

## WEEKLY REPORT

Week of Nov. 1, 2021

### Upcoming

- **Veterans Celebration, 4 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 10, at Centerview.** Join us to celebrate area veterans with remarks from Mayor Kristofer Turnbow, Sharon Parys of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the National Anthem and other songs from the [American Legion Band of Greater Kansas City](#), as well as complimentary refreshments!



**VETERANS CELEBRATION**



Honoring all who served.

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**Wednesday, Nov. 10 at 4 p.m.**  
**Centerview, 227 Municipal Circle**

Special guests, military personnel, music & refreshments.

- **Be part of the sixth annual [Raymore Christmas Tree Trail!](#)** It's free! All you need is an artificial tree, LED lights and some creativity! Space is limited, so be sure to apply ASAP. Find all the rules and regulations on the [online application \(Click here to apply\)](#).
- **Holiday Craft Fair, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 20, Raymore Activity Center, 1011 S. Madison St.** Find unique gifts for yourself and your loved ones when you shop for handmade and handcrafted goods from 40 local crafters and artisans at the Holiday Craft Fair! Admission is free and most vendors take cash and cards. Learn more and find a list of vendors on our [website](#) and [Facebook](#).
- **Shop with a Cop:** Several members of the Raymore Police Department are throwing out their razors and growing out their Santa beards to raise funds for the annual Shop with a Cop program, which pairs up some special children in the area with officers to go shopping for gifts for the upcoming holidays. [Learn more about how you can help us brighten the holidays for 50 area children this December!](#)



## **Administration**

- Human Resources Manager Shawn Aulgur rolled out the new performance management tool to all employees.
- City Manager Jim Feuerborn, Assistant City Manager Mike Ekey, City Attorney Jonathan Zerr and Chief Jan Zimmerman participated in a meeting with other Cass County mayors, city managers and police chiefs to discuss a collaborative effort for information sharing among agencies.

## **City Clerk**

- Occupational licenses expire Dec. 31. Renewal notices have been mailed to each license holder. For information on occupational license renewals, please visit [www.raymore.com/renew](http://www.raymore.com/renew).
- The [materials for the Monday, Nov. 8](#) regular meeting of the Raymore City Council have been posted online.

## **Communications**

- Wednesday's Raymore Blood Drive with the Community Blood Center provided 38 units of lifesaving blood to area hospital patients. Thank you to everyone who donated (or tried) at the drive. If you'd like to save a life with a blood donation, visit [www.savealifenow.org](http://www.savealifenow.org) to find a drive or donor center near you.
- Communications Manager Melissa Harmer met with Raymore Arts Commission Chair Loren Jones to discuss the upcoming Arts Commission agenda.
- Communications Manager Melissa Harmer designed signage for the skate shop at T.B. Hanna Station and for Recreation Park's Eat Smart in Parks program.

## **Development Services**

- Economic Development Director David Gress participated in the [2021 Public Service Career Expo](#), hosted by Mid-America Regional Council to highlight the roles and relationship of economic development within the public service realm. The program was offered to middle-school and high-school students across the KC Metro.
- The total number of dwelling units in the City has surpassed 9,000, with a total of 9,034.
- The Good Neighbor meeting for the [Timber Trails Mixed Use](#) development proposed for the northwest corner of Dean Avenue and Johnston Drive, originally scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 10, has been cancelled. Consideration of the application by the Planning and Zoning Commission is on hold.
- A demolition permit was issued to remove the former Golden Corral building to allow for redevelopment of the property for a [Whataburger](#) restaurant.
- Allen & Mary Blanton filed a [variance application](#) to reduce the rear yard setback from 30 feet down to 21 feet to allow for a sunroom addition on

their property at 513 Regina Ct. The Board of Adjustment will consider the request at 6 p.m. on Nov. 16.

- Steven Brown filed a request for a conditional use permit to establish an [event center](#) in the barn located at 16119 Kentucky Road. The Planning and Zoning Commission will consider the request on Dec. 7.
- City Planner Dylan Eppert participated in the Missouri Chapter of the American Planning Association annual conference.

## Parks & Recreation

- Parks and Recreation Director Nathan Musteen and Public Works Director Mike Krass met with CFS Engineers regarding improvements at Hawk Ridge Park, Sunset Lane and Centerview.
- Parks and Recreation Director Nathan Musteen attended the South Metro Directors Group quarterly meeting and luncheon.
- Recreation Superintendent Jimmy Gibbs Met with Communications Manager Melissa Harmer to outline marketing and advertising needs for upcoming events including the Veterans Day Celebration (November 10), the Holiday Craft Fair (November 20), and the Mayor's Tree Lighting and Raymore Christmas Tree Trail (December 3).
- Recreation Staff Met to review timelines and responsibilities associated with the upcoming program guide.
- Recreation Superintendent Jimmy Gibbs conferenced with Missouri Parks and Recreation Association auction committee members and worked to secure items for upcoming conference and auction.
- Athletic Coordinator Todd Brennon met with part time staff to review the fall sports season and discuss the upcoming winter season.
- Recreation Coordinator Corinne Daut continues plans for upcoming events including the Veterans Day Celebration (Nov. 10), the [Holiday Craft Fair](#) (Nov. 20), and the [Mayor's Tree Lighting and Raymore Christmas Tree Trail](#) (Dec. 3).



- Park Maintenance staff removed the flowers from the City Hall flower bed and planted tulip bulbs for the spring. The beds were also freshened up with new mulch.
- Maintenance staff also removed and stored the soccer benches and nets for the winter and began the transformation of The Depot into The Rink.

## Police

- Det. Sgt. Cory Miller and Det. Earl Lancour hosted investigators from departments throughout Cass County for information and intelligence sharing.
- Lt. Aly Abdelgawad participated in a meeting with Peculiar PD Chief Don Shepard and Community Mental Health Liaison Dawn Morris to discuss expansion of Crisis Intervention services in Cass County.
- Capt. Jim Wilson participated in a Missouri Peace Officer Association Board meeting via Zoom.
- Chief Jan Zimmerman participated in the Metropolitan Chiefs and Sheriffs Meeting in North Kansas City.
- Capt. Jim Wilson met with Peculiar PD at the Firing Range regarding its use.
- Capt. Jim Wilson met with Public Works at the firing range to discuss repair options for the wooden baffle above the back stop.
- Chief Jan Zimmerman received several donations on behalf of the Surviving Spouse and Family Endowment from charitable organizations and fundraising events in the metropolitan area.
- Capt. Jim Wilson met with RayPec Seniors for Senior Project via Google Meets.
- Communications Supervisor Adrienne Rinehart participated in the PSAP Supervisors Meeting at Belton PD.
- Capt. Jim Wilson and IT Senior Technician Austin Loar met with 911 Custom in Overland Park to equip a second police vehicle with a license plate reader.
- P.O. Matt Huff attended Tactical Team training at the Cass County Sheriff's Office.
- Testing was conducted on one applicant for Police Officer and one applicant for Communications Officer.
- The Communications Unit completed the monthly tornado siren test with no reported issues.



## Animal Control

- Animal Control Officer Bailey Romi provided a presentation to the Command Staff and Communications Manager Melissa Harmer regarding Veterinary Forensics to evaluate for use in upcoming officer training.
- Animal Control rescued three abandoned border collies. They were left by the original owner and a generous local caretaker was feeding them as often as possible. Homes were found for each within one day!
- The Raymore Animal Shelter is still running at capacity with only one kennel available.
- This darling boy, Jasper, is available immediately and we are seeking foster placement for two others!
- Volunteer opportunities are always available and we welcome citizens who would like to drop in and lend an extra hand! Feel free to call us at 816-892-3053 and we can set up a time for you to fill out an application!



## Public Works

### *Engineering*

- A progress meeting was held for the [Ward Road Reconstruction Project](#). The Appraiser has met with a number of property owners to discuss the improvements and impacts to their property. Everyg has started utility relocations.

### *Operations and Maintenance*

- Crews completed sidewalk repairs in the Ridgway Villas area.
- Utility Crews performed pump maintenance at the Owen Good Pump Station.