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AFTER HOURS AT STONEY CREEK HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER

18011 Bass Pro Drive, Independence, MO 64055

THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 2021

4:30 - 6:00 p.m.
Tropical Theme - Wear those Tropical Shirts!



Come enjoy a kickoff to summer with us after hours at Stoney Creek from 4:30-6:00pm. Enjoy one of our specialty cocktails and seasonal appetizers! We will be giving tours of our guest rooms and conference space and enter to win a great raffle item. We are opening our doors for an evening to meet our team and answer any questions you may have about our property. We look forward to meeting you all!

FREE TO ATTEND BUT PLEASE REGISTER





RIBBON CUTTING - GNARLY HUSSLE 6317 Raytown Road, Raytown, MO 64133 Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Join owners, Patrick Clifton, Alex Quinn and their team, as they celebrate the opening of their vintage clothing apparel business, Gnarly Hussle. The Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism will hold an official

ribbon cutting from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. with ribbon cutting at 11:00. After the ribbon cutting plan to stay and shop.





GRANDVIEW

Please join us for our June Member Luncheon:

"Jobs Available!"

Hiring in a Post-Pandemic World

Thursday, June 24, 2021 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



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ALL NO SHOWS WILL BE CHARGED PAGE 2 JUNE 2021



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staff@raytownchamber.com

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BUILDING RENOVATION UPDATE

Dear Raytown Chamber Members, Past Donors and Potential New Donors:

Phase I of the Building Renovations is almost complete. With a dedication planned sometime this summer, we need to start working to raise funds for Phase 2.

Phase 2 will be for the construction of the ADA compliant handicapped ramp, to be installed on the east side of the building, attached to a new easily accessible entrance. The current ramp located on the south side of the building will be removed.

A large outstanding phase of the project is the **Building Accessibility Project**, which will bring the building up to ADA compliance, inside and outside. This portion of the project has a price tag of approximately \$60,000. We received a grant through the Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation and are excited about receiving this grant to cover the non-construction related items associated with the project. **The Building Foundation needs to raise the remaining \$40,000 of this project and you can help!**

We hope even if you have donated in the past, you will consider donating again. All donations are tax-deductible because the Raytown Chamber of Commerce Building Foundation is a 501c3.

Are you interested in making a tax-deductible donation or donating a product or service? Contact Vicki Turnbow, President at 816-353-8500 or email her at president@raytownchamber.com.

We truly believe the community will be very pleased with the building renovations once complete. Total still to be raised including this project is just at \$150,000. Thank you again for all the support during the building renovations.

We are able to accept cash, credit card and check. We have even had donations made in the memory of some great people who were involved in the Chamber for years that are no longer with us. What a great way to preserve their memory!



BE KIND, BE PATIENT, BE RAYTOWN!

Remember to call or stop by if there is anything I can help you with.

Vicki Turnbow, President

Chamber office will be closed Friday, 06/28/2021 through 07/05/2021

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MEMBER MARKET



NEED A RENTAL HALL?

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\$100 discount with this ad!

OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Saturday 8 am-12 pm

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Market your business to more than 400 Members in the CHAMBER CONNECTIONS.

Business card, 1/4 page, 1/2 page or full page Space Available - 3 months or 1 year run All marketing may include a website link. All marketing must be prepaid.

Contact the Chamber for more information.

YOUR AD COULD BE IN THIS MARKETING SPACE!

P EMPLOYEE BENEFITS



EXCLUSIVE CHAMBER MEMBER INSURANCE PROGRAM

Save on group medical coverage and more with this exclusive program.

Why pay more for coverage when there are better options available to you as a Chamber member? You and your employees deserve the best insurance benefits at the best possible price. We can improve your program now – don't wait any longer. Call today!

- Savings for groups of 5 to 5,000 enrolled
- · Exclusive group medical insurance programs
- In addition to medical, discounts available on dental, vision, disability, life, critical illness, accident, and pet
- Fully insured, level funded, and self-insured composite rates
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May in Photos

May 18 - A.M. Connections

Thank you to Pam Clark, Clark's Appliances for hosting the May 18th A.M. Connections.











May 26 Membership Luncheon

May 26 Membership Luncheon was held at Kenagy Park with box lunches provided by Affordable Elegance. Everyone who attended was able to reconnect and provide updates on what is happening at their business or organization. A big thank you to ElizaBeth Clayton with Village Hospice for sponsoring the May luncheon.















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Miscellaneous Photos

The Raytown Parks
Department hosted a
retirement party for
Ron Fowler, who has
been with the parks
department for over
34 years.
Congratulations Ron!



Dawn Eblen with Community Blood Center of Greater KC came by and picked up her membership plaque!



Scout Troop 550 picking up trash along the Rock Island Trail.

Raytown Three Trails Kiwanis picking up trash on 63rd Street for the Adopt A Street program.



Raytown Parks Department adds a piece of art, called Moonscape, to the Pocket Park in downtown Raytown on May 14.







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Building Capital Campaign Update & Rock Island Trail Photos

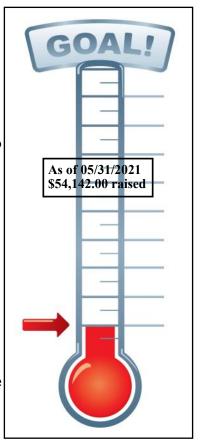
See page 2 of this newsletter with an update on Phase 2 of the Building Remodel. The Building Accessibility Project will allow those who are disabled access into the second floor. Work to allow for handicapped accessibility has already started on the main floor restroom and work will begin later this summer on the restroom on the second floor.

The construction side of this project will cost approximately \$40,000 and this is the amount we will work to raise at this time. Ultimately, to finish the entire remodel we are looking at raising a total of \$150,000. We continue to apply for grants, so if you know of a construction grant, let Vicki know.

If you need a donation/pledge form or have questions, contact Vicki Turnbow at 816-353-8500 or email her at president@raytownchamber.com.

Also, another way to support the Building Foundation is you buy through Amazon, log into Amazon Smile and select Raytown Chamber of Commerce Building Foundation.

As you probably are aware, with all the rain we had in May, the grand opening of the Rock Island Trail has been pushed back. As soon as we know the official date, we will be working to hold a dedication ceremony here at the Chamber for the "Raytown Chamber Trailhead" and the completion of Phase I of the Building Remodel. We hope to work with the City of Raytown and Crane Brewing to bring you a great celebration that day. Be watching for more details to come.





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CHAMBER RENEWALS

Better Business Bureau, Dustin Johnson, Marvin Carolina 2006

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Business Data Services, Tito Huynh 2012

CareNow Urgent Care, Drew Huffington, Angela Daniel,

Kelly Owens 2013

©City of Raytown, Mayor Mike McDonough 2015

City of Raytown, Missy Wilson, Toni Alexander, City Clerk, Jason Hanson, Ray Haydaripoor, Damon Hodges, Jose Leon,

Russ Petry 1995

@ We would like to thank our members who gave 110%.

©Cole Pest Control, Helen Cole 2014

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Edward Jones, Brian Ross 2017

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Derek Ward 1979

Madden Media, Jeff Hirst 2020

Midwest Bookkeeping & Tax Service, Janet Downs 1982

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Terrace Home Health, Michael Brooks, Ronisha Coleman 2020



Have you utilized your member benefits late? Questions about the benefits available to you as a member, call the office today!

Thank you to those businesses who paid 110% and are now members of the

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HELP US GROW YOUR CHAMBER

NEW MEMBER REFERRALS NEEDED

Referrals can be companies you buy from, companies that buy from you, or companies whom you have a connection with.

Help the Raytown Chamber continue to grow and be able to provide quality services to other businesses just like yourself.

Contact the Chamber office at 816-353-8500 or email staff@raytownchamber.com and we will contact them about joining the Chamber!

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Senior Celebration Sponsorships



7th Annual Senior Celebration

Saturday, 07/17/2021 4:30-7:30 p.m. **Knights of Columbus** 5101 Blue Ridge Cutoff, KCMO 64133

Sponsorship Opportunities - (all sponsors may put an item in the swag bags given to each attendee)

□ Platinum Sponsor \$2000 (2 SOLD - 1 AVAILABLE)

Sponsorship includes a company logo in all promotional material, plus it will be on the Chamber's website, Facebook & all emails regarding the event. Your company logo will be displayed on the sponsorship sign & in the event program. 1/2 page marketing space in the Chamber newsletter.

□ Gold Sponsor - \$1000

Name listed in all promotional material, Chamber's website & event emails. Your company logo will be on the sponsorship sign & event program. 1/4 page marketing space in Chamber newsletter.

☐ Silver Sponsor - \$500

Name listed in all promotional material, on the Chamber's website, event emails, on the sponsorship sign & event program. 1/8 page marketing space in Chamber newsletter. PLATINUM SPONSORS:

☐ Bronze Sponsor - \$250

Name listed on the sponsorship sign & event program

□ Community Sponsor \$25 to \$100

Name listed in the event program





What a great way to celebrate the roots of our community our seniors!

To be included in all marketing - send this form back before June 15.





Company Name	Contact Name				
Address, City, State, Zip					
Phone	Email				
Payment Enclosed	Please send this completed form to the Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism along with your payment.				
Invoice (Dunter Mexico only)	5909 Raytown Trafficway, Raytown, MO 64133 or email it to: staff@raytownchamber.com				
Call with a Credit Card	For questions, call 816-353-8500 today!				
	Deadline for Sponsorships is June 15!				

Check your sponsorship level and return the form to the Chamber:

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Member Email Marketing Campaign



5909 Raytown Trafficway Raytown, MO 64133 816-353-8500 / Fax: 816-353-8525 president@raytownchamber.com

Member Email Marketing Campaign February 1, 2021

- Email campaign will begin the week of March 1, 2021.
 - Must be a member of the Raytown Chamber.
 - Marketing spaces will be accepted on a first come first served basis per each week.
 - Marketing space must be paid prior to the email date.
 - Dates can be secured and paid for in advance.
 - Limit to one marketing space per member per week but no limit per year.
 - Marketing spaces will be in either color and/or black or white (Members choice)
 - Marketing space must be sent to Vicki in JPEG format.
 - Needs to be received 5 business days <u>before</u> the email is to be sent
- No video's will be accepted at this time.
- Emails will be sent through Constant Contact.
 - A link to the Member's website and/or email will be provided.
 - All current members and Courtesy members will be sent the email.
- At the bottom of the email, the following statement will be included:
 - This is a member paid, Chamber approved, advertisement. Marketing spaces can be purchased for \$75 per send. We will send a maximum of 3 advertisements per week. If you have an advertisement you would like the Chamber to send out, please email Vicki at president@raytownchamber.com or call 816-353-8500.

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Raytown Chamber / Rotary Golf

NEW DATE FOR THE RAYTOWN CHAMBER/ROTARY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Teetering Rocks Golf Course Wednesday, July 21, 2021 Registration / Lunch 11:00 to 1:00 Shot Gun Start 1:00 p.m.

Putting Contest Sponsorship is still available - only \$200 Sign up a team

GOLF TOURNAMENT SPONSORSHIPS & PRICING

✓ CHECK THE ONES YOU WOULD LIKE:

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Deadline for teams & sponsors: May 6, 2021 Mail, fax or email to: Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce • 5909 Raytown Trafficway • Raytown, MO 64133 • Fax 816-353-8525							

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Our Members in the News



NEW OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR FOR EDWARD JONES, GEORGE KOEPP OFFICE

I am pleased to introduce my new branch office administrator, Malinda McKinney, who comes to our office with 25 years of experience in the financial services industry.

She previously worked at a local bank, Bank of America, in Raytown and Lee's Summit and is excited about the opportunity to work with you in fulfilling your administrative needs while continuing to provide the same level of exceptional service you have come to expect from our office.

We are excited to have Malinda on board and am confident that, as a team, we will continue to Provide high-quality service.

Sincerely, George Koepp, Financial Advisor (816-353-3646)

Carmen Kraus Named A Persevering Advocate for Non-Profit Connect Written & Nominated by Michelle Williams

Help me congratulate Philanthropy award winner, Carmen Kraus for the NP Connect Persevering Advocate for Hope Network Staff, a year ago April, when the world shut down, Hope Network had to rethink how to distribute food to our community. Many staff and a few brave volunteers came along side and helped serve 100 families food bags donated each week.



Overwhelmed due to lack of volunteers, attempting to feed large numbers of people while running the organization as the Executive Director and become my child's school teacher, I was struggling. I don't like to turn down opportunities that are handed to us, but when I received the phone call from Loffredo Foods wanting to park a semi-truck in our lot, I about threw in the towel.

I contacted Carmen in tears asking if she could help be the liaison for this company and the details. Not only did Carmen rise to the task, she took it (as she always seems to do) above and beyond and worked with the community making a good name for Hope Network and Connection Point Church.

Fast forward to a few months ago, I had an opportunity to nominate an "Persevering Advocate" through Nonprofit Connect and I knew this would be a great opportunity to publicly recognize this incredible worker bee, Carmen. She was awarded and humbled by this opportunity and I was thrilled that she was recognized for outstanding work as a persevering advocate for Hope Network and Connection Point church.

Watch the super brief description and interview given to Carmen at today's Non-Profit Connect Philanthropic virtual luncheon and check out her award!

Thank you Carmen, for persevering and advocating for Hope Network and Connection Point! You showed Christs love, as you continue to do, to all who came in contact with you this past year!

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City of Raytown names Toni Alexander as new Public Information Officer

(RAYTOWN, Mo.) – The City of Raytown announces the appointment of Toni Alexander, an experienced marketing and public relations professional, as the city's new Public Information Officer (PIO). She started her new role on April 12.

As the PIO, Alexander is responsible for managing, planning, organizing, and directing the city's information and communications programs. To ensure a positive public image of the city and the timely provision of information to citizens, Alexander will also serve as a liaison between the city, public, and media according to the standards of the city.

"Toni's extensive experience, aptitude, and community ties make her an excellent fit for this position," said City Administrator Damon Hodges. "We are excited to have Toni join our dedicated team here at the City of Raytown. Keeping the community informed and engaged is core to our mission in serving the Raytown residents."

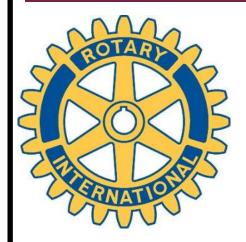


Alexander offers more than 20 years of experience in public relations and has worked in various Industries and cities. She most recently served nearly a decade as communications manager at Visit KC.

She earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Central Missouri. A Kansas City native and Raytown resident, Alexander is active in the community. She volunteers with Hope Faith-Homeless Assistance Campus, Metro Lutheran ministries and The Animal Rescue Alliance, an all-volunteer organization dedicated to finding forever homes for homeless pets in the metro. She has also served on the following boards and committees: Greater Kansas City Attractions Association, the Public Relations Society of America Greater Kansas City Chapter, Midwest Travel Journalists Association, and Friendship House/Catherine's Place. She can be reached at tonia@raytown.mo.us.

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RAYTOWN ROTARY CLUB DONATES TO THE ROTARY "SHOES FOR ORPHANED SOULS" ON MAY 20, 2021



The Raytown Rotary Club donated 377 pairs of shoes.



Newz Room Café – Serving Breakfast

"Old Fashion Simple Breakfast"

Raytown asked for it and Newz Room Café started serving breakfast on May 22. They will serve breakfast on Saturday and Sunday form 8:00 am-Noon.

"Get Comfortable," a motto that Owners, Marvin & Michelle Russell believe people should do when they are enjoying a simple breakfast outing.

Patio Seating

We will have indoor and outdoor seating. We are a small establishment but plan to make our customers feel like they are visiting their grandma for breakfast. We offer a simple menu so our customers can make a quick decision and use the rest of the time enjoying the meal. Breakfast is supposed to start your day so keep it simple, so you have energy to enjoy the day.

Breakfast Availability

If you don't wish to stay, then Call-In your order or Order Online we will have it ready.

Like at grandma's house don't rush perfection. We may take a little longer because we want YOU to get the best product we have to offer. Follow Newz Room Café on Facebook at @NewzRoomCafe

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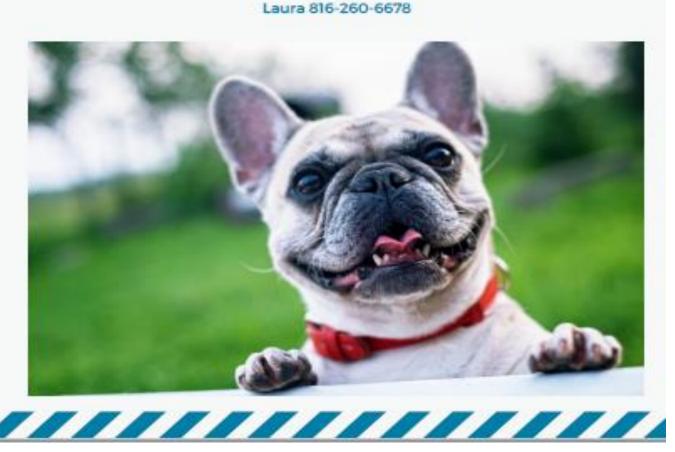
Our Members In The News-Bickford House

BARK IN THE PARK

Join us for live music in our parking lot on June 9th at 6 pm - 7:30 pm

BICKFORD IS SUPPORTING MIDWEST ANIMAL RESQ. PLEASE BRING A DONATION AND ENJOY THE REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED.

> Don't forget your lawn chairs and some yummy snacks. Bickford Senior Living 9110 E. 63rd Street Raytown, MO 64133 RSVP



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350 Highway Construction Updates



CONSTRUCTION ALERT!

Beginning Monday, May 3, weather permitting, road construction work on Raytown Road near the intersection of State Route 350 Highway will require lane reductions.

Motorists can expect delays, are advised to allow extra time, and to SLOW down. Temporary single lane closures on eastbound 350 Highway from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. weekdays.

Permanent safety improvements will include:

- Removal of the outer southbound lane of Raytown Road between 350 Highway to 76th Terrace.
- Removal of existing left turn from 350 Highway eastbound to Raytown Road.
- Removal of the 75th Street crossing of Raytown Road.
- Additionally, new permanent traffic pattern signs, construction of an eastbound right turn lane
 on 350 Highway at Raytown Road, new curbs, and a 10-foot-wide bike and walking paths along
 the southern side of 350 Highway eastbound will be added. The safety improvements along this
 corridor will create a more pedestrian friendly environment.

Construction updates will be posted on the City's website: www.raytown.mo.us.

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Raytown Live Concert Series



Summer Family Concert Series

7–9 p.m.

On the Greenspace

Town Center, Downtown Raytown

Jun 12 Jerry Hooper and Brass Rewind

July 10 Total Package Band KC

Aug 14 Johnny C and the Supermatics

Sept 11 Nick Schnebelen

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		l	Membership Services Zoom Meeting Noon	After Hours at Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center 4:30	Tourism Committee Zoom Meeting Noon	5
6	Raytown's Festival of the Trails Committee Meeting 2:00 p.m.	8 Ribbon cutting Gnarly Hussle 10:30 a.m.	9	Chamber/BF Board Meeting Zoom 8:00 a.m.	II	12
13	Senior Celebration Zoom Meeting 2:00 p.m.	15	16	17	Government Relations 8:00 a.m. Zoom	19
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27	28 Office closed	29 Office closed	30 Office closed	I Office closed	2 Office closed	3
4	5 Office closed For Holiday					