

CHAMBER CONNECTIONS



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The Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce supports our business community to enhance the quality of life for our citizens.

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MARCH 2018

2018 CHAMBER CORPORATE SPONSORS



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RE-SCHEDULED STATE OF THE CITY LUNCHEON WITH MAYOR MIKE MCDONOUGH

THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2018

If you have not already registered or confirmed attendance with the Chamber office,

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

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Networking & Registration 11:00 to 11:30
Buffet Lunch 11:30 to Noon
Program Noon to 1:00 p.m. / \$21.00 per person
Deadline is Monday, March 12.



MARCH 28 MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

ROCK ISLAND RAIL CORRIDOR UPDATE

WHEN: Wednesday, March 28, 2018

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

Networking begins at 11:00 a.m.,
Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m.—\$16.00 per person

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



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:



RAYTOWN NIGHT AT THE ROYALS FRIDAY, MAY 4

KANSAS CITY ROYALS VS. DETROIT TIGERS

HERE'S YOUR CHANCE OF A LIFETIME!

Win the opportunity to stand on home plate and catch the ceremonial first pitch from Chair of the Board, Rene Purtee. **Raffle tickets-on sale now 3/\$20!**

Winner announced at April Chamber Luncheon. Must be at least 18 years old. No one else allowed on field. Must be able to catch a baseball from 60 feet away. Must purchase a ticket to the game and bring your own glove.

This could be YOU!!!





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Dick Smith Ford

Erik Blaney
Shamrock Cabinet & Fixture Corp.

Pat Ertz
Public Water Supply District #2

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Raytown Main Street Assoc.

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Vicki Turnbow, President
president@raytownchamber.com
staff@raytownchamber.com

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

If you are looking to be a part of an upcoming event through the Chamber, now is the time to act.

- Tickets are on sale for Raytown Night at the Royals—Friday, May 4
- Raytown Chamber/Rotary Golf Tournament is set for Thursday, May 17
- Senior Celebration is set for Saturday, September 22 with a fun theme of Harvest Moon Hootenanny!

Sponsorships range from \$50 and higher and is a good way to market your business or organization to not only the business community but to those residents throughout the metropolitan area that attends.

For those of you who don't know, Lindsay Jarquio has accepted a full time position with the Greater Kansas City Chamber. Lindsay brought a lot of new ideas to the table and she will be greatly missed. At somepoint, I will be looking to fill the position. It will remain part time—about 20 hours per week.



Facebook recently announced changes that will affect how often you see our posts. If you would like to continue seeing information about the Chamber, please update your News Feed Preferences!

Here's how:

- Tap the menu icon in the bottom right corner of your app
- Tap Settings and select News Feed Preferences
- Tap "Prioritize who to see first"
- Find and tap Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce

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
At-Large Board Members*

According to Article IV (Board of Directors); Section 2 (Composition) – The Chair may appoint, with Board approval, other ex-officio, non-voting members to the Board, not to exceed three (3) in number. Article V (Officers); Section 4 (Duties of Officers); Part E (Executive Committee) – It shall be composed of the Chair of the Board, Immediate Past Chair, Chair-Elect, Secretary/Treasurer and three (3) at-large members. The three (3) at large members shall be appointed by the Chair of the Board and may, but need not, be members of the Board of Directors. The at-large members will serve a one year term.

Jeff Bethel – Dick Smith Ford
Erik Blaney, President of Shamrock Cabinet & Fixture
Pat Ertz – Public Water Supply District #2



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



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



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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.
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

1/4 PAGE COLOR

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

1/2 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.)

HELP GET THE WORD OUT! COPY THIS PAGE & PASS IT OUT & POST IT AT YOUR BUSINESS!



RAYTOWN NIGHT AT THE ROYALS

ONE OF THE LARGEST COMMUNITY EVENTS FOR OVER 25 YEARS!

A FUNDRAISER FOR THE RAYTOWN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

FRIDAY, MAY 4, 2018 7:15 P.M.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS VS. DETROIT TIGERS

OUTFIELD PLAZA SECTION \$ 35.00

VIEW RESERVE SECTION \$ 15.00

PARKING PASS **\$12.00** REGULAR PRICE \$15

* TICKET PRICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE & AVAILABILITY *



*Don't miss the fun and excitement -
join your community for a great time at the "K"!*

- ★ Buck Night & Summer Fireworks
- ★ Raytown Fire Protection District Color Guard!
- ★ Businesses & groups selling 20 or more tickets
get their name on the Royals Video Board!

BUY YOUR TICKETS TODAY



TICKET SALES END APRIL 20!



**For more information call the Chamber office, 816-353-8500
or stop by to buy your tickets!**



5909 Raytown Trafficway
M-F 9:00am-4:30pm Closed 12-1

**Online tickets sales will be available in March.
Contact the Chamber for more details**

A Look at the Last 30 Days

RAYTOWN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION SHARE THE LOVE—FEBRUARY 8, 2018



ROCK ISLAND BIKE SHARE DEMO—FEBRUARY 7, 2018



A Look at the Last 30 Days

A.M. CONNECTIONS AT MISSION OF HOPE CLINIC—FEBRUARY 23, 2018



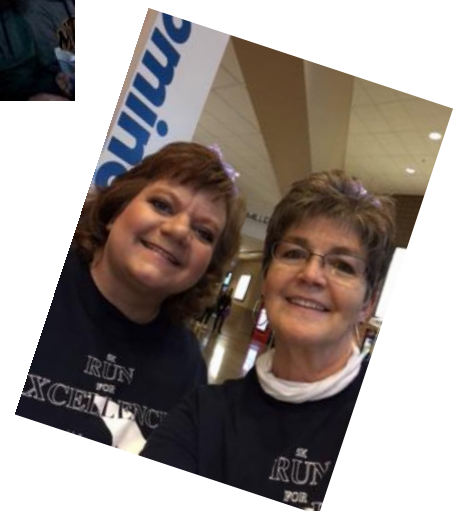
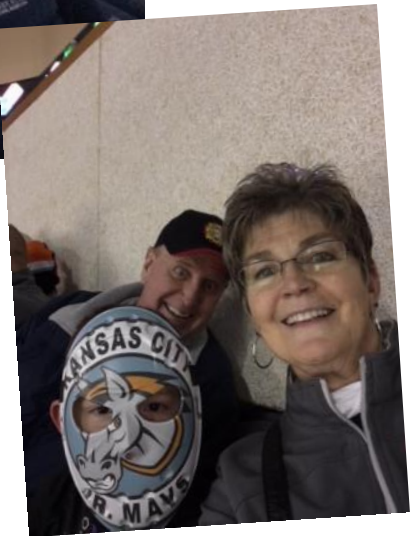
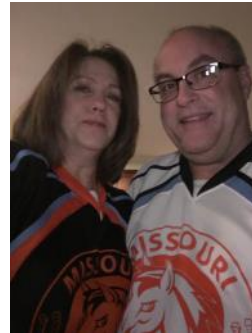
ADVOCACY DAY AT THE CAPITOL—FEBRUARY 27, 2018 **Blue Springs, Grandview, Lee's Summit, South KC and Raytown Chambers**



A Look at the Last 30 Days

RAYTOWN NIGHT AT THE MAVERICKS—FEBRUARY 24, 2018

The Raytown Chamber sold over 200 tickets to this year's Raytown Night at the Mavericks. Raytown Educational Foundation was the non-profit recipient of the Chuck A Puck proceeds that evening. Those in attendance saw the KC Mavericks win 1- 0 against the Allen Americans. Chair of the Board, Rene Purtee along with her family were able to sit and watch warmups before the game. Rene says she has a new found appreciation for the game of hockey!



CHAMBER RENEWALS

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

- ☺ **Advanced Eyecare** Richard Wilosn, OD, Melissa Enevoldsen, OD, Jeffrey Harter, OD, Lauren Hendrickson, OD, Dana Krause, OD, Christine Mitts, OD, Larry Reed, OD, Heather Bass 1985
- ☺ **Best Security**, Brian DeMoss 2015
- ☺ **Caring for Kids Network**, Terry Geenens 2015
- Faiths of Raytown**, Rev. Pat Jackson 2015
- Herndon Career Center**, Cheryl Reichert, Jeff Dutzel, Katie Zeiger 2015
- Guenther Mills Keating Architects**, Steve Guenther 2001
- Jackson County**, Johnny Sweeney, Miriam Hennosy 2013
- L.W. Management, Inc.** Lewis Webb 2002

- ☺ **Public Water Supply District #2**, Pat Ertz, Fred Hartwell, Jim McClanahan, Joe O'Dwyer, Richard Tush, George Yocum 1990
- ☺ **Rick's Auto Clinic** Rick Stagl, Shawn Stangl, Amy Davidson 2008
- ☺ **Shamrock Cabinet and Fixture Corporation**, Erik Blaney, Kelly Lauderback, Bill Price 1980
- ☺ **The UPS Store**, Peggy Sundquist 2007
- ☺ **USA800** Tom Davis, Mike Douglas 1976

NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS

Welcome!

Budget Blinds of Independence
David Jay
Kansas City, MO 64133
816-559-7920
djay@budgetblinds.com

Smile Doctors Braces by Harmony Smiles
Lana Luebbert
9470 E State Route 350
Raytown, MO 64133
816-313-6161
Lana.luebbert@smiledoctors.com

1st Phase
Rock Island Shared Use Path Groundbreaking



SAVE THE DATE

Date: Thursday, March 8, 2018
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Place: Hartman Park
700 SW Pryor Road, Lee's Summit, MO
RSVP: cijackson@jacksongov.org




The Raytown School District is recognized as one of the Healthiest Employers in Kansas City by the Kansas City Business Journal. The District was named as the top honoree 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 was announced at an awards ceremony on February 8 at the Sheraton Overland Park Hotel at the Convention Center.



Our Members in the News

AFFORDABLE ELEGANCE CATERING NAMED PICK IN THE KNOT BEST OF WEDDINGS 2018

Raymore, Missouri, January 18, 2018—Greg and Dee-Dee Stokes are pleased to announce that Affordable Elegance Catering has been selected as a 2018 Winner in The Knot Best of Weddings. The 2018 selection is the seventh consecutive win by Affordable Elegance. Affordable Elegance qualified for the distinguished The Knot's Best of Weddings Hall of Fame when they received their fourth consecutive award in 2015.

"We are so proud of our seventh consecutive selection as The Knot's Best of Weddings. We take such pride in providing an outstanding catering experience for our clients. This award is based solely on the reviews by our clients. Being recognized by these clients is the greatest compliment we could receive," says Dee-Dee Stokes, co-owner of Affordable Elegance. Business partner and husband, Greg Stokes adds, "This award is a tribute to our very dedicated, hard-working team. It is their combined efforts that allow us to maintain our great reputation for high quality food, exceptional presentation, and great service. We are blessed!"

In addition to the successful catering operation, the Stokes own and operate Gregory's Sunday Brunch and Event Space where they provide a weekly Sunday brunch and also provide in-house catering events for up to 200 guests. Gregory's Event Space hosts wedding receptions, business luncheons, awards dinners and personal events. Gregory's event space features full-service catering complete with linen and China and also includes bakery and bar service options.

Gregory's Sunday Brunch is open to the public every Sunday from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. For more information about Gregory's Sunday Brunch and Event Space, please visit www.brunchkc.com. For more information about Affordable Elegance Catering, please visit www.AffordableEleganceCatering.com.

For more information, please contact Dee-Dee Stokes, (816) 809-0340



CERT TRAINING IS COMING TO RAYTOWN

Community Emergency Response Team 2018 Classes begin:

Tuesday, April 3, 10, 17, 24, 2018 6:00 pm-9:00 pm

Thursday, April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2018 6:00 pm-9:00 pm

Saturday, April 28, 2018 9:00 am-12:00 pm (FINAL)

You must attend all classes for certification. Classes will be held at Raytown Fire District Station #1. There is no charge for the class. Participants must be 17 years old. Applicants will be required to complete an enrollment form and a background check. For more information visit <http://www.ready.gov/citizen-corps>. For enrollment form contact Captain Michelle Rogers at (816) 737-6103 or rogersm@raytownpolice.org.

Our Members in the News

RAYTOWN POLICE ANNOUNCE ONLINE REPORTING SYSTEM

Raytown, MO — This afternoon, Monday, February 12, 2018, Raytown Police launched its Online Police Reporting system, providing a convenient option to report minor crimes. Online reporting is offered as a service to our citizens and business community and its use is completely voluntary. The online reporting portal can be found at <http://www.raytownpolice.org/online-reporting>.

This web-based reporting system will allow the public to file certain incident types (stealing, property damage, identity theft, harassment, forgery and fraudulent use of a credit card, as well as add additional information to a report such as a list of property stolen or damaged) over the internet, at their convenience. For all crime types, the following criteria must apply:

- The incident must NOT be an emergency.
- The incident must NOT be occurring right now.
- There were NO injuries caused by the incident.
- The incident has NO known suspects. "Known" means you know the person's name or where to find them or have a license plate from the suspect vehicle.
- There is NO physical evidence to be collected. If you have relevant photos or video, you can upload them to this system.
- The incident must have occurred within the city limits of Raytown. Any incident that occurs outside the city limits must be reported to that jurisdiction.
- The information you are providing must be truthful and accurate.
- You must have a valid email address to submit an online report.

The Raytown Police Department expects this internet based reporting service to be popular among citizens who expect an increased use of technology as part of the department's commitment to service. The service will allow the public to file a report at a time that is best for them. The report will be reviewed by police personnel and, once approved, the victim will receive an email with the report number. The report will transfer to the Raytown Police records management system and receive the same investigation and statistical analysis as if the report had been filed by a police officer. In many cases, reports of this nature are only filed for insurance claims or documentation purposes. This web-based reporting option will also allow officers more time to address community needs which require one or more officer's presence.

Full details about acceptable crime reports and criteria can be found at the Online Police Reporting system portal. Anyone who is unsure if their incident meets the online reporting criteria may call our non-emergency phone number at 816-737-6020 and speak with a dispatcher.



Our Members in the News/Events



RAYTOWN
main street

8th Annual EGG-EXTRAVAGANZA !!!

Sat. March 31

11:00am ~ RAYTOWN COMMUNITY PARADE
Starts at Raytown Christian Church, 6108 Blue Ridge Blvd. ~ Put your Easter Bonnet on!
Marching Bands ~ Floats ~ Cars/Trucks ~ Individuals ~ Groups
Early Bird Special: \$20 entry fee if paid by March 23, if paid March 24-31 \$30 entry fee.
[Entry form at RaytownMainStreet.org](http://RaytownMainStreet.org)

12:00pm ~ STORY TIME WITH THE MAYOR
Mid-Continent Library, 6131 Raytown Rd.
Follow the Bunny across the street to find Eggs!

GAMES FOR ALL CHILDREN
Begins immediately after parade

1:00pm ~ EGG HUNT
On the Green Space at 62nd Street & Blue Ridge Blvd.

*Food & Vendors
"Raytown Rocks" T-Shirt
available*

FUN FOR EVERYONE !!!

For more information:
(816) 356-0505



Raytown School District's 4th Annual Community Connections Resource Event for Families is coming soon! On Saturday, April 14 from 11:00-2:00 at Raytown

High School where a variety of resources will be provided under one roof for district families. If you have resources or services to offer our families, please feel free to contact the Department of Student Support Services in Raytown School District and speak with Dr. Staci Mathes (816-268-7000) about how you may get involved. In addition, we are seeking bronze, silver, gold and platinum sponsors to give donations as we provide food, fun and prizes for this great event and your business would be named on the volunteer t-shirt.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to help the students of Raytown School District!

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS
Resources for Raytown School District Families

TURNING DREAMS INTO CAREERS

March 15th from 6:00–8:00, we hope you'll join us for the Abundant Living Seminar being led by Chris Meyers, co-founder of Crane Brewery. Chris will be speaking on *Turning Dreams to Careers*.

- If you've ever dreamed about what it would be like if you were your own boss;
- If you're in a job going nowhere, but dream of something better;

If you're on your way up, but you want more;

... then you won't want to miss this event. Chris Meyers was a licensed veterinarian, but had a dream of turning his beer brewing hobby into a career. At the Abundant Living Seminar, Chris will share how he made the leap and give you ideas on how you can make your career dreams come true, no matter what your dream is.

What: *Turning Dreams Into Careers* with Chris Meyers; Networking; Hors d'oeuvres; and Door Prizes

When: Thursday, March 15, 6:00 p.m.

Where: Raytown Christian Church (6108 Blue Ridge Blvd, Raytown, MO 64133)

Who: Open to anyone who wants to reach their career dreams

Sponsored: Raytown Christian Church

Turning Dreams to Careers
A Conversation with Chris Meyers
co-founder Crane Brewery

Raytown Christian Church
March 15, 6 PM



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:

May 15, June 19, August 14, September 18 and November 20

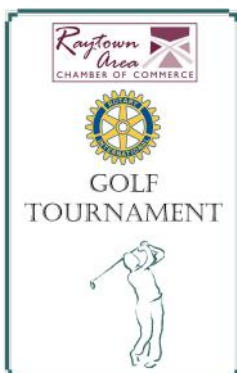


Save the Date

RAYTOWN CHAMBER- ROTARY GOLF TOURNAMENT

May 17, 2018

Registration & Lunch 11:00 am
Shotgun Start 1:00 pm



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

See your cover email
for more details!

Harvest Moon Hootenanny

Saturday, September 22!

hoot·en·an·ny
(ˈhootn, anē) noun:
An old-fashioned
word for party



Upcoming Chamber Events

MARCH LUNCH AND LEARN



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VULNERABLE CITIZENS SERVICES HOTLINE • 855-653-7300

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](#)

APRIL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

CELEBRATING THE HOME TEAM!

WHEN: Wednesday, April 18, 2018 (1 week early)

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

WHERE: Kauffman Stadium
One Royal Way
Kansas City, MO 64133

COST: \$21.00/person

RESERVATIONS ARE
REQUIRED AND THIS
LUNCHEON WILL
SELL OUT!

[REGISTER HERE BY MONDAY, APRIL 16](#)

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MARCH 2018

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RAYTOWN, MO 64133-3860

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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	7 Membership Services Committee 12:00 pm @ Chamber Office	8 Board of Director's Meeting 7:15 am @ Chamber Office	9	10
11	12	13	14 Chamber Lunch and Learn 11:30 am @ Four Points by Sheraton KC Sports Complex	15 State of the City Luncheon 11:00 a.m. @Connection Point Church	16 Government Relations 8:00 am @ Chamber Office	17
18	19	20 A.M. Connections 7:30 am @ Four Points by Sheraton 	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Membership Luncheon 11:00 am @ REAP			