

WEEKLY REPORT

Week of Nov. 27, 2023

Upcoming

- **TONIGHT! Mayor's Tree Lighting, 6 p.m., Friday, Dec. 1 at T.B. Hanna Station, 214 S. Washington St.** Enjoy this annual event with Santa, hot chocolate, ice skating and lots of family fun! The Mayor's Tree Lighting is sponsored by Community Bank of Raymore and Raymore-Peculiar Sunrise Optimists Club. Arrive at 5:30 p.m. to support Shop with a Cop for a snowball toss fundraiser and chances to win prizes! [Click here to learn more.](#)
- **Mayor's Coat Drive, Dec. 1-29, Raymore City Hall, Raymore Police Station and Centerview.** Donate new and gently used coats and warm weather accessories to help those in need this winter! The drive kicks off at the Mayor's Tree Lighting at T.B. Hanna Station on Dec. 1. Donations can also be dropped in collection bins during regular business hours at City Hall and Centerview, or any time at the Raymore Police Department lobby (entrance on the south/lower side of City Hall).
- **Raymore Arts Commission Holiday Sing Along, 3:30 p.m., Monday, Dec. 4 at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 1111 W. Foxwood Dr.** We're singing all of our favorite classic Christmas carols at this festive sing along with Choir Director Stephen Rew and St. Paul's. Light refreshments are provided after the one-hour program.



City Clerk

- [Click here](#) to view the materials for the Dec. 4 City Council work session.
- Occupational license renewal notices have been mailed to 2023 license holders. Please visit our website for [occupational license information](#) or contact City Clerk Erica Hill at 816-331-3324 or cityclerk@raymore.com.
- The General Municipal election for the City of Raymore for the offices of City Council will be held April 2, 2024. Filing for this election opens at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 19, and continues through 5 p.m. on Jan. 16, 2024. A \$20 filing fee is required at the time the candidate declares candidacy. All four (4) wards will elect one candidate to serve a two (2) year term. Information is as follows:
 - Councilmember Ward 1, 2-year term: currently held by Reginald Townsend
 - Councilmember Ward 2, 2-year term: currently held by Tabitha Forster
 - Councilmember Ward 3, 2-year term: currently held by Jay Holman
 - Councilmember Ward 4, 2-year term: currently held by Sonja AbdelgawadFor more information, [visit the City Clerk's website](#).

Communications

- Communications Manager Melissa Harmer and Marketing and Communications Assistant Alex Garcia attended *Writing Workshop: 7 Steps for Stellar Writing with Ann Wylie* in Overland Park, KS.
- Communications Manager Melissa Harmer graduated from the Heartland Certified Public Manager Program at the University of Kansas campus on Friday in Lawrence, KS. The Certified Public Manager Program is a nationally accredited management and certification program, and the 300-hour course was offered through the KU Public Management Center.

Development Services

- Development Services Director David Gress and Mayor Kris Turnbow were inducted as members of the 2024 Raymore Chamber of Commerce Board at the Annual Chamber Holiday Social.
- The Planning and Zoning Commission meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 5, has been canceled due to lack of business.
- Development Services Director David Gress and Economic Development Director Jordan Lea attended the monthly South KC Planners Lunch.
- Development Services Superintendent/Building Official Jon Woerner completed a final inspection on the Starbucks Coffee located at 1631 W. Foxwood Drive. Starbucks is scheduled to open for business next week!

- Development Services Superintendent/Building Official Jon Woerner issued a Certificate of Occupancy for Building 1 of the Raymore Commerce Center for [Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits](#).

Economic Development

- Economic Development Director Jordan Lea attended an events committee meeting for the Raymore Chamber of Commerce.
- Economic Development Director Jordan Lea attended a quarterly meeting with Economic Development professionals in Missouri Economic Development Council's District 3.
- Economic Development Director Jordan Lea and Development Services Director David Gress attended the Raymore Chamber of Commerce's Annual Chamber Holiday Social and Board Induction.



Human Resources

- Human Resources Director Shawn Aulgur received her International Public Management Association for Human Resources Certified Professional recertification.
- Human Resources Director Shawn Aulgur along with Parks and Recreation Director Nathan Musteen and Recreation Superintendent Todd Brennon conducted several interviews for the open Business Development Coordinator position.

Parks & Recreation

- Athletic Coordinator Nick Cook prepared for opening day of youth basketball games on Saturday. Cook and league sponsor Smile Doctors worked on Friday to prepare uniforms for team distribution.
- Athletic Coordinator Nick Cook and Recreation Superintendent Todd Brennon met with students at the LEAD Center about future projects.
- Recreation Coordinator Corinne Harkins spent much of the week in preparation for tonight's event, The Mayor's Tree Lighting. Harkins also worked on upcoming programs, Stuff N Fluff and DIY Wreath Making.
- Parks Superintendent Steve Rulo discussed repairs of the bollards and locks at the RAC with contractors.

- Bases were pulled from all baseball/softball fields for the winter. Electrical work has begun for installation of the new scoreboards.
- Parks and Recreation Director Nathan Musteen, Recreation Superintendent Todd Brennon and Human Resources Director Shawn Aulgur conducted several interviews for the open Business Development Coordinator position.
- All parks and recreation staff were on hand this week as preparations were made for the Mayor's Tree Lighting event.

Police

- Omnigo, the police department's current reports management system, conducted an update to add the new Missouri Uniform Crash Report to the system that will go into effect Jan. 1, 2024.
- Chief Wilson attended the Emergency Services Board meeting in Harrisonville.
- The Raymore Police Department Drone unit, RAPTOR, conducted drone training this week.
- Cpt. Abdelgawad and Animal Control Officers Caleb Waller and Jackie Lightle attended Advanced Animal Cruelty Investigations training at the Kansas City Regional Police Academy.
- Chief Wilson assisted Lake Winnebago with the first round of Police Chief interviews.
- Chief Wilson attended Lake Winnebago Police Chief Williams' retirement.
- Communications Officer Amelia Mullins attended the Terminal Agency Coordinator Meeting at MSHP Troop A in Lee's Summit.
- The Raymore Police Department tested one applicant for police officer.
- Patrol officers will be attending the Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony on Friday.
- Several members of the department met with Emergency Services Board Director Beauchamp and Brian Nelson at the Raymore Police Department to discuss the CentralSquare work group.

Public Works Engineering

- Assistant City Engineer Trent Salsbury graduated from the Heartland Certified Public Manager Program at the University of Kansas campus on Friday in Lawrence, KS.

- Breit Construction is nearing completion of the storm sewer infrastructure on the extension of Johnston Drive. The weather is making this project difficult, but they are planning to complete the extension in the early spring.
- Gunter Construction is continuing to make progress as expected at the North Cass Parkway signal. ETI was on site this week to install the hardware for the signal operations. Gunter Construction is planning to have the pavement markings or the intersection installed late next week.

Operations and Maintenance

- 29 City Hall Work Orders
- 2 Driveway Inspections
- 3 Final ROW Inspections
- 89 Locates
- 13 Service Requests
- 1 Sewer Inspection
- 1 Sidewalk Inspection
- 1 Curb Inspection
- 1 Water Tap
- 1 Water Inspection
- Misc water meter repairs
- Winter event 11/25-11/26
- Water disconnect day
- Water turn on's
- Located and repaired water break on N Park Dr. on 11/30/23
- Cleaned snow plow equipment after winter event
- Fixed downed signs throughout city
- Fixed traffic signal at N Madison St
- Hung holiday banners throughout city
- Picked up recycling carts
- Repaired two water main breaks on N Park Dr.