



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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NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON



MIKE SANDERS
JACKSON COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEN: Wednesday, November 19
*one week early due to Thanksgiving
- Networking begins at 11:00am, Lunch at 11:30am

WHERE: REAP Community Room, 9300 E. 75th Street
\$15.00/person - cash/check/credit at the door - RSVP by Mon. Nov. 17

LUNCHEON RSVP POLICY

- Reservations must be made by NOON on the Monday before luncheon.
- After the deadline, there will be a \$3.00 extra charge.
- No shows will be invoiced with a \$2.00 fee added.

SPONSORED BY



2015 RAYTOWN CHAMBER SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sponsorship Packages offer your business an opportunity to choose a sponsorship that best fits your business needs and allows you to support the Raytown Chamber. The Raytown Chamber also offers a number of event sponsorships throughout the year.

Sponsorships provide you with additional exposure, cost effective marketing, community recognition and helping the Chamber fulfill its mission statement. It is a great way to show your community spirit to both your customers and potential customers by investing in your Chamber's future.



CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP \$1500.00 Only 5 available

PREMIER SPONSORSHIP \$750.00 Only 15 available

EXECUTIVE SPONSORSHIP \$350.00 Unlimited available

Contact Vicki Turnbow, Chamber President, for more information on the benefits of each sponsorship level before November 15.

2014 RAYTOWN CORPORATE SPONSORS





WWW.THINKRAYTOWNFIRST.COM

THINK RAYTOWN FIRST



Do you want to know what is happening in Raytown?

Go to www.ThinkRaytownFirst.com and click on the Community Calendar. There is also a place to sign up to receive future emails about What's Happening in Raytown! The Community Survey is still on the website. We want to know what you know about Raytown. If you are on Facebook, please go out and like Think Raytown First and spread the word. Don't forget the Raytown Chamber also has a Facebook page and a Twitter account. Stay up to date on all that is happening in the Raytown Chamber as well as the community in general.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As I write this month's President's Corner the Kansas City Royals are in the World Series and getting ready for game 6. I love driving around town and seeing all the marquee signs showing their support for the "boys in blue". Windows decorated in blue, shirts, flags and daily specials announcing their love for the Kansas City Royals and of course in Raytown announcing to the metro, Raytown Loves Baseball. I wish we could bottle this up and when things are getting us down, the weather has turned bitter cold, we could pull the bottle of "blue" sunshine out and brighten our day.

If you haven't taken the time to listen to Talk Raytown, take a moment and tune in on Thursday's from Noon until 1:00 on 102.9 FM or 1140 AM. Each week, the Raytown Chamber will be able to give an opportunity to update the listeners on what has been happening within the business community. We will be able to announce some of the community events being held and hopefully be able to promote the positive and celebrate our successes. If you are interested in a radio commercial or being a guest on the show, please contact Diane Krizek, Raytown-Brooking Eagle at 816-313-0202. See you on the radio!

Don't forget to stop by the **After Hours Networking, Thu. Nov. 6, at SERVPRO of Lee's Summit!**

My door is always open, come by anytime!

Vicki Turnbow, President

Talk Raytown
Tune In Thursdays at 12 Noon
KCXL Radio
1140 AM and 102.9 FM
Talk Raytown focuses on the people, places, businesses and events happening in Raytown.
Make plans to listen, you won't want to miss it.

Raytown-Brooking Eagle
Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce

2015 MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

As a luncheon sponsor you may serve as a host to greet the attendees and put information at each place setting. You will be given 5 minutes on the agenda to talk about your business. Your company will be listed in the monthly newsletter as well as on the web site under the calendar of events section. You may also provide the centerpieces or a give away for each person. Business cards are collected for a drawing if you would like to donate a door prize to be given away.

These business cards will be given to you after the luncheon for you to use as you see fit. The cost of the luncheon sponsorship is \$160.00 (Jan.-Feb.-April is \$210.00) and is invoiced at the beginning of the month. Please contact the Chamber office if your business would like to sponsor one of these 2015 Chamber Membership Luncheons.

March 25 - May 27 - June 24 - July 22 - Raytown Economic Development Update
August 26 - Legislative Luncheon **September 23** - Raytown Quality Schools Update
October 28 - Chamber Annual Meeting **November 18** - Jackson County Update

HOST A NETWORKING EVENT AT YOUR BUSINESS!!!

The Raytown Chamber is looking for businesses to host a networking event. The **Morning Coffee 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. The **After Hours Networking** on the first Thursday of the month from 4:30-5:30pm for those who prefer an evening event. By hosting an After Hours you agree to provide some beverages/refreshments, of your choice. Listed below are the dates available and the sponsorship for each event is \$50.00.

By hosting a networking event you will be provided with 16 invitations (Printed by Chamber staff) to hand out to your customers or neighboring businesses, advertisement in the monthly newsletter, notification for 30 days in the weekly e-mail and a listing in the event calendar on the Chamber's website, www.raytownchamber.com. Morning Coffees/After Hours are offered on a first come first served basis.

2015 DATES AVAILABLE:



Morning Coffee

Feb. 17 - Mar. 17 - Apr. 21
May 19 - June 16 - July 14
Aug. 18 - Sept. 15 - Oct. 20 - Nov. 10

After Hours

Feb. 5 - Mar. 5 - Apr. 2
May 7 - June 4 - Sept. 3
Oct. 1 - Nov. 5 - Dec. 3



BLUE RIDGE AUTO-TRUCK PLAZA SERVES RAYTOWN COMMUNITY FOR 31 YEARS

Since 1983, Blue Ridge Mazda at 6824 Blue Ridge Blvd. has served Raytown and the surrounding communities. In 2008 we relocated our Mazda franchise to Lee's Summit. Blue Ridge-Auto Truck Plaza currently operates at the same Raytown location, under the same ownership. We offer sales and service for all makes and models of used vehicles. Our parts department and body shop provide additional services. We recently added U-Haul truck and trailer rental. As we celebrate our 31st anniversary Blue Ridge Auto-Truck Plaza wishes to thank the Raytown community for its business and continued support.

MEMBER MARKET

Blue Ridge
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OFFICE HOURS: TUE.~SAT. 8AM~12PM

5101 BLUE RIDGE CUTOFF 816-356-4962

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

Business Card or 1/4 Page Space Available
 3 months or 1 year Run

All marketing must be black & white.
 All marketing must be prepaid.

Contact the Chamber for more information.

You may also insert a full page brochure in the newsletter or buy a set of address labels to do a personal mailing.



**GLOBAL
ENTREPRENEURSHIP
WEEK**

November 17 - 23, 2014

Celebrate KC entrepreneurs, best in the world!

In 2013, Kansas City celebrated its biggest Global Entrepreneurship Week. A total of 62 activities were held across the metropolitan area, hosted by 100+ organizations and drawing more than 5,500

participants. Preparations are under way for more outstanding results this November when Global Entrepreneurship Week marks its seventh year.

Global Entrepreneurship Week is the world's largest celebration of the innovators and job creators who launch startups that bring ideas to life, drive economic growth and expand human welfare. One week each November, thousands of world-wide events and competitions inspire millions to engage in entrepreneurial activity while connecting them to potential collaborators, mentors and even investors. Throughout Global Entrepreneurship Week's six years it has expanded to over 130 countries—empowering 7,000,000+ participants through more than 19,000 activities. Powered by the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, the initiative is supported by dozens of world leaders and 10,000 global partner organizations. For more information, visit www.kcsourcelink.com.

ROC Fitness Center Offers Silver Sneakers Program for Senior Citizens

Have you been looking for a Silver Sneakers Program since the YMCA left Raytown? Look no further: the ROC Fitness Center, located inside First Baptist Raytown, 10500 East 350 Highway, offers the Silver Sneakers Program to Senior Citizens with either Humana or Coventry insurance. The Silver Sneakers exercise class offers a great cardio workout for all fitness levels, from beginner to advanced. One of the Silver Sneakers members, Judy, said, "The class is great for anyone, whether you are used to exercising or not. I have felt so much better since coming to the class!" The class is held every Tuesday and Thursday from 11:30am to 12:30pm in one of the ROC Fitness Centers exercise rooms. You must sign up through the ROC Fitness Center to participate in the Silver Sneakers Program. Call 816-268-1527 or 816-778-1102 for more information on signing up and/or to have all your questions about the Silver Sneakers Program answered.

Besides experiencing the health benefits of the Silver Sneakers Program, participants also will find the ROC Fitness Staff engaging, friendly, and extremely helpful. An added benefit of the ROC Fitness Center is the Free walking track. The walking track is open to everyone, so if you are unsure of the cardio class, you can still exercise (and check out the class while you're there!) The facility offers a safe place for community seniors to work out and socialize. Special social activities for Silver Sneaker participants are held every three months. These include game days as well as themed events for Christmas, the Olympics, etc. The ROC Fitness Center hopes to see many more community seniors enjoying the benefits of the Silver Sneakers Program!



Morning Coffee Networking at ...

**Southeast
Enterprises**

6701 Booth



**AFTER HOURS NETWORKING AT ...
(rock it)**

**Rok'IT
ADVERTISING**

10009 E. 67TH STREET



CHAMBER RENEWALS

Four Points by Sheraton
KC Sports Complex 2013 Jeff Hirst
First Baptist Church of Raytown 1987
 Carmen Kraus
Univ. of Central Missouri-Summit Center
2007 Vicki Orcutt, Rick Smetana
 ☺ **Metcalfe Bank 2007** Kelly Madorin
Select Physical Therapy 2013 Kelly Harris
 ☺ **Tech Members 2008** David McGee
Power On Technologies 1994
 Patrick & Shelly Searcy
 ☺ **Migraine Valley Farm 2012** Paul Broome
Raytown Three Trails Kiwanis Club 2009
 Elaine Schulze
 ☺ **Raytown Times 2013** Randy Battagler
Brywood Centre-Tri-Land Properties, Inc.
2010 Heather Johnson
ReDiscover 2003 Stewart Chase
Kansas City Zoo 2011
 Julie Neemeyer, Randy Wisthoff
MDL Technology LLC 2008
 Mark Dryer, TJ Bloom
Monopoly Acquisitions, LLC 2012
 Christopher Payne

CommunityAmerica Credit Union 2009
 James Shoaf
Corlew Construction Co., Inc. 1978
 Dick Corlew
 ☺ **A&D Heating & Cooling Inc. 2012**
 Dave Parker
 ☺ **Personal Care Dental Group 1977**
 Caroline Wolfer, Chris Barreca DDS,
 Rubelita James DDS, Pamela Richardson DDS

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

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 Recruited by Jim Lynch

NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS

**AMERICAN FAMILY INSURANCE-
 R.BROOKS AGENCY**
Robert Brooks
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 Kansas City MO 64134
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 RBrooksAgency.com
 Insurance
 Recruited by Loretha Hayden

BLUE RIDGE U-HAUL
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 816-358-6500 F 816-358-7277
 6824 Blue Ridge Blvd.
 Raytown MO 64133
 Blueridgeuhaul@yahoo.com
 Blueridgeautos.com
 Rental Truck
 Recruited by Blue Ridge
 Auto-Truck Plaza

Welcome!



BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT ON...

Corporate Headquarters:

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 Indep. MO 64057
 816-358-5000

Raytown Branch:

6202 Raytown Trafficway
 Raytown, MO 64133
 816-743-6750

Founded: 1958 **Email:** pannon@blueridgebank.net

Website: BlueRidgeBank.com

Hours:

Raytown Branch Lobby: Mon-Fri 9am – 5pm, Sat. 9am – Noon
 Drive thru: Mon-Fri 8:30am – 6:30pm, Sat., 9am – Noon

Services/Products: Blue Ridge Bank offers a comprehensive suite of bank and investment products and services to

individual, corporate and wealth management customers. We have recently added enhancements to our mobile banking product with mobile deposit and text banking.

Future Plans: We will continue to develop new products and services to meet the changing needs of our customers.

Business Philosophy: Blue Ridge Bank's philosophy is to serve the needs of our customers and the communities in which we serve. It is supported by offering financial products and services that help our customers succeed. We are active in the community and employees of the bank are involved in Chamber and other civic organizations.

Our business is a Chamber member because: We believe in investing in the areas we serve. The Chamber provides support to local businesses and we do the same. We are a locally-owned community bank and the leadership and guidance that the Chamber provides supports our mission.

Blue Ridge Bank
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and Trust Co.



Our Members in the News

MEGA CHAMBER OFFICE PARTY

10th Annual

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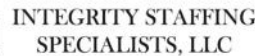
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Thank You to the MEGA Sponsors!



LAKWOOD Counseling



Presented By



Little Blue Elementary PTA wants to provide every student at Little Blue with a new pair of hat and gloves for the winter. Our fundraising goal for this project is \$2000 by December 1st. If you can donate in part or in full please contact Abby at littlebluepta.treasurer@gmail.com

The Sixth Annual Tribute & Thank You to All American Veterans will be held Sunday, November 9 in the auxiliary gymnasium at Raytown High School. The Raytown Community Band will play from 1:30 to 2:00pm & the program will begin at 2:00pm.

The public is invited to honor all of our veterans, veterans' widows & widowers. The ceremony will feature a fantastic color guard & presentation of a memorial wreath in memory of those veterans who have left us.

Missouri State Legislator Tom McDonald & Raytown Mayor David Bower will spotlight all veterans. During the social hour immediately following the ceremony, veterans are invited to set up appointments to record their service highlights.

Plan now to attend and bring a vet. For more information, call 816-353-3593. This event is sponsored by the Raytown Council on Aging, Raytown Arts Council, Raytown Retired Teachers Association & Marguerite McNair Chapter DAR.

Thanks to Raytown High School. The Kansas City Men's Chorus is directed by Noel Fulkerson & the Raytown Community Symphonic Band is directed by Eric Eckhoff.



Join us for the Raytown Community Thanksgiving Service!

Monday, November 24th at 7:00 p.m.
At the Raytown Emergency Assistance Program offices
(9300 E. 75th Street)

Sponsored by the Raytown Community Interfaith Alliance
Please bring a bag of canned goods for the hungry.

Upcoming Member Events

NOVEMBER MORNING COFFEE NETWORKING

The next "Morning Coffee" will be held at **HOME SKILLET CAFÉ, 6225 BLUE RIDGE BLVD.** Come by anytime between **7:30 to 8:30 a.m.** to have a cup of coffee and network with other businesses within the community. An added bonus will be to see the business who has agreed to host the Morning Coffee and find out what they can offer to you.



Please join us at **Bickford Assisted Living, 9110 E. 63rd Street,** for our **Grand Re-Opening Ribbon Cutting** Celebrating our New Assisted Living License. **Tues. November 11 at 3:00pm.** All are welcome for food and drinks and to tour our newly remodeled home. Hope to see you there!



DECEMBER AFTER HOURS NETWORKING

The event will be held at **EXTREME GRAND PRIX, 6731 BLUE RIDGE BLVD.** Come by anytime between **4:30 to 5:30 p.m.** to have a refreshment and network with other businesses within the community. An added bonus will be to see the business who has agreed to host the After Hours and find out what they can offer to you.

Dec. 4

RAYTOWN HOLIDAY LIGHTING CEREMONY

Fri. December 5 at 6:00pm

Downtown Raytown
63rd Street & Raytown Road

SPONSORED BY

Raytown Main Street Association
City of Raytown ~ Raytown Parks & Recreation
Raytown Quality Schools ~ Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce

DECEMBER MORNING COFFEE

Mark your calendars: **Tues., Dec. 16** - this "Morning Coffee" will be a special **HOLIDAY CELEBRATION** held at the **Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce, 5909 Raytown Trafficway.** Come by anytime between 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. to have a cup of coffee and network with other businesses within the community. An added bonus will be to let us thank you for your membership over the past year!



**So stop by and start spreading
some Holiday Cheer!**



Thinkin' Green

Drop off your old, broken holiday lights
at any participating locations during the holiday season

**NOVEMBER 14, 2014
THRU JANUARY 20, 2015**

SOUTHEAST ENTERPRISES 2014-2015 HOLIDAY LIGHT RECYCLING DRIVE

The Holiday Light Recycling Drive, now entering its fourth year, grew from humble beginnings. In 2011, Southeast launched its first drive with the intent of providing work opportunities for its employees with developmental disabilities and diverting solid waste from local landfills. With limited time and resources, Southeast partnered with 11 Sutherland's locations to collect approximately

500 pounds of lights. In 2012 and 2013, Southeast aggressively pursued partnerships with a variety of schools, businesses, and organizations throughout the Great Kansas City Area. The response from the community was overwhelming and Southeast ultimately has collected over 70,000 lbs. pounds of light from over 165 different locations, the past two years.

How will these collected old holiday lights help Southeast Enterprises? Lights collected will provide employment opportunity for our employees. The light bulbs are clipped from the wire and separated. The wire then goes to City Scrap Metal to be recycled. The rebate we receive from the wire pays our employee wages. We use this work when other contract work is not available.

This year, Southeast is excited to build on its success and collect over 60,000 pounds of lights with the help from many sponsors and partners. If you're thinkin' green, sponsor or drop off your lights at any of participating locations!

Check out where to find your local drop site visit www.kcrecyclelights.com.



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NOVEMBER 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Check your weekly Chamber Connections C-mail for an up-to-date calendar</p>						1
<p>2 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS</p>	3	4	<p>5 12:00pm Member Services - Recruitment Cmte.</p>	<p>6 After Hours 4:30pm</p>	7	8
9	<p>10 7:30am Morning Coffee</p>	<p>11 7:30am Morning Coffee 3:00pm Ribbon Cutting Ceremony</p>	12	<p>13 7:15am Board of Directors</p>	14	15
16	<p>17 12:00pm DEADLINE For lunch reservations</p>	18	<p>19 11:30am MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON</p>	<p>20 8:30am Member Services - Retention Cmte.</p>	<p>21 8am Government Relations Committee</p>	22
23/30	24	25	26	<p>27 Chamber Closed </p>	<p>28 Chamber Closed </p>	29