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## Meeting Schedule

### City Council Meetings

2nd and 4th Mondays, 7 p.m.

### City Council Work Sessions

1st and 3rd Mondays, 7 p.m.

### Planning & Zoning Commission

1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 7 p.m.

### Arts Commission

2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m.

### Park Board

4th Tuesday, 7 p.m.

All Meetings in City Council Chambers,  
100 Municipal Circle • Raymore, Mo.

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## Contact Us

### Have a Question?

Ask questions and report concerns to the City 24/7 on our online Request Tracker. Visit [www.Raymore.com](http://www.Raymore.com) and click on Report a Concern.

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Community Development Director Jim Cadoret and Councilman Derek Moorhead discuss themes at the introductory strategic planning session this past fall. Those themes will be included in the City Council's strategic planning process. The City Council will continue its strategic planning process in February with several town hall meetings with residents.

# City Council begins strategic planning process

## Public invited to participate in the city-wide planning discussion.

What does the City of Raymore look like in the next 10 years? Does it look the same as when you were growing up?

These were a few of the questions asked by John Nalbandian, a professor at the University of Kansas School of Public Affairs & Administration, as part of an exercise this past fall with the City Council as it began a strategic planning process that could plot a course for our community for the next decade or more.

“A strategic plan is more than a document,” City Manager Jim Feuerborn said. “It is a guide for how we at the City will conduct business, allocate resources and focus our energy to continue to grow this community.”

It was clear from the start of the Council session this past fall that there was no shortage of great ideas on where the City should focus its attention and push Raymore's growth through the next 10 to 20 years.

Starting next month, consultants with the KU Public Management Center will work with the Council and residents to create a list of over-arching priorities and goals for the entire city. The strategic plan will help guide the City as it works to expand parks, improve public safety and give staff direction on what kind of new businesses to attract to Raymore.

The focus now in the strategic planning process is to invite the public to the table to help refine those goals and develop a concrete plan.

Participation from residents and volunteers on the City's boards and commissions will be valuable as it will bring a diversity of opinions and views. This, Feuerborn said, will ensure that the strategic plan represents everyone in the community and reflects the vision of all who call Raymore home.

## Save the Date

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**FEB 16 Breakout session I, 6 p.m.**  
In this session, facilitators will take one or two ideas from the first town hall and explore more in-depth how to incorporate those into the final strategic plan.

**FEB 29 Breakout session II, 6 p.m.**  
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**Sign up for email notifications**  
Receive the latest news from the strategic planning process by signing up for the City's email list. Visit [www.Raymore.com/ReimagineRaymore](http://www.Raymore.com/ReimagineRaymore)

# Where do my property taxes go?

For every dollar you pay toward your property taxes, here is where that money goes:

Roughly \$0.63 goes to the Ray-Pec School District.



About \$0.21 goes to South Metro Fire, Cass County Road and Bridge, Library, Hospital, Shelter workshop and the State.



A little more than \$0.16 goes to Raymore.



This list represents each taxing entity that appears on a Raymore resident's property tax bill (unless you also live in a special taxing district). These rates have been certified by the Cass County Collector's office.

Ray-Pec Schools	5.0397
City	1.3057
South Metro Fire	1.0890
Cass Co Rd & Bridge	0.2287
Library	0.1495
Hospital	0.1356
Shelter Workshop	0.0498
State	0.0300
<b>Tax Rate</b>	<b>8.0280</b>

Each December, Cass County sends property tax bills to residents. The revenue generated from these taxes funds many important functions at the City and County level.

At the City of Raymore, we think it is important that you understand exactly where that money goes.

Cass County determines your residential property taxes by taxing 19 percent of the market value of your property. That creates an assessed value that is then multiplied by the current tax rate. For example, Raymore residents pay a tax rate of 8.028 (unless you are living in a special taxing district).

The graph to the left shows where every dollar of your tax payment goes.

## What does the City of Raymore do with my property taxes?

Although there is only one rate listed on the bill from the County, the \$0.16 received by the City goes to three distinct areas:

### General Fund: \$0.06

This supports the day-to-day staff and programs at City Hall like Public Works, Community Development, Police, etc. In all, property taxes generate about \$1.3 million for this part of the City's budget.

### Parks & Recreation Fund: \$0.02

This directly funds our city's parks and programming. This generates about \$352,000 for the Parks & Recreation department.

### Debt Service Fund: \$0.08

This fund is how the City pays for its financial obligations for a variety of projects.

These three make up Raymore's 1.3057 (or 16 percent) of your property taxes.

**Questions? Call the City's Finance Department at 816-892-5182.**



# City website slated for complete redevelopment

Raymore's City website is getting more than just a face lift this winter; it will be getting a total overhaul.

This winter, City staff will begin working with Vision Internet, a web development firm out of California, to begin a complete reconstruction of the City's website that will bring it up-to-date and make it easier for residents to navigate and find information.

"Our goal is to create a website that everyone will find stunning and useful." Communications Manager Mike Ekey said. "It should be a showcase for all of the amazing things this community has within it and be a place where residents can learn about their city."

Along with much-needed updates, the site will be reorganized in a way that will make it easier for residents and businesses to interact with our staff.

The City built its first website in 1996 with the help of students in the Ray-Pec High School technology class. According to the Raymore Review from 1996, the students would then periodically update the site as part of an overall class project. It was not until 2008 that the City contracted with a company to build its current website. Since then, however, there have been no major updates to the site and the technology that supports the site has become obsolete.

According to the City's own data, the website receives an average of 1,000 visitors a day. However, that number is lower than what the site historically received as more visitors receive information about events and other activities in Raymore from the City's social media pages.

The new site should be unveiled later this summer.

*TOP: The City's website before 2015. A year ago, the City website was updated to reflect the City's new color and branding. However, aside from color, nothing else was updated.*

*MIDDLE: According to the Internet Archive, this was City's website in 2006 before CivicPlus redesigned the site and added a number of other resources, like Request Tracker for resident concerns, and the agenda center.*

*BOTTOM: The original City of Raymore website according to the Internet Archive. This version appears to be from 2000. To view other versions of the old City of Raymore website, visit [www.Archive.org](http://www.Archive.org)*



Visit the City's current website at [www.Raymore.com](http://www.Raymore.com).



# Snow Business:

The City of Raymore prepares for winter weather and wants residents to do the same.

In early October it was 60 degrees and sunny outside, but Raymore Public Works Assistant Director Steve Welch had snow and ice on his mind.

At 8 a.m. sharp that morning, weeks before the first freeze would even hit the Kansas City region, Welch was already preparing, training and drilling his staff for what they need to do to ensure Raymore's streets are cleared when winter weather hits the city.

"The second weather starts to turn bad, I want to know my guys are ready to tackle anything," Welch said. "This is their city just as much as anyone else's. They want to make sure the snow gets cleared and the roads are safe for residents."

To ensure that plows treat and clear the City's 350 lane-miles of roadway as quickly as possible, Public Works has divided the city into three zones that each have four trucks plowing at any given time during winter weather. Crews work around the clock in 12-hour shifts.

Each roadway is also given a priority depending on its size and the amount of traffic. First priority is given to roadways designated as emergency snow routes or primary thoroughfares, like 58 Highway.

Once these main roadways have been cleared, road crews will move on to plowing secondary priority collector streets and progressing through the route priorities in order, with the lowest traveled residential streets and cul-de-sacs seeing service last.

Calls from residents about particularly slick areas are handled as quickly as possible, but most of the plows will remain focused on clearing the priority roadways first.

"There is a lot of thought and analysis that goes into sending our plows out to clear snow," Welch said. "We have to be efficient with not only our resources but also our time."

In 2015, Raymore crews responded to 12 snow/ice events. Although the area only sees, on average, nine snow events in a year, the National Weather Service is predicting an increase in the number of snowstorms our region could see in the winter months of 2016.

Want to learn more about the Public Works' Department's snow removal plan or to find out what priority level of your street?

Go to [www.Raymore.com/SnowRemoval](http://www.Raymore.com/SnowRemoval)



## How long does it take to plow the streets in Raymore?

When a snowfall is predicted at six inches or less, plow drivers push snow behind the curb to provide at least a 10- to 12-foot wide path each way on the roadway. This could take 24 hours.

When the predicted snowfall is six inches or greater, the Priority 1 streets are cleared curb to curb; all other routes receive one pass in each direction. When all routes have been cleared, edge-to-edge clearing commences. At this level of snowfall, the City's goal is to clear all priority routes within 24 hours after plowing begins.

In 2004, Raymore became the first Cass County City to begin pretreating roads with salt brine 24 to 48 hours before a forecast snow event to reduce salt usage. The City calculates that using brine sprays reduces the amount of salt used during winter weather.

## What can I do to help?

- Make sure to have the proper snow or all weather tires on your vehicle to prevent you from getting stuck.
- If possible, park vehicles off of the street and don't allow your vehicles to hang into the road from the driveway. Cars in the roadway hinder the performance of the snow removal operations.
- The City will be notifying residents on routes where parked cars have caused problems in the past via the Code Red emergency notification system. Affected residents will be contacted via an automated phone call.
- Shovel the snow to the right side of the driveway as you face the street. This will lessen the amount of snow drifts left at the mouth of the driveway when the snowplows come by. These drifts cannot be prevented, but residents can minimize the problem by clearing a 15-foot long area of the curb in advance of the drive. Most, but not all, of the snow from the plow will be deposited in the clear area.
- Stay back at least 50 feet from the rear of the plow truck so the driver can see you. Remember, if you can't see the driver in his mirrors, he can't see you.
- If trash pickup day coincides with plowing activities, make sure your trash and recycling bins are well behind the curb or in the driveway so plows will not hit them.

## Are you prepared for winter weather?

**Make sure you have these items on-hand in case of a winter emergency:**

### At Home

- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Battery-powered NOAA Weather Radio and portable radio to receive emergency information
- Extra food and water such as dried fruit, nuts and granola bars, and other food requiring no cooking or refrigeration.
- Extra prescription medicine
- Baby items such as diapers and formula
- First-aid supplies
- Heating fuel: refuel before you are empty; fuel carriers may not reach you for days after a winter storm
- Emergency heat source: fireplace, wood stove or space heater, properly ventilated to prevent a fire
- Fire extinguisher, smoke alarm: test smoke alarms once a month to ensure they work properly
- Extra pet food and warm shelter for pets
- Review generator safety. You should never run a generator in an enclosed space.
- Home fires are common each winter when trying to stay warm. Review ways to keep your home and loved ones safe.

### In Vehicles

- Mobile phone, charger, batteries
- Blankets/sleeping bags
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Knife
- Extra clothing to keep dry
- Sack of sand or cat litter for traction
- Shovel
- Windshield scraper and brush
- Tool kit
- Tow rope
- Battery booster cables
- Water container
- Candle and matches to provide light and in an emergency, lifesaving heat.
- Compass and road maps, don't depend on mobile devices with limited battery life
- Keep your gas tank near full to avoid ice in the tank and fuel lines. Avoid traveling alone. Let someone know your timetable and primary and alternate routes.

Source: NOAA's National Weather Service  
[www.nws.noaa.gov/](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/)



## Neighborhood Vehicles hit the roads in Raymore

**Make sure you know the rules and restrictions when it comes to driving these new vehicles.**

A quick run to the local store or your neighborhood park just became a little simpler with the passage of a new law that allows Neighborhood Vehicles (such as low speed vehicles or properly equipped golf carts) on Raymore streets.

Under a new ordinance passed by the City Council on Oct. 12, Neighborhood Vehicles will soon be able to be driven on specific roadways in Raymore. The ordinance opens a whole new method of transportation for many within our community.

“Whether you walk, bike or drive, we are committed to creating a community open to a variety of transportation alternatives for all residents,” City Manager Jim Feuerborn said.

However, as with any new City initiative, Feuerborn said, it is important for residents to understand the new rules

and requirements before getting behind the wheel of their own Neighborhood Vehicle.

Police Chief Jan Zimmerman has outlined the processes residents will need to follow to have their Neighborhood Vehicles inspected and registered with the City. Applications can be picked up at the Police Department, the City Clerk’s office or downloaded from the City website.

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- Jim Feuerborn, Raymore city manager

“The goal is to ensure that the vehicle is safe for the driver, passengers and others on the roads,”

Zimmerman said. “Even at lower speeds, drivers need to be aware of the laws and rules that apply to them while operating their vehicle on our City streets.”

The ordinance requires anyone driving a Neighborhood Vehicle to register that vehicle with the City and pay



a \$20 permit fee. The ordinance also requires that all Neighborhood Vehicles older than two years must be inspected by a licensed Missouri State Vehicle inspection station in Raymore.

Zimmerman said she recognizes that not everyone will be familiar with the new rules and restrictions for Neighborhood Vehicles right at the beginning. To help educate residents, the City has instituted a grace period for the enforcement of the ordinance regarding drivers of these vehicles. Police officers have been instructed to stop Neighborhood Vehicle drivers if they see someone breaking the law, but will only be giving warnings during this period.

Once the grace period ends, drivers will be issued citations for violations of the ordinance.

Residents must register their Neighborhood Vehicle before it can be operated on a public street.

For a full copy of the ordinance, some frequently asked questions and a list of participating inspection stations, visit [www.Raymore.com](http://www.Raymore.com).



## Frequently asked questions:

### **What is a Neighborhood Vehicle?**

The City ordinance, which is in line with state law defines a Neighborhood Vehicle as a Low Speed Vehicle or golf cart, which is a motorized vehicle with four wheels, that weighs no more than 3,000 lbs and cannot exceed 25 MPH. The ordinance does not allow for motor scooters or other motorized recreational vehicles to be driven on public streets (such as 'go-carts' or ATVs).

### **I already have my golf cart, now what?**

Missouri Revised Statutes, Section 304 and CFR 49, 571.500 of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration requires that all Neighborhood Vehicles be equipped with, at a minimum:

- Headlights
- Front and rear turn signals
- Taillights
- Stop lights/brake lights
- Reflectors: one red on each side as far to the rear as practicable
- An exterior mirror mounted on the driver's side of the vehicle and either an exterior mirror mounted on the passenger's side of the vehicle or an interior mirror
- Seatbelts installed to cross the lap portion of all passengers
- Headlights, taillights, and brake lights must emit light visible at night under normal atmospheric conditions on a straight, level, unlighted roadway at five hundred (500) feet
- A windshield that conforms with the Federal motor vehicle safety standard on glazing materials (49 CFR 571.205)
- A Vehicle Identification Number

### **My Neighborhood Vehicle, has those things, now what?**

First, if your Neighborhood Vehicle is more than two (2) years old, you will need to get it inspected at a licensed Missouri Vehicle

Safety Inspection station in Raymore. (You can find a list of those inspection stations online). The inspection will check to ensure your vehicle meets all requirements. For a full list of these requirements and inspection stations, visit [www.Raymore.com](http://www.Raymore.com).

If your vehicle is newer than two years old it does not require inspection, but you will still need to complete an application form at the City Clerk's Office to receive your sticker.

### **What is required by the City Clerk for my Neighborhood Vehicle?**

The City Clerk will provide you with an application where you will need to provide basic information about the Neighborhood Vehicle, proof of insurance and other documents (for a full list of requirements, visit [www.Raymore.com](http://www.Raymore.com)).

### **I'm registered, stickered and can drive my Neighborhood Vehicle anywhere I want, right?**

Not quite. Neighborhood Vehicles and ALL motorized vehicles are still prohibited from sidewalks, or public trails and walkways that are reserved for pedestrians. Also, state law forbids Neighborhood Vehicles from driving on a street or a highway with a posted speed limit greater than 35 MPH. However, you can still cross a street with a posted speed limit of up to 45 MPH, but the ordinance requires you to make such a crossing at an electronic traffic control signal (or stoplight) unless access to such an intersection is not available.

### **Can I be pulled over by Police in my Neighborhood Vehicle?**

Yes. If an officer has a reasonable suspicion that you are breaking the law, he/she can initiate a traffic stop with Neighborhood Vehicle just as he/she would with a regular vehicle.

**Questions? Call the City Clerk's Office at 816-331-3324 or visit [www.Raymore.com](http://www.Raymore.com).**

# Operation Green Light partnership eases traffic congestion along 58 Highway

The 2.3-mile stretch of 58 Highway between Madison and the Belton city limits is supposed to take less than five minutes to drive according to Google Maps.

But residents know that if they were unlucky enough to hit every red light along the way, that trip could become much longer. To alleviate the congestion and help smooth the flow of traffic, the City joined with the Mid-America Regional Council through a program called Operation Green Light that created a new system to control traffic signals and shaved minutes from the average commute time across 58 Highway.

“We heard through our Citizen Survey that traffic congestion along the 58 Highway corridor was a problem,” City Manager Jim Feuerborn said. “We wanted to address that directly and ensure residents saw the results.”

The program looks at major intersections and roadways in the Kansas City Region and studies the traffic patterns that might be leading to congestion at specific times of the day. Traffic engineers with Operation Green Light then recommend a number of changes that lead to better traffic flow and less congestion on the city’s busiest roadway.

For Raymore, that meant updating the timing on the traffic signals to ensure that traffic moving east and west was not causing backups. The length of time lights stayed green was also increased during rush hour along with a number of other technical changes.

“We know that traffic patterns have changed through

Raymore since the last time Operation Green Light conducted a comprehensive review,” Public Works Director Mike Krass said. “We heard that in the Citizen Surveys. We hope the new setting on the lights will ease that frustration and lead to better traffic flow throughout the community.

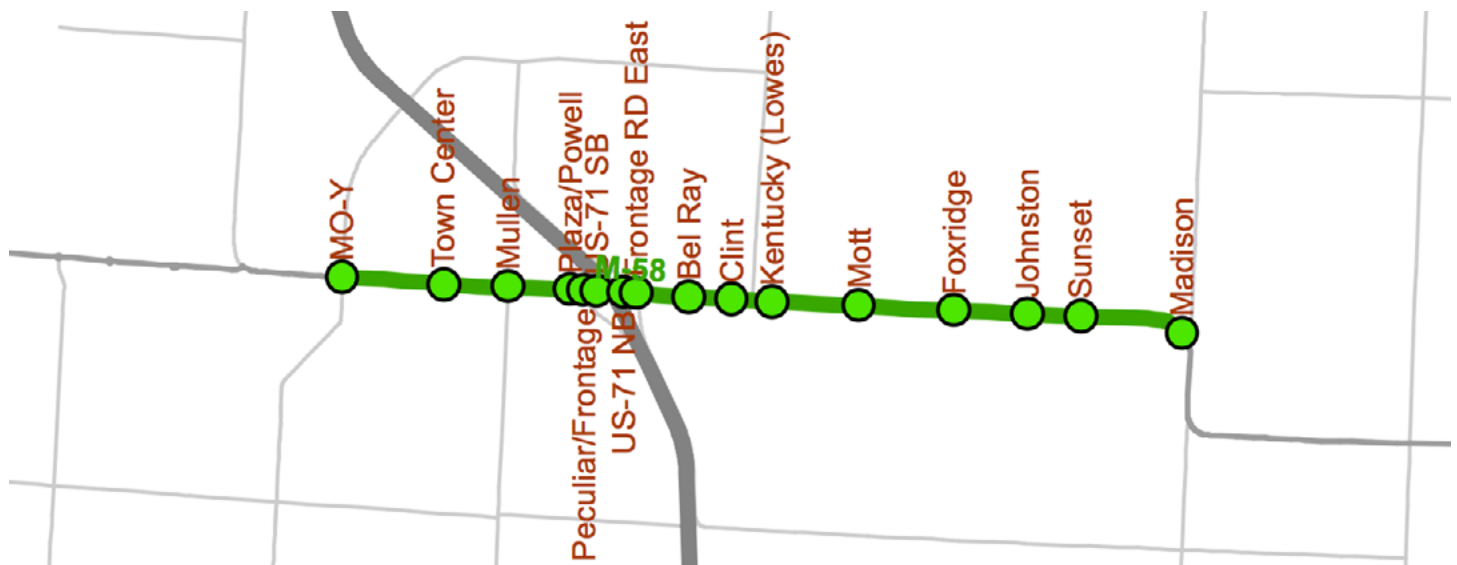
The new traffic signal timing should save drivers several minutes on their commute through a busy 58 Highway corridor.

But Operation Green Light does more than just speed traffic along busy streets, it also helps reduce vehicle emission by 15 percent and reduces gas consumption by 18 percent when driving along 58 Highway.

The entire Operation Green Light Program costs \$1.1 million per year. MARC has received grant funds to subsidize half of the operating costs through 2016. The local governments like Raymore that participate in the program split the remaining amount of the program cost based on a variety of community-specific factors. The City of Raymore will pay \$4,800 per year to participate in the program.

As an added benefit, engineers from Operation Green Light will not only continue to monitor traffic in the community, but will also return in 2018 to again conduct a major analysis of how Raymore’s traffic patterns might have changed and will make future recommendations.

For more information on the Operation Green Light program, visit [www.MARC.org](http://www.MARC.org).



From Madison to MO Highway Y in Belton, Operation Green Light is helping alleviate traffic congestion and reduce travel times along 58 Highway by creating better timing sequences for traffic signals at these intersections. Image from Mid-America Regional Council





*ABOVE: City Council members cut the ribbon on the new Depot Shelter at T.B. Hanna Station Park. The park is located in the Original Town neighborhood and was part of the City's overall development plan for area.*

*RIGHT: The new Depot Shelter includes lighting, free Wi-Fi and will house the new Farmers Market next summer.*

## City dedicates T.B. Hanna Station Park

In November, the City Council officially cut the ribbon and dedicated the newest park amenity in the Raymore community.

T.B. Hanna Station Park and the Depot were opened in an event that honored not only the Original Town Neighborhood, where the park is located, but also the Johnston family who donated the flag pole at the corner of Washington and Olive streets.

"This park has been several years in the making as leaders and staff saw the great potential this location has in bringing together our community in Original Town," Mayor Peter Kerckhoff said at the dedication ceremony. "As part of the early years of Raymore's history, the Original Town neighborhood allows us to look back and remember all those who helped build the foundation that supports our city today."

The Depot will not only become home to the City's Farmers Market next spring, but will become a true gathering place for all residents in the Original Town neighborhood and beyond.

For more photos from the event, visit the City's Facebook page at [www.Facebook.com/CityofRaymoreMo](http://www.Facebook.com/CityofRaymoreMo).



*Members of the American Legion Color Guard present the American flag to members of the Johnston family. The late R.L. and Betty Johnston donated the flag pole at the corner of Washington and Olive streets.*





# LEAVING A LEGACY

**Starting in January, the Raymore Parks and Recreation Department will begin offering a unique way to show your support of the parks in your community.**

Everyone remembers their favorite park from when they were growing up. Whether it was a particular ball field, playground, or just a unique place where you could get away, it held a special place in your mind. Now the Raymore Parks & Recreation Department is giving residents a chance to give back and show their love for their favorite community park and help improve the parks for future generations.

The Raymore Legacy Program will give residents the opportunity to leave a lasting legacy through a donation toward honor bricks, tribute trees, memorial benches or heritage shelters.

The program is designed to enhance and beautify the City of Raymore's public parks, green spaces, linear parks and public grounds. It also provides Raymore residents a way to connect with the park system on a personal level.

Through this program, groups or individuals can commemorate special events, dedicate memorials to loved ones, honor our service men and women or simply leave a legacy in Raymore.



## Honor Bricks

With an Honor Brick, anyone can leave a lasting impression on Raymore's history by purchasing an inscribed brick to be placed in the Honor Square located in front of the The Depot at T.B. Hanna Station Park.

Honor Bricks are dedicated once a year during a ceremony on Veterans Day. The deadline for ordering bricks is Sept. 1.

You may choose to have your name engraved on the brick



or have it inscribed in memory of another individual. Honor Bricks are an ideal way to honor veterans of any military service or to remember a special occasion. Honor Bricks can also be used as an opportunity to show support for an organization.

For a gift of \$80, a 4x8-inch engraved brick will be installed in the Honor Square. Each brick can be engraved with up to three lines of lettering with a maximum of 15 characters per line, including spaces and punctuation.

The Parks & Recreation Department reserves the right to place or organize the Honor Bricks in a way that best suits the location and to ensure that the wording requested is appropriate.

## Tribute Trees

Planting a tree is a wonderful tribute for something or someone significant in your life. It also is something that everyone can enjoy for many years to come.

The cost to donate a Tribute Tree is \$300 per tree. This includes the tree, ongoing maintenance of the tree and a small dedication leaf to be placed on the Memorial Tree plaque located inside Raymore City Hall. Trees will range in size from 1.5 to 2.5 inch caliber depending on availability and species. After the tree is planted, the contact person will receive a certificate and map of the planting location for each tree. Trees are guaranteed for one year after planting.

Trees may be planted at any of our Raymore City Parks or green-ways. Species may depend on location. If a tree selection is not appropriate to the desired park, other species may be considered. Please discuss your tree preference with the city arborist. The Parks & Recreation Department may limit planting in certain locations at their discretion.

## Memorial Benches

A Memorial Bench is a loving tribute that can be placed in a park, open space area or along a trail within the city. It honors a special occasion or remembrance that will add beauty to the landscape for all park patrons to enjoy.

To place a Memorial Bench, a donation of \$2,000 per bench is required. The fee includes the purchase of the bench, installation in a concrete platform and a commemorative plaque. All benches will be six feet in length, black and a Victorian style.



Installation depends on the time of year the request is received. Please allow four to six months for installation. After the bench is installed, the contact person will receive a certificate and map showing the bench location.

The Parks & Recreation Department may limit installation in certain locations at their discretion. Plaques have limited room for text. Contact Parks & Recreation for more information.

## Heritage Shelters

Become a lasting part of Raymore's park system through a dedicated Heritage Shelter. Endowments of \$10,000 will purchase and install a family picnic shelter in Recreation or Memorial Park. These shelters will be a permanent feature of the park system.

Location and shelter size will be agreed upon between the Parks & Recreation Department and the shelter donor. Installation depends on the time of year the request is received. Please allow four to six months for installation. After the shelter is installed, the contact person will be invited for a grand opening ceremony which will include a dedication plaque located on the shelter.

The Parks & Recreation Department may limit installation in certain locations at their discretion. Picnic tables are available for additional fees. Heritage shelters are not guaranteed to have water or electricity.

To make a donation and secure your spot in the Raymore Legacy Program, contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 816-322-2791 or visit [www.Raymore.com/Parks](http://www.Raymore.com/Parks)

# EVENTS CALENDAR



## JANUARY

**18 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day**  
City Hall will be closed in observance of this holiday.

**19 - Candidate Filing Closes**  
Residents have until 5 p.m. this day to file with the City Clerk to run for City Council or Mayor in the April Municipal Election. For more information, visit [www.Raymore.com/Election](http://www.Raymore.com/Election).

## FEBRUARY

**1 - Strategic Planning Town Hall**  
The public is encouraged to join the Council for this initial strategic planning session. Your input will be valuable in helping shape the City's priorities and goals. 6 p.m.



**15 - Presidents Day**  
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**16 - Strategic Planning Breakout Session I**  
In this session, facilitators will take one or two ideas from the first town hall and explore more in-depth how to incorporate those into the final strategic plan. 6 p.m.

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## MARCH

**26 - Raymore Easter Festival**  
Kids in 4th grade and under will enjoy hunting for 15,000 Easter eggs in age-appropriate areas at Memorial Park. Raymore's Parks & Recreation department will also host refreshments, a cupcake walk, face painting, and other activities. 10 a.m.



## APRIL

**2 - Jog with Your Dog**  
Bring your four-legged friends and jog in this annual benefit for the Raymore Animal Shelter. Entry fee is \$20 per person, early bird deadline March 18. The 1.25 mile fun-run/walk starts at the Raymore Animal Shelter, 1021 S. Madison in Recreation Park.



**5 - Election Day**  
Polls open at 6 a.m.

## APRIL, cont.

**23 - Touch-A-Truck**  
Join us at Raymore Parks & Recreation's Touch-a-Truck event at Recreation Park. Kids of all ages get a chance to explore their favorite hard-working machines, including emergency response vehicles, military transports, construction equipment, big rigs, RVs and much more. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.



## MAY

**1 - Summer Edition of the Raymore Review**  
Watch your mailbox for the summer edition of the Raymore Review and Parks & Recreation Guide.

**30 - Memorial Day**  
City Hall will be closed in observance of this holiday.

Keep up-to-date with city news and events by visiting [www.Raymore.com](http://www.Raymore.com) or contact us at 816-892-3109.



# WHY IS THIS PAGE UPSIDE DOWN?

Starting in 2016, the Raymore Review and Parks & Rec Program Guide have been combined into one easy-to-read booklet. At this point, you have reached the end of the Winter Raymore Review.

Just flip this booklet over and you can find all of the winter and spring program offerings from your Parks & Recreation Department. There is a lot there you don't want to miss.

Of course, you can also find ALL of these stories and the Parks & Rec Program Guide online at [www.Raymore.com](http://www.Raymore.com).

