



Mark your Calendar

Plan to attend the next meeting of MARC's First Suburbs Coalition (co-chaired by our own Kristin Inman) on Friday, April 19. The meeting will be held at the Gladstone Community Center with networking at 8 a.m. and the program beginning at 8:30 a.m.

This meeting will be the first of the 2019 housing series. MARC staff will present data and explore issues of entry-level housing for young professionals and families as well as opportunities to age in place. This will be good information leading up to the NLC housing summit in July. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP through MARC's website.

We had a visit from Alex this week. He was in Kansas City for a regular check-up and to be fitted for a new orthotic device (no more wheelchair)! His spirits were great and it was great to catch up with him and his dad.

Plans are in the works for a golf tournament fundraiser being planned for August 5, 2019. Stay tuned for more details!



Mission staff and Council attended Johnson County's annual "State of the County" luncheon this week. BOCC Chair Ed Eilert shared a number of interesting facts and statistics on the County's activities from 2018. The theme, "Building Strong Communities" touched on a number of service delivery and program areas.

Weekly Top 5

- This week we wrapped up our employee weight loss challenge. Collectively, we lost a total of 135 pounds, no small feat! The challenge winner was Matt Breshears who lost almost 12% of his body weight. Congratulations to all, let's keep up the healthy lifestyle changes!
- The next Coffee with a Cop is scheduled for Friday, April 5 at Urban Prairie Coffee. The event begins at 8 a.m.
- The Business Improvement Grant application cycle closed this week and we received 5 applications. Review of the requests will begin shortly. Requests exceed the funding currently allocated in the 2019 budget. We will keep Council updated as the process moves forward.
- Community Garden plots are currently being assigned. The City offers 16 plots on JCW property at Lamar and Foxridge Drive. A resident volunteers is assisting Nilo in securing applications. Those who maintained plots last year are offered first right of refusal, and then any remaining plots are made available to residents on the waiting list.
- Staff will be attending a workshop next week on the SMAC application process for 2019 inspection projects. This hands-on workshop could assist us in securing funding for a condition inventory of our stormwater system and structures.



Johnson County will be hosting their 10th annual Healthy Yards Expo on Saturday, April 6 at the Shawnee Civic Centre (13817 Johnson Drive, Shawnee). The Expo provides an opportunity for residents to discover simple, easy Earth-friendly practices for achieving a nice yard while still protecting our water, air and healthy soils.

It's a one-stop learning event on green ideas and services. The Expo will also feature a native plant sale hosted by "Green Thumb Gardens."

Local Businesses exploring cardboard recycling options

For several years, staff and the Sustainability Commission have worked to introduce and encourage recycling in the business community with very little success. It looks like perseverance may be paying off as several businesses in the 5600 block of Johnson Drive—Urban Prairie Coffee, Mission Board Games, and Sandhills Brewing Company have requested a joint recycling dumpster to serve their businesses.

We'll follow their success and hope we can expand these efforts throughout the Johnson Drive corridor.



City of Mission - Employee Profile

Matt Breshears: Police Officer, Investigations
Employee since: August 26, 2013

What do you do?

I am currently on a rotating assignment in the Investigations Division where I function like a detective in investigating all kinds of cases and crimes.

What do you like most about your job?

I like that it feels like my department members are my family and I feel like I make an impact on the lives of the victims I help.

How does your work impact the lives of Mission residents?

I try to be very involved with our community and attempt to attend as many community events as I can. I think the community as a whole has great respect for our Police Department and truly look at us as heroes.