



# The Serving Tray

Rotary Club of Kirksville -- Charter 371 -- District 6040

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**SHOES FOR ORPHAN SOULS:** Chair Rashmi said the campaign is off to a slow start but encouraged us to place donations today in the St. Patrick's Day hat modeled by President Marie. The club goal is \$2,000.

**PARADE FLAGS PROJECT:** President Marie said the project is going forward and \$20.00 donations are sought for purchase of flags. You may be able to select a particular country.



## MAYOR ZAC BURDEN ON MARIJUANA SALES TAX PROPOSAL

In Ramey's introduction we learned that Zac became a City Council member in 2019 and has been selected as Mayor repeatedly thereafter. A Truman graduate, Zac is Assistant Director of Residence Life after 15 years as a hall director. He was born and raised in Kansas City but has called Kirksville home for 24 years. Zac has an interest in local history and has produced local history stories. He also serves on the Historic Preservation Committee. A former North Star president and RKDS Award recipient, he said once his term on the City Council ends he would consider rejoining Rotary. (Let's hold him to that!)

Mayor Burden spoke about the 3% sales tax on non-medicinal marijuana on the April 4 ballot. The background on this proposal and proposed usage of proceeds is described in detail in pages 2 and 3 of the Serving Tray. He encouraged us to vote yes on both the city and county 3% proposals. He said we should be aware that there is a front and back to the ballot. The county tax is covered on the back of the ballot.

Mayor Burden, pictured above with President Marie, also spoke about the City's Covid \$3.5M legacy project. There are 16 possible projects and, from this, the City will pick 4-5 projects to pursue. He said we can respond electronically on line or dropping off your proposed projects at City Hall.

**50-50 Drawing:** Debi Boughton did not pull the ace of spades; pot now up to \$135.

### Guests:

**Ansh Atrival** (prospective member)  
**Uyilawa Okhuadesey "Dr. We"** (prospective member)  
Josh Farmer (proposed member); **Teagan Nolan** (guest of Patrick Nolan)

### Upcoming Programs:

**Mar. 22:** Curtain Call/Preview "The Murder Room"  
**Mar. 29:** Jenne Harding/TSU Children's Literature Festival  
**April 5:** Chuck Updike/Solar Energy  
**April 12:** Flag Project Update (Jeff Romine & Flag Committee)  
**April 19:** Dr. Drew Sieg/Earth Day

## Background

Missouri voters approved a constitutional amendment in November 2022 to allow the sale and use of marijuana.

That amendment allows cities and counties to take an additional sales tax to voters.

More than 100 Missouri cities have put a marijuana sales tax proposal on the April ballot.



## What's the proposal?

It would place a 3% sales tax on marijuana products in Kirksville.

The tax would NOT go on medicinal marijuana sales.

## How much would that generate?

Early estimates are about \$36,000 in the first year.

## Where will the city use that money?

Revenue generated from the tax will be split 50/50 to support the Kirksville Police Department and Community Development efforts.

KPD will use the funds to combat illegal narcotics.

Community Development efforts include an improved Housing Rehabilitation Program, youth programs,

## Quick facts about the marijuana sales tax proposal

On April 4, Kirksville voters will decide if a 3% sales tax will be placed on marijuana products sold in the city.

### Ballot language

Shall the City of Kirksville, Missouri, impose a sales tax of three percent (3%) on all retail sales of adult use non-medicinal marijuana sold in the City of Kirksville, Missouri, with all revenues to be used to equally support the Kirksville Police Department and Community Development efforts?

- Early estimates predict the tax will generate about \$36,000 in the first year.
- Revenue generated from the tax will be split 50/50 to support the Kirksville Police Department and Community Development efforts.
- KPD will use the funds to combat illegal narcotics.
- Community Development efforts include funding an improved Housing Rehabilitation Program, youth programs, and more.
- More than 100 Missouri cities have a marijuana sales tax proposal on their ballot.
- This tax will not be applied on medical marijuana products.
- If you do not purchase marijuana products, you will not be affected by this tax.

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