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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

ROCK ISLAND RAIL CORRIDOR PROJECT LEAVES THE STATION

Join us for an update from the Rock Island Rail Corridor Team. Josh Boehm and Matt Davis will join us to discuss progress on one of our region's biggest transit and multi-modal projects.

WHEN: Wed., July 27 [Register online](#)
Networking begins at 11:00am, Lunch at 11:30am

WHERE: REAP Community Room
\$16.00/person - RSVP by Monday, July 25



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

My daughter and son in law, Amanda and Pat, had their first child on Sunday, June 12. Harrison Michael Kies weighed in at 8 pounds 2 ounces and 21½" long. Both mom and baby are doing great. Thank you for all the emails, text messages and phone calls. I can't wait to spend some quality time with this little guy!



During the month of July, we will take a look at the first half of the financials and begin to look towards the end of the year. If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors for the Chamber, there is board information in this newsletter.



The Each One Reach One Membership Drive "**Come Grow With Us**" will begin August 1 and run through September 30. This is a perfect time to reach out to those businesses and/or organizations that you do business with and ask them to join the Raytown Chamber. Each person that brings in at least one new member will be eligible for a great prize to be drawn at either the August or September membership luncheons. Plus the person who brings in 5 or more full new members (no individual, non-profits or additional locations) will be eligible for a prize valued at \$250.00. Some great additional prizes will be awarded for second and third places! Interested in an application, contact the Chamber today. Be watching for an email to be sent out this month with all the details.

My door is always open, come by anytime!

Vicki Turnbow, President

Raytown Chamber President, Vicki Turnbow, presented John Benson, outgoing Director of Development & Public Affairs, a certificate of appreciation for his 14 years of outstanding accomplishments and dedicated service to the members of the Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce and to the citizens of the City of Raytown. John was also given a thermal coffee mug with pictures of Raytown designed by Kyle Phillips. The Raytown Chamber wishes John the best of luck in his new role as City Administrator for the city of Marshfield, Missouri. He will be missed by many within the Raytown area.



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!!!**

CANDIDATE FORUM FOR HOUSE DISTRICT 28

JULY 26, 2016 – RAYTOWN CITY HALL

The Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce will co-sponsor with the League of Women Voters of Kansas City/Jackson, Clay and Platte Counties, a Candidate Forum for MO House District 28.

Missouri House of Representatives candidates for District 28 will meet in a forum on Tuesday, July 26. In the moderated forum, candidates will be responding to written questions from the audience. This gives attendees the opportunity to find out where the candidates stand on issues of interest to them.

The Forum will be held at Raytown City Hall (10000 E 59th St., Raytown, MO 64133) in the Council Chambers from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.

The Forum is free and open to the public. We encourage you to attend and take this opportunity to become an educated voter.

All District 28 candidates have been invited and time has been allowed at the end of the forum to meet with the candidates individually.

The League of Women Voters (LWV), a non-partisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Questions? Contact Vicki Turnbow, Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce at 816-353-8500 or email her at president@raytownchamber.com.



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

All marketing may include a website link.
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Happy
& Safe
Fourth
of
July!





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!

\$15.00/person
On Sale Aug. 15!
Singles, Couples
& Groups Welcome!



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Hale O'Kiakahi



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5909 Raytown Trafficway
(816) 353-8500

Raytown Hy-Vee
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Ticket sales end September 15
Tickets are required & not refundable

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**OUR Raytown
Area Chamber
of Commerce!**

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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE STARTS AUGUST 1!

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!

CHAMBER RENEWALS

- Kamp's Flowers 1996** Bill Kamp
- ☺ **Ken-A-Vision Mfg. Co. Inc. 2001**
Ben Hoke
- Lowe's Homecenters, Inc. 2009**
Dometria Coleman
- Shepherd's Center of Raytown 1992**
Kristina Peters
- Eclipse Bar & Grill 2015** Mike Horne
- ☺ **Lutfi's Fried Fish-Raytown 2008**
Loretha Hayden
- ☺ **Blue Ridge Auto-Truck Plaza 1996**
Willie Rickel
- H&R Block 2001** Marsha Clark
- Players Paradise 2012** Michael Spilker
- ☺ **CareSpot 2013**
Vince Teglia, Kelly Mullinax
- Associate Member 1996**
Claretta Mayhew
- Arvest Bank 2012** Rene Purtee

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

PAULA CANNON

Branch Manager
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Raytown Branch Hours:

Lobby: M-F 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sat 9:00 am - Noon
Drive Thru: M-F 8:30 am - 6:30 pm
Sat 9:00 am - Noon

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Our Members in the News



Kim LeSage, Chamber member and Raytown EMT employee, is the new District Governor for Rotary District 6040. The area reaches north from Lee's Summit to the Iowa state line and across to Illinois line on the east. She will work with nearly 2500 members in 57 clubs on local, district, and international projects. Rotary's motto "Service above Self" reaches out to eradicate polio, provide better education, improve economic conditions and living conditions, help eliminate poverty, give better health resources in the USA and around the world.



Seeing the international picture, Kim recently attended the Rotary International Convention in Seoul, South Korea, and has gone on volunteer trips delivering shoes to orphans in Guatemala and leading a Group Study Exchange Group to Brazil.

Kim was installed as DG on June 28 at a combined District 6040/Raytown Rotary Club Installation Dinner at Adam's Mark, Kansas City. Installed for the Raytown Club were Pat Ertz, President; Lynn Durbin, President-Elect; Janell Neal, Secretary; Ed Oman, Treasurer; DeeAnn Stock, Director. Also serving as directors will be George Koepf and Tom Murray.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR JULY 9TH!

[Raytown Main Street Association](http://www.raytownmainstreet.org) will be hosting a fundraising auction and we need your help! Our goal is to raise \$20,000 for the Let Our Light Shine holiday lighting event. With the completion of our new downtown streetscape, we want to create a winter wonderland of lights for everyone to enjoy this holiday season.

We're looking for donated items. Raytown Main Street is a 501(c)3 so your donations are tax deductible. Monetary donations are also very much appreciated. You can go to the Go Fund Me page and contribute online. www.gofundme.com/raytownlight

We're offering a **Sneak Peek & Bid** opportunity on **Friday, July 8 at 7 p.m.** for those who wish to be first to the auction block. A \$35 ticket gets you in the night before and avoids the Saturday crowd. Drinks and food will be served to make your evening more enjoyable. Hurry – limited tickets are available.

Call 816-353-4400 for Sneak Peek and Bid tickets, or for more information.



Our Members in the News

COMCAST NBCUNIVERSAL AWARDS \$10,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO KANSAS CITY AREA HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Leaders and Achievers® Scholarship Program Recognizes Student Achievement Both in and Out of the Classroom

Kansas City, MO, June 23, 2016 – Comcast NBCUniversal today announced it has awarded \$10,000 in scholarships for the 2016-17 school year to ten students in the Kansas City metro area as part of its annual Leaders and Achievers® Scholarship Program. The program, funded by the Comcast Foundation, is a one-time, \$1,000 scholarship awarded to the best and brightest high school seniors for their community service, academic performance and leadership skills. Since 2001, more than \$25 million has been awarded to nearly 25,000 high school seniors across the country as part of the Leaders and Achievers Program.

“Our Leaders and Achievers Scholarship winners exemplify commitment to academic excellence, community service and leadership,” said Jeff Freyer, Regional Vice President, Comcast. “We are honored to recognize their achievements, and excited to support them as they continue their educational journeys.”

Comcast, joined by Eileen Weir, Mayor of Independence, Missouri State Representatives Bill Kidd, Judy Morgan, Tom McDonald, Rebecca Rober, Glen Kolkmeier and Sheila Solon as well as Wes McCoy, Olathe City Council Member, recognized the honorees at a special reception held today at Stoney Creek Hotel and Conference Center in Independence, MO. The ten recipients each received \$1,000 scholarships. The Kansas City area students receiving 2016 Leaders and Achievers Scholarships include:

Mylisha Hurt, William Chrisman High School
 Jet Tryon, Oak Grove High School
 Daniel Eliason, Center Place Restoration School K-12
 Marissa Mallon, Ft. Osage High School
 Da’Vontae Hair, Truman High School
 Olivia Bahr, Blue Springs South High School
 Joshua Hill, Lee’s Summit South High School
 Anna Schwartz, Lee’s Summit North High School
 Brant Pitcairn, Olathe North High School
 Hilda Suarez Mondragon, Raytown Senior High School



Tom McDonald, Missouri State Rep, Hilda Suarez Mondragon, Raytown Senior High School Comcast NBCUniversal Leaders and Achievers Scholarship Award Winner and Jeff English, Comcast Xfinity Area Sales Manager.

The Comcast Leaders and Achievers Scholarship Program provides scholarships to students who strive to achieve their full potential, who are catalysts for positive change in their communities, who are involved in their schools, and who serve as models for their fellow students. The philosophy behind the program is to give young people every opportunity to prepare for the future and to engage them in their communities. The program also demonstrates the importance of civic involvement and its value to the local business community. To learn more, please visit the [Comcast Leaders and Achievers Facebook page](#).

About Comcast Corporation

Comcast Corporation (Nasdaq: CMCSA) is a global media and technology company with two primary businesses, Comcast Cable and NBCUniversal. Comcast Cable is one of the nation’s largest video, high-speed Internet and phone providers to residential customers under the XFINITY brand and also provides these services to businesses. NBCUniversal operates news, entertainment and sports cable networks, the NBC and Telemundo broadcast networks, television production operations, television station groups, Universal Pictures and Universal Parks and Resorts. Visit comcastcorporation.com for more information.

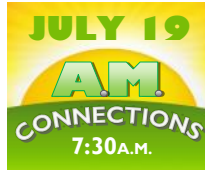
About the Comcast Foundation:

The Comcast Foundation was founded by Comcast Corporation in June 1999 to provide charitable support to qualified non-profit organizations. The Foundation primarily invests in programs intended to have a positive, sustainable impact on their communities. More information is available at comcast.com/community.

Upcoming Member Events

A.M. CONNECTIONS NETWORKING

The next "A.M. Connections" will be held at **WESTRIDGE GARDENS REHABILITATION & CARE CENTER, 11901 Jessica Lane**. 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!



AFTER HOURS NETWORKING

The event will be hosted by **LONGVIEW FUNERAL HOME & CEMETERY, 12700 S. Raytown Road**. Come by anytime between **4:30 to 5:30pm**, 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 event & find out what they can offer to you!

Join us for a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to celebrate the remodeled facilities. There will also be food and door prizes!



RYP NETWORKING EVENT

Monday July 11 - 4:30 to 6:00 pm
@ Crane Brewing Company
6515 Railroad Street

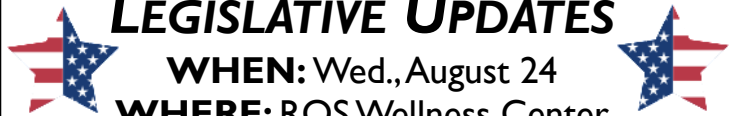
\$10 per person gets you a Crane Brewing Glass, your first beer, a hot dog & chips

Must pre-register by July 6
Limited to 50 people



AUGUST MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES



\$16.00/person - RSVP by Monday, Aug. 22

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SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

PLATINUM SPONSOR \$2,000 SOLD OUT!

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 sign will be displayed at the event, on the sponsorship sign & in the event program. 1/2 page marketing space in the Chamber newsletter.

GOLD SPONSOR - \$1,000

Company 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.

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BRONZE SPONSOR - \$250

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Company name listed in the event program

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The Point, 5600 Blue Ridge Cutoff



Help us put on a great event by choosing one of these sponsorship levels by August 1!



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JULY 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Check your weekly Chamber Connections C-mail for an up-to-date calendar</p>					1	2
3	<p>4 CHAMBER CLOSED Independence Day</p> 	5	<p>6 12:00pm Membership Services Committee</p>	7	8	9
10	<p>11 4:30pm @ Crane Brewing Co.</p> 	12	<p>13 8:00am Senior Celebration Task Force</p>	<p>14 7:15am Board of Directors</p>	15	16
17	18		20	21	22	23
24 /31	<p>25 12:00pm ➤DEADLINE< For lunch Reservations</p>	<p>26 6:30pm Candidate Forum @ City Hall</p>	<p>27 11:30am MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON</p> 	28	29	30