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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



Happy Spring and Summer to you all. May this season of growing and blooming remind us that nice weather and sunny days are ahead. After being inside all winter, it's good to get out and soak up some sunshine and meet with neighbors. As is true with any community, our people are our community's greatest asset. Over the next year and beyond, myself, our Board of Aldermen and City staff will continue our efforts to move this city forward to its full potential. Our city is a diverse, vibrant, and welcoming community, working together to be a part of the growing and exciting

metropolitan area. Over the next few years, the Kansas City region will host several exciting events. With Raytown being centrally located - minutes from the Truman Sports Complex - we need to ensure Raytown is prepared to be part of all the excitement!

Evidence of our city tackling basic infrastructure improvements speaks volumes to business owners operating in and tourists traveling throughout Raytown. Thank you, Raytown voters for approving the \$7.2 million in stormwater bonds. This is the first step of many that will allow us to be competitive in retaining, expanding, and attracting businesses. The Board of Aldermen and City staff will work, within the limits of what the taxpayers allow us in the City's budget, to fix the roads and other infrastructure. Even with all the challenges, our community continues to move forward with a "get it done" attitude.

Additionally, staff is working diligently to find grant funds from the state and federal government to construct much needed public improvements. In this last year alone, the Public Works Department secured a \$4.3 million grant to help address stormwater issues and the Parks Department secured \$3 million in grant funds, as well. Our Police Department also secured grants for equipment and technology totaling \$54,328.

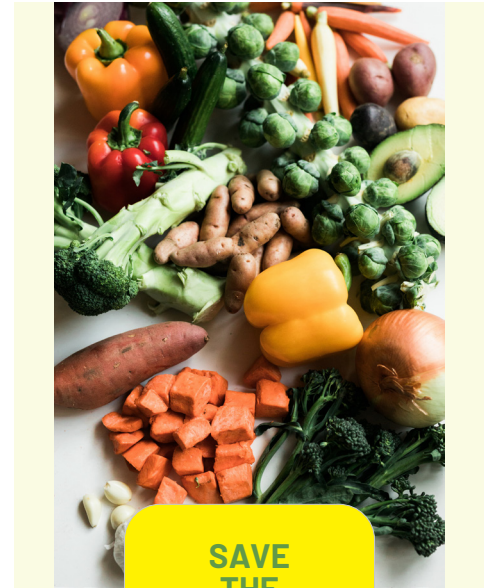
Projects have been completed, and some are still in the planning stages. These are all designed to help fix and maintain Raytown's infrastructure. The work on the sanitary sewer system continues to cut down the infiltration of rainwater into the sanitary sewer system. Eventually, the improvements to the sanitary sewer system will result in lower sewer bills for Raytown property owners and customers.

Don't forget with Spring and Summer come events such as the Raytown Live music series every 2nd Saturday from May through September on the greenspace at 62nd and Raytown Road from 7 to 9 p.m. The concert series is FREE to the public! Go to the Raytown Live Facebook page or look further in this newsletter for this year's musical artists. Follow the City and the Raytown Parks' social media pages for more free events such as the Fishing Derby, Raytown Farmers Market, Raytown Festival of the Trails, and other community activities coming up.

I encourage you all to get out and enjoy the trails, parks, and other amenities of our town. Shop 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 be 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

The Farmers Market returns May 4

Follow us on Facebook for more details

Police Safety Fair

Thursday, July 27th at Kenagy Park

Additional information will be posted on our Facebook page.

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.



NEW EMPLOYEES

We welcome the following new employees:

Police

- Brandon Ferguson
- Desiree Hart
- Hunter Hepler

Public Works

- Steve Slater
- Jason Hamlin
- Rob Camp
- Albert Kelley

Community Development

- Steffan Wintermeyer
- Tabitha Spence
- Galen McGinley
- Kim Zimmerman

Finance

- Mike Graham

Parks

- Gage Colton

PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to the following staff who have been promoted:

- Dallas Burnette
- Frank McDevitt
- Tommy Speakman

RETIREMENT

Congratulations to the following staff who have retired:

- Deb Gorman, 5 years
- Cornelius Byers, 27.5 years (pictured below)



Submit Code Complaints Online

Code complaints are now online through the City's website.

This feature was added to the City's website to make it easier for citizens to submit complaints to Community Development about property maintenance violations.



To submit a complaint online, go to www.raytown.mo.us, the City's website.

You can also continue to submit property maintenance complaints in-person or by phone at 816-737-6014.



Home Repair Program

The Community Development Department will partner with Habitat for Humanity to complete 8 home repairs for income eligible Raytown residents this year. All applicants for the program must meet the eligibility requirements set by Habitat for Humanity. The program is intended to improve neighborhood property conditions and appearance. For more information call 816-737-6093.

BEFORE



AFTER



Microchip Your Pet and Keep Up to Date

This sweet story will explain why.

In January, Little Buddy, a Jack Russell terrier mix, was impounded. Luckily, he was microchipped, which made it easy for our animal control officer to contact his owner.

To our surprise, Little Buddy had been missing for almost seven years. And somehow, he ended up in Raytown - 154 miles away from his home. Little buddy was reunited with his human on January 27.



MAY IS National Chip Your Pet Month

Make sure your pet makes it Home Safe

Microchip them today!



City of Raytown Election & Ballot



SAMPLE BALLOT

Election

ALL POSITIONS ARE 4-YEAR TERMS EXPIRING APRIL 2027

Mayor

- Michael McDonough

Alderman Ward I

- Demonte Rochester
- Greg Walters

Alderman Ward II

- Jason Sneddon
- Jim Aziere

Alderman Ward III

- Janet Emerson
- Jeanette Gentry

Alderman Ward IV

- Mary Jane Van Buskirk
- Theresa Garza

Alderman Ward V

- Dianne Krizek

Ballot Question

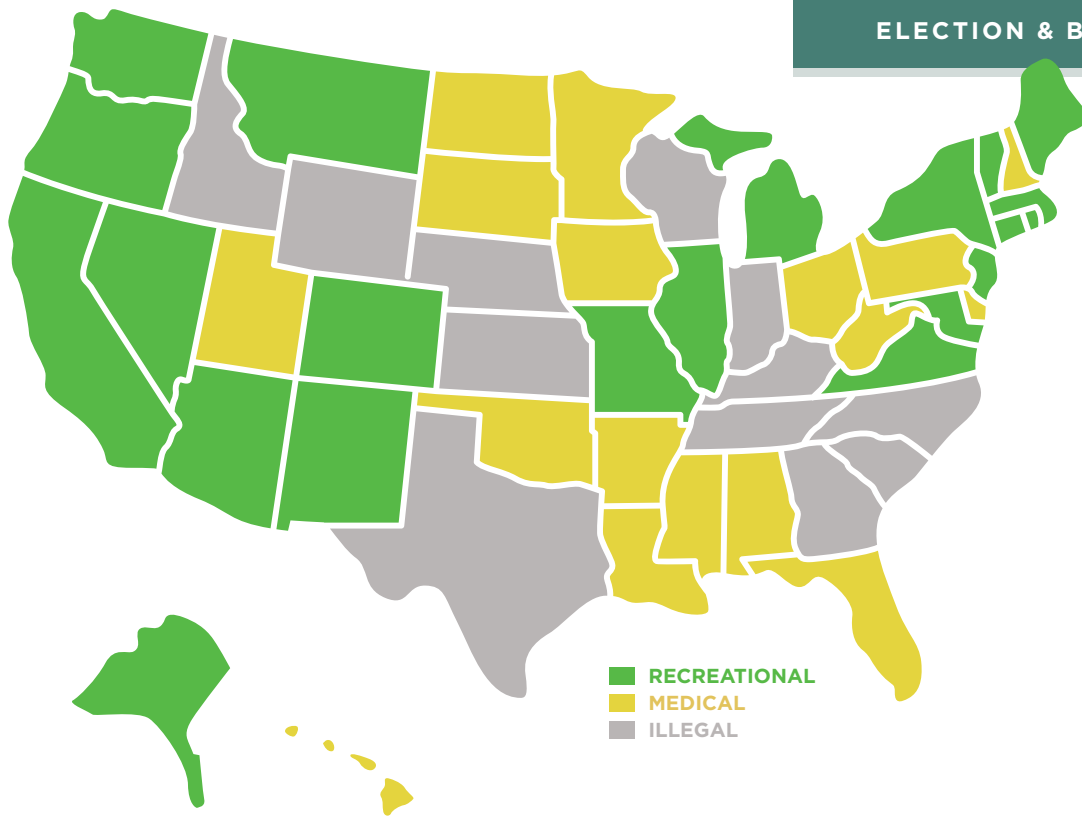


QUESTION

Shall the City of Raytown impose an additional sales tax of three percent (3%) on the retail sale of adult use non-medical marijuana? [The tax collected under this provision would not apply to medical marijuana.]

Background: Missouri becomes the 21st State to legalize non-medical marijuana for adults. At the Nov. 3 Board meeting, the Raytown Board of Aldermen adopted an ordinance placing the Question on the April 4, 2023 ballot.





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Q&A

1. There are 2 questions on the ballot to collect an additional three percent sales tax. What is the difference?

Jackson County's Question #1 if approved, allows Jackson County to collect a 3% sales tax on recreational marijuana. The City of Raytown will not receive any of the recreational marijuana sales taxes collected for Jackson County.

The City of Raytown Question, (listed after the candidates for Aldermen) if approved, allows the City of Raytown to collect an additional 3% sales tax on recreational marijuana purchased in Raytown.

2. How do recreational marijuana taxes work?

If the Question is passed by the voters, then consumers who purchase recreational marijuana within the City of Raytown will pay an additional 3% sales tax on marijuana purchases. The 3% sales tax is separate from and in addition to state, county, and the City's current local sales taxes.

3. How will Raytown use the revenue generated from the sales tax?

If approved, the City's marijuana sales tax revenue will go into the general fund to assist with various City services.

4. How much could the City collect annually from a 3% recreational marijuana sales tax?

City estimates revenues around \$63,000 annually.

5. How many cannabis retailers (marijuana dispensaries) are in Raytown?

One.

6. What percentage of votes are required for this question to pass?

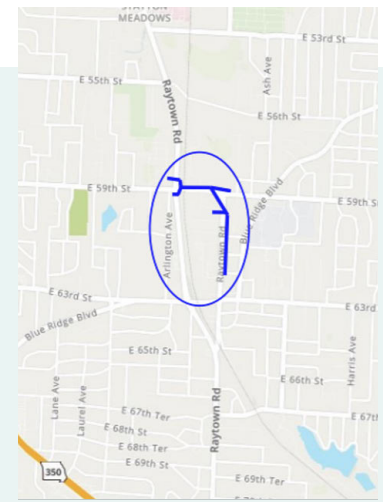
Majority of votes.

7. When would the additional tax go into effect?

As early as 30 days after the votes are certified.

Spring Recycle FEST

DATE: April 22 (Earth Day)
TIME: 9 a.m. — noon
PLACE: Raytown South High School



Items that will be accepted:

 CAMERAS	 COMPUTERS	 LAPTOPS	 TABLETS
 CRT MONITORS	 MODEMS ROUTERS SWITCHES	 SERVERS	 CABLES POWER CORDS
 LCD PLASMA PROJECTION TVS	 TUBE TVS	 IPODS MP3 PLAYERS	 CELL PHONES
 RADIOS BOOM BOXES	 SUBWOOFERS	 HOME STEREOS	 SPEAKERS
 PRINTERS COPIERS SCANNERS	 INK/TONER CARTRIDGES	 SHREDDERS	 MISC. OFFICE EQUIPMENT

Stormwater Grant Project

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

The grant will help improve the stormwater system on 59th Street and Raytown Trafficway east down 59th Street and south to 62nd street and Raytown Road. The total cost of the project is approximately \$5.3 million and the City is required to match just over \$1 million. The project is currently in the design phase and staff anticipates construction to begin in 2024.

For full list of items accepted and fees, check the City's website.



PLOG-TOBER Event

In partnership with the Raytown Chamber of Commerce and Tourism, Jackson County, Mid-America Regional Council and the City Raytown, more than a dozen residents volunteered to pick up trash and litter for the annual PLOG-TOBER event on Sunday, Oct. 16, 2022. Residents focused on removing trash along and near the Rock Island Trail between the Raytown Chamber and Woodson. Picking up trash and litter in our community reduces pollution from entering the larger river system, keeping contaminants out of our local watersheds.

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 or call the Public Works Department at 816-737-6012.

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



Fishing Derby

DATE June 3 **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!



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.

Contact Leigh Elmore for availability, reservations, or to book a private tour: leighroi@kc.rr.com

rice-tremonti.org



Festival of the Trails

DATE September 9
PLACE Rice-Tremonti Home
COST Free

The 2023 Festival of the Trails is September 9 at the Rice-Tremonti home. There will be historical reenactors, Buffalo Soldiers, music, food, craft vendors, as well as kids' games. Join us at the FREE event open to all.

Raytown Live Concert Series

RAYTOWN Live 2023

SAVE THE DATES!
Summer Family Concert Series
7-9 p.m. on the Greenspace
Town Center, Downtown Raytown

May 13 - Brody Buster
June 10 - Package Band
July 8 - Brass Rewind
August 12 - Lucidity
September 9 (6-8pm) - Levee Town Band

Live Music & Food Trucks

www.Raytown.Live



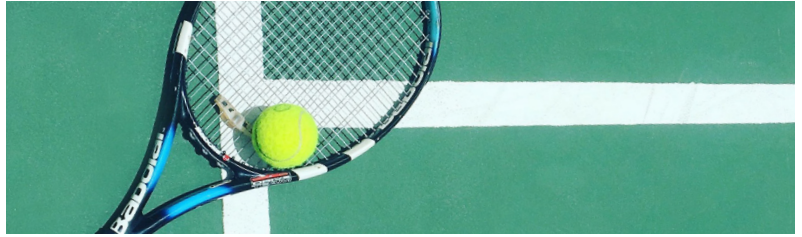
Softball

- Spring/Summer
- Adult Fall (Aug.) **COST \$350-\$550**

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.



Tennis



Adult Tennis League

SPRING May 2 **TIME** 7 p.m.
SUMMER Jul 18 **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 15	7 p.m.
Recreational Intermediate	Monday, July 10	7 p.m.

Youth Tennis Lessons

TIME 6 p.m.
RUNS 5 weeks
PLACE Colman Park
COST \$45 pp

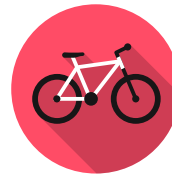
LEVEL	LOCATION	DAY/START DATE	TIME
Recreational Beginner	Colman	Monday, May 15	6 p.m.
Recreational Intermediate	Colman	Monday, July 10	6 p.m.

Start dates are tentative.

Kids' Day at Kenagy

DATE June 15
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.



Raytown BMX

Raytown BMX. Home for the 2000, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2021, 2023 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.

Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and raytownbmx.org.



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SPRING 2023

CITY OF Raytown

NEWSLETTER



Calendar

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

APRIL

- 4 Election
- 8 EGG - Extravaganza: Raytown Community Parade and Easter Egg Hunt
- 11 Board of Aldermen meeting
- 12 Arbor Day (Tree Planting at Kritser Park)
- 18 Board of Aldermen meeting
- 22 Spring Recycle FEST
- 28 CERT Training
- 29 CERT Training

MAY

- 2 Board of Aldermen meeting
- 4 Farmers Market
- 5 CERT Training
- 6 CERT Training
- 16 Board of Aldermen meeting
- 18 Farmers Market
- 29 Memorial Day - City Offices Closed

JUNE

- 1 Farmers Market
- 6 Board of Aldermen meeting
- 15 Farmers Market
- 20 Board of Aldermen meeting

JULY

- 4 Independence Day - City Offices Closed
- 6 Farmers Market
- 11 Board of Aldermen meeting
- 18 Board of Aldermen meeting
- 20 Farmers Market