



**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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**RAYTOWN YOUNG PROFESSIONALS**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11th | 5:30PM  
EXTREME GRAND PRIX | 6731 BLUE RIDGE BLVD.

Join us for our second Young Professionals networking event!

Sponsored by the  
Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce

Along with great food and drinks, we will have 3 experts in the fields of marketing, sales, and business banking answering your small business questions in a round-table discussion.

For only \$10 enjoy 1 drink ticket, hors d'oeuvres, and networking with other YPs!

RSVP and prepay by November 6th!

*Come See What is Brewing in Raytown!*

Crane Brewing Company located at 6515 Railroad Street will host the next **Lunch and Learn on November 13** and is inviting Chamber members and neighbors to enjoy some lunch at the brewery, learn about the owners and history, and finally tour the facility. They are excited to be joining the Raytown Chamber family, and becoming a part of the community.

Reserve by Fri. Nov. 6!

ONLY 25 spots left!

Cost per person is \$15.00



**MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON**



Mike Sanders  
County Executive

**WHEN:** Wednesday, November 18

\*one week early due to Thanksgiving

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

**WHERE:** REAP Community Room,  
9300 E. 75th Street

\$16/person cash/check/credit at the door  
- RSVP by Monday, Nov. 16

**Sponsored by:**



**LUNCHEON RSVP POLICY**

- Reservations 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.

**2015 RAYTOWN CORPORATE SPONSORS**



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president@raytownchamber.com

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kphillips@raytownchamber.com



## “THINK RAYTOWN FIRST” – this Holiday Season!

If each person bought an extra item, paid for an additional service or even bought an item they normally buy outside the city limits of Raytown – think what that would do to city services, to taxes and even more importantly to that local business.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The month of October I had the honor to talk with the Raytown Rotary Club and the Adventures in Learning Group about the Chamber. Sometimes I take for granted that people know what the Chamber does and has to offer not only to their members but also to the community as a whole. Speaking to the two groups provided me with some additional insight as to the marketing of the Chamber.

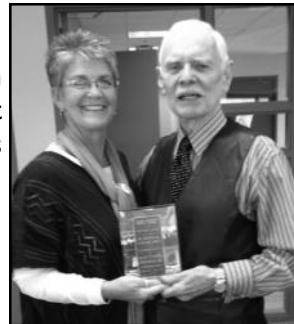
Also, myself and Rene Purtee had the privilege of attending a class to help students prepare for their Mock Interviews scheduled for November 5. Rene and I are a great tag team and were able to give the students some things to do and not to do in a job interview. Good luck to these students as they go through the interview process.

On October 29, I attended the E-Book signing of "Music and Musicians in the Schools, Churches and Community of Raytown, Missouri". Howard Bell, Jr. is the editor and this e-book is about 1,500 pages showing an illustrious history of music in Raytown dating back almost 150 years! A big thank you to Howard for my signed copy and for your dedication to this project. If you are interested in a copy, please contact me and I will be able to provide any information you need.

See you at one of the Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies or the next event & remember that my door is always open, come by anytime!

*Vicki Turnbow,*

*President*



## 2016 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 3 still 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 6.*

## 2016 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 2016 Chamber Membership Luncheons.

**March 23 - June 22 - July 27 - September 28 - November 18**

## MEMBER MARKET



### **RICHEST PRODUCTIONS**

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**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**



### **NEED A RENTAL HALL?**

**PARTIES ~ DANCES ~ RECEPTIONS ~ MEETINGS**

SERVING THE GREATER KC AREA, THE HALL IS CONVENIENTLY LOCATED 1 1/2 MILES SOUTH OF THE TRUMAN SPORTS COMPLEX ON BLUE RIDGE CUTOFF AT SNI-A-BAR ROAD.

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

5101 BLUE RIDGE CUTOFF 816-356-4962

### **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.**

### **BUSINESS PROTECTION FOR WHATEVER'S IN STORE.**



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## Gov. Jay Nixon names Raytown building after "Walkin" Joe Teasdale

Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon on October 28 issued an executive order naming the former GE building in Raytown after former Gov. Joseph Teasdale. The building, at 8800 E. 63rd St., will house several state agencies. Teasdale, a lawyer, was from Kansas City. He died in 2014.

"Governor Teasdale dedicated much of his life to public service, from serving in the Air Force Reserve and as an assistant U.S. attorney to being elected as Jackson County prosecuting attorney and then as governor of Missouri," Nixon said in a statement. "It is appropriate to remember the dedication and service of this native Kansas Citian to Missouri by naming a state building in Jackson County in his honor."

Teasdale, a Democrat, won the governorship in 1976 in an upset over Republican incumbent Kit Bond. He got the nickname "Walkin' Joe" for his legendary hikes across the state to meet voters. At age 30, he was elected Jackson County prosecutor.



At 64,000 square feet, the Joseph Patrick Teasdale State Office Building will contain offices from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Department of Health and Senior Services, the Department of Mental Health, the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Social Services. State agencies will begin moving into the Teasdale State Office Building in 2016.

Nixon said the state would save about \$629,000 a year by consolidating office space.

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**The 7th Annual Tribute & Thank You to All American Veterans** will be held **Sunday, November 8** 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. Raytown Mayor McDonough will spotlight all veterans. The event will feature the KC Men's Chorus directed by Noel Fulkerson & the Raytown Community Symphonic Band directed by Eric Eckhoff.

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.

## 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** 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. Contact the Chamber office if you are interested in an After Hours.

By hosting a networking event you will be provided with 16 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, [www.raytownchamber.com](http://www.raytownchamber.com). Morning Coffees/After Hours are offered on a first come first served basis.

### **2016 A.M. CONNECTIONS AVAILABLE:**

**Jan. 19 - Feb. 16 - Apr. 19 - May 17 - June 21  
July 19 - Aug. 16 - Sept. 20 - Oct. 18 - Nov. 8**



**NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS****BOWEN TOWER****Marlina De La Torre**6140 Raytown Rd.  
Raytown MO 64133  
816-353-5678bowentower@canyonviewproperties.com  
bowentower.com  
Apartment  
Recruited by Vicki Turnbow**AT&T CUSTOM COMMUNICATIONS****Jack Salyer**9105 E. State Route 350  
Raytown MO 64133  
816-448-8383jack@ccimidwest.com  
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Raytown MO 64133  
816-352-6782chris@cranebrewing.com  
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Blue Springs MO 64015  
816-229-5627Bill.haney@expresspros.com  
EJCMO-expresspros.com  
Business/Employment Services  
Recruited by Jeff Hirst**CHAMBER RENEWALS**

☺ **Missouri Mavericks Professional Hockey 2009** Jared Reid  
**First Federal Bank FSB-KC 2014** Brenda Class  
**H&R Block 2001** Marsha Clark  
**Raytown Historical Society & Museum 2007** Jerry Wolfe  
**Tech Members 2008** David McGee  
**goodbidding.org Thrift & Flea 2010** David McGee  
☺ **Power On Technologies 1994** Pat & Shelly Searcy  
**Select Physical Therapy 2013** Kelly Harris  
**Raytown Times 2013** Randy Battagler  
**HGK Construction Management, Inc. 2014** Stephen Guenther  
**Commerce Bank 1989** Shawna Burns  
**MDL Technology LLC 2008** Mark Dryer, TJ Bloom  
**ReDiscover 2003** Stewart Chase  
☺ **Rayview Construction, Inc. 2011** Steve Bakken  
☺ **V's Italiano Ristorante 2013** Greg Hunsucker  
☺ **A&D Heating & Cooling Inc. 2012** Dave Parker  
**Personal Care Dental Group 1977** Caroline Wolfer, Chris Barreca DDS, Rubelita James DDS, Pamela Richardson DDS  
**Bordner Installation Group Inc. 1990** Rob Poettgen  
☺ **First Baptist Church of Raytown 1987** Carmen Kraus  
**Blue Ridge U-Haul 2014** Frank Mitchell  
**Don Merker 2011**

*Welcome!*☺ *We would like to thank our members who gave 110%.***BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT ON...****Name of Business:** Brian's Car Care**Owners:** Brian and Peggy Johnson**Address:** 6331 Raytown Road**Phone:** 816-353-6360**E-Mail:** Brianscarcareraytown@gmail.com**Website:** brianscarcareraytownandtires.com**Founded:** 1994    **Chamber Member Since:** 2014    **Employees:** 6    **Hours:** 7:30am-5:00pm M-F**Services/Products:** Automotive Repairs such as brakes, cooling systems, diagnostics, starting, charging, batteries, heating/cooling systems, lube, oil & filters, preventative maintenance, as well as tires, alignments and more.**Future Plans:** To continue to grow our business.**Business Philosophy:** Our mission is to provide our customers the highest quality services and products with honest, integrity and competitive pricing.**Our Business Is A Chamber Member Because:** We believe that the businesses within the city should stand united within the community by supporting one another and promoting business growth within Raytown and the surrounding areas.

# Our Members in the News

A.M. Connections Networking at ...



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**Southeast Enterprises**

**Adam's Mark Hotel & Conference Center**  
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After Hours Networking at ...



# 11<sup>th</sup> Annual MEGA CHAMBER OFFICE PARTY

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## THANKS TO OUR MEGA SPONSORS



## Upcoming Member Events



### **AFTER HOURS NETWORKING**

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

**NOV. 5**

### **A.M. CONNECTIONS NETWORKING**

The next "A.M. Connections" event will be held at **HERNDON CAREER CENTER, 11501 E. 350 HIGHWAY.** Come by anytime between **7:30 to 8:30 a.m.** to network with other businesses within the community. An added bonus will be to see the business who has agreed to host the event and find out what they can offer to you!



### **RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONIES**

Join fellow Chamber Members as we congratulate these new businesses!



#### **Thu. November 12**

**AT&T Custom Communications** would like to invite you to their grand opening and ribbon cutting from 11:30 to 1:00 with ribbon cutting at 12:15. Stop by their new location in Raytown, **9105 E. MO Highway 350**, and see what they have to offer and enjoy some lunch while you are there.

#### **Tue. November 17**

Join us at **Mission of Hope Clinic, 6303 Evanston Ave.,** 4:30-6:00pm Ceremony at 5:15. MoH provides medical services for the uninsured & under served in the KC Metro Area. We are pleased to announce the opening of our Gene & Dot Land Annex which provides us with more patient rooms, a conference room & offices. Medical services are offered on a sliding scale fee and include acute and chronic care, general medical services, the Well-Woman program, & dental services.

## HOLIDAY TREE Lighting Ceremony

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4  
6:00 to 7:30pm

Pocket Park ~ Downtown Raytown  
63rd Street & Raytown Road



**Crane Brewing Company** is inviting the Raytown community, family, and friends to be a part of their grand opening. They will commemorate this exciting time with an official Ribbon Cutting with Chamber and City officials including Mayor Mike McDonough. The grand opening will be held on **Thursday, December 3, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.** with the ceremony at 4:00 in front of the Brewery at **6515 Railroad Street.**



Southeast ENTERPRISES



# Thinkin' Green

Drop off your old holiday lights at any participating location during the holiday season. November 14th, 2015 Through January 16th, 2016. (Walmart locations will be accepting lights through December 31, 2015)



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**DATED MATERIAL**

# NOVEMBER 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <i>Check your weekly Chamber Connections C-mail for an up-to-date calendar</i>	2	3	4 <b>12:00pm</b> Membership Services Committee	5  <b>AFTER HOURS</b> 4:30pm	6	7
8	9	10  <b>AM CONNECTIONS</b> 7:30A.M.	11 <b>5:30pm</b> Raytown Young Professionals	12 <b>7:15am</b> Board of Directors <b>11:30am</b> Ribbon Cutting Ceremony @ AT&T	13 <b>11:30am</b> Lunch & Learn @Crane Brewing Co	14
15	16 <b>12:00pm</b> ➤ <b>DEADLINE</b> ◀ For lunch reservations	17 <b>4:30pm</b> Ribbon Cutting Ceremony @Mission Of Hope Clinic	18 <b>11:30am</b> <b>MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON</b>	19	20 <b>8am</b> Government Relations Committee	21
22	23	24	25	26  <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i> Chamber Closed	27 Chamber Closed	28
29	30	Dec. 1	2 <b>12:00pm</b> Membership Services Committee	3 <b>3:30pm</b> Ribbon Cutting Ceremony @ Crane Brewing Co.	4 <b>6:00pm</b> Holiday Lighting Ceremony 	5