

Weekly Report



Week of July 18, 2016

Administration

- The City officially launched its new website on Friday, July 15, (www.Raymore.com). Residents can still sign up for email updates from various departments and when new meeting agendas are posted. Visit www.Raymore.com/email to sign up. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Communications Manager Mike Ekey at 816-892-3109 or by email at MEkey@Raymore.com.
- City departments presented their Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget requests to the City Manager and Assistant City Manager. The City Manager is scheduled to present his recommended budget to the City Council during a work session on Monday, Aug. 15.
- The Arts Commission's Public Art Committee held its bi-monthly meeting on Wednesday. The group discussed the current Pop Up Art Project: Relax in Raymore initiative, possible changes to the art exhibit program in the City Council Chambers, and streetlight banner designs. They also took a tour of City parks and trails to discuss potential locations for public art as part of their work on a comprehensive public art plan.
- City staff presented on the Out-of-State Motor Vehicle Sales Tax ballot question at a variety of community meetings this week. On Tuesday, Aug. 2, Raymore voters will be asked whether or not to discontinue the collection of the city's sales tax on motor vehicles, trailers, boats and outboard motors purchased from out-of-state dealers. More information is available at www.Raymore.com/MotorVehicle.



City Clerk

- Training was provided and users were established for the newly implemented document management software.

Community Development

- GIS Coordinator Heather Eisenbarth started a quality control review of aerial photography completed in spring of 2016 for the Raymore area. The photography is used extensively in the City GIS program.
- The Planning & Zoning Commission met Tuesday and approved the site plan for the Raymore Municipal Center building proposed for land south of City Hall on Municipal Circle.
- Director Jim Cadoret attended the Communities for All Ages Professional Network workshop on regional resources for age-friendly community work

Economic Development

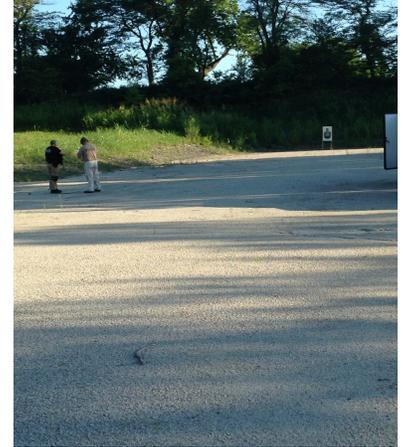
- Construction work began at the Raymore Marketplace, a major retail commercial redevelopment at the southeast corner of 58 Highway and Dean Avenue. The City is working with the developer on re-using materials that could be included in the new municipal center. [You can view a site plan and elevations for the development here.](#)
- The City is collaborating with the Cass County Corporation for Economic Development (CCCED) and other cities on a workforce development effort called Work Ready Communities (WRC). The WRC focuses on assisting individuals throughout the labor pool to earn a National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC). NCRC is an industry-recognized credential that clearly identifies an individual's work skills. By achieving WRC status our region will be able to show we have a proven and credentialed workforce, thereby allowing economic development professionals to better attract large employers.

Parks & Recreation

- Summer Quest campers went to the pool in Harrisonville and Kaleidoscope this week. They will travel to Power Play on Aug. 2. The last day of camp is Aug. 12.
- Recreation staff met with representatives from Lowes about the new outdoor play area in Recreation Park.
- Preparations and plans for the Mini Mud Run course were finalized.
- Superintendent John McLain met with the South Metro Sports Group on Wednesday. The group discussed how spring sports season went and what we are doing to prepare for fall.
- Superintendent John McLain attended initial bracketing meeting Thursday for the Raymore United SC teams playing in the KC Metro League.
- Park staff has sprayed weeds in the cracks of parking lots.
- Park staff sprayed the Disc Golf Course, and installed the practice basket on the back nin.

Police

- Officer Lance Goddard participated in the Raymore Fall Festival/Community Against Crime Committee meeting at the Lacy residence and presented a report on the outside law enforcement agencies that will be participating in the event.
- Emergency Management Coordinator Ryan Murdock met with the West Dolan Fire Chief to distribute emergency badges and provide instruction on the tracking application.
- Capt. Roger Mayberry participated in the Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Advisory Council training Conference at the Lake of the Ozarks, where instruction included topics such as underage drinking, driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol, racial profiling, legal updates and human trafficking.
- Members of the Police Department used the newly approved firing range for the first time for firearms practice and qualification.
- Emergency Management Coordinator Ryan Murdock met with members of Mid-America Regional Council to discuss changes in the regional Salamander badging system.
- Interviews for vacant dispatcher positions were conducted over a two-day period.



Public Works

- The Water Quality Specialist Lori Crandell submitted our annual water quality report to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.
- Staff is reviewing plans for the Google Fiber installation. Utility staff is also coordinating with Engineering Staff for the plan review for the proposed Google Fibre project to minimize conflicts with our existing infrastructure.
- The excessive heat has impacted work performed by Public Works Maintenance Staff. Work is continuing on the sidewalk repair, sewer jetting, and pavement repair programs.