

WEEKLY REPORT

Week of March 29 , 2021

Upcoming

- **On April 6**, 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. [Click here to view a short video to learn how the use tax works and why the City of Raymore is asking residents to consider it.](#) Find more information on the City's use tax proposal at www.raymore.com/UseTax or contact Assistant City Manager Mike Ekey at mekey@raymore.com or 816-892-3109.
- **Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt, 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday, April 3 at Raymore mystery parks.** Follow the clues on Raymore Parks & Recreation's Facebook page to find one of three giant wooden Easter eggs hidden in the Raymore park system to win! Learn more [here](#) and like and follow [Raymore Parks & Recreation on Facebook](#).

Administration

- Human Resources Manager Shawn Aulgur participated in the MO/Prima board meeting.
- Human Resources Manager Shawn Aulgur and Assistant City Manager Mike Ekey met with Lynchpin via Zoom to discuss the findings of their insight gathering for recruitment and retention.



- Human Resources Manager Shawn Aulgur and Assistant City Manager Mike Ekey met with Director of Parks and Recreation Nathan Musteen and Recreation Superintendent Jimmy Gibbs to discuss pay scales, job descriptions and recruitment.
- Assistant City Manager Mike Ekey attended the retirement celebration for Midwest Public Risk CEO Terry Norwood.
- City Manager Jim Feuerborn, Assistant City Manager Mike Ekey and Public Works Director Mike Krass met with Belton City Manager Alexa Barton and Public Works Director Gregg Rokos to discuss the next round of grant funding that is available for the I-49 expansion project.
- The City of Raymore hosted the annual Chamber of Commerce Municipal Election Forum. The allowed incumbents and challengers for City Council and The Raymore-Peculiar School Board an opportunity to answer questions. [To view the event, visit our Youtube page for the full presentation.](#)

Communications

- Communications Manager Melissa Harmer met with the Raymore Arts Commission's Public Art Committee.
- Communications Manager Melissa Harmer attended a KU Public Management Center Emerging Leaders Academy class via Zoom.

Development Services

- The Planning and Zoning Commission will meet Apr. 6 to consider the site plan for [South Town Storage](#), proposed for undeveloped land directly west of Brightside DayCare on 58 Highway.
- Staff met with the engineering team assisting with data collection for the utility plan portion of the proposed Comprehensive Plan.
- Staff hosted two open houses at the City sponsored [Universal Design Home](#) located at 428 Lasley Branch Court. Representatives from several communities participating in the Communities for All Ages program toured the home with builder Wade Beck of Pinnacle Homes of Kansas City. The home will be open to the public to view on April 10 from 1-3 p.m.
- Demolition of the fire-damaged home located at 1231 Wiltshire Boulevard is scheduled to commence on Monday, Apr. 5.
- City Planner Katie Jardieu attended a KU Public Management Center Emerging Leaders Academy class via Zoom.
- Economic Development Director David Gress participated in the Raymore Chamber of Commerce Board meeting.
- Economic Development Director David Gress participated in a series of site-selection consultant meetings hosted by Kansas City Area Development Council (KCADC) to discuss trends, progress, and prospective tenants for the [Raymore Commerce Center](#) development.

- Users of the [What's Happening in My Neighborhood](#) app will notice new aerial photography being utilized. The City contracted with Near Map to provide aerial photography twice a year. The current photography was taken the first week of March 2021.

Parks & Recreation

- Park Maintenance crews began regular mowing this week at Recreation Park and T.B. Hanna Station.
- Basic repairs and maintenance have begun at the RAC in preparation for the upcoming volleyball season and summer camp program.
- Park Maintenance crews completed the renovations at the Optimist Shelter. The shelter will be painted later this month. Crews also repaired some concrete cracks under The Depot at T.B. Hanna Station and around the baseball concession stand area at Recreation Park. A new railing was installed at The Depot, creating two gathering spaces for parties and rentals.
- All outdoor restrooms are now open for the season.
- Recreation Superintendent Jimmy Gibbs met with contractors for repairs on the windows and doors at Centerview. Gibbs continues to work on the revamping of our part-time employee program including pay scales, job descriptions and hiring procedures.
- Centerview was host to an HOA meeting and the Employee Relations Committee quarterly luncheon.
- The RAC hosted a Compass Health Vaccination day, adult volleyball, martial art programs and volleyball practices.
- Several City staff members participated in a charity Free Throw Shooting Contest on Friday. Proceeds of the event are donated to the Missouri Parks and Recreation Association Northwest Region 1. Raymore Parks & Recreation is a member of Region 1 and Parks and Recreation Director Nathan Musteen is currently the presiding director of the Region for 2021. Participants raised \$83 in free throws and Parks & Recreation Board Chair Steve Trautman donated \$100, for a total of \$183 raised for the Missouri Parks and Recreation Association Northwest Region 1.



- Recreation Coordinator Corinne Daut held a virtual presentation on the upcoming esports summer league. Over 66 cities across the United States participated in the presentation. The league begins in June.
- The Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt is set and ready to go. See above for details.

Police

- Emergency Management Director Ryan Murdock participated in the Missouri National Guard Vaccination Clinic at Ray- Pec High School.
- Tom Engert, newest member of the Cass County Emergency Services Board, observed in the Communications Unit in preparation for his post.
- Several members of the police department took a tour of Compass Health with Community Mental Health Liaison Dawn Morris.
- Capt. Jim Wilson, Detective Sgt. Cory Miller and Detective Earl Lancour, Officer Parker Pruettt and IT Senior Technician Noah DaMetz participated in the Free Throw Challenge at the RAC.
- Chief Jan Zimmerman met with representatives from Dave's Bike Shop to discuss traffic control in preparation for "Crankin' Into Spring."



Public Works

Operations and Maintenance

- Operations and Maintenance took delivery of the trailer mounted impact attenuator.
- Crews completed pothole repairs throughout the City.
- The new backhoe was delivered this week.



Engineering

- A pre-bid meeting was held for the FY 2021 Curb Project.
- Work continues on the City Hall Stormwater Detention Project.