

WEEKLY REPORT

Week of Nov. 20, 2017

Upcoming

- **City Hall will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 23, and Friday, Nov. 24, for the Thanksgiving holiday.**
- Join the Parks & Recreation Department at **T.B. Hanna Station on Friday, Dec. 1, for the Mayor's Tree Lighting!**

Enjoy cookies and hot chocolate, a petting zoo and photos with Santa! T.B. Hanna Station will be transformed into a winter wonderland with not only the lighting of the Mayor's tree, but with the lighting of the Christmas Tree Trail! Businesses and organizations are invited to participate by decorating a tree to add to the trail. [Details are available on our website.](#)

This event also kicks off the Mayor's Coats & Clothes Drive for Beacon of Hope, King's Closet. Be sure to bring your gently used coats and clothing to the event (or drop them off at City Hall!). [Details are available on our website.](#)



Communications

- Contractors with Google Fiber began initial construction on Phase II of Google's in-ground fiber network this week. Contractors are planning to connect nine additional neighborhoods. The City is encouraging residents in these neighborhoods to pick up a **FREE pack of pink yard flags** to mark sprinkler systems in their front yards. You can see a full list of neighborhoods affected and what Google has planned at www.Raymore.com/Google

Community Development

- The Board of Adjustment met Tuesday and approved the variance application filed by Brian Wade to reconstruct the fence at 1706 Quail Court.
- The Planning & Zoning Commission met Tuesday and recommended approval of four applications: Westbrook at Creekmoor 13th plat; rezoning of 118-216 W. Walnut Street to C-2 (General Commercial); rezoning of 9.2 acres at the Northwest corner of Dean Avenue and North Cass Parkway to C-2 (Regional Commercial); and the 26th amendment to the Unified Development Code.
- An application for site plan approval was filed for the proposed construction of the amphitheater, pavilion/restroom facilities, and parking lot expansion in Hawk Ridge Park. The Planning & Zoning Commission will consider the application on Dec. 19. This project is part of the voter-approved bond projects. To learn more, visit www.Raymore.com/BondProjects.

Finance

- Staff is busy working on year end and preparing for the annual financial audit that will begin in December.
- Staff is working with the utility billing software to address the recent change in the utility deposit and applying the appropriate amounts back to customer accounts.
- Reminder that Utility Shut Offs for all four zones will be held next Wednesday, Nov. 29.

Parks & Recreation

- Staff discussed decoration layout, event details and final plans this week as Recreation Coordinator Katie Pattrick continued preparation for the upcoming Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting scheduled at T.B. Hanna Station on December 1.
- Details and plans are being finalized for the upcoming Winter/Spring Parks and Recreation Program Guide. The upcoming guide set to hit Raymore mailboxes the first week of January will include a new line-up of senior programming along with the youth baseball/softball and soccer league sign-up information.
- Athletic Coordinator Todd Brennon is preparing for the upcoming youth basketball league coaches meeting on Nov. 30. Equipment, team rosters and facility schedules are being finalized. Practices will begin the week of Dec. 4.
- Contractors began work on the Memorial Park improvements. These improvements include new trails, expanded parking and other amenities. [You can learn more about the project at our website.](#)

Police

- Members of the Police Department met with representatives from the United States Probation Office in Kansas City to learn about resources and response from their agency.
- Lt. Aly Abdelgawad participated in a seminar, "How to be a Police Chief in the 21st Century" at the Kansas City Regional Police Academy.
- The Raymore Police Chaplains prepared and served a wonderful Thanksgiving meal for on duty department personnel.
- Capt. Wilson worked on finalizing arrangements for the upcoming Raymore Police Department "Shop With a Cop" event at Centerview and Walmart on Dec. 12.

Public Works

- Contractors started installing sidewalk around Municipal Circle.
- Phase I of 155th Street (new asphalt surface from Kentucky Road to Madison Street) is complete. City engineers are now reviewing the final plans for the new bridge. Once approved, contractors will begin fabrication of the new bridge, which is expected to be installed after the first of the new year. Visit our website for [more details and updates about the project](#).
- Google Fiber started installing Fiber in the Remington area. Please visit www.Raymore.com/Google for progress updates.