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2026 October Newsletter



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SPONSORED BY DUFFELBAG APPAREL &
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WEDNESDAY
OCT. 28
@ 11 AM

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EMERALD
LOUNGE



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Keeping Families Safe.*

RAYTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT SAFETY FAIR & TRUNK OR TREAT!

FUN. SAFETY. COMMUNITY. Together. ♥

Join us for a **FREE**, family-friendly event focused on safety, education, and community connection!

- ✓ Meet First Responders
- ✓ Learn Important Safety Tips
- ✓ Fun Games & Activities
- ✓ Candy & Prizes
- ✓ Community Resources

SEE POLICE VEHICLES UP CLOSE!

MEET OUR FIRE & EMS TEAM!

BUILDING STRONGER CONNECTIONS

TOGETHER, WE MAKE A SAFER RAYTOWN!

**Mark Your CALENDAR!
FIRST SATURDAY
IN OCTOBER**

**TRUNKS
TREATS
&
SAFETY
FOR ALL!**

**A SAFE COMMUNITY
Starts with
US ALL.**

Raytown
Police Fund for Public Benefit Inc.
serving those who serve our community

♥ Proud to support events that bring families together, create lasting memories, and strengthen our community. ♥

THANK YOU TO OUR OFFICERS, PARTNERS, AND COMMUNITY FOR MAKING RAYTOWN STRONG!

SAVE THE DATE!
RLSCCU'S TRUNK OR TREAT

MUSIC, DRINKS, FOOD & LOTS OF CANDY!!

**OCTOBER 16TH
2026**

**5:30-7:30PM
10021 E 66TH TER
RAYTOWN, MO 64133**

JOIN US FOR
KAREN GILKEY AMERICAN FAMILY AGENCY'S

TRUNK OR TREAT

A SAFE, SWEET, AND SPOOKY TIME FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

- TRUNK-OR-TREAT STATIONS
- MUSIC
- FOOD TRUCKS
- Games & Prizes
- BUCKETS OF CANDY!

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER
17
2026**

2:00PM - 5:00PM

**10801 E STATE RTE 350, STE A
RAYTOWN, MO 64138**

**RSVP ENCOURAGED!
CALL OR TEXT KAREN AT
(816) 761-2880**

Karen Gilkey
AMERICAN FAMILY AGENCY
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♥ Bring the kids, wear your costumes, and let's make Halloween memories! ♥

LIBERTYTAX

TRUNK -OR- treat

**4TH SATURDAY IN OCT
3PM - 5PM**





Join us for a spooktacular weekend
filled with amazing deals and offers!



Halloween Weekend
October 30 - November 2

RAYTOWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & TOURISM
& RAYTOWN ROTARY CLUB

GOLF TOURNAMENT 2026



NOVEMBER 6

Friday | 2026

Topgolf

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PRESENTED BY

Raytown-Lee's Summit Credit Union



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GOLF SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

All sponsorships include marketing in the Chamber Connections Newsletter, Social Media Posts, Chamber Website, & Golf Program

TITLE SPONSOR - \$2,000

- Name/Logo prominently appearing on marketing materials. A Six-person team in the Tournament. Digital signage in the bays and in the banquet room.

BREAKFAST SPONSOR - \$1,350

- Includes a six-person team in the Tournament. Digital signage in banquet room during breakfast.

REGISTRATION SPONSOR - \$500

- Includes signage at Registration.

BAR SPONSOR - \$500

- Includes signage at the cash bar during the tournament.

AWARDS RECEPTION SPONSOR - \$500

- Includes digital signage at the Awards Reception.

CONTEST BAY SPONSOR - \$500

- Includes signage in the contest bay during the tournament.

HOLE SPONSOR - \$125

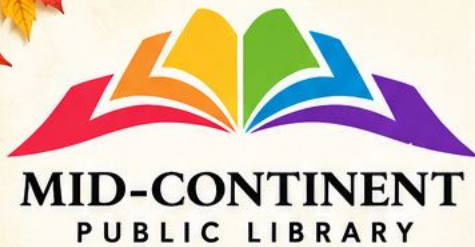
- Includes digital signage rotating in the bays. Sponsors are encouraged to visit each bay with swag.



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FAVORITE
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*Pumpkins have been decorated by
area businesses and organizations!*



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WELCOME!**



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*Come show your support
for local businesses and organizations!*

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KSHB's Let's Talk: Raytown @ Miss JOJO's



Prospect Business Association - Economic Development Panel





SMALL BUSINESS ALL ACCESS EXPO



Friday, October 16, 2026
From 10:00AM to 3:00PM
Kauffman Conference Center

ARE YOU A NEW OR CURRENT BUSINESS OWNER?

Join the Prospect Business Association for our 4th annual small business expo! Take time to speak with corporations, financial institutions, and resource partners. Mingle, network, and learn about available contracting opportunities from industry experts. Don't forget to bring your business cards, capability statements, etc.!

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT



Networking

Introduce yourself & your business to Kansas City's top corporations to learn more about doing business with them.



Workshops

Participate in your choice of workshops on topics like data for nonprofits, import/export, and more!



Learn about PBA

Learn more on how to become a client with Kansas City's premier entrepreneurial support organization! We can't wait to help your business grow and succeed.

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PARANORMAL EXPERIENCE

— AT THE —
RICE-TREMONTI
— HISTORICAL PROPERTY —

Have you ever
wanted to
investigate the
paranormal?



R.T. is offering an opportunity
for a few people to join in on a
Professional Paranormal Investigation.

Restless Spirits Paranormal Research Team
will provide all the equipment and guidance
throughout the evening.

However, to keep the disturbance
to a minimum only **six tickets per evening**
will be sold, due to the limited space,
we are going to host this event on two nights,



**OCTOBER
17TH & 24TH**



8PM – 12AM



**TICKETS
\$75
PER PERSON**

This home is over 180 years old
and has withstood many tragedies,
from disease, illness and accidents
that modern medicine had yet been
created to cure, to the destruction

**SCAN TO PURCHASE
YOUR TICKETS**



VISIT RICE-TREMONTI HISTORICAL PROPERTY



Fall SOUP SOCIAL

WITH TRUNK OR TREAT FOR THE KIDS!

★ OCTOBER 31, 2026 ★

11AM – 4PM

WARM BOWLS.
COZY HEARTS.
HOMEMADE GOODNESS!

Enjoy your choice of
delicious **homemade**
soups, desserts & breads!

- Outdoor dining available
- Carry-out orders only

SOUP PRE-ORDERS!



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PRE-ORDER SOUP!

★ TRUNK OR TREAT FOR THE KIDS! ★

Dress up in your
favorite costume and
join us for a **spooktacular**
treat-filled adventure!

- Decorated trunks
filled with treats!
- Safe, family-friendly
fun for all ages!



★ GOOD FOOD. GREAT COMMUNITY. HAPPY HALLOWEEN! ★

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Learn practical, effective skills for protecting yourself in real-world situations. No experience is required — just RSVP and come ready to learn!

Participants may physically practice the movements or simply watch — whichever they prefer.

Attendance is limited to only women and girls ages 13 and up.



DATE

Saturday Oct. 3rd, 2026
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM CDT



LOCATION

Raytown Wellness Center
10750 E 350 Hwy.,
Raytown, MO 64138



ADMISSION

FREE

RSVP

Lisa Emerson
lisa4raytown@gmail.com

YOUR INSTRUCTOR

Lee Richards
OyataTe International



Lee E. Richards of OyataTe International is originally from the Kansas City, Missouri, area, having served with the KCMO Police Department from 1992–2018 and currently serving as National Trainer and President of the National Law Enforcement Training Center. He has extensively studied defensive tactics, judo, jujutsu, and various weapons since the 1980s and has decades of experience teaching realistic personal protection to both the public at large and to law enforcement officers across the country.

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Let's Visit HAUNTED Raytown

The Rice-Tremonti Historical Property: A House for the Ages By Michelle Williams

The Rice-Tremonti Historic Property, located at 8801 East 66th Street, Raytown, Missouri, is a testimony to tenacity. The main house, a Gothic Revival frame farmhouse, was built in 1844 by Archibald and Sally Rice. Prior to building the now historic home, the Rice family lived in a two-story log house. The property also had many slave cabins, of which one still remains, Aunt Sophie White's Cabin. The Rice family provided hospitality to weary travelers on the Santa Fe Trail, seeking a respite from the long trip to find their fortunes out west in Oregon and California. In 1929, Dr. Louis Tremonti and his wife Lois Gloria, bought the house along with two adjoining lots and began extensive renovations to the home. Dr. Tremonti practiced medicine in a room of the home for several years before his death in 1949. In 1978, the Rice-Tremonti home was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Lois Glora stayed in the home until 1987, selling the property to the Friends of the Rice-Tremonti Home Association in 1988. The organization began the arduous task of restoring the house and in 2000 secured state grant funding to retire the private mortgage.

A house that is over 180 years old is bound to have stories to tell, and many mysteries, too. The Rice-Tremonti home is said to be haunted, and the Restless Spirits Paranormal team has investigated the home several times, encountering/recording multiple different "spirits" and cataloguing their interactions. Many of the encounters/recordings documented by the Restless Spirits Paranormal team seem to occur in the basement, including William, a man the team believes is from the 1900s and who is the first "spirit" to "make {you} feel uncomfortable." As for the Friends of the Rice-Tremonti Home Association, they report personal accounts of unexplainable sounds in the house and the occasional feeling of being watched. Perhaps it is one (or more) of the Civil War soldiers who may have been treated at the house, as it is rumored the home served as a field hospital during the war (the Battle of Byrums Ford was only two miles away).



Or, it could be some of the patients of Dr. Louis Tremonti who have been encountered by the Restless Spirits Paranormal team. Or, perhaps, it is simply a trick of the mind, or the wind.

Regardless of how one feels about the possibility of “spirits” haunting the Rice-Tremonti house, the mystery of how the house escaped total destruction is even more compelling. Since the Rice family were southern slave owners, they felt the need to evacuate their home in 1861, moving to an area around Ft. Worth, Texas. The family entrusted their home to James Hunter and his family. With the issuance of General Order No. 11 in 1863, martial law was declared and all remaining southern sympathizers within Jackson County, Missouri were forced from their lands. The Hunter family was evicted from the Rice family home. Many of the homes were then destroyed, most often burned to the ground. The Rice family home, however, was spared the fate of so many other houses, leaving it one of fewer than ten homes in Jackson County built prior to the Civil War. So, why was the Rice-Tremonti home spared? Historians literally have no answer to the mystery of why this house escaped the destruction of almost every other house around it and throughout the Kansas City area. For me, the mystery of the house surviving General Order No. 11 is more than an incredible stroke of luck. A house with such a history must surely have an even more interesting future.

According to Christy Sewing, Friends of the Rice-Tremonti Home Association member, the association plans to continue to maintain the house and cabin, raising funds for the preservation with various events, including the ongoing Fall Soup and Social, as well as the Paranormal Events held in October. The Friends of Rice-Tremonti see the hauntings as “just another fascinating experience the property offers, along with its long history.” Want to check out the house for yourself? One hour tours are \$10.00 per person and can be booked at rice-tremonti.org. Be sure to tell William we said hello and share your visit at [#visitraytown](https://twitter.com/visitraytown).



CAREER DAY

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**FRIDAY,
19 MARCH 2027**

AM/PM SESSIONS

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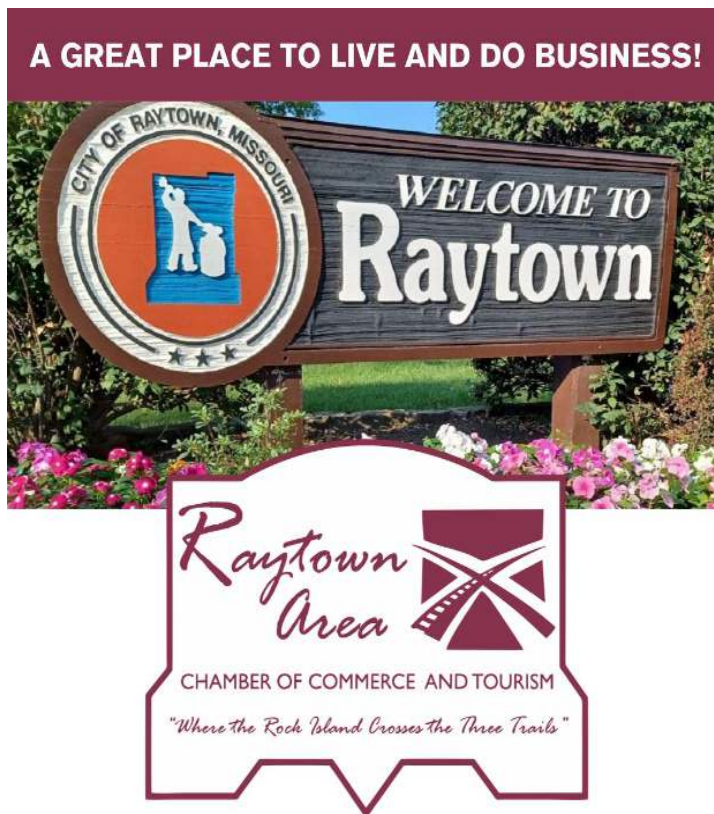


Chamber Renewals

- ☺ Trustwell Living - Katrina Mitchell, Mia McRoy, Sierra Wilson, 1999
- ☺ Raytown Historical Society & Museum - Ted Bowman, 2007
- Smile Care Rasytown - Adrienne Simmons, Tamela Jones, 2017
- Caring for Kids Network - Porsche Seals, 2025
- V's Italiano Ristorante - Gregory Hunsucker, Greg Hunsucker, 2013
- ☺ CommunityAmerica Credit Union - Britt Slaughter-Henry, Jared Garsow, Tanner Ludwig, Emma O'Connor, DJ Owens, Kelly Satter, 2009
- ☺ Hy-Vee #1542 - Fred Frazier, 1994
- River Church Family - Timmy Hensel, Janette Guenther, Gregg Relaford, 2006
- UMB Bank Raytown - Jessica Johnson, 1994
- ☺ Kansas City Zoo & Aquarium - Kirk Suedmeyer, Amy Martin, Sean Putney, 2011
- Fraternal Order of Police - Mark Wasko, Paul Brooks, Sara Perkins, 2009
- MDL Technology - Mark Dryer, TJ Bloom, Liz Holt, Dominick Ruby, Justin Ruby, 2008

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Ribbon Cutting @ TCC Early Learning Center - 3p 	2 Tourism Committee Mtg @ Teeshia's Sandwiches & Scoops - 12p	3 Women's Self Defense Class @ Wellness Center - 10A
4	5	6	7 Membership Svcs Committee @ Chamber Office - 12p	8 Board of Directors Mtg @ Chamber Office - 8a  Ribbon cutting @ Kenagy Park - 10:30a 	9	10 Ribbon Cutting @ Miss JOJOs - 3p 
11	12	13 A.M. Connections @ Synergy One Lending - 7:30A 	14 Jackson County Candidate Forum @ Innovation Campus - 6:30P	15	16 Govt Relations Committee @ Chamber Office & Zoom - 8a 	17
18	19	20	21 Luncheon @ Tasha's Emerald Lounge - 11a 	22	23	24 Ribbon Cutting @ Eryn's Closet- 2p 
25	26	27	28	29 	30 	31 Happy Halloween 