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A.M. Connections
 Tuesday, July 19, 2022
 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.
 Raytown City Hall
 10000 E. 59th Street
 Raytown, MO 64133

[Click here for more details and to register](#)
 (A registration is not required but appreciated)



July Membership Luncheon
 Wednesday, July 27, 2022
 Raytown Schools Wellness Center
 \$15.00 per person (reservation required)
 By Noon on the Monday before
 Topic: Update on the Kansas City Zoo by
 Dr. Kirk Suedmeyer

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Wow, I can't believe the first half of the year is over. I am working on items for the remainder of the year and looking into 2023. If you know of a topic or speaker you would like to hear in 2023, send me an email or give me a call.

We continue to fill out paperwork in anticipation of receiving the Community Project Funding grant for the remainder of the building remodel both inside and out.

Summer hours started May 31 and will continue through Labor Day. Hours will be 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. but please call first before heading over to make sure I am in the office. If not leave me a message or send me an email. The office will be closed Friday, July 22.

We are excited to welcome Dr. Penelope Martin-Knox to Raytown as the new Superintendent of the Raytown School District. There is a lot of new leadership within the district and are excited about meeting them and all the new possibilities.

Kudos to the two high school baseball coaches for bringing a baseball camp with the help of KC Royals Alumni and Raytown Educational Foundation to Raytown. Who knows, this could be the start of youth baseball being back in Raytown! See page 11 for details.

We are working to help put together welcome bags for new teachers. See page 10 for a message from Dr. Carl Calcara.

Even though my door is always open, if you would like to schedule an appointment, give me a call.

BE KIND, BE PATIENT, BE RAYTOWN!

Vicki Turnbow, President



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.

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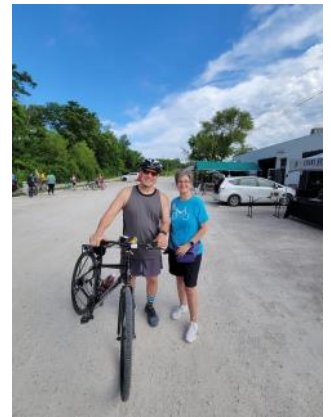


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June in Photos

Tourism Committee visiting Tacos Del Barrio and the Raytown Chamber participating in the Ride the Rock event celebrating National Trails Day.



June in Photos

Raytown Day at the Royals - June 5, 2022



Customer Appreciation Event at Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center - June 9, 2022



June in Photos

Ribbon Cutting at Synergy One Lending - June 9, 2022



Adventures in Learning; Al Maddox receiving the Raytown Educational Foundation Joe Herndon Distinguished Service Award for 2022



Raytown Main Street Association
2022/2023 Officers:
April Harrington, President
Steve Guenther, Vic President
Tom Moore, Secretary
Janette Guenther, Treasurer



June Membership Luncheon

Joint Chamber Membership Luncheon with Grandview and South Kansas City Chambers at Faulkner's Ranch on June 23, 2022. Thank you to United Consumers Credit Union for being our luncheon sponsor and to Gary Lezak for coming out and speaking to the group.



CHAMBER RENEWALS

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

- ☺ Arvest Bank Rene Purtee 2012
- Block and Company Bill Maas 2017
- C & S Furnace Kendall Schottel 1996
- ☺ Cosentino's Catering Alicia Niccum 2022
- Edward Jones Brian Ross 2017
- ☺ First Federal Bank of Kansas City Casi Carlton 1984

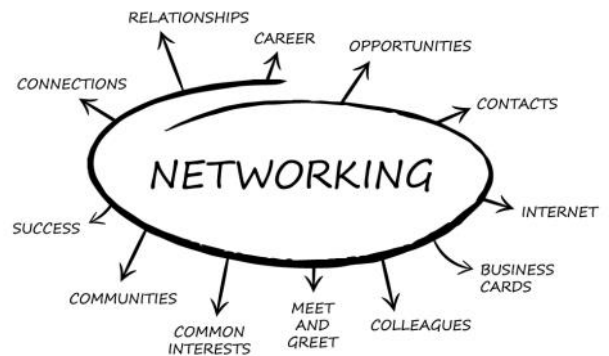
- H & R Block Alejandro Piper 2001
- ☺ Lutfi's Fried Fish Loretha Hayden 2008
- Missouri Cannabis Clinic Darby Cook 2020
- ☺ Serc Physical Therapy Raytown Jonathon Andalikiwicz 2014
- Shafer Computer Service, Inc. Gary Shafer 2009

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

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 Stefanie Baldwin
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 Independence, MO 64055
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Stefanie.baldwin@dedicated.care
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 Recruited by Brenda Riggs

Welcome to these new Members! Reach out to them if you need their services!

Oak Street Health
 Daniel Sinyavskiy
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Daniel.sinyavskiy@oakstreethhealth.com
www.oakstreethhealth.com
 Health Care
 Recruited by ElizaBeth Clayton



Raytown Chamber/Rotary Golf Tournament

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT A TEAM OR SIGN UP FOR A HOLE SPONSOR IS WEDNESDAY, JULY 13!

GOLF TOURNAMENT SPONSORSHIPS & PRICING

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 ★ **CONTEST** ★
 ★ **PACKAGE** ★
 ★ **\$ 40.00** ★
 ★ **per team** ★
 ★ (pre-order only & ★
 ★ does not include ★
 ★ putting contest) ★
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 ★ > Chamber Hopper ★
 ★ > Wildcard Hole ★
 ★ > Closest to the Pin ** ★
 ★ (win 3 - \$50 gift cards) ★
 ★ > 8 Mulligans ★
 ★ > 8 Raffle Tickets ★
 ★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★

✓ CHECK THE ONES YOU WOULD LIKE:

SOLD Title Sponsor (Limit of 1)	\$1,500.00
SOLD Lunch Sponsor	\$1,000.00
___ Hole Sponsor & Foursome	\$ 460.00
___ Registration Sponsor	\$ 500.00
___ Foursome Only	\$ 396.00
___ Beverage Cart Sponsor	\$ 350.00
SOLD Awards Reception Sponsor	\$ 300.00
SOLD Putting Contest Sponsor	\$ 200.00
___ Refresh & Refuel Sponsor	\$ 150.00
___ Hole Sponsor	\$ 100.00
___ Individual Players	\$ 99.00
___ Contest Package (Pre-Order ONLY)	\$ 40.00
___ Golf Cart Sponsor	\$ 35.00
___ Silent Auction Cash Donation	\$ 30.00
___ Putting Contest - 3 for \$5.00 per player	\$ _____
___ Additional Lunch Reservations (\$12.00 each)	\$ _____
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Total Enclosed _____

**If you do not purchase the Contest Package you are not eligible to participate in the Closest to the Pin. **

I would like to donate ...

...a raffle or silent auction item with at least a \$30.00 value.
 ...tee bag item (120)
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Golfer: _____ Phone: _____

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

Credit Card # _____ Security Code _____ Exp. Date: _____

Billing Address _____ Zip _____

Deadline for teams & sponsors: July 8, 2022

Mail, fax or email to: Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce • 5909 Raytown Trafficway • Raytown, MO 64133 • Fax 816-353-8525

Raytown Quality Schools Announcement



Dear Community Business Partners:

The Raytown School District brings in an average of 100 educators into our school community every year. Whether they are new to the profession, relocating, or transferring from other districts, we want them to feel good about choosing to teach in Raytown. It is our hope that we can begin connecting them to the larger community and all this great city has to offer. We know our business partners play a key role in helping to attract highly qualified candidates to the Raytown School District and we would love to begin introducing them to all of you. All new educators will be getting welcome bags at their onboarding orientation and we would welcome any donations that you would like to have included. We are very happy these educators chose to teach in Raytown and it is our hope that they will begin planting roots and making this city their home.

Thank you all for your support and we look forward to our continued partnership as we work together to serve the patrons of Raytown. Contact me by calling (816)335-5167 or send me an email to carl.calcara@raytownschools.org.

Sincerely,

Carl M. Calcara, Ed.D. Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources

Raytown School District Announces the Hiring of Administrators & Leadership Team beginning with the 2022-2023 School Year

Toni Davis will serve as the Principal at Raytown South Middle School. Davis currently serves as the Principal at Raytown Central Middle School. Before Raytown Central Middle School Davis was an Assistant Principal at Raytown South Middle School. She is currently working on her Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Baker University. Previously, Davis served as a summer school elementary principal at Westridge Elementary and an administrator Intern at Raytown Middle School. Prior to her work as an administrator, Davis was an English Language Arts teacher at Raytown Middle School and taught in the Hickman Mills School District.

Terry Gibson will serve as the Chief Executive Officer of Finance and Operations. He comes to RQS from the Jackson R-2 School District in Jackson, MO where he served as the Chief Financial Officer for the past five years. Before working in school finance, Gibson was a staff accountant at Baer & Co., LLC, controller for Kauffman Scholars, Inc. and an accountant at CT Systems, Inc. and Tutera Group, LLC. Gibson is a Certified Public Accountant. He has a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from Baker University and a Master of Business Administration – Finance from the University of Missouri - Kansas City. He is an alumnus (88') of Raytown South High School.

Melissa Glasco will serve as the Principal at Fleetridge Elementary. Glasco currently serves as the Administrator Intern at Fleetridge Elementary. Previously, she served as the Administrative Intern at Southwood Elementary and as a first grade teacher for the Independence School District. She received her Bachelor of Science in Education from Park University, her Master of Arts in Teaching from Webster University, and her Education Specialist in School Administration from the University of Central Missouri.

Dr. Chris Greiner will serve as the Chief Executive Officer of Academics. He moves to RQS from the Lincoln County R-III School District where he is the Assistant Superintendent of Academics. Dr. Greiner has been in education for nearly 25 serving as adjunct professor at Missouri Baptist and director of student learning in the Francis Howell School District. Some of his previous roles include principal, assistant principal, social studies teacher and coach. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in History/Secondary Education from Washington University, a Master of Education in Secondary Administration from the University of Missouri - St. Louis, an Ed. Specialist in Educational Leadership from Lindenwood University and a Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership from St. Louis University.

Claire Quinn will serve as the Principal at Southwood Elementary. She is currently the Administrator Intern at Southwood Elementary. Prior to that she was a teacher in RQS. Quinn has also served as a teacher in the Hickman Mills School District and a volleyball coach in Springfield Public Schools. Quinn earned her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Missouri State University and a Master of Science in Educational Administration and Leadership from Missouri State University.

Duties for the new positions for Davis, Gibson, Glasco, Greiner, and Quinn will begin on July 1, 2022

Baseball Camp



Do you want your kids to learn the basics of baseball from Royals Alumni?

This introductory camp will cover the fundamentals of hitting, fielding, pitching, and baserunning, giving kids a unique chance to learn from former Major League ballplayers. They'll work on teamwork skills while enjoying the summer sunshine!

MONDAY, JULY 11 - 14
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We recommend this camp for players ages 6-14.

This four-day camp experience is **FREE!**

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Farmers Market - Raytown

City of Raytown

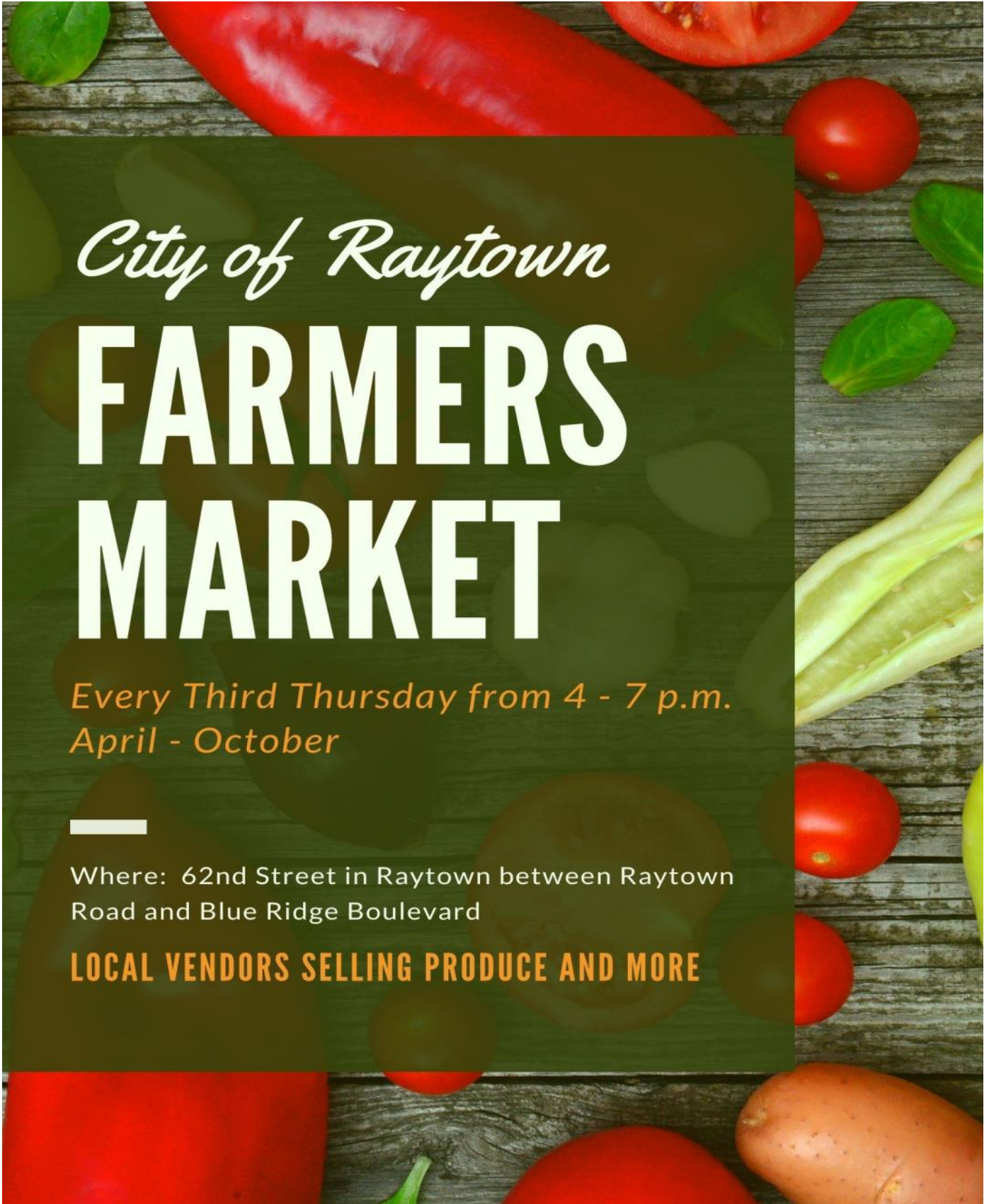
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FROM THE DESK OF
MAYOR MIKE MCDONOUGH
City of Raytown, Mo

To my fellow citizens of Raytown, Missouri,

On August 2nd, 2022, we have on the ballot for Raytown voters, Questions 1, 2 and 3. Questions 1 and 2 deal specifically with the infrastructure that is in dire need of improvement.

Question 1 will take care of our storm drainage system problems that this city has had for many years. I can remember as a kid, my parents and others complaining about the storm sewers and the backups and damage to property and roads. The bonds from question one will fix those problems now, rather than sometime in the next 40 years.

Question 2 will help take care of our roads. They have deteriorated to the point that over 40 % of our roads in Raytown are in poor condition and cannot be repaired with a bandage approach. It has taken decades for the roads to get into this condition, and we need to start over from scratch in getting them fixed. In other words, we need to dig them out to the dirt and start over anew.

Question 3 will be a \$.30 cent increase to the mill levy for the City of Raytown. This city levy has not changed since 1978. This money will help fund the maintenance of the roads that are still fixable, for general operations of this city and its vital services. Do you want improved services? It costs money. Try running your businesses or households on a budget from 1978. It doesn't work well.

I know times are tough right now, but they will get better. They always have. We cannot afford to wait. The cost of construction is going up and will continue to do so. It took over two years to put this together, using expertise and forethought from many sources, to present to you the voters, and to get the "best bang for your buck." We will continue to seek out federal funds to help with projects too. Federal dollars are your money too and we would like to have it here to work for you.

I am asking you to please vote yes on all three questions and help us make this city better now and in the future. Let's be one Raytown.

For more information on these questions go to www.oneraytown.com.

Sincerely,
Mayor Mike McDonough
City of Raytown

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Question 1- “Shall the City of Raytown, Missouri issue its general obligation bonds in the amount not to exceed \$46,000,000.00 to acquire, construct, reconstruct, extend, and improve the City’s streets, roads, bridges and sidewalks?” The authorization of the bonds will authorize the City to maintain tangible property tax rates sufficient to pay the interest and principal on the bonds until fully paid.



Question 2- “Shall the City of Raytown, Missouri issue its general obligation bonds in the amount not to exceed \$7,200,000.00 to acquire, construct, reconstruct, extend and improve the City’s storm sewer system?” The authorization of the bonds will authorize the City to maintain tangible property tax rates sufficient to pay the interest and principal on the bonds until fully paid.

Question 3- “Shall there be a \$0.30 increase in tax levy on one hundred dollars valuation for general municipal purposes in the City of Raytown, Missouri”.

The website www.oneraytown.com has been set up for educational purposes only. You are able to review the ballot questions, look at a proposed map of projects, find out about any upcoming town hall meetings, submit a question and read for yourself the FAQ’s. Please share this website with your employees and customers who live in Raytown.

I have lived in Raytown for the past 50 years. Our roads and storm sewer systems have continued to deteriorate during that time due to insufficient funds to properly maintain them. I, for one, am tired of bouncing around in my car when driving around town. Damage is being done to Raytown properties due to our insufficient storm sewer system. Motor vehicles are also receiving damage due to road conditions. These systems do not last forever and need to be replaced periodically. They also need to be maintained as needed.

After considerable research, thought and effort, a plan has been developed by our City staff and Alderman to greatly improve these conditions. It is now being presented to the Raytown voters for their approval.

Although it will mean an increase in our property taxes, sometimes it is just necessary to bite the bullet and do what really needs to be done. It is a necessity and not a luxury. We now have the opportunity to seriously address these issues by voting yes on all 3 ballot issues on August 2nd.

Vote yes to give our City a fighting chance to provide the basic services and infrastructure we require in 2022.

Respectfully,
Allan Thompson

Having grown up in Raytown, I have witnessed many changes; some great and some not so good. One of the not-so-good changes is related to our community’s infrastructure. Its condition has slowly wasted away over the past several decades. One of my campaign promises when I ran for Alderman in 2017 was infrastructure repair and replacement. I happy to report that on August 2, 2022, Raytown will have the opportunity to correct deficiencies in its infrastructure in the form of three ballot questions.

Many Raytown citizens do not realize that there are nine taxing jurisdictions that collect from our property tax bills. While the other eight jurisdictions periodically updated their mill levies, the city’s levy has remained unchanged since 1978, due to the Hancock Amendment, making it nearly impossible to complete necessary road and sewer repairs at today’s prices. Not only does this impact our car repair bills, but also indirectly stifles economic development and progress within Raytown.

If Raytown wants to remain attractive to new, young families, we must ensure that basic infrastructure is kept in good condition. I hate taxes as much as the next guy but repairing the current level of deferred maintenance of city infrastructure is a no-brainer considering the cost of an alignment, four new tires, or drying a flooded basement. Please VOTE YES on Question 1, Question 2, and Question 3 to increase the value of, and move Raytown forward.

Ryan Myers

Chamber Day at the Monarchs

[CLICK HERE TO ORDER TICKETS!](#) DEADLINE IS JULY 13, 2022

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THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2022

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Baseball Game 7:00pm

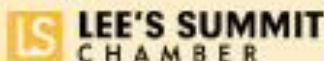
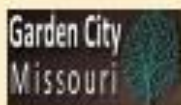
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4 Office Closed 	5	6 Membership Services Committee Meeting Noon @Chamber	7	8	9 
10	11 Raytown's Festival of the Trails Meeting 3:00 p.m. @Chamber office	12	13	14 Chamber/BF Board Meeting 8:00 am Chamber	15	16 Senior Celebration Tickets on sale until July 8
17	18	19 Coffee at City of Raytown 7:30 a.m. 	20 Golf Tournament at Teetering Rocks Golf Course	21	22 Office Closed	23
24	25	26	27 July Membership Luncheon	28 Chamber Day at the Monarchs (ticket sales end July 13)	29	30
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