

## WEEKLY REPORT

Week of April 8, 2024


### Upcoming

**LANDFILL UPDATE:** The City of Raymore has called a City Council Special Meeting at 6 p.m., Monday, April 15, at Raymore City Hall to consider a settlement agreement with the developers of a proposed landfill in south Kansas City.

City Council approval of the agreement is the local step necessary to advance legislative action at the State Capitol to end the threat of a landfill near Raymore. The agreement is contingent upon the passage of the legislation and the signature of the governor.

More information will be provided once the last details of the agreement are finalized, which we anticipate will be this weekend.

[Click here to view the meeting agenda.](#)

- **The City of Raymore is participating in the SevenDays® of Kindness April 10-18.** SevenDays® encourages people to overcome hate by promoting kindness and understanding through education and dialogue. The initiative was created after a white supremacist murdered Bill Corporon, his grandson Reat Underwood and Terri LaManno at Jewish sites across Overland Park on April 13, 2014. Mindy Corporon, daughter of Bill Corporon and mother of Reat Underwood, presented at the March 11 City Council meeting. Mayor Turnbow read a proclamation at that meeting making April 10-18, 2024, SevenDays® of Kindness in Raymore and encouraging all residents "to engage in acts of kindness throughout the week and remember the events of April 13, 2014, not only for the losses of that day but also for the significance of the powerful and enduring vow to overcome hate with kindness." Learn more at [sevendays.org](https://sevendays.org)
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- **Construction of a right turn lane on westbound 58 Highway in front of Scooter's Coffee is underway.** Drivers can expect intermittent lane closures during the construction over the next couple of weeks. Please slow down and use extra caution when driving near construction workers and equipment.
  - **Power of Perspectives Exhibit and Awards Reception, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Friday, April 19 at Centerview, 227 Municipal Circle.** Join the Raymore Arts

Commission to view 58 original works of art by local artists, mingle with the artists and fellow appreciators of art and enjoy complimentary refreshments, a cash bar and the presentation of awards. Learn more about this event at [www.raymore.com/pop](http://www.raymore.com/pop)

- **Friday Food Fest, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Friday, April 26 at Recreation Park, 1011 S. Madison St.** Enjoy live entertainment from Raymore musician Bradley Harris and grab a bite to eat from Shiver's Ice House, DonutNV, Jack's Kettle Corn, Taste of Brazil, Chick-Fil-A, Da Poke Wagon and KC Concoctions. Picnic table seating is limited, so bring a picnic blanket or chair for an evening of music, food and family fun at the park.
- **Raymore Small Business and Restaurant Week, April 28-May 4.** Learn more about how your Raymore business can be a part of this special week to honor our local businesses at [www.raymore.com/smallbizweek](http://www.raymore.com/smallbizweek)

#### **Administration**

- Raymore City Councilmembers Brian Mills - Ward 1, Thomas Circo - Ward 2, Jay Holman - Ward 3 and Sonja Abdelgawad - Ward 4, were sworn in at the April 8 City Council meeting following the General Municipal Election April 2. Outgoing Councilmembers Reginald Townsend and Tabitha Forster were recognized at the meeting for their service to the community. [Click here to read more.](#)
- Raymore Mayor Kris Turnbow, City Manager Jim Feuerborn, Assistant City Manager Ryan Murdock, Communications Manager Melissa Harmer, City Manager Jonathan Zerr and Environmental Attorney Stephen Jeffery were in Jefferson City Tuesday to continue discussions with the landfill developer about an agreement to end the threat of a landfill near our city limits. Landfill updates continue to be posted at [www.raymore.com/nolandfill](http://www.raymore.com/nolandfill). Sign up for text notifications by texting RCNOLANDFILL to the phone number 91896.

#### **City Clerk**

- [Click here](#) to view the materials for the April 15 City Council special meeting.

#### **Communications**

- Communications staff and members of the Raymore Arts Commission extend a special thank you to Danielle Manson and former Raymore Arts Commission Chairs Harriet Lawrence and Loren Jones for volunteering their time to judge the art entries for the Power of Perspectives Art Competition this week. Winners will be announced at the April 19 [Power of Perspectives Exhibit and Awards Reception](#).
- Communications Manager Melissa Harmer attended virtual training sessions for AMM Select, the City's new agenda management program scheduled to launch in May.

### **Development Services**

- Development Services Director David Gress attended the Raymore Chamber of Commerce Events Committee meeting.
- Development Services Director David Gress and Parks and Recreation Director Nathan Musteen met with the Parks and Recreation director of Lee's Summit to review the City's parkland dedication requirements.
- The regularly scheduled meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission for Tuesday, April 16, has been canceled.
- The Board of Zoning Adjustment met on April 10 to review one variance application for the property located at the northeast corner of 58 Highway and Kentucky Road. The Board approved three requests: to allow for the trash enclosure to be located within the 5-foot rear yard setback, the lighting underneath the drive-thru canopies to exceed 30.0 footcandles and for a reduction in the required landscaping for commercial uses.

### **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, Development Services Director David Gress and Raymore Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Melisa Ferrari attended KC SmartPort's Annual Industry Briefing featuring AXIS - The Center of Global Investment.
- Economic Development Director Jordan Lea and Development Services Director David Gress attended the Raymore Chamber of Commerce's monthly Coffee and Conversations at Bloom International.



### **Parks & Recreation**

- Parks & Recreation Director Nathan Musteen and Recreation Superintendent Todd Brennon attended classes for the Heartland Certified Public Manager Program presented by the University of Kansas Public Management Center.

- Recreation Superintendent Todd Brennon, Recreation Coordinator Cecilia Walther and Athletic Coordinator Nick Cook met with an HTeaO representative to discuss partnership opportunities.
- Recreation Coordinator Cecilia Walther planned and coordinated a Solar Eclipse Watch Party at Centerview on Monday. Around 50 guests attended the event.
- Athletic Coordinator Nick Cook began assembling rosters for the upcoming baseball, softball and tee ball season.
- Recreation Park is scheduled to host 17 soccer games and 13 flag football games.
- Parks maintenance built play sand boxes for the upcoming Touch A Truck event scheduled for 9 a.m.-noon, Saturday, May 6 at Recreation Park.
- Parks maintenance fixed the pergola at Ward Park.
- Parks Superintendent Steve Rulo met with Youth Scoreboards and received training on how to operate the scoreboards located at Recreation Park.

## **Police**

- Chief Jim Wilson met with a Shop With A Cop volunteer regarding her annual participation with the event.
- Capt. Aly Abdelgawad attended a training on new FBI Criminal Justice Information Systems updates to their policies and learned how to comply with those new standards.
- The Raymore Police Department drone unit conducted training.
- The Communications Unit participated in the mock crash at Raymore-Peculiar High School along with West Peculiar Fire, South Metro Fire, Peculiar Police Department, Cass County Sheriff's Office, Missouri State Highway Patrol and LifeFlight Eagle.
- Officer John Keltner was promoted to Detective John Keltner on Monday morning. Staff and his family attended the pinning ceremony.
- Officer Rebekah Burns attended Field Training Officer School at the Cass County Sheriff's Office.
- Capt. Aly Abdelgawad, Lt. Joe German, Officer Bradley Beeghley, Officer Ethan Cupp and Detective Gary Cochran attended the Illicit Fentanyl training at the Clay County Public Health Center.
- Officer Tre'Vionne Wilson and Officer Bradley Beeghley attended DWI Bootcamp at Parkville City Hall Friday.

- Chief Wilson met with Police Chiefs Scott Lyons and Rich Lockhart regarding the Pallett Homelessness Project in Lawrence, KS.

## **Public Works Engineering**

- The bulk of the tree clearing is complete along Ward Road. The bridge has been removed and the contractor tentatively plans to start constructing the bridge abutments early next week. Learn more about the project at [www.raymore.com/wardroad](http://www.raymore.com/wardroad)
- Sanitary sewer testing was completed for Eastbrooke 4th Madison Valley Phase 3.
- Two fire hydrants were replaced on Jackson Street as part of the fire hydrant replacement project.



## **Operations and Maintenance**

- 8 City Hall Work Orders
- 4 Driveway Inspections
- 126 Locates
- 10 Service Requests
- 15 Sewer Inspections
- 2 Sidewalk Inspections
- 1 Curb Inspection
- 3 Water Taps
- 3 Water Inspections
- Pothole patching
- Picked up recycling carts from residents who opted out of recycling services
- Completed miscellaneous water service requests
- Activated new water meters
- Entered in backflow results for residents
- Completed backflow tests for City
- Mowed City maintained properties
- Weed control at City maintained properties and lift stations
- Conducted interviews with new hires