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MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON
10/25/2023

LUNCHEON SPONSOR

October Membership Luncheon

Location: Cinder
\$20.00 per person
Reservations Required
(available to the first 72 reservations received)
\$20.00 per person

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

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON
One Week Early

Raytown Wellness Center
Community Room
\$15.00 per person
Reservations Required

Program:
Simple Ways To Use "AI" In Your Business

[Click here to register and more information](#)

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON
11/15/2023

LUNCHEON SPONSOR

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
Associate Member

Carmen Kraus
Connection Point Church

Al Maddox
Cave Spring

Melvin Norrington
Evergy

Jordan Price
Personal Care Dental Group

Linda Roberts
Raytown Lee's Summit Community
Credit Union

Brian Ross
Edward Jones

Vacant Seat

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

Staff

Vicki Turnbow, President
president@raytownchamber.com

Michelle Williams, Part time Staff
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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The Raytown Chamber/BF Board of Directors approved the Class of 2026 as presented by the Nominating Committee on September 14. Those present at the October 25 Membership Luncheon which also includes the "Annual Meeting" will vote of the Class of 2026 which consists of:



Me'Shelle Bishop
Cornerstone Home Improvement



MacKenzie Magwire
Mack Curio Creations



James Sneddon
Greater KC Homes



Zac Sweets
Evergy

The Board also approved the 2024 Officers. They are:

Chair of the Board - Robert Atkins, Farmers Insurance Agency
Chair Elect - ElizaBeth Clayton, Wilshire at Lakewood Rehab Center
Secretary/Treasurer - Jordan Price, Personal Care Dental Group
Past Chair - Patrick Nelson, Red Tail Academy

Also, have you taken time to look over the information sent to you by Michelle Williams with regards to the 2024 Community Profile and Directory. Do not wait to secure your marketing space today!

I want to personally thank the Raytown Chamber members and Community for your love and support during my family's difficult time last week. My daughter in law, was diagnosed with a growth which was confirmed to be an aggressive Glioblastoma which eventually took her life all within about a week's time. We are heartbroken and we will miss her terribly. Kirsten worked at the Chamber office from May 2018 through November 2019. She was very instrumental in keeping the office flowing even on a part time basis. Take a moment to say a prayer for our son, Klayton and grandsons, Blake and Henry.



Remember my door is always open!
Vicki Turnbow, President

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

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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!
 816-353-8500 or email
staff@raytownchamber.com



WARD TECHNOLOGY *Locally Owned & Operated
 Business with a
 Customer First Priority*

ELECTRONIC SECURITY 24-7 RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL
 CUSTOMERS IN KC METROPOLITAN AREA

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EMPLOYEE BENEFITS



EXCLUSIVE CHAMBER MEMBER INSURANCE PROGRAM

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
- HSA / FSA/ COBRA Administration
- Ongoing support from your dedicated account team, access to our HR Help Desk, and compliance support
- Online reporting and enrollment services
- Onsite open enrollment



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Festival of the Trails & Raytown Live—09/ 09/ 2023



A.M . Connections - 09/ 19/ 2023



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



10110E. 63rd St
Raytown, MO 64133



September Membership Luncheon



**MONTHLY
MEMBERSHIP
LUNCHEON
09/27/2023**

LUNCHEON SPONSOR
**VILLAGE
HOSPICE**
Dignity and grace from the head nurse you can trust.



**2024
Brainstorming**
Stimulating ideas through collaboration
Wednesday, 09/27/2023



Thank you to Village Hospice for sponsoring the September luncheon. Those who attended this luncheon spent their time, discussing six different topics: Retention, Recruitment, Events, Marketing, Communication and Luncheon Topics. The Membership Services will review the ideas at their October meeting on October 11 and see what can be implemented for 2024. They will be added to their Strategic Plan and presented to the Board for approval.

CHAMBER RENEWALS

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

- ☺ Citizens for Progress, John Ivey 2019
- ☺ Climate Restoration Services, LLC, Matt Ranville 2022
- ☺ CommunityAmerica Credit Union, Britt Slaughter, April Lanpher 2009
- ☺ From the Earth, Carolyn Richmond 2021
- ☺ HyVee #1542, Dave Mier, Fred Fraizer 1994
- ☺ Maywood Printing Co., Colleen Pruetting, Brad Courtney 1998
- ☺ Messner Bee Farm, Rachael Messner 2017
- ☺ Midwest Animal ResQ, Erin Morse 2021
- ☺ Pain Relief Now. LLC, Dr. Tom Murray 2022

- ☺ Raytown Historical Society & Museum, Charlotte Belger 2007
- ☺ Re-Discover Raytown, Shannon Moss, Ed Cullumber 2020
- ☺ River Church Family, Paster Timmy Hensel, Janette Guenther, Gregg Relaford 2006
- ☺ River Community Pool, Timmy Hensel 2021
- ☺ Rycom Instruments, Inc., Douglas Reitz, 2008
- ☺ SmileCare Raytown, Adrienne Simmons 2017
- ☺ V's Italiano Ristorante, Gregory Hunsucker, Greg Hunsucker 2023
- ☺ Waterfalls of the World Vacations, Barb Keogh 2019
- ☺ Westlake Hardware, David Bohl-Youngworth 2021

Have you utilized your member benefits lately?

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

110% CLUB

Eastside Health & Wellness

Nicole Hamilton

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Health Care

Recruited By: Self



Southwood Church of the Nazarene

Pastor Michael Beck

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Raytown, MO 64138

816-353-5121

office@southwoodchurch.org

www.southwoodchurch.org

Non Profit Church

Recruited by RMSA



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.

Members in the News



Golfers - Let's Play!

Monday, October 30, 2023

8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Best Ball 4-Person Scramble

Lakewood Oaks Golf Club

651 NE St. Andrews Circle

Lee's Summit, MO 64064

Teams & Individuals:
Register using the QR code



Become a Champion for Home Affordability!



Call Carla Simpson
816.839.5522

Members in the News



Dear Community Partner,

Raytown is a community with a rich history and great pride. Part of that history and pride includes Raytown Quality Schools and the incredible students, teachers, and staff that help build our school communities. This year as RQS marks 120 years of consolidation of the C-2 elementary schools, we are excited to launch the inaugural RQS Day!

RQS Day will be on Thursday, October 12, 2023. We invite you to celebrate with us by showing your RQS pride by:

- Wearing red, blue or any RQS spiritwear.
- Make posters to hang in the window of your business.
- Decorate your car.
- Create a unique RQS design with sidewalk chalk outside your home or business.
- Offer an "RQS special" at your business.

Please join us in celebrating all things RQS. We encourage you to post photos to social media using the hashtag #RQSDay.

Feel free to reach out with any questions to marissa.wamble@raytownschools.org or 816.268.7024.

Sincerely,

Marissa Cleaver Wamble
Chief Communications Officer



Members in the News



**RAYTOWN
QUALITY
SCHOOLS**
Expect the Exceptional

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

Celebrating National Principals Month

Thanks to all RQS principals for all you do!



Jackson County Parks + Rec Lifetime Achievement Award

Presented to Al Maddox, September 14, 2023

[Click here to read the press release from Jackson County Parks + Rec](#)

Name of Nominee: Al Maddox
Volunteer Site: Cave Spring
Presented By: Brian Nowotny

Congratulations, Al - so well deserved!



Members In the News



Martha Cockerell is the 2023 Raytown Citizen of the Year
Mayor McDonough nominated Cockerell for annual coveted award

(Raytown, Mo.) On Saturday, September 23, Martha Cockerell along with the eight other honorees from Eastern Jackson County and surrounding communities will be recognized during the Truman Heartland Community Foundation's Toast to our Towns Gala at the Sheraton Kansas City at Crown Center.

In 2009, Cockerell retired from her position as Deputy Superintendent of Human Resources at Raytown Quality Schools. However, she returned four years later as the Executive Director of Raytown Educational Foundation. Cockerell has been instrumental in expanding the foundation, which now has more than \$1 million in funds that are used to support and enhance Raytown schools.

"I express our grateful appreciation of Martha Cockerell's commitment to the Raytown community and her countless efforts of support to the success of the youth in Raytown," said McDonough. "Martha is a dedicated educator who believes in giving back to the community she loves."

Still very active in the community, Cockerell participates with local organizations including the Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism, Raytown Kiwanis Club, and Truman Heartland Community Foundation, where she held a wide variety of leadership roles, including board chair in 2014.

McDonough read the proclamation announcing Cockerell as the 2023 Truman Heartland Raytown Citizen of the Year during the June 6 Raytown Board of Aldermen meeting.





OCTOBER 2023

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3 OFFICE CLOSED	4 OFFICE CLOSED	5 OFFICE CLOSED	6 OFFICE CLOSED	7
8	9 	10	11 Membership Services Committee Meeting Noon Chamber Office Join us!!	12 Raytown Chamber/BF Board Meeting 8:00 a.m. by Zoom & In Person	13	14
15	16 	17	18	19	20 Government Relations 8:00 a.m. Zoom & In Person Be in the know!	21 Happy Sweetest Day! 
22	23 Luncheon Reservations due by noon	24	25 October Membership Luncheon (reservations will be capped at 72)	26	27	28
29	30	31 				