

WEEKLY REPORT

Week of March 18, 2024

Upcoming

- **Raymore Easter Festival, 10 a.m., Saturday, March 30 at Recreation Park, 1011 S. Madison St.** Children 4th grade and under are invited to hunt more than 15,000 eggs at this annual event!
- **Ward Road construction starts April 1, 2024.** Starting April 1, the first phase of construction will close the section of Ward Road between Chateau Place and Alexander Creek Drive for approximately four months. This will be the longest of three phases of construction due to the replacement of the bridge over Alexander Creek. Residents north of this closure will be detoured to 163rd Street to Prairie Lane. Residents south of this closure will detour from 58 Highway to Prairie Lane or M-291. Local access will be maintained for residences in between these streets. The project will completely reconstruct and upgrade Ward Road from 163rd Street to 58 Highway, adding:
 - curbs and gutters
 - stormwater improvements
 - a new bridge
 - street lights
 - a multi-use concrete pathway along the east side of Ward Road
 - sidewalk connection on the west side between the neighborhoods of Alexander Creek, Chateau Place and Ward Park Place

Project updates will be available throughout the 9-month construction process at www.raymore.com/wardroad

- **Municipal Election, 6 a.m.-7 p.m., Tuesday, April 2, 2024.** [Click here for voting information.](#)

Administration

- Informational open houses on Question P were held Wednesday and Thursday at Raymore City Hall. Learn more about the issue that will be on the April 2 ballot at www.raymore.com/QuestionP



- Kansas City Mayor Quinton Lucas met with Raymore Mayor Kris Turnbow, City Manager Jim Fuerborn, City Councilmembers Kevin Barber and Jay Holman at Raymore City Hall Friday to discuss the landfill issue.

City Clerk

- [Click here](#) to view the materials for the March 25 City Council meeting.

Communications

- Marketing and Communications Assistant Alex Garcia began updating the Summer 2024 edition of *The Review*.
- Communications Manager Melissa Harmer and Marketing and Communications Assistant Alex Garcia continued planning the Raymore Arts Commission's upcoming Power of Perspectives art competition.

Development Services

- City Planner Dylan Eppert attended the Emerging Leader Academy program presented by University of Kansas Public Management Center.
- The Planning and Zoning Commission met on Tuesday and reviewed one application. The Commission approved a site plan for the proposed Chick-Fil-A, which will be located at the northeast corner of 58 Hwy and Kentucky Road.
- Development Services staff met with representatives of the School District and Fire District to review plans for the Dean Avenue South extension, and the improvements to 195th Street.
- Development Services Director David Gress attended the Raymore Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting.

Economic Development

- Economic Development Director Jordan Lea attended Heartland Certified Public Manager Program presented by the University of Kansas Public Management Center.
- Economic Development Director Jordan Lea attended the Raymore Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting.
- Economic Development Director Jordan Lea attended the International Economic Development Council's marketing advisory committee meeting.

Human Resources

- Human Resources Director Shawn Aulgur participated in a webinar, Making Public Sector a Place to Belong.
- Human Resources Director Shawn Aulgur attended the Midwest Public Risk Board of Directors meeting.

Parks & Recreation

- Business Development Coordinator Candice Mangum met with Parks & Recreation Director Nathan Musteen and Recreation Superintendent Todd Brennon to discuss June Jubilee.
- Business Development Coordinator Candice Mangum planned for the upcoming Royals Home Opener Watch Party. The event will take place Thursday, March 28 at Centerview.
- Business Development Coordinator Candice Mangum sent follow-up email to customers interested in renting Centerview.
- Athletic Coordinator Nick Cook and Recreation Coordinator Cecilia Walther attended a Career Fair at Raymore-Peculiar East Middle School on Friday.
- Athletic Coordinator Nick Cook met with Legends Photography to discuss the layout for fall athletic pictures later in the season.
- Recreation Soccer season begins this Saturday, March 23, at Recreation Park. Raymore will host 20 soccer games at the park this weekend.
- Recreation Coordinator Corinne Harkins hosted Brick Builders Club at Centerview on Thursday, March 21. Brick Builders had eight participants register for the program.
- Parks and Recreation Director Nathan Musteen and Recreation Superintendent Todd Brennon attended Heartland Certified Public Manager Program presented by the University of Kansas Public Management Center.
- Park maintenance workers painted parking lines at Recreation Park.
- Park maintenance workers painted and mowed the soccer and flag football fields at Recreation Park.

Police

- Capt. Abdelgawad met with Debra Huwar from the Missouri Department of Transportation to discuss the Buckle Up/Phone Down initiative in Missouri and how the police department could participate.

- Capt. Abdelgawad and Dispatch Supervisor Rinehart instructed at the RPD Citizens Academy this week, discussing the Communications Center and the variety of laws that police officers abide by and enforce.
- Several members of the CentralSquare build team met online with representatives from CentralSquare to discuss cases and mapping.
- The Raymore Police Department drone unit conducted training.
- Communications Supervisor Adrienne Rinehart attended a CentralSquare IT project meeting.
- Communications Supervisor Adrienne Rinehart attended the Cass County Emergency Services Board meeting in Harrisonville.
- Communications Supervisor Adrienne Rinehart attended a Cass County Dispatch Supervisors meeting at the Emergency Services Board and at Harrisonville PD.
- Communications Supervisor Adrienne Rinehart attended several CentralSquare configuration sessions both virtually and at Harrisonville PD.
- Members of the Police Department tested an applicant for an open police officer position.
- A new cadet started the Kansas City Police Academy on Tuesday.

Public Works Engineering

- Black & McDonald has started the installation of phase one of the Heritage Hills street lights. Phase one will install lights in select areas on Franklin St., Heritage St., and Calico St.
- The surface asphalt at 163rd Street and Branchwood Street was completed this week.
- Redford Construction is continuing the installation of the sanitary sewer line on Eastbrook 4th Plat.
- Redford Construction is continuing the installation of the sanitary sewer line on Madison Valley 3rd Plat.
- Diamond Fencing will be at the firing range today to install the final section of fence.
- Phase one of the trail replacement project in Recreation Park started this week.

Operations and Maintenance

- 16 City Hall Work Orders
- 1 Driveway Inspections
- 2 Final ROW Inspections
- 121 Locates
- 22 Service Requests
- 1 Sewer Inspections
- 2 Sidewalk Inspections
- 2 Water Taps
- 2 Water Inspections
- Bag patched potholes
- Completed miscellaneous water service requests
- Made sign repairs throughout city
- Hung new banners throughout the city
- Public Works group meetings 3/19/24 and 3/22/24
- Sent out annual backflow notices to city residents
- Tested backflows on city's hydrant meter
- Began backflow testing on city owned backflows
- Poured pad for new art sculpture on 58 Hwy & Dean Ave
- Completed maintenance for mowers
- Line locates for city street light project