

WEEKLY REPORT

Week of Sept. 6, 2021

Upcoming

- **9/11 Remembrance Ceremony, 7 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 11 at City Hall Plaza (behind City Hall).** Join us for a [remembrance ceremony](#) on the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks with a musical tribute, remarks from Mayor Kris Turnbow and the performance of *Taps*. The event will last approximately 45 minutes. Feel free to bring a chair. Street parking is available around the one-way Municipal Circle and in the City Hall parking lot. Please do not park in the police station lot.



- **The Variety KC Inclusive Sprayground at T.B. Hanna Station, 214 S. Washington St., closes for the season at 8:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 12!** Daily hours for the rest of this week are 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Thanks for a wonderful summer!
- **T.B. Hanna Station temporary closure for tree maintenance.** As a safety precaution, T.B. Hanna Station at 214 S. Washington will be closed during the day while workers are present starting Sept. 13 for extensive tree work, including dead tree removal. The park should open each day after 5 p.m. when the day's work is completed. The park is expected to be back to normal operating hours (dawn-11 p.m.) by Friday, Sept. 17. Thanks for your cooperation!



- **Raymore Farmers Market, 4-7 p.m. every Tuesday through September on Municipal Circle behind City Hall.** Shop from local farmers and artisans at the

Raymore Farmers Market. Join the market's [Facebook group](#) to hear from vendors each week!

- **American Legion Band of Greater Kansas City, 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 16 at Hawk Ridge Park amphitheater, 701 Johnston Pkwy.** The



Raymore Arts Commission is hosting a free performance by the 40+ member American Legion Band of Greater Kansas City. The band, formed shortly after the close of World War I, has a 100+ year tradition of performing at public and patriotic events throughout Missouri and Kansas. Bring a chair or blanket and your own refreshments and enjoy a beautiful evening of live music at the Raymore Arts Commission's final event of the year at the amphitheater.

- **Fall Pumpkins Painting Class, 2-4 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 19, Centerview, 227 Municipal Circle.** Register by 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13 to get creative and paint your own adorable fall pumpkins! Our instructor will guide you every step of the way and all materials are provided. The fee is \$35 per person. [Register online](#) or call 816-322-2791.



- **Community Against Crime, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 18 at the Raymore Fall Festival at Memorial Park, 400 Park Lane.** Connect with members of the Raymore Police Department, Lee's Summit Under Water Rescue & Recovery, Hope Haven of Cass County and MOCSA (Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault). This event aims to educate residents about the services provided by Raymore PD and other area agencies, as well as share information with residents and business owners about what they can do to help promote a safer community. For more about the festival, including the bike rodeo at 10:30 a.m., visit www.raymorefestival.com.

- **Child Safety Seat Checkup, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 18 at Memorial Park.** Join our Raymore Police officers – who are nationally certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians – at the Raymore Festival in the Park for this free event and have peace of mind that your child is safely and properly secured in your vehicle. At checkup events, CPS Technician teams work with and teach caregivers the basics of correct selection, direction, location, installation and harnessing of car seats, booster seats and seat belts. These events provide opportunities to detect unsafe car seats and booster seats (such as recalls,

damaged, missing parts/labels). This event will be held at the Memorial Park parking lot off Park Lane. This lot is by the Optimist Shelter, tennis courts and concessions building. QUESTIONS? Contact Officer Rebekah Burns at 816-892-3042. Can't make the event but want to get your car seat checked out? Contact Officer Burns to make an appointment at your convenience.

Administration

- Assistant City Manager Mike Ekey, Human Resources Manager Shawn Aulgur and Benefits Coordinator Nathan Reed met with staff from Holmes/Murphy to discuss the City Employee Health Benefits package for FY 22.
- Human Resources Manager Shawn Aulgur participated in the IPMA-HR GKC monthly members meeting.
- Human Resources Manager Shawn Aulgur participated in the IPMA-HR GKC Board of Directors meeting.
- Human Resources Manager Shawn Aulgur participated in the MO-PRIMA Board of Directors meeting.

City Clerk

- The [materials for the Monday, Sept. 13 regular meeting](#) of the Raymore City Council have been posted online.

Communications

- The Fall 2021 issue of *The Review* is available online! The magazine will be delivered to Raymore mailboxes this month, but you can view [The Review here](#) and [Parks & Rec Program Guide here](#).

Development Services

- Economic Development Director David Gress attended the Raymore Chamber of Commerce Monthly Morning Coffee hosted by [Noe's Jewelry](#).
- Economic Development Director David Gress and Mayor Kristofer Turnbow attended the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for [Lutfi's Fried Fish](#), located at 1242 W. Foxwood Drive in the Willowind Shopping Center.
- The Planning and Zoning Commission met Sept. 7 and recommended approval of the rezoning and preliminary plat for [Madison Valley Phase 2](#). City Council will consider the applications on Sept. 27.
- Construction has commenced on the [administration building](#) for the South Metropolitan Fire Protection District.
- Building permits have been issued for the first three buildings in the [Sunset Plaza](#) townhome development.
- Director Jim Cadoret participated in the virtual Planner's Roundtable meeting hosted by the Mid-America Regional Council.

Parks & Recreation

- Parks and Recreation Director Nathan Musteen, Economic Development Director David Gress and Communications Manager Melissa Harmer met with Unlimited Play regarding the design of signage and sponsorship levels at the Hawk's Nest, Raymore's all-inclusive playground.
- Parks and Recreation Director Nathan Musteen and Superintendents Steve Rulo and Jimmy Gibbs met with CFS Engineers on Hawk Ridge Park site plans and improvements approved in the 2020 No Tax Increase Bond Issue.
- Park crews prepared facilities at Memorial Park for the annual Raymore Festival in the Park.
- Athletic Coordinator Todd Brennon reported soccer and Tiny Soccer programs begin this week at Recreation Park.
- Recreation Coordinator Corinne Daut welcomed new vendors to the weekly Farmers Market. The market runs every Tuesday afternoon from 4-7 p.m. through the end of September on Municipal Circle behind City Hall.
- A call for vendors has been announced for the upcoming Holiday Craft Fair. The vendor application can be found [here](#).
- Park Superintendent Steve Rulo, Park Crew Leader Jeff Schmill, Recreation Coordinator Corinne Daut and Recreation Superintendent Jimmy Gibbs met to discuss final preparations for the annual [Walter Buck Memorial Fishing Derby](#). Children ages 3-15 are invited to participate in this free fishing event at Johnston Lake at Hawk Ridge Park from 8-10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 25. There will be prizes and giveaways! No need to register- just show up the morning of Sept. 25 at Hawk Ridge Park!
- Park crews completed final field preparations for soccer, flag football, and baseball games this weekend.
- Recreation Superintendent Jimmy Gibbs completed NRPA coursework training: Building a Well-Defined Organizational Culture.



RAYMORE
parks & recreation

WALTER BUCK MEMORIAL
Fishing Derby

Saturday, Sept. 25, 8-10 a.m.
Johnston Lake at Hawk Ridge Park

Young anglers are invited to join us for this FREE fishing event open to children ages 3-15.

Giveaways and prizes for Largest Fish and Most Caught Fish in two age divisions!

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- Park crews maintained the roundabout and splitter islands at Recreation Park.

Police

- Foxwood Springs provided special treats for our police officers as part of their Law Enforcement Appreciation event.
- Officer Matt Huff attended tactical team and firearms training at the Cass County Sheriff's Office.
- The Summer Breeze Bicycle Tour, which started and ended in Lee's Summit, came through Raymore with a rest stop at Recreation Park. Patrol officers conducted extra patrol in the area to provide any assistance needed to the riders as they came through town.
- Real Life Church in Belton provided lunch for Raymore Police Officers to show their appreciation for first responders.
- Chief Jan Zimmerman participated in the FBI National Academy training conference in Osage Beach.
- A candidate for the open Communications Officer position observed in Dispatch.



Animal Control



- A huge thank you goes out to Girven's Grooming for providing free grooming for two abandoned dogs. Contact the [Raymore Animal Shelter](#) if you're interested in adopting Mufasa and Sarabi, a bonded pair!
- ACO Jamie Hasenyager organized the transfer of five cats to KC Pet Project for adoption.
- Multiple donors were contacted in preparation for Pies for Paws at the Fall Festival.
- ACO Bailey Romi assisted with Animal Care at the Lakeside Nature Center.

Public Works Engineering

- Work has been completed on the FY 2021 Sidewalk Gap Project.
- Work is continuing on the Silver Lake Drainage Improvement Project.
- Cass County Road and Bridge started repairs on Ward Road. The work requires closures. [Visit our website for more information and updates.](#)
- Work has started on the Sunset Plaza Development.

Operations and Maintenance

- 24 City Hall Work Orders
- 3 Driveway Inspections
- 2 Final ROW Inspections
- 128 Locates
- 173 Feet/40 Panels of Sidewalk Mudjacked
- 8 Potholes Patched
- 18 Service Requests
- 4 Sewer Inspection
- 4 Sidewalk Inspection
- 3 Water Inspections
- 3 Water Taps
- Repaired water meters
- Pothole patched
- Pulled bi-monthly water samples
- Monitored flood areas during heavy rain
- Tore down and cleaned the mudjacker
- Mudjacked sidewalks on Cottonwood and S Adams
- Paint striped on Foxridge, Lucy Webb, and S Madison
- Shut down a water line in Silverlake to relocate and replace a fire hydrant
- Cleaned the basket at Owen Good Lift Station