

# The Review

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FALL 2017



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For the Parks &  
Recreation  
Program Guide

## Meeting Schedule

All Meetings in City Council Chambers,  
100 Municipal Circle, Raymore, MO

### City Council Meetings

2nd & 4th Mon. 7 p.m.

### City Council Work Sessions

1st & 3rd Mon. 7 p.m.

### Planning & Zoning Commission

1st & 3rd Tues. 7pm

### Arts Commission

2nd Tues. 7pm

### Parks & Recreation Board

4th Tues. 7pm

## Important Numbers

**City Hall** // 816-331-0488

**Municipal Court** // 816-331-1712

**Animal Control** // 816-331-0530

**Building Inspection** // 816-331-7916

**Chamber of Commerce** // 816-322-0599

**City Clerk** // 816-331-3324

**Communications** // 816-892-3109

**Community Development** // 816-331-1803

**Economic Development** // 816-331-5000

**Electricity (KCP&L)** // 816-471-5275

**Emergency Management** // 816-892-3032

**Engineering** // 816-331-1852

### Fire Department South

**Metro (non-emergency)** // 816-331-3008

**Missouri Gas Energy** // 816-756-5252

**Parks & Recreation** // 816-322-2791

**Planning & Zoning** // 816-331-1803

**Police (non-emergency)** // 816-331-0530

**Post Office** // 816-331-2736

**Public Works** // 816-331-2377

**Raymore Peculiar Schools** // 816-892-1300

**City Utilities Office** // 816-331-5182

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### On the Cover

The Tree sculpture at Centerview, 227 Municipal Circle, was created by local artist and Raymore resident Chet Redmon. This piece, along with the seed pod sculpture at the corner of 58 Highway and Dean Avenue, was created as part of the City's public art initiative through the Arts Commission.

# Contact Us

### Have a Question?

Ask questions and report concerns to the City 24/7.  
Visit [raymore.com](http://raymore.com) and click on Report a Concern.

### City Officials

Kris Turnbow, Mayor

Jim Feuerborn, City Manager

### Ward One

Kevin Kellog

Reginald Townsend

### Ward Two

Joseph Burke, III

Derek Moorhead

### Ward Three

Kevin Barber

Jay Holman

### Ward Four

Sonja Abdelgawad

John Berendzen

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@RaymorePD

### City Hall

City of Raymore

100 Municipal Circle

Raymore, MO 64083

816-331-0488

[Raymore.com](http://Raymore.com)



# Public Invited to Weigh in on City Budget

The City's proposed annual budget, released in August, is now before the City Council. Residents will have the opportunity to weigh in on the City's proposed budget at two public hearings this fall.

The Planning & Zoning Commission and City Council will hold public hearings on the Capital Improvement budget and annual budget that will guide the City through fiscal year 2018.

The budget will remain a discussion point at all City Council work sessions, but will be up for approval at the following meetings:

## **Tuesday, Sept. 19 // 7 p.m. // City Hall**

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*The Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on the Capital Improvements Budget. This budget directs what major construction projects the City will undertake in the next fiscal year.*

## **Monday, Oct. 9 // 7 p.m. // City Hall**

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*City Council Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget. Residents will have a chance to weigh in on the budget and the projects it contains.*

## **Monday, Oct. 23 // 7 p.m. // City Hall**

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*The City Council will give its final approval to the budget.*

To read the full proposed budget, visit [raymore.com/budget](http://raymore.com/budget).



# City Launches New Brand

There is no doubt you have noticed that The Review has a new look.



With the official launch of the City's new logo and marketing efforts, it was only natural to also give our citywide magazine a new look. But our new branding is more than just a new look, it is a reflection of who we have become as a community.

It's an exciting time to be a Raymore resident. Economic development is booming. Our parks are seeing many improvements and added amenities. Our City is experiencing tremendous growth, yet still our residents love that friendly, small-town feel.

While we are not deleting our proud history, it was important that our new logo and branding show the entire Kansas City region that we have more to offer and more to discover within our community. Of course, branding is more than just a new logo. It is how we feel about being a member of this great community.

## RAYMORE: COME HOME TO MORE

How did we select our new branding? We looked at our strong points and our community values. We asked residents what Raymore means to them: residents who have lived here their whole lives; residents who grew up in Raymore, left and then moved back home; and residents who have only been here a short while.

Community integrity, safety, opportunities and growth were recurring answers.

Raymore offers the safety and spirit of a small town, but is just a short drive away from the greater metro area. Raymore is

a family-friendly, connected community with great schools and youth programs, an excellent parks system and community events. Raymore is ready for business and is committed to giving its residents more ways to dine, shop, play and work in Raymore. Our roots run deep and we love our town. The pioneering spirit residents of Raymore have possessed since its humble beginnings in 1858 continues to motivate and inspire us as we guide our community today and invest in our next generation.

#### A SEED PLANTED

The symbol in our new logo is inspired by the seed in the new seed pod sculpture at the corner of 58 Highway and Dean Avenue (see page 10 for more on the

City's public art). The seed represents the remembrance of our humble beginnings and roots, the City's growth, prosperity and opportunities in our future.

More importantly, it is a unique feature to our community that cannot be replicated by any other. It is our distinguishing mark and how so many will know that they have arrived in our community. It will symbolize so many things to many different people, but to our residents it will symbolize home.

More reasons to come home.

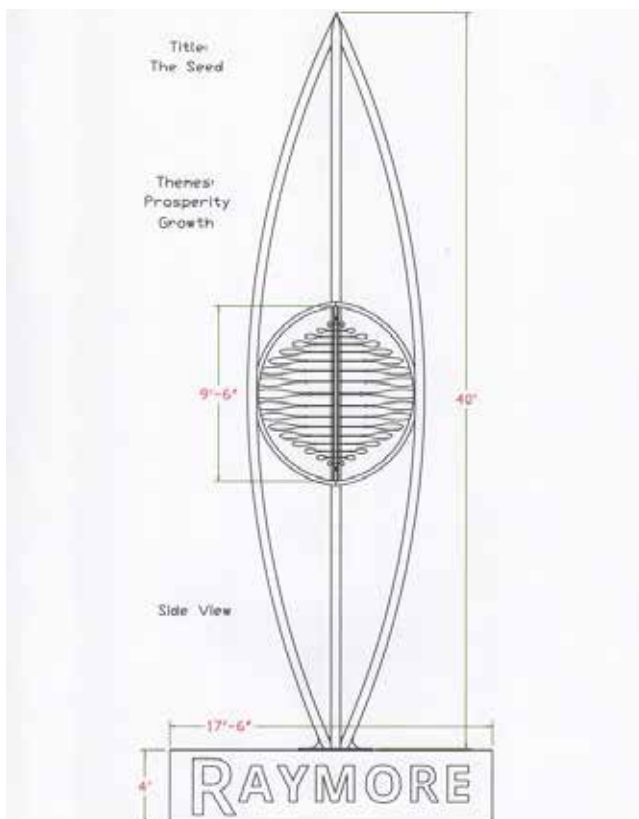
More ways to thrive.

More things to do.

More to love.

Raymore:

Come home to *more*. ●



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#### Coming Soon

Work is just finishing on the seed pod by artist Chet Redmon at 58 Highway and Dean Avenue. His artwork serves as the inspiration for the new City logo.



# City Trash Service to Change in the New Year

**S**tarting Jan. 1, 2018, the City of Raymore will be switching vendors for its weekly citywide trash pick-up service.

Following an extensive research and public bidding process, the City Council in July voted to approve a contract with Jim's Disposal that will begin on Jan. 1, 2018. The City's current trash hauler will continue to pick up trash regularly until the new year.

In the meantime, the City, as well as Jim's Disposal and cart manufacturer Rehrig Pacific,

will be reaching out several times over the coming months to let residents know about the new service.

The level of service you have come to expect will not change. In some areas, residents will see an increase in service while keeping costs down.

- There will be no changes from current unlimited solid waste service. Residents will still be permitted to put out bagged trash in addition to what is in the cart.

- Each residence will be provided with a 65-gallon solid-waste and a 65-gallon recycling cart in December 2017. There is an option for a smaller 45-gallon cart. Watch your mail later this month for instructions on how to get a smaller disposal cart.
- Currently, every residence in Raymore has a Wednesday trash pick-up day. With the extensive growth of our community, we will divide trash pick-up into two days;

half of the City will be picked up on Wednesday and the other half on Thursday. Once assigned, your pick-up day will remain the same.

- There will be no change from current unlimited recycling. Although the new standard recycling cart size is larger to encourage more recycling, residents can order a smaller cart.
- The yard waste pick-up schedule will be expanded. Starting in 2018, yard waste will be picked up at the same time as trash and recycling from March 1 through Dec. 31. There will be no change in the unlimited yard waste that can be placed at the curb. The same yard waste rules will apply (only grass clippings, leaves, vines, hedges, shrub trimmings, tree trimmings and tree limbs).
- Jim's Disposal will be providing two, free citywide bulky item pick-up days per year as part of the contract. Residents will be able to set out up to five

items on these days with a limitation of only one refrigerator per residence at each bulky item pick-up day.

- For bulky item pickup outside of the two free days, residents will contact Jim's Disposal directly to schedule a pick-up and will pay \$25 for each item. Residents will be billed independently for this service.
- The cost of weekly trash service will only increase to cover the cost of the contract. The City of Raymore will charge residents monthly the exact amount of the contract (\$12.41 per residence, per month). There are no other fees assessed to our residents for this service.

We invite you to visit our website at [raymore.com/trash](http://raymore.com/trash) or call our utility office at **816-331-5182** with any questions. ●



### Mid-late Sept.

Look for a mailer from Rehrig Pacific with instructions on how to select the smaller, 45-gallon carts instead of the standard 65-gallon carts.

### Nov. 1

Last day to order smaller sized carts.

### Nov. 15

Trash service days assigned. Residents will be given more information on when to expect info on old cart pick-up.

### Dec. 4-23

New carts will be delivered to residents.

### Jan. 3-4, 2018

First new trash pick-up days, depending on your assigned day.

### Jan.-Feb. 2018

Old cart pickup by WCA or contractor.



## Need assistance?

Whether you have questions about trash service or need help getting your trash cart to the curb, feel free to call the Raymore utility office at **816-331-5182**.

# WOOF! Community Donations Help Support Shelter Pets

## Donations Needed

Fall is on its way in and the holidays aren't far behind. In the season of giving, our animal control officers are always grateful for donations of items essential to caring for the animals at the Raymore Animal Shelter on a daily basis.

Here are just a few donation ideas that our shelter pets would love:

### CLEANING SUPPLIES

It takes so much to keep the shelter clean and basic cleaning supplies are always welcome. Liquid dish soap (Dawn preferred) is needed for cleaning food bowls and kitchen utensils; bleach is another shelter essential. And since our animal control officers do loads and loads of laundry on a regular basis to keep donated blankets and towels clean for our furry friends, laundry detergent is another item high on the wish list.

### FRESH LINENS

Consider donating old blankets, sheets and towels the next time you clean out your linen closet. These materials are used as bedding materials for cats and dogs, and are very much needed to keep these scared animals as

comfortable as possible while they are staying at the shelter.

### TOYS

A bored shelter animal is a sad shelter animal! Cat and dog toys that can keep our caged shelter animals busy make for a more tolerable stay in our shelter kennels.

### FOOD & TREATS

Every animal searching for their fur-ever home appreciates special snacks. Your gift of dog and cat treats will brighten any shelter animal's day!

### DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE CATS

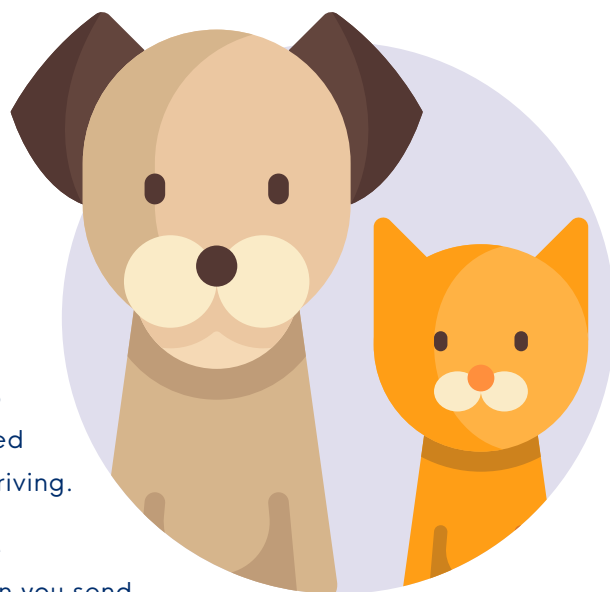
Cats often spend an extended time at the shelter - sometimes a month or more - while dogs are usually returned to their owners or adopted within 3-10 days of arriving.

Don't forget about the needs of our cats when you send in donations. We can be up to our ears in Milk Bones and dog food donations, but have very little cat food and kitty litter.

Not sure what to donate? We'll be happy to let you know what we're most in need of at the moment if you want to give us a call or send us a Facebook message.

## Adopt, Don't Shop!

When you adopt from a shelter, you save a life. Shelter animals have just as much love to give as any, and they need the second chance desperately. ●



For more information & a full list of needed donation items, visit [raymore.com/AnimalControl](http://raymore.com/AnimalControl)



# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF

SAFELY DISPOSE OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 9, 2017 | 8 A.M. - NOON**

**EAGLE GLEN  
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL**

The City of Raymore, in partnership with Mid-America Regional Council and the City of Belton, invites you to safely dispose of your household hazardous waste during our annual collection day.

**100 S FOXRIDGE DR  
RAYMORE**

Household hazardous waste (HHW) includes items such as household cleaners, lawn and garden products, automotive fluids, paints and other chemical products. These flammable, toxic, corrosive or reactive items are labeled with *Danger*, *Warning* or *Caution*.

**VISIT [WWW.RAYMORE.COM/HHW](http://WWW.RAYMORE.COM/HHW) FOR MORE INFORMATION**

*Proof of Raymore or Belton residency is required to drop off items at this event.*

THE RAYMORE ARTS COMMISSION PRESENTS

## Paint & Sip Party

Tap into your artistic side for an evening of painting fun on the patio at Centerview.

Marilee of Moscato's Masterpiece will walk students of all skill levels through steps to create a colorful fall masterpiece on canvas.

*\$15 per person or \$25 for two*

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 28 | 7-9 P.M. | THE PATIO AT CENTERVIEW**

**MUST BE 21 TO REGISTER & ATTEND. BRING YOUR OWN FAVORITE BEVERAGE! SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED.**

Contact Mike Ekey to register: [MEkey@Raymore.com](mailto:MEkey@Raymore.com) or 816-892-3109

Visit our website for details: [www.Raymore.com](http://www.Raymore.com)



# Raymore's Public Art Makes a Mark

Two new sculptures are now on display in Raymore highlighting the City's commitment to develop new public art in our community.

While some public art is functional, such as the beautifully painted adirondack chairs on display during the Relax in Raymore pop-up art projects, these two new sculptures create a statement and give character

to their new locations. They beautify the place in which they reside.

Local artist Chet Redmon created the sculptures as part of the City's public art initiative through the Arts Commission.

"I've created a lot of functional art pieces and decor for homes and businesses, but it's always been a dream of mine to create pure art—something aesthetically

pleasing that can be enjoyed by anyone," Redmon said.

Redmon and his family moved to Raymore from Kansas City, Kansas, a couple of years ago for a few reasons; number one being his daughter's future. Raymore's exceptional schools appealed to Redmon, as well as the small-town feel and easy access to family living in the greater Kansas City area.

Redmon owns CR Custom Ironworks, which creates custom iron work and chandeliers for homes across the midwest. Still, using his talents to create works of art for this community remains his passion.

"It means a lot that I was able to create these pieces of art, especially for a town that I plan on living in for the rest of my life," Redmon said.

The Seed Pod sculpture at the corner of 58 Highway and Dean Avenue and the Tree sculpture at Centerview, 227 Municipal Circle, were designed to complement each other—one a seed and one a fully grown tree.

Both sculptures represent growth and prosperity in our City. According to Redmon, the Seed Pod serves as a visual

reminder of planting a seed, and reminds us to stay conscious of the intention of prosperity and growth in our community. The seed inside the sculpture moves with the wind, just as we move, progress and advance as our City grows. The Tree is depicted as a fully grown tree, and reflects the fruits of our labor.

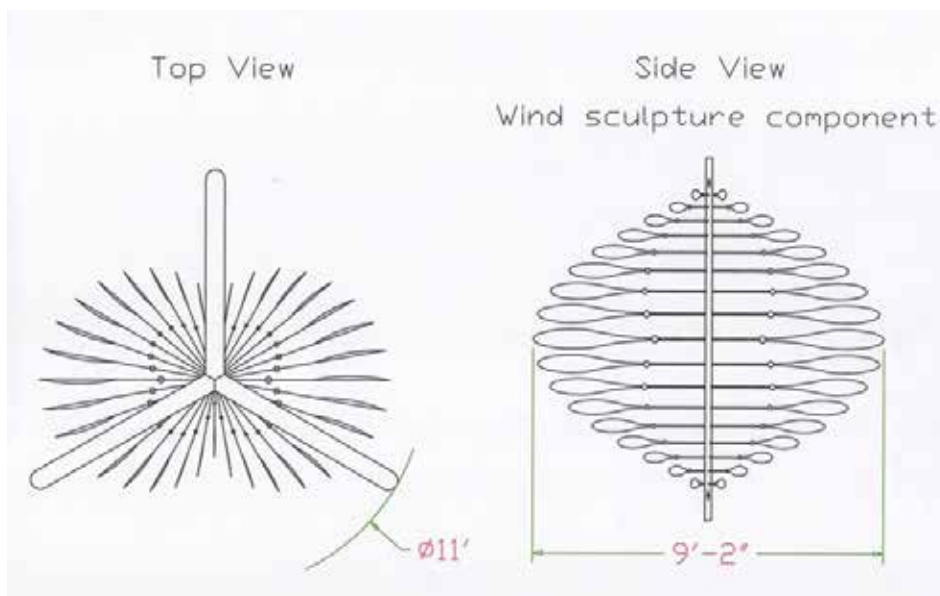
Raymore Arts Commission Chairwoman Sharon Parys believes the addition of public art in Raymore is an inspiring way to bring the community together.

"These pieces of art really create a sense of pride and community identity. I think it's wonderful that anyone in our community can enjoy these sculptures and interpret them in their own way," Parys said. ●

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The detailed drawings at left illustrate the kinetic elements of the Seed Pod sculpture at 58 Highway and Dean Avenue. See page 5 for a full rendering of the artwork.



# Raymore Activity Center Construction Underway

The City of Raymore and the Raymore Parks & Recreation Department broke ground on July 18 for the new Raymore Activity Center at Recreation Park.

The 16,000 square-foot, multi-use gymnasium will offer a full basketball court, an indoor walking/running track, a kitchen for concessions and office space for staff, allowing for recreational activities year-round.

At the groundbreaking, Mayor Kris Turnbow thanked everyone in attendance and recognized the planning efforts of the Parks & Recreation Board and residents who voted to approve no-tax increase bond issue that is funding this new park amenity.

"Our parks programs continue to grow by leaps and bounds," Parks & Recreation Board Chair William Manson said at the ceremony. "With the Raymore Activity Center, we expect even more residents will begin to discover the high-quality programming we offer year-round in our community."

"We once again need to give the majority of the credit to our residents," Turnbow said, thanking the residents of Raymore for making the facility possible by participating in civic surveys and Reimagine Raymore community conversations, and for





Representatives from SFS Architecture and Westport Construction Co. break ground at the site of the Raymore Activity Center along with members of the Raymore Parks & Recreation Board, City Council and Mayor Kris Turnbow. Pictured left to right: Kerry Newman, SFS Architecture; John Hunter, Westport Construction; Parks & Recreation Board members Jim Heath, Michele Seimears, Steve Trautman, Jennifer Cipolla, William Manson, chair, and Bryan Harris; Mayor Turnbow and City Council members Joseph Burke, Reginald Townsend, Kevin Barber, John Berendzen and Derek Moorhead.



voting in support of expanding recreational opportunities.

The same April 2016 parks bond issue is also funding updates to T.B. Hanna Station, Hawk Ridge Park and partially funded the construction of Centerview, the City's newest community event space on Municipal Circle.

Parks & Recreation Director Nathan Musteen and Public Works Director Mike Krass worked with SFS Architecture in the design of the activity center.

Westport Construction Co. of Clinton, Mo., will be constructing

the facility, with completion expected in Summer 2018.

The Parks & Recreation Department has been challenged for a long time by the lack of indoor space for its programs, and currently uses the limited space at the Park House at 909 S. Madison St. for classes and summer day camps.

The addition of the Raymore Activity Center to Recreation Park will allow the department to expand its recreational sports programs, activities and camps to meet the needs of the growing Raymore community.

For more information on the Raymore Activity Center, visit [raymore.com/rac](http://raymore.com/rac). ●



Susan Nelson's children (and their stuffed koala) pose with Officer Nathan Rogers, Capt. Roger Mayberry, Chief Jan Zimmerman, Capt. Jim Wilson, Officers Jesse Walkingstick and Brent Worthley at Coffee with a Cop, hosted by the Raymore Police Department July 27.



# Raymore Police Host Coffee With A Cop for Area Residents

Members of the Raymore community joined police officers and staff for coffee, donuts and good discussion.

On Thursday, July 27, the Raymore Police Department hosted its first Coffee with a Cop event at Centerview. Residents of all ages met with Raymore officers to ask

questions and talk one-on-one in a casual atmosphere.

"It was refreshing for our officers to have the opportunity to interact with residents in an environment where everyone was relaxed and enjoying themselves," Chief Jan Zimmerman said. "So often people only come into contact with police

in crisis and high-stress situations."

Chief Zimmerman added that communication is invaluable in building relationships between Raymore's residents and the officers who

serve them, and inviting residents to enjoy a cup of coffee with a cop is a perfect opportunity to strengthen those relationships through open, casual conversation.

"We want to have great relationships with our citizens. After all, we're here to serve them," Zimmerman said.

"My children and I thoroughly enjoyed the positive interaction with the officers at the event. Even the koala had fun!" area resident Susan Nelson said. "We look forward to more events like this in the future."

Big Daddy's Donuts of Raymore donated 100 donuts for the event. ●



Officer Nathan Rogers makes new friends at the Coffee with a Cop event.



# Public Works receives national recognition

Raymore becomes the state's eighth and nation's 127th APWA accredited agency.

The Raymore Public Works Department again proved it was leading the region in its practices and professionalism as it received full accreditation by the American Public Works Association's (APWA) board of directors.

Not only did Raymore's Public Works Department become the eighth agency in the state to receive accreditation, but it also was recognized for having five model practices that will be used as a guide that other public works agencies across the nation should follow.

"I have seen agencies with one or two model practice awards, but to have five in one department is truly an achievement," APWA Region 6 Director Chuck William said. "You should be proud of your

staff and all their hard work."

The accreditation and recognition caps off nearly two years of self-evaluation and planning by Raymore Public Work employees before the official application could be submitted for review by the APWA Board of Directors.

Once submitted, a team of public works professionals from around the country visited Raymore and interviewed staff throughout the City before writing their recommendation to award the department its accreditation.

"This award really highlights the incredible people in our department and the level of professional service they provide our community on a daily basis," Public Works Director Mike Krass said. ●

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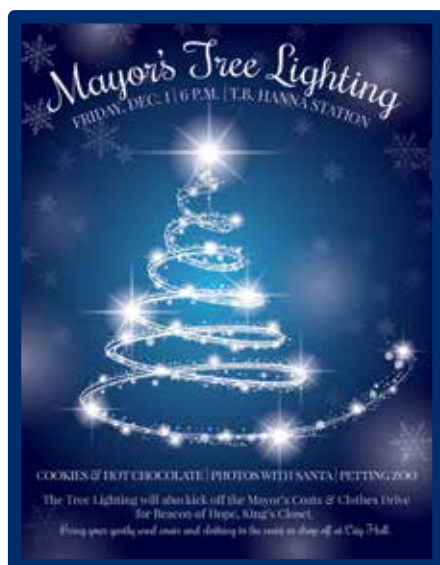
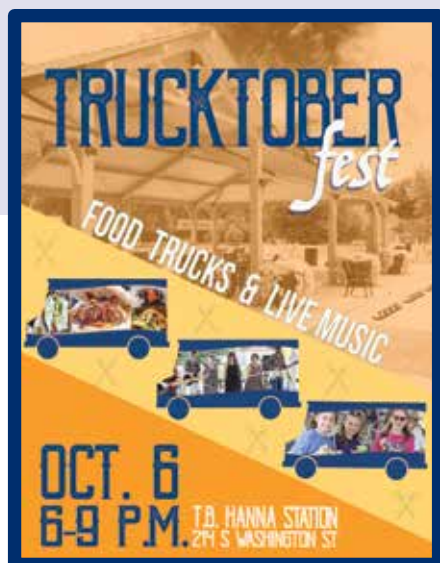


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The City Council gave a standing ovation at its meeting as APWA Region 6 Director Chuck Williams (right) awarded Public Works Director Mike Krass (left) the accreditation award.

# Events Calendar

Fall 2017



## September

**Raymore Farmers Market**  
every Tuesday 4-7 p.m. at  
T.B. Hanna Station

**9 // Household Hazardous  
Waste Collection**

8 a.m. - noon at Eagle Glen  
Intermediate School

**19 // Fiscal Year 2018**

**Budget Public Hearing**

7 p.m. at City Hall  
The Planning & Zoning  
Commission will hold a  
public hearing on the Capital  
Improvements Budget.

## October

**6 // Trucktober Fest**

Food trucks and live music at  
T.B. Hanna Station from 6-9 p.m.

**9 // Fiscal Year 2018 Budget  
Public Hearing**

7 p.m. at City Hall  
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hearing on the Fiscal Year 2018  
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**23 // Budget Approval**

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approval to the budget.

## November

**9 // Veterans Day Ceremony**

4 p.m. at T.B. Hanna Station  
Special guests, military  
personnel, refreshments  
and honor brick dedication

**10 // Veterans Day (observed)**

City Hall will be closed

**23-24 // Thanksgiving Holiday**

City Hall will be closed

## December

**1 // Mayor's Tree Lighting**

6 p.m. at T.B. Hanna Station  
Free event with cookies and hot  
chocolate, photos with Santa  
and a petting zoo

**25-26 // Christmas Holiday**

City Hall will be closed

## January

**1 // New Year's Day**

City Hall will be closed

**3-4 // New Trash Service Starts**

The City's new contractor for  
trash service will begin trash  
collection.