

WEEKLY REPORT

Week of March 13, 2023

Upcoming

- **House Bill 909 is anticipated to be perfected by the Missouri House on Monday, March 20, and voted on and approved by Thursday, March 23.** Once approved by the Missouri House of Representatives, HB 909 will move to the Missouri Senate. House Bill 909, introduced by Rep. Mike Haffner (R-Pleasant Hill), would amend state statute to extend the buffer between a landfill and an adjoining municipality to one mile from its current one-half mile. Keep updated by checking in at www.raymore.com/killthefill, on the City of Raymore's [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts and on the official [HB 909 webpage here](#).
- **Food Fest Friday, 5:30-8 p.m., Friday, March 24 at Recreation Park, 1011 S. Madison St.** Join us for food trucks and family fun at our first food truck event of the spring! Listen to live music from EZ Street and enjoy food and refreshments from Shivers Ice House, Taste of Brazil, Chick Fil A, KC Concoctions and Embrace the Grape. Picnic tables are limited, so feel free to bring a chair or blanket and make it a picnic.
- **Citizens Police Academy, 6:30 p.m., Wednesdays, March 29-May 17 at Centerview's Gilmore Room, 227 Municipal Circle.** The Citizens Police Academy offers an in-depth view about how your Raymore Police Department operates. Learn more about the program at www.raymore.com/cpa. Contact Officer Rebekah Burns for an application at rburns@raymore.com.
- **8th Annual Stream Cleanup, 8:30-11:30 a.m., Saturday, April 1 at Good Parkway Linear Park at Lucy Webb Road and Huntsman Boulevard (south of Lucy Webb).** Bring your family and friends and a reusable water bottle and participate in this annual event to pick up trash in and along the stream and remove



invasive Japanese/bush honeysuckle. Safety training, trash bags and loppers are provided at this event sponsored by the City of Raymore, South Grand River Watershed Alliance and the Missouri Stream Team. [Learn more on our website.](#)

- **Raymore voters will see a proposed 3% city tax rate on the sale of recreational marijuana on the ballot on April 4, 2023.** If approved by voters, the tax will NOT apply to medical marijuana sales, only to recreational marijuana sales. Tax dollars would go toward the City's General Fund, which pays for the core administrative and operational expenses of the City. Some of those expenses include personnel, all expenses of the Raymore Police Department, 911 dispatching expenses, Animal Control and court operations, pothole patching, street lights and the electricity for them, snow removal/salt/brine, membership in the program that allows residents to safely dispose of household hazardous waste year-round at mobile collection events and permanent facilities, the annual community paper shredding event and landfill opposition expenses (legal and public relations).

City Clerk

- The Monday, March 20 City Council work session has been canceled. The notice is [available online.](#)
- City Clerk Erica Hill attended the Missouri City Clerks and Finance Officers Association Spring Institute. Ms. Hill was sworn in as Division Director for the Western Division of the organization for a 2-year term.
- The general municipal election is April 4, 2023. For information, please visit the [Municipal Election Information page.](#)

Communications

- Communications Manager Melissa Harmer attended the [South Kansas City Alliance](#) meeting at the South Patrol Police Campus in Kansas City on Monday, where Rep. Mike Haffner discussed House Bill 909. HB 909 cosponsors Rep. Anthony Ealy and Rep. Mark Sharp were also in attendance.
- Communications Manager Melissa Harmer attended Heartland Certified Public Manager program classes at the KU Edwards Campus in Overland Park, KS.
- The Raymore Arts Commission met in a regular meeting Tuesday to discuss arts events and activities planning for 2023.
- Communications Manager Melissa Harmer designed and ordered recruitment materials for Raymore Public Works.

Development Services

- A variance application was filed by Travis Self requesting a variance to the Unified Development Code Section 440.030(C)2, which allow for a 6' privacy fence to be located at the property line on the west side of the property located at 1535 Horseshoe Dr. in the Stonegate subdivision. The Raymore Board of Zoning Adjustment will consider this request at their April 12, 2023 meeting.
- A variance application was filed by Juan Molina requesting a variance to the Unified Development Code Section 440.030(C)2, which would allow for a 6' tall privacy fence to be located within the required front-yard setback area for the property located at 100 N. Woodson in the Rolling Hills subdivision. The Raymore Board of Zoning Adjustment will consider this request at their April 12, 2023 meeting.
- A variance application was filed by Charles Burnett representing Claremont Properties requesting a variance to the Unified Development Code Section 405.030 "Bulk and Dimensional Standards" for the "R-3B" Apartment Community Residential District. The request would reduce the 30' rear yard setback to 15.92' for an attached garage structure included within a proposed senior-living facility. The property is currently undeveloped, located north of Springing Up Child Development Center and east of Johnston Pkwy. The Raymore Board of Zoning Adjustment will consider this request at their April 12, 2023 meeting.
- The materials for the March 21 Planning and Zoning Commission were posted online. The Commission will review proposed PUD Rezoning and Preliminary Development Plan for an approximately [22-acre mixed use development](#) located west of Dean Avenue, north of Johnston Drive, within the Timber Trails development.

Human Resources

- Human Resources Manager Shawn Aulgur attended the Midwest Public Risk Board of Directors meeting.
- Human Resources Manager Shawn Aulgur met with Todd Foster from Midwest Public Risk to discuss the City's claims and updated recognition program.
- Human Resources Manager Shawn Aulgur participated in a Strategic Planning meeting to transition (IPMA-HR) International Public Managers Association for Human Resources to (PSHRA) Public Sector HR Association at the national, regional and local levels.
- Human Resources Manager Shawn Aulgur participated in the Central Region International Public Management Association for Human Resources conference planning meeting.

Parks & Recreation

- Recreation Superintendent Todd Brennon attended the National Recreation and Park Association's Revenue Development and Management School. This is Brennon's first year of the two year school.
- Park maintenance staff graded and overseeded areas at Hawk Ridge Park. Staff also painted athletic field lines for soccer, flag football and baseball. Restrooms are also being de-winterized as staff prepare the park facilities for the spring season.
- The Big Green Athletic Complex at Recreation Park is ready for the upcoming soccer and flag football season.
- The Park Maintenance division received their new skid-steer. This long anticipated piece of equipment replaces the current uni-loader originally purchased in 1998.
- Parks and Recreation Director Nathan Musteen participated in an interview for consultant services to develop a comprehensive master plan.
- Congratulations to Parks and Operations Superintendent Steve Rulo on 15 years of service to Raymore.



Police

- RAPTOR, the City of Raymore Drone Unit, took advantage of the nice weather and conducted drone training.
- Recruit Joel McLaughlin participated in his first Practical Integrated Exercises at the Kansas City Regional Police Academy.
- Chief Jim Wilson attended the RayPec Safety Security Task Force meeting.
- Kendrick Lintecum joined the department as our newest Communications Officer.
- Communications Supervisor Adrienne Rinehart and Chief Jim Wilson attended the Cass County Emergency Services Board meeting in Harrisonville.
- Communications Supervisor Adrienne Rinehart attended the Dispatch Supervisors Meeting at Raymore PD.

- Communications Supervisor Adrienne Rinehart attended the Cass Career Center Advisory Board Meeting in Harrisonville.
- Chief Jim Wilson attended the Law Enforcement Liability Advisory Committee meeting in Independence.

Public Works

Engineering

- Work continues around town on various sidewalk and curb repair projects that were not completed by the end of last fall.
- Waterline testing was completed on the extension of 163rd Street on the south side of the Creekmoor subdivision.
- Waterline testing was completed at The Depot
- The bridge and culvert cleaning project continues to progress as weather permits
- City staff met with Schlagle and Associates in regards to the extension of Johnston Drive to the end of the road at Benton House

Operations and Maintenance

- 9 City Hall Work Orders
- 4 Driveway Inspections
- 1 Final ROW Inspection
- 132 Locates
- 19 Service Requests
- 10 Sidewalk Inspection
- 1 Curb Inspection
- Inspected sidewalks throughout the city for priority mudjacking repairs
- Inspected curbs throughout the city for patch repairs
- Assesses and fixed hydrant meters and backflow meters
- Pulled bi-monthly water samples
- Completed misc concrete inspections
- Snow standby
- Water department assisted the engineering department with water samples for a new service line
- Exposed and inspected two manholes that were covered on W. Lucy Webb Road
- Continued Inspections of sewer manholes in Zone 2 for potential sewer jetting this coming season
- Fleet maintenance
- Created a pothole patch list
- Completed sign service requests
- Pothole patched
- Cleaned storm culverts



- Picked up parts from Knapheide
- Cleaned shop to make room to store pick up truck spreaders
- Offloaded pick up spreaders for summer