

# CHAMBER CONNECTIONS



#RaytownChamber90



## MISSION STATEMENT

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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A.M. CONNECTIONS

CLARK'S APPLIANCES

TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2021

7:30 TO 8:30 A.M.

Wear your mask and come enjoy a cup of coffee with Pam Clark and her staff. No charge to attend, but we would love to have an idea of how many will be attending, so please take a moment to register.

[Click here for more information and to register](#)



## RAYTOWN

RECONNECT TOGETHER  
MAY 26, 2021



## MAY MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

(IN PERSON)

Wednesday, May 26, 2021

Kenagy Park

\$15.00 per person

What a fun way to start the summer with a membership luncheon at a local park!

Reservations are due by noon on Monday, May 24.

We will "reconnect" and get updates from those in attendance.

MAY LUNCHEON SPONSOR

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)



Dignity and grace from the local name you can trust.

We are asking everyone to prepay if at all possible. Still trying to keep contact down at registration. Please bring exact change and make checks payable to Raytown Chamber. We will not have the credit card machine at this luncheon. cash/check/ or pay through PayPal



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Evergy

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

May 2021

2021 is moving along at a fast pace. We are looking into where we will hold our monthly luncheons in the coming months. May, July and August are currently scheduled to be at Kenagy Park, June, we are partnering with Grandview and South Kansas City and hopefully we will be able to meet in person at Faulkner's Ranch and September at Connection Point Church. October and November have not been firmed up.

The Board has determined that until further notice, all meetings within the Chamber will be held by Zoom. With construction happening at the Chamber office, it is probably better to stay Zoom for a while longer. Once meetings resume, we will offer a hybrid approach while in the Chamber office. This will continue to allow those who can't make it to a committee meeting to continue to participate.

Speaking of construction, the building remodel is moving along nicely. The Raytown Chamber Trailhead is set up and the remodel of the downstairs bathrooms, flooring and paint have taken place over the last couple of weeks. Once this phase is complete, we will resume fundraising for the next phase which is the handicapped ramp. Interested in donating, let me know. See page 7 for photos of the construction/remodel.

The Raytown Chamber of Commerce Building Foundation's "Building Improvements and Accessibility" project was one of ten projects chosen by Congressman Cleaver to submit to the House Committee on Appropriations for fiscal year 2022. His office received over 40 community project applications and we are honored to be chosen as one to submit. We know it is a long shot to get final approval, but please know we will continue to raise funds and apply for grants for this project. When completed, the building will be a wonderful place to welcome visitors who are coming to Raytown for tourism, to travel on the trail or for those looking to move here. With the accessibility project done, those with handicapped needs will be able to come into the building with ease! Chamber members will proud of the building and what the Chamber is doing to promote our great town!



Do you know someone that would like to receive the monthly newsletter and any community updates? If yes, let me know and we will add them to the courtesy email list.

During the month of May, Board members and Membership Services Committee members are making calls to all our business members to say thank you for being a valued member of the Chamber.



**BE KIND, BE PATIENT, BE RAYTOWN!**

Remember to call or stop by if there is anything I can help you with.

*Vicki Turnbow, President*

Chamber office will be closed Friday, 05/07/21 through Wednesday, 05/12/21.

# MEMBER MARKET



## NEED A RENTAL HALL?

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Business card, 1/4 page, 1/2 page or full 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.

### YOUR AD COULD BE IN THIS MARKETING SPACE!



# EMPLOYEE BENEFITS



## EXCLUSIVE CHAMBER MEMBER INSURANCE PROGRAM

Save on group medical coverage and more with this exclusive program.

Why pay more for coverage when there are better options available to you as a Chamber member? You and your employees deserve the best insurance benefits at the best possible price. We can improve your program now – don't wait any longer. Call today!

- Savings for groups of 5 to 5,000 enrolled
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- In addition to medical, discounts available on dental, vision, disability, life, critical illness, accident, and pet
- Fully insured, level funded, and self-insured composite rates
- HSA / FSA/ COBRA Administration
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# April in Photos

## Chamber Celebration

First in person inside luncheon since February 2020—exactly 424 days! Thank you to those who came out to celebrate 2020 with us. A big thank you to Evergy for being our Chamber Celebration Sponsor, to ServPro Raytown/East Kansas City for being the lunch sponsor and to Connection Point Church for hosting.





# Herndon Career Center Culinary Institute Ribbon Cutting

Friday, April 30, 2021 was a beautiful day for the school district to hold a ribbon cutting for Herndon Career Center's Culinary Institute and "Cinder" Restaurant. Official grand opening will be held in the fall.





# Miscellaneous Photos

Thank you to the International House of Prayer Volunteers for working with Raytown Cleanup and picking up trash along Raytown Trafficway/Raytown Road from 63rd Street south to Gregory.



Gnarly Hussle receiving their new member plaque. They are located at 6317 Raytown Road. Lots of great vintage clothing!



Christy Wilson with D'Luxe Silhouettes, LLC receiving her membership plaque. Christy and her team offer a variety of health and beauty treatments. She is located at 7312 Raytown Road, #E.



Raytown Rotary Club Adopt A Street Group



Arbor Day Missouri Bicentennial Tree planting at Kritser Park. The tree is a white oak tree.

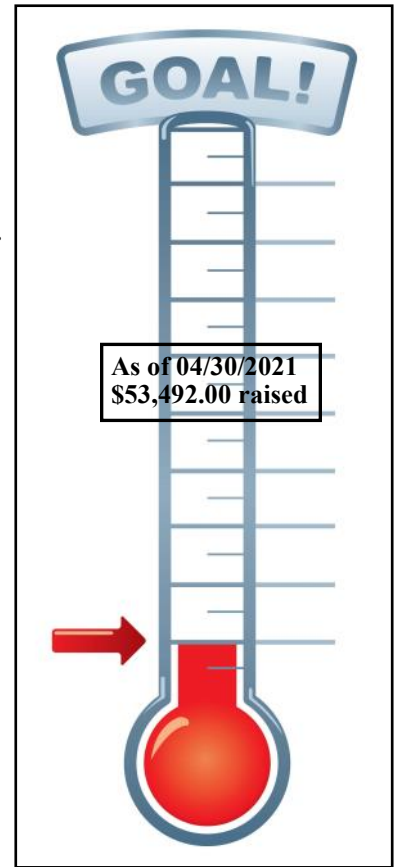




# Building Capital Campaign Update & Rock Island Trail Photos

Be watching for the next round of fundraising letters and emails to arrive in your boxes soon! It is a new year with an opportunity to make a charitable tax deductible donation to the Raytown Chamber of Commerce Building Foundation. Be watching for details on the upcoming dedication of the Trailhead and first phase of the Building Remodel. (Teaser photos below.)

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



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

Alderman Bill VanBusKirk 2010  
 Alderman MaryJane VanBusKirk 2019  
 ☺ Alderman Ryan Myers, Ward 3 2017  
 ☺ Associate Member Dave Thurman 2016  
 Associate Member Dee Louis-Scott 2020  
 ☺ Beacon Press, George Schwagerman 2012  
 ☺ Block & Company, Bill Maas 2017  
 Cornerstone Home Improvements, Inc., Brenda Walters,  
 Meshelle Bishop 1998  
 ☺ McGilley & Sheil Funeral Home, Dennis Carroll 2001  
 Otto Service, Andrew & Terri Otto, Alan Otto 2014

☺ Raytown Christian Church, Dr. Bill Tenny-Brittian, Phylis  
 Goforth 2015  
 ☺ Raytown Educational Foundation, Martha Cockerell 1997  
 ☺ Raytown Parks & Recreation, Dave Turner 1980  
 ☺ RE&P Midwest Excavating/Plumbing, Larry Pence 2019  
 River of Refuge, Pamela Seymour 2012  
 Spire, Jabbar Wesley 1991  
 ☺ Tidal Wave Auto Spa – Raytown, Larson Griffith, Mike  
 Donnelly, Jennifer Rogers 2019



**Have you utilized your member benefits late? Questions about the benefits available to you as a member, call the office today!**

**Thank you to those businesses who paid 110% and are now members of the **110% CLUB****

NewzRoom Café  
 Michelle Lewis-Russell  
 6020 Blue Ridge Blvd  
 Raytown, MO 64133  
 816-642-3735  
[newzroom@live.com](mailto:newzroom@live.com)  
[newsroom.vpweb.com](http://newsroom.vpweb.com)

Restaurant  
 Recruited by: Multi-year membership special

D'Luxe Silhouettes, LLC  
 Christy Wilson  
 7312 Raytown Road  
 Raytown, MO 64133  
 816-219-4468  
[dluxesilhouettes@gmail.com](mailto:dluxesilhouettes@gmail.com)

Health & Beauty  
 Recruited by: Multi-year membership special

Alderman Janet Emerson  
 City of Raytown, Ward 3  
 10000 E. 59<sup>th</sup> St  
 Raytown, MO 64133  
[Alderman\\_janet\\_emerson@raytown.mo.us](mailto:Alderman_janet_emerson@raytown.mo.us)  
 Recruited by: Self

Gnarly Hussle  
 Patrick Clifton  
 6317 Raytown Road  
 Raytown, MO 64133  
 816-506-4904  
[gnarlyhussle@gmail.com](mailto:gnarlyhussle@gmail.com)  
[husslegnarly.com](http://husslegnarly.com)

Retail  
 Recruited by: Multi-year membership special

River Community Pool  
 Timmy Hensel  
 7130 Ralston  
 Raytown, MO 64133  
 816-974-7130  
[raytownpool@rivercentral.org](http://raytownpool@rivercentral.org)

Recreation  
 Recruited by: Vicki Turnbow

*Welcome new members!*



## Networking Sponsorships - 2021

### Networking Sponsorships

If you are interested in hosting an A.M. Connections (morning coffee) or 1630 Networking (After Hours), please contact the Chamber to talk about dates. The cost to sponsor one of these is only \$50. Sponsor will have a couple of minutes at some point to welcome those attending. Great way to showcase your business!

#### A.M. Connections:

- 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.
- Third Tuesday of the month
- Sponsor provides the space and necessary food and beverage



#### 1630 Networking (After Hours):

- 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
- First Thursday of the month
- Sponsor provides the space and necessary food and beverage



New for 2021, we will have a different version of the “lunch and learn” type educational series. Each month from February through November, we will have a specific topic that you will learn about for one full hour. The cost per person will be \$15 and will include breakfast, lunch or even after hours food depending on when the “What’s on the Menu?” is held.

### Other sponsorships will be available for the following:

- Raytown Chamber/Rotary Golf Tournament (05/20/2021)
  - Senior Celebration (07/17/2021)
- Raytown’s Festival of the Trails (09/11/2021)
- Mega Office Party (Date to be determined)

Email Vicki at [president@raytownchamber.com](mailto:president@raytownchamber.com) today if interested!

## Member Email Marketing Campaign



5909 Raytown Trafficway  
 Raytown, MO 64133  
 816-353-8500 / Fax: 816-353-8525  
 president@raytownchamber.com

### Member Email Marketing Campaign February 1, 2021

- Email campaign will begin the week of March 1, 2021.
  - Must be a member of the Raytown Chamber.
  - Marketing spaces will be accepted on a first come first served basis per each week.
  - Marketing space must be paid prior to the email date.
    - Dates can be secured and paid for in advance.
  - Limit to one marketing space per member per week but no limit per year.
  - Marketing spaces will be in either color and/or black or white (Members choice)
  - Marketing space must be sent to Vicki in JPEG format.
    - Needs to be received 5 business days before the email is to be sent.
- No video's will be accepted at this time.
- Emails will be sent through Constant Contact.
  - A link to the Member's website and/or email will be provided.
  - All current members and Courtesy members will be sent the email.
- At the bottom of the email, the following statement will be included:
  - This is a member paid, Chamber approved, advertisement. Marketing spaces can be purchased for \$75 per send. We will send a maximum of 3 advertisements per week. If you have an advertisement you would like the Chamber to send out, please email Vicki at president@raytownchamber.com or call 816-353-8500.



# Raytown Chamber/Rotary Golf

FINAL WEEK TO SIGN UP YOUR TEAM OR SECURE A SPONSORSHIP  
 Teetering Rocks Golf Course  
 Thursday, May 20, 2021  
 Registration / Lunch 11:00 to 1:00  
 Shot Gun Start 1:00 p.m.

## GOLF TOURNAMENT SPONSORSHIPS & PRICING

✓ CHECK THE ONES YOU WOULD LIKE:

\*\*\*\*\*  
 ★ **CONTEST** ★  
 ★ **PACKAGE** ★  
 ★ **\$ 40.00** ★  
 ★ **per team** ★  
 ★ (if paid in advance & ★  
 ★ does not include ★  
 ★ putting contest) ★  
 ★ > Hole In One ★  
 ★ > Chamber Hopper ★  
 ★ > Wildcard Hole ★  
 ★ > 8 Mulligans ★  
 ★ > 8 Raffle Tickets ★  
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SOLD Title Sponsor (Limit of 1)	\$1,500.00
___ Lunch Sponsor	\$1,000.00
___ Hole Sponsor & Foursome	\$ 460.00
___ Hole In One Sponsor	\$ 500.00
___ Foursome Only	\$ 396.00
___ Virtual Team & Hole Sponsor*	\$ 460.00
___ Beverage Cart Sponsor (Limit of 2)	\$ 350.00
___ Awards Reception Sponsor	\$ 300.00
___ Putting Contest Sponsor	\$ 200.00
___ Hole Sponsor	\$ 100.00
___ Individual Players	\$ 99.00
___ Virtual Golfer*	\$ 99.00
___ Contest Package (if paid in advance)	\$ 40.00
___ Golf Cart Sponsor (Limit to 15)	\$ 35.00
___ Silent Auction Cash Donation	\$ 30.00
___ Putting Contest – 3 for \$5.00 per player	\$ _____
___ Additional Lunch Reservations (\$12.50 each)	\$ _____
___ Cash Donation	\$ _____

\*Contact Chamber for details!

**Total Enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_

### I would like to donate ...

- ...a Silent Auction item with at least a \$30.00 value.    
  ...a raffle item. or tee bag item (120)    
  ...my time as a volunteer on tournament day.

### ENTRY FORM

Company/Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Method of payment:    Cash \_\_\_\_\_    Check \_\_\_\_\_ (payable to Raytown Chamber)

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline for teams & sponsors: May 6, 2021**

Mail, fax or email to: Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce • 5909 Raytown Trafficway • Raytown, MO 64133 • Fax 816-353-8525  
**Any questions, please call 816-353-8500 or email [staff@raytownchamber.com](mailto:staff@raytownchamber.com)**

*Our Members in the News*

**AUTUMN TERRACE PRESENTS A PET DONATION DRIVE BENEFITING MIDWEST ANIMAL RESQ**



**DRIVE THROUGH EVENT**

**when:** 5/14/2021

**where:** Autumn Terrace  
6124 Raytown Rd  
Raytown Mo 64133

**time:** 4pm-6pm

**We will have swag bags for every donation received as far as they go and as long as they last. We also have raffle items available**

**COMMUNITY PARTNERS INCLUDE: BICKFORD OF RAYTOWN, CRANE BREWERY, DOUGHBOYS, NEWZ ROOM CAFE, MESSNER BEES, SPECIALIZED HOME HEALTH, SEEDS AND CHEVRON, GENERATIONS HOSPICE, COSENTINOS GROCERS**



## Our Members In The News

### CELEBRATE RAYTOWN AND SHARE YOUR BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION'S PRIDE!

Since 2003, River Church Family has owned, and operated River Community Pool (open to the public) located within a Raytown neighborhood at 7130 Ralston Avenue. This year, we would like to have our pool reflect our community by highlighting local businesses and organizations on our miniature golf course. That's where you come in!



You can Adopt -A- Green for the Summer of 2021! Participation is simple. Your organization or business creates an obstacle for our miniature golf course. You are welcome to highlight your business name or logo on your obstacle—or maybe even make a miniature replica of your storefront! Have fun and use your creativity and imagination. This is a way to reflect your community spirit to the children and families of our Raytown community throughout this summer.

**Miniature Golf Obstacle Contest** We want to foster more community spirit by hosting an Obstacle Contest during the summer. Obstacles will be judged by Raytown's Mayor Mike McDonough and awards will be presented at a fun event at the River Community Pool. (date and time TBA)

**Contest Winners** The top nine obstacles will remain on display throughout the summer of 2021 and will receive prizes. The grand prize winner will receive a free Summer 2021 private pool party for their organization or business on an available date you choose.

#### Examples of Obstacles



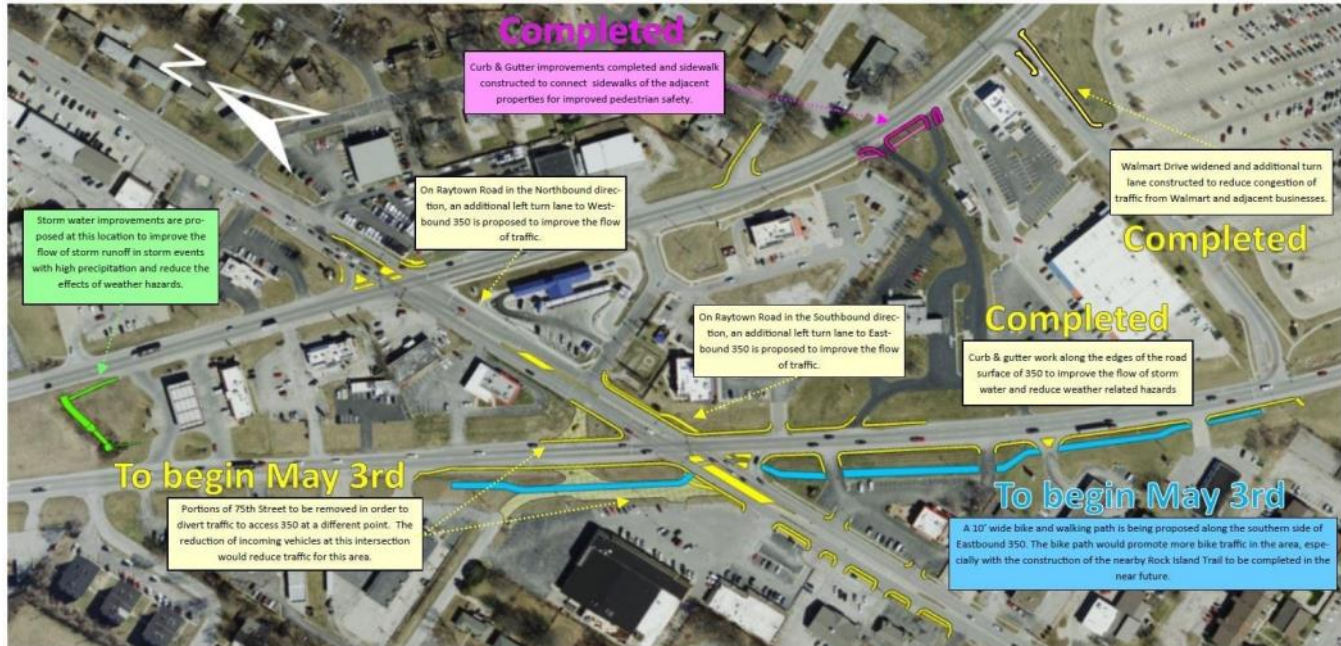
**Miniature Golf Rules** Obstacle dimensions will be communicated to participants and should be sturdy enough to withstand the elements. You may choose to donate the obstacle to River Community Pool or obstacle can be returned at the end of the season.

**Info and Contact** For more information, or to sign up to participate, please contact Lauren Spengler at River Church Family at 816-356-7400 or [Raytownpool@rivercentral.org](mailto:Raytownpool@rivercentral.org). To learn more about River Community Pool visit [www.rivercentral.org/riverpool](http://www.rivercentral.org/riverpool)





## 350 Highway Construction Updates



## 350 Highway and Raytown Road Project

### CONSTRUCTION ALERT!

Beginning Monday, May 3, weather permitting, road construction work on Raytown Road near the intersection of State Route 350 Highway will require lane reductions.

Motorists can expect delays, are advised to allow extra time, and to SLOW down.

Temporary single lane closures on eastbound 350 Highway from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. weekdays.

Permanent safety improvements will include:

- Removal of the outer southbound lane of Raytown Road between 350 Highway to 76th Terrace.
- Removal of existing left turn from 350 Highway eastbound to Raytown Road.
- Removal of the 75th Street crossing of Raytown Road.
- Additionally, new permanent traffic pattern signs, construction of an eastbound right turn lane on 350 Highway at Raytown Road, new curbs, and a 10-foot-wide bike and walking paths along the southern side of 350 Highway eastbound will be added. The safety improvements along this corridor will create a more pedestrian friendly environment.

Construction updates will be posted on the City's website: [www.raytown.mo.us](http://www.raytown.mo.us).



*Continued Updates from Jackson County & Kansas City*



# UPDATED HEALTH ORDER

Order goes into effect at 12:01 a.m. Friday, April 30, 2021



### Masks Required Indoors

All persons, including those who are vaccinated, must still wear masks at indoor businesses and places of public accommodation.\*



### Masks No Longer Required Outdoors

Masking and social distancing are no longer required outdoors, although masking is recommended with medium to large gatherings.



### Guidance for Fully Vaccinated Individuals

Per CDC guidance, small gatherings, indoor and outdoor, of fully vaccinated individuals are permitted without restriction.



**Has the COVID-19 pandemic affected your ability to pay rent or utility bills?**

**Help is Available...For more information or to sign up, visit [jacksoncountyerap.org/applicationchecklist](https://jacksoncountyerap.org/applicationchecklist)**



# MAY 2021

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3 Raytown's Festival of the Trails Committee Meeting 2:00 p.m.	4 Senior Celebration Committee Meeting Zoom 2:00 p.m.	5 Membership Services Zoom Meeting Noon	6 Chamber/ Rotary Golf Meeting Zoom 2:00 p.m.	7 Office Closed	8
9	10 Office Closed	11 Office Closed	12 Office Closed	13 Chamber/BF Board Meeting Zoom 8:00 a.m.	14 Tourism Committee Zoom Meeting Noon	15
16	17	18 A.M. Connections Clark's Appliances 7:30-8:30 a.m.	19	20 Raytown Chamber/ Rotary Golf Tournament Teetering Rocks	21 Government Relations 8:00 a.m. Zoom	22
23	24	25	26 May Membership Luncheon In Person at Kenagy Park	27	28	29
30	31 Office closed For Holiday					