Laura and Emily had the opportunity to attend the annual fundraising luncheon for Growing Futures (formerly Head Start of Shawnee Mission). This important early education program serves families throughout the county. For more information on Growing Futures, including sponsorship or volunteer opportunities, please feel free to visit their website at:

www.growingfuturesseec.org

Mission's officers were recently given an opportunity to convert their equipment belts to outer vests that help to distribute the weight more evenly across their upper bodies. On average, an officer carries between 30-40 pounds of gear and equipment. In addition, since the vest is worn on the exterior, it makes it easier for officers to remove and cool down when in the station during the summer months.

Mark your calendars now for Mission's Sidewalk Sale on June 22nd. The Mission Business Partnership recently announced their plans to host the annual sidewalk sale on Saturday, June 22nd from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Watch for more information on participating businesses and special promotions.

The top story is now under construction on the Mission Trails apartment project along Johnson Drive. It’s exciting to see how this residential project is taking shape, and to think about the impact it will have on downtown Mission.
Weekly Top 5

• This week we officially welcomed Officer Tanner Eddings back “on the street after his year+ deployment to Afghanistan. We appreciate his service, and are glad to have him back “home” in Mission.

• The City was recently notified that JKW released the permit for the repairs to begin at the SuperKidz Club facility in the Mission West Shopping Center. We will keep you updated on the status of the work.

• Full time parks staff took a tour of all the City parks this week. This was a great way to introduce our newer staff members to the outdoor parks in Mission as we start to see increased usage of our facilities in the warmer months. They did a little trash pick-up as they went along making the field trip even more productive!

• The 52nd Street cul-de-sac (west of Lamar) will be milled on Saturday and will receive the asphalt overlay next week on Tuesday. You may remember we had to postpone this project from last fall due to the weather conditions.

• Our new Building Official Jim Brown will start next Monday. Jim has previously served in this role in the cities of Prairie Village and Salina in Kansas and in Belton, Missouri. With all the activity going on around town, we can expect Jim to be busy on day one!

“Keeping busy and making optimism a way of life can restore your faith in yourself.”

~ Lucille Ball

Mission was lucky to gain a little more of its history back this week. The Johnson County Arts & Heritage Museum has offered the original Mission Shopping Center sign to the City. They had previously offered it around the time the museum was opening, but then decided to work it into their exhibits. They are now willing to transfer it back to Mission.

On Friday, Jim Goswell donated a framed rendering of the Inter-Collegiate Press building built in 1954 (pictured above). The building was purchased by Herff Jones, Inc. in 1986. Mr. Goswell's grandfather was on the board of ICP, and he has memories of running around the building as a child. His grandfather helped design the executive offices on the third floor when they were added in 1960. This is now the site of the Mission Crossing development on the east side of Metcalf, north of Target.

City of Mission - Employee Profile

Luis Benavides: Aquatic Facilities Manager
Employee since: September 18, 2017

What do you do?

I supervise both the indoor and outdoor pool facilities that allow guests to come and make positive memories in a safe environment.

What do you like most about your job?

I love working with young adults and designing and programs that allow me to use my creativity.

How does your work impact the lives of Mission residents?

The services we provide experiences for all of our guests, experiences that we hope will be passed on from generation to generation.