Congratulations to all who completed Module IV of the Public Works Institute (PWI) this week. (Especially that guy on the front row!)

The PWI is one of the premier events hosted by the KC Metro APWA Chapter. KUDOS to PW Superintendent Brent Morton for the hard work you put in to achieve this goal.

Emily Randel and Charlie Troppito (Planning Commissioner) attended the opening session of the Global Covenant of Mayor’s Climate Leadership Project on Tuesday. The Kansas City region was selected, along with the Denver, Chicago, and Washington D.C. regions, to receive technical assistance to develop a regional greenhouse gas inventory, an assessment of climate risk and vulnerability, and finally, a regional climate action plan. The Mid-America Regional Council is coordinating the work. The next workshop is expected after the first of the year.

The next meeting of the First Suburbs Coalition is scheduled for Friday, October 18 at 8 a.m. at the Matt Ross Community Center (8101 Marty). This meeting will continue efforts around workforce housing, including an update on the Johnson County housing study and task force from UCS. Megan Foreman of the Johnson County Department of Health & Environment will discuss the connection between housing and health and give you ideas for how you can exchange data with the health department in your county to better inform local housing policies. Finally, we will review the recommendations and outcomes from the Regional Housing Summit in July and discuss future actions that the coalition can take to advance housing strategies.
Weekly Top 5

- Responses to the City’s RFQ for an update to our Comprehensive Plan were due today. We received nine proposals and will look forward to bringing forward a recommendation at the November 6 Committee meeting.

- We are currently completing background investigations on a new municipal court clerk and are recruiting for a full-time crew member position in the Public Works Department.

- The Parks and Recreation Department is currently circulating an RFQ for Marketing Services. Funds were budgeted in 2019 and 2020 to support increased marketing efforts for the Department, especially the Sylvester Powell, Jr. Community Center.

- Penn and Jacque Game son met with Girl Scouts from Rushton this week to discuss a tree identification project they are planning as part of their Adopt-a-Park efforts at Waterworks Park.

- Last call for recommendations for appointments to Boards and Commissions. Please send to Laura ASAP!

DID YOU KNOW?

Our very own Jay Fleer was recently named DARE Officer of the Year for the State of Kansas. Nominated by the students and staff at Highlands Elementary, they had this to say about Officer Fleer. “Officer Fleer finds a way to connect with EVERY student in the school, provides them with a positive role model, and gives them a smile every time he is here. He forges relationships with children, so they know they have an adult that cares about their futures. He tells them goofy stories to show them that he’s a real person too. Officer Fleer helps students see that officers are here to protect and serve. His lessons are engaging, entertaining, information and influential. He is always willing to go above and beyond for our students.” Congratulations to Officer Fleer, and our thanks for representing Mission in such a positive way! Keep up the good work!

City of Mission - Employee Profile

Jay Fleer—Police Officer II
Employee since: September 16, 2007

What do you do?

I take care of people. This looks different to different people in different situations. It might mean helping an elderly resident get home when they become disoriented and lost. It might mean investigating a strange sound outside of a single mother’s home. It could just mean taking a few minutes to talk to someone who is on the brink of a crisis or is simply lonely and needs conversation.

What do you like most about your job?

I love being a part of our community. Meeting and interacting with the people in our city provides me with constant reminders of why it is so important that we do the very best job that we can to take care of people. Every. Single. Day.

How does your work impact the lives of Mission residents?

I believe that by doing good police work and making personal connections in our city shows our residents that they are valuable to us. It assures them that I, and we as a department, have a vested interest in their well being and safety and that we are committed to ensuring both.