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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



I want to say how proud I am to be the Mayor of this wonderful City. This past year has continued to be challenging for many as we have continued to battle COVID-19 and its effects. Our community has stayed strong for one another and helped those needing assistance by stepping up when necessary.

Despite the challenges, we have continued to move forward with a “get it done” attitude. City projects have

been completed and some are still in the planning or design stage to improve Raytown’s infrastructure, including but not limited to our road and storm sewers. Improvements to our sanitary sewer system in efforts to cut down the infiltration of rainwater into our sanitary sewer system continue. Eventually, the work on our sanitary sewer system will result in lower sewer bills for Raytown property owners and customers.

On August 2, 2022, voters will find three questions on the ballot. Questions 1 and 2 will ask for authorization to issue General Obligation Bonds for the purpose to construct, reconstruct, extend and improve the City’s streets, roads, bridges, sidewalks and storm sewers. These will be debt services bonds which would be paid back through an assessment on properties. Question 3 will ask Raytown voters to raise the property tax levy for ongoing operations and maintenance. The last time Raytown voters approved an operating levy increase for the City of Raytown proper, not the Raytown School District and not the Raytown Fire District, was in 1978.

If Raytown voters choose not to support the three ballot items, the City will continue to work on repairing and building the deteriorating infrastructures at the current levels of funding. It is estimated that it would take over 40 years to complete all the repairs presently needed. One can only imagine what shape our infrastructure will be in by then.

On a lighter note, the Raytown Live free music series returns every 2nd Saturday from May through September on the green space at 62nd and Raytown Road from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Watch the City’s and Raytown Parks social media pages for more free events such as the Fishing Derby, Farmers Market, Raytown Festival of Trails and other events featured in this newsletter.

I encourage everyone to enjoy the trails, parks and other amenities that our small town in the middle of a flourishing metropolitan area has to offer.

God Bless you all.

Mayor Mike McDonough

In Case You Missed It

Our 2021 Year in Review can be read online at raytown.mo.us/newsroom.

Would you like to receive online updates and news? Keep informed by joining our e-news mailing list at raytown.mo.us.



Parade of Hearts in Raytown

“Fostering Saves Lives” by Ashley Corbello

In March, another public art piece was installed in Raytown’s Pocket Park as part of the Parade of Hearts, a city-wide public art installation. The “Fostering Saves Lives” statue by Ashley Corbello can be viewed until June at the Pocket Park on the corner of Raytown Road and 63rd Street.

Staff Highlights

The City of Raytown's staff make the City's service to the community a reality. Congratulations to our award-winning staff members on their recent honors and their remarkable years of service.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS



Stephanie Boyce is a participant in the 2022 American Public Works Association's (APWA) Emerging Leaders Academy (ELA), a year-long national program. Boyce will present with her classmates a final paper at PWX, APWA's annual conference in August 2022.

ANNIVERSARIES



Dave Berry
35 Years!

NOW HIRING

For full descriptions and how to apply, go to raytown.mo.us/jobopportunities

- Maintenance worker
- Senior Maintenance Worker
- Sanitary Sewer Crew Leader
- Street Crew Leader

To apply, complete an employment application and return with optional resume to: Raytown City Hall, 10000 E 59th St., Raytown, MO 64133 or fax to: 816-737-6097 or email to hr@raytown.mo.us.

NEW EMPLOYEES

Mathias Lwomeleza joined the City of Raytown on Sept. 13, 2021 as the new Superintendent of Public Works. Previously, Lwomeleza served the City of Independence, Missouri's Public Works department for more than 11 years. Lwomeleza holds bachelor's and master's degrees in Economics, both from UMKC.



Festival of Trails Returns Sept. 10

All events are FREE to attend and open to all ages

Join us on Sept. 10, 2022, 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 history through events at various locations in Raytown. Information will be updated on the Raytown's Festival of Trails Facebook page.



www.makeyourdayhere.com/Facilities/Rock-Island-Trail-Update

Farmers Market Returns to Raytown



Farmers Market Schedule

- May 19
- June 23
- July 21
- Aug. 18
- Sept. 15
- Oct. 20

At the March 15 Board of Aldermen meeting, a resolution was passed supporting the Raytown Farmers Market in the Central Business District. Located on 62nd Street between Raytown Road and Blue Ridge Boulevard, the market will be held the third Thursday of every month, from 4 - 7 p.m.

In addition to produce, other vendors may include meat, dairy, baked goods, pet treats, honey and more. For more information or to become a vendor, call 816-737-6090.

Recycle Fest 2022

On April 2, the City of Raytown held Recycle Fest, a community-wide recycling event in the Raytown South High School parking lot. The goal was to avert as much as possible from a landfill or being illegally dumped.

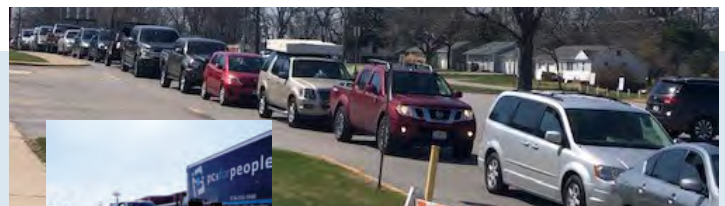
Raytown residents started lining up as early as 6:45 a.m. for the 3-hour event that started at 8 a.m.



**A TOTAL OF 308 CARS,
WHICH IS ABOUT 100
CARS AN HOUR**

The City of Raytown received a small project assistance funds grant from the Mid-America Regional Council to help defray the costs associated with this event.

Other vendors at the event that received gently used household goods, furniture and more included Restore and Goodwill. Local animal shelter Midwest Animal ResQ was also on site collecting gently used pet supplies.



COLLECTION STATS



23,739 lbs of electronics on 32 pallets



8,750 lbs of paper collected and shredded



84 mattresses and box springs



156.25 lbs of glass

Raytown PD Now Hiring Dispatch, Police and Detention

Go to www.raytownpolice.org or call 816-737-6105 for more information.

Popsicles with Police

Bring your kids for free popsicles! Tour a police car and chat with officers!

WHEN/WHERE: To be held Saturdays during the summer. Dates and locations will be posted on the Raytown Police Facebook Page.

Raytown Police Safety Fair

A free event for all ages! Receive crime prevention tips on ways to protect your home or business, tour a police car and SWAT equipment, learn about CERT (Community Emergency Response Team), Ham radio and more.

WHEN/WHERE: This event will be held on a Saturday in August. Date and location will be posted on the Raytown Police Facebook Page.

Primary Election in the City of Raytown

Question 1

“Shall the City of Raytown, Missouri issue its general obligation bonds in the amount not to exceed \$46,000,000.00 to acquire, construct, reconstruct, extend and improve the City’s streets, roads, bridges and sidewalks?”

The authorization of the bonds will authorize the City to maintain tangible property tax rates sufficient to pay the interest and principal on the bonds until fully paid.

Question 2

“Shall the City of Raytown, Missouri issue its general obligation bonds in the amount not to exceed \$7,200,000.00 to acquire, construct, reconstruct, extend and improve the City’s storm sewer system?”

The authorization of the bonds will authorize the City to maintain tangible property tax rates sufficient to pay the interest and principal on the bonds until fully paid.



Question 3

“Shall there be a \$0.30 increase in tax levy on one hundred dollars valuation for general municipal purposes in the City of Raytown, Missouri?”

PROPERTY TAXES

Raytown homeowners are currently paying a nickel on every dollar paid in property taxes. The dollar bill shows who gets what of every dollar paid in property taxes. Visit oneraytown.com for more information about the GO bond.



★ 2022 ★

RAYTOWN GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND

2 AUGUST 2, 2022

Vote!

WHAT ARE GENERAL OBLIGATION (GO) BONDS?

Simply put, GO bonds serve as a way for the City to raise funds for projects like roads, infrastructure, bridges, and parks through a loan that is guaranteed by the full faith and credit of the City.

WHY DOES RAYTOWN NEED GO BONDS?

Currently, our roads have deteriorated to poor conditions. Our infrastructure lacks proper stormwater drainage, sidewalks, ADA compliant intersections and safe streets. Our current budget to fix roads and associated infrastructure can only cover 1% annually. At this rate, it will take an estimated 40 years to complete all the road and storm sewer repairs and reconstruction needed.

GO Bonds will prequalify the City for up to \$53 million. This will allow the City to complete projects as we go, which provides an overall cost savings to residents because we can repay the loan over 20 years.

Questions 1, 2 and 3 work together to rebuild, reconstruct and maintain the City's roads and infrastructure.

DID YOU KNOW?

For the price of a cup of coffee a day (approximately \$1.00), revenue generated by the GO bonds will allow the City of Raytown the necessary local match to apply for significant federal infrastructure dollars. This approach reduces reliance on Raytown taxpayers.



WHERE IS THE MONEY GOING?



NEIGHBORHOOD STREET RECONSTRUCTION AND INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS [QUESTION 1]

\$46,000,000.00 (not to exceed) to reconstruct, extend and improve the City's streets, roads, bridges, and sidewalks.



STORM SEWER REPLACEMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS [QUESTION 2]

\$7,200,000.00 (not to exceed) to repair, reconstruct, extend and improve the City's storm sewer system.



ONGOING OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE [QUESTION 3]

\$0.30 increase in mill levy on \$100.00 valuation for general municipal purposes.

This could include road repair and maintenance, snow removal, etc., from now and into the future.

OVER 40% OF RAYTOWN'S ROADS ARE IN NEED OF REPAIR

DID YOU KNOW?



The City of Raytown has not passed a property tax increase since 1978. At that time, gas was \$0.63 a gallon, and Saturday Night Fever was the No. 1 movie!

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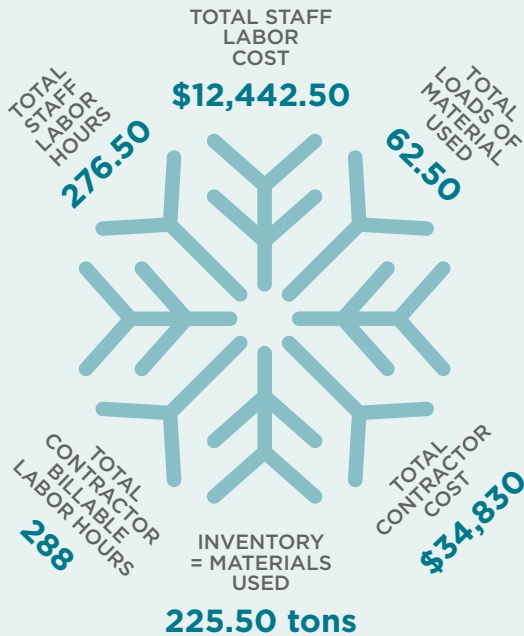


Snow Operations Statistics

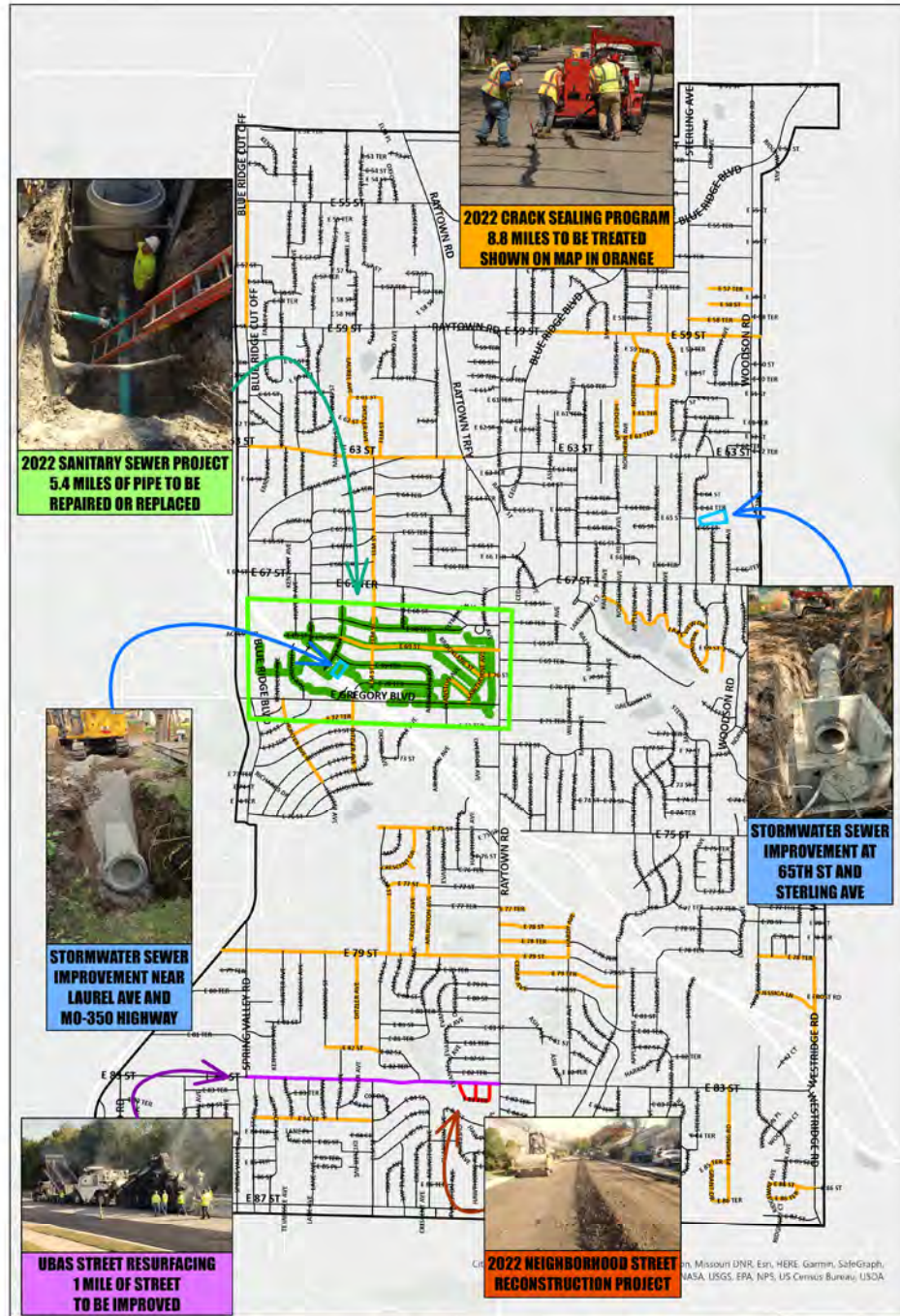
Here is the breakdown of the snow operations statistics for the season.

January 6 Snow/Ice events
February 5 Snow/Ice events

Total Snow/Ice events = 11



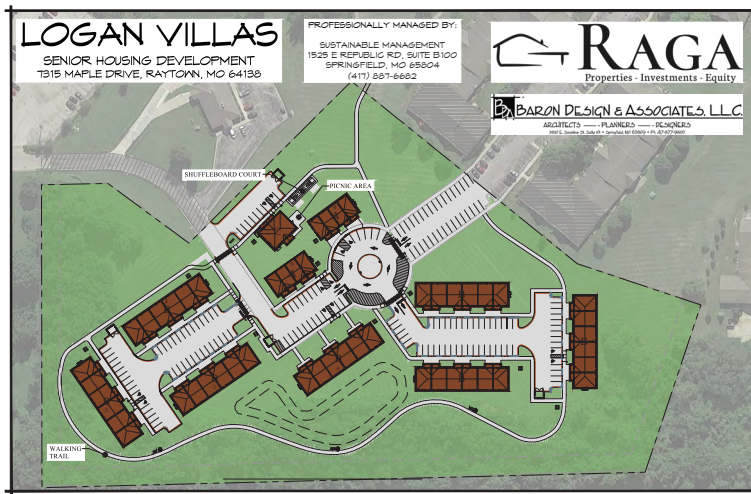
2022 Public Improvements



Sign Up Now to Receive Raytown Emergency Alerts and Severe Weather Notifications

Subscribe to the **Nixle Community Notification System** to receive real-time alerts for localized emergency situations, including severe weather. It's quick and easy! The service is secure, reliable, and free. As a resident, here are several simple ways to register:

1. Text your zip code to **888777** from your mobile phone
2. Text "**Raytown**" to **888777** from your mobile phone
3. Go to www.nixle.com and sign up



Community Developments

The Board of Aldermen approved nearly \$16 million in projects (based upon cost estimates provided by developers) in 2021.

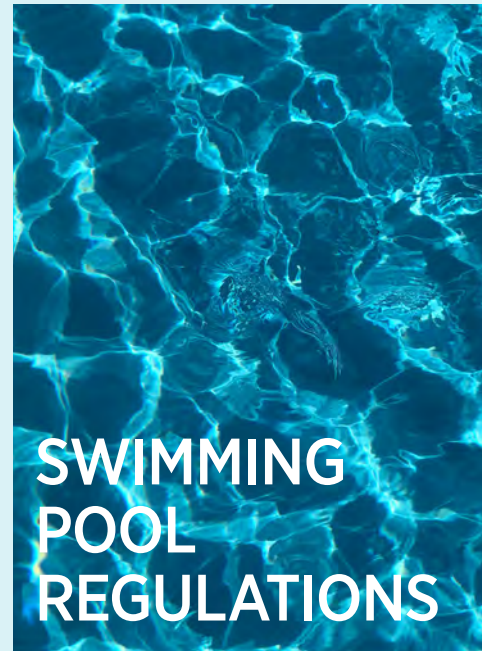
1. **Logan Villas (pictured above)**
 - a. A 50-unit senior independent living complex at 7300 Maple Drive
 - b. Scheduled completion date: June 2022
 - c. Estimated Investment: \$7 million
2. **ARS Treatment Facility**
 - a. A residential treatment facility for drug or alcohol abuse
 - b. 11901 Jessica Lane
 - c. Scheduled completion date: later this year
 - d. Estimated Investment: \$7 million
3. **Cloud Nine Convenience Store and Fuel Station**
 - a. 6709 Raytown Road
 - b. About \$1 to 2 million

Additionally, Expo Holdings invested more than \$22 million in four apartment complexes totalling 171 units.

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.



SWIMMING POOL REGULATIONS

Did you know that any pool, spa or hot tub capable of holding 24 inches of water must obtain a construction permit?

These design controls are intended to provide protection against potential drowning and near drownings.

In addition to obtaining a construction permit, here are other requirements:

- Provide 2 copies of site plan or bird's eye view of entire property, including distances between buildings on property and square footage.
- The area in which the pool is located shall be entirely enclosed and separated from adjoining property by a protective fence or other permanent structure between four and six feet in height.
- The protective enclosure shall be provided with gates and locks and locked when the pool is not attended.

For a full list of zoning code regulations and online permit application, go to raytown.mo.us/communitydevelopment or call 816-737-6014.

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



Fishing Derby

DATE June 4 **PLACE** Kenagy
TIME 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. **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!



Adult Coed Kickball

STARTS June 3 **COST** \$170
RUNS 6 weeks **per team (up**
PLACE Kenagy **to 20 people)**

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.



Softball

- Spring/Summer **COST**
- Adult Fall (Aug.) **\$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; costs depend on the league.

Raytown Live Concert Series

RAYTOWN Live
Summer Family Concert Series
 7-9 p.m.
 On the Greenspace
 Town Center, Downtown Raytown

May 14 Flashback Trio
 Jun 11 Oasis
 Jul 09 Platinum Express
 Aug 13 The Supermaties
 Sep 10 Nick Schnebelen
September Event Time: 6-8 PM

Sponsored By:

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 Knuckleheads Saloon
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HyVee #1542
 The Irish Pub House
 Mayor Mike McDonough
 Raytown-Lee's Summit Community
 Credit Union
 Dave & Daneen Thurman

More Information:
www.Raytown.Live

Print Date: 28 April 2022



Rice-Tremonti

HISTORIC HOME AVAILABLE FOR YOUR EVENT

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.

The house and grounds are available to rent for receptions, showers, dinners & birthday parties for \$150 plus a refundable \$100 damage deposit.

Contact Leigh Elmore for availability, reservations, or to book a private tour: leighroi@kc.rr.com or 816-510-8179. www.rice-tremonti.org



Tennis

Kenagy Tennis Court Rebuild

Over the past couple of years, your Raytown Parks Department has been working towards a grant to have the Kenagy Tennis Courts rebuilt. We are excited to announce that we received the grant and construction started winter 2021 and will finish the summer of 2022! Follow our Facebook page (facebook.com/raytownparks) for updates through summer.

Adult Tennis League

SPRING May 10 **TIME** 7 p.m.
SUMMER Jul 19 **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 7 p.m.

RUNS 5 weeks

PLACE Colman Park

COST \$50 pp

LEVEL	DAY/START DATE	TIME
Recreational Beginner	Monday, May 16th	7 p.m.
Recreational Intermediate	Monday, July 11th	7 p.m.

Register at the Raytown Parks office before classes begin May 16, next session July 11. Start dates are tentative.

Youth Tennis Lessons

TIME 6 p.m.

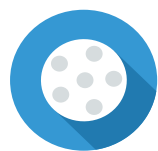
RUNS 5 weeks

PLACE Colman Park

COST \$45 pp

LEVEL	LOCATION	DAY/START DATE	TIME
Recreational Beginner	Colman	Monday, May 16th	6 p.m.
Recreational Intermediate	Colman	Monday, July 11th	6 p.m.

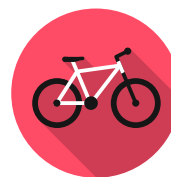
Start dates are tentative.



Pickle Ball

PLACE Colman Park

Played on a scaled down tennis court with wooden paddles, pickle ball is a great active family game targeted at having fun. Rent paddles and balls from the Parks office. Rules are a combination of badminton, tennis, and ping-pong. Serves are underhand, and games played to 11 points. Call Parks for more information, 816-358-4100.



Raytown BMX

Raytown BMX. Home for the 2000, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2021 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.

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

Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and raytownbmx.org.

Kids' Day at Kenagy

DATE June 9 **TIME** 10 a.m. -1 p.m.

This is a FREE event at Kenagy Park (79th & Arlington) open to all ages. There will be a petting zoo, and we have requested a police car, fire truck and an ambulance for kids to explore. Sponsored by Connection Point and Raytown Parks.



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For more information, click on [Calendar of Events](#) at [raytown.mo.us](#) website.



Calendar

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- 19 Farmers Market

JUNE

- 4 Fishing Derby
- 4 National Trails Day/2nd Anniversary of the Rock Island Trail
- 5 Raytown Day at the K
- 7 Board of Aldermen meeting
- 11 Raytown Live
- 21 Board of Aldermen meeting
- 23 Farmers Market
- 27 Alderwoman Mims Town Hall with Rep. Cleaver

JULY

- 5 Board of Aldermen meeting
- 6 Last Day to register to vote
- 9 Raytown Live
- 19 Board of Aldermen meeting
- 19 Raytown Chamber AM Connections at City Hall
- 21 Farmers Market

AUGUST

- 2 Election
- 9 Board of Aldermen meeting
- 13 Raytown Live
- 16 Board of Aldermen meeting
- 18 Farmers Market

SEPTEMBER

- 10 Raytown Live / Festival of the Trails
- 15 Farmers Market