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2024 September Newsletter



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Starlight

SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

“75 years of Starlight - what does the future hold?”

with Lindsey Rood-Clifford
President & CEO, Starlight Theatre



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September 25th, 2024 - Raytown Wellness Center
Registration Required

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2025 RAYTOWN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL COMMUNITY PROFILE AND CHAMBER DIRECTORY



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Ribbon Cutting @ RHS Aux Gym



Ribbon Cutting @ Dufflebag Apparel



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August Membership Luncheon



Ribbon Cutting @ ServPro



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4th ANNUAL

Raytown's Festival of the Trails Saturday, September 14, 2024



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
- Craft Fair
- Food Trucks and Dining Tent
- Home tours, scheduled periodically
- Kids Crafts
- Kids Games by Connection Point and the River Church

- Living Historians
- Missouri Free Trappers
- Sophie White portrayal
- Windy Hollow Historical Band
- Wool Spinning Demonstrations
- Information Booth presented by the Raytown Chamber

Buffalo Soldiers reenactment

Abiding Faith 6700 Raytown Rd | 5:00pm

Raytown Live Greenspace in Town Center in downtown Raytown

10009 62nd Street | 7:00pm - 9:00pm

- Food for purchase
- Kids Games
- Live Music – Lucidity 7:00pm - 9:00pm



The Friends of the Rice-Tremonti are raising funds to add a Santa Fe Trail style Conestoga wagon to display on the property.

Our goal is to raise \$1500 for the wagon, its delivery and landscaping to highlight it.

We currently have a live Facebook event (<https://fb.me/e/1ZcssLlpP>) for information and donations are accepted via Paypal or Square.



MEMBERS

Making news..



Terri Otto was featured on Voyage KC “Kansas City Most Inspiring Stories”. She speaks about owning a small-business, [Otto Service](#), the hurdles they’ve had to overcome, and her background as a special needs teacher. Read the interview in its entirety here:

<https://voyagekc.com/interview/meet-terri-otto-of-kansas-city/>

The Pitch

Gnarly Hussle’s thrift store and bar is ready to rock Raytown with Aug. 17 opening.

Clothing, fashion, furniture, media, and all of the things that we own, have lost a lot of personality. Whether you’re staring at another lifeless gray apartment on Zillow or trying to buy a shirt without “LONER VIBES” splattered on the back of the deteriorating fabric, finding anything unique and high quality has become incessantly difficult. That is, without going into credit card debt.

This dilemma has catalyzed a renaissance for vintage.

Thrifted, antiquing, and second-hand goods have become all the rage. Whether it’s the Goodwill bins or estate sales, something is thrilling about hunting for a gem. That’s why Gnarly Hussle Owners Alex Quinn and Pat Clifton decided to make thrifting an entire experience. Read more @ [ThePitchKC.com](#)



MEMBERS

Making news..

Meet Marshall — the AI security robot patrolling a Raytown shopping center *by Claire Bradshaw, KSHB*

“... Ipanema Management bought a Knightscope K5 outdoor security robot, but they call it Marshall. He has been on duty since April going up and down the parking lot 24/7 — minus the breaks he takes to charge.” - Read more from [KSHB](#).



Raytown Police welcomes their newest recruit, **K9 Serin**

K9 Serin is a Belgian Malinois and was born in Slovakia on October 31st, 2020 and brought to the United States by a third party before being matched with his current handler, Ofc. Neuman. They were certified as a team by the Missouri Police K9 Association in June 2023 and began their career with Raytown PD in March 2024.

Serin is trained in obedience, area searches, narcotics, tracking, article searches, and suspect apprehension. When Serin isn't working, he enjoys playing fetch and occasionally eating pizza.

Welcome New Members!



Bluestem Habitat Restoration

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Chamber Renewals

Production has begun on the **2025 Chamber Directory and Community Profile**. The Raytown Chamber distributes the directory in response to inquiries from prospective businesses and residents considering a move to our area. In addition, it is given to all current and prospective members, and is used by other businesses when they are looking for a reputable company to do business with. The directory is a high quality-marketing tool for the Chamber and it's members.

To insure we have the correct information listed for your membership, please visit the [Member Login](#) page to sign-in and confirm the information in the directory is correct. Also check out some of the other benefits in the Member Only section! Deadline is September 13, 2024.

If you have any questions, contact us at (816) 353-8500 or president@raytownchamber.com.

Thank you,

Jeff Hirst, President
Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce

☺ Messner Bee Farm - Rachael Messner, 2017

Wilshire at Lakewood Rehab Center - ElizaBeth Clayton, 2023

☺ SmartCarb Fuel Systems, Inc. - Kim Dyess 2019

☺ Westlake Ace Hardware - David Bohl-Youngworth , 2021

Secured IT Professionals - Dustin Beeman, 2020

☺ Mack Curio Creations - Mackenzie Peters, 2023

Comcast - Tom Krewson, 1981

☺ Farmer's Insurance - Atkins Agency - Robert Atkins, 2017

☺ Trustwell Living - Carol Rigsby, 1999

☺ Cosentino's Price Chopper - Chad Weinzerl, 2002

110% CLUB

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

Upcoming Events

You are invited to

Ribbon Cutting



ADVANCED SPORTS & FAMILY
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& ACUPUNCTURE**

10803 E 350 Hwy, Suite B
Raytown, MO 64138
10AM - 11AM
10:30 AM - Ribbon Cutting
September 3rd, 2024



UNDERSTANDING THE CORPORATE TRANSPARENCY ACT

LUNCH & LEARN

William E. Quick from Polsinelli leads a Lunch & Learn to discuss the Corporate Transparency Act. "Considered the furthest and widest-reaching federal business entity law ever enacted, the Corporate Transparency Act (CTA) affects tens of millions of business owners and investors."



Annual Kansas City 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony

Please Join the American Legion District 5, VFW District 5, DAV, Passantino Bros. Funeral Home, Muehlebach Funeral Care, and The Catholic Cemeteries of Kansas City-St. Joseph

Wednesday September 11, 2024
5:30—6:00 pm Music by the American Legion Band
6:00—7:00 pm Remembrance Ceremony
First Responder Memorial, Mount Olivet Cemetery
7601 Blue Ridge Blvd., Kansas City, MO 64138
A livestream of the ceremony may be viewed on the Muehlebach Funeral Care Facebook page

With Special Guests
Master of Ceremonies Taylor Hemness KSHB 41 News
Kansas City Assistant Fire Chief John Baker
Kansas City Police Chief Stacey Graves
Raytown Mayor Mike McDonough
Kansas City Mayor Quinton Lucas



Do you want to be the envy of all of your friends? The Raytown Chamber has something special to announce just in time for the holidays!

Raytown Loves Soccer and is excited for 2026. We can't wait to show you how you can show your support. **Stay tuned.**



Tuesday, Oct 15th @ 11:30A
 Raytown Chamber Office
 \$15 - Includes Lunch



Raytown Workforce Update

by Matt Pezold, MS. MA.
*University of Missouri
 Workforce Development Specialist*

Join us when MU Extension Labor and Workforce Development specialist and economist Matt Pezold MS, MA provides an economic and workforce update for Raytown, Jackson County, and the greater Kansas City Region.

Topics covered will include:

- Overview of MU Extension Business and Communities
- Workforce Trends
- Economic Trends
- Job Growth
- General Industry Trends



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Real World Learning



In our Raytown community, we're excited to highlight the growing opportunities for local businesses to engage with the next generation of talent through real-world learning experiences. These initiatives not only benefit students but also provide valuable contributions to our local community.

1. Beginning Job Shadows: Bridging the Gap Between Education and Industry

Local businesses have a unique chance to mentor high school and college students through job shadowing programs. These experiences allow students to gain firsthand insights into various professions, helping them make informed career choices while building essential skills. For businesses, it's an opportunity to shape the future workforce and potentially discover fresh, motivated talent for future employment.

2. Internships: Investing in the Future

Internships are a powerful way for businesses to connect with emerging talent. By offering internships, you can provide students with real-world experience and practical skills that complement their academic learning. This not only enhances their employability but also gives your business a chance to assess potential future employees in a real-world setting.

3. Collaborative Projects: A Win-Win for Businesses and Students

Consider partnering with local schools and educational institutions on collaborative projects. These projects can be tailored to address real challenges faced by your business while providing students with valuable problem-solving and project management experience. It's a mutually beneficial arrangement that fosters innovation and practical learning.

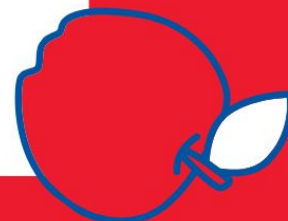
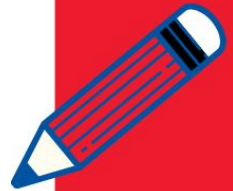
By participating in these initiatives, you contribute to the professional growth of young individuals while simultaneously strengthening our local economy. Let's work together to create pathways for success and build a brighter future for our community.

Let's Connect!

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September 2024

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 	3 Ribbon Cutting @ Advanced Sports and Family Chiropractic and Acupuncture	4 Membership Services Cmte @ Chamber - 12p	5	6 Tourism Cmte @ Chamber - 12p	7
8	9	10	11	12 Board of Director's Mtg @ Chamber & Via Zoom - 8a	13	14
15	16	17	18 Looking Forward to 2026 @ Chamber & Via Zoom - 10a	19 1630 Networking @ Chamber Office w/ Greater KC Homes - 4:30p	20 Govt Relations Cmte @ Chamber & Via Zoom - 8a	21
22	23	24	25 Monthly Membership Luncheon @ RQS Wellness Ctr - 11a	26	27	28
29	30					

Upcoming Community Event?

Don't forget the Chamber's online FREE [Community Calendar!](#)