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FALL/WINTER 2026

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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 website at raytown.mo.us; live on 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



Dear Raytown Neighbors,

As summer turns to fall and we look ahead to the holiday season, I am grateful for the pride, service, and community spirit that make Raytown such a special place to call home. This time of year brings opportunities to gather with neighbors, care for our homes and neighborhoods, and celebrate the progress taking place across our city.

Welcome Chief Rogers

Please join me in welcoming **Raytown Fire Protection District Chief Mike Rogers** to our community. Chief Rogers brings leadership, experience, and a commitment to public safety as he begins this important role.

Raytown firefighters and emergency personnel serve Raytown with skill and compassion every day. I look forward to collaborating with Chief Rogers as he leads the department, supports its dedicated members, and helps ensure that Raytown remains prepared to protect our residents, businesses, and visitors.

Renewing Community Voices

Raytown is restarting two important citizen commissions that will help strengthen community involvement and provide meaningful input to city leadership.

The **Council on Aging**, Alderman Jim Aziere, helped with rekindling this popular council. They will focus on issues and opportunities affecting our senior residents. Our older adults have helped build this community, and their perspective, experience, and needs should remain central to our work.

We are also restarting the **Human Relations Commission**, I have started putting together a team of citizens who will promote understanding, respect, and positive relationships among all members of our diverse community. These commissions offer residents another way to participate in shaping Raytown's future.

September Events

September will be a busy and enjoyable month in Raytown.

Join us for the final **Raytown Live** concert of the season on **Friday, September 12, from 7 to 9 p.m.** The featured band this month will be Platinum Express. It is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy music, visit with friends, and celebrate the close of another successful season of community entertainment. This event is held at the Green Space at 62nd and Raytown Rd.

Earlier that same day, the **Festival of the Trails** will take place at the historic Rice-Tremonti Home at 66th and Blue Ridge Blvd, from **10 a.m. to 5 p.m.** This event is a terrific chance to experience local history, enjoy family-friendly activities, and appreciate one of Raytown's important historic landmarks.

Then, on **Saturday, September 19, from 9 a.m. until noon**, Recycle FEST returns at Raytown South High School. This is an easy and responsible way to keep recyclable and hard-to-dispose-of materials out of the waste stream. Thank you to everyone who participates and helps keep our community cleaner.

A New City Website

The City of Raytown has launched a new website designed to make it easier for residents to find information, connect with City departments, and stay informed about meetings, services, events, and announcements.

I encourage you to explore the new site and make it part of your regular routine for keeping up with what is happening in our community. Clear communication and accessible information are essential to good local government, and this new resource is an important step forward.

Fall Cleanup and Pride

Fall is one of the best times of the year to clean up, spruce up, and prepare our properties for the winter months. Whether

it is clearing leaves and debris, trimming landscaping, addressing a needed repair, or simply taking pride in a well-kept home, these efforts make a visible difference.

Our neighborhoods are among Raytown's greatest assets. When residents care for their own property and look out for one another, we strengthen the appearance, safety, and value of the entire community. A little work this fall can make Raytown shine all winter long.

A World Cup Moment

This summer, the Kansas City metro area welcomed the world during the FIFA World Cup. Over 19 days, it was estimated that approximately 400,000 fans visited the region as Kansas City hosted six matches and Fan Fest activities. The final four matches drew crowds of 69,000 or more, and approximately 31,000 people traveled by Amtrak to attend World Cup games in Kansas City—generating an estimated \$1.6 million in revenue.

The energy of that international event was felt well beyond the stadium and Fan Fest. Raytown's local establishments also welcomed visitors who came to celebrate the matches, share a meal, and experience the hospitality of our community.

One memorable example came at the Irish Pub, where I had the pleasure of visiting with a group of Argentinian fans. They brought great enthusiasm, team pride, and a true love for the game. It was a reminder that events of this scale do more than fill stadium seats—they create personal connections, introduce visitors to our local businesses, and allow communities like Raytown to be part of a global celebration.

Looking Ahead

As we move into fall and winter, I hope you will take time to attend a local event, support a Raytown business, lend a hand to a neighbor, and enjoy all that our community has to offer.

Thank you for your continued involvement, your civic pride, and your commitment to making Raytown a welcoming and vibrant city. I wish you and your family a safe, healthy, and joyful fall and winter season. God Bless.

Sincerely,

Mayor Mike McDonough
City of Raytown

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.

NEW EMPLOYEES

Animal Services

Kiera Hutton

Community Development

Benjamin Robinson

Police Department

Case Olsen

Jennifer Rede

Parks

Connie Allard

Connor O'Reilly

Christopher Saccardi

Public Works

Joseph Bobadilla

DeOtis Dean

Leland Foster

Shamaud Browning

Edward Parkison

Sarah Thornsberry

Awards

The City of Raytown was awarded **Project of the Year for Small Cities/Rural Communities** from the KC Metro Chapter of the American Public Works Association for its 59th Street and Raytown Road Storm Improvement Project.

This project improved a deteriorating stormwater infrastructure that had been constructed more than 50 years ago. The project also reconstructed pavement, streets, and sidewalks as well as ADA ramps. The project was largely funded through federal and state grants. The project came in under budget and was completed within the timeline.



POLICE

SAVE THE DATE

Raytown Police Department

Safety Fair & Trunk or Treat

DATE: Oct. 3, 2026

TIME: 11 am – 3 pm

PLACE: Kenagy Park

Free, family-friendly event focused on safety, education and community connection

- Meet first responders
- Learn safety tips
- Candy & Prizes
- Games & Activities
- Community Resources

SAVE THE DATE ANNUAL COMMUNITY

Recycle FEST

DATE: Sept. 19, 2026

TIME: 9 am – 12 noon

PLACE: Raytown South High School
8211 Sterling Avenue

Items accepted:

Bicycles
Electronics
Glass (bottles & jars only)
Plastics
Paper (sensitive documents shredding)
Cardboard
Small appliances

Visit our website for details and suggested donations — www.raytown.mo.us

Bring Them Home: Why Every Pet Needs a Microchip

Your pet is more than an animal. They're family. But even the most well-behaved pets can slip out an open door, jump a fence, or become separated during an emergency.

A microchip is a simple, safe, and permanent form of identification that greatly improves the chances of reuniting lost pets with their owners. Unlike collars and tags, which can break or fall off, a microchip stays with your pet for life. When a lost pet is found, veterinarians, shelters, and animal services officers can scan the chip and quickly access the owner's contact information.

The procedure is quick, affordable, and about the size of a grain of rice. Most pets experience little to no discomfort, and the protection lasts a lifetime.

Don't forget: A microchip is only effective if your registration information is current. If you've moved or changed phone numbers, take a few minutes to update your pet's records. Please feel free to contact Raytown Animal Services to update your pet's existing microchip information with 24PetWatch at no charge to you.

Give yourself peace of mind and your pet the best chance of finding their way home.

One tiny chip can make a lifetime of difference.

Contact your veterinarian to learn more about microchipping and other responsible pet ownership resources.

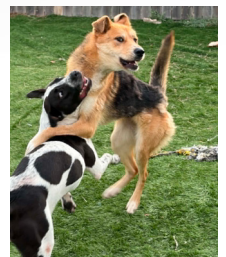
Microchip today. Reunite tomorrow.



ADOPT ME!

Jeff, the black and white pup, is 8 months old and available for adoption.

Contact Animal Services for more information.



Raytown Voters Approve Two Sales Tax Renewals

On April 7th, Raytown voters decided to renew two sales taxes: a 3/8 cent Capital Improvements Sales Tax and a 1/2 cent Transportation Sales Tax. Both taxes were set to expire March 31, 2027. The renewal of both sales taxes will remain for another 10 years and will sunset 2037.

“Thank you to the citizens of Raytown,” said Raytown Mayor Mike McDonough. “The passage of both sales taxes will allow the City to continue investing in our future. This renewal will continue collection without interruption to keep funding critical projects.”

The 3/8 cent Capital Improvements Sales Tax generates nearly \$1.5M annually and funds City vehicles, Police equipment, snow removal equipment, and construction and stormwater projects.

The 1/2 cent Transportation Sales Tax generates more than \$1.8M annually and funds street maintenance that includes asphalt overlay, curb and sidewalk repairs, paving, pavement marking, winter weather supplies and more.

Both sales taxes were originally approved by voters in November 2006. Both taxes are paid by anyone who makes a purchase in Raytown.

Raytown Receives Distinguished Budget Presentation Award Again

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 current fiscal year, which runs Nov. 1, 2025, through Oct. 31, 2026.

This is the 10th time the City of Raytown has received this award since 2008, and most recently its fifth consecutive year since 2022. There are more than 1,900 participants in the Budget Awards Program. Award recipients have pioneered efforts to improve the quality of budgeting and provide an excellent example for other governments throughout North America.

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.



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

6th ANNUAL Raytown's Festival of the Trails Saturday, September 12, 2026



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 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 on site

On site | 10:00am - 2:00pm

Abiding Faith, 6700 Raytown RD | 3:00pm

Raytown Live concert (band)

- Platinum Express



Habitat for Humanity Minor Home Repair Program



BEFORE



AFTER



Your City at Work
IMPROVING INFRASTRUCTURE

STORMWATER Improvements Update

The City's GO Bond Storm Sewer Improvements projects are well underway. The first priority project is approximately 80% complete with construction.

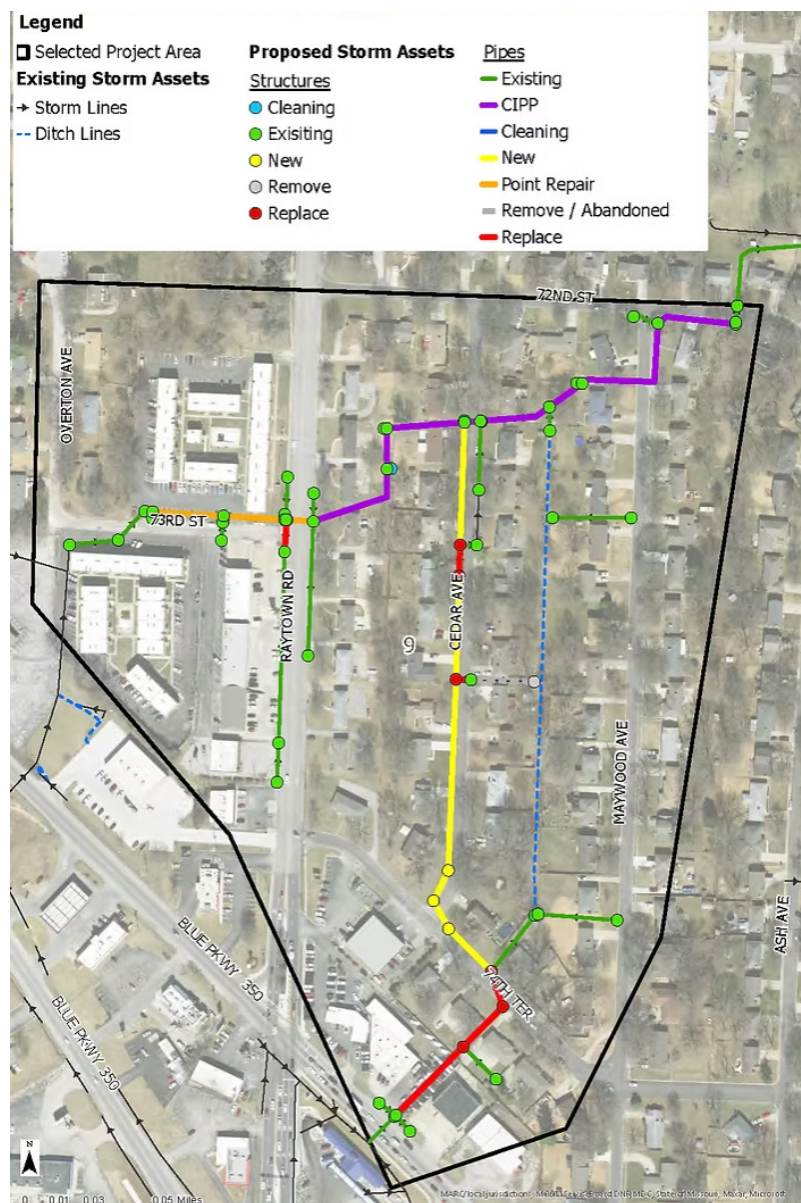
This project includes the installation of new storm sewer infrastructure along Hadley Street between 65th and 66th Street, along 65th Street, and along Railroad Street/Raytown Road near 64th Street. Previously, there were no storm sewers in this area. Residents will now see new curb inlets collecting rainwater coming down Raytown Road and flowing through the commercial area. The construction is on track to be completed by the end of September. It is anticipated that Raytown Road at 64th Street will be closed temporarily.

Once this project wraps up, the City will be releasing the next projects open for bidding to include Green Valley subdivision neighborhood along Cedar and Maywood Ave from 72nd Street to 74th Street. Improvements include storm sewers and new pavement. This project is anticipated to be bid in late October with construction potentially starting in late November.

After Green Valley, two more project areas are planned to be released for bid in the spring – Gregory Heights neighborhood along Ditzler Avenue and G.A. Huth Addition along 80th Terrace near Blue Ridge Boulevard. These are being designed as one project and will be constructed by one contractor.

For more information on each project please visit the website at OneRaytown.com.

CURRENT PROJECT



How Public Works Prepares for Winter Weather

Most people probably aren't thinking about snow removal this time of year. However, **the City of Raytown's Public Works Department plans year-round for winter weather response operations.**

UPCOMING PROJECT



The City owns and operates 10 snowplows, 2 brine applicators, and other pieces of equipment to pre-treat and keep approximately 330 lane miles of streets clear. Each year, Public Works purchases rock salt, beet juice, and brine to treat the streets. Beet juice and brine are alternative methods to rock salt that can help bind materials on the streets longer, while reducing corrosion and minimizing damage to concrete and metal. The most common rock salt that Public Works uses, sodium chloride, will work at temperatures above 15 degrees Fahrenheit. City staff are looking at trying a new salt, calcium chloride, that would allow crews to treat the streets during winter weather events with even lower temperatures, that are becoming more frequent in recent years.

During an average 24-hour period with 2-4 inches of snowfall, it takes approximately

18 crew members & 160 hours to treat and plow our City streets.

What is Public Works doing to prepare for the upcoming Winter?

- Making sure equipment is in safe, working condition.
- Keeping crews knowledgeable and well-trained to respond.
- Maintaining stockpiles of materials, to mitigate accumulation.
- Updating policies and mapping.

When the last bit of snow, sleet, or freezing rain falls, major thoroughfares, collector streets, and roads near emergency services are prioritized in winter weather response. After the priority routes are completed, residential streets will be cleared as strategically and safely as possible.

What can residents do during winter weather events?

- Be patient with snowplow crews and other drivers.
- Park off street to help crews clear the road.
- Call 816-737-6012 for winter weather updates or concerns.
- Questions? Email snowoperations@raytown.mo.us

The poster features a purple and blue background with a stylized guitar neck and yellow musical notes. On the left, there's a graphic of a person's leg in jeans and a sneaker. The text is primarily in a bold, purple, cursive-style font. The year '2026' is in a large, bold, blue font. The event title 'Summer Family Concert Series' is in a large, purple, cursive font. The location and time are in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font. The list of performers is in a blue, cursive font. The sponsors are represented by their logos. The list of supporters is in a blue, sans-serif font. A QR code is in the bottom left corner. The website 'www.RaytownLive' is at the bottom in a large, purple, cursive font.

RAYTOWN Live **2026**

Summer Family Concert Series

Green Space - Downtown Raytown
10009 E. 62nd St, Raytown, MO 64133
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

May 9th Sass Monkey
June 13th Flashback KC
July 11th Canteloupe City
August 8th The Vincents
September 12th Platinum Express

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www.RaytownLive

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 816-358-4100, or email, sports@raytownparks.com.

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



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!

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.

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.



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: Dec. 5, 12, 19, Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30 and Feb. 6, 13, and 20. Make-up snow date will be February 27. (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 for more information.

Where: Raytown Schools

Cost: \$70.00* per player K-3rd grade
\$80.00* per player 4th-6th grade
Additional \$10.00 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

**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 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



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CITY OF Raytown

NEWSLETTER



Calendar

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Board of Aldermen meeting
- 3 P&Z meeting
- 7 Labor Day – City offices closed
- 12 Festival of the Trails/Raytown Live
- 19 Recycle FEST
- 15 Board of Aldermen meeting
- 21 Park Board meeting

OCTOBER

- 6 Board of Aldermen meeting
- 19 Park Board meeting
- 20 Board of Aldermen meeting

NOVEMBER

- 3 General Election
- 10 Board of Aldermen meeting
- 16 Park Board meeting
- 17 Board of Aldermen meeting
- 26 Thanksgiving – City offices closed
- 27 City offices closed

DECEMBER

- 1 Board of Aldermen meeting
- 3 P&Z meeting
- 5 Mayor’s Tree Lighting
- 15 Board of Aldermen meeting
- 21 Park Board meeting
- 24 Christmas Eve – City offices closed
- 25 Christmas – City offices closed

JANUARY

- 1 New Year’s Day – City offices closed
- 5 Board of Aldermen meeting
- 7 P&Z meeting
- 18 MLK observance – City offices closed
- 19 Board of Aldermen meeting

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