



**Mayor Appletoft and members of the PRT Commission joined second graders from Rushton Elementary School on Friday for the annual Arbor Day Celebration and tree planting in Waterworks Park. This is the thirteenth tree that has been planted in the park!**

## Stormwater BMP Program Now Available

Mission is once again partnering with Johnson County to offer storm water best managements grants to residents. Grant funds are available for rain barrels, rain gardens, stream buffers and native tree planting to help control storm water run-off. Projects funded by these grants are designed to capture, filter or slow down the flow of rainwater. Grants will reimburse 50% of the cost of installation or planting (subject to program caps). For more information on program, please contact the Neighborhood Services staff at (913) 676-8360.



This weekend marks the long awaited opening of Sandhills Brewing Company (5612 Johnson Drive.) They plan to offer 8-12 beers on tap and are open Friday 3 - 10 p.m. and Saturday 1 - 10 p.m. Plans for the Rock Creek Brewing Company are also moving forward - they should be open by fall!

Photo credit: Sandhills Brewing

**Flash Flood - forewarned is forearmed!**



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## Weekly Top 5

- Public Works Superintendent Brent Morton attended the Public Works Training Institute this week. This is a nationally approved institute that provides training and development opportunities around 11 core areas. This is Brent's third module and focuses on Public Works Management Fundamentals.
- This week we met with the SFS Architecture team to kick off the space needs analysis. Staff in each functional area will be completing space needs questionnaires over the next week in anticipation of an all day information gathering and interview session on May 6.
- By the third week of May we anticipate having all of the vacant positions in Community Development and Administration filled! It has truly been a team effort to keep us moving forward and to carve out time for recruitment. We look forward to making formal introductions at a Council meeting soon!
- Mission Police officers will be at the Mission Hy-Vee Saturday, April 27 from 10 am - 2 pm collecting unused/unwanted prescription drugs. Aerosoles or needles will not be accepted. This is part of the national DEA Drug Take Back effort.
- An estimated 1,000 patrons participated in last weekend's Bunny Eggstravaganza at the Community Center. Along with the egg hunts, participants enjoyed face painting, balloon art, clowns, and tours of police and fire equipment. Several of our vendor partners (Lego Camp, Chess Camp and Challenger Soccer) were also on site to provide information to the attendees. Thanks to the staff and volunteers who work so hard to bring us these great community events.



Sustainability Commission members David Greenlee, Alexis Penny (aka Mrs. Bunny) and Terri Baugh participated in last Saturday's Bunny Eggstravaganza festivities!



The deployment of 5G or small cell wireless technology is coming soon to metropolitan areas across the country. In 2016, the Kansas Legislature adopted K.S.A. 66-2019 which effectively pre-empts the City's ability to regulate the use of right-of-way by wireless providers. The City can require an application for and formal approval of the use, but the grounds upon which an application could be denied are narrow. Staff will continue to monitor and advise the Planning Commission and City Council on this issue as it begins to impact Mission, as we can expect questions from our residents.

### City of Mission - Employee Profile



**Debbie Long: Accounting Manager**  
**Employee since: May 2, 2016**

#### What do you do?

I help ensure we pay our bills accurately and record and balance our cash receipts and other transactions. I am responsible for making sure we close our monthly books in a timely manner and provide information for our annual audit. I also serve as the City Treasurer.

#### What do you like most about your job?

I love the variety in my job! I enjoy working with employees from all departments and since we are a small group in administration, we depend on each other when we are short staffed. There never seems to be a shortage of opportunities to learn new things!

#### How does your work impact the lives of Mission residents?

I make sure we provide residents with timely and accurate financial information. This helps them feel good about our financial stewardship. As a City Hall employee, I also have the chance to interact with residents on the phone and in person. I feel good knowing they can call us and get the answers they seek.

\*Debbie previously worked part-time for the City from August 2006 through September 2010.