

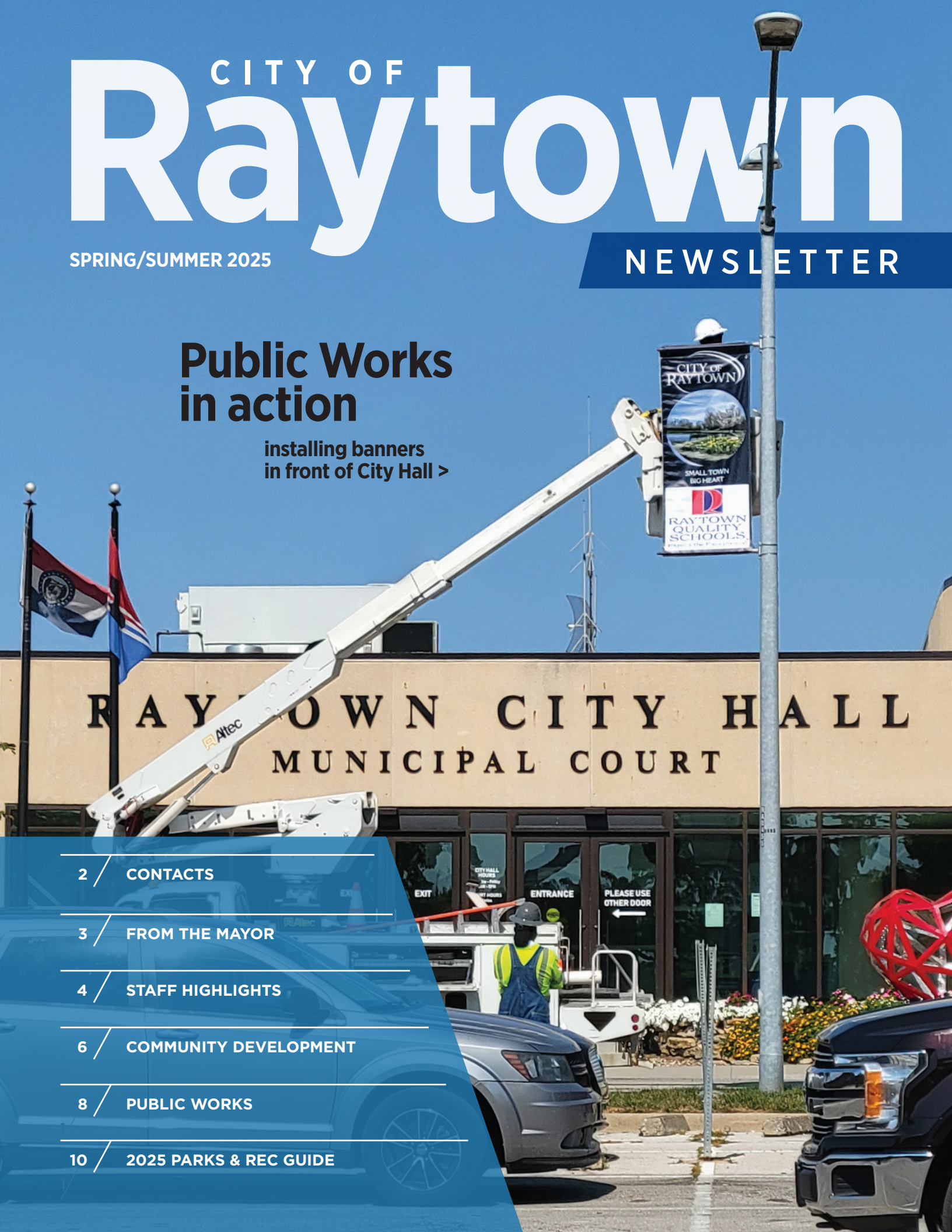
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BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETINGS: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month, 7 p.m. at City Hall, unless otherwise posted; live streaming available on the City's web site at raytown.mo.us; live and replays on RayTV, Channel 7 and GoogleTV Channel 145; indexed meetings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

APRIL 8, 2025

General Municipal Election

Municipal Judge

4 year term expiring April 2029

- Traci Fann

Alderman Ward I

4 year term expiring April 2029

- Theresa Tush
- Demonte Rochester
- Philip D. Conway

Alderman Ward II

4 year term expiring April 2029

- Loretha Hayden
- Ryan Hoffman

Alderman Ward III

4 year term expiring April 2029

- Morris Melloy
- Ryan Myers
- Latrice Thomas

Alderman Ward IV

4 year term expiring April 2029

- Josh Morales
- William E. (Bill) Van Buskirk
- Rodney V. Fritz

Alderman Ward V

4 year term expiring April 2029

- Bonnaye Mims



Here we are looking to spring with great anticipation after a cold, cruel winter. The winter took its toll on our roads, our equipment and our personnel from Community Development, Parks, Public Works, Police and the Firemen and Paramedics. It is most difficult to work under the taxing conditions that they were given by mother nature. I want to thank them all for their dedication and hard work in keeping us safe and doing your best, under unusual circumstances. They performed magnificently.

We are still working on numerous projects over the winter and now into spring. 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, which gets metered along with the rest of the waste, costing you, the customer, more money for treatment.

We also are working on storm sewer projects to help alleviate flooding in identified areas. This is a long-term project, and much needed.

Projects that were completed over the summer, fall and winter include the Raytown Road resurfacing from 74th Terrace to 67th Street at the cost of \$1.2 million. Also, Sterling from 51st to Blue Ridge Blvd, was resurfaced by a grant from the federal government. Many other smaller projects too.

Another major project underway is the demolition of the 53rd Street Property, formerly known as Super Splash water park, and the eventual rebuilding into a new recreation area. Stay tuned and watch for updates on the Raytown Parks and Recreation website or Facebook.

We continue to work on the City's comprehensive plan. The plan for the future of our city. This is the first time it has been updated in 20 years.

We continue to apply for more state and federal dollars in the form of grants for our use. We have garnered millions in grants and ARPA funds, over the last couple of years, to help us with moving projects forward more quickly.

This year we will be planning and hosting a 75th Birthday celebration for the anniversary of our City's incorporation. There will be a week-long celebration from Saturday July 12th through Saturday July 19th, 2025, in several locations throughout the city. Please visit the City's website and follow us on Facebook for updates.

For the seventh year, Raytown Live will be presenting a family concert series every second Saturday of the month, from May through September. These are free family-friendly concerts from 7-9 pm. Food trucks will be onsite. You may also bring your own cooler with your favorite beverages and your own food too. Come join the community for these free concerts on the green space at 62nd and Raytown Road.

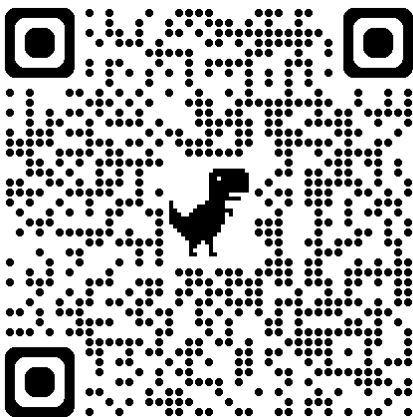
I encourage you to support our businesses here in Raytown, especially our family-owned businesses.

I am proud to be your Mayor, and I encourage you all to enjoy the trails, parks, and other amenities of this small town. I ask that you all work together, help one another, pick up litter around your area, and be a part of the solution to our problems.

God Bless you all.

Mayor Mike McDonough

FINANCE



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

Staff Highlights

CITY RECAP

Did you read the **2024 City Recap**? Check it out now at <https://bit.ly/43aUstJ>

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.



DID YOU KNOW?

75th Anniversary

On July 17, 2025, the City of Raytown turns 75.

Stay tuned for details on how the City will celebrate.

NEW HIRES

We welcome the following new employees:

Public Works

- Austin Cooney
- Gabriel Guertin
- Bradley Barrett

Community Development

- Richard Miller

Police Department

- Joseph Beaty
Entrant Officer (Academy)
- Caeleb Dye
Communications Tech.
- Bryant Lavar
Officer
- Emmy Naeter
Co-Responder
- Nathan Zambelli
Officer
- Wayne Zambelli
Officer

RETIREMENTS

Mary Ann McCormick, 29 years (Parks - pictured)

Debbie Duncan, 17 years



SAVE THE DATE

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

AFTER



BEFORE



BEFORE



Minor Home Repair Program Ramping Up

This year the Minor Home Repair Program budget was increased to help more low-income homeowners with repairs such as dead tree removal, driveway repairs, exterior painting, gutter and soffit repairs, and handrail safety repairs. If you have a home in need of repair, please call 816-737-6093, to get your name on the Minor Home Repair list. The City partners with Habitat for Humanity to vet the projects and ensure positive outcomes.

Code Enforcement Changes

This year, the Community Development Department has restructured Code Enforcement and Animal Control divisions.

The department has added a Code Enforcement position, for a total of three full-time dedicated Code Officers working to clean up the City, and two full-time Animal Control Officers dedicated to working with animals.

The City is already reaping benefits of this change. The number of proactive code enforcement cases has risen.

So, you may see an increase in Community Development vehicles in your neighborhood!



PHOTO BY JAMIE STREET ON UNSPLASH

Businesses Increase Usage of the Online Renewal System

At the first of last year, 25% of businesses completed licensing online with current participation at 72%.

For contractors, the online submittals were 5% at the first of the year, and current participation is now at 48%. We consider this a huge success as this saves time and effort for the business community. Businesses and contractors can apply at any time of the day, instead of having to come into the office during normal business hours. The goal is to make applying for a business license in Raytown easier for businesses.

Keep Your Pets Safe this Spring

Most pets that the City picks up are not spayed or neutered and do not have a tag or a microchip.

Lack of a microchip or a tag makes it very difficult to reunite the owner with their pet. Also, if your pet is not spayed or neutered, it increases the tendency of them escaping. Microchips and tags provide contact information necessary to locate the owner. Without this information, some tough decisions about care and future placement must be made by staff. So, please spay and neuter your pets, and make sure they have a microchip and a tag.



Comprehensive Plan Community Workshop

Adopt-A-Drain

In February, the Public Works Department rolled out its **Adopt-a-Drain program**, a project that asks the community to become responsible for a storm drain in their neighborhood and commit to keeping it clear of leaves, trash and other debris to reduce water pollution.

The Adopt-a-Drain program will also reduce street flooding and provide cleaner water. Raytown is the first City in the state to implement a program of its kind.

To sign up, go to mo.adopt-a-drain.org. Once you sign up and select your drain you will be sent a welcome packet with tips and a safety card.

For questions about the Adopt-a-Drain program, call Public Works at 816-737-6146.



ADOPT A STORM DRAIN 

Sign up to **Adopt a Storm Drain!**



Keep your neighborhood clean and protect local waterways. **Sign up today!**

mo.adopt-a-drain.org 

SAVE THE DATE

ANNUAL COMMUNITY

Recycle FEST

Check our website, raytown.mo.us for details.

DATE: May 3
TIME: 9-12
PLACE: Raytown South High School Parking Lot

Accepted items

- sensitive documents for secure on-site shredding
- electronics (anything with a cord)
- bicycles (any condition)
- glass bottles and jars
- cardboard
- magazines
- newspaper
- plastic (#1,2,3)

POLICE



Raytown Police to Wear Commemorative Badges in 2025

The new badges commemorate the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the Raytown Police Department, which occurred in 1950. The badge was designed by a committee of department members, with input department-wide. The commemorative badges could voluntarily be purchased by police department members to wear from January 1st to December 31st, 2025, at which time they will be retired.

The commemorative badge design is based on the badge from the department's early years. The badges will include the member's identifying number, rank or title, and "1950-2025." They will have the Missouri state seal and either a silver or gold finish; supervisory-ranked personnel will have a gold finish.



Household Hazardous Waste Program

The City has rejoined the Household Hazardous Waste program through the Mid-America Regional Council. Raytown residents can take their household hazardous waste items to any permanent collection facility for free. The City will also hold a mobile collection event on July 19 at Ruskin High School, 7000 E 111th Street from 8 – noon. Check our website for more details.

\$6M Storm Project

PHASE ONE currently underway at Raytown Trafficway and 59th St.

A \$4.3M federal grant was received to help fund this project.



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.

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



FREE COMMUNITY

Fishing Derby

DATE June 7

TIME 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

PLACE Kenagy

COST Free

Fun for all ages, prizes in every age category, in partnership with the great people of the Sol-Pro Bass Club, we hope to see you there! To help with the Raytown annual Fishing Derby as a sponsor or volunteer, please contact the Raytown Parks Department at 358-4100. 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, holiday & birthday parties.

Contact Leigh Elmore for availability, reservations, or to book a private tour: leighroi@kc.rr.com or 816-510-8179.

rice-tremonti.org



Festival of the Trails

DATE September 13

COST Free

PLACE Rice-Tremonti Home

The Raytown Chamber, Cave Spring, Raytown Parks & Rec, Raytown Historical Society & Museum and the Rice-Tremonti Home along with other organizations will commemorate the 204th anniversary of the Santa Fe Trail and the statehood of Missouri. Information will be updated on the Raytown's Festival of Trails Facebook page, so stay tuned! Open to all ages. To become involved in the Festival of Trails as a sponsor, volunteer, or supporter of the arts in Raytown, please contact the Raytown Parks Department at 358-4100.

Raytown Live Concert Series

DATE Second

Saturdays

TIME 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

PLACE Green Space

COST Free

The community of Raytown will have Raytown Live concert series at the green space on the second Saturday of every month from May-September 7-9PM. These will be free to the public events supported by sponsors to provide a new band/genre of music on the second Saturday of every month, May-September, for the community to enjoy. There are also food trucks and vendors to display and sell their wares. We hope everyone comes out to enjoy and support the City and the wonderful sponsors who are active in bringing this opportunity to our citizens!

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 358-4100. We hope to see you there!



Softball

• Spring/Summer

• Adult Fall (Aug.)

COST

\$350-\$550

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 for a cost of \$350-\$550, depending on the league. For more information, call the Parks office at 358-4100.



Tennis

NEW Red Ball for All Event

DATE May 17
TIME 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
PLACE Kenagy
COST FREE

Join us for open-play instructional tennis. This event is open to all ages and skill levels and is completely free to the public. Email sports@raytownparks or call 358-4100 for more information.

Adult Tennis League

SPRING May 6
SUMMER Jul 22
RUNS 10 weeks
TIME 7 p.m.
PLACE Colman
COST \$45

This is a fun, active, and social league with an on-site tennis coordinator to run the league. The spring league begins Wednesday, May 6th (Tentative), 7 pm at Colman Park. The league will run for 10 weeks and costs \$45. Drinks and balls will be provided. Sign up at the park office before the class starts or at the Colman Tennis courts the first night of the league. Summer session starts July 22nd (Tentative).

Adult Tennis Lessons

RUNS 5 weeks
PLACE Colman Park
COST \$50 pp

LEVEL	DAY/START DATE	TIME
Beginner	Wednesday, May 24	7 p.m.
Intermediate	Monday, July 10	7 p.m.

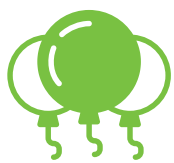
Adult Tennis Lessons are Monday evenings starting at 7:00 PM, for 5 weeks and the cost is \$55 per person. Register at the Raytown Park office before classes begin May 15th, next session July 10th.

Youth Tennis Lessons

RUNS 5 weeks
PLACE Colman Park
COST \$45 pp

LEVEL	LOCATION	DAY/START DATE	TIME
Beginner	Colman	Wednesday, May 24	6 p.m.
Intermediate	Colman	Monday, July 10	6 p.m.

Youth Tennis Lessons are on Monday Evenings starting 5/19 and 7/21 starting at 6 PM at Colman Park. The classes are weekly for 5 weeks and the cost is \$45 per person.



Kids' Day at Kenagy

DATE June 26
COST Free
TIME 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

This is a FREE event at Kenagy Park open to all ages. There will be a petting zoo at the park for the kids to enjoy! Also, we have requested a police car, fire truck and an ambulance be there for the kids to explore! Come on by Kenagy Park (79th & Arlington) to join the fun and let the kids enjoy the park and all there is to offer. To become involved in Kids Day as a sponsor, volunteer, or supporter of the arts in Raytown, please contact the Raytown Parks Department at 358-4100.



NEW Walking Book Club

DATE April 26
COST Free
PLACE Kenagy Park
TIME 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Walking Book Club is a brand-new FREE program in partnership with the Mid-Continent Public Library Raytown-Branch. We have been given a limited number of books to distribute to participants who can read their book throughout the month and then meet to walk in our parks and discuss what they read. First up is **The Midnight Library** by Matt Haig. If interested call 358-4100 or email sports@raytownparks.com.

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Calendar

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DATE	EVENT
MAY	
1	P&Z Commission meeting
3	Recycle FEST
6	Board of Aldermen meeting
10	Raytown Live
19	Park Board meeting
20	Board of Aldermen meeting
26	Memorial Day - City offices closed
JUNE	
1	Board of Aldermen meeting
3	Board of Aldermen meeting
5	P&Z Commission meeting
12	BZA Commission meeting
14	Raytown Live
16	Park Board meeting
17	Board of Aldermen meeting
19	June 19th - City offices closed
JULY	
1	Board of Aldermen meeting
4	Independence Day - City offices closed
12	Raytown Live
15	Board of Aldermen meeting
17	Raytown's 75th Birthday
21	Park Board meeting

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