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## MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

# 08/23/2023

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## August Membership Luncheon

**Raytown Wellness Center**  
\$15.00 per person  
Reservations Required

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

During this luncheon you will meet the department heads for the City of Raytown and learn about their departments.

**RESERVATIONS ARE NEEDED TO ENSURE WE HAVE ENOUGH FOOD**  
**CLICK ON THE IMAGE TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!**







## AUGUST 16, 2023

NETWORKING EVENT & RIBBON CUTTING  
4:30 - 6:30 P.M.  
WITH RIBBON CUTTING FOR FINAL PHASE OF  
BUILDING REMODEL AT 5:15  
CHAMBER OFFICE  
RSVP NOW

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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**

The Chamber office will be closed August 2 through 4. Kris and I are taking the family to Branson. It is always good to get away for a few days especially with all the kids.

August will be a busy month here at the Chamber. Besides the 816 event and the ribbon cutting to celebrate the final phase of the building remodel, and the membership luncheon, we will begin to prepare for 2024.

Each committee will be making their recommendations to the Board for their goals for 2024 and once they are finalized, they are presented to the Board for review and approval.

We are excited to announce the launch of our new website. A BIG thank you to Courtney at Morgansites.com for all her hard work and patience during this process. Let me know what you think!

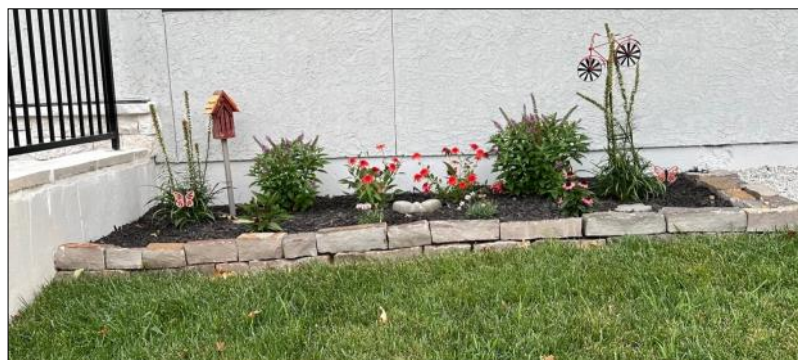


We are looking for a few businesses to either host a morning coffee and/or afterhours. The cost for the sponsorship is only \$50 and if you do not have a bricks and mortar business in town, you can always host it at the Chamber office. Interested, let me know.

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*



*I just love the butterfly garden that is under my window. I have seen various types of butterflies, bees and even a hummingbird.*



# MEMBER MARKET



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# July Events



**JOINT  
COUNTY  
LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST**  
**JULY 14, 2023**  
8:00 - 9:30 AM | \$16  
MCC - LONGVIEW  
EDUCATION CENTER  
500 SW LONGVIEW RD., LEES SUMMIT

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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
- Venessa 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!**



Thank you to those who took time out of their busy schedules to attend the Joint Chamber Jackson County Legislative Breakfast on July 14. We had over 175 attend. Thank you to Madeline Romious, AT&T for moderating and keeping the morning moving along. Also, to my fellow Chamber Presidents from Blue Springs, Grandview, Independence, Lee's Summit and South KC for your guidance on this event.



*Senior Celebration - Sponsor Sign!*



# Welcome!

Saturday, July 15, 2023

Knights of Columbus

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## Senior Celebration - Platinum Sponsor



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Learn more at [evergy.com/MyPlan](https://www.evergy.com/MyPlan)

### Why is Missouri changing to time-based rates?

Timing is everything when it comes to energy costs. Time-based rates match the cost you pay with the actual cost to produce energy. With time-based rate plans, you'll pay less for energy during off-peak times, when demand for energy is lower, and more for energy used during the peak hours of 4-8pm.



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about your options.

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## *Senior Celebration - Gold Sponsors*

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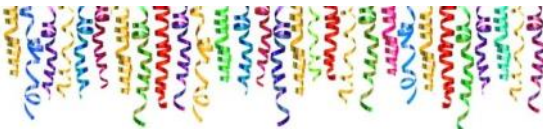
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# Senior Celebration



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# Out and About in the Community



Vicki Turnbow and Michelle Williams were invited to the Kansas City Zoo along with the other metro Chambers to get a sneak preview on the new Sobela Ocean Aquarium which will open on September 1. A new name and logo were announced July 2023.



# July Membership Luncheon



## MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON 07/26/2023

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**COMCAST  
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What a fun luncheon at Saddle Creek Stables & Vineyard! Thank you to Kent and Amy for the history lesson on Saddle Creek and the amenities available there.

Comcast Business (Rayma Nesselrode) thank you for your sponsorship of today's luncheon.



**CHAMBER RENEWALS**

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

American Family Insurance, Karen Gilkey 2022  
 City of Raytown, Alderman Bill VanBuskirk 2010  
 ☺ Hilton Garden Inn Independence. Roberto Barrios 2019  
 ☺ Knights of Columbus #4962, Warren Olson, Gerald Sharkey, Joe Wolfgeher 2012  
 ☺ Morgana's Gluten Free Bakery, Morgana Burke 2016  
 Raytown Quality Schools, Dr. Penelope Martin-Knox, Alonzo Burton, Dr. Carl Calcara, Kionna Dickerson, Dr. Madelyne Douglas, Shirley Early, Stephanie Eastland, Terrence Frazier, Terry Gibson, Dr. Chris Greiner, Natalie Johnson-Berry, Rachel Johnston, Dr. Anthony Moore, Rick Moore, Nodie Newton,

Bobbie Saulsberry, Melissa Tebbenkamp, Matt Verlinden, Marris Wamble, Michael Watson 1989  
 ☺ Royal Meadows Golf Course, Riley Smith 2018  
 ☺ SmartCarb Fuel, Kim Dyess 2019  
 ☺ Spire Energy, Theresa Garza 1991  
 ☺ Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center, Katya Ponomarento, JJ Kuntz 2017  
 The Golf Doctor, David Skitek 1998  
 ☺ Tidal Wave Auto Spa of Raytown, Larson Griffith, Mike Donnelly 2019  
 Ward Technology, Todd & Crystal Ward 2015

**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 these new Members! Check out what they have to 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!

- X-Small \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_
  - Small \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_
  - Medium \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_
  - Large \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_
  - X-Large \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2X-Large \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3X-Large \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_
- Total: # of shirts \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Due: \_\_\_\_\_

**T-Shirt Order Form:**

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Company Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Address, City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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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](mailto:president@raytownchamber.com)  
**For questions, call 816-353-8500 today!**

## 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 11.
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



### New Art installed at Pocket Park

*Regional Program continues to bring Public Art to Raytown*

**(Raytown, Mo.)** – Raytown residents and visitors passing the intersection of 63rd Street and Raytown Road can now enjoy the City’s newest public art piece which was installed Monday in the Pocket Park. The latest sculpture, as well as others are all part of the Sculpture on the Move program through the Creative Communities Alliance.

“CAMPANA,” by artist Joe Allred is a sound sculpture constructed of steel with a copper/bronze patina. Spanish for bell and a literal bell, “CAMPANA” will appeal to children and adults alike.

“CAMPANA” replaces “Moonscape,” the City’s first public sculpture that was installed in 2021. Sculptures are displayed for two-year terms. Raytown is one of 18 communities participating in this year’s Sculpture on the Move program.

Other public sculptures in Raytown that were acquired through the Sculpture on the Move program include:

- “Cohesive Narration” on display in front of City Hall until 2024, and
- “Muse-IC” on display at Colman Park until 2024.

For more information about the Sculpture on the Move program, go to [Creative Cities Alliance \(creativecommunitiesalliance.com\)](https://www.creativecommunitiesalliance.com).



From left: Park Staff Alan Banerjee, Parks Board Member Robbie Tubbs, Parks Director Dave Turner and artist Joe Allred.

## *Members in the News*



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## INTERESTED IN SPONSORING A STREET BANNER?

Chamber Members: The City of Raytown has partnered with a national communications company that is providing area businesses with an opportunity to sponsor a street banner. Businesses can sponsor 1 or more banners. Possible locations where street banners could be displayed include near City Hall, Downtown and at the intersection of Raytown Road and Gregory. Interested businesses must have a physical location within Raytown and be in good standing (current business license, etc.).

Street banners are scheduled to go up mid-September and will remain up for 12 months. Options to renew for an additional 12 months are available. If you would like to participate or want more information, please call Toni Alexander at the City of Raytown, 816-737-6009 or email her, [tonia@raytown.mo.us](mailto:tonia@raytown.mo.us).



## **RAYTOWN MAIN STREET ASSOCIATION HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING**

The Raytown Main Street Association held their annual meeting on Monday, July 31, 2023 to elect new board members and the 2023/2024 Officers. Congratulations to the following:

President, April Harrington  
Vice President, Steve Guenther  
Treasurer, Janette Guenther  
Secretary, Chiki Clevenger Thompson

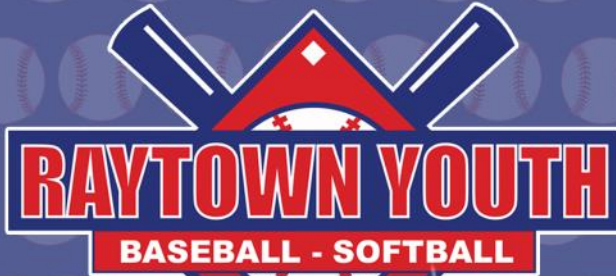
Class of 2024: Robert Atkins, Pam Clark, Steve Guenther

Class of 2024: Janette Guenther, Wendy McDermott, Mike McDonough, Chiki Clevenger Thompson, Crystal Ward

Class of 2026: Patrick Clifton, April Harrington, Barb Keogh, Alex Quinn, Jules Sneddon

Members In the News

NEW DATE



# Celebration Day

Join Us

*Friday*

August 4, 2023

5:30 - 8:00PM

Come celebrate the  
baseball season with us and enjoy

Little Blue Trace Park

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Bouncy Houses

a DJ and Music

Diaper Giveaway

Team Pictures

Buy Some Snacks and more...



## 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.*



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# AUGUST 2023

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RaytownChamber.com

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3 OFFICE CLOSED	4 OFFICE CLOSED	5
6	7	8	9	10 Raytown Chamber/BF Board Meeting 8:00 a.m. Chamber Office	11	12 Raytown Live 
13	14	15	16   AUGUST 16, 2023	17	18 Government Relations Meeting 8:00 a.m. Chamber Office and by zoom	19
20	21 Deadline to make a Reservation for Membership Luncheon	22	23 Membership Luncheon at Wellness Center	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		