

WEEKLY REPORT

Week of March 20, 2023

Upcoming

- **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).
- **Raymore Easter Festival, 10 a.m., Saturday, April 8 at Recreation Park.** Children 4th grade and younger are invited to hunt more than 15,000 eggs, enjoy refreshments and meet the Easter Bunny at this annual event. [Learn more on our website.](#)



Administration

- The Missouri Representatives, in an overwhelming 139-16 vote on March 22, approved House Bill 909, creating a one-mile buffer between landfills and neighboring municipalities. [View the press release from Rep. Mike Haffner's office here.](#)

- House Bill 909 was reported to the Missouri Senate and first read on March 22. The bill is on the Senate calendar for second reading. Upon second read, the bill will be referred to a committee. Once that assignment is made, we will share contact information for the members of that committee so residents can continue to make contacts with the senators to respectfully request support of the legislation.
- We are incredibly grateful to Rep. Mike Haffner for sponsoring House Bill 909 and championing it through the Missouri House of Representatives. We're also thankful to the Speaker of the House Rep. Dean Plocher, Majority Floor Leader Rep. Jonathan Patterson, Minority Floor Leader Rep. Crystal Quade, Local Government Chairman Rep. Bill Falkner and every cosponsor of the legislation. Please send an email of thanks to those representatives for their support of HB 909. Find contact information for the representatives at www.raymore.com/killthefill under the WHAT YOU CAN DO tab of the page.
- Mayor Kris Turnbow, City Manager Jim Feuerborn, Assistant City Manager Ryan Murdock and Communications Manager Melissa Harmer were at the Missouri Capitol earlier this week to witness the perfection and final vote of House Bill 909.

IT'S TIME TO SAY THANK YOU

Please send a note of gratitude to the representatives who supported HB 909!

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City Clerk

- The agenda for the Monday, March 27 City Council meeting is [available online](#).
- The general municipal election is April 4, 2023. For information, please visit the [Municipal Election Information page](#).

Development Services

- Development Services staff attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Training and Technical Center of Cass County, located in Belton, which provides workforce development and training opportunities for employers and employees within the greater Cass County area.
- The Planning and Zoning Commission met on Tuesday, March 21 to review a PUD Rezoning and Preliminary Development Plan application for an approximately [22-acre](#)

[mixed use development](#) located west of Dean Avenue, north of Johnston Drive, within the Timber Trails development. The Commission recommended (7-1) approval of the application. The Council will review the request at their April 24 meeting.

- Development Services Director David Gress and Mayor Turnbow attended the Raymore Chamber of Commerce Board meeting.
- Development Services Director David Gress assisted with the candidate forum hosted by the Raymore Chamber of Commerce. View a recap of the forum and hear from candidates running for Raymore City Council and the Raymore-Peculiar School Board [HERE](#).
- An application was received requesting site plan approval for the [Sunset Villas development](#), a 55+ senior living community located north of 58 Highway, between Johnston Drive and Sunset Lane. The Planning Commission will review this request at their May 2, 2023 meeting.
- An application was received requesting rezoning of the property located at [103 S. Jefferson Street](#) from its current C-2/OT General Commercial/Original Town Overlay, to R-1/OT, Single Family Residential/Original Town Overlay. The Planning Commission will review this request at their May 2, 2023 meeting.
- Economic Development Director Brandon Keller celebrated his last week with the City of Raymore before pursuing a new career opportunity. We wish Mr. Keller all the best!

Human Resources

- Human Resources Manager Shawn Aulgur participated in the Central Region International Public Management Association for Human Resources conference planning meeting.

Parks & Recreation

- Parks and Recreation Director Nathan Musteen, Recreation Superintendent Todd Brennon and Public Works Director Mike Krass participated in a meeting on the Raymore Activity Center Phase 2 project.
- Parks and Recreation Staff held a planning meeting for the 2023 Farmers Market. Vendor applications and rules are available at www.raymore.com/farmersmarket
- Parks Superintendent Steve Rulo met with a local scout preparing for his Eagle Scout project.

- Thank you to Foxwood Springs! More than 50 residents gathered together to stuff 3,000 Easter Eggs for our upcoming Easter Festival on April 8 at Recreation Park. This event would not be possible without our wonderful community volunteers.
- Centerview hosted several programs (weekly Bunco/Bridge Clubs and Sunflower Painting Class), as well as monthly meetings and a celebration of life.
- Recreation Superintendent Todd Brennon held a soccer and volleyball referee meeting and finalized schedules for volleyball and flag football. Uniforms for soccer arrived and were distributed.
- Spring soccer games begin this Saturday, March 25 and the volleyball and flag football games start on Saturday, April 1.
- The concession stand at the Big Green Athletic Complex in Recreation Park is ready and stocked for opening day of soccer this weekend.
- [FRIDAY FOOD FEST](#) has been rescheduled for April 14 due to cold and rainy weather. Please mark your calendars for the new date.



Police

- Capt. Aly Abdelgawad and Officer Stephanie Hornbeck attended the 9th Annual Crisis Intervention Team Conference in Columbia, Missouri.
- Detective Sgt. Cory Miller participated in a webinar on Drug Impaired Driving: Inhalants.
- Chief Jim Wilson attended the Cass County Youth Court by way of Webex.
- South Metro Fire District conducted CPR Recertification Training for members from the department this week.
- The Raymore Police Department Drone Unit RAPTOR conducted drone training this week.
- Chief Jim Wilson and Detective Danny Foster attended the Advance MILO Firearms system training.
- Communications Supervisor Adrienne Rinehart attended the Missouri Public Safety Communications Conference in Osage Beach, Missouri.

- Chief Wilson attended a RayPec Senior Drive Project meeting.

Public Works

Engineering

- A Pre-Bid meeting was held for the signal at North Cass Parkway and Dean Avenue
- A Pre-Construction meeting was held for the Mayberry Court waterline project. Currently this project is expected to start on Monday, April 10.
- A Pre-Construction meeting was held for the Ascend site work. This project is located at the end of Dawn Street behind Elite Fence.

Operations and Maintenance

- Assistant Director Steve Welch, Public Works Supervisor Mike Donohoe and Crew Leader Justin Paith participated in the Ray-Pec Senior Career Day on March 23.

- 22 City Hall Work Orders
- 1 Driveway Inspection
- 2 Final ROW Inspections
- 109 Locates
- 13 Service Requests
- 1 Sewer Inspection
- 10 Sidewalk Inspections
- 1 Curb Inspection
- Fleet Maintenance
- Inspected curbs throughout the city for patch repairs
- Completed misc concrete inspections
- Continued inspections of sewer manholes in Zone 2 for potential sewer jetting this coming season
- Cleaned dump truck salt spreaders
- Frame in landfill signs
- Facility maintenance
- Made repairs to truck 386 hydraulic box
- Created a pothole patch list
- Completed sign service requests
- Made and installed signs throughout the city
- Received retroreflectometer and will begin retroreflectivity training
- Water shut off
- Water turn ons
- Completed water meter repairs

