

# CHAMBER CONNECTIONS



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# Raytown's Festival of the Trails

## Saturday, September 11, 2021

Celebrating Missouri's Bicentennial and commemorating the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail.

Events are FREE to attend (some locations will be accepting donations). Food, beverage and retail items available for purchase.

**Maps are available at event locations.**  
For more information, call the Raytown Chamber at 816-353-8500.

## Event Schedule

### NewzRoom Café

6020 Blue Ridge Blvd | 8 am to 4 pm  
• "Trail" Special Breakfast All Day

### Raytown Christian Church

6108 Blue Ridge Blvd | 10 am to 3 pm  
• Car Show • Hot Dogs • Ice Cream

### Raytown Historical Society & Museum

9705 E 63<sup>rd</sup> St | 10 am to 4 pm  
• Horse & Carriage Photo Op courtesy of Saddle Creek Stables & Vineyard  
• Gift Shop with hats, wood toys, games, rag dolls, books and other items reminiscent of the Trail Days  
• Packaged Kettle Corn and Drinks for Purchase  
• Museum Tours Hourly on the Half Hour  
• Afghan Fundraiser Raffle  
• History of the Raytown Boy Scouts Display by Troop 550 Eagle Scout Candidate

### Rice-Tremonti Home

8801 E. 66<sup>th</sup> St | 10 am to 5 pm  
• Missouri Town Musicians  
• Crafters  
• Raytown Artists Association  
• Pie and Bake Sale  
• History Re-Enactors  
• Crafting for Kids  
• Kids Games  
• Blacksmith  
• 11 am to 4 pm Petting Zoo  
• 11 am to 1:30 pm Buffalo Soldiers & Sophia White  
• Noon & 2:30 pm House Tours

### Cave Spring

8701 E Gregory Blvd | 8 am to 6 pm  
• Free Traders  
• History trips around the Interpretive Center  
• Food for Purchase by Scout Troop 469  
• Commemorative T-shirts for Sale—\$20  
• Mic-O-Say Indian Dancers  
• Games About the Trail All Day in the Pavilion with Prizes  
• 8 to 10:30 am Buffalo Soldiers  
• Starting at 9 am Hikes & Lectures Every Hour  
• 9 to 11 am Daughters of the American Revolution  
• 10 am & 2 pm Story telling about their Indians  
• Tomahawk & primitive weapon demo all day with shows at 11 am & 2 pm

### Raytown Live Greenspace

10009 E 62<sup>nd</sup> Street | 5pm to 8 pm  
• Family Games • Free Concert  
• Food Trucks • 9/11 Tribute

### Crane Brewing

6515 Railroad St | 11am to 9 pm  
• Commemorative Beer • Food Truck

### Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism

5909 Raytown Trafficway | 10 to 3 pm  
• Commemorative T-shirts for Sale—\$20  
• Info Center/Maps



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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

August has come and gone and there is only 4 months left in the year. Yikes!

I had the honor and privilege to speak at Quentin Clark's memorial service on August 27. When researching Quentin's service to not only the Raytown Chamber but to the Raytown community it was impressive. We all do our part but there are some that go above and beyond.

September begins the budget process for the Chamber and the Building Foundation. Treasurer, Patrick Nelson and I will be working on this and presenting to the Board several drafts.

We will also be sending out information with regards to marketing in the 2022 Community Profile & Chamber Directory. See page 9 for pricing. Don't wait to secure your spot.

September 11 will be a wonderful day in Raytown. Raytown's Festival of the Trails will begin at 8:00 a.m. and conclude at 8:00 p.m. Please take a moment to look over the schedule on the front page and come out and bring the family. We will end the day with a modern celebration at Raytown Live. Live music, food, and a 9/11 tribute.



**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 close at 4:00 p.m. the week of August 30 each day and the office will be closed on Monday, September 6 and 28.

School has started and I wanted to share photos of my grandsons on their first day. Blake is 9, Harrison is 5 and Henry is 4. I love these boys to the moon and back.





# MEMBER MARKET



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All marketing must be prepaid.

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# EMPLOYEE BENEFITS



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- Onsite open enrollment

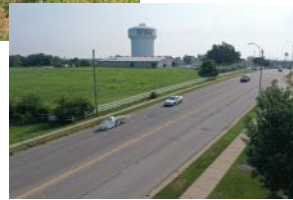
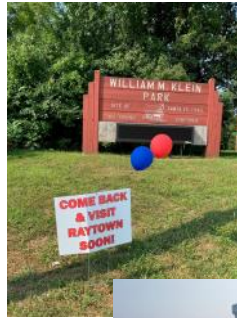


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# August in Photos

## August 3 - American Solar Car Challenge Comes Through Raytown!



## August Membership Luncheon - 08/25/2021 Thank you Police Chief Robert Kuehl for the update on the police department.



A big thank you to Crane Brewing and the Crane Cares Program for the donation to the Raytown Chamber of Commerce Building Foundation from the proceeds during the July 10, 2021 grand opening of the Rock Island Trail. Pictured is Chris Meyers and Vicki Turnbow.





## September Events - Mark Your Calendars!

### RAYTOWN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & TOURISM UPCOMING EVENTS SEPTEMBER 2021 EVENTS



September 11, 2021 - Raytown's Festival of the Trails 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Activities all day along the Santa Fe Trail—commemorating the 200th anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail and celebrating the State of Missouri's Bicentennial.



September 15, 2021 - What's on the Menu? A Zoom meeting with Professor Del Wright, Jr. He will talk to us about A Short & Happy Bitcoin, Blockchain & Crypto. We will meet by Zoom at Noon and the cost is \$20 per person. Each person who makes a reservation and pays will receive a \$10 gift card to a member restaurant.

[Click here to Register](#)



September 23, 2021 - State of the City Luncheon by Mayor Mike McDonough to be held at Connection Point Church. Masks will be required. \$21 per person and a reservation is required. Networking and Check-In begins at 11; lunch at 11:30 and Program at Noon.

[Click Here to Register](#)



September 24, 2021 - A.M. Connections at Crane Brewing—stop in between 7:30 and 8:30 to have a taste of the Rock Island Coffee.

[Click Here to Register](#)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THIS YEAR'S (EJC B.A.S.H. FORMERLY Mega Office Party)  
IT WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2021 AT STONEY CREEK HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER.  
RAYTOWN WILL JOIN BLUE SPRINGS, GRANDVIEW, INDEPENDENCE, LEE'S SUMMIT AND SOUTH KANSAS CITY CHAMBERS FOR THIS ANNUAL EVENT.

Questions call 816-353-8500 or email Vicki at [President@raytownchamber.com](mailto:President@raytownchamber.com)

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As of 08/30/2021

# Building Capital Campaign Update & Rock Island Trail Photos

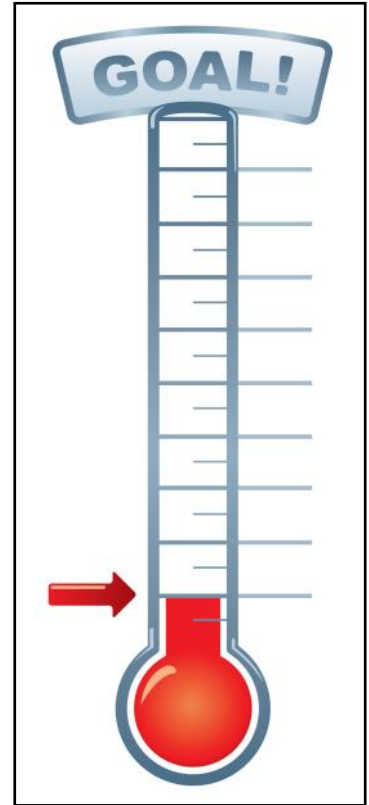
During the last two weeks of August, some of the inside remodeling was done since the contractor had some extra time. The walls were painted, the flooring laid and the upstairs bathroom was gutted and re-done. The items for the bathroom and the new door for the new entrance was covered by the Reeve Foundation Grant so we decided to work on those items. Now comes the big part and that is raising the additional \$40,000 to complete the Building Accessibility Project. Remember no amount is too small to donate.

By adding the new entrance, we will be able to accommodate those individuals who have not been able to get into the building previously because of being in a wheelchair.

The Chamber will begin to shop for furniture. The money raised during the 90th Anniversary Gala will be used to purchase furniture and items for us to have the ability to offer hybrid meetings here.

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).

As of 08/31/2021  
\$56,548.00 raised



Great photo of the Wildwood Lake Bridge courtesy of KC Hiker



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

Aldi, Inc. #93, Mark Bersted 2011  
 ☺ Collins Roofing, Aaron Collins 2019  
 ☺ HyVee Michael Hostettler, Larry Pinkston 1994  
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 Messner Bee Farm, Rachael Messner 2017  
 Mid-Continent Public Library Todd Hembree 2010  
 Players Paradise Michael Spilker 2012  
 Raytown Emergency Assistance Program (REAP) Michael  
 Watson, Whitney Dantzler 1997  
 Reginald Green State Farm, Reginald Green 2020

☺ Rycom Instruments, Inc. Douglas Reitz 2008  
 ☺ The Golf Doctor, David Skitek 1998  
 UMB Bank Felicia Luhning 1994  
 ☺ Westhues Electric, Inc. James Westhues 1991  
 World Finance Corporation Cassandra Hahn 2020

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

**110% CLUB**

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

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*Welcome these new members!*

Raytown High School Blue Jay Booster Club  
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**HELP US GROW YOUR CHAMBER****NEW MEMBER REFERRALS NEEDED**

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.



# Raytown's Festival of the Trails Map & Committee - 09/11/2021

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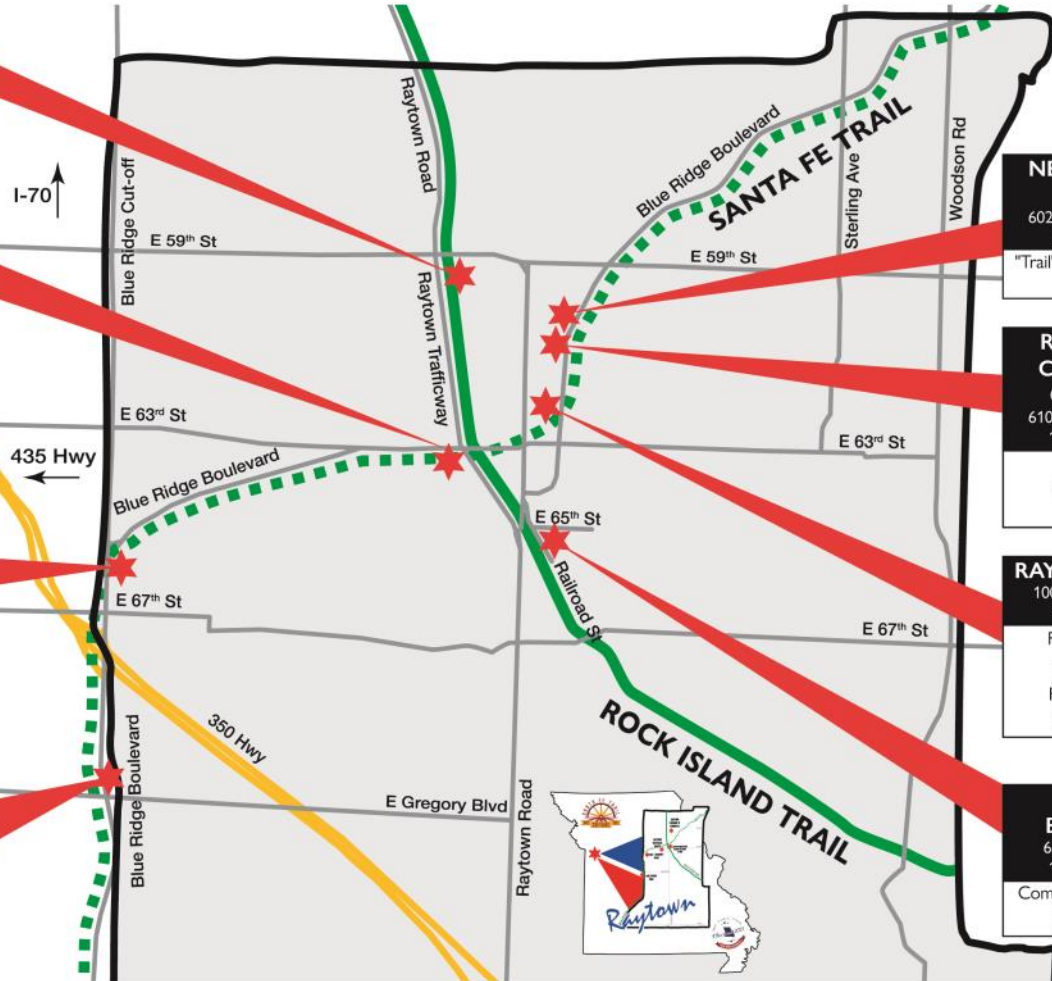
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 5909 Raytown Trafficway  
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 Info Center/Maps  
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**RAYTOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM**  
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 10 am to 4 pm  
 Horse & Carriage Photo Op  
 Gift items for purchase reminiscent of the Trail days  
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 Historic Re-Enactors  
 Petting Zoo  
 Missouri Town Musicians  
 Food for Purchase  
 Blacksmith demos and more!

**CAVE SPRING**  
 8701 E Gregory Blvd  
 8 am to 6 pm  
 Free Traders  
 Buffalo Soldiers  
 Mic-O-Say Dancers  
 Hikes and much more!



**NEWROOM CAFE**  
 6020 Blue Ridge Blvd  
 8 am to 3 pm  
 "Trail" Special Breakfast All Day

**RAYTOWN CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
 6108 Blue Ridge Blvd  
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 Car Show  
 Hot Dogs & Ice Cream

**RAYTOWN LIVE**  
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 9/11 Tribute

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 6515 Railroad St  
 11 am to 9 pm  
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 Food Truck

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# 2022 Community Profile & Directory Marketing Prices

**RAYTOWN ARA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & TOURISM**  
**2022 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY SIZES/RATES**  
**CONTACT THE CHAMBER OFFICE AT 816-353-8500 IF INTERESTED**

**HALF PAGE**  
(4.5" X 3.5")  
\$450.00

**FULL PAGE**  
(4.5" x 7.5")  
\$750.00

**INSIDE FRONT/  
BACK COVER**  
\$850.00

**BACK COVER**  
\$1000.00

**QUARTER PAGE - HORIZONTAL**  
(4.5" x 1.75")  
\$300.00

*\*All marketing spaces on the Website will be this size.*

**QUARTER PAGE  
-VERTICAL**  
(2.25" x 3.5")  
\$300.00

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

## *Dr. Allan Markley Announces Retirement*



Raytown C-2 School District Superintendent of Schools Dr. Allan Markley announced his retirement, effective June 30, 2022. Upon his retirement, he will have served 27 years in education, 21 years as a superintendent and 14 years in the Raytown C-2 School District.

Raytown Schools Board President Alonzo Burton shared comments on behalf of the Board of Education, "We are grateful for the leadership and insight Dr. Markley has provided during his tenure in Raytown. As we look to the future, we will continue the momentum of our past successes. We now have the very important task of finding Dr. Markley's successor. We ensure our stakeholders that we will work diligently to identify the best possible candidate for this job."

In a letter to staff, Dr. Markley shared, "It is incredibly hard to think that my time in the Raytown C-2 School District is nearing its end. I take so much pride in the memories and successes that have filled the last 13 years of my career."

Under Dr. Markley's leadership, the District has attained several notable accomplishments. Highlights include:

- Increased student ACT scores, attendance and graduation rate
- Expanded early childhood offerings and opened Three Trails Preschool
- Launched the Southland Center for Advanced Professional Studies (Southland CAPS)
- Became a 1:1 district and through a partnership with REF, provided seniors with a laptop to take with them after graduation
- Earned the Consortium for School Networking (CoSN) Trusted Learning Environment (TLE) Seal, recognizing the District's commitment to ensuring the privacy and security of student data
- Recognized as a Common Sense District by Common Sense Education to recognize the District's commitment to providing safe and innovative spaces for students to thrive as they harness the potential of technology for learning and life
- Started the Attend to Win program to encourage increased average daily attendance
- Implemented the Grow Your Own teacher recruitment program to encourage graduates to return to Raytown
- Opened and extended Summer Learning Academy for grades 3-5 & 6-8
- Opened Herndon Career Center Culinary Arts Institute and Cinder Restaurant
- Opened the Raytown Schools Wellness Center and the award-winning employee onsite Quality Care Clinic
- Recognized as one of the Healthiest Employers in Kansas City by the Kansas City Business Journal four years in a row
- Received Platinum certification from the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce's Healthy KC Workplace Wellness Certification Program (Healthy KC) in 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020
- Recognized as one of the Healthiest 100 Workplaces in America presented by Springbuk® - selected as number 24 out of 100 workplaces
- Experienced a return on investment of over \$2.6 million, which equates to \$1.60 avoided for every \$1 spent. Employees have saved an estimated \$543,000 in out-of-pocket expenses by utilizing the Clinic
- Reduced health and property casualty cost in excess of \$3 million
- Founded the Raytown Three Trails Kiwanis/Raytown Schools Alumni Joe Herndon Memorial & Benefit Golf Tournament and raised over \$200,000 for Raytown Kiwanis and Youth Sports
- Founded the Raytown Basketball League in partnership with Raytown Parks and Rec
- Improved existing facilities totaling more than \$100 million by passing
- \$53M Strong Bonds, Bright Futures Bond in 2019
- \$23M Refresh Raytown Schools Bond in 2014
- \$.89 Quality Counts Levy increase in 2009
- As well as multiple annually budgeted capital improvements
- Remodeled Raytown South High School's football/soccer/track and baseball/softball stadiums
- Built Raytown High School's baseball/softball stadium and remodeled Raytown High's football/soccer/track stadium
- Implemented turf at High School stadiums
- Returned \$14 million to the budget through settling the Winchester Tax Increment Financing Plan

Dr. Markley added, "When my wife Kathy and I moved to Raytown, we were a family of four, uncertain as to what the future had in store for us. This community not only welcomed us, but also accepted us. Raytown gave us the home we needed to grow. Now 13 years later, we have a senior and junior at Raytown High School and a fifth grader at Norfleet. Seth, Luke and Josh are learning to become outstanding citizens because of the staff, students, families and community members who make this a wonderful place to raise children."

Dr. Markley began his employment with the Raytown C-2 School District in the fall of 2008, serving as Superintendent of Schools.



# CERT & Citizen Police Academy Classes

CERT TRAINING IS COMING TO RAYTOWN



Community Emergency Response Team 2022 Classes begin:

- Tuesday, April 5, 12, 19, 26 2022  
6:00pm - 9:00pm
- Thursday, April 7, 14, 21, 28 2022  
6:00pm - 9:00pm
- Saturday, April 30, 2022  
9:00am -12:00pm (FINAL)

ALL CLASSES MUST BE ATTENDED FOR CERTIFICATION

The Raytown Police Department is proud to present this FREE training to the public.

Following a major disaster, police, fire and medical professionals may not be able to fully meet the demand of those in need. People will have to rely on each other to meet immediate lifesaving and life sustaining needs. CERT Team members assist emergency services agencies in public safety events and critical incidents. Join the team! For more information, visit: <http://www.ready.gov/citizen-corps>

The class will be held at Raytown Fire District Station #1, 6020 Raytown Trafficway. The course curriculum will cover the following modules:

- Emergency Preparedness
- Fire Safety
- Emergency Medical Operations 1
- Emergency Medical Operations 2
- Light Search and Rescue Operations
- CERT Organization
- Disaster Psychology
- Terrorism and CERT
- Course Review
- Disaster Simulation

Participants must be 17 years old or older. Applicants will be required to complete an application form and a background check.

For an application form, contact Captain Dyon Harper at 816-737-6104 or [harperd@raytownpolice.org](mailto:harperd@raytownpolice.org)



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## Our Members in the News

Dear Raytown Community Member,

The **Raytown Three Trails Kiwanis** is a service organization and our mission is “improving the world one child and one community at a time”. We’ve partnered with **Sleep in Heavenly Peace** to have a bed building event in Raytown to build beds for **40** kids in our community. We’re inviting community members from churches, schools, organizations or just individuals to join us in this experience to help kids and promote comradery in our community.

To do this, Sleep in Heavenly Peace needs:

**Funding** – Raytown Three Trails Kiwanis has fully funded

**Location** – The Ridge Church, 5055 Blue Ridge Blvd. (outside in the parking lot)

**Volunteers** – **that’s all that is still needed - YOU**

Our “bed build” will be Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-12:00 at 5055 Blue Ridge Blvd. Experienced volunteers will guide us – we don’t have to have any previous experience.

Check out the website: [www.shpbeds.org/chapter/mo-kansas-city-se](http://www.shpbeds.org/chapter/mo-kansas-city-se). Watch the 3 minute video “**From Build to Delivery**”.

To participate, go to <http://shpkcse.org/3Trails> for the Kiwanis signup genius.



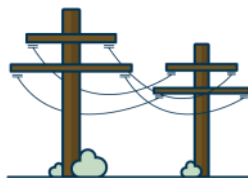
**Raytown  
Three Trails  
Kiwanis Club**

Thanks for considering this community opportunity,  
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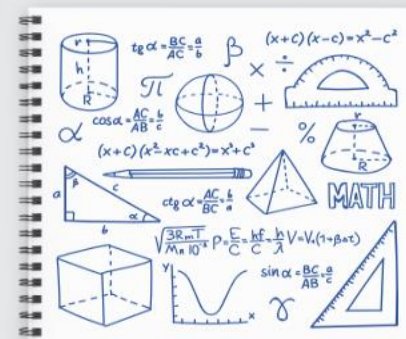
### RAYTOWN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION 5K RUN FOR EXCELLENCE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2021 – 8:30 A.M. START

- Just like Willie Nelson, REF is “On the Road Again” with its 22<sup>nd</sup> **Run for Excellence**. Join us as we traverse parts of the historic Santa Fe Trail on Blue Ridge Boulevard.
- The run/walk course begins on the Chittwood Stadium track behind Raytown High School, 6019 Blue Ridge Blvd. The 5k course is certified by USA Track and Field.
- The cost to enter the run is \$30 for adults and \$15 for students through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Run Entry Forms are available online:
  - ⇒ Raytown Educational Foundation Website:
  - ⇒ Main Page: [www.raytowneducationalfoundation.org](http://www.raytowneducationalfoundation.org).
  - ⇒ Run Registration: <https://www.raytownschools.org/domain/1703>.

Proceeds from this fun, family, feel-good event will benefit the RAYTOWN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION that supports grants, scholarships, and student recognition programs in Raytown Quality Schools.

Many thanks to our sponsors who make this event possible.

Additional information including virtual run instructions and t-shirt and mask pick-up is available on the foundation’s website or by calling Martha Cockerell at 816-268-7181 or by emailing [REF@raytownschools.org](mailto:REF@raytownschools.org).



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## September is National Preparedness Month



*Local SERVPRO disaster mitigation specialist urges Raytown-area residents to create a disaster management and recovery plan before the unexpected happens*

September is National Preparedness Month, part of the ongoing "Ready"<sup>1</sup> initiative of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). According to FEMA's "Are You Ready"<sup>2</sup> guide, the first step in effective disaster preparedness is to understand your specific risks - first by identifying the hazards that could possibly affect you and then by evaluating your actual vulnerability to those sources of danger.

"Once you understand your risks, you can effectively plan to mitigate them by decreasing your vulnerability and then manage their consequences quickly and effectively if the worst does happen," says disaster mitigation specialist Chad Kimbley of SERVPRO® of Raytown/East Kansas City. "Of course, individual home or business owners' risks vary depending on their location, but regardless of where you live or work, FEMA's guide has some basic steps that everyone can take to prepare for the unexpected."

1. Create a family communication and shelter plan.
2. Sign up for emergency alerts, including FEMA alerts<sup>3</sup>.
3. Build your savings if possible and keep a small emergency fund of cash on-hand at home.
4. Create an Emergency Financial First Aid Kit<sup>4</sup>: Gather and safeguard critical documents like deeds, medical information, insurance policies, and a list of your household belongings.

Create an emergency kit<sup>5</sup> with basic tools and enough food and water to last 72 hours and keep the contents fresh and up to date. In addition to the planning tools and checklists provided by FEMA, businesses like SERVPRO that specialize in disaster mitigation and restoration offer free tools that make disaster recovery easier. The free SERVPRO READY app<sup>6</sup> allows home and business owners to store essential contact and property information electronically where it can be accessed in seconds with a mobile device. Local business owners who designate SERVPRO of Raytown/East Kansas City as their disaster mitigation and restoration provider benefit from a no-cost assessment of their facility along with help completing a comprehensive Emergency READY Profile® (ERP) to be stored in the READY app.

"The uncomfortable truth is that no amount of preparedness will prevent disasters from striking, but preparedness can help disaster victims survive and then recover," says Kimbley. "When disaster strikes, sometimes it's difficult to even know where to start picking up the pieces. Having critical documents and details at your fingertips helps, but so does having access to professionals who know how to help you return to normal, 'Like it never even happened.' The disaster remediation specialists at SERVPRO of Raytown/East Kansas City know what to do when you don't know which way to turn. We're here to help when you need us."

For more information on SERVPRO of Raytown/East Kansas City, please contact Chad Kimbley at (816) 737-8776 [servpro9562@sbcglobal.net](mailto:servpro9562@sbcglobal.net).

For more information on SERVPRO® and the SERVPRO Emergency READY Program, please visit <https://ready.servpro.com>.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ready.gov/calendar>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.ready.gov/sites/default/files/2021-03/are-you-ready-guide.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.fema.gov/about/news-multimedia/mobile-app-text-messages>

<sup>4</sup> [https://www.ready.gov/sites/default/files/2020-03/ready\\_emergency-financial-first-aid-toolkit.pdf](https://www.ready.gov/sites/default/files/2020-03/ready_emergency-financial-first-aid-toolkit.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.ready.gov/kit>

<sup>6</sup> <https://ready.servpro.com/home/mobileapp>

### About SERVPRO

For more than 50 years, SERVPRO has been a trusted leader in fire and water cleanup and restoration services, mold mitigation, and biohazard and pathogen remediation. SERVPRO's professional services network of more than 1,900 individually owned and operated franchises spans the United States and Canada, responding to property damage emergencies large and small – from million-square-foot commercial facilities to individual homes. When disaster strikes, homeowners, business owners, and major insurance companies alike rely on SERVPRO to make it "Like it never even happened."



## *Vaccine Clinic*



**There is Strength in Numbers  
Get Vaccinated!**



Missouri residents lets do our part to help get things  
back to normal

and protect those we love!

Join us for a vaccine clinic on

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from 9:00 to 1:00

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			1 Membership Services Committee Zoom Meeting Noon Office closes at 4	2 Office closes at 4	3 Tourism Committee Zoom Meeting Noon Office closes at 4	4
5	6 	7	8	9 Chamber/BF Board Meeting Zoom 8:00 a.m.	10	11 Raytown's Festival of the Trails All Day Event 
12	13	14	15 	16	17 Government Relations Committee Zoom Meeting 8:00 a.m.	18
19	20 Deadline to RSVP For September Membership Luncheon	21	22	23 September Membership Luncheon In Person (Masks required)	24 	25
26	27	28 Office Closed	29	30		