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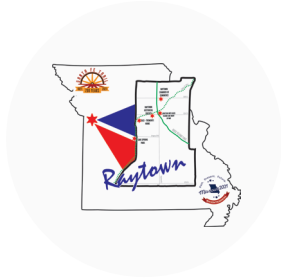
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BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETINGS: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month, 7 p.m. at City Hall, unless otherwise posted; live streaming available on the City's web site at raytown.mo.us; live and replays on RayTV, Channel 7 and GoogleTV Channel 145; indexed meetings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

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

MAIN PHONE NUMBER: 816-737-6000



Festival of the Trails

THIS IS A FREE EVENT AT THE RICE-TREMONTI HOME

Open to all ages. Join us on September 11, 2021 for Raytown's Festival of the Trails! The Raytown Chamber, Cave Spring, Raytown Parks & Rec, Raytown Historical Society & Museum and the Rice-Tremonti Home along with other organizations will celebrate the state of Missouri's bicentennial and commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail.

Events may be planned throughout 2021 but the main event in Raytown will be Saturday, September 11, 2021. Information will be updated on the Raytown Festival of Trails Facebook page as more events are planned and finalized, so stay tuned!



COVID-19 has had a tremendous impact on us all over the past year. As we continue to move forward, a number of people are being vaccinated and life may be starting to return a bit toward normal.

You all have been on my mind and in my prayers each day as I know it has been tough for many. I want to tell all of you how incredibly proud I am of our City and its citizens. We have stayed strong for one another, helped each other, and stepped up when necessary to tend to those in need of assistance. In my humble opinion, Raytown is one of the most giving and caring places. The donations and kindnesses to the local charities this past Christmas were incredible. I want to thank all that participated in making sure that everyone had something to eat, toys were donated for the kids, and that gave of their time to listen to those that were lonely and isolated. Incredible!

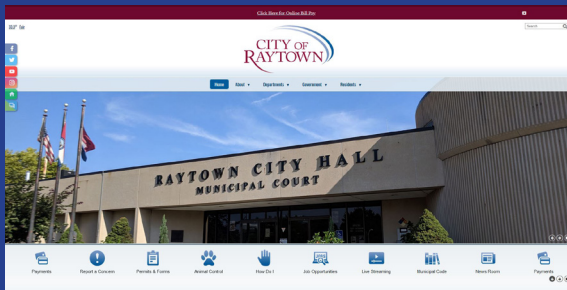
The Rock Island Trail should be close to being finished as this reaches your mailboxes. It is a beautiful project and will no doubt bring with it more commerce and add to our ability to draw folks here. It is beautiful. Well done Jackson County.

Until we are able to meet in person again, please remember to wear your masks, wash your hands, keep social distance and stay well. Also keep seeking opportunities to get your COVID-19 vaccination from Jackson County as soon as possible if you wish to receive one.

God Bless you all, our County and our wonderful City of Raytown, Missouri.

Mayor Mike McDonough

Check out the City of Raytown's Website update



The City of Raytown website was updated in January 2021. Visit us at www.raytown.mo.us to see what's new!

DON'T FORGET

Your Clean-Up Coupon

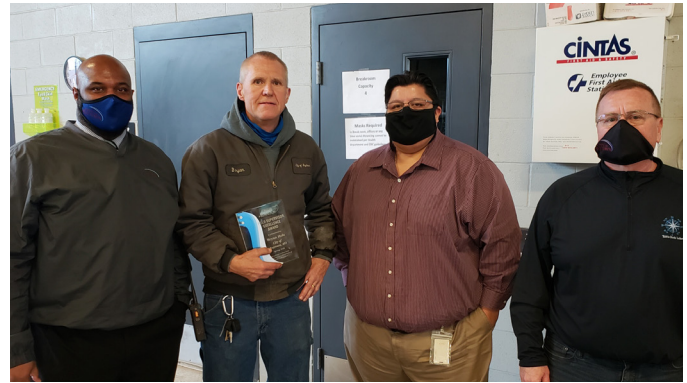
\$5 for \$25 Vouchers

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.

2020 City Staff Highlights

The City of Raytown's staff make the City's service to the community a reality. At the heart of those services is the longstanding leadership of exemplary staff members, many of which have given many years of service to the residents of Raytown. We wish all the best to those that retired in 2020 and congratulate our award-winning staff members on their recent honors.



RETIREMENTS

- **Mark Cella**
Public Works, 33.7 years
- **Howard Hardegree**
Police Department, 11.6 years
- **David Hartman**
Public Works, 6 years
- **John Sharp**
Parks, 40.4 years
- **Keith Schouten**
Public Works, 20 years

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

- **Bryan Holt**
Field Supervisor, Raytown Public Works
Received the APWA KC Metro Chapter's 2020 Field Supervisor of the Year Award
- **Kyle Stoker**
Crime Analyst, Raytown Police Department
Received the International Association of Crime Analysts' President's Award
- **The City of Raytown Finance Department**
Received the Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Award

April 6, 2021 Ballot

BALLOT QUESTION

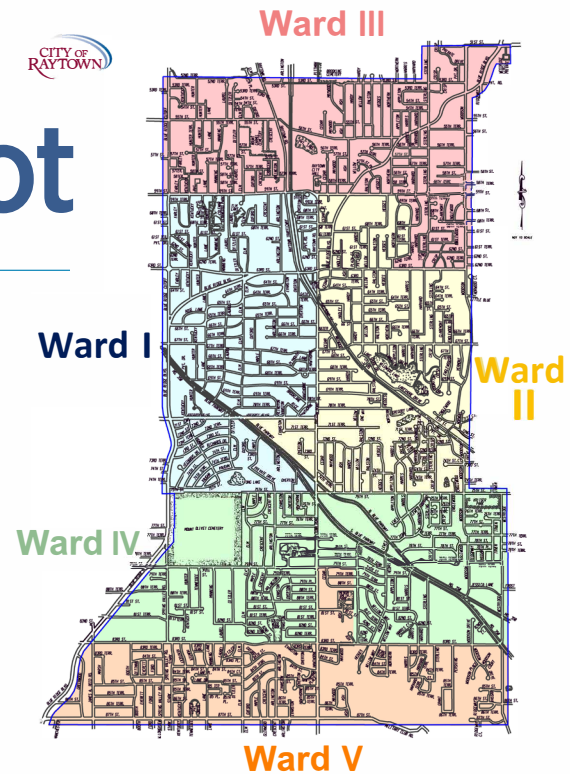
The Board of Aldermen approved a motion to ask the qualified voters of Raytown whether or not they want to make the City Collector position an appointed one. Here is a sample of the ballot question in substantially the same form as will be included on the April 6, 2021 Ballot.

“Shall the City of Raytown, Missouri appoint a City Collector who shall perform all the duties of the City Collector as authorized by Section 79.050 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri? If the voters approve the appointment of a City Collector, said appointment will not go into effect until April 4, 2023.”

Explanation: The incumbent City Collector is not seeking re-election. On April 6, 2021, Raytown residents will elect a new City Collector to serve a two-year term. Raytown residents are being asked after April 4, 2023, should the future City Collector be elected by the residents or appointed by the Raytown Mayor and Board of Aldermen?



Candidates for Election



FILING FOR OFFICE

April 6, 2021 General Municipal Election

Alderman Ward I

4 year term expiring April 2025

- Ian Scott
- Jayne Loulos

Alderman Ward II

4 year term expiring April 2025

- Tony Jacob
- Loretha Hayden

Alderman Ward III

4 year term expiring April 2025

- Ryan Myers

Alderman Ward IV

4 year term expiring April 2025

- William E. “Bill” Van Buskirk

Alderman Ward V

4 year term expiring April 2025

- Bonnaye Mims

Municipal Judge

4 year term expiring April 2025

- Traci Fann

City Collector

2 year term expiring April 2023

- Lisa Emerson

VIRTUAL EVENT

Raytown Candidates Forum

The Raytown Chamber and League of Women Voters are not endorsing any candidate.

- Tuesday, March 23, 2021
- 6:30 to 8:00 pm
- Aldermen Candidates 6:30 pm
- Virtual forum through Zoom Webinar

Details can be found at facebook.com/lwvkc





Raytown CARES Update

September 2020 Jackson County awarded Federal CARES Act funds to the City of Raytown. These funds have been utilized to provide financial assistance to local families and small businesses as well as to support local efforts to gather and distribute Personal Protective Equipment to the public. Funding has also been used to update and improve the City's ability to maintain services to the public during the pandemic.

Raytown CARES

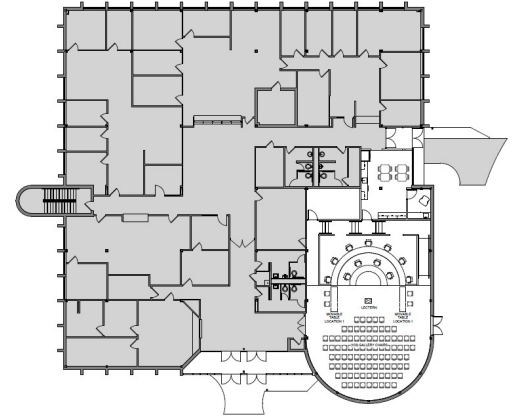
Small Business Grant

The Board of Aldermen approved **\$226,000** of CARES Act funds to assist small businesses with hardships created by the COVID-19 pandemic. In December 2020, the program awarded grants to 28 Raytown small businesses, of which **52% are owned and operated locally by Raytown residents.**

Individual Assistance Program

Throughout the application period, October - December 2020, the City of Raytown worked directly with program partners, Hope Network and REAP (Raytown Emergency Assistance Program), to review applications and award over **\$201,000** of CARES Act funds to **628 Raytown families.**





City Hall Improvements

December 2020, the Board of Aldermen approved a capital improvement project aimed at providing a healthier and more efficient environment for our residents and employees in response to the pandemic. The Board authorized staff to utilize **\$600,000** of Cares Act funds for these improvements.

Beginning March 2021, McCownGordon Construction will renovate portions of City Hall. Over the next few months, you will see changes to the front entrance of the building and the Council Chambers where many public meetings and Municipal Court sessions take place.

COVID-19 related improvements include a bipolar ionization upgrade to HVAC systems; hands-free faucets to 1st floor restrooms; new public drinking fountains with touchless bottle filters; main entry vestibule to improve separation and social distancing; touchless infrared door operators at entries; audio/visual upgrades to the Council Chambers providing more remote options; monitor in new vestibule for public messaging; finishings and materials will be easier to clean and sanitize.



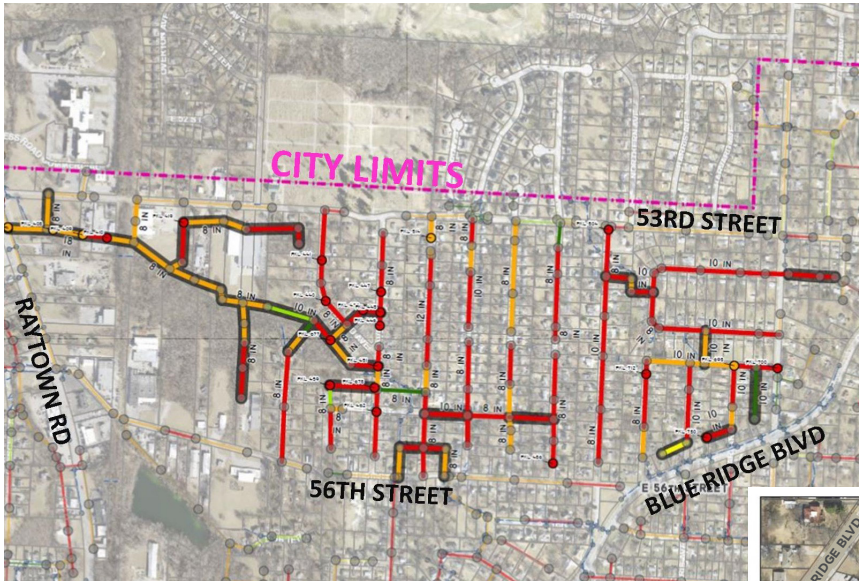
COVID-19 Vaccinations



The State of Missouri is distributing vaccinations across the state. Two ways you can register to receive a vaccine include:

- The State of Missouri's Vaccine Navigator covidvaccine.mo.gov
- The Jackson County COVID-19 Dashboard jacohd.org/coronavirus

2021 Sanitary Sewer Assessment and Rehabilitation Project

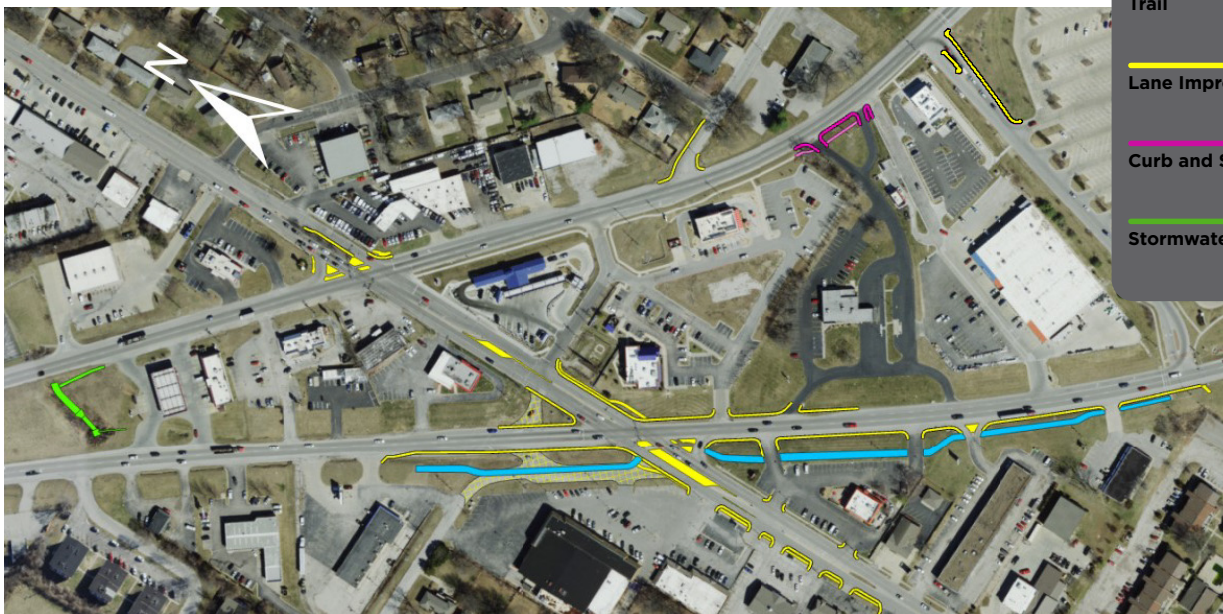


Assessed approximately 29,909 linear feet of Sanitary Sewer

Beginning January 2021, a Public Works Department contractor began the initial annual assessment of the sanitary sewer system, starting at the northern city limits of Raytown. The information gathered through the use of multiple engineering resources was utilized by the Public Works staff and its consultant to identify sections of the analyzed sanitary sewer system that are at a high risk of failure. The portions of the sewer system identified in this phase of assessment, are in preliminary design stage with construction estimated to begin late 2021 or early 2022.



350 Highway Update



KEY

- Trail
- Lane Improvements
- Curb and Sidewalk
- Stormwater Drainage

2020-2021 Stormwater Projects

A Public Works contractor started work on the 2020 Stormwater Maintenance Projects in November 2020. Two more stormwater projects are planned for the summer/fall of 2021 and are currently under design. One is located at 85th Street & Arlington, and the other is located at 63rd Street & Woodson Road. Both projects will be to remove an existing failed corrugated metal stormwater pipe and replace them with concrete pipe.



350 Highway & Raytown Road Intersection Safety Improvements:

This project is being constructed for intersection safety improvements at 350 Hwy and Raytown Road. Upon completion of the project, the improvements will include the following:

- Upgraded traffic signals to allow safer pedestrian crosswalks.
- The addition of turn lanes to improve turning movements and less vehicle stacking at these intersections.
- The addition and extension of medians to reduce vehicle crossings.
- The re-routing of 75th Street for a more perpendicular alignment to the highway.
- The elimination of 75th Street across Raytown Road.
- The addition of sidewalks.
- A new trail along the southside of 350 Hwy between Raytown Road and Walmart Drive.
- New curb and gutters.
- Storm drainage improvements.
- Asphalt overlay on Raytown Road.

At the time of this publication, the Public Works Department's contractor had installed new curbs, gutters, and sidewalks along Raytown Road from 75th Street to eastbound 350 Hwy; extended the eastbound 350 Hwy left turn lane from Raytown Road to Bank of America driveways; widened Walmart Drive to include 2 lanes turning left onto Hwy 350; installed curb, sidewalk and 3 driveway approaches along westbound 350 Hwy between Panda Express and Bank of America. The contractor has started work on the intersection of westbound 350 Hwy and 75th Street.

Visit the Parks Department website (www.raytownparks.com) or call 816-358-4100 for updates.



Fishing Derby

DATE June 5 **PLACE** Kenagy Park
TIME 9am - 11am **COST** Free

Fun for all ages, prizes in every age category, in partnership with the great people of Three Trails, we hope to see you there!



Free Movies in the Park

TIME Dusk **PLACE** Kenagy Park

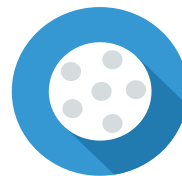
DATES June 18 (*Moana*); July 16 (TBD); August 6 (TBD)



Adult Coed Kickball

STARTS June 4 **COST** \$170
RUNS 6 weeks **per team (up to 20 people)**
PLACE Kenagy

We provide equipment and an umpire at each game. This will be a fun, recreation league. Games will be Friday evenings, 55 minutes per game, no limit on runs scored. Raytown Parks take team and individual registrations, so come and give us a try. All regular kickball rules apply with some safety rules added to ensure a fun and safe atmosphere. Call for more details.



Pickle Ball

PLACE Colman Park

Raytown's newest recreation activity is going to be great! Played on a scaled down tennis court with wooden paddles, it is a great active family game targeted at having fun. Rules are a combination of badminton, tennis, and ping-pong. Serves are underhand, and games are played to 11 points.

Kids' Day at Kenagy

DATE June 17 **TIME** 10am-1pm

This is a FREE event at Kenagy Park, open to all ages. Stable-T-Farms will be bringing their petting zoo to the park for the kids to enjoy! Also, a police car, fire truck and ambulance will be there for the kids to explore!



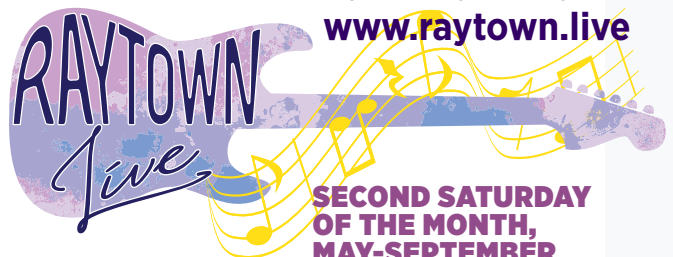
Softball

• Spring/Summer **COST**
 • Adult Fall **\$310-\$510**

FIELD AVAILABILITY SUBJECT TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS. Raytown offers softball leagues for Men's, Women's, Coed, and 50+ teams. The leagues are ASA sanctioned, with the league providing balls, a rainout line, score keepers, and an umpire for each game. The fields are maintained and lined daily. Leagues include 7-14 games, depending on the league.

Raytown Live Concert Series

MORE INFORMATION
www.raytown.live



SECOND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH, MAY-SEPTEMBER

7pm - 9pm
ON THE GREENSPACE
 TOWN CENTER, DOWNTOWN RAYTOWN
 62ND & RAYTOWN RD



Tennis

Adult Tennis League

SPRING May 18 **TIME** 7pm
SUMMER Jul 27 **PLACE** Colman
RUNS 10 weeks **COST** \$45

This is a fun, active and social league with an onsite tennis coordinator to run the league. Drinks and balls will be provided. Sign up at the Raytown Parks Department office before the class starts or at the Colman Tennis courts the first night of the league. Start dates are tentative.

Adult Tennis Lessons

DATE Mon/Thurs 7pm
RUNS 3 weeks
PLACE Colman Park & Kenagy Park
COST \$50 pp

Register at the Raytown Park office before classes begin April 26th, next sessions May 17th, or June 7th.

LEVEL	WEEKDAY	START DATE/PARK	TIME
Recreational 1	Monday & Thursday	May 10 Colman	7:00 p.m.
Recreational 2	Monday & Thursday	June 7 Colman	7:00 p.m.
Recreational 3	Monday & Thursday	June 28 Colman	7:00 p.m.
Recreational 1	Monday & Thursday	July 19 Colman	7:00 p.m.
Recreational 2	Monday & Thursday	August 9 Colman	7:00 p.m.
Recreational 3	Monday & Thursday	August 30 Colman	7:00 p.m.

Youth Tennis Lessons

TIME 6pm
RUNS 5 weeks
PLACE Colman Park
COST \$45 pp

LEVEL	WEEKDAY	START DATE/PARK	TIME
Beginner	Monday	June 7 Colman	6:00 p.m.
Intermediate	Thursday	June 3 Colman	6:00 p.m.
Beginner	Monday	July 12 Colman	6:00 p.m.
Intermediate	Thursday	July 15 Colman	6:00 p.m.

Youth Tennis Lessons are on Tuesday (Beginner) or Thursday (Intermediate) evenings starting at 6pm at Colman Park. The classes are 5 weeks long and cost \$45 per person.



Raytown BMX

Raytown BMX. Home for the 2000, 2015, 2016, 2018 USA BMX Nationals!

BMX (Bicycle Motocross) for ALL ages in your City's backyard! We cater to all ages and athletic abilities. Our youngest riders ride Balance bikes (we have the only balance bike track in the metro area) and our oldest riders are 50+ hitting the big track. We have loaner bikes and helmets available to use for free! The track hosts races every Thursday evening that span a season from April – November. Nationals will be back this year, July 23 – 25!

Come try BMX for FREE! Join us this season: Monday's gates open at 6:30pm for practice. Thursday's gates open at 6pm. Signups 6-7pm, racing shortly after.

Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and raytownbmx.org.



Rice-Tremonti

HISTORIC HOME AVAILABLE FOR YOUR EVENT

One of the most historic properties in the region is located right here in Raytown. Located at 8801 E. 66 Street, the Rice-Tremonti Home was built in 1844 as a jumping-off place for many travelers on the Santa Fe, California and Oregon Trails during westward expansion.

Visitors are welcome to attend events sponsored by the Friends of the Rice-Tremonti Home. Tours are available from Leigh Elmore at 816-510-8179. The house and grounds are available for rentals to the public through Barb Schlapia at 816-277-7934 or barbs11960@juno.com

www.rice-tremonti.org

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