



The heavy rains this spring continue to point out the challenges of an aging stormwater infrastructure system throughout the City. BHC Rhodes has been working with staff to improve our asset inventory related to the stormwater conveyance system, taking existing inventory and condition rating data and combining it into maps and databases.

To date, their efforts have mapped/identified 48,000 linear feet of storm water pipe, and 644 structures that weren't previously included in the County's AIMS database. This work allows the City to submit an application for funding to SMAC to assist in completing the condition rating for those structures not previously identified. Completing the condition assessment is an important step to ensuring the Mission can apply receive funding for future maintenance and repair projects. An RFP will be released next week to select a firm to complete the condition rating process. Staff will provide an update on asset management efforts for streets and stormwater during the June 5 CDC Committee meeting.

*Congratulations to Councilmember Sollie Flora who was recently appointed to the National League of Cities' (NLC) Transportation and Infrastructure Services Committee. NLC's federal advocacy committees help ensure that policymakers in Washington know what's happening on the ground in our communities, and what is needed from our federal partners. Councilmember Flora joins Councilmember Debbie Kring (Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee), and Councilmember Nick Schlossmacher (Information Technology and Communications Committee) helping to ensure Mission's "voice" is well-represented.*



*A ten member contingent from the Mission Police Department attended Abele Bekele's recent graduation from the Johnson County Regional Police Academy. Congratulations to Abele, who now moves on to his field training. Welcome to the streets of Mission, Kansas!*

## Weekly Top 5

- Last week we reported on the oil leak along Johnson Drive. Through video footage secured by the Police Department, we were able to identify the offending vehicle as a Waste Management trash truck. Waste Management will reimburse the City for all labor and material costs incurred in the clean-up.
- Phone screens for the Parks & Recreation and Public Works Directors' positions will begin next week, with interviews to follow. The candidate pool is strong, and I would like to have offers extended for both positions before the end of June.
- KCPL recently upgraded the traffic signal at 51st and Lamar to include the camera detection system that was approved by the City Council. The camera system will replace the loops embedded in the pavement which have failed continually over the last few years.
- Mother Nature isn't cooperating for the MFAC's season opening this weekend, but the staff has done an outstanding job in getting the facility ready for the public. As soon as the sun starts shining, they will be ready!
- Following the Hodges Planter's working group meeting on Thursday, staff will prepare a summary of the work that has been done, including the design options and solutions that are preferred and recommended by the neighborhood to be presented as a discussion item at the July 10 CDC Committee meeting.



**It is a weight loss challenge of a different kind! In just four short months, the Green Team is pleased to report that we lost**

**43.4 pounds**

**by removing names from unwanted mailing lists. It's a simple step that works well at home too! It's fun to celebrate these small victories in our on-going commitment to sustainability.**



Public Works crews worked this week to install the flags along the Johnson Drive corridor in advance of the Memorial Day holiday. The display, which lasts through Veteran's Day, honors our service men and women and brings compliments every year. Check out the impressive list of honorees on the City's web-site.



### City of Mission - Employee Profile



**Joanna Marin: Accountant**  
**Employee since: October 29, 2018**

#### **What do you do?**

I process accounts payable, help reconcile the monthly financial statements and assist departments and vendors in timely and accurate payment of the city's bills.

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

I like being part of a team that gets things done. The people I work with are awesome!

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

I believe the work I do helps keep the city functioning on a daily basis so residents can live better.