



Serving the Business Community Since 1929

MISSION STATEMENT:

The Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce supports our business community to enhance the quality of life for our citizens.

To achieve this mission, we will:

- Promote our community assets
- Develop our community assets
- Support business retention & satisfaction



Chamber at Work

ADOPT A STREET PROGRAM

The Adopt A Street program is a cooperative plan between the City and the Chamber which is maintained by community groups and citizens.

Chamber is a member of:

- American Chamber of Commerce Exec.
- Missouri Economic Development Council
- Better Business Bureau of Greater KC
- Raytown Main Street Association
- Missouri Chamber of Comm. & Industry
- Eastern Jackson County Betterment Council
- The KC BBQ Society (KCBS)
- Raytown Human Relations Commission

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The Raytown, Missouri area developed throughout the 1800s and early 1900s as pioneers moved westward along the Three Trails in search of available fertile lands and water. One of these travelers, William Ray, moved to Jackson County around 1848 and established his blacksmith shop along the Santa Fe Trail. By 1860, his business was well established on what is now the intersection of 63rd Street and Raytown Road. By 1858, his neighbors were referring to the town as Ray's Town and eventually Raytown. The City of Raytown incorporated in 1950 and celebrated its sesquicentennial in 1999.

The greatest benefit of Raytown's geographic location is its access to the entire greater Kansas City area. Serving as a crossroads to surrounding communities, the City of Raytown is 10.4 square miles located southeast of downtown Kansas City. Raytown has outstanding access to Interstates 435 and 70. The 350 Highway link, in the ever-growing community of eastern Jackson County, makes Raytown an important economic development corridor. The greatest asset in the City remains the people. Neighborhoods and business associations are an important aspect of life here. People are engaged, friendly and proud of their community. The city boasts a full range of civic, social and church opportunities to meet the needs of its citizens. The City of Raytown is a great place to live and do business!



On November 16, 1929 the Raytown Commercial Club incorporated. Over the next 80 years the organization has expanded its boundaries and updated mission statements and purposes. A new building, totally funded by a capital campaign, was



erected at its current site on the corner of 59th & Raytown Trafficway in 1988.

Now known as the Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce, our boundaries include the 32-square-mile area of the Raytown School District, and beyond. We sit in the heart of the Kansas City, Missouri metropolitan area and serve as a crossroads to many destinations. We are, and will continue to be, a community excited about living, playing or working in a place we call home.

The Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce has always been and currently remains an advocate of the businesses in this community, and our focus is on a successful business future. In today's world, working hard is not enough. You need to work smart, looking for the best opportunities to increase your visibility and maximize your chances for success.

That's where the Chamber fits into your business plan – membership in the Chamber is one of the wisest investments you will ever make.



Why join the Chamber?

- PROMOTE & GROW YOUR BUSINESS
- SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY
- GAIN AN ADVOCATE FOR YOUR BUSINESS

HOW TO USE YOUR CHAMBER

The Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce works for you. To receive a maximum return on your investment, we encourage you to GET INVOLVED in your Chamber.

Each time you attend a Chamber program, you have an opportunity to expand your network and potential customer base. Programs are designed to provide you with the knowledge you need for your business to succeed. Involve yourself in one of the numerous Chamber committees or events to promote your business through networking, marketing, and exhibiting.

WHEN YOU JOIN THE CHAMBER, YOU GAIN:

► BUSINESS SUPPORT

- BUSINESS REFERRALS
- INSURANCE
 - BC & BS CHAMBER CHOICE
- MARKETING AND RESOURCE INFORMATION
- MARKETING OPPORTUNITIES
- MEMBER 2 MEMBER PROGRAM (M2M)
- MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY & COMMUNITY PROFILE
- WEB SITE

► COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- RAYTOWN CITY MAP

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- RAYTOWN NIGHT WITH THE MAVERICKS
- RAYTOWN NIGHT AT THE ROYALS
- RAYTOWN SUMMERFEST & BBQ COOKOFF
- THE CHAMBER GOLF TOURNAMENT

► EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

- CONSTANT COMMUNICATIONS, WEEKLY C-MAIL
- "CHAMBER CONNECTIONS" NEWSLETTER
- LEGISLATIVE AWARENESS

► NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

- BUSINESS AFTER HOURS/RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONIES
- COMMITTEE INVOLVEMENT
- MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEONS
- MORNING COFFEE NETWORKING

<i>Fair Share Annual Investment Schedule</i>	
1 to 5 employees.....	\$219
6 to 10 employees.....	\$300
11 to 25 employees.....	\$416
26 to 50 employees.....	\$514
51 to 100 employees.....	\$740
101 to 150 employees.....	\$1,040
Over 150 employees.....	\$1,224
Associate (Retired) Members.....	\$127
Individual (Civic) Member.....	\$127
Not-for-Profit Organization*.....	\$156
*Designated as 501(C)3 ONLY	

The Fair Share Investment Schedule is based on number of full-time employees in your company. (2 part-time=1 full-time)

Your membership investment may be deductible as an ordinary expense; it is not deductible as a charitable contribution.

Unlimited Possibilities!

Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce ~ Membership Application

Company Name _____

Main Representative _____

Address _____

City State Zip _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-Mail: _____

Website _____

Recruited By _____

Type of Business (For a list of categories, contact the Chamber)

No. of Employees: _____ (2 part-time=1 full-time)
 Annual Investment Amount \$ _____
 Add. Reps. (____ x \$35) \$ _____
 1. _____
 2. _____
 Administration Fee + \$ 25.00
 Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Which form of communication do you prefer to receive notices on meetings, events, and news?
 E-mail _____ Fax _____ Mail _____

"The Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce, has my permission to send, via fax or e-mail, notices regarding all Chamber functions."

Signature: _____
 Date: _____