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

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OCTOBER 2020

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OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2020

ZOOM MEETING
\$5.00 PER PERSON
Noon - 1:00 PROGRAM



ZOOM SPONSOR:
RAYTOWN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
SPEAKER:
RQS UPDATE—DR. ALLAN MARKLEY
CHAMBER/BUILDING FOUNDATION ANNUAL MEETING



[**CLICK HERE TO MAKE A RESERVATION**](#)

Reservations are due by 3:00 pm on Monday, October 19.
An email will be sent to everyone who makes a reservation with the Zoom meeting ID and the Password.

RAYTOWN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & TOURISM
2021 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY SIZES/RATES
CONTACT THE CHAMBER OFFICE AT 816-353-8500 IF INTERESTED

<p>HALF PAGE (4.5" x 3.5") \$450.00</p>	<p>FULL PAGE (4.5" x 7.5") \$750.00</p>
<p>QUARTER PAGE - HORIZONTAL (4.5" x 1.75") \$300.00</p>	<p>INSIDE FRONT/ BACK COVER \$850.00</p>
<p><small>*All marketing spaces on the Website will be this size.</small></p>	<p>BACK COVER \$1000.00</p>
	<p>QUARTER PAGE - VERTICAL (2.25" x 3.5") \$300.00</p>

Design/creation services are available for an additional \$75.

2021 COMMUNITY PROFILE & MEMBER DIRECTORY

LETTERS MAILED TO ALL PRIMARY REPS!

Marketing and production of the 2021 Community Profile & Member Directory will begin in October. Be watching for information to arrive by email with regards to securing a marketing space. This publication is handed out to Chamber members, potential new members, current residents and it is also used as a relocation packet with over 1,250 are handed out yearly. This publication is still one of the only printed marketing pieces about Raytown today!

Contact Vicki if interested in some information now. 816-353-8500 or email her at president@raytownchamber.com



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Board of Directors

Melvin Norrington, Chair
Everygy

Tamara Wheeler, Chair Elect
United Consumers Credit Union

Dr. Ryan Crider, Secretary/Treasurer
Metropolitan Community College -
Longview

Chiki Thompson, Past Chair
Raytown Water Co.

At Large Members

Kaylie Baker
Rok'it Advertising

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Farmers Insurance

Steve Dempsey
Missouri Job Center

Corrine Emerson-Dix
Research Medical Center

Stephen Losey
HR Solutions On-Call Services

Al Maddox
Cave Spring

Linda Roberts
Raytown Lee's Summit Community
Credit Union

Brian Ross
Edward Jones

Brian Wagler
ServPro of Raytown/East KC

Phylis Goforth, Liaison
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Chief Matt Mace, Liaison
Raytown Fire Protection Dist.

Dr. Allan Markley, Liaison
Raytown Quality Schools

Missy Wilson, Liaison
City of Raytown

Staff

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

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Thank you to those Primary Reps who filled out the Chamber survey that was sent out in early September. 206 surveys were sent out; 23 filled out the survey in full and Melvin Norrington chose number 11. Each member is assigned a number as they fill out the survey and the corresponding name to number 11 was Loretha Hayden with Lutifi's Fried Fish. See page 6 for a photo of her receiving a \$50 gift card to HyVee. Survey results will help us plan for 2021.

Reminder: At the August 13, 2020 Raytown Chamber/Building Foundation Board of Directors meeting Tamara Wheeler made the motion to accept the 2020 Officers as the 2021 Officers; Linda Roberts, seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Linda Roberts made a motion to extend all current classes by one year (2020 will become 2021; 2021 will become 2022 and 2022 will become 2023); Dr. Ryan Crider seconded, and the motion passed.

The by-laws require the Chamber to post the recommendations and if there are no objections those who will be in attendance at the October 21, 2020 October Membership Luncheon will officially vote on the Classes. Information about this luncheon is included on the front page.

Listed below are the proposed recommendations. Questions, please contact me.

2021 Officers

Melvin Norrington, Everygy - Chair of the Board
Tamara Wheeler, United Consumers Credit Union - Chair Elect
Dr. Ryan Crider, Metropolitan Community College - Longview Secretary/Treasurer
Chiki Thompson, Raytown Water Company - Past Chair
Kaylie Baker, Rok'it Advertising At Large Member

Class of 2021

Steve Dempsey, Missouri Job Center - FEC
Dr. Ryan Crider, Metropolitan Community College - Longview
Corrine Everson Dix, Research Medical Center
Brian Ross, Edward Jones

Class of 2022

Robert Atkins, Farmers Insurance
Stephen Losey, HR Solutions On-Call, LLC
Chiki Thompson, Raytown Water Company
Brian Wagler, ServPro Raytown/East Kansas City

Class of 2023

Al Maddox, Cave Spring
Melvin Norrington, Everygy
Linda Roberts, Raytown-Lee's Summit Community Credit Union
Tamara Wheeler, United Consumers Credit Union

Please remember my door is always open. Call me at 816-353-8500 or send me an email, president@raytownchamber.com.

BE KIND, BE PATIENT, BE RAYTOWN!

Vicki Turnbow, President

Welcome Autumn!



MEMBER MARKET



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General Manager
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Raytown, MO 64133

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EMPLOYEE BENEFITS



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- In addition to medical, discounts available on dental, vision, disability, life, critical illness, accident, and pet
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- Ongoing support from your dedicated account team, access to our HR Help Desk, and compliance support
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- Onsite open enrollment



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First Responder Appreciation Bags - Thank You!

**THANK YOU TO OUR FIRST RESPONDERS
FROM THE RAYTOWN AREA BUSINESS COMMUNITY**



Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Board of Directors

Vicki Turnbow, Raytown Chamber - Al Maddox, Cave Spring
 Brian Ross, Edward Jones - Brian Wagler, ServPro Raytown/East Kansas City
 Chief Matt Mace, Raytown Fire - Chiki Thompson, Raytown Water
 Corrine Everson Dix, Research Medical Center - Dr. Allan Markley, Raytown Quality Schools
 Dr. Ryan Crider, MCC Longview - Kaylie Baker, Rok'It Advertising
 Linda Roberts, Raytown-Lee's Summit Community Credit Union - Melvin Norrington, Every
 Missy Wilson, City of Raytown - Phylis Goforth, Raytown Main Street Association
 Robert Atkins, Farmers Insurance - Stephen Losey, HR Solutions On-Call
 Steve Dempsey, Missouri Job Center - Tamara Wheeler, United Consumers Credit Union

Thank you for your hard work & dedication! We appreciate you!!

(items donated by the following organizations/businesses)

Autumn Terrace Health & Rehabilitation	Ecologix
Edward Jones, Brian Ross	Graceway
Land Specialties	Lutfi's Fried Fish - Raytown
Raytown Chamber	Raytown Lee's Summit Community Credit Union
Raytown Quality Schools	Raytown Rotary Club
Research Medical Center/HCA	Rok'It Advertising
Serenity Café	Vicki Turnbow

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First Responder Appreciation Bags - Thank You!

Thank you to the businesses listed on page 4 for either making a monetary donation or donating an item for the First Responder Appreciation bags. Melvin Norrington, Chair of the Board and Tim Truesdale with Ecoglix first visited the Raytown Police Department. Four bags were presented to the codes enforcement officers with the City then Chief Robert Kuehl accepted the police departments bags. We then went to Raytown Fire Station I and delivered bags to Chief Matt Mace.



September Membership Luncheon!



Thank you to HCA/Research Medical Center for sponsoring the September membership luncheon. Dr. David Binder, M.D., Radiation Oncologist gave us an update on the Oncology Program at Research. Also, thank you to the Raytown Parks Department for hosting us at Kenagy Park.



New member, Secured IT Professionals received their new member plaque.



\$50 Gift Card Winner!

Loretha Hayden with Lutfi's Fried Fish-Raytown won the \$50 gift card to HyVee. Loretha completed the membership survey in full and was awarded the gift card by Chair of the Board, Melvin Norrington. Both attended the September monthly membership luncheon on September 23. Thank you for taking time to fill out the survey,

CONGRATULATIONS LORETHA!



Raytown Citizens of the Year



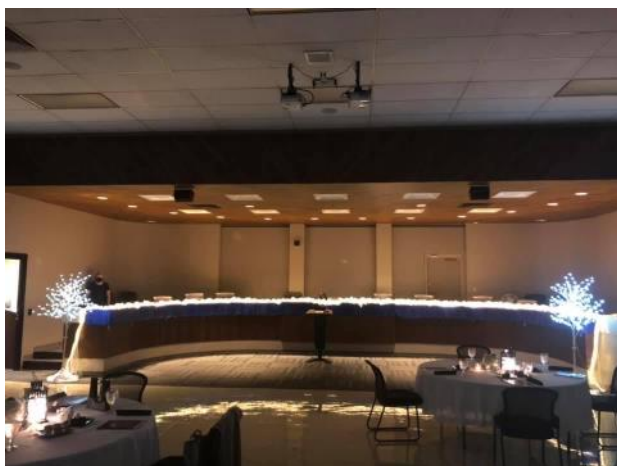
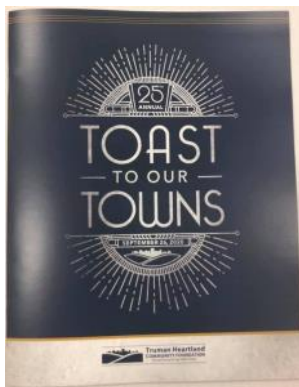
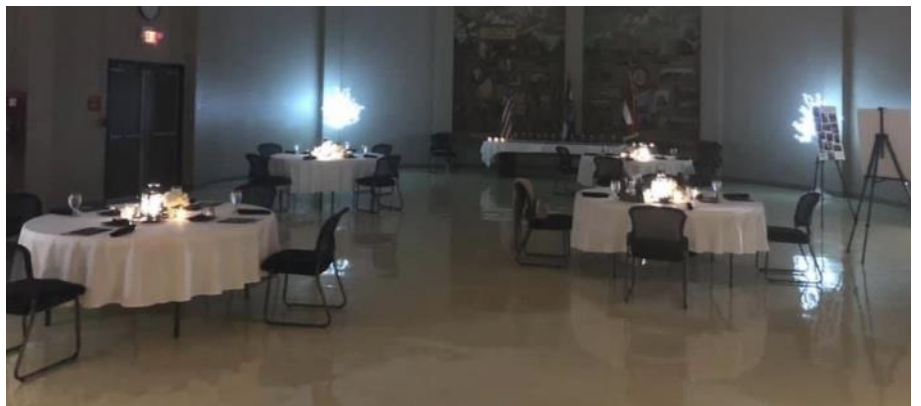
This year the Truman Heartland Community Foundation went virtual with their Toast to Our Towns Citizen of the Year Gala. The City of Raytown hosted a watch party with 14 people on Saturday, September 26. I had the pleasure along with Martha Cockerell (Raytown Educational Foundation) and



Missy Wilson (City of Raytown) to decorate the Council Chambers. I have to say it was beautiful. A special thank you to Stoney Creek Hotel for allowing us to borrow items for the centerpieces and to Affordable Elegance for preparing and serving the sit down dinner.



This year's Raytown Citizens of the Year, Mary Oyler and Carol Frevert who coordinate the Raytown Summer Lunch Ministry represents Raytown to their fullest. Congratulations to Mary and Carol! Thank you for making Raytown proud.



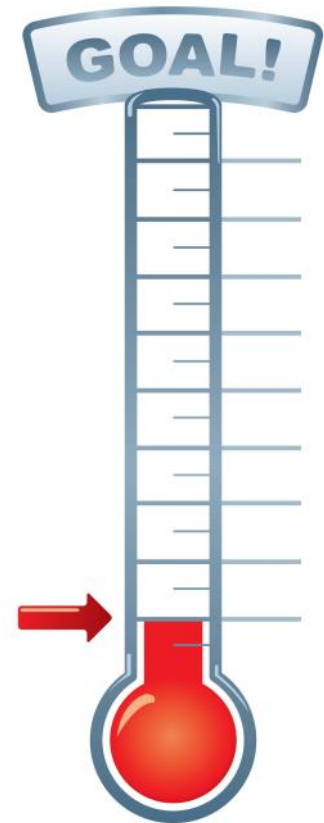
Building Capital Campaign Update & Rock Island Trail Photos

Raytown Chamber of Commerce Building Foundation Capital Campaign Update

Built in 1988, the building has been a showcase for a long time. As we look to the completion of the Rock Island Trail and the tourism it will attract to our community, the building needs to be ready. Now is the time to update it and make it a true handicapped accessible building. We are currently working to raise the \$60,845 it will take for the handicapped portion of the project.

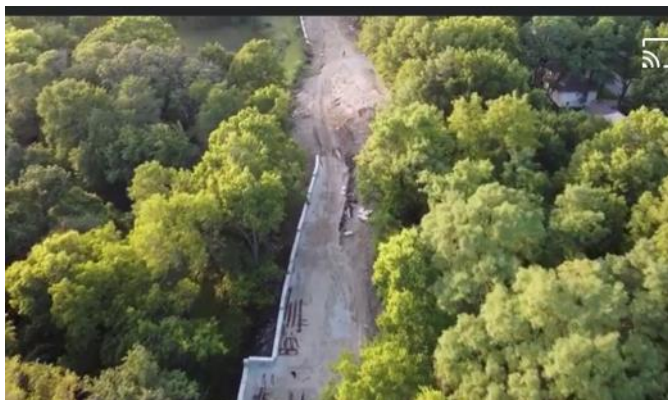
Thank you to those who have sent in their pledge form and/or made a donation to the Capital Campaign, that will be used to remodel the building from the outside in. Including all pledges and donations we currently are at **\$46,022.00**. Remember all monetary donations will receive a charitable tax deduction letter from the Building Foundation. Several companies have reached out and offered discounts and even full donation of items which we greatly appreciate. Information to come on a 50/50 “split the pot” raffle will be available sometime this month.

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 September 2020

The picture below is a drone photo of the bridge being constructed west of Woodson in Raytown. The other two photos are an update of the trail down by Crane Brewing.



CHAMBER RENEWALS

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

Fraternal Order of Police, Mark Wasko, Paul Brooks,
Rick Inglima, Mandy McKie 2009
☺ HyVee, Michael Hostettler, Larry Pinkston 1994
Kansas City Mavericks, Lydia Taylor 2009
Kansas City Zoo, Dr. Kirk Suedmeyer, Randy Wisthoff
2011
MDL Technology, LLC, Mark Dryer, TJ Bloom 2008
☺ Mic-Continent Public Library, Todd Hembree
2010
Otto Car Washes, Mark White 2016

Raytown Historical Society and Museum,
Charlotte Belger 2007
Rick's Auto Clinic, Rick Stangl, Amy Davidson,
Shawn Stangl 2008
☺ Royal Meadows Golf Course, Greg Addison
2018
Waterfalls of the World Vacations, Barb Keogh
2019

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



**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE
AUGUST 1 TO OCTOBER 1**

Holy Fog KC
Sandy Grant
877-465-9364
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www.holyfogkc.com
Recruited: Membership Drive

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Recruited by: Membership Drive

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Dustin.beeman@securedITpros.com
www.securedITpros.com
Recruited by: Membership Drive

Welcome!

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!

NEW MEMBER PHOTOS

PLEASE HELP US WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED DURING THE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE



MEMBERSHIP DRIVE AUGUST 1 TO OCTOBER 1



Al Hermans, SDC Engineering



Reginald Green, State Farm



Dustin Beeman, Secured IT Professionals

Welcome!



Cassandra Hahn, World Finance Corporations

Sandy Grant, Holy Fog KC

Shannon Moss Re-Discover Raytown
(watch for photo next month)



Raytown CARES Act Small Business Grant Program



SEE FRONT FOR INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE INFO

Small Business Grant Program
application closes on
October 30, 2020

Raytown CARES Act Small Business Grant Program

The City of Raytown's Mayor and Board of Alderman approved the priorities and program guidelines for the Raytown CARES Act Small Business Grant program. This program will distribute \$200,000 in CARES Act assistance to small businesses experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19.

APPLY ONLINE! WWW.RAYTOWNCARES.COM



WHO'S ELIGIBLE?

Businesses owned and operated within the City of Raytown.

- Raytown non-residential, brick-and-mortar business
- A 501 (c) (3), (4), or (6)*
- A sole proprietor or home-based business*
- A franchisee only applying for one (1) Raytown location
- Been negatively impacted by COVID-19 or was temporarily closed due to Jackson County's order

*With a physical location of the business operation within the City of Raytown.



WHEN CAN I APPLY?

- **OPEN: October 1, 2020**
Grant application period begins and applications available online at www.raytowncares.com.
- Apply online at www.raytowncares.com.
- **CLOSE: October 30, 2020**
Grant application period ends at 11:59 p.m.



REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

After submitting an application, you will need:

- Profit/loss statement for 2019
- Year-to-date profit and loss statement for 2020
- Completed Reimbursement Form with copies of expenses and documentation of payment
- Completed W-9
- Two forms of ID
- Tax Return for 2019 (1040 Schedule C, 1065, 1120, 11-20S)
- Details showing other governmental grant or loan aid received (amounts, uses and timing)



GRANT AMOUNTS

- **Up to \$5,000** for small businesses - sole proprietors or owner and not more than one (1) employee, non-profits
- **Up to \$10,000** for small businesses - 2 to 50 employees

WHEN WOULD I RECEIVE THE GRANT?

For approved applicants, grant funds for reimbursable expenses will be distributed to applicants before December 30, 2020.

These grant funds may be considered taxable income. Please contact your financial advisor for guidance.

Additional information for non-profits **ONLY**:

- Financial statement for 2019 and year-to-date
- Copy of the IRS determination letter (which notifies or confirms that a nonprofit organization has federal tax exemption)



816-737-6121

Our Members In The News & Updates



CONGRATULATIONS PAULA CANNON!

Please join us at Blue Ridge Bank and Trust in offering our congratulations to Paula Fats Cannon, who is retiring on October 16 as branch manager of the Raytown branch. Paula has been assisting Raytown customers with their banking needs for nearly 16 years.

We are pleased that Paula plans to work part-time as a Utility Branch Manager at Blue Ridge Bank filling in where needed and assisting with special projects.

Paula is very active in the Raytown community and will continue to represent Blue Ridge Bank at various civic and community events. She stated, "I have enjoyed the opportunity to be involved in the Raytown community, serving on boards of both Raytown Chamber and

Raytown Main Street Association, and hope I can continue to be involved in some capacity."

Paula is looking forward to spending more time with her family and exploring Kansas City. She also wants to travel once it is safer to so do. Her favorite hobby is paper crafting and specifically rubber stamping. She is a Stampin' Up! demonstrator and holds stamp classes and writes a blog.

We are excited for Paula as she transitions into her new role at Blue Ridge Bank. Please stop by the Raytown branch and wish Paula well in her semi-retirement.



INTRODUCING -TAPROOM BINGO

Buy a bingo card for \$1.

That dollar goes to the VFW.

Get your card stamped when you buy beer in our Taproom.

Get 5 stamps in a row (horizontally, vertically, or diagonally) for a free six pack!

Beer Bingo 9/15/20-10/15/20

Trying for a Black Out?! Get a free private rental for up to 20 people in our Barrel Room! This includes the rental of the space and a case of Crane brews!

Black Out Only continues until 12/21/20.



Our Members In The News & Updates



Raytown School District Announces Alumni Hall of Fame Class of 2020 Festivities Postponed Until 2021

(Raytown, Missouri) The Raytown School District will postpone the Induction of the Alumni Hall of Fame Class for 2020 and induction festivities scheduled for Sept. 18-19, 2020 to October 15-16, 2021. The event will be rescheduled due to restrictions on gathering and to allow inductees the same including building a connection between inductees and current students and staff.

The class includes six individuals who will join the ranks of other respected alumni during the October 15-16, 2021 Induction Weekend activities.

Dr. Mark Condon is a 1964 graduate of Raytown High School. Dr. Condon has served as the Vice President at Unite for Literacy; part owner of RealeStudios and Unite for Literacy; and a teacher and teacher-educator for over 45 years.

Randy Dunn is a 2001 graduate of Raytown High School. Dunn is a former member of the Missouri House of Representatives; former Chair of the Urban Economic Development Committee; and is currently the owner and managing Partner of Dean & Dunn, LLC.

Cynthia (Cindy) Monaco is a 1975 graduate of Raytown High School. Monaco is the Owner and Director of Heart of America Dance Centre; former soloist with the Kansas City Ballet company; and has introduced and taught ballet to thousands of students over the last 30 years.

Chuck Murawski is a 1956 graduate of Raytown High School. Murawski is an Emmy award-winning scenery and lighting designer for many off and on Broadway productions and popular TV shows; a member of the Broadway Designers' Guild; and a travel and tourism industry professional.

Kelly Ristedit is a 1981 graduate of Raytown High School. Ristedit served for 32 years as a Military Spouse Liaison including the Senior Spouse Liaison to the Eisenhower Army Medical Center and was awarded and recognized for dedication to military community service. Ristedit currently volunteers with the Resurrecting Lives Foundation.

Dr. Rodney Watson is a 1990 graduate of Raytown South High School. Dr. Watson is the Superintendent of Schools for the Spring Independent School District in Houston, TX; Board Chair for the Northwest Chamber of Commerce; and is an executive pastor and faith leader at Wellspring Church International.

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 a football game all on Friday, October 15 at Raytown High School's Chittwood Stadium. The formal induction ceremony takes place on Saturday, October 16 and is an invitation only event.

This is the 16th class to be inducted into the Hall of Fame, which began in 2005.



RAYTOWN ROTARY PUTS TOGETHER BENCH

The Rotary bench is completed and will be placed in the new plaza area of the renovated Raytown Chamber lot. Thank you so much to Tom and Donna Gibbens and Todd LeSage for coming out to put this together! Great work you guys!
Submitted by: Linda Roberts



Our Members in the News & Updates



RAYTOWN ROTARY & KITWE NORTH, ZAMBIA, ROTARY CLUB WORK TOGETHER

We recently received an email from the Rotary Foundation “Congratulations! Your global grant application for funding to provide 15 boreholes in four communities outside Kitwe, Zambia, submitted by the Rotary Club of Raytown and the Rotary Club of Kitwe North, has been approved by the Rotary Foundation. The award is in the amount of \$40,001.00.” Since this is the first Rotary Global Grant Raytown Rotary has ever participated in, we are really excited to learn how it will impact the communities around Kitwe, Zambia.

The project is to provide clean water and sanitation to 4 rural communities. Collectively, these settlements have a population of approximately 15,000. Provision of clean water is currently nonexistent. They rely on shallow wells which are prone to waterborne diseases.

This project will address 2 major community needs:

- Provision of clean water and sanitation.
- Prevention of waterborne diseases.

It will do so by trying to meet these 3 goals:

- Facilitating universal and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water.
- Improving water quality by protecting and maintaining surface- and groundwater resources, reducing pollution and contaminants, and promoting wastewater reuse.
- Improving community hygiene knowledge, behaviors, and practices that help prevent the spread of disease.

Budget items, including equipment and labor, will be purchased from local vendors in Zambia. After completion of the project, each community will own the equipment through their Community Development Committee. Local funding sources have been found to sustain project outcomes for the long term. Through the Area Member of Parliament there is the Constituency Development Fund from which the community can draw resources. It has also been suggested to the Committee that they charge a nominal fee for maintenance.

Project completion has been projected as July 31, 2021. We can't wait to follow the progress of this project and to learn about the community improvements realized as a result of this project.

DeeAnn Stock, Grant Manager, Raytown Rotary (District 6040)

William Nyirenda, Past District Governor (District 9210)



INTERESTED IN HELPING TO PRESERVE “OUR” HISTORY

Consider joining today!
Raytown Historical Society
Membership Information

LIFE Membership - \$200 (one-time payment)

Annual Membership - \$25 per individual

Annual memberships run from January 1st to December 31st

Mail dues to:

**Raytown Historical Society, PO Box 16652,
Raytown, MO 64133**

raytownhistorical@sbcglobal.net
www.raytownhistoricalsociety.org

Our Members in the News & Updates

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virtual appointment now.**

Due to COVID, our initial services will be provided virtually.

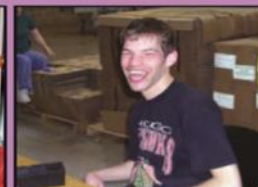
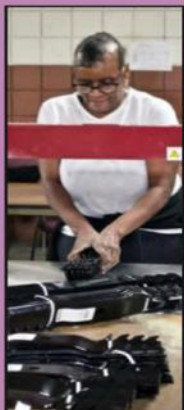
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Raytown, MO 64133
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SERVING PEOPLE (with disabilities)



**National Disability
Employment Awareness
Month - October 2020**



Our Members in the News & Updates



Your local community pool is ready for Summer 2021!

Due to the uncertainty around the 2020 season, we were not able to open the River Community Pool this summer. However, as the owners and operators, River Church Family decided to make the most of the season off by undertaking many needed upgrades and renovations to improve the facilities.

We are so excited to share our updated parking lot, new fence and refurbished pool surface with our community. We are so grateful to many community supporters and businesses that contributed in-kind donations to these upgrades and repairs.

Pool passes for the 2021 season will be available for purchase beginning October 2 at a discounted rate.

<https://www.rivercentral.org/riverpool/>



October 22 - Watch, Drink & Be Giving

What?

River of Refuge is changing things up for 2020 by hosting a socially distant Family Night at the **Boulevard Drive-in Movie Theatre** on **10-22-2020** to raise money for our amazing cause. We will be showing **Beetlejuice** which is rate PG13 and the movie will begin approximately at 8pm. There will be a **costume parade, live auction, movie snacks** and **much more** prior to the start of the movie, entry begins at 6pm. We have a range of options to be a part of this event from a single car ticket at \$200.00 to a Title Sponsor at \$5000.00 which will give your group 6 cars and much much more. Please see the "Buy Tickets" or "Purchase Sponsorship" links to determine what would be your best fit.



Where:
Boulevard Drive In Theatre
 1015 Merriam Lane
 Kansas City, KS 66103

When:
Thursday, 10/22/2020
6:00 p.m.

[Click here to buy tickets](#)
[or sign up for a sponsorship](#)

[Can't attend but would love to still donate click here.](#)



350 Highway Construction Updates

Hwy 350 and Raytown Road Public Improvements Construction Update

On September 30, 2020, one of Bank of America's driveway entrances, as well as the IHOP driveway, will be closed to public access.

The driveway will be closed 3 weeks for the installation of the new extended turn lane.

Please pay attention when using the other Bank of America driveways because temporary changes will be made to accommodate traffic flow during construction.

DRIVE SAFELY!



CONSTRUCTION PHASES:

PHASE 1 Improvements: Upon completion of Phase 1, Wal-Mart Drive will be expanded to two (2) left-turn lanes on to Westbound 350 Hwy. Curbs, sidewalks, and signage will be constructed along sections of Westbound and Eastbound 350 Hwy between Raytown Road and Wal-Mart Drive. Improvements will also be constructed at the intersection of 75th Street and Westbound 350 Hwy.

Times of Construction and Traffic Impact: Westbound 350 Hwy will have single lane closures between **9:00 am to 4:00 pm**. Eastbound 350 Hwy will have channelizers and pavement edge treatment modifying traffic between **8:30am to 3:30 pm**. 75th Street will maintain 2-way-2 lane traffic.

PHASE 2 Improvements: Completion of Phase 2 will result in Raytown Road having two (2) left-turn lanes on south-bound Raytown Road to Eastbound 350 Hwy. The median on Raytown Road between Westbound and Eastbound 350 Hwy will be expanded to permanently remove left-turn cut through across Raytown Road to 75th Street. The 75th Street exit off Eastbound 350 Hwy will also be eliminated in Phase 2. New curbs, as well as traffic pattern striping and signals, will be constructed on Raytown Road.

Times of Construction and Traffic Impact: Raytown Road between Westbound and Eastbound 350 Hwy will have single lane closure between **9:00 am and 4:00 pm**. Eastbound 350 Hwy will have single lane closures, as well as channelizers and pavement edge treatment when required, between **8:30am to 3:30 pm**.

PHASE 3 Improvements: The completed improvements will include the expansion of the bike and walking trail and sidewalk along the south side of Eastbound 350 Hwy. New traffic signal equipment and pedestrian signals will be installed at the intersections of Raytown Road and Westbound/Eastbound 350 Hwy. Additionally, the outer access road at the south-west corner of Eastbound 350 Hwy and Raytown Road will be converted to a pedestrian trail only. Raytown Road will be resurfaced between Westbound/Eastbound 350 Hwy and the median will be reconstructed on Raytown Road south of Eastbound 350 Hwy.

Times of Construction and Traffic Impact: Off-peak lane closures and channelizers will be utilized during this phase. Terms of the construction contract include construction delays due to winter weather, thus construction in December, January and February will be limited for lengths of times. The construction plans do not anticipate at any time closing all access drives to any Raytown businesses within the construction zone. Please come out and support the Raytown businesses during the various construction phases!

Construction updates will be posted on the City's website: www.raytown.mo.us .

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



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.

Continued Updates from the Jackson County Health Department

Help protect yourself and your loved ones by getting your annual flu shot. It is one of the best ways you can stay safe and healthy and avoid a visit to the doctor during the COVID-19 pandemic.

As the flu season approaches, health experts across the country are worried that peaks of flu and COVID-19 cases will occur at the same time. Even with a mild flu season, COVID-19, in conjunction with the flu, could place a strain on testing capacity, overburden the healthcare system, and increase the risk of catching both diseases at once.

Although there currently isn't a COVID-19 vaccine, there is a safe and effective flu vaccine. The flu vaccine reduces the risk of getting the flu by about half. It also reduces the risk of severe illness and hospitalization for those infected.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends annual flu shots for everyone six months and older, with rare exceptions. You should get your flu vaccination before the flu begins spreading in the community since it takes about two weeks after vaccination for antibodies to develop in the body and provide protection against the flu. With this in mind, it is recommended that people receive the flu vaccine before the **end of October**.

Staying up-to-date on your flu shot helps protect your household members and others in the community – especially older adults, young children, pregnant women, people with chronic medical conditions or weakened immune systems, and others at high risk for severe influenza.

Flu shots are especially important this year for:

- Essential workers. This includes healthcare workers and others who offer needed services to the public during the pandemic.
- People at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19. This includes older adults and people with certain underlying conditions.
- Members of minority groups that have been disproportionately affected by the coronavirus, including Black, Hispanic or Latino, American Indian, and Alaska Native people
 - People at increased risk of flu complications. This includes infants and young children, pregnant women, people 65 and older, and people with chronic conditions.

Flu & COVID-19 Symptoms

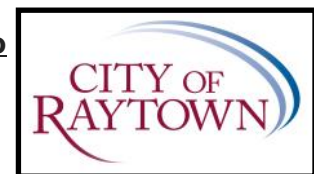
The flu and COVID-19 share many of the same symptoms, such as fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, muscle aches, and fatigue. If you do start feeling sick, know the key differences between flu and COVID-19 symptoms by checking out our symptom charts in English or Spanish.

For future clinics, please visit jacohd.org/events. Find other flu vaccine locations with the



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 Membership Services Meeting Noon (Zoom)	8 Chamber/BF Board Meeting 8:00 a.m. Zoom	9 Stuff Senior Care Kits 10:00 a.m.	10
11	12	13	14 Deliver Senior Care Kits 2:00 p.m.	15	16 Government Relations 8:00 a.m. Zoom	17
18	19	20	21 Chamber Luncheon Zoom One week early	22 Office Closed	23 Office Closed	24
25	26 Office Closed	27 Office Closed	28 Office Closed	29 Office Closed	30 Office Closed	31 