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## City Names Briarcliff Development Co. to Lead Development Riverside ‘Open for Business’ in Horizons

**O**n May 10, Riverside named a unit of Briarcliff Development Co. to develop Horizons, a 260-acre site at Interstate 635 and Missouri 9 Highway, and unveiled a plan calling for a park-like setting to be home for a projected 5,900 jobs over the next generation.

Briarcliff Development said construction would begin this year on an estimated \$12 million plan, including 25 acres of lakes, three miles of tree-lined canals and land set aside for public use and recreational purposes that is projected to connect to the Missouri Riverfront Trail.

“Riverside is open for business,” declared Mayor Kathleen Rose. “In the years since the state-of-the-art Missouri Riv-  
levee was built to protect hundreds of acres in our communi-  
ty, we focused on creating the best possible econom-  
development initiative for land the city owns. We have that today.”

Nathaniel Hagedorn, COO of Briarcliff Development Co., said that Briarcliff Horizons LLC, a unit of Briarcliff Development, projects that 2.6 million square feet of total building area will be constructed on 260 acres of city-owned land over the next 20 years with a total estimated private investment in excess of \$300 million.

“Horizons, as the name implies, is about long-range vision,” Hagedorn said. “The city challenged us to think beyond what was possible and to focus on what was extraordinary. The city pushed us to bring a new attitude, and we’re excited by both the committed partnership we’ve developed with the city and the innovative plan that Riverside has embraced.”

Rose said today’s announcement represented an evolution fostered by the 2010 update of the city’s Master Plan prepared by BNIM Architects of Kansas City. The update was fueled with input from four town hall meetings, community surveys and dozens of internal planning meetings. Five proposals to develop the Horizons site in accordance with the Master Plan’s vision were reviewed before the city chose Briarcliff Development.

“Horizons is about vision, commitment and partnership,” Rose said. “We engaged the community in this process, and Riverside residents challenged us to think about the best possible project, because our town and the entire region will live with this decision for the next 50 to 100 years. The Board of Aldermen is committed to this approach, and Briarcliff Development brought us the creative solution the community said it wanted.”

A key to the vision, Rose and Hagedorn said, is the nature of the infrastructure improvements. What is now an open field – highly visible to 75,000 passing vehicles each day on Interstate 635 and Missouri 9 Highway – will be transformed into a amenity-laden setting with water features, canals and lakes with adjoining pathways, trees, landscaping and public recreational opportunities. A community amphitheater appears in an initial concept drawing for the site, and it is hoped that Horizons can be connected in due course to the nearby Missouri Riverfront Trail.

Briarcliff Development already has been a Riverside partner through Briarcliff Professional Plaza, and the company is a neighbor through its own nearby Briarcliff office and boutique retail space as well as hundreds of residential homes, condos and apartments. Both Hagedorn and Rose said Horizons complements and extends Briarcliff’s current develop-  
ment by providing additional corporate office options in addition to the industrial innovation opportunities.

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Briarcliff will develop 260-acre office and industrial innovation project in the Horizons area.

## FPAL Golf Tournament

Join the Riverside Fire/Police Athletic League for its 7th Annual Four Person Scramble Golf Tournament!

### Details

Monday, July 11, 2011  
National II Golf Course, Parkville  
Shotgun start at 10 a.m.

### Registration

Fee: \$100 until June 27 and \$115 after June 27. Fee includes green fees, golf cart, drink tickets, breakfast, lunch and dinner. Registration is limited to the first 36 teams.

### Prizes

Prizes will be awarded for longest drive, closest to the pin and recognition for winners in flights A and B.

### Register Today!

Contact the Community Center (741-4172) or visit [www.riversidefpal.com](http://www.riversidefpal.com).

## Stay Connected

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[www.RiversideMo.com/blog/](http://www.RiversideMo.com/blog/)

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## Trash Pick Up Schedule

Friday ..... June 3  
Friday ..... June 10  
Friday ..... June 17  
Friday ..... June 24  
Friday ..... July 1

## Catch a Movie This Summer

The Riverside Community Center will offer free movie nights each week this summer. Movies will be Thursdays inside the Community Center from June 2 through July 21 from 6 to 8 p.m. Popcorn and drinks will be provided, but feel free to bring your own snacks!

### Riverside Movie Schedule

- June 2 - Life As We Know It (PG-13)
- June 9 - Tangled (PG)
- June 16 - The Green Hornet (PG-13)
- June 23 - Tron Legacy (PG)
- June 30 - True Grit (PG-13)
- July 7 - Gnomeo and Juliet (G)
- July 14 - Country Song (PG)
- July 21 - Little Fockers (PG-13)

For details about all of the programs offered at the Community Center this summer, visit [www.RiversideMo.com](http://www.RiversideMo.com) or call 741-4172.

## Horizons Development Brings Jobs to City

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“Both offices and industrial innovation sites can be successful because Riverside is minutes from both Wheeler Downtown and Kansas City International airports as well as all three major interstate highways serving the Kansas City area,” Hagedorn said. Rose added that the site’s close proximity to both major airports serving Kansas City should hold special appeal for companies whose business requires easy access to air travel for executives and professional staff.



“Horizons has the potential to become the Kansas City area’s premier corporate office site,” Rose said. “This is the right vision, as citizens asked us to have, and the right plan to implement that vision.”

Hagedorn said initial planning calls for 1.1 million square feet of office space and 1.5 million square feet of industrial innovation space on 260 acres of city-owned land

framed primarily by Interstate 635 on the east and south and Horizons Parkway on the west.

Construction is scheduled to begin this summer, and Hagedorn expects to have building sites available as early as spring 2012. The flexible master plan prepared by NSPJ Architects, Prairie Village, Kan., accommodates building sites ranging from 20,000 to 500,000 square feet for buildings up to four or more stories.

The announcement followed formal approval of the development agreement by the Riverside Board of Aldermen. A groundbreaking will be held this summer.

## City Pool Now Open

Beat the heat this summer at the Riverside City Pool. Hours are Monday-Saturday noon to 8 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 6 p.m. Admission prices are \$3 for individuals age 12 and older and \$1 for kids ages 3 to 11. Children under 2 are free. Please note that children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by someone age 14 or older. A swim test (administered at the pool by lifeguards) is also required for children 14 years of age and under.

It's also not too late to sign up for swim lessons. Through a partnership with the YMCA, the City will cover the cost for any Riverside resident who wants to participate. Adult swim lessons will also be offered this summer in addition to parent/child, preschool and youth lessons. Sign up at the Platte County Community Center in Parkville or the Vivion Road YMCA. Please bring your drivers license and a copy of a utility bill with the resident's name and address on it to verify residency. ~

## National Trails Day 2011

Communities around the Greater Kansas City region will celebrate National Trails Day 2011 on Saturday, June 4, bringing together outdoor enthusiasts of all kinds to celebrate the natural heritage of the United States trail system.

Traditionally held each year on the first Saturday in June, National Trails Day was established to recognize the value of recreational trails and the people involved in building and maintaining them.

Each year, the City of Riverside partners with Platte County Parks and Recreation to celebrate National Trails Day. This year, the event will be from 10 a.m. to noon at Southern Platte Pass Trailhead. Discover the newest trailhead with access to Line Creek and Southern Platte Pass Trails. After a ribbon cutting ceremony, you're invited to bike or walk along the trail. The trailhead can be accessed off of N. Gower Ave. For more information, visit [www.platteparks.com](http://www.platteparks.com).



## City Documents Now Available Online

Looking for the minutes to a Board of Aldermen meeting? Want to see what ordinances and resolutions have recently been passed? No need to call City Hall - just visit the City's website ([www.RiversideMo.com](http://www.RiversideMo.com)) and click on the Document Archive link under "Hot Topics."

The document archive contains agendas and minutes from the City's boards and commissions and ordinances, and resolutions passed by the Board of Aldermen. In addition to browsing through the folders, you can also do a full-text search of each of the documents using the search feature at the top of the page. ~

## Do Good

Riverside is turning 60 and we have just one birthday wish this year. Do Good. Everyone. For anyone.

It's up to you to decide how to do good. It's up to us to encourage you along the way. Take pictures, shoot a video, or write down what you did and submit it to the City online, via email or drop it by City Hall. Those who do good will be handsomely rewarded!

For more information on the Do Good campaign, visit [www.RiversideMo.com/DoGood](http://www.RiversideMo.com/DoGood).

## Free Fitness Classes

The Riverside Community Center offers free fitness classes during the week.

M/W/F from 8 to 9:30 a.m. is Yoga/Cardio/Strength Class.

M/Th from 10 to 11 a.m. is Line Dancing and Weights.

Wed. from 10 to 11 a.m. is Stay Strong Stay Healthy Class

The Community Center is also open for Open Gym hours, Monday-Thursday from 3 to 6 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m.

## Senior Dance

Grab your dancing shoes and head over to the Senior Dance on Monday, June 27.

This FREE event is at the Community Center, 4498 NW High Drive, from 1 to 3 p.m. and features the Ed Smith Band.

See you there!

## Calendar

### **June 1**

Park Board – 6 p.m.

### **June 7**

Board of Aldermen – 7 p.m.

### **June 9**

Planning and Zoning – 7 p.m.

### **June 10-12**

Scottish Highland Games,  
EH Young Park

### **June 13**

Tourism Commission – 6 p.m.

### **June 18**

Riverside BLAST – 6 p.m.  
Intersection of Gateway & Vivion

### **June 21**

Board of Aldermen – 7 p.m.

### **June 23**

Planning and Zoning – 7 p.m.

## Ready. Set. Rockets.

**L**et's start fireworks season with a bang! That means professional fireworks displays, live music by the Perpetual Change and Lipriddle, inflatables, food vendors and a beer garden - fun stuff for the entire family!

Head down to the intersection of Gateway and Vivion on Saturday, June 18 for BLAST 2011 - Riverside's annual free block party.

### **Schedule of Events**

The festivities kick off at 6 p.m. with free inflatables, kids fireworks safety workshop, and food and beverage vendors. Lipriddle takes the stage at 6 p.m. and Perpetual Change comes on at 8:30 p.m. The fireworks show will start around 10 p.m.

### **Parking and Detour**

Event parking will be in designated parking areas near the festivities. Gateway Avenue from Vivion to Woodland will be closed Saturday, June 18. Please follow the posted detour.

**More Details:** [www.RiversideBlast.com](http://www.RiversideBlast.com)

