

The Review

COMMUNITY NEWS
SUMMER 2018



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Program Guide

Meeting Schedule

All Meetings in City Council Chambers,
100 Municipal Circle, Raymore, MO

City Council Meetings

2nd & 4th Mon. 7 p.m.

City Council Work Sessions

1st & 3rd Mon. 7 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Commission

1st & 3rd Tues. 7pm

Arts Commission

2nd Tues. 7pm

Parks & Recreation Board

4th Tues. 7pm

Important Numbers

City Hall // 816-331-0488

Municipal Court // 816-331-1712

Animal Control // 816-331-0530

Building Inspection // 816-331-7916

Chamber of Commerce // 816-322-0599

City Clerk // 816-331-3324

Communications // 816-892-3109

Community Development // 816-331-1803

Economic Development // 816-331-5000

Electricity (KCP&L) // 816-471-5275

Emergency Management // 816-892-3032

Engineering // 816-331-1852

Fire Department South

Metro (non-emergency) // 816-331-3008

Spire // 816-756-5252

Parks & Recreation // 816-322-2791

Planning & Zoning // 816-331-1803

Police (non-emergency) // 816-331-0530

Post Office // 816-331-2736

Public Works // 816-331-2377

Raymore Peculiar Schools // 816-892-1300

City Utilities Office // 816-331-5182

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On the Cover

Young residents cool off with shaved ice at Raymore's annual arts and music festival, Summer Scene. This year's festival will take place on June 9. Turn to page 10 for more information.

Contact Us

Have a Question?

Ask questions and report concerns to the City 24/7.
Visit raymore.com and click on Report a Concern.

City Officials

Kris Turnbow, Mayor

Jim Feuerborn, City Manager

Ward One

Kevin Kellogg

Reginald Townsend

Ward Two

Joseph Burke, III

Tom Circo

Ward Three

Kevin Barber

Jay Holman

Ward Four

Sonja Abdelgawad

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Tom Circo Joins City Council

Resident Tom Circo took the official oath of office on April 9 after winning his Ward 2 race. The Raymore City Council officially welcomed the new Council member as three others returned to serve following the April municipal election.

"I am eager to work with our new Council members and excited for the future of our community," Mayor Kris Turnbow said. "Mr. Circo has been a strong advocate in our community and I look forward to seeing what he brings to the City Council each week."

Circo replaces Ward 2 Councilman Derek Moorhead,

who decided to step down from the Council. He won in a four-way race against Arts Commission member Loren Jones, residents Jim Peterman and Adam Embry.

Ward 1 Councilman Reginald Townsend, Ward 3 Councilman Jay Holman and Ward 4 Councilwoman Sonja Abdelgawad won re-election in their respective wards. Each ran unopposed.

For full election results from the April 4 election, visit the Cass County Clerk's website. ●

Want to contact your Council member?

Visit the City's website at www.Raymore.com and click on City Hall. There you will find contact information for the Mayor and City Council members as well as a map to help determine in what ward you reside.



City Clerk Jeanie Woerner administers the official oath of office to Ward 2 Councilman Tom Circo.



Pop-Up Art Project: Relax in Raymore

Show off your creative side in a fun and relaxing way at the annual Pop-Up Art Project presented by the Raymore Arts Commission.

Everyone is invited to decorate, paint, mold, enhance and add their own twist to the classic adirondack chair. The big reveal will be on **June 9** at the Summer Scene arts & music festival.

All of the chairs will be on display in T.B. Hanna Station where visitors can vote on their favorite. Prizes will be awarded for the most creative and interesting designs. This year two \$250 Lowe's gift cards will be awarded to the two top designs.

Following the event, all of the chairs entered in the competition

will be placed throughout the city for a summer-long art exhibition.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Simply purchase either a wooden or plastic adirondack chair, decorate it by June 9, and place it in a location that can be viewed by the public.

If you would like your chair to be judged for prizes, **register** your chair with the City by June 9 at www.Raymore.com/PopupArt

Once registered, you will be contacted with additional details about bringing your — or your group's — chair to Summer Scene.

There is no cost to participate in the exhibit or to enter your chair for prizes. Chairs are available at

all major retailers, including the Lowe's in Raymore. The cost for wooden chairs is approximately \$60, and plastic chairs approximately \$20. The City of Raymore also has wooden, white adirondack chairs for sale at City Hall for \$40.

EXHIBIT DETAILS

The chairs will be on exhibit on June 9 at Summer Scene, then displayed throughout the city through August. If you choose to participate, we ask that you keep your chair on display for the entire duration of the event.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Communications Director Mike Ekey at 816-892-3109 or MEkey@Raymore.com ●

Trash Service Update

The City of Raymore and Jim's Disposal continue to work together to ensure residents receive the level of trash service they have come to expect.

On many of the trash routes throughout our community, Jim's Disposal features an automated truck that uses an extending arm to lift the trash cart and dump refuse into the trash truck.

Although these trucks can move through a neighborhood and pick up trash more quickly than a traditional rear-loader, they do require more technical skill to operate both the truck and the extending arm.

To assist those employees on the ground, Jim's Disposal is asking residents to follow guidelines to ensure drivers can easily access the trash cart and minimize any accidental damage to items such as light poles and mailboxes.

1. Place trash carts at the end



of the driveway so that the lid opens toward the street.

2. If possible, place recycling on one side of your driveway and trash on the opposite side. At a minimum, the extending arm needs about three feet between carts to operate effectively. Please avoid placing the carts right next to one another.

3. Please keep carts at least three feet from other objects such as mailboxes, light poles, fire hydrants, or other vehicles.

4. If there is additional bagged trash or recycling outside the cart, please place it next to the cart rather than behind or on top of the cart.

Although simple, these rules will assist employees at Jim's Disposal and ensure that trash is picked up in a timely and professional manner.

If you have questions, call the Raymore Utility Office at 816-331-5182.

Residents can also contact Jim's Disposal directly at 816-408-0220 or Raymore@JimsDisposal.com

Recyclable:

Aluminum cans, other metal cans

Plastic bottles with a neck #1 and #2 such as water and soda bottles, milk jugs and detergent bottles

Plastic containers #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7 such as yogurt and margarine/butter containers

Office paper, junk mail, newspapers (without plastic rain bag), phone books, catalogs, magazines, paper/hardback books

Cardboard (thick corrugated and thin cereal box type), pizza delivery boxes, cardboard egg cartons (not Styrofoam)

Shredded paper in a paper bag—please label bag "shredded paper"

Non-Recyclable:

Glass

Plastic Bags

Styrofoam

Motor oil bottles and other automotive product bottles

Containers for household hazardous material, paint cans

Paper towels, tissues or napkins, plates or cups

Aseptic and waxed containers, like milk carton and juice boxes

Gift wrap

Photographs, blueprints and hanging file folders

Bags that contained pet food, fertilizer, charcoal and kitty litter

Public Works Plans Summer Projects

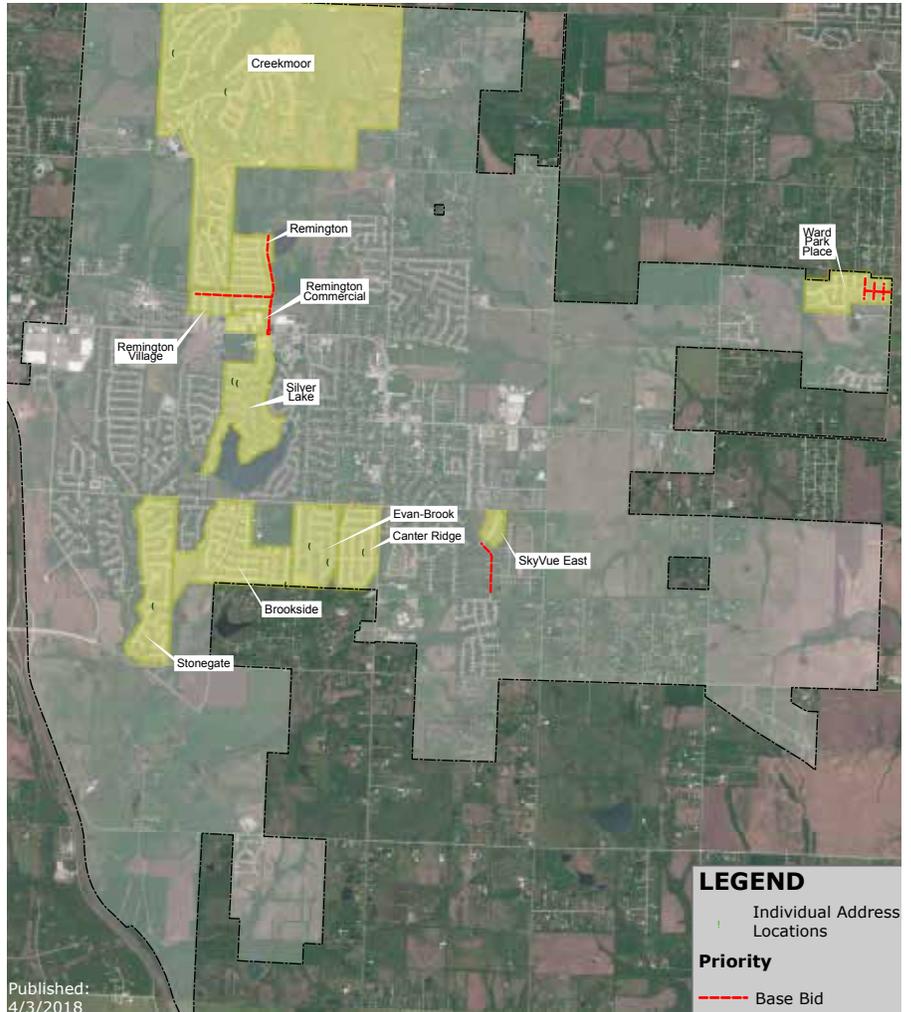
The City of Raymore's Public Works Department has a full schedule of summer and fall improvements including curb replacement, street preservation, crosswalk installation and the long-anticipated replacement of the 155th Street bridge. These projects make up more than \$8.9 million in infrastructure improvements throughout our community.

ANNUAL CURB REPLACEMENT

With more than 240 miles of curb in Raymore aging at different rates, all of the curbs in our community were evaluated using a rating system. A five-year program was developed and approved by City Council in 2017 to replace the more than 200,000 feet of curb with damage and defects, and was updated in February 2018 to include a sixth year.

Each foot of curb costs approximately \$25 to replace, meaning the entire project will cost around \$5.5 million. The City Council has budgeted \$500,000 a year for curb replacement, so nearly 20,000 feet of curb will be replaced in the second year of the project.

To determine which curbs are addressed, Public Works



The City of Raymore's Annual Curb Replacement Plan for program year 2018.

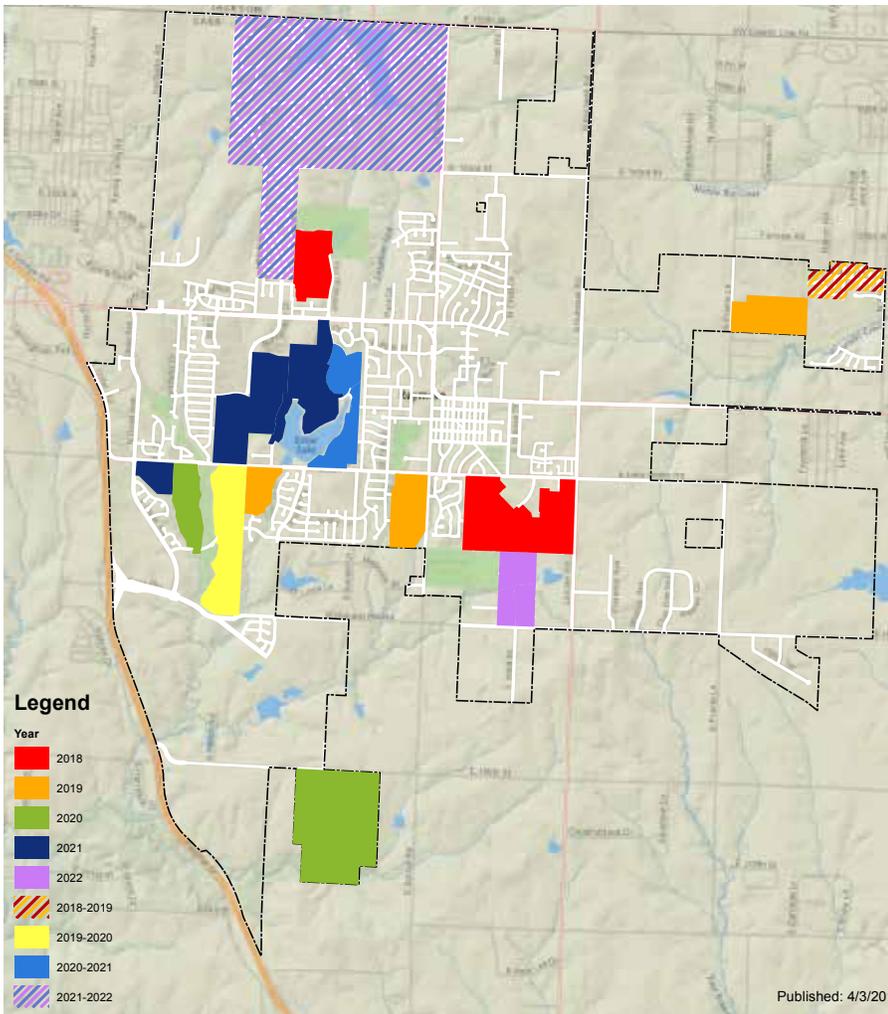
engineers assign each section of aging curb a rating number that easily describes the quality of the curb and helps determine which curbs qualify for replacement.

Condition Rating 1 includes minor cracks and small chips and this rating would not qualify the curb for replacement. Condition

Ratings 2 and 3 are more serious, with Condition Rating 3 including large broken sections, sections that have deteriorated to gravel and a combination of failures from the other ratings.

The map shows the areas within those subdivisions scheduled for curb replacement this year.

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The City of Raymore's 5-Year Curb Replacement Plan for years 2018-2022.

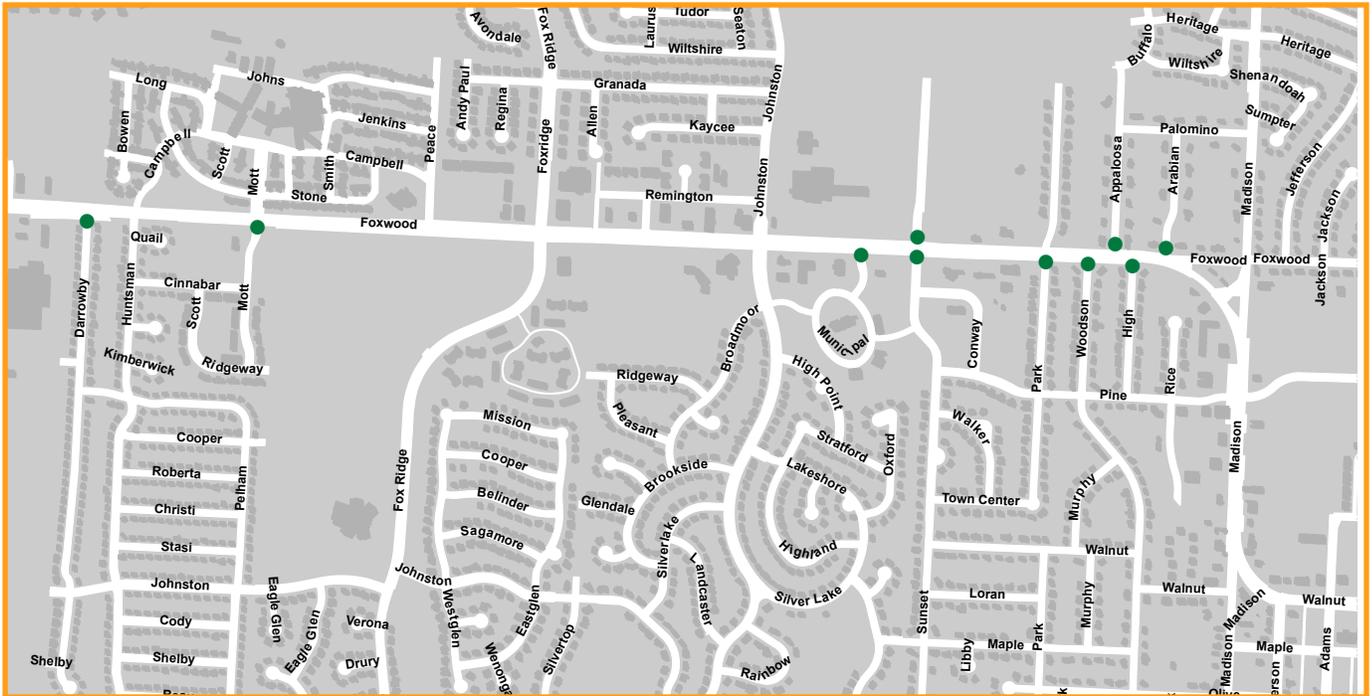
Public Works will hold to their scheduled plan and work closely with contractors to determine if there are any additional areas in need of immediate curb work. Critical spots that may be replaced outside of this plan include rough patches of curb at the ends of driveways that may damage vehicles.

If you are concerned about a curb at the end of your driveway, contact Public Works at 816-331-1852 or email MKrass@Raymore.com.

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To learn more:

For updates and more information on Public Works projects, visit raymore.com/publicworks



Crosswalks with permeable pavers will be installed in 10 intersections throughout Raymore in 2018.

2016 NO TAX INCREASE BOND PROJECTS

The extensions of Johnston and Foxridge Drives are in progress, with completion of Foxridge Drive expected at the end of May and Johnston Drive scheduled to be completed by the end of July.

Both projects were part of an overall \$10.05 million voter-approved list of projects in 2016 that included street and parks improvements. The extended roadway will help connect much-needed east-west roads in growing neighborhoods and allow residents to access Dean Avenue.

STREET PRESERVATION

Later this summer, contractors will be making improvements to sections of the following roads and thoroughfares in our community: Drury Circle, Southwest Glen Drive, South Silvertop Lane, Wiltshire Boulevard, Seaton Boulevard, Shore Vista Court, South Madison Street, North Crest Drive and Kurzweil Road.

The City's street preservation project consists of three different pavement treatments: overlay of the streets with patching, micro surfacing and crack sealing. Each method helps extend the life of the roadway and improves safety for drivers.

Overlay work with patching and crack sealing will be done during the summer. After the extreme heat of summer, microsurfacing will begin on neighborhood roads throughout the city. Cooler temperatures are necessary for the microsurfacing to cure properly.

CROSSWALKS

Crosswalks with permeable pavers that allow for drainage will be installed in 10 intersections throughout Raymore. Construction will take place between mid-June and mid-August. See the map for installation locations.

These crosswalks help improve safety at several busy intersections making it easier for both vehicles and pedestrians along 58 Highway.

155TH STREET BRIDGE

In 2015, the City of Kansas City, Mo., which owns half of the bridge, closed the two-lane bridge just east of Madison Street along 155th Street.

Raymore officials came to an agreement with Kansas City to replace the bridge and take over complete ownership so Raymore could conduct regular maintenance on the roadway used by residents on the north side of the City.

Kansas City agreed to pay for half of the \$1.4 million project to repair the bridge and surrounding roadway.

The permitting process resulted in a delay to start the construction. Originally built 91 years ago, the original bridge was made of wood. After a rebuild in the 1980s, all but a few pieces of the original woodwork were removed. However, the

Army Corps of Engineers and Missouri Department of Natural Resources questioned whether the existing bridge was a historic structure.

All of the proper permitting has been in place since April and after expected approval by City Council in May, construction is scheduled to begin in June. The construction process will take approximately three months to complete, depending on weather.

After bridge construction is completed in late summer or early fall, the final phase of the 155th Street reconstruction will begin with overlay on 155th Street from North Madison Street to Kurzweil Road.

For updates and more information on Public Works projects, visit raymore.com/publicworks ●



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Hands-on Fun at Summer Scene Arts & Music Festival

Experience the arts in our community at the Raymore Arts Commission's third annual Summer Scene arts and music festival. The event is scheduled for June 9 at T.B. Hanna Station and will feature local and regional artists, as well as makers. Items for sale will include original paintings, handmade jewelry, fine art photography and beautifully crafted handmade items. Summer Scene offers a great opportunity to find that

one-of-a-kind piece of art for your home or a unique gift for someone special.

Beyond an excuse to get out and support the local arts, Summer Scene also gives attendees of all ages the opportunity to unleash their artistic talents with several hands-on arts activities. Participants can make their mark on a community art project; draw on our giant chalkboards; bust a move with our interactive hip hop dance class; or touch, hold,

play and experience a variety of musical instruments first-hand with the Southland Conservatory of Music's instrument petting zoo.

For those who prefer to watch and listen, scheduled entertainment for the entire family will include a puppet show from StoneLion Puppet Theatre, music from the interactive Jack Snaps Family Band, a hip hop dance class, and music by the local band Blown Cover, who



will headline the evening's entertainment.

No festival would be complete without great food. Shivers Ice House returns this year with their famous pineapple whips and frozen treats; Between 2 Buns by the Carlsons will be serving delicious gourmet burgers, sweet slaw tacos and fries; and Bop N' Bowl, a Korean food truck, will make their Raymore debut.

Several additions and improvements to Summer Scene

have been added this year to add to attendees' comfort and fun. Festival goers will be able to cool off in a mist tent, yard games will be offered, and adults will be able to purchase beer and wine from Embrace the Grape Catering. Recycling bins will also be available for aluminum cans and plastic bottles in an effort to make Summer Scene a greener event by reducing landfill waste. ●

Pop-Up Art Project

The "Relax in Raymore" art project returns for its third year at Summer Scene. See page 4 to learn how to participate.



Save the Date for Summer Scene!

Saturday, June 9

4-10 p.m.

T.B. Hanna Station

214 S Washington St.



Raymore Parks & Recreation: New Ways to Play

Multiple projects are underway that will dramatically change the face of Raymore's parks system to meet the growing demand for active, engaging spaces for residents of all ages and abilities.

"We're looking forward to offering residents of all ages new and exciting ways to connect with the outdoors and with each other in our parks" Parks and Recreation Director Nathan Musteen said.

THE RAC

Construction of the 16,000 square foot Raymore Activity

Center (RAC) at Recreation Park is well underway and scheduled to be completed this fall. This facility will allow for expanded programming and recreation opportunities year-round.

The multi-purpose activity center will have a gymnasium, indoor walking track, concessions kitchen and office space for staff. Parks & Recreation currently uses area school gymnasiums for winter sports programs and the Park House (909 S. Madison St.) for recreation classes and summer day camps. The lack of indoor space for programming has

long been a challenge for the department. The addition of the Raymore Activity Center will allow the department the room to expand its programming to better meet the needs of the growing Raymore community.

HAWK RIDGE PARK

Some of the most dramatic changes to our City's parks will be coming to Hawk Ridge Park later this year. Designs are complete and construction is expected to begin this fall at Hawk Ridge Park, with an anticipated opening of the amenities in early 2019.



Design plans for Hawk Ridge Park include an amphitheater, walking trail, shelter house and more.



Residents will soon be able to enjoy (marked on the map):

1. A new amphitheater for theater, musical performances and other community arts programming
2. A new ADA dock and jetty on Johnston Lake for fishing
3. A paved walking trail around the lake
4. A new shelter house with restrooms
5. Additional restrooms
6. Expanded parking

Additionally, the city has partnered with the St. Louis-based non-profit Unlimited Play to help design and build Cass County's first all-inclusive playground at Hawk Ridge Park. Funding for this portion of the park will come from a variety of

sources, including community fundraising, as we work to provide ample play spaces for all children of all abilities.

T.B. HANNA STATION

Next year, a spray park, ice rink and train-themed playground will be part of the offerings at T.B. Hanna Station, home of the Farmers Market, food truck festivals, Summer Scene, the Mayor's Tree Lighting and other City events. Construction is slated to begin in late summer or early fall and is expected to be complete in 2019.

For more information on these projects and completed projects, visit raymore.com/bondprojects ●

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To learn more:

For more information on current and completed projects, visit raymore.com/bondprojects



Feral Cats Get Second Chance With Animal Control Program

Following a spike in the number of feral cats in our community, Animal Control's feral-to-barn cat program is successfully reducing that number while giving feral cats a second chance at life in the country.

A DIFFERENT "TNR" PROGRAM

Trap-neuter-return programs are popular in other cities, but Raymore uses a trap-neuter-relocate program where feral cats are sterilized and vaccinated before being relocated to rural areas as barn cats.

"This has proven to be extremely successful and is simply the most progressive action to curb the feral cat population in our City," Animal Control Officer Jamie Hasenyager said. "Although trap-neuter-return programs have been very successful in other cities to reduce feral cat populations over time, Raymore does not currently have an ordinance allowing the return of an unowned, loose cat to the place it was taken from."

So far, Raymore Animal Control has had the resources to take these ferals and relocate them to rural areas to live their lives

as barn cats, controlling rodent populations in outbuildings. In 2017, they successfully removed more than 70 feral cats from the dangers of living in the streets and sewers and gave each of them a new lease on life as a barn cat.

It's not as easy as just dropping a cat off at the barn — or greenhouse, shop, warehouse, etc. There are some important steps that need to be followed in order for a feral cat to accept the barn as its home. Our animal control officers are educating not only potential barn cat owners on this important process, but also

other animal control agencies in the region that have taken notice of the work of Raymore Animal Control.

There is a two- to three-week transition period for a feral cat to acclimate to its new home. To ensure that it doesn't run away and become open to dangers such as predators and vehicle traffic, the cat is contained with a litter box during this time and its caretaker must be prepared for things to be messy.

A caretaker needs to provide adequate shelter year-round from varying weather conditions and predators, as well as water and food on a daily basis. Cats cannot live on mousing alone, but you can bet they'll do an amazing job of keeping an outbuilding rodent-free once they know they have a safe place to call home.

To adopt a barn cat, visit raymore.com/animalcontrol to fill out an online application.

Don't have an outbuilding but want to help the cause?

1. Most importantly, spay and neuter your cats!
2. Keep an ID tag on your cat at all times, even if they never go outside. If they accidentally slip out the door into

unfamiliar territory, chances are slim they'll be found and returned to you without proper identification.

3. Make sure you're ready to commit for the life of the cat when you adopt or take in a cat. Kittens are not kittens forever. Remember that you are their whole life, and the commitment can be anywhere from a few to up to 20 years!
4. Sponsor a feral cat. It takes time and money to trap, vaccinate, sterilize and find homes. Just \$30 will pay for the rabies vaccination and sterilization of a barn cat. Make a secure donation on our website at raymore.com/animalcontrol

Follow "Raymore Animal Control" on Facebook for more information on sponsorship opportunities, barn cats available for adoption and lost and found pet information. ●



Sponsor a Feral Cat

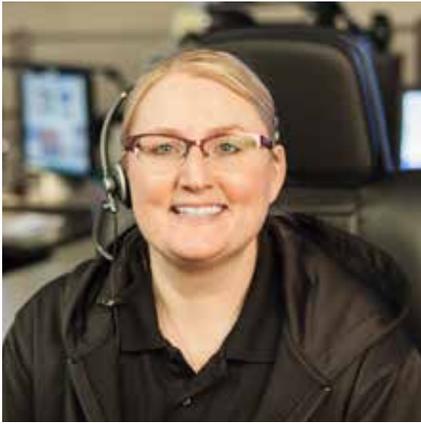
In 2017, Raymore Animal Control successfully trapped, sterilized, vaccinated and relocated nearly 70 feral cats. With your help, we are determined to effectively and humanely control Raymore's feral cat population without resorting to euthanasia. We believe all cats deserve to live full and happy lives.

A **\$30 donation** provides a rabies vaccination and spay/neuter services for a feral cat.



To learn more:

For more information or to make a secure donation online, visit raymore.com/animalcontrol



Top row: Dispatchers Adrienne K., Amelia M., Richard H.
 Bottom row: Jerri C., Rodney U., Jackie L.



Dispatchers Recognized for Dedication to Public Service

Raymore Police Department dispatchers were recognized for their service and commitment to their profession during the week of April 8-14 for National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week (NPSTW).

Held every year in the second week of April, NPSTW is dedicated to honoring the professionals who serve as the primary link between the public and emergency services. These

unseen helpers are the first to render aid over the phone in an emergency and are responsible for coordinating the response of police, fire and medical personnel.

Mayor Kristofer Turnbow recognized the Raymore Police Department's nine dispatchers at the April 9 City Council meeting. The Mayor read a proclamation of National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

in the City of Raymore in honor of the men and women "whose diligence and professionalism keep our City and citizens safe."

The police department highlighted each dispatcher throughout the week on their Facebook page.

Rodney Ulsh has been dispatching with the Raymore Police Department for 33 years.

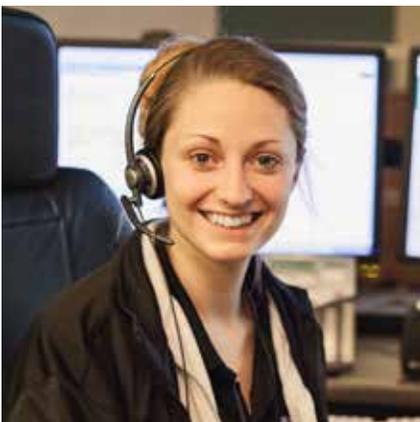
"The satisfaction I get from the job is knowing that I am a helper, because I know at the end of each day that I have helped someone, possibly on one of the worst days of their life," Ulsh said.

The Raymore Police Department has eight full-time and one supervisor who dispatch for Raymore and Peculiar Police Departments, Animal Control and the South Metro Fire Protection District.

The highly trained professionals manage seven non-emergency and six emergency phone lines

around the clock, 365 days a year. Raymore dispatchers answered 10,000 9-1-1 calls and 42,000 non-emergency calls in 2017.

"We rely on our dispatchers to give us information in a timely fashion when we're going to our calls for service, which can at times be very stressful. They always get us the information that we need when we need it in order to help us stay safe and handle our calls in a professional manner," Sgt. John Bergman said. "We appreciate all that they do." ●



Top row: Dispatchers Starlith M. and Juli D.
Bottom: Britany W.



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Stay Connected

Like the Raymore Police Department Facebook page to stay up to date on the latest news from the department.

Events Calendar

Summer 2018

May

28 // Memorial Day

City Hall will be closed

June

9 // Summer Scene

4 - 10 p.m. at T.B. Hanna Station
Arts and music festival featuring food trucks, live music, local artists and fun for the whole family

15 // Movie in the Park

Dusk at T.B. Hanna Station
Free viewing of the movie *Space Jam* beginning at dusk, popcorn and refreshments provided

30 // Spirit of America Celebration

7 - 10 p.m. at Recreation Park
Independence Day celebration with food trucks, child-friendly activities, live music and a fireworks show beginning at dusk

July

4 // Independence Day

City Hall will be closed

10 // Blood Drive

11 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Centerview
Give the gift of life with a blood donation

13 // Jazz on the Lawn

7 - 10 p.m. at Centerview
Bring some chairs to this FREE concert and enjoy the smooth sounds of the Brad Allen Trio, a food truck and yard games in the lawn behind Centerview

August

17 // Mini Mud Run

6:30 p.m. at Hawk Ridge Park
Don't be afraid to get dirty at this water-and-mud-filled obstacle course for children ages 4-12

THE CITY OF RAYMORE PRESENTS
Spirit of America 2018
CELEBRATION

JOIN US AT RECREATION PARK
June 30
7-10 p.m.

The fireworks show begins at dusk. Bring some chairs and the family for great evening in the park.

Live Music • Food Trucks • Concessions
Bounce House • Giveaways
Child-friendly Games & Activities

Sponsored by:
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MINI MUD RUN

► 6:30 P.M. FRIDAY, AUG. 17
► 5:30 P.M. CHECK-IN
► HAWK RIDGE PARK NEAR SOCCER PRACTICE FIELDS

Join the Raymore Parks & Recreation Department for the third annual Mini Mud Run. Children ages 4-12 can run through a number of outdoor obstacles with a little mud & water along the way! Register online at www.raymore.com/parks or call 816-322-2791.
Early Bird Deadline: July 31 - \$15
Registration Deadline: Aug. 16 - \$25
Walk-up Registration: Aug. 17 - \$30

RAYMORE parks & recreation

RAYMORE PRESENTS
MOVIE IN THE PARK

June 15 at dusk
T.B. Hanna Station

Join us for a free viewing of *Space Jam*.

The movie begins at dusk; popcorn and refreshments provided.

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