

In the spirit of the new year and new beginnings (just one month late), the weekly report is officially returning!

While it was nice to have a break from one more thing on the “to do” list, I think we gave up an important opportunity to share with you the great things happening in our City on a more “real time basis.” We have changed up the format and will be experimenting with new ideas, so ideas and suggestions are welcomed and encouraged.

Green Team Formed

In January, staff took specific steps to reinvigorate our internal sustainability efforts. While we try to keep a constant eye on sustainability issues, we have not had an active “Green Team” with representation from each Department. The group has formed, and will initially focus on ways to reduce waste streams and increase recycling rate while reducing contamination in our recycling within City Hall.

Staff from the MARC Solid Waste Management District has provided a list of recommendations that will serve as the starting point for the team’s discussions. Stay tuned for updates!



Limb pick-up and disposal is progressing smoothly. The crews took Wednesday off this week because of the sub-zero/freezing temperatures. A full update on the project will be provided at the February 20 City Council meeting.



New lighting in front of City Hall was installed in January, and the streetlight fixtures were converted to LED. Additional pedestrian lighting will also be installed. This will complete the upgrades to the entrances for the City Hall and the Police Station.

Weekly Top 5

- Following the upgrade of our security cameras, signage will be installed in the Police Department Parking lot designating it as a “Safe Meet Up Spot” for on-line transactions.
- NHS Officer James Gorham announced this week that he will be returning to the City of Olathe to work in commercial code enforcement. We appreciate James’ contributions and wish him all the best.
- Please watch for lane closures on Johnson Drive in front of the Mission Trails project in the coming weeks as tie-ins are made to the various utilities.
- The City is working with a group of graduate students from KU’s a joint Transportation/Land Use Capstone project class to start to address design options and considerations for the improvements to Jo Drive west of Lamar.
- Market season will be here before we know it, and Emily and the Market Coordinators took advantage of the Regional Farmers Market Workshop hosted by K-State Research and Extension in Olathe.



Mayor Ron Appletoft delivered Mission's "State of the Cities" speech at a recent NEJC Chamber event.

Broadmoor Project Update

WaterOne moved quickly through their work on Broadmoor Street, even with the extreme weather conditions. They hope to be finished next week.

Kansas Gas is then expected to move into the area to begin their relocation work. Emily and Brent are keeping in frequent contact with businesses in the area, as we recognize that there have been significant traffic disruption. We appreciate their continued patience.

Bid documents/packages for the project are expected to go out on February 11, as staff continues to work on ROW and easement acquisition for the project.

RIDEKC Micro Transit

RideKC is introducing a new ride-hailing app in Johnson County. Users can pay the \$1.50 fare to hail a van within the service region's boundaries, including the Mission Transit Center. Rides are available Monday - Friday from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Visit ridekc.org to access the app, or search "microtransit" in the app store on your smartphone.

Community Rebate Program Now Available for Residents

This program, which helps to alleviate the tax burden on income-qualified residents by returning a portion of various fees and taxes, is now accepting applications. The 2019 budget included \$20,000 in rebate assistance. Income-qualified residents may apply to receive a full rebate of city telephone, electricity and gas franchise fees along with a full rebate of city property taxes and a partial rebate of solid waste utility fees.

Applications are available online through the City's website www.missionks.org or may be picked up at City Hall. All applications are due back to the City Hall by April 5, 2019 at 5 p.m.

Anyone with questions on the program should contact Neighborhood Services at (913) 676-8360.