

Weekly Report



Week of Dec. 5, 2016

Upcoming

- Are you interested in leading our City? Candidate filings for the Raymore City Council begin Tuesday, Dec. 13 for the spring Municipal Election.

The General Municipal election for the City of Raymore for the offices of City Council will be held April 4, 2017. Filing for this election opens at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 13 in the Council Chambers at Raymore City Hall, 100 Municipal Circle, continuing through Jan. 17, 2017. A \$20 filing fee is required at the time the candidate declares candidacy. One seat in each of the four (4) wards will be open to serve a two-year term. One seat in ward one (1) will be open to serve a one-year, unexpired term. To learn more, visit www.Raymore.com/CityClerk.



Administration

- Communications Manager Mike Ekey finalized the Winter 2017 Raymore Review and Parks & Recreation Guide. Once printed, this magazine will be mailed to every home in Raymore starting Jan 1.
- Assistant City Manager Meredith Hauck, Economic Development Director Matt Tapp and Communications Manager Mike Ekey met with Raymore Chamber of Commerce's new President Eric Collins and Chamber Director Cherie Turney to discuss how to best welcome new businesses into our community and encourage current businesses to join the Chamber of Commerce.

Community Development

- Director Jim Cadoret attended the American Planning Association's webinar on *Ethics and the Digital World* held at Mid-America Regional Council.
- Staff commenced work on the 24th amendment to the Unified Development Code. The proposed changes are the result of discussions the Planning Commission had during its annual review of the code. The Commission will consider the amendments at its Jan. 3, 2017 meeting.
- Director Jim Cadoret participated in the Planner's Roundtable discussion held at Mid-America Regional Council



Girl Scout Troop 729 collected donations for the Raymore Animal Shelter

Police

- Animal Control gives a very special thank you to Girl Scout Troop 729 for its generous donation to the Animal Shelter. If you are interested in donating to the shelter, be sure to check out the shelter's Facebook page for a list of items that are needed by both staff and the animals there.
- Lt. Aly Abdelgawad met with Sgt. Craig McMein, director of the Cass County Sheriff's Office Training Academy, to discuss training schedules and instructors for training beginning in January 2017.
- Emergency Management Coordinator Ryan Murdock attended training in Moberly called *Managing Food Emergencies*.
- Officers Nick Hill and Travis Jobs attended tactical team training at the Cass County Sheriff's Office.
- Officer Jake Marshall attended *Building Resiliency: Surviving Secondary Trauma* training at the Kansas City Regional Training Academy. The training course provides important information to recognize stress and secondary trauma, physical and emotional effects and methods to develop effective coping skills to help build resiliency.
- Chief Jan Zimmerman was sworn in as the 2017 President of the Metro Chiefs and Sheriffs Association at the Argosy Casino in Riverside.
- Capt. Jim Wilson and Emergency Management Coordinator Ryan Murdock participated in the Raymore Peculiar School Security Task Force meeting at the Administration Building in Peculiar.
- Lt. Steve Donahoe completed the reprogramming of the old police radios for the Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteers.
- Communications Officer Rachel Lloyd completed the 40-hour basic communications training for dispatchers at the Mid America Regional Council.

Parks & Recreation

- Park staff planted Hyacinth Bulbs in the landscape beds in front of City Hall.
- Park staff replaced two Ash trees in front of City Hall with Black Gum trees and planted a Snow Crab tree at the back of City Hall. Staff also started mulching the beds and trees at City Hall.
- Recreation staff completed distribution of food collection barrels for Mayor's Food Drive. Donations to the Mayor's Food Drive can be left at any of the schools here in Raymore or at City Hall. Staff will collect those barrels and donations starting on Dec. 14.
- Athletic Coordinator Mike Hedrick organized and gathered equipment for the youth basketball coaches. On Monday he held the youth recreational basketball coaches meeting and equipment check out for the 2016-2017 season.
- Athletic Coordinator Mike Hedrick worked with the Ray-Pec School District and South Metro Sports Group on youth basketball practice and game schedules.
- Recreation Coordinator Keith secured the dates and location for the 2017 summer Lego Camp. You can learn more about the camp and other recreation offerings by visiting www.Raymore.com/Parks.
- Administrative staff worked on addressing Christmas cards to be sent out to all of the department's community partners and sponsors.

Public Works

- Crews pre-treated roads on Monday and Tuesday in preparation for Wednesday's snow event. As part of our on-going partnership with the Communications Department, we continue to inform and educate residents on why it is important to pretreat the roads in advance of winter weather. This week, the City posted several updates throughout the week letting residents know why we pretreat and answering questions about its effectiveness. The positive feedback and questions help us better serve our community in future winter weather events.
- Director Mike Krass attended a meeting of the Little Blue Valley Sewer District Technical Advisory Committee Meeting on Wednesday.