

CHAMBER CONNECTIONS



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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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APRIL 2022

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APRIL 28, 2022 MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON (open to the public with a paid reservation)

Hear About Gail's Journey into a Successful Business Woman!



The first 200 who make a reservation will receive a small gift for attending and be eligible to win one of several nice baskets put together by local Chamber members. Each person who attends will receive a raffle ticket at check-in.

Also, the day before the luncheon is Administrative Professional's Day bring your Admin with you for lunch on the boss!

\$25.00 per person
 Connection Point Church
 11:00 - 11:30 Check-In and Networking
 11:30 - Noon Buffet Lunch
 Noon - 1:00 p.m. Program

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE DETAILS AND TO MAKE A RESRVATION](#)





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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

They say as we get older, time flies by. March truly flew by. For my 60th birthday, we made several stops in Raytown and ended up having dinner with the family. If you have not ate at a hibachi type restaurant, take the family and go. It was so much fun. Very interactive and yes I caught the shrimp without using my hands.



Another big surprise in March was the confirmation of the Building Foundation receiving federal funding. Michelle Williams and I originally filled out paperwork for it in March/April 2021 time frame. More details and story can be found on page 6. We are truly grateful for the funding and can't wait to get started on the final phases of the project. Thank you to Congressman Cleaver and his Staff for all their guidance.

The handicapped ramp is done. When you come to the Chamber office you can either come in through the downstairs door and come up the stairs, looking at tourism items that are on the wall for visitors to take or come up the ramp on the east side of the building. If the door is locked, just knock! Please keep in mind, there are still small construction projects around the building. Of course, we will keep yo posted when the large projects start.

We are looking for businesses who might be interested in joining the Chamber. Please send their contact information to me and I will reach out to them. We feel it would be worth their while to be a part of the Raytown Chamber, don't you?



Even though my door is always open, if you would like to schedule an appointment, give me a call. Even though we are not requiring masks, if you come to a meeting, a luncheon or event and feel more comfortable wearing one, please do so.

BE KIND, BE PATIENT, BE RAYTOWN!

Vicki Turnbow, President



MEMBER MARKET



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All marketing may include a website link.
All marketing must be prepaid.

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- Fully insured, level funded, and self-insured composite rates
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- Online reporting and enrollment services
- Onsite open enrollment



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March in Photos

Chamber Day at the Capitol with the following Chambers:
Blue Springs, Grain Valley Partnership, Grandview Independence, Lee's Summit, LGBT, South Kansas City and Sugar Creek.



Raytown Main Street Piccadilly (03/04/22) and Parade of Hearts in downtown Raytown (03/19/22)



March in Photos

Thank you to V's Italiano Ristorante for hosting the Mixology 101 on March 22. A good time was had by all who attended.



Thank you to Randy Robbins, J & C Auto Glass, for being the March luncheon sponsor and to Matthew Cushman for educating those in attendance about Raytown Fire HELPS.



Building Capital Campaign Update

A lot has happened since the last newsletter. The handicapped ramp has been completed and except for a couple of small items is already in use. Hopefully by the end of the week, these items will be completed as well. A big thank you to Square Foot Construction and crew for getting the job done and on time. Our final reports along with photos will be sent to the Reeve Foundation by the end of April.

At the March Chamber luncheon Congressman Emanuel Cleaver stopped to officially congratulate the Raytown Chamber of Commerce Building Foundation on being one of ten projects selected out of the 5th Congressional District to receive funding to finish our building remodel inside and out along with the finishing the Building Accessibility Project. We are excited to announce we will be receiving \$200,000!

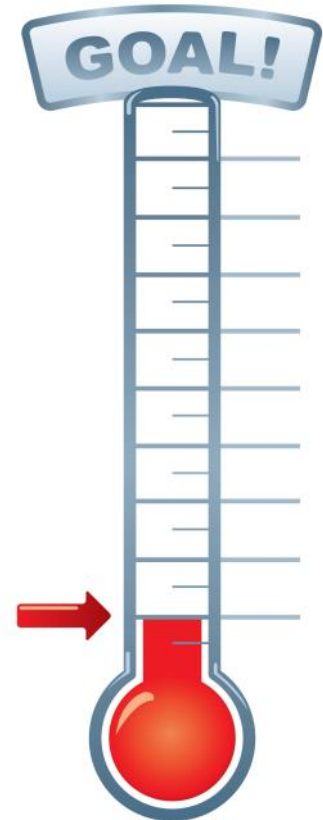
Here are just a few items we are looking to do:

Upgrade the entire outside of the building including new energy efficient windows, heat pumps, hot water system, 100% solar parking lot lights, signage, landscaping, just to name a few items. We will also be gutting the kitchen area and getting it ready for new cabinets from Shamrock Cabinets, which also includes a work area.

We are confident when completed, the building will be one the entire community can and will be proud of.

[Click Here to Read the Press Release from Congressman Cleaver](#)

As of 03/29/2022
\$68,553.00 raised



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

Advanced Eyecare 1985 Dr. Richard Wilson, Heather Bass,
Dr. Melissa Enevoldsen, Dr. Jeffrey Harter, Dr. Dana Krause,
Dr. Julie Lafreniere, Dr. Lauren Pachy
☺ Better Business Bureau of Greater Kansas City 2006 Dustin
Johnson, Marvin Carolina
☺ Bickford Assisted Living 1999 Carol Rigsby, Laura Turley
☺ Big Brothers Big Sisters 2021 Anna Bazan-Munguia
Blue Ridge Presbyterian Church 2004 Elizabeth Meador
Brinton Electric Co. 2021 Kory Brinton
☺ Business Data Solutions 2012 Tito Huynh
Community Blood Center of Greater Kansas City 2021 Kira
Harsh
D'Luxe Silhouettes, LLC 2021 Christy Wilson

☺ Electrical Corp of America 1978 Don Laffoon
Gnarley Hussle 2021 Pat Clifton, Alex Quinn
☺ Hilton Garden Inn Independence 2019 Jody Mallinson-
Ruby
☺ Learn A Lot Academy (9812 E. 66th Street and 4010
Sterling) 2013 Teresa Givens
Newz Room Café 2021 Michelle Lewis-Russell
Raytown Christian Church 2015 Dr. Bill Tenny-Brittian
☺ Rick's Auto Clinic 2008 Rick Stangl, Shawn Stangl
☺ Shamrock Cabinet Fixture Corp. 1980 Jeremy Beachner,
Erik Blaney, Kelly Lauderback
☺ Tidal Wave Auto Spa 2019 Mike Donnelly, Larson Griffith

**Have you utilized your member benefits lately?
Thank you to those businesses who paid 110% and are now members of the**

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www.cosentinoscatering.com
Catering
Recruited by: Self

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www.primerica.com/geaneenanderson
Financial
Recruited by Vicki Turnbow

*Welcome to these new
Members!*

**2022 CHALLENGE - FROM CHAIR, PAT ERTZ**

For 2022, we are asking each member to recruit a business or organization that is not already a member to join the Raytown Chamber. As an added bonus, we will put the name of every member who recruits a new member between January 1 and November 30 into a drawing for some great gift cards from member businesses. We will also put the names of all new members in for a drawing of the same prize.

Sponsorships - 2022

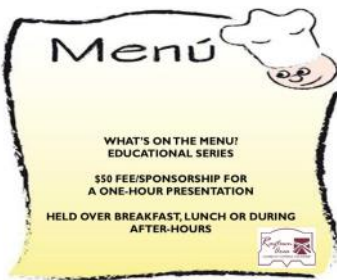
SPONSORS NEEDED FOR 2022



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.



What's On the Menu? Educational Series



Are you interested in sponsoring a "What's on the Menu?" and be able to educate those in attendance on your product or service. The cost to be the sponsor for this is only \$50. The Chamber will secure the location and order lunch and reservations would be required from those attending. Each person would be charged between \$15 and \$20 to cover food costs.

Other sponsorships available for the following:

- One Corporate Sponsorship available for \$1,500 - this covers the entire year.
- Raytown Chamber/Rotary Golf Tournament - Join Title Sponsor ServPro Raytown/ East Kansas City - July 20, 2022 at Teetering Rocks Golf Course
- Senior Celebration - Join Platinum Sponsors Adams Insurance, Centerwell Senior Primary Care and Evergy - July 16, 2022 at Knights of Columbus Hall
- Raytown's Festival of the Trails - Saturday, 09/10/2022 - details coming!
- EJC B.A.S.H. - Join Title Sponsor Evergy - date and location to be determined



Email Vicki at president@raytownchamber.com today if interested!

Members in the News

We Are Hiring! Inside Sales Representative

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CARLA.NIEDERBRACH@GLASSUSA.COM



RAYTOWN HIGH PRESENTS:

HUNGER GAMES

GOALS
1500 Cans
\$300

Can Drive

APRIL 18TH-23RD

2:30- 4:00

Raytown Senior High
School Entrance on 61st
Street



Raytown High School Students will be participating in the Hunger Games Can Drive again this year.

The goal is 1,500 cans and \$300 in monetary donations. Drop off between April 18-23 from 2:30 to 4:00 (school entrance on the 61st Street side)



A LITTLE HELP, A LOT OF HOPE.

Members in the News



Farmers Insurance - Atkins Agency recently received an award for continuing to be one of the top Farmers agents in the state. The agency was second for the amount of sales in specialty products. Specialty insurance includes: motorcycles, boats, personal watercraft, some homes, ATV's, and motorhomes to name a few items. They were also in the top three for life insurance sales, auto and home insurance sales and total production. Overall, the agency finished in second place in the Agent of Year standings.

J Robert Atkins

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Your invitation to join us! Making the Past Come Alive!

The efforts of the Friends of the Rice-Tremonti Home Association are geared toward keeping the past alive to study, to remember, and to maintain this home on the historic trails west as our country grew.

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Address _____	Individual - \$15.00
City, State ZIP _____	Family - \$25.00
Cell/telephone _____	
Email _____	Life - \$250.00

Raytown Quality Schools Announcement



Raytown School District Announces the Hiring of Administrators Beginning with the 2022-2023 School Year

The Raytown School District is pleased to announce the hiring of Kimberly Alonzo as the Raytown Middle School principal and Shunton Hammond as the Raytown South High School principal beginning with the 2022-2023 school year.

Kimberly Alonzo currently serves as an assistant principal at Miller Park School in the Lee's Summit School District. She will complete her Doctorate in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies degree in May of 2022 from the University of Kansas.

Alonzo previously served as an assistant principal at Pleasant Lea Middle School and a special education teacher in the Lee's Summit School District.

She will begin her duties as Raytown Middle School principal beginning July 1, 2022 following the retirement of Dr. Georgetta May.

Shunton Hammond is currently an assistant principal at Raytown South High School and has served in that role since 2012. Hammond has an Educational Specialist Degree in Educational Administration from the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

Before coming to Raytown, Hammond previously served as the head principal, an assistant principal, and a health and physical education teacher at Grandview High School.

He will begin his duties as Raytown South High School principal beginning July 1, 2022 following the retirement of Dr. Kevin Overfelt.

Photo attached: Kimberly Alonzo (pictured left) and Shunton Hammond (pictured right)



Raytown Main Street Association - Egg Extravaganza



10th Annual EGG-EXTRAVAGANZA !!!

**Sat. April 16,
2022**

Rain or Shine

11:00am ~ RAYTOWN COMMUNITY PARADE

Starts at Raytown Christian Church, 6108 Blue Ridge Blvd. - Put your Easter Bonnet on!

Marching Bands – Floats – Cars/Trucks – Individuals – Groups

Early Bird Special: \$20 entry fee if paid by April 4, if paid after April 5, \$30 entry fee.

Entry form at RaytownMainStreet.org

12:00pm ~ STORY TIME - FREE

Mid-Continent Library, 6131 Raytown Road

Follow the Bunny across the street to find Eggs!

12:30pm ~ GAMES FOR ALL CHILDREN - FREE

Begins immediately after parade.

1:00pm ~ EGG HUNT ~ FREE

On the Green Space at 62nd Street & Blue Ridge Blvd.

Food & Vendors

“Raytown Rocks” T-shirts available

For more information: (816) 356-0505 or (816) 536-7560



FUN FOR
EVERYONE
!!!

Farmers Market - Raytown

City of Raytown

FARMERS MARKET

*Every Third Thursday from 4 - 7 p.m.
April - October*

Where: 62nd Street in Raytown between Raytown
Road and Blue Ridge Boulevard

LOCAL VENDORS SELLING PRODUCE AND MORE



Midwest Animal ResQ



"BE A GAME CHANGER" CASINO Royale

At Midwest Animal ResQ, we strive to serve the community of Greater Kansas City by rescuing as many companion animals as possible. These animals come to us when they are lost, abandoned, at risk of euthanasia, saved from hoarding, puppy mill, or other terrible circumstances. With the help of our generous supporters like you, more and more animals are able to find their way into our program where they receive the care and warmth they need until we can find them their forever home.

On **Saturday, June 4, 2022 at 6:00 PM**, Midwest Animal ResQ will host its eighth annual gala, **BarQ After Dark**, at **The Martin Event Space in Kansas City, Missouri**. This year's theme is "Casino Royale" and will feature live entertainment, plenty of gaming action, food, an open bar, a silent auction, and much more. This gala is our most important event of the year, and our goal is to raise \$50,000, all to be used for the direct care and welfare of the animals we help every day.

We need your help! **Please consider becoming a sponsor or making a donation to our silent auction.** As a 'thank you' for your support, each sponsorship level includes VIP tickets to this amazing event (*food, top shelf bar access, \$500 gaming chips and gift bag per guest*) as well as recognition of your sponsorship at the event and our Facebook page.

Bronze \$250	Silver \$500	Gold \$1000	Platinum* \$2,500	Diamond* \$5,000	Chewy* \$10,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Event VIP Tickets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 Event VIP Tickets • 1 VIP Parking Pass 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 Event VIP Tickets • 2 VIP Parking Passes • Additional \$100 per guest gaming chips 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 Event VIP Tickets • 3 VIP Parking Passes • Additional \$200 per guest gaming chips • Expanded sponsor recognition on our website before the event • Access to our VIP pre-event cocktail party 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 Event VIP Tickets • 3 VIP Parking Passes • Additional \$300 per guest gaming chips • Expanded sponsor recognition on our website before event • Access to our VIP pre-event cocktail party 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 Event VIP Tickets • 4 VIP Parking Passes • Additional \$500 per guest gaming chips • Expanded sponsor recognition on our website before event • Access to our VIP pre-event cocktail party • Premier recognition of your sponsorship on our event gift items and Top Sponsor appreciation

* A portion of these sponsorship levels may be tax deductible, please refer to your receipt.

To donate an item or service for the silent auction, please contact Erin Quador via email at events@marqkc.org or (816) 820-1336. We will be happy to stop by to pick up any donations. All donations are tax deductible, (EIN: 45-3676666). The deadline for silent auction donations is **May 20, 2022**.

Please select your sponsorship level:

- Bronze
 Silver
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Company/Sponsor Name: _____

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Street Address: _____

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OR scan code to complete your sponsorship online!



To support promotion of your sponsorship, please also email a high resolution image of your logo and a brief company bio to: events@marqkc.org

Please mail this form with your check to:

Midwest Animal ResQ c/o Erin Quador
5012 Spring Ave.
Kansas City, MO 64133

Deadline for Sponsorships: **April 15, 2022**



APRIL 2022

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Tourism Committee Meeting Noon at Rice Tremonti	2
3	4	5	6 Membership Services Meeting Noon at Chamber Office	7	8	9
10	11	12 Raytown's Festival of the Trails Meeting 3:00 p.m. at Chamber Office	13	14 Chamber/BF Board Meeting 8:00 a.m. At Chamber Office	15 Government Relations Committee Meeting At Chamber Office	16
17 	18 Deadline for Lunch reservations	19	20	21 Senior Celebration Meeting 3:00 pm Chamber Office	22 	23
24	25 Deadline to make a reservation for lunch	26	27 Administrative Professionals Day	28 April Membership Luncheon at Connection Point Church	29	30