbling in your toilets and drains, you should contact a plumber and have them check to make sure there is no stoppage in the line on your end. If it is determined the problem is on the city's side, call City Hall at 936-594-2520. If it is after hours and an emergency, the emergency number for WaterWorks Utilities is 832-653-1699. If you notice an alarm or anything unusual with one of the lift stations or manholes, call the WaterWorks emergency number after hours and City Hall during office hours of Mon-Fri 8:30-4:00. Please also make sure your sewer clean out to your home has a cap on it. If not, dirt, rocks, small animals can get into your sewer line, causing problems and blockages.

City Hall is Closed Tuesday, July 4th in Celebration of Independence Day

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.

Mayor's Monthly Message

It's going to be a long, hot summer folks. Watch the city sign, the fire department sign, the city website, and Walker County website for **burn bans**. Always check before you burn. If there is a prolonged power outage you are welcome to come sit in city hall to charge your phones and stay cool. You would benefit from having your air conditioners checked before the worst of it hits. Remember if your air conditioner is cooling inside to a temp 15-20* cooler than the outside heat, then it is working as hard as it can. We do have a few box fans left that Entergy provided us for our citizens if you need one. riversidemayor@windstream.net or riversidetx@windstream.net

Next City Council meetings are Tuesday, July 11th and August 1st at 6:00 pm, here at City Hall. The council workshop will be at 5:30. 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 5th or July 25th for the August 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](tel: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.



- **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 open positions on your city council 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.

"Ah, summer, what power you have to make us suffer and like it." – [Russell Baker](#)

***"Unless someone like YOU cares a whole lot, NOTHING is going to get better. It's Not"-
The Lorax***

Mayor Lemaire, Stormy and Jeri