State of the City | 2010
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“We’re on the Move”
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Your Blue Springs
History of Population Growth

Year | Population
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1990 | 40,124
2000 | 48,080
2002 | 50,410
2004 | 51,910
2006 | 53,731
2008 | 55,606
2010 (projected) | 56,000
2020 (projected) | 62,000
What Sets Blue Springs Apart

2010 Property Tax Rates for Selected Missouri Cities - City Portion Only

Property taxes are second lowest in the immediate metropolitan area.
City Outlook

What Sets Blue Springs Apart

Reflects City portions only. Blue Springs is the lowest of all local municipalities.

2010 Local Sales Tax Rates - City Portion Only
(Does Not Include TDD and CID Sales Taxes)
Where We Are:

Managing Challenges
Priorities in Fiscal Year 2009-10

• Fiscally responsible management
• Maintain basic city services
• Do more with less
• Focus on being more creative and innovative
Guiding Principles
for the Future Progress of our Community
A Family oriented community
Guiding Principles

Moving us Forward: Setting Priorities and Celebrating Accomplishments

Priorities

• Crime prevention
• Police visibility
• Quality of police services
• Maintenance of City parks and equipment
• Availability of walking & biking trails
2010 Citizen Survey results

- **2010**: 79% of residents pleased with police services and protection
- **2010**: 83% of residents feel safe in their neighborhoods
- **2010**: 71% of residents pleased with quick response of Blue Springs Police Department to emergencies
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- Mayor’s Advisory Board on Public Safety
- Mobile Data Terminals
- License Plate Readers
2010 Citizen Survey results

- **2010:** 79% of residents pleased with the maintenance of City parks & equipment

- **2010:** 73% of residents pleased with number of walking and biking trails
A high level of "Livability"
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Moving us Forward: Setting Priorities and Celebrating Accomplishments

Priorities

• Maintenance of City streets & sidewalks
• Traffic flow
• Quality of water/sewer utilities
• Effectiveness of community planning
• Enforcement of building and property maintenance
No-Tax Increase Bond Update

- Sni-a-Bar Wastewater Treatment Facility
- $33 Million Dollar Project
- Meets EPA regulations and Adds Capacity to System
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No-Tax Increase Bond Update

• Moreland School Road to Liggett Extension - COMPLETED
No-Tax Increase Bond Update

- Highway 7 & Colbern Road
No-Tax Increase Bond Update

- Woods Chapel Road
- Diverging Diamond Interchange
Street Overlay Project

- 67 Miles Completed In Three Years
- $2.5 Million Dollars Budgeted Each Year
2010 Citizen Survey results

- **2010:** 81% of residents pleased with snow removal on major City streets
- **2010:** 72% of residents are pleased with overall cleanliness of City streets and public areas
- **2010:** 70% of residents are pleased with maintenance of City’s water and wastewater systems
2010 Citizen Survey results

- **2010**: 63% of residents pleased the overall appearance of the City
- **2010**: 89% of residents feel recycling is important
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• Creation of the Waste Disposal Task Force
A desire to strive for and recognition of Quality in all aspects of living and working in the City
The Wall That Heals

- Blue Springs was nationally recognized for its hosting of The Wall That Heals
Partnerships

- Central Jackson County Fire Protection District
- Blue Springs School District
- Economic Development Corporation
- Chamber of Commerce
- Community Stakeholders
An appreciation for the importance of Innovation in problem solving and charting a course for the future
Economic Development Corporation

- Missouri Innovation Park
- Mizzou Center
- Adams Dairy Landing
Chamber of Commerce

- Buy Blue Springs
- Visitors Task Force
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Embracing New Technology

- CodeRED
- Text-a-Tip
- Mobile Data Terminals
- License Plate Readers
- Social Media
  - Facebook
  - Twitter
  - YouTUBE
  - Mayor’s Newsletter
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Setting a Course for the Future Using the Tools of the Present

Strong City Leadership

• Focused on Engagement
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Utilizing Collaboration

- Metropolitan Mayor’s Caucus
- Missouri Municipal League
- Mid-American Regional Council
- Eastern Jackson County Betterment Council
- Collaboration and Partnerships
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