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Aquatic Facilities Manager Jenna Dickman and Recreation Coordinator Nick Shepherd recently attended a job fair at Horizons High school, looking to recruit lifeguards, summer camp staff and generally promoting the other part-time opportunities available year round in the Mission Parks and Recreation Department.

The first issue of the Mission Magazine for 2020 is in the mail. Watch for it this week, or check out the link on the City’s website here.

Always a fantastic read!

The Mission Police Department’s 10-week Citizen’s academy kicked off it’s first session this week.

The 14 participants, can look forward to a fun and rewarding opportunity to learn more about our Mission Police Department and the services they provide.

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Weekly Top 5

- The revitalized Safety Committee met this week with eight staff members from various departments discussing 2019 incident reports, conducting a debrief of the Statewide Tornado Drill this week, making plans for more safety awareness in 2020.

- The City has updated our website to include information on resources related to the Novel 19 Coronavirus or COVID-19. The page includes links to the CDC, the Kansas Department and Health and Environment and the Jo County Health Department. Information is updates as it becomes available.

- The City’s website was updated this week with exciting new information about the progress on the Gateway project. Please encourage your friends and neighbors to check in periodically for the current project status and next steps.

- The City Planner’s position has been filled, and we look forward to “officially” welcoming Kaitlyn Service to the organization at the end of March. She will be attending the Comp Plan 101 session next week and we are thrilled to have her coming in on the ground floor of our comp plan conversations.

- Municipal Court Clerk Isha Terry attended training in Wichita this week hosted by the state office of Judicial Administration. The first full day focused on training for new clerks with a second day covering material relevant to all clerks. We are reimbursed by the state for this training which has been an excellent resource.

As part of 2020 Severe Weather Awareness Week, Mission staff participated in the statewide tornado drill on Tuesday, March 3rd at 10 a.m. This drill included an activation of the outdoor warning sirens and a test of the NotifyJoCo mass notification system.

Everyone is encouraged to take a few moments during this week to practice or develop severe weather plans. Ideas for how to participate include: practice moving to your designed safe place, discussing your severe weather sheltering plan with others. We also encourage everyone to visit www.NotifyJoCo.org and update your contact information or create an account if you haven’t already done so! Maintaining a current NotifyJoCo account will help ensure you receive important emergency alerts.

The Johnson County Appraisers Office released their 2020 Revaluation Report this past week to coincide with notices to property owners regarding new property appraisals. The full report can be found here on the Johnson County website. The overall appraised value for the County is expected to increase by 6.32%. Mission’s appraised values for 2020 are anticipated to increase by 8.42% driven largely by an anticipated 11.07% average increase in residential property values.

Ward I Councilmember Trent Boultinghouse and Joanna Marin (Accountant) joined more than 50 other volunteers for a recent Harvesters mobile food distribution event sponsored by Harvesters and the City of Mission.

The event distributed 7.85 tons of food to 75 families representing more than 400 individuals. The next distribution event is scheduled for Saturday, May 30 in the east parking lot of SM North High-school.