

Weekly Report



Week of Oct. 24, 2016

Upcoming

- Join the Raymore Parks & Recreation Department on **Friday, Oct. 28**, for its annual Harvest Night event at Recreation Park.

Join us for an evening with s'mores hot chocolate, pumpkin decorating, face painting, hayrides and a haunted walking trail.



Admission is \$5. Kids three and under are free.

- Sign up today for the final **Family Art Day** class of 2016 on **Saturday, Nov. 5 at 9:30 a.m.** The Raymore Arts Commission invites you and your family to participate in a fun, creative class making art using contact paper and creating beautiful yarn paintings and gorgeous sun catchers. Snacks and materials provided. [\\$5 per person. Click here to sign up.](#)
- Join us for the annual Veterans Day Ceremony on **Thursday, Nov. 10, at 4 p.m. at T.B. Hanna Station Park** as we honor our veterans and salute those who have served in this unique presentation.

The Raymore-Peculiar High School Band will perform and Mayor Kris Turnbow will welcome special guest Col. Thomas Fahy with the Fourth Combat Logistics Regiment. The event will also commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War with the Daughters of the Revolution.

We invite everyone to attend, refreshments will follow the ceremony. If you have questions or will require special accommodations, contact Raymore Parks & Recreation with any questions at 816-322-2791.



Administrative

- Communications Manager Mike Ekey attended the Regional Association of Public Information Officers hosted by Mid-America Regional Council on Friday. This group pulls together communications and public information officers from around the region to discuss current trends and changes in the communications profession. Friday session focused on how to promote events and activities with limited resources.

Police

- Capt. Roger Mayberry participated as the treasurer of the Cass County Emergency Services Board in Harrisonville.
- Mayor Kris Turnbow, City Manager Jim Feuerborn, Capts. Roger Mayberry and Jim Wilson and Chief Jan Zimmerman attended the Crime Commission Law Enforcement Appreciation luncheon at the Downtown Marriott in Kansas City.
- Emergency Management Coordinator Ryan Murdock and Chief Jan Zimmerman participated in Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon's Roundtable discussion on advances in emergency management at the Crown Pointe Church in Lee's Summit.
- Chief Jan Zimmerman participated in the joint meeting of the Local Emergency Planning Committee and the Metropolitan Emergency Management Committee at Mid-America Regional Council to discuss the 2016 Threat Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment.
- Communications Supervisor Starlith McAdams attended a Regional Justice Information Systems meeting at the Federal Reserve Bank in Kansas City.
- Chief Jan Zimmerman participated in the Missouri Police Chiefs meeting in Jefferson City where discussion focused on strategic planning and new Peace Officer Standards and Training requirements for officers.
- Officers Jake Marshall and Gabe Maldonado attended Type III Operator/Standard Field Sobriety Testing training in Warrensburg, Missouri. The officers are now certified to use the breath-testing instrument at the Raymore Police Department and also received eight hours of training on how to administer a field sobriety test, as required by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.
- Wyandotte County Emergency Manager Matt May and Chief Jan Zimmerman conducted interviews of MEMC Subcommittee Chairs to determine goals for the coming year.
- Lt. Aly Abdelgawad met with Sgt. Craig McMein, the director of the Cass County Regional Training Academy, to discuss training needs. During this meeting, McMein and Abdelgawad also discussed scheduling training for the upcoming year to conform to new standards implemented by the Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission.
- Chief Jan Zimmerman participated as a member of the Board at the Greater Kansas City Public Safety Credit Union meeting in Kansas City, where expansion of the field of membership was discussed.

Community Development

- Director Jim Cadoret participated in townhall meetings sponsored by Cass County non-profit organizations to discuss benefits and concerns associated with affordable housing developments. Staff discussed the recently opened Ridgeway Villas development.
- Director Jim Cadoret and GIS Coordinator Heather Eisenbarth participated in a demonstration by Pictometry on the use of imagery for property assessment purposes. The Cass County Assessor hosted the demonstration to allow for discussion on potential uses of the imagery.
- Staff prepared reports and recommendations on four applications the Planning & Zoning Commission will consider at its Nov. 1 meeting. The [applications](#) can be reviewed online.

Parks & Recreation

- Parks staff hosted staff from the Raymore Lowe's Home Improvement store for a Ribbon Cutting and the official opening of The Fort, Recreation Park's newest amenity. Materials and labor to build The Fort were donated by employees from Lowe's and represents a major community investment by the store. The Fort is located on the east side of Recreation Park just off the walking trail. Among the trees, it serves as a natural play space for children of all ages.
- Staff conducted interviews with design companies who bid on the Hawk Ridge Park Improvement project.
- Recreation staff is preparing for the end-of-season tournaments in volleyball and soccer.



Public Works

- From Public Works Director Mike Krass: "I want to thank the Public Works locators Devon Perry, Eric Sharp, and Austin Pate. To date this crew has responded to more than 300 locate requests associated with the Google Fiber installation project. Thanks to their diligence and attention to detail, damage to City-owned facilities have been held to an absolute minimum."

A locate request is sent to City staff before contractors begin work in a particular area. Staff, using former construction plans and metal detectors, locate and mark the City-owned utilities, such as water and sewer lines, before contractors can begin digging.

- The 58 Highway project is progressing on schedule. Thank you to everyone for their patience as they travel through the work zones. We expect the project will be finished before Thanksgiving.
- The intersection of 58 Highway and Huntsman Blvd. is closed. Our work on median improvements and beautification has been delayed as we wait for Missouri Gas Energy's contractor to install a new gas main along 58 Highway.