

## WEEKLY REPORT

Week of March 1, 2021

### Upcoming



- **On April 6, Raymore voters will be asked to consider a local use tax. If approved, the local use tax will fund new full time positions in Raymore's Police, Public Works and Parks departments.** A use tax is NOT a tax increase or a double tax. Residents would simply pay a City use tax of 2.5 percent for goods purchased online the same way they pay a City sales tax of 2.5 percent on goods purchased at Raymore retail stores. The City relies heavily on local sales tax revenue to fund essential City services such as public safety and maintenance of streets, parks and public spaces. A local use tax will allow the City to continue to provide the exceptional services our residents expect by adding five new Police Officers, five new Public Works Maintenance Workers, three new Parks & Recreation Maintenance Workers and one new Recreation staff member to serve our growing community.


Raymore's population has grown by more than 34 percent since 2006, as have the corresponding increases in infrastructure, amenities and calls for service. However, the City has not created any new full time positions in Public Works or Parks since 2006, and has not created any new positions in Police since 2011.

Find more information on the City's use tax at [www.raymore.com/UseTax](http://www.raymore.com/UseTax) or contact Assistant City Manager Mike Ekey at [mekey@raymore.com](mailto:mekey@raymore.com) or 816-892-3109.

**The [City is hosting a Local Use Tax Informational Open House](#) from 6:30-8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 24, at Centerview, 227 Municipal Circle, for anyone interested in speaking directly with staff about the local use tax proposal.**

- **Register for spring youth sports today!** Registration for youth volleyball will close at 5 p.m. today, March 5. Learn more about Raymore Parks & Recreation youth sports and register at [www.raymore.com/sports](http://www.raymore.com/sports)
- **2021 Community Litter Cleanup, 8:30-11 a.m., Saturday, March 20 at Linear Park or Hawk Ridge Park.** We're back for 2021! Join your neighbors for this community litter cleanup and choose your location of Linear Park or Hawk Ridge Park. Safety training, gloves, trash bags and loppers are provided. [Learn more and sign up online.](#)

Sponsored by South Grand River Watershed Alliance, Missouri Stream Teams, Missouri Dept. of Conservation and the City of Raymore.



# TEAM UP TO CLEAN UP!

**Community Litter Cleanup  
Saturday, March 20  
8:30 a.m.**

**CHOOSE YOUR LOCATION**  
**Johnston Lake at Hawk Ridge Park**  
 701 Johnston Pkwy  
 OR  
**Linear Park**  
 South of Lucy Webb Road at S. Huntsman Blvd

Safety training, gloves, trash bags and loppers provided.

**RAYMORE**  
come home to more

**LEARN MORE AND SIGN UP AT**  
[www.Raymore.com/Stormwater](http://www.Raymore.com/Stormwater)

### Administration

- Assistant City Manager Mike Ekey participated in the Finance Advisory Committee meeting as a board member with Midwest Public Risk.
- Assistant City Manager Mike Ekey presented information about the proposed Use Tax at the weekly Rotary lunch at the Creekmoor Clubhouse. For more information about the April 6 election or the proposed Use Tax, visit [www.Raymore.com/UseTax](http://www.Raymore.com/UseTax).

### City Clerk

- City Clerk Erica Hill participated in a virtual meeting of the Western Division of the Missouri City Clerks and Finance Officers Association.

### Communications

- Communications Manager Melissa Harmer participated in the second class of the KU Public Management Center's 2021 Emerging Leaders Academy.
- Communications Manager Melissa Harmer wrote and provided updated community information to the Raymore Chamber of Commerce for their directory.
- Communications Manager Melissa Harmer met with Parks & Recreation staff to discuss the grand opening of T.B. Hanna Station scheduled for spring.

### **Development Services**

- City Planner Katie Jardieu participated in the second class of the 2021 Emerging Leaders Academy hosted by the University of Kansas Public Management Center.
- A temporary Certificate of Occupancy was issued for the Compass Health facility at 501 N. Sunset Lane.
- Economic Development Director David Gress participated in the KC SmartPort "9 @ 9" networking event to share information and updates regarding the City's efforts at the [Raymore Commerce Center](#) with other industry leaders.

### **Parks & Recreation**

- Recreation Coordinator Corinne Daut met with recreation staff from Louisburg, Kansas, this week and trained them on how to start an Esports program. Daut also met with Dan Mapes on starting a program on beginning skateboarding.
- The Raymore Fortnite team won the first KC MESA Esports tournament of the year. Tuesday was online Disney themed family trivia night.
- Applications are now being accepted for camp counselors and assistant coordinators.
- Coaches meetings for soccer and flag football were this week. Call the Parks and Recreation office if you have any questions. Youth volleyball registration ends today, March 5.
- Park Maintenance crews began the process of taking the ice rink down for the summer. Crews also began general park clean-up and preparing the athletic fields for the upcoming season. Soccer fields were painted and nets were put on the goals. The baseball fields were smoothed out to get ready for spring.
- Parks Director Nathan Musteen attended the Leadership, Innovation, Teamwork Workshop Series., a four week training for parks and recreation leaders across the country.
- Parks Director Nathan Musteen, Parks Superintendent Steve Rulo and Public Works Director Mike Krass met via Zoom with representatives from the Missouri Department of Conservation and Lake Solitude Management on improvements and water quality management of Johnston Lake at Hawk Ridge Park.
- Parks Director Nathan Musteen attended the Missouri Parks and Recreation Association Board meeting and the South Metro Parks Director's monthly luncheon.

### **Police**

- The City of Raymore participated in Severe Weather Awareness Week, including the statewide tornado drill.

- Lt. Aly Abdelgawad attended the Mid America CIT Council's Education Committee meeting via Zoom to discuss the upcoming CIT Virtual Conference in March as well as other upcoming live training.
- Capt. Jim Wilson tested eight police recruits at the Central Missouri Police Academy in Warrensburg.
- Communications Supervisor Adrienne Rinehart attended the MARC Public Safety Communications Users Committee and MARC 911 Address/Map for Cass County meeting, both via Microsoft Teams.
- Chief Jan Zimmerman participated in the Metropolitan Chiefs and Sheriffs meeting via Zoom.
- Detective Lance Goddard and Capt. Jim Wilson attended three Ray-Pec Senior Drive project meetings.
- The Raymore RAPTOR Unit assisted the City of Belton with an inspection of the roof of both city hall and the annex, in cooperation with their engineering department.
- Six candidates tested for vacant Communications Officer positions and several observed operations within the unit.
- Capts. Roger Mayberry and Jim Wilson conducted three testings/CVSA for police applicants.
- IT Director James Mayberry and Capt. Jim Wilson met with Lisa Dunn from Flock Safety to discuss LPR pole cameras.
- Emergency Management Director Ryan Murdock participated in the MARC Regional Homeland Security Coordinating Council meeting via Zoom and discussed training and the upcoming exercise.



## **Public Works**

### **Operations and Maintenance**

- 63 City Hall Work Orders
- 45 Feet of Curb Patched
- 12 Driveway Approach Inspections
- 3 Fire Hydrants Flushed
- 216 Line Locates
- 130 Potholes Patched
- 3 Water Meters Replaced
- 5 Sewer Inspections
- 11 Sidewalk Inspections

- 2 Water Inspections
- 2 Water Taps
- Repaired water meters
- Picked up recycle cans
- Unloaded a delivery of trash cans
- Put trash cans together
- Took trucks for oil changes
- Pulled bi-monthly water samples
- Gathered information for auction items
- Installed posts, pads, and conduit at Owen Good Lift Station for card reader on the entry gate
- Repaired and installed a right turn only at the pork chop by Wendy's

### **Engineering**

- Director Mike Krass and HR Manager Shawn Aulger interviewed an engineering intern candidate.
- The proposed FY 2021 Street Preservation and Curb Replacement projects will be presented to City Council at the March 8 meeting.