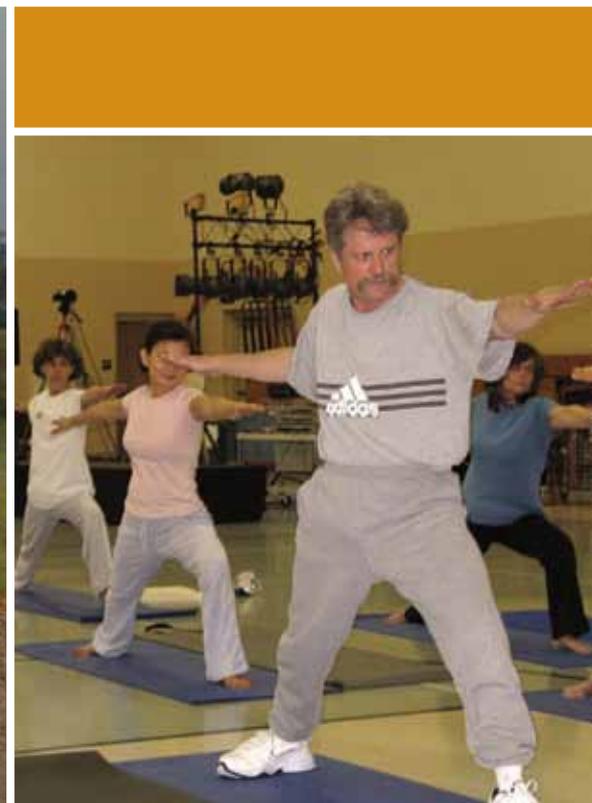


CITY OF RIVERSIDE



2008 ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR AT A GLANCE



2008



- ◀ The Missouri Riverfront Trail, a joint project with Platte County, opened this summer. The 3.5 mile trail runs along the levee from Highway 9 near Parkville to the Argosy.
- ◀ More than 25% of Riverside residents are now participating in the Healthy Citizens Initiative, which pays 75% of the membership fees to Gladstone Community Center, North Kansas City Community Center, and Platte County Community Center/YMCA.
- ◀ Riverside business community celebrated three milestone anniversaries — Riverside Red X turned 60, Ramsey Motors turned 35, Corner Café turned 25 and Riverside Chamber of Commerce turned 20.
- ◀ A number of Capital Improvement Projects kicked off across the City, including the Riverside Welcome Plaza, Argosy Parkway, West Platte Bridge and Horizons Parkway Phase 2 and Highway 9 Improvements.
- ◀ The City completed its second ETC survey. More than 400 residents and 50 business owners completed the survey in early spring, and ranked the quality of life in Riverside and quality of city services above average.

PARKS & RECREATION

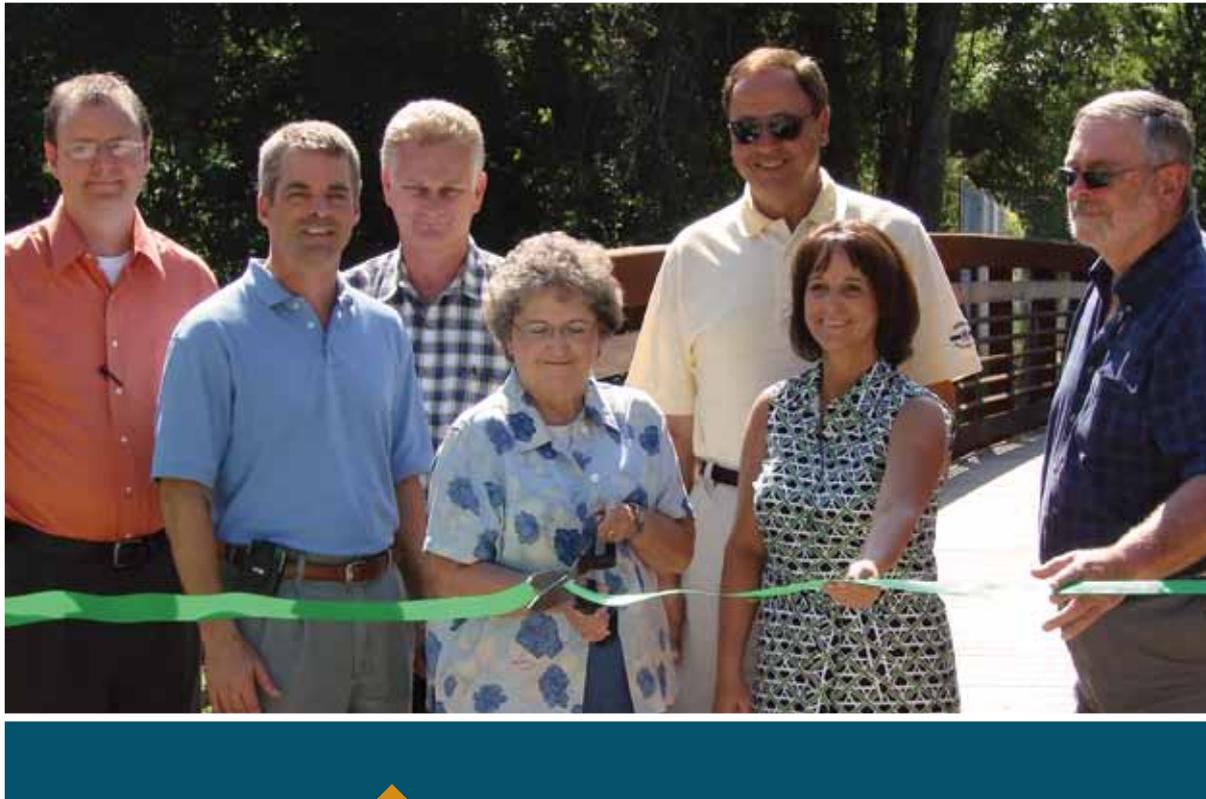


COMMUNITY EVENTS

In 2008, Riverside hosted a number of community events for residents and visitors to the City, including Project Go! Fun and Family Fitness Nights, Riverside Riverfest, senior dances, and holiday activities.

COMMUNITY CENTER

A new floor designed specifically for recreation programs was installed in the Community Center gym. The floor reduces the impact on joints during sports activities and benefits the participants in the various classes and YMCA programs that occur at the Center.



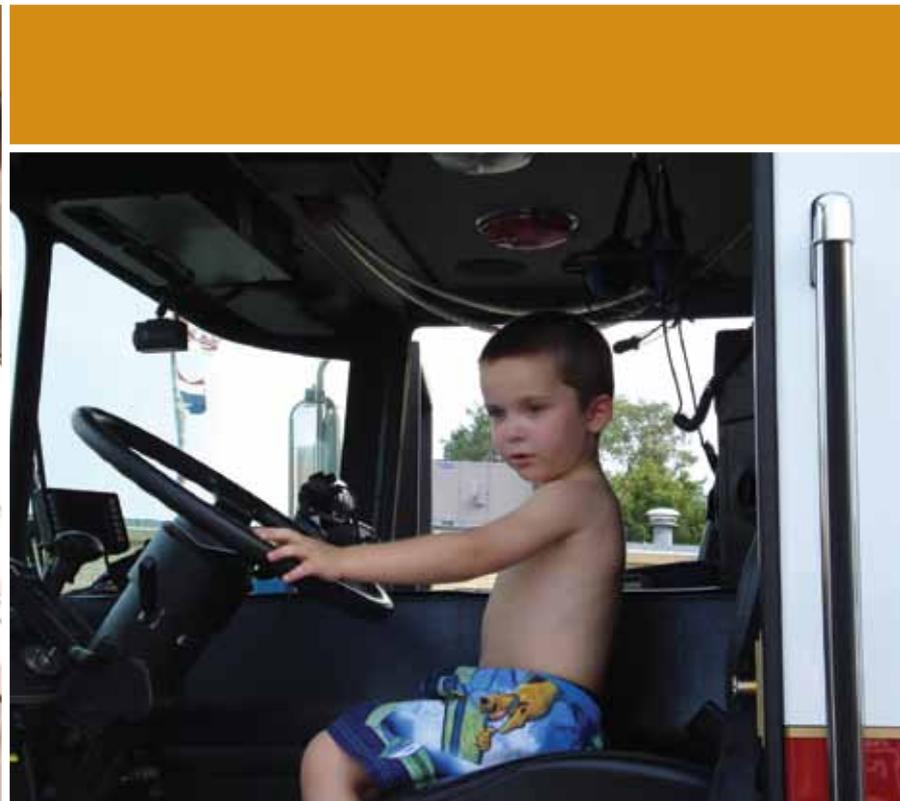
THE MISSOURI RIVERFRONT TRAIL,

which runs along the levee from Highway 9 near Parkville to the Argosy, opened this summer. The Briarcliff Linear Trail, which runs along West Platte Road, also opened in 2008.

RIVERSIDE'S PARKS

EH Young Riverfront Park, Renner Brenner Park and Homestead Park are home to a variety of programs and provide open space for residents to enjoy. The Park Board is currently working on improvements to Renner Brenner Park, including expanding and relocating the playground.

PUBLIC SAFETY



POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE

The Riverside Police Athletic League (PAL) aims to develop positive relationships between members of the Public Safety Department and youth in the community. Each year, PAL connects with Riverside residents through events such as National Night Out and Project Go! activities.

PUBLIC SAFETY SPOUSES DAY

In August, spouses and significant others of public safety staff were invited to experience a day in the life at the Public Safety Department. Attendees had the opportunity to learn self-defense tactics, shoot guns, use fire hoses and extinguishers and climb the fire ladder.



FIRE SAFETY OPEN HOUSE

This fall, the Fire Division hosted a Fire Safety Open House to expose residents to the Fire Division and teach them how to prevent fires in their homes and businesses. The open house included a live burn demonstration that showed how quickly a house can catch on fire as a result of the use of space heaters.

SHOP WITH A COP/FIREFIGHTER

During the holidays, members of the Public Safety Department reach out to residents through community-centered events. Shop with a Cop/Firefighter matches members of the Public Safety Department with kids in need from Riverside to shop for holiday gifts. This year, more than 40 children had the opportunity to participate.

SPEED TRAILER

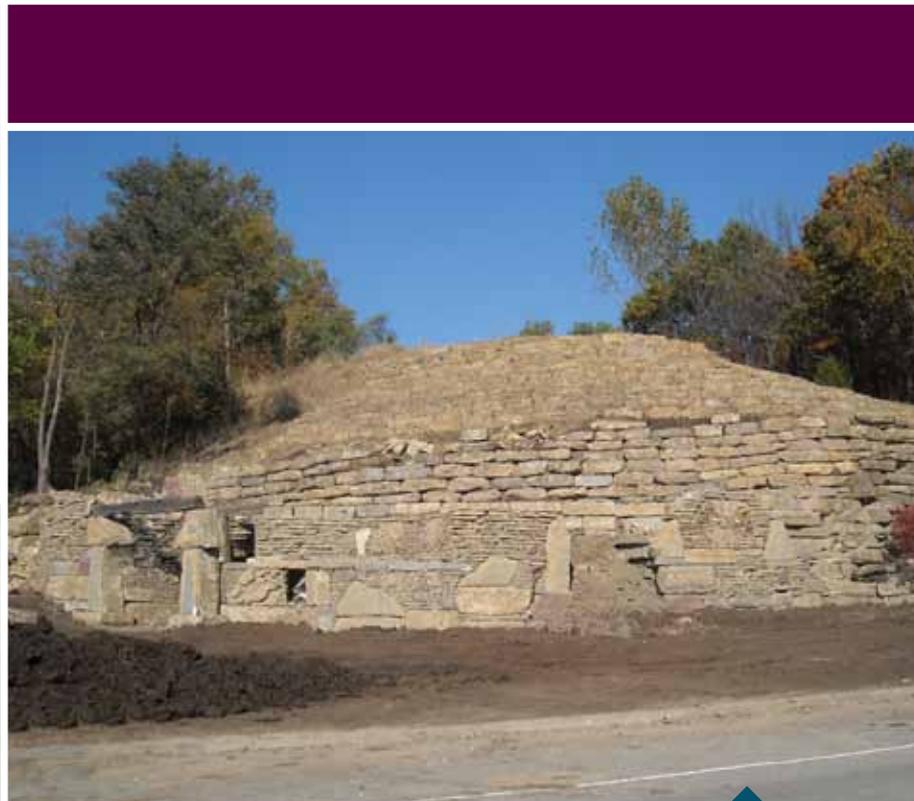
A new speed trailer allows the Police division to monitor traffic speeds on Riverside roads. The trailer is moved periodically throughout the City and residents can request that the trailer be located in their neighborhood.

INFRASTRUCTURE



ARGOSY CROSSWALK

The first fully automated, solar powered crosswalk system in the KC metro was installed on Argosy Parkway. The crosswalk features LED lights in the pavement and on signs to alert motorists of pedestrians in the crosswalk.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Many of Riverside's other projects saw substantial work completed in 2008, including Montebella and Gatewoods housing developments, and Briarcliff Professional Plaza.



WELCOME PLAZA

Located at the corner of Vivion and Gateway, the Welcome Plaza will create a public open space in downtown. The City broke ground on the site in the summer and the project is on schedule to open in spring 2009.



WEST PLATTE BRIDGE PROJECT

The replacement of the former West Platte Bridge, which was taken out during Levee construction. The goal of the project is to gain access into Levee protected areas and serve as a second means of access to the Indian Hills area. Project is on schedule to open in spring 2009.



EAST-WEST CONNECTIONS

The construction of east-west connector roads, including utility improvements and property acquisition, related to the Horizons area. This first phase of this project, a portion of Argosy Parkway, which runs from the I-635 interchange at Horizons Parkway to the Argosy Casino, opened in late 2008. Argosy Parkway Phase Two is anticipated to be completed in summer 2009.

ETC CITIZEN SURVEY

RESIDENT SURVEY RESULTS

QUALITY OF LIFE

Eighty-five percent (85%) of Riverside residents were satisfied with their overall quality of life. This significantly exceeds the national average of 77% of residents.

OVERALL SATISFACTION

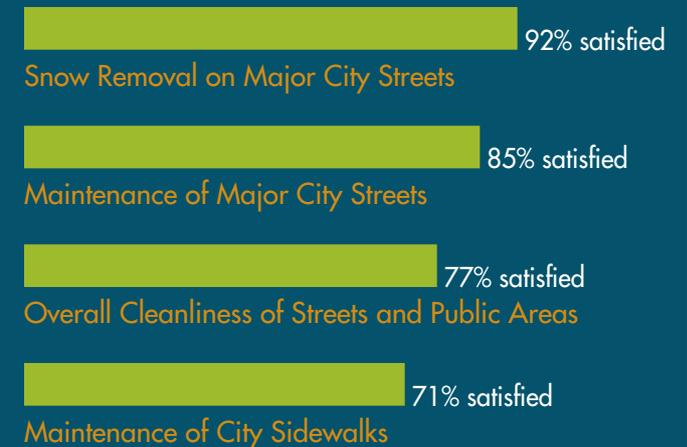


PARKS AND RECREATION



CITY MAINTENANCE

Riverside set new highs in the Kansas City metro area for satisfaction with snow removal and maintenance on major city streets and maintenance of city sidewalks.



In spring 2008, the City conducted its second survey of residents and businesses to assess satisfaction with the quality of City services and to gather input about priorities for the community. The survey is part of an ongoing effort to continuously improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the services the City provides. ETC Institute, a firm with more than 25 years of experience, surveyed 400 residents and 50 businesses, although every household and business had the opportunity to complete one.

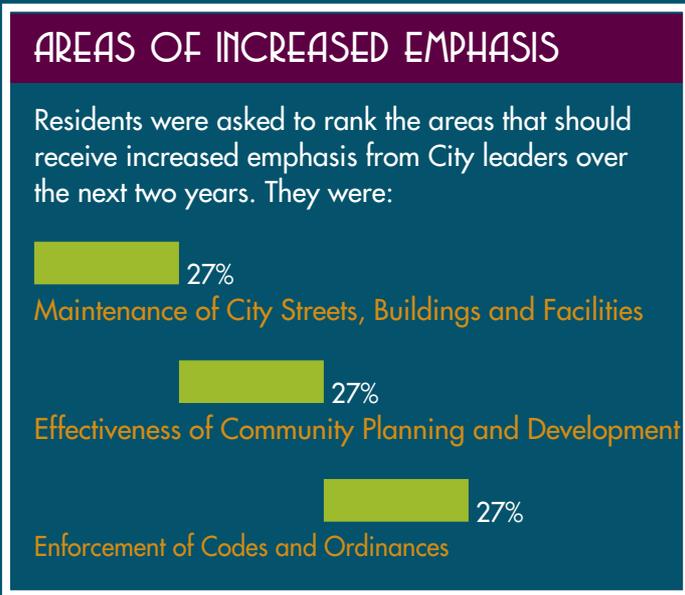
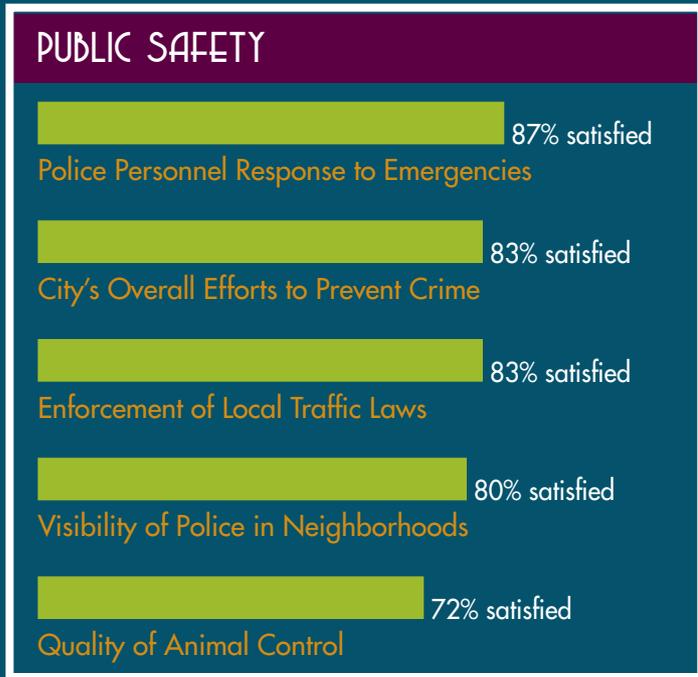
Complete copies of both the 2008 ETC DirectionFinder Survey and the 2006 ETC Direction Finder Survey are available on the City Web site, www.RiversideMo.com.

CONFIDENCE AND PRECISION
The results of a random sample of 400 households and 50 businesses have a 95% level of confidence with a precision of at least +/-5%. In other words, if the survey was conducted 100 times, 95 times the results would be the same or within 5%.

IMPORTANCE SATISFACTION RATING

Two of the most important criteria for making decisions are (1) to target resources towards services of the highest importance to citizens; and (2) to target resources towards those services where citizens are the least satisfied. The Importance/Satisfaction Rating is an analysis of the data collected through the survey and combines these two criteria to develop a list of the top priorities for the City in coming years. Using this process, the following are the top 5 ranked items for Riverside:

- 1. Enforcement of codes and ordinances
- 2. Effectiveness of community planning and development
- 3. Maintenance of City streets/buildings/facilities
- 4. Overall quality of water/sewer utilities
- 5. Quality of storm water runoff/storm water management



FINANCE

The Fiscal Year 2008-2009 budget was created based on the results of a citizen survey and past experience, and places an emphasis on programs and goals. The Board of Aldermen, who reviewed each department's budget, focused on the needs of residents and businesses in an effort to strategically fund high priority programs.

The budget was approved by the Riverside Board of Aldermen in June 2008. Approved expenditures for FY08 total \$68,909,627.

Notable features of the FY08 budget include:

- ◀ Developing a full-time fire department. During this fiscal year, three fire captains and six firefighter/EMT positions will be added. In the 2009-2010 fiscal year, three additional firefighter/EMT positions will be created.
- ◀ Installing a new gym floor at the Community Center designed for recreation activities. (\$85,000)
- ◀ Adopting the Park Board's 2008-2009 Recommendations, which focus on upgrades to Renner Brenner Park, including relocating and expanding the playground, demolishing the amphitheater and expanding the parking lot. (\$160,000)
- ◀ Purchasing a speed trailer to monitor traffic speeds on City Streets. (\$10,200)
- ◀ Outsourcing maintenance of the City fleet as part of an effort to improve the efficiency of the Public Works Department.
- ◀ Establishing a \$500,000 City contingency fund to be used in case of emergency.

All numbers reported in the Annual Report are as of June 30, 2008.

WHAT CITIZENS GET FOR EACH TAX DOLLAR:

- .61** Capital Projects
- .26** Debt Service
- .06** Public Safety
- .03** General Government
- .02** Public Works
- .01** Community Development
- .01** Parks and Recreation

5 YEAR OUTLOOK – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2009-2013

As Riverside grows and thrives, budgeting and forecasting become an even more important component of managing our city. To assist with planning, a five-year budget outlook has been produced and is represented in the table below. This Five Year Outlook forecasts the growth of revenues to be collected by the City. From this revenue estimate, the City is able to determine the total amount of funds available for operating, equipment and capital improvement expenditures. The 2009-2013 Capital Improvement Plan will fund major projects including streets and bridges, infrastructure maintenance, community development, public facilities, parks and equipment.

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Total Revenue	\$41,445,879	\$22,206,828	\$23,307,688	\$24,169,534	\$26,606,993
Total Expenditures	\$26,258,521	\$13,933,369	\$14,517,845	\$14,880,485	\$15,647,299
Revenue Available for Capital Projects	\$15,187,358	\$8,273,458	\$8,789,843	\$9,289,049	\$10,959,694
Ending Fund Balance	\$42,562,276	\$35,435,735	\$34,485,578	\$33,174,627	\$35,534,321

The City of Riverside was awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the City's 2007 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). This is the second year the City has been recognized for its CAFR. The CAFR expands upon the basic financial statements cities are required to complete and is reviewed by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for annual awards. The report is a positive factor in credit assessments, such as the bond rating process. The CAFR is a public document and is available to the public by contacting the City's Finance Officer or visiting the City Website, www.RiversideMo.com.

GAMING REVENUE

During the 2007-2008 fiscal year, the City of Riverside utilized more than \$16 million in gaming revenues to make a positive impact in the City and to provide assistance to other communities and organizations.

COMMUNITY SERVICE CONTRACTS

Northland Health Care Access	\$25,000
Northland Symphony	\$2,000
Miles of Smiles	\$10,000
Platte County Senior Services	\$10,000
United Community Services	\$10,000
Police Athletic League	\$1,000
MAST Ambulance Service	\$48,800
Transit Service	\$34,600
City-Wide Trash Service	\$70,600
City Fall Festival	\$25,000
Park Hill South High Security Gate	\$10,500
Healthy Citizens Initiative	\$85,000
1995 Ford F-350 to Houston Lake	Unknown
2003 Crown Victoria to Lake Waukomis	Unknown
Total	\$ 332,500

PARKS AND RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS

Pool Improvements	\$25,500
EH Young Restroom Improvements	\$125,300
Park and Trail Improvements	\$94,700
Total	\$245,500





INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

I-635 Interchange	\$1,900,000
Northwood Road Phase 1	\$410,000
Street Maintenance Program	\$1,000,000
Vivion Road East	\$154,200
Streetscape	\$158,100
West Platte Road and Bridge	\$703,800
Scour Hole Repair	\$6,500
Total	\$4,332,600

ESSENTIAL CITY SERVICES

Document Imaging	\$36,600
Computer Equipment and Software	\$54,200
Telephone System Upgrade	\$20,300
Office Equipment Upgrades & Replacements	\$21,000
Reverse 9-1-1 System	\$62,000
In Car Video System	\$95,000
Public Safety Vehicles & Equipment	\$101,500
City Vehicles	\$53,300
Total	\$443,900



HORIZONS DEVELOPMENT COMMITMENT

900 Acre Commercial/Industrial Park **\$10,900,000**



2008 BOARDS & COMMISSIONS



Kathy Rose
MAYOR

Mike Fuller
WARD I

Ron Super
WARD I

Bernie Bruns
WARD II

Mark Salyer
WARD II

David Hurt
WARD III

Pamela Darata
WARD III

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

"Riverside is a community known for its rich history and reputation for progress. In 2008, we honored both with a variety of capital improvements and quality of life programs. These efforts continue to make Riverside one of the best places to live in the Northland and a place I know our residents are proud to call home."

David Blackburn, City Administrator



David Blackburn
CITY ADMINISTRATOR

PARK BOARD

Ron Carlson, Ward I
 Jim Frakes, Ward I
 Mike Fuller, Ward I
 Catherine Mousel, Ward II

Norma Parrot, Ward II
 Kathy Rose, Ward III
 Julie Rule, Ward III
 Deborah Leader, Ward III

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

Al Bowman, Ward I
 Aaron Locke, Ward I
 Harold Snoderley, Ward I
 Ray Uhl, Ward I
 Cheryl Melton, Ward II
 Evelyn Poe, Ward II

Mark Salyer, Ward II
 Art Homer, Ward III
 Stephen King, Ward III
 Kathy Rose, Ward III
 Barbara Snyder, Ward III

TAX INCREMENT FINANCE COMMISSION

Pamela Darata, City of Riverside
 Leland Finley, City of Riverside
 Dennis Fisher, Park Hill School District
 Cy Houston, City of Riverside
 David Hurt, City of Riverside

Betty Knight, Platte County
 Tom Pryor, Platte County
 Ron Super, City of Riverside
 Bob Weidt, Park Hill School District

BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT

Fred Buckley, Ward I
 Marvin Pool, Ward I
 Gale Perkins, Ward II
 Jeff Warren, Ward II
 Jerry Hackenberg, Ward III
 Dean Lefstad, Ward III

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Cy Houston, Ward I
 Harold Snoderley, Ward I
 Leland Finley, Ward II
 Wayne Snyder, Ward III

TOURISM COMMISSION

Jerry Pietsch, Ward I
 Deana Winter, Ward I
 Randy Rose, Ward III
 Jason Rule, Ward III
 Dirk van der Linde, Ward III

MAYOR'S LETTER

At the beginning of this year, I encouraged Riverside to "make a difference." Although 2008 brought many challenges for our residents and businesses, we accomplished great things across our community.

One of our biggest successes in 2008 was the completion of our second ETC Citizen Survey. Respondents ranked the quality of city services and the quality of life in Riverside above average, even setting record levels of satisfaction in some areas. The results of this survey play a critical role in the budget process and in the prioritization of projects across the City.

Work also started on a number of infrastructure projects that will not only change the face of Riverside, but provide better access and amenities to those who live and work in the City. Quality of life initiatives also remained a priority through programs such as the Healthy Citizens Initiative and Project Go! Fun and Family Fitness Nights.

In addition, as a community, we came together and reached out to the 24th Transportation Unit from Fort Leavenworth. Through the generosity of many, Riverside was able to adopt more than 150 soldiers and their families while the unit was stationed overseas. This is just one example of the many programs Riverside participates in that support those in need. Our holiday programs, including Shop with a Cop/Firefighter and the Senior Luncheon, and the various organizations Riverside is able to provide assistance to, such as Synergy Services, Miles of Smiles and Northland Healthcare Access, are all ways our community makes a difference year after year.

The successes Riverside saw this year would not have been possible without quality staff and dedicated volunteer boards to guide us. As we continue to move forward in 2009, I know that in the midst of the many changes happening across our community, Riverside will always be a City that takes pride in our people, our progress and most importantly, our possibilities.



Kathy Rose
MAYOR

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Mayor's Office	Mayor Kathy Rose	816-741-3993
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City Administrator	David Blackburn	816-741-3993
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City Auditor	McGladrey & Pullen	816-753-3000
City Clerk	Louise Rusick	816-741-3993
Municipal Court	Shayla Jones	816-741-1212
Finance	Donna Resz	816-372-9009
Fire Marshal	Gordon Fowlston	816-372-9118
Community Center	Lori Rardeen	816-741-4172
Planning & Development	Mike Duffy	816-741-3993
Public Safety	Gregory Mills	816-741-1191
Public Works	Jeff Rupp	816-741-3908
Police/Fire Emergency	911	
Non-Emergency	816-741-1191	

Riverside, Missouri, a town known for its rich history and pioneering spirit, is just minutes away from both downtown Kansas City and KCI Airport. From our parks and trails featuring stunning views of the Kansas City skyline and Missouri River to longstanding local businesses and the riverboat gambling at Argosy Casino/Hotel and Spa, we have something for everyone.

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