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[Click here to register](#)

All nine Jackson County Legislators and the County Executive have been invited to attend. Attend to hear committee updates and have a chance to ask questions of legislators.

- Frank White, Jr. - County Executive
- Manuel Abarca IV - 1st District
- Vanessa Huskey - 2nd District
- Charlie Franklin - 3rd District
- DaRon McGee - 4th District
- Jeanie Lauer - 5th District
- Sean Smith - 6th District
- Jalen Anderson - 1st District At-Large
- Donna Peyton - 2nd District At-Large
- Megan Marshall - 3rd District At-Large

Open to the public. Breakfast is \$16. Must RSVP for breakfast with your local Chamber.

**REGISTER WITH YOUR CHAMBER BY JULY 7!**

Tickets on sale now at Raytown Hy-Vee or the Raytown Chamber office until July 7. Cost is \$15 per person and a ticket is required. No tickets will be sold the day of the event.

July 15, 2023  
Knights of Columbus  
4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

[Click here for more details](#)

The first 15,000 fans 18 and over will receive a Hot Dog themed jersey presented by Underdog Fantasy. Tickets range from \$14 to \$54 per ticket. Parking Passes are \$17 (tickets must be purchased online). For questions, ticket help, and groups of 15 or more, contact Tyler Belvin at 816-504-4126 or [tyler.belvin@royals.com](mailto:tyler.belvin@royals.com)



## MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON 07/26/2023

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Board of Directors

**Patrick Nelson**, Chair  
Red Tail Academy

**Robert Atkins**, Chair Elect  
Farmers Insurance Agency

**ElizaBeth Clayton**, Secretary/Treasurer  
Wilshire at Lakewood Rehab Center

**Pat Ertz**, Past Chair  
Public Water Supply District #2

At Large Members

**Pam Clark**  
Clark's Appliances

**Loretha Hayden**  
Lutfi's Fried Fish - Raytown

Board Members

**Kory Brinton**  
Brinton Electric

**Jeff Hirst**  
Madden Media

**Carmen Kraus**  
Connection Point Church

**Al Maddox**  
Cave Spring

**Melvin Norrington**  
Evergy

**Jourdan Price**  
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**Linda Roberts**  
Raytown Lee's Summit Community  
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**Brian Ross**  
Edward Jones

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**April Harrington**, Liaison  
Raytown Main Street Assoc.

**Chief Matt Mace**, Liaison  
Raytown Fire Protection Dist.

**Dr. Penelope Martin-Knox**, Liaison  
Raytown Quality Schools

**Dr. Kathrine Swanson**, Liaison  
Metropolitan Community College -  
Longview

**Missy Wilson**, Liaison  
City of Raytown

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[president@raytownchamber.com](mailto:president@raytownchamber.com)


Michelle Williams, Part time Staff  
[staff@raytownchamber.com](mailto:staff@raytownchamber.com)

**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

I have had the pleasure of meeting Zaya Akins (2023 RSHS Graduate) a few times and being able to watch her run at track meets throughout the year. She is an inspiration and I hate to say it, I am a little star struck. Her attitude toward life, to her parents and her work ethic is beyond comprehension. Here is a photo of Zaya sporting a "Raytown Proud" shirt while receiving several proclamations from State Representatives.

The 816 Raytown shirts are a great item to wear to show your pride in Raytown. Shirts are only \$20 and we have in stock XS through 3XL. Stop by and pick yours up today!



 Be watching for an email with information about the 816 Networking Event and ribbon cutting for the final phase of the building remodel and accessibility project.

I attended an Engagement Session at the Overland Park Chamber on June 20 to get an update on KC2026. The Raytown Chamber Board will be given an update at each board meeting and if times permits, there will be an update at each luncheon. At this time, they have confirmed there will be between 7 and 9 matches held at Arrowhead. Dates for KC2026 will run from about June 11 through July 19. We will know the dates of the matches by the end of the year but we will not know what countries/teams will be visiting our area. Raytown will benefit from all the visitors here during this time. Mayor Mike McDonough, City Staff, along with the Chamber and others, will begin to work on activities, promotions, branding, etc. for this big event.

We have a vacant seat on the board with the resignation of Tamara Wheeler. Tamara has been on the board for six years and very active with several committees. I will miss her contributions to the board but mostly her honest opinions. If you are interested in serving on the board beginning in January 2024, contact Vicki or wait for the email to come out in a few weeks.

The Chamber office will be closed several days in July, call first before heading to the office. You can send an email or call and leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

From May 30 through September 8, the office will have their summer hours (8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.) It is always good to call first to make sure someone is in the office.

Remember my door is always open!

*Vicki Turnbow, President*





# MEMBER MARKET



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**NEED A RENTAL HALL?**

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**[staff@raytownchamber.com](mailto:staff@raytownchamber.com)**



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# June Events



National Trails Day is celebrated annually on the first Saturday in June. Raytown is lucky to have the Rock Island Trail running right through it so why not celebrate this great asset. Thank you to all who came by and signed up for prizes and to be put on the courtesy email list. Four lucky prize winners walked away with some great baskets of goodies.



Thank you to Mackenzie Magwire and the Crew at Crane Brewing for hosting the June afterhours. A good time was had by all!



# June Membership Luncheon



SOUTH KANSAS CITY  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
Connecting, Educating, Growing Together



## *Out and About in the Community - June*



Attended the Board of Alderman meeting in June where Mayor Mike McDonough announced the 2023 Truman Heartland Community Foundation Raytown Citizen of the Year award to Martha Cockerell. Congratulations, Martha!

On June 20, Vicki attended the Engagement Session at the Overland Park Chamber office to hear an update on KC2026. Kathy Nelson, President & CEO, Kansas City Sports Commission, along with David Prunte, SVP Strategic Partnership, KC Chamber, made a presentation and answered questions from those in attendance. This was one of six sessions being provided. Meetings and updates will continue.



Vicki attended the Adventures in Learning event on June 21. Shepherd's Center of Raytown held the event at Raytown Christian Church. Information was provided about the 10th annual Senior Celebration and tickets were sold.

# CHAMBER RENEWALS

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

☺ Arvest Bank, Rene Purtee, Megan Johnson 2012  
 Associate Member, Sandra Melton 2019  
 City of Raytown, Alderman Ryan Myers 2017  
 City of Raytown, Missy Wilson, Toni Alexander, Stephanie Boyce, Robinson Camp, Diane Egger, Michael Graham, Jason Hanson, Damon Hodges, Michael Stolzle 1995  
 ☺ Cole Pest Control, Keri Savage 2014  
 ☺ Cosentino's Price Chopper, Tim Francis 2002  
 Edward Jones, Brian Ross 2017

☺ Graceway, Brandon Smith, John Baxter 1995  
 JPA Roofing, Jose Prieto, Lesli Barraza 2022  
 ☺ Lutfi's Fried Fish, Loretha Hayden 2008  
 ☺ McGilley & Sheil Funeral Home, Jason Gentzell 2001  
 Raytown Water Company, Neal Clevenger, Chiki Thompson 1995  
 ☺ REAP – Raytown Emergency Assistance Program, Michael Watson, Whitney Dantzler 1997  
 SERC Physical Therapy - South Raytown, Erin Beerman 2015

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

Spring Valley Baptist Church  
 Keith Rogers  
 8801 E. 79<sup>th</sup> St  
 Raytown, MO 64138  
 816-356-1924  
[svbcofficestaff@gmail.com](mailto:svbcofficestaff@gmail.com)  
[www.springvalleybaptist.org](http://www.springvalleybaptist.org)  
 Church  
 Recruited by: Self

*Welcome to this new member! Check out what they offer!*

Do you know a business or organization that would be interested in receiving information about joining the Chamber? If yes, send their contact information to the Chamber today.





816 Raytown T-shirts On Sale Now



T-shirt Order Form

All shirts are \$20 each and available to purchase!
The shirt is a red Next Level brand 100% soft cotton shirt
with the above logo in black.
What a great way to represent Raytown!

- Order form with checkboxes for sizes: X-Small, Small, Medium, Large, X-Large, 2X-Large, 3X-Large. Includes calculation lines for quantity and total amount due.

T-Shirt Order Form:

Company Name Contact Name

Address, City, State, Zip

Phone Email

- Payment Enclosed
Invoice (Chamber Members only)
Credit Card or PayPal (Staff will contact you)

Please send this completed form to the Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism along with your payment to 5909 Raytown Trafficway, Raytown, MO 64133 or email it to: president@raytownchamber.com For questions, call 816-353-8500 today!



*Senior Celebration Flyer - Tickets on sale until 07/07/2023*



**\$15.00/per person**  
 Tickets on sale starting 06/05/2023  
 at Raytown Hy-Vee  
 (cash/check only)  
 9400 E. 350 Highway  
 or the  
 Raytown Chamber office  
 (cash, check, credit)  
 5909 Raytown Trafficway  
 Questions, call 816-353-8500

**4:30-7:30 pm**

**Knights of Columbus**

**5101 Blue Ridge Cutoff**

**Kansas City, MO 64133**

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**GOLD SPONSOR:**



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What a great way to celebrate the roots of our community – our seniors!  
*Tickets are required & non-refundable*  
*Ticket sales end July 7, 2023*  
 All information is current as of the printing of this flyer: 05/30/2023



[Click here to sign up for a sponsorship or contact the Chamber office!](#)

## 816 Networking Event & Ribbon Cutting



Here are some updated information on the 816 Networking event.

1. The Board of Directors will be grilling hot dogs - a big thank you to Cosentino's Price Chopper for being our sponsor. This is why we need a reservation if you are attending. Please RSVP before August 1.
2. Dizzy Blender will be on site selling wine slushies, beer and root beer floats. Past Board Member, Kaylie Baker is the owner of Dizzy Blender.
3. Once parking is full in the Chamber auxiliary parking lot, we have secured parking in the boy scout lot across the street. We are working on other options. Of course, you can always walk or ride your bike on the Rock Island Trail.
4. We will have some games set up (bags, washers, etc.)
5. We will have a tent with chairs in the parking lot for the ribbon cutting ceremony we will have that will start promptly at 5:15. We will have a couple of speakers before the current Chamber board of directors and a select few who will represent the over 100 donors to the Building Remodel & Accessibility Project and of course everyone in attendance will need to be in the photo! This will happen in front of the building. We will have a photographer and videographer on site documenting this momentous occasion.
6. 816 T-shirts are on sale and if you have one and want to wear it that day, please do so!
7. Questions, email Vicki at [president@raytownchamber.com](mailto:president@raytownchamber.com)

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)



### SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

Raytown Chamber Office

5909 Raytown Trafficway, Raytown, MO 64133

Ribbon Cutting for final phase of building remodel

4:30 to 6:30 p.m. (5:15 p.m. ribbon Cutting)



Thank you!!

Without you, this project would not have been possible. We hope you will join us to mark this special occasion. Be watching for further details to be released in the coming months.

Questions, contact the Chamber at 816-353-8500 or email Vicki at [president@raytownchamber.com](mailto:president@raytownchamber.com)



Members in the News

**PF HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER PASS '23**

**SUPERCHARGE YOUR SUMMER**

**BEGINNING MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**TEENS 14-19 CAN REGISTER TO WORK OUT FREE ALL SUMMER LONG**

**MAY 15 - AUGUST 31**

Sign up at [planetfitness.com/summerpass](https://planetfitness.com/summerpass)

Under 18? Sign up with a parent/guardian (online or in-club)

Locations independently owned and operated. See club for details.



**KC** **RAD SYSTEM** **RAYTOWN YOUTH BASEBALL - SOFTBALL**

**CROWN CAMPS**

**AUGUST 1-3, 2023**

Registration deadline ends July 31  
For Boys and Girls ages 5-14  
Visit [royals.mobilecoach.org/events](https://royals.mobilecoach.org/events)

- Or here's some bullets for the camp:
- Hitting
- Fielding
- Catching

**Check In starts at 8:30 am**  
**Camp will begin each day at 9 am and go until 12 pm**

**LITTLE BLUE TRACE**  
13498 E 87<sup>th</sup> St.  
Kansas City, Missouri 64139

For questions, please contact  
**Zach Lauvetz and Dante Tamez**

**River of Refuge** 19m · 🌐

Personal Care Dental Group joined us this morning and helped weed our lower gardens and clean up our parking garage. These fourteen hard-working ladies got a bit dirty and sweaty, but they got a lot done. We truly appreciate this group and all the work they did. THANK YOU so very much!!!!

This was a post on Facebook from River of Refuge on June 19.

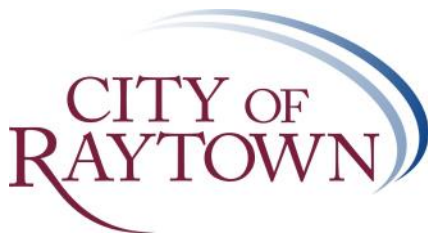
## Members in the News



RAYTOWN  
QUALITY  
SCHOOLS  
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There are a lot of great things happening within our school district this summer. The 2023 Hall of Fame Class has been announced, new leadership has been hired, hiring fairs have been happening and lots of fun times during Summer School.

[Click here to visit the school district's website to see all the updates.](#)



### City of Raytown receives Highest Award in Governmental Budgeting

*City recognized for adhering to program standards*

(RAYTOWN, Mo.) – Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) presented a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award to the City of Raytown, Missouri, for its Annual Budget for the fiscal year, which runs Nov. 1, 2022, through Oct. 31, 2023. To receive this award, a governmental unit must publish a budget document that meets program criteria as a policy document, as a financial plan, as an operations guide, and as a communications device.

According to a press release from GFOA, "Award recipients have pioneered efforts to improve the quality of budgeting and provide an excellent example for other governments throughout North America."

The City of Raytown received this award in 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2019, 2020 and 2022. There are more than 1,700 participants in the Budget Awards Program.

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**About GFOA:** Government Finance Officers Association advances excellence in government finance by providing best practices, professional development, resources and practical research for more than 22,500 members and the communities they serve. The current list of award recipients can be found at [www.gfoa.org](http://www.gfoa.org).

**About the City of Raytown:** Incorporated in 1950, Raytown is located in Eastern Jackson County and sits along three historic trails - Santa Fe, Oregon, and California. Totalling about 10 square miles, Raytown's population is more than 30,000 with a median household income of \$59,049, according to 2020 Census data. The current Mayor of Raytown is Mike McDonough, who was elected in April 2015. Raytown is governed by a 10-seat Board of Aldermen. The City of Raytown's departments include Administration, Community Development, Finance, Human Resources, Municipal Court, Parks and Recreation, Police and Public Works. Its fiscal year runs November 1 – October 31, with an annual operating budget of more than \$30 million. Go to [www.raytown.mo.us](http://www.raytown.mo.us) for more info.



# Members In the News



## 5 Important Changes

**NEW Club Address (July 2023):**

**Rotary Club of Raytown  
6222 Raytown Trafficway  
#295  
Raytown, MO 64133**

**1**



**2**

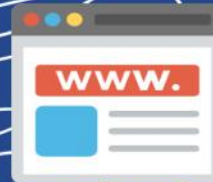
**NEW Club Email:**

**[rotaryraytown@gmail.com](mailto:rotaryraytown@gmail.com)**

**NEW Website Address:**

**[www.rotaryraytown.org](http://www.rotaryraytown.org)**

**3**



**4**

**CONVENIENT ways to pay club dues:**

- Credit Card
- Automatic Debit

**Join Us For Lunch!**

**Raytown Wellness Center  
10301 E State Route 350**

**5**

**Tuesdays \* Noon**



## Mark Your Calendars - 09/09/2023

Event pages on Facebook are being up dated along with performance times for special activities throughout the day.

Questions, contact Dave Turner, Raytown Parks at 816-358-4100 or email [Davet@raytownparks.com](mailto:Davet@raytownparks.com)



## Raytown's Festival of Trails

**Saturday  
September 9, 2023**

### ★ Rice Tremonti Home 10AM - 5PM

8801 E 66th St. Raytown

- ★ Craft Fair
- ★ Kids Crafts
- ★ Food Trucks
- ★ Home tours
- ★ Buffalo Soldiers
- ★ Windy Hollow band
- ★ Historical trades demonstrations
- ★ Historical re-enactments
- ★ & Much More

### ★ Raytown Live

**Greenspace @ Town Center,  
Downtown Raytown**

10009 E 62nd St. Raytown

- ★ Live Music
- ★ Food for Purchase
- ★ Kids Games

*Events are free to attend (some locations will accept donations). Food, Beverage and retail items available for purchase.*



Scan the QR Code with your smart phone for the latest updates on the Facebook page.







# JULY 2023

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3 Office Closed	4 Office Closed	5	6	7	8 
9	10	11	12	13 Chamber/BF Board Meeting 8:00 a.m. Chamber Office	14 Joint Chamber County Legislative Breakfast 8:00 a.m.	15 Senior Celebration 10th Annual
16	17	18	19 Membership Services Meeting Noon  Raytown Night at Royals	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 Membership Luncheon at Saddle Creek Stables	27	28 Tourism Committee Meeting Noon	29
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