State of the City 2011

“Where Do We Go From Here”

Mayor Carson Ross
I. Past. A nod to where we have been.  
*What Sets Blue Springs Apart*

II. Present. Where we are.  
*Setting Priorities and Celebrating Accomplishments for 2011*

III. Future. Where do we go from here?  
*Goals for our future growth*
Our Past

Main Street 1911
City Outlook
What Sets Blue Springs Apart

History of Population Growth

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Our Past

What Sets Blue Springs Apart

Adams Dairy
Our Past

What Sets Blue Springs Apart

Bond Updates
Our Present
2011 Property Tax Rates for Selected Missouri Cities - City Portion Only

*Property taxes are second lowest in the immediate metropolitan area.*
2011 Local Sales Tax Rates - City Portion Only
(Does Not Include TDD and CID Sales Taxes)

Reflects City portions only. Blue Springs is the lowest of all local municipalities.
Priorities in Fiscal Year 2010-11

- Public Safety
- Infrastructure Investments
- Quality of Life

Where the Money Goes

- General Government: $6,247,473
- Public Works: $3,773,815
- Public Safety/Community Outreach Unit: $9,395,185
- Health - Emergency Medical Service: $2,458,778
- Parks and Recreation: $2,675,739
- Social Services - 50+ Programs: $310,415
- Building Maintenance: $601,065
- Capital Improvements: $21,004,597
- Capital Outlay: $2,002,143
- Waters Utilities: $2,993,069
- Water Utilities: $3,264,001
- Debt Service: $7,009,403
Public Safety
Public Safety Sales Tax

Successfully passed a ½ cent Public Safety Sales Tax on the April 5, 2011 ballot

**Equipment**
- Digital Radio/Communications System
- Patrol Cars for New Officers
- Replacement of Patrol Car Cameras

**Personnel**
- 10 New Sworn Officers
- 7 New Support Staff Positions
Public Safety Sales Tax

Facilities
- Add space for detention, evidence retention and a temporary animal control holding area.

Financial Oversight
- Public Safety Advisory Board
Public Safety

Setting Priorities and Celebrating Accomplishments

Emergency Management

- February 2011 Blizzard
Community Preparedness

- Graduation of ten Citizen’s Police Academy Classes
- Graduation of second CERT Class
- Continued success with VIPS
- Support of Vital Heart Program
- CodeRED system
Infrastructure Investment
City Infrastructure

- Street Overlay Project
- Sidewalk Improvements
- City Hall Campus Improvements
- Baumgardner Park Improvements
Downtown Alive!

Infrastructure
Setting Priorities and Celebrating Accomplishments

Blue Springs Downtown Alive!
Quality of Life
Let’s Move! Blue Springs

- Provide access to healthy, affordable food
- Promote physical activity
- Create healthy schools
- Make healthy family choices
Let’s Move! Blue Springs

- 8 initial projects
  - Community Gardens
  - Healthy Schools
  - Backpack Food Outreach Program
  - Let’s Move! Saturdays!
  - Girls on the Runs
  - Children’s Triathlon
  - Livable Streets
  - Public Relations & Awareness
Programs and facilities

- Arbor Walk in Rotary Park at Railroad Lake
- 1 year anniversary of Pink Hill Park Recycling Center
- Second year of First Time Homebuyer’s Program
Programs and Events

- 10 Years of Public Art
- Shop with a Blue Springs Cop
Where Do We Go From Here?
Our Future
Goals For Our Future Growth

Economic Development Corporation

- Missouri Innovation Park
- Mizzou Center
Our Community Investments

- Infrastructure Improvements for our Future Development
- Public Safety Enhancements
- ? Quality of Life Enhancements
Long-Range Future Planning

- Commuter Rail – Downtown Transportation Hub
- Quality of Life Enhancements:
  - Community Center w/Aquatics
  - Park Development – Greg Grounds Park in the North and the Roscoe Righter Park in the Southern Area of the City.
We’re on the Move!