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As a child, it was almost a sin not to fly a flag on any of the above-mentioned holidays. Not having a flagpole and having a flag that contained metal grommets, our flag was proudly attached to the front of our home. This was an honor that we all fought about — who would get the privilege of hanging the flag? Decorating the cemetery also became a tradition. We placed peonies and iris in foil-covered coffee cans, and a flag, at each grave. And of course, Flag Day was a given! The flag had to be flown.

I am fortunate that my parents instilled traditions in my sister and me and I proudly passed them on to my children, who I hope are passing them on to their children. Traditions don't have to center around the flag — but there is no better time to honor the red, white and blue symbol than during the summer months.

In this issue of the Mission Magazine we have talked with two doctors — both who have given of themselves by

participating in mission work abroad. Not only are they actively working to help individuals who otherwise wouldn't have this opportunity, they are also teaching their children the art of giving back to their community, thus instilling traditions in their life.

Have you ever considered raising chickens? This story is a wonderful example of traditions. Two Mission students are learning how to raise chickens while enjoying the fruits of their labors. Imagine telling your children the fun you had collecting eggs and later enjoying them for breakfast. Or imagine being a 75-year-old and helping your children or grandchildren build a chicken coop, choosing chicken names and eating fresh eggs!!!

My favorite quote is "Service is the rent you pay for living." Traditions, giving back to your community, nostalgia ... they all go hand in hand. To quote Mary Funk in her awesome story about volunteering, "I used to know what I was going to do every day. Now I don't know what I will be doing next, which has been a real gift." What will you be doing today?

Enjoy



ON THE COVER:

Chuck Nasty, longtime DJ for 101 The Fox, talks directly to his listeners. The Fox, along with six other Kansas City radio stations, is part of Cumulus Media Group. The local headquarters for Cumulus is located in Mission.

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MISSION: The radio capital of Greater Kansas City



Jeremy Snider of Cumulus Media in the booth of KCMO Talk Radio. KCMO is one of seven radio stations at Cumulus' Mission location.

It's summertime and the radio is blaring. You could be listening to hot tunes at the pool, in the park or cruising in your car. Did you know that the radio station you're singing along with quite likely is based here in Mission? Mission is home to 15 of the 30 radio stations in Greater Kansas City, seven of them owned under the Cumulus Media banner.

Cumulus owns approximately 460 stations in 90 cities and is the largest pure play radio company in the United States. They are home to some of the highest rated radio stations in Kansas City, and their local headquarters are right here in Mission, at 5800 Foxridge Drive. Pumping out music, sports and talk shows into the airwaves, the stations have a big impact on the entire metro area.

"Radio is still an incredibly powerful tool, one where people stay informed, hear their favorite music and find new songs they like," said Jeremy Snider, with Cumulus Radio Kansas City. "Research shows 92 percent of people in their cars are listening to the radio."

Jeremy said that rumors of radio's death — whether from internet, streaming services or video — have been greatly exaggerated.

"When records came along, that was supposed to be the end of radio. Then it was cassettes and then CDs," Jeremy said. "Recently online services were supposed to end radio. All these ways to listen to music have come and gone, and radio is still going strong."

After Cumulus acquired the seven Kansas City stations in 2006, they quickly began looking at what formats were working and where they could grow ratings, as well as where they could make their mark in the community.

"Ratings are important," stated Lance Tidwell, operations

manager for Cumulus Media. "Relationships are equally important. The success of the stations relies on having strong relationships with our listeners, our advertisers."

One way to ramp up ratings is to welcome guest stars from all areas of entertainment including music, television and films to the station. Some of the names that have come through Cumulus' Mission offices include classic stars like Davy Jones from The Monkees (six months before he passed away) and Donny Osmond as well as some of the hottest acts of today such as John Legend and David Cook (during his American Idol run). Up-and-coming young musicians like Christina Peri and Rita Ora have visited the studio as well as comedians Bob Saget, George Wallace, Rob Schneider and Gilbert Godfrey. Popular TV and movie stars have stopped by the stations including Ice Cube, Damon Wayans and Dave Ramsey. National political figures like Al Sharpton have also frequented the local radio talk shows.

Perhaps the biggest thing Cumulus stations do to increase their base of listeners is constantly running promotions. Radio stations like to engage their listeners with such things as radio remotes and live broadcasts, on-air contests, stations events such as concerts, job fairs and festivals. These promotions bring people from all over the metro into Mission as winners often must come to the station in person to pick up their prizes.

Ashley Coppock, the promotions director for Cumulus Media Kansas City, said she believes these types of promotions can be the lifeblood to a successful radio station.



“Radio promotions are a very important part of enhancing a client’s on-air radio campaign,” Ashley stated. “Promotions give our on-air talent a reason to talk about a client in a way that relates back to the station. Radio promotions are important to the station as well, creating a memorable experience for our listeners that will keep them coming back to the station. On-air promotions are critical in appointment setting and driving time spent listening to the radio station.”

Now that Cumulus has owned these stations for several years and have reformatted a few, they believe they currently have a strong mix of stations that attract a wide variety of audiences. To find out what appeals to you, Jeremy said just turn up your volume and have a listen. Here’s what you can expect to hear from Cumulus:

95.7 THE VIBE

Turn on the radio and tune it to 95.7 The Vibe to find all the biggest hits of the day. On Saturdays from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m., listeners will find Club Vibe with DJ Kirby, who has performed all over the country with artists like The Black-Eyed Peas, Outkast and Justin Timberlake.

MAGIC 107.3

Another scroll through the radio stations can take listeners to Magic 107.3 for some of the best R & B music. From 6 p.m. to midnight, Sunday through Thursday, the station plays Magic After Dark with Lisa Foxx, who brings her love of music to Kansas City listeners.

102.5 JACK FM

It can be hard to predict what may be heard when the radio lands on 102.5 Jack FM, as this station’s motto is “Playing what we want to hear.” Jack FM promotes several concerts including the upcoming U2 show at Arrowhead Stadium on Sept. 12.

KCMO 710

Switching over to AM KCMO 710, you’ll find the sister station of 94.9. This one has a talk format, with several talk show hosts taking calls.

X105.1

Looking for something alternative? X 105.1 plays a wide range of alternative artists. One of the station’s popular shows is Quinn’s Morning Fix, from 5:30 to 10 a.m. Monday through Friday, where you can find music off the beaten path.

101 THE FOX

Classic rock ‘n’roll from the ’70s is the primary focus of The Fox, with some classics from the ’60s and ’80s music thrown in. During football season, The Fox is the official home of the Kansas City Chiefs, where fans can tune in to hear Mitch Holthus and Len Dawson call the action. The Chiefs Radio Network is one of the largest NFL radio networks in the country.

KCMO-FM 94.9

Scroll through some more stations and stop at 94.9 KCMO-FM, which goes with the slogan “Kansas City’s Greatest Hits.” Dick Wilson of Dick and Renee in the mornings from 5 to 10 a.m., is a Kansas City radio icon having been on the radio for 45 years.

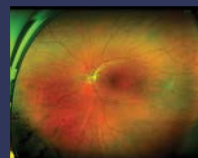
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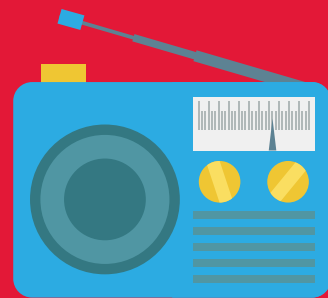
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BY KRIS BAKER • PHOTO BY CATHY DONOVAN

Chuck Nasty hosts his radio show from 7 p.m. to midnight weeknights on 101 The Fox.

"This is the Nasty Man coming at you, bringing all your favorite classic rock songs from the greatest rockers ever."

Turn the radio to 101 The Fox on the FM dial between 7 p.m. and midnight weeknights and Kansas City listeners will hear the signature voice of The Nasty Man, Chuck Nasty, who has been a disc jockey in Kansas City since the 1980s, and has been a popular part of The Fox since 2011. The Fox, owned by Cumulus Media with broadcast facilities in Mission, is one of the most successful classic rock stations in the country.

In addition to 101 The Fox, Nasty's voice cuts across the other six Cumulus stations as the company's "Traffic Right Now" reporter during morning and afternoon drive times. Regular listeners may not realize that Nasty has several aliases on these stations, including Nine Finger Charlie, Charles McLain and Zach Zimmerman.

"People ask me how I do it, and the answer is I don't know," Chuck said in his trademark gravelly tone. "I take a nap in the afternoon before my show, and I go have lunch at Johnny's BBQ (his favorite place to eat) or Chipotle. After work, I always stop in at The Keyhole. It helps that Mission has everything you could possibly want right here."

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— CHUCK NASTY

Chuck got his break into radio while growing up in Wichita, Kansas. He was cleaning homes and the owner of one of the homes he cleaned was a manager of a local radio station.

"He told me I had an interesting voice and asked if I had ever thought about radio," Chuck recalled. "I actually had. I always loved music. So, he brought me in to do some voice overs, and my career sprang from there."

Chuck's first job in Kansas City was for Q104, a Top 40 station, but when he came to The Fox he found the right fit.

"Bob Seger, Jimi Hendrix, these are the guys I loved, that is the era we play on my show," Chuck stated. "There will never be another time in music like that."

After being in radio for over 30 years, Chuck said all the changes he has seen in the business have led to a wider listener base.

"We are not just broadcasting in Kansas City," Chuck explained. "The internet makes us global. We get emails from Hawaii, Australia, Europe and New Zealand telling us they like what we are doing. I'm aware of that fact when I do the show. I may be the late-night guy in Kansas City, but I am the morning guy in Australia."

Chuck said a good cross section of people comprise his audience. While most are in the 25 to 54 age range, he said he is getting increased responses from 18 and 19-year-olds.

"We have our younger audience and it's growing," Chuck explained. "They have their iPhones and ear buds, but ultimately they are just like we were. They want to hear good music and I want to reach that audience. I am grateful to have this life in radio. It has been a long, amazing trip."



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Doctors without borders

Two Mission doctors work to help underprivileged patients locally and abroad



Dr. Jason Pingel performs an eye exam on a young patient in Guatemala. Dr. Pingel traveled there as part of Medical Wings International.

BY KRIS BAKER

Making an appointment with your eye doctor.

Consulting with a plastic surgeon.

It can be easy to take these things for granted. However, if you don't have access to any kind of medical care, receiving these services can change your whole life.

Two local doctors have made different journeys to countries in other parts of the world to aid suffering people. They have returned home to America with many stories to tell.

A VISION OF SERVICE

Dr. Jason Pingel has just returned to his business, Mission EyeCare, 6120 Johnson Drive, after giving a lecture in San Diego, California. Dr. Pingel has traveled the world giving speeches for Johnson & Johnson VisionCare, as well as doing medical missions with Medical Wings International. Regardless of where he has been, he is always glad to be back home.

"I travel about 30 to 40 times a year giving talks about the newest brands of contact lens and the newest advances in eye care," Dr. Pingel offered. "It's really interesting to find out what is going on in other practices around the country, and then it's great to bring that knowledge back here to my patients."

Dr. Pingel has been practicing in Mission since 2003 and established his own practice about five-and-a-half years ago. He earned his doctorate at the Illinois College of Optometry and received extensive training in ocular disease and emergency eye care. About seven years ago he went on a medical mission to Guatemala with Medical Wings International, an organization of medical professionals that travel to medically unserved populations around the world. Dr. Pingel performed examinations on hundreds during his short time in Guatemala. Many of the people he saw had never had an eye exam before.

"It changes your whole perspective," Dr. Pingel said. "The experience opened my eyes to a lot of what is going on in the world, and how important it is to give back. We have so much to be grateful for in this country. You see the obstacles that others are overcoming, and it encourages you to tackle your own problems."

Dr. Pingel said his biggest success story happened in Guatemala when a 6-year-old girl came for an eye exam. Her parents told the doctor that she did not like to play with the other children, or even go outside. Her eyes showed very dim reflex during the exam.

"We grabbed the strongest pair of glasses we had, and when she put them on she immediately started laughing," Dr. Pingel



Dr. Tom Geraghty

remembered. “She just lit up, she had no idea how bad her eyes were. We got her prescription and sent her new glasses as soon as we got back to the States. Experiences like that change your life.”

Since returning from that trip, Dr. Pingel has looked for ways to bring that spirit of service to the local population in need.

He has volunteered to perform free eye exams at elementary schools (where he gives examinations to the entire student body in one day), raised money for the Children’s Center for the Visually Impaired and took part in a citywide vision screening in downtown Kansas City, Missouri. Dr. Pingel said he is looking to volunteer for another medical mission to take part in, including one with a Christian-based medical group that is going to Haiti. Until then, he is focusing on charity in his own backyard.

“I am invested in the infrastructure of Mission. This is where my business is, so I really want to make the city as strong as possible,” Dr. Pingel explained. “I have been so blessed, and this is my chance to make a difference in my community.”

Dr. Jason Pingel and Mission EyeCare are collecting eye glasses for the Lion’s Club to be distributed to local residents who cannot afford them. “The glasses are put to a good use,” Dr. Pingel said. Dr. Pingel then donates the glasses to people whose insurance does not cover new glasses. Patients and donors can drop off their eyeglasses to Mission EyeCare at 6120 Johnson Drive. For more information call 913-262-3937 or visit missioneyecare.com

HELPING CHILDREN SMILE AGAIN

In Santo Domingo, the capital city of the Dominican Republic, the street outside the hospital is full of anxious people waiting for their number to be called. Some have had serious burns, some are dealing with cleft palates or other physical deformities. For many, this is the first time they have seen a doctor.

The hospital is part of Medical Aid for Children of Latin America (MACLA), a 501 (c) 3 not-for-profit Kansas City-based organization that was developed to treat poor residents in the Dominican Republic and other third-world countries.

Mission resident and city councilman plastic surgeon Dr. Tom Geraghty started MACLA after a trip to the Dominican Republic in 1985. Every February since Dr. Geraghty has taken medical/surgical personnel for two to three weeks to the Dominican Republic to see as many patients as they can.

“I was looking for adventure,” Dr Geraghty replied when asked why he went on that initial trip. “What I found was a lot more rewarding.”

Dr. Geraghty recruited colleagues from all over the country to go on these trips and over the years, more than 800 physicians, nurse anesthetist and nurses have volunteered. Dr. Geraghty with his surgical team has performed over 8,000 operations with MACLA.

“The surgeries have been the most challenging I have ever done, and the most interesting,” Dr. Geraghty explains. “I love the fact that I get to perform these operations. I only wish we could stay longer.”

Dr. Geraghty has seen some truly horrific injuries, including a woman who had her face and left shoulder completely burned, a blind girl who had been kept locked up in the basement of her home and a boy who had acid thrown in his face.

“I will never forget that boy. He was 17 at the time, the same age as my son was,” Dr. Geraghty remembers. “He was really scared when he came in. We spent hours on his surgery and we were able to graft a lot of the skin back to his face and really make a difference. Afterwards, he smiled at me so big, that was a good day. We still share letters and that young man is doing very well today.”

In 2015 Dr. Geraghty retired from his private practice and turned the job of director of MACLA over to Dr. John Quinn, a plastic surgeon who has traveled with Dr. Geraghty since his first trip in 1985. Even though he is retired Dr. Geraghty still makes his pilgrimage every year and will be returning to Santo Domingo next February.

“This is my first calling, it’s the most important work I do so I have to go,” Dr. Geraghty said. “During those weeks, we try to help as many as we can, but they help us just as much. I went there to make a difference, but I was the one that was changed, and I have gotten more than I ever gave.”

MACLA Inc. is a medical organization that uses volunteers at all levels. MACLA is always looking for more doctors, nurses and anesthesiologists, though not all volunteers need to be medical professionals. Volunteers who can translate Spanish to English, perform office duties and other non-medical positions are needed as well. To learn about ways to become involved in Medical Aid for Children of Latin America go to macla.org. While there you can also donate to the cause. MACLA’s budget ranges from \$170,000 to \$240,000 a year and 90 percent of that comes from private donations. No one with the organization is salaried, and all the patients pay nothing. For more information, send an email to info@macla.org.



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HAPPY RETIREMENT BOB SCHMITT

Congratulations to Bob Schmitt for 50 years as a barber/hair stylist who retired on May 27. Bob was the owner of Illusions Beauty Salon at 5930 Roe Avenue. Way to go Bob, enjoy your well-deserved retirement.

MISSION'S SUMMER FAMILY PICNIC

Hot dogs, fireworks, activities for the whole family, inflatables and games. Come out and enjoy the Mission Summer Family Picnic, 6 p.m. Saturday, July 8, at Broadmoor Park. Free hot dogs, chips and drinks will be served until 7:30 p.m. Bring your chairs and blankets, the fireworks display begins at 9:30 p.m.
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Rushton Teacher of The Year nominee

Rushton Elementary sixth-grade teacher Patti Ingraham is one of the Shawnee Mission School District's 2017 nominees for Kansas Teacher of the Year. Finalists will be announced in the fall with the winners announced at the annual KSDE banquet held in November.

CONGRATULATIONS PATTI INGRAHAM

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BY KRIS BAKER • PHOTOS BY CATHY DONOVAN

Ray and Becky Hanf are always looking for new and unique items for their store, Mission Fresh Fashion.

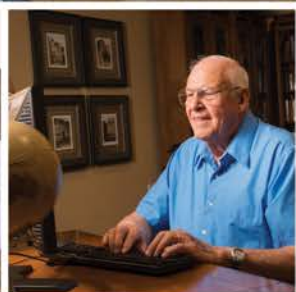
Summer shopping spree.

These three words can be a call to action for people looking to freshen up their wardrobe during the summer months. Comfortable and cool sportswear can be a great way to brighten up summer parties and barbecues happening this time of year. While there are several options around, a great local pick is Mission Fresh Fashion, located at 6102 Johnson Drive in downtown Mission. The shop offers comfortable clothing, accessories and footwear.

With pants, tops and jackets, the shopper can create their own unique outfit with one stop at Mission Fresh Fashion.

"We have clothes that are not available anywhere else in the area," said Ray Hanf, who along with his wife Becky own and operate Mission Fresh Fashion. He points to a unique hand painted overall. "These came from a supplier out of Cleveland, Oklahoma. We are the only store carrying them in the area. We get new shipments all the time so there is always something for a customer to look at."

Ray's idea for Mission Fresh Fashion began when he met friends in the late 1970's while on the track team at Kansas State University. His friends, Mary Ellen and Thom, embarked on a T-shirt business by selling shirts at the 1984 Olympics in



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One popular item which has been flying off the shelf recently is patterned leggings with all sorts of designs, even vampire faces! Ray and Becky had noticed some of their customers wearing the leggings and decided to reach out to a supplier.

"We were shocked when more than fifty pairs sold in the first week, then fifty more the next week. The leggings are the first product in twenty years that are multigenerational," Becky said. "Mothers and daughters are coming in together to buy them."

One customer who comes in often is Ann Evans, from Shawnee. "This is my favorite place to shop," Evans said. "I come about twenty-five times a year. There is no other place around like this shop. Becky will help me find things I never considered before. They are really good friends."

Mission Fresh Fashion has just started its 20th year in business. Becky and Ray will be celebrating their 17th wedding anniversary this summer.

"With running the store, we are together 24/7, so the years should be double," Becky laughed. "It has been great being able to work together. It is actually how we met."

Becky was first a customer who often came in to the store. She and Ray began trading knowledge; Becky began working for Ray and they eventually married.

"I was lucky she was a great sales person," Ray reminisced. "We have made a good team."

Ray and Becky believe they have also been lucky to have a great location on Johnson Drive in Mission.

"There are many shops on this street," Ray explained. "There is not a place around like Johnson Drive. The City has helped facilitate a great walking environment. It is very user friendly; we know they care about the businesses."



California under the name of "Sunflower Graphics." This name ended up infringing on someone else's copyright. In short, they needed a new name. Ray happened to be in the produce business and suggested calling it "Fresh Produce." Mary Ellen and Thom liked that idea. Ray thought it would be a fun idea having a small business combining "Fresh Produce," the wearable and the edible.

The shop opened in Mission in 1998, doing business as Mission Fresh Produce. Becky and Ray started carrying more lines as the years progressed. In 2012, the decision was made to change the name of the business to Mission Fresh Fashion, to truly reflect the offerings of the store. Comfortable clothing is still the focus to this day. Along came accessories such as purses, local jewelry, unique gifts, Birkenstocks, etc. added to their mix. After a couple of moves, Becky and Ray were able to purchase the building they are in 6102 Johnson Drive.

"Our customers have been very loyal from the onset. They have followed us throughout the years," Becky related. "Customers come from Weston, Paola, Wichita, Omaha, Saint Louis, to name a few. All visit and shop when they are in the area, some making their visit a day trip. One longtime customer from Weston was wearing a pair of the overalls when she came in the store. Now we carry those too. We get a lot of our ideas from our customers."

MISSION FRESH FASHION STORE HOURS

are Tuesday thru Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, the store phone number is 913-236-5128; email ray@missionfreshfashion.com or check out their website at www.missionfreshfashion.com or their Facebook page is www.facebook.com/MissionFreshFashionInc.




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CITY ELECTIONS NOVEMBER 2017



Elections for Mission's mayor and four council positions will be November 7, 2017. Mission will not have a primary election. Below is the slate of candidates for Mission:

Mayor:	Ron Appletoft
Ward I:	Burton Taylor Hillary Parker Thomas
Ward II:	Steve Betzold Arcie Rothrock (Incumbent)
Ward III:	Debbie Kring (Incumbent)
Ward IV:	Sollie Flora Suzanne Gibbs (Incumbent) Bill Nichols

Advance voting by mail begins October 18th and advance voting in person will begin October 30th. The election calendar, contact information for all candidates, and your polling place is available from the Johnson County Election Office at 913-715-6800 / www.jocoelection.org

REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE AND BUDGET DIALOGUE SCHEDULED

Mission has scheduled two meetings to help keep residents and businesses informed on redevelopment projects and the City's annual budget. If you are interested in current projects being considered for Mission, the City's street maintenance program and improvements to Foxridge Drive, the annual budget, and other initiatives underway, plan to attend one or both of the following meetings:

- **Redevelopment Update Breakfast** – Friday, July 14th, 7:30 a.m., Sylvester Powell, Jr. Community Center. Please RSVP to the City Clerk at msumrall@missionks.org, 913-676-8355 if you plan to attend.
- **2018 Budget Community Dialogue** – Wednesday, July 26th, 6:00 p.m., Mission City Hall.

These are both great opportunities to get the latest information, ask questions, and share your ideas for Mission!

LONG TIME BUSINESS OWNERS READY FOR RETIREMENT

Recently, two long time Mission businesses closed their doors and their owners retired. Susan Carver, The Workshope Salon, retired after more than 50 years in Mission. She is looking forward to having more time to spend with family and friends – especially on Saturdays! Bob Schmitt, owner of Illusions salon, has worked in Mission for 41 years at three different locations. Bob retired in May and plans to enjoy having extra time to devote to his garden.

We appreciate the positive impact both of these businesses have had on our community. The City of Mission, friends and fellow business owners, and their many loyal customers thank Susan and Bob, and wish them well in retirement.

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Summer is officially here, and that means more of our residents and visitors are out walking and biking throughout the City. Safety has always been important to me, and many of you know that working to improve the safety on Johnson

Drive has been a priority for me since I was elected in 2014. I'm happy to report that in April the City Council approved the installation of a traffic signal at Johnson Drive and Woodson. As the midway point in the heart of our downtown, I believe it will help to slow traffic along Johnson Drive, give pedestrians an opportunity to cross where traffic is completely stopped, and allow for breaks in the traffic to help with backing out of parking stalls. The new signal should be in place this fall.

Throughout this issue of the Mission Magazine, you will find stories about residents and business owners who are pursuing their passions. Each one is different, but I'm proud to represent a community where we can highlight the unique talents and interests of our friends and neighbors. As you read their stories, I would encourage you to not be afraid to follow your passion, and to share it with your friends and neighbors. The summer months are the perfect time to get out in your neighborhood and talk to the people on your block. You never know when you will meet a kindred spirit with similar interests, or someone with something totally new to share!

Later this fall, Mission will hold an election for Mayor and four City Council seats. On page 1 of this newsletter, we've included a listing of the

candidates for each position. There will be no primary election, and all candidates' names will appear on the November ballot. Voting is one of the most important ways you can ensure you have a voice in shaping the future of our community. If you are unsure which ward you live in or if you are registered to vote, please contact the Johnson County Election Office – www.jocoelection.org / 913-715-6800.

The Mission Farm & Flower Market continues to grow each year, and we are experiencing record attendance on Saturday mornings. If you haven't stopped by the Market, you are definitely missing out! Remember to mark your calendars for the Mission Summer Family Picnic on July 8th at Broadmoor Park. This family-friendly event is always a hit, with free hotdogs, games and water fun provided by the Fire Department for the kids. The evening will once again be topped off with a fireworks display, so I hope to see you there!

I also invite you to stay tuned in the next few months for a new event being organized by the Mission Business Partnership. This growing association is focused on promoting Mission's business community, and they are planning a "Sunflower Festival" for August 25th-26th. With a food truck event, a parade and other contests and activities, it promises to be lots of fun.

Enjoy your summer and take the time to make some special memories.

Sincerely,

Steve Schowengerdt
Mayor

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Mission proudly displays American flags along Johnson Drive from Memorial Day through Veteran's Day. The flags are a tribute to those who have served or are currently serving our country.

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If you would like to honor someone with a flag, please contact Mission City Hall at 913-676-8368 or erandel@missionks.org

FOXRIDGE DRIVE PHASE I IMPROVEMENTS TO BEGIN IN JULY



Foxridge Drive, from 51st Street to 56th Street, will undergo a complete rehabilitation this summer, improving the roadway and making the area safer and more pedestrian friendly. The City has entered into a contract with Kansas Heavy Construction to perform this work and anticipate the project should be completed in early fall. This project is being funded by the City and the Johnson County CARS program.

Included in the project are stormwater improvements, new curbs and gutters, installation of a sidewalk throughout the corridor, ADA improvements, new driving surface, and upgraded street lighting. In order to accommodate the wider sidewalks and a greenway buffer between them and the street, as well as streetlights, the roadway will be narrowed from 18 foot lanes to 12 foot lanes in each direction.

Closures and detours will be necessary to complete this work, so please be aware of changing road conditions. **For updates on this project, visit the City website at www.missionks.org or contact the Public Works Department at 913-676-8375**



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Chickens - No more than six hens may be kept, no roosters. Chickens must be kept in an adequate shelter located in the backyard at least 10 feet from any property line.

Bees - No more than two hives allowed. Bees must be kept in an adequate shelter located in the backyard at least 10 feet from any property line, and a "flyway" structure or barrier at least 6 feet in height must be provided.

If you are interested in having chickens or bees, please contact Mission's Community Development Department for additional information (913-676-8360). An inspection of the coop or hive will be required as part of the permitting process.

CONFIDENT CITY CYCLING CLASS



Mission has teamed up with BikeWalkKC and LiveWell Johnson County to host a Confident City Cycling class series. The free class helps those ages 14 and up learn how to feel good about biking in town for recreation, commuting, or just getting around. The certified instructors cover safe riding techniques as well as bike maintenance, crash avoidance, and rules of the road. **For more information on future classes, check bikewalkkc.org.**

OFFICER SHEPERDSON BECOMES MISSION'S NEWEST MOTORCYCLE OFFICER



My name is David Shepherdson. I've been a Law Enforcement Officer since 2011, and have been with the Mission Police Department since July of 2015. Recently, I had the privilege of undergoing, one of the most physically and mentally demanding training programs in law enforcement.

The Basic Police Motorcycle Operator Training Course is an 80 hour training course through the Heartland Police Motorcycle Association. The program consists of six "slow cone" exercises and three "high speed" exercises. The slow cone maneuvering exercises taught me to proficiently turn a 900+ pound motorcycle around in an 18 foot space. The high speed exercises taught me the skills that might someday save my life in a crisis.

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Whatever the reasons, the City of Mission Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission invites you to tell us about your Championship Tree – as long as it's located in Mission. Championship Tree nomination forms can be found on the City's web site, or hard copies can be picked up at the Sylvester Powell, Jr. Community Center or City Hall

The deadline for nominations is November 1st. For additional information, contact Parks & Recreation Director Christy Humerickhouse at 913-676-8210.



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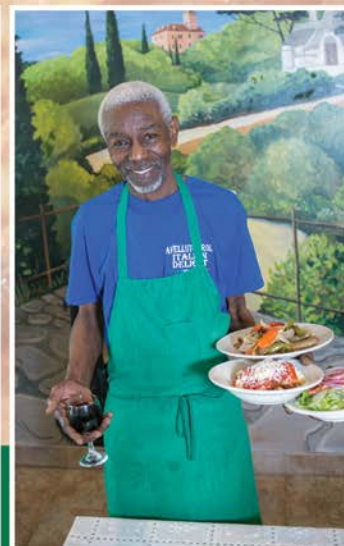


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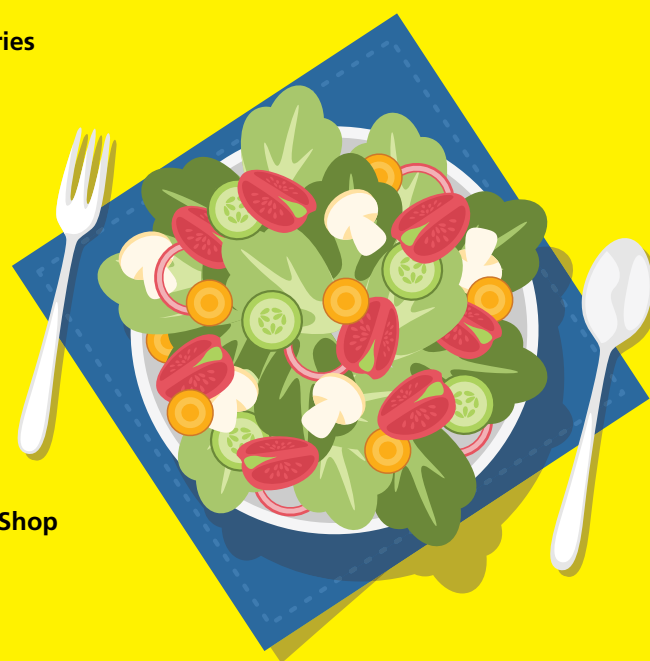
Mission city employees James Gorham (from left), Kathy Lockard, Tari Ross, Nilo Fanska, Brian Scott, Debbie Long, Christy Humerickhouse and Laura Smith enjoy lunch outdoors at Jose Pepper's.

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Profile of a Johnson County Master Gardener

**Mary Funk
volunteers
with several
projects
around town**

BY KRIS BAKER • PHOTOS BY CATHY DONOVAN

Master Gardener Mary Funk by her home garden.

Last October, Mission City Administrator Laura Smith was working in her City Hall office when she looked out her window and saw a woman hard at work at the City Hall lawn planting bulbs and pulling weeds. This woman was not being paid for her work; she was simply doing it because she wanted to make her City look better. Mary Funk, an eight-year Mission resident, is on a mission of civic duty. She is a 2015 Johnson County Extension Master Gardener and a member of the Mission Parks and Tree Commission, but her work at City Hall is her plan and entirely voluntary.

"It's been a delight to have Mary working on landscaping around City Hall," Smith revealed. "I really enjoy seeing new flowers or plants appearing almost every week. While we haven't undertaken any landscape changes,

you can tell there is someone giving our building some extra TLC."

Mary retired after 30 years as an English professor at Johnson County Community College. That gave her a chance to look for new challenges.

"They say when you retire you should start something new," Mary explained. "I bought a MINI Cooper."

Mary added more volunteer work. She earned her Master Gardener status in 2015, which requires over 50 hours of volunteer work every year at EMG maintained gardens. She is also in her seventh year of grooming roses at Loose Park's Laura

Conyers Smith Municipal Rose Garden in Kansas City, Missouri.

"I go there every week," Mary said. "It's an honor to work there."

Mary's energy is noticeable as soon as you talk to her. She collects

*"They say when you
retire you should try
something new..."*

— Mary Funk

books for Reach Out and Read, a program that encourages literacy and provides books to children through regular medical check-ups at doctors' offices. She continues to make quilts for Project Linus and Johnson County Christmas Bureau. The quilts go to elderly people who have no family. Over the years she has made more than 60 quilts, even making 37 in just one year.

"From Labor Day to mid-November this house becomes a sweat shop," Mary joked. "I'm working around the clock to make those quilts."

Mary gives her labors of love to friends and family members.

"I gave a quilt to my 6-year-old grandson. When visiting I saw him laying on it with his black lab," Mary laughed. "I had to tell myself it was his now. I gave it up."

In addition, Mary bakes cookies for a men's shelter in Kansas City, Missouri, and keeps college grandchildren well supplied. (See her favorite on this page.)

"I feel like I am the weigh station; I know how to get material and projects to people who need them," Mary explained. "Friends are always giving me fabrics and other items, then I try to find how best to use them."

When not volunteering her time, Mary and husband Ben, who is also retired, enjoy traveling and seeing family. For 21 of the last 25 years they have gone to the NCAA Final Four.

"It's our sporting event," Mary said, "you meet many good people. We cheer for who the fans around us are cheering for. Because our school, Kansas State University seldom goes."

Funk's family includes five children, 10 grandchildren, and two great

grandchildren. As parents, the Funk's philosophy was raising their children as their parents had raised them, be good and work hard.

"We sat around the table for every meal," Mary recalled. "They taught me to give back and stay connected with family and community. You are much happier that way."

Strolling around Funk's own yard, the work of the Master Gardener is evident from her blooming flowers to the quilts that are hung on her clothesline. Working in her own garden gives her great pleasure. She has enjoyed each new opportunity that has come her way and is excited about what is coming next.

"I used to know what I was going to do every day," Mary recalled. "Now I don't know what I will be doing next. which has been a real gift."

From the kitchen of: *Mary Funk*



RECIPE

Mary's Molasses Cookies

One of Mission resident Mary Funk's most popular recipes is her molasses cookies.

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 ½ cup of sugar
- 1 cup of shortening
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 cup of molasses (dark)
- 4 cups flour
- 4 teaspoons baking soda
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon of ginger
- 1 teaspoon of salt

DIRECTIONS:

Cream sugar with shortening, then add the eggs and molasses. Add flour with the spices to the sugar mixture.

Roll into balls about walnut size and coat with white sugar. Place on a greased cookie sheet.

Bake 10-12 minutes at 375 degrees.



"I make quilts for elderly people who have no families"
— Mary Funk

HOME TO ROOST

Thanks to a city ordinance, two Mission students have taken chickens under their wing

BY KRIS BAKER • PHOTOS BY CATHY DONOVAN

Jaycie Timms holds up Hattie, her Rhode Island Red, that she now owns thanks to Mission's animal permit ordinance.

Goldie strutted out her front door. She has not been a Mission resident long, but has already found the city accommodating to her lifestyle. Of course Goldie doesn't need much, just some food, a nice yard to stretch her legs and a coop to call home.

Goldie is a Buff Orpington chicken, and thanks to a relatively new city ordinance, Goldie and her fellow fowls can now call Mission home. Residents purchase an Accessory Animal Permit and then can keep up to six adult hens on their property. Neighbors don't have to be worried about early morning cock-a-doodle-doing as roosters are not permitted in the city.

Mission became feather-friendly in 2015. Most of the interest has come from younger members of the community. Two local students and their families have become among the latest to try their hand at this form of urban farming. The experience of owning chickens in the city has given them a lot to crow about.

GIRL SCOUT AND CHICKEN FARMER

Goldie nests in a homemade chicken coop along with Hattie, a Rhode Island Red, and EB, a Black Giant. The three hens are nurtured by Jaycie Timms, a Mission resident who just graduated from Shawnee Mission East. In the fall, she will attend University of Central Missouri and plans to major in nursing.

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Since kindergarten she has been involved with the Girl Scouts of the United States of America, Jaycie is now an ambassador for the Girl Scouts and one of the oldest members of her Mission troop. She said staying involved with Girl Scouts was "the natural thing to do." While many members of the Boy Scouts of America stick with the organization and go on to become Eagle Scout, this kind of longevity is less common with their female counterparts.

"It was fun, I wanted to continue with it," Jaycie said. "I'm the only one from when I started that is still in Girl Scouts, but I like what it teaches you and how it encourages girls to get involved."

Jaycie got involved with raising chickens after a visit to Mack True Value Hardware on Johnson Drive. They were selling baby chicks.

"They were so cute, I immediately wanted one," Jaycie said. "My parents said I could have one if I did the work and learned how to take care of them."

Jaycie started pecking away at the internet, doing research for a solid week, learning all she could about raising chickens. She learned what to feed them and how to properly house them.

"I learned a lot about chickens," Jaycie explained. "They are not as stupid as people say. They are pretty good with people. And they're not as dirty."

She and her father built a coop in their backyard, then bought their three hens who all successfully started laying eggs. If anyone living on their street wondered or worried about their new avian neighbors, Jaycie said the fears were soon gone.

"The neighbors like them," Jaycie said. "They are not noisy, and it helps that we can share a few eggs with them."

Jaycie is not doing this for chicken feed either. She is working to obtain her Gold Award from the Girl Scouts. Girl Scout Gold Awards are the highest achievement in Girl Scouting, involving a seven-step plan for improving the community. Jaycie's plan is to increase awareness about backyard chickens to local families and teach the benefits of raising chickens. These benefits include the increased availability of fresh eggs from a more humane source than conventional agriculture. She also promotes chickens as good "garden helpers" who eat bugs and till soil with their claws. Jaycie has worked with the City of Roeland Park in offering classes on backyard chickens as part of its homesteading series. Jaycie also taught a Chick 101 class at Mack Hardware this spring. The store carries supplies to raise chickens (including chicks), and class participants received a discount on a related purchase.

She even brought baby chicks to the Mission Farmer's Market and answered questions about raising them.

One tidbit Jaycie shared was if you do not wash the eggs after collecting them they can be stored at room temperature for at least a couple of weeks, due to the fact the eggs have a natural coating keeping them fresh.

Jaycie had so much success with her hens she bought three more chicks, who are currently living in her basement under a heat lamp. When one of the chicks starts flapping its wings and crying out, Jaycie picks her up and puts her on her arm and the chick immediately calms down.

"Once you do your research and learn about them, you learn what they need and how to give it to them," she said as she pets the chick. "And then they are a lot of fun."



Jack and Charlotte Taylor show off some of the eggs their hens have been producing. The Taylors' chickens lay brown eggs.

'EGG'-CITING NEW FAMILY MEMBERS

Jaycie isn't the only chicken owner on the street. Just a few blocks away you'll find 11-year-old Jackson (Jack) Taylor and his family, who just bought two Rhode Island Reds. They named them Jack Jr. and Jessie, after Jack and his aunt. Every day after school the Rushton student comes home and collects the eggs.

"We haven't had to buy eggs since we got them," Jack revealed. "And they taste better than the ones you buy in the store."

There was a lot of preparation that was done before getting the chickens. Jack, his father Burton and his sister Charlotte spent two years building the chicken coop, using models they found online to help them create their own custom design.

"It takes a lot to bring chickens into the family," Burton said. "You have to be prepared. I told the kids, they are just like dogs, but they look like chickens. And they lay eggs, so they give back to the family in a way other animals don't."

Before owning chickens was legal in Mission, Jack helped get the ordinance passed by making a presentation to the City Council.

"I wanted people to know how it would work, and how it would be good for the city," Jack said. "And for people to learn the value of having their own eggs."

Burton said his kids have learned several valuable lessons by taking care of these birds, including the responsibility it takes to care for them.

"Every day we are learning something new," Burton said. "Everything from the best kinds of food to give them, to when they lay their eggs; even the fact that they lay eggs when they are happy. It has been interesting."

The Taylors are thinking about expanding their brood, and have looked at getting an Easter Egger, which lays blue eggs. Meanwhile their current chickens have garnered high praise. "I really like them," Charlotte exclaimed.

"I brought a couple of my friends over to see them," Jack said. "They thought they were pretty cool."

"It has been a great family activity," Burton said. "And with every new egg, you see it pay off more and more."



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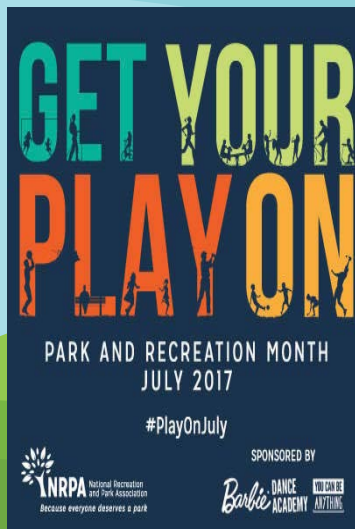
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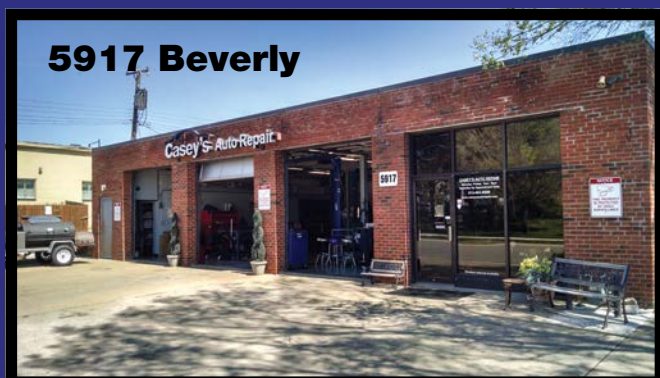
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