

Weekly Report



Week of July 11, 2016

Administration

- The City officially launched its new website on Friday (www.Raymore.com). The new site will make it easier for residents to find the information and services they need and will serve as a new, updated welcome point for businesses and new visitors. It may take some users 24-48 to see the full transition, but all website visitors should see the new site by Monday. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Communications Manager Mike Ekey at 816-892-3109 or by email at MEkey@Raymore.com.
- The License Tax Review Committee held its annual meeting on Monday, July 11. The Committee approved the recommendation to increase the current excise (license) tax rates by the construction cost index for Kansas City for the period of May 2014 through May 2015. The excise tax is used to fund the construction and improvement of streets necessary to accommodate traffic generated by the growth and development of the City. The tax is paid when a building permit is pulled.
- A group of women city staff members from a variety of departments and positions attended the Inspiring Women in Public Administration Conference in Olathe on Friday. The purpose of the conference is to provide an opportunity for women in public administration to come together and exchange stories, ideas and encouragement with one another. Missouri State Auditor Nicole Galloway and former Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius provided keynote addresses to the group.
- City Manager Jim Feuerborn, Capt. Jim Wilson and Chief Jan Zimmerman participated in the open house and ribbon cutting for the new Ridgeway Villas.



Community Development

- Building Official Jon Woerner started his review of the building construction plans for the retail development proposed for the southeast corner of Dean Ave. and Missouri 58 Highway.
- The Planning & Zoning Commission will meet on Tuesday, July 19 to consider the [site plan](#) for the Raymore Municipal Center building proposed for land southeast of City Hall.

Parks & Recreation

- Recreation Superintendent John McLain participated in a video conference with Missouri Youth Soccer Association on Tuesday to review new competitive soccer rules and regulations. McLain also met with Pleasant Hill Soccer Club President Don Donovan to discuss upcoming fall recreational and competitive soccer season.
- Summer Quest Camp took a tour of Kauffman Stadium on Tuesday.
- Recreation staff met with Communications staff for a monthly meeting to discuss upcoming marketing for fall programs, activities and events.
- Staff ordered fall competitive team uniforms.
- Recreation staff finalized the fall program guide offerings and delivered to the Communications Manager for inclusion in the September Raymore Review and Parks Guide.
- Park staff prepared Hawk Ridge Park for the archery class, which started this week.
- Staff continues to prepare the course and work on the Mini Mud Run. The Mini Mud Run will be held on Aug. 19 at Hawk Ridge Park. For more information, visit www.Raymore.com.
- Park Staff removed several broken branches and damaged trees from recent storms.

Police

- City Manager Jim Feuerborn and Chief Jan Zimmerman conducted a meeting with the Ward Park Place Homeowners Association in the Council Chambers regarding a recent incident of shots fired that caused property damage.
- Emergency Management Coordinator Ryan Murdock and Chief Jan Zimmerman participated in the Metropolitan Emergency Management Committee at the Mid-America Regional Council, where the local director of the Red Cross provided a presentation about the creation of and vetting of approved shelters within cities.
- Det. Don Shepard conducted Active Shooter Training in the Council Chambers and at two schools in Raymore for all members of the Raymore Police Department and outside agencies such as the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Cass County Sheriff's Office, the Belton and Peculiar police departments and the Blue Springs School District.
- Chief Jan Zimmerman participated in the Chaplain's meeting, finalizing preparations for the upcoming International Conference of Police Chaplains training that will be hosted in Raymore in August.
- Chief Jan Zimmerman met with Erin Lynch, Emergency Services Director of the Mid-America Regional Council to discuss the creation of a regional template for resource sharing and memoranda of understanding between jurisdictions.

Public Works

- Engineering staff began reviewing plans for Phase I of the Google Fiber installation.
- Engineering Technician Paschal Smith took the American Public Works Association's certified infrastructure inspectors exam on Friday.
- Stormwater Specialist Lori Crandall attended the Mid-America Regional Council's Water Quality Education Committee meeting.
- As weather permitted, Operations and Maintenance staff continued working on the annual sewer jetting program, performed street repairs, meter conversions and responded to customer service requests.