

CITY CONNECTIONS

The Official E-Newsletter of the City of Raytown

Raytown Board of Aldermen Approve and Adopt Budget

BY DAMON HODGES, CITY ADMINISTRATOR

November 1st started the City's new fiscal year. The Board of Aldermen passed the 2024-25 Fiscal Year (FY24-25) budget during the October 1st meeting. The \$47 million budget is the largest in the City's history.

The FY24-25 budget includes revenues and expenditures for the general and other basic funds: Capital Project Fund, Capital Sales Tax Fund, Parks, Public Safety Sales Tax Fund, Risk Management Fund, Sewer Fund, Storm Water Tax Fund, TIF Fund, and Transportation Sales Tax Fund. The proposed General Fund budget represents a projected revenue increase of 12%.

Budget highlights include:

- \$9.3 million in grants from the American Rescue Plan Act
- \$1.6 million – Community Development
- \$7.9 million – Police
- \$8.7 million – Sanitary Sewer Fund
- \$4.6 million – Parks Fund
- \$2.2 million – Transportation Sales Tax Fund
- \$6.7 million – Storm Water Fund

A returning line item in the budget is the City's participation in Mid-America Regional Council's Household Hazardous Waste program that allows Raytown residents free and convenient access to properly dispose of hazardous waste.

A new line item added will help the City prepare to welcome international visitors and fans to Raytown during the 2026 World Cup.

The complete FY24-25 budget will be available online mid-to-late December. To view past years' budgets, visit raytown.mo.us/finance. To watch the Oct. 1st meeting, or other meetings, visit raytown.mo.us/videos.

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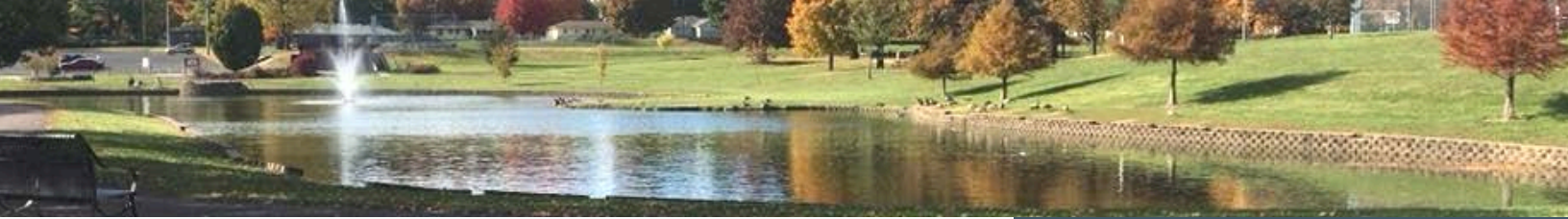
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PARKS & RECREATION

BY DAVE TURNER, PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR

SAVE the DATES:

Keep an eye out for the following events and more on the Raytown Parks & Recreation web page (raytownparks.com). Dates and times to be provided in late winter/early spring.

Free Events

Community FISHING DERBY!

June 7th Kenagy Park 79th & Raytown Rd 9-11 a.m.
Fun for all ages, prizes in every age category, in partnership with the great people of the Sol-Pro Bass Club.

Raytown Live Concert Series

Location: Green Space
(downtown Raytown 10009 E. 62nd Street, Raytown, MO 64133)
Join us every second Saturday from May - September for the Raytown Live concert series on the green space from 7-9 p.m. This free event is supported by sponsors to provide a new band/genre of music every month from May-September, for the community to enjoy. Food trucks and vendors are also on site during the performances.

For more information about the Raytown Live concert series, watch for postings on Facebook, the City of Raytown's website, and the Raytown Parks website. To become involved in the Raytown Live concert series as a sponsor, volunteer, or supporter of the arts in Raytown, please contact the Raytown Parks Department at 816-358-4100, or email, sports@raytownparks.com. We hope to see you there!

Tennis Lessons

Youth Tennis Lessons will be offered in the Spring of 2025. Classes are 5 weeks long, 1 hour per class at Colman Park.

Adult Tennis Lessons

Adult Tennis Lessons are twice per week for 3 weeks.

SPRING PROGRAMS

Adult Tennis League

This is a fun, active, and social league with an on-site tennis coordinator to run the league. The spring league begins Tuesday, May 6th, 7 pm at Colman Park. The league will run for 10 weeks at Colman Park. Drinks and balls will be provided.

Spring/Summer Softball

Raytown offers softball leagues for Men, 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. Also the fields are maintained and lined daily. Leagues include 7-14 games depending on the league.

Raytown Youth Baseball Softball Association

Registration will begin on Jan 4, 2025. Registration can be done online at raytownybsa.org or in person at Blue Ridge Elementary School on Saturday's during the months of January and February between the hours of 8am and noon. Registration will culminate on March 1 with a fun filled rally at Raytown Central Middle School from 9am-3pm. For any questions please call 816-698-6410.

5th Annual



Get outdoors

Live animals, fishing, food trucks, outdoor activities, Smokey Bear, birding, and so much more. All for **FREE!**



SATURDAY
APRIL 26, 2025
10am - 3pm

Kenagy Park
7834 Raytown Rd
Raytown, MO 64138



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

BY DIANE EGGER,
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

NEW LICENSING FEES FOR PETS STARTED NOVEMBER 1

Beginning November 1, 2024, some of the pet licensing fees will change. This is to encourage owners to spay or neutered their pets, which is crucial in keeping shelter animal numbers down.

License Type	Raytown Pet Fees
Pet License	1 yr (unaltered) - \$30
	3 yr (unaltered) - \$50
	Lifetime license - (altered) \$50

For questions, please call the Community Development Department at 816-737-6014.

MINOR HOME REPAIR PROGRAM

The City of Raytown has a Minor Home Repair Program that helps homeowners with minor repairs. The program focuses on aging in place, and on exterior repairs such as painting, installing handrails, repairing sidewalks or driveways, and other minor repairs. This year, the City has repaired 10 homes for Raytown citizens. For questions, or to be placed on the list, please call 816-737-6093.



FOSTER OR ADOPT A DOG TODAY

The City of Raytown Animal Control has lots of great dogs in need of a good home. Call 816-737-6014.

Here is our spotlight corner:



This is Ranger. He is a fun mid-sized black shepherd mix pup with a loving personality. He knows how to “sit” and knows “down” and can entertain himself with a toy!



This is Luna. She is a yellow lab mix around 4 months old. She’s the sweetest puppy ever! She loves snuggles and will follow you around.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

BY DIANE EGGER,
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

CODE ENFORCEMENT COMPLAINT PROCESS

The Community Development Department is responsible for code enforcement. There are property maintenance violations that are against the city code, which include (but are not limited to):

- Tall grass and weeds
- Trash and junk
- Inoperable vehicles

To make a complaint, you can either call 816-737-6014, you come in person to the Community Development Department at City Hall, or you can enter a complaint online at:

www.raytown.mo.us/codes

You can remain anonymous.



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PUBLIC WORKS

BY ROBINSON CAMP, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

GO BOND STORMWATER PROJECT UPDATE

The City of Raytown has completed the final conceptual designs for its Stormwater Bond Projects. These designs outline planned improvements to the City's stormwater system, aiming to enhance infrastructure and mitigate flooding. For detailed information on the selected projects and to stay informed about the construction anticipated to start in late 2025, please visit the official project website at www.oneraytown.com.



Your City at Work
IMPROVING INFRASTRUCTURE



FINANCE DEPARTMENT

BY MICHAEL GRAHAM, FINANCE DIRECTOR

UPDATED FEE SCHEDULE

The Board of Aldermen recently approved a set of amendments to the City's fee schedule which went into effect November 1st, 2024.

Police, Finance, Community Development and Parks made updates/increases to their fees. The current fee schedule is on our website, click on this link to view the complete schedule of fees document, visit raytown.mo.us/cityclerk



Customers Having Difficulty Paying their Sewer Bill May Contact:

- Raytown Emergency Assistance Program (REAP) - 816-737-6088
- Hope Network 816-778-1105
- State Assistance for Housing Relief (for Renters) 1-855-908-6120



**City Offices will be closed
December 24 & 25**



RAYTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

BY CAPT. DYON HARPER

ANNUAL SAFETY FAIR HELD SEPT. 21

on Sept. 21st, 2024, Raytown Police Department’s annual community event, the Safety Fair, was held for residents to engage with officers, learn about safety measures, visit with many safety-oriented organizations and participate in family-friendly activities. The pouring rain might have slowed us down, but it didn’t stop the show. Thank you to all who participated. Mark your calendars for the next Safety Fair/Trunk or Treat in early October 2025.



NEW ANNEX COMING

The Board of Aldermen recently approved Royal Construction to demolish the current, out of date Police Annex and construct a new 1,200 square foot building. The project is not to exceed \$549,980. This project is anticipated to start January 2025 and be completed by May 2025.





IMPORTANT DATES

DECEMBER

- 16 - PARK BOARD MEETING
- 17 - BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
- 24 - CITY OFFICES CLOSED
- 25 - CITY OFFICES CLOSED

JANUARY

- 1 - CITY OFFICES CLOSED
- 7 - BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
- 9 - BOARD OF ZONING & ADJUSTMENT MEETING
- 20- CITY OFFICES CLOSED
- 21- BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
- 27- PARK BOARD MEETING

THE CITY'S FULL CALENDER IS AVAILABLE ONLINE
WWW.RAYTOWN.MO.US/CALENDAR

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Candidacy filing for the April 8, 2025 General Municipal Election is open December 10 - 31, 2024.

Filing information and documents are available on the Raytown City Clerk's webpage: www.raytown.mo.us/cityclerk

City of Raytown Animal Services now has its own Facebook Page. To find impounded animals or to foster or adopt, visit us at www.facebook.com/CityofRaytown

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10000 E 59TH ST

MONDAY - FRIDAY

8 AM - 5 PM

CITY HALL: 816-737-6000

AMINISTRATION

(CITY ADMINISTRATOR, CITY CLERK, HR):

816-737-6000

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

(ANIMAL CONTROL, LICENSES (PET/BUSINESS), CODE VIOLATIONS, PLANNING & ZONING):

816-737-6014

PARKS: 816-358-4100

POLICE: NON-EMERGENCY

816-737-6020

COURT: 816-737-6008

PUBLIC WORKS

(ROAD CONCERNS, STREET LIGHTS, STORM WATER, RIGHT-OF-WAY):

816-737-6012

816-737-6064 (after hours)

SEWER BILLING:

816-737-6088