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BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETINGS: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month, 7 p.m. at City Hall, unless otherwise posted; live streaming available on the City's web site at raytown.mo.us; live and replays on RayTV, Channel 7 and GoogleTV Channel 145; indexed meetings available on web for past meetings.

CITY OFFICE HOURS: Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

MAIN PHONE NUMBER: 816-737-6000



It has been a very busy summer for all of us here at City Hall. I want to thank both our citizens and City staff for everyone's continued dedication to the service and betterment of our community. You all are true heroes in my book.

The Rock Island Trail is finally finished by Jackson County. It stretches 3.3 miles through Raytown and has added a new ambience to our town, bringing with it many new people visiting and enjoying such places as Crane Brewing and other local establishments around the trail. Along with this exposure, Raytown is getting an economic return, according to Jackson County - for every \$1 invested into infrastructure improvements, we anticipate \$3 in economic impact. So, I encourage everyone to go walking and biking along the trail and enjoy the sites. Make new friends along the trail.

The Parks Department has been using the sales tax renewal to improve the lighting and equipment of the parks. We have such beautiful parks. Please take your families out to enjoy them.

Raytown Live was again a big success this year with great music and many residents of our city enjoying the concerts on the green space in downtown Raytown. Thanks to this year's sponsors that funded these events again as well as all of the volunteers on the Raytown Live Board for their time.

As fall and winter come forth, please consider using the cooler weather to Paint Up, Clean Up and Fix Up your yards and homes to show your pride in your property and in our town. The city government cannot do it alone. Together we can make a huge difference and do great things.

Raytown is a wonderful town. Please get involved, be watchful of your neighborhoods and if you see something suspicious, call the police so they may respond to check it out. Our elected officials and staff strive to make life better here for all.

I consider it my privilege to be your Mayor. Let us work together to make Raytown better. God Bless and have a great fall and winter.

Sincerely,
Mayor Mike McDonough



There will be a Local Use Tax ballot question on the Nov. 2 ballot

See page 9 for more details



COVID-19 Vaccinations



The State of Missouri is distributing vaccinations across the state. Registrations and walk-ins accepted.

■ The State of Missouri's Vaccine Navigator covidvaccine.mo.gov

■ The Jackson County COVID-19 Dashboard jacohd.org/coronavirus

Community Development News

Online Permitting

Contractors and residents will soon be able to generate and pay for permits through the Citizen Self-Serve (CSS) system. The online system will allow contractors and residents to quickly obtain permits. The CSS is only available for permits that do not require plans or drawings to be reviewed by building officials. The CSS is scheduled to be available in early 2022.

3-Year Pet Licenses

In July, the Board of Aldermen approved an amendment to allow residents the option of a 1-year or 3-year pet license. Depending on a pet's rabies vaccinations, pet owners can choose a 3-year pet license if their pet has a 3-year rabies shot.

The Community Development Department is offering this option to residents which will save time and money. Remember: by City Code, dogs, cats and ferrets are required to be vaccinated and licensed. Stop in City Hall or call Community Development with questions.

Fall Leaves

All leaves, grass clippings, and other yard wastes are to be stored and maintained so that they do not spread to other public or private property.

To discard grass clippings and leaves properly, dispose of them at nearby yard waste recycling centers. City of Raytown residents can obtain coupons from the Public Works Department in City Hall. These clean-up coupons help offset the cost of dumping yard waste at these recycling centers.

Winter Prep

Most people don't think about snow removal until a storm hits; however, the City of Raytown's Public Works Department plans year-round for winter weather maintenance operations.

What is a winter weather event?

- Freezing Rain
- Sleet
- Snow

How do we prepare?

- Make sure equipment is in safe working condition.
- Keep a well-trained and ready workforce.
- Maintain stockpiles of salt and beet juice.
- Monitor weather conditions.

The City owns and operates 10 snowplows to maintain approximately 331 lane miles of streets in Raytown. Annually, Public Works uses the competitive bid process to purchase salt to keep on hand for winter maintenance operations. In addition to salt, the City uses beet juice to treat the streets. When mixed with salt, beet juice holds the salt crystals on the



DID YOU KNOW?

During an average 24-hour period with 2-4 feet of snow-fall, it takes approximately 18 crew members 160 man-hours to treat and plow our City streets. Major arterials and collector streets that lead to highways are always the priority in snow removal.

streets longer. It's also organic, reduces corrosion and is kinder to concrete and metal.

What can citizens do during a winter weather event?

- Be patient.
- Prioritize vehicle trips.
- Park off street to better help our crews clear the road.
- **Call 816-737-6012 during normal hours or 816-737-6064 after hours.**

DON'T FORGET

Your Clean-Up Coupon

\$5 for \$25 Vouchers

Got some junk you want to get rid of? Finished all that yard work with no place to put your organic waste? Raytown's Public Works Department has got you covered through their Clean-Up Coupon program. Citizens may come into City Hall and pay **\$5 for a coupon worth \$25** that allows them to take a variety of waste products to one of two different facilities. There's a limit of 4 coupons per household per year. Each coupon expires after 60 days from issue.

For more information on the Clean-Up Coupon Program, visit us at www.raytown.mo.us or call the Public Works Department at 816-737-6012.

Crime Prevention Tips

It only takes a few minutes for a burglary...

- Install a strong deadbolt on every exterior door of your home.
- Lock all doors and windows before you leave the house, every single time.
- Before you go to bed, make sure your cars and home are locked, valuables are brought inside, and exterior lights are on.
- Consider a video doorbell or exterior surveillance system.
- Get to know your neighbors!
- Park in well lit areas close to the entrance of the building.
- Trim back bushes and landscaping around windows and doors.
- Door hinges and strike plates should be installed with 2" in - 3" in screws.
- Always make sure your garage door is closed before you go to bed.
- Before going on vacation, setup lights on a timer and pause mail delivery.

RAYTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT
CIVILIAN AND OFFICER OPPORTUNITIES

NOW HIRING

RAYTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Starting pay can increase depending on experience

- OFFICER starts at \$20.62/hour
- DISPATCH starts at \$17.52/hour
- DETENTION starts at \$16.08/hour

Visit www.raytownpolice.org or call 816-737-6104 for more information.

PUBLIC WORKS

350 Hwy & Raytown Road Intersection Improvements

This project was recently completed and constructed for intersection safety improvements at 350 Hwy & Raytown Road.



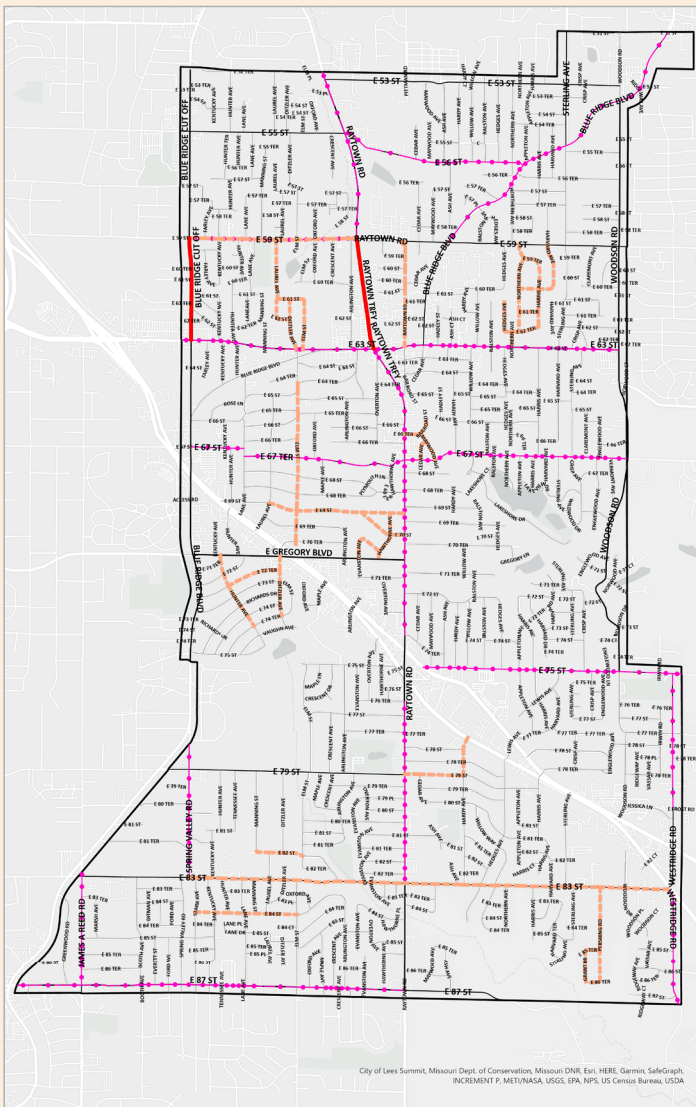
1. This project added turn lanes to improve turning movements and reduce vehicle stacking, and upgraded traffic signals in the area to allow for pedestrian crosswalks.
2. **1,400 ft.** of Raytown Rd was milled & overlaid
3. Approximately **2,000 ft.** of new curb & gutter was constructed
4. **450 ft.** of sidewalk
5. **1,500 ft.** of new hiking & biking trail
6. **825 ft.** of storm drainage pipe
7. The final construction cost for this work is approximately **\$2.2 million** – which was shared by the City of Raytown and the Missouri Dept. of Transportation.

Public Works Project Updates

As always, please contact us for any questions you may have at our **Public Works main line, 816-737-6012**. You can also email us at jasonh@raytown.mo.us or josel@raytown.mo.us.

Visit raytown.mo.us/capitalimprovements to view larger-scale maps and project updates

Street Maintenance



- █ UBAS
- █ patch repairs
- █ traffic striping

Type of Improvement or Maintenance	Length in Miles	Length in Lane Miles
UBAS (Ultrathin Bonded Asphalt Surface)	1.0	4.1
Patch Repairs	9.9	19.9
Traffic Striping	34.1	82.4
City Streets	146.1	325.0

Street Maintenance Program

The Public Works Department developed pavement ratings of all Raytown streets in 2018. This information was the basis to develop the City's pavement maintenance program.

1. **The 2021 program will include constructing an Ultra-thin Bonded Asphalt Surface (UBAS) preventative maintenance on Blue Ridge Cutoff from 59th Street to 63rd Street, and on Raytown Trafficway from 59th Street to 63rd Street (red).**
 - a. This UBAS overlay will resurface approximately 1 mile of roadway.
 - b. Spot repairs for: curbs/gutters, asphalt repairs, asphalt full depth repairs, and ADA intersection improvements.

c. The construction cost estimate for this work is approximately **\$500,000**.

2. Asphalt Patch Repairs (orange)

- a. Performed on 9.9 miles of roadway.
- b. Budgeted amount: **\$150,000**.

3. Pavement Marking (pink)

- a. 175,000 ft of 4-inch wide marking paint lines
- b. 4,000 ft of crosswalk lines
- c. 1,200 ft of Stop Bars lines
- d. 205 turning arrows
- e. Estimated cost of **\$75,000**.



Stormwater

Completed 2020-2021 Stormwater Projects

The Public Works Department completed 2 stormwater projects this past winter & spring.

1. Spring Valley Road:

- Removed & replaced 310 ft of stormwater pipe.
- Final cost of **\$53,333**.

2. E. 85th Street:

- Removed & replaced 210 ft of stormwater pipe.
- Removed & replaced 3 stormwater structures.
- Final cost of **\$78,706**.

In-Progress 2020-2021 Stormwater Projects

1. 85th Street and Arlington:

- Contractor will remove & replace about 1,055 ft of stormwater pipe.
- Contractor will remove & replace 13 stormwater structures.
- Contractor will remove & replace about 80 ft of curb & gutter, and 150 ft of sidewalk.
- Project estimated cost of **\$426,449**.

2. 63rd Street and Woodson Road:

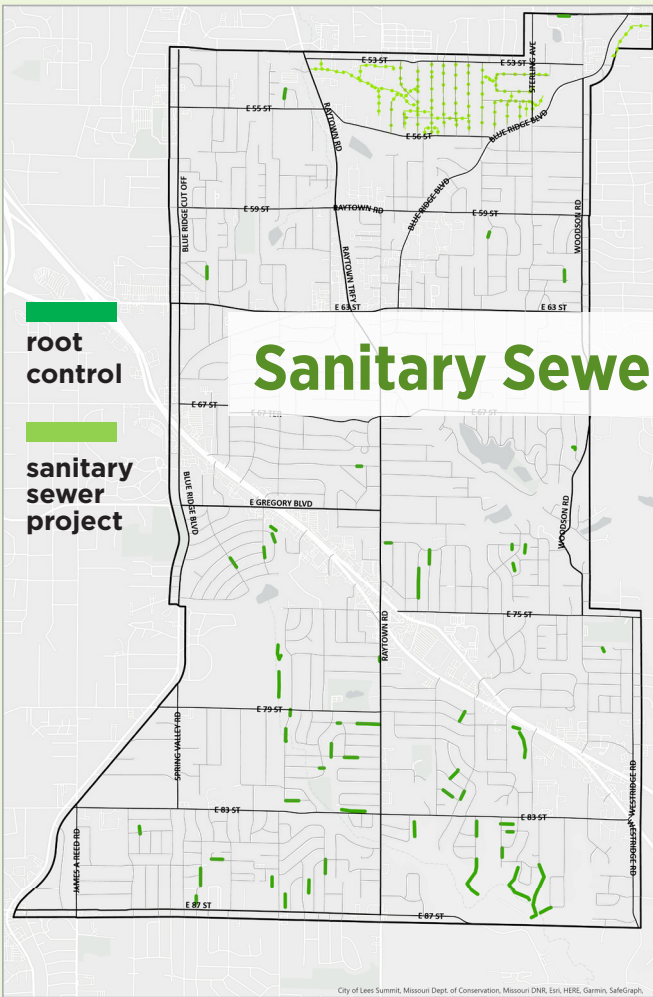
- Contractor will remove & replace about 800 feet of stormwater pipe.
- Contractor will remove & replace 2 curb inlets.
- Contractor will remove & replace about 280 ft of curb & gutter.
- Project estimated cost of **\$204,200**.

Upcoming Stormwater Projects

The Public Works Department has 2 additional planned stormwater projects to be surveyed and designed this summer and fall:

The first area is located behind E 65th Street. The adjacent property has a railroad tie retaining wall that was built up to the liner and the wall is now collapsing. Replacement of about 90 ft of concrete ditch liner.

The second location is on E. 350 Hwy. This project contains two deteriorated 15 in. and 30 in. corrugated metal pipes (CMP) found during our in-house repairs performed at the property just north of this address in summer 2020. The CMP connects to a grate drain along 350 Hwy and runs north through this property to our public system. Replacement of about 200 ft of stormwater pipe.



Sanitary Sewer

root control

sanitary sewer project

Type of Work Completed	Length in Miles	9.3	5.7% of Total Mileage Improved or Maintained in FY 2021
Root Control	3.6		
2021 Sanitary Sewer Project	5.7		
City Sanitary Sewer Main	1639.0		

Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Program (light green)

The Public Works Department has utilized multiple engineering resources to determine the condition of the sewer infrastructure and create a sanitary sewer rehabilitation program. Specifically, they have identified sections of Raytown's sanitary sewer system that are high risk and require rehabilitation.

The sanitary sewer rehabilitation project was bid on July 30th with 6 bid submissions received and a low bid in the amount of **\$1,455,454**. This was approved by the Board of Aldermen on Tuesday, August 17th, with construction to begin Fall 2021.

- This project will install 21,750 ft of cured-in-place pipe liner.
- 1,150 ft of total sewer line removal & replacement.
- Reconnect & repair 86 private sewer service line connections.

Completed Projects

Sanitary Sewer Annual Root Cleaning Project (dark green)

Chemically treated 11,500 ft of sanitary sewer main lines to remove tree roots for a cost of **\$17,173**.



The City of Raytown has won a Government Finance Officers Association's Distinguished Budget Award for three consecutive years.

Budget 101

Budget season for the City of Raytown is in progress and it is important to understand how the City's budget is prepared.

Two community budget forums were held in early August to review the budget process and summarize accounting funds to all residents. One forum was recorded and can be viewed online in the August 10, 2021 item of the calendar at raytown.mo.us/calendar.

The City's fiscal year runs from November 1 to October 31. Raytown is also a 4th-class City in Missouri, which determines the type of leadership and form of local government. Each year, as soon as all transactions are posted in all funds, an outside CPA firm performs an annual financial audit to ensure continued compliance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principals (GAAP) and also to confirm the City has performed financially within the Revised Statutes of Missouri as well as within its own internal controls.

Here's how we prepare for the budget

The State of Missouri requires a balanced budget.

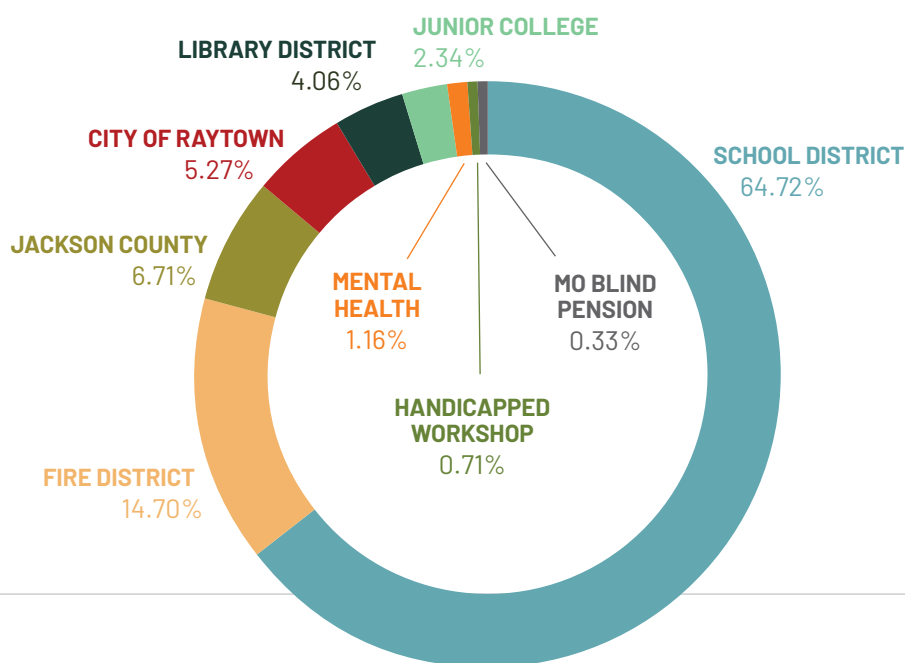
- Revenues for the general fund are determined by statistical data, economic indicators, and City growth.
- Revenues and expenses for Enterprise Funds, such as the Sewer Fund, are based on real and anticipated cost trends. Rates are determined to keep the fund solvent and stable.
- Expenses are calculated by each department based on real historical data, anticipated projects and improvements, and existing contracts.
- The Finance Department compiles all data for approval.
- A report is done in the annual financial audit that compares budget expenses and revenue to actual expenses and revenues.
- The budget is located at raytown.mo.us on the Finance Department page.
- Once the Board of Aldermen approve the final budget, it is made ready for publication, shared on the website and a print version is available to view at City Hall as soon as possible.



DID YOU KNOW?

The City has not passed a property tax increase since 1978. The current 2020 property tax levy rate is at 0.4791, which is 5.27% of the total property tax levied by all taxing entities in Raytown, Jackson Co. The table below illustrates the breakout of the property tax levies in Raytown:

Property Tax Levy



The City of Raytown government has a total of 10 separate funds

Fund accounting is used to keep City funds separated according to their purpose. The funds are:

- General Fund
- Parks and Recreation Fund
- Transportation Sales Tax Fund*
- Capital Sales Tax Fund*
- Public Safety Sales Tax Fund*
- Risk Management Fund
- TIF Fund
- Storm Water Fund*
- Capital Improvement Fund
- Sanitary Sewer Fund

* indicates a special sales tax reserved for a specific purpose

2021
November

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Local Use Tax Ballot Question – Election to be held Tuesday, Nov. 2

Putting It To Use

“Shall the City of Raytown impose a local use tax at the same rate as the total local sales tax rate, provided that if the local sales tax rate is reduced or raised by voter approval, the local use tax shall also be reduced or raised by the same action?”

On Tuesday, Nov. 2 voters will be asked the question above. Here are 5 facts regarding use taxes:

1. A local use tax is a tax imposed on the storage, use or consumption of tangible personal property. If approved, a local use tax would be applied to goods purchased, delivered and used in Raytown from certain online & out-of-state vendors instead of a sales tax.
2. Consumers only pay a local use tax (for out-of-state retailers) or a local sales tax (Missouri retailer), not both.
3. In Missouri, the local use tax rate is ALWAYS the same as the local sales tax rate (in Raytown, the local sales tax rate is 2.5%).
4. It is estimated that a local use tax could generate around \$200,000–\$400,000 annually.
5. The revenue generated from a local use tax could be used to support essential City services such as Police, snow removal, street repairs, etc.

Nationally, consumers spent \$861 billion online with U.S. merchants in 2020, up 44% year over year, according to Digital Commerce 360 estimates.



A buyer does not pay both a local use tax and local sales tax on the same transaction.

CARES Act

As part of the CARES Act, the City of Raytown received \$1,727,000 allocated for COVID-19 related issues.

The City ran two assistance initiatives (Individual Assistance Program and Business Grant Program), a City Hall safety improvement project, the purchase of equipment and products for COVID safety, and assisted with staffing necessary for pandemic response.

The Individual Assistance Program helped Raytown residents who demonstrated COVID-19 related needs for utility assistance and/or rental assistance. Approximately 910 applications were received, and **611 payments were made.**

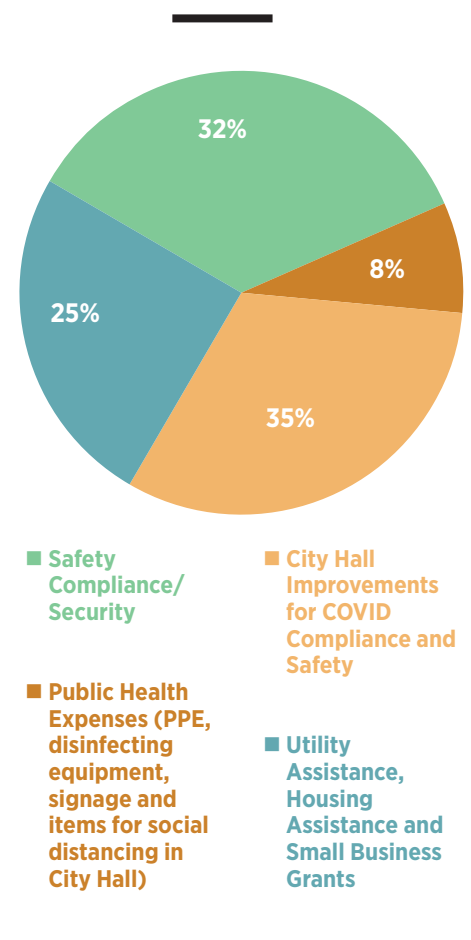
The Business Grant Program **assisted 28 Raytown businesses** in grants for reimbursement of allowable expenses incurred because of the pandemic.

To ensure the safety of residents and employees, recent improvements to City Hall were completed, including:

- Redesign of City Council Chambers
- Redesign of breakroom for employees to socially distance, and ADA compliance along with improved HVAC for cleaner air quality
- Touchless water fixtures in restrooms and hallways
- Redesign entrances to City Hall to improve safety and ADA compliance
- Upgrades to video and streaming equipment for virtual public meetings

In addition, PPE, sanitizing equipment and supplies, disinfecting services and additional staff time for pandemic-related issues were paid with funding per allowable expenses.

Total CARES Funds Spent



The City of Raytown was the first municipality in the metro to reopen for court and to reopen its lobby to the public. Also, during the COVID shutdown, Raytown continued offering its services (e.g. animal control, permits, business licenses, etc.).

In addition, the City of Raytown suspended late and credit card fees as well as not increasing the sanitary sewer rate to help offset citizen's financial burden.

Raytown Parks & Recreation

Keep an eye out for these events and more on the Raytown Parks and Recreation website www.raytownparks.com. Dates and times will be provided in late winter/early spring.

Raytown Live Concert Series

Green Space (downtown Raytown)
10009 E. 62nd Street, Raytown, MO 64133



The final live concert is September 11, at 6 p.m. A special 9/11 tribute followed by a performance by Nick Schnebelen. These monthly concerts from May - September are free to the public and fully supported by sponsors. Food trucks and vendors are at the events as well. We invite everyone to this month's concert. Come out to enjoy and support the City and the wonderful sponsors who are active in bringing this opportunity to our citizens!

For updates, check the Raytown Live website raytown.live, the City of Raytown's website, and the Raytown Parks website. To become involved in the Raytown Live concert series as a sponsor, volunteer, or supporter of the arts in Raytown, please contact the Raytown Parks Department at 358-4100, or email mikec@raytownparks.com. We hope to see you there!



Raytown BMX

Home of the 2000, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2021 USA BMX Nationals!

BMX (Bicycle Motocross) is a sport for ALL ages right here in Raytown! We have the only balance bike track in the metro. Our youngest riders ride Balance bikes and our oldest riders are 50+ on the big track.

This past July, approximately 2,500 people attended the BMX Mid-Nationals hosted at Raytown. The 3-day event generated an economic impact of \$1.4 million, according to Visit KC. An estimated 1,289 motos (riders) were registered. Locals **Lola Jonjevic** and **Eli Staton** ranked No. 1 in their age category rides.

Interested in learning how to ride? Try BMX for FREE! Weekdays until November, practices are held on Mondays at 6:30 p.m., and races on Thursdays, with sign up at 6 p.m. Free loaner bikes and helmets are available.

Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and raytownbmx.org. For more info, contact Raquel Cumberford at rlcumberford@gmail.com.



Youth Basketball

Youth basketball registration begins September 1.

Practices begin in November (Monday-Thursday evenings). Games will be on Saturdays starting Dec. 4, 11, 18, Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29, Feb. 5 and 12. The make-up snow date is February 26. (All dates are tentative.)

Where: Raytown Schools

Cost:

- \$55.00* per player K-3rd grade
- \$65.00* per player 4th-6th grade
- Additional \$10.00 for non-Raytown School District students

*Includes Award and game shirt

Grades & Divisions:

- K - 1st (Coed teams)
- 2nd - 3rd (Coed teams)
- 4th (Boys & Girls teams)
- 5th (Boys & Girls teams)
- 6th (Boys & Girls teams)

STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

Debbie Duncan

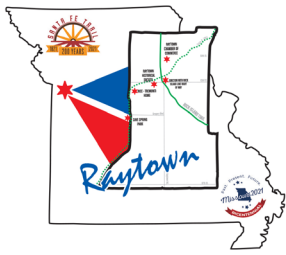
Recently, Debbie Duncan, Human Resources manager was recognized by her peers and selected as this year's Thomas F. Lewisohn recipient by the IPMA-HR Greater KC Chapter for her outstanding contributions in the chapter and as an active practitioner in public Human Resources at the City of Raytown. Congratulations, Debbie!



Stephanie Boyce

On March 23, 2021, Stephanie Boyce was appointed Deputy Director of the City's Public Works Department. She has 14 years of experience in local government and previously served the City of Independence and Lemon Grove, California.

Boyce was born and raised in San Diego, California and earned her bachelor's degree from San Diego State University. She has been married for nearly 20 years and enjoys watching her two boys play sports and volunteering with various organizations.



RAYTOWN'S

Festival of the Trails

Saturday, September 11, 2021

Events are FREE to attend (some locations will be accepting donations). Food, beverage and retail items available for purchase.

Maps are available at event locations. For more information, call the Raytown Chamber at 816-353-8500.

EVENT SCHEDULE

NewzRoom Cafe

6020 Blue Ridge Blvd
// 8 am to 3 pm

- "Trail" Special Breakfast All Day

Raytown Christian Church

6108 Blue Ridge Blvd
// 10 am to 3 pm

- Car Show
- Hot Dogs
- Ice Cream

Raytown Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism

5909 Raytown Tfwy
// 10 am to 3 pm

- Commemorative T-shirts for Sale-\$20
- Info Center/Maps

Raytown Historical Society & Museum

9705 E 63rd St
// 10 am to 4 pm

- Horse & Carriage Photo Op courtesy of Saddle Creek Stables & Vineyard
- Gift Shop with hats, wood toys, games, rag dolls, books and other items reminiscent of the Trail Days
- Packaged Kettle Corn and Drinks for Purchase
- Museum Tours Hourly on the Half Hour
- Afghan Fundraiser Raffle
- History of the Raytown Boy Scouts Display by Troop 550 Eagle Scout Candidate

Rice-Tremonti Home

8801 E 66th St
// 10 am to 5 pm

- Missouri Town Musicians
- Crafters
- Raytown Artists Association
- Pie and Bake Sale
- History Re-Enactors
- Crafting for Kids
- Kids Games
- Blacksmith 11 am to 4 pm
- Petting Zoo 11 am to 1:30 pm
- Buffalo Soldiers & Sophia White
- Noon & 2:30 pm House Tours

Cave Spring

8701 E Gregory Blvd
// 8 am to 6 pm

- Free Traders
- History trips around the Interpretive Center
- Food for purchase by Scout Troop 469
- Commemorative T-shirts for Sale-\$20
- Mic-O-Say Indian Dancers
- Games About the Trail All Day with Prizes
- 8-to 10:30 am Buffalo Soldiers
- Starting at 9 am Hikes & Lectures Every Hour
- 9 to 11 am Daughters of the American Revolution
- 10 am & 2 pm Story telling about their Indians
- Tomahawk & primitive weapon demo all day with shows at 11 am & 2 pm

Raytown Live Greenspace

10009 E 62nd Street
// 5 pm to 8 pm

- Family Games
- Free Concert
- Food Trucks
- 9/11 Tribute

Crane Brewing

6515 Railroad St
// 11 am to 9 pm

- Commemorative Beer
- Food Truck



SCAN TO VISIT
the Festival of Trails
Facebook page!

Tony Mesa

For the past 33 years, Tony Mesa has been an integral part of the Public Works Department. Mesa worked his way up, starting as a mechanic then fleet supervisor and finally Public Works Superintendent in 2008.

This past May, Mesa transferred to the Raytown Parks and Recreation Department and was appointed Superintendent of Parks. He is responsible for the maintenance and operation of all City parks owned/leased/managed, City owned gateways, signs and other decorative areas.

Toni Alexander

Raytown resident Toni Alexander was appointed as the City's Public Information Officer (PIO) on April 12th, 2021. As the PIO, Alexander is responsible for managing, planning, organizing and directing the City's information and communications programs. Alexander is tasked with ensuring a positive public image of the City and the timely provision of information to citizens.

Alexander will also serve as a liaison between the City, public and media according to the standards of the City. Alexander offers more than 20 years of experience in public relations.