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Area

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



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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

**LEGISLATIVE
UPDATES**

The Government Relations Committee invites County, State, Federal officials to give updates on legislative issues.

Confirmed to attend (as of 8-1-16):

- Representative Bonnaye Mims, Dist. 27
- Representative Tom McDonald, Dist. 28
- MO Senator Shalonn "KiKi" Curls

WHEN: Wed., August 24 [Register online](#)
Networking begins at 11:00am, Lunch at 11:30am

WHERE: RQS Wellness Center Community Room
10301 E. 350 Highway
(^^New Location ^^)

\$16.00/person
- RSVP by Mon. Aug. 22

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.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

August is the time of year when summer vacations are starting to wind down, school supply shopping is happening and the first day of school is fast approaching! There are a lot of exciting things happening within the Raytown School District, several of those items are listed in this month's newsletter, so take a moment to read about them. We are lucky to have such a great school district.

The month of August for the Chamber also means getting ready for the end of the year and preparing for the new year. Crazy to think that in about 150 days, it will be 2017.

As we prepare for 2017, a brief survey will come out in either August or September asking for your recommendations on speakers, topics and items necessary to enhance the benefit you already receive as a Raytown Chamber member. Please take the time to fill it out when you receive it.

*My door is always open,
come by anytime!*

Vicki Turnbow, President



Help us grow **OUR** Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce!

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE AUGUST 1-SEPT. 30!

Who do you do business with?

Help us to make your chamber stronger by talking to those businesses/organizations you have contact with about joining. You the member are our biggest cheerleaders - talk about the benefits you receive as a member, the support the chamber provides to your business and the resource the chamber is to those within the community.

- ➔ Bring in at least one new member to be eligible for a great prize at the August or September membership luncheons!
- ➔ Bring in 5 or more full new members (no individual, non-profits or additional locations) to be eligible for a prize valued at \$250.00!
- ➔ Some great additional prizes will be awarded for second and third places!

CLASS OF 2019 BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

The Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce will be accepting applications for those Chamber members who would be interested in serving a three year term beginning January 2017.

If you are interested in getting more involved and have been a member in good standing for one year, please contact the Chamber office to get a Board application by Aug. 31.

[Or click here to download the form](#)

CHAMBER LEADERSHIP

Board Members



Chamber Member
Your Company Name

This could
be **YOU!!!**

The Jefferson City Young Professionals & The Emerging Professionals In Columbia are teaming up to host the 2016 Missouri Young Professionals Summit, a daylong professional development conference in Jefferson City. We are inviting young professionals from all across Missouri to attend. This event is for career-minded, entrepreneurial, & forward-thinking individuals who are interested in networking & growing in their career fields.

As we move forward with the planning process, a complete agenda including a list of speakers, forums, and topics will be provided.

For more information or questions about the event, please visit the Jefferson City Chamber of Commerce (jchamber.org) or email [Douglas Otto](mailto:Douglas.Otto) . Thank you for your time, and we hope to see your membership represented at the summit!

2016 MO YP SUMMIT
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September 13
Missouri Farm Bureau • Jefferson City

\$40 early bird registration through Aug 12th
Visit www.JCChamber.org for more information or to register

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Join us for the 3rd Annual

SENIOR CELEBRATION

Sat. September 24 5:00-8:00pm

The Point, 5600 Blue Ridge Cutoff



Grab your Friends, put on your Hawaiian Shirts & Grass Skirts!
We are inviting Raytown's Senior Citizens that are 55 & older to come Celebrate!

Enjoy Great Music, Hula Dancing, Dinner/Dessert, Door Prizes, Photo Booth, & Meet New Neighbors!

\$13.00/person
On Sale Aug. 15!
Singles, Couples
& Groups Welcome!



ENTERTAINMENT BY

Hula
Hale O'Kiakahi



Buy Tickets at:

Raytown Chamber
5909 Raytown Trafficway
(816) 353-8500

Raytown Hy-Vee
9400 E. 350 Hwy.

Ticket sales end September 15
Tickets are required & not refundable

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 Kansas City MO 64133
 816-807-9320
 MarkWhiteWashInc@gmail.com
 OttoCarWashes.com
 Car Wash
 Recruited by self (previous mbr.)

MY DENTIST RAYTOWN**Meredith Brummel**

10803 E. State Route 350
 Raytown MO 64138
 816-356-4008
 mdraytown@mydentalmail.com
 mydentistraytown.com
 Dentist
 Recruited by self (previous mbr.)

FOUNDATION RECOVERY SYSTEMS**Zach Stachura**

250 NW Commerce Ct.
 Lee's Summit MO 64086
 660-240-9340
 zstachura@basementsystems.com
 foundationrecoverysystems.com
 Home Improvement
 Recruited by website

Welcome!

CHAMBER RENEWALS

- ☺ **First Federal Bank FSB-Raytown 1984**
Pam Bucklew
- Barber Shop 2015** Michael Henderson
- McCraw & Company CPAs, PC 2014**
Timothy McCraw, CPA
- ☺ **Edward Jones 1983** Mark Sandy
- RE/MAX Elite 1984** Paula Hartman
- Rycom Instruments, Inc. 2008**
Douglas Reitz
- ☺ **Ward Technology LLC 2015**
Todd Ward, Crystal Ratterree
- ☺ **Associate Member 2014** John Ivey
- Aldi Inc. #93 2011** Mark Bersted
- ☺ **Learn A Lot Child Care Centers 2013**
Teresa Givens
- ☺ **Hy-Vee #1542 1994**
Raytown Quality Schools 1989
Dr. Allan Markley, Dr. Pam Arlund,
Jerome Barnes, Kim Bielawski,
Dr. Kristie Collins, Dr. Marlene Devilbiss,
Shirley Earley, Dr. Brian Huff, Dr. Travis Hux,
Rachel Johnston, Terry Landers,
Dr. Staci Mathes, Dr. Anthony Moore,
Rick Moore, Danielle Nixon, Dr. Janie Pyle,
Bobbie Saulsberry, Dr. Steve Shelton,
Melissa Tebbenkamp, Amy Tittle

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

RideKC TAXI

**Anywhere you want. Anytime you want.
 Weekends? Holidays? Late at night?
 It doesn't matter.**

Seniors and riders with disabilities in parts of the metro area will have more freedom to get around with a new pilot taxi voucher program that started July 5. The Kansas City Area Transportation Authority is piloting a regional taxi voucher program similar to ones operated in Olathe, Lenexa and Shawnee, Kansas. The program is open to anyone 65 and older as well as anyone with a disability in parts of eastern Jackson County in Missouri, including Independence, Raytown and Sugar Creek.

Using 10/10 Taxi, eligible riders can go anywhere they want in the region up to 10 miles for \$5 each way. Riders have to pay the regular cost of the fare after the first 10 miles. The service is available any day at any time, including weekends and holidays. Ten one-way trips are allowed each month.

"This is all about access, but at the same time it's a way of thinking outside the box and looking for new and innovative ways to offer public transportation to our constituents," said Steve Klika, chairman of the KCATA Board of Commissioners. "We want to give our residents more flexibility to get around while measuring whether there is a more cost-effective way to provide public transportation."

Anyone interested should go to the [RideKC Taxi page](#). An application also can be obtained by calling 816-221-0660. A 2x2 inch photo (selfies are allowed) is required for an identification card that will be mailed to eligible riders. Participants can have a photo taken at either location, but must call the Regional Call Center at 816-221-0660 to make an appointment.

The card will work like a debit card. When you receive it in the mail – between seven to 10 business days after the application is approved – instructions will be provided showing you how to upload value onto your new card so it can be swiped when using the cab.

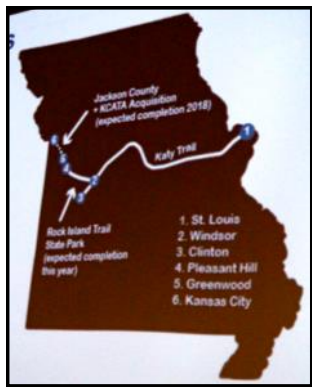
Questions? Call 816-221-0660 or email ridekcondemand@kcata.org.

Our Members in the News

A.M. CONNECTIONS NETWORKING AT ...



 **WESTRIDGE GARDENS**
REHABILITATION & HEALTH CARE CENTER



JULY MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON



RAYTOWN ARTS & MUSIC FESTIVAL

Saturday, August 27th 12-7pm
Kenagy Park 9608 E 79th St.



The Raytown Parks will host the 5th annual Arts and Music Festival! We will have five bands, a variety of KC metro artists, a free kids area, and several food trucks for you to enjoy. This is a great free event for the whole family! The bands that will perform are: Liverpool, Lying Eyes, Barbwire Revolt, and The Wildwood Boys.

This has been a tremendous event for the Raytown Parks, and spectators alike, with our main sponsors for the event being: Dick Smith Ford, Teetering Rocks Golf Course, Fun House Pizza, The Raytown-Brooking Eagle, Saber Cycle, KCP&L, Raytown-Lee's Summit Community Credit Union, H&H Color Labs, and Sci-Tech Automotive. First Baptist Church Raytown will host the kids area with art projects and games for kids of all ages.

We host many different artists who specialize in every discipline from paint, photography, glass, pottery, wood working and more. All artist will display their works for public viewing and for sale.

You won't want to miss the Raytown Arts & Music Festival, where there will be plenty of activity for all spectators. Fun House Pizza will be selling adult beverages and softdrinks out of the Tikki Station and VIP Tent. Delicious food and deserts will be available from the food vendors near the artists booths.



Our Members in the News



Alumni Hall of Fame

The Raytown School District is pleased to announce its **Alumni Hall of Fame Class for 2016**. The class includes six individuals who will join the ranks of other respected alumni on during the October 7 and 8 Induction Weekend activities.

Dr. Cynthia (Paris) Burkhead is a 1975 graduate of Raytown High School. Dr. Burkhead is the English Department Chair at University of Northern Alabama and is a nationally recognized lecturer, presenter, and author.

Mark Corey is a 1986 graduate of Raytown High School. Corey is a multi-award winning journalist, producer, reporter, and photographer for the CBS affiliate KRQE in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Dr. Mark Hoffman is a 1987 graduate of Raytown South High School. Dr. Hoffman is the Director of Health Insights at UMKC and the Director of the Translational Bioinformatics for Children's Mercy Hospital.

Jim Martin is a 1971 graduate of Raytown High School. He is a decorated retired Navy Commander and combat veteran, who served as a U.S. Navy Aerospace Engineering Officer and National Improvised Explosive Device counter-terrorism expert.

Mike Swanson is a 1972 graduate of Raytown High School. Swanson is the Vice President of Communications and Broadcasting for the Kansas City Royals.

Dr. Starnes Walker attended Raytown Schools from Kindergarten through his 11th grade year in 1964. Dr. Walker is a Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering and the Founding Director of the University of Delaware Cybersecurity Initiative (UDCSI).

The six inductees will meet with students at the two district high schools, will be featured speakers at a community luncheon, and will be introduced at the Raytown High School football game all on Friday, October 7 at Chittwood Stadium; the formal induction ceremony takes place on Saturday, October 8. This is the 12th class to be inducted into the Hall of Fame, which began in 2005.

RAYTOWN'S STUDENT-LED SPACE PROGRAM STARTS COUNTDOWN TO LAUNCH —RQS UNVEILS NEW SATELLITE PROJECT

Raytown Quality Schools (RQS) today revealed a new, "out of this world" student-driven space program, [Raytown Mission to Space: IGNITE Satellite Program](#). Over the next 9 months, Raytown students will work with Interorbital Systems to build, test and launch a low-orbit satellite into space—becoming one of only a handful of K-12 districts in the entire country to send a payload into orbit.

"This is a 21st century endeavor that will give Raytown students hands-on experience and skills," Superintendent Dr. Allan Markley said. "The program is an effort few school districts and communities have pursued, and our students are energized to make it happen. We are excited for our students to begin the mission at the start of the new school year, with our sights set on lift off in 2017."

Throughout the yearlong endeavor, students will develop skills relating to project management, engineering, programming, HAM radio operation, photography, and marketing. Students will chronicle their efforts and progress via blog posts and on social media. **The public can follow along on Facebook and Twitter at [#Raytown2Space](#).**

The satellite is scheduled for launch in May 2017 off the coast of California on Interorbital's Neptune Rocket. When in orbit, the satellite will collect information and data to enhance Raytown's K-12 STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) curriculum. **See more from today's announcement in [Raytown here](#).**



Pictured (left to right): Students Raju Nichols and Spencer Bryant; Superintendent Dr. Allan Markley; Director of Instructional Technology Melissa Tebbenkamp; Students Joshua Blew, Jacob Dodd, and Jake Pryor

Upcoming Member Events

A.M. CONNECTIONS NETWORKING

The next "A.M. Connections" will be held at **HIDDEN LAKE CARE CENTER, 11500 Hidden Lake Dr.** 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 host the event and find out what they can offer to you!



RYP NETWORKING EVENT

Monday August 8 - 4:30 to 6:00 pm
@ Crane Brewing Company
6515 Railroad Street

\$10 per person gets you a Crane Brewing Glass, your first beer, a hot dog & chips

Must pre-register by Aug 1
Limited to 50 people



SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

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Entrepreneur Laura Schmidt started her company, **notes to self, llc** to put her belief in the power of positive thinking into action. Her first product was **notes to self® socks**: high-quality athletic socks that have positive affirmations woven-in as they are made - phrases like 'I am confident' on the toes, and 'confident' on the bottom of the socks. They are sold online at www.notestoself.com and in over 1700 stores across the country, including Hallmark stores, hospital gift shops, and boutiques. Laura supports other small U.S. businesses by having the socks made exclusively in the U.S.A.

WHEN: Wed., Sept. 28 **WHERE:** RQS Wellness Center
\$16.00/person - RSVP by Monday, Sept. 26

LUNCHEON SPONSOR:
United Consumers Credit Union

12th Annual MEGA CHAMBER OFFICE PARTY

THU. OCTOBER 27, 2016

4:30 - 7:00 PM



GRAND PRIX

FAMILY FUN CENTER

6731 Blue Ridge Blvd.
 Raytown MO 64133



Join nearly 300 of your Chamber colleagues for an evening of networking, Metro Expo vendor showcases, heavy hors d'oeuvres, door prizes, cash bar & FUN! Explore this amazing venue and take a spin on the race track!

PARTICIPATING CHAMBERS:

Belton - Blue Springs - Grain Valley - Grandview - Harrisonville - Independence
 Lee's Summit - Peculiar - Pleasant Hill - Raymore - Raytown - South Kansas City

Mega Chamber Sponsor: \$300 *Deadline Oct. 14*
 Includes 8' table, 4 reservations, logo on program & sponsor sign, recognition in 4 Chamber newsletters (Grandview, Lee's Summit, Raytown, South Kansas City)

Full Metro Expo Display: \$125 *Early Bird - before Sept. 23*
 or \$150 - *Deadline Oct. 14* Includes 6' table, 2 reservations

Half Metro Expo Display: \$65 *Early Bird - before Sept. 23*
 or \$75 - *Deadline Oct. 14* Includes 3'sq. table, 1 reservation

Individual Reservations: \$20 each in advance *Deadline Oct. 21*
 \$25 at the door

Add electricity to your booth space for \$20.
 Electricity is limited & vendor must provide extension cord.
 Have a floor display? Please let us know when registering!

Visit the Chamber's online calendar of events at RaytownChamber.com to register for a sponsorship, expo display and/or individual registrations. Each of the four hosting Chambers will have 10 vendor tables.

Questions? Contact Kyle Phillips at 816.353.8500 or staff@raytownchamber.com

CHAMBER RACE SPECIAL: \$15/Race (tax incl. Reg. \$20)
 7-9pm No children please

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Check your weekly Chamber Connections C-mail for an up-to-date calendar</p>	1	2	<p>3 12:00pm Membership Services Committee</p>	<p>4</p> 	5	6
7	<p>8 4:30pm @ Crane Brewing Co.</p> 	<p>9 8:00am Senior Celebration Task Force</p>	10	<p>11 7:15am Board of Directors</p>	12	13
14	15		17	18	<p>19 8:00am Government Relations Committee</p>	20
21	<p>22 12:00pm >DEADLINE< For lunch Reservations</p>	23	<p>24 11:30am MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON</p> 	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			