



Making progress one bottle at a time!

Just one year ago, we installed water fountains in City Hall, Public Works and the Police Department that provided the ability to fill reusable water bottles and glasses. Our goal was to encourage employees and visitors to consider to using this more sustainable method to keep themselves hydrated. We are happy to report that at the one year mark, usage of the fountains has resulted in the elimination of 12,012 disposable water bottles, an average of nearly 33 per day!

“I am certain that after the dust of centuries has passed over our cities, we, too, will be remembered not for victories or defeats in battle or in politics, but for our contribution to the human spirit.”

~ John Fitzgerald Kennedy

Project Status Updates:

Space Needs Analysis: Six proposals were received for the project. Consultant interviews are scheduled for March 20 with contract award at the April 17 City Council meeting.

Broadmoor: KS Gas connected new service lines at Johnson Drive and Broadmoor Street on Friday, March 15. We appreciate everyone’s continued patience with detours and inconveniences as the project moves forward.

Hodges Planters: The working group met this week to review options and alternatives to the existing planters. Staff will review options with the engineer to bring back to the next meeting.



Mission Councilmembers Debbie Kring, Ken Davis, Nick Schlossmacher, and Sollie Flora attended the NLC’s Congressional Cities Conference in Washington, D.C. In addition to attending a variety of educational seminars, our delegation had the opportunity to meet with are legislators, including Senator Pat Roberts.

Weekly Top 5

- The Police Department reports that Niche—the new updated records management system—is scheduled to “go live.” on Monday, March 25. Kudos to our staff for the time put in to helping to develop this important new reporting system that should help to improve communication among area law enforcement agencies.
- This month the Police Department will host an additional “Coffee with a Cop” at the Mission Starbucks on Friday, March 22. The events begins at 8 a.m., and all are encouraged to attend.
- The Mission:Dog Park group will be making a presentation on their work to date to the Parks, Recreation Tree Commission on Monday, March 18. Watch for more information and a public forum in the coming weeks.
- Staff has been busy with phone screens and interviews for several of our vacant positions. Candidates for the Payroll/Benefits Specialist were interviewed on Friday and Building Official interviews are scheduled for Monday.
- On Monday, March 25, WaterOne will be closing the eastbound lanes of Johnson Drive in front of the Mission Trails project in order to tie into the water main. Work is expected to take place between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. and is estimated to be completed within one week. At the conclusion of each day, the area will be steel-plated and reopened to traffic.



With the change in the weather this week, it is clear that Spring is just around the corner. That means people will be getting out and around in our neighborhoods and throughout the City. Not everything is as pretty as spring flowers, and we are likely to see an increase in reports of property maintenance code violations. Please call or e-mail to report, and be patient with us as we are still down one Neighborhood Services Officer. You can reach Nilo Fanska at:

(913) 676-8358 or nfanska@missionks.org

New feature for the Weekly Report

As we continue to develop the format and content of the Weekly Report, you will see a new feature that highlights our full-time employees. This is a great way to introduce them to you, to our residents and to their co-workers. I hope you will enjoy getting to know our very talented and capable staff in the coming months. I know I am re-energized by their thoughtful responses. As always, if you have ideas or suggestions for the report, please forward them my way. Our goal is to help keep you apprised of our day-to-day successes and activities.



City of Mission - Employee Profile

**Aaron Luna, Crewmember, Public Works
Employee since: March 4, 2019**

What do you do?

I maintain the roads either by cleaning (sweeping) them or fixing parts of them that need to be repaired making sure that the City has a good image.

What do you like most about your job?

Even though I've only been on the job two weeks, I enjoy the time we spend actually going out looking for problems to fix. I like to keep busy.

How does your work impact the lives of Mission residents?

When we are out on the street and through social media, we see the reactions of people to the work that we are doing. When they sound happy and satisfied with the work we do, that's just a boost for me to keep doing even more.

**Editor's note: Aaron was the first to respond this week to my "call for information." As our newest employee, it was refreshing to see Aaron's responses and know that we continue to add members to our Mission family who care about the work they do!*