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After Hours & Ribbon Cutting
Thursday, 10/06/2022
Glass America

4:30-5:30 with ribbon cutting at 5:00

[Click here for more details & to register](#)

\$40.00 per person includes not only the wine tasting but to accompany the event- the wines will be paired with great charcutier board samplers of appropriate meats, cheeses, fruits and crackers.



[CLICK HERE FOR MORE DETAILS & TO REGISTER](#)



MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON



October Membership Luncheon
Wednesday, 10/19/2022

Raytown Schools Wellness Center
RQS Update from Dr. Penelope Martin-Knox
Raytown Chamber/BF Annual Meeting

\$15.00 per person

Reservation Required

[Click here for more details & to register](#)

A.M. Connections (morning coffee)
Tuesday, 10/25/2022

Knights of Columbus

5101 Blue Ridge Cutoff, KCMO 64133

7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Free to Attend

[Click here for more details & to register](#)





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Board of Directors

Pat Ertz, Chair
Public Water Supply District #2

Patrick Nelson, Chair Elect
Aviation Institute of Maintenance

Robert Atkins, Secretary/Treasurer
Farmers Insurance Agency

Melvin Norrington, Past Chair
Evergy

At Large Members

Allan Thompson
Associate Member

Board Members

Kory Brinton
Brinton Electric

ElizaBeth Clayton
Village Hospice

Jeff Hirst
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Carmen Kraus
Connection Point Church

Al Maddox
Cave Spring

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Metropolitan Community College - Longview

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City of Raytown

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Vicki Turnbow, President
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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors approved the recommendation of the Nominating Committee at the September 8, 2022 board meeting for the 2023 Officers and the Class of 2025.

The 2023 Officers are:

Patrick Nelson, Chair (Aviation Institute of Maintenance)
Robert Atkins, Chair Elect (Farmers Insurance)
ElizaBeth Clayton, Secretary/Treasurer (Village Hospice)
Pat Ertz, Past Chair (Public Water Supply District #2)

In accordance with the by-laws, this serves as notification to our members of the slate of nominees for the Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism. Additional candidates for directors can be nominated by petition bearing the genuine signatures of at least twenty (20) percent of the qualified members of The Chamber. Such petition shall be filed with the Nominating committee within twenty (20) days after notice has been given of the names of those nominated. The determination of the Nominating Committee as to the validity of the petition shall be final.

If no petition is filed within the designated period, the nominations shall be closed and the nominated slate of four (4) candidates shall be ratified at the annual meeting of The Chamber held on October 19, 2022.

The Class of 2025 to be voted on at the annual meeting set for Wednesday, October 19, 2022 are:

Robert Atkins, Farmers Insurance
ElizaBeth Clayton, Village Hospice
Carmen Kraus, Connection Point Church
Jourdon Price, Personal Care Dental Group

Questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

BE KIND, BE PATIENT, BE RAYTOWN!

Vicki Turnbow, President



Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting
Thursday, 10/20/2022
SkyLine Church
8243 Spring Valley Road
4:30 - 7:00 p.m. with ribbon cutting at 5:00.

[Click here for more details & to register](#)

MEMBER MARKET



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NEED A RENTAL HALL?
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- In addition to medical, discounts available on dental, vision, disability, life, critical illness, accident, and pet
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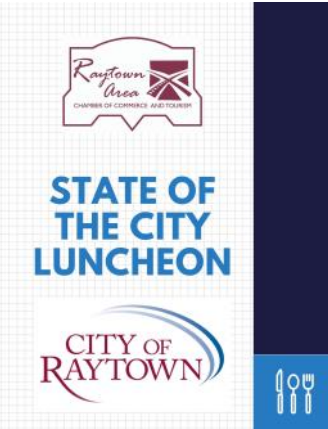


Raytown's Festival of the Trails - 09/10/2022



September Events

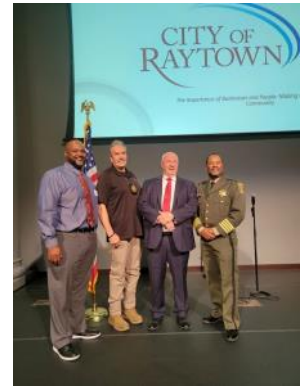
A.M. Connections - 09/20/2022
 Saddle Creek Stables & Vineyard
 Those in attendance were given a tour of the grounds. What a great place to host an event!



Luncheon Sponsor



State of the City Luncheon - 09/22/2022



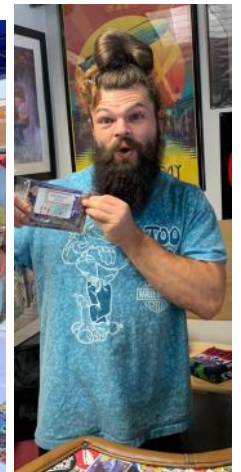
Out and About in the Community

Jonathon Tucker with his new member plaque. Jonathon is with Robot Logic Marketing.



Mr. Terry Landers and Vicki Turnbow presenting President Tom Murray of the Raytown Rotary Club with a check from the proceeds of the golf tournament which was held on July 20, 2022.

Popped in to visit The Irish Pub, the Raytown Farmer's Market, Raytown Chapel Church and Gnarly Huddle.



Tourism Committee had lunch at V's Italiano Ristorante in September. ElizaBeth Clayton was able to interview owner, Greg Hunsucker!



It was fun running into Dr. Martin-Knox at the Raytown vs Raytown South Varsity Football games!



Truman Heartland Community Foundation - Toast To Our Towns

Saturday, September 24, 2022 the Truman Heartland Community Foundation hosted their 27th Annual Gala. President Vicki Turnbow and her husband Kris along with other Board members, spouses and other Raytown community leaders attended. This year, retired Superintendent, Dr. Allan Markley was the recipient of the Citizen of the Year for Raytown.



CHAMBER RENEWALS

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

☺ Citizens for Progress John Ivey 2019
 Collins Roofing Aaro Collins 2019
 ☺ Farmers Insurance Robert Atkins 2017
 ☺ Greenway Ford Blake Fanning Jessica Herndon 2016
 MDL Technology Mary Dryer, TJ Bloom 2008
 ☺ Messner Bee Farm Rachael Messner 2017
 ☺ Raytown Historical Society & Museum Charlotte Belger 2007
 Secured IT Professional Dustin Beeman 2020
 Serc Physical Therapy South Raytown Erin Beerman 2015

☺ ServPro Raytown/East Kansas City Brian Wagler, LinLin Bostwick, Dan Maddox 2013
 ☺ Terrace Home Health Independence, LLC Ronisha Coleman 2020
 ☺ Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity Allan Hentges, Christina Leakey, Carla Simpson 2019
 UMB Bank Felicia Luning 1994
 ☺ Westhues Electric James Westhues 1991

Have you utilized your member benefits lately?

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

110% CLUB



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.

Be watching for an email to be sent out with all the information and an application. If you need one before then, contact Vicki today!

2023 Community Profile & Chamber Directory

**RAYTOWN ARA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & TOURISM
2023 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY SIZES/RATES
CONTACT THE CHAMBER OFFICE AT 816-353-8500 IF INTERESTED**

HALF PAGE
(4.5" X 3.5")

\$455.00

FULL PAGE
(4.5" x 7.5")
\$755.00

**INSIDE FRONT/
BACK COVER**
\$855.00

BACK COVER
\$1000.00

QUARTER PAGE - HORIZONTAL
(4.5" x 1.75")

\$305.00

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

**QUARTER PAGE
-VERTICAL**
(2.25" x 3.5")

\$305.00

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

Members in the News



Centerwell Senior Primary Care Visits Local Fire Departments

Centerwell Senior Primary Care Staff visited local fire departments to deliver gift baskets to first responders because they appreciate everything they do for the community. The gift baskets had a BBQ theme which included Gates, BBQ Sauce, and Seasonings, and all the items needed for a barbeque.



Superintendent's Entry Plan Survey

As part of the entry plan developed for the 2022-23 school year, a plan of strategic actions or refinement for the school district will be created and presented to the Board of Education. This survey is an important part of the entry plan providing you an opportunity to share your perspective of RQS schools and the district. Please take time to complete this short survey. Information captured through the survey will help inform the work moving forward. Please fill out [this survey](#) by Thursday, October 6, 2022. The school district is trying to get as much community participation as possible.

Thank you!

Marissa Cleaver Wamble | Chief Communications Officer | Raytown Quality Schools | District Administration Building | 6608 Raytown Road | Raytown, MO 64133 | O: 816-268-7024 | F: 816-268-7029 | marissa.wamble@raytownschools.org

Members in the News



EVERGY'S ENERGY MANAGEMENT PLATFORM

Dear Raytown Chamber Member

My name is Kally Johns and I support an Energy Management program for small business customers on behalf of Evergy. I wanted to inquire if this program is something you would be interested in advertising to your members. Or would it be possible for our Program Rep to present this to your chamber members?

To summarize, this past spring, Evergy partnered with GridPoint to provide a free innovative technology platform with smart controls to help businesses automate energy and facility management. Businesses that participate in the pilot will receive, at no cost, GridPoint's energy management platform with smart controls. Large businesses like Walgreens and Chipotle are already leveraging this technology to cut energy costs across the board. Now, Evergy is proud to provide this same innovative technology to our small- and medium-sized business customers in Missouri. You can find more information at <https://www.evergy.com/vem>.

This program is an easy way to help businesses manage their energy use, save on their electric bill, and spend less time on maintenance. It is a great fit for customers that spend \$600 or more on their electric bill every month. To get started, our team is offering a free on-site walkthrough to help determine if this is the right fit for interested businesses. Additionally, we are hosting a free webinar on Wednesday, October 5th from 12 PM – 1 PM for customers to learn more. Customers can sign up for the webinar here – [Webinar Form](#)

[CLICK HERE FOR THE EVERGY ENERGY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM DOCUMENT](#)

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As we prepare for 2023, we would love to hear from you. The Membership Services Committee will be sending out a survey the first week of October with about 10 questions. Please take the time to answer them and those who fill it out in full will be eligible for a prize from one of our members.

Members in the News



Raytown Quality Schools Announces 2022-23 Hall of Fame Alumni Inductees

Raytown Quality Schools is pleased to announce its Alumni Hall of Fame Class for 2022-23 that will join the ranks of other distinguished district alumni.

Inductees include Cindy Fee, Barbara Hale Koirtyohann, Ralph Monaco, Kirt Mosier, Kelly Ristedt, and Dr. Andrew Wishy.

Cindy Fee is a Raytown High School Class of 1973 graduate, best known for the vocals of theme song 'Thank You For Being A Friend' from the sitcom 'The Golden Girls.' She is also known for her many commercials from the 1980s and early 90s, and for her duet 'I Don't Want To Know Why' with Kenny Rogers. Cindy continues to sing music for films and TV.

Barbara Hale Koirtyohann is a Raytown High School Class of 1964 graduate, and a retired communications professional with more than 40 years of service with Hallmark Cards, Inc., recently retiring from her role as the Public Affairs Director. She has also worn many hats in the Kansas City Metro Area community as a volunteer.

Ralph Monaco is a Raytown High School Class of 1974 graduate and a lifelong resident of Raytown. He is best known for being an attorney for more than 40 years. Ralph is also well known for his long-standing record of being an active member in the political and civic communities.

Kirt Mosier is Raytown High School Class of 1981 graduate, and is an internationally known music composer and conductor. He has conducted numerous performances with international orchestras at venues and locations and is recipient of two national composition awards and other recognitions.

Kelly Ristedt is a Raytown High School Class of 1981 graduate. Kelly served for 32 years as a Military Spouse Liaison including the Senior Spouse Liaison to the Eisenhower Army Medical Center and was awarded and recognized for her dedication to military community service.

Dr. Andrew Wishy is a Raytown South High School Class of 2000 graduate, and is an active duty major with the United States Air Force who practices vascular surgery at Keesler Medical Center in Mississippi. Prior to going into the medical field, Dr. Wishy played professional baseball with the Texas Rangers minor league farm team.

Visit www.raytownschools.org for more information about 2022-23 Hall of Fame inductees and induction weekend activities.

Members In the News

Introducing: Trustwell Living Formerly Bickford House



Trustwell Living of Raytown is a quaint Assisted Living Facility located in the heart of Raytown. If you or your loved one needs assistance with any of the activities of daily living, Trustwell Living is the ideal place to call home!

Meet Megan Miller (left) our Community Relations Director! She has been in the senior living community for over 5 years and is an amazing resource for our community!

Follow us on
Facebook!
<https://www.facebook.com/Trustwell-Living-of-Raytown-101412959300935/>



Meet Carol Rigsby (right) Our Executive Director! She has been with us for over 10 years and is the heart and soul of our community!

Amenities include Restaurant style dining, housekeeping, laundry, medication management, and more!

For more info or to schedule a tour, call or visit our website:

<https://trustwellliving.com/communities/raytown/>



9110 E 63rd St.
Raytown MO 64133
816-353-3400

Grandview Chamber Announcement



The Grandview Chamber Board Appoints Liz Ogle as New President

After 22 years, the Grandview Chamber of Commerce will have a new President. The Grandview Chamber announced today that Liz Ogle has been appointed the organization's new president. An experienced business leader, Liz will succeed longtime President Kim Curtis and assume responsibilities on October 1st, 2022. Kim Curtis is retiring after over 27 years with the Grandview Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development Council, 22 of those years as President of the Chamber.

Liz Ogle has been a Champion in supporting the local Grandview community, being recognized as the 2017 Citizen of the Year. She comes from over 4 years as the Marketing and Communications Manager with Grandview Parks & Recreation before she came on board with the Chamber in early 2022. Liz is a South KC Native who moved to Grandview in 2008.

“Based on her past experience and strong ties to the Grandview community, the board felt that Liz was the best candidate to lead the Chamber into the future,” said Board Chair Anne Hochstein.

In her time at the Grandview Chamber, Liz has brought in additional revenues, new events, and new technology to streamline internal processes.

Welcome Liz!



The Raytown Chamber would like to congratulate Kim Curtis on a long career in the Chamber world. Kim has been an inspiration to those of us that came into the field after her.

Thank you Kim for all your hard work and dedication to the Chamber world and for being such a good leader and mentor.

Pictured left to right: Retired Chamber President Sheila Tracy, Vickie Wolgast, Kim Curtis, Retired Chamber President Nancy Bruns, Retired Chamber President Ann Britt and Vicki Turnbow. Lots of year of Chamber experience in this one photo.



RQS Choir Fundraiser

Raytown High School Choirs "Nashville Sings!" Campaign

The Raytown High School Camerata will be traveling to Nashville, TN, to perform in the Nashville Sings Choral Festival, under the direction of world-renowned choral director Jason Max Ferdinand. To ensure that every student in the choir gets to attend at little-to-no cost, we are launching our "Nashville Sings!" campaign. We would be thrilled and honored to have your support for our upcoming trip. Please indicate your contribution level below. Once received, you will be contacted by RHS choir director Alex Kolster to further discuss details about your tax-deductible contribution. If you have any questions, please reach out to Alex Kolster at alex.kolster@raytownschools.org, or by phone at 816-268-7300 ext. 3066.

Business/Individual Name _____

___ **Platinum Supporter - \$1600+ (Sponsor 2 Students)**

Thank you letter from RHS choirs and business/name listed in concert programs.
 Color advertisements in @RaytownChoirs Twitter and Instagram posts, 4 times per year.
 Full page-sized color advertisements in 4 concert programs
 Announcement of sponsorships at 4 choir concerts
 Business/name listed on the back of choir t-shirts **(must pledge by Friday, September 16th, 2022)**
RHS Camerata will visit your place of business for a Holiday performance

___ **Gold Supporter - \$800-\$1,599 (Sponsor 1 Student)**

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 Color advertisements in @RaytownChoirs Twitter and Instagram posts, 4 times per year.
 Quarter page-size color advertisements in 4 concert programs
 Announcement of sponsorships at 4 choir concerts
 Business/name listed on the back of choir t-shirts **(must pledge by Friday, September 16th, 2022)**

___ **Silver Supporter - \$500-\$799**

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 Business card-sized color advertisements in 4 concert programs
 Announcement of sponsorships at 4 choir concerts

___ **Bronze Supporter - \$250-\$499**

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 Business card-sized color advertisements in 4 concert programs

___ **Supporter - \$100-\$249**

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___ **Friend - \$25-\$99**

Thank you letter from RHS choirs and business/name listed in concert programs.

Please make checks payable to "Raytown High School". Mail or drop off at:

Attn: Alex Kolster
 Raytown High School
 6019 Blue Ridge Blvd
 Raytown, MO 64133

Walktober with Cave Spring



**Sunday, October 9, 2022
12:00 PM to 2:00 PM
Cave Spring Interpretive Center
8701 E Gregory Blvd, Raytown, MO 64133**



Commemorative Button

Be one of the first 200 participants and collect a Cave Spring Walktober button, designed by Liz Vargas.

Quick Paint Contest

Enjoy a quick paint contest from 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. with a judging for a Purchase Award! Details at:
<https://kcparks.org/event/walktober-2022-cave-spring-qp>

Guided Tour

A special guided tour will be offered at Noon and 1:00 p.m.

Other Features

Along with being on the National Historic Site Registry, this site has an interpretive center, picnic area, wildlife pond habitat, butterfly garden and small cave.

Thanks for joining us today at Jackson County Parks + Rec Cave Spring Park Trail. To learn more about our trails, visit MakeYourDayHere.com.



Farmers Market - Raytown

City of Raytown

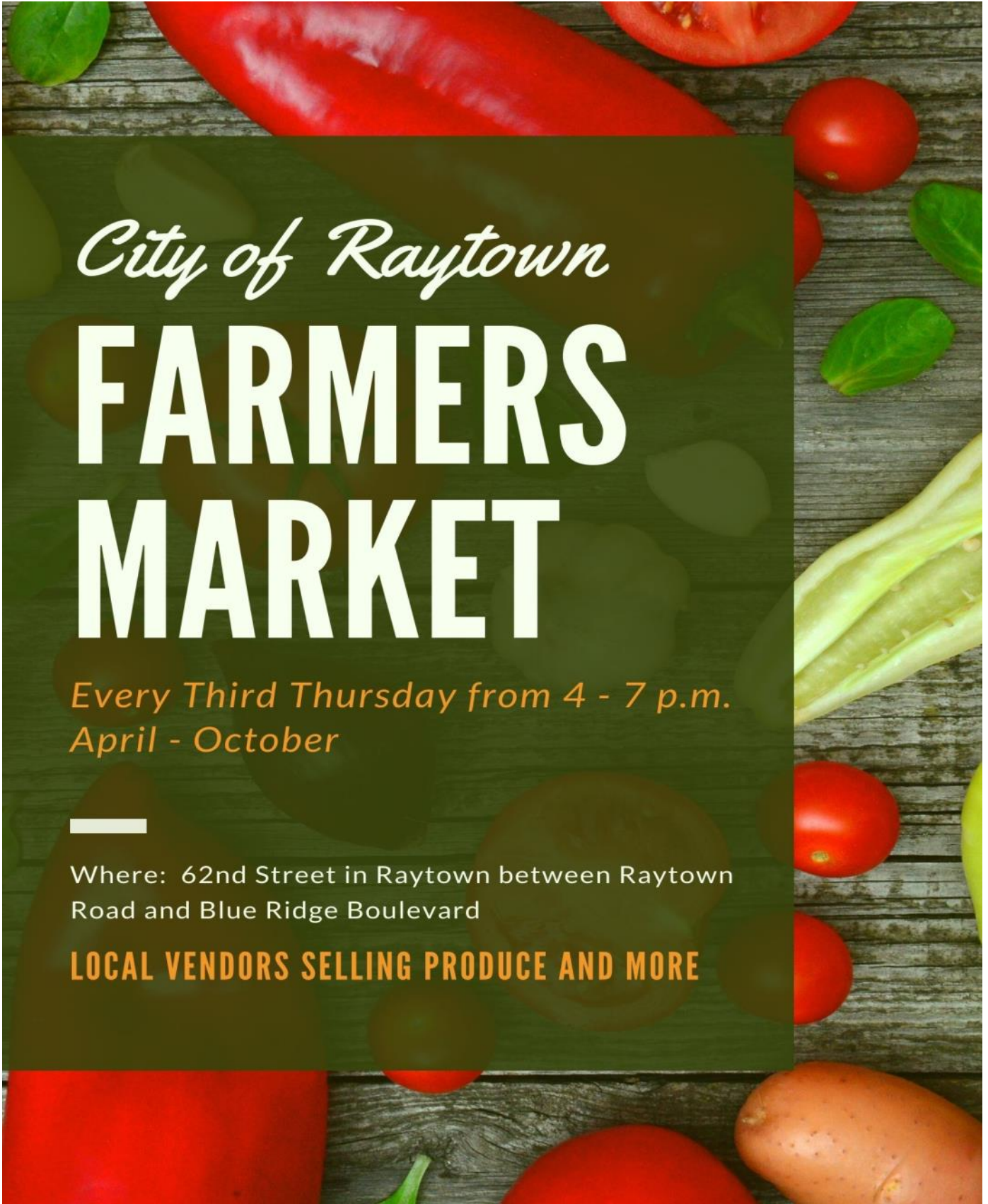
FARMERS MARKET

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



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OCTOBER 2022

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2	3	4	5 Membership Services Committee Meeting Noon	6 After Hours & Ribbon Cutting Glass America 4:30-5:30 Ribbon cutting at 5:00	7 Tourism Committee Meeting Noon at the Chamber office	8
9	10	11 Office closed (staff work from home)	12 Wine Tasting at SaddleCreek Stables & Vineyard 4:30-6:30 Reservations Required	13 Chamber/BF Board Meeting 8:00 a.m. Chamber Office	14	15 
16	17 Deadline to make A reservation for the October membership luncheon	18	19 October Membership Luncheon	20  Ribbon cutting Skyline Church 4:30-7:00 Ribbon cutting 5:00 p.m.	21 Government Relations Committee Meeting 8:00 a.m. Chamber office	22
23	24	25  A.M. Connections Knights of Columbus	26 Office closed (staff work from home)	27	28	29
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