

# NEIGHBORHOOD ARCHITECTURE



There are a variety of different architectural styles within Riverside Normal City, and all of them have their own charm and appeals.

## 1 BUNGALOWS

Bungalows are typically found south of Jackson Street. This architectural style includes a simple floor plan with rooms opening into one another.

## 2 CONTEMPORARY

Contemporary style housing was popular nearest the Hazelwood Christian Church. During the early 50's, these homes were developed for soon to be retirees.

## 3 TWO-STORY FRAME

Two-story frame housing was developed south of University Street, between Light and Dicks Street, and were mostly larger homes for bigger households.

## CULTURE

Riverside-Normal City is the most populous and diverse of Muncie's neighborhoods due to its proximity to Ball State University and its student population. Because the neighborhood is home to students, faculty, staff, and other Muncie residents, it is a very eclectic and welcoming environment for all.

# AMENITIES

### TUHEY PARK AND POOL

Tuhey Pool and splash pad is the City of Muncie's only public pool, which is open from Memorial Day to Labor Day every year.

### EMERSON DOG PARK

Emerson Dog Park is a free space for dogs of all sizes to play. The dog park is fenced into separate large dog and small dog sections and is open to the public 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

### WHITE RIVER GREENWAY

The Greenway follows the course of its namesake river for 5.6 miles and connects to the Cardinal Greenway, which runs for 62 miles.

### THE VILLAGE

The Village, a business district along University Avenue sits within the Riverside Normal City neighborhood and is just a few steps from Ball State's campus, includes casual dining, shops, and various other local businesses and is a popular hangout for neighborhood residents and students.

The image below shows Tuhey Park, which is a wonderful meeting space and a great location for families with young children.



## FUN FACTS

### FIREWORKS

Riverside becomes the go-to location for watching the City of Muncie's fireworks display, as residents gather on Wheeling Ave. to get the best view.

### RESOURCES

We are close to the cultural resources of BSU including Emens Auditorium, Pruis Hall, University Theater, David Owsley Museum of Art, Rinard Orchid Greenhouse, and the Charles W. Brown Planetarium.

### THE VILLAGE

Today's Village was once Normal City's commercial corridor and has a rich history of shops, restaurants, and entertainment venues.



Emerson Dog Park is a great place to let your dog make friends!

## NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

### MEETINGS

The Neighborhood Association meets on the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 7-8 p.m.

### COMMITTEES

Committees focus their efforts around infrastructure, beautification, marketing and communications, the North st. Historic district, and community building.

### EVENTS

Every **Spring** and **Fall** we participate in a neighborhood clean-up in partnership with the Muncie Sanitary District.

We cherish our rich history with in an ice-cream social every **fall** hosted at Emerson dog park.

We cheer for our hometown team at the **homecoming** parade, and we gather post-parade for a cook-out at Tuhey Park.

**"I love living so close to the dog park and the river and downtown area!"**

- Taylor McPherson

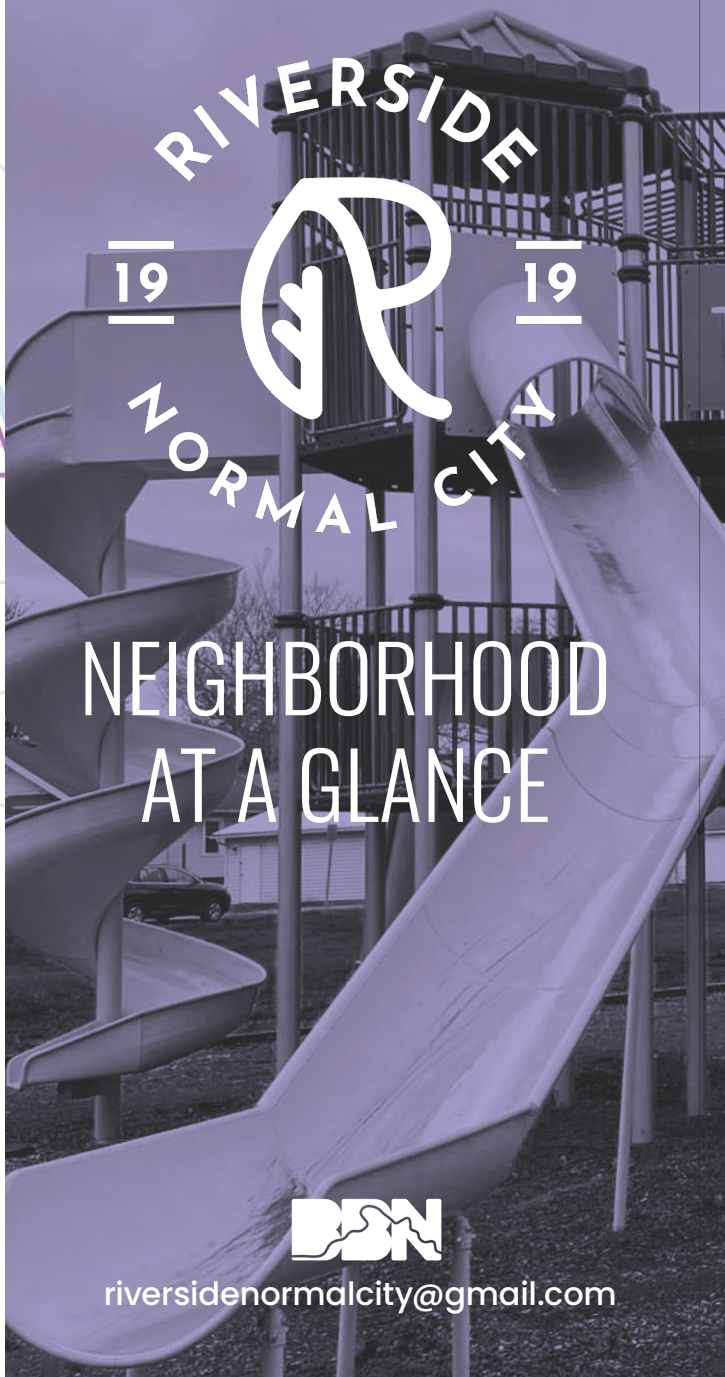
# HISTORY

- 1865**  
Muncie is incorporated
- 1887**  
Settlement starts emerging North of the White River
- 1895**  
Date of construction of Riverside Historic District's oldest surviving structure
- 1899**  
Eastern Indiana Normal School opens at the current location of Ball State University. Normal City is incorporated
- 1903**  
Riverside City is incorporated
- 1915**  
Kitselman Mansion is built along University Ave
- 1919**  
Normal City and Riverside City are annexed by the City of Muncie
- 1922**  
The Indiana State Normal School, Eastern Division is officially renamed Ball Teachers College & Emerson school is built
- 1934**  
Tuhey Pool and surrounding recreation space was constructed
- 1981**  
Emerson School is demolished
- 1999**  
Riverside and Meeks Historic Districts are listed on the National Register of Historic Places
- 2009**  
Tuhey Pool closed to the public due to safety concerns
- 2011**  
Tuhey Towers was installed at Tuhey Park and Tuhey Pool reopens with a new bathhouse and splash pad
- 2013**  
Emerson Dog Park opens to the public
- 2014**  
Village Promenade opens



## RESOURCES

1. The Village
2. Ball State Campus
3. Downtown Muncie
4. Minnetrista Culture Center
5. Tuhey Park and Pool
6. Emerson Dog Park
7. Muncie Central High School
8. Tuhey Pool Bath House
9. Neolin
10. Riverside Historic District
11. IU Health – Ball Memorial Hospital



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