We Were Busy Last Week!

There are always plenty of opportunities this time of year (and most others) for us to be engaged with our community, and last week was no exception!

Friday night was our annual Holiday Lights and Festive sights complete with tree lighting, s’mores, and carriage rides. And a friendly “Elf” who did a great job emceeing the event.

Saturday morning brought the Pearl Harbor Remembrance event which was very well attended. This is truly a “living history” opportunity and it was heart-warming to see guests from ages 4 to 94 commemorating this important even in our nation’s history.

Welcome to Mission, Slim Chickens! Staff, Council and members of the NEJC Chamber were pleased to help cut the ribbon for the new restaurant’s grand opening celebration this week. They invite you to come check them out (6591 Johnson Drive)!
Weekly Top 4 (not enough room!)

- The auditors will be on site for two days next week to do their preliminary field work for the 2019 Audit.
- Council approved for Mission to submit an application to NLC for a “Leadership in Community Resilience” Grant for 2020. If grant funds are secured, they will be used by the Climate Action KC Coalition to host a second regional summit.
- PW Crews are gearing up for snow removal efforts this weekend in anticipation of the winter weather predicted for the metro Sunday night.
- Transition from Waste Management to WCA continues through next week with cart delivery and pick-up. Residents will receive information in the mail shortly with additional details, or they may visit the City’s website for more information.
- Several staff and Sustainability Commission members attended a Communities for All Ages Professional Network workshop Friday focused on Universal Design concepts applied to housing, parks, public rights of way and open spaces. There were valuable perspectives on how to shift thinking away from the “minimum” standard of accessibility represented in ADA to more inclusive policies and practices.

The Broadmoor project was set to be completed this year; but is experiencing delays due to a manufacturer defect on one of the traffic signal poles. The new pole was to ship today (12/13). Demolition of the old signals will occur once the new signal poles are up. In addition, a number of utility conflicts were encountered which resulted in delays on the SW corner and the north side of the intersection. Additional paving and sidewalk work will occur over the next two weeks.

Due to the delays on the traffic signal poles, the contractor will have to return next Spring to pave the entire intersection.

In place of our standard “Employee Profile” feature this week, we are celebrating all of our City Employees and their contributions day in and day out to keep things running smoothly. We appreciate each and every one, and recognized them at a luncheon this week.