

## WEEKLY REPORT

Week of March 9, 2020

### Upcoming

- **COVID-19 City Statement:** The City of Raymore is working with local agencies and the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) to provide up-to-date reliable information on the novel (new) coronavirus, COVID-19, and its potential impact to our community. There are no known cases of the coronavirus in Cass County at this time. We are working with county and state public health officials to plan for needed responses and continue to assess whether we will need to cancel future public events or activities. Each event will be considered and a decision made on a case-by-case basis. Visit [our website](#) for the City's full statement. The latest information about the coronavirus is available at [health.mo.gov/coronavirus](https://health.mo.gov/coronavirus) and at the Centers for Disease Control website at [www.cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov).
- **Annual Raymore Litter Cleanup, 8:30 a.m., Saturday, March 21 at Linear Park and Hawk Ridge Park.** Pick up litter and remove invasive Japanese bush honeysuckle from the stream at Linear Park or pick up litter around Johnston Lake at Hawk Ridge Park. Both groups will meet at 8:30 a.m. for coffee, donuts and information. Cleanup starts at 9 a.m. and hot dogs will be served at 11:30 a.m. after a successful cleanup! The event is sponsored by South Grand River Watershed Alliance, Missouri Stream Teams, Missouri Department of Conservation and the City of Raymore. [Learn more and sign up online.](#)
- **Census 2020.** Check your mailbox in the coming days for a notice from the US Census Bureau to complete the 2020 Census online. This is the first year the census can be completed online, however residents may still complete the census by phone or on paper through the mail. Every 10 years, the federal government conducts a population count of everyone in the United States by collecting basic information about the people living in each household. Data from the census determines the basis for distributing federal funding to communities across the country – including Raymore and Cass County – for vital programs such as Medicare and Medicaid, and public services, schools, hospitals, transportation and fire departments. The data also determines the number of congressional seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives. Strict federal law protects your census responses and the Census Bureau will never ask for Social Security numbers, bank or credit card account numbers, money or donations, or anything on behalf of a political party. Learn more at [census2020kc.org](https://census2020kc.org).



## **Administration**

- City Manager Jim Feuerborn, Assistant City Manager Mike Ekey, Police Chief Jan Zimmerman, Emergency Management Director Ryan Murdock and Communications Manager Melissa Harmer met regularly this week to discuss the on-going updates from local, state and national partners in regards to the COVID-19 virus.
- Assistant City Manager Mike Ekey and Human Resources Manager Shawn Aulgur met on Friday to discuss temporary changes to the Administrative Policy Manual in regards to sick leave as it pertains to COVID-19 updates.
- City Manager Jim Feuerborn, Assistant City Manager Mike Ekey and Finance Director Elisa Williams met with representatives from Enterprise Fleet Management to discuss programs that would assist the City in better managing its existing fleet of Police, Public Works, Parks and Administrative vehicles.
- Assistant City Manager Mike Ekey and Human Resources Manager Shawn Aulgur met with Avila University Masters candidate Kellianne Herald. As part of her graduate program, she completed a project for the Human Resources Department that looked at employee engagement and retention.

## **City Clerk**

- Deputy City Clerk Erica Hill earned her 300 hour certificate for professional development from the Missouri City Clerks and Finance Officers Association.

## **Communications**

- Communications Manager Melissa Harmer met with the Raymore Arts Commission at the monthly meeting on Tuesday.


## **Development Services**

- GIS Administrator Heather Eisenbarth updated data and created city wide maps for Engineering and Public Works regarding utility maintenance and upkeep.
- City Planner Katie Jardieu and Will Nulton, representing Husch Blackwell LLP and property owner American Retirement Corporation, held a Good Neighbor meeting at City Hall regarding the [rezoning of 4.59 acres of the Foxwood Springs property](#).

## **Parks & Recreation**

- The Spring Craft Show at the RAC on Saturday, March 7 hosted more than 40 vendors and over 300 shoppers. Another great success!
- Recreation Coordinator Corinne Daut continues to prepare for the upcoming spring break camp March 16-20 at the Raymore Activity Center.
- Parks and Recreation administrative staff attended a progress meeting for T.B. Hanna Station.
- Athletic Coordinator Todd Brennon attended scheduling meetings for spring sports and hosted a concessions staff training.
- Parks and Recreation Director Nathan Musteen attended the KC Metro Parks & Recreation Directors Association meeting.
- Park staff continued working on the Memorial Park playground project and preparing for the spring baseball/softball and soccer seasons.
- Recreation Park Baseball Complex shade structures were installed.

## **Police**

- Detective Earl Lancour modeled the new exterior bullet-proof vest carrier during a report to the City Council. This presentation is part of preparations to introduce the change in uniform to the community and thank Darrell Smith and Hero Fund USA for providing half of the funding for the purchase.
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- Capt. Jim Wilson participated in Youth Court in the Raymore City Council Chambers.
  - Officer Matt Huff attended the Calibre Press Street Survival training at the Kansas City Regional Police Academy.
  - Capt. Jim Wilson participated in the KU Certified Public Management Class in Overland Park.
  - Chief Jan Zimmerman toured the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City as part of preparations for the SAFE Guns N Hoses fundraising event.
  - Capts. Roger Mayberry and Jim Wilson and Emergency Management Director Ryan Murdock and members of the RAPTOR Drone Team deployed the Command Post and drone for test purposes.

- Sgt. John Bergman, Det. Earl Lancour and Officer Cole Williams attended MULES MDT training at Missouri State Highway Patrol Troop A.
- Lt. Aly Abdelgawad and Chief Jan Zimmerman attended the FBI National Academy Spring meeting in Shawnee.
- The Raymore Police Department hosted "The Law Enforcement Blood Draw", presented by the Missouri Office of Prosecution Services, with Lt. David Billings and Officers John Keltner and Maurice Lang in attendance.

### **Public Works**

- Public Works hosted a pre-construction meeting for Dean Avenue south of N. Cass Parkway.
- Bids were received for the 2020 Hydrant and Valve Replacement Project.
- Engineering staff completed plans for the 2020 Storm System Repair Project.