

**APRIL**

- 7 General Municipal Election
- 14 Board of Aldermen meeting
- 20 Park Board meeting
- 21 Board of Aldermen meeting

**MAY**

- 2 Get Outdoors Day
- 5 Board of Aldermen meeting
- 7 Planning & Zoning Commission meeting
- 9 Raytown Live
- 18 Park Board meeting
- 19 Board of Aldermen meeting
- 25 Memorial Day - City offices closed

**JUNE**

- 2 Board of Aldermen meeting
- 6 Fishing Derby
- 13 Raytown Live
- 16 Park Board meeting
- 17 Board of Aldermen meeting
- 19 Juneteenth - City offices closed

**JULY**

- 2 Planning & Zoning Commission meeting
- 3 Independence Day observed - City offices closed
- 7 Board of Aldermen meeting
- 20 Park Board meeting
- 21 Board of Aldermen meeting

*Note: Meetings and events are subject to change or cancellation. Check our website calendar - [raytown.mo.us](http://raytown.mo.us).*

**SPRING/SUMMER 2026**



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# CITY OF Raytown

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### Parks

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*raytownparks.com*

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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 website at raytown.mo.us; live on RayTV, Channel 7 and 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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Dear Raytown Neighbors,

As spring blossoms across our city, I'm reminded why Raytown's spirit continues to shine so brightly, it's because of you. This year marks my 10th year serving as your mayor, and I'm filled with gratitude for the

trust, partnership, and persistence that make Raytown such a proud community. Together, we've stayed true to who we are while continuing to grow and look ahead.

This spring, we're unveiling "Keep It Raytown Real," our new city marketing campaign that celebrates what makes us unique — our local pride, our welcoming neighborhoods, and our one-of-a-kind spirit. Whether you've lived here for generations or just joined our community, this campaign is about sharing the authentic Raytown experience and supporting the people and places that make our city special.

We're also gearing up for an exciting season beyond our borders. With World Cup matches being played less than three miles from Raytown, the Kansas City region is preparing to welcome an estimated 650,000 visitors from around the world. That means a lot of energy, opportunity, and yes, a little extra traffic. In this newsletter, you'll find a quick guide with helpful tips for residents to navigate what's sure to be a once-in-a-lifetime event right in our backyard.

Closer to home, I'm thrilled to announce that Raytown Live returns this year, bringing back the community concerts and family fun that fill our summer evenings with music and connection. Also, please note that we've moved Recycle FEST to the fall, taking place this year on September 19, to make the most of cooler weather and increased participation.

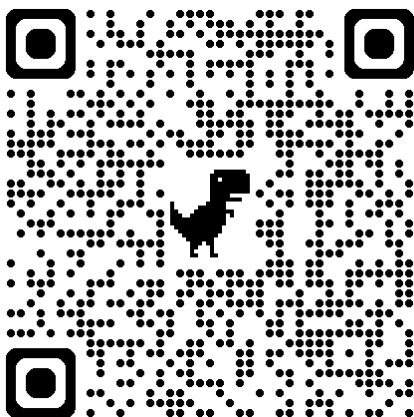
And finally, mark your calendar for the April 7 election, where Raytown voters will consider renewing existing sales taxes that fund essential city services and infrastructure improvements. This is not a new tax, but a continuation of the community investment that keeps Raytown moving forward together.

Enjoy the spring and summer and take advantage of our parks and activities.

Sincerely,

Mayor Mike McDonough

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# Staff Highlights

## WINTER E-NEWS

Have you read the City's **2025 Recap** in the Winter e-newsletter?

It's easy. Just go to our website [raytown.mo.us/newsletter](http://raytown.mo.us/newsletter)

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.

### ANNIVERSARY MILESTONES

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

#### Administration

- Dan Berry
- Teresa Henry

#### Court

- Rhonda Wooderson (40)

#### Police

- Michele Anderson (15)
- Paul Beitling (30)
- Nathan Brand (19)
- Candice Dixon (29)
- Nicole Growney (20)
- Dyon Harper (30)
- Aaron Hixon (22)
- Randy Hudspeth (27)
- Alan Loftis (36)
- Franklin McDevitt (15)
- Jared Rogers (23)
- Thomas Saccardi (25)

#### Parks

- Bradley Schwarz (38)
- Lora Shireman (24)
- Christopher Shrout (24)
- Kyle Stoker (15)
- Loutreces Thurman (24)

#### Parks

- Alan Bancroft (16)
- Jonda DeMarco (25)
- Tony Mesa (38)
- Dave Turner (26)

#### Public Works

- Dave Berry (39)
- Vern Fowler (15)
- Marcus Hankins (15)
- Jason Hanson (32)
- Jeff McGill (17)

#### Finance

- Edwina Phillips (26)

### RETIREMENTS

**Andy Boyd**  
38 years

**Alan Loftis**  
36 years

### POLICE

## 2025 Stats

CALLS FOR SERVICE

**18,494**

INCIDENT REPORTS

**2,611**



ACCIDENT REPORTS

**633**

SAVE THE DATE

ANNUAL COMMUNITY

## Recycle FEST

**DATE:** Sept. 19, 2026

**TIME:** 9 am – 12 noon

**PLACE:** Raytown South High School Parking Lot

#### Accepted items

any item with a cord or battery, sensitive documents for shredding (go to [raytown.mo.us](http://raytown.mo.us) for full list of items)

Check our website, [raytown.mo.us](http://raytown.mo.us) for details.

6<sup>th</sup> Annual

# GET OUTDOORS DAY

SATURDAY  
MAY 2,  
2026  
10 AM-3 PM

**FREE**  
FISHING RODS  
TO THE FIRST  
100 KIDS  
(ONE PER FAMILY)



Live Animals • Fishing • Smokey Bear

Food Trucks • Birding

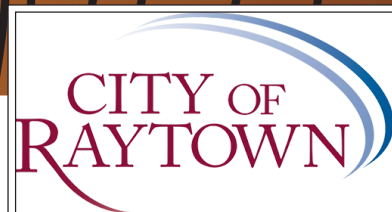
Tomahawk throwing... and more



Track Chairs

For mobility  
impaired

**Kenagy Park**  
9604 E. 79th St.  
Raytown, MO 64138





# General Municipal Election

## SAMPLE BALLOT

### Question 1

Shall the City of Raytown, Missouri continue to impose an existing sales tax of three-eighths cent (3/8¢) for capital improvements for a term of ten (10) years, which may include the retirement of debt under previously authorized bonded indebtedness?

### Question 2

Shall the City of Raytown, Missouri continue to impose an existing sales tax of one-half cent (1/2¢) for transportation purposes for a term of ten (10) years?

## Q&A

### 1. Are these new taxes?

No. The City currently collects a 3/8 cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax and a 1/2 cent Transportation Sales Tax. Both taxes have a 10-year sunset that expires March 31, 2027.

### 2. Is this a tax increase?

No. If approved, taxes will renew at their current rates.

### 3. Who pays these taxes?

The 3/8 cent Capital Improvement Sales Tax is paid by anyone who makes a purchase in Raytown.

The 1/2 cent Transportation Sales Tax is paid by anyone who makes a purchase in Raytown.

### 4. How much will these taxes affect my total purchase?

Together, both taxes total \$0.0875 cents (less than a dime) on a \$10 purchase or less than a \$1 on a \$100 purchase.

### 5. From the monies collected what have the sales taxes funded?

The Capital Improvement Sales Tax has funded: police equipment, City vehicles, stormwater improvement

projects, and ADA improvements inside City Hall.

The Transportation Sales Tax has funded street improvements, salt, brine and other materials and services for effective snow removal operations.

### 6. Why are the taxes expiring?

The taxes have a 10-year sunset (April 1, 2017 – March 31, 2027)

### 7. What if voters do not vote to approve both taxes. What happens?

If voters do not renew the taxes, the City will need to amend services and current programs could be affected.

### 8. If approved when do the taxes go into effect?

April 1, 2027.

### 9. If approved when do the taxes expire?

Both taxes will sunset 2037.

### 10. Where is my polling location?

Go to Jackson County Election Board, <https://jcebmo.org>, or call 816-325-4600 to find your polling location.

## 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's New Marketing Campaign

Last Spring, the City engaged an agency to create a marketing campaign to promote Raytown to soccer fans and other visitors during the 2026 FIFA World Cup.

The campaign, **Keep it Raytown Real**, is a confident unapologetic celebration of the City's identity, very much leaning into our authenticity and local pride. Our people, places and pride are what make Raytown unique. Our proximity to the stadium (2.5 miles) is what we hope will attract soccer fans to our town to watch the game at one of our local bars, grab a bite to eat or attend a Raytown Live concert. Stay tuned as we roll out the campaign and merchandise over the next several months.

### UPDATES

All Health inspection reports for restaurants and food establishments in Raytown will now be posted on our website, [www.raytown.mo.us](http://www.raytown.mo.us).

#### Uptick in Online Activity

Business licenses and permits completed online increased 3% making the online participation rate 98%. This saves time and effort for the public and City staff. The City will post on its website all Raytown businesses that fail to renew their business license, 60 days after expiration.

# COME CHEER WITH US



WATCH A MATCH



## FIFA WORLD CUP Quick Guide

What Residents Need to Know

### WHAT'S HAPPENING

June 11, 2026 kicks off the FIFA World Cup 2026 in North America. Kansas City is one of 16 host cities, making this soccer tournament the largest (48 teams) in World Cup history. Approximately 650,000 people are expected to visit the metro area, and an estimated 60,000 are expected to attend a match at the Kansas City Stadium (Arrowhead).

### WHEN

Matches will be played at the Kansas City Stadium (Arrowhead):

- **June 16 at 8 pm**  
Argentina v Algeria
- **June 20 at 7 pm**  
Ecuador v Curacao
- **June 25 at 6 pm**  
Tunisia v Netherlands
- **June 27 at 9 pm**  
Algeria v Austria
- **July 3 8:30 pm**  
TBD
- **July 11 at 8 pm**  
Quarterfinal-TBD

**Note:** FanFest will be held at the WWI Museum (2 Memorial Drive, KCMO). It will be free and open on KC match days and US match days. The Royals will also have home games in between matches.

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Heavier traffic during peak event days and times.
- No tailgating at the stadium.
- ConnectKC26 will use 215 motorcoaches to provide transportation to/from the stadium and regional pickup stations. This is the only way to get to the stadium.

- Increased demand at restaurants, gas stations, and retail areas.
- More visitors in public spaces (i.e. our parks, and or along the Rock Island Trail) and along major routes (Raytown Road, Raytown Trafficway, 63rd Street, etc.).

### WHAT THE CITY IS DOING

- Increasing security at the parks, especially on match days.
- Block off streets and adjust traffic signals as needed.
- Holders of liquor licenses may serve alcohol between 6 am – 5 am at the owner's discretion.



# Your City at Work

## IMPROVING INFRASTRUCTURE

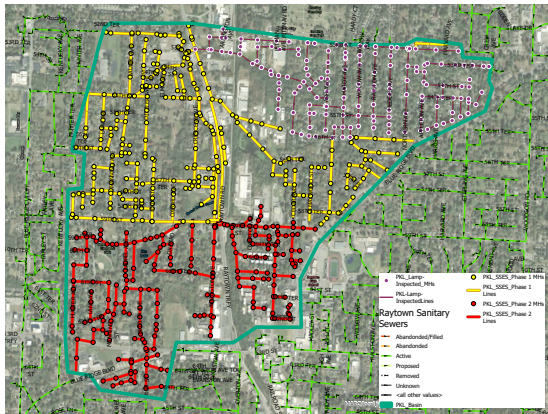
### PROJECT UPDATE

The first of the selected projects – Eastside Industrial Area - has been designed and bid with Infrastructure Solutions, LLC selected to do the construction. Construction is anticipated to begin mid-March 2026 and is scheduled to be completed in the Fall 2026. The project will install new storm sewer infrastructure along Railroad Street from 64th to 65th, and along 65th and Hadley Streets down to 66th Street.

### WHAT'S NEXT?

- The design team is finalizing construction plans for the next two project areas - Green Valley Subdivision and Gregory Heights.
- Green Valley is anticipated to start construction Fall of 2026 and Gregory Heights will start in Spring of 2027.

**VISIT THE PROJECT WEBSITE:**  
[www.OneRaytown.com](http://www.OneRaytown.com)



- Moratorium on short-term rentals during June 16 – July 11, 2026.
- Food trucks allowed with proper licensing and property owner's permission.

#### WHAT RESIDENTS SHOULD DO

- Allow extra travel time to arrive at your destination.
- Follow City's social channels or Nextdoor for updates.
- Be patient and courteous in busy areas.
- Consider using alternate routes

- on match days.
- Watch for increased pedestrian traffic.

#### How You Can Help

- Welcome visitors to our community.
- Support local businesses.
- Share accurate information with neighbors.

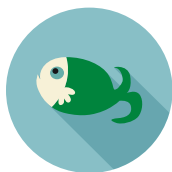


#### Final Note

The World Cup is a unique opportunity for our region and Raytown. The City has been preparing for two years. Our goal is to minimize disruptions. We encourage residents and businesses to help us showcase the best of our community to visitors from around the world.

For more information on the KC Host Committee or general information on the World Cup go to [kansascityfwc26.com](http://kansascityfwc26.com).

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



FREE COMMUNITY

## Fishing Derby

**DATE** June 6

**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 Raytown Three Trails Kiwanis. 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](mailto:leighroi@kc.rr.com) or 816-510-8179.

[rice-tremonti.org](http://rice-tremonti.org)



## Festival of the Trails

**DATE** September 12

**COST** Free

**PLACE** Rice-Tremonti Home

Join us on September 12, 2026, for Raytown's Festival of the Trails! This is a FREE event at the Rice-Tremonti Home. Open to all ages. The Raytown Chamber, Cave Spring, Raytown Parks & Rec, Raytown Historical Society & Museum and the Rice-Tremonti Home along with other organizations will commemorate the 205th 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!

## Raytown Live Concert Series

**DATE** Second

**Saturdays** May-Sept

**TIME** 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

**PLACE** Green

**Space**

**COST**

**Free**

The Raytown Live concert series returns to the green space, the second Saturday of every month from May-September from 7-9 pm.

This free event is supported by sponsors to provide a live band on the second Saturday of every month from May thru September, for the community to enjoy. Food trucks and vendors are also on-site.

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. 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



### Adult Tennis League

**SPRING** May 6  
(tentative)  
**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 are provided. Sign up at the Park office before class starts or at the Colman Tennis courts the first night of the league. Summer session starts July 14th (tentative).

### Adult Tennis Lessons

**RUNS** 5 weeks  
**PLACE** Colman Park  
**COST** \$50 pp

LEVEL	DAY/START DATE	TIME
Beginner	Wednesday, May 27	7 p.m.
Intermediate	Wednesday, July 8	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 27th, next session July 8th.

### Youth Tennis Lessons

**RUNS** 5 weeks  
**PLACE** Colman Park  
**COST** \$45 pp

LEVEL	LOCATION	DAY/START DATE	TIME
Beginner	Colman	Wednesday, May 27	6 p.m.
Intermediate	Colman	Wednesday, July 8	6 p.m.

Youth Tennis Lessons are on Monday evenings starting May 27 and July 8 at 6 pm at Colman Park. The classes run for 5 weeks and cost \$45 per person.



## 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!

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

