

WEEKLY REPORT

Week of March 8, 2021

Upcoming

- **Spring forward one hour this weekend!** Daylight saving time begins at 2 a.m., Sunday, March 14. Turn your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed Saturday night.



- **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.**

On April 6, Raymore voters will have the opportunity to consider a local use tax, which, if approved, will fund new full time positions in Raymore's Police, Public Works and Parks departments.

A use tax is not a tax increase. If approved, residents will only pay a local use tax when purchasing goods from out-of-state vendors, such as Amazon. A local use tax will be applied at the same rate as Raymore's City sales tax, which is currently 2.5 percent.

Local sales tax revenues – which the City relies on heavily to fund essential City services – have been declining for years due to a rise in e-commerce. Approval of a local use tax will close that gap to allow the City to continue to provide the exceptional services our residents expect.

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

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

- **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.](#)

Administration

- Human Resources Manager Shwan Aulgur participated in MO/KS Prima Conference planning meetings.
- Human Resources Manager Shawn Aulgur participated in MO Prima board meeting.
- Human Resources Manager Shawn Aulgur participated in a MARC salary survey virtual event.
- Human Resources Manager Shawn Aulgur participated in an IPMA-HR Central Leadership meeting.
- Human Resources Manager Shawn Aulgur participated in the IPMA-HR GKC Board Of Directors meeting.
- Human Resources Manager Shawn Aulgur participated in the IPMA-HR GKC members training event.
- Human Resources Manager Shawn Aulgur participated in the interview process for Assistant Civil Engineer.
- Human Resources Manager Shawn Aulgur participated in the interview process for Communications Officer.

City Clerk

- City Clerk Erica Hill attended the annual Missouri City Clerks and Finance Officers Association Spring Institute and Master Academies.

Communications

- Communications Manager Melissa Harmer presented the new raymore.com website layout to City Council at Monday's meeting. The new website is currently nearing the end of the design process and will launch this spring.
- The Raymore Arts Commission met in a work session on March 9.
- Communications Manager Melissa Harmer ordered signage for The Depot pavilion at T.B. Hanna Station.

Development Services

- Bill Breit filed a site plan application for an expansion to the [South Town Storage Outdoor Parking Facility](#). The expansion will be on the 4.5 acre undeveloped parcel at 801 E. Walnut Street, immediately west of Brightside Children’s Center.
- Joe Duffey filed a final plat application for the 1st phase of the [Parkside Subdivision](#), a 49-lot phase located south of 163rd Street and Churchill Circle.
- Danny Carroll filed an application for rezoning and preliminary plat approval for “[The Prairie at Carroll Farms](#),” a proposed 312-lot single family subdivision located on 143 acres on the west side of Kurzweil Road, north of 58 Highway. A Good-Neighbor meeting will be scheduled in the near future.
- Economic Development Director David Gress presented an update on the status of economic development activities to the Raymore Historical Society at its monthly meeting.
- Economic Development Director David Gress participated in the Chamber of Commerce Monthly Morning Coffee held at the South Metropolitan Fire Protection District training building.
- Staff prepared a report on the review of previously approved projects that the Planning and Zoning Commission will consider at its March 16 meeting. The Commission is periodically requested to review completed projects and to consider any items (architectural design; building materials; landscaping; access; signage; environmental impacts) that, if changed, could have improved the final product. Previous reviews by the Commission have led to changes in the City development codes.
- Director Jim Cadoret and City Planner Katie Jardieu participated in the quarterly virtual Planner’s Roundtable discussion sponsored by the Mid-America Regional Council.

Parks & Recreation

- Athletic Coordinator Todd Brennon worked with the South Metro Sports Group to schedule games for the upcoming seasons of soccer and flag football. Brennon met with supporting staff in preparation for the upcoming seasons.
- Park Maintenance completed the disassembling and storing of the The Rink at T.B. Hanna Station. Ballfield maintenance is underway as new staff members are learning how to use the equipment and preparing soccer and baseball fields for play.
- Restroom facilities are being serviced and de-winterized in preparation for a tentative opening date of March 20.
- Several hazardous trees have been removed from The Fort on the east side of Recreation Park.
- Parks Superintendent Steve Rulo met with Missouri Department of Conservation State Forester Chuck Conner about the Tree City USA requirements for 2021. Rulo was notified that Raymore has been awarded status of Tree City USA for 2020, our eighth year in a row. A

formal announcement will be made upon receipt of the updated banners and signage.

- Parks Director Nathan Musteen attended the Leadership, Innovation, Teamwork Workshop Series for the second week of the four week training for parks and recreation leaders across the country.
- Parks and Recreation Director Nathan Musteen and Parks Superintendent Steve Rulo attended the Stormwater Master Plan meeting and met with contractors onsite at Recreation Park for the upcoming trail project near the roundabout.
- Recreation Coordinator Corinne Daut attended the Missouri Parks and Recreation Young Professionals meeting. Daut continues preparing for upcoming Easter festivities, Unicorn Day and the City Wide Scavenger Hunt event.
- Recreation Coordinator Corinne Daut met with returning summer camp staff and attended a metro summer camp coordinators meeting.
- The esports Fortnite league finished this week. Recreation Coordinator Corinne Daut continues meeting with coordinators across the country planning the upcoming National Recreation Esports League, the first of its kind in the U.S.
- The Parks and Recreation Board met in a special session this week. Topics included a presentation on the use tax issue on the April 6 ballot, approval of a contract for the Hawk Ridge Park Improvements design and consultant fees and a request for overnight camping in the parks.

Police

- Capt. Jim Wilson attended a Ray-Pec Senior Drive meeting.
- Capts. Roger Mayberry and Jim Wilson, Chief Jan Zimmerman and members of the ITS Department met with Digital Ally Representative Bill Curry to discuss body cameras.
- Lts. David Billings and Aly Abdelgawad and Capt. Jim Wilson met with a representative from Ed Roehr equipment supplier.
- Lt. Aly Abdelgawad participated in "Leading an Ethical Protector Culture" webinar, hosted by the FBINAA.
- Communications Supervisor Adrienne Rinehart attended the Cass County PSAP Supervisors Meeting in Harrisonville.
- Interviews for Communications Officers were conducted with three applicants.
- Several members of the Police Department toured the new Compass Health facility in preparation for their grand opening.
- Chief Jan Zimmerman participated in the Crime Commission Program Directors meeting at Crime Commission offices in Kansas City.

- Capt. Jim Wilson and Chief Jan Zimmerman met with the owners of Dave's Bike Shop to discuss their "Crankin' Into Spring" event scheduled for April 3.
- Lt. Aly Abdelgawad attended the FBINAA Kansas/Western Missouri winter training event in Shawnee, Kansas.
- Capts. Roger Mayberry and Jim Wilson and Chief Jan Zimmerman met with City Manager Jim Feuerborn and City Attorney Jonathan Zerr to discuss proposed changes to the City Code.

Public Works

Engineering

- Plans were received for Phase I of the Parkside Development.
- Final plans for The Venue at the Good Ranch were received and approved.
- Centerview Phase II plans were finalized and will be advertised for bid next week.
- FY 2021 Curb and Street Preservation projects were advertised for bid.

Operations and Maintenance

- 13 City Hall Work Orders
- 2 Driveway Approach Inspections
- 135 Line Locates
- 75 Potholes patched
- 1 Water Meter Radio Replaced
- 7 Sewer Inspections
- 3 Water Inspections
- 3 Water Taps
- Repaired water meters
- Repaired the yards on Kimberwick and N. Park after water main repair
- Pulled bi-monthly water samples
- Repaired yards damaged by snow plows
- Installed a new sign at City Hall
- Removed and repaired the fuel tank on the pothole patch trailer
- Pulled the forms at Owen Good Lift Station for the card reader and did dirt work
- Installed water sampling stations at new locations
- Cleaned up the bulk storage and the water shop
- Repaired a hole in the storm box on Brook Pkwy
- Replaced signs at the Lucy Webb & Dean roundabout that were damaged by a vehicle