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**Raytown**

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Spring has sprung and summer is on the way. It is wonderful to see the renewal of life that we receive each spring. As we bid farewell to winter and turn to spring and summer, I am looking forward to seeing our neighbors greeting each other outside of their homes and businesses in this new season of activity.

I wish to work on reinstating the “**Paint Up, Clean Up, Fix Up**” program I knew from my days as a child growing up in Raytown. Those wishing to join in should spruce up the area around their business or home by following these three easy steps: clean up, paint up and fix up. In doing so, we will continue to show our hometown pride and shake off the residue of winter. The pride we show in our community will continue to attract new families and businesses to our prosperous city. In the future, I hope to work with staff and Board of Aldermen members to make this a celebrated yearly event. I am looking forward to seeing how wonderful our town will look this spring!

We have the most beautiful parks, and our **Parks Department** offers many sports programs for our youth such as baseball, softball, and soccer sponsored by many different organizations including the **Raytown Soccer Club** and the **Raytown Baseball Association**. Sports and social activities are a wonderful way for children to learn about good sportsmanship and, through being part of something bigger than themselves, our children learn what can be accomplished through teamwork. We look forward to another year of families and their children participating in our various park programs. Watch for upcoming events on the Raytown Parks website.

I see so many good things happening here in Raytown again. We have had many businesses reinvest in their buildings by remodeling and improving them for their customers. Following recent renovations, for example, most of our local restaurants are now smoke-free. With these improvements, we are seeing a lot of new businesses inquiring about our city, and we plan to see some new ones establish themselves here soon.

Did you know that two of our local businesses have been given some prestigious awards recently? **Benetti’s Coffee Experience**, 6109 Blue Ridge Boulevard, has been voted the #1 Coffee Shop in the State of Missouri and **Crane Brewery**, 6515 Railroad Street, has been voted the #1 New Micro-Brewery in the Midwest. As we keep saying here at City Hall, “Raytown: doing cool things.” By supporting

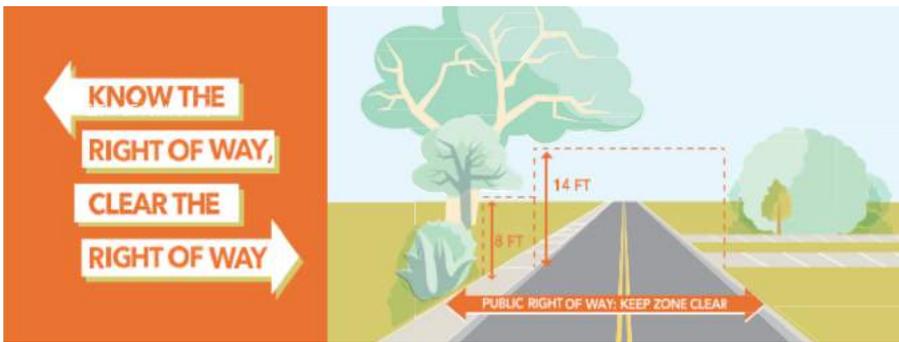
our local businesses we contribute to the attraction of new business and ensure the future of our great city.

Attracted by our City’s quality school system, new families continue to move into our community. Our Raytown Schools are consistently gleaming awards both at the educator and student levels. Go to the Raytown Quality Schools website and see what wonderful progress continues to be made in our school system.

I am working every day with **City staff, Aldermen, the Main Street Association, the Chamber of Commerce** and many others to bring in new businesses and make Raytown an even more attractive place to live and work. We have our new, fully fledged administrative team complete now and I am excited by the work that they are already doing to meet our challenges and continue to make Raytown a destination for living, working and playing. God Bless you all and may your spring be filled with great weather, family and friends to enjoy life.

Sincerely,

Mayor Mike McDonough



# Easement vs. Right-of-Way

Often times the terms easement and right-of-way (ROW) get used interchangeably during a discussion of a new sewer line or construction project, but they are actually two distinctly different concepts.

To understand the difference between an easement and ROW we must first understand what they are and how they work together. An easement is a permanent right authorizing a person or party to use the land or property of another for a given purpose. For example, an easement may be created in order for the Public Works Department to place a necessary sewer line through a landowner's yard. The landowner, whom must sign the easement, is then permanently allowing the public works department to access that portion of their land to construct and maintain the sewer line. The easement must be signed by the landowner before any party may proceed. Once the easement is signed it becomes a part of the property record which remains valid unless the utility company vacates the space and chooses to release the easement rights. If the landowner signs the easement they typically receive a one-time payment

based on fair market value. If an agreement cannot be reached the next step is a state-governed process called condemnation in which a judge and a panel of impartial individuals will decide if the easement is necessary and if so, what its value will be. A right-of-way is the actual land area acquired for a specific purpose such as a roadway, building, or utility line. Ultimately, the easiest way to differentiate these concepts is this; an easement is a land right and a right-of-way is the physical land area upon which the facilities are located.

As a kid the best trees were the ones with low hanging branches, simply because they were climbable, but as we get older and unfortunately stop climbing trees, low hanging branches can mean bad news. Property owners are responsible for the care and maintenance of trees, plants and grass on private property and adjacent Right of Way.

## Don't Forget Your Clean-Up Coupon

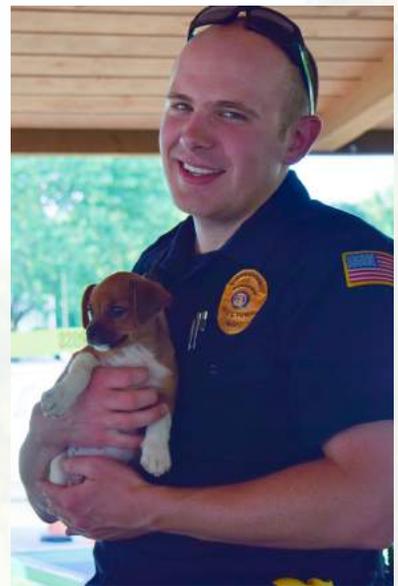
### \$5 for \$25 Vouchers

Got some junk you want to get rid of? Finished all that yard work with no place for 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](http://www.raytown.mo.us) or call the Public Works Department at 816-737-6012.

Overgrown trees and plants can pose a threat when they block the path or view of traffic signs, signals, fire hydrants, vehicles and people. It is imperative to prune trees and trim or remove any vegetation that blocks the pathway of sidewalks and streets. Overgrown trees can cause major property damage to large vehicles such as trash trucks that drive along the curb closest to low/overhanging limbs that can be hard to see. For a clear sidewalk, keep tree limbs and vegetation trimmed back from the edge and at least 8 feet above sidewalks. For a clear roadway, keep tree limbs and vegetation trimmed back from the edge of the street and at least 14 feet above streets. Keep in mind, the strip of land between the street and sidewalk is public property but the maintenance of vegetation including trees is the property owner's responsibility.





# Annual Safety Fair Event

## Date

Thursday night, June 15

## Place

Kenagy Park  
9700 East 79th Street

## Time

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

The Raytown Police Department will be hosting their annual Safety Fair on Thursday, June 15. The event provides the public with an evening of crime awareness and prevention through interactive vendor displays, including up-close and personal vehicle displays from the Raytown Public Works Department, Raytown Police Department, Raytown EMS, and the Raytown Fire Department. Other vendors and public safety agencies will be present, as well. There will be various demonstrations throughout the evening.

The Safety Fair is the perfect way for Raytown community residents to come together for a family-friendly event. Residents are encouraged to invite their neighbors, bring their family and their friends, and learn about safety for themselves and as a community.



## Spring Safety Tips

**N**ow that the spring is drawing nearer, people are getting out more to enjoy the warmer weather. Unfortunately this also brings an increase in certain types of crime, such as burglaries and car larcenies. Fortunately, it's really easy to protect yourself and your property:

- 1 Lock your car doors and roll up the windows on your car every time you leave it.
- 2 ALWAYS take the keys with you and never leave a spare set inside or hidden nearby.
- 3 Never leave your car running unattended, even for a minute.
- 4 Park in a well-lit, public area.
- 5 Install an anti-theft system or audible alarm in your vehicle.
- 6 Lock your doors and windows, even when you are home and always engage the deadbolt on all doors.
- 7 Install heavy-duty screws, 3 inches or longer, on the strike plate in the doorframe. This makes it harder for a burglar to force the door open.
- 8 Make sure your garage door is closed before you go to bed.
- 9 Add a peephole so you can safely see who is at the door.
- 10 Don't hide keys near doors.
- 11 Install an alarm system, surveillance cameras, and/or a camera-equipped doorbell.
- 12 Occupancy is the best deterrent! When you are not home, create the illusion that you are by using light timers or leaving the TV on.
- 13 Burglars will often knock on your door with an easy excuse ready if someone answers, such as offering to rake leaves or wondering if "Joe" is home. If you don't answer, then they assume no one is home and will try to force their way in.

As always, we encourage you to call us if you observe suspicious activity in your neighborhood. This may be someone prowling around your neighborhood or cars in the area, or strange people removing items from your neighbor's house. We need your help! Call 911 in an emergency or 737-6020 for non-emergency.

## Raytown Police to Hold Drug Take-Back Event

**SATURDAY,  
APRIL 29, 2017**

### Time

The Drug Take-Back event will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### Place

Two convenient Raytown locations:

- Raytown City Hall parking lot  
10000 East 59th Street
- Parking lot of Kenagy Park  
9700 East 79th Street

During this collection event, officers will accept unwanted prescription medications but will not be accepting aerosols, inhalers, hypodermic syringes, and other sharps. This initiative provides local residents with a safe and easy way to dispose of their unwanted prescription drugs. When residents rid their homes of unwanted prescription medications, the opportunity for pill abuse, theft of medications from homes, and threats to local water supplies is greatly reduced.

# Obtaining a Business License in Raytown

Since the days of the wagon trains, the City of Raytown has served the needs of people by providing goods and services to the community and those who were passing through our great city.

Today, we still strive to provide quality goods and services to our patrons. Regardless of what type of business venture you may be opening within the City of Raytown, the first thing you will need to obtain from the City of Raytown is an **Occupancy Use Permit**. This can be obtained by completing a short application at City Hall; after completing the application, an inspection will be scheduled with the office of the Building Official. The Building Inspector, Fire Marshall, and a code enforcement officer will then review the premises where the business will be located, making sure that the business is compliant with all building, fire, and property maintenance requirements for the city.

Once the business has been cleared for a use permit, the business owner will need to fill out a **business application** with the Department of Community Development. All business owners will be required to provide a state issued form of identification as well as a Missouri Tax identification number. Some businesses will be required to submit additional documentation to receive a business license:

## MERCHANT'S LICENSE

A merchant's license is a license that is issued to those businesses that will be selling goods within the city of Raytown. Merchants need to provide an estimate of gross annual receipts they anticipate for their first year of business.

## CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE

A contractor's license is a business license for those who will be providing a service to the people of the community or basing their contracting business within our community. Contractors need to provide a copy of their general liability insurance in the sum of \$1,000,000 per incident and \$2,000,000 aggregate and worker's compensation insurance. Should a contractor not be required to provide worker's compensation they will be required to sign a notarized affidavit attesting to that fact.

## CRAFTSMAN'S LICENSE

All electric, mechanical, and plumbing services provided in the City of Raytown need to be done by a registered Master Craftsman in the trade of service. Those requiring a craftsman's license will need to acquire a business license and provide documentation showing they possess a master's certification from an approved agency in the electrical, plumbing or mechanical trades.

For any questions regarding obtaining a business license in Raytown, please contact the Community Development Department at 816-737-6011.

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**PROGRAM GUIDE**

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*Parks & Recreation*



SPRING/SUMMER 2017



## Fishing Derby

**DATE** June 3  
**TIME** 9 am - 11 am  
**PLACE** Kenagy  
**COST** Free

**Hook-a-Lunker!** Fun for all ages & prizes in every age category. We hope to see you there!



## Free Movies in the Park

**TIME** Dusk  
**PLACE** Kenagy  
**COST** Free  
**DATES**  
June 23  
July 21  
August 18

The Raytown Parks Department with Friends of Raytown Parks will put on **free movies** this year at Kenagy Park! We hope to see you there!



## Softball

**Spring/Summer** **COST** \$290-\$490

Raytown offers softball leagues for Men, 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 \$290-\$490, depending on the league. For more information, call the Parks office at 358-4100.

LEAGUE	SCHEDULED	UMPIRES
Men's DH C	14 game	1 umpire
Co-Rec C & D	10 games	1 umpire
50+	14 games	1 umpire
50+	10 games	1 umpire
ASA Registration		***

### Adult Fall Softball

Fall leagues start in August at Colman & Little Blue Trace Parks, for Men's, Coed, and 50+ leagues. There are leagues offered every night of the week for different skill levels. Leagues will run for either 7 weeks or 10 weeks to fit your schedule.



## Adult Coed Kickball

**STARTS** June 8  
**RUNS** 6 weeks  
**PLACE** Kenagy  
**COST** \$160 per team

We provide equipment and an umpire at each game. This will be a fun, recreation league. Games will be Tuesday evenings, 55 minutes per game, no limit on runs scored. Raytown Parks will be taking team and individual registrations. All regular kickball rules apply, with some safety rules added to ensure a fun and safe atmosphere. Call for more details.



## Pickle Ball

**DATE** Monday & Friday mornings  
**PLACE** Colman

Raytown's newest recreation activity is going to be great! Played on a scaled down tennis court with wooden paddles, it is a great active family game targeted at having fun. Rules are a combination of badminton, tennis and ping-pong. Serves are underhand, and games played to 11 points. There will be events and clinics throughout the summer hosted at Colman Park outdoor tennis courts.



## Bark in the Park

**TIME** 10am - 2pm    **PLACE** Kenagy

**DATE** May 20, 2017    **COST** Free

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# SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2017



**B**ark In The Park offers a howling good time for pet lovers and their furry friends! The event, sponsored and presented by First Baptist Raytown, BluePearl Veterinary Services, Raytown Parks and Recreation, and the City of Raytown, provides a free, family-oriented day of fun for the Raytown community. Bark In The Park will be held on Saturday, May 20, 2017 in Kenagy Park, 9700 East 79th Street, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., with Swag “Doggie Bags” being offered one per family as long as supplies last.

Activities and vendors will offer something for our furry friends and their humans, with KC Wolf making a special appearance for his fellow canine (and human) friends. Demonstrations will be offered throughout the day from various local dog trainers and the City of Raytown will be offering dog owner information and more! K-Love/Air1 radio stations will provide emcee services for the event, music, and great giveaways. Raytown Parks and Recreation invites Bark In The Park attendees to enjoy a pet walk through Kenagy as they enjoy the day’s activities.

Pet contests will feature local area “celebrity” judges; pet contest entrants must be registered at the welcome table before entering any of the contests. Contests include Best Kisser, Best Costume, Best Trick, and Best Bark and offer both pet and people prizes. Lutfi’s Food Truck will be on hand to provide hot dogs, chips and drinks to event attendees, so plan on bringing some extra spending money in addition to shopping money for the vendors.

We look forward to seeing you at Bark In The Park on Saturday, May 20, 2017. Please visit us on Facebook (Bark in the Park) for updates and more information. If you are interested in being an event vendor, or just want more information, please call Carmen Kraus at 816-268-1526.

**SWAG DOGGIE BAGS  
WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!**

**SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY  
KC WOLF**

**PET CONTESTS**

- BEST KISSER
- BEST COSTUME
- BEST TRICK
- BEST BARK

**LUTFI'S  
FOOD TRUCK**



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SATURDAY, AUG. 26

12PM-7PM

EVENT SPONSORS



## THE RAYTOWN PARKS WILL HOST THE SIXTH ANNUAL ARTS AND MUSIC FESTIVAL!

We will have live music, a variety of KC metro artists, a free kids' area, and several food trucks for you to enjoy. This is a great free event for the whole family. The festival will run from 12 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. This has been a tremendous event for the Raytown Parks and spectators alike, with our main sponsors for the event being: Dick Smith Ford, Fun House Pizza, Saber Cycle, Raytown Lee's Summit Credit Union, and Raytown Parks. Raytown First Baptist will host the kids' area with art projects and games for kids of all ages.

We host many different artists who specialize in every discipline from paint, photography, glass, pottery, wood working and more. All artists will display their works for public viewing and for sale.

You won't want to miss the Raytown Arts & Music Festival on August 26th, where there will be plenty of activities for all spectators. Delicious food and desserts will be available from the food vendors near the artists' booths. We hope to see you there!

## HEADLINER:

# BREWER & SHIPLEY

Local musicians returning to Raytown for their 50th anniversary!

- LOCAL FOOD TRUCKS
- LIVE MUSIC
- LOCAL ARTISTS
- KIDS' AREA
- FREE ACTIVITIES
- AND MUCH MORE!

	Ages 3 and over	\$47.00
	Adult ages 12-54	\$35.50
	Child ages 3-11 & 55+	\$29.50
	Adult One Day	\$57.00
	Child One Day ages 4-11	\$47.00
	Adult Two Day	\$62.00
	Child Two Day ages 4-11	\$52.00

## DISCOUNT TICKETS

Raytown Parks, in conjunction with Missouri Parks & Recreation, are selling discount tickets to **Worlds of Fun/Oceans of Fun**, **Schlitterbahn** and **Silver Dollar City**. Tickets are available for purchase now.

Contact the Raytown Parks Dept. at (816) 358-4100.



# Tennis



## Adult Tennis League

**SPRING** May 2      **TIME** 7 p.m.  
**SUMMER** Jul 18    **PLACE** Kenagy  
**RUNS** 10 weeks    **COST** \$45

This is a fun, active, and social league with an on site tennis coordinator to run the league. The spring league begins Tuesday, May 2nd, 7 pm at Kenagy Park 79th & Raytown Rd. 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 Kenagy Tennis courts the first night of the league. Summer session starts July 18th.

## Adult Tennis Lessons

**DATE** Mon/Wed  
**RUNS** 3 weeks  
**PLACE** Colman Park & Kenagy Park  
**COST** \$45 pp

*Register at the Raytown Parks office before classes begin May 8, next sessions June 5, or June 26.*

LEVEL	NIGHT	START DATE/PARK	TIME
Recreational 1	Monday & Wednesday	May 8 Colman	6:30 p.m.
Recreational 1	Monday & Wednesday	June 5 Kenagy	6:30 p.m.
Recreational 2	Monday & Wednesday	June 26 Kenagy	6:30 p.m.
Recreational 3	Monday & Wednesday	July 24 Colman	6:30 p.m.
Recreational 1	Monday & Wednesday	August 14 Colman	6:30 p.m.
Recreational 2	Monday & Wednesday	September 11 Colman	6:30 p.m.
Recreational 3	Monday & Wednesday	October 2 Colman	6:30 p.m.

## Youth Tennis Lessons

**DATE** Wed/Sat  
**RUNS** 5 weeks  
**PLACE** Colman Park & Kenagy Park  
**COST** \$40 pp

*Our Saturday youth lessons will have experienced instructors from Hill Top Racquet Club teaching the young players.*

LEVEL	PARK	DAY	START	TIME
Recreational	Kenagy	Saturday	3-Jun	8:00 a.m.
Recreational	Kenagy	Wednesday	7-Jun	8:00 a.m.
Intermediate	Kenagy	Saturday	3-Jun	9:00 a.m.
Intermediate	Kenagy	Wednesday	7-Jun	9:00 a.m.
Recreational	Colman	Saturday	8-Jul	8:00 a.m.
Recreational	Colman	Wednesday	12-Jul	8:00 a.m.
Intermediate	Colman	Saturday	8-Jul	9:00 a.m.
Intermediate	Colman	Wednesday	12-Jul	9:00 a.m.

## Public Affairs


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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; live streaming available on the City's web site at [raytown.mo.us](https://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