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Historical Plaque Unveiling & Ribbon Cutting

Please join the Raytown Main Street Association as they reveal their historical plaques at the corner of 63rd Street and Raytown Road. Wednesday, May 4, 2022 Promptly at 1:30

Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting

Join AMPR Plaza as they celebrate their new location at 11900 E. 350 Highway. Chamber representatives from Blue Springs, Grain Valley and Lee's Summit will be joining us.

Thursday, May 12, 2022
2:00 to 3:00 p.m. with ribbon cutting at 2:30



[Click Here for more information & to register](#)



A.M. CONNECTIONS

Clark's Appliances
Tuesday, May 17, 2022
7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

[Click Here to Register](#)



Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting

Join Geaneen Anderson with Primerica as she celebrates her new location with a ribbon cutting on Tuesday, May 24, 2022.

Located at 5893 Raytown Road
5:00 to 6:00 p.m.
Ribbon Cutting at 5:30



[Click here to register](#)





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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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?



Raytown Day at the K is set for Sunday, June 5, 2022. It is a 1:10 p.m. game with the Royals playing the Astros.

[Click here to purchase your tickets on line](#)

For questions or to purchase 20 or more tickets contact Britt Gardner at britt.gardner@royals.com or call 816-504-4174.

Over the next several months, we have a lot of great events happening. An email with the events on the calendar to date was emailed out on Friday, April 28. If you did not receive that email, call me and I will send you one.

Graduation is upon us. Getting all the graduation announcements makes me think of when I graduated from Raytown High School in 1980. I loved putting on my cap and gown and waling across that stage. So many emotions. I am done finally! What parties will I hit afterwards! Of my gosh, now what! I went straight to work right out of high school and have never looked back. There are times, I wish I had gone to college but it was not in the cards at the time. I have loved the jobs I have had since high school, trying to learn from each one and doing the best I can. My hope for those graduating in 2022, that you take what you have learned both in the classroom and out and grow from it. Make the most of each day, be kind and respectful but most of all remember where you came from.

Congratulations to Melvin Norrington, 2020/2021 Past Chair of the Board being given the Reserve Officer of the Year by the Raytown Police Department. Pictured is Chief Robert Kuehl and Melvin Norrington!



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

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Vicki Turnbow, President

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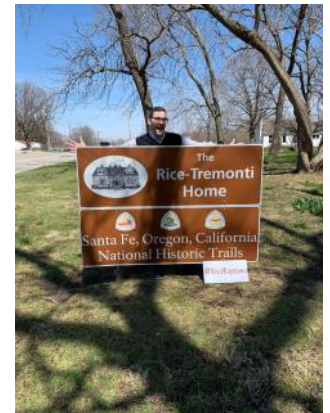


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April in Photos

Raytown Chamber Tourism Committee went on a field trip to the Rice Tremonti Home on Friday, April 1. After a quick meeting, those in attendance took a tour and received some great historical knowledge from Leigh Elmore and David Wurth played the organ for us.



Chamber Board Members Volunteering Out in the Community - City of Raytown Recycling Event and Raytown Main Street Association Egg Extravaganza. Thank you to both organizations for putting on two great events.



Vicki Turnbow attended a round table discussion on Friday, April 29 with regards to Collaboration and Outreach meeting with area non-profit organizations and how we can help each other. Group agreed to meet again and to invite others.



April Membership Luncheon

April Membership Luncheon held on Thursday, April 28 at Connection Point Church. Thank you to the sponsors listed to the right.

We appreciated Gail with Gail's Powersports for taking time out of her busy schedule to come and talk to us.

Each attendee received a small token of our appreciation and several gift baskets were raffled off after the program. Photos courtesy of Charlie Mizell and Franklin Lugenbeel with Nazarethman Creative.

LUNCHEON SPONSOR RECOGNITIONS

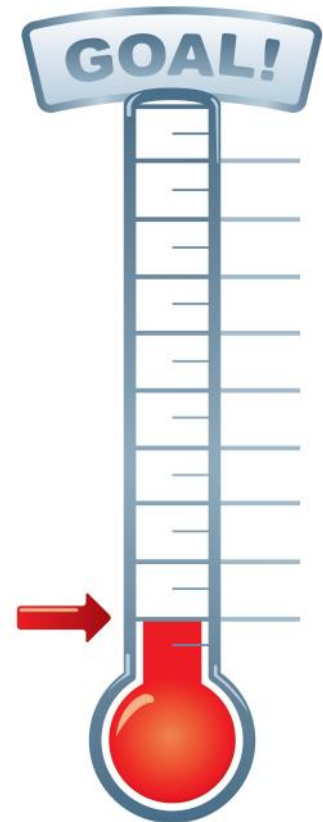


Building Capital Campaign Update

We have submitted our final report to the Reeve Foundation for the items purchased through the grant we received from them.

As of 04/29/2022
\$68,953.00 raised

We are working on the quotes for the upgrades to 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.

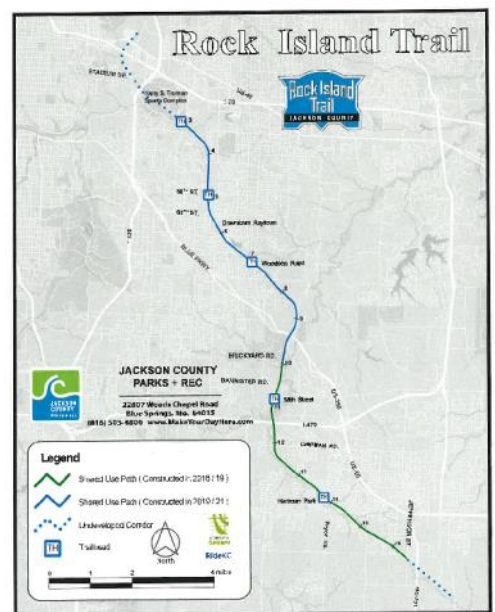


We are still so grateful for the grant that will be coming from the Community Funding through Congressman Cleaver's office. If you were not able to read the press release last month click on the link below.

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

At the end of 2021, we were awarded a grant through Truman Heartland Community Foundation. This grant allowed for us to purchase additional supplies for the bathroom downstairs that is open during the day to visitors, an entrance mat, the Kaola Care changing table and most recently we have added a Bike Pump Stand. It is used when someone wants to put air in their tire. A big thank you to John Sharp for installing it for us. Just another amenity that we have added to the Raytown Chamber Trailhead.

We are getting close to the one year anniversary of the opening of phase 2 of the Rock Island Trail. Be watching for information to come out soon about an event that will happen on Saturday, June 4, 2022. The first Saturday in June is designated as National Trails Day and this year we will celebrate the 2nd anniversary of the opening of phase 1 and 2 of the Rock Island Trail. It will be a fun day to be on the Rock Island Trail.



CHAMBER RENEWALS

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

- ☺ Beacon Press George Schwagerman 2012
- ☺ Braiuca Enterprises, LLC Stacy Braiuca 2021
- ☺ City of Raytown Alderman Bill VanBuskirk 2010
- ☺ City of Raytown Missy Wilson, Toni Alexander, Damon Hodges, Jason Hanson, City Clerk 1995
- ☺ City of Raytown, Mayor Mike McDonough 2015
- ☺ City of Raytown Alderman Bonnaye Mims 2017
- ☺ City of Raytown Alderman Janet Emerson 2021
- ☺ City of Raytown Alderman Mary Jane VanBuskirk 2019
- ☺ City of Raytown, Alderman Ryan Myers 2017
- ☺ Cornerstone Home Improvement Brenda Walters Meshelle Bishop 1998
- ☺ Cole Pest Control Helen Cole 2014

- ☺ Gibbens Drake Scott, Inc. Jill Huber 2001
- ☺ Madden Media Jeff Hirst 2020
- ☺ McGilley & Sheil Funeral Home Jason Gentzell 2001
- ☺ Otto Service Andrew & Terri Otto, Alan Otto 2014
- ☺ PJ's & Co Hair & Spa Samuel Goforth 2018
- ☺ R & L Automotive Logan Naudet 2014
- ☺ Raytown Fire Protection District Chief Matt Mace, Matthew Cushman 1983
- ☺ Raytown Masonic Lodge Hank Bedsaul 2011
- ☺ Raytown Parks and Recreation Dave Turner 1980
- ☺ Raytown Police Department Chief Robert Kuehl, Dyon Harper 1995
- ☺ River of Refuge Pamela Seymour 2012

**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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*Welcome to this 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.

Members in the News



Herndon Career Center

11501 E. 350 Hwy
Raytown, MO 64138
P: 816.268.7140
F: 816.268.7149

•HCC is Seeking Instructors!

Herndon Career Center is currently seeking an EMT and a HVAC instructor. If you would like to learn more about these positions, we would love to talk to you!

Please reach out to Katie Zeiger for additional information.

Katie.zeiger@raytownschools.org or 816-268-7140

•Links to job postings below:

•EMT: <https://raytown.tedk12.com/hire/ViewJob.aspx?JobID=6947>

•HVAC: <https://raytown.tedk12.com/hire/ViewJob.aspx?JobID=6874>



Past Board member Steve Dempsey enjoying the various trails offered in Missouri.

Geaneen Anderson receiving her new member plaque. The Chamber can't wait for her grand opening on May 24, 2022.



Raytown Live - Summer Concert Series



Summer Family Concert Series

7-9 p.m.

On the Greenspace

Town Center, Downtown Raytown

- May 14 Flashback Trio
- Jun 11 Oasis
- Jul 09 Platinum Express
- Aug 13 The Supermatics
- Sep 10 Nick Schnebelen

September Event Time: 6-8 PM

Food Trucks and Vendors will be onsite

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**More Information:
www.Raytown.Live**



Raytown Main Street Association Updates



The Raytown Main Street Association has had a very busy last couple of months. On March 4, 2022 they held their third Black and White Piccadilly auction at the Hilton Garden in Independence. The Raytown Main Street Association (RMSA) is Raytown's own Downtown Redevelopment and Promotions organization. Founded in 2007, RMSA has been front and center in bringing Raytown residents into the downtown area through promotions, events, and cooperative efforts to make our community a place where people want to be.

What is a Piccadilly? It's a fund-raising event with a focus on the interactive live auction, where bidders can win valuable items for just quarters. Every table had an auction bucket. As each auction item was presented, it had a set bid price (from 50 cents to \$3.00). Participants then threw quarters in the bucket and raised their bid paddles. The winners were chosen by a bingo-style drawing. Piccadilly provided funding for the RMSA's committees to continue the valuable work of redevelopment and promotion of Raytown's Main Street downtown. The auction was a tremendous success raising almost \$10,000 through the various auction items, raffles and ticket sales. RMSA would like to thank all our sponsors, participants and volunteers in this event and reminds everyone that next year's event will be held the first Friday of March, March 3, 2023.

Then on April 2 members of the Raytown Main Street Association assisted with the City of Raytown's Spring Recycle Fest. The event drew 308 vehicles from Raytown residents with a variety of recyclable items. This was a tremendous success and kept many unwanted items from being discarded in landfills and other sites. Many residents express a need to have the recycling performed on a more frequent schedule. The city gathered surveys and this data will help them to determine next steps.

On Saturday April 16, 2022, Raytown Main Street Association held their 10th annual Egg-Extravaganza. This fun-filled event started at 11 am with Raytown Community Parade starting at Raytown Christian Church that included Mayor Mike McDonough, The Ararat Shriners, Scout Pack 469, Raytown Rocks, floats, cars/trucks and the Easter Bunny! Also included in the activities were Story Time at the Raytown Library, several games for the kids, a jellybean and candy jar raffle, food and craft vendors and of course, the run for the eggs. Volunteers from Raytown stuffed over 10,000 eggs with treats for the kids which brought smiles and joy to everyone associated with the event. Raytown Main Street wants to thank all those who participated in this year's event, and we hope to see you next year on Saturday April 8, 2023.



Raytown Parks Department



32nd Annual Raytown Arbor Day Celebration Raytown Parks plants Magnolia tree, gives away saplings to residents

On Thursday, April 14, at 9 a.m., Raytown Parks and Recreation in partnership with Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) planted a Magnolia tree at Krister Park, 11707 E 75th St, in celebration of Arbor Day and the City's 19 years of being a Tree City USA designation. Last year's events were virtual, but this year's event returned to in person.

"Raytown is a perfect example of understanding the benefits of having beautiful green spaces and trees that help people reduce stress and provide a calming effect for the people," said Chuck Conner, MDC Community Forester. "These benefits are brought about through the planting and hard work of the Raytown Parks Department."

When trees are planted:

- Healthy communities are fostered
- - Land is protected and revitalized
- - Native biodiversity is restored



This year's tree planted at Krister Park is a Magnolia grandiflora 'Bracken Brown Beauty.' It was chosen for its broad leaf evergreen that remains green throughout winter and its creamy white flowers that emit a lovely fragrance. When full grown, this Magnolia tree will stand about 40 feet tall and 20 feet wide.

Seven new trees will also be planted at other Raytown parks this month as part of MDC's Tree Resource Improvement and Maintenance (TRIM) grant. Parks was a 2021 \$10,000 grant recipient.



In efforts to expand the benefits of trees throughout the community, the Parks Department is giving away Swamp Oak saplings. These shade trees can live for more than 300 years, will grow to be medium in size and produces acorns. Supplies are limited.

To pick up your free tree, stop by the Parks office between 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, 5912 Lane Avenue.



Raytown Quality Schools Announcement



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Raytown School District Announces the Hiring of Marissa Cleaver Wamble as Chief Communications Officer

The Raytown School District is pleased to announce the hiring of Marissa Cleaver Wamble as Chief Communications Officer.

Wamble brings more than 20 years of experience in communications and public relations to the Raytown School District. She currently serves as the Director of Public Information and Partnerships in the Hickman Mills C-I School District.



Before coming to the Hickman Mills C-I School District in 2018, Wamble previously served as Director of Corporate Communication for Port KC, Public Information Specialist for the Independence School District, and as a broadcast journalist in Tallahassee, Florida; Fort Myers, Florida; Lincoln, Nebraska; and Kansas City, Missouri.

She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communications and French from Oklahoma City University and a Master of Science in Journalism from Northwestern University. She will begin her duties as Chief Communications Officer on May 31, 2022.

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AMPR Plaza - Open House & Ribbon Cutting



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OPEN HOUSE AND RIBBON CUTTING

RIBBON CUTTING • THURSDAY 5/12/22, 2PM-5PM
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April - October*

Where: 62nd Street in Raytown between Raytown
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Midwest Animal ResQ



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
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* 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:

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Please mail this form with your check to:

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Deadline for Sponsorships: April 15, 2022

May Membership Luncheon

**MONTHLY
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MAY MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

**Wednesday, May 25, 2022
Raytown Schools Wellness Center
\$15.00 per person**

[Click Here to Register](#)

**11:00 - 11:30 Networking & Check-In
11:30 - Noon Buffet Lunch
Noon - 1:00 p.m.**

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Dr. Kuehl is a Managing Director of Armada Corporate Intelligence. He provides forecasts and strategic guidance for a wide variety of corporate clients around the world. He is the chief economist for several national and international organizations. He is also the economic analyst for several state accounting societies – Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee and Kansas.



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1	2	3	4 Membership Services Meeting Noon Plaque Reveal & Ribbon Cutting downtown 1:30 pm 	5 	6 Tourism Committee Meeting @Extreme Grand Prix Noon	7
8	9	10	11	12 Chamber/BF Board Meeting 8:00 am Chamber Ribbon Cutting AMPR Plaza 2-3 pm 	13 Chamber/Rotary Golf Meeting 2:00 pm	14 
15	16 Raytown Festival Of the Trails Meeting 3:00 pm Chamber office	17 Coffee at Clark's Appliances 7:30 a.m. 	18	19	20 Government Relations Committee Meeting At Chamber Office	21
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