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AUGUST MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2020
KENAGY PARK
LIMITED TO THE FIRST 50 RESERVATIONS
\$10.00 PER PERSON
11:00 - 11:30 NETWORKING/REGISTRATION
11:30 - NOON BOX LUNCH/BOTTLE WATER
(Prepared by Affordable Elegance)
Noon - 1:00 PROGRAM

We will receive an update from Raytown Fire Chief Matt Mace and Raytown Police Chief Robert Kuehl.

[CLICK HERE TO MAKE A RESERVATION](#)

We ask those attending to be mindful of the following & the Chamber will be following all recommended Guidelines as set by Jackson County.

- If you are not feeling well, we ask that you not attend the luncheon.
- Masks will be required
- We ask everyone to not shake hands or hug.
- We will practice social distancing.
- We will have hand sanitizer on site.

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.

RIBBON CUTTING—EDWARD JONES (BRIAN ROSS)

Please join Brian Ross for a “socially distanced” ribbon cutting to celebrate the location of his new office. We ask those attending to please wear their favorite mask and make note the ribbon cutting will be held outside. Brian’s Edward Jones office is located at 11705 E. State Route 350. Stop in around 10:00 a.m. and we will cut the ribbon promptly at 10:15.



[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER & FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

If you are unable to join us in person, join us by Zoom. Zoom will be up and running beginning at 10:00 and will end just after the festivities of cutting the ribbon. Please hold on to your confirmation email with the Zoom information - staff will be on sight of the ribbon cutting and will not be able to resend the Zoom Login.

Edward Jones
 MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The month of July has been challenging for the business community as well as the residents. People feel fine and they want to be out and about but there are still so many restrictions. As we work through the last six months of the year and try to get a handle on COVID, we all must do our part. Best thing right now is to comply and wear your masks, stay six feet apart even with family especially if they are not in your immediate bubble and most of all RESPECT others.

In Cass County there is not a mask mandate, but my husband, Kris, is always trying to remind people to wear their masks. Here he is with President Truman wearing their masks.



Also, Carolyn Whitney with Sisters in Christ and Theresa Galvin, Jackson County Legislator styling with their masks on.

State Representative Jerome Barnes and his granddaughter, always wear their masks!



The Raytown Chamber remains a resource for you the member. We are here for you. If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, give me a call or send me an email.

Here are a few updates with regards to some upcoming events.

- August 6 Ribbon Cutting - Edward Jones Brian Ross
- August 26 Membership Luncheon at Kenagy
- September 23 Membership Luncheon pending

Remember my office is always open - please remember to call first to make sure I am in!

Vicki Turnbow, President



The Raytown Chamber is featuring a new series called "Business Spotlight Premier". If you are interested please contact Vicki today! For Chamber members the cost is only \$50 and includes the following:

Business Spotlight includes:

- A 2-4 minute video business profile (business tour and/or interview)
 - Virtual Video Premiere Marketing
 - Promotion of video on social media
- Video will be posted on the Raytown Chamber Website
- Access to the video file for your use



**IF INTERESTED CONTACT ME TODAY
AND WE WILL GET YOU ON THE
SCHEDULE!**

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A Look at the Last 30 Days!



DUTIES AS ASSIGNED

When you are the President of a non-profit, your family has duties as assigned. This day the family came out to the office and we filled holes where groundhogs had dug up. Of course, Catch-It Pest Control caught six groundhogs before we could do the work.



As a Trustee for the Raytown Educational Foundation, I had the opportunity to volunteer during the annual laptop distribution at Raytown High School, on Thursday, July 23.

It was great to visit with the students and some parents. They were grateful to have the opportunity to receive their laptop back after having it cleaned up.

There was also a group of volunteers at Raytown South High School.



July Membership Luncheon!

JULY MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

The July Membership Luncheon was held at Kenagy Park on Wednesday, July 22. The Raytown Chamber followed all guidelines as set by Jackson County. A total of twenty-eight attendees enjoyed a box lunch prepared by Cosentino's Price Chopper located at 8700 E. 63rd Street, KCMO 64133. It had been 147 days since the last in person luncheon.

Michael Brooks with Terrace Home Health was introduced as a new member and Jeff Hirst with Madden Media was introduced as well.



50/50 GOLF SPONSORS



THANK YOU



TO THE 50/50 GOLF SPONSORS

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(SEE YOU IN 2021)



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Larry & Rene Purtee
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Raytown Educational Foundation
Shamrock Cabinets & Fixture Corporation
ServPro Raytown/East Kansas City
Terry & Susan Landers
Tom & Donna Gibbens
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First Responder Appreciation Bags



Dear Friend,

As a fellow member of the Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism, I want to start with a simple “thank you”. Thank you for ALL your many adjustments before COVID 19, during COVID, and for all the new methods you will create as needed to keep doing what you do.

During this time, we have become increasingly aware of the critical role our First Responders play in helping our communities remain safe and productive, both around the nation, and right here in Raytown. This group of highly dedicated Ambulance, Fire, and Police staff has worked tirelessly to serve our community. And despite the increased challenges of their work, they have done so with the highest of integrity.

As Raytown’s LOCAL PPE company, we are pleased to provide a gift of supplies for each of the 120 First Responders who serve our community, including rugged 95% respirators and Hand Sanitizer to go.

We also want to make this opportunity available to every Chamber member to extend appreciation for the service that our Ambulance, Fire, and Police professionals provide to our community. Here are some guidelines:

- If you wish to provide items for the bags, we need 120 of each item.
 - During the month of July – contact Vicki about donating an item for the bag (816-353-8500 or email her at president@raytownchamber.com)
 - August 16 - All items need to be delivered to Raytown Chamber for bag assembly
- If you wish to provide a cash contribution towards a purchase,
 - During month of July - make your pledge to Vicki
 - August 10 - All funds must be received and made payable to the Raytown Chamber
- Here is a representative list of items that would be appreciated:
 - compressed towel,
 - cooling rag,
 - snacks/treats,
 - pen/pencil,
 - inspiring wristbands/messages,
 - educational pieces,
 - company logo items
 - Thank you notes

We are delighted to be your LOCAL PPE company. As longtime members of the Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism, we are a LOCAL company based right here in Raytown. We were here before COVID, we are here now, and we will be in Raytown well into the future.

Check out our website at www.ecohealthkc.com, where you can see our current product line and place orders directly from our online store. For any questions, and for larger orders, please contact me at info@ecohealthkc.com or on my cell at 816-916-6829.

Sincerely,

Tim “the Light Guy” Truesdale
Vice President of Business Development & Community Engagement, Ecologix

ECOHEALTH+KC

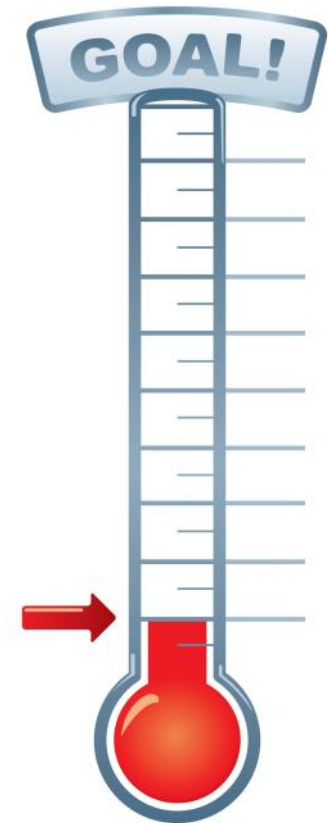
Building Capital Campaign Update & Rock Island Trail Photos

Raytown Chamber of Commerce Building Foundation Capital Campaign Update

Thank you to those who have sent in their pledge form and/or made a donation to the Capital Campaign, that will be used to remodel the building from the outside in. Including all pledges and donations we currently are at **\$43,622.00**. Remember all monetary donations will receive a charitable tax deduction letter from the Building Foundation. An engraved plate will be placed in the area in the hallway at the office where the first plate is located from the early 90's.

The BF continues to research various grants with regards to handicapped entrances and building remodels. If you know of a grant the BF can apply for, let Vicki know.

If you need a donation/pledge form or have questions, contact Vicki Turnbow at 816-353-8500 or email her at president@raytownchamber.com



Rock Island Trail Construction Photos July 2020



Top right: 1st out of 6 bridges to be put in place - Round Creek not far from the Stadiums.
Far left: 47th Street Bridge.
Below: Crane Brewing area



These photos are from the 63rd Street Bridge looking north and then on the south side.

CHAMBER RENEWALS

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

Aldi, Mark Bersted 2011
 ☺ Arvest Bank, Rene Purtee 2012
 ☺ Extreme Grand Prix, Stacey Payne & Matt Tholen 2013
 ☺ Graceway, Andrew Adudu, John Baxter & Jay Grimwood 1995
 HR Solutions On-Call, Stephen Losey 2017
 ☺ Knights of Columbus, John Hernandez & Joe Wolfgeher 2012
 ☺ McGilley & Shiel, Dennis Carroll 2001
 Raytown Quality School, Dr. Allan Markley, Alonzo Burton, Dr. Marlene DeVilbiss, Shirley Earley, Dr. Brian Huff, Dr. Travis Hux, Rachel Johnston, Terry Landers, Dr. Andrea Mixon, Dr. Anthony Moore, Rick Moore, Danielle Nixon, Beth Plank, Brooke Rohlifing, Bobbie Saulsberry, Dr. Steve Shelton, Melissa Tebbenkamp, Rick Thode and Amy Tittle 1989
 ☺ Rycom Instruments, Douglas Reitz 2008

SERC – South Raytown, Erin Beerman 2015
 Sword of Joy, Tina Joy Cochran 2017
 ☺ Technology Elevated, Kim Dyess 2019
 ☺ Walmart #1094, Josh Hurtado 1991
 ☺ Ward Technology, Todd & Crystal Ward 2015

Thank You

Have you utilized your member benefits lately?
Thank you to those businesses who have donated 110% ☺

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE AUGUST 1 TO OCTOBER 1



The Raytown Chamber will be having a Membership Drive from August 1 through October 1, 2020.

If you know a business, organization or individual who would like to join the Chamber please let the Chamber know. There is also a Membership Drive Packet located in the cover email for the August newsletter.

NEW MEMBER REFERRALS

Referrals can be companies you buy from companies that buy from you, or companies whom you have a connection with.

Help the Raytown Chamber continue to grow and be able to provide quality services to other businesses just like yourself.

Contact the Chamber office at 816-353-8500 or email staff@raytownchamber.com and we will contact them about joining the Chamber!

Our Members In The News & Updates



MORGAN MILLER PLUMBING

Located at 13911 Norby Road
Grandview, MO 64030
816-765-4843
www.morganmillerplumbing.com



Farmers Insurance District 16 started having a traveling trophy in June of 2020 rewarding the top agency in life sales production, my office was the first to receive the award. Of all the policies I sell, I see it having the greatest impact on a family. I have delivered a few of those checks, and it is a totally different type of situation than when you replace a roof, or car, or something else. It's probably the most important policy I sell and it has a lasting impact on the loved ones.

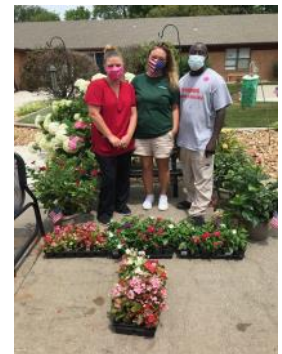
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Autumn Terrace would like to thank Sutherland's in Raytown for donating these beautiful flowers for their memory care unit. Nurse Tiffany loved them!



NEW HOURS ANNOUNCED FOR SERENITY CAFÉ

We at Serenity Cafe are excited to announce that we are extending our hours starting August 3rd we will now open from 7am - 3:30pm Monday-Friday and Sat 9:00 AM- 4:00 PM and closed on Sunday. Serenity Café is located at 6109 Blue Ridge Blvd and is located in the old Benetti's Coffee Building. For up to date information on specials and additional information follow Serenity Café on Facebook @serenitycaferaytown.

Our Members in the News & Updates



10819 E. 40 Highway
Independence, MO 64055
816-353-1241
www.vsrestaurant.com

V's Italiano Ristorante is committed to taking the extra measures recommended by the CDC and Independence Health Department's standards so that our restaurant is a safe environment for our staff and guests.

Our dining room is open at 50% capacity. We are practicing social distancing, and our staff is wearing masks and having temperature checks prior to each shift. At the same time we are still offering curbside carryout. We are offering our Sunday champagne brunch as a staff served brunch. As you go through the line our gloved and masked staff will fill your plate with all of your favorites. We have also opened our private dining rooms, again with proper social distancing and following capacity guidelines.

We have implemented additional cleaning protocols focusing extra attention on all public, high traffic areas, restrooms and door handles. During hours of operation you will see our staff disinfecting tables, seats, and menus after each use. We will present your silverware rolled in a napkin. Salt pepper and sweeteners will be served upon request and sanitizer after use. After hours, we are taking additional steps to provide a deeper clean of all surfaces. We will continue to strive to be the place you want to come, relax, and enjoy a fine meal!

We hope to see you soon.

The Family and Staff of V's Italiano.

I opened the Irish pub house July 27th 2007. We currently carry 66 different beers. This number changes as the seasons change. We pride ourselves in having a wonderful selection of beer and cocktails. The Pub House serves food until midnight and certain items are available after midnight. Most of our items are made in house. The Pub participates in charitable and civic events whenever possible.

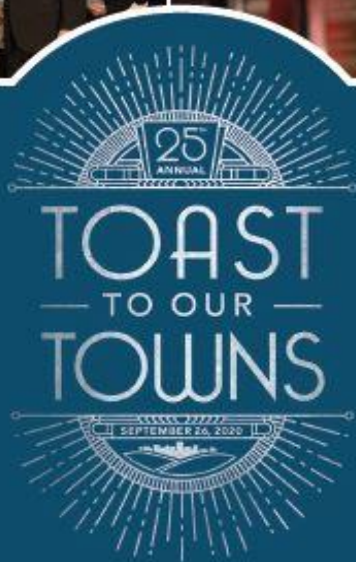


As with everyone, we look forward to getting back to normal. The virus has led us to sanitize and clean more than we had already done in the past. We sanitize every table and chairs after our guests leave and hand sanitizer at different stations. If you stop by for a drink or a bite, please know that we require a mask be worn until you are served. This has been mandated by our Jackson County Health Department.

Stay safe and healthy!
Owner, April Harrington



Toast to the Towns - Truman Heartland Community Foundation



Saturday, September 26, 2020
Broadcast Online at 7pm

25th ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF PHILANTHROPY

Join us for a dynamic online celebration as we recognize individuals, businesses and organizations who have made a significant philanthropic impact in Eastern Jackson County and surrounding communities.

2020 GALA HONOREES

HEARTLAND HUMANITARIANS OF THE YEAR
Brent Schondelmeyer
 and **Lee Williams**

HEARTLAND CORPORATE CITIZEN OF THE YEAR
Speaks Chapels

HEARTLAND SERVICE AWARD
Junior Service League
 of Independence

DR. PAUL M. THOMSON PROFESSIONAL
 ADVISOR OF THE YEAR
Adam Kliethermes

2020 CITIZENS OF THE YEAR

BLUE SPRINGS
James L. May

GRAIN VALLEY
Christina "Kiki" Claphan (posthumous)

INDEPENDENCE
Stan and Michele Crumbaugh

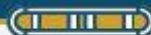
LAKE TAPAWINGO
Brad Cloverdyke

LEE'S SUMMIT
Wyatt and Crystal Durgan

RAYTOWN
Carol Frevert and Mary Oyler

SUGAR CREEK
Bill Haman

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT SPONSORING A WATCH PARTY, VISIT WWW.THCF.ORG/GALA



Funds raised from the event support the operations of Truman Heartland Community Foundation.

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 FAX 816-836-8898
WWW.THCF.ORG



4200 Little Blue Pkwy.
 Suite 340
 Independence, MO 64057

Tee Up for Hope - Hope Network



Thursday, September 17

8:00am Shotgun Start

Adams Pointe Golf Club

1601 R.D. Mize Road · Blue Springs, MO 64014

Registration

Individual - \$90

Team of 4 + hole sponsorship - \$550

Includes range balls, 18 holes of golf with a cart,
BBQ Lunch, Prizes and Raffle.

To register or sponsor, visit Teeup4hope.com

For more information,
contact Michele Workman at 816-778-1105



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17th Annual Golf Tournament



Team: \$340
 Individual: \$85

Registration fees
 due by 4pm,
 Sept 13



Enjoy 18 holes of golf w/ carts, pre-golf lunch, post-golf reception and beverages provided!

EXTRAS include:
 Silent Auction,
 Putting Contest
 & 50/50 Raffle

FRIDAY, SEPT 25, 2020

Teetering Rocks Golf Course
12040 East 86th Street, KCMO

Tournament starts at NOON
Check-in @ 11:00 am

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TEAM/PLAYER REGISTRATION

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Virtual 5K Run For Excellence - REF

Virtual Run Instruction Sheet 5K RUN FOR EXCELLENCE Race week: October 11-17, 2020



REGISTER



Register online or send REF a paper registration.

To access either online or paper registration go to:
<https://www.raytownschools.org/domain/1703>

T-SHIRT & MASK PICK-UP



Pick up your 2020 Run for Excellence commemorative t-shirt and face mask at the RSECC building on the days listed below. T-shirts & masks will be delivered to RQS employee and student groups.

Saturday 10/10	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Monday 10/12	4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday 10/13	5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

October 2020



11 12 13 14 15 16 17

TIME TO RUN

Run a 5k your way!

Set a time to run during the week of October 11 - 17. You can run, walk, or be motionless. Participate alone or with a group. Pick the location of your choice: cozy couch, open road or trail, or an iconic landmark wherever you are.

SHARE



Join our private Facebook group for registered participants. Group members can share training tips, photos, & videos. Make new friends and connect with others. Let's make this virtual run, fun!
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/refvirtual5k> Facebook page.

Navigating the Road to Recovery



Face masks can help reduce spread of COVID-19.

Help us reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our Community by following these guidelines.

Masks ARE Required:

- In indoor public spaces including (but not limited to):
 - Workplaces
 - Businesses
 - Schools
 - Places of Worship
 - Community Centers
 - Libraries
 - Medical Offices
 - And more
- When using public transportation, taxis or ride-sharing services.
- In all outdoor public gathering places such as:
 - Bus stops
 - Parks
 - Playgrounds
 - Farmers markets
 - Restaurant/bar patio seating

Masks are NOT Required:

- Inside a solitary, enclosed workspace such as a private office.
- Masks may be removed in restaurants and bars when individuals are actively eating or drinking but must be worn at all times otherwise.
- When individuals are driving alone or with others they live with.
- When individuals are exercising alone or with others they live with.
- When swimming or when engaging in an activity where the face-covering will get wet (splashpads).
- For those who are deaf or hard of hearing.
- Children younger than five years old.*
- Persons with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents wearing a face covering. **



Jackson County Health Department



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* Children younger than 2 years old should never wear a face covering due to risk of suffocation

** This includes, but is not limited to, persons with a medical condition for whom wearing a face covering could obstruct breathing or who are unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove a face covering without assistance.





AUGUST 2020

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5 Membership Services Meeting Noon (Zoom)	6 Ribbon Cutting at Edward Jones - Brian Ross at 10:15 	7	8
9	10 Office Closed	11	12	13 Zoom - Virtual Chamber/BF Board Meeting 8:00 a.m.	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 Government Relations 8:00 a.m. By Zoom	22
23	24	25	26 Membership Luncheon at Kenagy Park limited to the first 50 reservations	27	29	30 / 31