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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.

FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON



STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

From Mayor Mike McDonough

WHEN: Thursday, February 22, 2018

WHERE: Connection Point Church
10500 E. 350 Highway
Raytown, MO 64138

Networking begins at 11:00 a.m., Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m.

\$21.00 per person

[REGISTER HERE BY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19](#)

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.

LUNCHEON SPONSOR:



Tickets on Sale Now!
Raytown Night with the Mavericks

Saturday, February 24, 2018 at 7:30 PM
Tickets \$17.00 (Terrace Section)
\$25.00 (Rinkside Section)

Purchase your tickets at the Chamber Office!



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Board of Directors

Rene Purtee, Chair of the Board
Arvest Bank

Chiki Thompson, Chair Elect
Raytown Water Co.

Kaylie Baker, Secretary/Treasurer
Rok'it Advertising

Carol Baker, Past Chair
KCP&L

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Dick Smith Ford

Erik Blaney
Shamrock Cabinet & Fixture Corp.

Pat Ertz
Public Water Supply District #2

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president@raytownchamber.com

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staff@raytownchamber.com

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

January is off to a great start. Our first A.M. Connections was held at Summit View Terrace Assisted Living. If you have not had the opportunity to take a tour, give them a call. It is always good to be prepared.

At the Board meeting on January 18, Carol Baker presented the "official" gavel to 2018 Chair Rene Purtee. The date on this gavel is 1969. Just think of all the individuals who have led the Chamber over the years. The list is impressive.

The 23rd Annual Chamber Celebration luncheon was held on January 24 and, wow, what a day! Please see pages 4 & 5 for some great photos taken by Dave Thurman of ReeceNichols.

If you are interested in looking through the Kansas City Business Journal Book of Lists, we have a copy here at the office. Come by and we can make a copy of the page you are needing.

The Board of Directors is in the process of handing out the 2018 Community Profile and Chamber Directory. Let us know what you think of the book and if you have any ideas for 2019. Speaking of 2019, the Chamber will be celebrating our 90th Anniversary next year and we hope to be able to provide some updates this year as to what we will do to make 2019 extra special. Maybe a remodel of the building to reflect the Rock Island Trail coming through? Maybe a slight change in the logo? You never know what will happen.

Don't forget the Raytown Chamber is a resource for the business community. Please remember my door is always open.

Vicki Turnbow, President



Meet Your 2018 Officers

Past Chair - Carol Baker, Community Business Manager for KCP&L - KCP&L has been providing safe, reliable and affordable energy since 1882.

Chair Elect - Chiki Thompson, Vice President/Corporate Liaison for Raytown Water Company (RWC) – RWC has now moved to its new home after 92 years of being in their original building built in 1926.

Secretary/Treasurer - Kaylie Baker, owner of Rok'it Advertising - Became a proud business owner in Raytown at age 25!

Chair - Rene Purtee, Business Banking Specialist for Arvest Bank – Life-long resident of Raytown, graduate of Raytown South High School with over 30 years in the banking industry.



Interested in having the *Business Brigade* visit your business? These visits provide a better understanding of what the business/ organization has to offer and hopefully will be educational and fun. Each month we will try to schedule at least two visits. During the visits, if allowed by the business, we hope to live stream on Facebook, post on Twitter and place some photos on Instagram! If you would like the *Business Brigade* to visit your business, please contact Vicki at 816-353-8500 or email her at president@raytownchamber.com. What a great way to show off your business to a small but mighty group of Chamber members!

MEMBER MARKET



NEED A RENTAL HALL?

PARTIES ~ DANCES ~ RECEPTIONS ~ MEETINGS

Serving the greater KC area, the Hall is conveniently located 1½ miles south of the Sports Complex on Blue Ridge Cutoff at Sni-A-Bar Road.

OFFICE HOURS: Tue.~Sat. 8am~12pm

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Business Card or 1/4 Page Space Available
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All marketing may include a website link.
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 CARD

- > 3 months - \$55.00
- > 1 year - \$160.00

¼ PAGE COLOR

- > 3 months - \$130.00
- > 1 year - \$475.00

½ PAGE COLOR

- > 3 months - \$160.00
- > 1 year - \$600.00

FULL PAGE COLOR

- > \$80.00 per month

Membership Mailing Labels: \$55.00
(Includes all reps.)



2017

Chamber Celebration

The 23rd Annual Chamber Celebration was held at Four Points by Sheraton-Kansas City Sports Complex. Thank you to Jody Mallinson and her team for being such gracious hosts. The annual event would not be possible without the Chamber Celebration sponsorship from KCP&L and the luncheon sponsorship from ServPro.

The 2017 annual awards were handed out to the following:



Business of the Year
SERVPRO of Raytown/East Kansas City



Small Business of the Year
Advanced Eyecare



Non-Profit of the Year
Mission of Hope Clinic



Rising Star
Whitney Dantzler



Chamber Person of the Year
Chiki Thompson

2017
 Chamber Celebration



Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce 2017 Awards



2018 Officers

Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce 2017 Awards



Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce 2017 Awards



Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce 2017 Awards



Class of 2020



Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce 2017 Awards



New Member-Four Points by Sheraton

Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce 2017 Awards

A Look at the Last 30 Days

A.M. CONNECTIONS AT SUMMIT VIEW TERRACE ASSISTED LIVING—JANUARY 16, 2018



OPERATION THANK YOU—JANUARY 19, 2018



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

- ☺ **Albin's Fine Jewelry**, Wayne Albin 1999
- ☺ **Awards & T-Shirts Specialists**, Angela O'Donohue-Singleton 2012
- ☺ **Central Bank of the Midwest (IND)**, Lana Sellers 2007
- ☺ **Connection Point Church**, Carmen Kraus, Bernard Wesley 1987
- ☺ **Grow In Peace Childcare**, Carla Hamilton 2014
- ☺ **H&H Color Lab**, Terry Tuggle, Dave Brown, Dave Drum, Jaime Rehmsmeyer 2016
- ☺ **Hope Network of Raytown**, Michele Workman 2008

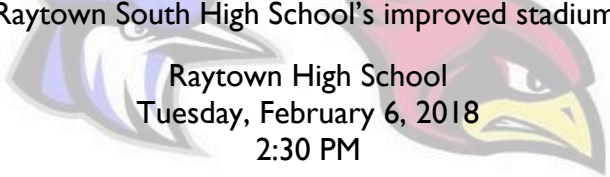
- ☺ **Maj-R Thrift & Discount**, Rhonda Edwards, John Michaels 2016
- ☺ **Lane Avenue Baptist Church**, Jerry Applegate 2018
- ☺ **ReeceNichols Real Estate**, Dave Thurman 2016
- ☺ **River Christian Fellowship**, Timmy Hensel 2006
- ☺ **State Representative, Dist. 28**, Jerome Barnes 2016
- ☺ **The Whole Person**, Michael Riley, Karen Gridley, Twinteria Strother 2016
- ☺ **Westridge Gardens Rehabilitation and Care Center**, Juaquan Herron 2009

NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS*Welcome!*

Integrity Home Care and Hospice
 Dylan Walker, Sommer Cash,
 Mabelle Gilhaus, Lyndsey Normand
 3751 NE Ralph Powell Rd
 Lee's Summit, MO 64064
 816-254-3131
 Dylan.walker@integrityhc.com
 Sommer.cash@integrityhc.com
 Mabelle.gilhaus@integrityhc.com
 Lyndsey.normand@integrityhc.com

Groundbreaking Ceremonies for the Stadiums

Help the Board of Education, Superintendent Dr. Allan Markley, and the Bluejay and Cardinal families celebrate Raytown High School's new stadium and Raytown South High School's improved stadium.



Raytown High School
 Tuesday, February 6, 2018
 2:30 PM

Raytown South High School
 Tuesday, February 6, 2018
 4:00 PM



The Raytown School District will be recognized as one of the Healthiest Employers in Kansas City by the Kansas City Business Journal. The District was named as one of five honorees in the 500-1499 employee category.

Honorees are determined by an independent panel of experts from the Healthiest Employer LLC, which scores organizations in six categories: leadership commitment, communication and markets, foundational components, programming and interventions, strategic planning, and reporting and analysis.

"We are honored to be considered as one of the Healthiest Employers in Kansas City." Associate Superintendent of Operations Dr. Steve Shelton said. "We hope our efforts to improve the quality of life of our staff members through resources provided by the District will result in higher student achievement as well as the retention of high-performing staff members who are healthier and happier."

The Raytown School District provides each employee, their spouse, and dependents under 18 a free membership to the Raytown Schools Wellness Center. Employees can also take advantage of the Raytown Schools Quality Care Clinic open to only employees and their families. The District also provides employees with wellness information and hosts challenges to motivate employees to make healthy decisions on a regular basis. Since the opening of the Wellness Center, the District has returned more than \$1.4 million to the budget and saved employees an estimated \$240,000 in co-pays.

The winner of each category will be announced at an awards ceremony on February 8 at the Sheraton Overland Park Hotel at the Convention Center.

Our Members in the News

MELISSA BEALL EARNS FUNERAL DIRECTOR AND EMBALMERS LICENSE IN THE STATE OF KANSAS

Melissa Beall, General Manager of Longview Funeral Home & Cemetery, earned her Funeral Director and Embalmers licenses in the State of Kansas in order to better serve the families at Longview. She had to go in front of the KS Board of Mortuary Arts and take the State Law exam in order to achieve this licensing. With an increase in people wanting to go to cemeteries where their families are located, it sometimes finds her on the Kansas side of the state line, so the licensing will allow her to perform all services herself and not have to rely on calling someone else in. Melissa already holds her Missouri licenses for Funeral Director and Embalmer, so this expands upon those, but she definitely plans to stay on the Missouri side.



TERRY LANDERS RECEIVES RESOLUTION FROM STATE



During halftime of the Raytown High and Raytown South Varsity Boys Basketball game on January 6 at Raytown South, Terry Landers received a Resolution from the state for over 50 years of service to his community. Terry was a little surprised to receive the award. The Raytown South High School Varsity boy team won the game, and in the varsity girls match-up the Raytown High girls basketball team won.

WCA ACQUIRES FLYNN'S RAYTOWN DISPOSAL

WCA of Missouri, LLC (WCA) is excited to announce that effective January 2, 2018 we acquired Flynn's Raytown Disposal. Mary and Jim Flynn would like to thank you for your patronage over the years and assure you that WCA is committed to providing you with the same high quality service with the same high quality service that you are accustomed to.

Below are service features and benefits that you can look forward to during this transition:

- Same Route Date -Payments via Phone -Customer Loyalty Bonus
- Same Friendly Driver -No Fees for Credit Cards

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your service, WCA, or future billings, please do not hesitate to contact the local office at (816) 358-1211. On behalf of the entire WCA family, we would like to take this opportunity to welcome you as a new customer. We are thrilled to have you with us.

Our Members in the News

RAYTOWN WATER COMPANY HAS MOVED!

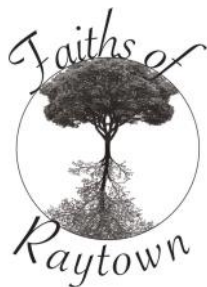


Effective Friday, January 26, 2018 the Raytown Water Company is moving to their new location at 10017 E. 63rd Street Raytown, MO 64133. Just one block east of their old building. Business hours and the phone number will remain the same:
Monday through Friday 7:00 am to 4:00 pm
816-356-0333

Parking is available on the west side and in back of building. Main Entrance is the back of the building with handicapped accessible entrance at the front of the building. Customer Service is on the main level thru the double glass doors at the top of the escalator.

Walk-up Drop Box is available in the glass enclosed area on the northwest corner of the building on 63rd Street. Drive-up Drop Box will be located on the center island of the drive-thru canopy.

RAYTOWN COMMUNITY INTERFAITH ALLIANCE CHANGES NAME



Effective January 14, 2018, the Raytown Community Interfaith Alliance has changed its name to "Faiths of Raytown!"

Please email us at faithsofraytown@gmail.com and visit our Facebook page.

Faiths of Raytown (or "FoR") will continue to organize the annual MLK Celebration, the annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, the annual Community Thanksgiving Service, coordinate the invocations for the Board of Alderman meetings AND produce the Raytown Area Faith Directory (2nd edition coming the spring of 2018!!)

And our regular monthly gatherings will continue to be the first Thursday of each month from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the community space of the Raytown Emergency Assistance Program (REAP) at 9300 E. 75th Street, Raytown, MO.

As Faiths of Raytown ("FoR"), we are FoR building bridges across faith traditions. We are FoR promoting mutual understanding. And we are FoR working together to serve the Raytown community, as well as Kansas City and the world! Come and share in this special fellowship, experience the blessing of working together, and enrich the Faiths of Raytown with your own presence!



Our Members in the News/Events

2018 RAYTOWN COMMUNITY PARADE

Saturday March 31 11:00am

**SUBMIT YOUR ENTRY TO: CLARK'S APPLIANCES, 9715 East 63rd Street, by Mar. 23
OR SIGN UP FROM 10-10:30am IN FRONT OF RAYTOWN CHRISTIAN CHURCH
6108 Blue Ridge Boulevard**

**ENTRIES BEFORE MARCH 23 MUST INCLUDE \$20.00 ENTRY FEE
AFTER MARCH 23, ENTRY FEE IS \$30.00**

Name of Organization _____ Day Phone _____

Contact Person _____ Cell Phone _____

Street Address _____ City, State _____ Zip _____

Number in Group _____ OR Approximate # of Marchers _____

TYPE OF ENTRY – PLEASE CHECK ONLY ONE CATEGORY.

BANDS

- High School
- Community
- Other

DRILL TEAMS

- High School
- Other

MARCHING UNITS

EQUESTRIAN

- Equestrian-Drawn Unit**
- Equestrian Mounted Unit**

**ALL EQUESTRIAN GROUPS
MUST PROVIDE A CLEAN UP CREW
BEHIND THEIR ENTRY

FLOATS

- Commercial
- Youth Organization
- Adult Organization
- Other:

MISCELLANEOUS

- Individuals
- Vehicles
- Clowns
- Special Units
- Youth Groups

FIRE CODE COMPLIANCE DICTATES:

- 1) All motorized apparatuses **must** have an approved fire extinguisher of at least 2-A: 40B:C rating accessible to the operator or entries will be disqualified from the parade.
- 2) **NO** flame or spark producing materials/objects will be allowed on any float or apparatus.

PARADE RULES & REGULATIONS

- 1) **NO** objects of any kind will be thrown during the parade. (includes, but not limited to, candy, gum, beads, etc.)
- 2) Any parade participant acting confrontational towards parade staff will be requested to leave the parade route immediately and the parade entry will be disqualified.
- 3) Parade entries arriving after 10:30 am on Saturday may be placed at the end of the parade line up.
- 4) **NO** units will be allowed to randomly stop along the parade route.

Release of Liability: Any and all participants in the 2018 EGG EXTRAVAGANZA PARADE at all times shall relieve, indemnify, protect and save the RAYTOWN MAIN STREET ASSOCIATION MEMBERS, OFFICERS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES and VOLUNTEERS harmless from any and all claims and demands, actions, civil fines and penalties of any nature in regard or resulting from the 2018 Egg Extravaganza Parade, including, but not limited to, expenses occurred in legal actions, death, injury, or damage that may be caused directly or indirectly by: (1) any operation conducted by the Raytown Main Street Association Parade Committee, and (2) any failure by the 2018 Egg Extravaganza to comply or secure compliance with any terms or conditions set by the City of Raytown, MO, and Raytown Christian Church for any unsafe or defective conditions in or on City of Raytown, MO and Raytown Christian Church Property while being used by the Raytown Main Street Association/Board Officers, Agents and Employees. I have read and agree ALL participants in our parade entry will abide by all rules & regulations. (Parade officials have the right to disqualify any unit not complying with rules and/or regulations.)

Signature: _____ Date: _____



www.RaytownMainStreet.org
816-356-0505



Interested in Sponsoring a Networking Event?

HOST A NETWORKING EVENT AT YOUR BUSINESS!

The Raytown Chamber is looking for businesses to host networking events. 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 to 8:30 a.m. The sponsorship for each event is \$50.00. Listed below are the dates available.

For those who prefer an evening event, the After Hours Networking events are scheduled for the first Thursday of the month from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. (unless a different day would work better for your business). By hosting an After Hours you agree to provide beverages/refreshments of your choice. The sponsorship for each event is \$50.00.

By hosting a networking event you will receive an advertisement in the monthly newsletter, a posting for 30 days in the weekly Chamber e-mail, a listing on the event calendar on the Chamber's website, and invitations to hand out to your customers or neighboring businesses. Morning Coffees and After Hours are offered on a first come first served basis. If you would like to host one of these events and are not able to hold them at your office, you might be able to host it at the Chamber office. Please contact the Chamber office if you would like to sponsor an A.M. Connections or After Hours.

2018 A.M. Connections Available:

June 19, July 7, August 14, September 18 and November 20



Save the Date

Raytown Night at the Royals Vs. Detroit Tigers

Friday, May 4

Game Time 7:15 PM

Fireworks Friday & Buck Night



**Tickets go on sale
in February.**

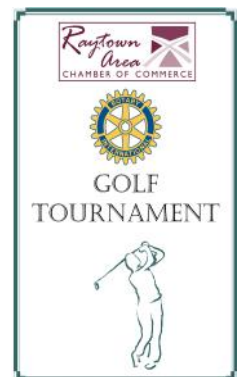
Raytown Chamber- Rotary Golf Tournament

Thursday, May 17

11:00 - 1:00: Lunch & Registration

1:00: Shot Gun Start

**Hillcrest Golf Club
8200 Hillcrest Rd.
Kansas City, MO
64138**



Upcoming Chamber Events

FEBRUARY A.M. CONNECTIONS

Tuesday, February 20, 2018
7:30 AM to 8:30 AM
Mission of Hope Clinic
6303 Evanston Ave.
Raytown, MO 64133



[REGISTER HERE](#)

MARCH LUNCH AND LEARN

Vulnerable Citizens Services

WHEN: Wednesday, March 14, 2018
11:30 AM-12:30 AM

WHERE: Four Points by Sheraton
4011 Blue Ridge Cutoff
Kansas City, MO 64133

COST: \$12/person

[REGISTER HERE BY MONDAY, MARCH 12](#)

MARCH A.M. CONNECTIONS

Tuesday, March 20, 2018 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM
Four Points by Sheraton-KC Sports Complex
4011 Blue Ridge Cutoff, Kansas City, MO 64133



The next A.M. Connections will be hosted by Four Points. Come by anytime between 7:30 and 8:30 am for coffee and network with other businesses within the community. An added bonus will be to meet the business hosting the event and find out what they have to offer!

[REGISTER HERE BY MONDAY, MARCH 19](#)

MARCH MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

ROCK ISLAND RAIL CORRIDOR UPDATE

WHEN: Wednesday, March 28, 2018
Networking begins at 11:00 am, Lunch at 11:30 am

WHERE: REAP
9300 E. 75th St.
Raytown, MO 64138

COST: \$16.00/person

[REGISTER HERE BY MONDAY, MARCH 26](#)



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FEBRUARY 2018

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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	3
4	5	6	<p>7 Membership Services Committee 12:00 pm @ Chamber Office</p>	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	<p>15 Board of Director's Meeting 7:15 am @ Chamber Office</p>	<p>16 Government Relations 8:00 am @ Chamber Office</p>	17
18	<p>19 Last day to make a reservation for the February luncheon</p>	<p>20 A.M. Connections 7:30 am @ Mission of Hope Clinic</p> 	21	<p>22 State of the City Membership Luncheon 11:00 am @ Connection Point Church</p>	23	<p>24</p> 
25	26	<p>27 Chamber Trip to the Capitol</p>	28			