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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 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

# A Season of Change and Community in Raytown

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As the vibrant colors of autumn begin to paint our beautiful city, I am filled with a sense of gratitude for our community and the wonderful spirit that makes Raytown home. The fall season is a time for reflection, and it's also a time for renewed energy as we prepare for the holiday season and the promise of a new year.

It has been an eventful and productive year for our city. I want to thank you for your ongoing support and for being active participants in making Raytown a truly special place to live. Your input, whether at a City Council meeting or a local event, is what drives our progress.

## City Updates and Projects

We are continuously working to improve our City's infrastructure and services. Here are a few key updates on projects happening around town.

You may have noticed crews working on our streets. This fall, we are continuing our commitment to improving our City's infrastructure with storm sewers, sanitary sewers, and road repair projects. Our goal is to ensure safer, improved systems and smoother roads for everyone. We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we do this vital work.

Thank you to the voters who in August, reinvested in our community by approving a ¼ of a cent sales tax for the Raytown Parks system. Parks are a vital part of any community. This increase, while a small investment for each one of us, will have a large positive impact on our community and our parks system. In August, we had a ribbon cutting at the new Terry Copeland Park, located at 5330 Raytown Road. This park contains a dog park and will have a splash pad and shelter house coming this spring.

Please visit your parks here in your town and enjoy being outside together with family and community. We have such wonderful parks and people in this town of ours.

## Fall Events and Happenings

As the weather cools, there are several opportunities to come together and enjoy our community. The annual Festival of the Trails returns this year on September 13th, at Rice-Tremonti House, 8801 E 66th St, and then later that evening from 7 to 9 p.m., the final Raytown Live Summer Family Concert Series featuring the music of Hard At Play, at the green space at 62nd and Raytown Rd. These events are always fun and interesting. Please put them on your calendar and support these opportunities to come together with your families, neighbors, and friends. Keep an eye on the City's official website and social media accounts for announcements about our upcoming fall events.

## Support Local

Fall is the perfect time to explore our local shops and restaurants. Let's make a conscious effort to support the small businesses that give our community its unique character. These folks that own small businesses in our town work hard and are a vital part of our community.

## Community Safety

Our number of Law Enforcement members is growing. We have added 15 officers to our force over the last 22 months. At the August 12th, 2025, Board of Aldermen meeting, a resolution was passed, to approve additional officers for our Police Department. Once hired and trained, these additional officers will be specifically designated to increase traffic enforcement efforts, improve response times for 911 calls for service, and increase uniformed officers' proactive visibility within the community.



## Looking to the Future

We have been working on a comprehensive plan for our City. This is the first time since 1996 that this has been accomplished. This is another name for a long-range plan for our City and its citizens. There have been many steps taken in shaping this plan, including many contacts with citizens, staff, and other professionals, to find out what is needed. Part of this is more economic development. The big picture is to enhance the number of businesses, which in turn will enhance our revenue to help deliver services that people want, and our City needs.

## Your Voice Matters!

I encourage you to stay informed and involved. Our Board of Aldermen meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at City Hall. Your presence and feedback are always welcome.

I wish you and your family a safe and happy fall. God bless and stay safe.

Sincerely,

Mike McDonough

Mayor, City of Raytown, MO

## POLICE

### SAVE THE DATE RAYTOWN POLICE SAFETY FAIR/ TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Event will be held at Kenagy Park, 9718 E 79th Street on Saturday, October 4th from 11 am - 3 pm.

### RAYTOWN POLICE GET A NEW ANNEX

On June 3, 2025, just five months after Royal Construction demolished the crumbling PD Annex behind City Hall, City officials and staff gathered to cut the ribbon on the new 1,200 square-foot building. Aldermen Josh Morales, Janet Emerson and Diane Krizek along with Mayor Michael McDonough were in attendance.

Public Works secured an ARPA grant to fund this project that cannot exceed \$560,472.33. This project was completed on time.

### CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY

Citizen Police Academy starts October 1st, 2025. The classes are held every Wednesday evening for seven weeks. Those interested in obtaining additional information or are considering attending, please contact Capt. Candice Schwarz - 816-737-6105.

To register, go to our website, [www.raytownpolice.org](http://www.raytownpolice.org) by September 22, 2025.

# Staff Highlights

The City of Raytown was one of nine municipalities recognized for its **Operational Efficiency through technology to deliver better public service**. Congratulations to **April Mayne**, Rental Regulations Permit Tech for her innovative use of technology to enhance operational efficiency and eliminate barriers. She has not only streamlined the City's processes for enterprise permitting and licensing but significantly elevated the level of service we provide to our community. Mayne's forward-thinking mindset exemplifies the very best of our values.

## 75TH BIRTHDAY RECAP



Thanks to our wonderful Raytown residents and businesses who helped us celebrate our 75th Birthday on July 17, 2025.

The week-long events spread across the City included an Antique Fair at Rice-Tremonti, a free concert on the greenspace, free tours at the Raytown Historical Society and Museum, an ice cream and (cup)cake social at Kenagy Park, and the final event to culminate the week: **Looking towards our Future at Raytown High School**.

## LOOKING TOWARDS 2026

The world's premier international soccer (futbol) competition returns in 2026 and for the first time in history will be hosted in three counties with 48 teams. Kansas City is one of 12 US Host Cities. Six games will be played at Arrowhead Stadium:

- June 16, 2026
- June 20, 2026
- June 25, 2026
- June 27, 2026
- July 3, 2026
- July 11, 2026

**Looking Towards 2026** is a collective group of organizations that have been meeting since 2023 to prepare Raytown and businesses for this international event.

To learn more about World Cup '26, find out how to purchase tickets, attend the fan fest, volunteer or just general info, go to <https://kansascityfwc26.com>

## RECYCLEFEST RECAP

Thanks to our residents who came out on May 3 to drop off items for recycling. Here are the totals:

- 4,702 lbs of electronics
- 6,600 lbs of documents shredded
- 1.7 tons of cardboard
- 220 lbs of glass
- 23 bicycles
- 154 cars through the line



## ANNIVERSARY MILESTONES

Congratulations to the following employees who have 15 years of service or more:

### Community Development

- Andy Boyd (37)

### Court

- Rhonda Wooderson (40)

### Police

- Michele Anderson (15)
- Paul Beitling (30)
- Nathan Brand (18)
- Nicole Growney (19)
- Aaron Hixon (22)
- Dyon Harper (30)
- Alan Loftis (36)
- Franklin McDevitt (15)
- Loutreces Thurman (24)
- Lora Shireman (24)
- Chris Shrout (24)
- Kyle Stoker (15)

### Parks

- Alan Bancroft (16)
- Jonda Demarco (25)
- Tony Mesa (37)
- Dave Turner (26)

### PW

- Dave Berry (39)
- Vern Fowler (15)
- Marcus Hankins (15)
- Jason Hanson (32)
- Jeff McGill (16)

### Finance

- Edwina Phillips (25)
- Holly Tyrrell (16)

### Administration

- Dan Berry (27)
- Teresa Henry (22)



# Urban Land Institute – Technical Assistance Panel (ULI-TAP)

On June 11th and 12th, the City of Raytown partnered with the Urban Land Institute – Technical Assistance Panel (ULI-TAP) to hear professional recommendations on how to develop the “greenspace,” to its highest and best use, to create a vibrant downtown district for Raytown, and how to connect this district to the Rock Island Trail, a regional asset that attracts approximately 400,000 pedestrians and cyclists annually.

Over this two-day intensive workshop, 14 professionals from around the KC metro area volunteered their time and expertise. At the end of the final day, they presented their creative and innovative ideas to the public in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Their official report and recommendations will be made available to the public as soon as it is completed. The presentation can be viewed on the City website under the planning and zoning tab. Exciting things are in store for Downtown Raytown!



## City of Raytown Comprehensive Plan Update

**Over the last year and a half, The Lakota Group has been working hard to complete the City of Raytown’s new Comprehensive Plan, “Raytown on the Rise.”**

During this time, they met with community members, local business owners, elected officials, city staff, students, and area organizations. The Planning Commission voted to adopt the plan at its August meeting.

This plan outlines the City of Raytown’s strengths and assets and indicates areas where improvements are needed. These assessments and recommendations will help to guide future projects and plans within the City over the next 20 years. To view the exhibits or sign up to receive updates, go to [raytownontherise.com](http://raytownontherise.com).

### Finance

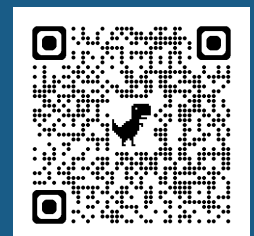
**Finance will be implementing new budget software for the FY26 Budget.**

The software program **ClearGov** was chosen. A digital budget book will be available for the public to view in late 2025 on the City’s website.

Directors and senior staff are currently putting together their departmental budgets and scheduling meetings with the City Administrator to allocate the budget resources.

Board of Aldermen meetings for Budget/Levy/Sewer Rates will be held in September and are open to the public. Check the Board of Aldermen agenda on the City’s website for exact dates.

**Scan the QR code to setup Sewer Autopay and avoid processing and late fees!**





## GO Bond Stormwater Project Update

Currently our consultant, GBA has completed 90% of the design plans on selected GO Bond project areas. Per direction from City staff, GBA is focusing on final design of Area 26/77, then Area 19. To keep up to date on the City's Stormwater GO Bond Projects, go to <https://www.oneraytown.com/>

### Three public meetings have been conducted:

- **March 18, 2025:** Area 9, in the area of 74th Terrace & Cedar.
- **April 24, 2025:** Area 19, in the area of Ditzler & 74th.
- **July 16, 2025:** Area 26/77, in the area of 65th & Railroad St.

The first GO Bond stormwater project design will be completed and go out for bid this Fall. Construction on this first project could begin by the Spring of 2026. The next GO Bond stormwater project's design phase is expected to be finished in Winter 2026 and then go out to bid in the Spring of 2026.

This process will be repeated in the Fall of 2026 for the 3rd round of GO Bond stormwater project bidding.

## Illicit Discharge = Only Rain Down the Drain!

### What is Illicit Discharge?

- In general, illicit discharges include any discharge into a storm drain system that is not entirely composed of stormwater.

### Why is Illicit Discharge a problem?

- As a result of illicit connections and improper behavior, contaminated water enters storm drains or directly into local waters. The City's sanitary sewer system is treated before it is reintroduced into waters; the City's storm sewer system is not.

### What can residents do to help?

- Don't put, wash, or sweep things into the storm drains.
- Wash your car at a car wash or on the grass, not on the driveway.
- If you change your own motor oil, recycle the old oil.
- Water your lawn carefully and use less fertilizer & pesticides.
- Properly dispose of harmful household chemicals the right way. Go to <https://www.recyclespot.org/hazardous-waste> to find out how.

### Examples of what to keep out of storm drains:

- Oil & grease
- Debris & litter
- Automotive fluids
- Soap from car washing or carpet cleaning
- Fertilizers & pesticides
- Pet waste
- Sediment/mud track out and concrete washout

### To Report a Spill or Illegal Dumping:

- Contact: Raytown Public Works Dept. 816-737-6092, or at [roadconcern@raytown.mo.us](mailto:roadconcern@raytown.mo.us)

# Thank you, Raytown!

## Raytown voters pass Parks/Storm Sales Tax



**The unofficial results for the Aug. 5 Special Election according to the Jackson County Election Board, 73.99% of voters approved a seven-year sales tax at a ¼ of a cent for parks and stormwater and 26.01% voted no.**

**The ballot language included specific language on how the funds would be split:** 80% for parks and 20% for stormwater. The current 1/8 of a cent sales tax is collected 75% for parks and 25% for stormwater and sunsets March 31, 2026.

The City estimates that the quarter-of-a-cent sales tax will generate \$724,000 for the park fund and \$240,000 for the storm fund annually. Tentative projects planned at the top of the Parks list include: repair the Colman shelter and playground (\$1.1 million estimated), Kenagy Pond wall

(estimated \$850,000), phase 3 of Terry Copeland Park (\$600,000), and update the Kenagy brick restroom (\$475,000).

### **Public Works has a long list of projects that need funding.**

Over the next few months, this department will prioritize the list based upon flood history, number of properties affected and potential flood damage. In 2022, voters approved a \$7.2 million Storm GO Bond – those funds will be used for new storm sewer pipes in seven neighborhoods. Work is anticipated to start fall/winter 2025.

To view the location map of the selected projects, go to [www.oneyartown.com](http://www.oneyartown.com).

*(Note: At time of press, the Jackson County Election Board had not yet certified the results)*

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## 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](http://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 web page ([raytownparks.com](http://raytownparks.com)).  
 Dates and times to be provided in late Winter/early Spring.

5TH ANNUAL

## Raytown's Festival of the Trails Saturday, September 13, 2025



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

Join us on Sep 13th for the return of Raytown's Festival of the Trails! Come celebrate Missouri's bicentennial and commemorate the 204th anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail.

Go to the Facebook page for more details and updates:  
<https://www.facebook.com/festivalofthetrails>



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 66<sup>th</sup> Street | 10:00am - 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

#### Buffalo Soldiers reenactment

Rice-TremontiHome | 1:00pm

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

10009 62<sup>nd</sup> Street | 7:00pm - 9:00pm

- Food for purchase
- Kids Games
- Live Music – Hard at Play 7:00pm - 9:00pm





# Raytown Parks Redevelop Land to Create a New Park

**Last month, Raytown Parks held a ribbon cutting for the opening of its newest park: Terry Copeland Park, 5330 Raytown Road, formerly known as SuperSplash USA.**

Funded through federal and state grants totaling \$3 million, Terry Copeland Park is a tribute to Raytown resident and Park Board member David “Terry” Copeland who passed away in October 2020.

## PHASE I

Phase I of the 10-acre park included the **demolition of the water park** and the addition of **two dog parks**: one for dogs 30 lbs and over and one for dogs under 30 lbs.

## PHASE II

While no date has been set for Phase II, it is estimated to cost about \$2 million and will be a grant project. Phase II will include a **splash pad**, an **all-inclusive playground, pavilion/shelter house** and more.



# Raytown Live Concert Series

**DATE** Second Saturdays  
**TIME** 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.  
**COST** Free

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

This free monthly concert is held every second Saturday from May-September on the Greenspace (across from the library). These public events are supported by sponsors for the community to enjoy. Food trucks and vendors are also onsite. We encourage everyone to come out to enjoy a free evening of family fun.

For more information about the Raytown Live concert series, follow us on Facebook, or visit the City's website, [www.raytown.mo.us](http://www.raytown.mo.us). 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 358-4100, or email, [sports@raytownparks.com](mailto:sports@raytownparks.com). We hope to see you there!

## Youth Basketball

**Youth Basketball registrations will begin September 1st.**

Practices start in November (Monday-Thursday evenings). Coaches will notify you near the end of October with day, time, and location of practice. Games will be on Saturdays starting Dec. 6, 13, 20, Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31 and Feb. 7, 14, and 21. Make-up snow date is February 28. (All dates are tentative).

Scholarships are available to students that are receiving Free or Reduced Lunch assistance through the Raytown C-2 School District. Contact [sports@raytownparks.com](mailto:sports@raytownparks.com) for more information.

**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 was built in 1844

One of the most historic properties in the region is located right here in Raytown. The Rice-Tremonti Home, located at 8801 E. 66th St., was built in 1844 and served as a “jumping off” place for many travelers on the Santa Fe, California and Oregon Trails during our nation’s westward expansion.

Archibald Rice and his family, who had immigrated to Missouri from North Carolina, settled the property in the 1830s. The cabin, known as “Sophie’s Cabin”, was occupied by the enslaved Sophie White, who was the personal servant and cook for the Rice family throughout the family’s residence here. She remained with the Rice family following emancipation.

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 Hartshorne Tremonti, 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 Carla at 816-729-0890.

To read the full history of the property visit, [www.rice-tremonti.org](http://www.rice-tremonti.org).



## Raytown BMX



Home for the 2015, 2016, 2018, 2000, 2020, 2021 and 2023 USA BMX Nationals!

### BICYCLE BMX FOR ALL AGES IN RAYTOWN'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, Raytown BMX is a team of volunteers providing area residents with 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 starting at the age of one and ride Balance bikes (we have the only balance bike track in the metro area) and our oldest riders who are over 50 hitting the big track. We have loaner bikes and helmets available to use for free!

The track hosts races every Thursday evening from April-November. We also host a yearly race that brings all BMX riders from the state of Missouri to compete. The USA BMX Mid-America Nationals return to Raytown next year. This national race brings in more than 5,000 riders from across the USA. Our last 2023 National event that Raytown hosted brought riders from as far as California and New Jersey!

**Come try BMX for FREE!** Join us this season: Monday's gates open at 6:30 pm for practice. Thursday's gates open at 6pm. Signups 6-7pm, racing shortly after.

We are also currently looking for Raytown business sponsors. 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.

Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and <https://www.usabmx.com/tracks/mo-raytown-bmx>. For more information, contact Nate Jonjevic at raytownbmx1488@gmail.com.

# CITY OF Raytown



## Calendar

For more information about city events, click on Calendar of Events at [raytown.mo.us](http://raytown.mo.us).

### SEPTEMBER

- 1 Labor Day - City offices Closed
- 2 Board of Aldermen meeting
- 13 Festival of the Trails / Raytown Live
- 15 Park Board meeting
- 16 Board of Aldermen meeting

### OCTOBER

- 4 Police Safety Fair/Trunk or Treat
- 7 Board of Aldermen meeting
- 20 Park Board meeting
- 21 Board of Aldermen meeting

### NOVEMBER

- 4 Board of Aldermen meeting
- 17 Park Board meeting
- 18 Board of Aldermen meeting
- 27 Thanksgiving - City offices closed
- 28 Thanksgiving - City offices closed

### DECEMBER

- 2 Board of Aldermen meeting
- 5 Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting
- 15 Park Board meeting
- 16 Board of Aldermen meeting
- 24 Christmas Eve - City offices closed
- 25 Christmas Day - City offices closed



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