

Raymore Review

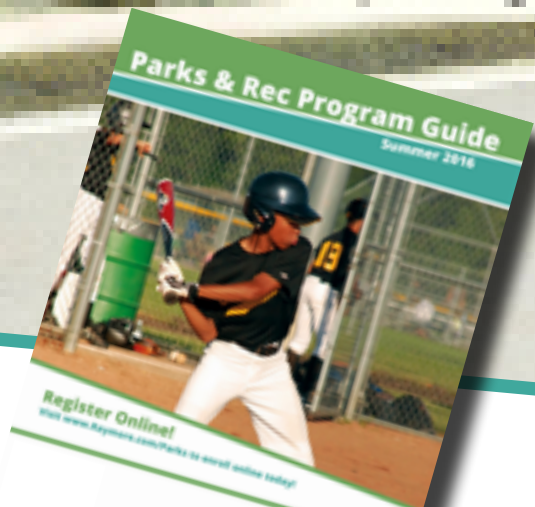
Summer 2016



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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,
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COVER: An architect's rendering of the planned Municipal Circle meeting space.

Contact Us

Have a Question?

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

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Turnbow, Council ready to lead City

Newly elected Mayor Kristofer P. Turnbow joined the Raymore City Council on April 11 as he and the returning council members were sworn in by City Clerk Jeanie Woerner.

Although new to the council, Turnbow served as Raymore's Chief of Police for 13 years before retiring in 2012.

"I look forward to working again with the City as mayor and serving our residents as we grow as a community in the coming years," Turnbow said.

Looking forward to his term, Turnbow said he plans to begin working immediately to reinvigorate the City's economic development efforts and will continue the work started on the Reimagine Raymore strategic plan.

"When it comes to economic development and planning for the future of Raymore, a lot of great groundwork has been laid," Turnbow said. "I am excited to keep pushing that work forward for our residents."



Mayor Kristofer P. Turnbow is sworn in by City Clerk Jeanie Woerner at the April 11 City Council meeting

Councilmembers Jeffrey Stevens, Derek Moorhead, Jay Holman and Sonja Abdelgawad were up for re-election, but were uncontested in their bids.

Turnbow defeated incumbent Mayor Peter Kerckhoff in the April 5 municipal election. That election also included two no-tax increase bond issues that will bring expanded park amenities and new streets. For more information on those ballot issues, see page 4.



City Clerk Jeanie Woerner swears in City Council members Jeffrey Stevens, Sonja Abdelgawad, Derek Moorhead and Jay Holman. Each were re-elected to two-year teams within their respective wards.



TOP LEFT: Architect's rendering of what the new activity center at Recreation Park could look like. TOP RIGHT: An artist's rendering of new signage and entrance to the improved Hawk Ridge Park. BOTTOM: Council had already planned and budgeted for a community meeting space at Municipal Circle, but the approval of the bond issue added an expansion package and more outdoor amenities to the facility.

Voters approve streets, parks bond issues

On April, 5 voters approved two measures that will bring \$10.050 million worth of improvements to the City's streets and parks programs.

Many of the street projects will begin construction this summer, with the much-anticipated meeting center opening in the spring of 2017.

Here is a full list of what will be coming to Raymore in the next three years under these two bond projects:

Raymore Parks Recreation Park Activity Center

This multi-purpose 13,000 sq-foot activity center will have a gymnasium to house recreation programming and event space.

Indoor recreation space was one of the top priorities we heard from residents in the 2015 Citizen Survey. Recreation Park will also see a major walking trail rehabilitation that will improve and smooth the trails.

Municipal Circle Meeting Space Expansion

The approved expansion project increases the amount of meeting space and outdoor classrooms/trails included in this already-budgeted and planned Municipal Circle community facility.

Originally slated for only 150 people, the expanded meeting space will be able to host 300 people for an event. It will also include a number of outdoor classroom and trail amenities that had not been included on the original plan.

Hawk Ridge Park

Hawk Ridge Park will see a number of new amenities.

Along with an amphitheater and walking trails, the City will also build an ADA accessible playground that would allow children of all abilities the opportunity to play.

T.B. Hanna Station Park

In Raymore's newest park, the City will expand the number of amenities at this popular destination. This will include a spray park, playground and ice rink.

Raymore Streets

Kentucky Road Eastern Bypass

As outlined in the Streets Master Plan, this construction project will create a new connection for Kentucky Road at the lighted intersection just east of the current Kentucky Road intersection at 58 Highway. This will improve safety and reduce congestion for drivers at 58 highway and Kentucky Road.

Road extensions

Johnston Drive will be extended from Darrowby to Dean Ave. Foxridge Drive will be extended from Old Paint Road to Dean Ave.

Both extensions are part of the City's Streets Master Plan and will connect those neighborhoods to a major north-south thoroughfare alleviating traffic traveling north or south along the neighborhood roads.

58 Highway Mill and Overlay

58 Highway remains the central traffic corridor for Raymore residents.

This project will extend the life of the four-lane highway and improve the roadway between Dean Ave. and J Highway. It is necessary to mill and overlay busy roadways like 58 Highway every 10 years.

WHEN WILL THESE PROJECTS BE FINISHED?

There are many details and designs that need to be finalized, but this offers a rough estimate for when each of the projects included in the voter-approved bond issues should be completed.

Fall 2016

- 58 Highway Mill and Overlay
- Recreation Park Parking Lot Improvements

Spring 2017

- Municipal Circle Meeting Space
- Recreation Park Trail Rehabilitation Improvements

Summer 2017

- Kentucky Road Eastern Bypass
- Johnston Drive Extension
- Foxridge Drive Extension

Fall 2017

- Hawk Ridge Park Improvements

Summer-Fall 2018

- Activity Center
- T.B. Hanna Station Park Improvements

For more information and updates on each of the projects, visit www.Raymore.com.

Still have questions about the projects? Feel free to call 816-892-3109.



More than 150 residents attended the first Reimagine Raymore community conversation at Eagle Glen Intermediate School on Feb. 1. The feedback gathered from these events was used to develop citywide goals for the future of Raymore.

Raymore Reimagined

City Council moves forward to set citywide goals based on community feedback.

Following a report from the University of Kansas Public Management Center, the City Council in April began the process of setting important goals and objectives that will drive the City for the next five to 10 years.

Those goals — and the areas of focus listed in the report — were based on the valuable feedback residents offered at the three Reimagine Raymore community conversations this past February.

For three nights, more than 300 residents packed the cafeteria at Eagle Glen Intermediate School to provide feedback and offer up what they envisioned as a priority for the future of the community.

“This feedback process has been incredibly successful. Not just because we can learn much

from our own residents to develop these goals and future objectives, but they can also learn from one another about what they individually see as an important direction the City should take in the next three, five or 10 years,” City Manager Jim Feuerborn said.

After reviewing the goals in a work session, the City Council directed staff to begin creating individual objectives and tasks that will support the goals listed in the report.

“We know there are some things we are doing well that already would fall under some of the goals or focus areas,” Feuerborn said. “The challenge now is to find areas where we are not meeting those goals and find ways we can accomplish what our City Council and residents expect from us.”

Staff has until mid-June to work on objectives that will support the City Council’s goals. Those objectives will be presented back to the Council in a work session this summer.



To download the report and follow the progress of the City Council’s strategic planning process, visit www.Raymore.com/ReimagineRaymore

Make sure your trees have purpose

By Paula Diaz
Member, Raymore's Tree Board

When choosing trees to add to your landscaping project, make sure you don't choose a tree that could cause more headache than it's worth. As summer approaches, it is always good to know what trees will stand up against the strongest winds and add to the ecosystem around them.

There is one tree in particular we tend to see planted at many new homes that are left broken after every strong storm: Bradford Pears.

For homeowners, Bradford Pears are pretty, inexpensive and fast-growing. From an arborist's perspective, those same criteria are detriments. Because these pear trees are pretty, cheap and fast-growing, they have been over used in new developments. The fast-growing criteria means the tree contains weak wood and is easily destroyed by storms.

Because of their quick growth, Bradford Pears are also considered an invasive species by the Missouri Department of Conservation. What does that mean? Plants are deemed invasive when they have no predators or competition.

Bradford Pears are native to China. No animal nor insect in this region eats these pears. Some of the fruit of the trees is eaten in winter, but provides no nutrients for the birds who consume them.

Just as rabbits have multiplied out of control with the reduction in number of coyotes, so have the Bradford Pears multiplied out of control with no predators.

Why does it matter if they multiply unchecked? Because insects need plants they are capable of consuming. Since insects are the bottom of a much larger food chain, the spread of Bradford Pears could have devastating effects to birds,



hawks or eagles who rely on insects.

Bradford Pears also grow so close to one another that deer or other animals can't move between them. At the same time, they soak up all the resources in the soil and push out other native plants and trees that animals rely on for food and shelter.

So, what should I use in my home or commercial landscape? There are several hardy and gorgeous choices to replace Bradford Pears. Research Serviceberry, Wild Plum or Crabapple trees. You could even plant white cultivars of Redbud, Fringe Trees, Black Gum or Sourwood. These trees provide viable fruit for the creatures sharing our ecosystem.

Spend a few minutes on the Missouri Department of Conservation's website (mdc.mo.gov) or GrowNative! website (grownative.org) to get more detailed information on these better choices.

Make the choice this summer to use a purposeful plant rather than just a pretty one.

Paula Diaz is a member of the Raymore Parks & Recreation Tree Board. She is a Master Gardner and teaches at the University of Missouri Cass County Extension office.



The Raymore Arts Commission presents:

A SUMMER OF CREATIVITY

Join the Raymore Arts Commission for its first Pop-Up Art Project. This summer, we want you to show off your creative side in a fun and relaxing way. Artists of all ages from across the city are invited to decorate, paint, mold, enhance and add their own twist to the classic adirondack chair.

How to Participate

Simply purchase either a wooden or plastic adirondack chair, decorate it by June 11, and place it in a location that can be viewed by the public.

If you would like your chair to be judged for prizes, **REGISTER** your chair with the City by June 10. You are also encouraged to display your chair at the Summer Scene event on June 11, where additional prizes will be awarded.

There is no cost to participate in the exhibit or to enter your chair for prizes. Chairs are available at all major retailers, including the Lowe's in Raymore. Wooden chairs cost approximately \$50 and plastic chairs cost approximately \$20.

Exhibit Details

The chairs will be on exhibit on June 11 at Summer Scene, then displayed throughout the city through Aug. 12.

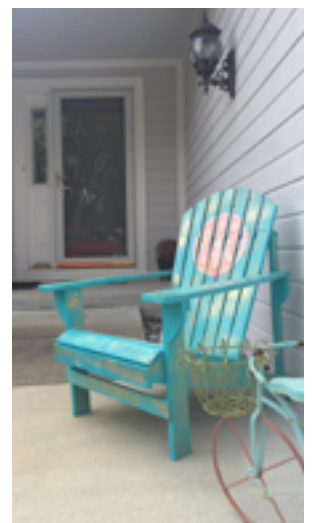
If you choose to participate, we ask that you keep your chair on display for the entire duration of the event. We will be holding a variety of events throughout the exhibit that encourage residents and visitors to the City to locate the chairs that are placed throughout the community. Don't worry - if your chair is displayed on private property, none of these activities will involve entering your property.

Get Help Decorating!

This FREE workshop will take place on Saturday, May 14 from 10 a.m. until noon at Moon Valley Park in Raymore. Bring your chair and decorating supplies, and get assistance from local artists on creating your art (painting on the grass will be allowed). The painting party is also open to individuals who are not participating in the Pop-Up Art Project, but who would like to join us for camaraderie while creating art. Bring your supplies and your creative spirit! This event is open to people of all ages, but children must be accompanied by an adult.

Questions?

Contact Assistant City Manager Meredith Hauck at 816-892-3002 or mhauck@raymore.com



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- **KIDS ACTIVITIES**
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YOU'RE INVITED TO SUMMER SCENE

You've heard it all before: Look but don't touch. Keep your hands to yourself. See only with your eyes. But art is not just supposed to be looked at; it's supposed to be touched, moved, tasted and experienced.

That's why we are inviting you to the first ever Raymore Summer Scene! Draw on our enormous chalkboard. Taste the incredible creations from one of our impressive food trucks or enjoy performances and dance to some creative local musicians.

There is plenty to experience at the Raymore Summer Scene and the price of a ticket is absolutely free.



SUMMER SCENE
10 A.M. - 6 P.M. SATURDAY, JUNE 11
T.B. HANNA STATION PARK
WWW.RAYMORE.COM/SUMMERSCENE

ARE YOU AN ARTIST OR MUSICIAN? WE WANT TO INVITE YOU TO SIGN UP TO BECOME A FEATURED PERFORMER OR EXHIBITOR. VISIT WWW.RAYMORE.COM/SUMMERSCENE OR CALL 816-892-3109 TO LEARN MORE.



Contractors work to repair a row of roll back curb during the City's 2015 Curb Replacement Program.

Public Works begins another summer of improvements

Raymore's Public Works Department is once again gearing up for a busy summer of street, curb and sidewalk improvements throughout the city.

Along with the three new roadways and the mill & overlay projects approved by voters in April, contractors working with Public Works will be conducting road repairs on more than two dozen roadways. They will also be replacing more than 16,500 feet of curb that has deteriorated over the years.

"It is critical that we not only look to expand our infrastructure to meet needs, but also take care of and maintain the roadways and curbs we currently have," Public Works Director Mike Krass said.

Each year, engineers from the Public Works department survey curb and roadways as part of the annual Curb Replacement and Road

Maintenance programs. Those surveys look at the age, condition and usage of the infrastructure and give it a rating. Those ratings are then used to prioritize which curbs get replaced and what roadways get attention.

A stronger, longer-lasting curb

This year, contractors will be using a different style of curb to replace what will be removed.



High back curb, which is being installed in the image above, is stronger and lasts longer than roll back curb.



Contractors will also be working on a number of Raymore streets to improve their lifespan and create a smoother ride for drivers.

Rather than using the older Rollback Curb, which is typical of residential neighborhoods, crews will instead be using what is called a Highback Curb that is shaped more like an 'L'. The Highback Curb has historically had a longer life and can stand up to traffic much better than the Rollback Curb.

“Along with a longer life for the curb, the Highback Curb also does better in controlling stormwater and makes it much easier for snowplows to remove snow and ice in the winter,” Krass said.

Crews will be customizing the curb to ensure it fits where the older curb did without grading.

Weather remains a factor

In the coming months, the City Council will begin considering bids from contractors to conduct the work outlined by the summer maintenance programs. Krass estimates that work on the street and curb repairs will begin sometime in June with sidewalk repairs and installation beginning later in July. Work should be completed by the end of the fall.

As always, those estimated start and finish dates are dependent on the weather. Last year saw a record amount of rain fall in the region and delayed many projects.

If you would like to learn more about the City's infrastructure programs or have questions, visit www.Raymore.com/PublicWorks or call 816-892-3109.

Where will crews be working?

Mill & Overlay

- Falcon South End to North End
- Woodson 58 Highway to Pine
- 195th St. School Road to Frontage Road
- Foxridge Dr. 58 Highway to 155th St.
- Sunset Maple to Lucy Webb
- Kentucky 58 Highway to 163 St.

Micro-surface & Crack Sealing

- Timber Trails Subdivision
- Harold Estates
- Meadowlark Dean to Meadowlark Circle
- Cove Foxridge to cul-de-sac
- Mission Eastglen to Westglen
- Country Lane Brookparkway to Garnes
- Corrington Yorkley to Bristol
- Kaycee Drive Johnston Parkway to cul-de-sac
- Tudor Drive Seaton to cul-de-sac
- Palamino N. Madison to Appaloosa
- Dean Lucy Webb to Hubach Hill Road

Fog Seal

- Vantor Lane
- South Madison
- Adams St. & Court
- Archer
- Bristol Dr.
- Brook Parkway
- Brunswick Lane
- Canter St.
- Municipal Circle
- Coventry Lane
- Elk Drive
- Florence Ave.
- South Franklin
- Granite Drive
- Kodiak
- Madison Creek Drive
- Meadow Lark Court
- Mulberry Drive
- Pinnacle Drive
- Preakness Drive

Curb Replacement

- Elizabeth Drive
- Granite Drive & Court
- Pinnacle Drive
- Ridge Crest Drive
- Saddle Peak Drive
- Madison Creek Drive
- Saddle Ridge Court
- Madison Creek Court
- Spring Branch Drive
- Thunder Gulch Drive
- N. Crest Drive

Sidewalk Installation

- Granada Drive
- North Foxridge Drive
- Johnston Parkway
- North Walker Drive
- North Murphy Drive
- Murphy Drive
- Cedar Ridge Drive

Weekly yard waste pickup begins this month

Yard waste is collected on a weekly basis between the months of May and November.

Additional yard waste pickups are conducted on the first and third Wednesday of December, March, and April.

In January, only Christmas trees are collected for yard waste on Wednesdays.

Yard waste should be placed curbside in brown paper bags (available for purchase at area home improvement stores) and branches should be tied in bundles not exceeding 40 inches in length and 18 inches in diameter.



Rocks, dirt, glass and construction debris will not be accepted. There is no bag limit for yard waste pickup.

got old paint?

Spring cleaning? Make sure you dispose of your household hazardous waste in a way that is safe for the environment! Raymore residents have two options, both provided FREE by the City.

Year-Round Drop Off

Items can be taken to the Kansas City, Missouri HHW Facility (4707 Deramus, KCMO) or Lee's Summit Facility (2101 SW Hamblen Road, Lee's Summit) year-round. For more information, including hours of operation, visit www.recyclespot.org/hhw.

Mobile Collection Event

Belton will host the Raymore/Belton Household Hazardous Waste Mobile Collection Event on Saturday, Aug. 6 at Belton High School, 801 W. North Ave. This event will be limited to the first 400 cars so get there early!

Note: These services are only available to residents. No business waste will be allowed.



City adds more Pet Waste stations along trails to protect streams and waterways

When you head out for a walk with your dog, don't forget to grab some baggies. And if you forget, don't worry — the City has provided even more "Pick Up After Your Pet" pet waste stations along the trails and sidewalks throughout town.

owners pick up after their dogs, that's still 500 pounds of waste per day or 182,500 pounds of waste per year that has the potential to reach our streams.

Pet waste is one of the causes of bacterial contamination in the streams and waterways in Raymore and it's important that we all be good neighbors and work to prevent this.

But isn't pet waste just fertilizer?

Cow manure can be a good fertilizer because cows are vegetarians. Generally, waste that contains decomposed plant material from animals that eat a plant-based diet can benefit your lawn or garden. Dogs have a meat-based diet and there is a high risk of microbes being present. Roundworms, E. Coli, and Giardia are just a few of the many harmful microorganisms that can be transmitted from pet waste to humans. Some can last in your yard for as long as four years if not cleaned up. Children who play outside and adults who garden are at the greatest risk of infection.

Does it really make a difference?

There are approximately 1,000 registered dogs in Raymore and an average dog produces about a half of a pound of waste per day. If only 50% of



EVENTS CALENDAR



MAY

6 - MAD Dash

The City of Raymore joined with the Ray-Pec School District to host the annual fun run to benefit the Ray-Pec Foundation. Check-in 6 p.m. Run begins at 7 p.m.

14 - Pop-up Art Project: Paint Party

Fellow artists and others are invited to get together to paint and decorate adirondack chairs as part of the Arts Commission's Pop-up Art Project: Relax in Raymore. Learn more at www.Raymore.com/PopupArt 10 a.m. Moon Valley Park.

30 - Memorial Day

City offices will be closed in observance of this holiday.



JUNE

4 - Walter Buck Memorial Fishing Derby

Join the Raymore Parks & Recreation Department for this fun fishing derby at Hawk Ridge Park. Registration starts at 8 a.m. Fishing 9-11 a.m.

JUNE cont.

11 - Summer Scene

A unique arts and music festival at T.B. Hanna Station Park. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.



14 - Raymore Farmers Market

The Raymore Farmers' Market will open each Tuesday afternoon to offer wares from a variety of vendors. 4-7 p.m. each Tuesday at T.B. Hanna Station Park. Operated until Oct. 11.

24 - Movies in the Park

Fashion & Film: Get together with your neighbors to enjoy a fashion show and a movie in your favorite park. 7 p.m. T.B. Hanna Station Park.

JULY

4 - Fourth of July

City offices will be closed in observance of this holiday.

4 - Spirit of America Festival

Join the Raymore Parks & Recreation Department for fun and fireworks in Recreation Park. Car Show starts at 4 p.m. Fireworks begin at dusk.

29 - Movies in the Park

Pickin' & Picture Show. Enjoy music from local artists before this evening movie in the park. 7 p.m. T.B. Hanna Station Park.

AUGUST

2 - Election Day

Polls open at 6 a.m.

19 - Mini Mud Run

Obstacles, hurdles and - of course - lots of mud for the kiddos at Hawk Ridge Park. Check-in: 5:30 p.m. Race begins at 6:30 p.m.



26 - Movies in the Park

Magic and Movies. Catch a fun magic show before watching a movie in your favorite park. 7 p.m. T.B. Hanna Station Park.

SEPTEMBER

1 - Raymore Review

Fall Raymore Review mailed to residents.

Keep up-to-date with city news and events by visiting 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 Summer 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.

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