

WEEKLY REPORT

Week of Jan. 10, 2022

Upcoming

- **Winter Weather Advisory, Friday, Jan. 14 into Saturday, Jan. 15.** The National Weather Service is predicting 2-4 inches of snow for our area. Raymore Public Works crews will be starting snow shifts Friday night and will continue work around the clock to clear streets as needed. It would help our crew immensely if residents could avoid parking on the street. If you do have to park on the street, please park on the even address side only so that our plow trucks can get through every street. Please also avoid parking on the street in cul-de-sacs. Find snow removal information and a real-time snow plow map at www.raymore.com/snow
- **City Hall will be closed Monday, Jan. 17 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.**
- **Candidate filing for the April 5 General Municipal Election is open through Jan. 18, 2022.** Learn more about candidate filing at www.Raymore.com/ElectionInfo.
- **Evergy pole replacement starts Wednesday, Jan. 12 on 155th Street between Kentucky Road and N. Foxridge Dr.** Drivers can expect flaggers and one-way traffic during the project. Work is anticipated to last for about two weeks. Thank you for taking it slow and watching out for workers and equipment in construction zones.
- **[Frozen Skate](#), 6-7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 26 at The Rink at T.B. Hanna Station, 214 S. Washington St.** Dress as your favorite Frozen character and enjoy a magical evening on the ice with games, hot chocolate and an Olaf snack. The fee is \$10 per child. [Learn more and register online by Jan. 21.](#)
- **[Epoxy Cutting Board Workshop](#), 6-8 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 27 at Raymore Art Studio Co-op, 924 S. Madison St.** Use micas, glitter and dyes to make a one-of-a-kind epoxy cutting board design. Tickets are \$45 per person and all supplies are included. This class is offered through a partnership with the Raymore Arts Commission. [Learn more and purchase tickets online.](#)

Administration

- Assistant City Manager Mike Ekey and Communications Manager Melissa Harmer met with Tyson Fisher, the new owner of the Raymore Journal.
- Assistant City Manager Mike Ekey met with members of the East Metro Municipal League, to discuss ways the group can continue to operate with competitions post-COVID.

City Clerk

- **Occupational licenses expired Dec. 31.** To renew your license, please visit www.raymore.com/renew.
- The General Municipal election for the City of Raymore for the offices of City Council will be held April 5, 2022. Filing for this election is open through Jan. 18, 2022. A \$20 filing fee is required at the time the candidate declares candidacy. The following offices will be open:
 - **Mayor:** The office of Mayor is a three (3) year term from the City at-large and is currently held by Kristofer Turnbow.
 - **Councilmember:** All four (4) wards will elect one candidate to serve a two (2) year term and Ward 1 will elect one candidate to serve a one (1) year term. Information is as follows:
 - Ward 1, 2-year term: currently held by Reginald Townsend
 - Ward 1, 1-year term: currently held by Victoria Wills-Scherzer
 - Ward 2, 2-year term: currently held by Tom Circo
 - Ward 3, 2-year term: currently held by Jay Holman
 - Ward 4, 2-year term: currently held by Sonja Abdelgawad

For more information, [visit the City Clerk's website](#).

Communications

- The Raymore Arts Commission met in a work session Tuesday and heard a presentation from Ray-Pec Choir Director Stephen Rew. Rew spoke about the composition that was commissioned for the Ray-Pec Chamber Singers through a gift from the Raymore Arts Commission. The choir will perform a new arrangement of the classic hymn "I'll Fly Away" at the Missouri Music Educators Association (MMEA) Conference on Jan. 27. It is the first time in school history that a Ray-Pec school has been invited to perform at the conference.
- Communications Manager Melissa Harmer and Raymore Arts Commissioner Pat Setser attended the Ray-Pec Chamber Singers' MMEA Conference preview concert at Unity Village.
- The Raymore Arts Commission Public Art Committee met to discuss the selection of new temporary public art for Memorial Park.

Development Services

- Eight residents attended the Good Neighbor meeting concerning the proposed rezoning of the [Grube Property](#), generally located south of Dawn St. and east of S. Sunrise Dr. The applicant is seeking to rezone approximately 10 acres from "M-1" Light industrial to "R-3A" Multiple-Family Residential District. The Planning and Zoning Commission will consider the application on Jan. 18.
- The Planning and Zoning Commission will meet Jan. 18 to consider the rezoning of the Grube property and the site plan for the proposed [Johnny's Tavern](#) at the northwest corner of Sunset Lane and 58 Highway.
- Economic Development Director David Gress participated in a webinar hosted by the Missouri Department of Economic Development on the State's Youth

Opportunities Program.

- Economic Development Director David Gress met with Board members and representatives of the Cass County Coalition for Economic Development (CCCED) to discuss strategic planning efforts.
- Economic Development Director David Gress attended the Chamber of Commerce Monthly Morning Coffee hosted by Community America Credit Union, located at 1400 W Foxwood Dr.
- Land clearing activities are set to begin for the [Madison Valley Phase 2](#) subdivision.

Parks & Recreation

- Athletic Coordinator Todd Brennon worked with ice rink staff on maintenance needs.
- Recreation Superintendent Jimmy Gibbs and Athletic Coordinator Todd Brennon met to develop plans for soccer and flag football practice and play fields.
- Park Superintendent Steve Rulo and Recreation Superintendent Jimmy Gibbs provided department updates to the Park Board during the January work session.
- Athletic Coordinator Todd Brennon attended the South Metro Coordinators meeting Tuesday in Pleasant Hill to discuss spring dates and mid-season follow up on basketball season.
- Park Superintendent and Certified Arborist Steve Rulo attended the 66th Annual Shade Tree Conference in Topeka, Kansas. The Shade Tree Conference is held to introduce new industry standards and training and provide continuing education for recertification requirements.
- 14 children are currently registered for the new baseball clinic taking place at [Homefield KC](#) in Kansas City. This new athlete development program is the next step for local participants wanting to improve their on-field baseball skills.
- Games this week: one Independent League basketball game at Timbercreek elementary, 13 basketball games at South Middle School and five basketball games at the Raymore Activity Center.
- Tiny Basketball and Kindergarten Basketball will resume this Saturday at the Raymore Activity Center.
- Staff updated registration packets for the Spring Independent League. The registration packets can now be found online on the corresponding sports page.
- Recreation Superintendent Jimmy Gibbs consulted with Purchasing Specialist Kim Quade regarding the upcoming RFP for beverage vending and supply services.
- Recreation Superintendent Gibbs met with Communications Manager Melissa Harmer to review marketing and advertising needs of the department. Updates to the new Parks and Recreation [Jobs Page](#) were also provided.

Police

- Chief Jan Zimmerman participated in the Senate Confirmation Hearing in Jefferson City for her appointment to the Missouri Gaming Commission.
- Capt. Jim Wilson participated in the Cass County Chiefs and Sheriffs meeting at the Sheriff's Office in Harrisonville.
- Emergency Management Director Ryan Murdock participated with MARC and MEMC to develop 2022 goals and a training plan for the media partners and the Integrated Warning Team.
- Chief Jan Zimmerman met with Child Protection Center Director Lisa Mizell to discuss the case review process and agency involvement.
- Officer Matt Huff attended Core Essentials and Ground Tactics training, hosted by the National Law Enforcement Training Center at the KCPD Regional Academy.
- Lt. Aly Abdelgawad attended the Mid America CIT Awards Committee meeting, via Zoom, to finalize the awards ceremony to be held in February.
- Officer Matt Huff attended Tactical training at the Cass County Sheriff's Office.
- Capt. Jim Wilson met with the Cass County Youth Court board by Zoom.
- Detectives Earl Lancour and Lance Goddard, Detective Sgt. Cory Miller and Capt. Jim Wilson completed webinar update training on Social Media Forensic Investigations.
- Chief Jan Zimmerman participated in the Crime Commission Program Directors meeting in Kansas City.



Animal Control

- Two cats were transported to the Northland Animal Welfare Society for barn cat services.
- Animal Control staff members continued training on the new PetPoint software program.
- Renewal of the Animal Care Facility License took place. Congratulations to staff for a successful licensing process!
- Adoptions of seven animals occurred, including two of our longest foster dogs, Captain Jack and Scooby!



- Two dogs were transferred to the Lee's Summit Animal Shelter for adoption.

Public Works - Maintenance

- 12 City Hall Work Orders
- 8 Driveway Inspections
- 4 Final ROW Inspections
- 121 Locates
- 25 Service Requests
- 1 Sewer Inspection
- 1 Water Inspections
- 13 Sidewalk Inspection
- 2 Water Taps
- Repaired and replaced broken water meters
- Water break E Lucy Webb Rd and S Monroe St 1/11/22
- Fleet Maintenance
- Made salt brine in preparation for this weekend
- Cleaned and prepped snow equipment
- Pulled bi-monthly water samples
- Cleaned baskets at Owen Good Lift Station
- Activated new meters
- Put up No Outlet Sign at Morningview Lift Station
- Pick up trash along 58 Hwy
- Patched 5 potholes

Public Works - Engineering

- The contractor started installing the boardwalk at Centerview's back lawn.
- Work has started on the Johnston Drive Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project.