

WEEKLY REPORT

Week of April 22, 2024

Upcoming

LANDFILL UPDATE: We are still awaiting Gov. Parson's signature on HB 1751, which is the final step to eliminating the landfill threat.

- **Flags will be at half staff for National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Day on Sunday, May 5.**
- **Due to the forecast of rain, Touch A Truck, originally scheduled for Saturday, May 4, will be postponed to Saturday, June 8, 2024, from 9 a.m. to noon at Recreation Park, 1011 S. Madison St.**
- **155th Street overlay scheduled for early next week.** Earlier this week, the City of Kansas City, Missouri, began conducting a mill and overlay project on 155th Street between Horridge and Kelley Roads. Raymore maintains 155th Street and the southern half (eastbound lane) is in Raymore city limits. This was a surprise to us as the street was in good condition since we partnered with KC in 2017-2018 to reconstruct it when we replaced the bridge. We were able to speak to the contractor and received permission through KCMO to work with the contractor's field inspector to ensure the street is "repaired" to our standards. We apologize for the inconvenience to the residents who have been using 155th Street as a detour for the Ward Road closure. We are hopeful the overlay will be completed next week as weather allows.
- **Cass County Road and Bridge plans to pave Gore Road from Kurzweil to Ward Road Wednesday, May 8 to Friday, May 10.** This project is dependent upon favorable weather. 155th Street from Ward to Prairie Lane will be used as an alternate detour route for the Ward Road project while Gore is closed. Detour signage will reflect the detour route change during paving.

Administration

- Mayor Turnbow presented a proclamation at the Prairie Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) 50th anniversary event at Centerview April 27. The event was attended by several former state officers and past regents. The chapter awarded Turnbow the Distinguished Citizen award in 2023, the highest award given by any DAR chapter. Photo: DAR Regent Marcia Beck stands



beside Mayor Turnbow as he reads the proclamation.

- Assistant City Manager Ryan Murdock attended the Missouri City/County Management Association's Annual Spring Conference.
- Raymore's Parade of Hearts sculpture has arrived! The vibrant heart designed by artist Keisha Jordan is located east of the 58 Highway and Dean Avenue intersection along the sidewalk that runs in front of Wingstop near 1941 W. Foxwood Dr. The heart's design is dedicated to bringing awareness to those suffering from lupus. [Click here to learn more about the artist and this heart.](#)



City Clerk

- [Click here](#) to view the agenda for the May 6 City Council special meeting.

Communications

- Communications Manager Melissa Harmer finalized the summer issue of *The Review* for publication, assisted Economic Development with Raymore Small Business & Restaurant Week and attended a meeting regarding the 155th Street mill and overlay issue.

Development Services

- Development Services Director David Gress met with VanTrust Real Estate and representatives of the Engineering Department to discuss ongoing work with the Raymore Commerce Center South project and the Governor's Cost Share project.
- City Planner Dylan Eppert attended the KU Emerging Leaders Academy hosted by the KU Public Management Center.
- GIS Coordinator Thomas Ehlinger and his wife welcomed their new daughter Harriet this week. **Congratulations to their family!**
- The Department report for the month of April was posted online. [Click here to view the report.](#)

Economic Development

- The City celebrated Small Business and Restaurant Week! Visit www.raymore.com/smallbizweek to see a full list of participating businesses and their special offers.
- Economic Development Director Jordan Lea attended and graduated from the University of Oklahoma's Economic Development Institute.



Human Resources

- Human Resources Director Shawn Aulgur attended the Greater KC Public Sector Human Resource Association Spring Conference.
- Human Resources Director Shawn Aulgur attended the National Public Sector Human Resource Association Executive Council meeting.
- Human Resources Director Shawn Aulgur met with the National Public Sector Human Resource Association nominating committee to select this year's candidates for open executive council positions.

Parks & Recreation

- Parks & Recreation Director Nathan Musteen, Parks Superintendent Steve Rulo and Recreation Superintendent Todd Brennon attended pre-construction meetings for the pickleball courts at Recreation Park, the basketball court at Hawk Ridge Park and the Centerview Detention Project.
- Recreation Coordinator Cecilia Walther held a summer camp parent meeting at Centerview on Thursday.
- Park Superintendent Steve Rulo and Recreation Coordinator Cecilia Walther attended a meeting for the upcoming Touch-A-Truck event scheduled for Saturday, May 4.
- Athletic Coordinator Nick Cook attended a scheduling meeting for the upcoming baseball, softball and tee ball seasons in Harrisonville.
- Recreation Park is scheduled to host 21 soccer games and 14 flag football games this Saturday, May 4.

Police

- Officer Beeghley attended Human Trafficking training at the Lee's Summit Police Department.

- Officer Spencer Johnson and Master Police Officer Parker Pruett attended Outlaw Motorcycle Club training at the Gardner, Kansas, Police Department.
- On Saturday morning, several officers from the Police Department will be attending the Touch A Truck event at Recreation Park.
- Members of the Citizens Police Academy observed in the Communications Center.
- Communications Supervisor Adrienne Rinehart attended two CentralSquare project meetings virtually.
- Communications Supervisor Adrienne Rinehart met with members of South Metro Fire and West Peculiar Fire about the CentralSquare project and their needs.
- Chief Wilson attended the Missouri Police Chiefs Conference in Osage Beach.
- Communications Supervisor Adrienne Rinehart tested a candidate for the open Communications Officer position.
- Chief Wilson met with South Metro Fire Chief Stevens regarding new alert equipment South Metro will be purchasing and implementing.

Public Works Engineering

- Engineering Technician Paschal Smith and Assistant City Engineer Trent Salsbury attended the 2024 North American Snow Conference at Bartle Hall in Kansas City.
- Stormwater Discharge Specialist Lorie Crandell is preparing for an audit from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.
- Staff worked diligently to monitor and address stormwater and sanitary sewer issues that arose during this week's heavy rains.

Operations and Maintenance

- Operations Staff Attended the 2024 North American APWA Snow Conference at Bartle Hall in Kansas City.
- 13 City Hall Work Orders
- 9 Final ROW Inspections
- 172 Locates
- 6 Service Requests
- Cleaned and prepped equipment for Touch a Truck on Saturday
- Stage equipment for Touch a Truck
- Water meter activations
- Miscellaneous water meter service requests
- Monthly station readings

- Pothole patched
- Routine mowing
- Responded to sewer backup on Granite Court
- Completed some sign service requests
- Held a staff meeting Friday