



## Here they come!

The new WCA Waste of Kansas City rollcarts started to serve homes this week. Please check the City's website for more information about the transition to WCA . If you do not receive a WCA cart please contact the WCA customer service team at (816) 380-5595 or [kccustomer@wcaamerica.com](mailto:kccustomer@wcaamerica.com)

Most trash, recycling, yard waste, and bulky items regulations will stay the same. The biggest difference will be that bulky item pickup will be the **last pickup day of the month on your regular collection day**. Holidays impacting pick-up schedules will include Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. If your Waste Management carts are gone, you may start using your WCA carts and Waste Management will still service your trash and recycling through the end of the year.



## Recycling Lesson of the Week:

Pizza boxes *are* recyclable, but only if they are not soiled by food. The box shown here is a perfect example. The top lid to the box can be ripped off and recycled, the bottom, with grease and cheese and all the good stuff, is no use to the businesses buying the recycled material, and including it reduces the quality of what Waste Management sells to their buyers, causing troubles for the whole recycling market. If you feel like inspecting a box, and ripping off the clean part, great! If you don't feel like it, better to throw out the whole box, rather than put a dirty box in the recycling. When in doubt, throw it out!



Photo credit KC Star

Did you catch the story about the Mission Project in the recent KC Star 913 Section? It was great to see the feature story on these amazing adults and benefits they bring to our community. We are lucky that they call Mission "home" and are always looking for new and better ways to help encourage and support their success!

## Weekly Top 5

- Phone interviews for Court Clerk candidates were conducted this week. We have a strong field of candidates and look forward to moving to in-person interviews the week of December 9.
- What to you do when you have so many gifts for our adopted holiday families that you cant store them at the Community Center??? Why you get a permit and secure a Pod to get you through the holidays! Keep up the good work, Mission!
- Congratulations to Captain Kevin Self on his recent graduation from the Heartland Certified Public Manager's Program. Kevin has put in countless hours to achieve this prestigious designation and we look forward to many great things to come!
- Staff met with Confluence this week to kick off the conceptual planning and design process for Mohawk Park. In late January/early February look for a public/ neighborhood meeting to discuss proposed improvements to the park.
- Johnson County Commissioner Becky Fast extended an invitation to the Committee of the Whole session on Thursday – December 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. to discuss options and next steps relative to providing transit services to County residents.



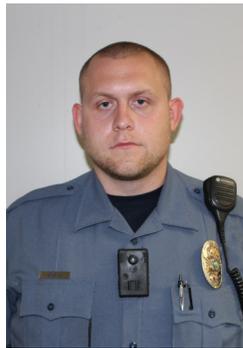
The house on 60th Terrace was demoed this week as a part of the Rock Creek Channel Improvements. Easement acquisition and design continues with the goal of putting the project out to bid shortly after the first of the year! Progress!



The elves at City Hall were busy today putting the finishing touches on this year's tree. It's a great time for team building and enjoying a little holiday spirit!



Our very own Officer Jay Fleer was recognized on the field at the Chiefs/ Raiders game last week as "Hometown Hero." What a great honor and perfect opportunity to celebrate the successes of one of Mission's finest. Congrats Officer Fleer!



### City of Mission - Employee Profile

**Drake Sparks—Police Officer**  
Employee since: January 2, 2018

**What do you do?**

I am a Police Officer for the City of Mission, Kansas.

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

I enjoy being around people and helping them through whatever situation I can.

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

People call the police on their worst days usually. The residents have someone they can call that will assist them the best they can. Which could be a number of things from responding to a medical call to possibly saving someone's life, to pre-