

# Weekly Report



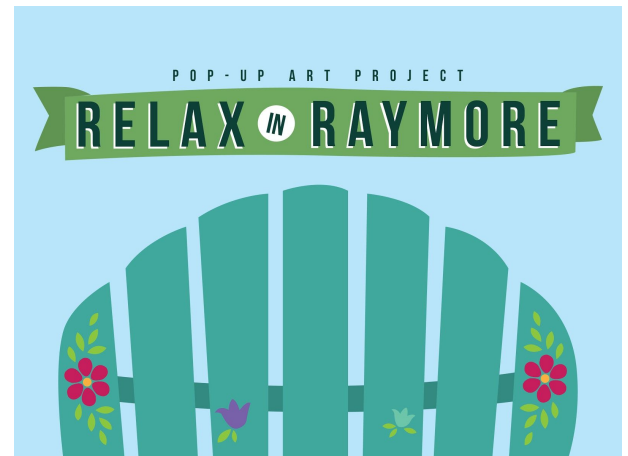
**Week of May 8, 2017**

## Upcoming

Join the Raymore Arts Commission for its annual **Pop-Up Art Project**.

We want you to show off your creative side in a fun and relaxing way. EVERYONE is invited to decorate, paint, mold, enhance and add their own twist to the classic adirondack chair.

The big reveal will be on [June 10 at the Summer Scene arts & music festival](#). All of the chairs will be on display in T.B. Hanna Station where visitors can vote on their favorite. Prizes will be awarded for the most creative and interesting designs! Chairs will then be placed throughout the city for a summer-long art exhibition.



Participation is free. All you need is to purchase a chair. [Fill out the form here](#) to register and sign up for this fun, creative program!

## Administration

- Court Administrator Donna Furr began her employment with the City of Raymore. Furr joins the Raymore Municipal Court after working as the Court Administrator in Lone Jack and Lee's Summit.
- Communications Director Mike Ekey and Chief Jan Zimmerman met with Terry Norwood, President/CEO, of Midwest Public Risk and Executive Assistant Linda Rodenberg to discuss risk management and available services for the City of Raymore.



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## City Clerk

- Deputy City Clerk Erica Hill received her Certified Municipal Clerk designation from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks Association. This designation is given only to those municipal clerks who have completed the demanding educational requirements and have made significant contributions to their local government, community, and state.

## **Community Development**

- Director Jim Cadoret, Associate Planner David Gress and Planning Commissioner Leo Anderson attended the American Planning Association Conference in New York City.
- The Planning & Zoning Commission will consider a request to reclassify the zoning of Heritage Hills Lots 158 thru 175, located south of Pine Street and east of Madison Street, from "R-1" Single Family to "R-2" Single and Two-Family Residential District on May 16.

## **Economic Development**

- Two new tenants have opened their doors at the Raymore Marketplace. Panda Express and Kay Jewelers are now open with two more tenants expected to open in the coming month.

## **Finance**

- Finance Director Cindi Watson and Assistant Finance Director Lisa Williams attended the annual Government Finance Officers Association state conference.
- Staff billed utility Zones 1 and 2 on Monday, April 8. This billing cycle is due June 7. For more information about your utility bill, log into the customer portal at [www.Raymore.com](http://www.Raymore.com) and click on Pay Utility Bill.
- Staff processed 1,006 phone notifications on Tuesday, May 9, reminding residents of their upcoming due date. To sign up for billing reminders, visit [www.Raymore.com](http://www.Raymore.com) and click on Pay Utility Bill and log into your online utility account.
- Staff held a bid opening on Tuesday, May 9, for residential waste collection services. Six area vendors submitted proposals for consideration.

## **Parks & Recreation**

- Park staff planted new flowers in the landscaping at City Hall and mulched and planted flower beds around the city. Park staff also trimmed and cleaned up many of the original trees on the property of Centerview.
- Parks & Recreation Director Nathan Musteen, Recreation Superintendent John McLain and Parks Superintendent Steve Rulo met with the design team for Hawk Ridge Park to finalize the locations and plans of Hawk Ridge Park. Hawk Ridge Park Improvements are scheduled to begin later this summer. The project is part of the voter approved bond issues that passed in April 2016. For more information about the bond project, visit [www.Raymore.com/BondProjects](http://www.Raymore.com/BondProjects).
- The Parks & Recreation Board met in work session on Tuesday. Items of discussion included a joint session with the Arts Commission to review the Public Art Memorandum of Understanding and the rental policy for Centerview.
- Athletic Coordinator Michael Hedrick met with Challenger Sports to prepare for the summer soccer camp and Raymore United Tryouts. Hedrick also hosted a baseball/softball umpire training in preparation for the upcoming season set to begin May 22.
- Parks & Recreation Director Nathan Musteen attended the Active Transportation Committee Meeting at the Mid-America Regional Council Office in Kansas City and the Kansas City Metro Parks and Recreation Director's Association meeting in Grandview.

## **Police**

- All sworn police department members attended mental health training at the Cass County Sheriff's Office in Harrisonville. Topics covered during the 8-hour training were Understanding Mental Health, De-Escalation: Responding to Individuals in a Mental Health Crisis, Recognizing Warning Signs of Suicide and Self-Harm, and Resiliency & Battlemind: How Officers Cope. The classes were all taught by Dawn Morris, State of Missouri Community Mental Health Liaison.
- Officer Nathan Rogers provided a tour of the Raymore Police Department to Girl Scout Troop 444. The tour allowed the Troop to see the different areas of the police department as well as explore a patrol vehicle and equipment used by officers.
- Capt. Jim Wilson and Chief Jan Zimmerman participated in the Cass County Sheriff and Chief's meeting at Belton Regional, where discussion focused on recent upward trends in stealings in all jurisdictions, fraudulent businesses and the proposed regional dispatch.
- Emergency Management Director Ryan Murdock attended the Metropolitan Emergency Management Committee meeting at the Mid-America Regional Council in Kansas City.
- Lt. Steve Donahoe participated in training for programming of Motorola radios at the Cass County Sheriff's Office in Harrisonville.
- Capts. Jim Wilson and Roger Mayberry, IT Manager Jim Mayberry and Chief Jan Zimmerman met with new Court Administrator Donna Furr and outgoing Court Administrator Alberta Talken to discuss policies and processes for the court and police department.
- The Police Chaplains conducted their regular meeting in the Council Chambers.

## **Public Works**

- Staff completed the final restoration repairs for the water main break that occurred on 58 Highway this past week. This included curb and street patching as well as street sweeping and stormwater remediation.
- Staff submitted the final drafts of the Pavement Management and Curb Replacement plans to the City Manager. These reports will be presented to the City Council at the May 15 worksession
- Public Works Director Mike Krass attended a meeting of the Mid-America Regional Council's Surface Transportation Plan Committee on Tuesday.
- Public Works Director Mike Krass met with City of Belton staff to discuss the proposed re-alignment of Kentucky Road. To learn more about this project, visit [www.Raymore.com/BondProjects](http://www.Raymore.com/BondProjects).