

CITY OF Raytown

NEWSLETTER

APWA Supervisor Award: Vern Fowler

Our PW Operations Supervisor recently received the 2024 Field Supervisor Award from the American Public Works Association - KC Metro Chapter.
Congrats!



**Stormwater
Bond Projects**

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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 and Channel 7; 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

Here we are looking to the fall and winter again. This summer has flown. I hope you all were able to enjoy at least part of it with family and friends on vacations and summer fun days.

We have embarked on numerous projects this summer and should be finishing some by the time this publication is mailed to your homes. These projects include: the Raytown Road resurfacing from 74th Terrace to 67th Street at the cost of \$1.2 million dollars; Sterling, from 51st to Blue Ridge Blvd, resurfaced by a grant from the federal government; the beginning of the demolition of the 53rd Street property (formerly the splash park); and the redevelopment into a new type of recreation area. Stay tuned and watch for updates on the Raytown Parks and Recreation website or Facebook.

We continue to work on a larger project, which is the sanitary sewer system rehabilitation. This will eventually save the taxpayers money by helping eliminate rainwater infiltration into the system, that gets metered along with the rest of the waste, costing you, the customer, more money for treatment.

We are working on obtaining more federal grants to help with infrastructure, especially to improve the roads. Keep your fingers crossed that we receive some of these. The Board of Aldermen has approved the submission of grant applications. City staff has put these applications in the works. These

are your tax dollars, and we would love to bring them here for us to use.

We have approved and made a new Raytown City flag. Thanks to City staffer Joey Carley who had the idea and took the time to research to create the new flag. The last flag change was in 1976. It was time. The Board of Aldermen approved the change on May 7, 2024.



Saturday September 14th, 2024, we have two events. One is the annual Festival of the Trails (full list of activities further in this newsletter) at the Rice Tremonti house, 8801 E 66th street, near the intersection of 66th and Blue Ridge Blvd. from 10 am to 5 pm. Later that day, from 7 pm to 9 pm, on the Green Space at 62nd and Raytown Road, is our last Raytown Live summer concert series for 2024. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors, as well as your chairs, blankets, and coolers with your favorite beverages, while relaxing and listening to the sounds of Lucidity.

Keep an eye out for announcements on upcoming information on the comprehensive plan for our city. This is an updated version of the one from 1996 and is open to input

at public forums, by you our citizens, as to ideas you would like to see for the future of this city. We want you to let us know your ideas. Go to www.raytownontherise.com to find out more about the plan. Be involved. Be a part of it. We need to hear from you.

I am proud to be your Mayor and I encourage you all to enjoy the trails, parks, and other amenities of this small town. In these challenging times, I ask that you all work together, help one another, and be a part of the solution to our problems. I love these United States of America. God Bless you all.

Mayor Mike McDonough

POLICE



SAVE THE DATE: October 2nd through November 13th, every Wednesday evening - Raytown PD Citizens Police Academy. Free. To register, go to www.raytownpolice.org

Go to www.raytownpolice.org to check out our hiring incentives!

Fun for All Ages! Come out and meet K9 Serin and his handler! Watch for additional information on Facebook.

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.

PODCAST



Raytown **Parks and Recreation Director Dave Turner** was the featured guest on the "Talk Raytown" podcast, hosted by the Raytown Chamber of Commerce and Tourism. To watch the podcast, go to the Raytown Missouri Chamber of Commerce's YouTube Page.

FINANCE

City of Raytown receives Highest Award in Governmental Budgeting

City recognized for adhering to program standards for 8 years, third consecutive year

Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) presented a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award to the City of Raytown, Missouri, for its Annual Budget for the fiscal year, which runs Nov. 1, 2023, through Oct. 31, 2024. To receive this award, a governmental unit must publish a budget document that meets program criteria as a policy document, as a financial plan, as an operations guide, and as a communications device.

The City of Raytown has received this award eight times since 2008, and most recently in three consecutive years since 2022. There are more than 1,700 participants in the Budget Awards Program.

NEW EMPLOYEES

We welcome the following new employees:

Public Works

- Darius Cummings
- Keith Maxey
- Rashad Rice
- Dakota Sears-Suber

Parks

- Marcus Germain
- Leita Kester
- Kent Berry
- David Reeves
- Jim Moore

Police

- 5 new officers
- 1 Detention Officer

RETIREMENT

Congratulations to the following staff who have retired:

- **Ken Weatherspoon, 10 years**

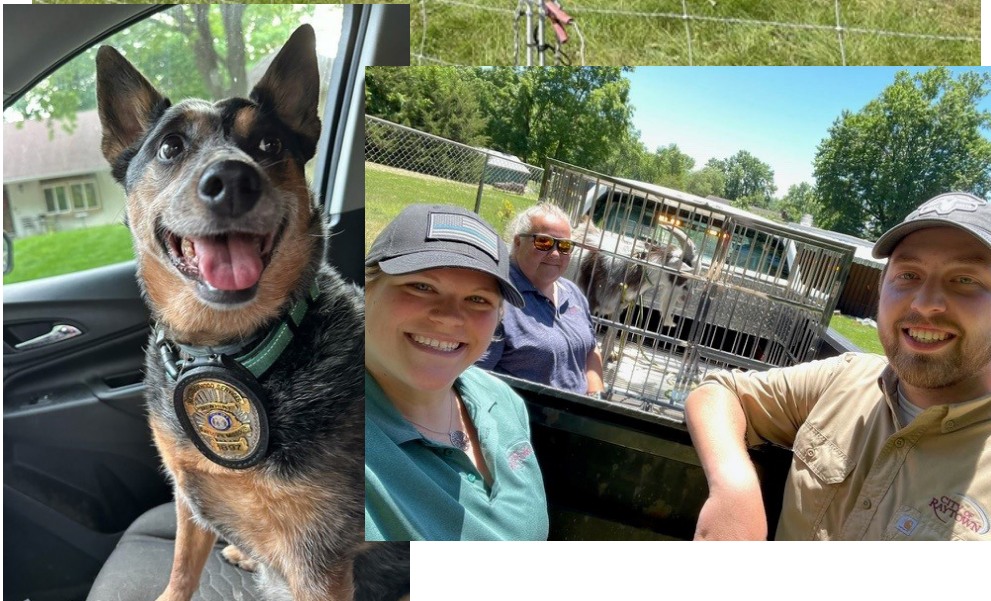
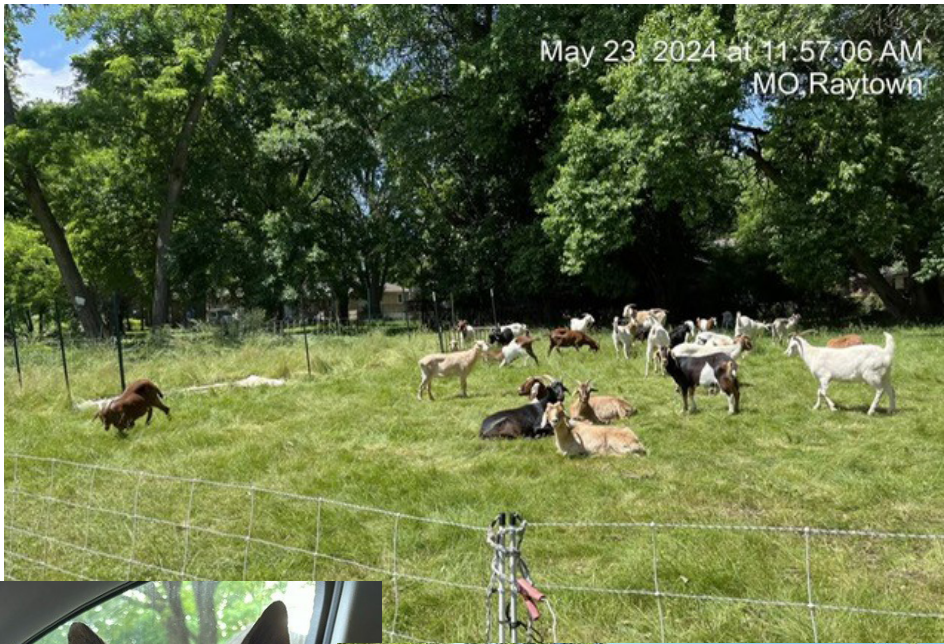
Did you receive the last newsletter?

All past newsletters can be viewed on our website raytown.mo.us/newsroom

You can also sign up to receive City news and more.

Online Business Licensing is a Success

Business licenses renew throughout the year, but the majority of those expire June 30th, when more than 400 are due in one month. This year, the Community Development office staff tried something new. Instead of mailing letters to each business, they sent emails to those businesses about their renewals. This saved on time, paper, and postage. They have received **almost 100% compliance** through the diligence of the business license enforcement officer and the office staff.



You Have Goat to Be Kidding Me!

Animal Control Officers came upon 35 goats grazing, behind an electrified fence, off 63rd Street on May 23rd. Both the fence, and the goats, are illegal in Raytown.

The owner of the property was given one hour to remove the goats and the fence. As the owner came to remove the goats, 3 got loose. The owner was able to catch 2, but 1 ran off and was not found for 2 days, until Animal Control was able to catch the lost goat with the aid of an industrious cattle dog. Kudos to both the Animal Control Officers and Teague, the cattle dog, for a job well done!

Minor Home Repair Program Update

Through the Minor Home Repair Program, the City of Raytown has completed 7 home repairs this year, and 3 others are in the process, bringing our total to 10 — the most the City has ever completed. The program provides repair services to homeowners so they can continue to live in a safe and well-maintained home.

The City partners with Habitat for Humanity. Once the project is approved by Habitat, the work begins. Types of exterior repairs performed include roof repair, painting, dead tree removal, driveway repair and various other minor repairs. The program focuses on helping Raytown citizens age-in-place.

For more information, or to be placed on the list, please call Community Development at 816-737-6093.

BEFORE



AFTER









Your City at Work

IMPROVING INFRASTRUCTURE

Do you want to know what is happening with the Stormwater Bond Projects?
Learn about the project, track progress, and report stormwater flooding on the project website:
oneraytown.com

-  We are currently evaluating information gathered at the open houses, through field observations, and flooding reports submitted on the website. Updates will be posted on the website.
-  This is an ongoing project, so please report stormwater flooding you have observed on the Report Flooding Form - located on the website: oneraytown.com/flooding. The more information we have, the better we can help address issues.
-  To see the flood levels in your area, visit the interactive Flooding Map - located on the website: oneraytown.com/map
-  To learn about what projects are currently being assessed, visit the Potential Projects Map - located on the website: oneraytown.com/potentialprojects

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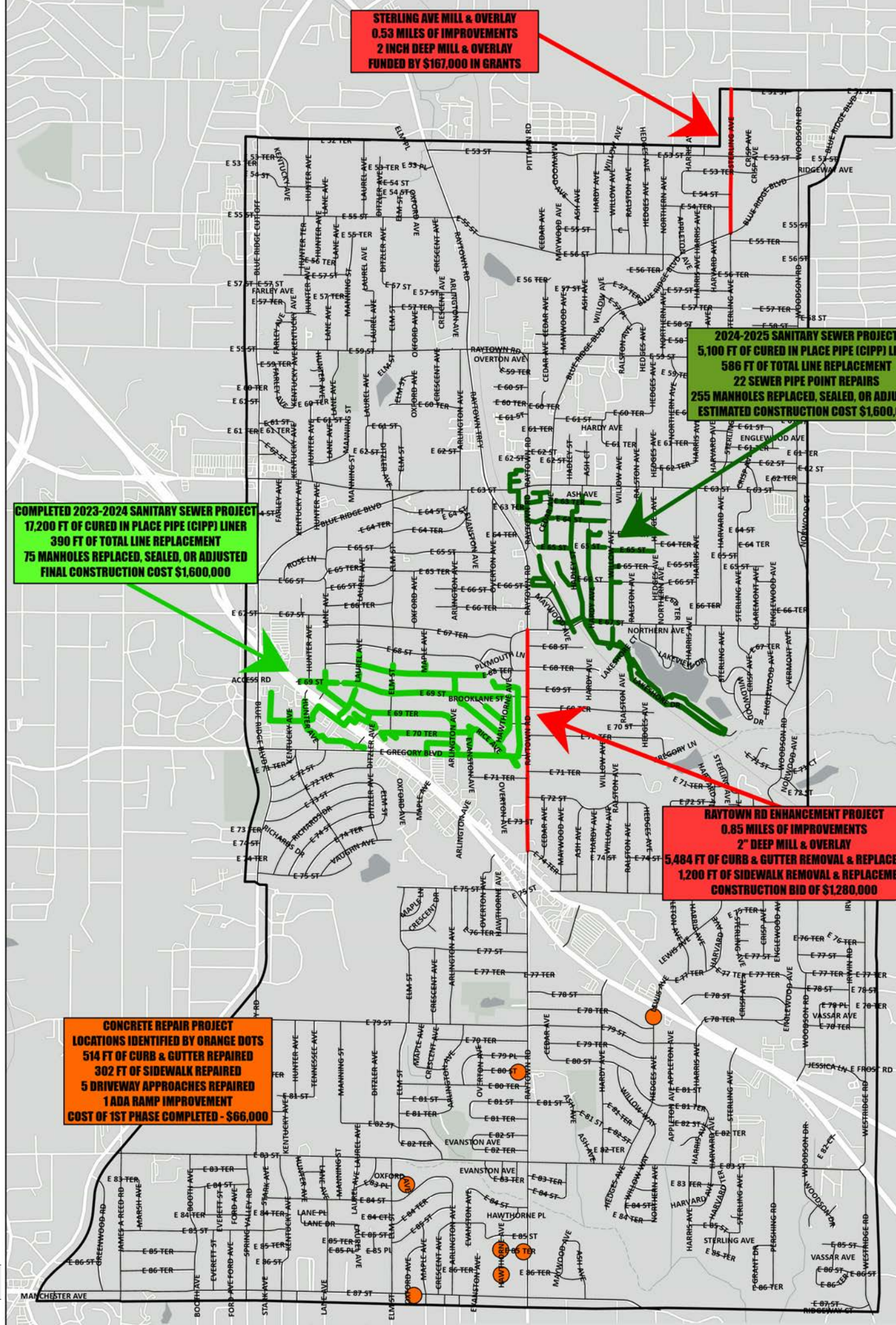
STERLING AVE MILL & OVERLAY
0.53 MILES OF IMPROVEMENTS
2 INCH DEEP MILL & OVERLAY
FUNDED BY \$167,000 IN GRANTS

2024-2025 SANITARY SEWER PROJECT
5,100 FT OF CURED IN PLACE PIPE (CIPP) LINER
586 FT OF TOTAL LINE REPLACEMENT
22 SEWER PIPE POINT REPAIRS
255 MANHOLES REPLACED, SEALED, OR ADJUSTED
ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST \$1,600,000

COMPLETED 2023-2024 SANITARY SEWER PROJECT
17,200 FT OF CURED IN PLACE PIPE (CIPP) LINER
390 FT OF TOTAL LINE REPLACEMENT
75 MANHOLES REPLACED, SEALED, OR ADJUSTED
FINAL CONSTRUCTION COST \$1,600,000

RAYTOWN RD ENHANCEMENT PROJECT
0.85 MILES OF IMPROVEMENTS
2" DEEP MILL & OVERLAY
5,484 FT OF CURB & GUTTER REMOVAL & REPLACEMENT
1,200 FT OF SIDEWALK REMOVAL & REPLACEMENT
CONSTRUCTION BID OF \$1,280,000

CONCRETE REPAIR PROJECT
LOCATIONS IDENTIFIED BY ORANGE DOTS
514 FT OF CURB & GUTTER REPAIRED
302 FT OF SIDEWALK REPAIRED
5 DRIVEWAY APPROACHES REPAIRED
1 ADA RAMP IMPROVEMENT
COST OF 1ST PHASE COMPLETED - \$66,000





How Public Works Prepares for Winter Weather

Most people don't think about snow removal until a storm hits; however, the City of Raytown's Public Works Department plans year-round for winter weather maintenance operations.

What is a winter weather event?

- Freezing Rain
- Sleet
- Snow

How do we prepare?

- Make sure equipment is in safe working condition.
- Keep a well-trained and ready workforce.
- Maintain stockpiles of salt and beet juice.
- Monitor weather conditions.

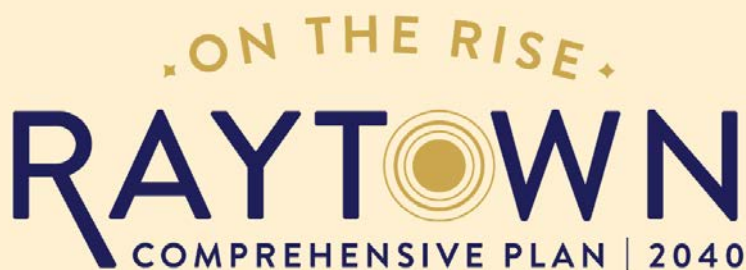
The City owns and operates 10 snowplows to maintain approximately 331 lane miles of streets in Raytown. Annually, Public Works uses the competitive bid process to purchase salt to keep on hand for winter maintenance operations. In addition to salt, the City uses beet juice to treat

the streets. When mixed with salt, beet juice holds the salt crystals on the streets longer. Furthermore, it is organic, reduces corrosion and is kinder to concrete and metal.

DID YOU KNOW? During an average 24-hour period with 2-4 inches of snowfall, it takes approximately 18 crew members and 160-man hours to treat and plow our City streets. Major arterials and collector streets which lead to highways are always the priority in snow removal.

What can citizens do during a winter weather event?

- Be patient.
- Prioritize vehicle trips.
- Park off street to better help our crews clear the road.
- Call 816-737-6010 for winter weather events
- Questions? Email snowoperations@raytown.mo.us



To stay up-to-date and involved in the Raytown on the Rise 2040 Comprehensive Plan, go to

www.raytownontherise.com

You can also sign up to be the first to know about engagement opportunities and other important info.



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

4th ANNUAL Raytown's Festival of the Trails Saturday, September 14, 2024



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.

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
- Craft Fair
- Food Trucks and Dining Tent
- Home tours, scheduled periodically
- Kids Crafts
- Kids Games by Connection Point and the River Church

- Living Historians
- Missouri Free Trappers
- Sophie White portrayal
- Windy Hollow Historical Band
- Wool Spinning Demonstrations
- Information Booth presented by the Raytown Chamber

Buffalo Soldiers reenactment

Abiding Faith 6700 Raytown Rd | 5:00pm

Raytown Live Greenspace in Town Center in downtown Raytown

10009 62nd Street | 7:00pm - 9:00pm

- Food for purchase
- Kids Games
- Live Music – Lucidity 7:00pm - 9:00pm



Clean-Up Coupons

The Public Works Department offers a coupon for each large item.

Bulky Items

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

Yard Waste

- Brush
- Tree trimmings
- Grass clippings
- Leaves

Don't forget your clean-up coupon. 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.

Coupons may be used for bulky item pick-up through GFL or yard waste disposal through Missouri Organic. Using a Clean-Up Coupon allows waste that might otherwise be landfilled, burned or dumped illegally to become repurposed items and for making responsible use of natural resources. Each household in Raytown is allowed 4 coupons per year, and they expire after 60 days from date of issue. Each coupon costs \$5.

For more information on the Clean-Up Coupon Program, visit us at raytown.mo.us or call the Public Works Department at 816-737-6092.

Raytown Parks & Recreation

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



Youth Basketball

Youth basketball registration opens August 22.

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.

Where: Raytown Schools

Cost:
\$70* per player K-3rd grade
\$80* 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 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.



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.

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.

For more information, contact raytownbmx1498@gmail.com.

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

Calendar



Raytown

CITY OF

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Labor Day - City Offices closed
- 3 Board of Aldermen meeting
- 5 Planning & Zoning Commission meeting
- 14 Youth Baseball free clinic
- 14 Festival of the Trails/ Raytown Live
- 16 Park Board meeting
- 17 Board of Aldermen meeting
- 21 Safety Fair

OCTOBER

- 1 Board of Aldermen meeting
- 2 Raytown PD Citizens meeting
- 3 Planning & Zoning Commission meeting
- 15 Board of Aldermen meeting
- 21 Park Board meeting

NOVEMBER

- 5 Election Day
- 12 Board of Aldermen meeting
- 18 Park Board meeting
- 19 Board of Aldermen meeting

DECEMBER

- 28 Thanksgiving - City offices closed
- 29 City Offices closed
- 3 Board of Aldermen meeting
- 5 Planning & Zoning Commission meeting
- 16 Park Board meeting
- 17 Board of Aldermen meeting
- 24 City Offices Closed
- 25 Christmas - City Offices closed

FALL/WINTER 2024



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