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BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETINGS: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month, 7 p.m. at City Hall; live streaming available on the City's web site at raytown.mo.us; live and replays on RayTV, 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



by the time registration is done. All of this shows that our City is on a growing trend for the first six months of 2017.

There have been many new appointments made to our City Committees and Commissions. Some of the newest Committees that have been put together are the Community Events Committee and the Economic Development Committee, to work with our City Administrator Tom Cole and City Economic Development Administrator Missy Wilson, to positively market our great City.

Here are other exciting and cool things happening in our town:

The **Main Street Association** purchased the old C&C starter building as their permanent home. They are an organization of business people that market Raytown's downtown area and collaborate in planning community events such as the recent Raytown Rocks the Solar Eclipse event.

Crane Brewery is adding more equipment as they expand their sales. The tap room at the brewery is visited by many from our town as well as people from outside of our area.

Festival of the Lost Township Beer Festival, September 16th, 2017

from 1:00 to 4:00 PM on the downtown Green Space. This Festival raises money for the Raytown Three Trails Kiwanis. This Festival is hosted by Crane Brewery and will feature at least 90 brewers, wineries and distilleries.

The 6th annual **Raytown Arts and Music Festival** was held on August 26th, 2017 in Kenagy Park. It was well attended as usual. Many great bands performed and Brewer and Shipley headlined the festival as part of their 50th Anniversary Tour.

It is a privilege to serve as your Mayor and you will see more improvements from the hard work that our City staff, first responders and elected officials put in each day to make a difference and help make your hometown a place to live and enjoy.

In the meantime, watch out for one another and be good neighbors. Help each other, especially the elderly and the children. School is in session once again so be attentive when driving to keep our kids safe. God bless you all.

Sincerely,

Mayor Mike McDonough

It has been a very warm and busy and productive summer for all of us here at City Hall. Housing sales are an indicator of people moving into our town, and families bring more students to our school system. Here is a brief comparison of housing sales in Raytown (all data provided by Heartland Multiple Listing Service (HMLS):

- The number of Houses Sold in Raytown January-June 2017 increased 19% as compared to the same period in 2016.
- Average Days on Market January-June 2017 decreased each month as compared to the same time in 2016.
- The Median Sold Price for homes January-June 2017 increased an average of 11% as compared to the same time-period in 2016.

Also, as of late July, the Raytown School District reports a minimum of 192 new students into the district. These are early numbers so it will be even higher

Raytown Rocks!

This Facebook group builds a positive community atmosphere through painting rocks and placing them throughout the City for others to find. Join the group by searching "Raytown Rocks!" on Facebook! Here are a few of the rocks that have shown up around Raytown:



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Yards of the Week

OUTSTANDING YARD OF THE WEEK!

The City of Raytown recognizes **THIS PROPERTY** As an amazing example of **PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP.**

Thank you for your commitment to making this neighborhood great!

Community betterment comes through the work of each individual Raytown resident and the pride with which they carry themselves and care for each other and their community.

Each week throughout the summer, houses in each of Raytown's five Wards have been selected and marked with a yard sign recognizing the owners' dedication and pride of ownership to keeping their piece of Raytown great! Photos of the selected yards are shared on the City's Facebook page. At the end of the week, the home owners may keep the signs and five more lawns are selected.

Don't Forget Your Clean-Up Coupon

\$5 for \$25 Vouchers

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. Citizens may come into City Hall and pay **\$5 for coupon/voucher worth \$25** that allows them to take a variety of waste products to one of two different facilities. There's a limit of 4 coupons per household per year. Each coupon expires after 60 days from issue.

For more information on the Clean-Up Coupon Program, visit us at **www.raytown.mo.us** or call the Public Works Department at 816-737-6012.

Child Safety Seat Basics

September is Child Passenger Safety Month and September 23rd is designated as National Child Safety Seat Check Day. Please take a few minutes to call Raytown EMS to have your child or grandchild's child safety seat checked for correct installation.

TOP THREE MOST COMMON MISTAKES FOR CHILD SAFETY SEATS:

- 1. Child safety seat installed too loosely**
- 2. Harness straps not snug on child and clip not positioned at armpit level**
- 3. Use of previously owned child safety seat without knowing the history of seat, or using an expired seat**

- Make certain your child is in the proper seat for his or her size, both height and weight. A child should not be restrained by a seatbelt alone until they reach the height of 4' 9" and 80 pounds.

- Infants should ride in rear-facing safety seats as long as they fall within the height and weight requirements of the child safety seat. Child safety seats should never be placed in the front seat with a passenger airbag.

- No children should ride in the front seat of a vehicle until 13 years of age. Airbags can be dangerous for those under 13.

- Make certain any object that can act as a projectile is secured either in the trunk or with a cargo net. Backpacks, purses and diaper bags can be secured using an unused seatbelt in the vehicle. Even something as small as a tissue box can injure a child in a crash at an average speed of 30 mph.

- All vehicle occupants need to be wearing a safety belt or using a child safety seat if appropriate. We want to set a good example for our children.

- Child safety seats should be replaced if they are in a vehicle



at the time of a moderate to severe accident. Child safety seats are designed to only protect a child for one accident.

- The carrier-type child safety seat, which is usually used with a base, is meant for transportation only. Leaving an infant in a carrier when not being transported in a vehicle can be dangerous as the child will be sitting at a different angle than in the vehicle possibly causing the baby's head to tip forward and cutting off their airway. NEVER use a child safety seat as a replacement crib. NEVER set a child safety seat on a table or counter top.

Raytown EMS has several Certified Child Safety Seat technicians available to conduct installations and inspections. Please call 816-737-6030 for more information about community awareness classes on this topic. Through grant funding, Raytown EMS offers a program to assist eligible families in need of assistance in purchasing a child safety seat. Certain restrictions apply. The provision of seats is based on the availability of child safety seats at our organization.

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 25TH, 2017

Root, Root Root for the Local Team

We love to root for our local sports teams! When a community supports and roots for its locally owned small businesses like its sports teams, it's a win-win situation for all. Here are a few reasons why we should promote the small businesses of Raytown.

According to the U.S. Small Business Administration, there are approximately 28 million small businesses in America with 543,000 new ones starting every month. The City of Raytown had forty-four new businesses open between January 1st and July 31st. Of the 28 million small businesses, six million are responsible for creating every 2 of 3 new jobs and the remaining are self-employed businesses. Locally owned businesses attract talent who invent new products or implement new solutions for existing ideas. The professionals in small businesses produce more patents than their counterparts in larger companies or universities. A community preserves its distinctive character and economic advantage when it attracts and retains this type of talent.

Small businesses contribute greatly to the strength of the local economy, sense of community and long-term sustainability of a city. So next time you go out to eat, need to do a little shopping or need a service, seek out a Raytown business. Mark your calendar- November 25th is Small Business Saturday. Small Business Saturday is the day holiday shoppers are encouraged to show their support for local businesses. Don't forget to promote the great products and services you can find at Raytown's small businesses!

Property Maintenance and Nuisance Complaint Process

- 1. A complaint is reported** to the Neighborhood Services Department via email, phone or in person. Reported complaints should include the address of the property and a description of the violations.
- 2. A case is opened** in the database and assigned to a Neighborhood Services Officer for inspection.
- 3. The Neighborhood Services Officer** conducts an onsite inspection, taking photographs and noting any violations. If violations are confirmed, voluntary compliance will be requested. A notice of violation will be issued in a USPS letter to the responsible parties.
 - The notice will list the violations observed and provide the dates for an administrative hearing and a deadline for correction.
 - If applicable, administrative hearings (for uncontrolled vegetation and junk/trash/debris) are held 4 days after inspection. Hearings are only an informative process (not a court hearing).
 - Follow-up compliance inspection is set for 5 business days post-hearing.
- 4. After the deadline** for compliance, the Neighborhood Services Officer will conduct an on-site inspection, taking photographs and noting any remaining violations. If compliance is met, the case will be closed. If the violation is not abated, corrective action will be initiated.
 - If the violation is uncontrolled vegetation or junk/trash/debris, the City contractor may be ordered to correct the violation(s) within three calendar days at the property owner's expense.
 - If the violation is property maintenance or another nuisance violation besides tall grass and weeds or junk, trash and debris, then a summons will be issued for the property owner to appear in municipal court. Municipal court may take 60-90 days for resolution.

Animal Control Process

Code officers respond to the following animal control calls during business hours:

- Stray Release: a resident holds a stray domestic animal and calls to have an animal control officer pick it up.
- At large: a loose domestic animal is reported to Community Development and an animal control officer will be notified.
- Dead animals (no dead personal pets)
- Dog Bites
- Injured domestic animals or wildlife

When a dog or cat is impounded, the City will board the animal with the contracted animal clinic for 10 days.

If an owner is identified through tags or microchip, they will

be notified of the animal's impoundment and the need for the animal to be redeemed.

If the animal is not redeemed within the 10-day timeframe, it will be released and transferred to Midwest Animal ResQ to be placed in an adoption program.

Code Officers also respond to the following afterhours animal reports which should be reported to Raytown Police's non-emergency number. (816) 737-6020

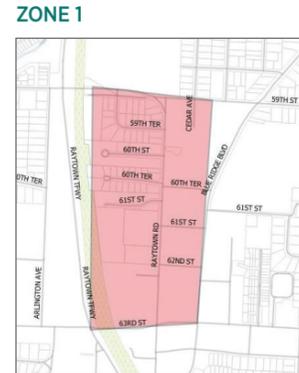
- Stray Release
- Dog bite
- Injured Animals

Data-Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety (DDACTS) Fact Sheet

DDACTS is an operational model that uses the integration of location-based crime and traffic data to establish effective and efficient models for deploying law enforcement resources.

- Using mapping to identify areas that have high incidences of crime and crashes, DDACTS uses traffic enforcement strategies that play a dual role in fighting crime and reducing crashes and traffic violations.
- The goal of DDACTS is to reduce the incidence of crime, crashes, and traffic violations in the community, thereby reducing social harm by drawing on the deterrent of highly visible traffic enforcement.
- Patrol officers will spend dedicated time conducting high-visibility enforcement in the treatment zones in addition to increasing patrols in these areas when they're not respond to emergency calls. Their goal is not to write tickets or make arrests (though both will be a byproduct of the increased presence), but rather to prevent crime from happening in the first place. The emphasis is on outcomes (reduced crime and crashes), not outputs (tickets and arrests).
- This model does not require additional officers or overtime. Instead, existing resources are used in a more efficient manner.
- Raytown Police Department decided to implement the DDACTS operational model after personnel attended a DDACTS Implementation Workshop in December 2016.
- The study areas were chosen based on historic crime and traffic crash data for Raytown over a 3-year period. These areas represented an overall disproportionate volume of crime based on the size of the area
- DDACTS Zone #1 is along Raytown Road between 59th and 63rd Streets. This area is .125 square miles, which is 1.3% of the total area of the city.

- DDACTS Zone #2 is along 350 Hwy between Hunter and Arlington. This area is .096 square miles, which is 1.0% of the total area of the city.
 - Between 2014 and 2016, these two areas represented:
- | ACTIVITY | ZONE #1 | ZONE #2 |
|---------------------|---------|---------|
| Area Size % | 1.3% | 1.0% |
| Crime % | 6.6% | 5.8% |
| Calls for Service % | 5.9% | 7.4% |
| Crashes % | 6.1% | 16.1% |
- DDACTS started at the Raytown Police Department on July 1st, 2017.
 - Review of results and activities will be completed every 6 months so we can readjust as needed.



RAYTOWN BASKETBALL LEAGUE



November 1, 2017 - February 17, 2018

Practices start the week of November 1st (Monday-Thursday evenings). Coaches will notify you near the end of October with practice day, time and location of practice. Games will be on Saturdays starting Dec. 2, 9, 16, Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27, and Feb. 3, 10 and 17. Make-up snow date will be Feb. 24.

Where: Raytown Schools
Cost: \$50.00* per player K-3rd grade
 \$60.00* per player 4th-6th grade
 Additional \$10.00 for Non Raytown School District students
 *Includes Award and Game Shirt

- Registration & Payment:**
- **In person or by mail:** Raytown Parks office, 5912 Lane Ave., Raytown, MO 64133 (cash, money order or credit card).
 - **Online:** www.raytownparks.com and follow link to pay with credit card only through PayPal.
 - **No scholarships permitted online.**
 - If you qualify for the Scholarship Program, you will need to bring in this form, the scholarship form and letter from District Food Service office regarding Free or Reduced status for current school year.

Grades & Divisions:
 K - 1st (Coed teams)
 2nd - 3rd (Coed teams)
 4th (Boys & Girls teams)
 5th (Boys & Girls teams)
 6th (Boys & Girls teams)

For more information:
 Dave Turner at 816-358-4100 or email: davet@raytownparks.com

Registration Deadline: September 29, 2017

Child's Name: _____ Child's Gender: Male Female

Parent's Name: _____ Male Female

Address: _____ Payment: _____

City/State: _____ Credit Card _____
 Cash _____
 Money Order _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Grade: _____ School: _____

Jersey Size: (please circle)

Youth: XS S M L Adult: S M L XL

Please note: if you order the wrong size shirt, there will be a \$10 reorder charge!



The Raytown Youth Basketball League will begin taking registrations through the month of September for boys and girls, grades K-6. We had a great season last year, with the Raytown Parks Dept. organizing the league, and Raytown Schools hosting the game and practice locations. The Raytown Parks Dept. will lead a coaches training course, schedule the practices and games, and provide jerseys for the games. We do rely on volunteer coaches to develop the children's skills, and all coaches will have a background check before practices start.