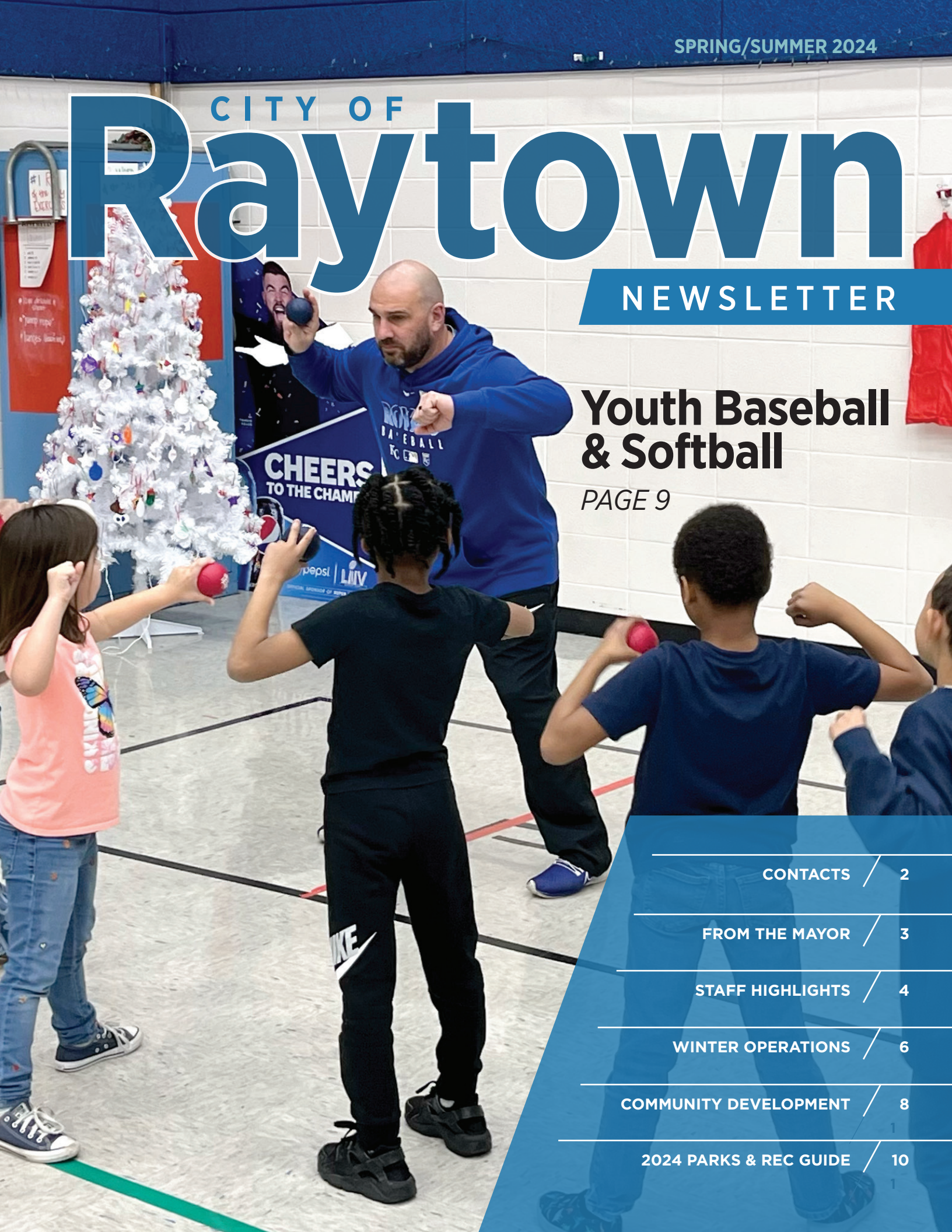


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BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETINGS: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month, 7 p.m. at City Hall, unless otherwise posted; live streaming available on the City's web site at raytown.mo.us; live and replays on RayTV, Channel 7 and GoogleTV Channel 145; indexed meetings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

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

MAIN PHONE NUMBER: 816-737-6000

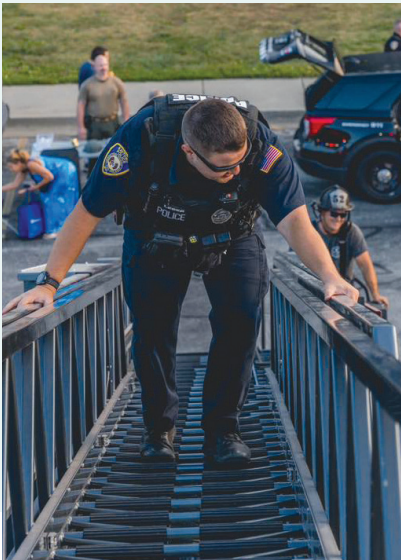
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POLICE Save the Dates

September 21
Annual Raytown
PD Safety Fair at
Kenagy Park

October 2 -
November 13
Every Wednesday
evening

Raytown PD
Citizens Police
Academy



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news and more!*

**raytown.mo.us/
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Greetings, Neighbors!

Spring is just around the corner, and with it comes the promise of warmer weather, blooming flowers, and exciting community events! This newsletter brings you updates on what's happening in Raytown this Spring and Summer. I want to say how proud I am to be the mayor of this wonderful city.

Our wonderful citizens and charity groups have continued to be strong. You all have stepped up to tend to the needs of those needing our help. Thank you, Raytown, for being one of the most giving and caring places.

Even with all the challenges in this world today, we continue to move forward with our "get it done" attitude. Projects have been completed, and some are still being planned or designed to improve Raytown's infrastructure, including but not limited to, our roads and storm sewers. Work on the sanitary sewer system continues in efforts to cut down the infiltration of rainwater into the sanitary sewer system. Eventually this work on the sanitary sewer system will result in lower sewer bills for Raytown property owners and customers, but more work is required and must be done quickly.

The Storm Water bond passed, and the City held meetings earlier this month for public input on the priorities. We will keep you updated on the findings and next steps.

Don't forget with spring and summer come events such as the Raytown Live free music series every 2nd Saturday from May through September on the green space at 62nd and Raytown Rd. from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Watch the City social media page and the Raytown Parks social media for more free events such as the Fishing Derby, Kids' Day, and other activities.

Raytown is now a part of the Hazardous Household Waste disposal program! Also, we will host a mobile collection on August 24, 2024.

For more details go to the City's website, www.raytown.mo.us or our



Facebook page for details.

I wish Vicki Turnbow a wonderful next chapter, as she retires from 17 years as the president of the Raytown Chamber of Commerce and Tourism. Vicki has served the chamber well and has assisted this City on many committees and projects. A heartfelt thank you from this Mayor and your friend.

Welcome to the new Chamber President, Jeff Hirst. He will be a great asset and was a good pick by the Chamber board, to replace Vicki. Welcome aboard Jeff!

We have several new businesses coming to Raytown soon. Trailhead Books 10009 E 63rd Street, Flavor of Himalaya 5220 Blue Ridge Blvd. We have many others that have opened over the last year or two also. Please remember to "Shop Raytown First."

I am proud to announce that H&H Color Lab, who's been in Raytown since 1974, is moving forward with construction of its 14,820-foot expansion of their operations.

I encourage you all to enjoy the trails, parks, and other amenities of this small town, in the middle of a flourishing metropolitan area. Have a great spring and summer and enjoy all that life has to offer in our hometown.

Peace and God Bless you all.

Mayor Mike McDonough

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:

Finance

- Nakia Becker

Police/Detention/Dispatch

- 7 new officers

Public Works

- Dennis Hill, Jr.
- Tyler Niedfeldt
- Jeff Stebbins
- Mike Wait



Joey Carley was presented with a certificate and award for the completion of the Public Works Institute (PWI) through the American Public Works Association in December. PWI is a 96-hour program of coursework that is completed over two years. While it focuses on technical aspects of the Public Works field of work, it also incorporates management and leadership training. Local Public Works professionals led the training and discussions, and the Kansas City chapter’s offering of the PWI is nationally recognized as one of the best.



FINANCE UPDATE

Final **FY2024 Budget Document** posted on City’s website.

FY2024 Budget completed and submitted to GFOA for review.

FY2023 Audit (onsite) work completed. Finalized Audit Document projected by end of April.

TALK RAYTOWN



City Administrator **Damon Hodges** was the featured guest on the new “Talk Raytown” podcast, hosted by the Raytown Chamber of Commerce and Tourism. To watch the podcast, go to the Raytown Missouri Chamber of Commerce YouTube page.



AFTER

Municipal Court Before & After

The Municipal Court offices inside City Hall recently underwent renovations.

The improvements increased security, enhanced accessibility, and improved visibility.



BEFORE

SAVE THE DATE

Household Hazardous Waste Collection in Raytown

 Saturday, Aug. 24
8am – noon

Raytown Central Middle School, 10601 E 59th St

Items accepted include:

- Automotive products
- Antifreeze
- Batteries
- CFL light bulbs
- Fertilizers
- Flammables
- Fuels (Be prepared to leave your container – gasoline cans will not be returned)
- Hazardous cleaners/liquids
- Household cleaners
- Lawn and garden products
- Paint
- Pesticides
- Photographic chemicals
- Pool chemicals
- Solvents
- Thinners
- Used oil

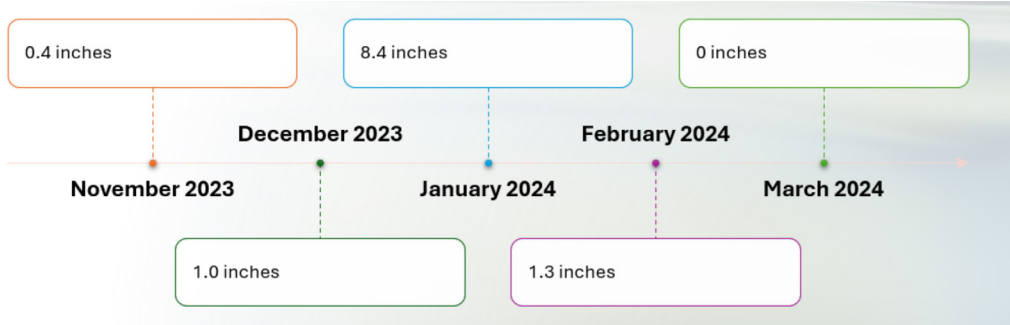
Can't make this event?

Year Round Drop off sites:
4707 Deramus, KCMO and 2101 SE Hamblen Rd, Lee's Summit

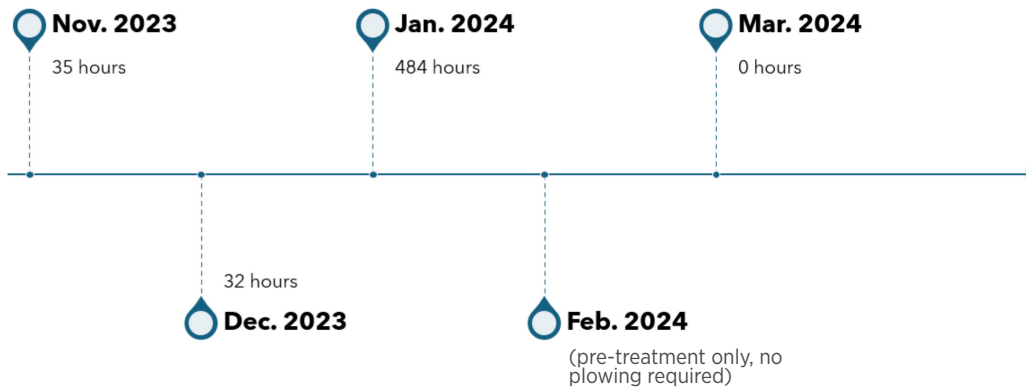
No appointment required. Free for Raytown residents.

Winter Operations

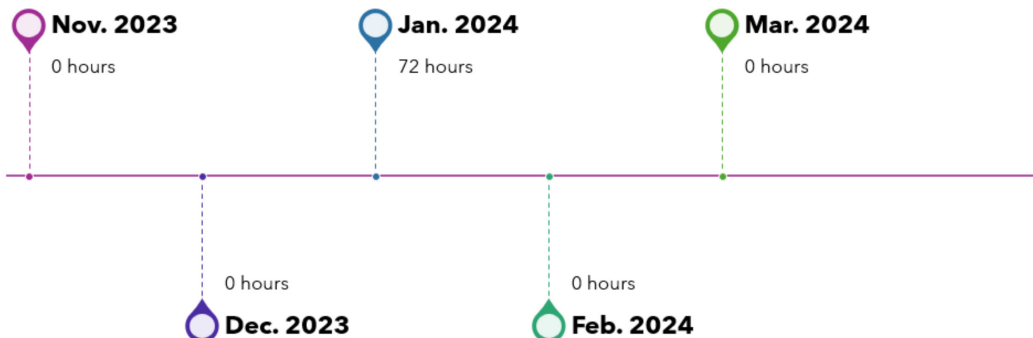
Snow/Ice Analytics



City Employees Labor Hours



Contractor Snow/Ice Removal Labor Hours Assistance



Material



Road Salt Used

400 tons



Beet Juice Pretreatment

500 gallons

Winter Pothole Analytics

Potholes Patched

Jan. 1, 2024 – April 1, 2024 =

1830



Public Works Saves Taxpayers nearly \$30K by Providing Internal CDL Training

In 2022, new federal regulations took effect to enhance the safety of commercial motor vehicle operations and now require new minimum training requirements for a commercial driver's license (CDL).

Only certified providers (trainers) approved by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration and listed on the Training Provider Registry can provide the mandatory training.

Since this change, the City has been researching training solutions and has found two options. The first was to utilize an outside training instructor and the second was to train a staff member to perform in-house training.

To utilize an outside instructor was estimated to cost \$2,500 - \$4,300 per employee, totaling more than \$25,000 for six employees. However, to train an in-house trainer, the cost was significantly less.

The City chose the second option and utilized an outside agency, J.J. Keller, to train our trainer. This allows the City the flexibility to train any employee without budgetary constraints. Vern Fowler, Operations Supervisor, is now our City's in-house trainer. By training at our location and on our exact equipment, the City of Raytown is saving nearly \$30,000.

Regulations related to a new federally mandated training program took effect Feb. 7, 2022. These regulations state that all new commercial driver license (CDL) applicants and those applying for certain CDL upgrades must be listed in the federal Training Provider Registry as having completed an approved Entry Level Driver Training (ELDT) program before being allowed to complete skills testing with the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

For more information, visit <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/registration/commercial-drivers-license>



Your City at Work
IMPROVING INFRASTRUCTURE

VISIT THE PROJECT WEBSITE:
www.Raytown.mo.us/StormwaterBondProjects

The website will be regularly updated about the project, including information presented at the Open Houses held on April 3 and 4 to gather input from the citizens on priorities for the Stormwater Projects.



Raytown Animal Services partnering with The Pet Connection and Laurel Pet Resort

The Community Development Department was tasked with finding alternative shelter arrangements at the first of this year.

We are pleased to announce that Raytown Animal Services has partnered with The Pet Connection and Laurel Pet Resort for the City’s animal sheltering, adopting, and fostering needs. This partnership has resulted in a great experience for both the animals and the humans! The animals are receiving top notch care. The Pet Connection has the expertise of being a training and behavioral health facility for animals, which helps with dogs needing extra emotional support before being fostered or adopted. Upon being housed at Laurel Pet Resort, the pups get a bath, any needed medications, a baby light, and lavender scented spray at night to help keep them calm. A big thank you, to both facilities, for stepping up when the City needed you!



Since January 1, 2024, the City has impounded 160 dogs, 109 of which were returned to their owners and 18 have been adopted.

Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity Minor Home Repair Program



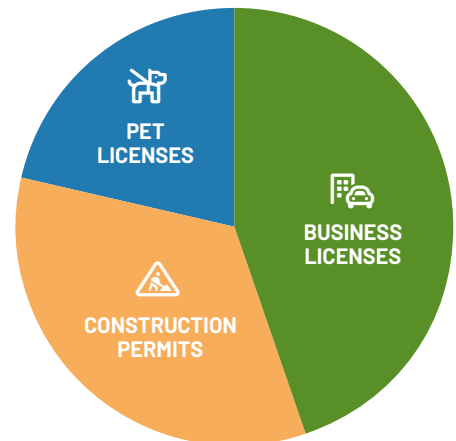
Truman Heritage Habitat for Humanity is partnering with the Community Development Department again this year to help with minor home repairs for those who qualify. So far, the City has received almost 50 calls for assistance. Since March, 10 projects have begun. The program primarily focuses on trimming dead trees, exterior painting, porch repair, roof repair, and driveway repair. For more information, please call 816-737-6093.



Community Development by the Numbers

The Community Development Department is also responsible for overseeing business licensing, building permitting/inspections and rental inspections and permitting as well as code enforcement and animal control.

In 2023, the department issued 3,622 permits or licenses. Of those, 1,246 of them were business licenses, 936 were construction permits and 589 were pet licenses.



For information on obtaining licenses and permits online, please go to www.raytown.us and click the link for our online portal.



Raytown Youth Baseball-Softball Association

Raytown Youth Baseball - Softball Association is dedicated to providing youth baseball and softball programs for Raytown youth that emphasize four key components:

- having fun
- teaching baseball and softball
- learning sportsmanship
- creating community and family experiences

Last year, a host of community volunteers made our inaugural season a great success. Around 100 players, 20 coaches, and six umpires played baseball at Little Blue Trace for the first time in 10 years!

This year, we have baseball and softball for ALL youth! Earlier this year, we held clinics for Raytown elementary students in their PE classes. They had a blast.

Coed T-ball for ages 5 and 6.

Coach pitch softball and baseball for ages 7 and 8.

Kid pitch softball and baseball for ages 9 – 15.

Opening day ceremonies will launch the season at Little Blue Trace Thursday, May 2, at 5 p.m.

The 8-game season will end the first of July.

Thank you to our generous sponsors and grants from Truman Heartland Community Foundation, Royals Charities, and The Players Alliance in supporting our Raytown community! Sponsorship opportunities are still available.

Follow us on Facebook @ Raytown Youth Baseball - Softball Association.

Questions? Email raytownybsa@gmail.com or call us 816-698-6410.

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 1 **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 Sol Pro Bass Club, 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 14
PLACE Rice-Tremonti Home
COST Free

The 2024 Festival of the Trails is September 14 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 2024
Summer Family Concert Series
7-9 p.m. on the Greenspace
 Town Center, Downtown Raytown

- May 11**
LeveeTown Band
- June 8**
Brass Rewind
- July 13**
AnnaLee & the So & So's
- August 10**
The Vincents
- September 14**
Lucidity

Food trucks & vendors will be onsite

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 7 **TIME** 7 p.m.
SUMMER Jul 23 **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 Wed 7 p.m.
RUNS 5 weeks
PLACE Colman Park
COST \$50 pp

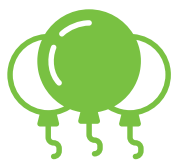
LEVEL	DAY/START DATE	TIME
Session 1	Wednesday, May 15	7 p.m.
Session 2	Wednesday, July 10	7 p.m.

Youth Tennis Lessons

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

LEVEL	LOCATION	DAY/START DATE	TIME
Session 1	Colman	Wednesday, May 15	6 p.m.
Session 2	Colman	Wednesday, July 10	6 p.m.

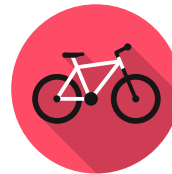
Start dates are tentative.



Kids' Day at Kenagy

DATE June 13
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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Note: Meetings and events are subject to change or cancellation. Check our website calendar - raytown.mo.us.

SPRING/SUMMER 2024