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CHAMBER CONNECTIONS

MISSION STATEMENT

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

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MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON



STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

From Mayor Mike McDonough

WHEN: Thursday, February 23 [Register online](#)
Networking begins at 11:00am, Lunch at 11:30am

WHERE: First Baptist Raytown, 10500 E. 350 Highway
(Enter off 75th Street - through ROC entrance)

\$21.00/person - RSVP by Mon. Feb. 20

LUNCHEON RSVP POLICY

- ▶ Registrations must be made by NOON on the Monday before luncheon.
- ▶ Cancellations will be accepted until 24 hours prior to the luncheon.
- Cancellation after 24 hours, or No-shows will be invoiced with a \$2.00 fee added.

LUNCHEON SPONSOR



RAYTOWN NIGHT AT THE ROYALS

FRIDAY, JUNE 2

KANSAS CITY ROYALS VS. CLEVELAND INDIANS

Don't miss the fun and excitement
- join your community for a great time at the K!

★ **HERE'S YOUR CHANCE OF A LIFETIME!** ★

Win the opportunity to stand on home plate and catch the Ceremonial First Pitch from Chair of the Board, Carol Baker.
Only \$10/Raffle ticket - On sale NOW!

~ Winner announced at April Chamber Luncheon ~ Must be at least 18 years old. No one else allowed on field.
~ Must be able to catch a baseball from 60 feet away. ~ Must purchase a ticket to the game & bring your own glove.

This could be
YOU!!!



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

2017 has started off fast and furious! It was very humbling to receive a 10 year plaque for dedicated service as President of the Raytown Chamber at the Chamber Celebration luncheon. I am excited for what is in store for the Chamber in the coming year. The Rock Island Trail project, deciding what to do with the Chamber building, remodel or relocate, seeing the progress with new development and watching re-development of local businesses.

Outgoing Chair of the Board, Michelle Williams presented the gavel at the January board meeting on January 19 to Carol Baker, 2017 Chair. The first 2017 meeting of the Government Relations Committee was held on Friday, January 20 with four of the six State Reps in attendance (photo below). Thank you to Brandon Ellington, District 22, Richard Brown, District 27, Jerome Barnes District 28 and Rory Rowland, District 29 for being at the meeting and giving those in attendance an update. It was a great way to kick off the year!

If you are interested in being a part of the Government Relations Committee, the meetings are normally held on the 3rd Friday of the month at 8:00 a.m. at the Chamber office.



Golf Committee meetings will begin in February, Royals Night Task Force will start in March and the Senior Celebration will start then as well. If you are interested in being on a committee or task force, please let me know. Luncheon programs and lunch and learn topics have been set, go to the Chamber's website and click on the calendar of events for updated information.

The Raytown Chamber Board of Directors has asked Raytown Fire Chief Matt Mace to join the monthly Board meetings as a liaison from the fire district. Matt will make every attempt to attend the monthly meetings and if he cannot will either send a written report or Deputy Chief Mike Hunley. We are excited to have Matt attending these meetings.

My door is always open, come by anytime!

Vicki Turnbow, President



Co-Chairs Terry Landers and Brian Wagler have set the first meeting for the **Raytown Chamber/Raytown Rotary Golf Tournament** for **Wednesday, February 15 at 1:00 p.m.** to be held at the Chamber office.

We will work on some final details, pricing, etc. so the golf flyer can be updated and ready for distribution towards the end of February. If you are interested in serving on this task force, please let the Chamber office know and we'll see you on the 15th!





The Business Brigade made their first visit to **Shamrock Cabinet & Fixture Corp.** located at 10201 E. 65th Street. Erik Blaney, Chief Executive Officer and President, of the Company along with Bill Price, Chief Financial Officer and President Emeritus, greeted us and gave the group a little history behind the company. Bill actually started the company about 52 years ago in his garage. A tour of the show room and review of the different types of wood were first on the agenda. The next part of the tour, Robert Aldridge, Vice President and Director of Operations, took us into the lower part of the building where we received an up front and personal view of how the

cabinets are made. There are no cabinets made in advance – everything is customized to each order.

Shamrock Cabinets supplies cabinets to nearly 100 builders including 2 of the largest builders in the Kansas City metropolitan area. I am sure you have seen one of the Shamrock Cabinet trucks around town. Interested in new cabinets, give Erik a call at 816-737-2300.



MEMBER MARKET



NEED A RENTAL HALL?

PARTIES ~ DANCES ~ RECEPTIONS ~ MEETINGS

SERVING THE GREATER KC AREA, THE HALL IS CONVENIENTLY LOCATED 1½ MILES SOUTH OF THE TRUMAN SPORTS COMPLEX ON BLUE RIDGE CUTOFF AT SNI-A-BAR ROAD.

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2016 Chamber Celebration

The annual Celebration was held at Adam's Mark Hotel and the 2016 Chamber awards were presented (see pg. 5) as well as the incoming Board members and officers were sworn in. Thank you to our Celebration Sponsor: KCP&L and Luncheon Sponsor: ServPro of LS/Raytown/East KC.



Outgoing Chair
Michelle Williams



Board Class of 2019



Chamber President,
Vicki
Turnbow

Honored for 10 years of service



2017 Board Officers



2017 Board of Directors



Brian Wagler with ServPro

As a graduate of the Raytown School District and President of the Raytown Chamber, it is an honor to be part of an organization that recognizes the achievements from the businesses within our community. It is exciting to know the **2016 Business of the Year** award was presented to the **Raytown Quality School District**. All the businesses within the school district boundaries, should be proud of the Raytown School District and all of their accomplishments not only in 2016 but always. A successful school district means the community will continue to thrive and our children will receive a quality education. Congratulations to Dr. Allan Markley, School Administration, teachers and students – you deserve this award.



Congratulations to **Crane Brewing Company** on receiving the **2016 Small Business of the Year**. This group took a passion and turned it into a successful business. They have embraced Raytown and Raytown is proud to have the words "Brewed and Bottled in Raytown, MO" on each label.



Since 1997, the Chamber Person of the Year has been awarded to honor a person who has contributed both in leadership and in helping to carry out the program of work for that particular year. **Kaylie Baker**, the **2016 Chamber Person of the Year** fit the criteria best. She not only sponsors events, she volunteers at them. In 2016, she took on the challenge from the Board of Directors in helping to start the Raytown Young Professionals group. This group has grown to over 60 members.

*Congratulations
to all the 2016
award winners!*



NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS

LANE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH
Jerry Applegate

STATE REPRESENTATIVE DIST. 28
Jerome Barnes

Welcome!

☺ *We would like to thank
our members who gave 110%. >>>*

CHAMBER RENEWALS

☺ **Westridge Gardens Rehabilitation & Care Center 2009** Juaquan Herron
☺ **Heartland Cremation & Burial Society 1994** Andrew Loos
☺ **Show-Me Presentation Resources 1999** Ron Dake
☺ **Express Employment Professionals 2015** Bill Haney
☺ **Blue Ridge Bank and Trust Co. 1989** William C. Esry
☺ **Blue Ridge Bank and Trust Co.-Raytown 1989** Paula Cannon
☺ **Associate Member-Clarice Titus 2003**
☺ **Courier Printing 1990** Thomas Lankford
☺ **Comcast 1981** Tom Krewson, Rayma Nesselrode, Michael Sarne, Kara Starr
☺ **Albin's Fine Jewelry 1999** Wayne Albin
☺ **ReeceNichols Real Estate 2010** Bob Chambers
☺ **Raytown Community Interfaith Alliance 2015** Rev. Pat Jackson

☺ **Associate Member-Phylis Goforth 2008**
☺ **Raytown Times 2013** Randy Battagler
☺ **The UPS Store 2007** Peggy Sundquist
☺ **Rayview Construction, Inc. 2011** Steve Bakken
☺ **Grow In Peace Childcare 2014** Carla Hamilton
☺ **Awards & T-Shirt Specialists, Inc. 2012** Angela O'Donohue-Singleton
☺ **River Christian Fellowship 2006** Timmy Hensel
☺ **Columbia College-Kansas City 2009** Cindy Miller, Charlie Mackey
☺ **Mowers Ahead Lawn & Landscape LLC 2016** Aaron Mitchell
☺ **Damsel In Defense 2016** Charlene Lawson



RAYTOWN QUALITY SCHOOLS NEWS



Meet & Greet RHS New Football Coach - February 1 - 7-8pm - Raytown High School Library
Come meet the new Raytown High School Football Coach-Logan Minnick-coming to us from Kearney.

Southland CAPS will be holding an Information Meeting on **Monday, February 13th at 6:30 pm** at Herndon Career Center. We will provide information about Southland CAPS, as well as, answer any questions people might have. We invite community members, parents and students who would be interested in more information about the program.



Part of a five-year plan to offer no cost, half-day pre-kindergarten services to all four-year-olds in Raytown, the Raytown C-2 School District is ex-panding its early childhood offerings beginning with the 2017-2018 school year. The District will offer 170 new pre-k seats in addition to the 68 Head Start and 17 fee-based seats currently offered at Herndon Preschool. The District will also continue to offer Title I and Special Education services at New Trails Early Learning Center. In addition to the new seats, the District will also provide transportation for all of its early childhood programs.

"The data shows that the longer our students stay with us, the better they perform both behaviorally and academically," Superintendent Dr. Allan Markley said. "We now have the opportunity to start building a strong foundation at an earlier age. I am thankful for the community's support, which gave us the courage to move forward with our plan."

"By the start of the next school year, our early childhood program will offer over 500 preschool seats. Though some of our programs cater to students age 3-5, next year's expansion will cover a significant part of our goal to offer early childhood services to every four-year-old in our attendance area, which we estimate to be around 630 prospective students in a given year," Dr. Markley said.

Pre-registration is open from February 3 - 17. Children must be four years old on or before July 31, 2017 to be eligible for one of the 170 pre-k seats. Families with students who are currently enrolled in Herndon Preschool or New Trails Early Learning Center, who will be returning for the 2017-2018 school year, do not need to pre-register for placement.

For more information about the Pre-K Expansion Program, please call 816.268.7430, email tonya.sons@raytownschools.org, or visit http://earlychildhood.raytownschools.org/pk_expansion.

Community Connections

Resources for Raytown School District Families

Save The Date

Saturday, April 8, 2017

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM Location: Raytown High School

If your organization or business would like to be part of this event or you would like to donate, please contact Carlene Henry (816-268-7000) by February 28, 2017 for more details.

Our Members in the News



For eight straight years, Raytown has celebrated a night at the Mavericks game. This year, the community night was held on Sunday, January 22.



Chair of the Board, Carol Baker was able to get up close and personal with the Mavericks players during the first quarter of the game. Close to 150 tickets were sold for this community night.



President, Vicki Turnbow attended the **“Passing of the Torch” retirement ceremony for Alan Otto of Otto’s Service** on January 27 hosted by the South Kansas City Chamber. After 40 years, Alan has decided to pass the torch to his son & daughter in law, Andrew & Terri Otto. Otto Service has been an active member of the Raytown Chamber since 2014. Scott Taylor (6th District At Large KC) & Representative Daron McGee (District 36) presented proclamations to Alan. Alan seemed very humbled by all the attention and was looking forward to sleeping in and washing dishes at home.



RAYTOWN POLICE TO HOST FREE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT) TRAINING

The RPD is pleased to host free CERT training, beginning April 4. The training provides an excellent opportunity to learn about preparing for a variety of emergencies & disasters that could affect our community. Training includes basic disaster response skills: fire safety, light search & rescue, team organization, & disaster medical operations.

Training sessions will be held on Tuesday & Thursday, from April 11-27. The sessions are from 6:00-9:00pm. The final session is a mock disaster exercise, where participants put their CERT skills to use, is held on Saturday, April 29, 9am-12:00pm. The training will be held at the Raytown Fire District Station #1, 6020 Raytown Trafficway, Raytown, Missouri.

For an enrollment form, or more information, contact Captain Michelle Rogers at 816-737-6103. For more information about CERT, please visit ready.gov/citizen-corps.

A.M. CONNECTIONS NETWORKING AT ...



Upcoming Member Events



A.M. CONNECTIONS NETWORKING

The next "A.M. Connections" will be held at **LUTFI'S FRIED FISH, 6633 RAYTOWN RD.** Come by anytime between **7:30 to 8:30am** for coffee & network with other businesses within the community. An added bonus will be to see the business who has agreed to sponsor the event and find out what they can offer to you!



Lutfi's Fried Fish - 6633 Raytown Rd.

Monday, February 6

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Hot 103 JAMZ Soulfood Tour

\$1.03 comeback sandwich

or wing snack pack

Monday, February 20

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Gospel 1590 Radio Soulfood Tour

\$1.59 comeback sandwich

or wing snack pack

CHAMBER LUNCH & LEARN

Thu. March 30 - 11:30 to 12:30 - Raytown Wellness Center

DISASTER PLANNING FOR BUSINESS & MUNICIPALITIES

Presented by Brian Wagler, SERVPRO of Lee's Summit / Raytown / East Kansas City

\$12/person, includes lunch [Register by Mar. 27](#)



MARCH MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

ROCK ISLAND RAIL CORRIDOR UPDATE

WHEN: Wed., March 22

- Networking begins at 11:00am, Lunch at 11:30am

WHERE: V's Italiano Ristorante, 10819 E. 40 Highway

\$16.00/person - cash/check/credit at the door - [Register by Monday, Mar. 20](#)



HOST A NETWORKING EVENT AT YOUR BUSINESS!!!

The Raytown Chamber is looking for businesses to host a networking event. The **A.M. Connections Networking** events are scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month and by hosting, you agree to provide the coffee from 7:30-8:30am. Listed below are the dates available and the sponsorship for each event is \$50.00.

The **After Hours Networking** events are scheduled for the first Thursday of the month from 4:30-5:30pm (unless a different day would be better for your business) for those who prefer an evening event. By hosting an After Hours you agree to provide some beverages/refreshments, of your choice. Contact the Chamber office if you are interested in an After Hours, the sponsorship for each event is \$50.00.

By hosting a networking event you will be provided with invitations to hand out to your customers or neighboring businesses, advertisement in the monthly newsletter, notification for 30 days in the weekly c-mail and a listing in the event calendar on the Chamber's website. Morning Coffees/After Hours are offered on a first come first served basis. If you are a business that does not have a location in Raytown and are interested in hosting an A.M. Connections or After Hours, contact the Chamber to see about hosting it at the Chamber office.



2017 A.M. CONNECTIONS AVAILABLE:

Mar. 14 - Apr. 18 - June 20 - Aug. 15 - Sept. 19 - Oct. 17 - Nov. 7





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FEBRUARY

2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Check your weekly Chamber Connections C-mail for an up-to-date Calendar			1 12:00pm Membership Services Cmte.	2 	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 7:15am Board of Directors Mtg.	10	11
12	13	14 <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i> 	15 1:00pm Golf Tournament Task Force	16	17 8:00am Government Relations Committee	18
19	20 12:00pm DEADLINE For lunch Reservations 	21	22	23 11:30am MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS	24	25
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