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2025 November Newsletter



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NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

with Kelly Head

Business Information Librarian at
Mid-Continent Public Library
"Market Research Tools"



Sponsored by Raytown Rotary

November 19th - Registration Required

Raytown Wellness Center
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Raytown, MO 64138

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that provides
instant access
to your chamber
or association

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RAYTOWN 2026 SOCCER SCARF



Members - \$30

Non-members - \$35





**Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism
Raytown Chamber of Commerce Building Foundation
Annual Meeting – October 22, 2025, 12:00 p.m.
RSECC Building**

Jourdan Price, Chair called the annual meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. A quorum of at least 10% of the membership was in attendance.

Jourdan Price introduced the 2026 Officers:

Mackenzie Peters, Mack Curio Creations – Chair
Dave Thurman – Associate Member - Chair Elect
Wendy McDermott, Synergy One Lending - Secretary/Treasurer
Jourdan Price, Personal Care Dental Group - Past Chair

The Class of 2028 was presented to those in attendance as follows:

Kory Brinton, Fat Boy Electric
Carmen Kraus, Connection Point Church
Jourdan Price, Personal Care Dental Group, LLC
Kei'Shaun Redmond-Britton, Duffle Bag Apparel

Barb Keogh made a motion to accept the Class of 2028 as presented, Vicki Turnbow seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Jeff Hirst gave an update on the Building Foundation and the Chamber.

With no further business, Barb Keogh made a motion to adjourn at 12:15, Robert Atkins seconded and the motion passed.

Jeff Hirst
President

Dave Thurman
Secretary/Treasurer

Congratulations!



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KC GAME PLAN

SMALL BUSINESS. GLOBAL STAGE.
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PROJECTED TRAVEL PROFILE

FWC VISITOR PROFILE (US REGION)*

54%

International visitors

AGES

16-29 **32%**

30-49 **46%**

50-69 **22%**

Visitors owning a
credit or debit card

68%

41%

of International visitors speak English

Male

63%

Average international visitor
stay in US

9.7 days

75%

Attend FIFA Fan
Festival

2.3

Matches
attended per
individual

*Includes non-ticket holders.

FIFA FWC26 estimations based on historical data; FWC22 Qatar, FWWC23 AUS/NZ, MLS, Nielsen Fan Profiles, US/MEX/CAN population demographics, and USITA ; *Outside of a 50-mile radius of the host city



Blue Ridge Boulevard Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) & Transit Center Study

Transit Survey

The Kansas City Area Transportation Authority (KCATA) is beginning to develop the **Blue Ridge Boulevard (TOD) and Transit Center Study**. It will identify transit hubs, amenities, connections, and more within the Blue Ridge Boulevard Corridor area. Please follow the QR code below to a survey to help KCATA identify where transit hubs should be located and include, important destinations, and other information that will help strengthen service use and accessibility.

Comment in the way most convenient for you. Options include:

- Visiting www.publicinput.com/blueridgeblvd
- Texting “**blueridgetod**” to **73224**.

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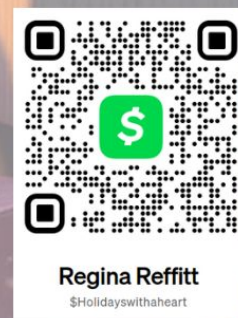
Holidays **WITH A** **HEART**

Holidays with a Heart is a program designed to help children and families within the Raytown School District. When you give, you're not only giving gifts, you're giving hope, joy, and a reminder that our community cares.

Mail checks and money orders to;

Blue Ridge Bank & Trust
c/o Holidays with a Heart
6202 Raytown Trafficway
Raytown, MO 64133

or



Questions? Contact Gina Davenport, Amanda
Guenther or April Harrington at
HolidaysWithaHeart2022@gmail.com
Holidays with a Heart is a tax-deductible 501(c)3

A.M. Connections @ CommunityAmerica Credit Union



State of the Schools Luncheon with Dr. Martin-Knox, Superintendent Raytown Schools



Raytown's Annual Scavenger Hunt



Raytown's Annual Scavenger Haunt



Congratulations to Laura H that won the Scavenger Haunt Prize Package which included:

\$40 Gift Card to GO CHEW Burger & Sandwich 🦴 \$40 Gift Card to Fountain City Finds 🦴 \$50 Gift Card to Gnarly Hussle 🦴 Raytown-opoly Board Game from Glass America 🦴 \$25 Gift Card to Lutfi's Fried Fish – Raytown 🦴 CommunityAmerica Bobby Witt Jr Royals Shirt (Size L), Pukka Blue Kansas City Ball Cap, and a CommunityAmerica Reusable Shopping Bag 🦴 Two (2) Sporting KC Tickets from GFI Digital 🦴 \$50 Gift Card from Raytown-Lee's Summit Community Credit Union 🦴 \$300 in Hero Bucks from Hometown Heroes 🦴 Boo Bag from Farmer's Insurance – J. Robert Atkins Agency 🦴 \$50 Gift Card to Messner Bee Company 🦴 \$20 Gift Card to Dutch Bros and a "How to Adult" Handbook from Nest Financial 🦴 \$50 Cosentino's Food Stores Gift Card 🦴 Just Like Family Child Care Home Merch 🦴 Complimentary Sunday Brunch or Lunch Buffet for Two Guests (\$56 Value) at V's Italiano Ristorante 🦴 \$25 Gift Card from CCDESIGNS 🦴 Find Your Next Great Read at Trailhead Books with a \$25 Gift Card! 🦴 \$25 QuikTrip GIFT CARD from American Family Insurance – Karen Gilkey 🦴 Black Card Membership for 1 Year from Planet Fitness 🦴 Any GE Water Filter (also Whirlpool, Frigidaire, & Many others (Up to \$60.00 Value) from Clark's Appliances 🦴 \$50 Gift Card to The Electric Possum Tattoo (Must be 18+ to get a tattoo) 🦴 Pickleball Paddle Set from Raytown Parks and Recreation



Let's Visit Raytown

By Michelle Williams



In this installment of Let's Visit Raytown! we are not visiting a particular site. It seems more appropriate, given Thanksgiving is only a few weeks away, to place the focus on being thankful for the multitude of small businesses we have in Raytown. The small business owners here in Raytown harbor the same adventuresome, entrepreneurial spirit of the settlers who traveled the Santa Fe, Oregon, and California Trails that centered across what is known as Raytown, named after the blacksmith William Ray. Ray himself was a settler and tradesman who settled in the area in 1848, his blacksmith shop at the center of the converging trails, which is now our Raytown Main Street area. It is only fitting this area is home to several small businesses.

For small business owners, Small Business Saturday brings the focus from big box retailers to local retailers for the beginning of the holiday shopping season. Started by American Express in 2010, the campaign's goal was to help small businesses gain exposure while inspiring consumers to shop in their own communities. In 2011, the Small Business Administration became a co-sponsor, further celebrating the important role small businesses play in the national economy as well as the infusion of monies back into the local economies.

What kind of an impact could small businesses really have on local and national economies? I am glad you asked! In 2023, the reported projected spending in the United States from those who shopped at small businesses on Small Business Saturday was around \$17 billion! Since 2010, the total reported United States spending at small businesses during the annual Small Business Saturday is estimated at \$201 billion (SBA website). Note that these economic impacts are based on earning numbers from small businesses on Small Business Saturday **ONLY**. One day! Our small businesses definitely have a large impact on our local economy.

So, the Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism invites and encourages you to #ShopSmall not only on Small Business Saturday, November 29, 2025, but throughout the holiday shopping season. The Chamber will have an area on the Visit Raytown website listing participating members hours and specials they may run during Small Business Saturday. Please support the small businesses in the Raytown community. Post your shopping sprees online and use the hashtags #ShopSmall and #VisitRaytown.



**SMALL
BUSINESS
SATURDAY[®]
IS NOV 29**

one day makes a difference

Raytown Mayor's Holiday Tree Lighting

Downtown Raytown | 63rd St & Raytown Rd.

DEC 6 | 4PM - 9PM

4PM | FUN, FOOD & GAMES START

6PM | HOLIDAY MUSIC W/LOCAL CHOIRS

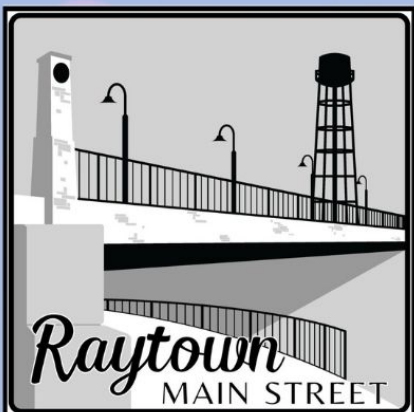
6:30 | WINTER WONDERLAND W/SANTA

@ RAYTOWN WATER CO

FREE COOKIES & CIDER

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NEW TREE! BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY
OUT FOR THIS FREE EVENT AND ENJOY
ALL THE HOLIDAY FUN!**



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RAYTOWN**



Academies of Raytown Career Fair



Upcoming Networking Events

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2025 RAYTOWN CHAMBER CELEBRATION

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR, SMALL BUSINESS OF THE
YEAR, CHAMBER PERSON OF THE YEAR, NON-PROFIT
OF THE YEAR AND THE RISING STAR AWARD.

JANUARY 22ND

DOORS OPEN 11:00 AM
LUNCHEON STARTS AT 11:30 AM
PARTY STARTS AT 12:00 PM

CONNECTION POINT CHURCH
10500 E. 350 HIGHWAY, RAYTOWN MO 64138





*NOT ACTUAL TROPHY. WE DON'T HAVE THAT KIND OF BUDGET.



RAYTOWN CHAMBER PRESENTS

2025'S A.M. CHRISTMAS
CONNECTIONS
DEC 2, 2025

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM CST
CONNECTION POINT CHURCH
10500 E 350 HWY
RAYTOWN, MO 64138
816-353-8500

RAYTOWN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & TOURISM

MIX & MINGLE

AFTER HOURS



NOV 11, 2025
4.30 PM

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Looking Forward to Lunch!

- Nov 19** [Kelly Head - Square One at MCPL](#)
IIA @ Raytown Wellness Center
- Jan 22** [January Chamber Celebration](#)
IIA @ Connection Point Church
- Feb 26** [State of the City Address](#)
IIA @ Connection Point Church

Chamber Renewals

- University of Central Missouri - Rick Smetana, 2007
- ☺ Saddle Creek Stables and Vineyard - Kent Friend, 2020
 - ☺ Associate Member-Allan Thompson, 2015
 - ☺ Glass America - Mike Hooper, 2021
 - KC Hearing Center - Kathryn Grote, 2023
 - ☺ Waterfalls of the World - Barb Keogh, 2019
 - ☺ Full Employment Council, Clyde McQueen, 1997
 - ☺ Edward Jones - Brian Ross, 2017
 - ☺ Associate Member - Ken & DeeAnn Stock, 2018
 - NorthStar Farms & Events - Regina Tenney, 2024
 - Metropolitan Community College - Longview - Ryan Crider, Sheena Hall, Mindy Shouse-Canoali, 1991
 - Personal Care Dental Group, LLC - Jourdan Price, Dr. Rubelita James, Dr. Paula Rodriguez, Dr. Rachel Kim, 1977
 - Raytown Rotary Club - Kim LeSage, 2001
 - Bordner Home Improvement - Rob Poettgen, John Schroeder, 1990
 - ☺ Network Computing Solutions - Bryce Garner, Keith Selk, 1994
 - Friends of Rice-Tremonti Home Assoc - Christy Sewing, Leigh Elmore, 2017
 - ☺ One Hour Heating & Cooling - Denise Kurtz, 2021
 - Messner Bee Farm - Rachael Messner, 2017
 - SonRise Lawn & Tree - Jared Siems, 2012

110% CLUB

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



November 2025

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9	10	11 Mix & Mingle After Hours @ Connection Point Church - 4:30p  Veterans Day	12	13 Board of Director's Mtg - 8a 	14	15
16	17	18	19 October Membership Luncheon - 11a "Market Research Tools" - Lutfi's Thanksgiving!	20 Looking Towards 2026 Committee @ Chamber Office & Zoom - 10a 	21 Govt Relations Mtg - 8a	22
23	24	25	26	27  Thanksgiving	28	29 
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Upcoming Community Event?

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