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**BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETINGS:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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



Hard to believe that Autumn is upon us again. This seemed a fast and busy summer for most everyone I know, including all of us here at City Hall. We received a yearly report from our outside auditor. Once again, the City was given a clean audit for how the tax money was used and accounted for. This is the fifth year in a row that we have received this finding. It indicates that we are taking great care in the spending of your tax dollars.

The people of our community are its greatest treasure. I have met folks travelling through our city, visiting relatives and friends here, or have moved here. The most common thread of those conversations is that this place feels like home, how wonderful the business owners are, and how helpful and friendly the people are. Keep up that spirit Raytown. It really does show.

We are blessed to have a most wonderful Chamber of Commerce and Tourism, a very active Raytown Main Street Association, as well as other groups such as Raytown Rotary Club, Raytown Education Foundation and many more. These are the kinds of organizations that make Raytown such a warm community.

I want to point out too, just some of our long-time businesses that have served our citizens and have chosen to make Raytown their home: Rolland Studios, getting ready to celebrate 90 years in business, has been in Raytown since 1976; Clark's Appliances, more than 66 years in business; H & H Color Lab, 50 years; Shamrock Cabinets, 47 years; The Store - Pollards Meat Market since 1986; Dynamic Fastener since 1986, Daily Double, 27 years; Las Chilis more than 30 years; Eclipse Bar and Grill 20 years; and the Irish Pub, celebrating 16 years. Other businesses with longevity include Elite Booth, which opened in Raytown in 2013, and has since expanded to meet their customer needs, and Accurate Gear and Machining, who's been here since 2015. There are many more, but my space is limited. Thanks to all our mom-and-pop businesses for making your home here. I appreciate all our business.

I want to thank you, the voters, for re-electing me to office. I will continue to work with staff and the other elected officials, to make improvements to our infrastructure and other important items to move our town forward. We will continue our efforts at recruiting more police officers and support staff, to build a stronger department and safer community. Recruiting is everyone's job. If you know someone who would like to be a police officer, have them apply. It is very hard to find folks that want to do that job, nowadays.

The free summer family music concert series, known as Raytown Live, was a great success again this year. Thanks to those that sponsored the season and thank you to all that came and enjoyed the music and stayed for the company of their neighbors and the community. Thanks especially to the Raytown Live crew for setting it up and breaking it down each month. Dave Turner, Dave Thurman, Gage Colton, April Harrington, Vicki Turnbow, and me.

I encourage you all to get out and enjoy the trails, parks, and other amenities of our town. Shop and support the businesses here and get to know your neighbors. Support your first responders. Watch out for one another. We need each other. We all count. This is our Raytown. Be caring and kind. I love this town and I know you do too.

God Bless You. God Bless our City and God bless these United States of America,

Mayor Mike McDonough

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Raytown Police Safety Fair**

Stay tuned for updates!

**SEPTEMBER 21ST, 2023 5-8 PM**  
**KENAGY PARK**



### CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY

Ever wonder where you could learn more about the Raytown Police Department? The answer is the Citizen Police Academy. Over 7 weeks you will learn about the different departments of the RPD. This includes things like Patrol Operations, use of force, how dispatch works, and more.

There is no cost to participants to attend

**EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT**

**9/20/2023 -11/1/2023**

**6:15 – 8:30**

**VIEW ALL THE DETAILS AND APPLY AT**

[WWW.RAYTOWNPOLICE.ORG](http://WWW.RAYTOWNPOLICE.ORG)

# 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.

## ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to our staff celebrating 5 or more years of service:

### 30 plus years

- David Berry
- Andy Boyd
- Jason Hanson
- Tony Mesa
- Brian Porch
- Alan Loftis
- Brad Schwarz
- Rhonda Wooderson

### 25 - 29 years

- Paul Beitling
- Dyon Harper
- Randy Hudspeth
- Mary Ann McCormick
- Candice Schwarz

### 20 - 24 years

- Dan Berry
- Jonda DeMarco
- Aaron Hixon
- Edwina Phillips
- Jared Rogers
- Tom Saccardi
- Lora Shireman
- Chris Shrout
- Loutrecas Thurman
- Dave Turner

### 15 - 19 years

- Nathan Brand
- Debbie Duncan
- Nicole Growney
- Evan Hartenstein
- Teresa Henry

### 10 - 14 years

- LaMonica Adkins
- Michele Anderson
- Alan Bancroft
- Vern Fowler
- Tom Greer
- Marcus Hankins
- Larry Jackson
- Frank McDevitt
- Jeff McGill
- Melody Schaefer
- Kyle Stoker
- Holly Tyrrell

### 5 - 9 years

- John Bales
- Todd Fox
- Stephanie Griggs
- Mallory Harrison
- Damon Hodges
- Brandon Jeffery
- Jeffrey Peterman
- David Phelps
- Rudy Rodriguez Hernandez
- Trevor Shroyer
- Michael Stolze
- Ken Weatherspoon
- Missy Wilson
- Joe Wise

## NEW EMPLOYEES

We welcome the following new employees:

### Community Development

- Shana Kelly

### Finance

- Cindy Simon

### Parks

- Jonathan Lewis

### Police

- Rachel Adams
- Jason McWhirt

### Public Works

- Christian Love

## RETIREMENT

Congratulations to the following staff who have retired:

- Kim Mawhiney, 38 years

## Business Licensing and Permitting are Online

- Pet Licenses
- Building Permits
- Inspections
- Business Licenses

The Community Development Department has gone online with their permitting and licensing processes. Businesses are able to submit documents online and pay online. So far, the department estimates that 90% of all incoming business licenses and permits are being submitted using this new system. This will cut down on the amount of paper being used.

To utilize this service, use this link: [raytown.mo.us](http://raytown.mo.us).

For additional questions, please call the main Community Development line at 816-737-6014.



# Goose Flying High Again Thanks to Animal Control

Community Development's Animal Control employees worked with citizens and Parks and Recreation Department employees to untangle a goose and set it free.

The goose had goslings and was unable to care for them, until staff was able to free her from her entanglement.

## Minor Home Repair Program

The Community Development Department continues to work with **Habitat for Humanity** to help Raytown citizens with minor home repairs. So far, they have completed 3 projects with 5 in the works. Minor home repair consists of dead tree removal, minor home painting/repair, driveway repair, and anything that will benefit the home and thereby the community. Applicants must be income qualified, and are placed on a list which is first-come first-served, and are vetted by Habitat for Humanity. For additional questions, please contact Diane Egger, Community Development Director, at 816-737-6093.

BEFORE



AFTER



# Stormwater Grant Update

In November 2022, the City of Raytown Public Works Department received a **\$4.3 million grant from the America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)** through the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.



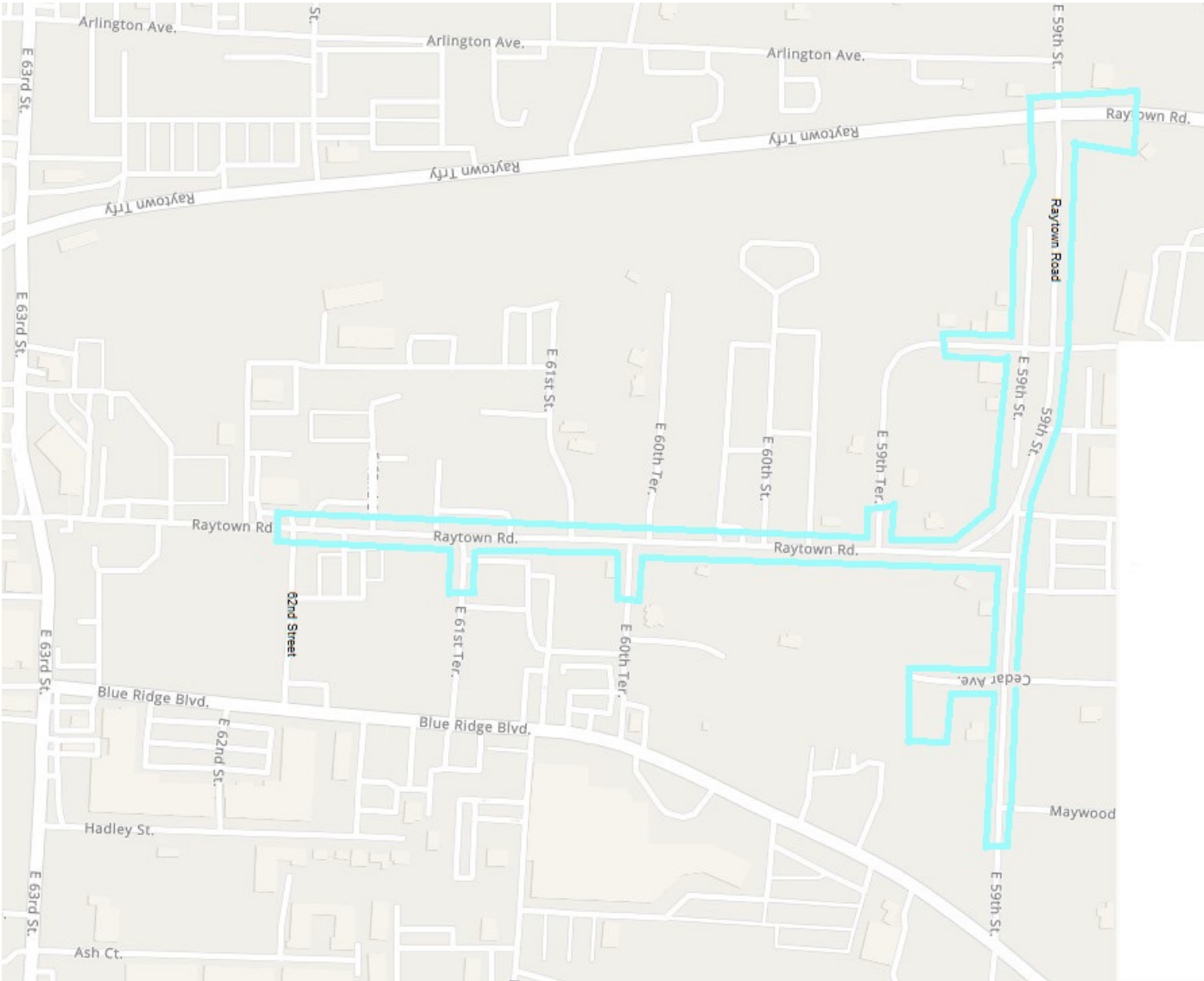
This substantial grant is allocated to enhance the stormwater system in the vicinity of 59th Street and Raytown Trafficway, extending eastward to 62nd Street and Raytown Road.

City staff, in collaboration with their engineering firm, have made continual efforts to finalize project plans for the project. Additionally, we organized a community meeting on June 8, for those in the affected area. Lastly, we coordinated with utility agencies, and are actively seeking easements from property owners. All these measures have been taken to ensure the successful implementation of the stormwater system improvement.

The project is expected to go through the bidding process in early 2024, with construction to start Spring 2024. For more information, please visit our website at [www.raytown.mo.us/publicworks](http://www.raytown.mo.us/publicworks).

## Pothole Challenge

This past May, the Public Works doubled up on crews to fill as many potholes as possible for one entire week. Using 2 trucks and two teams of 3 people each, even understaffed, the team was able to patch 200 potholes in one week, using approximately 20 tons of asphalt.



*The 59th Street and Raytown Road Stormwater Improvement Project will remove the existing deteriorated stormwater system and replace it with a new concrete pipe system. Some curbing, sidewalks, and ADA ramps will also be replaced. The streets will receive a 2" mill & asphalt overlay at the end of the project. Design of this stormwater project is ongoing, and the easement acquisitions are in progress.*

# Winter Preparedness Checklist

## Home Winter Preparedness Checklist

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Select Foods</b> See Additional Checklist	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Warm Clothing</b> Hats, Mittens, Parkas, Boots	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Flashlights &amp; Extra Batteries</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Disposable Dishware</b> Plates, Bowls, Utensils	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Extra Blankets</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>First Aid Kit</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Specialty Items</b> Meds, Infant Formula, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Matches</b> For Candles & Gas Fireplaces	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Cell Phone</b> Fully Charged
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Portable Radio</b> AM/FM/Wx Radio & Batteries	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Shovel/Snow Blower</b> Check condition & maintain	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Firewood</b> For Wood Fireplaces

## Car Winterization Checklist

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Check Engine Fluid Levels</b> Oil, Coolant, Washer Fluid, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Inspect Tire Tread</b> Replace if Near Wear Limit
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Test Battery</b> Replace if Necessary	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Install Snow Tires if You Own a Set</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Use Deicing Washer Fluid</b> Clean Windshield at Low Temps	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Test Headlights &amp; Taillights</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Switch to Synthetic Oil</b> Handles the Cold Better	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Add &amp; Inspect Winter Survival Kit</b>

## Home Winter Survival Food Checklist

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Canned Fruits and Vegetables</b> Requires a Manual Can Opener	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Bread and Condiments</b> Keep Bread Frozen to Last Longer
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Crackers, Nuts, Fruit Bars, Chips</b> High Energy Foods	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Cereal and Toaster Pastries</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Soups</b> Some Soups Require Water or Heating	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Meals Ready to Eat (MREs)</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Cookies and Hard Candy</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Bottled Water</b> 1 gallon per person, per day (for at least 3 days)

## Car Winter Survival Kit Checklist

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Flashlight &amp; Extra Batteries</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Blankets/Sleeping Bag</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Extra Clothing</b> Hats, Mittens, Parkas, Boots
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>First Aid Kit</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Non-Perishable Food</b> Granola Bars, Dried nuts, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Sand/Kitty Litter</b> Used for Traction
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Snow Shovel</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Bottled Water</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Cell Phone &amp; Charger</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Ice Scraper with Brush</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Booster Cables</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Flares/Triangles &amp; other Bright Objects</b>



Scan the QR Code with your smart phone for the latest updates on the Facebook page.

# 3rd ANNUAL Raytown's Festival of the Trails Saturday, September 9, 2023



Events are FREE to attend (donations will be accepted). Food, beverage and retail items available for purchase. For more information, email the Raytown Parks at [davet@raytownparks.com](mailto:davet@raytownparks.com).

## EVENT SCHEDULE

### Rice-Tremonti Home

8801 E. 66th Street | 10:00am to 5:00pm

- Bake Sale (whole pies) and ice cream treats
- Blacksmith
- Buffalo Soldiers 2:00pm - 3:30pm
- Craft Fair
- Food Trucks and Dining Tent
- Home tours, scheduled periodically
- Kids Crafts
- Kids Games by Connection Point and the River Church
- Living Historians
- Messner Bee Farm
- Missouri Free Trappers

- Sophie White portrayal 11:00am - 1:30pm
- Windy Hollow Historical Band
- Wool Spinning Demonstrations
- Information Booth presented by the Raytown Chamber

### Raytown Live, Greenspace in Town Center in downtown Raytown

10009 62nd Street | 6:00pm - 8:00pm

- Food for purchase
- Kids Games
- Live Music – Levee Town Band 6:00pm



## Clean-Up Coupons

The Public Works Department offers a coupon worth \$25 for the price of \$5.

### Bulky Items

- Excess household trash
- Cardboard
- Box springs/mattresses
- Bicycles
- Toys
- Car Seats
- Grills (no propane tanks)
- Televisions
- Furniture fixtures (no fluorescent lights)

- Sofas
- Chairs
- Tables

### Yard Waste

- Brush
- Tree trimmings
- Grass clippings
- Leaves

Coupons may be used for bulky item pick-up through GFL or yard waste disposal through Missouri Organic. Each household in Raytown is allowed 4 coupons per year, and they expire after 60 days from date of issue.

**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.

For more information on the Clean-Up Coupon Program, visit us at [raytown.mo.us](http://raytown.mo.us) or call the Public Works Department at 816-737-6012.

# Raytown Parks & Recreation

Keep an eye out for these events and more on the Raytown Parks and Recreation website, [raytownparks.com](http://raytownparks.com). Dates and times to be provided in late winter/early spring.



## Raytown Live Concert Series

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

The final concert of the season is Saturday, September 9, 6-8 pm. The monthly concerts are free and supported by sponsors. Food trucks and vendors are also onsite during the performances.

Thank you to our wonderful sponsors and citizens. For more information about the Raytown Live concert series, follow us on Facebook and the Raytown Parks website. To become involved in the Raytown Live concert series as a sponsor, volunteer or supporter, contact the Raytown Parks Department at 816-358-4100 or by email, [davet@raytownparks.com](mailto:davet@raytownparks.com). We hope to see you there!



## Youth Basketball

**Youth basketball registration begins September 1.**

Practices start in November (Monday – Thursday evenings) Coaches will notify parents/guardians near the end of October with day, time, and location of practice. Games will be played on Saturdays, Dec. 2, 9, 16, Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27 and Feb. 3, 10, 17. Make up date: Feb. 24. (All dates are tentative.)

**Where:** Raytown Schools

**Cost:**  
**\$62\* per player K-3rd grade**  
**\$72\* per player 4th – 6th grade**  
**Additional \$10 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)



## Rice-Tremonti Home

**HISTORIC HOME AVAILABLE FOR YOUR EVENT**

The Rice-Tremonti Home, located at 8801 E 66th Street, served as a “jumping off” point for many travelers on the Santa Fe, California and Oregon Trails during the nation’s westward expansion.

Archibald Rice and his family, who immigrated to Missouri from North Carolina, settled the property in the 1830s. Other notable owners of the property include the Roger Lowe Family who farmed the land from the early 1900s through the 1920s. Louis G. Tremonti and his wife, Gloria, lived in the home and did a major renovation in the 1930s. Dr. Tremonti died in 1949 and Gloria continued to live in the house until 1987.

Visitors are welcome to stroll the grounds and attend events sponsored by the Friends of the Rice-Tremonti Home, the not-for-profit, all-volunteer group organized to save the house in 1988. If you would like to book a private tour of the Rice-Tremonti Home and Aunt Sophie’s Cabin, call Leigh Elmore at 816-510-8179. The home and grounds are available to rent for receptions, bridal and baby showers, dinners, holiday and birthday parties.

To read more about the history of this property, go to [www.rice-tremonti.org](http://www.rice-tremonti.org).



# Raytown BMX

Home of the  
2000, 2015,  
2016, 2018, 2021,  
2023 USA BMX  
Nationals!



## Bicycle BMX FOR ALL AGES IN YOUR CITY'S BACKYARD!

The Raytown BMX Association is a non-profit organization operating the Raytown BMX pedal bike racing facility in Kansas City, Missouri; established in 1999, sanctioned by USABMX, we are a team of volunteers providing area residents an exciting family-oriented activity that teaches the value of hard work, dedication, and perseverance.

We strive to instill a sense of community involvement in our activities and provide a structured reward system for riders as they achieve success. The Association is guided by a Board of Directors who help set the tone and direction for the track.

We cater to all ages and athletic abilities. No One Sits On The Bench in

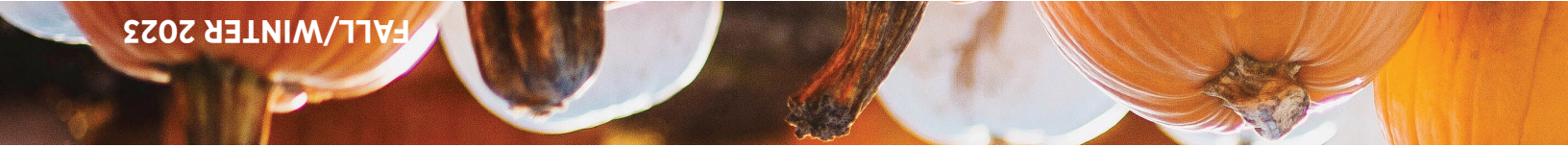
BMX! Our youngest riders start at the age of 1 and ride Balance bikes (we have the only balance bike track in the metro area) and our oldest riders are 50+ hitting the big track. We have loaner bikes and helmets available to use for free!

The track hosts races every Thursday evening that spans a season from April-November. We also host a yearly race that brings all BMX riders from the state of Missouri to compete. Our biggest race next year that we host is one of the USA BMX Mid-America Nationals. It brings in over 5,000 riders and spectators from across the USA. Our last 2023 National brought riders from as far as California!

We are also currently looking for Raytown business sponsorships. Let us post a banner with your company logo for thousands to see! The BMX community would love to support your business. We know the value of being a sponsor.

**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](https://www.facebook.com/raytownbmx). For more information, contact [raytownbmx1498@gmail.com](mailto:raytownbmx1498@gmail.com).



FALL/WINTER 2023



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**A CROSSROADS COMMUNITY**  
*embracing diversity and working together*

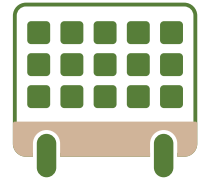
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**POSTAL CUSTOMER**

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## Calendar

For more information about city events, click on Calendar of Events at raytown.mo.us.

- SEPTEMBER**
- 4 Labor Day - City Offices Closed
  - 5 Board of Aldermen meeting
  - 7 Farmers' Market
  - 9 Festival of the Trails
  - 9 Raytown Live
  - 18 Park Board meeting
  - 19 Board of Aldermen meeting
  - 21 Farmers' Market
  - 21 Safety Fair

- OCTOBER**
- 3 Board of Aldermen meeting
  - 5 Planning & Zoning meeting
  - 5 Farmers' Market
  - 16 Park Board meeting
  - 17 Board of Aldermen meeting
  - 19 Farmers' Market
- NOVEMBER**
- 2 Planning & Zoning meeting
  - 7 Board of Aldermen meeting
  - 20 Park Board meeting

- DECEMBER**
- 21 Board of Aldermen meeting
  - 23 Thanksgiving - City Offices Closed
  - 24 City Offices Closed

- 1 Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony
- 5 Board of Aldermen meeting
- 7 Planning & Zoning meeting
- 18 Park Board meeting
- 19 Board of Aldermen meeting
- 22 City Offices Closed
- 25 Christmas - City Offices Closed