

# CITY CONNECTIONS

Official Quarterly E-Newsletter of the City of Raytown

## BOARD OF ALDERMEN PASS BUDGET

BY CITY STAFF

On Oct. 3, the Raytown Board of Aldermen unanimously adopted the 2023-24 Fiscal Year budget. The new Fiscal Year budget began on Nov. 1 and concludes on Oct. 31, 2024.

Several revenue funds increased due to grants. Most notably, Parks and the City's Public Works Department have secured a total of nearly \$8.5 million in grants for four projects:

- A storm water infrastructure project on 59th Street;
- The redevelopment of the 53rd Street property;
- The pond at Kenagy Park;
- The Sterling Avenue resurfacing project.

Four Capital Improvement Projects are planned for next year;

- Wildwood North sewer project
- 54th and Woodson storm water project
- Road resurfacing (of a major thoroughfare or neighborhood streets to be decided)
- 53rd Street property utility relocation

A new line item in the budget is the City's participation in the Mid-America Regional Council's Household Hazardous Waste program that allows Raytown residents convenient access to proper hazardous waste disposal. More details to come.

The complete budget is available online here:  
[www.raytown.mo.us/finance](http://www.raytown.mo.us/finance).

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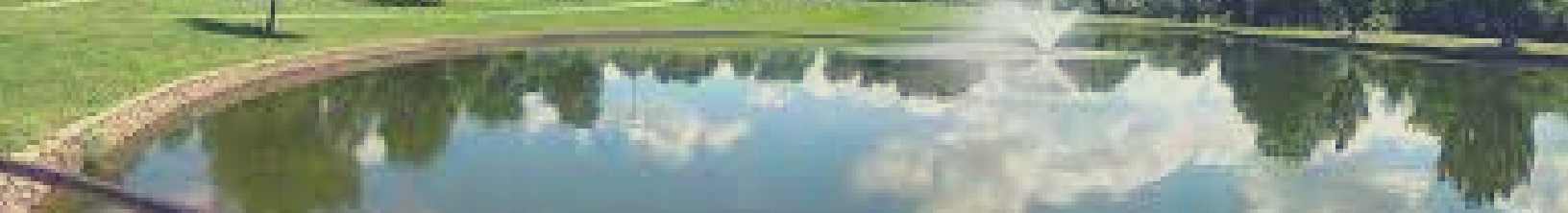
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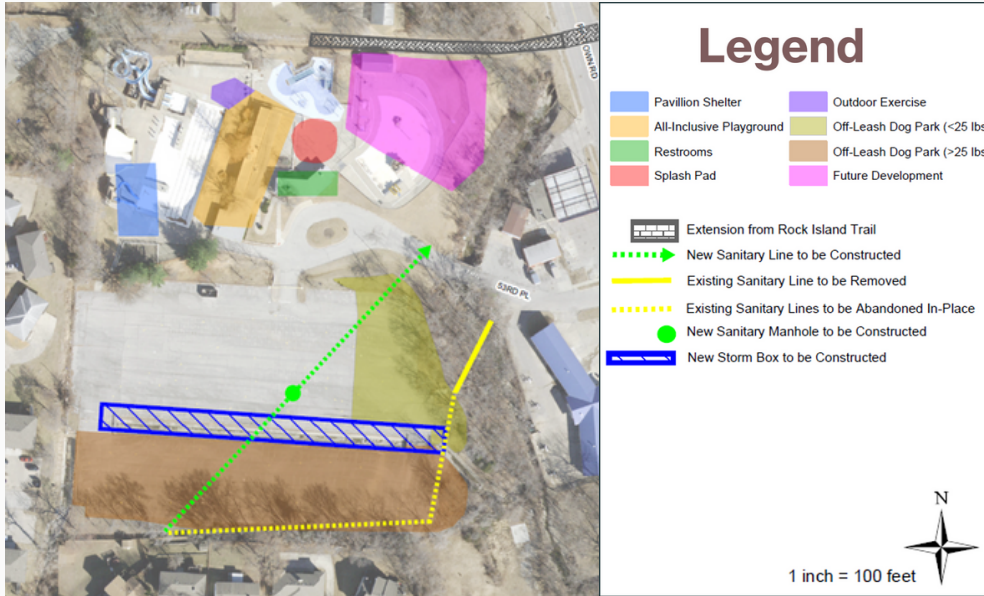
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# PARKS NEWS

BY DAVE TURNER

Raytown Parks Awarded \$4 Million in Grants



Earlier this year, Raytown Parks and Recreation was awarded a \$3 million federal grant to construct a park at the 53rd Street property (\$2 million), and to update Kenagy Park (\$1 million). Parks has also received an additional \$1 million from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Land Water Conservation Fund grant program to demolish and improve the 53rd Street Property. Parks & Recreation Department was one of only 12 entities in the state of Missouri awarded the 2023 LWCF grant and competed against 71 other projects for the federal (Omnibus) funds.

The redevelopment of this 10-acre property will include a dog park, splash pad, all-inclusive playground, pavilion/shelter house and more. Demolition of the water park along with improvements are expected to start Spring 2024.

A portion of the \$3 million Federal grant will be used to redevelop Kenagy Park bathrooms, skate park, trail additions, and ADA compliance throughout the property. This work is anticipated to start next Spring.

The people of  
our  
community  
are its  
greatest  
treasure.

MAYOR MIKE  
MCDONOUGH





## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

BY DIANE EGGER

### TOWING NUISANCE VEHICLES

The Code Enforcement Division of Community Development will start towing certain nuisance vehicles. The City of Raytown Municipal Ordinance allows for the removal of nuisance vehicles that are wrecked, dismantled or inoperable. Junk vehicles are not only unsightly but can also harbor pests and can be dangerous if children play near or on them. Staff will work with the owners to get the vehicles into compliance, but if the nuisance is not corrected, then the vehicle may be towed at the owner's expense. For more questions, please call 816-737-6093.

Code violations can be reported online using the form found here [www.raytown.mo.us/codeenforcement](http://www.raytown.mo.us/codeenforcement)



### BUSINESS LICENSE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

The Community Development Department started the Proactive Business License Enforcement Program 12 months ago, which is aimed at bringing unlicensed businesses into compliance. So far, the Business License Code Officer has brought 325 businesses into compliance which resulted in \$80,477. The city code states that no person shall engage in any business or endeavor without first obtaining a license and paying the license fee. For questions, please call 816-737-6014.

# WE'RE HIRING

JOIN OUR TEAM

Apply online at:

[www.raytown.mo.us/jobopportunities](http://www.raytown.mo.us/jobopportunities)

## BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- 9 PAID HOLIDAYS
- 3 FLOATING HOLIDAYS
- VACATION/SICK TIME
- TUITION REIMBURSEMENT
- MEDICAL/DENTAL/VISION
- PENSION PLAN

**RECRUITMENT**

**INCENTIVE**

**\$1,500 -**

**\$3,000**

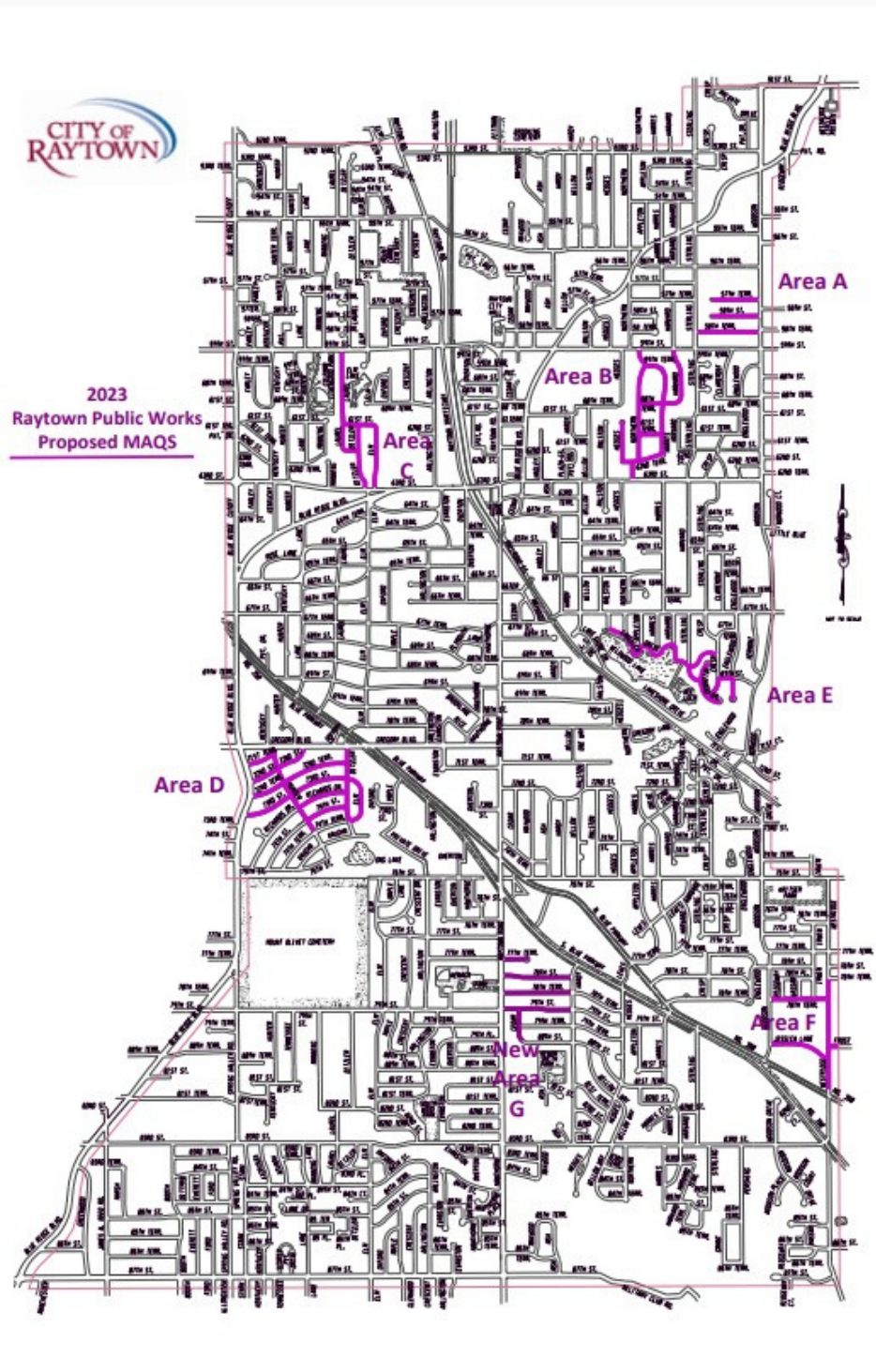


## PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

BY ROBINSON CAMP

This past Spring and Summer, the Public Works Department completed several road improvements around the city. One major initiative was a road resurfacing project that was completed in August and spanned 17.6 lane miles throughout seven neighborhoods. Total project cost was \$815,470. Another \$700,000 in road improvements were also completed on 83rd Street from Raytown Road to Westridge.

Several stormwater, sanitary sewer and road improvements are planned for 2024. More details to come in the next newsletter.





## FINANCE NEWS

BY MICHAEL GRAHAM

### SEWER RATES INCREASE

The Aldermen approved an amendment for a 5.25% Sewer Rate adjustment. The base rate will increase by \$.096 and the volume rate by \$.59. The increase took effect on Nov. 1, 2023. This is part of a rate analysis that plans to replace existing infrastructure to maintain service to all residents of the City.

The Aldermen also approved to set the City's property tax levy at \$0.3839 per \$100 assessed valuation.



Raytown residents are billed separately for water and sewer/wastewater usage. The City of Raytown determines your monthly bill for the year based upon your winter average (usage from November - February).

What is the benefit of winter averaging? This method stabilizes your sewer rate throughout the year and does not include summer activities that use lots of water like watering grass, filling swimming pools or washing cars.

If you have questions about your sewer rate or bill, call sewer billing, 816-737-6088.



Customers Having  
Difficulty Paying their 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

## POLICE NEWS

BY CAPT. DYON HARPER

COMMUNITY COMES OUT FOR ANNUAL SAFETY FAIR  
More than 150 people attended the Safety Fair at Kenagy Park this past September. This is an annual event hosted by the Raytown Police Department,

Adults and children gathered at Kenagy for an evening of fun, education and community building. More than a dozen exhibitors were also on site to promote safety to include Raytown PD SWAT, Lee's Summit Bomb Squad, ReDiscover, Hope House, Raytown Community Emergency Response Team, Raytown Fire Department, Missouri State Highway Patrol and more.

This event was previously scheduled in July but was rescheduled due to excessive heat.



## LIVE TREE RECYCLING

Many trash companies will recycle your live tree. Check with your carrier for cost and pick up schedule.

Or drop off your live tree at Missouri Organic, 10301 Raytown Road for \$5. Call for hours 816-483-0908.



## IMPORTANT DATES

### DECEMBER

- 18 - PARK BOARD MEETING
- 19 - BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
- 22 - CITY OFFICES CLOSED
- 25 - CITY OFFICES CLOSED

### JANUARY

- 1 - CITY OFFICES CLOSED
- 2 - BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
- 15 - CITY OFFICES CLOSED
- 16 - BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
- 22 - PARK BOARD MEETING

### FEBRUARY

- 1 - PLANNING & ZONING
- 6 - BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
- 19 - PARK BOARD MEETING
- 20 - BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

THE CITY'S FULL CALENDAR IS AVAILABLE ONLINE  
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