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The Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism supports our business community to enhance the quality of life for our citizens.

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SEPTEMBER 2023

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September 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

September 19, 2023
7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

Synergy One Lending

10110E. 63rd St
Raytown, MO 64133

[Click here for more information](#)

We are asking everyone who attends to bring a book or a non-perishable item for Synergy One Lending's food pantry!

I ♥ COFFEE

Board of Directors

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Vicki Turnbow, President
president@raytownchamber.com

Michelle Williams, Part time Staff
staff@raytownchamber.com

**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

816 Day in Raytown and the ribbon cutting for the final phase of the building remodel and accessibility project was awesome! See pages 4 - 7 for photos and a list of the sponsors. A big thank you to Kory Brinton for taking care of the grilling duties, to Loretha Hayden and April Harrington for being his backup in the food area. To Jourdan Price, Linda Roberts, and Carmen Kraus for taking care of the 816 tent and the games; to Patrick Nelson for being the DJ of choice that day; Kris Turnbow, Robert Atkins and Larry Williams for setting up the tent area, handling the parking situation and putting out signage.

Finally to Michelle Williams for keeping the event moving forward and getting everyone in place for the ribbon cutting. Thank you to Charlie Mizell with Chuck Williams Photography for documenting the day in photos and Tristen Lang for the drone shots. A special thank you to Congressman Cleaver for spending the entire time with us, celebrating and showing the kids a little magic! It was a perfect day!

We will continue to sell the 816 Raytown shirts. What a great way to promote Raytown and since they are red you can wear them on Red Friday's, especially if your chiefs shirt is dirty!



For most of you reading this newsletter, you may have seen an email that was sent to the membership on Tuesday, August 29 about my announcement that I am retiring in March of 2024 from the Raytown Chamber. From the first day I began to volunteer with the Raytown Chamber in the summer of 1991 until now, I have never one time doubted the dedication, the loyalty and the pride "Raytonians" have for their community. All the accolades I have received over the years all stemmed from the love and passion I have for Raytown and surrounding myself with those who feel the same way. I feel this is the right time to retire, take some time to regroup and decide what the next part of my journey will hold for me.

Patrick Nelson, Chair of the Board will be putting together a search committee so be watching for updates to come to your email boxes. If you have questions or would just like to "chat" send me an email or give me a call.

Remember my door is always open!

Vicki Turnbow, President



I took this photo of Zane Hall, owner Sq. Ft. Construction, Miguel and myself on the last day they were working on some final items around the building. They have been a part of the building remodel since 2019! Thank you!

MEMBER MARKET



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

NEED A RENTAL HALL?

PARTIES ~ DANCES ~ RECEPTIONS ~ MEETINGS

BUSINESS MEETINGS ARE OUR SPECIALTY

OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Saturday 8 am - 12 pm

5101 BLUE RIDGE CUTOFF 816-356-4962



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GFL Environmental Inc
7801 E Truman Road
Kansas City, MO 64126

Norbert Love
Account Executive Sales Representative

Email: norbert.love@gflenv.com
C: (816) 341-7680

A business card size ad is available for \$55 for three months or \$160 for a full 12 months.

*Contact the Chamber office today!
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staff@raytownchamber.com*



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Save on group medical coverage and more with this exclusive program.

Why pay more for coverage when there are better options available to you as a Chamber member? You and your employees deserve the best insurance benefits at the best possible price. We can improve your program now – don't wait any longer. Call today!

- Savings for groups of 5 to 5,000 enrolled
- Exclusive group medical insurance programs
- In addition to medical, discounts available on dental, vision, disability, life, critical illness, accident, and pet
- Fully insured, level funded, and self-insured composite rates
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- Online reporting and enrollment services
- Onsite open enrollment



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816 Day in Raytown Photos!



Wednesday, 08/16/2023

816 SPONSORS:

American Family Insurance

Brinton Electric

Centerwell Senior Primary Care

Cosentino's Price Chopper

Cummins Family

Kris & Vicki Turnbow

Metropolitan Community College - Longview

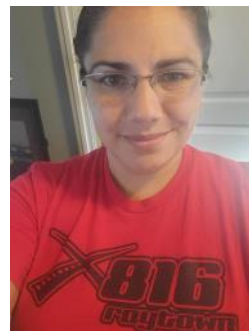
Morgana's Gluten Free Bakery

Spire Missouri

Synergy One Lending

The Irish Pub House

THANK YOU!



816 Day in Raytown Photos!



Ribbon Cutting Photos - 08/16/2023



AUGUST 16, 2023



Ribbon Cutting Photos - 08/16/2023



Capital Campaign Numbers

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

8 Grants totaling \$234,118.00

Monetary, product and service
donations totaling \$137,209.00

Grand total: \$371,327.00
(as of August 16, 2023)



THANK YOU!

August Membership Luncheon



MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON 08/23/2023

LUNCHEON SPONSOR



What a great luncheon! Thank you to the Department Heads within the City of Raytown for coming to lunch to not only introduce yourselves but talk about your department. Also, to Mr. Bill Esry and the rest of the Blue Ridge Bank and Trust team for sponsoring today's luncheon.

CHAMBER RENEWALS

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

Collins Roofing, Aaron Collins 2019
 Eclipse Bar & Grill, Mike Horne 2015
 ☺ Farmers Insurance Agency, Robert Atkins 2017 110
 ☺ First Federal Bank of Kansas City, Kaycie Coffman, Sara Butch 1984 110
 Learn A Lot Academy (2 locations – Raytown and Kansas City), Teresa Givens, Jaleesa Walls 2013
 Lee’s Summit Tribune Publishing, LLC 2018
 Raytown Fire Protection District, Chief Matt Mace, Matt Cushman 1983

Robot Logic Marketing, Jonathan Tucker 2022
 ☺ SDC Engineering, Al Hermans 2020 110
 Shepherd’s Center of Raytown, Rae Letterman, Brenda Riggs 1992
 ☺ The Irish Pub House, April Harrington 2007 110
 Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity, Allan Hentges, Hallie Cook, Christina Leakey, Crystal Martinez 2019
 ☺ Trustwell Living, Carol Rigby 1999 110
 ☺ 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

Mack Curio, LLC
 Mackenzie Magwire
 Raytown, MO 64133
 816-868-7159
mackcuriomkt@gmail.com
www.mackcurio.com
 Entertainment/Event Planning
 Balloon Decor
 Recruited by: Vicki Turnbow

Welcome to this new Member! Check out what Mackenzie has 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.



Members In the News

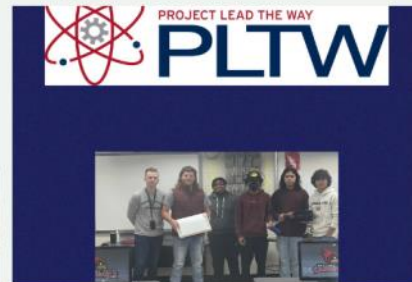
REAL WORLD LEARNING COMMUNITY ROUNDTABLE

Join Us in Making a Difference!

**Thursday, September 14, 2023
6:00 - 7:00PM**

**Raytown Schools Wellness Center
10301 E State Rte 350 Raytown, MO, 64138**

School Administrators, RQS School Board members, Community members, Teachers, Parents, and students are invited to learn more about RQS Real World Learning!



BE THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE!



How to Get Involved:

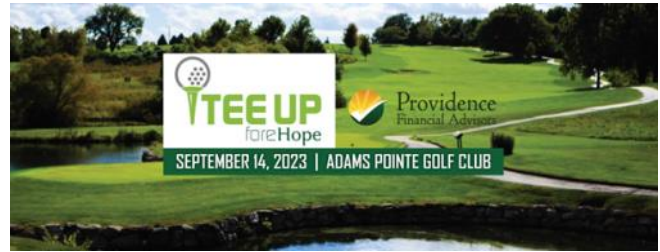


Join our incredible Real World Learning team of educators and be a part of something meaningful! Let us know what opportunities your business can provide for RQS students!

Email Us

RHS: kionna.dickerson@raytownschools.org
RSHS: terrence.frazier@raytownschools.org

Members in the News



Join us on the green and provide HOPE to even more people through Hope Network's Vehicle Repair Program!

Click [HERE](#) to register now!

Tell your friends and colleagues about Tee Up fore Hope!

www.facebook.com/teeup4hope

www.facebook.com/hopenetworkraytown

www.linkedin.com/company/hope-network-of-raytown

Event Details:

Thursday, September 14, 2023

- Adams Pointe Golf Club, Blue Springs, Missouri
- 7:30am registration.
- 8:00am Shotgun start.

12:00pm Lunch and Awards Ceremony.

Cost:

- \$90 for an individual.
- \$360 for a foursome.

Includes 18 holes of golf with cart, opportunity for games and contests.

Sponsorships:

Several Opportunities (see www.teeupforehope.com for details).

To ensure customized signage on the green, register by August 14.

Questions contact Jacque Nordhus at Jacque.nordhus@hopenetworkraytown.org

Members in the News



RAYTOWN
QUALITY
SCHOOLS
Expect the Exceptional

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



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.



Kansas City
ZOO
& AQUARIUM

The countdown is on for the grand opening of the Sobela Ocean Aquarium. Because of the anticipated crowds reservations are required to the first few weeks of September. More dates may be added.

[Click here to get started:](#)

Members In the News

Be a Raytown Summer Lunch Ministry Business Partner

Raytown Summer Lunch Ministry is finishing its 16th year of providing food for the children of Raytown during the summer months when school is not in session. As we plan for 2024, we are reaching out to the businesses of Raytown to help us financially continue this needed summer service. On Tuesdays during the summer, we distribute 150 bags of groceries to families in the Raytown School District. Each bag contains 8 servings of breakfast items, 8 servings of lunch items as well as fruit, vegetables, sides and dessert.

Our organization functions completely through monetary grants and donations. As a business partner, you would be helping us continue to provide nutritious food for families in our community. In return, your business name and logo would be included on a flier in each bag that we distribute during the summer of 2024 and mentioned on our Facebook page.

Donations can be made to Raytown Christian Church with Raytown Summer Lunch Ministry noted in the memo then mailed to the address below. Logos may be emailed to raytownsummerlunch@gmail.com.

Raytown Summer Lunch Ministry
% Raytown Christian Church
6108 Blue Ridge Blvd.
Raytown, MO 64133



Thank you,
Jen Crosby, Mitsi Salisbury and Rene Davis
Coordinators of Raytown Summer Lunch Ministry

Follow Summer Lunch Ministry on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/RaytownSummerLunchMinistry>

RAYTOWN
summer lunch ministry



sharing Jesus' love
feeding hungry children

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



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

3rd ANNUAL Raytown's Festival of the Trails Saturday, September 9, 2023



Events are FREE to attend (donations will be accepted). Food, beverage and retail items available for purchase. For more information, email the Raytown Parks at davet@raytownparks.com.

EVENT SCHEDULE

Rice-Tremonti Home

8801 E. 66th Street | 10:00am to 5:00pm

- Bake Sale (whole pies) and ice cream treats
- Blacksmith
- Buffalo Soldiers 2:00pm - 3:30pm
- Craft Fair
- Food Trucks and Dining Tent
- Home tours, scheduled periodically
- Kids Crafts
- Kids Games by Connection Point and the River Church
- Living Historians
- Messner Bee Farm
- Missouri Free Trappers

- Sophie White portrayal 11:00am - 1:30pm
- Windy Hollow Historical Band
- Wool Spinning Demonstrations
- Information Booth presented by the Raytown Chamber

Raytown Live, Greenspace in Town Center in downtown Raytown

10009 62nd Street | 6:00pm - 8:00pm

- Food for purchase
- Kids Games
- Live Music – Levee Town Band 6:00pm





SEPTEMBER

2023

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING NOON CHAMBER OFFICE	2
3	4 Office closed	5	6 Membership Services Committee Meeting Noon Chamber Office	7	8	9 Festival of the Trails And 
10	11	12	13	14 Chamber/BF Board Meeting 8:00 a.m. Chamber Office & by Zoom	15 Government Relations Committee Meeting 8:00am Chamber Office & by Zoom	16
17	18	19 Morning Coffee At Synergy One Lending 7:30 a.m.	20	21	22	23
24	25 Deadline for a lunch resrvation	26	27 September Luncheon	28	29	30