

WEEKLY REPORT

Week of Oct. 22, 2018

Upcoming

- **Drug Take Back Day, Saturday, Oct. 27, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.** Drop off your expired and unwanted prescription medications at the Raymore Police Department (lower level on the back side of City Hall) or the Raymore Price Chopper for proper disposal while keeping them out of the wrong hands and out of our precious waterways.



Learn more:

<https://bit.ly/2Ak9ZcX>

- **MOD Pizza Fundraiser for Raymore Animal Shelter, all day Sunday, Oct. 28 at MOD Pizza, 1937 Foxwood Drive.** Dine in any time the last Sunday of every month at MOD Pizza in Raymore and when you mention the Raymore Animal Shelter at the register, MOD will donate 20% of your total to the shelter!
- **Ward 3 Town Hall, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7 at Centerview.** Council members Jay Holman and Kevin Barber will host a town hall with residents to talk about major projects and answer questions from residents. To learn more, call Communications Director Mike Ekey at 816-892-3109.
- **Veterans Celebration, 4 p.m., Friday, Nov. 9 at Memorial Park, 400 Park Lane.** Celebrate our veterans as we honor all who have served with special guest speakers, the Ray-Pec High School choir, South Metro Honor Guard and refreshments! Learn more: <https://bit.ly/2EKB25g>
- **Ward 4 Town Hall, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14 at Centerview.** Council members Sonja Abdelgawad and John Berendzen will host a town hall with residents to talk about major projects and answer questions from residents. To learn more, call Communications Director Mike Ekey at 816-892-3109.
- **City of Raymore Blood Drive, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 14 at Centerview.** Will you help us get to our goal of collecting 45 units of blood on Nov. 14? When you donate blood, you help save lives. The Community Blood Center relies on donors to collect approximately 600 life-saving units of blood daily to meet the needs of area hospital patients. [Make an appointment now.](#)

Administration

- The City of Raymore hosted Missouri Municipal League's West Gate Division meeting at Centerview. Guest speaker, Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment Department at Mid-America Regional Council provided an overview of MARC's 2040 Transportation Outlook Plan. The event was attended by state and local elected officials as well as partners of MML.



Communications

- Communications Director Mike Ekey, Police Chief Jan Zimmerman and Development Services Director Jim Cadoret met with members of the KU Public Management Center to review the first draft of the results from the Raymore Community Conversation on Oct. 1. The final report will be presented to the City Council on Nov. 5. To learn more about the event, visit www.Raymore.com/Community.
- Communications Director Mike Ekey, Communications Specialist Melissa McGhee and Recreation Superintendent John McLain hosted a meeting with members of the Arts Commission's Education Working Group. This group plans and hosts the Arts Commission's Family Art Days and other programs throughout the year. To learn more about upcoming classes, visit www.Raymore.com/Arts.
- Communications Director Mike Ekey hosted the first meeting of the Public Performance Art Committee. The Arts Commission committee is tasked with surveying residents about the kind of music, theater and other performance art they would like to see in our community.
- Communications Director Mike Ekey met with marketing staff at MOD Pizza to discuss future fundraising opportunities for the Raymore Community Foundation.
- Communications Director Mike Ekey met with staff from the ETC Institute to begin planning for the 2019 Community Satisfaction Survey. The City conducts these surveys every two years. [To see previous results, visit our website.](#)

Community Development

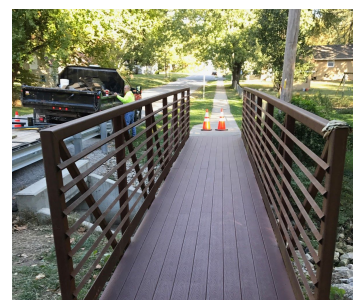
- Director Jim Cadoret, Associate Planner David Gress and Economic Development Director Matt Tapp attended the annual conference of the Missouri Chapter of the American Planning Association in Kansas City.

Parks & Recreation

- Park staff began winterizing the landscape beds and preparing for the winter season, which also includes mowing the native fields.
- The Raymore Parks & Recreation Board met on Tuesday, Oct. 24 to review the board's bylaws and progress on T.B. Hanna Station.
- The Raymore Tree Board met to discuss the 2019 Tree City USA application and progress on the arboretum.
- The fall baseball/softball youth leagues finished the season on Oct. 24. This Saturday, Oct. 26, the end-of-season tournament for the youth volleyball leagues will be held at the Raymore Activity Center. The final games for the fall soccer leagues will be held at Recreation Park.

Police

- The citywide Secure Shred event was a huge success, with approximately 7,000 lbs. of documents shredded free for our residents.
- Emergency Management Director Ryan Murdock attended the International Association of Emergency Managers Annual Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan.
- Capt. Roger Mayberry, Lts. Aly Abdelgawad and Steve Donahoe, IT Manager Jim Mayberry and Communications Supervisor Starlith McAdams attended the Annual Criminal Justice Information Systems Conference in Branson.
- Capt. Jim Wilson, Chief Jan Zimmerman, Communications Director Mike Ekey and South Metro Fire Chief Lee Stevens took a tour of the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department Command Post vehicle.
- Capt. Jim Wilson attended Youth Court training in Harrisonville.
- School/Youth Community Outreach Officer Lance Goddard gave a safety presentation to a girl scout troop at Creekmoor Elementary.
- Capt. Jim Wilson participated in the Cass County Child Abuse Response Team training committee meeting at Centerview.
- Chief Jan Zimmerman participated in the Greater Kansas City Public Safety Credit Union meeting in Kansas City.
- Capts. Jim Wilson and Roger Mayberry, Lt. Aly Abdelgawad, Chief Jan Zimmerman and other area law enforcement met with Missouri House of Representatives candidate Mike Haffner at Centerview to discuss issues affecting local agencies.



Public Works

- Public Works Crews replaced the deck on the Elm Street Pedestrian bridge. This pedestrian bridge provides an important walking connection between South Washington Street and South Adams Street.
- Work on the third phase of the 155th Street reconstruction (Madison to Kurzweil) is scheduled to start Monday, Oct. 29. Weather permitting the contractor estimates the work will take approximately 30 days to complete. The road will be closed to through traffic. For updates on the project and to learn more about the work being done, visit www.Raymore.com/155th.
- Assistant Public Works Director Steve Welch and crew leaders attended the the second of three sessions of the American Public Works Institute's leadership training.