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FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

State of the City Address

with Mike McDonough

Mayor - City of Raytown



February 26th, 2026 - Connection Point Church

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KC GAME PLAN 16

2025 Annual Chamber Awards Luncheon



Awards Luncheon Continued..



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Let's Visit Raytown

By Michelle Williams

NorthStar Farm KC: A Country Experience in the City

Farms are all different: some farms focus on agriculture and some provide event space on their land. NorthStar Farm KC, 7419 Murkins Road, Kansas City, MO, is the rare exception as they offer all of this and more.

Dr. Jackie Tenney and his wife, Regina, were drawn to the 28 acre property that is now NorthStar Farm KC in 2017. Overlooking the Little Blue River Valley, the land was originally purchased by the Tenney's as a family retreat in preparation for retirement. Once they bought the property, they began to see its true potential and the "once in a lifetime opportunity" of creating NorthStar Farm KC was born.

Family-owned and operated, NorthStar Farm KC is a rarity as it is an urban farm which grows seasonally fresh, organic produce and also serves as a rustic event space featuring indoor and outdoor event venues. The farm offers Agrotourism opportunities, including information about sustainable agriculture, offering plants for sale, and in 2025, opening Dr. Carver's Kids Garden (named for George Washington Carver, renowned scientist and educator). The garden offers an immersive, sensory garden experience where children (and parents) can explore nature while learning about flowers, culinary and medicinal herbs, and where their food actually originates (it's not just from the grocery store!). Agrotourism and tours of Dr. Carver's Kids Garden can be scheduled at info@northstarfarmkc. Families, youth groups, homeschool, and school districts are welcome and encouraged to schedule tours.

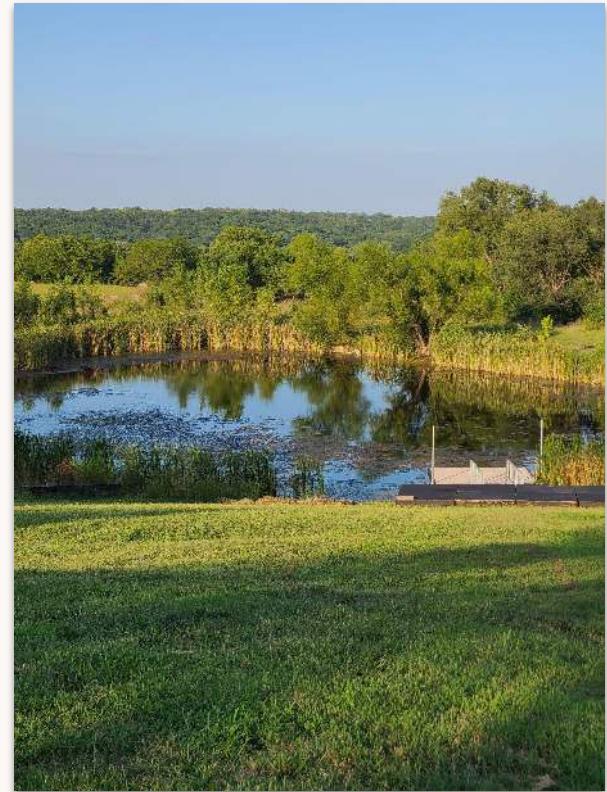


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The event venue side of NorthStar Farm KC is impressive. The property is perfect for families, businesses, schools, groups, and organizations to enjoy a comfortable, scenic, affordable rustic retreat in the city. With a fully stocked pond complete with floating fishing dock, private campsites, modern bathrooms, partially covered outdoor pavilion,

fishing dock, private campsites, modern bathrooms, partially covered outdoor pavilion, an outdoor grill, two fire pits, a 500 sq ft indoor space with 50 seat capacity, and intimate indoor meeting space with kitchenette, NorthStar Farm KC can accommodate your vision of the perfect event. Add in the stunning views of rolling hills, Little Blue River Valley, and a nature trail, and this property truly is a gem in the Raytown area community.



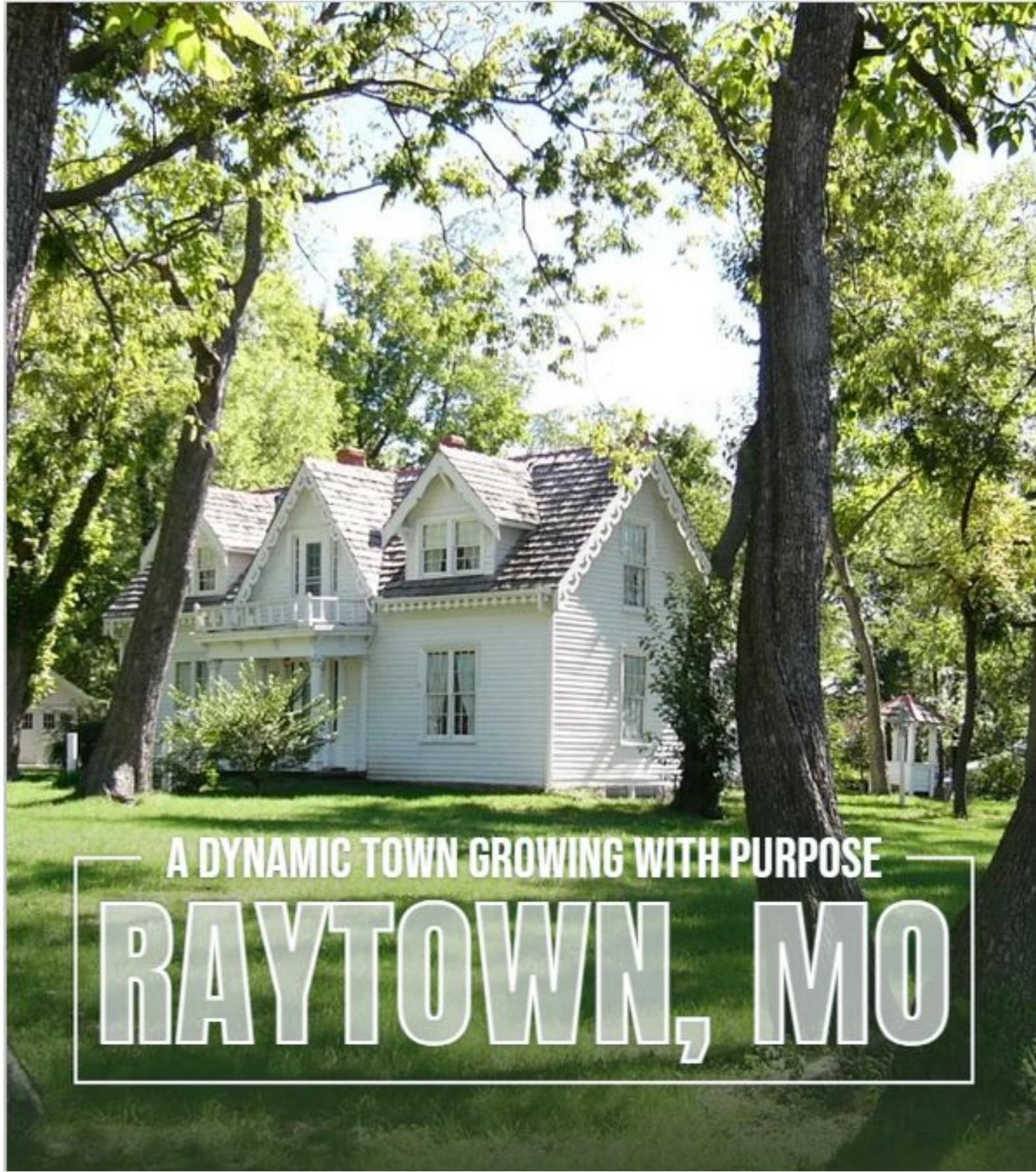
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In addition to Dr. Carver's Kids Garden, NorthStar Farm KC has recently installed two hot houses to extend their growing season. The hothouses can also be utilized for hands-on gardening classes and workshops. Unique photoshoot opportunities are available throughout the property; photographers can send an email to inquire on details.

In 2026, NorthStar Farm KC has even more planned. There will be a "Spring Fest" in May and a "Fall Fest" in late October (featuring the farm's Annual Chili Cook-Off); both events are open to the public. Other events are currently being developed and will be shared on the Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Community Calendar. NorthStar Farm KC is excited to be opening up their farm campsites to local and international visitors for the soccer sporting event hosted in Kansas City from June 11-July 16, 2026. Visitors will need to provide their own camping gear (tents, sleeping bags, etc.). Future plans include partnering with other local urban farmers to offer a wider range of produce and products, as well as partnering with the local community, schools, non-profits, groups, and businesses to explore what NorthStar Farm KC has to offer.

Want to learn more about the Raytown area local farm? Schedule a visit or consider becoming a volunteer. Volunteers are always welcome at NorthStar Farm KC! Opportunities are available to individuals, groups, and families. Contact the farm for more information. Whether you visit, volunteer, or attend an event at NorthStar Farm KC, let us know by tagging #VisitRaytown on your pictures and posts.

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Duffle Bag Apparel has announced a special “I AM” collaboration for the month of February in partnership with Store Manager, Courtney, aiming to highlight community, confidence, and representation through fashion. The initiative goes beyond traditional product promotion, focusing on storytelling, meaningful engagement, and creating a positive impact. Duffle Bag Apparel is inviting brands, organizations, and creatives interested in participating to get involved. Those seeking collaboration opportunities can contact them at info@dufflebagapparel.com.

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In the news..

Men incarcerated at the Western Reception Diagnostic Correctional Center in St. Joseph, Missouri, are making a meaningful impact through the prison's Restorative Justice program by creating handmade quilts, hats, scarves, and other items for **River of Refuge** families in transitional housing, donating more than 90 pieces in the past year. Initiated by activities coordinator Stacey Poirier, the partnership allows inmates to use their artistic and practical skills to give back to the community, fund their own supplies through canteen sales, and even provide financial donations when possible.



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For participants, the work offers relaxation, social connection, and a sense of purpose, helping them make positive contributions while developing personal growth. River of Refuge staff and families have expressed deep appreciation for the gifts, viewing the program as a powerful example of rehabilitation and community restoration, while Poirier and prison officials see it as evidence of inmates' efforts to create something good from difficult circumstances. [Follow River of Refuge on Facebook](#)

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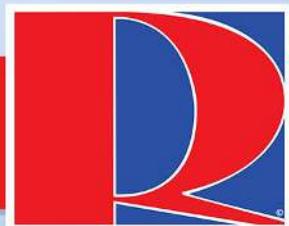


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6-7:00PM

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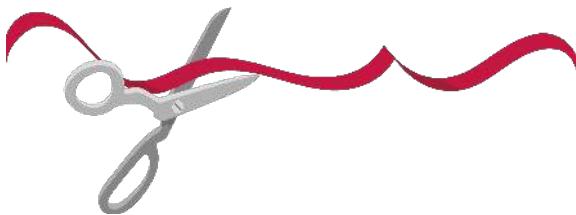
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Looking Forward to Lunch!

Feb	<u>State of the City Address</u>
26	IIA @ Connection Point Church
Mar	<u>Phil LeVota - Jackson County Executive</u>
25	IIA @ RSECC
Apr	<u>Porsche Seals - Caring for Kids Network</u>
22	IIA @ Community KC Church

Chamber Renewals

G.A. Precision - George Gardner, Kelcie Gilliland, 2019
Tom's Bar & Grill - Tom Hadley, Stephanie Wilson, 2023
Blessed Servants - Crystal Davis, 2023
Bluestem Habitat Restoration - Garrett Anderson, 2024
Associate Member - Michelle Williams, 2018
Awards & T-Shirt Specialists, Inc. - Angela O'Donohue-Singleton, 2012
The HALO Foundation - Nicole Gerken, Cherice Richmond, 2025
Metro Heat Volleyball Club - Ashley Williamson, 2025
GahmPlay Video Productions - Samuel Gahm, 2022
Morgansites.com - Joe Morgan, 2020
The Recovery Village Kansas City - Lisa St. Aubyn, Gloria Nepote, 2023
☺ Elara Caring - Karen Allwood, 2024
☺ Associate Member Charlotte Belger, 2000
☺ The Arc of the Ozarks - Harvey Lucas, Clay McGranahan, 2022
☺ Spire Energy - Shaylyn Dean, 1991
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1	2  Groundhog Day	3	4 Membership Svcs Committee Mtg @ Chamber & Zoom - 12p	5	6 Tourism Committee Mtg @ Chamber Office & Zoom - 12p	7
8	9	10	11	12 Board of Director's Mtg - 8a 	13	14
15	16 Senior Celebration Committee @ Chamber Office & Zoom - 1p  President's Day	17	18 Looking Towards 2026 Committee @ Chamber Office & Zoom - 10a 	19	20 Govt Relations Committee @ Chamber Office & Zoom - 8a	21
22	23	24 EJC Day @ The Capitol - 10A 	25	26 State of the City Address - Membership Luncheon @ Connection Point 11a	27	28

February

Upcoming Community Event?

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